SWE 261P Software Testing and Analysis - Part 2 Report

PDFsam Basic: Finite State Machine Testing

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This report documents the systematic Finite State Machine (FSM) testing process of **PDFsam Basic**, covering three distinct features modeled as FSMs.

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🎯 1. Finite Models in Testing

1.1 What Are Finite Models?

Finite models are abstract representations of software behavior using a finite number of states and transitions. They allow testers to:

1. **Model complex behavior simply**: Reduce infinite input spaces to manageable state spaces
2. **Visualize system behavior**: Communicate expected behavior through diagrams
3. **Derive test cases systematically**: Generate tests that cover all states and transitions

1.2 Why Finite Models Are Useful for Testing

Finite models, particularly **Finite State Machines (FSMs)**, provide several key benefits:

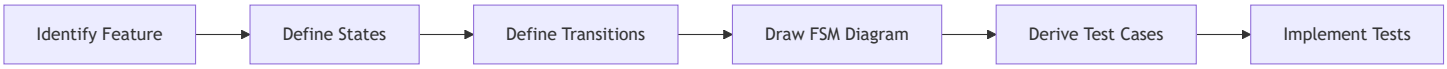
Benefit	Description
Systematic Coverage	Ensure all states and transitions are tested
Defect Detection	Identify missing transitions and invalid state combinations
Documentation	Serve as executable specifications
Regression Testing	Provide baseline for detecting behavioral changes

1.3 FSM Testing Coverage Criteria

Common FSM coverage criteria include:

- **State Coverage**: Visit every state at least once
- **Transition Coverage**: Execute every transition at least once
- **Path Coverage**: Test all possible paths (often impractical)
- **Transition Pair Coverage**: Cover all pairs of adjacent transitions

1.4 FSM Testing Process



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Test File: pdfsam-ui-components/src/test/java/org/pdfsam/ui/components/support/ZianValidationStateFSMTest.java

3.1 Feature Description

The **Validation State** system manages form field validation in PDFsam's UI. It tracks whether user input has been validated and the result of that validation.

Location: pdfsam-ui-components/src/test/java/org/pdfsam/ui/components/support/FXValidationSupportTest.java

3.2 FSM Model Design

```
public enum ValidationState {
NOT_VALIDATED(false),
VALID(false),
INVALID(false);

    private Set<ValidationState> validDestinations;

    static {
        NOT_VALIDATED.validDestinations = Set.of(NOT_VALIDATED, VALID, INVALID);

        VALID.validDestinations = Set.of(VALID, INVALID, NOT_VALIDATED);

        INVALID.validDestinations = Set.of(INVALID, VALID, NOT_VALIDATED);
    }

    public boolean canMoveTo(ValidationState dest) {
        return validDestinations.contains(dest);
    }
}
```

3.3 FSM Diagram

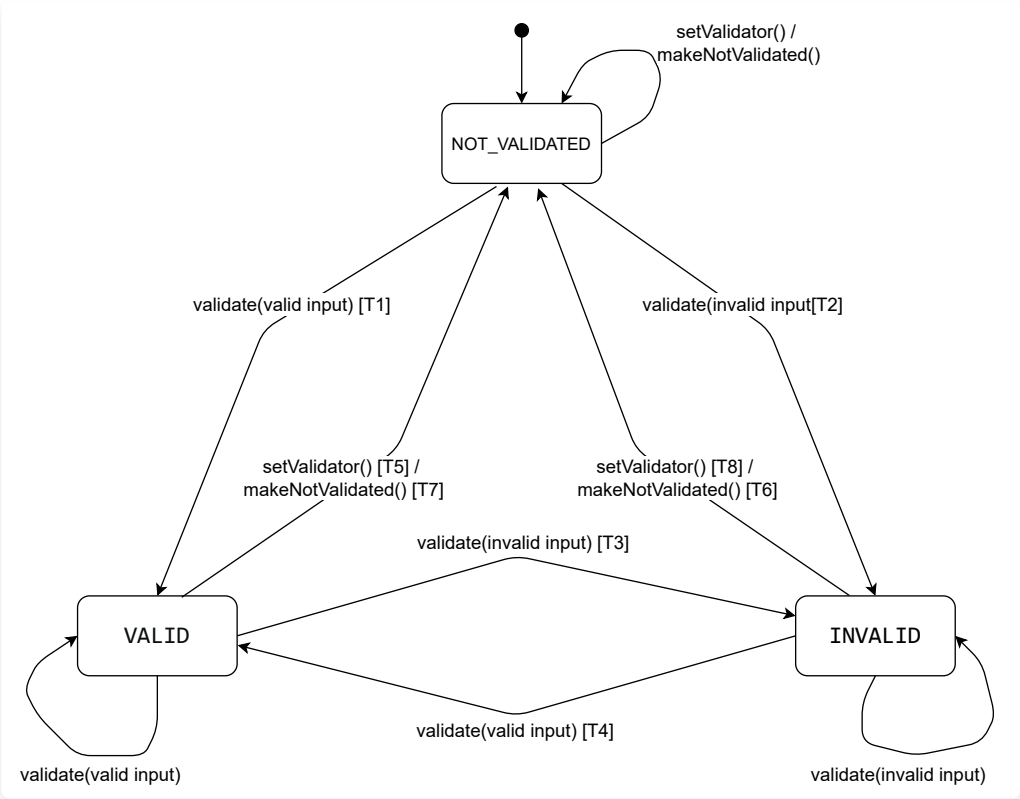

Figure 1: Hand-tuned State Transition Diagram for FXValidationSupport

3.4 State Descriptions

State	Description
`NOT_VALIDATED`	Initial state, no validation performed yet
`VALID`	Input passed the current validator
`INVALID`	Input failed the current validator

3.5 Transition Table

ID	From	To	Trigger
T1	NOT_VALIDATED	VALID	`validate()` with valid input
T2	NOT_VALIDATED	INVALID	`validate()` with invalid input
T3	VALID	INVALID	`validate()` with invalid input
T5,T7	VALID	NOT_VALIDATED	`setValidator()` or `makeNotValidated()`
T4	INVALID	VALID	`validate()` with valid input
T6,T8	INVALID	NOT_VALIDATED	`setValidator()` or `makeNotValidated()`

3.6 Test Cases

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Test Coverage Summary

CATEGORY	IDS	SCOPE
State Coverage	S1-S3	Initial, Valid, and Invalid states
Transitions	T1-T8	All valid FSM edges including Reset
Self-Loops	L1-L4	Event suppression (e.g., VALID -> VALID)
Workflows	W1-W4	Full cycles and Validator changes
Edge Cases	E1-E3	Null inputs and idempotent reset checks

Example Test Cases

State Coverage Test:

```
@Test
@DisplayName("S1: NOT_VALIDATED state - initial state")
void testNotValidatedState() {
    assertEquals(ValidationState.NOT_VALIDATED,
            validator.validationStateProperty().get());
}
```

Valid Transition Test:

```
@Test
@DisplayName("T1: NOT_VALIDATED -> VALID")
void testNotValidatedToValid() {
    ChangeListener<ValidationState> listener = mock(ChangeListener.class);
    validator.validationStateProperty().addListener(listener);
    validator.setValidator(Validators.nonBlank());

    validator.validate("valid input");

    verify(listener).changed(any(ObservableValue.class),
            eq(ValidationState.NOT_VALIDATED), eq(ValidationState.VALID));
    assertEquals(ValidationState.VALID,
            validator.validationStateProperty().get());
}
```

Self-Loop Test:

```
@Test
@DisplayName("L1: VALID -> VALID (re-validate with valid input)")
void testValidToValid() {
    validator.setValidator(Validators.nonBlank());
    validator.validate("valid1");
    assertEquals(ValidationState.VALID, validator.validationStateProperty().get());

    ChangeListener<ValidationState> listener = mock(ChangeListener.class);
    validator.validationStateProperty().addListener(listener);

    validator.validate("valid2");

    // No state change should occur for self-loop
    verify(listener, never()).changed(any(), any(), any());
    assertEquals(ValidationState.VALID, validator.validationStateProperty().get());
}
```

Complete Workflow Test:

```
@Test
@DisplayName("W1: Full validation cycle: NOT_VALIDATED -> VALID -> INVALID -> VALID")
void testFullValidationCycle() {
    validator.setValidator(Validators.nonBlank());

    // Initial state
    assertEquals(ValidationState.NOT_VALIDATED,
            validator.validationStateProperty().get());

    // First validation - valid
    validator.validate("valid");
    assertEquals(ValidationState.VALID,
            validator.validationStateProperty().get());

    // Re-validate - invalid
    validator.validate("");
    assertEquals(ValidationState.INVALID,
            validator.validationStateProperty().get());

    // Re-validate - valid again
    validator.validate("valid again");
    assertEquals(ValidationState.VALID,
            validator.validationStateProperty().get());
}
```

Test Results

```
$ mvn test -pl pdfsam-ui-components -Dtest=ZianValidationStateFSMTest
...
[INFO] Results:
[INFO]
[INFO] Tests run: 23, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0
[INFO]
[INFO] ------------------------------------------------------------------------
[INFO] BUILD SUCCESS
[INFO] ------------------------------------------------------------------------
[INFO] Total time:  9.638 s
[INFO] Finished at: 2026-02-09T12:03:50-08:00
[INFO] ------------------------------------------------------------------------```
```

4. Zhenyu's FSM: Footer Task Execution UI

Test File: pdfsam-ui-components/src/test/java/org/pdfsam/ui/components/tool/ZhenyuFooterFSMTest.java

4.1 Feature Description

The **Footer Task Execution UI** manages the visual state of task execution in PDFsam's footer component. It tracks task progress from request to completion/failure through event-driven state transitions.

Feature File: pdfsam-ui-components/src/main/java/org/pdfsam/ui/components/tool/Footer.java

4.2 FSM Model Design

This FSM is **explicitly modeled** using a custom enum with transition validation:

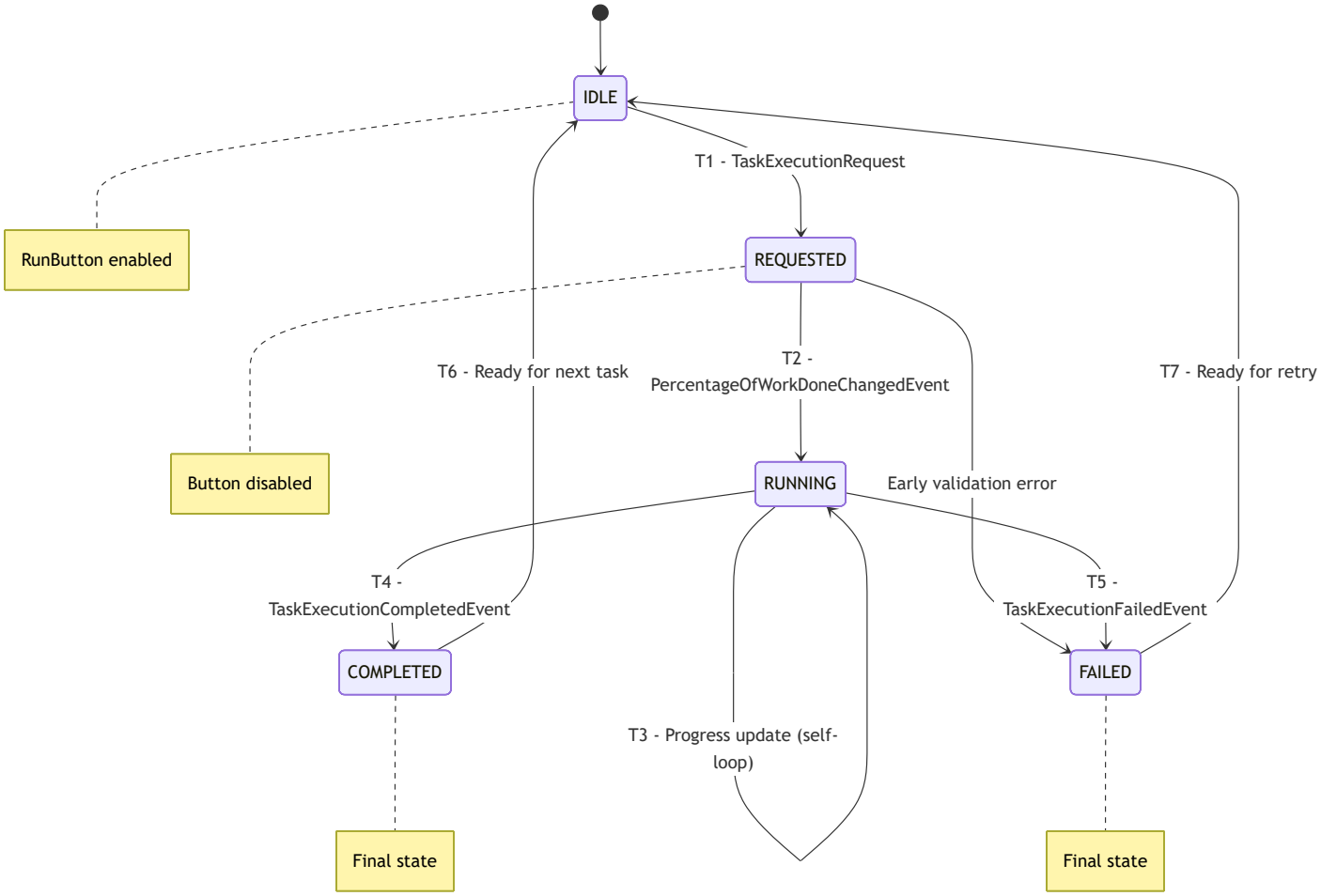
```
public enum TaskExecutionState {
    IDLE(false),
    REQUESTED(false),
    RUNNING(false),
    COMPLETED(true),  // final state
    FAILED(true);     // final state

    static {
        IDLE.validDestinations = Set.of(REQUESTED);
        REQUESTED.validDestinations = Set.of(RUNNING, FAILED);
        RUNNING.validDestinations = Set.of(RUNNING, COMPLETED, FAILED);
        COMPLETED.validDestinations = Set.of(IDLE);
        FAILED.validDestinations = Set.of(IDLE);
    }

    public boolean canMoveTo(TaskExecutionState dest) {
        return validDestinations.contains(dest);
    }
}
```

This design allows the FSM to validate transitions programmatically and throw exceptions for invalid state changes.

4.3 FSM Diagram



4.4 State Descriptions

State	Run Button	Final?	Description
`IDLE`	✅ Enabled	No	Initial state, ready for new task
`REQUESTED`	❌ Disabled	No	Task requested, waiting to start
`RUNNING`	❌ Disabled	No	Task executing, progress updating
`COMPLETED`	✅ Enabled	**Yes**	Task finished successfully
`FAILED`	✅ Enabled	**Yes**	Task failed with error

4.5 Transition Table

ID	From	To	Trigger Event
T1	IDLE	REQUESTED	`TaskExecutionRequest`
T2	REQUESTED	RUNNING	`PercentageOfWorkDoneChangedEvent`
T3	RUNNING	RUNNING	`PercentageOfWorkDoneChangedEvent` (self-loop)
T4	RUNNING	COMPLETED	`TaskExecutionCompletedEvent`
T5	RUNNING	FAILED	`TaskExecutionFailedEvent`
T6	COMPLETED	IDLE	Ready for next task
T7	FAILED	IDLE	Ready for retry

4.6 Test Implementation

Test File: pdfsam-ui-components/src/test/java/org/pdfsam/ui/components/tool/ZhenyuFooterFSMTest.java

Test Coverage Summary

Category	Tests	Description
State Coverage	5	IDLE, REQUESTED, RUNNING, COMPLETED, FAILED: Each state's properties and button behavior
Transition Coverage	7	T1-T7: All valid transitions including self-loop
Invalid Transitions	7	Verify invalid paths throw `IllegalStateException`
Complete Paths	4	Happy Path, Error Path, Early Error Path, Retry Path
FSM Model Validation	2	Verify model metadata (final states, transition counts)

Example Test Cases

State Coverage Test:

```
@Test
@DisplayName("COMPLETED: final, button re-enabled")
void completed() {
    fsm.moveTo(TaskExecutionState.REQUESTED);
    fsm.moveTo(TaskExecutionState.RUNNING);
    fsm.moveTo(TaskExecutionState.COMPLETED);
    eventStudio().broadcast(request("test"));
    eventStudio().broadcast(new TaskExecutionCompletedEvent(1000L, mockMetadata));

    assertEquals(TaskExecutionState.COMPLETED, fsm.getState());
    assertTrue(TaskExecutionState.COMPLETED.isFinal());
    assertFalse(runButton.isDisabled());
}
```

Invalid Transition Test:

```
@Test
@DisplayName("IDLE → RUNNING (must go through REQUESTED)")
void idleToRunningInvalid() {
    assertFalse(TaskExecutionState.IDLE.canMoveTo(TaskExecutionState.RUNNING));
    assertThrows(IllegalStateException.class, () -> fsm.moveTo(TaskExecutionState.RUNNING));
}
```

Self-Loop Test:

```
@Test
@DisplayName("RUNNING → RUNNING (self-loop)")
void runningToRunning() {
    fsm.moveTo(TaskExecutionState.REQUESTED);
    fsm.moveTo(TaskExecutionState.RUNNING);

    // Multiple progress updates - stays in RUNNING
    for (int pct : new int[] { 25, 50, 75, 100 }) {
        assertTrue(fsm.getState().canMoveTo(TaskExecutionState.RUNNING));
        fsm.moveTo(TaskExecutionState.RUNNING);
        assertEquals(TaskExecutionState.RUNNING, fsm.getState());

        var event = new PercentageOfWorkDoneChangedEvent(new BigDecimal(pct), mockMetadata);
        assertEquals(pct, event.getPercentage().intValue());
    }
}
```

Complete Path Test:

```
@Test
@DisplayName("Happy Path: IDLE → REQUESTED → RUNNING → COMPLETED → IDLE")
void happyPath() {
    assertEquals(TaskExecutionState.IDLE, fsm.getState());

    fsm.moveTo(TaskExecutionState.REQUESTED);
    eventStudio().broadcast(request("merge"));
    assertTrue(runButton.isDisabled());

    fsm.moveTo(TaskExecutionState.RUNNING);
    fsm.moveTo(TaskExecutionState.COMPLETED);
    eventStudio().broadcast(new TaskExecutionCompletedEvent(2000L, mockMetadata));
    assertFalse(runButton.isDisabled());
    assertTrue(TaskExecutionState.COMPLETED.isFinal());

    fsm.moveTo(TaskExecutionState.IDLE);
    assertEquals(TaskExecutionState.IDLE, fsm.getState());
}
```

Test Results

```
$ mvn test -pl pdfsam-ui-components -Dtest=ZhenyuFooterFSMTest
...
[INFO] Results:
[INFO]
[INFO] Tests run: 25, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0
[INFO]
[INFO] ------------------------------------------------------------------------
[INFO] BUILD SUCCESS
[INFO] ------------------------------------------------------------------------
[INFO] Total time:  2.227 s
[INFO] Finished at: 2026-02-08T23:29:13-08:00
[INFO] ------------------------------------------------------------------------
```

📋 5. Test Implementation Summary

5.1 New Test Files

File	Location	Author
	`pdfsam-model/src/test/java/org/pdfsam/model/pdf/`	Kingson Zhang
ZianValidationStateFSMTest.java	`pdfsam-ui-components/src/test/java/org/pdfsam/ui/components/support/`	Zian Xu
ZhenyuFooterFSMTest.java	`pdfsam-ui-components/src/test/java/org/pdfsam/ui/components/tool/`	Zhenyu Song

5.2 Running the FSM Tests

```
# Run Kingson's PDF Loading Status FSM tests
mvn test -pl pdfsam-model -Dtest=KingsonPdfLoadingStatusFSMTest

# Run Zian's Validation State FSM tests
mvn test -pl pdfsam-ui-components -Dtest=ZianValidationStateFSMTest

# Run Zhenyu's Footer FSM tests
mvn test -pl pdfsam-ui-components -Dtest=ZhenyuFooterFSMTest

# Run all FSM tests together
mvn test -pl pdfsam-model,pdfsam-ui-components -Dtest="*FSMTest"
```

🎯 6. Conclusion

Key Takeaways

- FSM testing provides **systematic coverage** that random testing cannot guarantee
- State and transition coverage help identify **missing error handling** and **invalid state combinations**
- FSM diagrams serve as both **documentation** and **test case derivation source**

The FSM tests complement the **partition testing** from Part 1, providing a different perspective on the same codebase.