

Intro to PBT with ScalaCheck

<https://github.com/ssanj/intro-to-property-based-testing>

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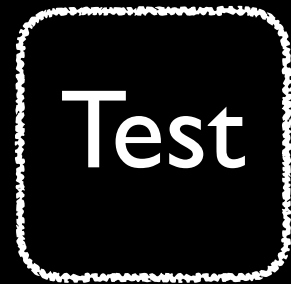
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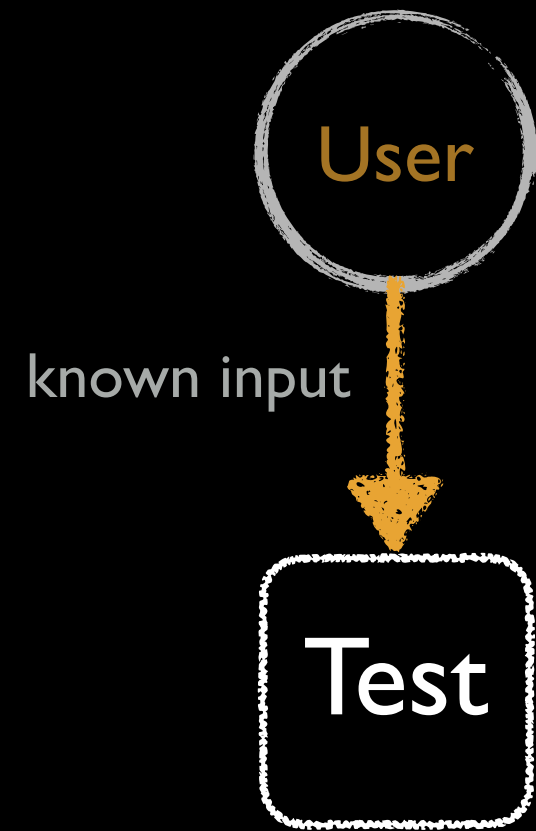
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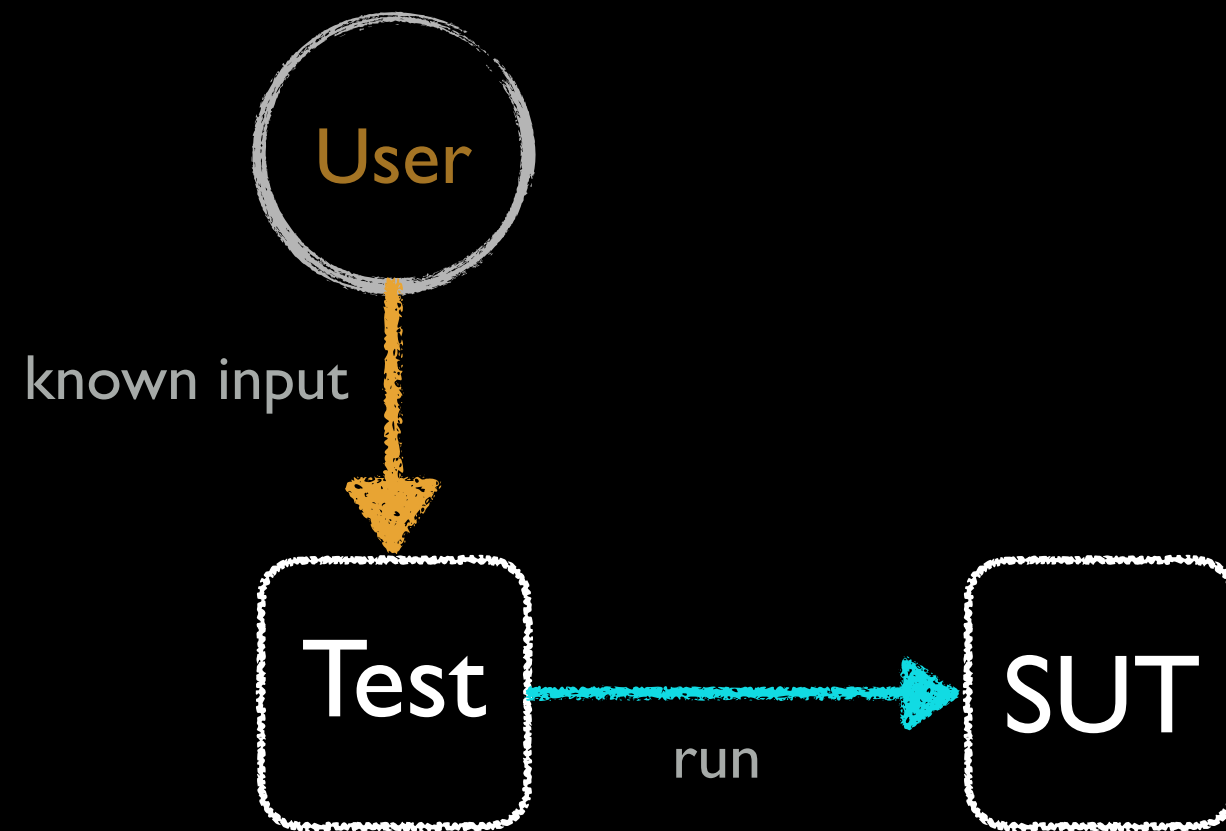
Testing shows the presence,
not the absence of bugs

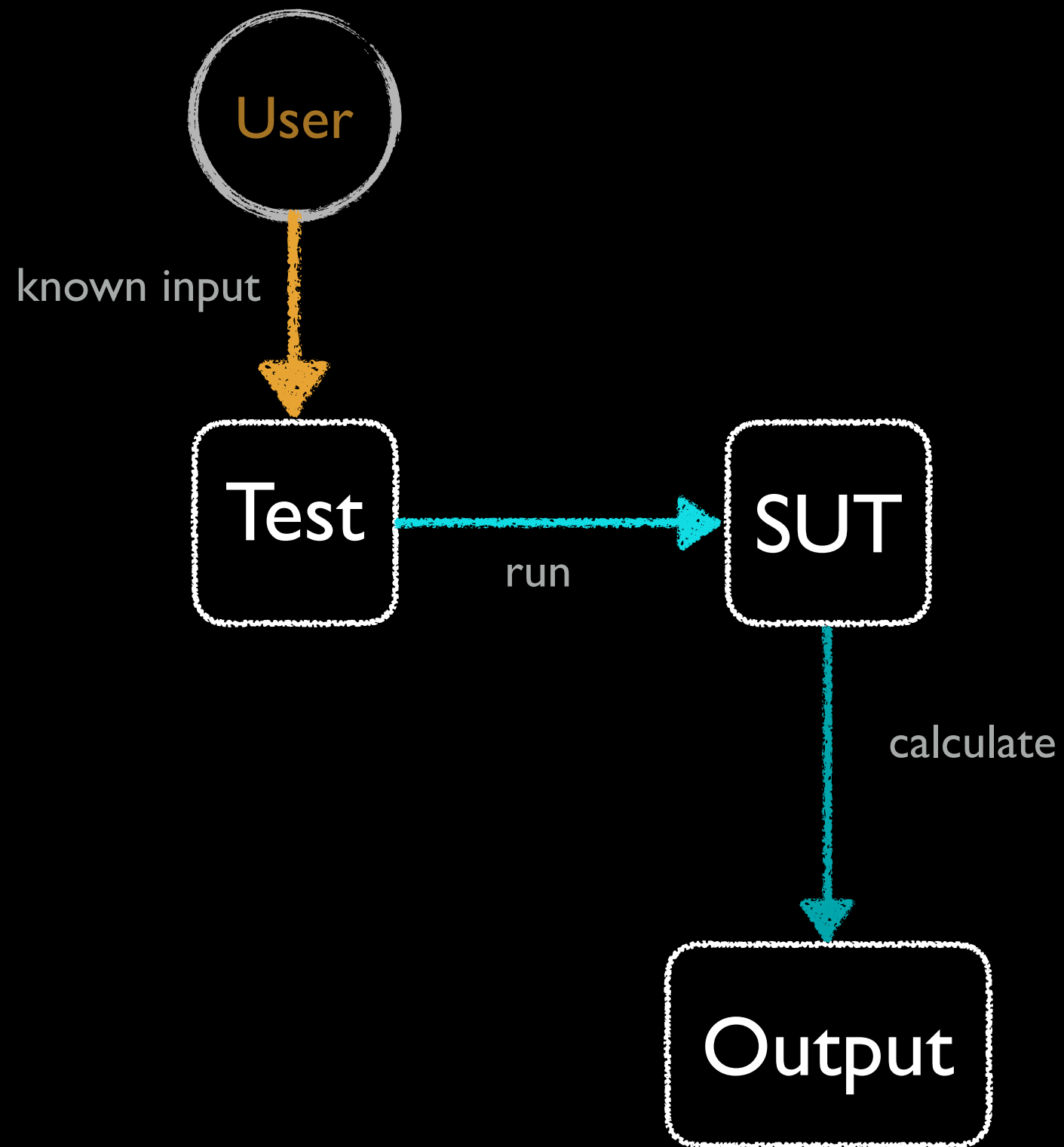
Dijkstra

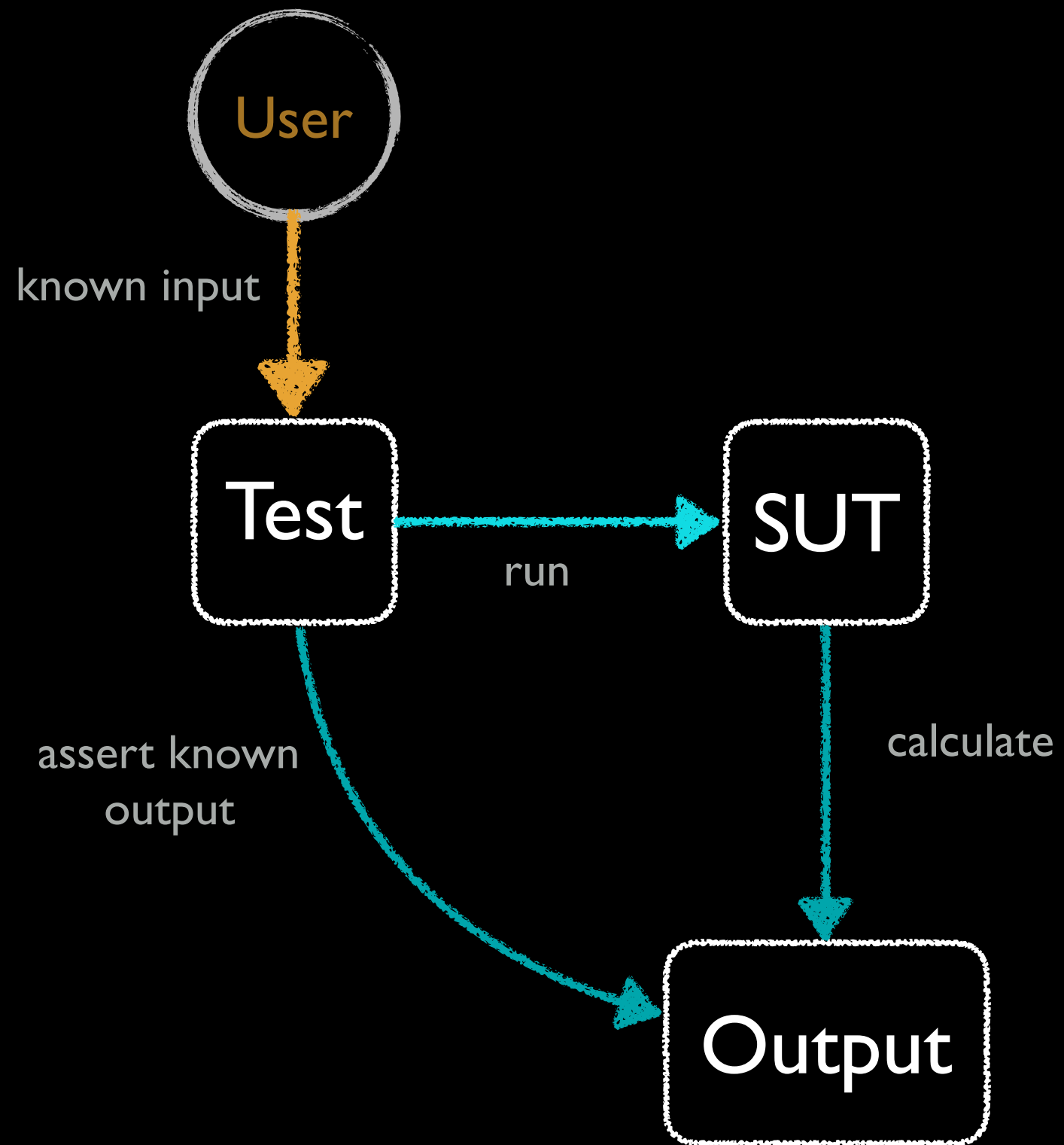
Example-Based Testing

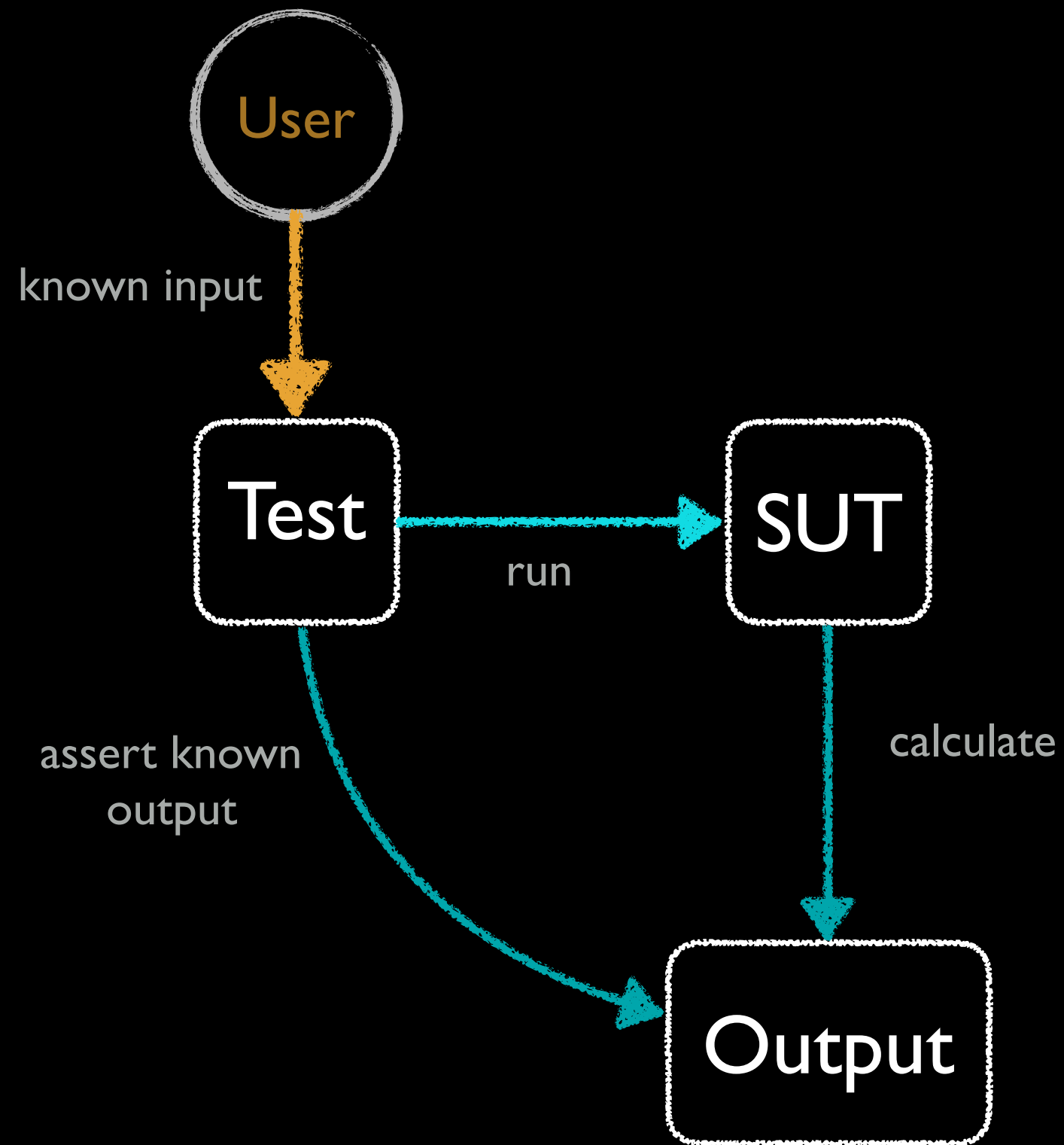












known inputs

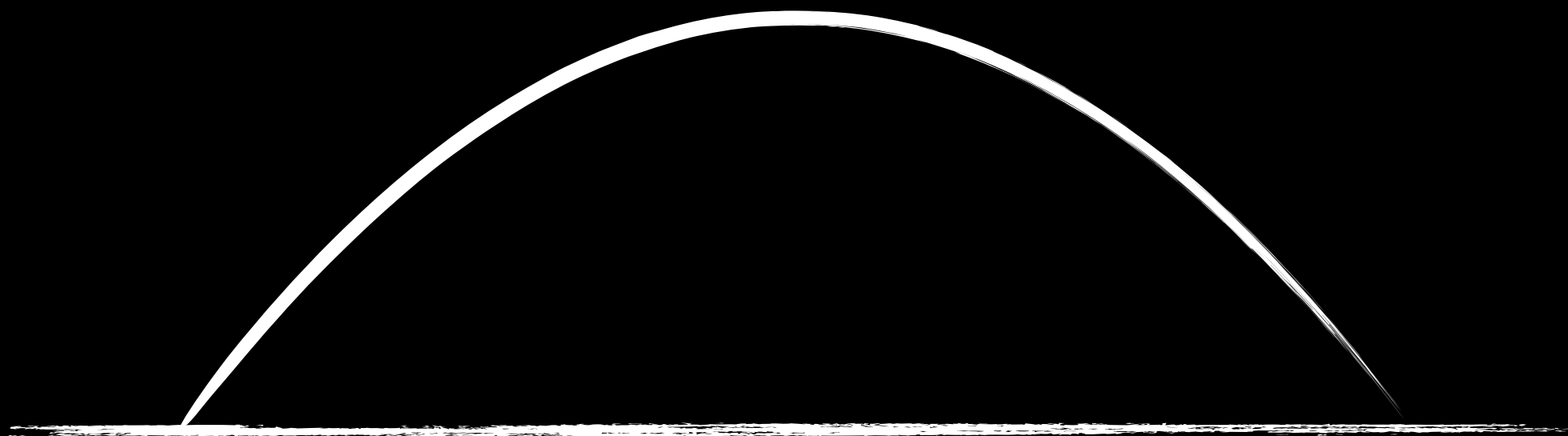
known output



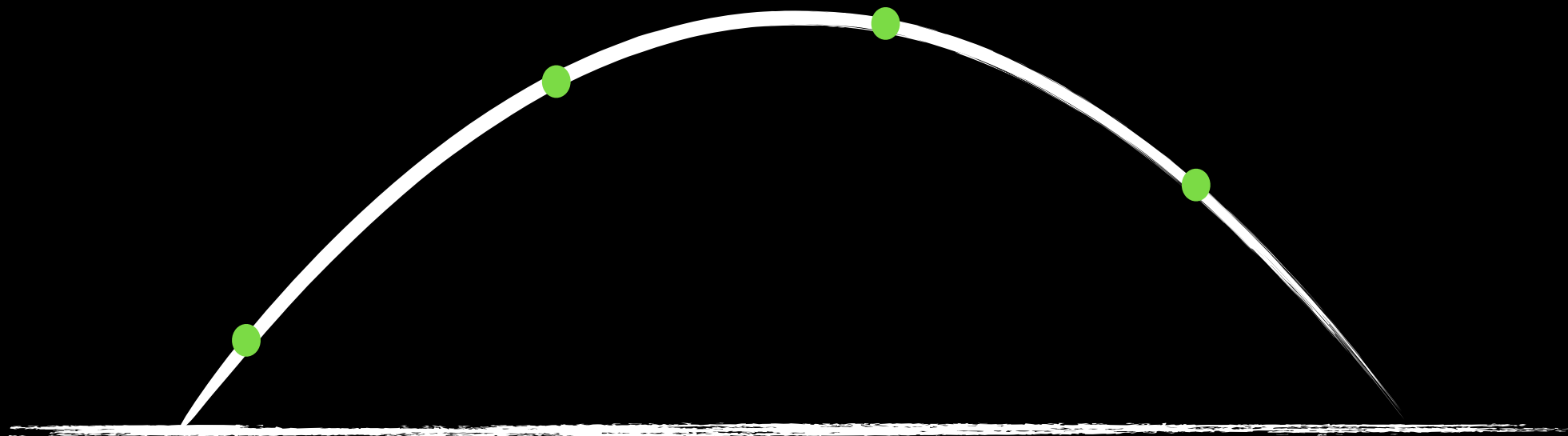
add(1, 2) should be 3

The diagram illustrates the concept of known inputs and outputs for a function. It features the text "add(1, 2) should be 3" in white. Above the first two digits, "1" and "2", are the words "known inputs" in white. Two orange arrows point from "1" and "2" down to the text. Above the digit "3" is the phrase "known output" in white, with an orange arrow pointing from it down to the text. The digits "1" and "2" are colored cyan, and the digit "3" is colored green.





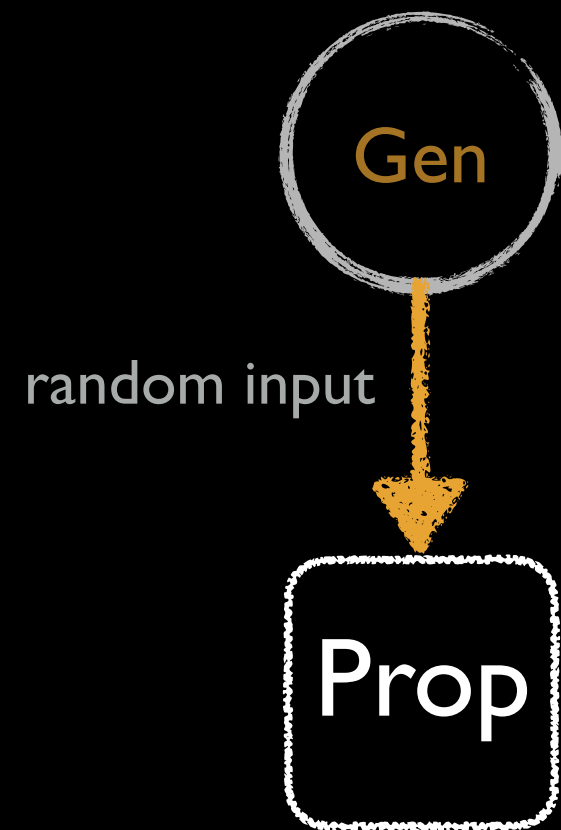
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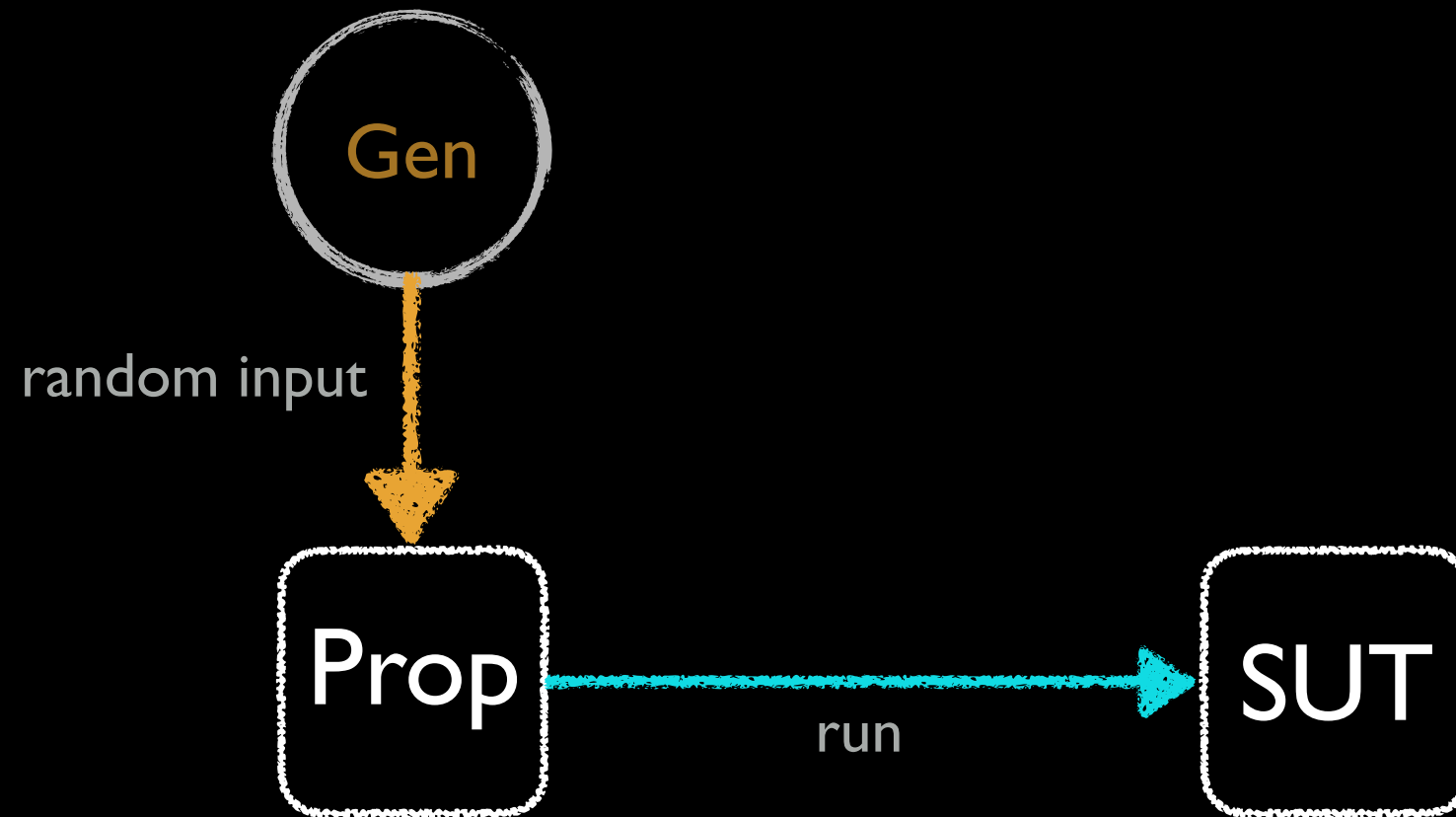


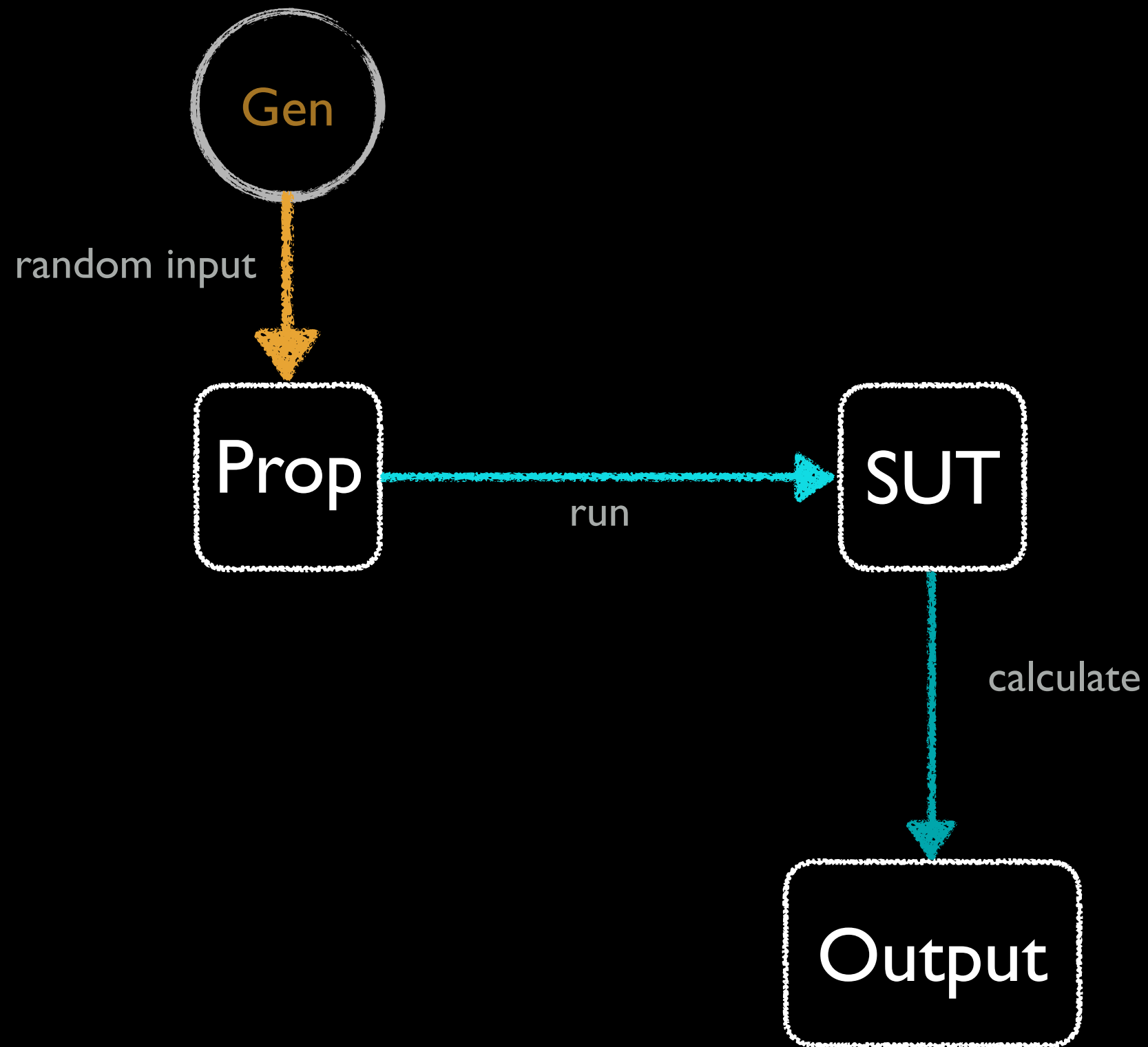
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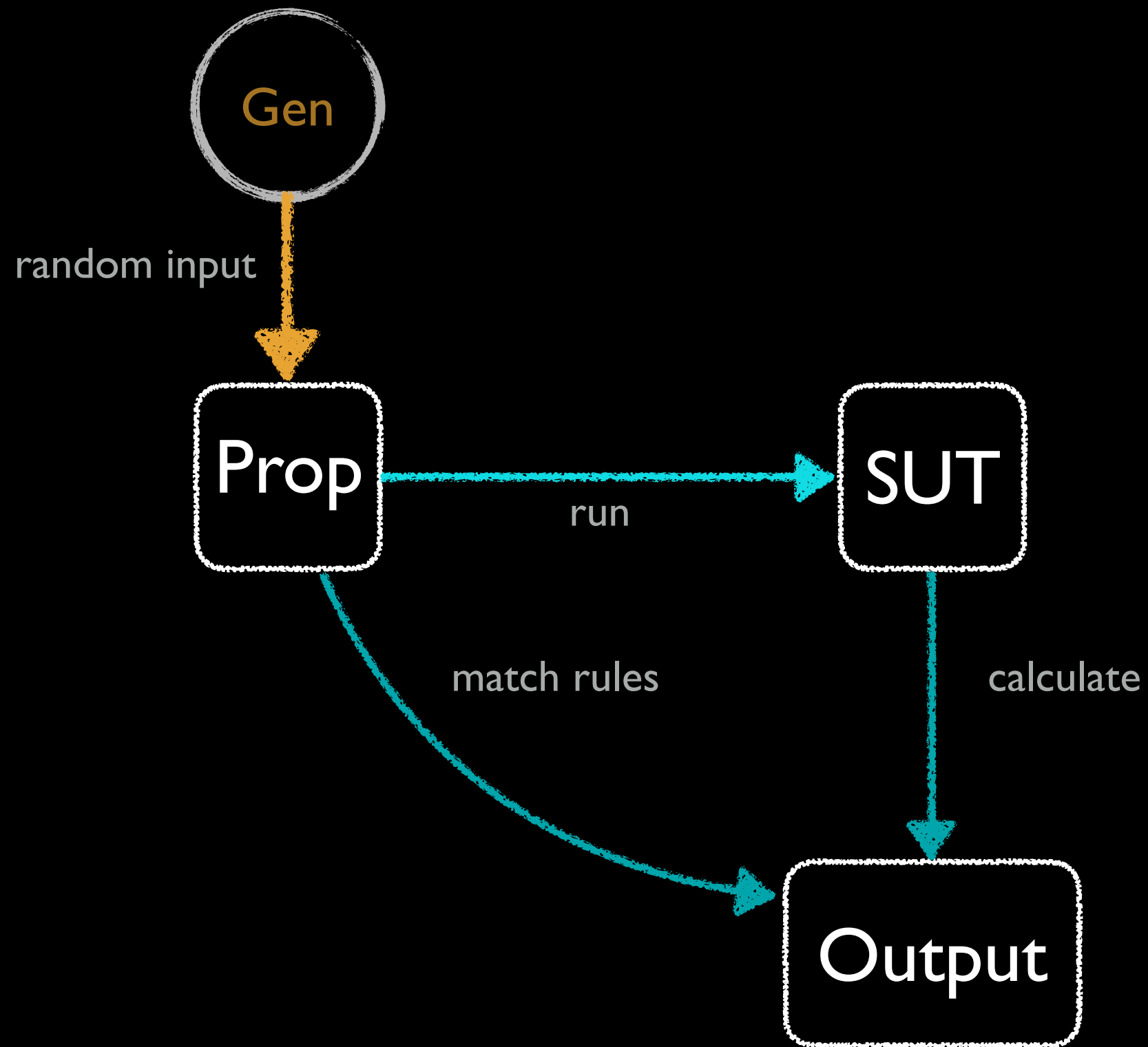
Property-Based Testing

Prop

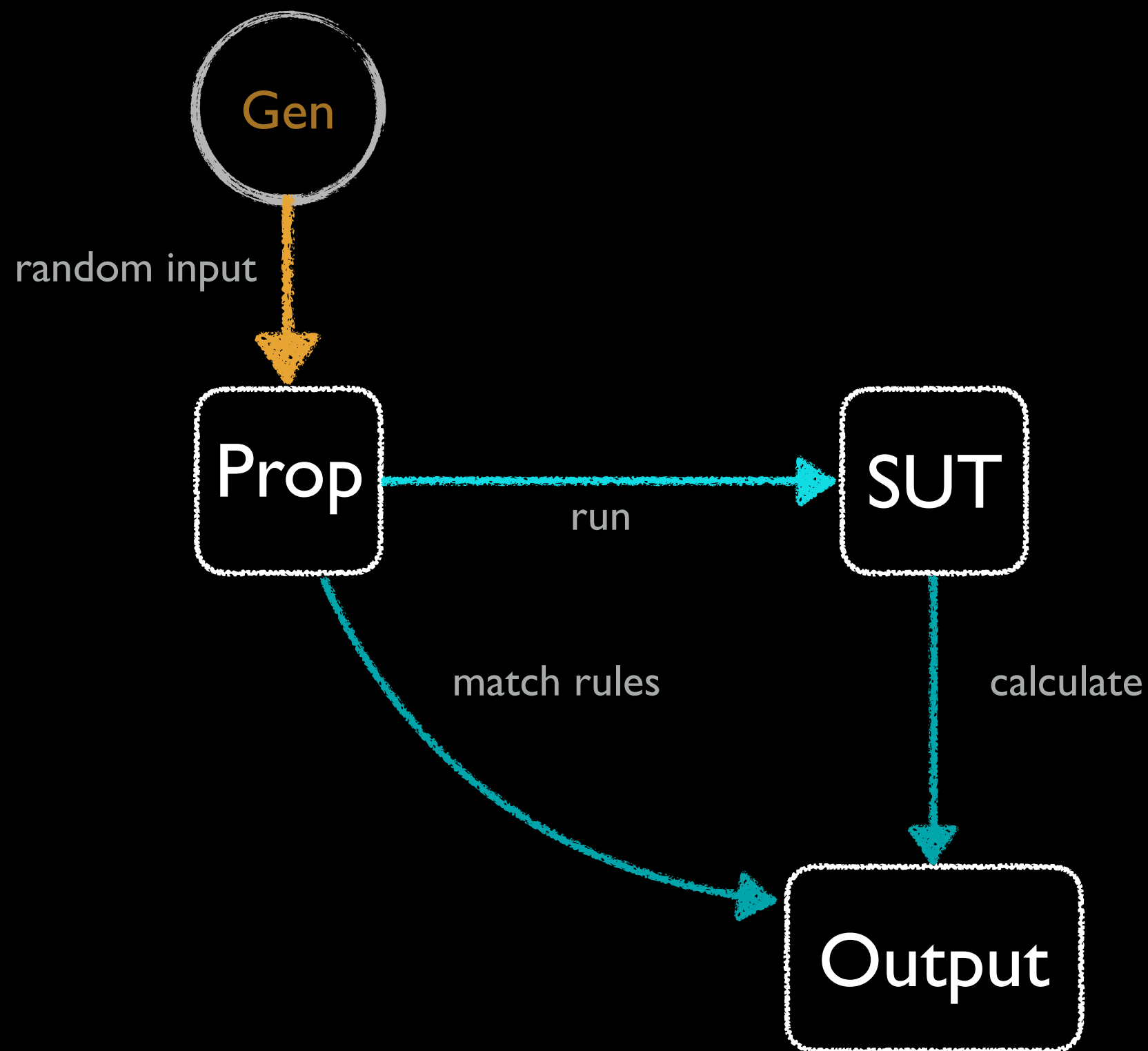


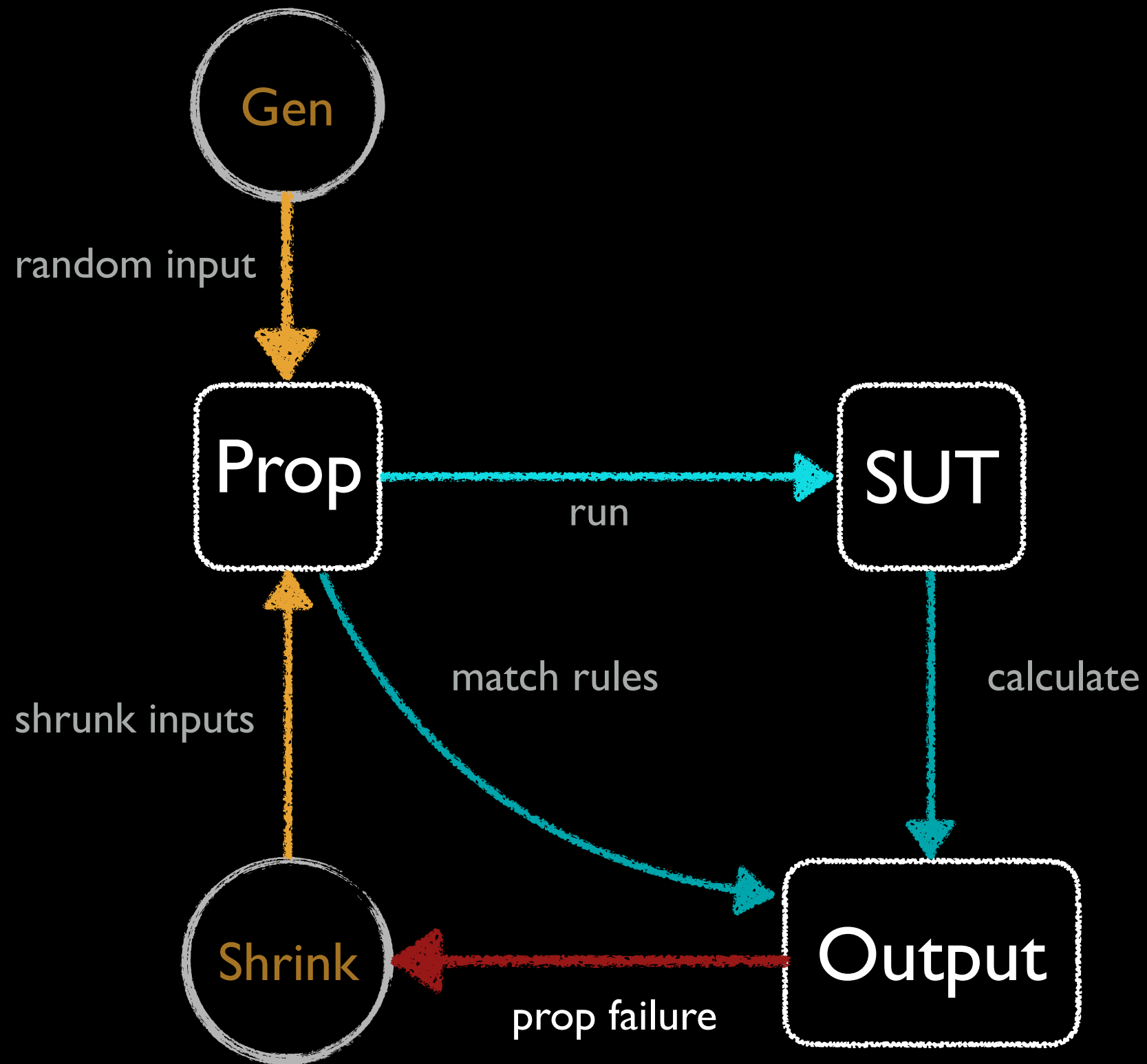






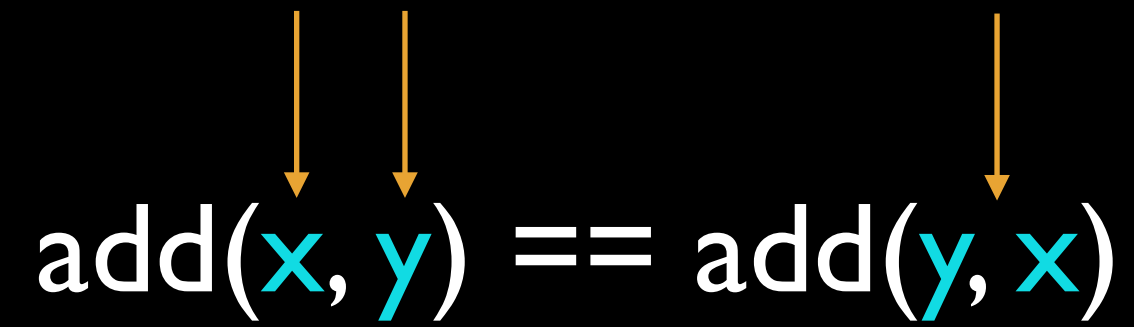
x100





any inputs

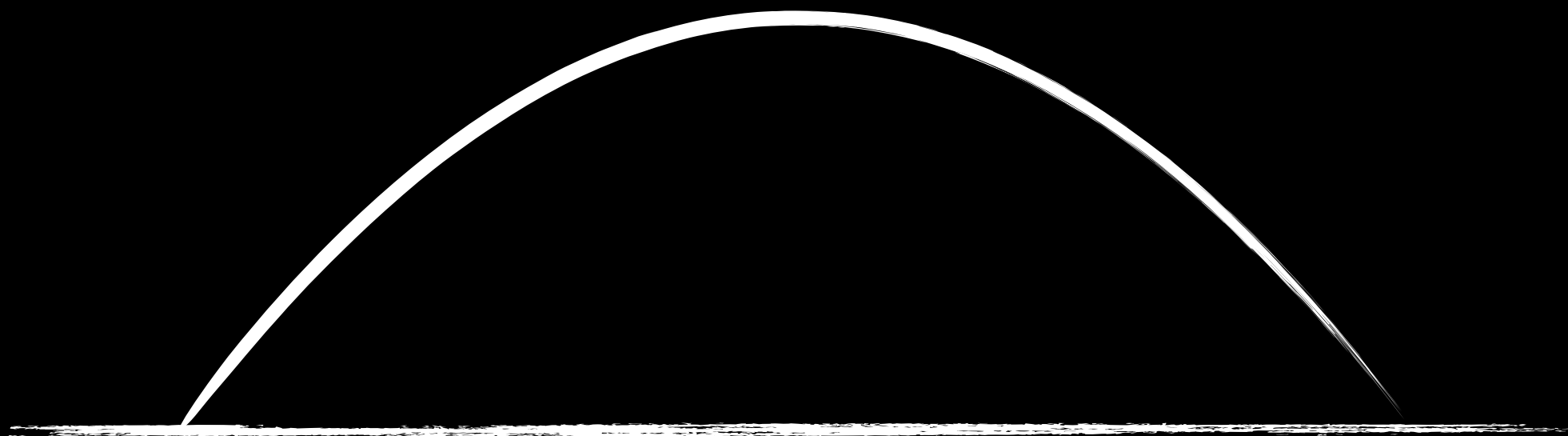
property


$$\text{add}(x, y) == \text{add}(y, x)$$

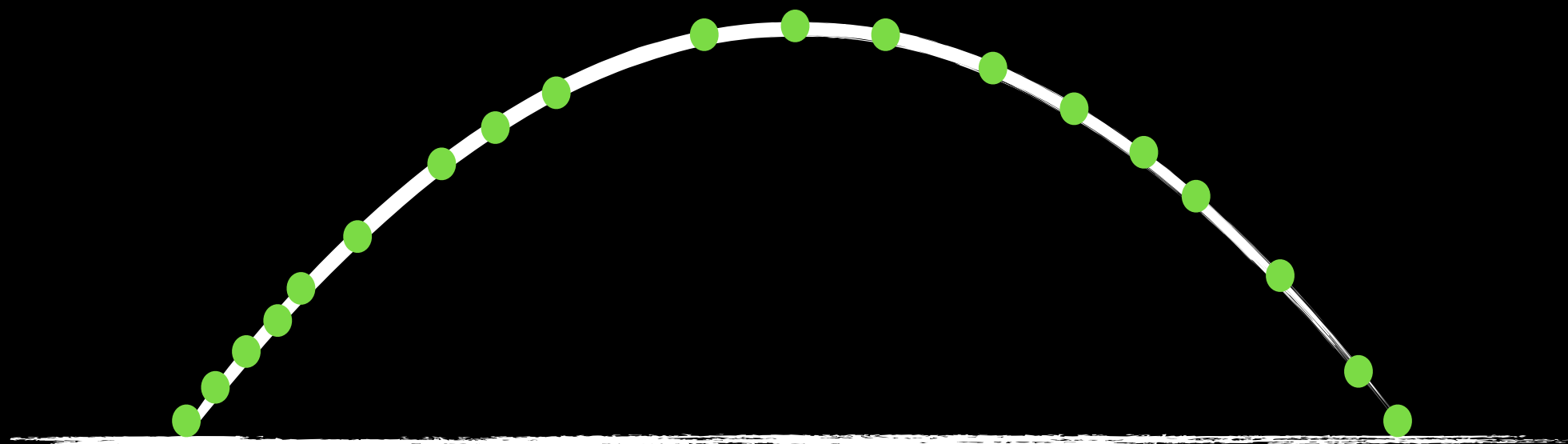


A THOUSAND ARROWS

MOVIECLIPS.COM



Input Sample



Input Sample

ScalaCheck

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Rickard Nilsson

QuickCheck

John Hughes & Koen Claessen



Gen [A]

Arbitrary[A]

Gen [A]



Arbitrary [A]

PersonGenerator

Arbitrary[String]

Arbitrary[String]

[illegible]

```
oneOf[T] (  
  g0: Gen[T],  
  g1: Gen[T],  
  gn: Gen[T]* ) :  
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```
3,m,m,3,7,G,5,X,0,i
```

```
oneOf[T] (  
    t0:T,  
    t1:T,  
    tn:T*) :  
    Gen[T]
```

```
oneOf("Red", "Green", "Blue")
```

```
"Red", "Blue", "Blue", "Blue", "Green"
```

```
listOf[T]  
(g: => Gen[T]) :  
  Gen[List[T]]
```

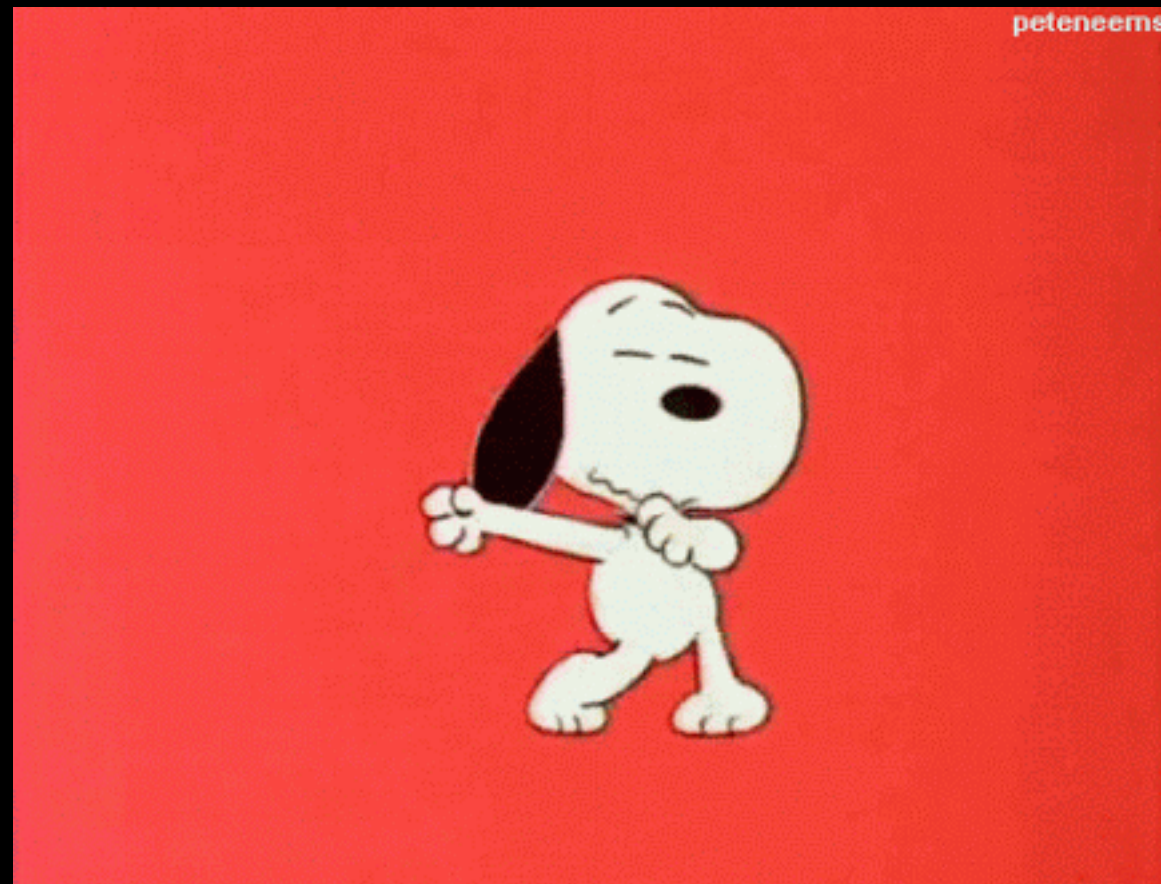
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    Gen[List[T]]
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```
listOf(posNum[Int])
```

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listOf[T]  
(g: => Gen[T]) :  
Gen[List[T]]
```

```
listOf(posNum[Int])
```

```
List(72, 5, 86, 34, 76, 68, 39, 26, 6, 36, 83, 40),  
List(58, 93, 34, 29, 4, 10, 12, 47, 98, 45, 38, 43, 20, 47, 18, 63, 54, 71),  
List(84, 57, 94, 14, 85, 37, 25, 67, 41, 91, 46, 69, 88, 83, 63, 68, 97, 68, 8, 8, 57, 66, 76, 45, 99, 35, 21, 54, 32, 51, 89, 59,  
75, 26, 64, 49, 21, 57, 45, 65, 38, 64, 83, 4, 58, 32, 13, 13, 100, 49, 45, 30, 15, 94, 90, 19, 77, 46, 31, 16, 52, 43)
```

There are **many** more

<http://bit.ly/2oxLFLV>

Can be used with EBT

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gen.sample

[U]niversally Quantified Properties

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=> Prop

[U]niversally Quantified Properties

=> Prop

=> Boolean

[U]niversally Quantified Properties

=> Prop

=> Boolean (implicit => Prop)

forAll with Gen


```
forall (genPerson) { (px: Person) =>  
    px.age >= 1 && px.age <= 120  
}
```

```
forall [T1] (Gen [T1])  
  (T1 => Boolean) :  
  Prop
```

simplified function definition

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for **All** with **A**rbitrary

```
forall { (n1: Int, n2: Int) =>  
  add(n1, n2) == add(n2, n1)  
}
```

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forall[T1]  
(T1 ⇒ Boolean) :  
Prop
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Shrinking


```
forall { n: Int =>  
  n / 100 == 0  
}
```

T => Stream[T]

Choosing Properties

M λ thematical Laws



Laws of Int Addition

Associativity	$(a+b)+c$	$==$	$a+(b+c)$
Commutativity	$(a+b)$	$==$	$(b+a)$
Identity	$(a+\emptyset)$	$==$	a
	$(\emptyset+a)$	$==$	a
Distribution	$x(a+b)$	$==$	$xa+xb$

If your problem domain
has **laws**, used them!

Questions

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How can I make it **fail**?

Patterns

Scott **W**lasin
fsharpforfunandprofit

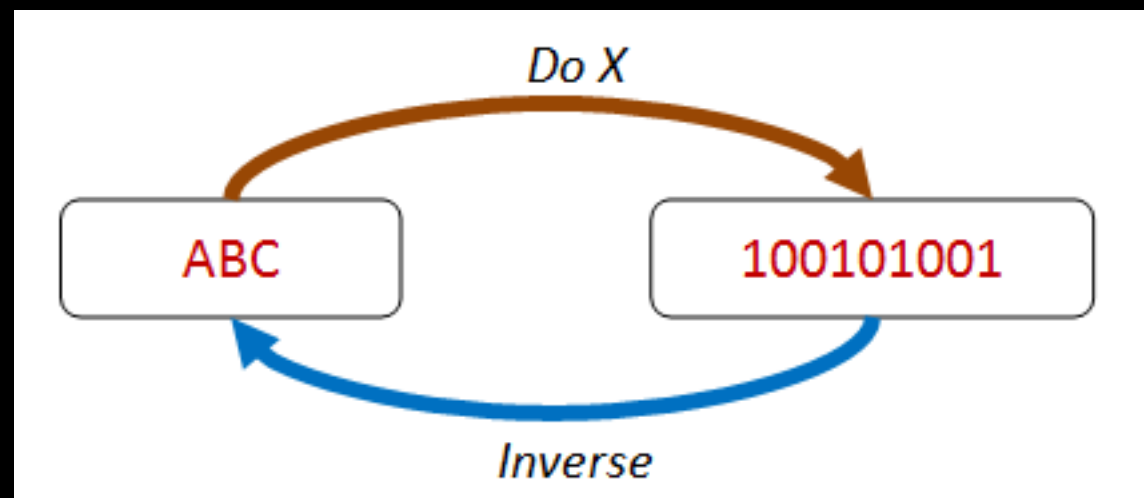
Charles **O**'Farrell
Yow! Lamda Jam

Invariants

Length
Contents

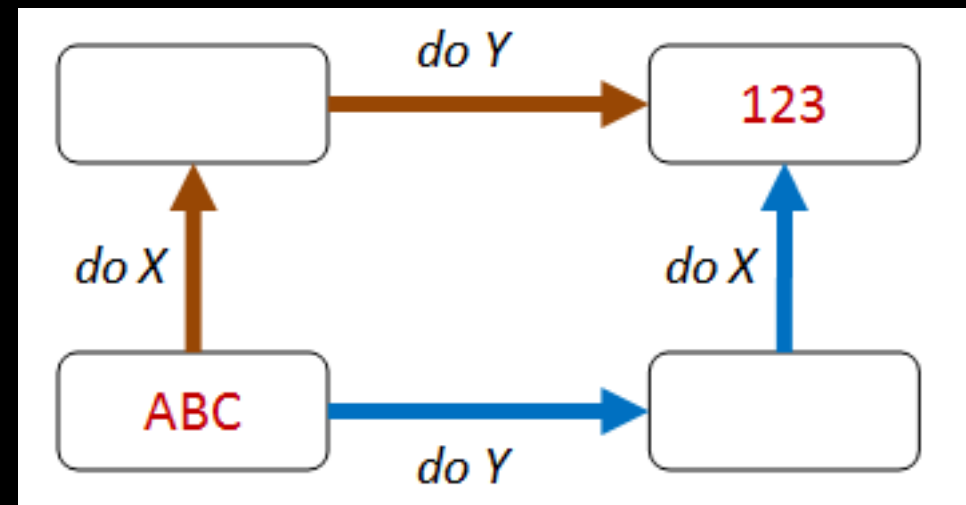
`list.sorted.length == list.length`

Round-tripping



`json.parse.toJson == json`

Different Order Same Result



`list.map(_ + 1).sorted == list.sorted.map(_ + 1)`

Compose Methods

```
list2.reverse ++ list1.reverse  
==  
(list1 ++ list2).reverse
```

Test Oracle

Verify against another implementation

multithreaded result == single-threaded result
jsonLibX result == jsonLibY result



There are others

<http://bit.ly/2o6DKsy>

Examples

Math.abs

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Determine the magnitude of a value by discarding the sign. Results are ≥ 0 .

Diamond Kata

<http://claysnow.co.uk/recycling-tests-in-tdd/>

Given a capital letter, print a diamond starting with 'A'.

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The supplied letter must be at the widest point.

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Use '*' to denote a space between characters and a '-' to denote a space around characters.

```
printDiamond('A')
```

A

```
printDiamond('B')
```

—A—

B*B

—A—

```
printDiamond('C')
```

--A--

-B*B-

C***C

-B*B-

--A--

Diamond Kata

DiamondTest/DiamondProps



Before



After



- Files over 1GB?
- Rehashing?
- > 6 weeks of effort!

- Database with *one* record!
- 5—6 calls to reproduce
- < 1 day to fix



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EBT + PBT = WIN



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Explore libraries

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Explore libraries

Deeper understand of the problem



Links

[The lazy programmer's guide to writing 1000's of tests - Scott Wlaschin](#)

[I Dream of Gen'ning - Kelsey Gilmore-Innis](#)

[Practical Property-Based Testing - Charles O'Farrell](#)

[Property-Based Testing for Better Code - Jessica Kerr](#)

[Testing the Hard Stuff and Staying Sane - John Hughes](#)

Thank You

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