软件工程

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Make an analogy with software and hardware

What is computer hardware composed of ?

What is a Module?

- **What is a module?**

  A lexically contiguous sequence of program statements, bounded by boundary elements, with an aggregate identifier.

Module

- Method for breaking up a product into modules
  - Maximal interaction within module, and
  - Minimal interaction between modules
- Module cohesion
  - Degree of interaction within a module
- Module coupling
  - Degree of interaction between modules

4.1 Cohesion

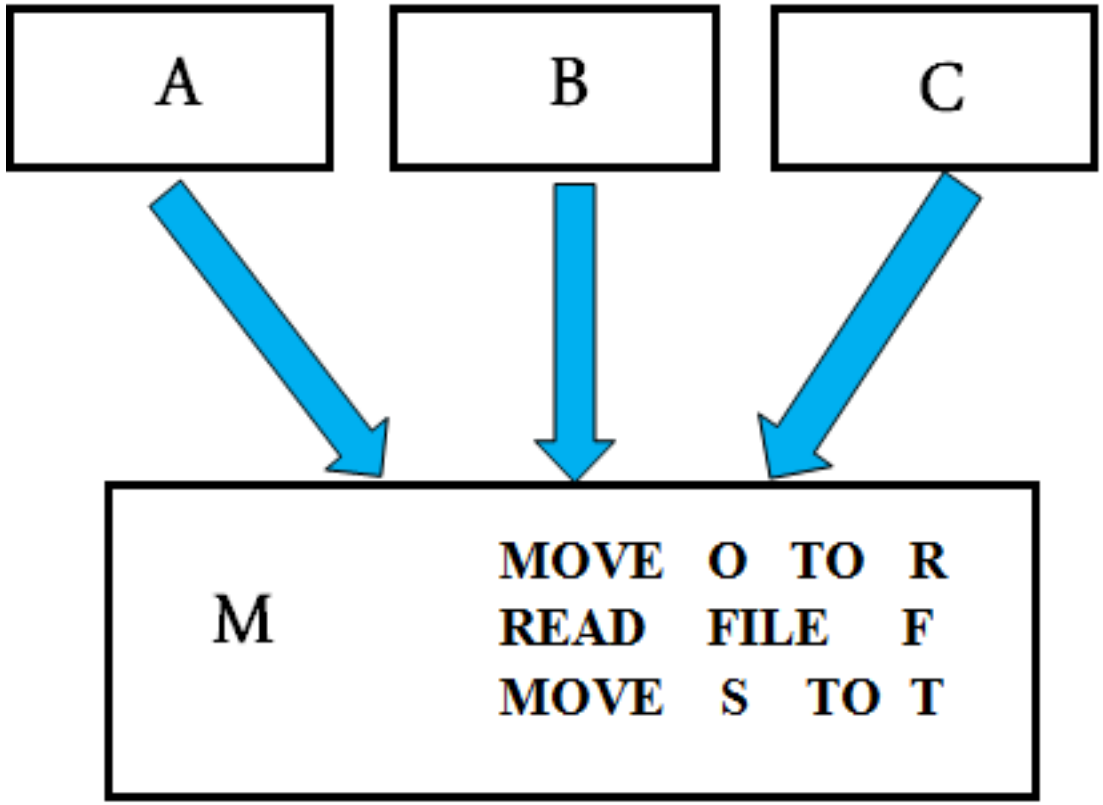
Cohesion

- **Degree of interaction within a module**
- **Seven categories or levels of cohesion**

7.	Informational cohesion	(Good)
6.	Functional cohesion	
5.	Communicational cohesion	
4.	Procedural cohesion	
3.	Temporal cohesion	
2.	Logical cohesion	
1.	Coincidental cohesion	(Bad)

1. Coincidental Cohesion

- **A module has coincidental cohesion if it performs multiple, completely unrelated actions.**

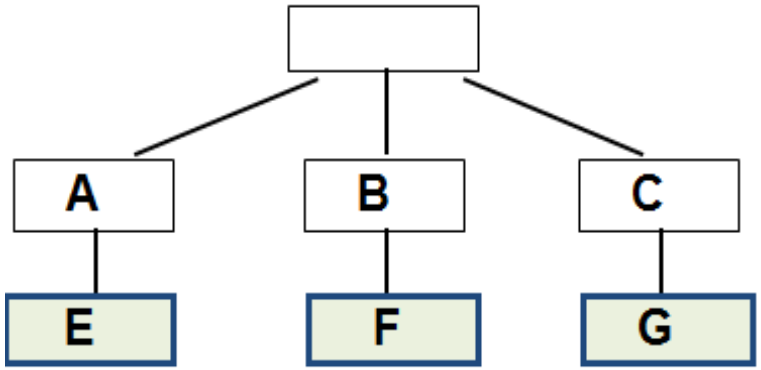


Why Is Coincidental Cohesion So Bad?

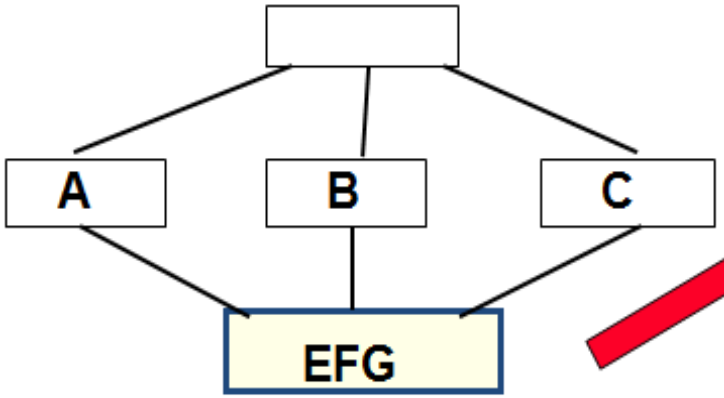
- Degrades maintainability
- Modules are not reusable
- This is easy to fix
  - Break into separate modules each performing one task

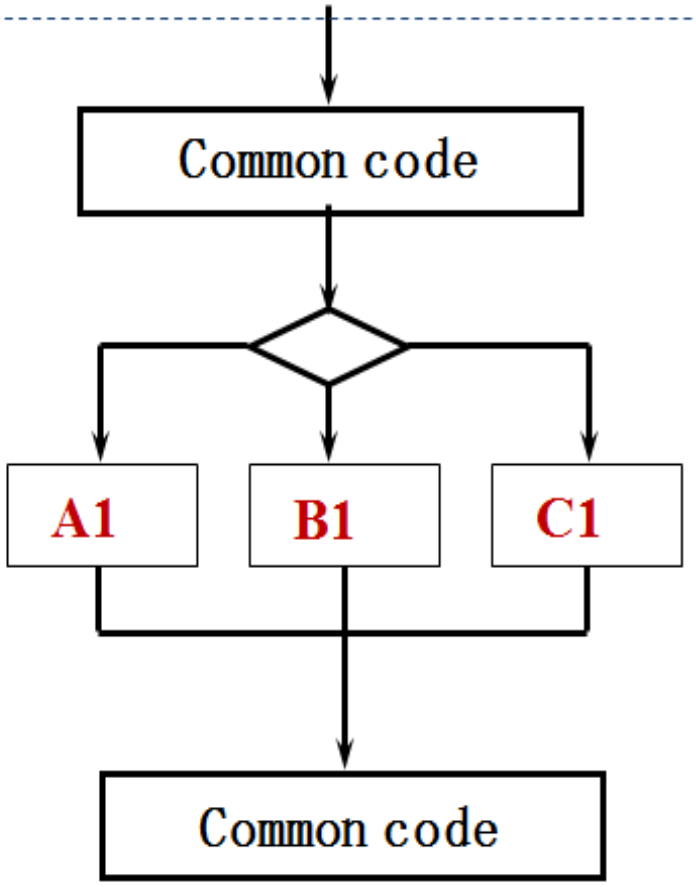
2. Logical Cohesion

- **A module has logical cohesion when it performs a series of related actions, one of which is selected by the calling module.**



E,F and G are logically similar, they are composed into a new module EFG





Module EFG

Why Is Logical Cohesion So Bad?

- The interface is difficult to understand.
- Difficult to modify
- Code for more than one action may be intertwined.
- Increase coupling
- Low efficiency

3. Temporal Cohesion

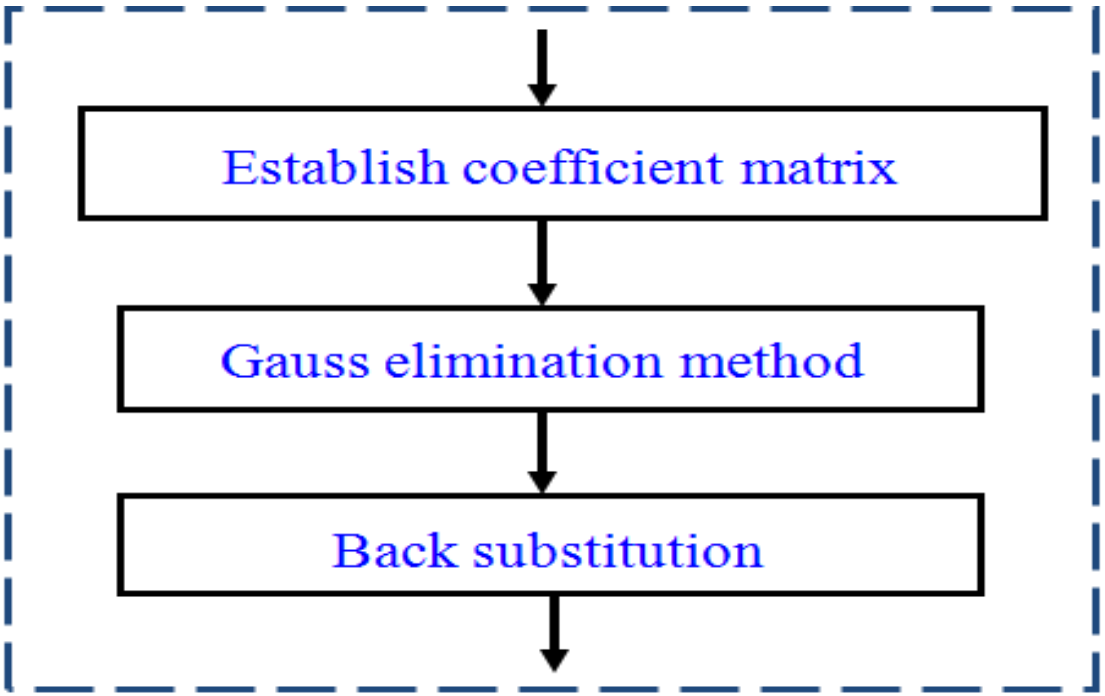
- A module has temporal cohesion when it performs a series of actions related in time
- The actions in the module must execute in the same time.
- Example:
  - Initialization module
  - Error handling module
  - System termination module

Why Is Temporal Cohesion So Bad?

- Actions of this module are weakly related to one another, but strongly related to actions in other modules.
- Not reusable

4. Procedural Cohesion

- A module has procedural cohesion if it performs a series of actions related by the procedure to be followed by the product.



Gauss elimination algorithm

Why Is Procedural Cohesion So Bad?

- Actions are still weakly connected, so module is not reusable.

5. Communicational Cohesion

- A module has communicational cohesion if it performs a series of actions related by the procedure to be followed by the product, but in addition all the actions operate on the same input or output data.

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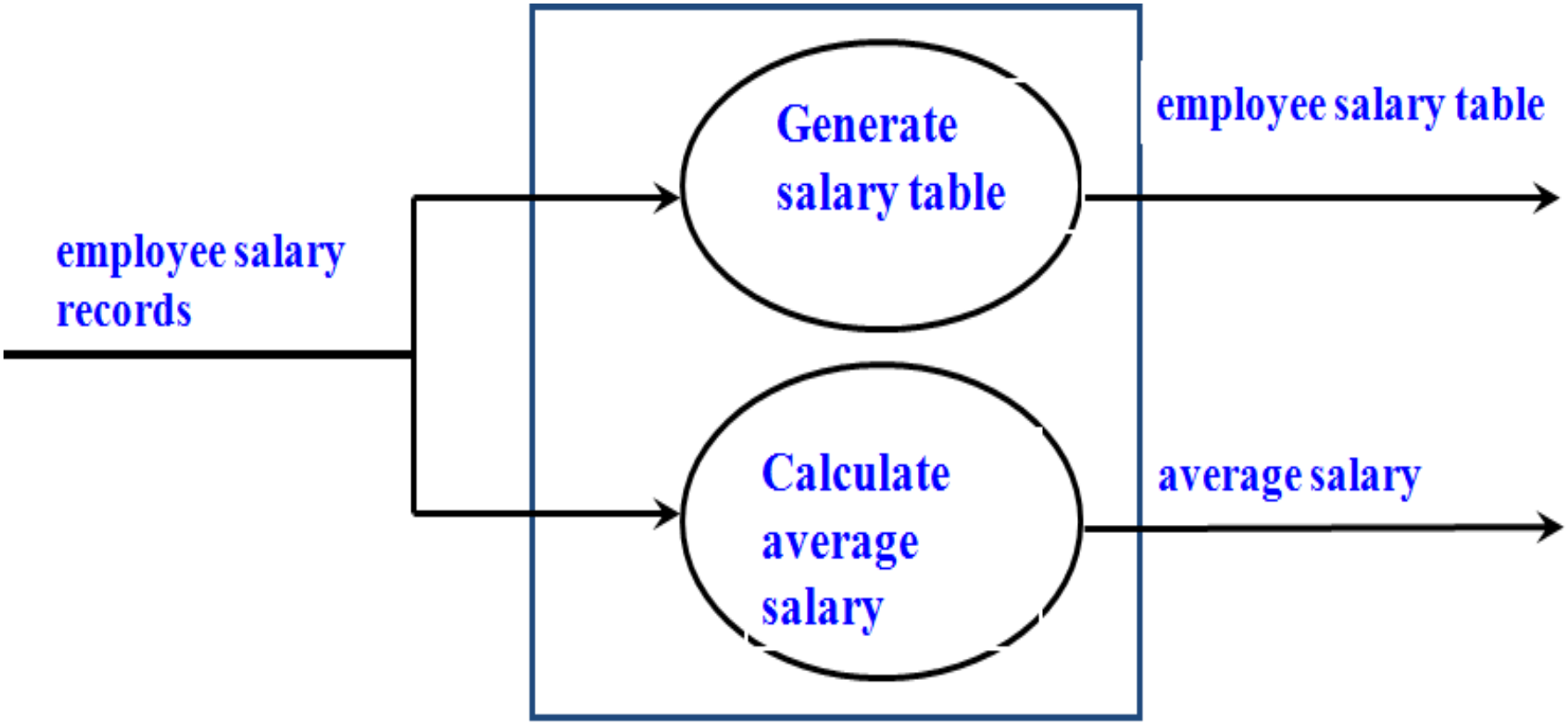

Why Is Communicational Cohesion So Bad?

- **Still lack of reusability**

6. Functional Cohesion

- **Module with functional cohesion performs exactly one action.**

Why is functional cohesion so good?

- More reusable
- Corrective maintenance easier
  - Fault isolation
  - Fewer regression faults
- Easier to extend product

7. Informational Cohesion

- A module has informational cohesion if it performs a number of actions, each with its own entry point, with independent code for each action, all performed on the same data structure.

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Why Is Informational Cohesion So Good?

- **Essentially, this is an abstract data type**