

# Software Engineering Testing

## Logic Coverage

# Four Structures for Modeling Software

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## Covering Logic Expressions

- Logic expressions show up in many situations
- Covering logic expressions is required by the US Federal Aviation Administration for safety critical software
- Logical expressions can come from many sources
  - Decisions in programs
  - FSMs and statecharts
  - Requirements
- Tests are intended to choose some subset of the total number of truth assignments to the expressions

# Logic Predicates and Clauses

- A *predicate* is an expression that evaluates to a boolean value
- Predicates can contain
  - boolean variables
  - non-boolean variables that contain  $>$ ,  $<$ ,  $==$ ,  $>=$ ,  $<=$ ,  $!=$
  - boolean function calls
- Internal structure is created by logical operators
  - $\neg$  – the *negation* operator
  - $\wedge$  – the *and* operator
  - $\vee$  – the *or* operator
  - $\rightarrow$  – the *implication* operator
  - $\oplus$  – the *exclusive or* operator
  - $\leftrightarrow$  – the *equivalence* operator
- A *clause* is a predicate with no logical operators

# Examples

- $(a < b) \vee f(z) \wedge D \wedge (m \geq n * o)$
- Four clauses:
  - $(a < b)$  – relational expression
  - $f(z)$  – boolean-valued function
  - $D$  – boolean variable
  - $(m \geq n * o)$  – relational expression
- Most predicates have few clauses
  - It would be nice to quantify that claim!
- Sources of predicates
  - Decisions in programs
  - Guards in finite state machines
  - Decisions in UML activity graphs
  - Requirements, both formal and informal
  - SQL queries

## Translating from English

- “I am interested in SWE 637 and CS 652”
- *course = swe637 OR course = cs652*

Humans have trouble  
translating from  
English to Logic

- “If you leave before 6:30 AM, take Braddock to 495, if you leave after 7:00 AM, take Prosperity to 50, then 50 to 495”
- $time < 6:30 \rightarrow path = Braddock \vee time > 7:00 \rightarrow path = Prosperity$
- Hmm ... this is incomplete !
- $time < 6:30 \rightarrow path = Braddock \vee time \geq 6:30 \rightarrow path = Prosperity$

# Testing and Covering Predicates

- We use predicates in testing as follows :
  - Developing a model of the software as one or more predicates
  - Requiring tests to satisfy some combination of clauses
- Abbreviations:
  - $P$  is the set of predicates
  - $p$  is a single predicate in  $P$
  - $C$  is the set of clauses in  $P$
  - $C_p$  is the set of clauses in predicate  $p$
  - $c$  is a single clause in  $C$

## Predicate and Clause Coverage

- The first (and simplest) two criteria require that each predicate and each clause be evaluated to both true and false

**Predicate Coverage (PC) : For each  $p$  in  $P$ ,  $TR$  contains two requirements:  $p$  evaluates to true, and  $p$  evaluates to false.**

- When predicates come from conditions on edges, this is equivalent to edge coverage
- PC does not evaluate all the clauses, so ...

**Clause Coverage (CC) : For each  $c$  in  $C$ ,  $TR$  contains two requirements:  $c$  evaluates to true, and  $c$  evaluates to false.**



## Predicate Coverage Example

$$((a < b) \vee D) \wedge (m \geq n * o)$$

**predicate coverage**

**Predicate = true**

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{a = 5, b = 10, D = true, m = 1, n = 1, o = 1} \\ & = \mathbf{(5 < 10) \vee true \wedge (1 \geq 1 * 1)} \\ & = \mathbf{true \vee true \wedge TRUE} \\ & = \mathbf{true} \end{aligned}$$

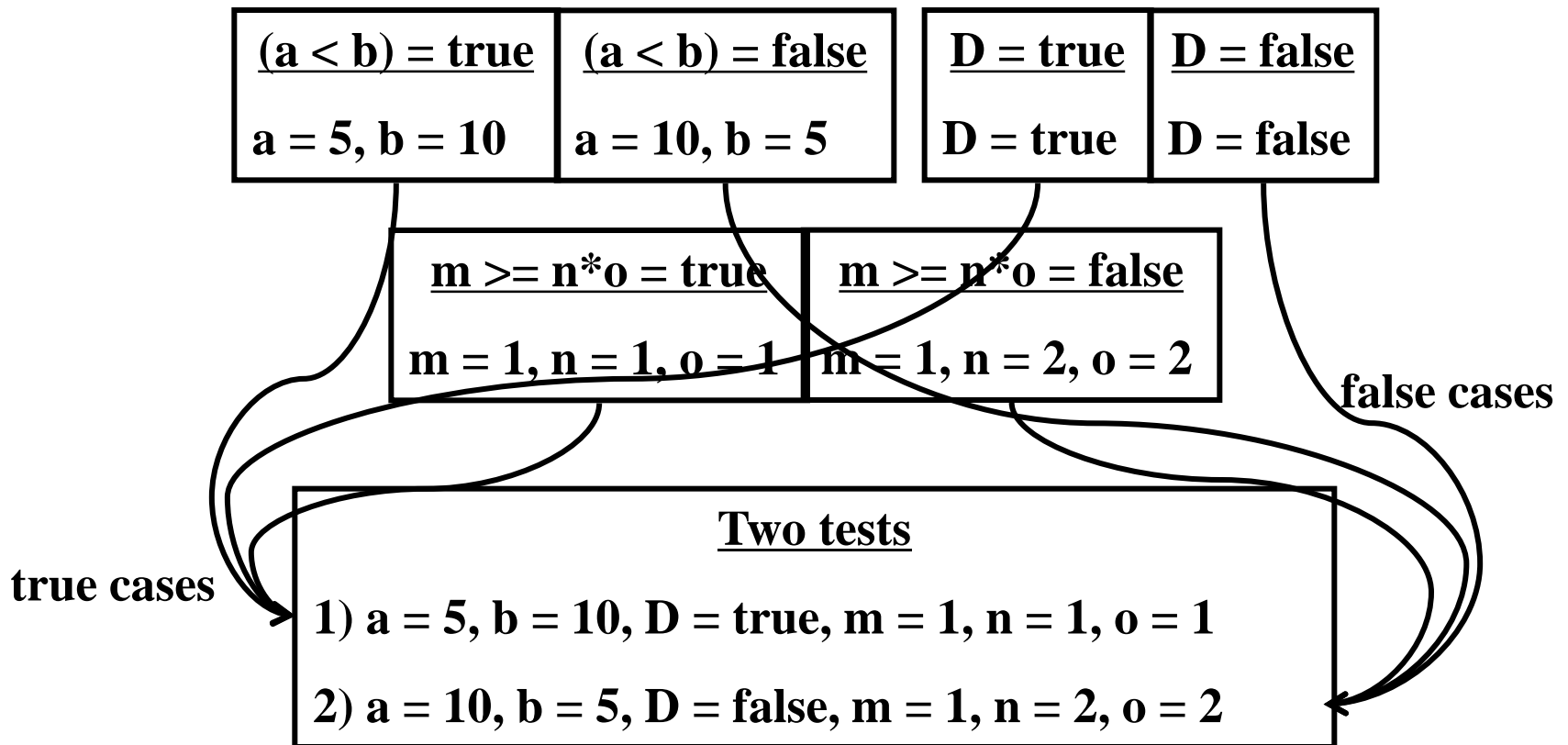
**Predicate = false**

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{a = 10, b = 5, D = false, m = 1, n = 1, o = 1} \\ & = \mathbf{(10 < 5) \vee false \wedge (1 \geq 1 * 1)} \\ & = \mathbf{false \vee false \wedge TRUE} \\ & = \mathbf{false} \end{aligned}$$

# Clause Coverage Example

$$((a < b) \vee D) \wedge (m \geq n * o)$$

## Clause coverage



## Problems with PC and CC

- CC does **not** subsume PC, and PC does not subsume CC
- Lets consider predicate  **$p = a \vee b$**
- Clauses C are  $\{a, b\}$
- The four test inputs that enumerate the combinations of logical values for the clauses are:

	a	b	$a \vee b$
1	T	T	T
2	T	F	T
3	F	T	T
4	F	F	F

## Problems with PC and CC (contd.)

- Consider two test sets, each with a pair of test inputs
- Test set  $T_{23} = \{2, 3\}$  satisfies clause CC, but not PC, because  $p$  is never false
- Conversely, test set  $T_{24} = \{2, 4\}$  satisfies PC, but not CC, because  $b$  is never true
- These two test sets demonstrate that neither PC nor CC subsumes the other

## Problems with PC and CC (contd.)

- From the testing perspective, we would certainly like a coverage criterion that tests individual clauses and that also tests the predicate
- The simplest solution is to test all combinations ...

## Combinatorial Coverage (CoC)

- CoC requires every possible combination
- Sometimes called Multiple Condition Coverage

**Combinatorial Coverage (CoC) : For each  $p$  in  $\underline{P}$ , TR has test requirements for the clauses in  $\underline{C_p}$  to evaluate to each possible combination of truth values.**

	$a < b$	$D$	$m \geq n * o$	$((a < b) \vee D) \wedge (m \geq n * o)$
1	T	T	T	T
2	T	T	F	F
3	T	F	T	T
4	T	F	F	F
5	F	T	T	T
6	F	T	F	F
7	F	F	T	F
8	F	F	F	F

## Combinatorial Coverage

- This is simple, neat, clean, and comprehensive ...
- **But quite expensive!**
- $2^N$  tests, where  $N$  is the number of clauses
  - Impractical for predicates with more than 3 or 4 clauses
- The literature has lots of suggestions – some confusing
- The general idea is simple:

**Test each clause independently from the other clauses**

- Getting the details right is hard
- What exactly does “independently” mean ?
- We shall present this idea as “*making clauses active*” ...

## Active Clauses

- Clause coverage has a weakness : The values do not always make a difference
- Consider the first test for clause coverage, which caused each clause to be true:
  - $(5 < 10) \vee \text{true} \wedge (1 \geq 1*1)$
- Only the first clause counts !
- To really test the results of a clause, the clause should be the determining factor in the value of the predicate

### Determination :

A clause  $C_i$  in predicate  $p$ , called the major clause, determines  $p$  if and only if the values of the remaining minor clauses  $C_j$  are such that changing  $C_i$  changes the value of  $p$

- This is considered to *make the clause active*



## Determining Predicates

$$\underline{P = A \vee B}$$

if  $B = \text{true}$ ,  $p$  is always true.

so if  $B = \text{false}$ ,  $A$  determines  $p$ .

if  $A = \text{false}$ ,  $B$  determines  $p$ .

$$\underline{P = A \wedge B}$$

if  $B = \text{false}$ ,  $p$  is always false.

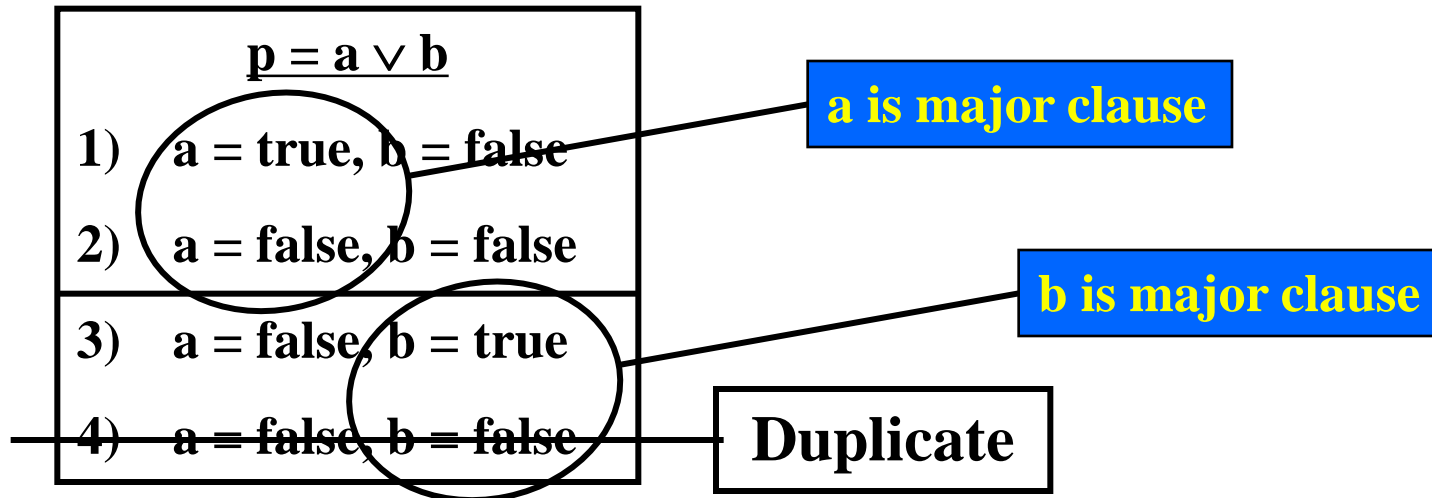
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- Goal : Find tests for each clause when the clause determines the value of the predicate
- This is formalized in several criteria that have subtle, but very important, differences

## Active Clause Coverage

**Active Clause Coverage (ACC)** : For each  $p$  in  $P$  and each major clause  $ci$  in  $Cp$ , choose minor clauses  $cj, j \neq i$ , so that  $ci$  determines  $p$ . TR has two requirements for each  $ci$  :  $ci$  evaluates to true and  $ci$  evaluates to false.



- This is a form of Modified Condition/Decision Coverage software testing criterion (MCDCC), which is required by the FAA for safety critical software
- Ambiguity : Do the minor clauses have to have the same values when the major clause is true and false?

## Resolving the Ambiguity

$$\underline{p = a \vee (b \wedge c)}$$

**Major clause : a**

**a = true, b = false, c = true**

**a = false, b = false, c = false**

**Is this allowed ?**

- This question caused confusion among testers for years
- Considering this carefully leads to three separate criteria :
  - Minor clauses do not need to be the same
  - Minor clauses do need to be the same
  - Minor clauses force the predicate to become both true and false

**General Active Clause Coverage (GACC) : For each  $p$  in  $P$  and each major clause  $ci$  in  $C_p$ , choose minor clauses  $cj, j \neq i$ , so that  $ci$  determines  $p$ . TR has two requirements for each  $ci$  :  $ci$  evaluates to true and  $ci$  evaluates to false. The values chosen for the minor clauses  $cj$  do not need to be the same when  $ci$  is true as when  $ci$  is false, that is,  $cj(ci = \text{true}) = cj(ci = \text{false})$  for all  $cj$  OR  $cj(ci = \text{true}) \neq cj(ci = \text{false})$  for all  $cj$ .**

- This is complicated !
- It is possible to satisfy GACC without satisfying predicate coverage
- We really want to cause predicates to be both true and false !

## GACC does not subsume Predicate Coverage

- Lets consider predicate  **$p = a \leftrightarrow b$**
- Clause  $a$  determines  $p$  for any assignment of truth values to  $b$
- So, when  $a$  is true, we choose  $b$  to be true as well, and when  $a$  is false, we choose  $b$  to be false as well
- We make the same selections for clause  $b$
- We end up with only two test inputs:  $\{TT, FF\}$
- $p$  evaluates to *true* for both of these cases, so predicate coverage is *not* achieved in GACC

	a	b	$a \leftrightarrow b$
1	T	T	T
2	T	F	F
3	F	T	F
4	F	F	T

## Restricted Active Clause Coverage

**Restricted Active Clause Coverage (RACC) :** For each  $p$  in  $P$  and each major clause  $c_i$  in  $C_p$ , choose minor clauses  $c_j, j \neq i$ , so that  $c_i$  determines  $p$ . TR has two requirements for each  $c_i$ :  $c_i$  evaluates to true and  $c_i$  evaluates to false. The values chosen for the minor clauses  $c_j$  must be the same when  $c_i$  is true as when  $c_i$  is false, that is, it is required that  $c_j(c_i = \text{true}) = c_j(c_i = \text{false})$  for all  $c_j$ .

- This has been a common interpretation by aviation developers
- RACC often leads to infeasible test requirements
- There is no logical reason for such a restriction

**Correlated Active Clause Coverage (CACC) :** For each  $p$  in  $P$  and each major clause  $ci$  in  $C_p$ , choose minor clauses  $cj, j \neq i$ , so that  $ci$  determines  $p$ . TR has two requirements for each  $ci$ :  $ci$  evaluates to true and  $ci$  evaluates to false. The values chosen for the minor clauses  $cj$  must cause  $p$  to be true for one value of the major clause  $ci$  and false for the other, that is, it is required that  $p(ci = \text{true}) \neq p(ci = \text{false})$ .

- A more recent interpretation
- Implicitly allows minor clauses to have different values
- Explicitly satisfies (subsumes) predicate coverage

## CACC – An example

- Again, consider predicate  **$p = a \leftrightarrow b$**
- CACC can be satisfied with respect to clause *a* with the test set  $\{TT, FT\}$
- With respect to clause *b* with the test set  $\{TT, TF\}$
- Merging these yields the CACC test set  $\{TT, TF, FT\}$

	a	b	$a \leftrightarrow b$
1	T	T	T
2	T	F	F
3	F	T	F
4	F	F	T



# CACC and RACC

	<b>a</b>	b	c	$a \wedge (b \vee c)$
1	<b>T</b>	T	T	T
2	<b>T</b>	T	F	T
3	<b>T</b>	F	T	T
5	<b>F</b>	T	T	F
6	<b>F</b>	T	F	F
7	<b>F</b>	F	T	F

major clause

**CACC can be satisfied by choosing any of rows 1, 2, 3 AND any of rows 5, 6, 7 – a total of nine pairs**

	<b>a</b>	b	c	$a \wedge (b \vee c)$
1	<b>T</b>	T	T	T
5	<b>F</b>	T	T	F
2	<b>T</b>	T	F	T
6	<b>F</b>	T	F	F
3	<b>T</b>	F	T	T
7	<b>F</b>	F	T	F

major clause

**RACC can only be satisfied by one of the three pairs above**

## Inactive Clause Coverage

- The active clause coverage criteria ensure that “major” clauses do affect the predicates
- Inactive clause coverage takes the opposite approach – major clauses do not affect the predicates

**Inactive Clause Coverage (ICC) : For each  $p$  in  $P$  and each major clause  $ci$  in  $Cp$ , choose minor clauses  $cj, j \neq i$ , so that  $ci$  does not determine  $p$ . TR has four requirements for each  $ci$ : (1)  $ci$  evaluates to true with  $p$  true, (2)  $ci$  evaluates to false with  $p$  true, (3)  $ci$  evaluates to true with  $p$  false, and (4)  $ci$  evaluates to false with  $p$  false.**

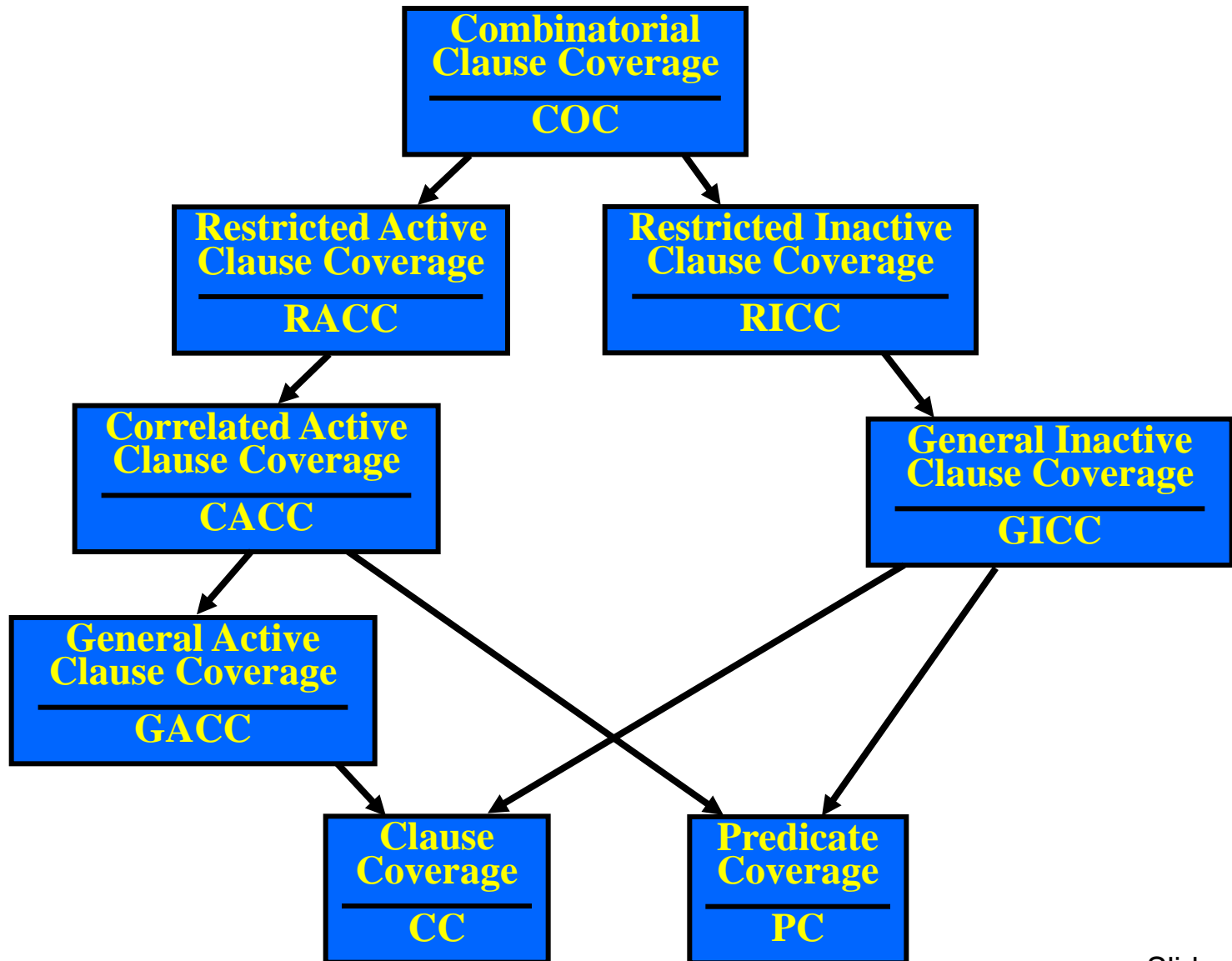
## General and Restricted ICC

- Unlike ACC, the notion of correlation is not relevant
  - $c_i$  does not determine  $p$ , so cannot correlate with  $p$
- Predicate coverage is always guaranteed

**General Inactive Clause Coverage (GICC)** : For each  $p$  in  $P$  and each major clause  $c_i$  in  $C_p$ , choose minor clauses  $c_j, j \neq i$ , so that  $c_i$  does not determine  $p$ . The values chosen for the minor clauses  $c_j$  do not need to be the same when  $c_i$  is true as when  $c_i$  is false, that is,  $c_j(c_i = \text{true}) = c_j(c_i = \text{false})$  for all  $c_j$  OR  $c_j(c_i = \text{true}) \neq c_j(c_i = \text{false})$  for all  $c_j$ .

**Restricted Inactive Clause Coverage (RICC)** : For each  $p$  in  $P$  and each major clause  $c_i$  in  $C_p$ , choose minor clauses  $c_j, j \neq i$ , so that  $c_i$  does not determine  $p$ . The values chosen for the minor clauses  $c_j$  must be the same when  $c_i$  is true as when  $c_i$  is false, that is, it is required that  $c_j(c_i = \text{true}) = c_j(c_i = \text{false})$  for all  $c_j$ .

# Logic Coverage Criteria Subsumption



## Making Clauses Determine a Predicate

- Finding values for minor clauses  $C_j$  is easy for simple predicates
- But how to find values for more complicated predicates ?
- Definitional approach:
  - $p_{c=true}$  is predicate  $p$  with every occurrence of  $c$  replaced by *true*
  - $p_{c=false}$  is predicate  $p$  with every occurrence of  $c$  replaced by *false*
- To find values for the minor clauses, connect  $p_{c=true}$  and  $p_{c=false}$  with exclusive OR
$$p_c = p_{c=true} \oplus p_{c=false}$$
- After solving,  $p_c$  describes exactly the values needed for  $c$  to determine  $p$

## Examples

$$\underline{p = a \vee b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_a &= p_{a=\text{true}} \oplus p_{a=\text{false}} \\ &= (\text{true} \vee b) \oplus (\text{false} \vee b) \\ &= \text{true} \oplus b \\ &= \neg b \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{p = a \wedge b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_a &= p_{a=\text{true}} \oplus p_{a=\text{false}} \\ &= (\text{true} \wedge b) \oplus (\text{false} \wedge b) \\ &= b \oplus \text{false} \\ &= b \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{p = a \vee (b \wedge c)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_a &= p_{a=\text{true}} \oplus p_{a=\text{false}} \\ &= (\text{true} \vee (b \wedge c)) \oplus (\text{false} \vee (b \wedge c)) \\ &= \text{true} \oplus (b \wedge c) \\ &= \neg (b \wedge c) \\ &= \neg b \vee \neg c \end{aligned}$$

- “*NOT b*  $\vee$  *NOT c*” means either *b* or *c* can be false
- RACC requires the same choice for both values of *a*, CACC does not

## Repeated Variables

- The definitions in this discussion yield the same tests no matter how the predicate is expressed
- $(a \vee b) \wedge (c \vee b) == (a \wedge c) \vee b$
- $(a \wedge b) \vee (b \wedge c) \vee (a \wedge c)$ 
  - Only has 8 possible tests, not 64
- Use the simplest form of the predicate, and ignore contradictory truth table assignments

## A More Subtle Example

$$\underline{p = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge \neg b)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_a &= p_{a=\text{true}} \oplus p_{a=\text{false}} \\ &= ((\text{true} \wedge b) \vee (\text{true} \wedge \neg b)) \oplus ((\text{false} \wedge b) \vee (\text{false} \wedge \neg b)) \\ &= (b \vee \neg b) \oplus \text{false} \\ &= \text{true} \oplus \text{false} \\ &= \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{p = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge \neg b)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_b &= p_{b=\text{true}} \oplus p_{b=\text{false}} \\ &= ((a \wedge \text{true}) \vee (a \wedge \neg \text{true})) \oplus ((a \wedge \text{false}) \vee (a \wedge \neg \text{false})) \\ &= (a \vee \text{false}) \oplus (\text{false} \vee a) \\ &= a \oplus a \\ &= \text{false} \end{aligned}$$

- *a* always determines the value of this predicate
- *b* never determines the value – *b* is irrelevant !



## Infeasible Test Requirements

- Consider the predicate:

$$(a > b \wedge b > c) \vee c > a$$

- $(a > b) = \text{true}, (b > c) = \text{true}, (c > a) = \text{true}$  is infeasible
- As with graph-based criteria, infeasible test requirements have to be recognized and ignored
- Recognizing infeasible test requirements is hard, and in general, undecidable
- Software testing is inexact – engineering, not science

## Logic Coverage Summary – so far

- Predicates are often very simple—in practice, most have less than 3 clauses
  - In fact, most predicates only have one clause !
  - With only clause, PC is enough
  - With 2 or 3 clauses, CoC is practical
  - Advantages of ACC and ICC criteria significant for large predicates
    - CoC is impractical for predicates with many clauses
- Control software often has many complicated predicates, with lots of clauses
- Question ... why don't complexity metrics count the number of clauses in predicates?

# Logic Expressions from Programs

## Logic Expressions from Programs

- Predicates are derived from decision statements in programs
- In programs, most predicates have less than four clauses
  - Wise programmers actively strive to keep predicates simple
- When a predicate only has one clause, COC, ACC, ICC, and CC all collapse to predicate coverage (PC)
- Applying logic criteria to program source is hard because of reachability and controllability:
  - Reachability : Before applying the criteria on a predicate at a particular statement, we have to get to that statement
  - Controllability : We have to find input values that indirectly assign values to the variables in the predicates
  - Variables in the predicates that are not inputs to the program are called *internal variables*
- These issues are illustrated through an example in the following slides ...

```
1 // Jeff Offutt -- Java version Feb 2003
2 // The old standby: classify triangles
3 // Figures 3.2 and 3.3 in the book.
4 import java.io.*;
5 class trityp
6 {
7     private static String[] triTypes = { "", // Ignore 0.
8         "scalene", "isosceles", "equilateral", "not a valid
9         triangle"};
10     private static String instructions = "This is the ancient
11     TriTyp program.\nEnter three integers that represent the lengths
12     of the sides of a triangle.\nThe triangle will be categorized as
13     either scalene, isosceles, equilateral\nor invalid.\n";
14     public static void main (String[] argv)
15     { // Driver program for trityp
16         int A, B, C;
17         int T;
```

```
16  System.out.println (instructions);
17  System.out.println ("Enter side 1: ");
18  A = getN();
19  System.out.println ("Enter side 2: ");
20  B = getN();
21  System.out.println ("Enter side 3: ");
22  C = getN();
23  T = Triang (A, B, C);
24
25  System.out.println ("Result is: " + triTypes [T]);
26  }
27
28  // =====
```

```
29 // The main triangle classification method
30 private static int Triang (int Side1, int Side2, int Side3)
31 {
32     int tri_out;
33
34     // tri_out is output from the routine:
35     //   Triang = 1 if triangle is scalene
36     //   Triang = 2 if triangle is isosceles
37     //   Triang = 3 if triangle is equilateral
38     //   Triang = 4 if not a triangle
39
40     // After a quick confirmation that it's a legal
41     // triangle, detect any sides of equal length
42     if (Side1 <= 0 || Side2 <= 0 || Side3 <= 0)
43     {
44         tri_out = 4;
45         return (tri_out);
46     }
```

```
48  tri_out = 0;
49  if (Side1 == Side2)
50      tri_out = tri_out + 1;
51  if (Side1 == Side3)
52      tri_out = tri_out + 2;
53  if (Side2 == Side3)
54      tri_out = tri_out + 3;
55  if (tri_out == 0)
56  { // Confirm it's a legal triangle before declaring
57      // it to be scalene
58
59      if (Side1+Side2 <= Side3 || Side2+Side3 <= Side1 ||
60          Side1+Side3 <= Side2)
61          tri_out = 4;
62      else
63          tri_out = 1;
64      return (tri_out);
65  }
```



```
67  /* Confirm it's a legal triangle before declaring */
68  /* it to be isosceles or equilateral */
69
70  if (tri_out > 3)
71      tri_out = 3;
72  else if (tri_out == 1 && Side1+Side2 > Side3)
73      tri_out = 2;
74  else if (tri_out == 2 && Side1+Side3 > Side2)
75      tri_out = 2;
76  else if (tri_out == 3 && Side2+Side3 > Side1)
77      tri_out = 2;
78  else
79      tri_out = 4;
80  return (tri_out);
81 } // end Triang
```

## Ten Triang Predicates

**42: (Side1 <= 0 || Side2 <= 0 || Side3 <= 0)**

**49: (Side1 == Side2)**

**51: (Side1 == Side3)**

**53: (Side2 == Side3)**

**55: (triOut == 0)**

**59: (Side1+Side2 <= Side3 || Side2+Side3 <= Side1 ||  
Side1+Side3 <= Side2)**

**70: (triOut > 3)**

**72: (triOut == 1 && Side1+Side2 > Side3)**

**74: (triOut == 2 && Side1+Side3 > Side2)**

**76: (triOut == 3 && Side2+Side3 > Side1)**

## Reachability for Triang Predicates

42: True

49:  $P1 = s1 > 0 \ \&\& \ s2 > 0 \ \&\& \ s3 > 0$

51: P1

53: P1

55: P1

59:  $P1 \ \&\& \ \text{triOut} = 0$

62:  $P1 \ \&\& \ \text{triOut} = 0$

$\ \&\& \ (s1 + s2 > s3) \ \&\& \ (s2 + s3 > s1) \ \&\& \ (s1 + s3 > s2)$

70:  $P1 \ \&\& \ \text{triOut} \neq 0$

72:  $P1 \ \&\& \ \text{triOut} \neq 0 \ \&\& \ \text{triOut} \leq 3$

74:  $P1 \ \&\& \ \text{triOut} \neq 0 \ \&\& \ \text{triOut} \leq 3 \ \&\& \ (\text{triOut} \neq 1 \ \parallel \ s1 + s2 \leq s3)$

76:  $P1 \ \&\& \ \text{triOut} \neq 0 \ \&\& \ \text{triOut} \leq 3 \ \&\& \ (\text{triOut} \neq 1 \ \parallel \ s1 + s2 \leq s3)$   
 $\ \&\& \ (\text{triOut} \neq 2 \ \parallel \ s1 + s3 \leq s2)$

78:  $P1 \ \&\& \ \text{triOut} \neq 0 \ \&\& \ \text{triOut} \leq 3 \ \&\& \ (\text{triOut} \neq 1 \ \parallel \ s1 + s2 \leq s3)$   
 $\ \&\& \ (\text{triOut} \neq 2 \ \parallel \ s1 + s3 \leq s2) \ \&\& \ (\text{triOut} \neq 3 \ \parallel \ s2 + s3 \leq s1)$

Need to solve for the  
internal variable *triOut*

## Solving for Internal Variable *triOut*

**At line 55, triOut has a value in the range (0 .. 6)**

**triOut = 0   s1!=s2   &&   s1!=s3   &&   s2!=s3**

**1   s1=s2   &&   s1!=s3   &&   s2!=s3**

**2   s1!=s2   &&   s1=s3   &&   s2!=s3**

**3   s1!=s2   &&   s1!=s3   &&   s2=s3**

**4   s1=s2   &&   s1!=s3   &&   s2=s3**

*Contradiction*

**5   s1!=s2   &&   s1=s3   &&   s2=s3**

*Contradiction*

**6   s1=s2   &&   s1=s3   &&   s2=s3**

# Reachability for Triang Predicates (solved for triOut – reduced)

42: True

49:  $P1 = s1 > 0 \ \&\& \ s2 > 0 \ \&\& \ s3 > 0$

51: P1

53: P1

55: P1

59:  $P1 \ \&\& \ s1 \neq s2 \ \&\& \ s2 \neq s3 \ \&\& \ s2 \neq s3$  (triOut = 0)

62:  $P1 \ \&\& \ s1 \neq s2 \ \&\& \ s2 \neq s3 \ \&\& \ s2 \neq s3$  (triOut = 0)  
 $\ \&\& \ (s1 + s2 > s3) \ \&\& \ (s2 + s3 > s1) \ \&\& \ (s1 + s3 > s2)$

70:  $P1 \ \&\& \ P2 = (s1 = s2 \ || \ s1 = s3 \ || \ s2 = s3)$  (triOut != 0)

72:  $P1 \ \&\& \ P2 \ \&\& \ P3 = (s1 \neq s2 \ || \ s1 \neq s3 \ || \ s2 \neq s3)$  (triOut <= 3)

74:  $P1 \ \&\& \ P2 \ \&\& \ P3 \ \&\& \ (s1 \neq s2 \ || \ s1 + s2 \leq s3)$

76:  $P1 \ \&\& \ P2 \ \&\& \ P3 \ \&\& \ (s1 \neq s2 \ || \ s1 + s2 \leq s3)$   
 $\ \&\& \ (s1 \neq s3 \ || \ s1 + s3 \leq s2)$

78:  $P1 \ \&\& \ P2 \ \&\& \ P3 \ \&\& \ (s1 \neq s2 \ || \ s1 + s2 \leq s3)$   
 $\ \&\& \ (s1 \neq s3 \ || \ s1 + s3 \leq s2) \ \&\& \ (s2 \neq s3 \ || \ s2 + s3 \leq s1)$

Looks complicated, but  
a lot of redundancy

# Predicate Coverage

These values are  
“don’t care”, needed  
to complete the test.

	T				F				
	A	B	C	EO	A	B	C	EO	
p42: (S1 <= 0    S2 <= 0    S3 <= 0)	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	3	
p49: (S1 == S2)	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	2	
p51: (S1 == S3)	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	2	
p53: (S2 == S3)	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	
p55: (triOut == 0)	1	2	3	4	1	1	1	3	
p59: (S1+S2 <= S3    S2+S3 <= S1    S1+S3 <= S2)	1	2	3	4	2	3	4	1	
p70: (triOut > 3)	1	1	1	3	2	2	3	2	
p72: (triOut == 1 && S1+S2 > S3)	2	2	3	2	2	2	4	4	
p74: (triOut == 2 && S1+S3 > S2)	2	3	2	2	2	4	2	4	
p76: (triOut == 3 && S2+S3 > S1)	3	2	2	2	4	2	2	4	

# Clause Coverage

	T				F				
	A	B	C	EO	A	B	C	EO	
p42: (S1 <= 0)	0	1	1	4	1	1	1	3	
(S2 <= 0)	1	0	1	4	1	1	1	3	
(S3 <= 0)	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	3	
p59: (S1+S2 <= S3)	2	3	6	4	2	3	4	1	
(S2+S3 <= S1)	6	2	3	4	2	3	4	1	
(S1+S3 <= S2)	2	6	3	4	2	3	4	1	
p72: (triOut == 1)	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	
(S1+S2 > S3)	2	2	3	2	2	2	5	4	
p74: (triOut == 2)	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	
(S1+S3 > S2)	2	3	2	2	2	5	2	4	
p76: (triOut == 3)	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	4	
(S2+S3 > S1)	3	2	2	2	5	2	2	4	

# Correlated Active Clause Coverage

		A	B	C	EO
p42: (S1 <= 0    S2 <= 0    S3 <= 0)	T f f	0	1	1	4
	F f f	1	1	1	3
	f T f	1	0	1	4
	f f T	1	1	0	4
p59: (S1+S2 <= S3    S2+S3 <= S1    S1+S3 <= S2)	T f f	2	3	6	4
	F f f	2	3	4	1
	f T f	6	2	3	4
	f f T	2	6	3	4
p72: (triOut == 1 && S1+S2 > S3) → s1=s2 && s1!=s3 && s2!=s3	T t	2	2	3	2
	F t	2	3	3	2
	t F	2	2	5	4
p74: (triOut == 2 && S1+S3 > S2) → s1!=s2 && s1=s3 && s2!=s3	T t	2	3	2	2
	F t	2	3	3	2
	t F	2	5	2	4
p76: (triOut == 3 && S2+S3 > S1) → s1!=s2 && s1!=s3 && s2=s3	T t	3	2	2	2
	F t	1	2	2	4
	t F	5	2	2	4

At least one pair of sides must be equal.




# Program Transformation Issues

```
if ((a && b) || c) {  
    S1;  
}  
else {  
    S2;  
}
```

  
Transform (1)?

```
if (a) {  
    if (b)  
        S1;  
    else {  
        if (c)  
            S1;  
        else  
            S2;  
    }  
}  
else {  
    if (c)  
        S1;  
    else  
        S2;  
}
```

  
Transform (2)?

```
d = a && b;  
e = d || c;  
if (e) {  
    S1;  
}  
else {  
    S2;  
}
```

## Problems with Transformed Programs

- Maintenance is certainly harder with Transform (1)
  - Not recommended!
- Coverage on Transform (1)
  - PC on transform does not imply CACC on original
  - CACC on original does not imply PC on transform
- Coverage on Transform (2)
  - Structure used by logic criteria is “lost”
  - Hence CACC on transform 2 only requires 3 tests
  - Note: Mutation analysis (Chapter 5) addresses this problem
- Bottom Line: Logic coverage criteria are there to help you!

a	b	c	$(a \wedge b) \vee c$	CACC	PC	CACC(2)
T	T	T	T		X	
T	T	F	T	X		X
T	F	T	T	X	X	X
T	F	F	F	X	X	
F	T	T	T		X	
F	T	F	F	X		X
F	F	T	T			
F	F	F	F		X	

## Summary : Logic Coverage for Source Code

- Predicates appear in decision statements
  - if, while, for, etc.
- Most predicates have less than four clauses
  - But some applications have predicates with many clauses
- The hard part of applying logic criteria to source is resolving the internal variables
- Non-local variables (class, global, etc.) are also input variables if they are used
- If an input variable is changed within a method, it is treated as an internal variable thereafter
- To maximize effect of logic coverage criteria:
  - Avoid transformations that hide predicate structure

## Specifications in Software

- Specifications can be formal or informal
  - Formal specs are usually expressed mathematically
  - Informal specs are usually expressed in *natural language*
- Lots of formal languages and informal styles are available
- Most specification languages include explicit logical expressions, so it is very easy to apply logic coverage criteria
- Implicit logical expressions in natural-language specifications should be re-written as explicit logical expressions as part of test design
  - You will often find mistakes
- One of the most common is preconditions ...

## Preconditions

- Programmers often include preconditions for their methods
- The preconditions are often expressed in comments in method headers
- Preconditions can be in javadoc, “requires”, “pre”, ...

### Example – Saving addresses

```
// name must not be empty  
// state must be valid  
// zip must be 5 numeric digits  
// street must not be empty  
// city must not be empty
```

### Rewriting to logical expression

```
name != “”  $\wedge$  state in stateList  $\wedge$  zip  $\geq$  00000  $\wedge$  zip  $\leq$  99999  $\wedge$   
street != “”  $\wedge$  city != “”
```

## Shortcut for Conjunctive Clauses

- Conjunctive clauses are connected only by the and operator
- Each major clause is made active by making all other clauses true
- The tests are “all true” and then a “diagonal” of false values:

	A	B	C	...
1	T	T	T	...
2	F	T	T	
3	T	F	T	
4	T	T	F	
		.		.
		.		.
		.		.

## Shortcut for Disjunctive Clauses

- Disjunctive clauses are connected only by the or operator
- Each major clause is made active by making all other clauses false
- The tests are “all false” and then a “diagonal” of true values:

	A	B	C	...
1	F	F	F	...
2	T	F	F	
3	F	T	F	
4	F	F	T	
		.		.
		.		.
		.		.

## Summary : Logic Coverage for Specs

- Logical specifications can come from lots of places :
  - Preconditions
  - Java asserts
  - Contracts (in design-by-contract development)
  - OCL conditions
  - Formal languages
- Logical specifications can describe behavior at many levels :
  - Methods and classes (unit and module testing)
  - Connections among classes and components
  - System-level behavior
- Many predicates in specifications are in disjunctive normal or conjunctive normal form – simplifying the computations



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