

# Fine-Tuning Spectrum Based Fault Localisation with Sequence Mining

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# Overview



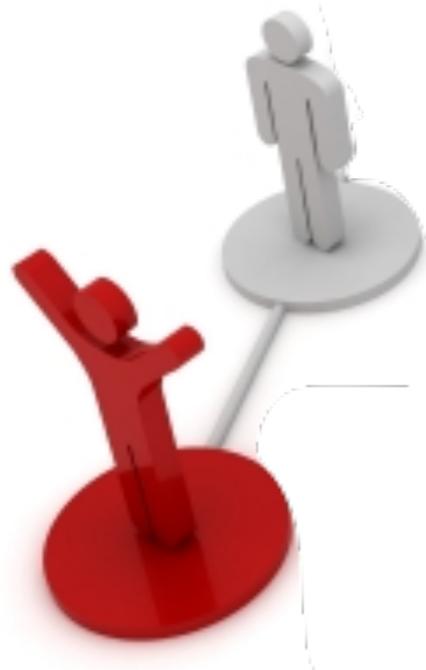
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Fault Localisation an important step in debugging process

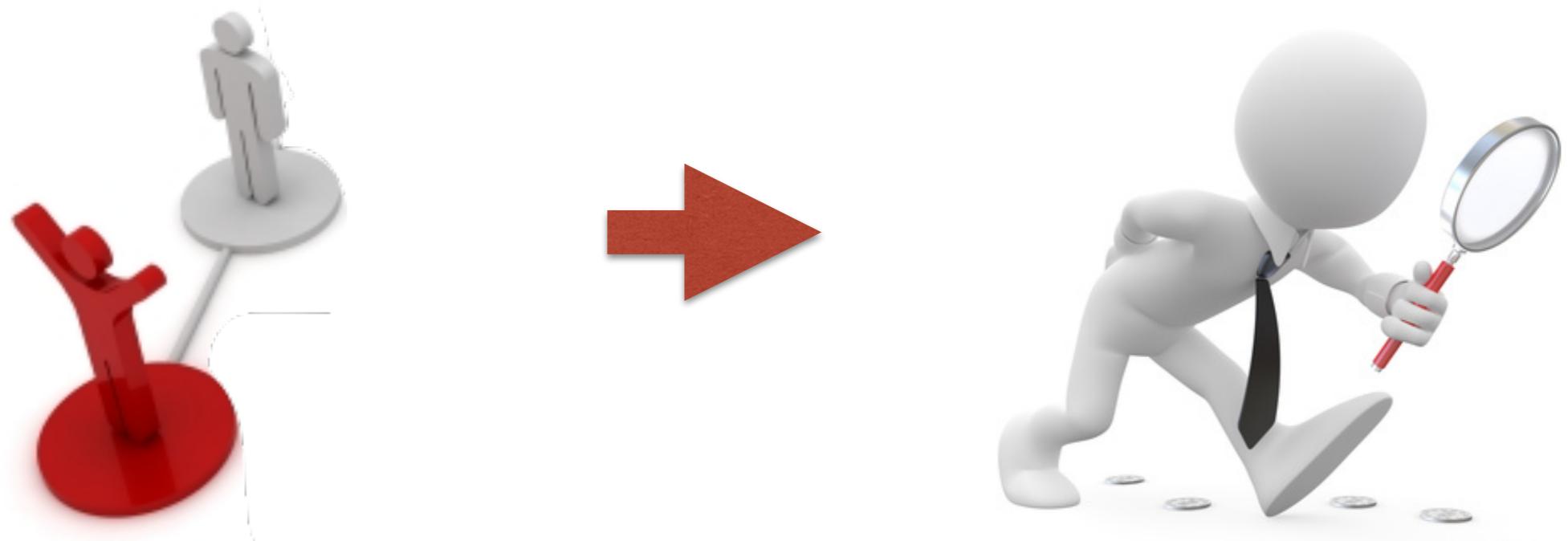
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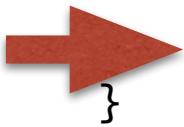
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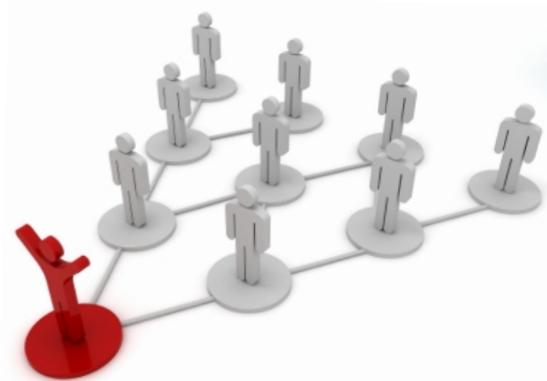
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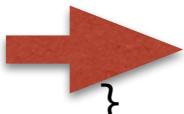
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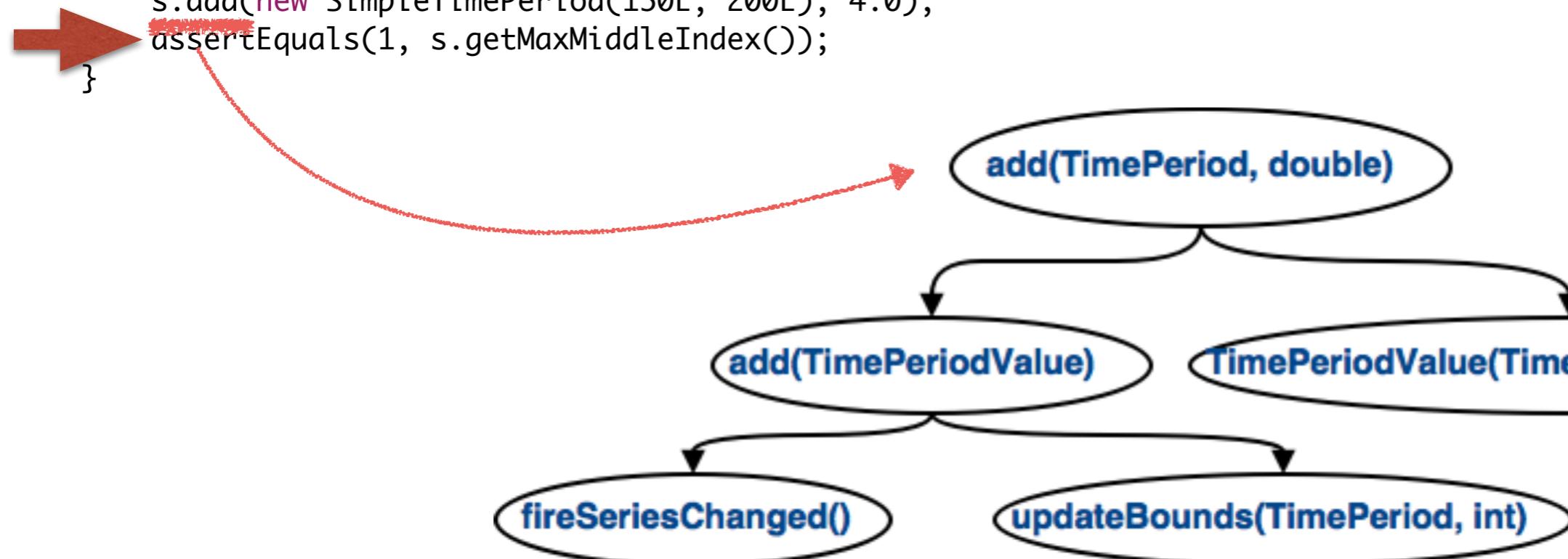


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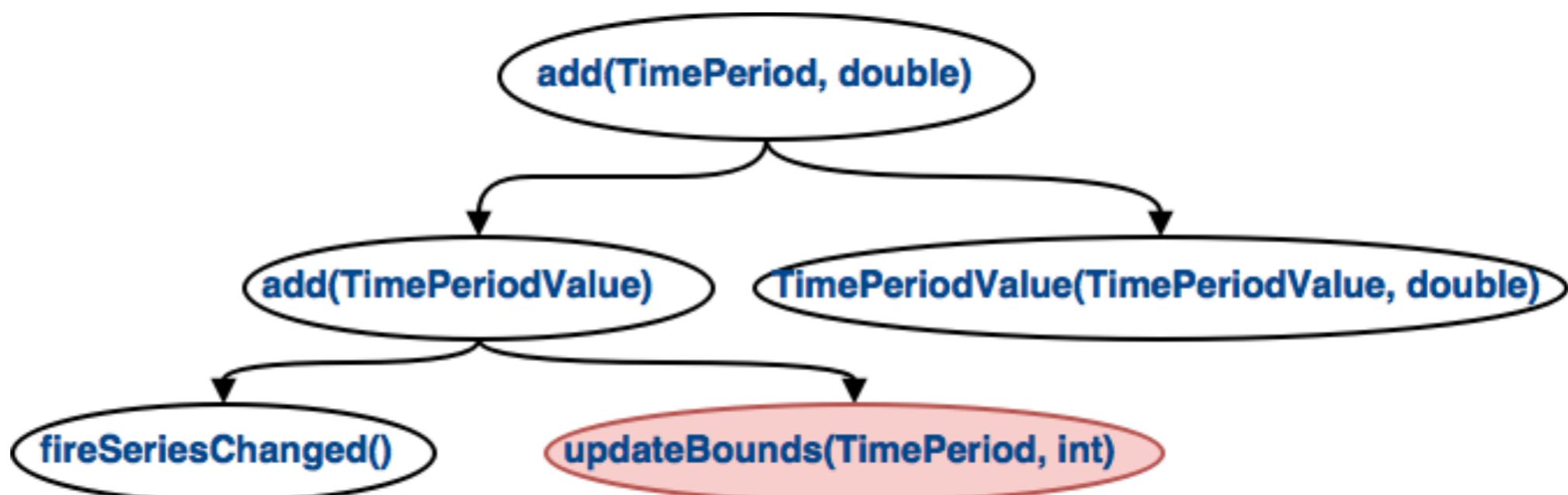


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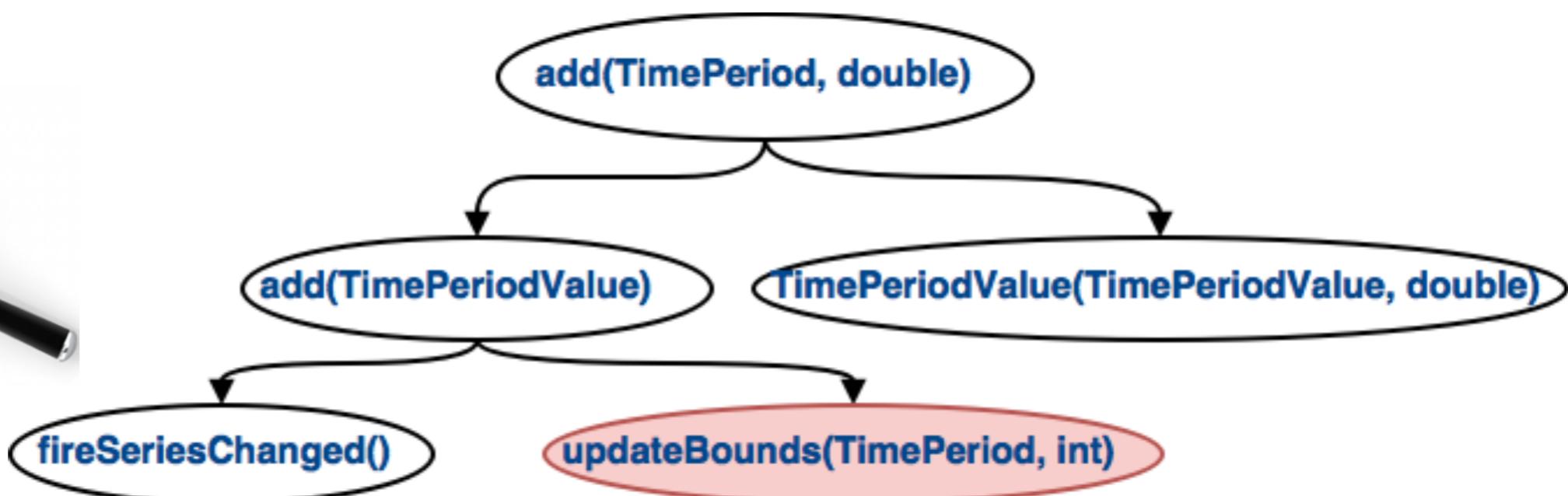
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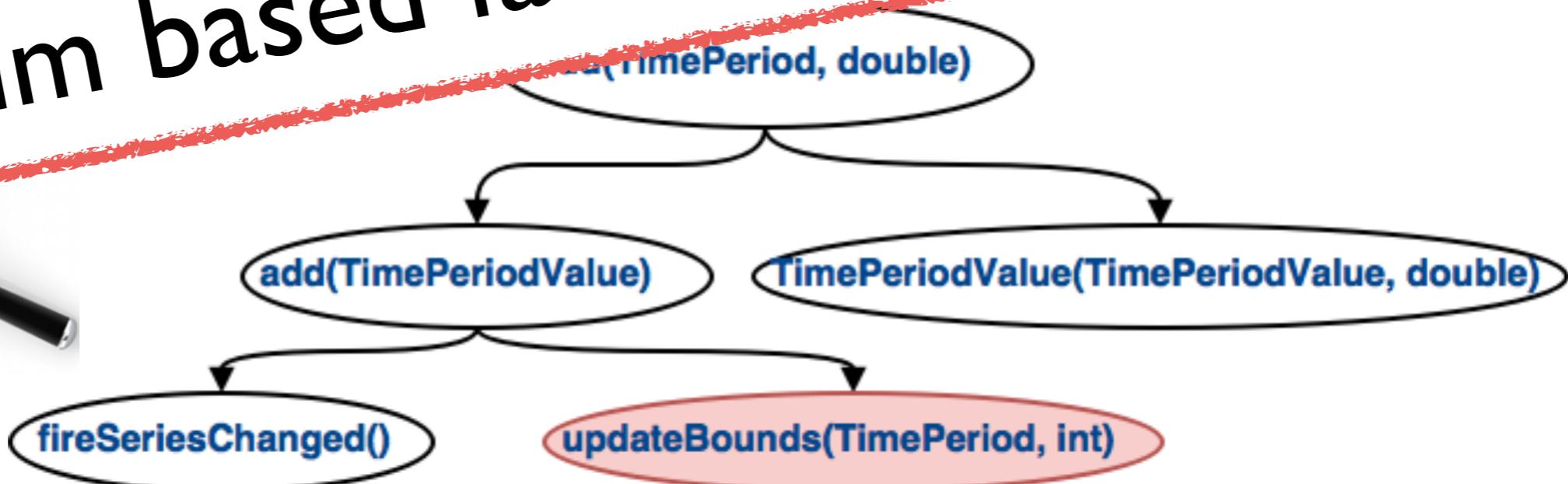


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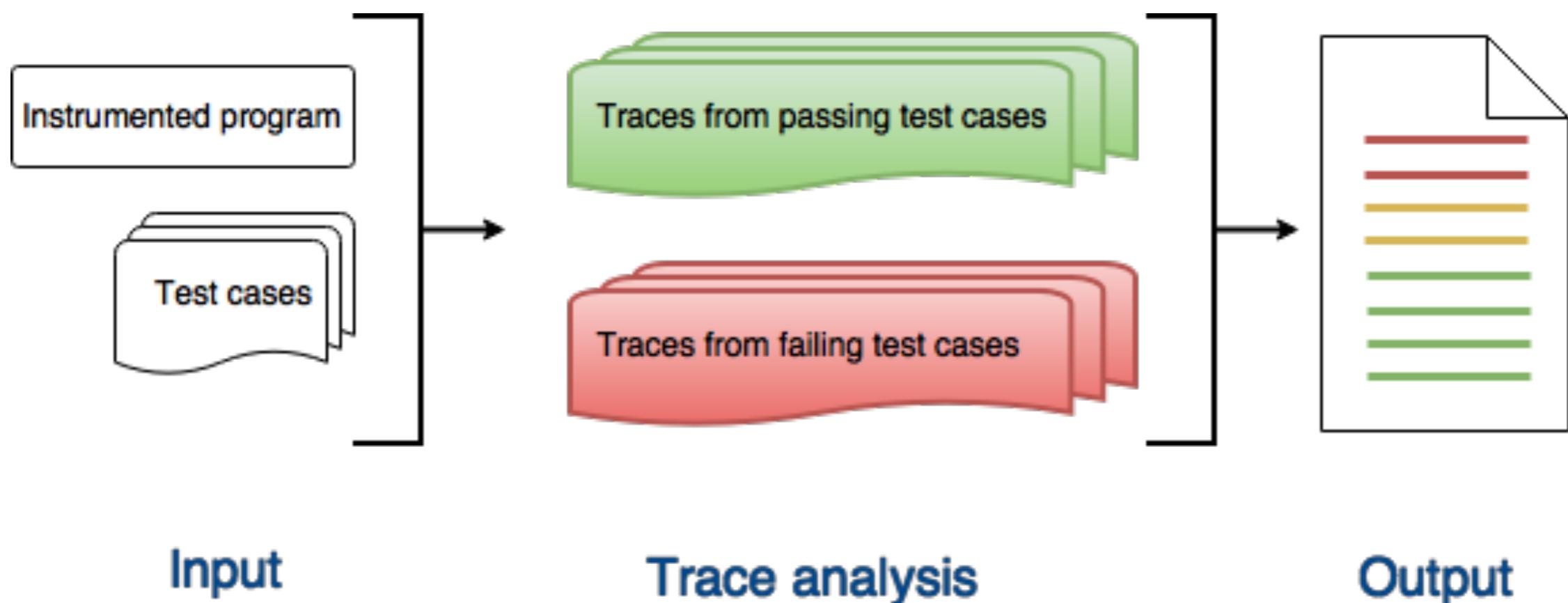
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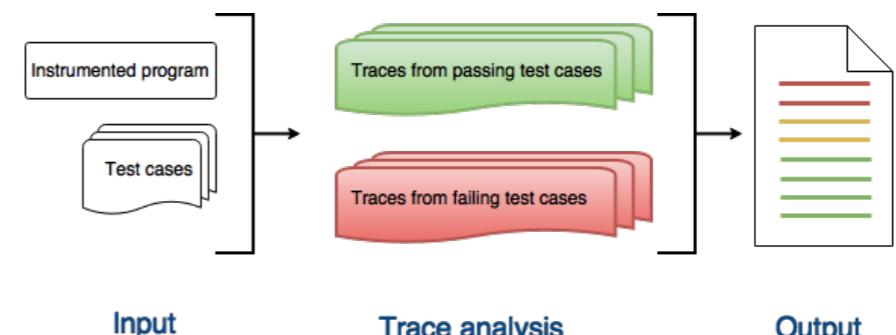
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Input

Trace analysis

Output



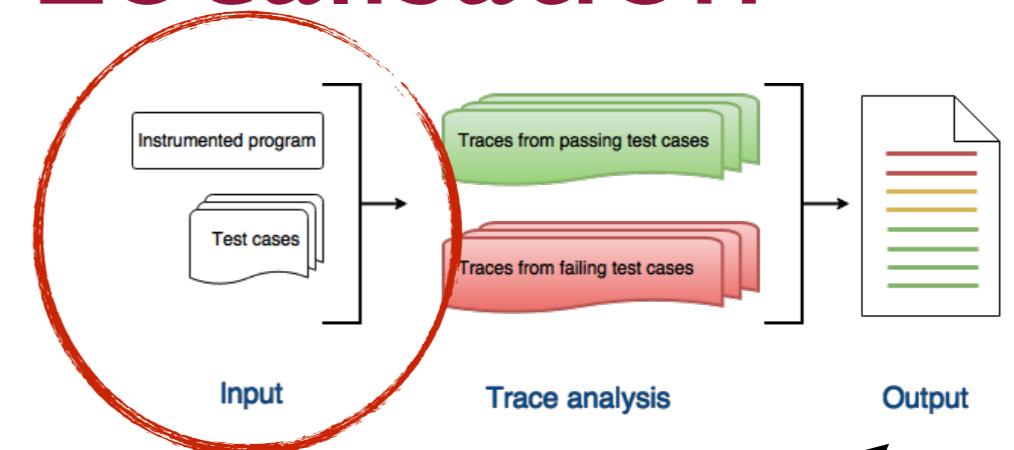
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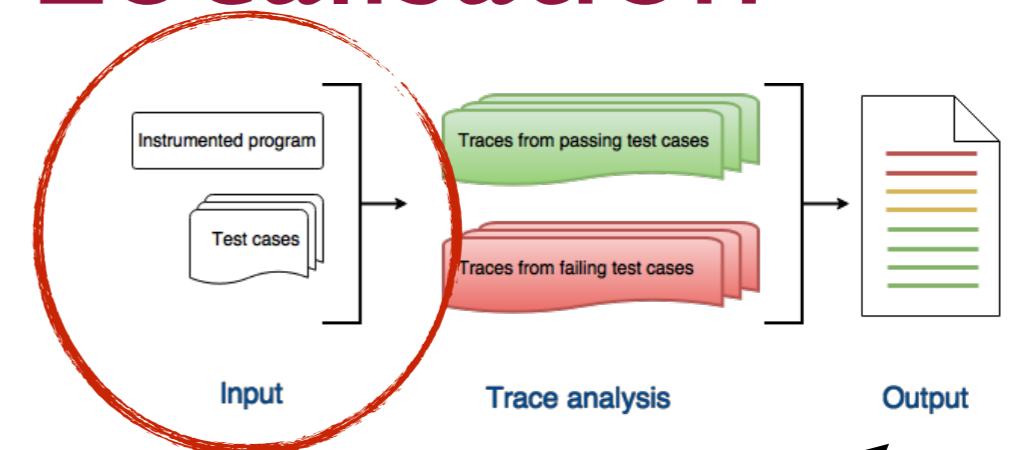
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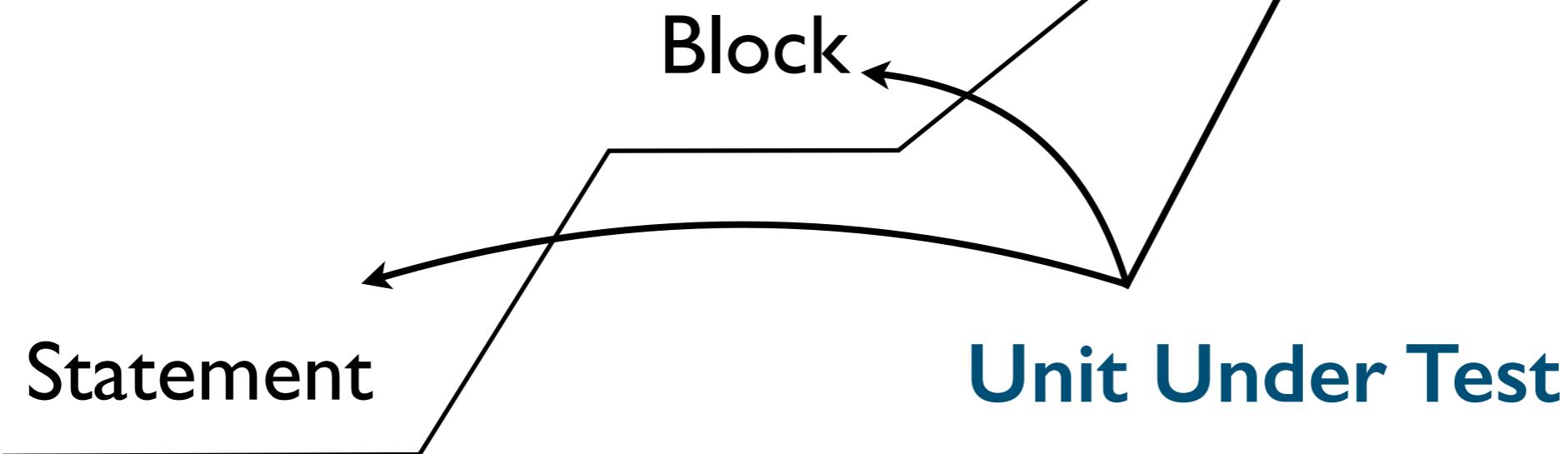


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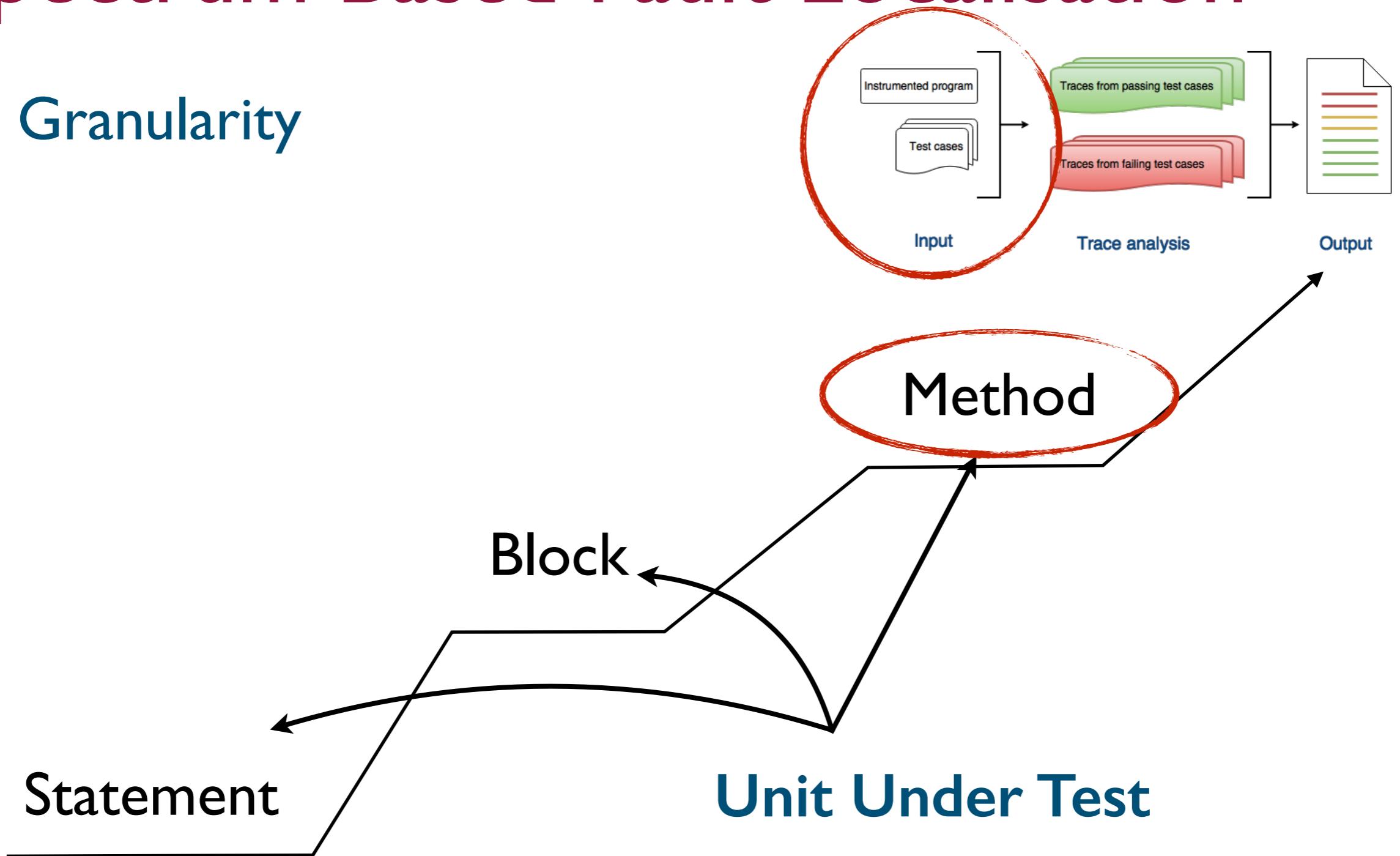


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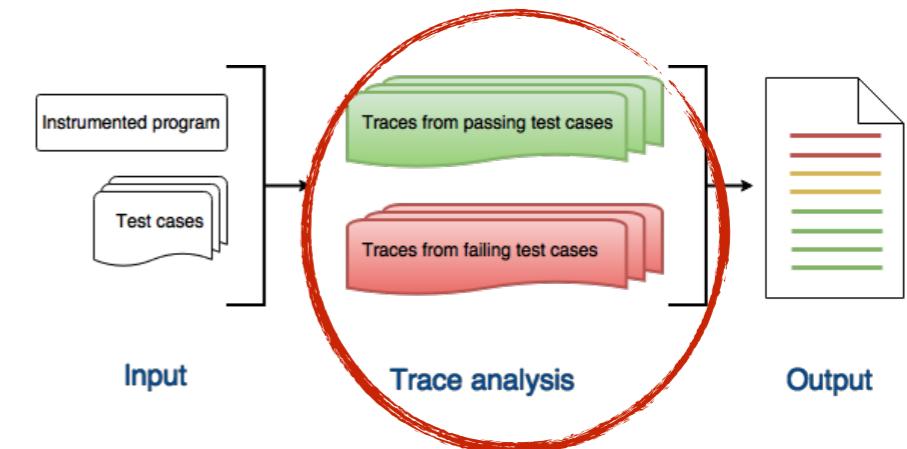
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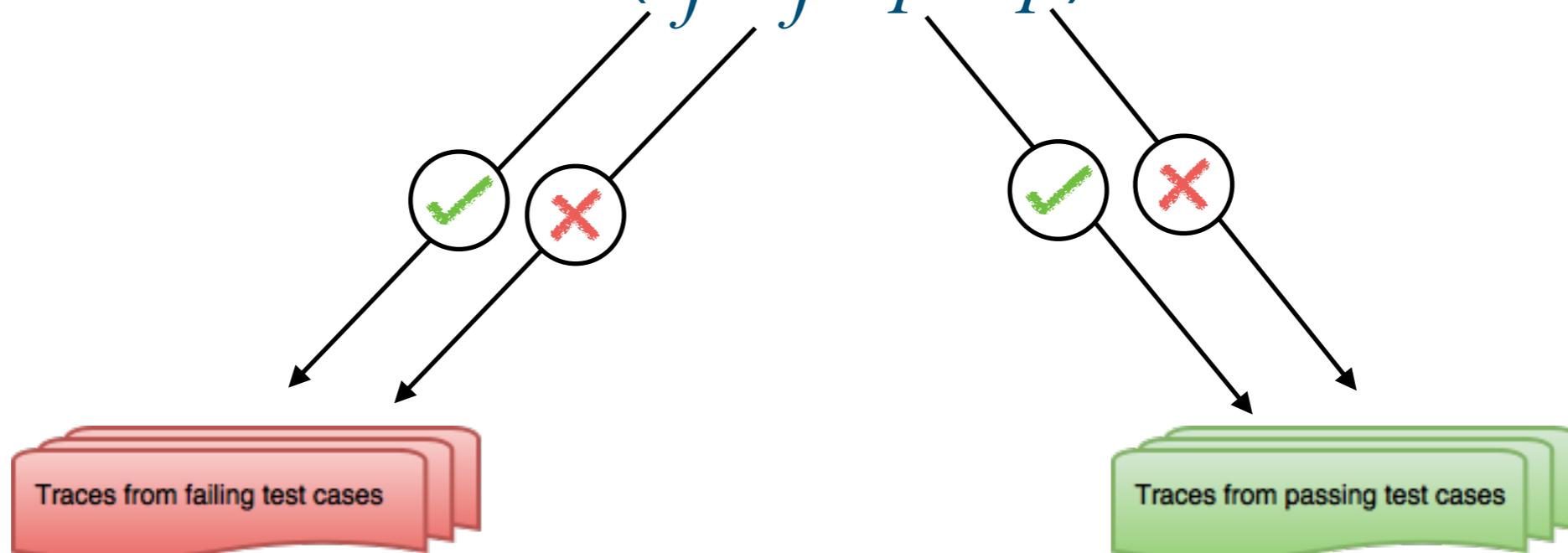


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## Hit Spectrum



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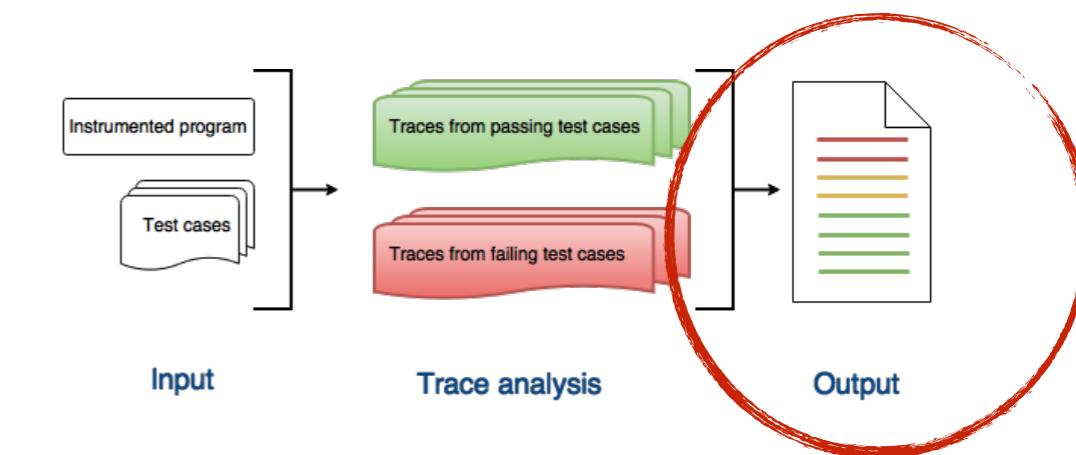


Number of traces that contain UUT

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Fault Locator



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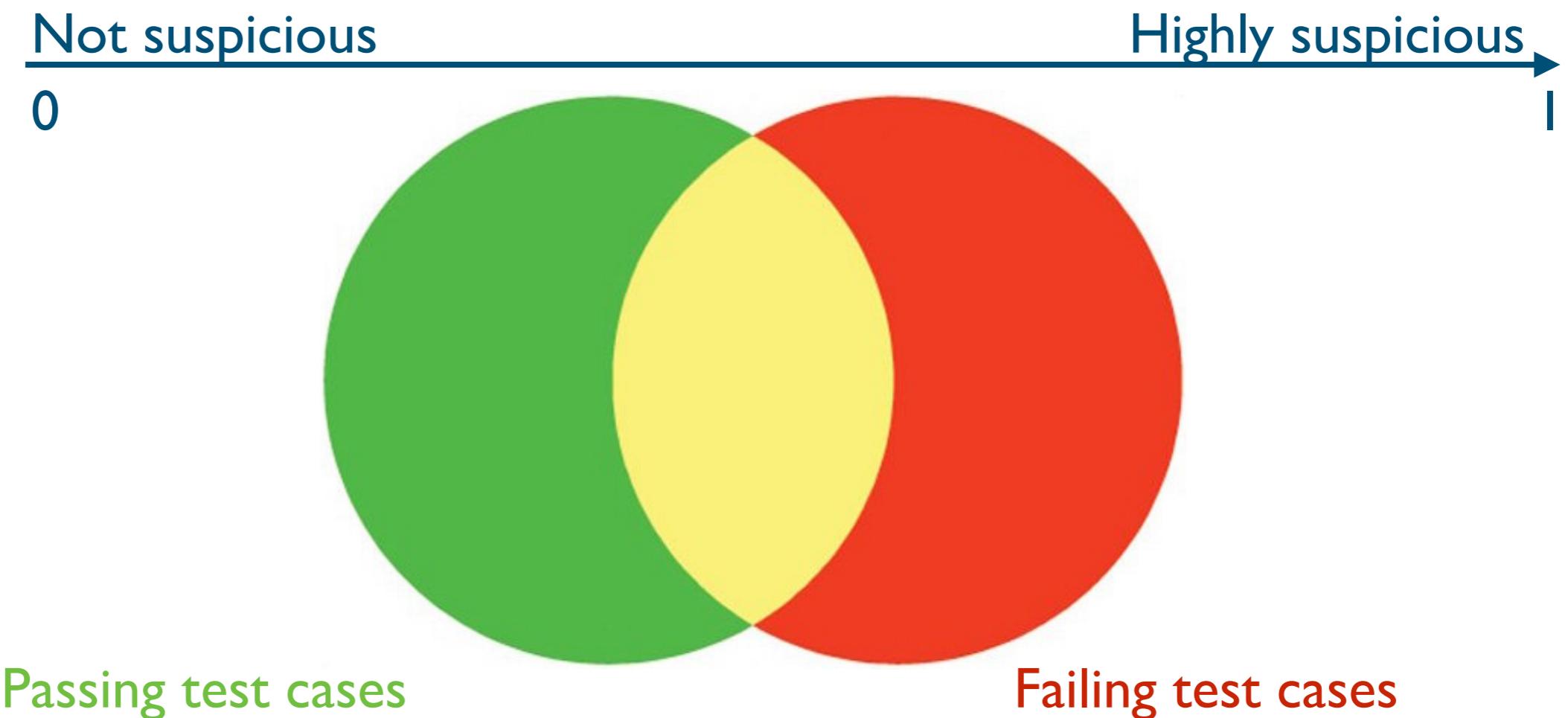
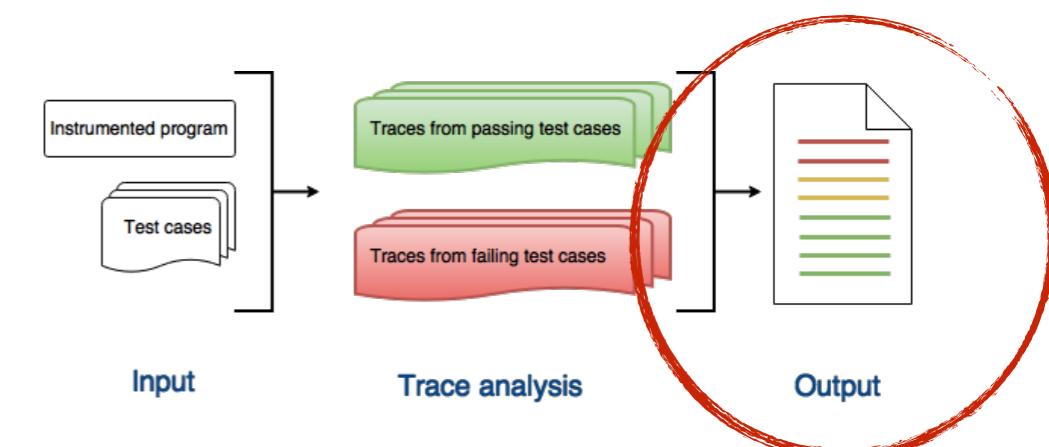
$UUT = \text{Suspiciousness}$

$$suspiciousness = \frac{e_f}{\sqrt{(e_f + n_f)(e_f + e_p)}}$$

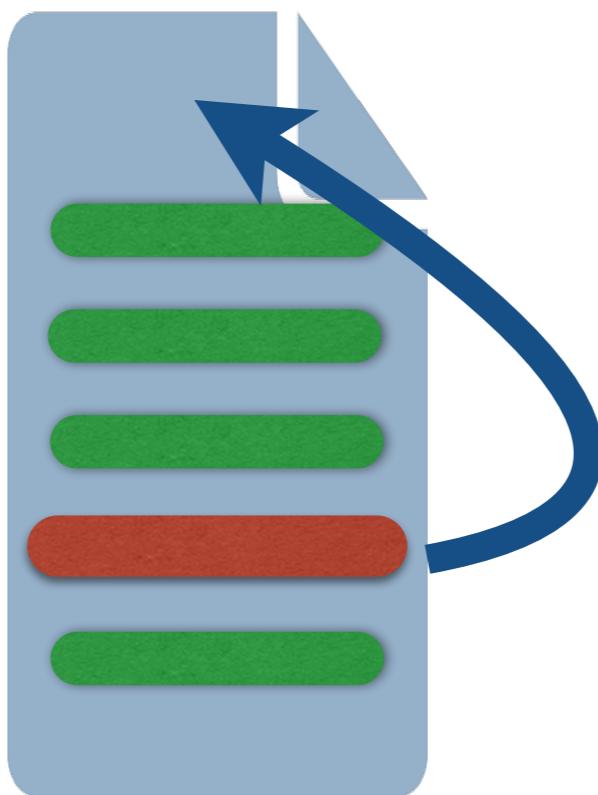
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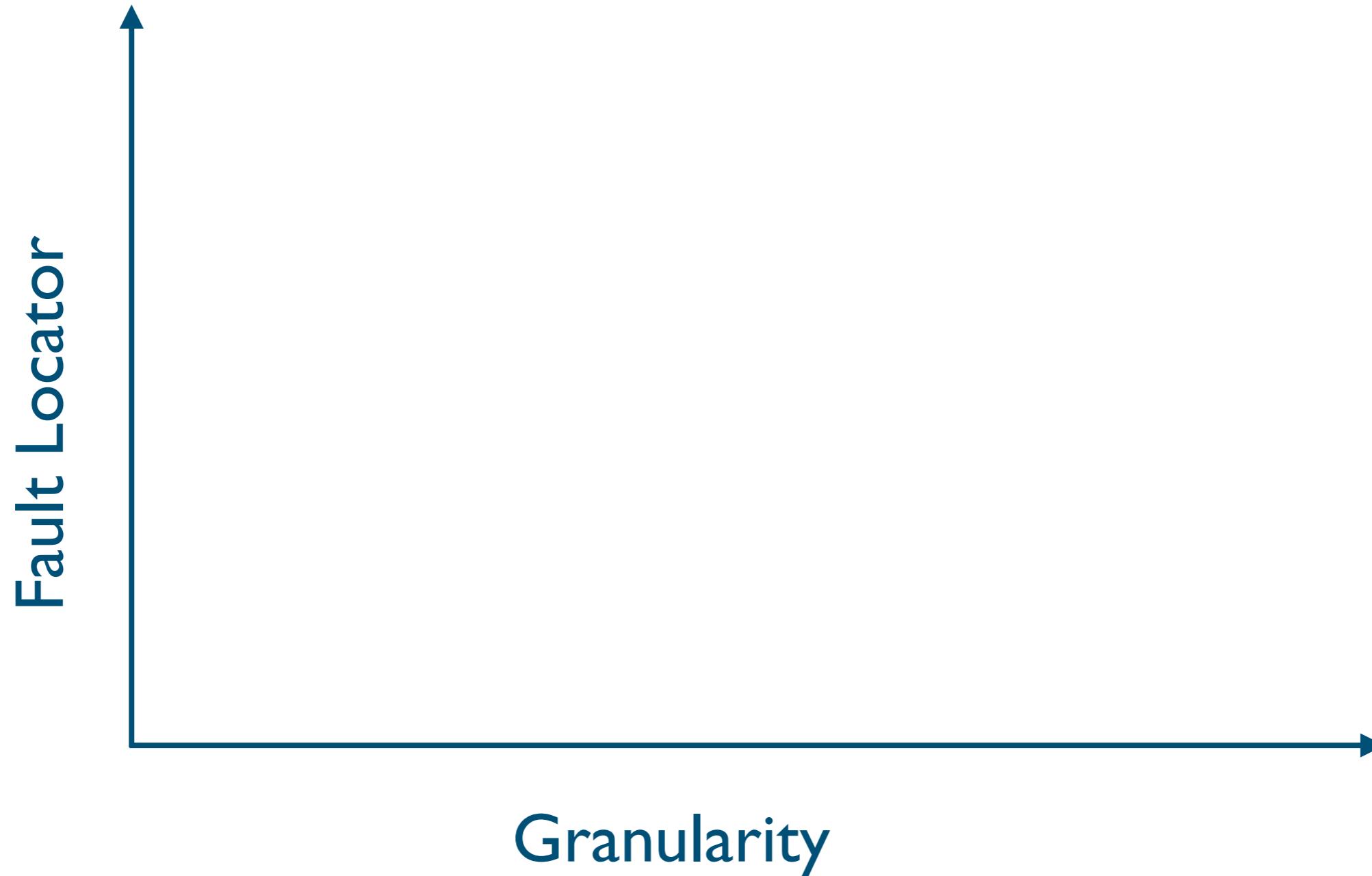
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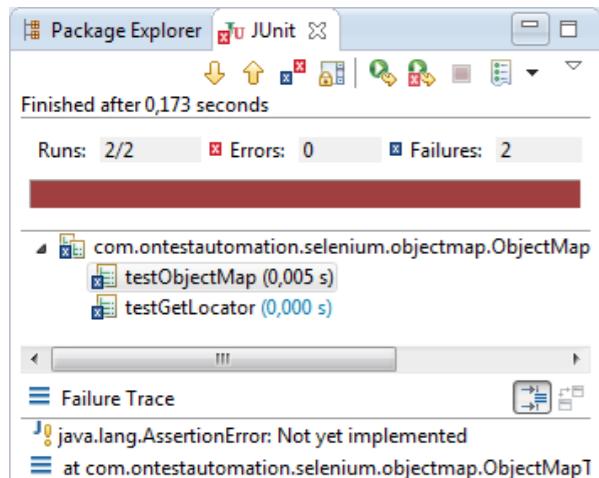
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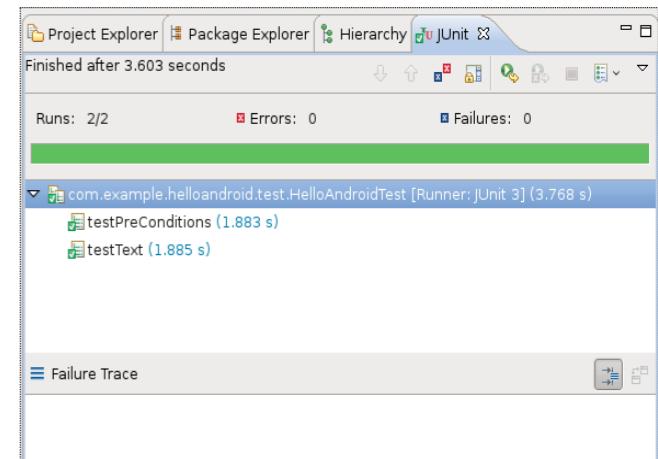
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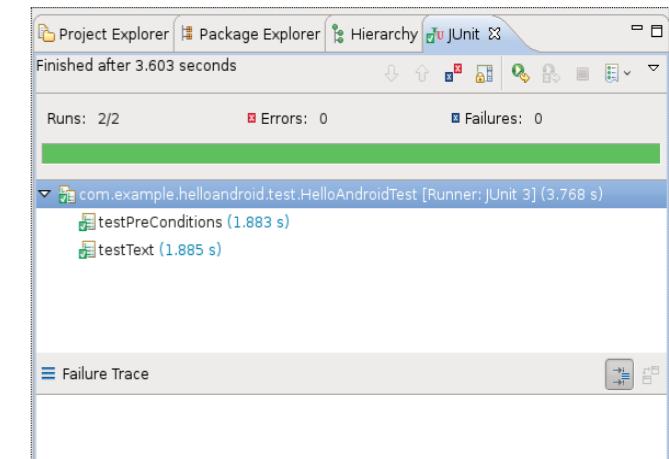
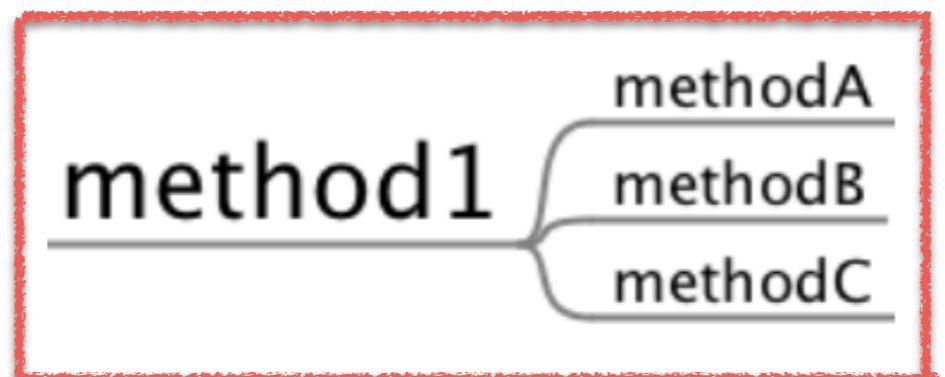
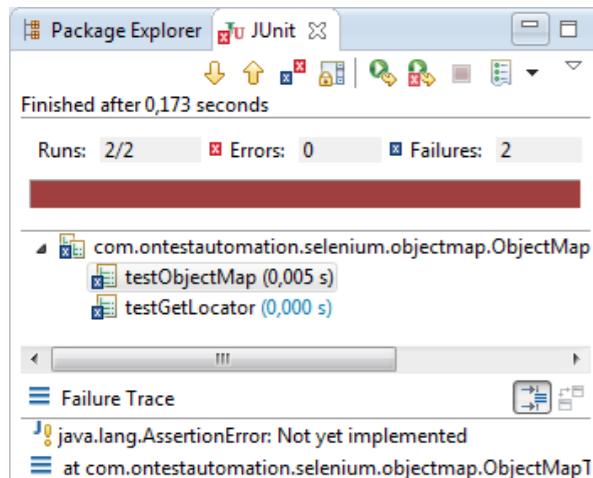
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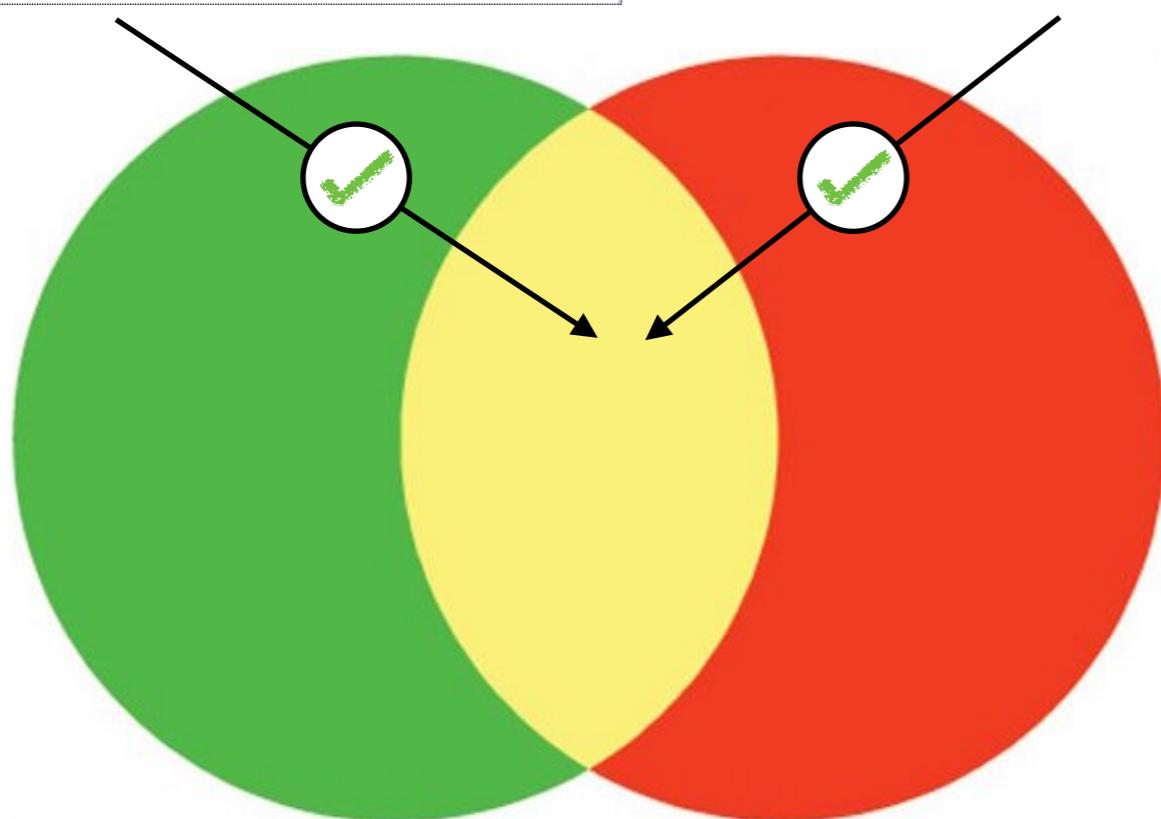
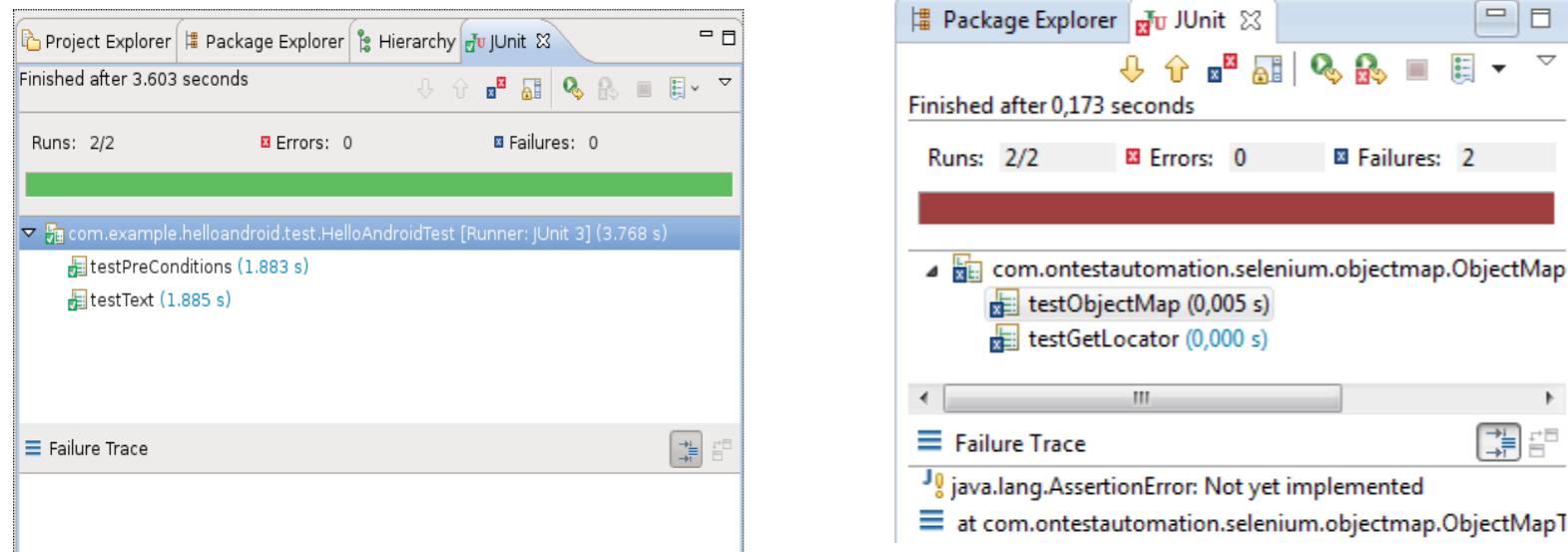


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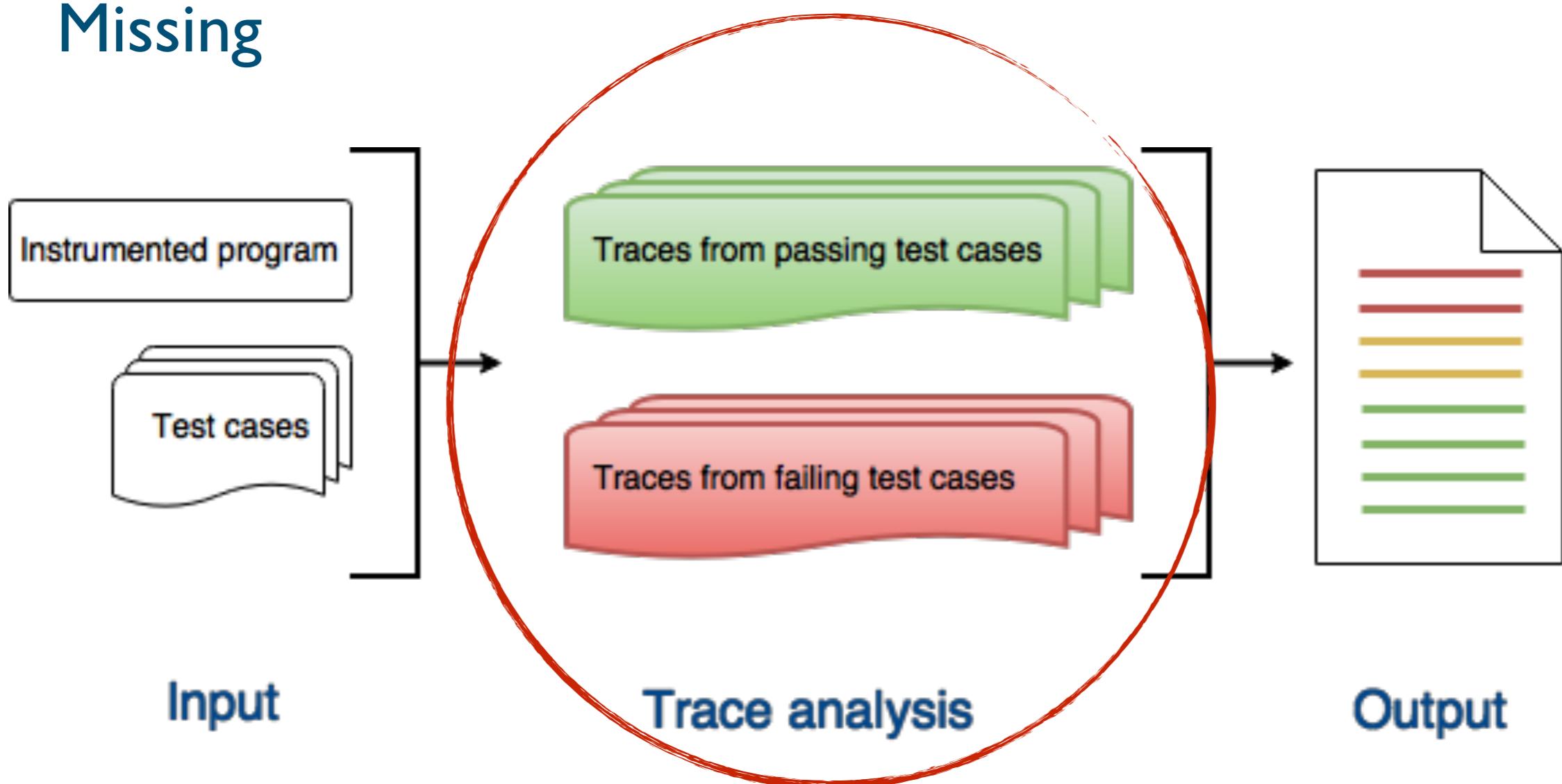
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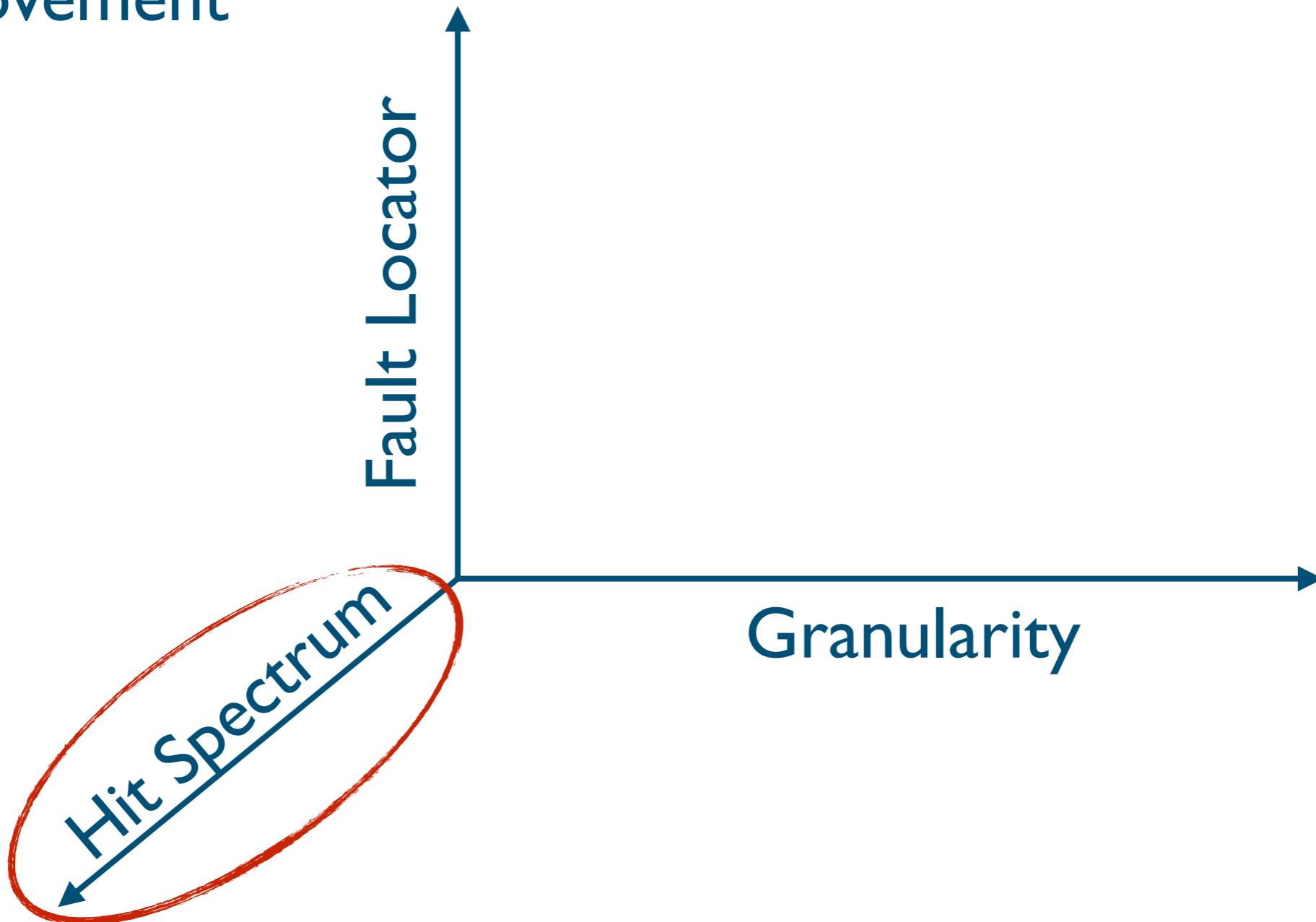
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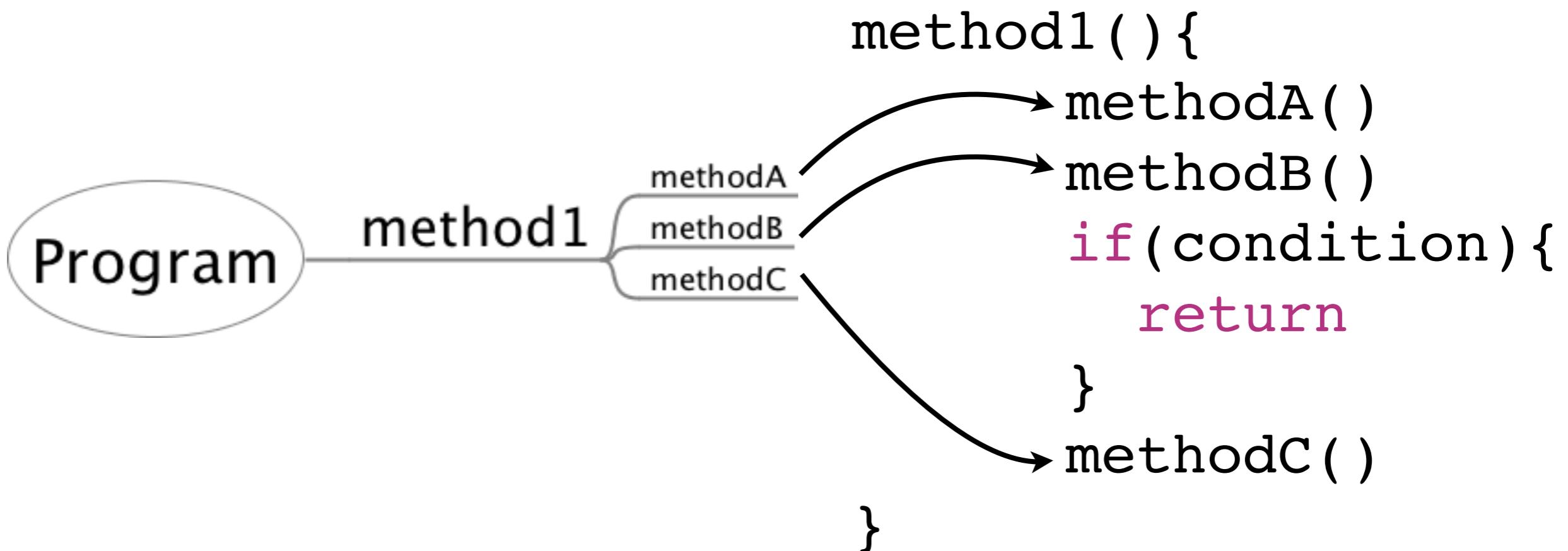
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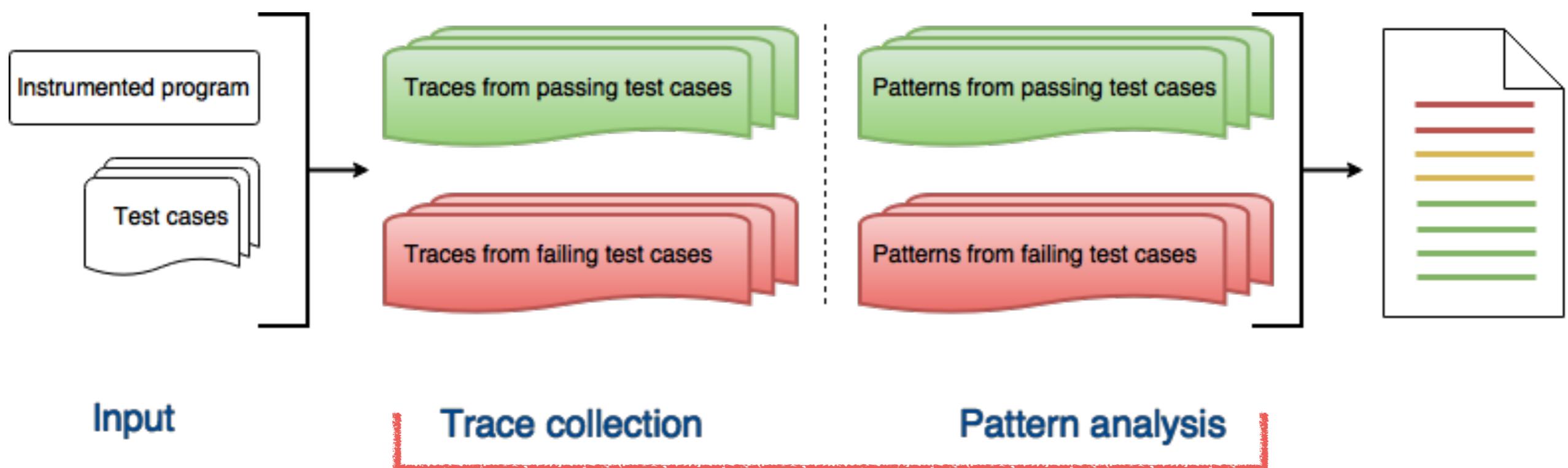
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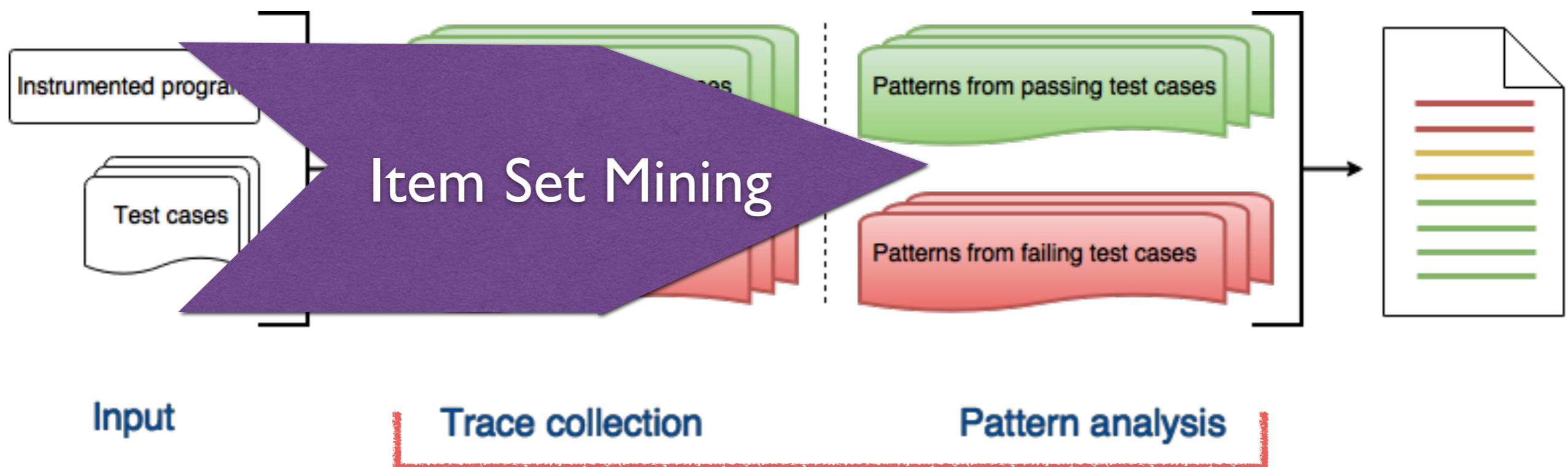
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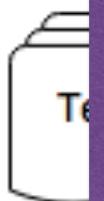


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## Improvement

## Patterned Spectrum Analysis

Instrumentation



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Trace collection

Pattern analysis



# Case Study

Patterned  
Spectrum  
Analysis



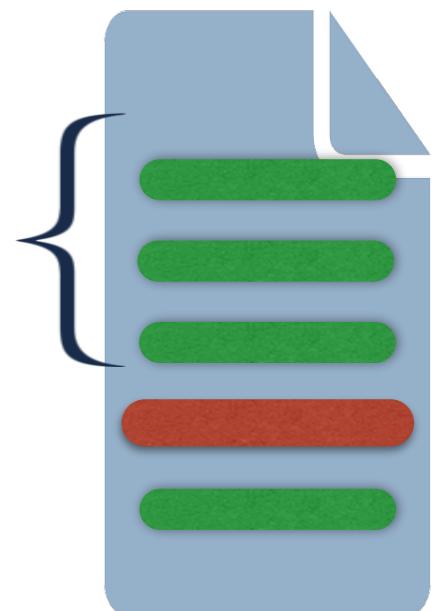
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5 Open source projects

351 faults

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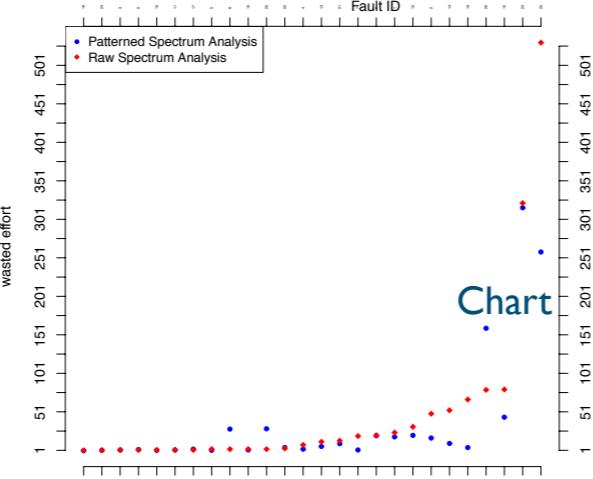
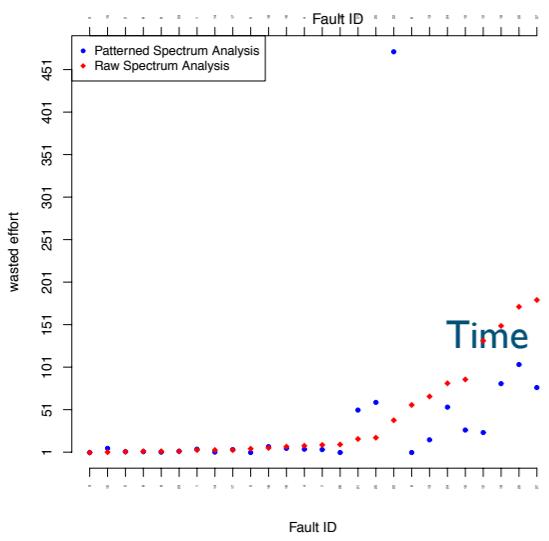
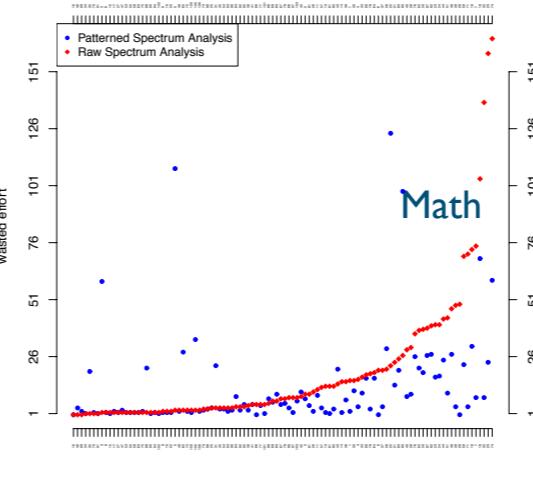
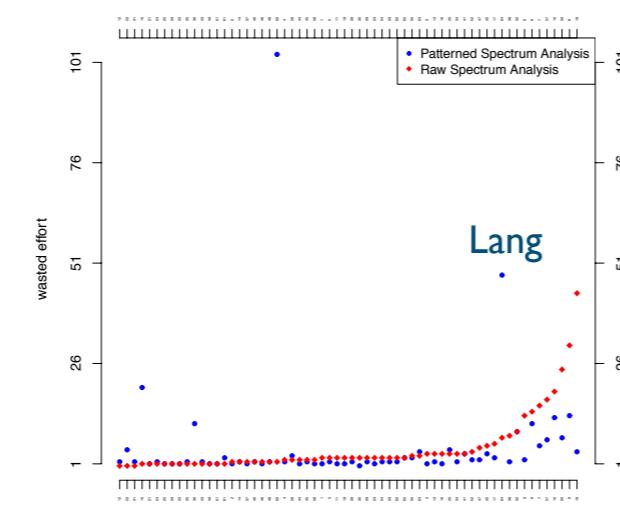
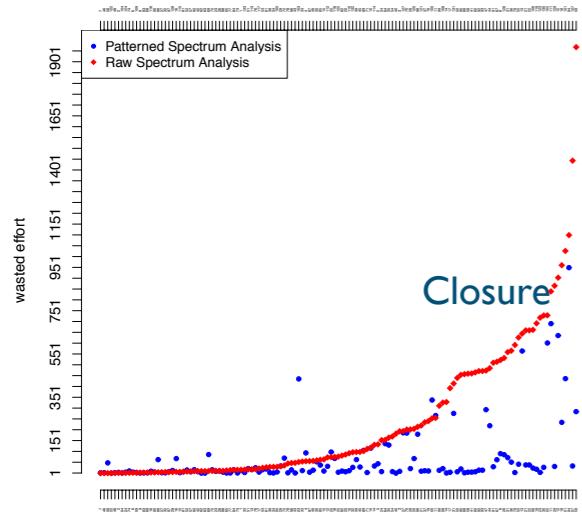


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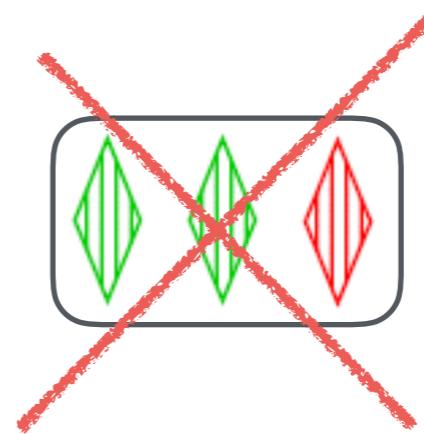
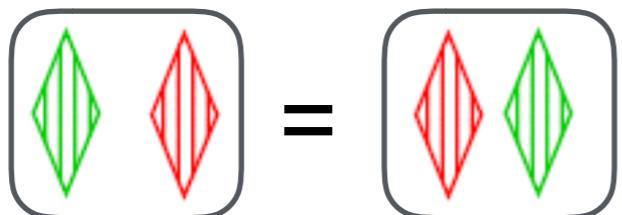


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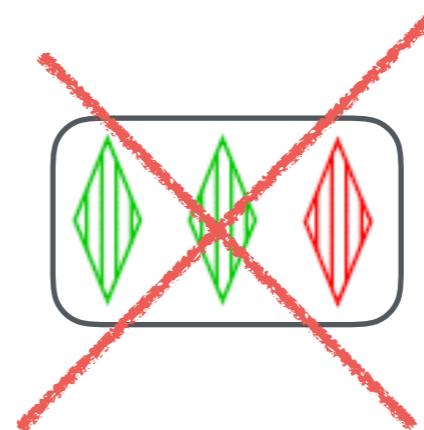
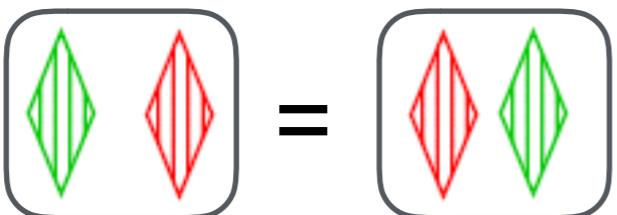
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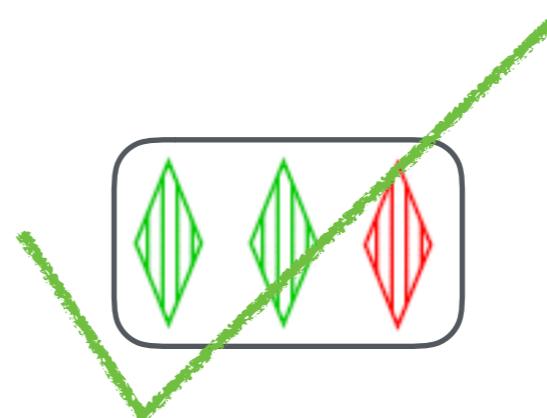


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## Sequence Mining?



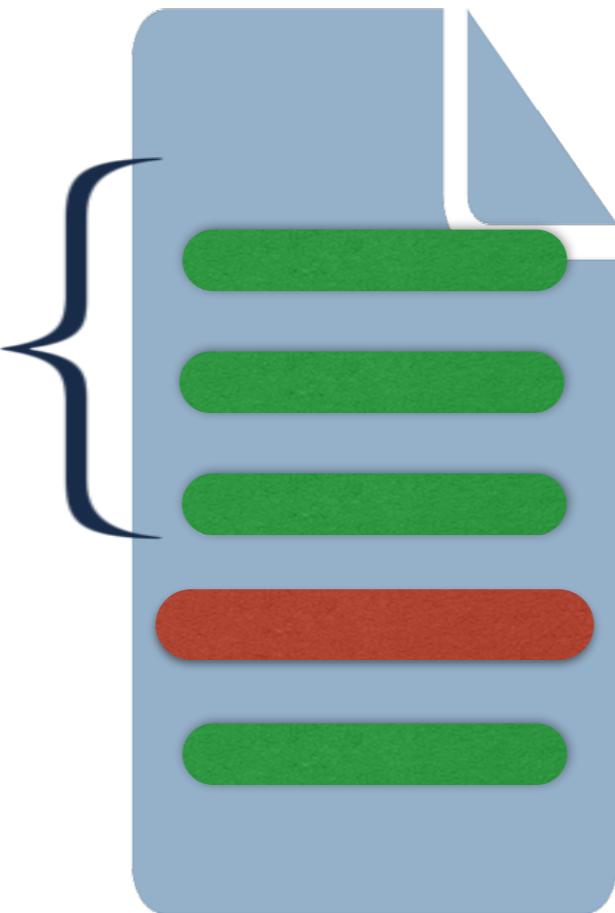
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2 Open source projects (88 faults)

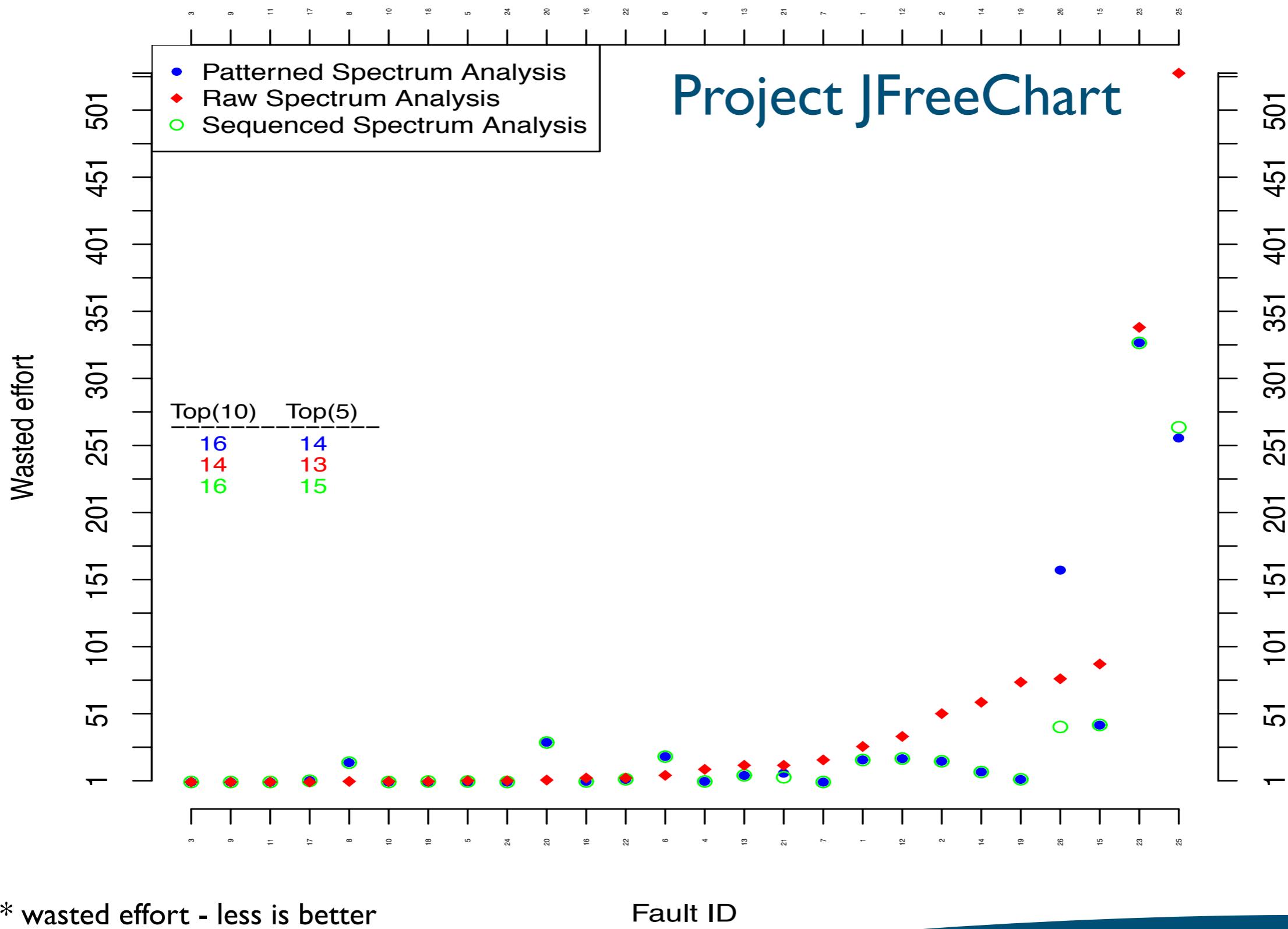
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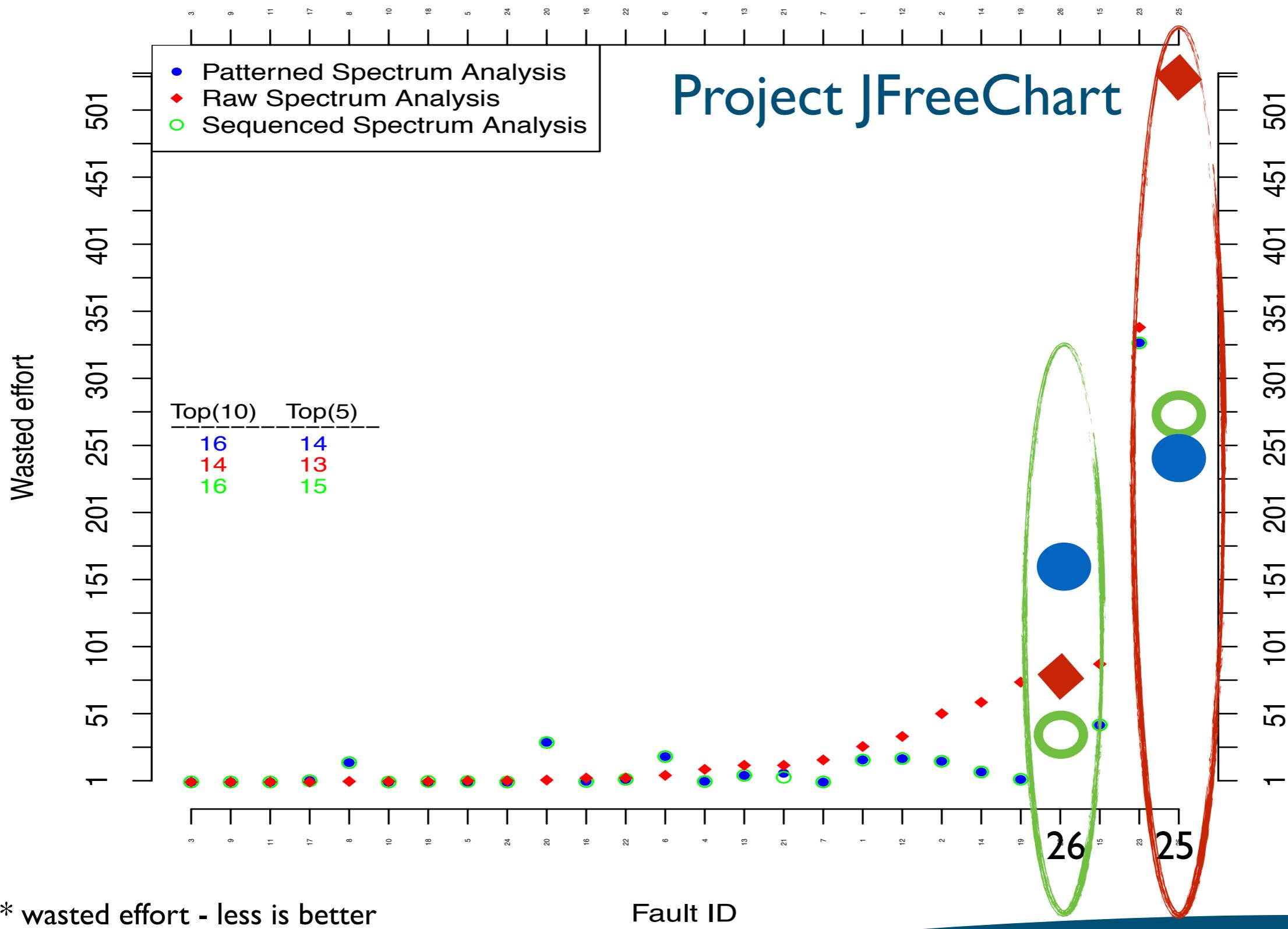
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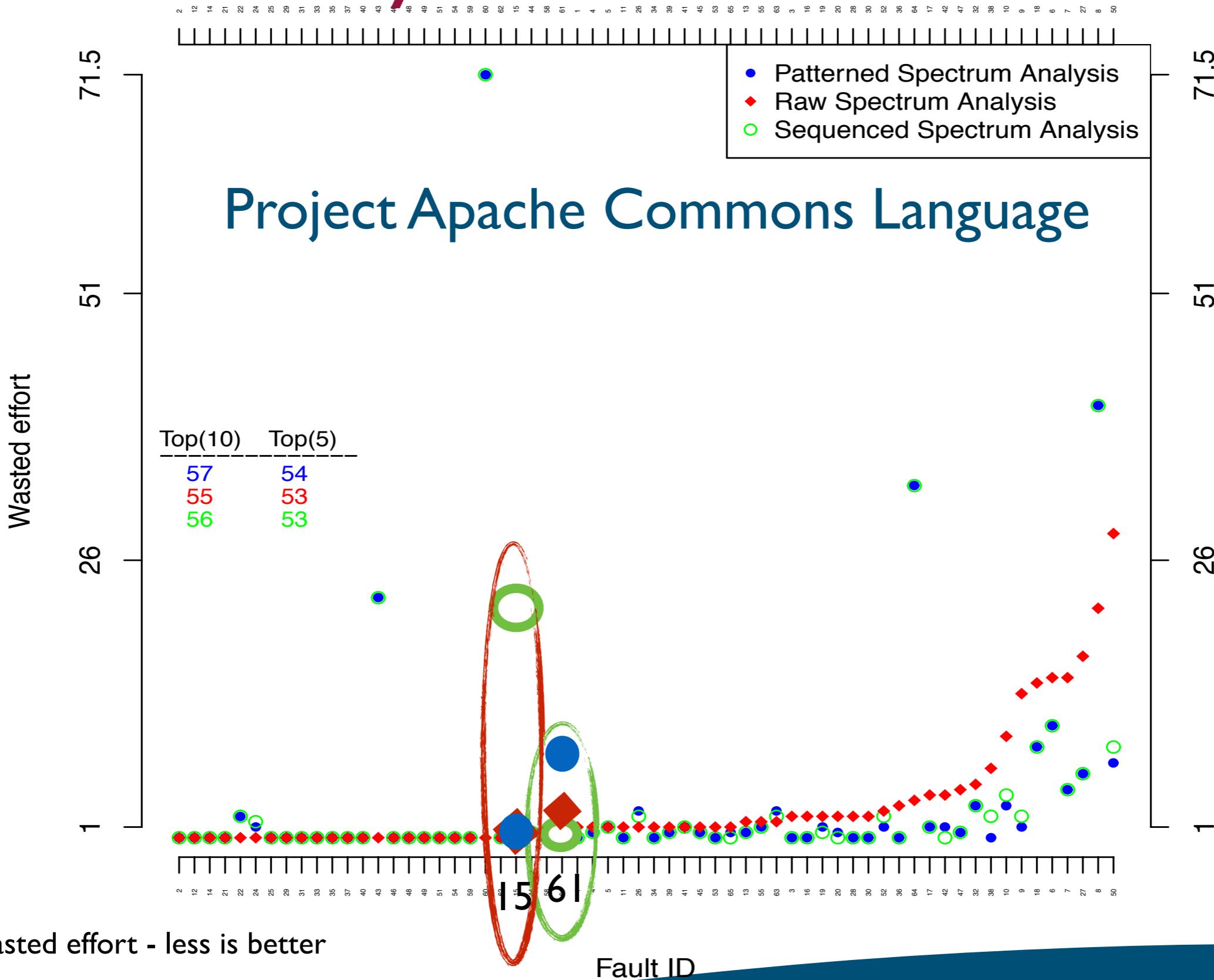
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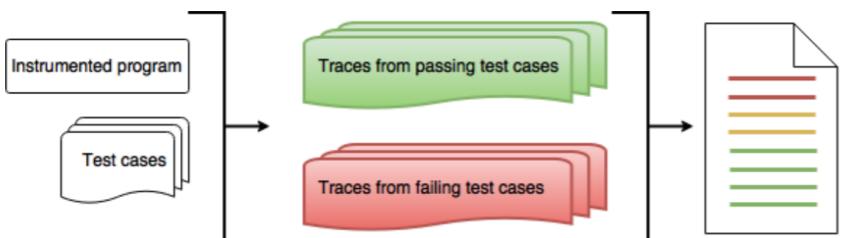


# Preliminary Results



# Summary

## Spectrum Based Fault Localisation



Input

Trace analysis

Output

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## Raw Spectrum Analysis

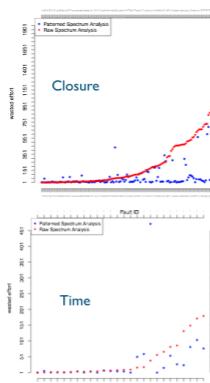
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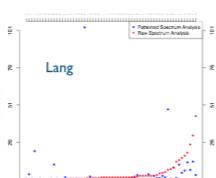
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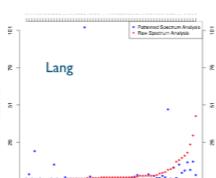
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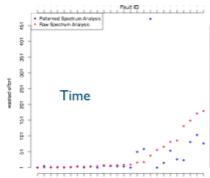
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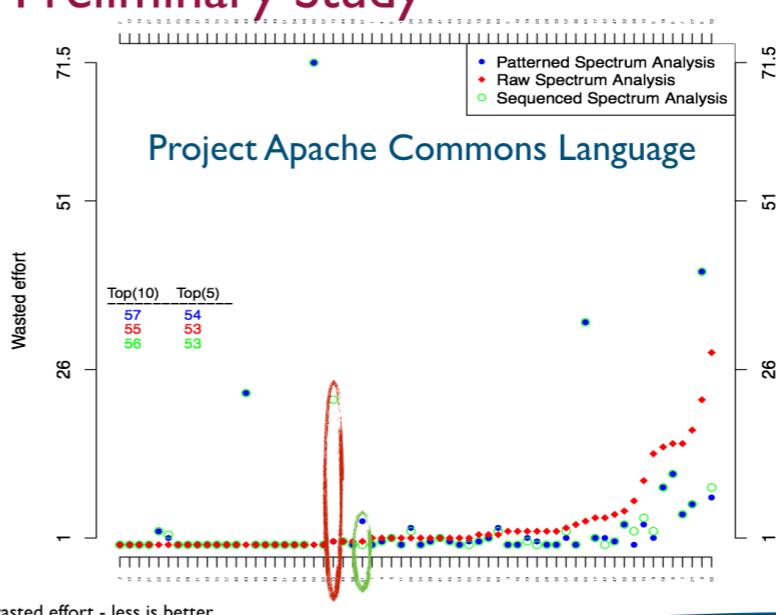
Math



Time

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