

# Testing Object-Oriented Programs

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## Plan of the Talk

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- Challenges in testing OO programs
- Test suite design using UML models
- Test design patterns
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## Introduction

- More than 50% of development effort is being spent on testing.
- Quality and effective reuse of software depend to a large extent:
  - on thorough testing.
- It was expected during initial years that OO would help substantially reduce testing effort as object-orientation incorporates several good programming features:
  - But, as we find it out today --- it only complicates testing.

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## Complicacy in testing

- Soon it was realized that satisfactory testing object oriented programs is much more difficult.
- Requires much more cost and effort in comparison to procedural programs.
  - as the various object-oriented features introduce additional complications and scope of new type of bugs.
- Additional test cases are needed to be designed to detect the bugs.

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## Today's Focus

- Most reported research on OO paradigms focus on:
  - Analysis and design.
- We discuss some important issues in testing object-oriented systems.

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## Fault Model

- Different types of faults in a program:
  - Infinite for practical purposes .
- A fault model:
  - A map of possible types of faults.
  - Necessary to guide any rational testing strategy.
- A fault model may be constructed from analysis of failure data.

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## Places To Look For Faults

- Some places (error types) can trivially be omitted from a fault model:
  - I Cannot make English grammar mistakes when I am writing a C program.
  - Cannot commit errors due to side effects (change global variables) while writing a Java program.
- A **test strategy**:
  - Yields a test suite when applied to a unit under test.

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## Challenges in OO Testing

- What is an appropriate unit for testing?
- Implications of OO features:
  - Encapsulation
  - Inheritance
  - Polymorphism & Dynamic Binding, etc.
- State-based testing
- Test coverage analysis
- Integration strategies
- Test process strategy

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## What is a Suitable Unit for Testing?

- What is the fundamental unit of testing conventional programs?
  - A function.
- However, as far as OO programs are concerned:
  - Methods are not the basic unit of testing.

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## Weyukar's Anticomposition axiom

- Any amount of testing of individual methods can not ensure that a class has been satisfactorily tested.

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## Weyukar's Anticomposition axiom

- The main justification for anticomposition axiom is that
  - a method operates in the scope of the data and other methods of its object.
- So, it is necessary to test a method in the context of these.
- As objects can have significant states, the behavior of a method can be different based on the **state** of corresponding object.

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## Basic unit of testing

- Therefore a method has to be tested with all other methods and data of the corr. object.
- Moreover, a method needs to be tested at all states that the object can assume.
- So, it is improper to consider a method as the basic unit of testing an OOP.
- An object is the basic unit of testing of object-oriented programs.
- In object oriented testing, unit testing is conducted by testing each object in isolation.

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# Suitable Unit for Testing OO Programs

- **Class level:**
  - Testing interactions between attributes and methods must be addressed.
  - State of the object must be considered.

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# Suitable Unit of Testing

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- **Cluster level:**
  - Tests the interactions among a group of cooperating classes.
- A sequence of interactions is typically required to implement a visible behavior (i.e. a use case).
- **System level:**
  - Tests an entire operational system.

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## Encapsulation

- Encapsulation is not a source of errors:
  - However, an obstacle to testing.
  - It prevents accessing attribute values by a debugger.
- While testing:
  - Precise current state information is necessary.

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## Solving Encapsulation-Related Problems

Several solutions are possible:

- Built-in or inherited state reporting methods.
- Low level probes to manually inspect object attributes.
- Proof-of-correctness technique (formal).

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## Solving Encapsulation-Related Problems

- Most feasible way: State reporting methods.
- Reliable verification of state reporting methods is a problem.

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## Inheritance

- Should inherited methods be retested?
  - Retesting of inherited methods is the rule, rather than an exception.
- Retesting required:
  - Because a new context of usage results when a subclass is derived.
- Correct behavior at an upper level:
  - Does not guarantee correct behavior at a lower level.

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## Inheritance --- Overriding

- In case of method overriding:
  - Need to retest the classes in the context of overriding.
  - An overridden method must be retested even when only minor syntactic changes are made.

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## Deep Inheritance Hierarchy

- A subclass at the bottom of a deep hierarchy:
  - may have only one or two lines of code,
  - but may inherit hundreds of features.
- This situation creates fault hazards:
  - similar to unrestricted access to global data in procedural programs.
- **Inheritance weakens encapsulation.**

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## Deep Inheritance Hierarchy cont...

- A deep and wide inheritance hierarchy can defy comprehension:
  - Lead to bugs and reduce testability.
  - Incorrect initialization and forgotten methods can result.
  - **Class flattening may increase understandability.**
- Multiple Inheritance:
  - increases number of contexts to test.

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## Abstract and Generic Classes

- Unique to OO programming:
  - Provide important support for reuse.
- Must be extended and instantiated to be tested.
- **May never be considered fully tested:**
  - Since need retesting when new subclasses are created.

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## Polymorphism

- Each possible binding of a polymorphic component requires separate testing:
  - Often difficult to find all bindings that may occur.
  - Increases the chances of bugs .
  - **An obstacle to reaching coverage goals.**

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## Polymorphism

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- Polymorphism complicates integration planning:
  - many server classes may need to be integrated before a client class can be tested.

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## Dynamic Binding

- Dynamic binding implies:
  - The code that implements a given function is unknown until run time.
  - Static analysis cannot be used to identify the precise dependencies in a program.
- It becomes difficult to identify all possible bindings and test them.

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## Object states

- Objects store data permanently and also they have significant states.
- The behavior of a object is usually different in different states.
- Hence the object has to be tested at all its possible states.

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## Object states

- All state transition functions also needs to be tested thoroughly.
- There should be no extra transitions or extra states other than those defined in the state model.

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## Why are traditional testing techniques considered unsatisfactory for testing OOPs?

- In procedural programs, procedures are the basic units where in OOPs objects are the basic units of testing.
- Statement coverage based testing is not meaningful for testing OOPs as the inherited methods have to be retested in the derived class.
- In fact, the different O-O features require different test cases to be designed compared to traditional testing.

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## Why are traditional testing techniques considered unsatisfactory for testing OOPs?

- These O-O features are explicit in design models, and it is usually difficult to extract from an analysis of the source code.
- Hence test cases are designed based on the design model.
- So, this approach is considered to be intermediate between white box and black box approach & is called **grey box** approach, which is important for testing OOPs.

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## Test Process Strategy

- Object-oriented development tends toward:
  - shorter incremental cycles.
- Development characterized as:
  - design a little, code a little, test a little.
- The distance between OO specification and implementation, therefore:
  - typically small compared to conventional systems.

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## Test Process Strategy

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- The gap between white-box/black-box test is diminished.
  - Therefore lower importance of code-based testing.
  - Model-based testing has assumed importance (also called grey box testing).
- Conventional white-box testing can be used for testing individual methods.

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## Testing Based on UML Models

- UML has become the *de facto* standard for OO modeling and design:
- Though UML is intended to produce rigorous models:
  - Does incorporate many flexibilities.
  - incomplete, inconsistent, and ambiguous models often result.
- Never the less:
  - UML models are an important source of information for test design.

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## Test Approaches for UML-Based Designs

- Two Approaches:
  - 1 Interpret the generic test strategy to develop the test suite.
  - 2 Apply the related test design pattern.

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## Development of test suite by interpreting the generic test strategy

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## Use Case-based Testing

- Use cases roughly capture system level requirements.
- A collection of use cases defines complete functionality of the system.
- Each use case (UC) consists of a mainline scenario (sequence) and several alternate scenarios (sequences).
- For each UC, the mainline & all alternate scenarios (sequences) are tested to check, if any errors show up.

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## Use Case-based Testing

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- Several general kinds of tests can be derived from use cases:
- **Scenario Coverage:**
  1. Test cases for basic courses-- "the expected flow of events" mainline sequence.
  2. Test cases of other courses-- "all other flows of events" alternate sequences.
- Also, test cases for the features described in user documentation, traceable to each use case, can be generated from use cases.

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## Use Case Diagram

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- Generic test requirements include:
  - At least one test case should exercise:
    - Every Use Case when actor communicates with Use Case.
    - Every **extension** combination such as Use Case 1 **extends** Use Case 2.
    - Every **uses** combination such as Use Case 1 **uses** Use Case 2.

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## Class Diagram-based Testing

- Class diagram documents the structure of a system. It represents the entities and their inter-relationships.
- **Testing derived classes:** All derived classes have to be instantiated & tested. In addition to the new methods defined in the derived class, the **inherited methods** must be retested.
- The test cases should also exercise:
  - Each association relation (**association testing**)
  - Independent creation & destruction of the objects (container & components) in an aggregation relation (**aggregation testing**).

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## Testing Relations Among Classes

- Relations among classes are:
  - Inheritance, Association, Composition, and Dependency.
- Each relationship has corresponding generic test requirements
  - For example, a generalization relation is:
    - not Reflexive(R) and not Symmetric(S) but is Transitive(T)

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## Testing Relations

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- For any relation, we can ask
  - which of the three (R, S, T) properties is required, excluded, or irrelevant.
- The answers leads to a simple but effective test suite.

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## Testing Relations

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- For example, when reflexivity is excluded,
  - Any  $x$  that would make  $xRx$  true should be rejected.
- **Example:** Student is member of Dept-Library and Dept-Library is a part of Dept.
  - The relation *is member of* is not R, not S but is T.

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## State model-based testing

- State charts can be used to represents state-based behavior of :
  - a class, subsystem, or system.
- Statechart model:
  - provides most of the information necessary for class-level state-based testing.

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## State model-based testing

- The concept of control flow of a conventional program :
  - Does not map readily to an OO program.
- In a state model:
  - We specify how the object's state would change under certain conditions.

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## State model-based testing

- Flow of control in OO programs:
  - Message passing from one object to another.
  - Causes the receiving object to perform some operation, can lead to an alteration of its state.
- **State Coverage:** Each method of an object is tested at each state of the object.

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## State model-based testing

- The state model defines the allowable transitions at each state.
- States can be constructed:
  - Using equivalence classes defined on the instance variables.
- Jacobson's OOSE advocates:
  - Design test cases to cover all state transitions.

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## State model-based testing

- **State transitions coverage:** It is tested whether all transitions depicted in the state model work satisfactorily.
- **State transition path coverage:** All transition paths in the state model are tested.

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## State model-based testing

- Test cases can be derived from the state machine model of a class:
  - Methods result in state transitions.
  - Test cases are designed to exercise each transition at a state.
- However, the transitions are tied to user-selectable activation sequences:
  - Use Cases

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## Difficulty with state model-based testing

- The locus of state control is distributed over an entire OO application.
  - Cooperative control makes it difficult to achieve system state and transition coverage.
- A global state model becomes too complex for practical systems.
  - Rarely constructed by developers.
  - A global state model is needed to show how classes interact.

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## Activity diagram-based testing

- Activity diagrams are based on:
  - flow charts, state transition diagrams, flow graphs and Petri nets.
- Can be considered to be a flow chart that can represent two or more threads of concurrent execution.
- Supports all features of a basic flow graph,
  - Can be used to develop test models for control flow based techniques.

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## Activity diagram-based testing

- Activity diagram can be used to construct:
  - Decision tables
  - Composite control flow graph representing a collection of sequence diagrams.
  - Control flow graph at method scope:
    - this may be useful to analyze path coverage.

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## Activity diagram-based testing

- Generic test requirements:
  - At least one test case should exercise each different path:
    - Action 1 is followed by Action 2
    - Synch Point is followed by Action
    - Action is started after Signal
    - Synch Point is reached after Action

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## Sequence diagram-based Testing

- A sequence diagram (SD) documents message exchanges in time dimension.
- Generic tests include:
  - **Message coverage:** At least one test case should exercise each message.
  - **Message path coverage:** All end-to-end message paths in the SD should be identified and exercised.

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## Difficulties with Sequence Diagram-based testing

- Representing complex control is difficult:
  - **For example:** notation for selection and iteration is clumsy.
  - It becomes difficult to determine whether all scenarios are covered.
- Dynamic binding and the consequent superclass/subclass behavior :
  - Cannot be represented directly.

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## Difficulties with Sequence Diagram-based testing cont...

- A Sequence diagram shows only a single collaboration.
- Different bindings are shown on separate sheets.

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## Collaboration diagram-based testing

- Collaboration diagram represents interactions among objects.
- A collaboration diagram specifies:
  - The implementation of a use case.
- May also depict the participants in design patterns.

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## Collaboration diagram-based testing

- Each collaboration diagram represents only one slice of the interaction.
- A composite collaboration diagram would be necessary:
  - To develop a complete test suite for an implementation.
- Generic tests include:
  - **Message coverage**: At least one test case should exercise each message.
  - Other coverage like **Condition Coverage**<sup>56</sup>

## Component diagram-based testing

- Component diagram shows the dependency relationships among:
  - components,
  - physical containment of components,
  - interfaces and calling components.
- The basic testing practice with respect to component diagrams:
  - All call paths should be identified and exercised.

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## Deployment diagram-based testing

- Deployment diagram represents the hardware, software, and network architecture.
  - Useful in integration planning.
- When a component runs on a node,
  - test cases should exercise whether a component can be loaded and run on each designated host node.
- When a node communicates with another node,
  - test cases should exercise open, transmit, and close communication for each remote component.

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## Test Coverage

- Test coverage analysis:
  - helps determine the "thoroughness" of testing achieved.
- Several coverage analysis criteria for traditional programs have been proposed:
  - What is a coverage criterion?
- Tests that are adequate w.r.t a criterion:
  - Cover all elements of the domain determined by that criterion.

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## Test Coverage Criterion cont...

- But, what are the elements that appropriately characterize an object-oriented program?
  - Certainly different from procedural programs.
  - For example: Statement coverage is not appropriate due to inheritance and polymorphism.
- Appropriate test coverage criteria are needed.

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## Test Coverage Criteria Based on UML Models

- Generalization criterion
- Class attribute criterion
- Condition coverage criterion
- Full predicate coverage criterion
- Each message on link criterion
- All message paths criterion
- Collection coverage criterion

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## Generalization (GN) Criterion

- Given a test set T and a system model SM, T must cause:
  - every specialization defined in a generalization relationship to be created.
- GN criterion fault model:
  - likely to reveal faults that can arise from violation of the substitutability principle.

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## Substitutability Principle

"An instance of a subclass can be used anywhere an instance of its superclass is expected."

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## Class Attribute Criterion

- Given a test set T, a system model SM, and a class C, T must cause
  - a set of representative attribute value combinations in each instance of class C must be created.
- The value space of attributes provides an opportunity to develop test criteria.
- The value space of an attribute are usually restricted by OCL constraints.
- **Example:** age attribute in Customer class can have a constraint `age > 18`

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## Condition Coverage Criterion

- Each message in a collaboration diagram occurs only under certain conditions.
- Given a test set T and collaboration diagram CD, T must cause:
  - Each condition in each decision to evaluate to both TRUE and FALSE.

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## Full Predicate Coverage Criterion

- Given a test set T and collaboration diagram CD, T must cause:
  - Each clause in every condition in CD to take the values of TRUE and FALSE.
- A condition may consist of more than one clause connected by Boolean operators (e.g., AND, OR).

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## Message On Each Link Criterion

- Given a test set T and collaboration diagram CD, T must cause:
  - Message on each link connecting two objects in CD to be exercised at least once.
- This criterion ensures:
  - All possible messages between two objects occur during tests.

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## All Message Paths Criterion

- Given a test set T and collaboration diagram CD, T must cause:
  - Each possible message path in CD to be taken at least once.
- A message path is a sequence of messages.
- All message paths is a stronger criterion than message on each link criterion.

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## Collection Coverage Criterion

- Given a test set T and collaboration diagram CD, T must test:
  - each interaction with a collection of objects of various representative sizes at least once.
- **Example:** An object *Staff* can be an aggregation of *Office staff*, *Faculty* and *Technical Staff*.

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## Development of test suite by applying test design patterns

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## Test Design Pattern

- A design pattern is a generalized (reusable) solution to a recurring problem.
- It is based on common sense and some good practices.
- It provides a concise description of:
  - common elements,
  - context, and
  - essential requirements for a solution.
- Test design patterns are to testing what software design patterns are to programming.

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## Test Design Pattern

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Patterns developed under different scope of testing:

| Scope               | Example Pattern           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Method scope        | Polymorphic Message Test  |
| Class Scope         | Modal Class Test          |
| Reusable Components | Abstract Class Test       |
| Subsystem           | Round-trip Scenario Test  |
| Integration         | Collaboration Integration |
| Application Scope   | Extended Use Case Pattern |
| Regression Test     | Retest Within Firewall    |

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## Extended Use Case (EUC) Test Pattern

- Difficulties with use case :
  - No variable definitions required
  - No business rules required
  - No input/output constraints
  - Narrative can be ambiguous
- In a test-ready model we need to
  - Define all input/output relationships
  - Define all operational variables

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## EUC Intent

- Model the input output relationships in a use case using a decision table.
- It then becomes possible to develop test cases:
  - by considering specific inputs for a use case and corresponding expected results.

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## EUC Context

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- Unless test points are systematically selected based on a use case's implicit constraints and relationships:
  - all fundamental relationships would not be exercised.
- **Example:** A Use Case "Pay-Fees" can be a generalization of "Pay-by-Credit-Card" and "Pay-by-Cash" Use Cases

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## EUC Fault Model

- What kind of bugs can EUCs help detect?
  - Domain bugs.
  - Logic bugs.
- **Example:** Customer registers with a Supermarket:
  - Domain error: Incorrect Pin code
  - Logic Error: Sales registered against an invalid customer code.

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## EUC Fault Model

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- Generic system-scope faults:
  - Incorrect output.
  - Abnormal termination.
  - Inadequate response time.
  - Omitted capability.
  - Extra capability.

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## EUC Test Model

- An Extended Use Case consists of the following:
  - A complete inventory of **operational variables**.
  - A complete specification of domain constraints for each operational variable.
  - An operational relation for each use case
  - The relative frequency of each use case (optional).

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## EUC Test Procedure

- A test suite is developed in 4 Steps
  - 1. Identify the Operational Variables.
  - 2. Define the domains of the operational variables.
  - 3. Develop the Operational Relations.
  - 4. Develop Test cases.

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## 2. Define the Domains of the Operational Variables

- The domains are developed by defining:
  - The valid and invalid values for each variable.

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## 4. Develop Test Cases

- Every variant is made true once and false once.
- Oracle:
  - Expected results are typically developed by inspection.

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## 1. Identify Operational Variables

- Operational variables:
  - Factors which vary from one scenario to the next.
  - Determine different system responses.
- Operational variables include:
  - Explicit inputs and outputs.
  - Environmental conditions which result in significantly different behavior.
  - Abstractions of the state of the system.

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## 3. Develop the Operational Relation

- Operational variables:
  - May determine distinct classes of system responses.
- Express them in the form of a decision table:
  - When all the conditions in a row are true, the expected action is to be produced.

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## EUC Test Example

| Use Case           | Actor                         | Possible Input/Output Combinations  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Establish Session  | Bank Customer                 | (1) Wrong PIN entered once, corrected PIN entered. Display menu.<br>(2) PIN ok, customer's bank not online. Display "Try later."<br>(3) PIN ok, customer's accounts are closed. Display "Call your bank."<br>(4) Stolen card inserted, valid PIN entered. Eject card. |
| Cash Withdrawal    | Bank Customer                 | (1) Requests \$50, account open, balance 1,234.56, \$50 dispensed.<br>(2) Requests \$100, account closed.<br>(3) Requests \$156.39, account open, \$150 dispensed.  |
| Cash Replenishment | ATM Operator with Armed Guard | (1) ATM opened, Cash dispenser is empty, \$15,000 is added.<br>(2) ATM opened, Cash dispenser is full.  |

Some Use Cases and Scenarios for an Automatic Teller Machine

| Variant | Operational Variables |                  |                           |                         | Expected Result      |             |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
|         | Card PIN              | Entered PIN      | Customer Bank Response    | Customer Account Status | Message              | Card Action |
| 1       | Invalid               | DC               | DC                        | DC                      | Insert an ATM card   | Eject       |
| 2       | Valid                 | Matches Card PIN | Bank Acknowledges         | Closed                  | Contact your bank    | Eject       |
| 3       | Valid                 | Matches Card PIN | Bank Acknowledges         | Open                    | Select a transaction | None        |
| 4       | Valid                 | Matches Card PIN | Bank Does Not Acknowledge | DC                      | Please try later     | Eject       |
| 5       | Valid                 | Doesn't Match    | DC                        | DC                      | Reenter PIN          | None        |
| 6       | Revoked               | DC               | Bank Acknowledges         | DC                      | Card invalid         | Retain      |
| 7       | Revoked               | DC               | Bank Does Not Acknowledge | DC                      | Card invalid         | Eject       |

ATM Operational Relation for the Establish Session Use Case

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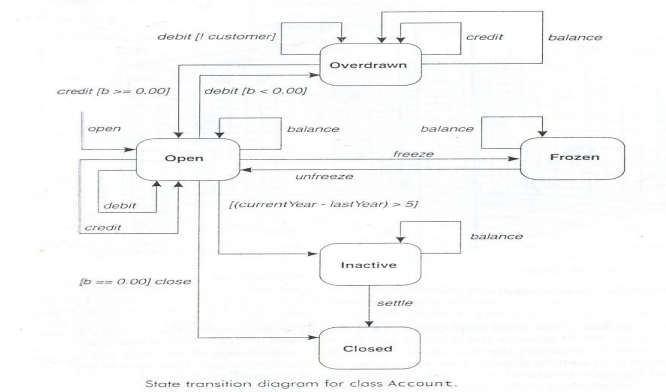


## Modal Class Test (MCT) Pattern

- Some classes can accept any message in any state:
  - But others restrict based on past messages received or current values (domain).
- A modal class is a special class :
  - Places domain constraint as well as sequence constraint while accepting messages.
- Domain Constraint:** An object of class Account will not accept a withdrawal message if the balance is less than 0.
- Sequence Constraint:** In the frozen state, an Account object can accept a credit or debit message only after an unfreeze message.

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## Modal Class Test (MCT) cont...



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## MCT Fault Model

- A class may fail to implement its state model in five ways:
  - Missing transition:** A valid message is rejected in a valid state.
  - Incorrect action:** A wrong response for an accepting state and valid message.
  - Invalid resultant state:** A message results in transition to a wrong state.
  - Invalid state:** An invalid state is produced.
  - Sneak path:** A sneak path allows a wrong message to be accepted.

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## MCT Test Strategy

- The behavior of a class is represented using a state model.
- Generate the transition tree.
- Perform conditional transition test.
- Tabulate events and actions along each path to form test cases.
- Perform illegal transitions and sneak path test.

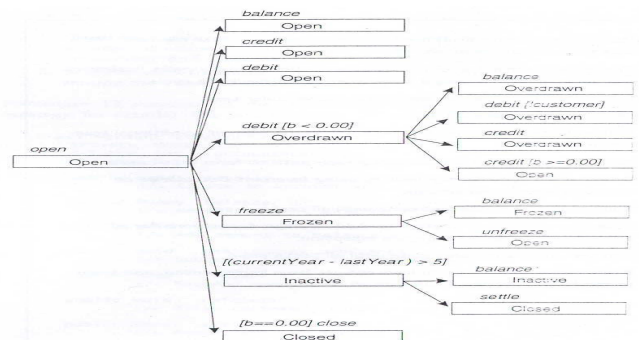
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## MCT Transition Tree

- For each transition out of the root state ,
  - A branch is drawn to a node that represents the resultant state.
  - This step is repeated for each resultant state node.
- A node is marked *terminal* :
  - if no transition to a new state (yet to be drawn) exists.
- Each branch in the tree (an event path) becomes a test case.

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## MCT Transition Tree Testing: Example



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## MCT Conditional Transition Test

- Each conditional transition:
  - Analyzed to identify additional test cases.
- For each conditional transition :
  - Develop a truth table for the variables in the condition.
- Develop an additional test case:
  - For each entry in the truth table that is not already exercised.

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## MCT Sneak Path Test

- **Sneak Path is a bug that allows an illegal message to be accepted,**
  - Resulting in an illegal transition.
- Illegal Transition is present:
  - When a valid state of CUT accepts a message not specified for that state.
- Illegal Message:
  - Results in an illegal transition.

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## MCT Sneak Path

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- To test sneak paths send illegal messages:
  - **Example:** In the *overdrawn* state, messages: *open, freeze, close* etc can lead to possible sneak paths.
- To confirm that no sneak paths exist:
  - Attempt each type of illegal message.
- The expected response:
  - The message should be rejected.
  - Also, the state of the object should be unchanged after rejecting the illegal message.

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## Collaboration Integration Pattern(CIP)

- CIP chooses the order of integration:
  - according to collaborations and dependencies.
- **Classes to be integrated are tested by testing one collaboration at a time.**
- A system consists of many collaborations.
  - Their sequence is determined by dependencies and sequential activation constraints.
- Integration by collaboration:
  - Exercises interfaces between the participants of a collaboration.

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## CIP Test Procedure

- 1. Develop a dependency tree for the SUT.
- 2. Map collaborations onto tree until all components and interfaces are covered.
- 3. Choose a sequence in which to apply the collaborations.
- 4. Several heuristics are available for choosing a sequence.

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## CIP Test Procedure cont..

Example Heuristics:

1. Begin with the simplest and finish with the most complex.
2. Begin with the collaboration that requires the fewest stubs .
3. Test in order of risk of disruption of system testing.

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# CIP Test Procedure

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4. Develop test suite for each collaboration
5. Run the test suite and debug until first collaboration passes
6. Continue until all collaborations have been exercised

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# Integration Strategies

- Essentially two approaches exist
  - Thread-based
  - Use-based

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## Thread-based integration Strategies

- A thread consists of:
  - All the classes needed to respond to a single external input.
- Each class is unit tested,
  - then each thread is exercised.

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## Use Case-based Integration Strategies

- Use case-based integration:
  - Begins by testing classes that use services of none (or a few) of other classes.
  - Next, classes that use the first group of classes are tested.
  - Followed by classes that use the second group, and so on.

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## Research Challenge 1: Testing Based on Precode Artifacts

- Precode artifacts:
  - Design,
  - Requirements,
  - Architecture specifications.
- Software architecture involves description of elements from which systems are built,
  - Interactions among those elements,
  - Patterns that guide their composition,
  - Constraints on these patterns.

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## Research Challenge 2: Testing Evolving Software

- Regression testing is used to test software that undergoes evolution due to:
  - Technology changes,
  - New or modified components.
- Regression testing remains one of the most expensive activities performed during a software lifecycle.

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## Research Challenge 3: Measuring Effectiveness Of Testing Techniques

- Quantitative values of effectiveness of a test-set design in revealing faults:
  - Analytical, statistical, or empirical.
- We also need to understand the classes of faults for which the different criteria are useful.

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## Research Challenge 4: Test Data Generation

- Generating test data (inputs for test cases) is often a labour-intensive process.
- To date, available techniques generating test data automatically work for toy systems:
  - Do not scale to large systems.
- Also, it should be possible to automatically execute test cases:
  - The test output should also be automatically analyzed.

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## Research Challenges 5: Methods and Tools

- Along with fundamental research and empirical methods for testing:
  - tool development is also needed.
- An important requirement:
  - Methods and tools be scalable to large systems.
  - Many of the tools and methods developed so far work only on toy systems.

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## Summary

- Discussed introduction to O-O S/W testing
- Challenges in testing OO programs
- Test suite design using UML models
- Test design patterns
- Current research challenges

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