

## Exercises, Section 5.2

1. Provide reachability conditions, infection conditions, propagation conditions, and test case values to kill mutants 2, 4, 5, and 6 in Figure 5.1.

**Solution (Instructor only):**

**Δ1** *The statement will always be **reached**. Since we replace one variable with another, a test will **infect** if the variables have different values. The infection will **propagate** if we skip the body of the **if** statement.*

**R:** *True*

**I:**  $A \neq B$

**P:**  $\neg(B < A) \equiv A \geq B$

**Δ2** *The statement will always be **reached**. Since we change the relational operator, a test will **infect** if the entire predicate gives a different result. Since the infection will force a different path, the infection will always **propagate**.*

**R:** *True*

**I:**  $(B < A) \neq (B > A) \equiv A \neq B$

**P:** *True*

**Δ3** *The statement will always be **reached**. Since we replace one variable with another, a test will **infect** if the variables have different values. But, the value of **A** was assigned to **minVal** in the previous statement, so they will always have the same value. Therefore, the mutant is **equivalent**. **Propagation** is not relevant for an equivalent mutant.*

**R:** *True*

**I:**  $A \neq \text{minVal} \equiv \text{False} \rightarrow \text{equivalent}$

**P:** *N/A*

**Δ4** *The statement is **reached** if the predicate is true. A **Bomb()** mutant raises an immediate runtime exception, so it always **infects**. Likewise, **Bomb()** mutants always **propagate**.*

**R:**  $B < A$

**I:** *True*

**P:** *True*

**Δ5** *The statement is **reached** if the predicate is true. Since we replace one variable with another, a test will **infect** if the variables have different values. Since **minVal** has been given a different value, the infection will always **propagate**.*

**R:**  $B < A$

**I:**  $A \neq B$

**P:** *True*

**Δ6** The statement is **reached** if the predicate is true. A **failOnZero()** mutant raises an immediate runtime exception if the expression is zero. *failOnZero()* mutants always **propagate**.

**R:**  $B < A$

**I:**  $B \neq 0$

**P:** *True*

2. Answer questions (a) through (d) for the mutant in the two methods, **findVal()** and **sum()**.

- (a) If possible, find a test input that does **not** reach the mutant.

**Solution (Instructor only):**

**findVal:** *The mutant is always reached, even if  $x = \text{null}$ .*

**sum:** *If  $x$  is null or the empty array, ie  $x = \text{null}$  or  $[]$ , then the mutant is never reached.*

- (b) If possible, find a test input that satisfies reachability but **not infection** for the mutant.

**Solution (Instructor only):**

**findVal:** *Infection always occurs, even if  $x = \text{null}$ , because  $i$  always has the wrong value after initialization in the loop.*

**sum:** *Any input with all zeroes will reach but not infect. Examples are:  $x = [0]$  or  $[0, 0]$ .*

- (c) If possible, find a test input that satisfies infection, but **not propagation** for the mutant.

**Solution (Instructor only):**

**findVal:** *As long as the last occurrence of  $\text{val}$  isn't at `numbers[0]`, the correct output is returned. Examples are:  $(\text{numbers}, \text{val}) = ([1, 1], 1)$  or  $([-1, 1], 1)$  or  $(\text{null}, 0)$ .*

**sum:** *Any input with nonzero entries, but with a sum of zero, is fine. Examples are:  $x = [1, -1]$  or  $[1, -3, 2]$ .*

- (d) If possible, find a test input that kills mutant  $m$ .

**Solution (Instructor only):**

**findVal:** *Any input with  $\text{val}$  only in `numbers[0]` works. An example is:  $(\text{numbers}, \text{val}) = ([1, 0], 1)$*

**sum:** *Any input with a nonzero sum works. An example is:  $x = [1, 2, 3]$*