

# Black-box testing

- Test suite designed without looking at code
  - Can be done by someone other than implementer
  - Will avoid inherent biases of implementer, exposing potential bugs more easily
  - Testing designed without knowledge of implementation, thus can be reused even if implementation changed

# Paths through a specification

```
def sqrt(x, eps):
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```
    """Assumes x, eps floats
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```
         $x \geq 0$ 
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```
         $\text{eps} > 0$ 
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```
    returns res such that
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```
         $x - \text{eps} \leq \text{res} * \text{res} \leq x + \text{eps}$ """
```

- Paths through specification:
  - $x = 0$
  - $x > 0$
- But clearly not enough

# Paths through a specification

- Also good to consider boundary cases
  - For lists: empty list, singleton list, many element list
  - For numbers, very small, very large, “typical”

# Example

- For our sqrt case, try these:
  - First four are typical
    - Perfect square
    - Irrational square root
    - Example less than 1
  - Last five test extremes
    - If bug, might be code, or might be spec (e.g. don't try to find root if eps tiny)

x	eps
0.0	0.0001
25.0	0.0001
.05	0.0001
2.0	0.0001
2.0	$1.0/2.0^{**64.0}$
$1.0/2.0^{**64.0}$	$1.0/2.0^{**64.0}$
$2.0^{**64.0}$	$1.0/2.0^{**64.0}$
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