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Consider the following function definition:

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```
def maxOfThree(a,b,c) :
    a, b, and c are numbers
    returns: the maximum of a, b, and c
    if a > b:
        bigger = a
    else:
        bigger = b
    if c > bigger:
        bigger = c
   return bigger
```

Assume that maxOfThree is called with numbers as arguments.

Which of the following test suites would make a path-complete glass box test suite for maxOfThree?

Review: Glass Box Test Suites

Recall from the lecture that a path-complete glass box test suite would find test cases that go through every possible path in the code. This is different from black-how testing because in black-how testing you only

have the function specification. For glass-box testing, you actually

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know how the function you are testing is defined. Thus you can use this definition to figure out how many different paths through the code exist, and then pick a test suite based on that knowledge.

Undoubtably many - if not all - of the listed tests look like they would be pretty good for testing the function <code>maxOfThree</code>. However, we want you to think critically about the way <code>maxOfThree</code> is defined - including possible boundary cases - and pick a set of tests that adequetly and fully tests all paths and boundary conditions. A good first step will be to look at the function definition and figure out what paths through the code exist. Then, look through the suggested test suites one test at a time and see if the suite tests every single path.

```
Test Suite A: [maxOfThree(2, -10, 100)],
     maxOfThree(7, 9, 10), maxOfThree(6, 1, 5),
     maxOfThree(0, 40, 20)
 Test Suite B: maxOfThree(10, 100, -20)
     maxOfThree(99, 0, 20), maxOfThree(1, 60, 300)
 Test Suite C: maxOfThree(0, 0, 0),
     maxOfThree(-3, -10, -1), maxOfThree(10, 30, 100),
     maxOfThree(0, -9, 11), maxOfThree(-10, 0, 30)
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