Modern Methods in Software Engineering

Testing

Literature used

- Text book

  Chapter 11

Introduction Content

- Terminology
- Types of errors
- Dealing with errors
- Component Testing
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  - Integration testing
- System testing
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  - Performance testing
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  - Installation testing
- Summary

What is testing?

- Testing is the process of analyzing a system or components to detect the differences between specified (required) and observed (existing) behavior
- Systematic way to find faults in a planned way in the implemented software

Testing

- Testing often viewed as dirty work (that is completely wrong!)
- To develop an effective test, one must have:
  - Detailed understanding of the system
  - Knowledge of the testing techniques
  - Skill to apply these techniques in an effective and efficient manner

Testing

- Testing is done best by independent testers
- Programmer often stick to the data set that makes the program work
  - "Don’t mess up my code!"
- A program often does not work when tried by somebody else
  - Don't let this be the end-user.

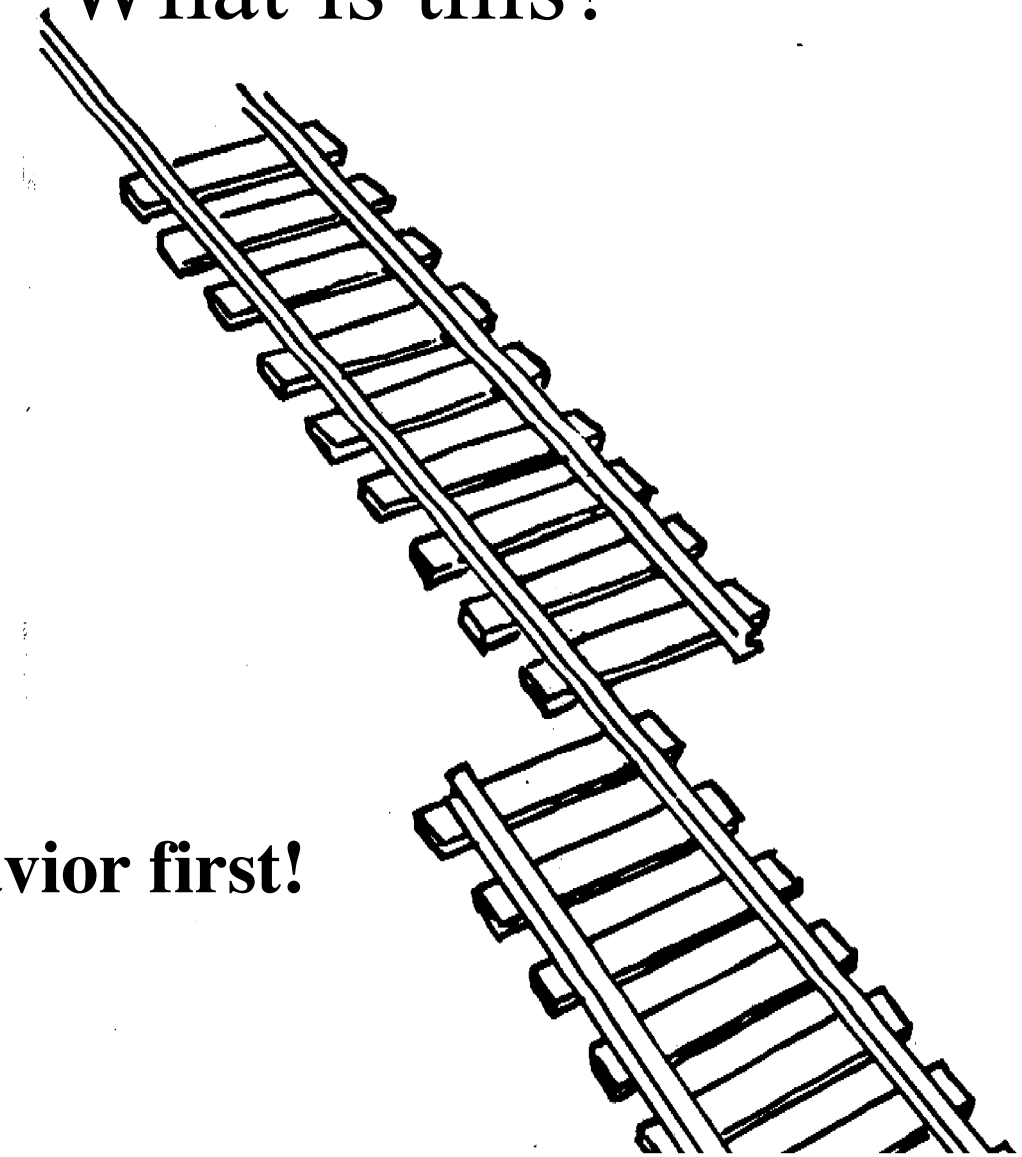
Overview

- **Reliability:** The measure of success with which the observed behavior of a system confirms to some specification of its behavior.
- **Fault (Bug):** The mechanical or algorithmic cause of an error (a design or coding mistake that may cause abnormal component behavior)
- **Erroneous state (Error):** manifestation of the fault during the execution of the system. The system is in a state such that further processing by the system can lead to a failure
- **Failure:** Any deviation of the observed behavior from the specified behavior.

Overview

- **test case:** a set of inputs and expected results that exercises a component with the purpose of causing failures and detecting faults.
- **test stub:** a partial implementation of components on which the tested component depends.
- **test driver:** a partial implementation of a component that depends on the tested component

What is this?



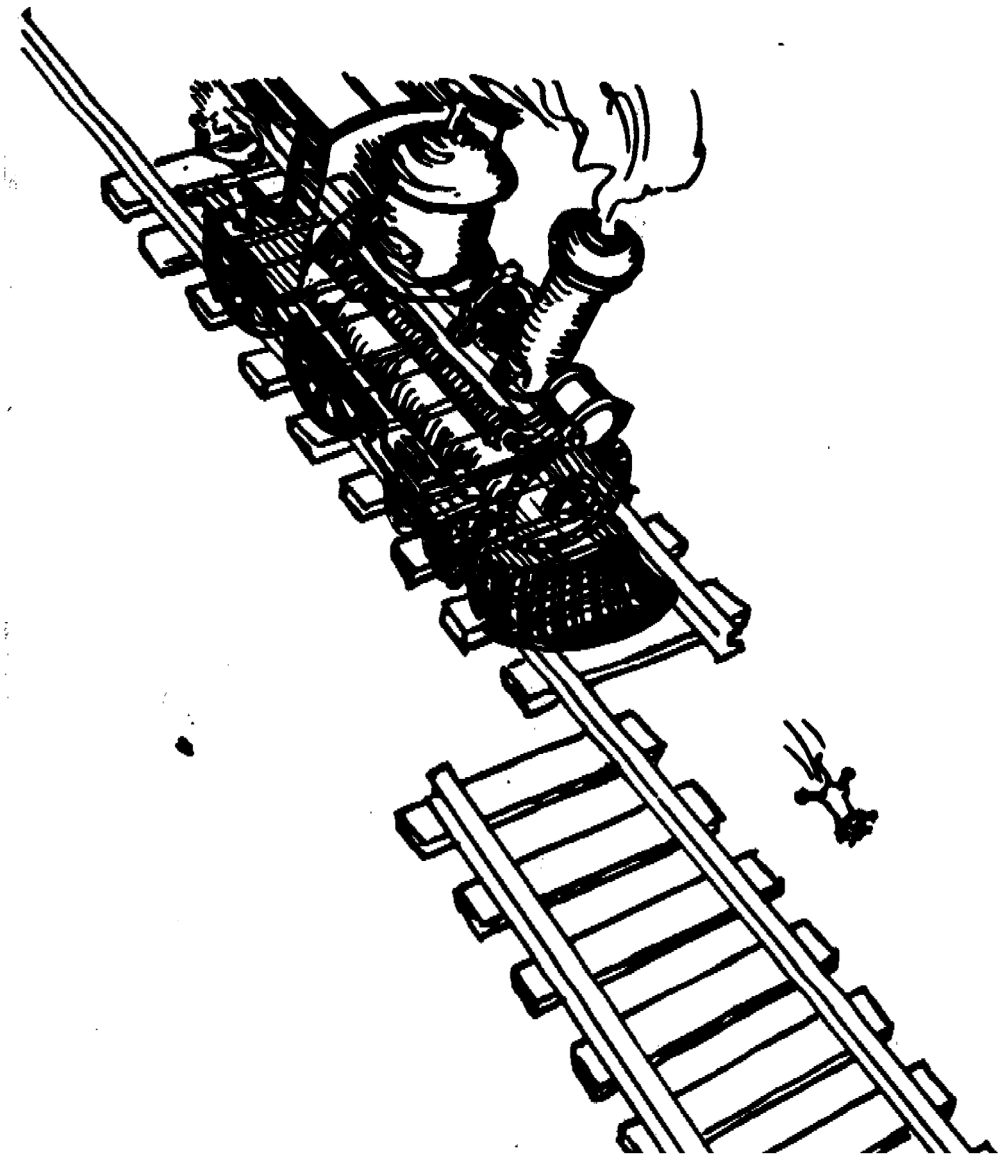
A failure?

An error?

A fault?

Need to specify
the desired behavior first!

Erroneous State (“Error”)



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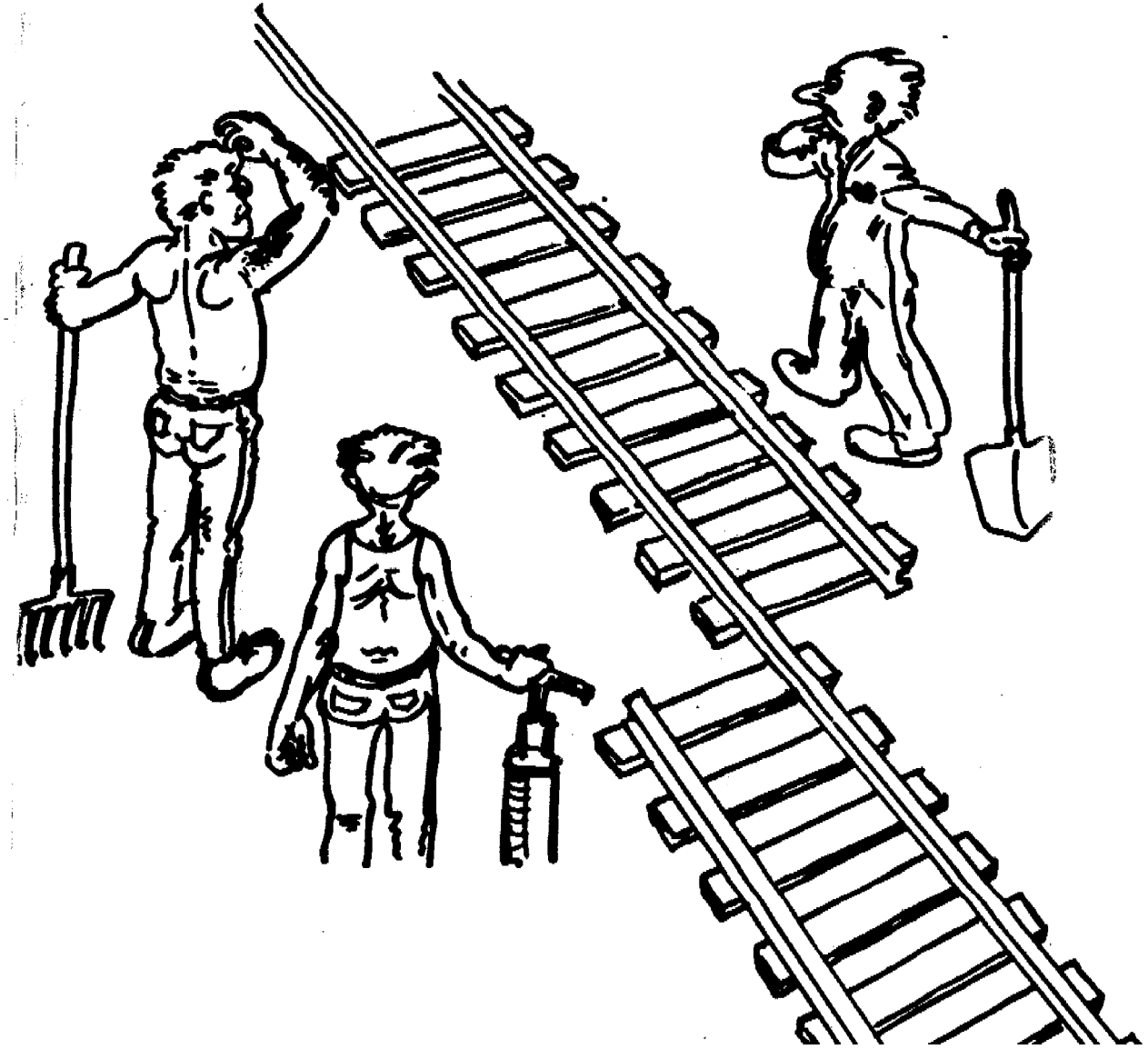
Types of Faults

- Faults in the Interface specification
- Algorithmic Faults
- Mechanical Faults (very hard to find)

Algorithmic Fault



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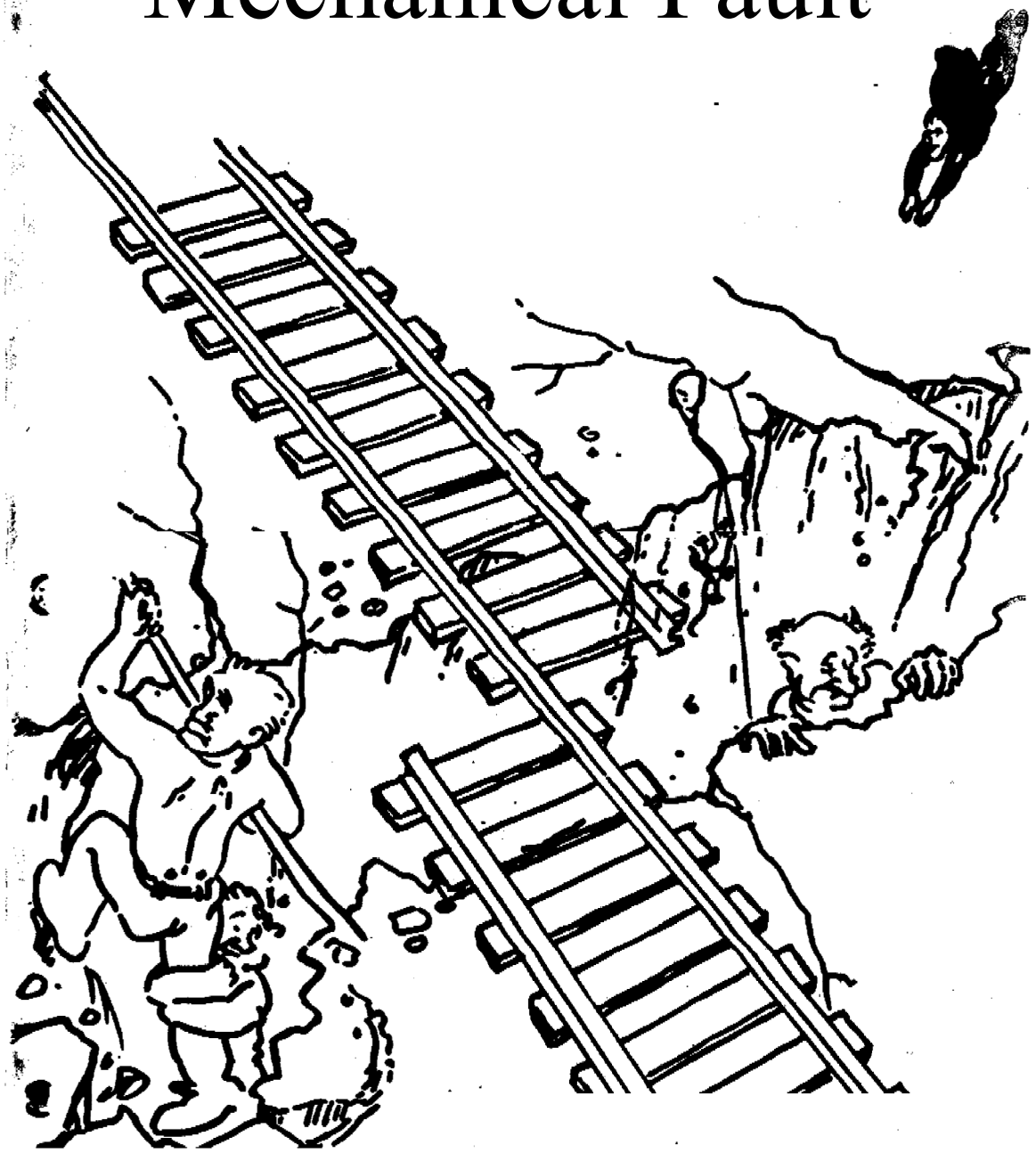
Mechanical Fault



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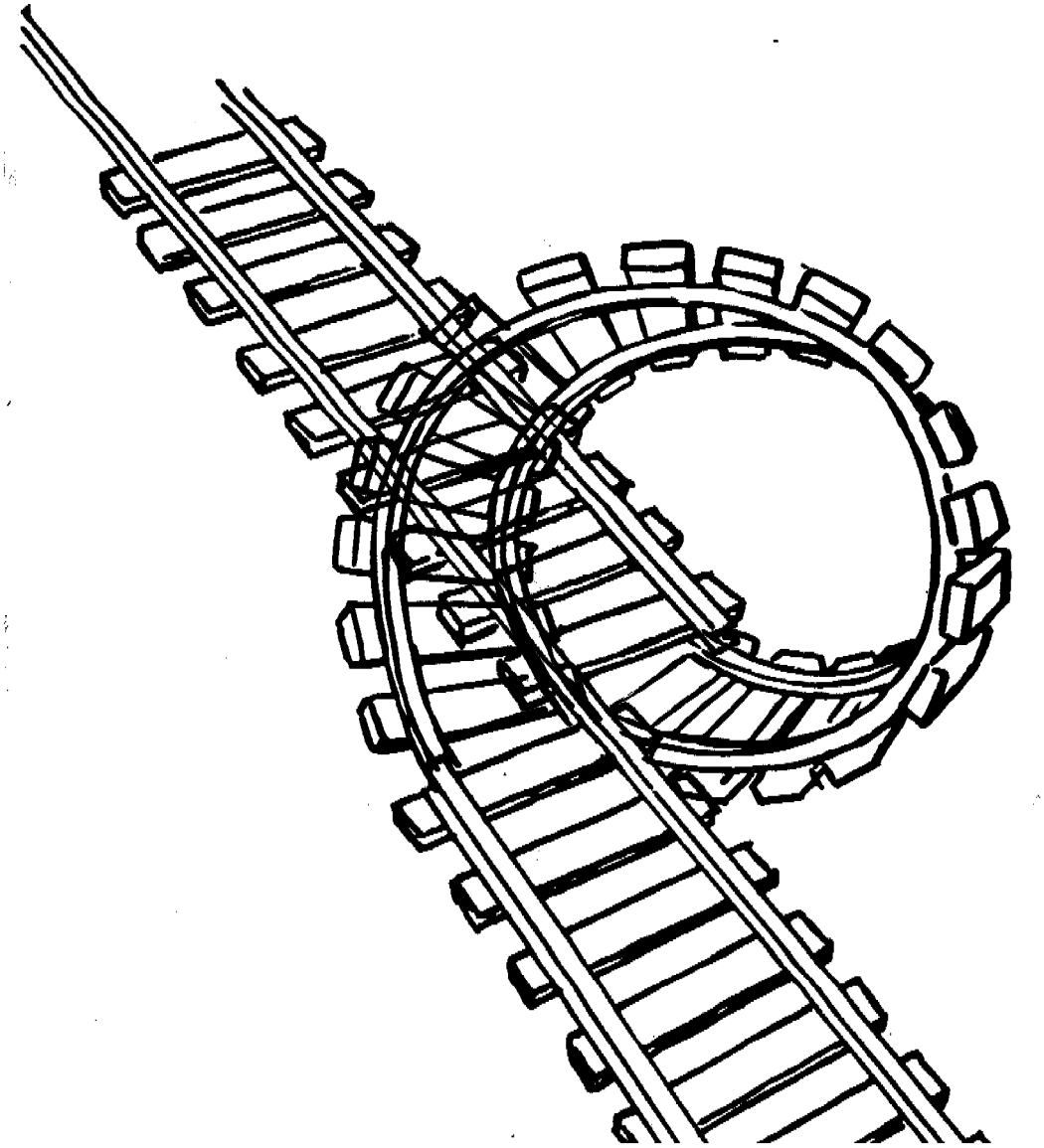
How to Deal with Errors

- **Error prevention** (before the system is released):
  - Use good programming methodology to reduce complexity
  - Use version control to prevent inconsistent system
  - Apply verification to prevent algorithmic bugs

How do we deal with Errors and Faults?

Verification



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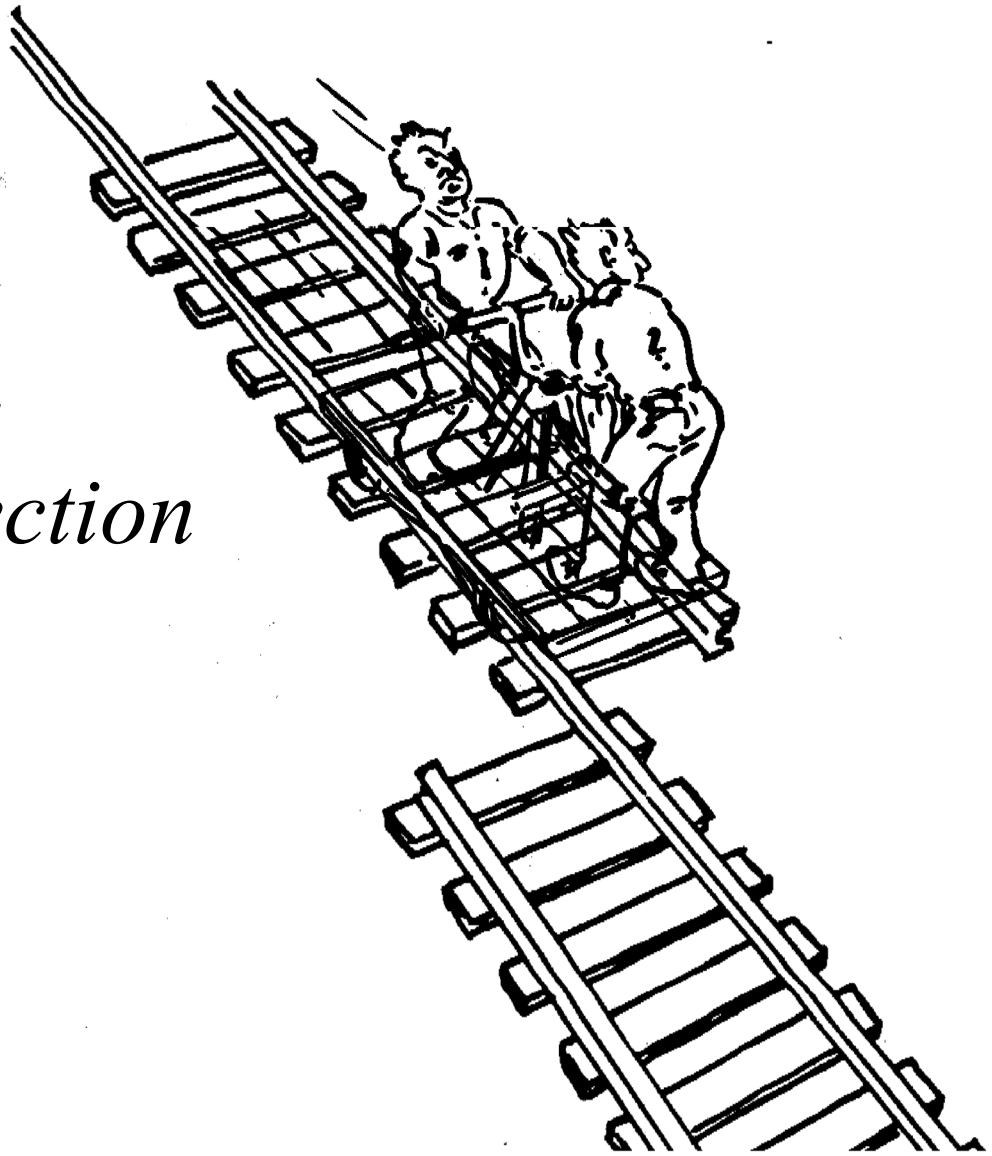
- *Error detection*



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- **Error detection** (while system is running):
  - Testing: Create failures in a planned way
    - Testing can only show the presence of bugs, not their absence (Dijkstra)
  - Debugging: Start with an unplanned failures
  - Monitoring: Deliver information about state. Find performance bugs

Fault tolerance

- Assumes that the system can be released with faults and that system failures can be dealt with by recovering from them in runtime

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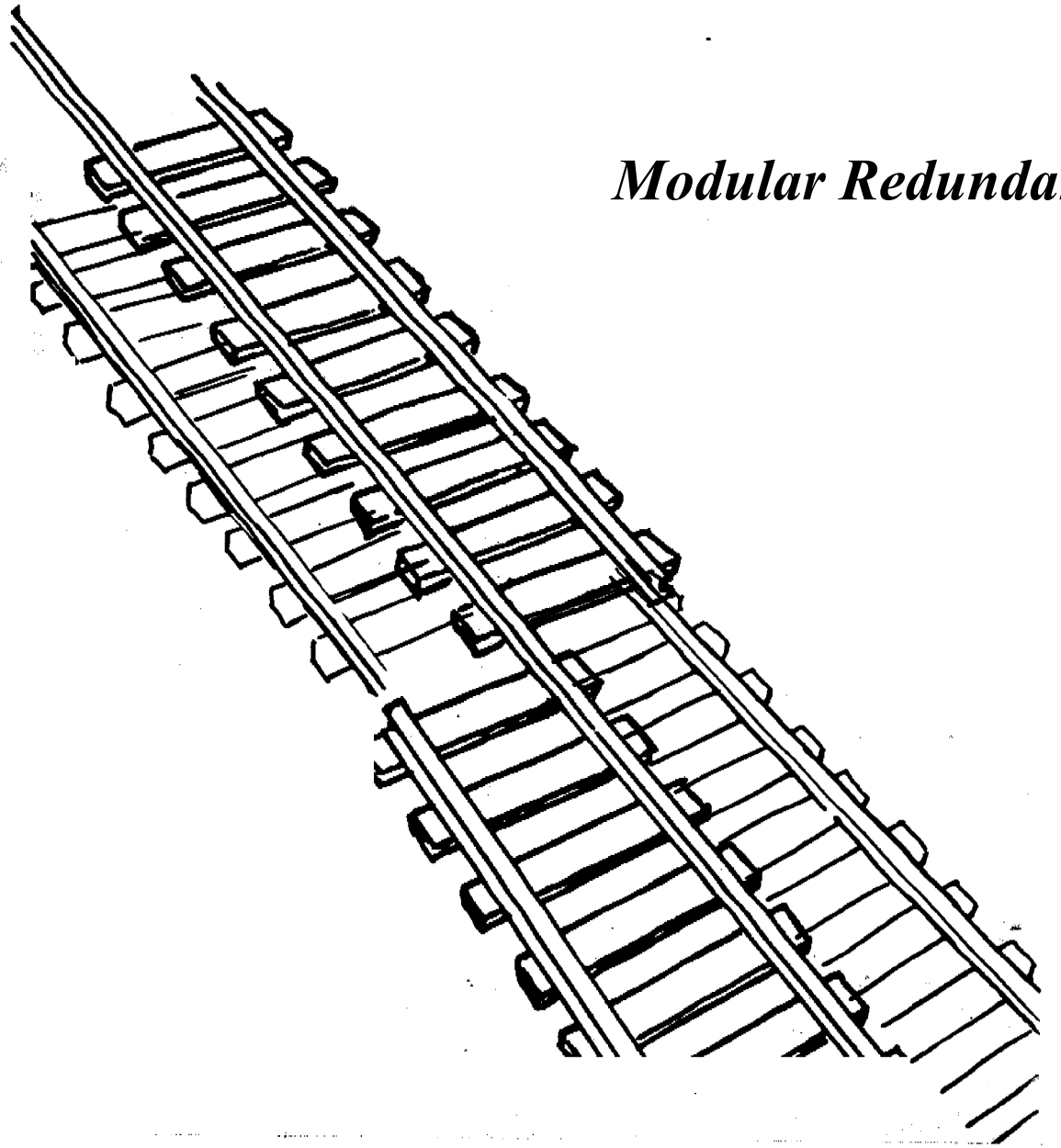
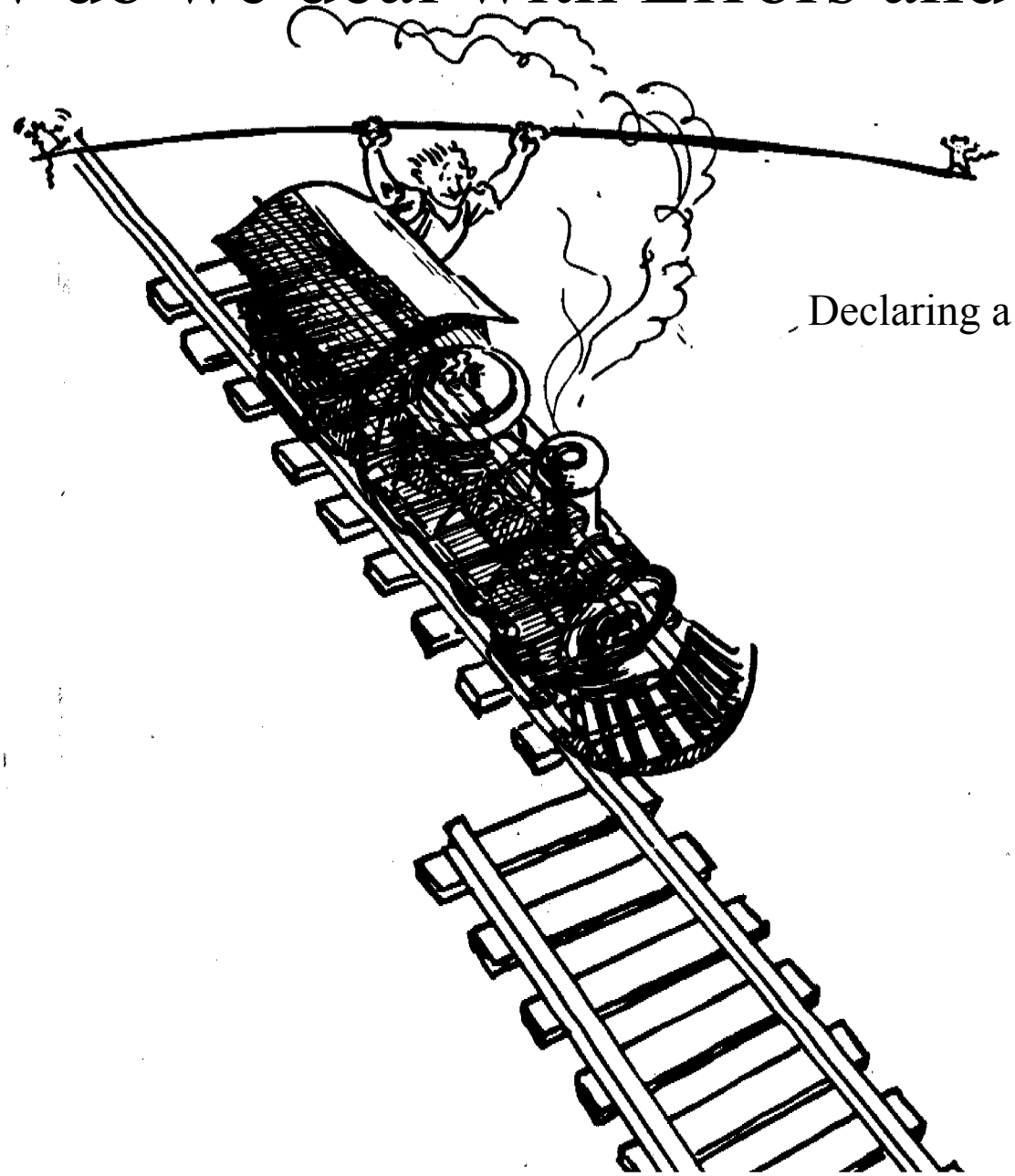


Modular Redundancy?

How do we deal with Errors and Faults?



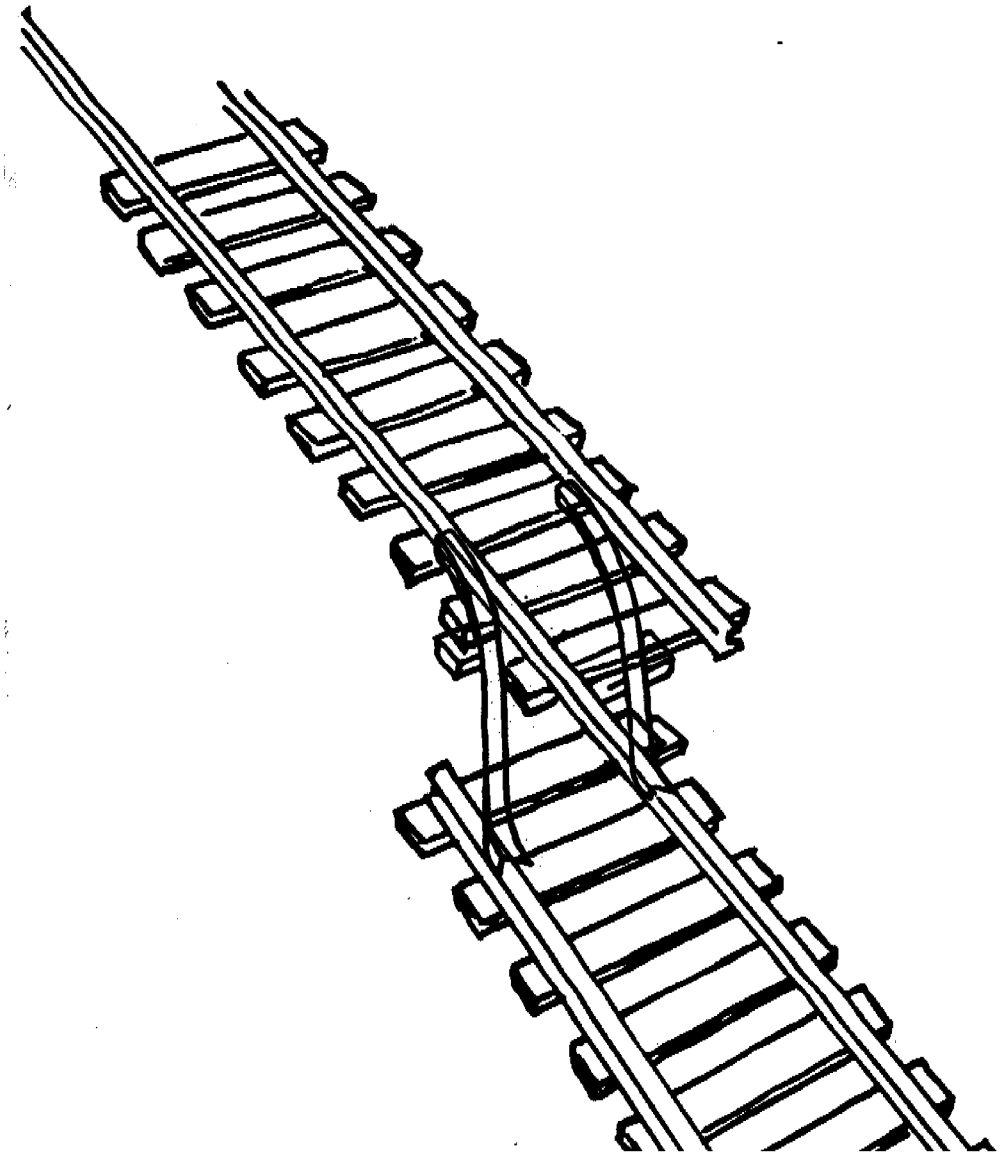
Declaring a bug to be a "feature"

How do we deal with Errors and Faults?

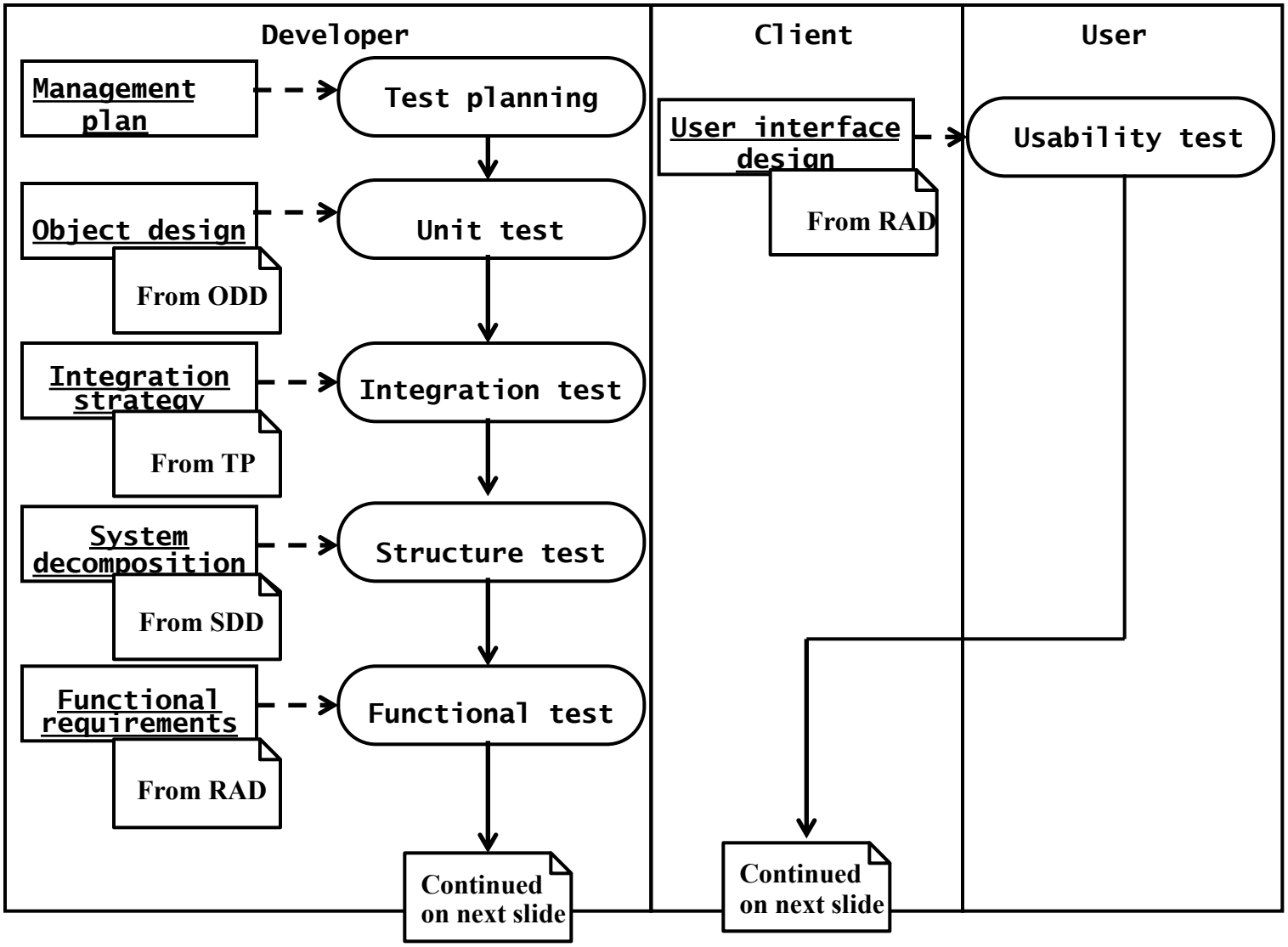
- **Error recovery** (recover from failure once the system is released):
  - Data base systems (atomic transactions)
  - Recovery blocks

How do we deal with Errors and Faults?

Patching?



Testing Activities Diagram



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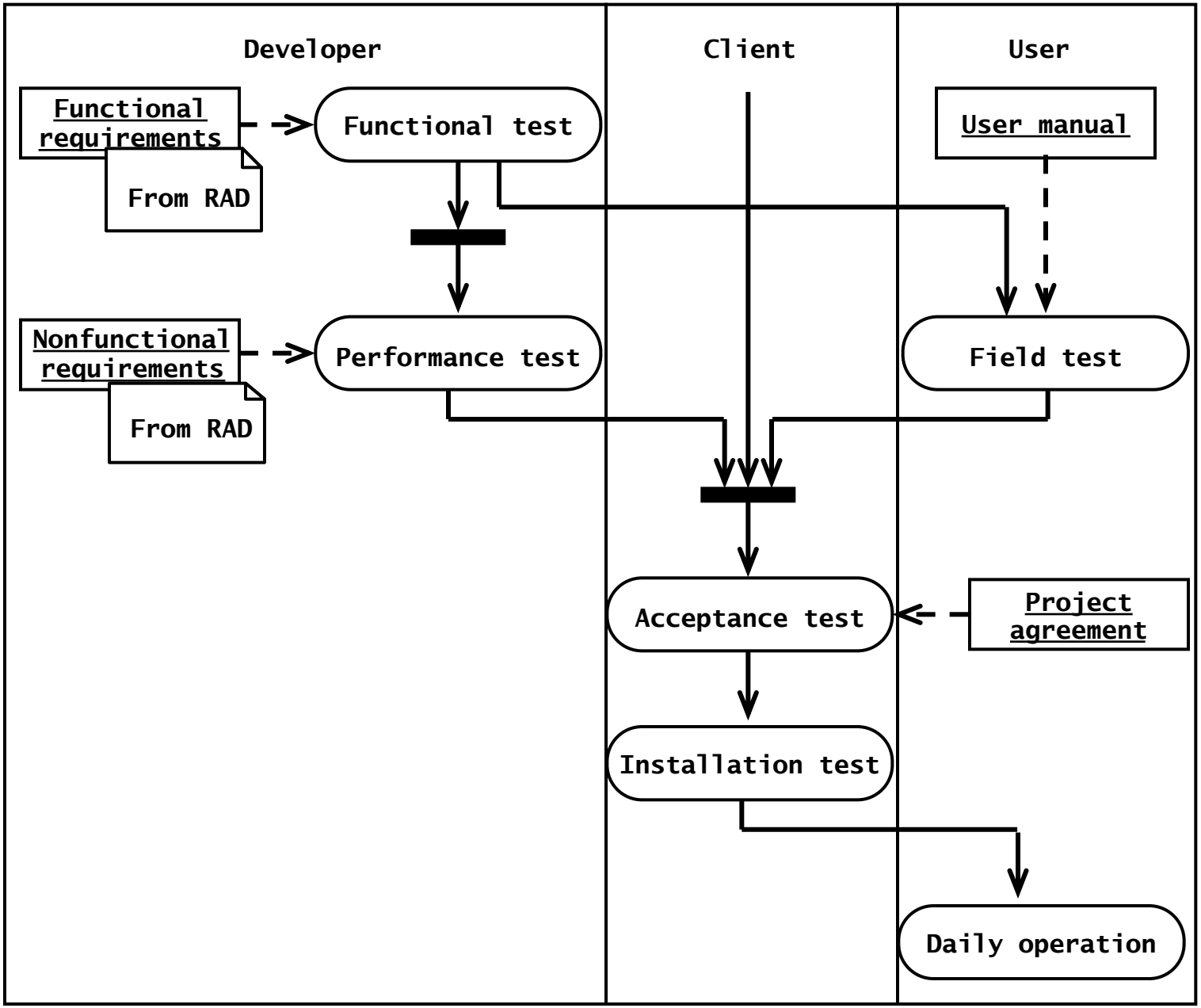

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Usability testing

- Scenario test
- Prototype test
- Product test

Unit Testing elements

- Static Analysis:
  - Hand execution: Reading the source code
  - Automated Tools checking for
    - syntactic and semantic errors
    - departure from coding standards
- Dynamic Analysis:
  - Black-box testing (Test the input/output behavior)
  - White-box testing (Test the internal logic of the subsystem or object)

Black-box Testing

- Focus: I/O behavior.

- Goal: Reduce number of test cases by equivalence partitioning:
  - Divide input conditions into equivalence classes
  - Choose test cases for each equivalence class.

- Selection of equivalence classes (No rules, only guidelines):
  - Input is valid across range of values. Select test cases from 3 equivalence classes:
    - Below the range
    - Within the range
    - Above the range
  - Input is valid if it is from a discrete set. Select test cases from 2 equivalence classes:
    - Valid discrete value
    - Invalid discrete value

A (faulty) implementation of the `getNumDaysInMonth()` method

```
public class MonthOutOfBounds extends Exception {…};
public class YearOutOfBounds extends Exception {…};
public class MyGregorianCalendar {
   public static boolean isLeapYear(int year) {
        boolean leap;
        if (year%4==0) {
                leap = true;
        } else {
                leap = false;
        }
        return leap;
   }
public static int getNumDaysInMonth(int month, int year) throws MonthOutOfBounds,
   YearOutOfBounds {
   int numDays;
   if (year < 1) {
        throw new YearOutOfBounds(year);
   }
   if (month==1||month==3||month==5||month==7||month==10||month==12) {
        numDays = 32;
   } else if (month == 4 || month == 6 || month == 9 || month == 11) {
        numDays = 30;
   } else if (month == 2) {
        if (isLeapYear(year)) {
                numDays = 29;
        } else {
                numDays = 28;
        }
   } else {
        throw new MonthOutOfBounds(month);
   }
   return numDays;
}...
```

Equivalence classes and selected valid inputs

Equivalence classes	Month input	Year input
31 days, non-leap year	July	1901
31 days, leap year	July	1904
30 days, non-leap year	June	1901
30 days, leap year	June	1904
28 or 29 days, non-leap year	February	1901
28 or 29 days, leap year	February	1904

Boundary testing

Equivalence class	Month input	Year input
Nonpositive invalid months	0	1234
Positive invalid months	13	1831
Leap years divisible by 400	February	2000
Non-Leap years divisible by 100	February	1900

White-box Testing

- Focus: Thoroughness (Coverage). Every statement in the component is executed at least once.
- Statement Testing (Algebraic Testing): Test single statements
- Loop Testing:
  - Cause execution of the loop to be skipped completely. (Exception: Repeat loops)
  - Cause execution of the loop to be executed exactly once
  - Cause execution of the loop to be executed more than once

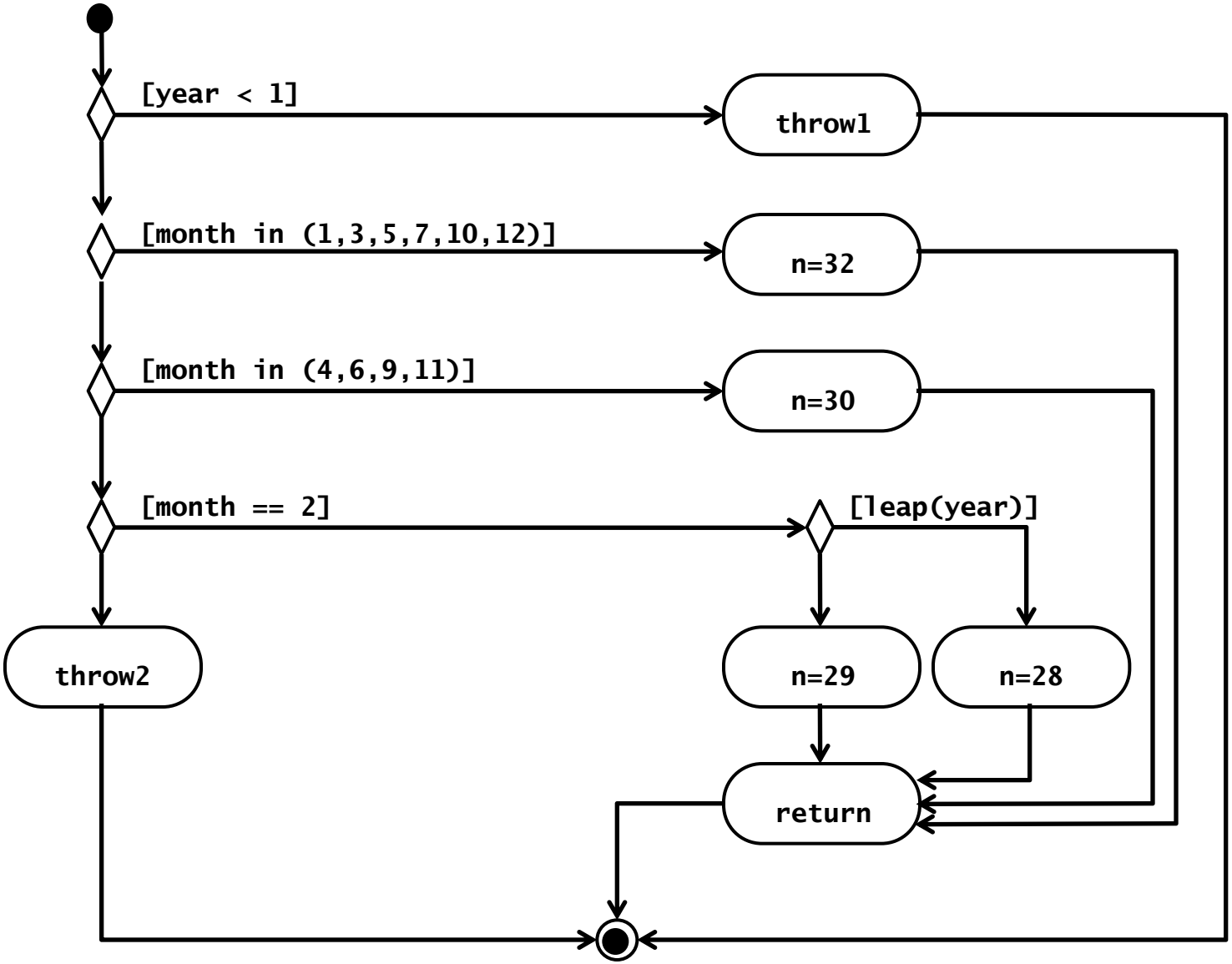
White-box Testing

- Branch Testing (Conditional Testing): Make sure that each possible outcome from a condition is tested at least once

```
if ( i =TRUE) printf("YES\n");else printf("NO\n");
Test cases: 1) i = TRUE; 2) i = FALSE
```

- Path testing:
  - Make sure all paths in the program are executed

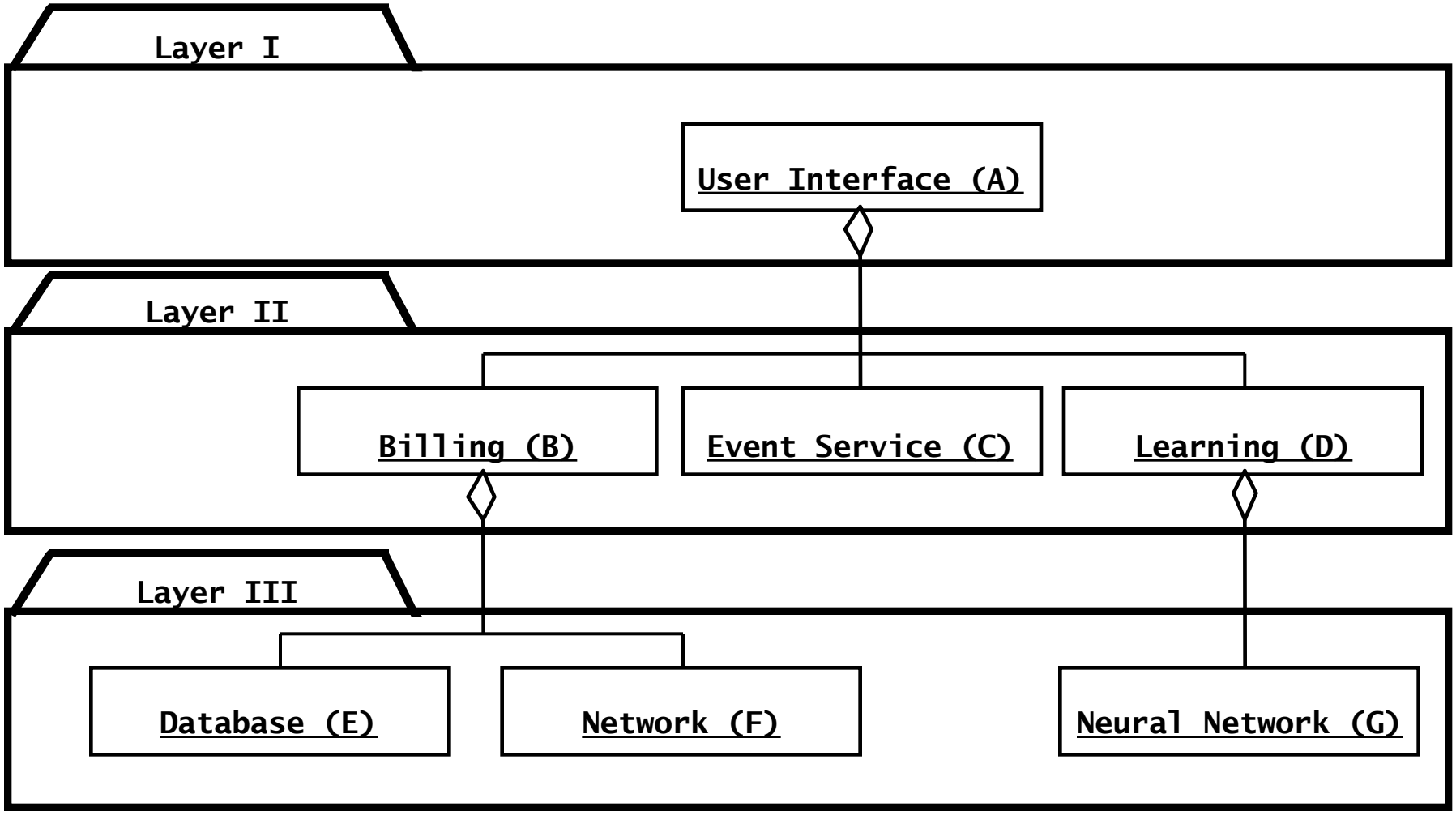
Equivalent flow graph for the `getNumDaysInMonth()` method implementation



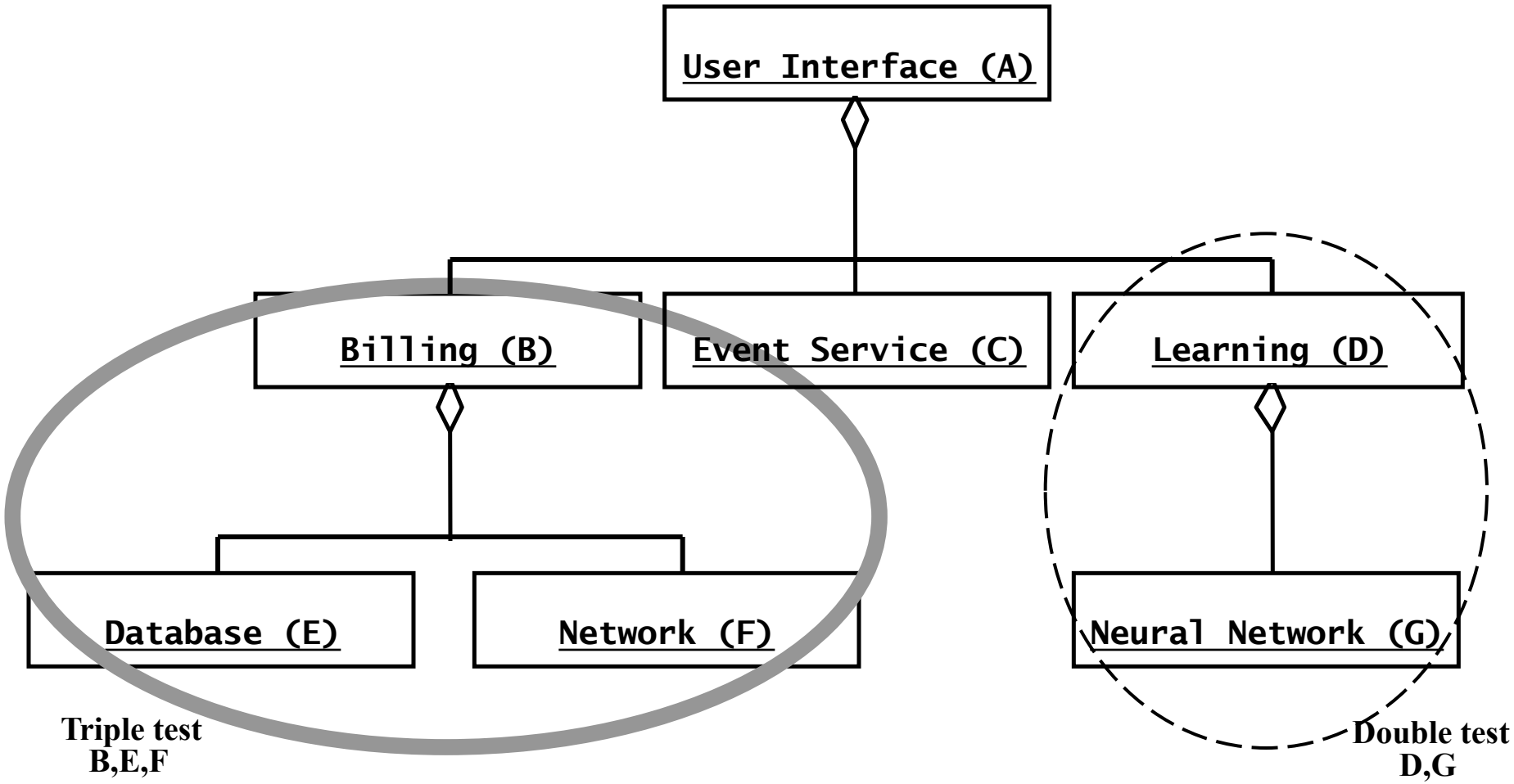
Path testing

Test case	Path
(year=0, month=1)	{throw1}
(year=1901, month=1)	{n=32 return}
(year=1901, month=2)	{n=28 return}
(year=1904, month=2)	{n=29 return}
(year=1901, month=4)	{n=30 return}
(year=1901, month=0)	{throw2}

Integration testing strategies



Integration testing strategies (bottom-up)



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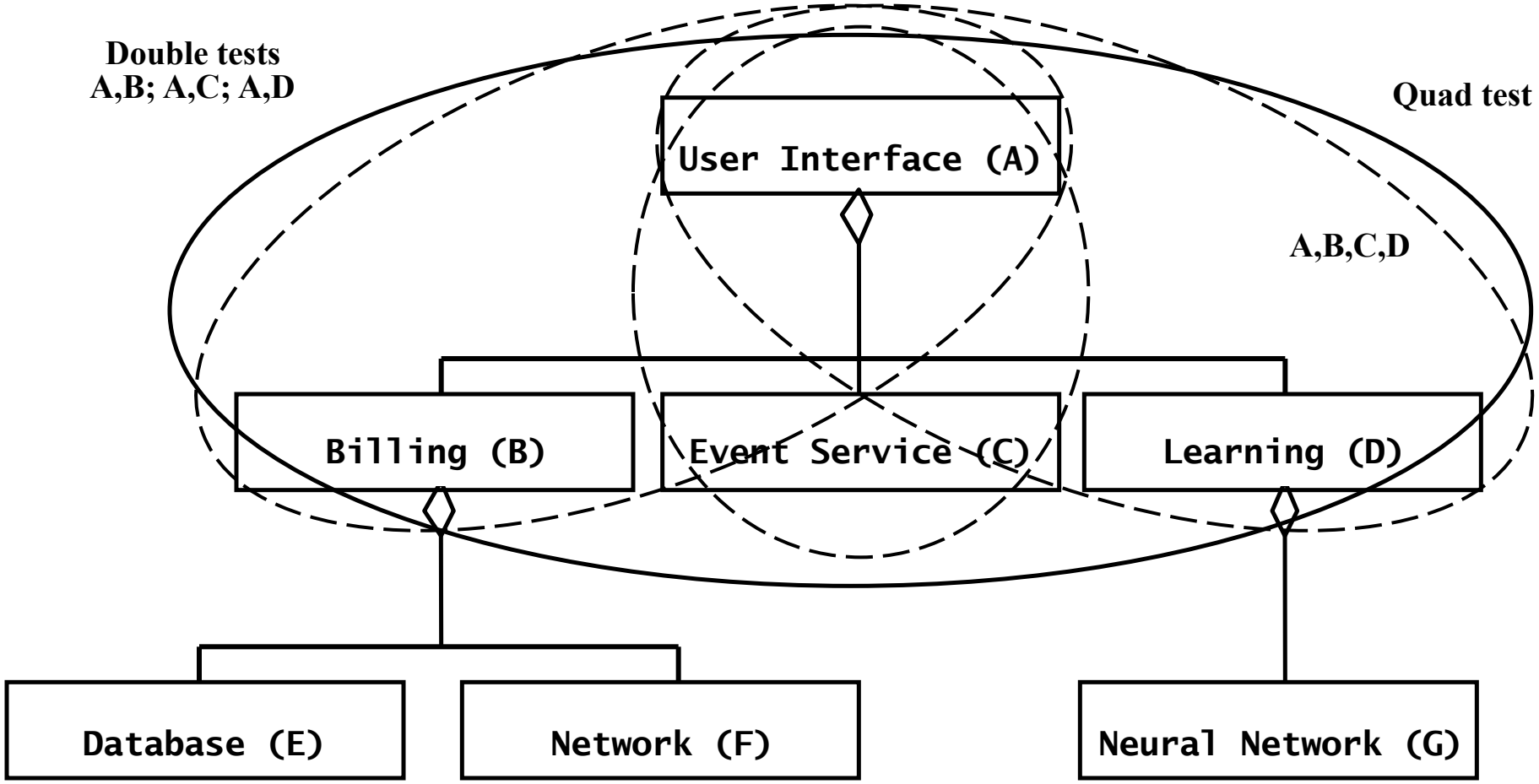
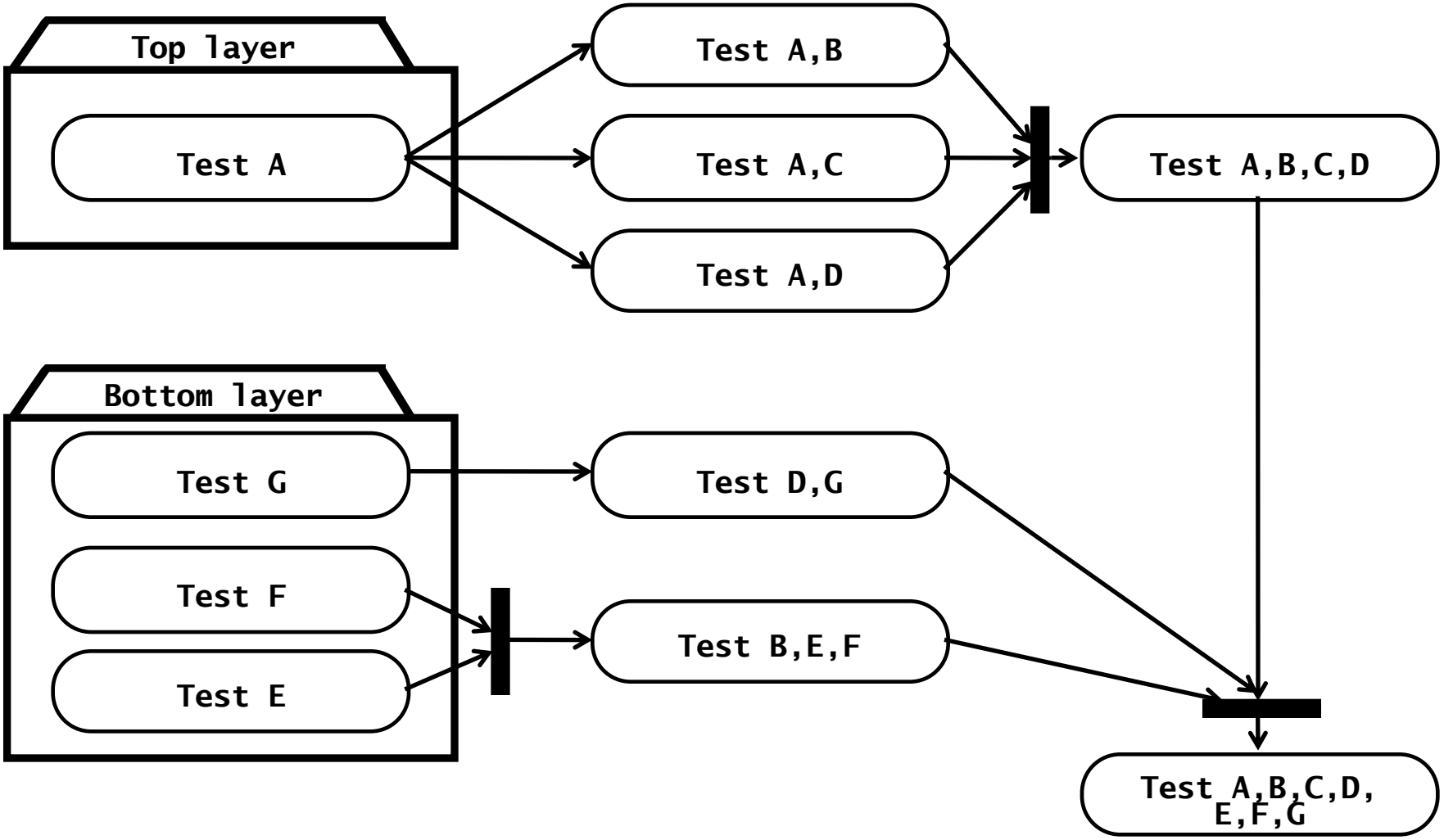


Integration testing strategies (sandwich)



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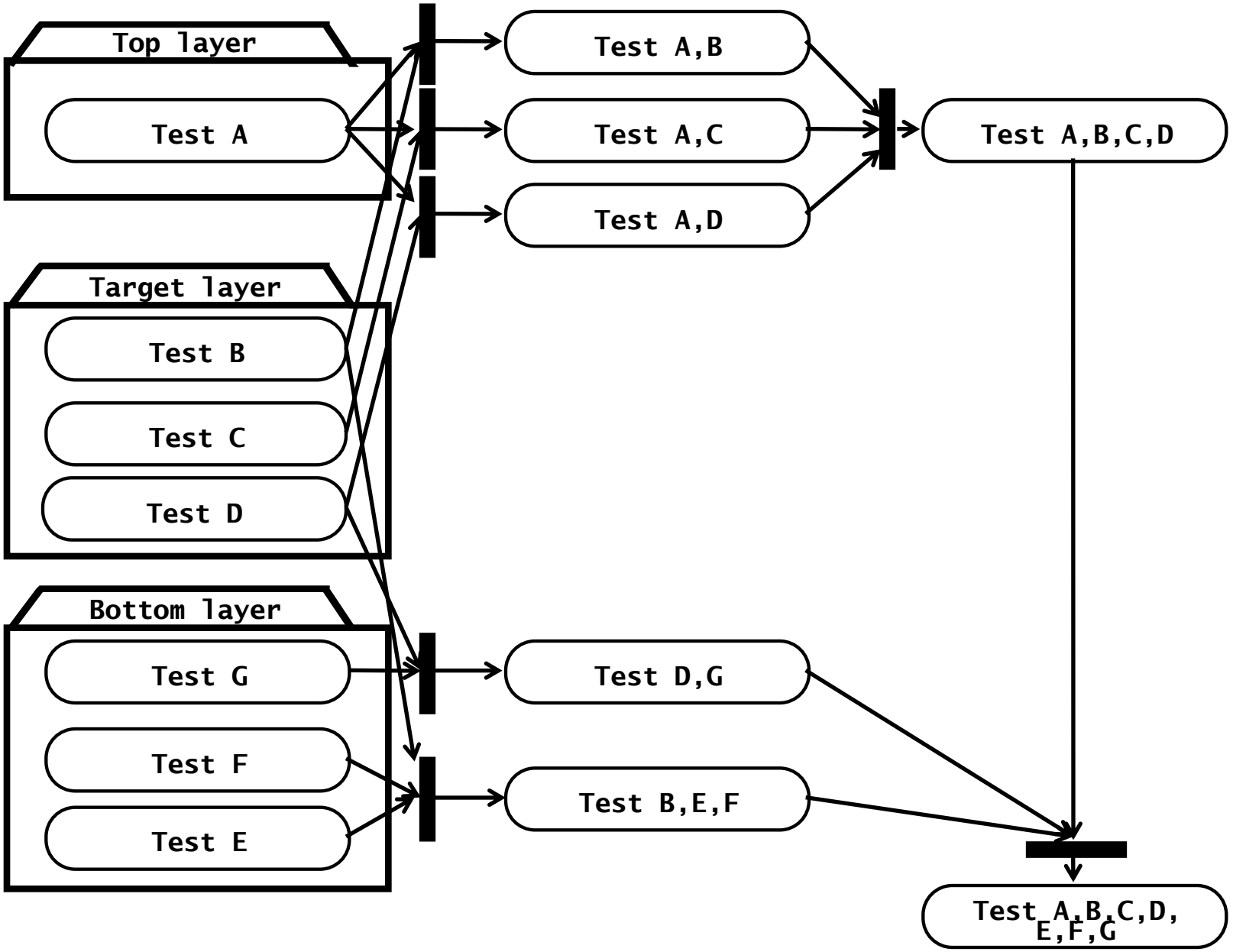

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System Testing

- Functional testing
- Performance testing
- Acceptance testing
- Pilot testing
- Installation testing

Functional testing

- Finds differences between the functional requirements and the system
- BlackBox technique
- Test cases are derived from use case model
- Selects tests that are relevant to the user and have high probability of a failure

Performance testing

- Stress testing
- Volume testing
- Security testing
- Timing testing
- Recovery tests

Acceptance testing

- Benchmark test
- Competitor testing
- Shadow testing

Pilot testing (field test)

- The system is installed and used by a selected set of users
- Pilot tests are useful when a system is built without a specific set of requirements or without a specific customer in mind
- An alpha test is a pilot test with users exercising the system in the development environment
- In a beta test, the acceptance test is performed by a limited number of end users in the target environment

Installation testing

- Testing reconfiguration
- Often repeats test cases from previous phases
- Some requirements cannot be executed in the development environment because they require target-specific resources