

Kas's Software Engineering Practice Test of Doom

Please note any answers in () Typically are not part of the answer rather are added context or a joke.

1 Intro to SWE

1. What is engineering? The creative application of scientific principles to design or develop structures.
2. What is software Engineering? The application of a systematic, disciplined, quantifiable approach to the development, operation and maintenance of software, and the study of these approaches. (or without the yap: the application of engineering to software).
3. What factors affect SW quality.
Complexity and change.
4. How does complexity affect quality?.
When a system becomes so complex a singular programmer can no longer understand it.
5. How does change affect quality?
The entropy of a software system increases with each change. Each implemented change erodes at the structure of the system. Making the next change more expensive. As time goes on the cost of implementing changes will increase.
6. What are the methods of dealing with complexity? Abstraction, Decomposition, and hierarchy.
7. What are the ways of abstracting through modeling?
System model, Task model, and Issue model.
8. Give an example of a System model and what it does.
Object model: What is the struct of the system.
Functional Model: What are the functions of the system and how does data flow through the system.
Dynamic Model: How does the system react to external events.
9. give an example of a task model and what it does.
Gantt/PERT chart: What are the dependencies between each task.
Schedule: How can this be done within a time limit.
Org Chart: What are the roles in the project.
10. What is an issues model?
What are the open and closed issues. What constraints were posed by the client? What resolutions were made?
11. What is decomposition?
A technique used to master complexity (divide and conquer type stuff).

12. What are each of the types of decomposition?
Functional decomposition and Object-oriented decomposition.
13. What is hierarchy.
Providing simple relationships between different chunks.
14. what are the two important hierarchies?
Part of and is kind of.

2 Lifecycles

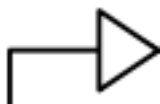
1. What is a Software development Life cycle? A set of activities and their relationships to each other to support the development of software.
2. What was the first life cycle?
Waterfall model (wooo)
3. What are the benefits of the waterfall model?
Nice milestones, No need to look back, one activity at a time, and easy to check progress.
4. what are the cons of a waterfall model?
Software development tends to not be linear and you'll need to go back and refine.
5. When should one use a prototyping model?
When user requirements are unclear. For systems with high emphasis on the UI and require a high degree of user interaction.
6. What are the pros of a prototype model? Iterative process, frequent feedback, fast.
7. What are the cons of a prototype model?
Design compromise frequently due to time constraints, customer could think it's a real product.
Lack of robustness and completeness and at the end of each iteration we have a prototype.
8. what are the two types of prototype and describe them.
Functional prototype: implement and deliver an operational system with minimum functionality and build from there.
Exploratory prototype: Implement part of the system to learn more about the requirements.
Revolutionary prototyping: Get user experience with a throwaway version to get the requirements right then build the whole system
Evolutionary Prototyping: Used as the basis for the implementation of the final system.
9. What is the disadvantage of evolutionary prototyping?
Can only be used if target system can be constructed in a prototyping language.

10. What is the spiral model? Use a waterfall model for each prototype development (a cycle). If risk has been resolved evaluate the results of the cycle and plan for the next. If you run into an unsolvable product terminate (give up all roads leave to doom).
11. what are the advantages of a spiral model?
Model runs through the entire lifecycle of software and is iterative.
12. what are the disadvantages?
Difficult to convince customers the process is easily manageable. Project length cannot be determined.
13. When is a SW development process considered mature?
If the development activities are well defined and if management has some control over the quality, budget, and Schedule in the project.
14. what are the 5 maturity levels?
Initial Level (ad hoc/chaotic)
Repeatable level the process depends on individuals called champions.
Defined level the process is institutionalized (sanctioned by management).
MANaged level activities are measured and provide feedback for resource allocation however the process is not changing.
Optimizing level process allows feedback of information to change the process itself.
15. What is agile based on.
It is difficult to predict in advance which requirements or customer priorities will change.
For many types of software design and construction activities are interleaved.
Analysis, design, and testing are not as predictable from a planning perspective.
16. What are the principles of agile?
Highest priority is to satisfy the customer with early and continuous delivery of valuable software.
Welcome changing requirements anywhere in development.
Delivering software frequently with a preference for shorter delivery schedules
Business people and developers must work together daily
Face-to-face communication is the most effective method of conveying information within the development team.
17. What is DevOps?
The union of people, process, and products to enable continuous delivery of value to end users.
18. what is the goal of dev ops?
To shorten development time.

3 Modeling with UML

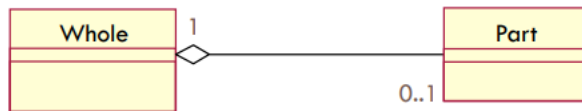
1. What does modeling help achieve?
building an abstraction of reality. Ignores irrelevant details through abstractions.

2. Why model software?
Software is becoming increasingly more complex. Code is not easily understandable by developers who did not write it. We need simpler representations for complex systems.
3. what is a Phenomenon?
An object in the world of a domain as you perceive it.
4. what is a concept?
Describes the properties of phenomena that are common.
5. What is an application domain?
The environment in which the system is operating.
6. what is a solution domain.
Technologies available to build the system.
7. What is a class diagram?
Describe the static structure of a system.
8. What is a use case diagram.
Describe the functional behavior of the system as seen by the user.
9. what is a sequence diagram.
Describe the dynamic behavior between actors and the system between objects of a system.
10. what is a state chart diagram.
Describe the dynamic behavior of an individual object (DFA!).
11. What is an activity diagram?
Model the dynamic behavior of a system, in particular the workflow.
12. what is the extends relationship in Use cases and how is it represented?
It is represented by `«extends»` over the arrow pointing towards what it's extending. Extending represent exception cases in a use case.
13. what is the includes relation in Use cases and how is it represented?
Similar to extends but `«includes»`. Represents behavior that is factored out of the use case. behavior is factored out for reuse.
14. what is the inherit relationship and how is it represented?



Relationship used to specialize another more generalized use case.

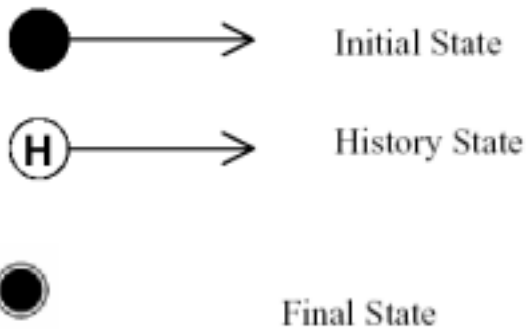
15. what does a class represent?
A concept.
16. what are the parts of a class?
Attributes, Operations, Name, and signature.
17. how do you represent a One or more association?
1..*
18. How would you represent a specified range?
2..7
19. How would you represent disjoint ranges?
2, 3..8
20. what is aggregation and how is it drawn?



A special case of association denoting a consists of hierarchy. The aggregate is the parent class and the componets are the child classes.

21. What does a solid diamond represent?
Composition, a stronger form of aggregation where componets cannot exist without the aggre-gate(parent).
22. What is inheritance in Class models?
Children classes inherit the attributes and operations of their parent class. Helps by eliminating redundancy.
23. In UML what is a package?
A UML mechanism for organizing elements into groups. They are the basic grouping construct you can organize UML models with.
24. How is interation deonted in Sequence diagrams?
with a *.
25. How are conditions denoted in sequence daigrams?
With a boolean expression in [] before the messages name.
26. How is creation and destruction represented in UML?
Denoted with a message pointing towards the object at the start for creation. Destruction is de-noted by a message with an X.

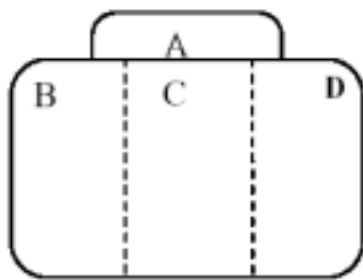
27. How do you draw an initial state, history state, final state?



28. How do you represent a state in a state chart?

With a rounded box with the states name in the top.

29. How do you represent an Orthogonal state?



30. T/F for a state to be active the state of the parent doesn't matter (Hamdy quickfire round).
False, the parent must be active.

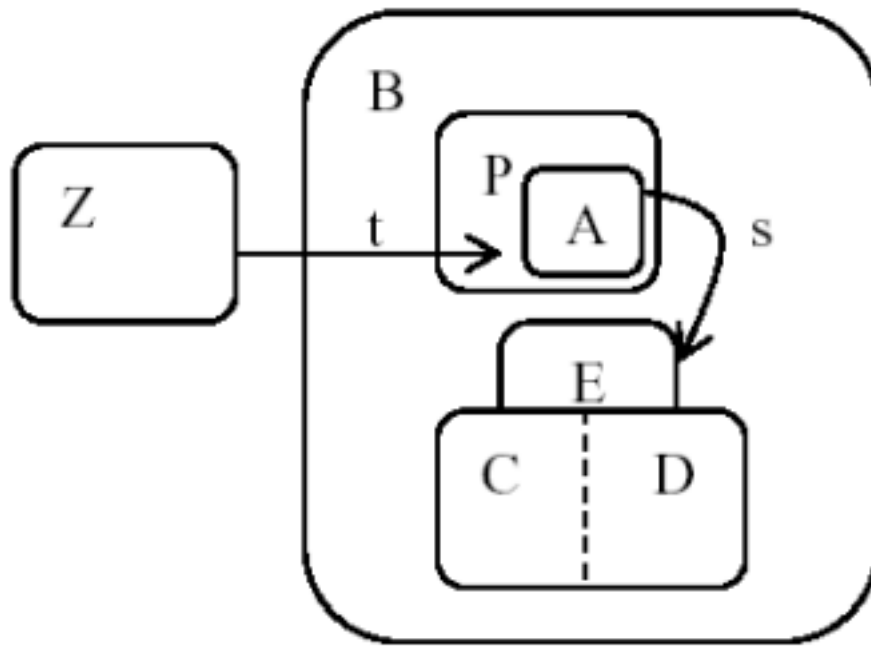
31. T/F at most one state of a non-orthogonal state can be active at a time.
True.

32. T/F Only one orthogonal state can be active at a time.
False all are active.

33. T/F threads on orthogonal states are orthogonal states as well.
False, each thread is a non-Orthogonal state.

34. T/F when an event occurs the source must be active for the event labeled transition to occur.
True.

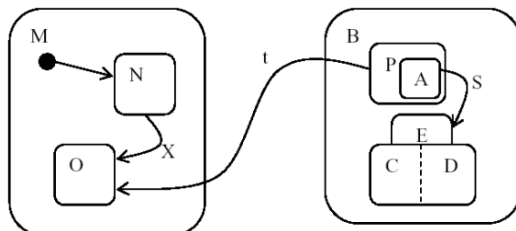
35. T/F when activating a destination state the ancestors need be activated.
False, they must be activated.



When t occurs
both P and B sh

36. T/F Each non-Orthogonal state may contain a history state, initial and/or final state.
True.

37. T/F When activating a non-orthogonal state we must also activate the child state indicated by the initial state unless the containing non-orthogonal state is the ancestor of our destination state.
True.



B, P and A are active and t happens

- a. Deactivate B, P and A
- b. Activate M and O, ignoring N according to above rule.

38. How does a history state work?
Remembers the child state last active within the containing non-orthogonal state.

39. In an activity daigram how do you draw an initial state and final state?



Initial state



Final State

40. How do you represent a decision/merge elements in an activity diagram?
With a non-solid diamond.

41. How do you fork/Join in an activity diagram?
With a solid black bar and the branching elements.

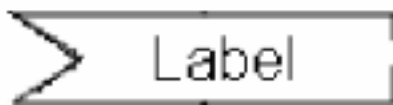
42. how do you identify an action in an activity diagram?
With a rounded rectangle box with the action inside.

43. How do you draw a transition?

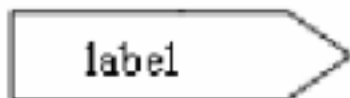


44. What is the guard in a transition?
A boolean expression.

45. How do you draw an accept signal and send signal?

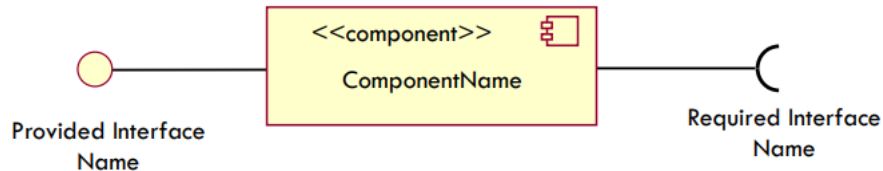


Accept Signal



Send Signal

46. What is a component diagram?
Shows the organizations and dependencies among componets. Component diagram hides its imple-
mentation. Specifies the physical dependency to interfaces it requires.
47. What is the difference between a component diagram and class diagram?
Components are logical abstractions while classes are physical things.
48. draw a sample component diagram.



49. What is a deployment diagram?
A diagram that shows configuration of processing nodes at run time. Communcation between these
nodes and deployed artifacts that reside on them.
50. What does a connector represent?
A communcation method be it physical or a software protocal (or psychic).
51. what shape represents a component?
A 3-d Cube.
52. What makes a good problem statement?
The current situation, the functionally of a new system, the enviroment the system will be deployed
in, delieverables expected by the client, delivery dates, and a set of Acceptance criteria.

4 Testing

1. What is the cost of testing?
At least half of your development budget will be spent on testing.
2. Is not testing a great way of saving money?
No, infact it can actually cost more money. Debugging later and later into a project tends to cost
more due to the 1-10-100 rule.
3. What are the four types of activities testing can be broken up into and what type of knowledge is
required?
Test design: Designing test values to satisfy coverage criteria or other engineering goals. Requires
knowledge of discrete math, programming, and testing.
Test automation: Embed test values into executable scripts. Requires knowledge of scripting.
test execution: run tests on software and record the results. Requires little knowledge.
Test evaluation: Evaluate results of testing and report to developers. Requires domain knowledge.

4. What is validation in testing?
The process of evaluating software at the end of software development to ensure compliance with intended usage.
5. What is verification in testing?
The process of determining whether the products of a given phase or software development process fulfill the requirement established during the previous phase.
6. What is a failure in testing.
Any deviation of the observed behavior from the specified behavior.
7. What is an error in testing?
The system in a state such that further processing by the system will cause a failure.
8. What is a fault in testing?
The mechanical or algorithmic cause of an error. Also known as a bug.
9. What are some ways of dealing with errors? verification, Modular redundancy, Declaring a bug to be a feature, Patching, and testing.
10. What is testing? Finding inputs that cause the software to fail.
11. What is debugging? The process of finding a fault given a failure.
12. What is a test case? A set of test inputs, execution conditions, and expected results. Test inputs are the values that directly satisfy one test requirement.
13. What is black box testing?
Focusing on I/O behavior. If we are able to predict the output for any given input. Typically impossible to generate all possible inputs.
14. What is the goal of black box testing?
Reduce the number of test cases by equivalence partitioning. Divide input conditions into equivalence classes and choose a representative for each class.
equivalence classes are determined through coverage and being disjoint.
15. What is white box testing?
Testing with the goal of Thoroughness/coverage. Every statement in the component is executed at least once.
16. What are the types of White-box testing? Statement testing, Loop testing, Path Testing, Branch Testing.
17. What is static Analysis?
Analysis done without running a program.
18. What are the types of static Analysis?
Hand execution (reading the source code), Walk-Through (information presentation), Code inspection (Formal presentation), Automated tools for checking syntactic and semantic errors or a departure from coding standards.

19. What is dynamic Analysis?
Testing done with running a program.
20. What are the types of dynamic analysis?
Black-Box testing and White-box testing.
21. Is it possible to completely test any arbitrary system?
No, you'd have to solve the halting problem and even if it was solved it'd cost a lot of time and money.
22. What are the 4 testing steps?
Select what needs to be measured, Decide how the testing is done, develop test cases, and create a test oracle.
23. What is a test oracle?
The set of predicted results for a set of test cases. It must be written down before the testing occurs.
24. What is unit testing?
The testing of a unit. (Quite helpful I guess...)
25. What is a unit? A module or a small set of modules. A few examples, classes or interfaces.
26. Why bother with unit testing?
It's practical and allows a divide-and-conquer approach. Splitting systems into units is very helpful and narrow down where bugs are. You don't want to chase down bugs in other units. Support regression testing allows you to make changes to code and know if you broke something. Improves confidence that changing one many things doesn't break everything (yay!).
27. How can one do unit testing?
Build systems in layers. Then test upwards. Start with classes that don't depend on others and continue testing building on already tested classes.
28. Benefits of unit testing? Avoid having to write stubs. When testing a module it depends on verified reliable modules.
29. What are some unit testing Heuristics?
Create unit tests as soon as object design is completed. Develop the test cases. Cross-check the test cases to eliminate duplicates. Desk check your source code. Create a test harness. Execute the test cases. Compare the results of the test with your oracle.
30. What are the parts of test code?
The test fixture, test driver, and test oracle.
31. What is the test driver?
The class that runs the tests.
32. What is the test fixture?
Set of variables used in testing.

33. What is the integration testing strategy?
The entire system is viewed as a collection of subsystems. Note: The order which subsystems are selected for testing and integration determines the specific strategy.
34. What is system testing?
Ensure that the complete system compiles with the functional and nonfunctional requirements. Functional testing, Performance testing, Acceptance testing, and installation testing are all different types of system testing.
35. What is the impact of requirements on system testing?
The more explicit the measurements the easier they are to test. Quality of use cases determines ease of functional testing. Quality of subsystem determines the ease of structure testing. Quality of nonfunctional requirements and constraints determine the ease of performance tests.
36. What are test requirements?
Specific things that must be satisfied or covered during testing.
37. What are test criterion?
A collection of rules and a process that defines test requirements.
38. What is another way of describing coverage in testing. (Hint think of test sets).
Given a set of test requirements X for coverage criterion C , a test set T satisfies C coverage iff for every test requirement in X there is at least one test in T it is satisfied by a test requirement.
39. What is criteria subsumption? A test criterion $C1$ subsumes $C2$ iff every set of test cases that satisfies criterion $C1$ also satisfies $C2$. (basically subsets)
40. what are some criteria structures?
Graphs, Logical expressions, Input domain characterization, syntactic structures.
41. What is predicate coverage in Logical expressions?
Each predicate must be True or False.
42. What is clause Coverage in Logical expressions?
Each clause must be true or false.
43. Combinatorial coverage in Logical expressions?
Various combinations of clauses.
44. What is active clause coverage?
Each clause must determine the predicate's result.
45. What is input domain characterization?
They describe the input domain of the software. Identify inputs, parameters, or other categorization. Partition each input into finite sets of representative classes. Choose combinations of values.

46. What are syntatic strcutres?
Based on a grammar or other syntactic definition.
47. What is mutation testing and what is it an example of?
When you introduce small changes tot he program and find tests that cause the mutant programs to fail. Failure is determined by a different output from the original program. Check the output of useful tests on the original program.
48. What is Model-Based testing.
Derives tests from a model that describes some aspects of the system under a test. Model describes part of the behavior.
49. What is a coveage graph?
The most commonly used structure for testing. Made up of graphs where tests are intended to cover the graph in some way.
50. What is a graph? A nonempty set Z of nodes. A set nonempty set X of initial nodes. A nonempty set of final nodes Y. A set E of edges where each edge connects one node to another.
51. What is a path in a graph?
A sequence of nodes.
52. What is the length in a graph?
The number of edges.
53. what is a subpath?
A subsequence of nodes in p is a subpath of p.
54. What is reach in graphs?
subgraph that can be reached from a node n.
55. What is a test path?
A path that starts at an initial node and ends at a final node. Test paths represent execution of test cases.
56. what is an SESE graph?
All test paths start at a single node and end at another node. Single-entry and single-exit.
57. What is visiting?
A test path p visist a node if a node n is in p.
58. What is touring?
A test path p tours a subpath q if q is a subpath of p.
59. what is Node coveage?
Requires that each node and edge in a graph be executed. Test set T satisfies node coveage on a graph G iff for every syntatically reachable node n in N, there is some path in path(T) such that p

visits n. (simple version Test requirements contain each reachable node in G.)

60. What is edge coverage?

A slightly stronger system than node coverage. Test requirements contain each reachable path of length up to 1, inclusive, in G.

Length up to 1 allows graphs with one and no edges.

61. When are Node coverage and edge coverage difference?

When there is an edge and another subpath between a pair of nodes.

Node coverage TR = {0, 1, 2}.

Test path = [0, 1, 2].

Edge coverage TR = {0, 1, 2}.

Test path = [0, 1, 2], [0, 2].

62. What is edge pair coverage?

Requires pairs of edges or subpaths of length 2. Test requirements contain each reachable path of length up to 2, inclusive, in G.

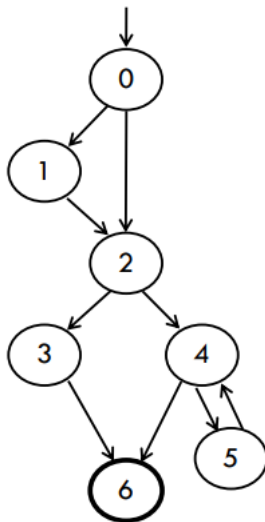
63. What is complete path coverage and where does it fail?

Test requirements contain all paths in G. It fails whenever the program introduces a loop. Infinitely many TR paths arise unfortunately (might be solvable with the infinite monkey theorem assuming you have infinite monkeys...).

64. Specified Path coverage is?

Test requirements contain a set S of test paths, where S is supplied as a parameter.

65. The following questions use the following graph.



66. What are the test paths of the following image?

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

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

67. What are the test paths of the following image?

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]

68. What are the test paths of the following image?

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, 1, 2, 4, 6] [0, 2, 3, 6]
[0, 2, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 6]

69. What are the test paths for Complete Path Coverage?

infinitely many paths exist unfortunately... As long as a path reaches the end it'd be considered

70. What is a simple path?

If a given path from two nodes no node appears more than once except maybe the first and last nodes are the same.

There are no internal loops, include all other subpaths, a simple path.

71. What is a prime path?

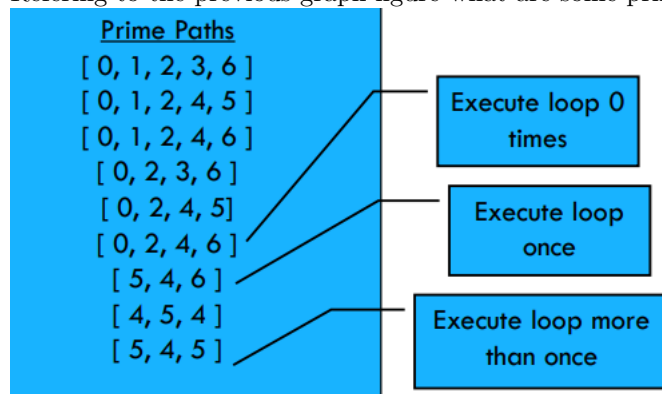
A simple path that does not appear as a proper subpath of any other simple path.

72. What is prime path coverage?

A simple, elegant, and finite criterion that requires loops to be executed as well as skipped. Test requirements contain each prime path in G.

Will tour all paths of any length. Subsuming node, edge, and edge-pair coverage.

73. Referring to the previous graph figure what are some prime paths?



74. What is data flow criteria.
A way to ensure that values are computed and used correctly.
75. What are the parts of Data flow criteria?
Definition (def) the location where a value for a variable is stored into memory. Use a location where a variable's value is accessed. def (n) or def (e) the set of variables defined by node n or edge e. use (n) or use (e) the set of variables used by node n or edge e.
76. What is a DU pair?
A pair of locations (x, y) such that a variable v is defined at x and used at y.
77. What is Reach in a DU pair?
If there is a def-clear path from X to Y with respect to v, the def of v at x reaches the use at y.
78. what is Def-Clear?
A path with respect to variable v if v is not given another value on any of the nodes/edges in the path. No redefinitions.
79. What is a du-path? A simple subpath that is def-clear with respect to v from def to use.
80. What is graph coverage for source code?
The most common application is to the graph source. Made of graphs usually the control flow graph, Node coverage execute every statement, edge coverage execute every brach, loops looping structures, and data flow coverage augment the control flow graph.
81. What is a control flow graph.
Modles all executions of a method by describing control structures. Made of nodes statements or sequences of statements, Edges transfers of control, and basic block a sequence of statements such that if the first statement, all statements will be (branchless). Typically annotated with extra information.