What are the different types of test design techniques? When would you use these types of test design techniques?

Test design techniques are methods used to derive and select test cases from test conditions or test scenarios.

| Test Design Technique | Coverage Types / Basic Techniques | Test Basis | Quality Characteristic / Test Type | When to Use |
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| Boundary Value Analysis (BVA) | Input Domain Coverage | Input Specifications | Correctness, Robustness | When testing input ranges and boundary conditions |
| Equivalence Partitioning (EP) | Input Domain Coverage | Input Specifications | Correctness, Robustness | When testing input classes that behave similarly |
| Decision Table Testing | Logic Coverage | Business Rules | Correctness, Business Logic | When dealing with complex business logic |
| State Transition Testing | State-Based Coverage | State Diagrams | Correctness, State Transitions | When testing systems with state- based behavior |
| Pairwise Testing | Combinatorial Coverage | Multiple Parameters | Efficiency, Combinatorial Coverage | When testing combinations of multiple input parameters |
| Use Case Testing | Functional Scenario Coverage | Use Case Specifications | Requirement Validation, Functional Testing | When validating the system against specific use cases |
| Exploratory Testing | N/A | N/A | Defect Detection, Usability Testing | When exploring the system without predefined scripts |
| Decision Table Test | Logic Coverage | Business Rules | Correctness, Business Logic | When testing complex decision-making scenarios |
| Data Combination Test | Input Domain Coverage | Input Specifications | Correctness, Data Validation | When testing various combinations of input data |
| Elementary Comparison Test | Comparison of Individual Elements | Functional Requirements | Correctness, Data Validation | When comparing individual elements in the system |
| Error Guessing | Error-Based Coverage | Tester's Experience | Defect Detection, Usability Testing | When leveraging tester's intuition to guess potential defects |

| Data Cycle Test | Functional Scenario Coverage | Data Flows | Data Flow Verification | When testing data flow through different components |
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| Process Cycle Test | Functional Scenario Coverage | Process Flows | IV orification | When testing end- to-end processes within the system |
| Real-Life Test | Real-Life Scenarios | Real-World Use Cases | | When validating the system against real-world scenarios |