

1 Equivalence Classes & Boundary Values

A local flower shop offers discounts to its most valuable customers. Function `discountPercent` calculates the percentage of discount that should be applied to a purchase. Purchases of more than 10 flowers are given 10% discount. (The discounts are cumulative.) Function `discountPercent` throws an `InvalidOrderException` if the number of flowers is zero.

```
public int discountPercent(int flowers , boolean membershipCard );
```

- What are the partitions for each parameter? How many partitions are there in total?
- What partitions can be combined?
- What are the boundary values? Which are the on and off points?
- Construct test cases for function `discountPercent` according to your analysis. Give inputs and expected outputs.

1.1 Solution

- Values for `flowers`:

$\mathbb{N} \leq 0$

- between 1 and 10
- > 10

Values for `membershipCard`:

- true
- false

Combinations of inputs:

- ~~flowers is < 0 and `membershipCard` is true~~
- ~~flowers is < 0 and `membershipCard` is false~~
- ~~flowers is $= 0$ and `membershipCard` is true~~
- ~~flowers is $= 0$ and `membershipCard` is false~~
- flowers is between 1 and 10 and `membershipCard` is true
- flowers is between 1 and 10 and `membershipCard` is false
- flowers is > 10 and `membershipCard` is true
- flowers is > 10 and `membershipCard` is false

Outputs are:

- InvalidOrderException
- 0%
- 5%
- 10%
- 15%

In total there are ~~8~~ **6 Partitions**

- b) We could combine the cases for flowers being smaller or equal to 0 as there is either no defined behaviour or an Error is thrown.
- c) Boundary values would be (depending on the value of flowers):
- 0, On: the function throws an Error; Off: the function returns either 0% or 5%
 - 10, On: the function returns either 10% or 15%; Off: the function returns either 0% or 5%
- d)
- ```

discountPercent(-1, true); // Expected: InvalidOrderException
discountPercent(0, true); // Expected: InvalidOrderException
discountPercent(1, true); // Expected: 5
discountPercent(1, false); // Expected: 0
discountPercent(9, true); // Expected: 5
discountPercent(10, true); // Expected: 15
discountPercent(11, false); // Expected: 10

```

## 2 Specification-Based & Structural Testing

- a) Which of these software testing activities correspond to specification-based testing, which correspond to structural testing, and which correspond to neither?
- (a) Asking a colleague to check if the tests match the documentation. **Specification-Based Testing** ✓
  - (b) Measuring which statements are executed by each test case. **Structural Testing** ✓
  - (c) Doing test-driven development. **Specification-Based Testing** ✓
  - (d) Testing with random data to find crashes. ~~Structural Testing~~ **neither**
  - (e) Constructing test cases to cover all branches. **Structural Testing** ✓
- b) Which of the following statements are correct?
- (a) MC/DC is a stronger property than branch coverage. **True** ✓
  - (b) Programs that have 100% path coverage do not contain any kind of bugs. **False** ✓

(c) Boundary values are extracted from the source code. **False**

(d) Loop coverage is a stronger property than branch coverage. ~~True~~ **False** ...

(e) A test suite constructed from boundary values has 100% branch coverage. ~~True~~ **False**

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### 3 Basic-Block & Branch Coverage

```
public int compute(int [] x) {
 if (x == null) {
 return 0;
 }
 int sum = 0;
 for (int i = 0; i < x.length; i++) {
 if (x[i] % 2 == 0) {
 sum += x[i];
 }
 }
 return sum;
}
```

a) Draw the control flow graph. Count the basic blocks and branches

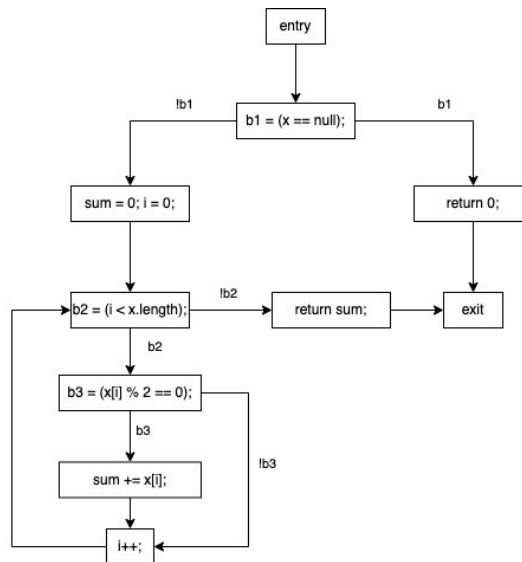


Figure 1: Control Flow Graph with 8 basic blocks, and 6 branches

b) Define test cases that achieve 100% basic-block coverage, but not 100% branch coverage.

**x = null**

**x = { 0, 2, 4 }**

c) Define test cases that achieve 100% branch coverage.

**x = null**

**x = { 0, 2, 4 }**

**x = { 1, 3, 5 }**

## 4 Path & Loop Coverage

a) Consider function max

```
public int max(int a, int b, int c) {
 int max = a;
 if (max < b) {
 max = b;
 }
 if (max < c) {
 max = c;
 }
 return max;
}
```

(a) Count the paths in function max. **4 Paths**

(b) List a set of test cases that achieve 100% path coverage.

**(a=1, b=0, c=0)**

**(a=0, b=1, c=0)**

**(a=0, b=0, c=1)**

**(a=0, b=1, c=2)**

(c) Which of these test cases are sufficient for 100% branch coverage?

**(a=1, b=0, c=0) (a=0, b=1, c=2)**

(d) Which of these test cases are sufficient for 100% basic block coverage? **(a=0, b=1, c=2)**

(e) How many paths does function max4 have? How many test cases are necessary to reach 100% path coverage?

```
public int max(int a, int b, int c, int d) {
 int max = a;
 if (max < b) {
 max = b;
 }
}
```

```

 if (max < c) {
 max = c;
 }
 if (max < d) {
 max = d;
 }
 return max;
}

```

**8 Paths, so 8 tests are necessary**

b) Consider function sumRange.

```

public int sumRange(int[] array, int l, int r) {
 if (array == null || array.length != 4 || l < 0 || 4 <= r) {
 throw new IllegalArgumentException();
 }
 int sum = 0;
 while (l < r) {
 sum += array[l];
 l++;
 }
 return sum;
}

```

(a) Construct a minimal set of test cases that achieve 100% loop coverage. (**array = null, l = 0, r = 0**)

**(array = {1, 2, 3, 4}, l = 0, r = 1)**

**(array = {1, 2, 3, 4}, l = 0, r = 3)**

(b) Do these tests reach 100

**Yes, but if we didn't use array = null in the first test, the first branch wouldn't be fully covered.**

## 5 Condition + Branch Coverage

```

public String triangle(int a, int b, int c) {
 if (a + b < c || a + c < b || b + c < a) {
 return "invalid";
 }

 if (a * a + b * b == c * c || a * a + c * c == b * b

```

```

 || b * b + c * c == a * a) {
 return "right_angled";
 }
 return "other";
}

```

- Count the number of condition values + branches.
- How much branch coverage does the test (a=1, b=1, c=1) reach?
- How much C+B coverage does the test (a=1, b=1, c=1) reach?
- Construct test cases that reach 100% C+B coverage.

### 5.1 Solution

a)  $A = a + b < c$ ,  $B = a + c < b$ ,  $C = b + c < a$ ,  $D = a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ,  $E = a^2 + c^2 = b^2$ ,  $F = b^2 + c^2 = a^2$  So in total there are 12 condition values and 4 branches.

b)  $\frac{2}{4} = 50\%$  Branch coverage

c)  $\frac{2+6}{4+12} = 50\%$

Branch 1
Branch 2

d) (a=0, b=0, c=1): **A=true, B=false, C=false, D=false, E=false, F=false**  
(a=0, b=1, c=0): **A=false, B=true, C=false, D=false, E=false, F=false**  
(a=1, b=0, c=0): **A=false, B=false, C=true, D=false, E=false, F=false**  
(a=0, b=1, c=1): **A=false, B=false, C=false, D=true, E=false, F=false**  
(a=1, b=0, c=1): **A=false, B=false, C=false, D=false, E=false, F=true**  
(a=1, b=1, c=0): **A=false, B=false, C=false, D=false, E=true, F=false**  
(a=1, b=2, c=3): **A=false, B=false, C=false, D=false, E=false, F=false**

## 6 MC/DC

```

public int compute(int a, int b) {
 if ((a * b == 20 || a + b == 12) && a < 10) {
 return a;
 } else {
 return b;
 }
}

```

- a) Construct test cases that reach 100% MC/DC. List for each test case which conditions are true and which are false.
- b) List the independence pair for each condition.

## 6.1 Solution

- a) Construct test cases that reach 100% MC/DC. List for each test case which conditions are true and which are false.

We can define Condition Variables,  $A := a < 10$ ,  $B := a \cdot b = 20$ ,  $C := a + b = 12$ , such that the condition we want to evaluate is:  $A \wedge (B \vee C)$

| Test            | A | B | C | Result |
|-----------------|---|---|---|--------|
| $a = 2, b = 10$ | T | T | T | a      |
| $a = 5, b = 4$  | T | T | F | a      |
| $a = 6, b = 6$  | T | F | T | a      |
| $a = 1, b = 0$  | T | F | F | b      |
| $a = 10, b = 2$ | F | T | T | b      |
| $a = 20, b = 1$ | F | T | F | b      |
| $a = 11, b = 1$ | F | F | T | b      |
| $a = 10, b = 0$ | F | F | F | b      |

Using MC/DC we can define minimal test cases  $\{(a = 5, b = 4), (a = 6, b = 6), (a = 1, b = 0), (a = 20, b = 1)\}$

- b) List the independence pair for each condition.

$A: \{(a = 2, b = 10), (a = 10, b = 2)\}, \{(a = 5, b = 4), (a = 20, b = 1)\}, \{(a = 6, b = 6), (a = 11, b = 1)\}$

$B: \{(a = 5, b = 4), (a = 1, b = 0)\}$

$C: \{(a = 6, b = 6), (a = 1, b = 0)\}$

## 7 DU-Pairs Coverage

```
public int range(int a, int b, int c) {
 int max = a;
 int min = a;
 if (a < b) {
 max = b;
 } else {
 min = b;
 }
 if (max < c) {
 max = c;
 }
}
```

do this  
first



```

 } else {
 min = c;
 }
 return max - min;
}

```

- a) List all DU pairs for variables max and min. **For max:** {(1, 3), (1, 5), (1, 9), (3, 5), (3, 9), (6, 9)}, **For min:** {(1, 4), (1, 7), (1, 9), (4, 7), (4, 9), (8, 9) }
- b) Construct test cases that reach 100% DU-pairs coverage. For each test, list all DU pairs it covers. **(a=1, b=2, c=3):** (1, 3), (3, 5), (6, 9); (1, 7), (1, 9)  
**(a=3, b=2, c=1):** (1, 5), (1, 9); (1, 4), (4, 7), (8, 9)  
**(a=1, b=3, c=2):** (1, 3), (3, 5), (3, 9); (1, 7), (1, 9)  
**(a=3, b=2, c=3):** (1, 9); (1, 4), (4, 7), (4, 9)

## 8 Measuring DU-Pairs Coverage

```

public void countFlips(boolean[] coinFlips, boolean countHeads {
 int heads = 0;
 int tails = 0;
 int result = 0;

 for (boolean isHeads: coinFlips) {
 if (isHeads) {
 heads = heads + 1;
 } else {
 tails = tails + 1;
 }
 }
 if (countHeads) {
 result = heads;
 } else {
 result = tails;
 }
 return result;
}

```

- a) Draw the control flow graph for function countFlips and apply the algorithm for computing reaching definitions for variables heads, tails and result.
- b) List the DU pairs for variables heads, tails and result.



| n  | Reach(n)                                                                                                                                                                                             | ReachOut(n)                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | $\emptyset$                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                                                                                   |
| 2  | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           |
| 3  | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           |
| 4  | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           |
| 5  | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           | <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                                                       |
| 6  | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                                                       |
| 7  | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           |
| 8  | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>8</sub>                                                           |
| 9  | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub>                                                           | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>9</sub>                                                           |
| 10 | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>8</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>9</sub> | <i>heads</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>heads</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>tails</i> <sub>6</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>8</sub> , <i>result</i> <sub>9</sub> |

- c) Instrument the code as shown in the lecture to measure DU-pairs coverage. What is the state of maps defCover and useCover after running the test case (coinFlips=[true, true], countHeads = false)? You may assume the maps start freshly initialized.

## 8.1 Solution

- a) The table:

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- b) DU-Pairs for heads: (1,5), (5,5), (1,8), (5,8)  
 DU-Pairs for tails: (1,6), (6,6), (1,9), (6,9)  
 DU-Pairs for result: (1,8), (1,9), (8,10), (9,10)

- c) Instrument the code as shown in the lecture to measure DU-pairs coverage.

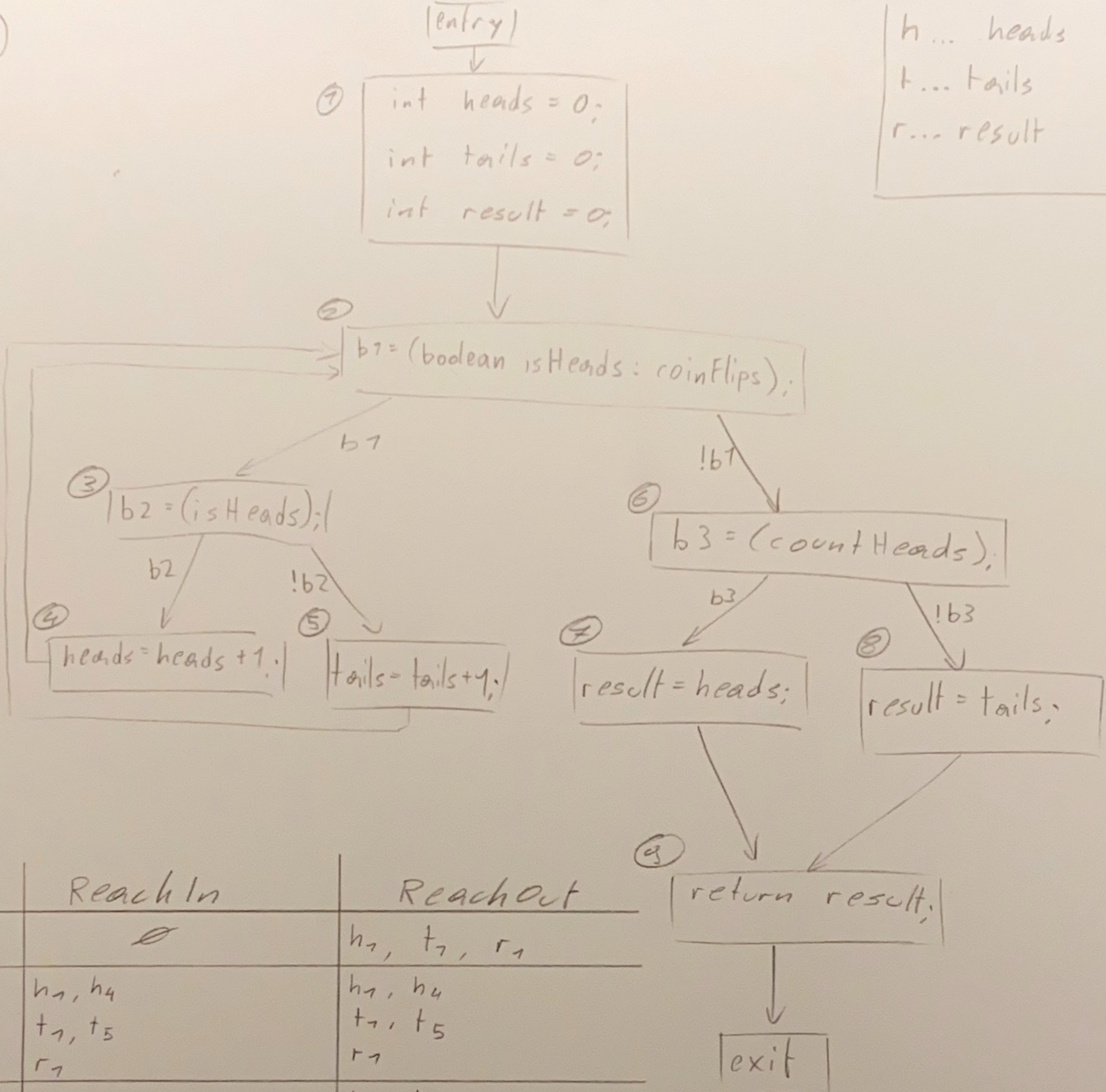
```

public void countFlips(boolean[] coinFlips, boolean countHeads {
1 int heads=0; defCover["heads"]=1;
1 int tails=0; defCover["tails"]=1;
1 int result=0; defCover["result"]=1;

2,3 for (boolean isHeads: coinFlips) {
4 if (isHeads) {
5 heads=heads+1; useCover["heads", defCover["heads"], 5]++;
 defCover["heads"]=5;
 } else {
6 tails=tails+1; useCover["tails", defCover["tails"], 6]++;
 defCover["tails"]=6;
 }
 }

```

a)



h ... heads  
t ... tails  
r ... result

| n | Reach In                                                 | Reachout                               |
|---|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1 | $\emptyset$                                              | $h_1, t_1, r_1$                        |
| 2 | $h_1, h_4$<br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_1$                        | $h_1, h_4$<br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_1$      |
| 3 | $h_1, h_4$<br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_1$                        | $h_1, h_4$<br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_1$      |
| 4 | <u><math>h_1, h_4</math></u><br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_1$      | $h_4$<br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_1$           |
| 5 | $h_1, h_4$<br><u><math>t_1, t_5</math></u><br>$r_1$      | $h_1, h_4$<br>$t_5$<br>$r_1$           |
| 6 | $h_1, h_4$<br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_1$                        | $h_1, h_4$<br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_1$      |
| 7 | <u><math>h_1, h_4</math></u><br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_1$      | $h_1, h_4$<br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_7$      |
| 8 | $h_1, h_4$<br><u><math>t_1, t_5</math></u><br>$r_1$      | $h_1, h_4$<br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_8$      |
| 9 | $h_1, h_4$<br>$t_1, t_5$<br><u><math>r_7, r_8</math></u> | $h_1, h_4$<br>$t_1, t_5$<br>$r_7, r_8$ |

b) Var - Use underlined in table  
 heads: (1,4), (4,4), (1,7), (4,7)  
 tails: (1,5), (5,5), (1,8), (5,8)  
 result: (7,9), (8,9)

```

 }
7 if (countHeads) {
8 result=heads; useCover["heads", defCover["heads"], 8]++;
 defCover["result"]=8;
 } else {
9 result=tails; useCover["tails", defCover["tails"], 9]++;
 defCover["result"]=9;
 }
10 return result; useCover["result", defCover["result"], 10]++;
 }

```

What is the state of maps `defCover` and `useCover` after running the test case (`coinFlips=[true, true], countHeads = false`)? You may assume the maps start freshly initialized.

```

defCover["heads"] = 5;
defCover["tails"] = 1;
defCover["result"] = 9;
useCover["heads", 1, 5] = 1;
useCover["heads", 5, 5] = 1;
useCover["heads", 1, 8] = 0;
useCover["heads", 5, 8] = 0;
useCover["tails", 1, 9] = 1;
useCover["tails", 1, 6] = 0;
useCover["tails", 6, 6] = 0;
useCover["tails", 6, 9] = 0;
useCover["result", 9, 10] = 1;
useCover["result", 8, 10] = 0;

```

## 9 Property-Based Testing

- a) An Austrian drink wholesaler would like to apply property-based testing to their web shop. The company offers beverages with alcohol ranging from 0% to 53%. The policy of the web shop states that customers under 16 are only allowed to buy non-alcoholic beverages (0% alcohol). Customers between 16 and 17 are allowed to buy drinks with under 20% of alcohol. There are no restrictions for customers of age 18 or older.

Apply property-based testing to function `canOrderDrink`.

```
public boolean canOrderDrink(int age, int alcoholPercent) { ... }
```

In particular, design property-based tests for the following requirements:

- (a) People under the age of 16 are allowed to order alcohol-free drinks.
  - (b) From the age of 16 to 17, people are allowed to order drinks whose alcohol percentage is under 20.
  - (c) From the age of 18, people are allowed to order any kind of drink.
  - (d) People under the age of 16 are not allowed to order any alcoholic drink.
  - (e) From the age of 16 to 17, people are not allowed to order drinks with an alcohol percentage of 20 or above.
- b) Which of the following statements are correct about property-based testing?
- Writing properties is easier than constructing tests manually
  - Property-based testing should always be used instead of example-based testing
  - With property-based testing, it may be difficult to get an adequate distribution of input values.
  - With property-based testing, it is always inexpensive to generate the desired data.
  - A property-based testing framework tries to find a counterexample to break the defined properties.
- c) Consider function compute

```
public void compute(int a, int b);
@property
void computeTest(
 @ForAll @IntRange(min = 1, max = 100) int a,
 @ForAll @IntRange(min = 1, max = 100) int b
) {
 // ...
}
```

Function compute has a bug and incorrectly throws an exception if inputs a and b are equal. Assume that for each run of property computeTest the values for a and b are sampled independently and uniformly in the given range.

- What is the probability that a generated pair of input values reveals the bug?
- What is the probability if the max value for both variables a and b is increased to 1000?

## 9.1 Solution

- a) @Property
- ```
void testProperty1CanOrderDrink (
    @ForAll
```

```

    @IntRange(min = 0, max = 15)
    int age,
    @ForAll
    @IntRange(min = 0, max = 0)
    int alcoholPercent) {
    System.out.println("Age: " + age + " Alcohol: " + alcoholPercent);
    assertTrue(canOrderDrink(age, alcoholPercent)); ✓
}

```

```

@Property
void testProperty2CanOrderDrink (
    @ForAll
    @IntRange(min = 16, max = 17)
    int age,
    @ForAll
    @IntRange(min = 0, max = 19)
    int alcoholPercent) {
    System.out.println("Age: " + age + " Alcohol: " + alcoholPercent);
    assertTrue(canOrderDrink(age, alcoholPercent)); ✓
}

```

```

@Property
void testProperty3CanOrderDrink (
    @ForAll
    @IntRange(min = 18, max = 100)
    int age,
    @ForAll
    @IntRange(min = 0, max = 53)
    int alcoholPercent) {
    System.out.println("Age: " + age + " Alcohol: " + alcoholPercent);
    assertTrue(canOrderDrink(age, alcoholPercent)); ✓
}

```

```

@Property
void testProperty4CanOrderDrink (
    @ForAll
    @IntRange(min = 0, max = 15)
    int age,
    @ForAll
    @IntRange(min = 1, max = 53)

```

```

    int alcoholPercent) {
        System.out.println("Age: " + age + " Alcohol: " + alcoholPercent);
        assertFalse(canOrderDrink(age, alcoholPercent)); ✓
    }

```

```

@Property
void testProperty5CanOrderDrink (
    @ForAll
    @IntRange(min = 16, max = 17)
    int age,
    @ForAll
    @IntRange(min = 20, max = 53)
    int alcoholPercent) {
        System.out.println("Age: " + age + " Alcohol: " + alcoholPercent);
        assertFalse(canOrderDrink(age, alcoholPercent)); ✓
    }

```

- b) • Writing properties is easier than constructing tests manually ~~true~~ **false** ✓
- Property-based testing should always be used instead of example-based testing **false** ✓
- With property-based testing, it may be difficult to get an adequate distribution of input values. **true** ✓
- With property-based testing, it is always inexpensive to generate the desired data. **false** ✓
- A property-based testing framework tries to find a counterexample to break the defined properties. **true** ✓
- c) The probability is similar to a sampling with replacement. We choose on value a , the probability that the second value b is equal to a is $\frac{1}{100} = 1\%$ ✓ Therefore if we increase the range this probability becomes $\frac{1}{1000} = 0.1\%$ ✓

10 Test Doubles

Classify the following objects into one of the five kinds of test doubles.

- a) An external API server that returns pre-defined responses and verifies that specific requests were made during testing. **Mock** ✓
- b) A database connection wrapper that records every query made to a particular table. **Spy** ✓
- c) A database connection that returns pre-defined data for specific queries. **Stub** ✓

- d) A logger that does not perform any logging and is only used to fulfill a method requirement. **Dummy Object** ✓
- e) A file system that emulates the behavior of a real file system without actually writing to disk. **Fake Object** ✓
- f) An HTTP server that returns pre-defined responses to specific requests. **Stub** ✓
- g) An email service that captures and stores outgoing emails and triggers pre-defined incoming email events. ~~Fake Object~~ **Mock**
- h) A database connection that ignores all operations and is not used during testing. **Dummy Object** ✓
- i) A logger that records information about logged messages during testing and checks for the existence of certain string patterns. ~~Mock~~ **Spy**
- j) A data prediction unit that, in contrast to its production implementation, uses a simplified algorithm to decrease the runtime of the tests. **Fake Object** ✓