



Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PROCESS AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Lecture 4 – Software Metrics (Cyclomatic Complexity Measure)





How Can Software Quality Be Measured

- Software quality metrics:
 - Code Quality
 - Reliability
 - Performance
 - Usability
 - Correctness
 - Maintainability
 - Integrity
 - Security



Why are these metrics important

- They **help developers track and improve software quality.**
- They ensure **users get a good experience.**
- They **reduce risks and costs** related to software failures.



Cyclomatic Complexity Measure

- Measures the number of linearly independent paths in a program.

$$V(G) = e - n + 2$$

$$V(G) = d + 1$$

V_g = No of decision statements in each method + No of methods in a class



Approaches to Measure the cyclomatic complexity

Explain some approaches that can be used to measure the Cyclomatic Complexity of a program



Calculating Cyclomatic Complexity of a Byte Code

Calculate the cyclomatic complexity of the following byte code?

Method void D0(boolean, java.lang.String)

0 iload_0

1 ifeq 11

4 getstatic #10 <Field java.io.PrintStream out>

7 aload_1

8 invokevirtual #16 <Method void println(java.lang.String)>

11 return



Calculating Cyclomatic Complexity of a Byte Code

Calculate the cyclomatic complexity of the following byte code?

```
Method void D1(boolean, java.lang.String, java.lang.String)  
0  iload_0  
1  ifeq 14  
4  getstatic #2 <Field java.io.PrintStream out>  
7  aload_1  
8  invokevirtual #3 <Method void println(java.lang.String)>  
11 goto 21  
14 getstatic #2 <Field java.io.PrintStream out>  
17 aload_2  
18 invokevirtual #3 <Method void println(java.lang.String)>  
21 return
```

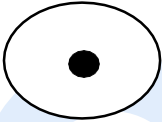
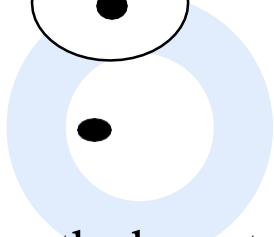



Calculating Cyclomatic Complexity of a Compound Statements

You can't expect the same cyclomatic complexity from all the approaches

The CC value obtained from the class file can be higher than CC obtained from the source file

How to draw the Control Flow Graph

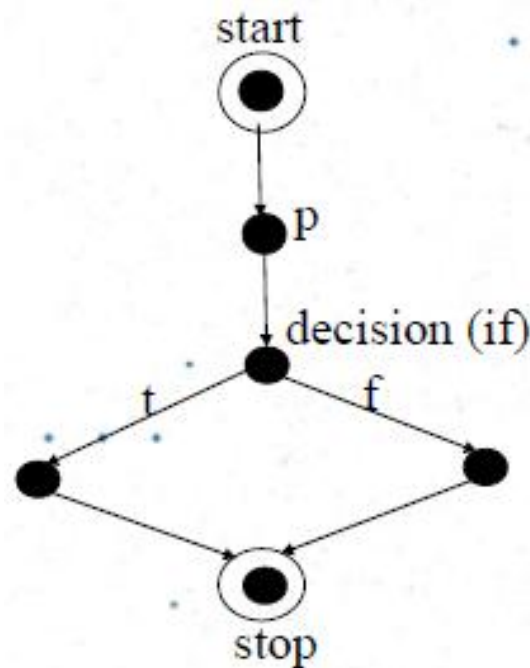
1. To represent a start or a stop node use the notation A circle with a black dot in the center, representing a start or stop node.
2. To represent an intermediary node use the notation A circle with a black dot in the center, representing an intermediary node.
3. Start node, stop node, decision nodes and true/false paths have to be labeled.
4. Edges should always indicate the directions. A black arrow pointing downwards and to the right, indicating the direction of flow.
5. Along with a start node, procedure nodes, and decisions can also be represented.
6. A procedure node represents one or more non-decisional statements.



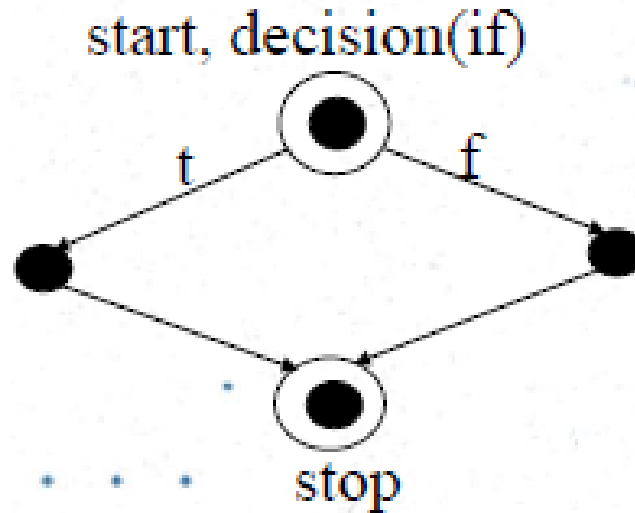
Control Flow Graph

```
int p;  
if(p < 10)  
    System.out.println("Value of p is less than 10");  
else  
    System.out.println("Value of p is a grater than or equal to 10");
```

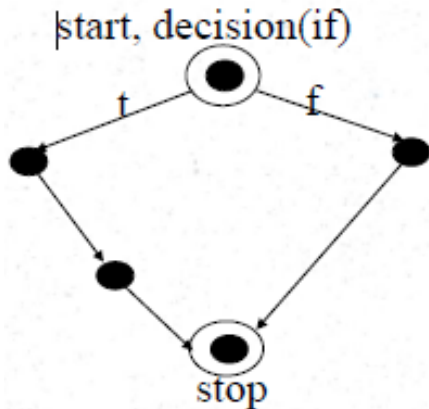
Control Flow Graph



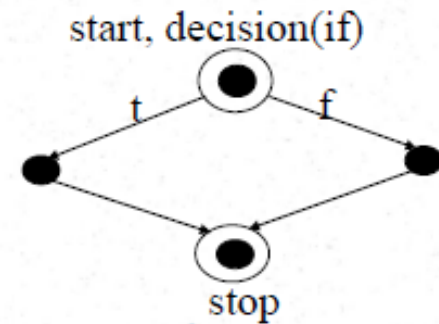
Control Flow Graph



Control Flow Graph



$$\begin{aligned}
 V(G) &= e - n + 2 \\
 &= 5 - 5 + 2 \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 V(G) &= e - n + 2 \\
 &= 4 - 4 + 2 \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Cyclomatic Complexity of a Class

Total Cyclomatic Complexity for a class (V_g) = Sum of the cyclomatic complexity of each method

$$V_g = \sum_{i=1}^n V(G_i)$$

$$V_g = \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i + 1)$$

$$V_g = n + d_i$$

Where:

n = Number of methods in the class

G_i = Flow graph for method i

d_i = Number of decisions in method i



Is the cyclomatic complexity the same
from all approaches?



How has the $V(G) = d+1$ equation derived from $V(G) = e-n+2$

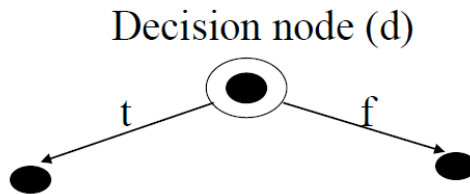
Nodes in a control flow graph:

- Decision nodes (d)
- Procedure nodes (p)
- Start node
- Stop node

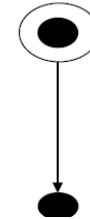
Total number of nodes in a control flow graph = $d + p + 1$

How has the $V(G) = d+1$ equation derived from $V(G) = e-n+2$

Edges in a control flow graph:



Procedure node (p)



Total number of edges in a control flow graph = $2d + 1p$

How has the $V(G) = d+1$ equation derived from $V(G) = e-n+2$

$$e = 2d + p$$

Where

e = number of edges

d = decision nodes

p = procedure nodes

$$n = d + p + 1$$

Where

n = number of nodes

$$\begin{aligned} V(G) &= e - n + 2 \\ &= (2d + p) - (d + p + 1) + 2 \\ &= d + 1 \end{aligned}$$

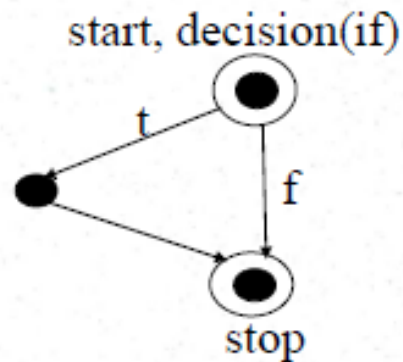


Question 1

```
public static void D0 (boolean a, String x){  
    if(a)  
        System.out.println("x");  
    }  
}
```

Question 1 - Answer

```
public static void D0 (boolean a, String x){  
    if(a)  
        System.out.println("x");  
    }  
}
```

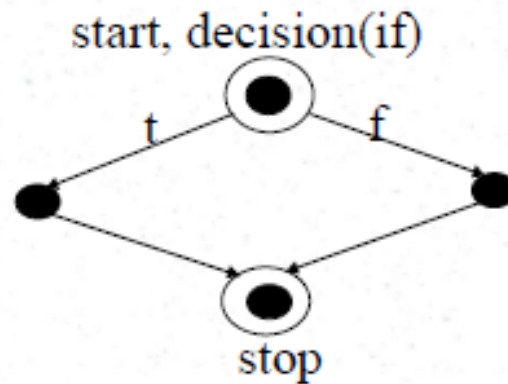




Question 2

```
public static void D1 (boolean a, String x, String y) {  
    if(a)  
        System.out.println("x");  
    else  
        System.out.println("y");  
}
```

Question 2 - Answer

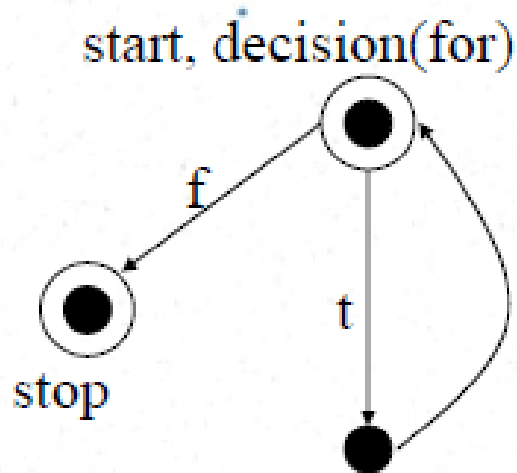




Question 3

```
public static void D3(int m, String x) {  
    for(int i=0; i<m; i++)  
        System.out.println("x");  
}
```

Question 3 - Answer



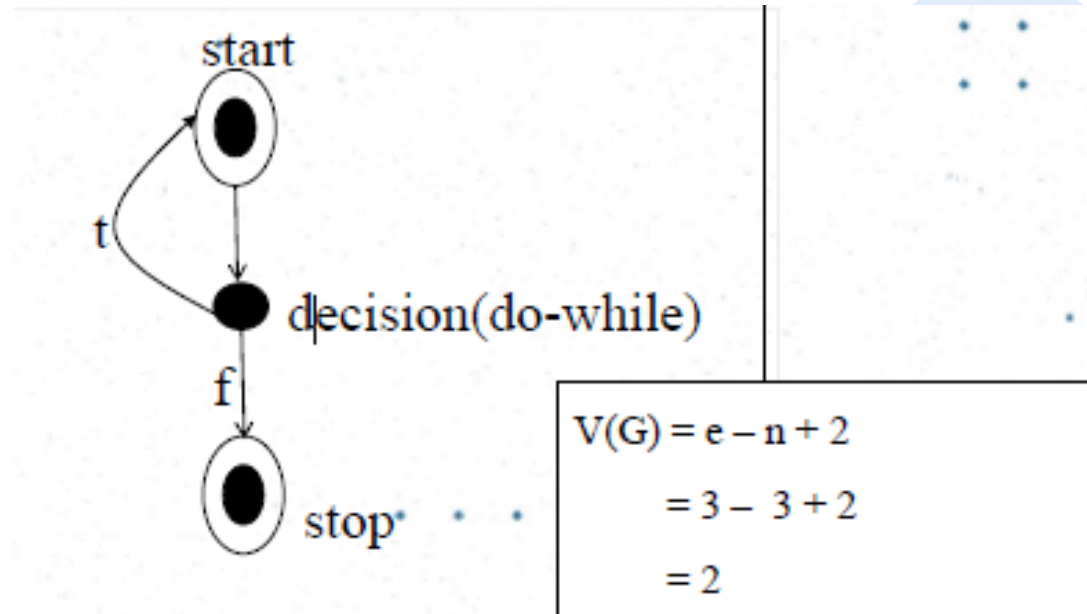
$$\begin{aligned} V(G) &= e - n + 2 \\ &= 3 - 3 + 2 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$



Question 4

```
public static void D3(int a, String x) {  
    do  
    {  
        System.out.println("x");  
        a++;  
    } while (a < 10)  
}
```

Question 4 - Answer

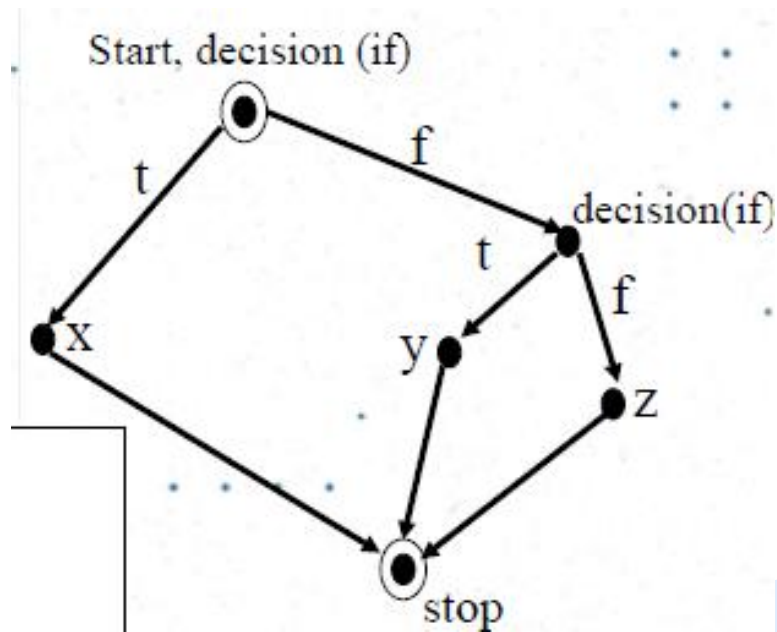




Question 5

```
void composite (boolean a, boolean b, String x, String y, String z) {  
    if (a)  
        System.out.println(x);  
    else {  
        if (b)  
            System.out.println(y);  
        else  
            System.out.println(z);  
    }  
}
```

Question 5 - Answer



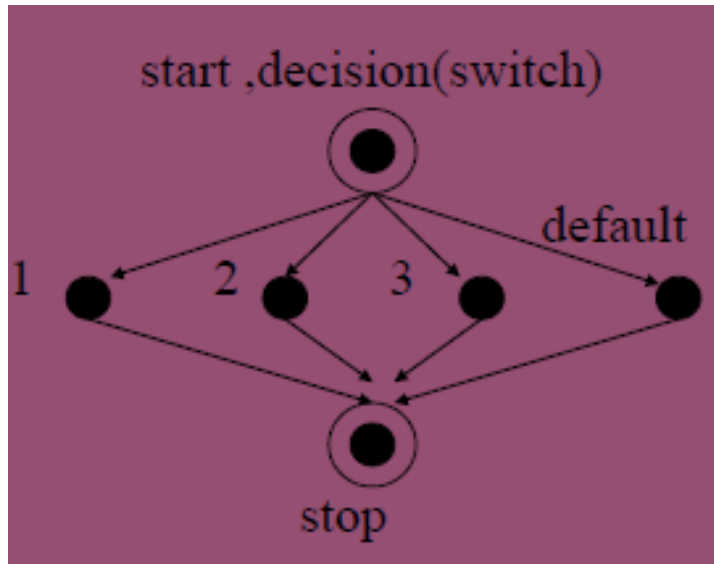
$$\begin{aligned}
 V(G) &= e - n + 2 \\
 &= 7 - 6 + 2 \\
 &= 3
 \end{aligned}$$



Question 6

```
public static void main (String[ ] args) {  
    int i = 0;  
    switch (i) {  
        case 1: System.out.println("its 1");  
            break;  
        case 2: System.out.println("its 2");  
            break;  
        case 3: System.out.println("its 3");  
            break;  
        default: System.out.println("its none");  
            break;  
    }  
}
```

Question 6 - Answer



$$\begin{aligned} V(G) &= e - n + 2 \\ &= 8 - 6 + 2 \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

THANK
YOU!

