

Testing: Coverage and Structural Coverage

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Introduction to Software Testing



How would you test this program?

$\text{floor}(x)$ is the largest integer not greater than x .

```
def Foo (x, y):  
    """ requires: x and y are int  
        ensures: returns floor(max(x,y)/min(x, y)) """  
    if x > y:  
        return x / y  
    else  
        return y / x
```

Testing

Static Testing [at compile time]

- Static Analysis
- Review
 - Walk-through [informal]
 - Code inspection [formal]

Dynamic Testing [at run time]

- Black-box testing
- White-box testing

Commonly, testing refers to dynamic testing.

Complete Testing?

Poorly defined terms: “complete testing”, “exhaustive testing”, “full coverage”

The number of potential inputs are infinite.

Impossible to completely test a nontrivial system

- Practical limitations: Complete testing is prohibitive in time and cost [e.g., 30 branches, 50 branches, ...]
- Theoretical limitations: e.g. Halting problem

Need testing criteria

Test Case

Test Case: [informally]

- What you feed to software; and
- What the software should output in response.

Test Set: A set of test cases

Test Case: input values, expected results, prefix values, and postfix values necessary to evaluate software under test

Expected Results: The result that will be produced when executing the test if and only if the program satisfies its intended behaviour

Test Requirement & Coverage Criterion

Test Requirement: A test requirement is a specific element of a software artifact that a test case must satisfy or cover.

- Ice cream cone flavors: vanilla, chocolate, mint
- One test requirement: test one chocolate cone
- **TR** denotes a set of test requirements

A **coverage criterion** is a rule or collection of rules that impose test requirements on a test set.

- Coverage criterion is a recipe for generating TR in a systematic way.
- Flavor criterion [cover all flavors]
- $TR = \{\text{flavor}=\text{chocolate}, \text{flavor}=\text{vanilla}, \text{flavor}=\text{mint}\}$

Adequacy criteria

Adequacy criterion = set of test requirements

A test suite satisfies an adequacy criterion if

- all the tests succeed (pass)
- every test requirement in the criterion is satisfied by at least one of the test cases in the test suite.

Example:

the statement coverage adequacy criterion is satisfied by test suite S for program P if each executable statement in P is executed by at least one test case in S , and the outcome of each test execution was “pass”

Adequacy Criteria as Design Rules

Many design disciplines employ design rules

- e.g.: “traces (on a chip, on a circuit board) must be at least ____ wide and separated by at least ____”
- “Interstate highways must not have a grade greater than 6% without special review and approval”

Design rules do not guarantee good designs

- Good design depends on talented, creative, disciplined designers; design rules help them avoid or spot flaws

Test design is no different

Where do test requirements come from?

Functional (black box, specification-based): from software specifications

- Example: If spec requires robust recovery from power failure, test requirements should include simulated power failure

Structural (white or glass box): from code

- Example: Traverse each program loop one or more times.

Model-based: from model of system

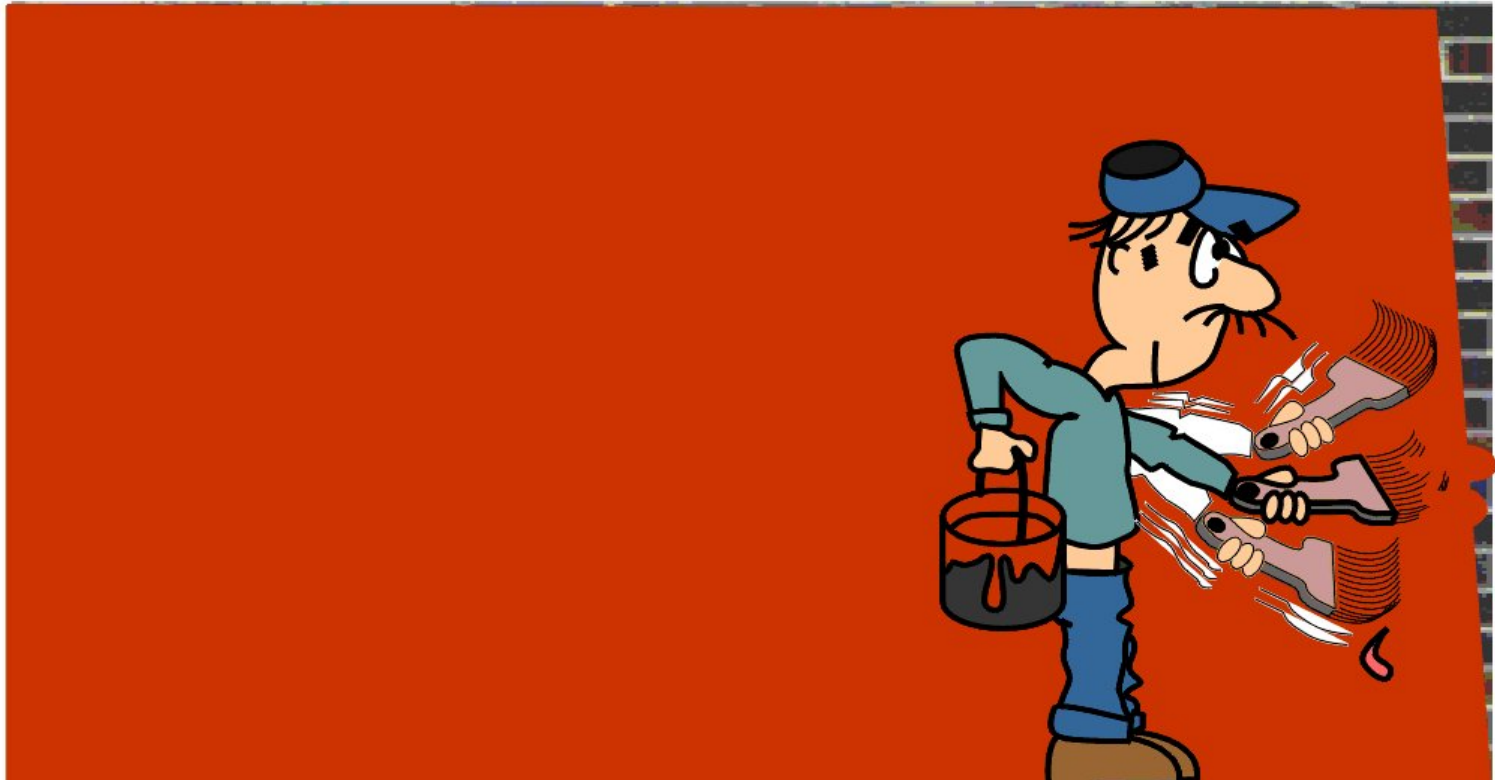
- Models used in specification or design, or derived from code
- Example: Exercise all transitions in communication protocol model

Fault-based: from hypothesized faults (common bugs)

- example: Check for buffer overflow handling (common vulnerability) by testing on very large inputs

Code Coverage

Introduced by Miller and Maloney in 1963



Coverage Criteria

Basic Coverage



Advanced Coverage

- Line coverage
- Statement
- Function/Method coverage
- Branch coverage
- Decision coverage
- Condition coverage
- Condition/decision coverage
- Modified condition/decision coverage
- Path coverage
- Loop coverage
- Mutation adequacy
- ...

Line Coverage

Percentage of source code lines executed by test cases.

- For developer easiest to work with
- Precise percentage depends on layout?
 - `int x = 10; if (z++ < x) y = x+z;`
- Requires mapping back from binary?

In practice, coverage not based on lines, but on control flow graph

Control Flow Graph (CFG)

Represents the flow of execution in the program

$G = (N, E, S, T)$ where

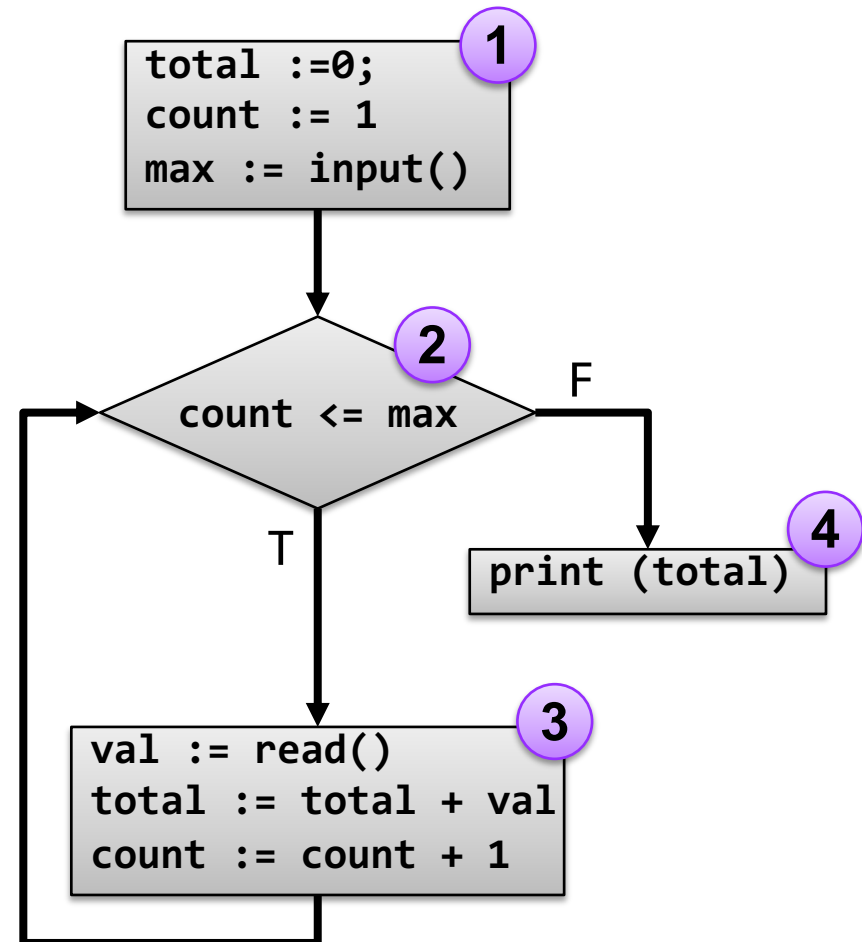
- the nodes N represent executable instructions (statement, statement fragments, or basic blocks);
- the edges E represent the **potential** transfer of control;
- S is a designated start node;
- T is a designated final node
- $E = \{ (n_i, n_j) \mid \text{syntactically, the execution of } n_j \text{ follows the execution of } n_i \}$

Nodes may correspond to single statements, parts of statements, or several statements (i.e., basic blocks)

Execution of a node means that the instructions associated with a node are executed in order from the first instruction to the last

Example of a Control Flow Graph

```
total := 0;  
count := 1;  
max := input();  
while (count <= max)  
do {  
  val := input();  
  total := total+val;  
  count := count+1};  
print (total)
```



Control Flow Graph

A CFG is a graph of basic blocks

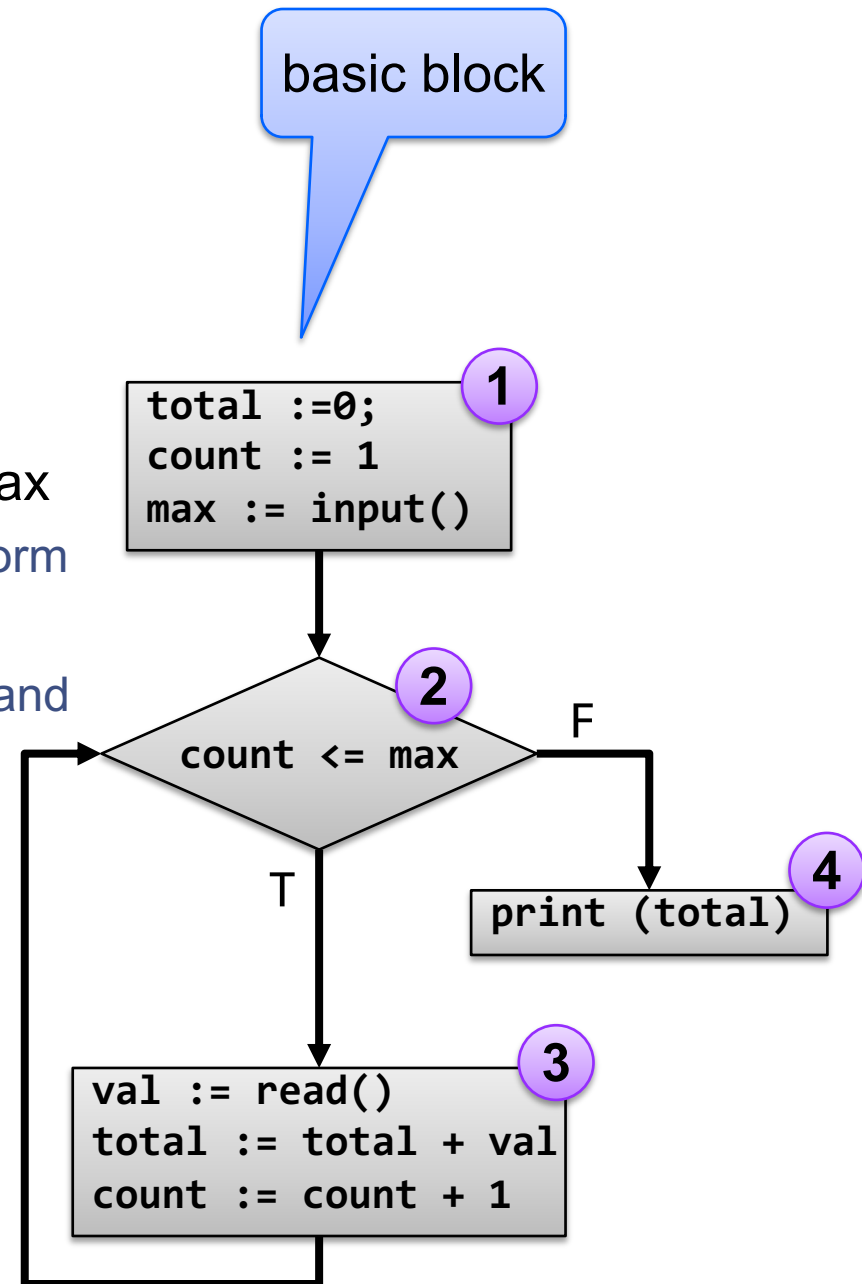
- edges represent different control flow

A CFG corresponds to a program syntax

- where statements are restricted to the form

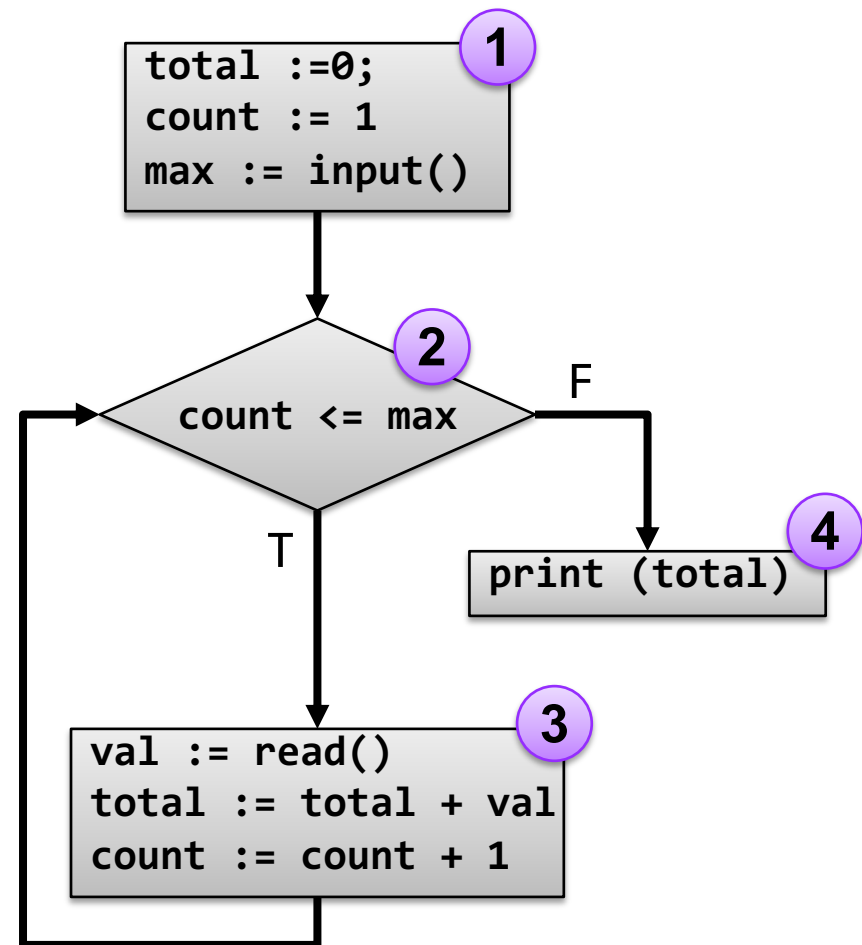
$L_i:S ; \text{goto } L_j$

and S is control-free (i.e., assignments and procedure calls)



Control Flow Graph as a Goto Program

```
1: total:=0; count := 1;  
   max = input(); goto 2  
  
2: if count <= max  
   then goto 3 else goto 4  
  
3: val := read();  
   total := total + val;  
   count := count + 1; goto 2  
  
4: print(total)
```



Deriving a Control Flow Graph

```
public static String collapseNewlines(String argStr)
```

```
{  
    char last = argStr.charAt(0);  
    StringBuffer argBuf = new StringBuffer();
```

```
    for (int cldx = 0; cldx < argStr.length(); cldx++)
```

```
    {  
        char ch = argStr.charAt(cldx);  
        if (ch != '\n' || last != '\n')
```

```
        {  
            argBuf.append(ch);  
            last = ch;
```

```
        }  
    }  
    return argBuf.toString();  
}
```

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    StringBuffer argBuf = new StringBuffer();  
    for (int cldx = 0 ;
```

```
        cldx < argStr.length();
```

```
        False True
```

```
{  
    char ch = argStr.charAt(cldx);  
    if (ch != '\n'
```

```
        False True  
        || last != '\n')
```

```
{  
    argBuf.append(ch);  
    last = ch;
```

```
        False
```

```
        }  
        cldx++;
```

```
    return argBuf.toString();  
}
```

Splitting multiple
conditions depends
on goal of analysis

Infeasible Paths

Every executable sequence in the represented component corresponds to a path in G

Not all paths correspond to executable sequences

- requires additional semantic information
- “infeasible paths” are not an indication of a fault

CFG usually **overestimates** the executable behavior

Statement or Node Coverage

Adequacy criterion: each statement (or node in the CFG) must be executed at least once

```
void foo (int z) {  
    int x = 10;  
    if (z++ < x) {  
        x+= z;  
    }  
}
```

Coverage:

$$\frac{\text{\# executed statements}}{\text{\# statements}}$$

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    if (z++ < x) {  
        x+= z;  
    }  
}
```

```
@Test  
void testFoo() {  
    foo(10);  
}
```

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    if (z++ < x) {  
        x+= z;  
    }  
}
```

```
@Test  
void testFoo() {  
    foo(5);  
}  
// 100% Statement coverage
```

Coverage Level:

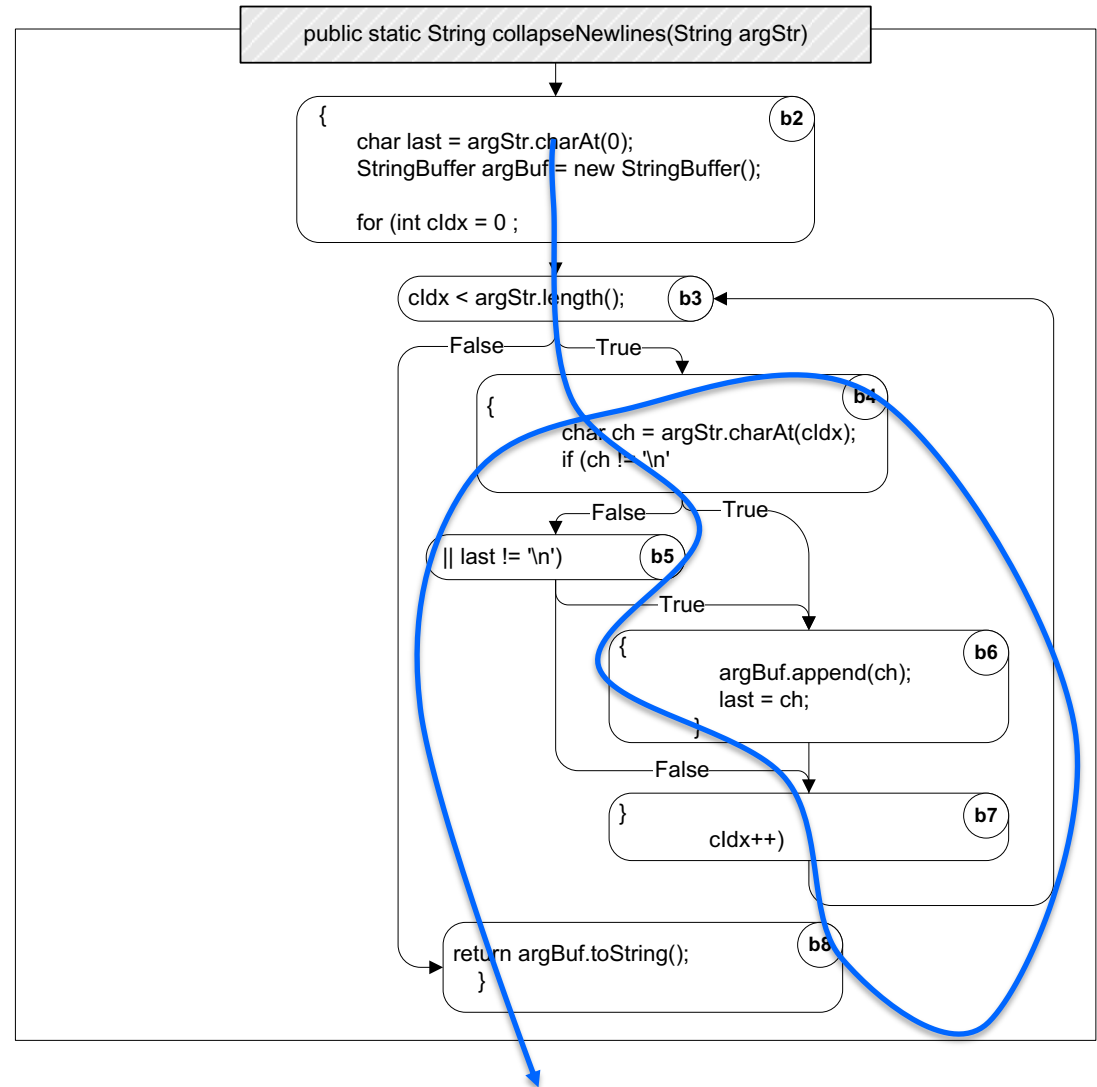
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Control Flow Based Adequacy Criteria

Every block /
Statement?

Input: "a"

Trace: b2,b3,b4,b5,b6,b7,b3,b8



Branch / Edge Coverage

Every branch going out of node executed at least once

- Decision-, all-edges-, coverage
- Coverage: percentage of edges hit.

Each branch predicate must be both true and false

Branch Coverage

One longer input:

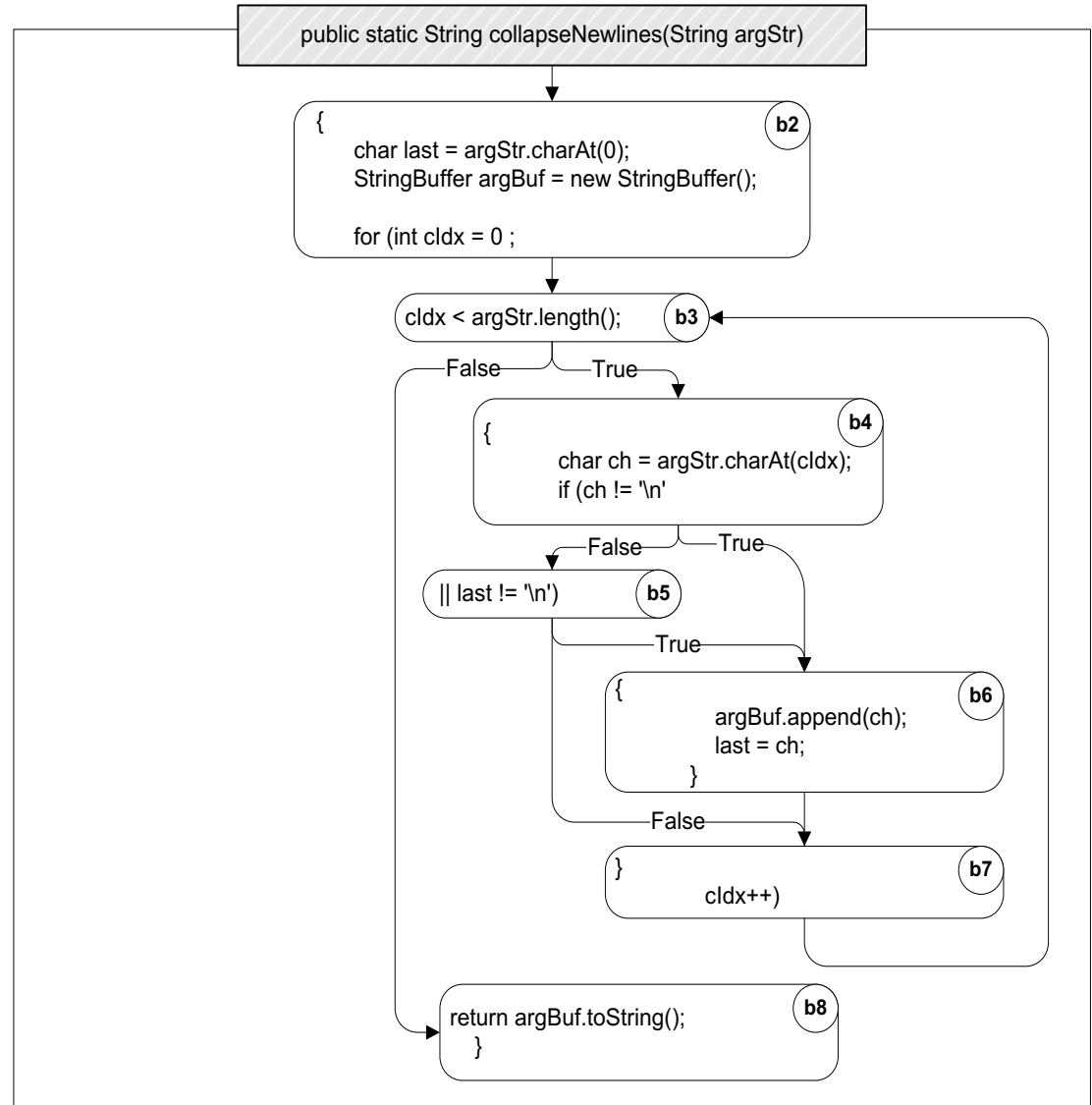
“a\n\n”

Alternatively:

Block (“a”) and

“\n” and

“\n\n”



Infeasible Test Requirements

```
if (false)
    unreachableCall();
```

Real code from the Linux kernel:

```
while (0)
    {local_irq_disable();}
```

Statement coverage criterion cannot be satisfied for many programs.

Coverage Level

Given a set of test requirements **TR** and a test set **T**, the *coverage level* is the ratio of the number of test requirements satisfied by **T** to the size of **TR**.

TR = {flavor=chocolate, flavor=vanilla, flavor=mint}

Test set 1 T1 = {3 chocolate cones, 1 vanilla cone}

Coverage Level = $2/3 = 66.7\%$

Coverage levels helps evaluate the goodness of a test set, especially in the presence of infeasible test requirements.

Unit Testing

A *unit test* exercises a unit of functionality to test its behavior

A *unit test framework* provides a standard mechanism for

- specifying a test (setup, execution, expected result, teardown)
- executing a test
- generating test reports

Python includes a Unit Test framework called *unittest*

- <https://docs.python.org/2/library/unittest.html>

It is important to design your code with testing in mind

- e.g., a code that simply reads and writes to standard input and output is harder to test than code that provides a more structured interaction

Anatomy of a Unit Test

include module

A test case is a collection of tests

A method is a test

```
import unittest
```

```
class TestStringMethods(unittest.TestCase):
```

```
    def test_upper(self):  
        self.assertEqual('foo'.upper(), 'FOO')
```

```
    def test_isupper(self):  
        self.assertTrue('FOO'.isupper())  
        self.assertFalse('Foo'.isupper())
```

```
    def test_split(self):  
        s = 'hello world'  
        self.assertEqual(s.split(), ['hello', 'world'])  
        # check that s.split fails when the separator is not a string  
        with self.assertRaises(TypeError):  
            s.split(2)
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    unittest.main()
```

Calls to
assertXXX()
methods indicate
test results

Entry point for the
test when ran from
command line

Designing for Testing

Factor the program into meaningful units / components

- e.g., parser, command processor, components, data structures, etc.

Each unit should have a well defined specification

- what are legal inputs
- what are legal outputs
- how inputs and outputs are passed around

Avoid monolithic design that reads standard input and writes standard output

Good design requires more work

- additional functionality specifically for testing / debugging purposes
- but ultimately will save time of the overall development

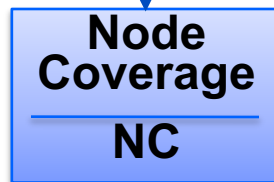
Subsumption

Criteria Subsumption: A test criterion $C1$ *subsumes* $C2$ if and only if **every** set of test cases that satisfies criterion $C1$ also satisfies $C2$

Must be true for **every set** of test cases



subsumes



Which one is stronger?

Subsumption is a rough guide for comparing criteria, although it's hard to use in practice.

More powerful coverage criterion helps find more bugs!

```
int d[2];
```

```
N1: if (x >= 0 && x < 2)
    { N2: print (x); }
```

```
N3: if (y > 0)
    { N4: print (d[x] + y); }
```

```
N5: exit (0);
```

Path [N1, N2, N3, N4, N5]:

satisfies node coverage but not edge coverage.

The corresponding test case passes. No bug found.

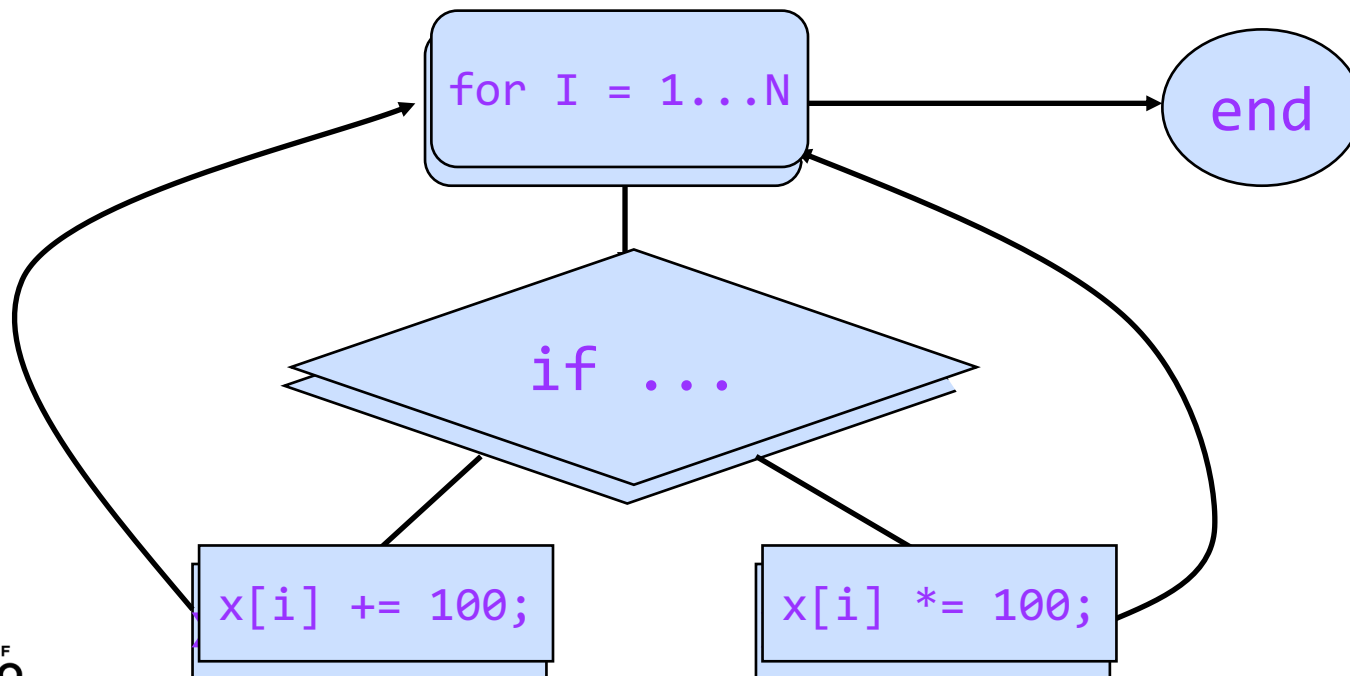
Path [N1, N3, N4, N5]: buffer overflow bug!

Path Coverage

Adequacy criterion: each path must be executed at least once

Coverage:

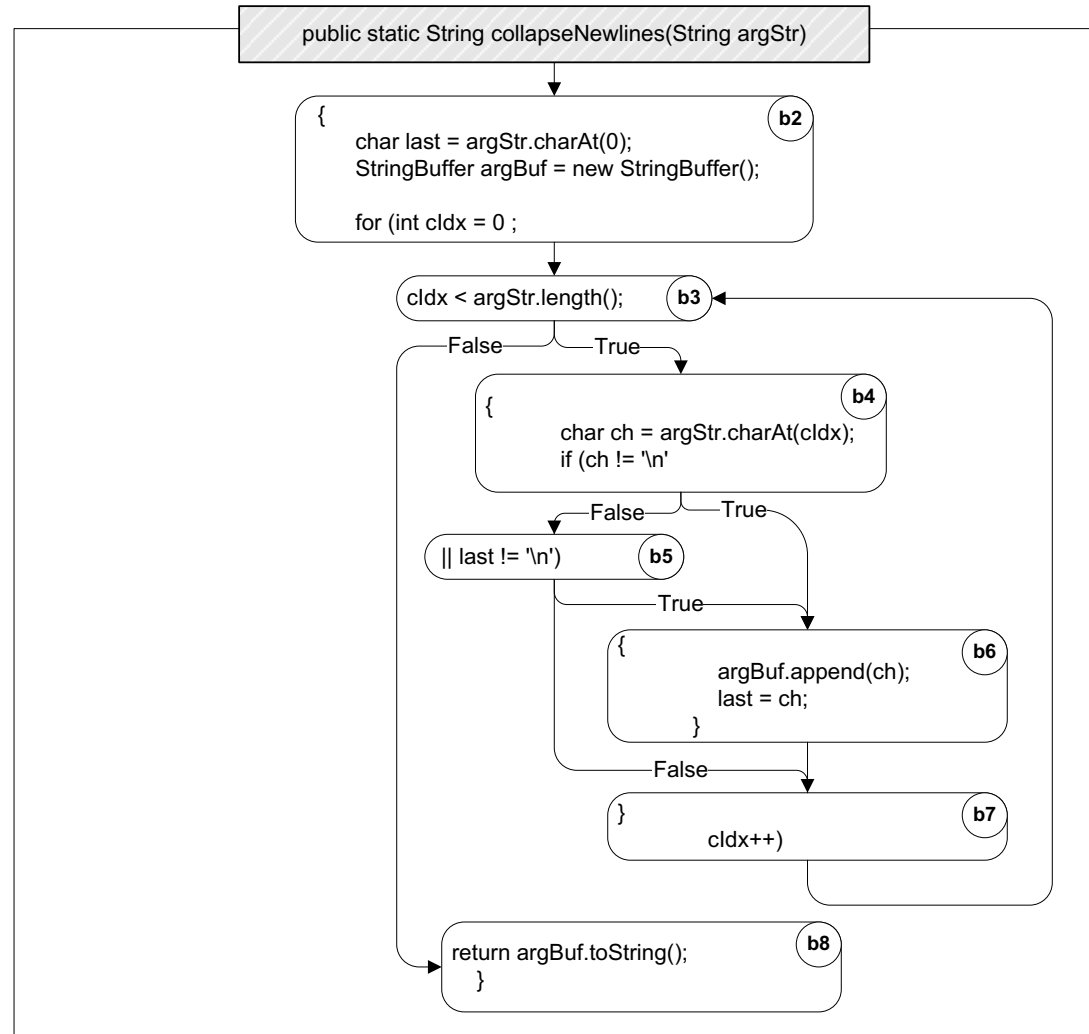
$$\frac{\text{\# executed paths}}{\text{\# paths}}$$



Path-based criteria?

All paths?

Which paths?



Branch vs Path Coverage

```
if( cond1 )  
    f1();  
else  
    f2();
```

```
if( cond2 )  
    f3();  
else  
    f4();
```

How many test cases
to achieve branch
coverage?

Branch vs Path Coverage

```
if( cond1 )  
    f1();  
else  
    f2();
```

How many test cases to achieve branch coverage?

Two, for example:

```
if( cond2 )  
    f3();  
else  
    f4();
```

1. cond1: true, cond2: true
2. cond1: false, cond2: false

Branch vs Path Coverage

```
if( cond1 )  
    f1();  
else  
    f2();
```

How about path
coverage?

```
if( cond2 )  
    f3();  
else  
    f4();
```

Branch vs Path Coverage

```
if( cond1 )  
    f1();  
else  
    f2();
```

```
if( cond2 )  
    f3();  
else  
    f4();
```

How about path coverage?

Four:

1. cond1: true, cond2: true
2. cond1: false, cond2: true
3. cond1: true, cond2: false
4. cond1: false, cond2: false

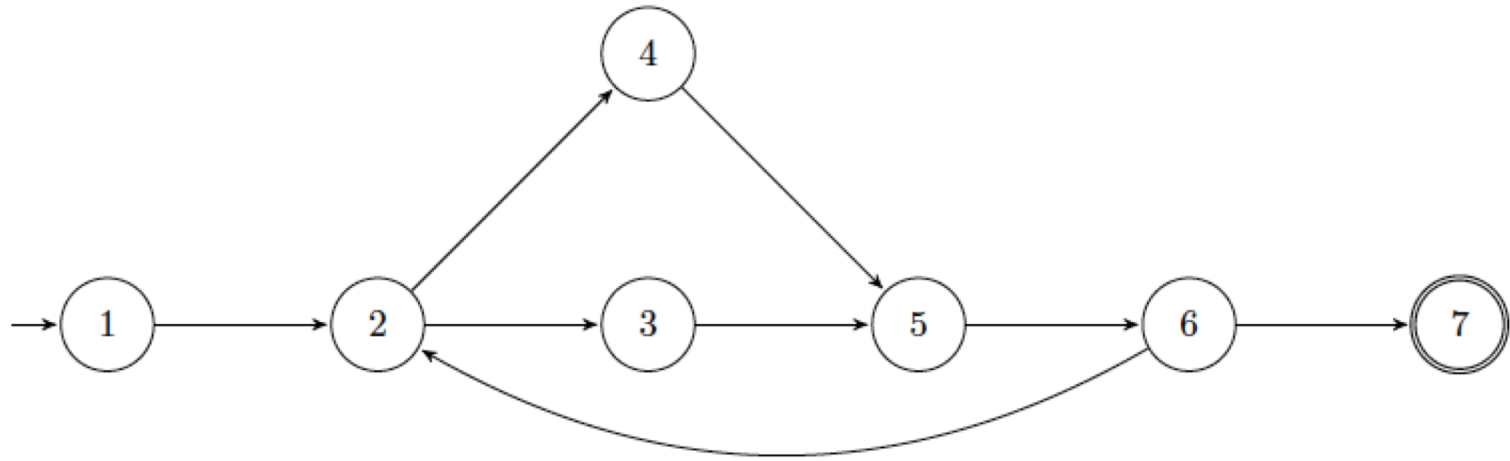
Branch vs Path Coverage

```
if( cond1 )
    f1();
else
    f2();
if( cond2 )
    f3();
else
    f4();
if( cond3 )
    f5();
else
    f6();
if( cond4 )
    f7();
else
    f8();
if( cond5 )
    f9();
else
    f10();
if( cond6 )
    f11();
else
    f12();
if( cond7 )
    f13();
else
    f14();
```

How many test cases for path coverage?

2^n test cases, where n is the number of conditions

Test Path

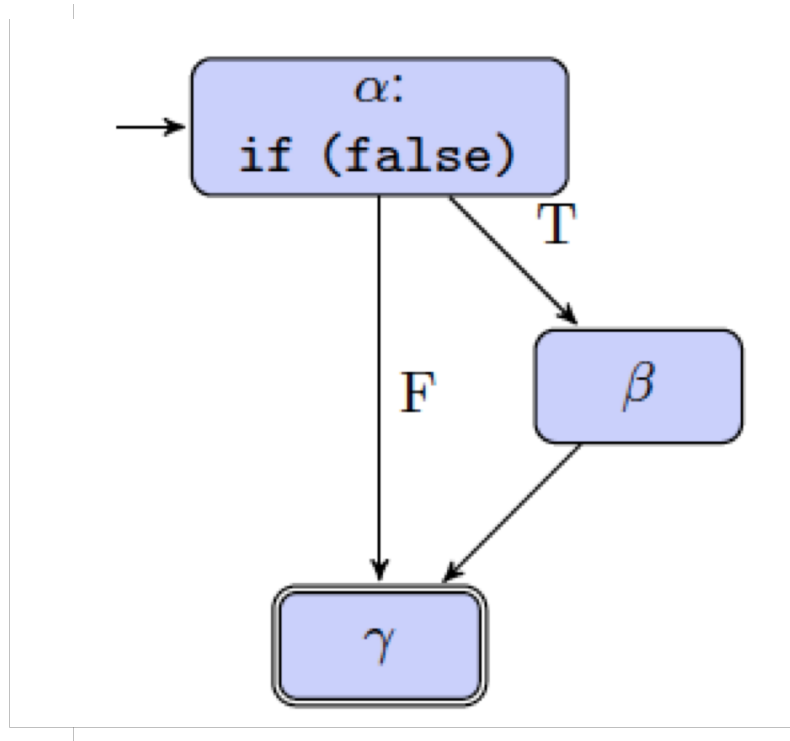


A **test path** is a path p [possibly of length 0] that starts at some node in N_0 and ends at some node in N_f .

Test path examples:

- [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7]
- [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7]

Paths and Semantics



**β is never
executed!**

Some paths in a control flow graph may not correspond to program *semantics*.

In path coverage, we generally only talk about the *syntax* of a graph -- its nodes and edges -- and not its *semantics*.

Syntactical and Semantic Reachability

A node n is *syntactically* reachable from m if there exists a path from m to n .

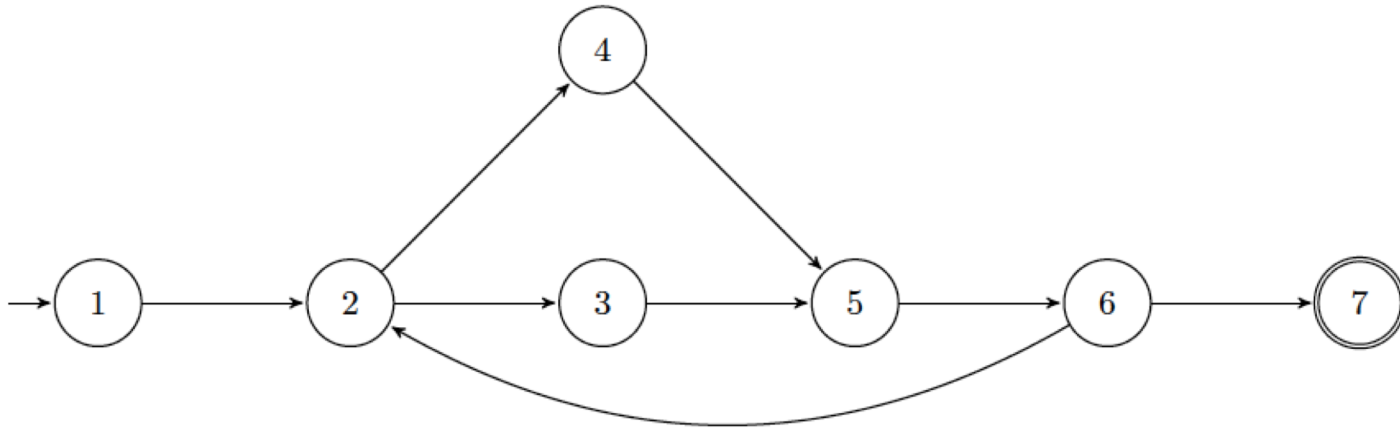
A node n is *semantically* reachable if one of the paths from m to n can be reached on some input.

Standard graph algorithms when applied to Control Flow Graph can only compute *syntactic reachability*.

Semantic reachability is undecidable.

Reachability

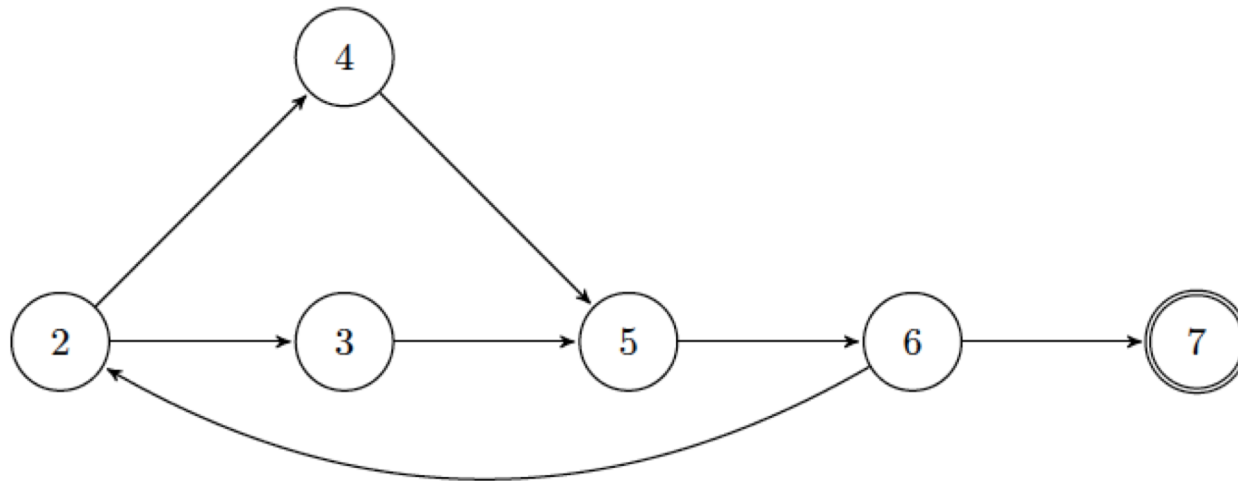
Let $\text{reach}_G(X)$ denote the sub-graph of G that is (syntactically) reachable from X , where X is either a node, an edge, a set of nodes, or a set of edges.



In this example, $\text{reach}_G(1)$ is the whole graph G .

Syntactical Reachability

- $\text{reach}_{G\#}(2)$ is the subgraph that is syntactically reachable from node 2.



- $\text{reach}_{G\#}(7)$ is:



Connect Test Cases and Test Paths

Connect test cases and test paths with a mapping $path_G$ from test cases to test paths

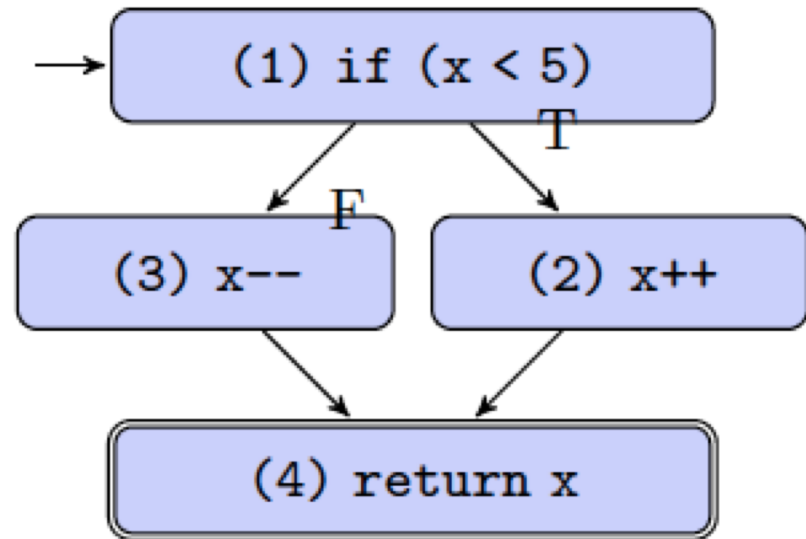
- e.g., $path_G[t]$ is the set of test paths corresponding to test case t .
- Usually just write $path$, as G is obvious from the context
- Lift the definition of $path$ to test set T by defining $path(T)$

$$path(T) = \{path(t) | t \in T\}.$$

- Each test case gives at least one test path. If the software is deterministic, then each test case gives exactly one test path; otherwise, multiple test cases may arise from one test path.

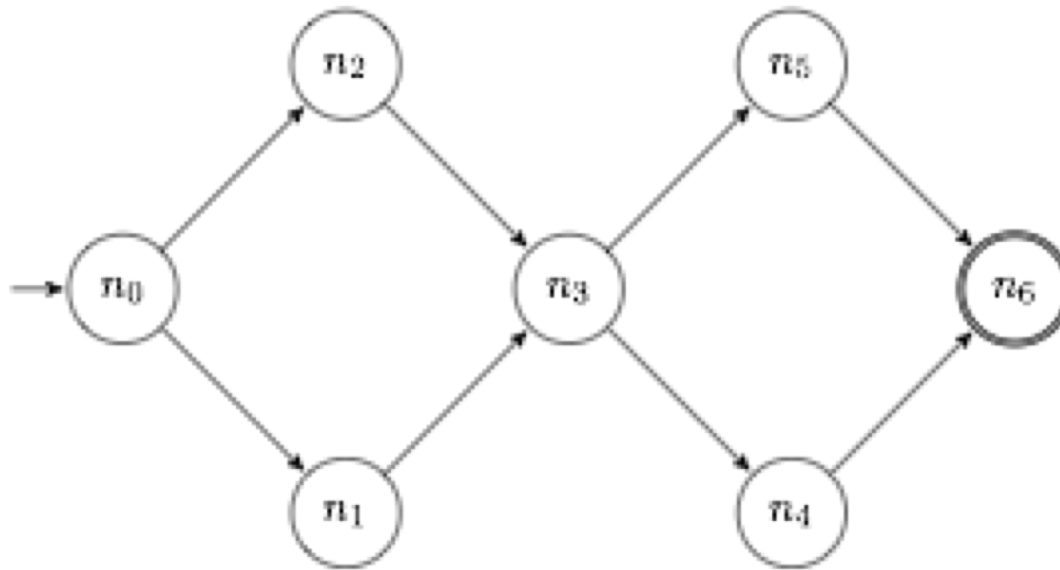
Connecting Test Cases, Test Paths, and CFG

```
int foo(int x) {  
    if (x < 5) {  
        x ++;  
    } else {  
        x --;  
    }  
    return x;  
}
```



- Test case: $x = 5$; test path: $[(1), (3), (4)]$.
- Test case: $x = 2$; test path: $[(1), (2), (4)]$.

Node Coverage



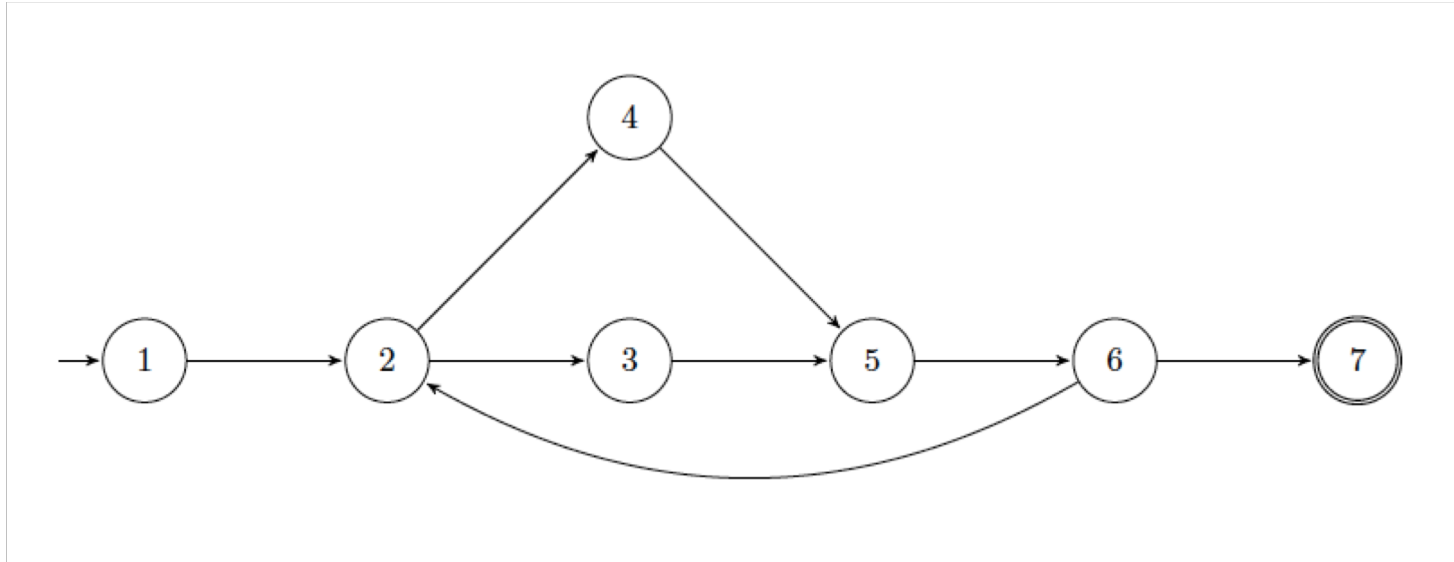
Node coverage: For each node $n \in \text{reachG}[N_0]$, TR contains a requirement to visit node n .

*Node Coverage [NC]: TR contains each **reachable** node in G .*

$\text{TR} = \{n_0, n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, n_5, n_6\}$

a.k.a. statement coverage

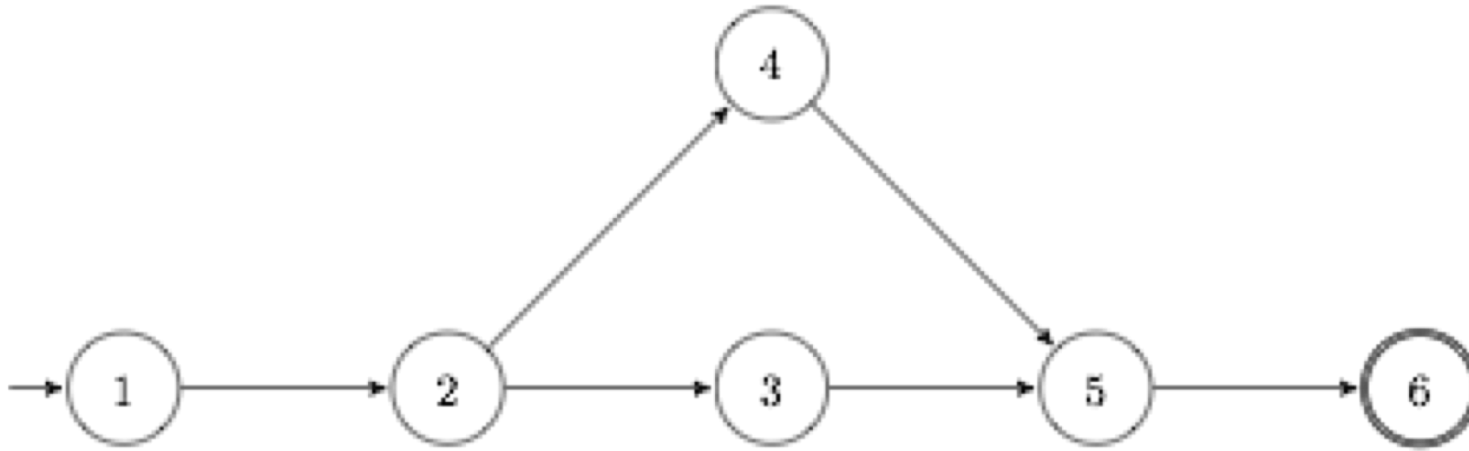
Edge Coverage (a.k.a. Branch Coverage)



*Edge Coverage [EC]: TR contains each **reachable** path of length up to 1, inclusive, in G.*

$TR = \{[1,2], [2,4], [2,3], [3,5], [4,5], [5,6], [6,7], [6,2]\}$

Edge Pair Coverage



*Edge-Pair Coverage [EPC]: TR contains each **reachable** path of length up to 2, inclusive, in G.*

$TR = \{[1,2,3], [1,2,4], [2,3,5], [2,4,5], [3,5,6], [4,5,6]\}$

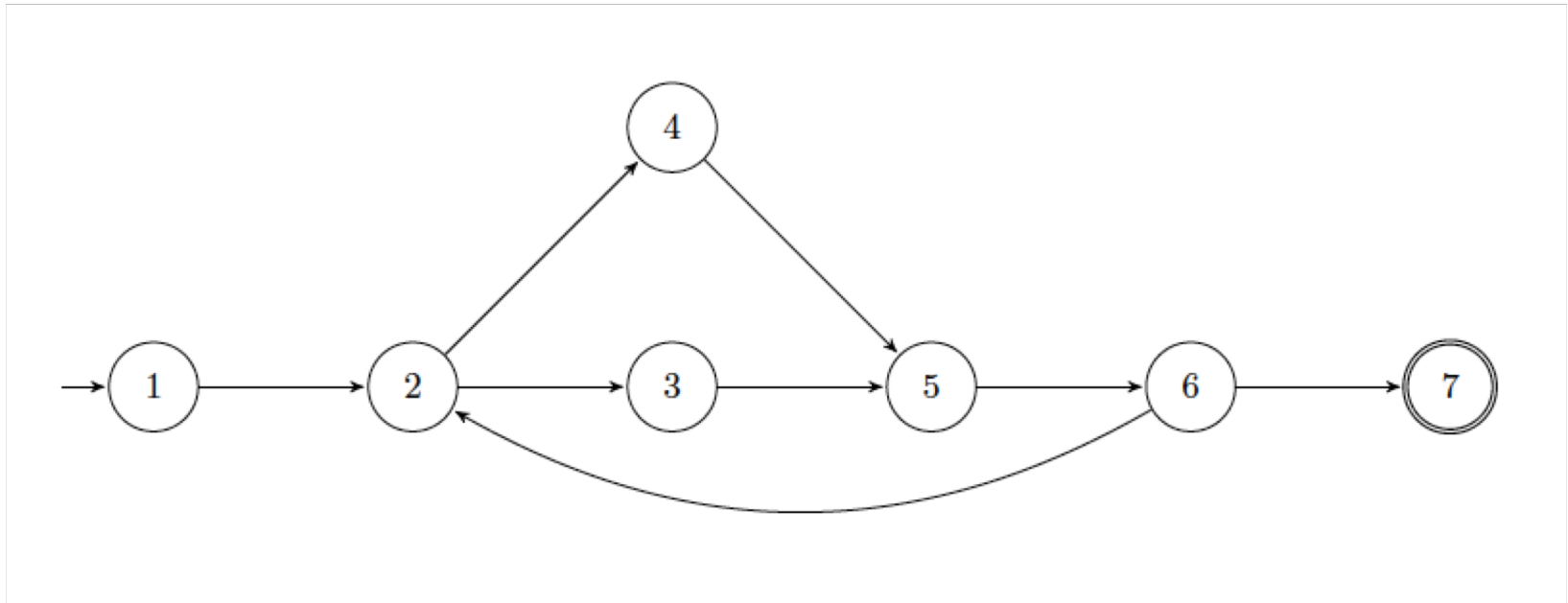
Simple Path

A path is **simple** if no node appears more than once in the path, except that the first and last nodes may be the same.

Some properties of simple paths:

- no internal loops;
- can bound their length;
- can create any path by composing simple paths; and
- many simple paths exist [too many!]

Simple Path Examples



Simple path examples:

- [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7]
- [1, 2, 4]
- [2, 3, 5, 6, 2]

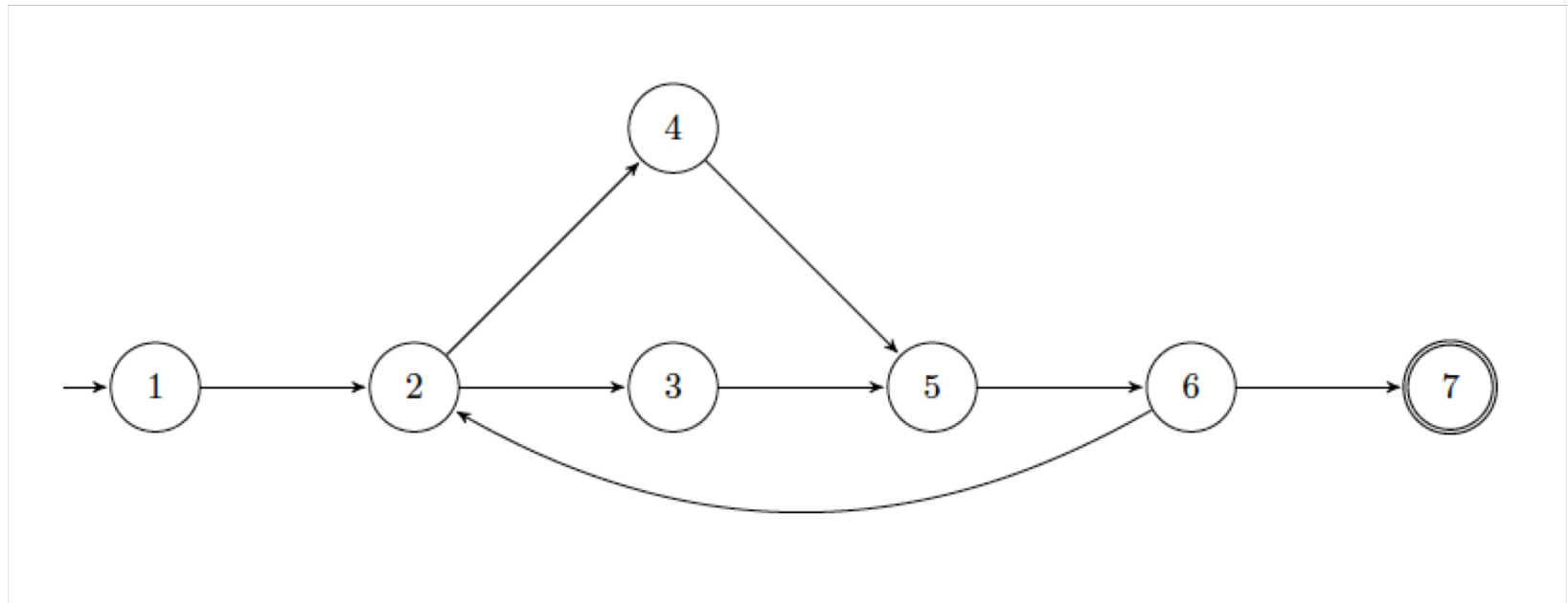
Not simple Path: [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 2, 4]

Prime Path

Because there are so many simple paths, let's instead consider **prime paths**, which are simple paths of maximal length.

A path is **prime** if it is simple and does not appear as a proper subpath of any other simple path.

Prime Path Examples



Prime path examples:

- [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7]
- [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7]
- [6, 2, 4, 5, 6]

Not a prime path: [3, 5, 6, 7]

Prime Path Coverage

Prime Path Coverage [PPC]: TR contains each prime path in G .

There is a problem with using PPC as a coverage criterion: a prime path may be infeasible but contains feasible simple paths.

- How to address this issue?

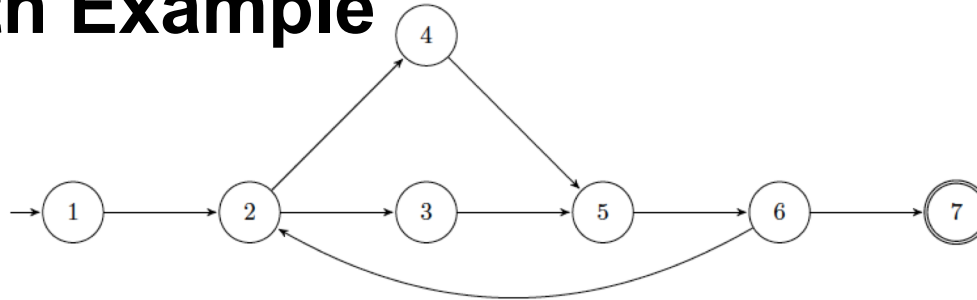
More Path Coverage Criteria

Complete Path Coverage [CPC]: TR contains all paths in G .

Specified Path Coverage [SPC]: TR contains a specified set S of paths.

Prime Path Example

Simple
paths



Len 0

[1]
[2]
[3]
[4]
[5]
[6]
[7]!

Len 1

[1,2]
[2,4]
[2,3]
[3,5]
[4,5]
[5,6]
[6,7]!
[6,2]

Len 2

Len 3

Len 4

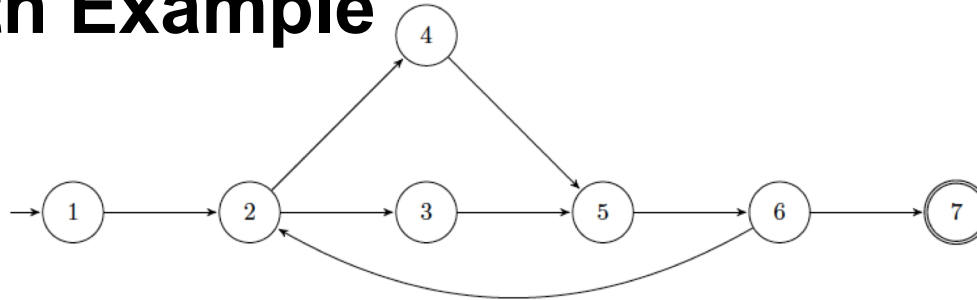
Len 5

! means path terminates

53 Simple Paths
12 Prime Paths

Prime Path Example

Simple paths



Len 0

[1]x
[2]x
[3]x
[4]x
[5]x
[6]x
[7]!

Len 1

[1,2]x
[2,4]x
[2,3]x
[3,5]x
[4,5]x
[5,6]x
[6,7]!
[6,2]x

Len 2

[1,2,4]x
[1,2,3]x
[2,4,5]x
[2,3,5]x
[3,5,6]x
[4,5,6]x
[5,6,7]!
[5,6,2]x
[6,2,4]x
[6,2,3]x

Len 3

[1,2,4,5]x
[1,2,3,5]x
[2,4,5,6]x
[2,3,5,6]x
[3,5,6,7]!
[3,5,6,2]x
[4,5,6,7]!
[4,5,6,2]x
[5,6,2,4]x
[5,6,2,3]x
[6,2,4,5]x
[6,2,3,5]x

Len 4

[1,2,4,5,6]x
[1,2,3,5,6]x
[2,4,5,6,7]!
[2,4,5,6,2]*
[2,3,5,6,7]!
[2,3,5,6,2]*
[3,5,6,2,4]
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[6,2,3,5,6]*

Len 5

[1,2,4,5,6,7]!
[1,2,3,5,6,7]!

Check paths
without a x or *:

12 Prime Paths

53 Simple Paths

! means path terminates.

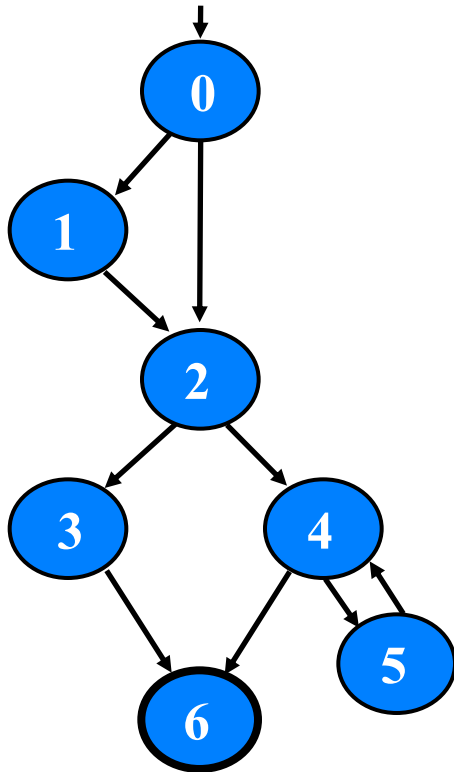
x means not prime paths.

* denotes path cycles.

Prime Path Example (2)

This graph has 38 **simple** paths

Only **9** *prime paths*



Prime Paths

[0, 1, 2, 3, 6]

[0, 1, 2, 4, 5]

[0, 1, 2, 4, 6]

[0, 2, 3, 6]

[0, 2, 4, 5]

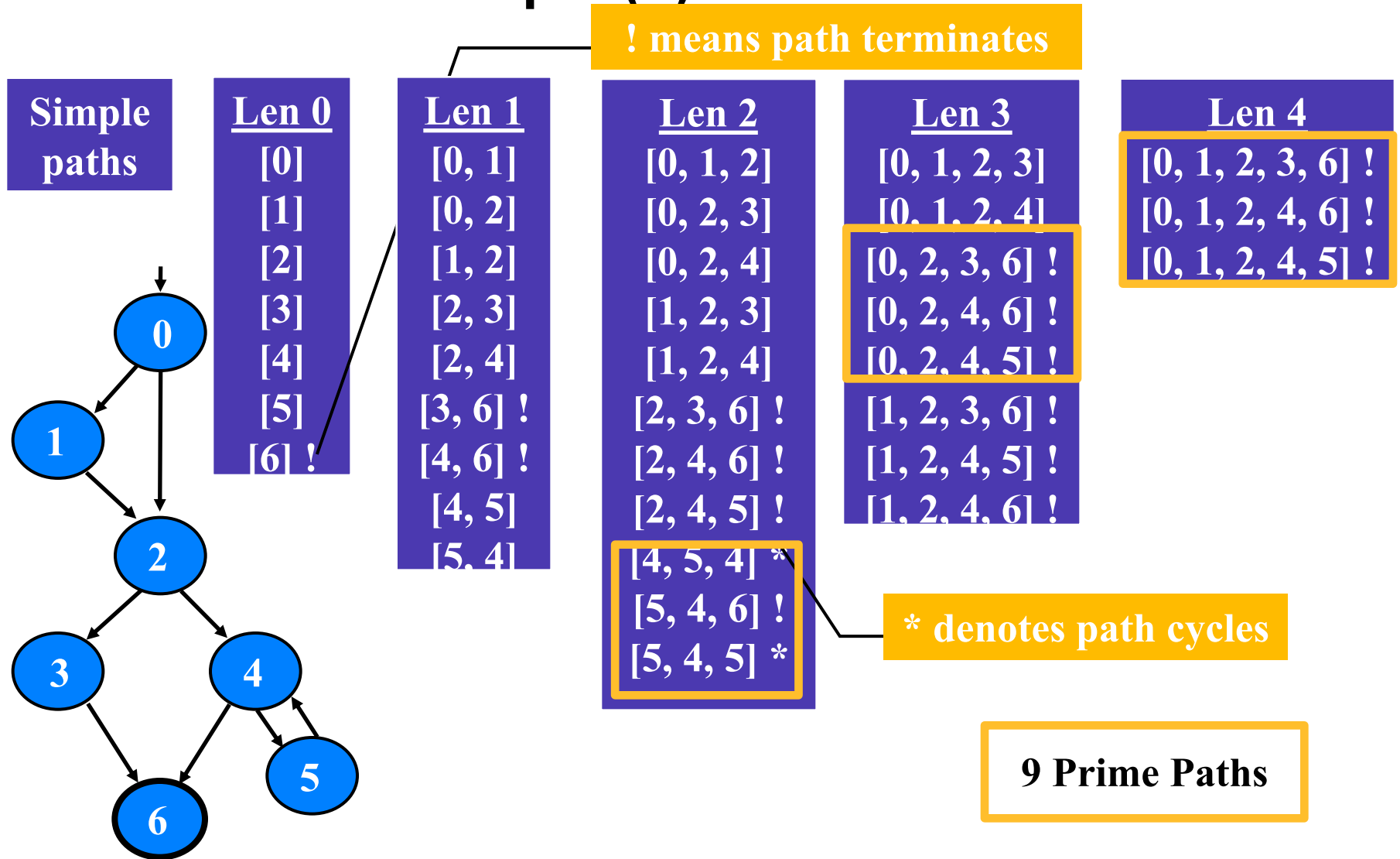
[0, 2, 4, 6]

[5, 4, 6]

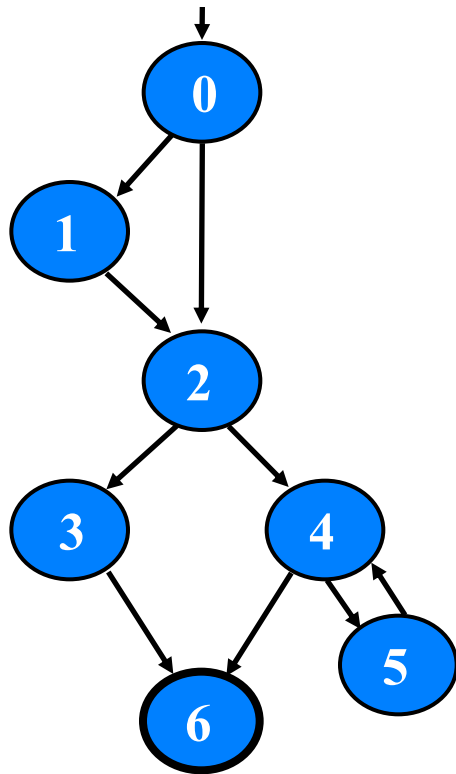
[4, 5, 4]

[5, 4, 5]

Prime Path Example (2)



Examples of NC, EC, EPC, CPC



Node Coverage

TR = { 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 }

Test Paths: [0, 1, 2, 3, 6] [0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 4, 6]

Edge Coverage

TR = { [0,1], [0,2], [1,2], [2,3], [2,4], [3,6], [4,5], [4,6], [5,4] }

Test Paths: [0, 1, 2, 3, 6] [0, 2, 4, 5, 4, 6]

Edge-Pair Coverage

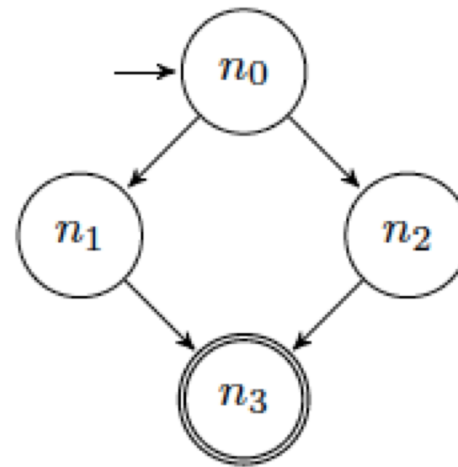
TR = { [0,1,2], [0,2,3], [0,2,4], [1,2,3], [1,2,4], [2,3,6],
[2,4,5], [2,4,6], [4,5,4], [5,4,5], [5,4,6] }

Test Paths: [0, 1, 2, 3, 6] [0, 2, 3, 6] [0, 2, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 6]

Complete Path Coverage

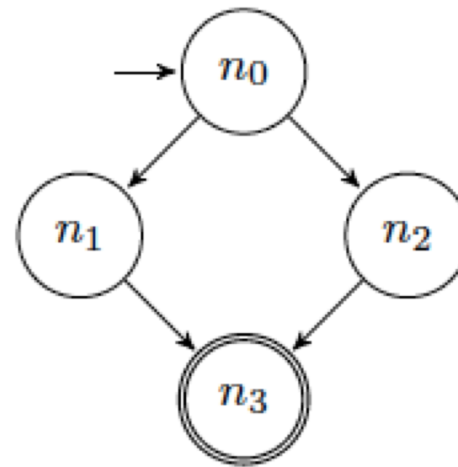
Test Paths: [0, 1, 2, 3, 6] [0, 1, 2, 4, 6] [0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 4, 6]
[0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 6] [0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 6] ...

Prime Path Coverage vs. Complete Path Coverage



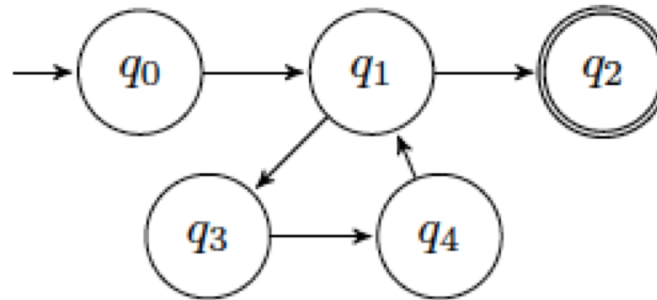
- Prime paths:
- $\text{path}(t_1) =$
- $\text{path}(t_2) =$
- $T_1 = \{t_1, t_2\}$ satisfies both PPC and CPC.

Prime Path Coverage vs. Complete Path Coverage



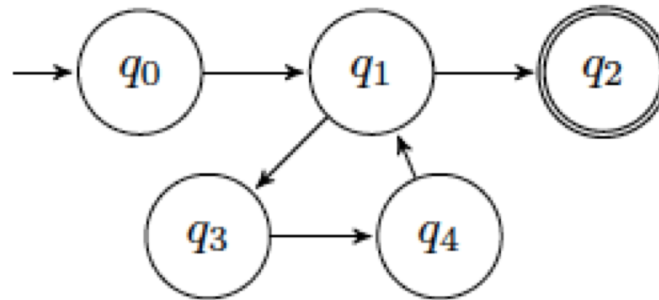
- Prime paths: $[n_0, n_1, n_3], [n_0, n_2, n_3]$
- $\text{path}(t_1) = [n_0, n_1, n_3]$
- $\text{path}(t_2) = [n_0, n_2, n_3]$
- $T_1 = \{t_1, t_2\}$ satisfies both PPC and CPC.

Prime Path Coverage vs. Complete Path Coverage (2)



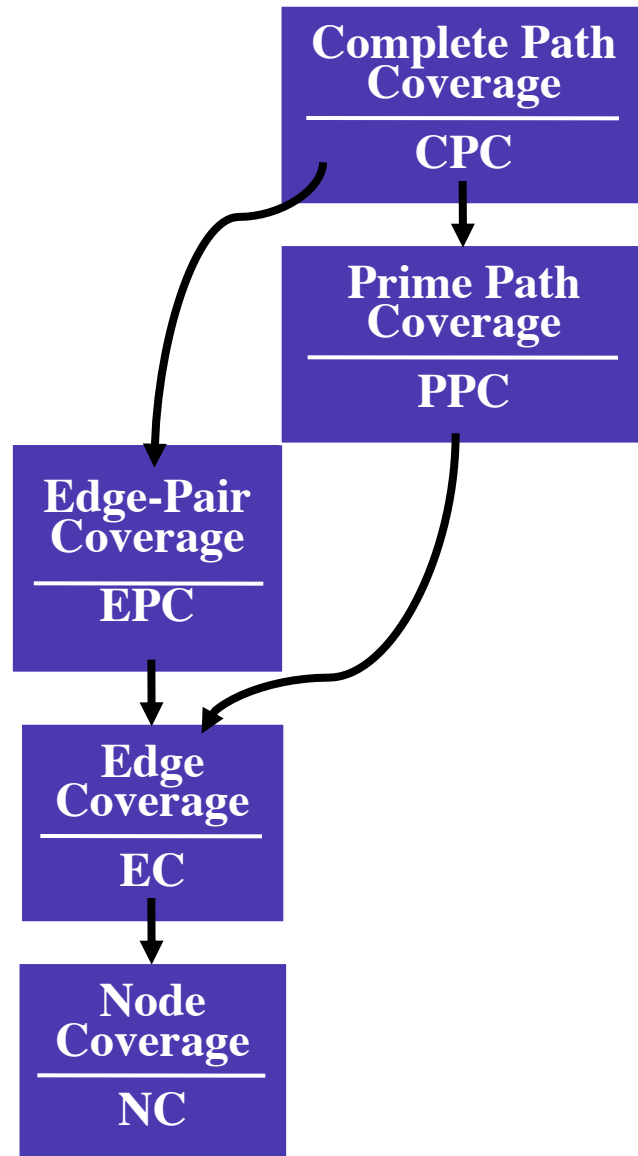
- Prime paths:
- $\text{path}(t_3) =$
- $\text{path}(t_4) =$
- $T_1 = \{t_3, t_4\}$ satisfies PPC but not CPC.

Prime Path Coverage vs. Complete Path Coverage (2)



- Prime paths: $[q_0, q_1, q_2]$, $[q_0, q_1, q_3, q_4]$, $[q_3, q_4, q_1, q_2]$,
 $[q_1, q_3, q_4, q_1]$, $[q_3, q_4, q_1, q_3]$, $[q_4, q_1, q_3, q_4]$
- $\text{path}(t_3) = [q_0, q_1, q_2]$
- $\text{path}(t_4) = [q_0, q_1, q_3, q_4, q_1, q_3, q_4, q_1, q_2]$
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Graph Coverage Criteria Subsumption

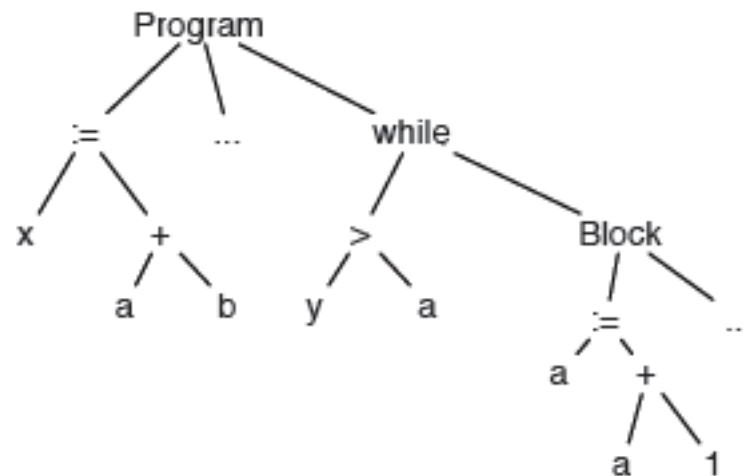


How do we measure coverage?

First:

1. Parse the source code to build an Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)
2. Analyze the AST to build a Control Flow Graph (CFG)
3. Count points of interest
 - (total # of statements, branches, etc.)
4. Instrument the AST using the CFG
 - add tracing statements in the code

```
x := a + b;  
y := a * b;  
while (y > a) {  
    a := a + 1;  
    x := a + b  
}
```



How do we measure coverage?

Then:

1. Transform AST back to instrumented code
2. Recompile and run the test suite on the recompiled code
3. Collect tracing data
 - (line 1 executed, line 3 executed, etc.)
4. Calculate coverage:
 - $\# \text{ traced points} / \text{total } \# \text{ points}$

Coverage May Affect Test Outcomes

Heisenberg effect

- *the act of observing a system inevitably alters its state.*

Coverage analysis changes the code by adding tracing statements

Instrumentation can change program behaviour

Enabled In-code Assertions Mess Up Branch Coverage Reporting

assert P

Turned into:

```
if assertion-enabled then
    if P then skip()
    else abort()
else skip()
```

Thus 4 branches!

Reported as such

Assertions shouldn't fail

Resulting branch coverage reports:

- Not useful with assertion checking enabled
- Without it, they miss invariants

Coverage: Useful or Harmful?

Measuring coverage (% of satisfied test obligations) can be a useful indicator ...

- Of progress toward a thorough test suite, of trouble spots requiring more attention

... or a dangerous seduction

- Coverage is only a proxy for thoroughness or adequacy
- It's easy to improve coverage without improving a test suite (much easier than designing good test cases)

The only measure that really matters is **effectiveness**

EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Bridge Coverage

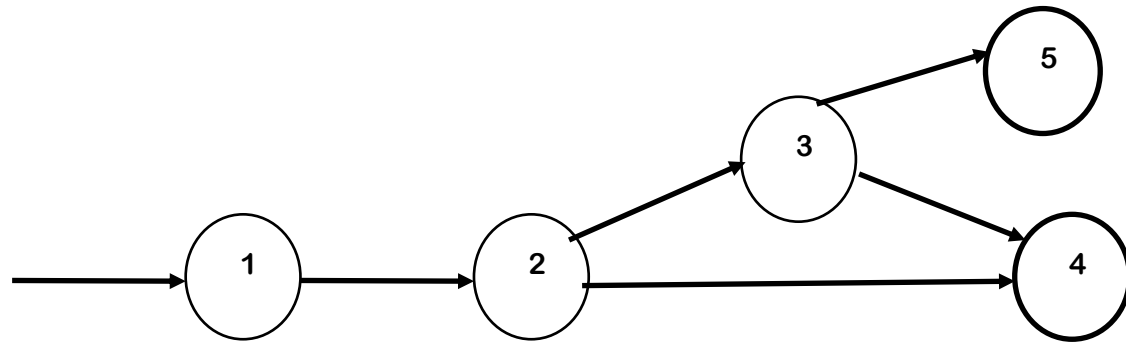
Bridge Coverage (BC): If removing an edge adds unreachable nodes to the graph, then this edge is a bridge. The set of test requirements for BC contains all bridges.

Assume that a graph contains at least two nodes, and all nodes in a graph are reachable from the initial nodes.

- (a) Does BC subsume Node Coverage (NC). If yes, justify your answer. If no, give a counterexample.
- (b) Does NC subsume BC? If yes, justify your answer. If no, give a counterexample

Bridge Coverage: Part (a)

Bridge Coverage does not subsume Node Coverage.



TRBC = {[1,2], [2,3], [3,5]}

TRNC = {[1, 2, 3,4, 5]}

Test path [1,2,3,5] satisfies BC, but not NC because node 4 is not visited.

Bridge Coverage: Part (b)

NC subsumes BC

Key points for the proof:

- For any bridge $[a, b]$, any test case that visits b must also visit the edge $[a, b]$ (can be proved by contradiction).
- Any test set that satisfies NC must visit node b (TR of NC contains all nodes, including node b). Therefore, for any bridge $[a, b]$, the test set will visit it. Therefore, NC subsumes BC.

Exercise 2 (1/2)

Answer questions [a]-[g] for the graph defined by the following sets:

- $N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$
- $N_0 = \{1\}$
- $N_f = \{7\}$
- $E = \{[1, 2], [1, 7], [2, 3], [2, 4], [3, 2], [4, 5], [4, 6], [5, 6], [6, 1]\}$

Also consider the following test paths:

- $t_0 = [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 1, 7]$
- $t_1 = [1, 2, 3, 2, 4, 6, 1, 7]$

Exercise 2 (2/2)

- [a] Draw the graph.
- [b] List the test requirements for EPC. [Hint: You should get 12 requirements of length 2].
- [c] Does the given set of test paths satisfy EPC? If not, identify what is missing.
- [d] List the test requirements for NC, EC and PPC on the graph.
- [e] List a test path that achieve NC but not EC on the graph.
- [f] List a test path that achieve EC but not PPC on the graph.

Exercise 2: Partial Solutions (1/2)

[a] Draw the graph.

[b] List the test requirements for EPC. [Hint: You should get 12 requirements of length 2].

- The edge pairs are: $\{[1, 2, 3], [1, 2, 4], [2, 3, 2], [2, 4, 5], [2, 4, 6], [3, 2, 3], [3, 2, 4], [4, 5, 6], [4, 6, 1], [5, 6, 1], [6, 1, 2], [6, 1, 7]\}$

[c] Does the given set of test paths satisfy EPC? If not, identify what is missing.

- No. Neither t_0 nor t_1 visits the following edge-pairs: $\{[3, 2, 3], [6, 1, 2]\}$

Exercise 2: Partial Solutions (2/2)

[d] TR for NC, EC, and PPC.

- $TR_{NC} =$
- $TR_{EC} =$
- $TR_{PPC} = \{[3, 2, 4, 6, 1, 7], [3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 1, 7], [4, 6, 1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6, 1, 2, 3], [3, 2, 3], [2, 3, 2], [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 1], [1, 2, 4, 6, 1], [2, 4, 6, 1, 2], [2, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2], [4, 6, 1, 2, 4], [4, 5, 6, 1, 2, 4], [5, 6, 1, 2, 4, 5], [6, 1, 2, 4, 6], [6, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6]\}$

[e] A test path that achieve NC but not EC.

- $[1, 2, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 1, 7]$ does not cover edge $[4, 6]$.

[f] A test path that achieve EC but not PPC.

- $[1, 2, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2, 4, 6, 1, 7]$ does not cover prime paths such as $[3, 2, 3]$.