

# CS608

# Software Testing

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## Testing Combinations with Decision Tables

(Essentials of Software Testing, Chapter 4)

# Introduction

- The techniques presented previously have not considered different combinations of input values which can lead to undetected faults in the code
- Next: the black-box technique of decision table (DT) testing

# Testing Combinations with Decision Tables

- There are a number of techniques for identifying combinations of inputs for testing software
- Decision tables provide a systematic approach for identifying all the possible combinations of input values based on equivalence partitions

**Definition:**

a decision table is a model of the functional requirements that maps combinations of input values (causes) to their matching output values (effects) through rules.

# Example

- Continue testing `OnlineSales.giveDiscount()`
- Summary – the method returns:

FULLPRICE if `bonusPoints ≤ 120` and not a goldCustomer

FULLPRICE if `bonusPoints ≤ 80` and a goldCustomer

DISCOUNT if `bonusPoints > 120`

DISCOUNT if `bonusPoints > 80` and a goldCustomer

ERROR if any inputs are invalid (`bonusPoints < 1`)

# Approach

- Identify causes and effects
- Identify all combinations (of causes)
- Identify possible combinations (of causes)
- Complete the decision table
- Each rule in the decision table is a Test Coverage Item
- Each rule needs its own Test Case (by definition)

# Step 1. Analysis

1. Restate the specification in terms of **causes** and **effects** (boolean expressions for each partition)
2. Identify the feasible combinations of causes
3. Generate a decision table – this relates the causes (inputs) to the effects (outputs) through rules
  - Provides a systematic way to find all the combinations
  - This example only considers normal inputs and not error inputs
  - If different combinations of error inputs result in different outputs, then we use a separate table for these (next week)

# Input Equivalence Partitions for giveDiscount()

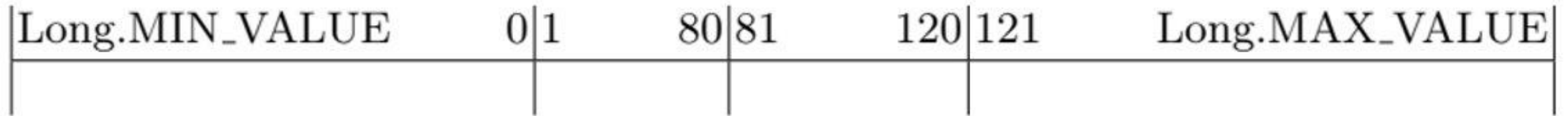
Parameter	Equivalence Partition
bonusPoints	(*) Long.MIN_VALUE..0 1..80 81..120 121..Long.MAX_VALUE
goldCustomer	true false

- Develop boolean expressions that define the **non-error causes**
- Consider the input parameters in order, examining the partitions from left to right (i.e. increasing values)
- Systematic approach – limits mistakes



# Non-Error Causes for bonusPoints

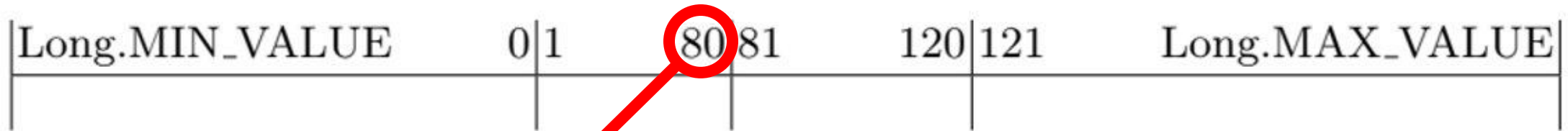
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bonusPoints	(*) Long.MIN_VALUE..0 1..80 81..120 121..Long.MAX_VALUE



- [Long.MIN\_VALUE..0] is an error partition – not used

# Non-Error Causes for bonusPoints

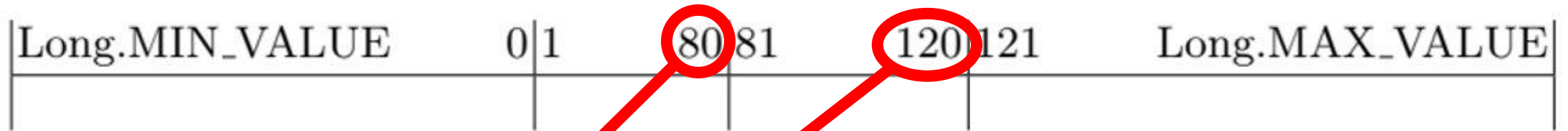
Parameter	Equivalence Partition
bonusPoints	(*) Long.MIN_VALUE..0
	1..80
	81..120
	121..Long.MAX_VALUE



- [1..80] is a normal partition, identified by:
  - **bonusPoints** ≤ **80** being true (as we disallow bonusPoints < 1)

# Non-Error Causes for bonusPoints

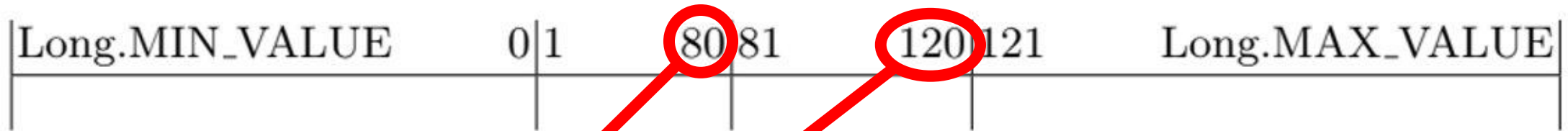
Parameter	Equivalence Partition
bonusPoints	(*) Long.MIN_VALUE..0 1..80
	81..120
	121..Long.MAX_VALUE



- [81..120] identified by:
  - **bonusPoints <= 80** being false  
and
  - **bonusPoints <= 120** being true.

# Non-Error Causes for bonusPoints

Parameter	Equivalence Partition
bonusPoints	(*) Long.MIN_VALUE..0 1..80 81..120 121..Long.MAX_VALUE



- [121..Long.MAX VALUE] identified by:
  - **bonusPoints<=80** being false  
and
  - **bonusPoints<=120** being false

# Non-Error Causes for bonusPoints

Parameter	Equivalence Partition
bonusPoints	(*) Long.MIN_VALUE..0 1..80 81..120 121..Long.MAX_VALUE

- [Long.MIN VALUE..0] is an error partition – not used
- [1..80] is a normal partition, identified by:
  - **bonusPoints<=80** being true (as we disallow bonusPoints<1)
- [81..120] identified by:
  - **bonusPoints<=80** being false  
and
  - **bonusPoints<=120** being true.
- [121..Long.MAX VALUE] identified by:
  - **bonusPoints<=80** being false  
and
  - **bonusPoints<=120** being false

# Non-Error Causes for bonusPoints

Parameter	Equivalence Partition
bonusPoints	(*) Long.MIN_VALUE..0 1..80 81..120 121..Long.MAX_VALUE

- [Long.MIN VALUE..0] is an error partition – not used
- [1..80] is a normal partition, identified by:
  - **bonusPoints<=80** being true (as we disallow bonusPoints<1)
- [81..120] identified by:
  - **bonusPoints<=80** being false  
and
  - **bonusPoints<=120** being true.
- [121..Long.MAX VALUE] identified by:
  - **bonusPoints<=80** being false  
and
  - **bonusPoints<=120** being false



# Notes

- Fewer causes is better: reduces size of the decision table
- N partitions should lead to no more than  $\text{Log}_2(N)$  expressions:
- for example, 10 partitions could realistically be turned into about 3 or 4 expressions
- For the example above, a third expression **bonusPoints>120** is not required – just negate **bonusPoints<=120**
- A consistent approach to developing the boolean expressions:
  - Reduces mistakes
  - Makes review easier
- In our example, used the <= operator for a consistent logical style

# Causes for goldCustomer

- The partition true is a normal partition, and can be identified by the expression:

**goldCustomer**

being true

- The partition false is a normal partition, and can be identified by the expression:

**goldCustomer**

being false



# Notes

- **goldCustomer** is already a boolean expression, so it is redundant to state `goldCustomer==true` and `goldCustomer==false` as separate causes
- Avoid double negatives: it is much easier to work with positive expressions
  - The expression “goldCustomer” being true is much easier to understand
  - Than the expression “not goldCustomer” being false
- Handling boolean and enum types is generally very straightforward

# Causes for giveDiscount()

We have developed three causes:

1. `bonusPoints ≤ 80`
2. `bonusPoints ≤ 120`
3. `goldCustomer`

- Following this approach
- Leads to similar results every time
- Other approaches may lead to a logically equivalent set of causes which may look quite different
- It takes experience to develop causes that are easy to use and review
- It is bad practice to include logical operators in the causes

# Output Partitions for giveDiscount()

Parameter	Equivalence Partition
Return Value	FULLPRICE DISCOUNT ERROR

- Normal Effects:
  - Return value==FULLPRICE
  - Return value==DISCOUNT
- Error Effects (don't use):
  - Return value==ERROR

# Notes

- For output enum values it is clearer to identify each explicitly, as shown here
- It would be equally valid to identify the partition DISCOUNT by the expression `return value==FULLPRICE` being false, but this does not reduce the size of the table, and makes further development of the test much more difficult
- Minimising the number of **effects** is not important – minimising the number of **causes** is

# Feasible Combinations of Causes

- In order to build the decision table, all the combinations of causes must be identified
- Often all the combinations of the causes are not logically possible
- In this example, it is not possible for both  
     $\text{bonusPoints} \leq 80$  to be true  
and  
     $\text{bonusPoints} \leq 120$  be false
- First identify all combinations in a table (with  $2^N$  columns)
- Then remove the impossible combinations

# Empty Combinations Table, bonusPoints>0

Causes	Combinations							
bonusPoints $\leq$ 80								
bonusPoints $\leq$ 120								
goldCustomer								

- We have 3 causes, therefore 8 columns ( $8=2^3$ )

# Fill The Table Systematically from True to False

- Complete the combination columns systematically, starting with all T (for true) at the left-hand side of the table, and ending with all F (for false) at the right-hand side

1 cause produces 2 combinations:    T, F

# Fill The Table Systematically from True to False

- Complete the combination columns systematically, starting with all T (for true) at the left-hand side of the table, and ending with all F (for false) at the right-hand side

1 cause produces 2 combinations: T, F

2 causes produce 4 combinations: TT, TF, FT, FF



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- Complete the combination columns systematically, starting with all T (for true) at the left-hand side of the table, and ending with all F (for false) at the right-hand side

1 cause produces 2 combinations:

T, F

2 causes produce 4 combinations:

TT, TF, FT, FF

3 causes produce 8 combinations:

TTT, TTF, TFT, TFF,  
FTT, FTF, FFT, FFF

# Fill The Table Systematically from True to False

- Complete the combination columns systematically, starting with all T (for true) at the left-hand side of the table, and ending with all F (for false) at the right-hand side

1 cause produces 2 combinations: T, F

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3 causes produce 8 combinations: TTT, TTF, TFT, TFF, FTT, FTF, FFT, FFF

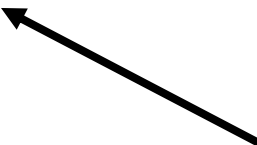
4 causes produce 16 combinations: TTTT, TTTF, TTFT, TTFF, TFTT, TFTF, TFFT, TFFF, FTTT, FTTF, FTFT, FTFF, FTTT, FFTF, FFFT, FFFF

# Combinations Table where bonusPoints>0

Causes	Combinations
bonusPoints ≤ 80 bonusPoints ≤ 120 goldCustomer	

3 causes produce 8 combinations:

TTT, TTF, TFT, TFF,  
FTT, FTF, FFT, FFF

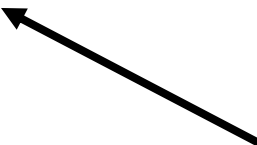


# Combinations Table where bonusPoints>0

Causes	Combinations	
bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	
bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	
goldCustomer	T	

3 causes produce 8 combinations:

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FTT, FTF, FFT, FFF

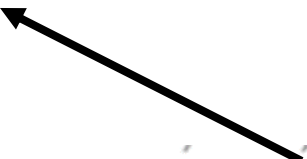


# Combinations Table where bonusPoints>0

Causes		Combinations	
bonusPoints ≤ 80	T	T	
bonusPoints ≤ 120	T	T	
goldCustomer	T	F	

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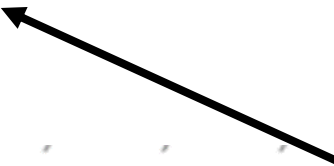


# Combinations Table where bonusPoints>0

Causes		Combinations			
bonusPoints ≤ 80	T	T	T		
bonusPoints ≤ 120	T	T	F		
goldCustomer	T	F	T		

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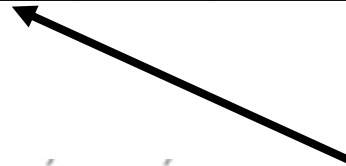


# Combinations Table where bonusPoints>0

Causes		Combinations			
bonusPoints ≤ 80	T	T	T	T	
bonusPoints ≤ 120	T	T	F	F	
goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	

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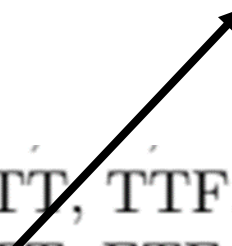


# Combinations Table where bonusPoints>0

Causes		Combinations				
bonusPoints ≤ 80	T	T	T	T	F	
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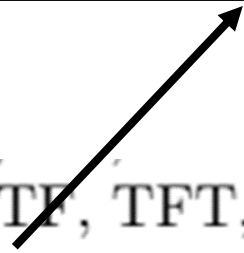


# Combinations Table where bonusPoints>0

Causes		Combinations					
bonusPoints ≤ 80		T	T	T	T	F	F
bonusPoints ≤ 120		T	T	F	F	T	T
goldCustomer		T	F	T	F	T	F

3 causes produce 8 combinations:


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bonusPoints ≤ 80		T	T	T	T	F	F	F	
bonusPoints ≤ 120		T	T	F	F	T	T	F	
goldCustomer		T	F	T	F	T	F	T	

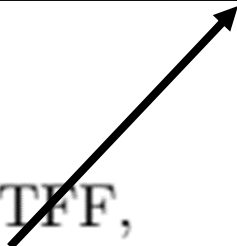
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# Combinations Table where bonusPoints>0

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bonusPoints ≤ 80		T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F
bonusPoints ≤ 120		T	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
goldCustomer		T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F

3 causes produce 8 combinations:      TTT, TTF, TFT, TFF,  
FTT, FTF, FFT, FFF



# Completed Combinations Table where bonusPoints>0

Causes	Combinations							
bonusPoints ≤ 80	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F
bonusPoints ≤ 120	T	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F

3 causes produce 8 combinations:      TTT, TTF, TFT, TFF,  
FTT, FTF, FFT, FFF

# Identify Impossible Combinations

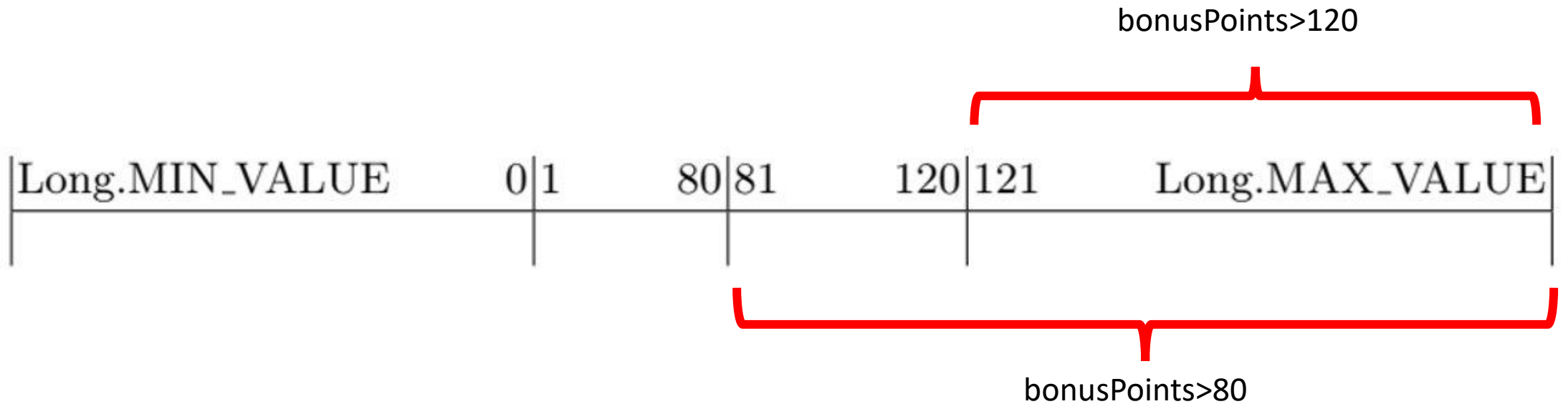
Causes	Combinations							
bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F
bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F

# Identify Impossible Combinations

Causes	Combinations							
bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F
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goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F

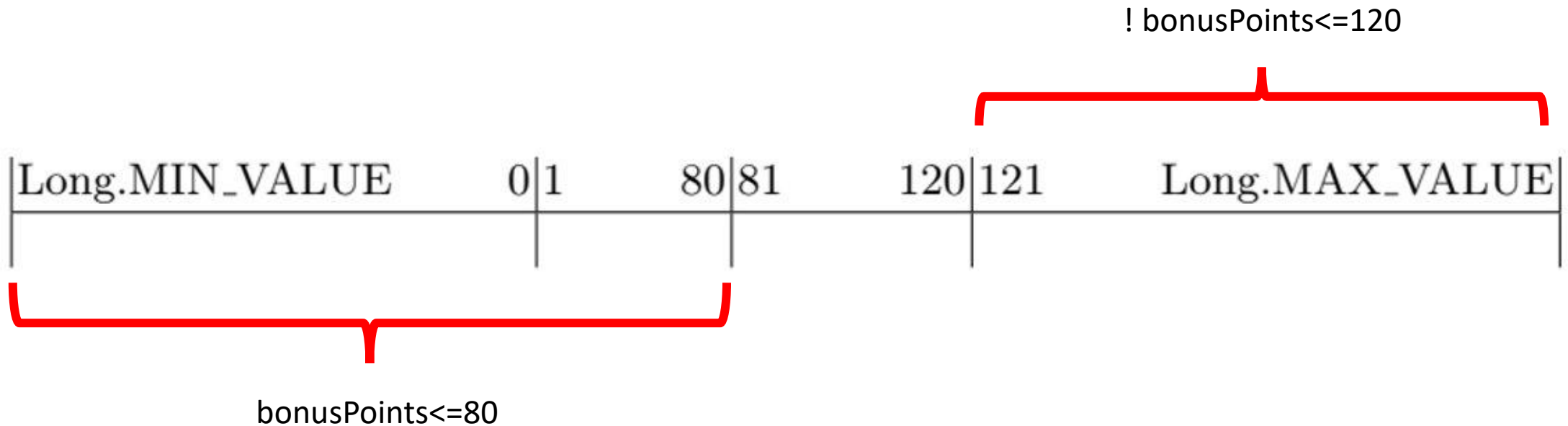
# Identify Impossible Combinations

- If bonusPoints is greater than 120 it must also be greater than 80



# Identify Impossible Combinations

- If `bonusPoints <= 120` is false
- Then `bonusPoints <= 80` can't be true





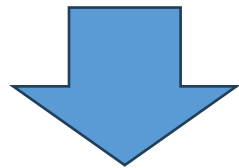
# Identify Impossible Combinations

- The following combination is infeasible
  - $\text{bonusPoints} \leq 80$ ,  $\neg \text{bonusPoints} \leq 120$
- If  $\text{bonusPoints}$  is greater than 120 it must also be greater than 80

Causes	Combinations							
$\text{bonusPoints} \leq 80$	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F
$\text{bonusPoints} \leq 120$	T	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F

# Feasible Combinations of Causes for giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

Causes	Combinations							
bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F
bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F



Causes	Combinations						
bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F	F
bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F	F
goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F	F

# In Practice

- Only one table needs to be used, and developed step-by-step
- The infeasible columns can be crossed out, instead of being removed

Causes	Combinations							
bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	<del>X</del>	<del>X</del>	F	F	F	F
bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	<del>F</del>	<del>F</del>	T	T	F	F
goldCustomer	T	F	<del>X</del>	<del>F</del>	T	F	T	F

# Decision Table

- A software test decision table maps each combination of causes to its specified effect
- Using all feasible combinations of causes as a basis, a decision table is initialised with all causes and effects
- Columns are numbered for the rules
- The effects rows are initially left blank

giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

Causes	Combinations					
bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F

	Rules					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>						
<b>Effects</b>						

# Initial Decision Table

giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Causes							
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
Effects							

# Initial Decision Table

## giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>							
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>							
	return value == FULLPRICE return value == DISCOUNT						

# Initial Decision Table

giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

Causes	Combinations					
bonusPoints ≤ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
bonusPoints ≤ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints ≤ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints ≤ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE						
	return value == DISCOUNT						



# Initial Decision Table

## giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

Causes	Combinations					
bonusPoints ≤ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
bonusPoints ≤ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints ≤ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints ≤ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE						
	return value == DISCOUNT						

Note the test item: **giveDiscount()**  
 And the condition: **bonusPoints>0**

# Adding Rules

- The rules must be (a) complete, and (b) independent
- Exactly one rule, must be selected by any combination of the input causes
- The effects for each rule can now be completed from the specification

# Adding Rules

- Rule 1 applies when:
  - $\text{bonusPoints} \leq 80$  is true
  - $\text{bonusPoints} \leq 120$  is true
  - $\text{goldCustomer}$  is true
- $\text{bonusPoints}$  is less than or equal to 80 (but greater than 0), and  $\text{goldCustomer}$  is true
- According to the specification, the expected result is FULLPRICE

		1
<b>Causes</b>	$\text{bonusPoints} \leq 80$	T
	$\text{bonusPoints} \leq 120$	T
	$\text{goldCustomer}$	T
<b>Effects</b>	$\text{return value} == \text{FULLPRICE}$	T
	$\text{return value} == \text{DISCOUNT}$	F

# Notes

- It is good practice to complete both the T and F values for the effects
- Here we have used T for FULLPRICE and F for DISCOUNT

<b>Effects</b>  return value == FULLPRICE return value == DISCOUNT	T					
	F					

- In more complex examples, a rule may have multiple effects
- Also, when reviewing the table later, blank entries can be confused with an incomplete table

# Decision Table in Progress

giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE	T					
	return value == DISCOUNT	F					

# Decision Table in Progress

giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE	T					
	return value == DISCOUNT	F					

- Complete the other rules in the same way

# Decision Table in Progress

## giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T				
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F				

- Rule 2

# Decision Table in Progress

## giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F			
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T			

- Rule 3



# Decision Table in Progress

## giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T		
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F		

- Rule 4

# Decision Table in Progress

## giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F	
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T	

- Rule 5

# Decision Table in Progress

## giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T	T

- Rule 6

# Final Decision Table for giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T	T

BREAK

# Final Decision Table for giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T	T

# Large Decision Tables

- For small decision tables, no optimisation is required
- Optimisations to reduce the size of large tables are discussed in “Decision Tables in More Detail” next week

# Verifying the Decision Table

		1
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T
	goldCustomer	T
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T
	return value == DISCOUNT	F

- Note the common condition: bonusPoints is greater than 0
- **Rule 1** states that when bonusPoints is less than or equal to 80 and goldCustomer is true then the expected return value is FULLPRICE

FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 120 and not a goldCustomer

FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 80 and a goldCustomer

DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 120

DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 80 and a goldCustomer

ERROR if any inputs are invalid (bonusPoints $<$ 1)

- This is correct



# Verifying the Decision Table

		1	2
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T
	goldCustomer	T	F
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F

- **Rule 2** states that when bonusPoints is less than or equal to 80 and goldCustomer is false then the expected return value is FULLPRICE

FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 120 and not a goldCustomer

FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 80 and a goldCustomer

DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 120

DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 80 and a goldCustomer

ERROR if any inputs are invalid (bonusPoints $<$ 1)

- This is correct

# Verifying the Decision Table

		Rule		
		1	2	3
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T
	goldCustomer	T	F	T
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T

- **Rule 3** states that when bonusPoints is greater than 80 and less than or equal to 120, and goldCustomer is true, then the expected return value is DISCOUNT

FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 120 and not a goldCustomer  
FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 80 and a goldCustomer  
DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 120  
DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 80 and a goldCustomer  
ERROR if any inputs are invalid (bonusPoints $<$ 1)

- This is correct

# Verifying the Decision Table

		Rules			
		1	2	3	4
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F

- **Rule 4** states that when bonusPoints is greater than 80 and less than or equal to 120, and goldCustomer is false, then the expected return value is FULLPRICE

FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 120 and not a goldCustomer

FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 80 and a goldCustomer

DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 120

DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 80 and a goldCustomer

ERROR if any inputs are invalid (bonusPoints $<$ 1)

- This is correct

# Verifying the Decision Table

		Rules				
		1	2	3	4	5
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T

- **Rule 5** states that when bonusPoints is greater than 120, and goldCustomer is true, then the expected return value is DISCOUNT

FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 120 and not a goldCustomer

FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 80 and a goldCustomer

DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 120

DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 80 and a goldCustomer

ERROR if any inputs are invalid (bonusPoints $<$ 1)

- This is correct

# Verifying the Decision Table

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T	T

- **Rule 6** states that when bonusPoints is greater than 120, and goldCustomer is false, then the expected return value is DISCOUNT

FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 120 and not a goldCustomer

FULLPRICE if bonusPoints $\leq$ 80 and a goldCustomer

DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 120

DISCOUNT if bonusPoints $>$ 80 and a goldCustomer

ERROR if any inputs are invalid (bonusPoints $<$ 1)

- This is correct

## 2. Test Coverage Items

- Each rule is a TCI

Table 4.11: DT Test Coverage Items for giveDiscount()  
where bonusPoints>0

TCI	Rule	Test Case
DT1	1	To be completed later
DT2	2	
DT3	3	
DT4	4	
DT5	5	
DT6	6	

### 3. Test Cases

- In DT testing, each test coverage item covered by a separate test case
- Not possible to have multiple combinations in the same test case
- Test data is selected by picking input values that satisfy the causes, and output values that match the effects, for each rule to be tested
- Use the previously selected **equivalence partition values** for the input parameters
  - Allows duplicate tests to be easily identified and removed
  - Makes the task of reviewing the tests easier
- Start with **candidate** test cases (X3.1, X3.2, etc.) until duplicates removed

### 3. Candidate Test Cases (X3.1)

		1
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T
	goldCustomer	T
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T
	return value == DISCOUNT	F

ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
X3.1	DT1	40	true	FULLPRICE



### 3. Candidate Test Cases (X3.2)

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T	T



ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
X3.1	DT1	40	true	FULLPRICE
X3.2	DT2	40	false	FULLPRICE
X3.3				
X3.4				
X3.5				
X3.6				

### 3. Candidate Test Cases (X3.3)

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T	T



ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
X3.1	DT1	40	true	FULLPRICE
X3.2	DT2	40	false	FULLPRICE
X3.3	DT3	100	true	DISCOUNT
X3.4				
X3.5				
X3.6				

### 3. Candidate Test Cases (X3.4)

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T	T



ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
X3.1	DT1	40	true	FULLPRICE
X3.2	DT2	40	false	FULLPRICE
X3.3	DT3	100	true	DISCOUNT
X3.4	DT4	100	false	FULLPRICE
X3.5				
X3.6				

### 3. Candidate Test Cases (X3.5)

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T	T



ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
X3.1	DT1	40	true	FULLPRICE
X3.2	DT2	40	false	FULLPRICE
X3.3	DT3	100	true	DISCOUNT
X3.4	DT4	100	false	FULLPRICE
X3.5	DT5	200	true	DISCOUNT
X3.6				

### 3. Candidate Test Cases (X3.6)

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Causes	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
Effects	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T	T



ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
X3.1	DT1	40	true	FULLPRICE
X3.2	DT2	40	false	FULLPRICE
X3.3	DT3	100	true	DISCOUNT
X3.4	DT4	100	false	FULLPRICE
X3.5	DT5	200	true	DISCOUNT
X3.6	DT6	200	false	DISCOUNT

### 3. Candidate Test Cases (complete)

		Rules					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T	F	F	F	F
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T	T	T	F	F
	goldCustomer	T	F	T	F	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T	F	T	F	F
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F	T	F	T	T

ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
X3.1	DT1	40	true	FULLPRICE
X3.2	DT2	40	false	FULLPRICE
X3.3	DT3	100	true	DISCOUNT
X3.4	DT4	100	false	FULLPRICE
X3.5	DT5	200	true	DISCOUNT
X3.6	DT6	200	false	DISCOUNT

# Removing Duplicate Test Cases

- From the candidate test cases, shown in Table 4.14, we can identify a few duplicates – new test cases that have equivalent test data to previously defined test cases
- They can be removed
- We are able to identify a number of such duplicate test cases:
  - X3.1 duplicates test case T1.1

## X3.1 Duplicates T1.1

ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
X3.1	DT1	40	true	FULLPRICE
X3.2	DT2	40	false	FULLPRICE
X3.3	DT3	100	true	DISCOUNT
X3.4	DT4	100	false	FULLPRICE
X3.5	DT5	200	true	DISCOUNT
X3.6	DT6	200	false	DISCOUNT

ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
T1.1	EP2,5,7	40	true	FULLPRICE



## X3.2 Duplicates T2.2

ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
X3.1	DT1	40	true	FULLPRICE
X3.2	DT2	40	false	FULLPRICE
X3.3	DT3	100	true	DISCOUNT
X3.4	DT4	100	false	FULLPRICE
X3.5	DT5	200	true	DISCOUNT
X3.6	DT6	200	false	DISCOUNT

ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
T2.1	BV3,9,11	1	true	FULLPRICE
T2.2	BV4,10,11	80	false	FULLPRICE

# Why?

		1	2
<b>Causes</b>	bonusPoints $\leq$ 80	T	T
	bonusPoints $\leq$ 120	T	T
	goldCustomer	T	F
<b>Effects</b>	return value == FULLPRICE	T	T
	return value == DISCOUNT	F	F

- The data values are different, as X3.2 is based on equivalence partition values (40, false) and T2.2 is based on BVA values (80,false)
- However, T2.2 matches the same rule in the decision table:
  - Rule 2 (bonusPoints  $\leq$  80 and !goldCustomer)
- So X3.2 would be a duplicate test case for decision table testing

## X3.4 Duplicates T1.2

ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
X3.1	DT1	40	true	FULLPRICE
X3.2	DT2	40	false	FULLPRICE
X3.3	DT3	100	true	DISCOUNT
X3.4	DT4	100	false	FULLPRICE
X3.5	DT5	200	true	DISCOUNT
X3.6	DT6	200	false	DISCOUNT

ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
T1.1	EP2,5,7	40	true	FULLPRICE
T1.2	EP3,6,[7]	100	false	FULLPRICE

## X3.6 Duplicates T1.3

ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
X3.1	DT1	40	true	FULLPRICE
X3.2	DT2	40	false	FULLPRICE
X3.3	DT3	100	true	DISCOUNT
X3.4	DT4	100	false	FULLPRICE
X3.5	DT5	200	true	DISCOUNT
X3.6	DT6	200	false	DISCOUNT

ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
T1.1	EP2,5,7	40	true	FULLPRICE
T1.2	EP3,6,[7]	100	false	FULLPRICE
T1.3	EP4,[6],8	200	false	DISCOUNT

# Final DT Test Cases for giveDiscount() where bonusPoints>0

ID	TCI Covered	Inputs		Exp. Results
		bonusPoints	goldCustomer	return value
T3.1	DT3	100	true	DISCOUNT
T3.2	DT5	200	true	DISCOUNT

- By selecting the same values as before for each partition, we have made the task of identifying duplicate tests easier
- Alternatively, testers may remove duplicates only during the test implementation, or even refrain from removing them at all
- After removing duplicates, we can now add the decision tables tests to create the complete set of test cases with test case IDs (e.g. T3.1)

## 4. Test Design Verification

- Two parts:
  1. Complete the test coverage item table
  2. Review your work

# Completed Test Coverage Item Table

TCI	Rule	Test Case
DT1	1	T1.1
DT2	2	T2.2
DT3	3	T3.1
DT4	4	T1.2
DT5	5	T3.2
DT6	6	T1.3

# Reviewing Your Work

1. Every TCI is covered by a test case: the tests are complete
2. Every decision table test case covers a different TCI:
  - no unnecessary tests
3. No duplicate tests (including previously developed tests)



## 5. Implementation

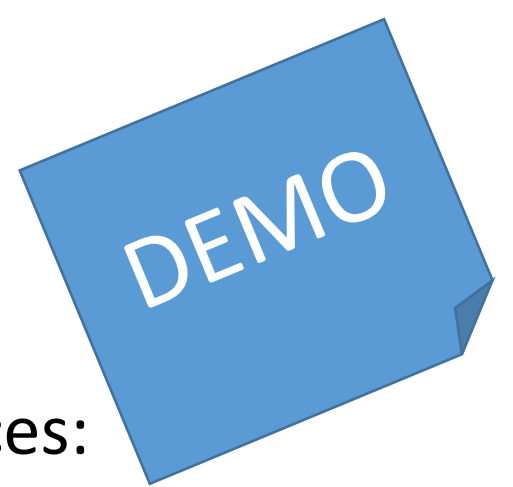
- The full test implementation includes the previously developed equivalence partition and boundary value analysis tests
- Full decision table testing is not achieved unless these previously developed tests are included!!

# OnlineSalesTest with DT Coverage

```
private static Object[][] testData1 = new Ob
// test, bonuspoints, goldCustomer, expected output
{ "T1.1",          40L,          true,      FULLPRICE },
{ "T1.2",          100L,         false,      FULLPRICE },
{ "T1.3",          200L,         false,      DISCOUNT },
{ "T1.4",         -100L,         false,      ERROR },
{ "T2.1",           1L,          true,      FULLPRICE },
{ "T2.2",           80L,         false,      FULLPRICE },
{ "T2.3",           81L,         false,      FULLPRICE },
{ "T2.4",          120L,         false,      FULLPRICE },
{ "T2.5",          121L,         false,      DISCOUNT },
{ "T2.6", Long.MAX_VALUE,        false,      DISCOUNT },
{ "T2.7", Long.MIN_VALUE,        false,      ERROR },
{ "T2.8",           0L,          false,      ERROR },
{ "T3.1",          100L,         true,      DISCOUNT },
{ "T3.2",          200L,         true,      DISCOUNT },
};
```

testData1[] is extended

## 6. Test Execution



- Running these tests against the class `OnlineSales` produces:

```
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T1.1", 40, true, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T1.2", 100, false, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T1.3", 200, false, DISCOUNT)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T1.4", -100, false, ERROR)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.1", 1, true, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.2", 80, false, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.3", 81, false, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.4", 120, false, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.5", 121, false, DISCOUNT)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.6", 9223372036854775807, false, DISCOUNT)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.7", -9223372036854775808, false, ERROR)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.8", 0, false, ERROR)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T3.1", 100, true, DISCOUNT)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T3.2", 200, true, DISCOUNT)
=====
Command line suite
Total tests run: 14, Passes: 14, Failures: 0, Skips: 0
=====
```

## 7. Test Results

```
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T1.1", 40, true, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T1.2", 100, false, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T1.3", 200, false, DISCOUNT)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T1.4", -100, false, ERROR)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.1", 1, true, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.2", 80, false, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.3", 81, false, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.4", 120, false, FULLPRICE)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.5", 121, false, DISCOUNT)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.6", 9223372036854775807, false, DISCOUNT)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.7", -9223372036854775808, false, ERROR)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T2.8", 0, false, ERROR)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T3.1", 100, true, DISCOUNT)
PASSED: test_giveDiscount("T3.2", 200, true, DISCOUNT)
=====
Command line suite
Total tests run: 14, Passes: 14, Failures: 0, Skips: 0
=====
```

- All the tests have passed

# Next Week

- DT in More Detail
  - Fault Model
  - Description, Analysis, Test Coverage Items, Test Cases
  - Pitfalls
- Evaluation
  - Limitations: injected faults into the code
  - Strengths & Weaknesses
- Key Points & Notes for Experienced Testers

# This Afternoon/Lab 4

- DT Analysis, Test Coverage Items, Test Cases, Review, Implement
- Quiz
- Deadline: next Monday 13:00 (but try and get it done today)

# This Afternoon's Lab

- Written work:
  - Cause and effects
  - Combinations
  - Decision Table
  - TCI
  - Test Cases (Clearly show the removal of duplicates)
  - Review
- Edit InsuranceTest.java (**add extra tests**)
- Run tests and collect output (on correct and faulty implementations 3 & 4)
- **Quiz**
  - Make sure to use your exact written results in the quiz
  - Enter (copy-and-paste) your test results

# Independent Study

- Read Chapters 3 (more detail) and 4 of the book
- Run the test for the book example (chapter 4) and make sure you understand the test code
  - Layout (for clarity)
  - Matching the identified test cases (for correctness)
- Review the faults (ch03/fault3 and ch04/fault4) in Insurance.java, run the DT tests against them, and make sure you understand why fault 3 is found and fault 4 is not found by the DT tests