Improved Test Pattern Generation for Hardware Trojan Detection using Genetic Algorithm and Boolean Satisfiability

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We combine the "best of both worlds" for GA and SAT.

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Fitness Function

$$f(t) = R_{count}(t) + w * I(t)$$
(1)

- *f*(*t*): fitness value of a test vector *t*.
- *R_{count}(t)*: the number of rare nodes triggered by the test vector *t*.
- *w* : constant scaling factor (> 1).
- *I*(*t*): *relative improvement* of the database D due to the test vector *t*.

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Relative Improvement

$$I(t) = \frac{n_2(s) - n_1(s)}{n_2(s)}$$
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Ckt.	ME	RO	Proposed Scheme		
	Trigger Coverage	Trojan Coverage	Trigger Coverage	Trojan Coverage	
c880	75.92	69.96	96.19	85.70	
c2670	62.66	49.51	87.15	75.82	
c3540	55.02	23.95	81.55	60.00	
c5315	43.50	39.01	85.91	71.13	
c7552	45.07	31.90	77.94	69.88	
s15850	36.00	18.91	68.18	57.30	
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		Trojan State Count	Trojan State Count		
	2	4	2	4	
s15850	64.91	45.55	31.70	26.00	
s35932	78.97	8.97 70.38		49.59	
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