

# Introduction to Software Testing Semantic Logic Coverage (Ch 8.1)

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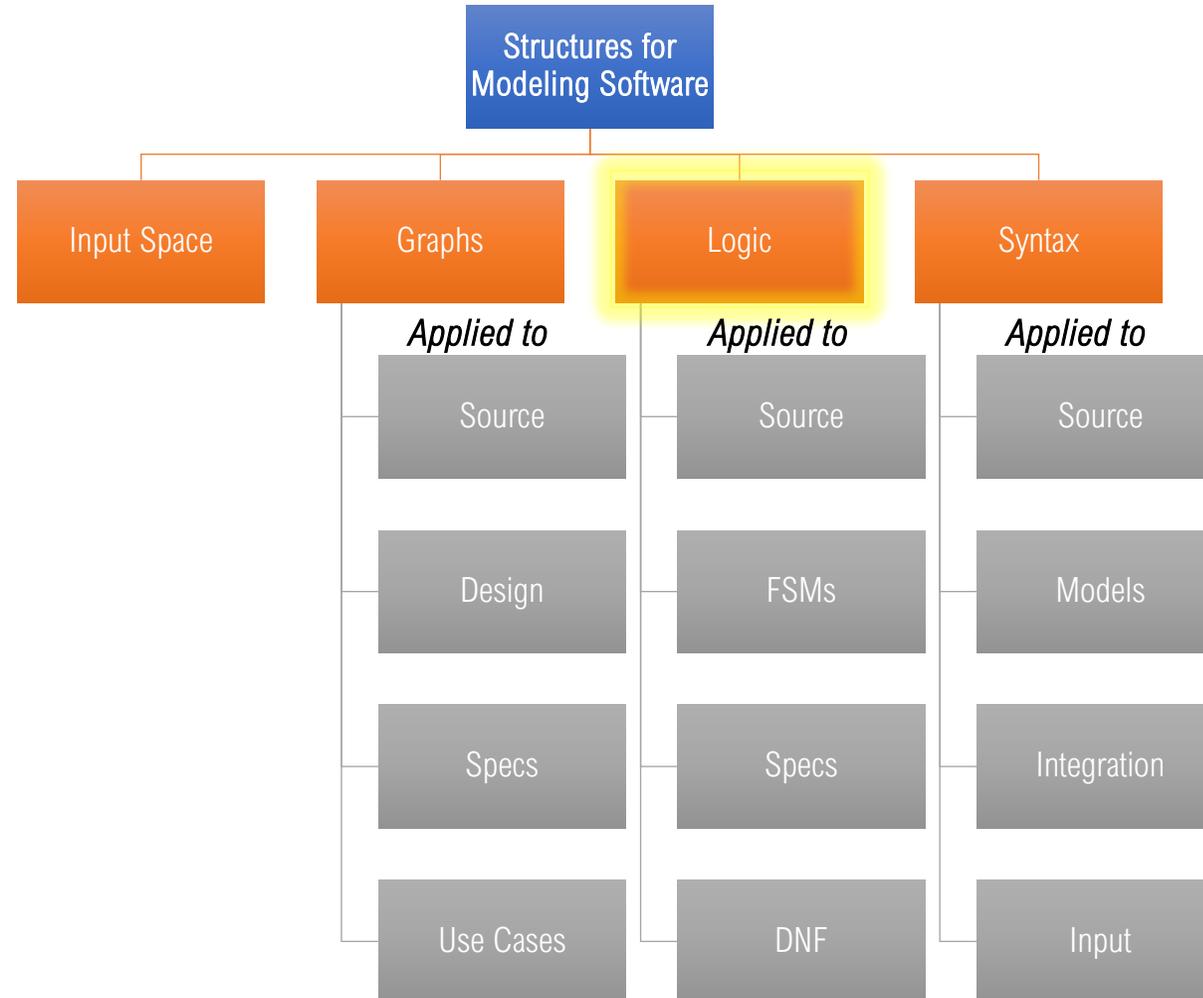
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# Logic Coverage



# Semantic Logic Coverage (8.1)

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Logical expressions can come from many sources

- Decisions in programs

- Decisions in **UML** activity graphs and **finite state machines**

- Requirements**, both formal and informal

- SQL** queries

Logic coverage is **required by the US Federal Aviation Administration** for safety critical software

- Used by other transportation industries

Used by Electronic Arts (EA) game company

- FIFA, Battlefield, ...

Tests are intended to **choose some subset of the total number of truth assignments** to the expressions

# Logic predicates and clauses

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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*

$\neg$  or  $!$  - the negation operator

$\wedge$  or  $\&$  - the and operator

$\vee$  or  $|$  - the or operator

$\rightarrow$  - the implication operator

$\oplus$  or **xor** - the exclusive or operator

$\leftrightarrow$  - the equivalence operator

A **clause** is a predicate with no logical operators.

# Example

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$$P = (a \ \& \ (b \ | \ c))$$

P has three clauses:

a, b, and c

# A more complex example

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$$(\mathbf{a} < \mathbf{b}) \vee \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z}) \wedge \mathbf{d} \vee (\mathbf{m} \geq \mathbf{n} * \mathbf{o})$$

This predicate has four clauses:

**(a < b)** : a relational expression

**f(z)** : a boolean function

**d** : a boolean variable

**(m ≥ n \* o)** : a relational expression

# Most predicates only have 1 clause!

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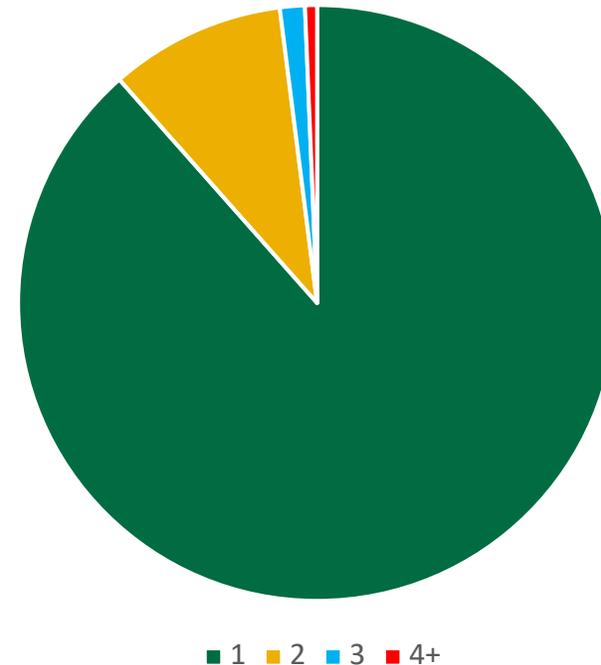
From a study of 63 open-source programs which contained > 400,000 predicates:

88.5% had only 1 clause

9.5% had 2 clauses

1.35% had 3 clauses

Only 0.65% had 4 or more clauses



# Logic Coverage Criteria (8.1.1)

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We use predicates in testing to:

Develop a model of the software as one or more predicates

Require tests to satisfy some combination of clauses

Abbreviations:

**$P$**  is a set of predicates

**$p$**  is a predicate in  **$P$**

**$C$**  is the set of clauses in  **$P$**

**$C_p$**  is the set of clauses in predicate  **$p$**

**$c$**  is a clause in  **$C$**

# Predicate Coverage

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The first (and simplest) criterion requires that each predicate be evaluated to both true and false

DEFINITION

**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 graph edges, this is equivalent to *edge coverage*

# Clause Coverage

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No! Consider  $a \vee b$ , the clauses can be satisfied with  $(a=\text{true}, b=\text{false})$  and  $(a=\text{false}, b=\text{true})$  but the predicate is always true

# In-class Exercise

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



Give predicate coverage (**PC**) and clause coverage (**CC**) abstract tests for our example predicate.

"Abstract tests" include truth assignments for each clause, for example:

**a = true**

# Predicate Coverage Example

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**Predicate must evaluate to true**

**Predicate must evaluate to false**

# Predicate Coverage Example

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## Predicate must evaluate to true

Example test case:

$a=5, b=10, d=\text{true}, m=1, n=1, o=1$

$= ((5 < 10) \vee \text{true}) \wedge (1 \geq 1*1)$

$= (\text{true} \vee \text{true}) \wedge (\text{true})$

$= \text{true}$

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

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

## Predicate must evaluate to false

Example test case:

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

# Clause Coverage Example

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## Clauses must evaluate to true

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

*In this case we arbitrarily choose to set all clauses to true at the same time, but that is not required*

# Clause Coverage Example

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$$d : \text{true}$$

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## Clauses must evaluate to false

$$(a < b) : a=10, b=5$$

$$d : \text{false}$$

$$(m \geq n * o) : m=1, n=2, o=2$$

# Problems with PC and CC

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PC does not **fully exercise** all the clauses, especially in the presence of short circuit evaluation

CC does not always **ensure PC**

That is, we can satisfy CC without causing the predicate to be both true and false

This is *definitely* not what we want !

The simplest solution is to test **all combinations** ...

# Combinatorial Coverage (CoC)

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DEFINITION

Combinatorial Coverage (CoC) – For each  $p$  in  $P$ ,  $TR$  contains a test requirement for the clauses in  $C_p$  to evaluate to each possible combination of truth values

Combinatorial coverage is conceptually simple and complete, but very expensive

Results in  $2^N$  tests, where  $N$  is the number of clauses

# In-class Exercise

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$$P = (a \ \& \ (b \ | \ c))$$



Give abstract tests to satisfy combinatorial coverage (**CoC**) for the above predicate.

**Hint: There should be 8**

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**CoC**

**$a=\text{true}, b=\text{true}, c=\text{true}$**

**$a=f, b=t, c=f$**

**$a \ !b \ c$**

**$a \ !b \ !c$**

**$!a \ b \ c$**

**$!a \ b \ !c$**

**$!a \ !b \ c$**

**$!a \ !b \ !c$**

# Combinatorial Coverage (CoC)

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This is simple, neat, clean, and comprehensive ...

But can be **expensive**

- 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 ?

The book presents this idea as "**making clauses active**" ...

# Active Clauses (8.1.2)

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Clause coverage has a **weakness** : The values do not always make a difference

Consider the CC tests for  $P = (a \ \& \ (b \ | \ c))$ :

*Test 1: (true & (true | true))*

*Test 2: (false & (false | false))*

Clauses b and c are ignored!

To really test the results of a clause, the clause should be the **determining factor** in the value of the predicate

# Active Clauses – Determination

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Clause  $c_j$  **determines** the value of its predicate when the other clauses have certain values.

If  $c_j$  is changed, the value of the predicate changes

$c_j$  is called the *major clause*

Other clauses are *minor clauses*

This is called *making the clause active*.

# Determining Predicates

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$$P = A \vee B$$

if  **$B = true$** ,  $p$  is always true.

so if  **$B = false$** ,  $A$  determines  $p$ .

if  **$A = false$** ,  $B$  determines  $p$ .

$$P = A \wedge B$$

if  **$B = false$** ,  $p$  is always false.

so if  **$B = true$** ,  $A$  determines  $p$ .

if  **$A = true$** ,  $B$  determines  $p$ .

**Goal** : Find tests for each clause when the clause determines the value of the predicate.

This is formalized in a **family of criteria** that have subtle, but very important, differences.

# Active Clause Coverage

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DEFINITION

Active Clause Coverage (ACC) – For each  $p$  in  $P$  and each major clause  $c_i$  in  $C_p$ , choose minor clauses  $c_j$  ( $j \neq i$ ) such that  $c_j$  determines  $p$ .  $TR$  has two requirements for  $c_j$ :  $c_j$  evaluates to true and  $c_j$  evaluates to false

# Active Clause Coverage

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$$p = a \vee b$$

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

# Active Clause Coverage

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Select *a* as the major clause, then choose values for minor clause *b* such that changing *a* changes *p*, so *a* determines *p* and *a* is the *active clause*

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3	F	T	T
4	F	F	F

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	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>a <math>\vee</math> b</b>
1	T	T	T
2	T	F	T
3	F	T	T
4	F	F	F

Select **b** as the major clause, then choose values for minor clause **a** such that changing **b** changes **p**, so **b** determines **p** and **b** is the *active clause*

# In-class Exercise

## Making clauses active



$$P = (a \ \& \ (b \ | \ c))$$

Write truth values for **b and c** that make clause **a** active

*For example:  $P_a : b=??$  or  $c=??$*

Write truth values for **a and c** that make clause **b** active

Write truth values for **a and b** that make clause **c** active

# In-class Exercise

## Making clauses active



$$P = (a \ \& \ (b \ | \ c))$$

$P_a : (b = \text{true} \ \text{or} \ c = \text{true})$   
compactly:  $(b \ \text{or} \ c)$

$P_b : (a \ \text{and} \ !c)$

$P_c : (a \ \text{and} \ !b)$

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Write truth values for **a and b** that make clause **c** active

# Calculating Determination

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Finding values for minor clauses is easy for simple predicates, but hard for complex ones

Definitional approach:

$\mathbf{p}_{c=\text{true}}$  is predicate  $\mathbf{p}$  with every occurrence of clause  $\mathbf{c}$  replaced by **true**

$\mathbf{p}_{c=\text{false}}$  is predicate  $\mathbf{p}$  with every occurrence of clause  $\mathbf{c}$  replaced by false

To find values for minor clauses, *exclusive or*  $\mathbf{p}_{c=\text{true}}$  and  $\mathbf{p}_{c=\text{false}}$

$$\mathbf{p}_c = \mathbf{p}_{c=\text{true}} \oplus \mathbf{p}_{c=\text{false}}$$

After solving,  $\mathbf{p}_c$  describes exactly the values needed for  $\mathbf{c}$  to determine  $\mathbf{p}$

# Determination Example

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Consider  $p = a \vee b$

$$\rho_a = \rho_{a=\text{true}} \oplus \rho_{a=\text{false}}$$

$$\rho_a = (\text{true} \vee b) \oplus (\text{false} \vee b) \text{ [identity law]}$$

$$\rho_a = \text{true} \oplus b$$

$$\rho_a = \neg b$$

Thus  $a$  determines  $p$  when  $b=\text{false}$ .

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$$\rho_a = b \oplus \text{false}$$

$$\rho_a = b$$

Thus  $a$  determines  $p$  when  $b = \text{true}$

# Determination Example

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Consider  $p = a \vee (b \wedge c)$

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$$p_a = (\text{true} \vee (b \wedge c)) \oplus (\text{false} \vee (b \wedge c)) \text{ [identity law]}$$

$$p_a = \text{true} \oplus b \wedge c$$

$$p_a = \neg(b \wedge c) \text{ [De Morgan's Law]}$$

$$p_a = \neg b \vee \neg c$$

Thus  $a$  determines  $p$  when  $b=\text{false}$  or  $c=\text{false}$

# Determination (tabular method)

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A truth table can sometimes be easier than logic evaluation

Row	a	b	c	$a \vee (b \wedge c)$	$p_a$	$p_b$	$p_c$
1	T	T	T	T			
2	T	T	F	T			
3	T	F	T	T			
4	T	F	F	T			
5	F	T	T	T			
6	F	T	F	F			
7	F	F	T	F			
8	F	F	F	F			

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Row	$a$	$b$	$c$	$a \vee (b \wedge c)$	$p_a$	$p_b$
1	T	T	T	T		
2	T	T	F	T	✓	
3	T	F	T	T		
4	T	F	F	T		
5	F	T	T	T		
6	F	T	F	F	✓	
7	F	F	T	F		
8	F	F	F	F		

Select  $a$  as the major clause, then choose values for minor clauses  $b$  and  $c$  such that changing only  $a$  changes  $p$ , thus  $a$  determines  $p$

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3	T	F	T	T	✓		
4	T	F	F	T			
5	F	T	T	T			
6	F	T	F	F	✓		
7	F	F	T	F	✓		
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3	T	F	T	T	✓		
4	T	F	F	T	✓		
5	F	T	T	T			
6	F	T	F	F	✓		
7	F	F	T	F	✓		
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1	T	T	T	T		
2	T	T	F	T	✓	
3	T	F	T	T	✓	
4	T	F	F	T	✓	
5	F	T	T	T		✓
6	F	T	F	F	✓	
7	F	F	T	F	✓	✓
8	F	F	F	F	✓	

Select  $b$  as the major clause, then choose values for minor clauses  $a$  and  $c$  such that changing only  $b$  changes  $p$ , thus  $b$  determines  $p$

# Determination (tabular method)

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A truth table can sometimes be easier than logic evaluation

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3	T	F	T	T	✓		
4	T	F	F	T	✓		
5	F	T	T	T		✓	
6	F	T	F	F	✓		
7	F	F	T	F	✓	✓	
8	F	F	F	F	✓		

# Determination (tabular method)

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2	T	T	F	T	✓		
3	T	F	T	T	✓		
4	T	F	F	T	✓		
5	F	T	T	T		✓	✓
6	F	T	F	F	✓		✓
7	F	F	T	F	✓	✓	
8	F	F	F	F	✓		

Select  $c$  as the major clause, then choose values for minor clauses  $a$  and  $b$  such that changing only  $c$  changes  $p$ , thus  $c$  determines  $p$

# Determination (tabular method)

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Row	a	b	c	$a \vee (b \wedge c)$	$p_a$	$p_b$	
1	T	T	T	T			
2	T	T	F	T	✓(1)		
3	T	F	T	T	✓(2)		
4	T	F	F	T	✓(3)		
5	F	T	T	T		✓(4)	✓(5)
6	F	T	F	F	✓(1)		✓(5)
7	F	F	T	F	✓(2)	✓(4)	
8	F	F	F	F	✓(3)		

Instead of color-coding, we can tag the matching pairs with ID numbers

# ACC Ambiguity

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Do the minor clauses have to retain the same values while the major clause changes between true and false?

Example: given  $p = a \vee (b \wedge c)$ , if  $a$  is the major clause then when we vary the major clause:

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

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

Vary the major  
clause

Is this allowed, or not?

This question has caused confusion among safety-critical testers for years

# Resolving the ambiguity

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Three possible answers (which leads to three different coverage criteria)

Minor clauses *do not* need to be the same

Minor clauses can *force the predicate* to become both true and false

Minor clauses *do* need to be the same

# General Active Clause Coverage

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Minor clauses *do not* need to be the same

DEFINITION

General Active Clause Coverage (GACC) – For each  $p$  in  $P$  and each major clause  $c_i$  in  $C_p$ , choose minor clauses  $c_j$  ( $j \neq i$ ) such that  $c_i$  determines  $p$ .  $TR$  has two requirements for  $c_j$ :  $c_j$  evaluates to true and  $c_j$  evaluates to false. The values chosen for minor clauses  $c_j$  do not need to be the same when  $c_i$  is true as when  $c_i$  is false, and the value of  $p$  does not need to change.

It is possible to satisfy GACC without satisfying predicate coverage

# Correlated Active Clause Coverage

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Minor clauses can *force the predicate*

DEFINITION

**Correlated Active Clause Coverage (CACC)** – For each  $p$  in  $P$  and each major clause  $c_i$  in  $C_p$ , choose minor clauses  $c_j$  ( $j \neq i$ ) such that  $c_i$  determines  $p$ . *TR* has two requirements for  $c_j$ :  $c_j$  evaluates to true and  $c_j$  evaluates to false. The values chosen for minor clauses  $c_j$  must cause  $p$  to be true for one value of major clause  $c_i$  and false for the other value of  $c_i$ .

Subsumes predicate coverage

This is "masking MCDC"\*

\* DOT/FAA/AR-01/18 "An Investigation of Three Forms of the Modified Condition Decision Coverage (MCDC) Criterion", April 2001

# Restrictive Active Clause Coverage

Minor clauses do need to be the same

DEFINITION

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

This is "unique-cause MCDC", the common interpretation of MCDC\*  
Often leads to infeasible test requirements

# Active Clause Comparison

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To satisfy an active clause coverage criterion, pick a pair of tests where...

Criterion	Major clause determines p	Major clause changes value	Changing major clause changes p	Minor clauses are held the same
GACC	✓	✓		
CACC	✓	✓	✓	
RACC	✓	✓	✓	✓

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

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## Evaluation process

1. Select a major clause
2. Determine the conditions for the minor clauses where the major clause determines the predicate
3. For GACC, select a pair of conditions where the value of the major clause changes (the value of the minor clauses and  $p$  may or may not change)
4. For CACC, select a pair of conditions where the value of the major clause changes and the value of  $p$  changes (the minor clauses may or may not change)
5. For RACC, select a pair of conditions where the value of the major clause changes, the values of the minor clauses are held constant, and the value of  $p$  changes

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

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Consider  $p = (a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$

1. Select a major clause --  $a$

	a	b	c	$p=(a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$
1	T	T	T	T
2	T	T	F	T
3	T	F	T	F
4	T	F	F	F
5	F	T	T	F
6	F	T	F	F
7	F	F	T	T
8	F	F	F	F

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

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Consider  $p = (a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$

2. Determine the conditions for the minor clauses where the major clause determines the predicate

Using the XOR approach:

$$p_a = p_{a=\text{true}} \oplus p_{a=\text{false}}$$

$$p_a = (T \wedge b) \vee (\neg T \wedge \neg b \wedge c) \oplus (F \wedge b) \vee (\neg F \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$$

$$p_a = b \vee (F \wedge \neg b \wedge c) \oplus F \vee (T \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$$

$$p_a = b \oplus \neg b \wedge c$$

$$p_a = b \vee c$$

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

Consider  $p = (a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$

2. Determine the conditions for the minor clauses where the major clause determines the predicate

Using the truth table approach:

	a	b	c	$p=(a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$	$p_a$
1	T	T	T	T	✓1
2	T	T	F	T	
3	T	F	T	F	
4	T	F	F	F	
5	F	T	T	F	✓1
6	F	T	F	F	
7	F	F	T	T	
8	F	F	F	F	

Select inputs such that  $a$  changes,  $b$  and  $c$  do not change, and  $p$  changes... thus  $a$  determines  $p$  when  $b \wedge c$

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

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6	F	T	F	F	✓2
7	F	F	T	T	✓3
8	F	F	F	F	

Select inputs such that  $a$  changes,  $b$  and  $c$  do not change... but  $p$  DOES NOT change, thus  $a$  DOES NOT determine  $p$  when  $\neg b \wedge \neg c$

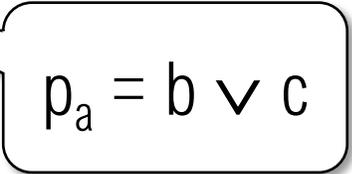
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$$p_a = b \vee c$$

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

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Criterion	Major clause determines p	Major clause changes value	Changing major clause changes p	Minor clauses are held the same
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RACC	✓	✓	✓	✓

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

Consider  $p = (a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$

3. For GACC, select a pair of conditions where the value of the major clause changes (the value of the minor clauses and  $p$  may or may not change)

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GACC Pairs:  
(1,5)

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GACC Pairs:  
(1,5) or (1,6) or  
(1,7) okay  
because  $p$  does  
not need to  
change

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GACC Pairs: any one of  
(1,5), (1,6), (1,7),  
(2,5), (2,6), (2,7),  
(3,5), (3,6), (3,7)

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

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To satisfy an active clause coverage criterion, pick a pair of tests where...

Criterion	Major clause determines p	Major clause changes value	Changing major clause changes p	Minor clauses are held the same
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# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

Consider  $p = (a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$

4. For CACC, select a pair of conditions where the value of the major clause changes and the value of  $p$  changes (the minor clauses may or may not change)

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CACC Pairs:  
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CACC Pairs:  
(1,5) or (1,6)

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

Consider  $p = (a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$

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CACC Pairs:  
(1,5) or (1,6)  
*but not (1,7)*  
*because  $p$*   
*doesn't*  
*change!*

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Consider  $p = (a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$

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CACC Pairs:  
any one of  
(1,5), (1,6),  
(2,5), (2,6)  
*but not (2,7)*

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

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any one of  
(1,5), (1,6),  
(2,5), (2,6),  
(3,7) *but not*  
*(3,5) or (3,6)*

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

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# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

Consider  $p = (a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$

5. For RACC, select a pair of conditions where the value of the major clause changes, the values of the minor clauses are held constant, and the value of  $p$  changes

	a	b	c	$p=(a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge c)$	$p_a$
1	T	T	T	T	√1
2	T	T	F	T	√2
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RACC Pairs:  
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RACC Pairs:  
(1,5) or (2,6)

# GACC vs. CACC vs. RACC Example

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RACC Pairs:  
(1,5) or  
(2,6) or  
(3,7)

# Extra Credit!

## Making clauses active



$$P = ((a\&b) | c | (d\&e))$$

Pick any **one** of the 5 clauses (call it  $c_i$ )

Solve for  $c_i$

Answer by giving truth values for the other 4 clauses that make your  $c_i$

determine the value of the predicate

**Show your work!**

# Inactive Clause Coverage

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Taking the opposite approach – major clauses do not affect the predicates

DEFINITION

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

Why bother? It's useful for testing safety interlock systems to ensure that during certain circumstances a control variable does not have any effect on operation

# Inactive Clause Coverage

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DEFINITION

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

DEFINITION

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

# Infeasibility

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*Infeasible* test requirements are common

Given  $p = (a > b \wedge b > c) \vee (c > a)$

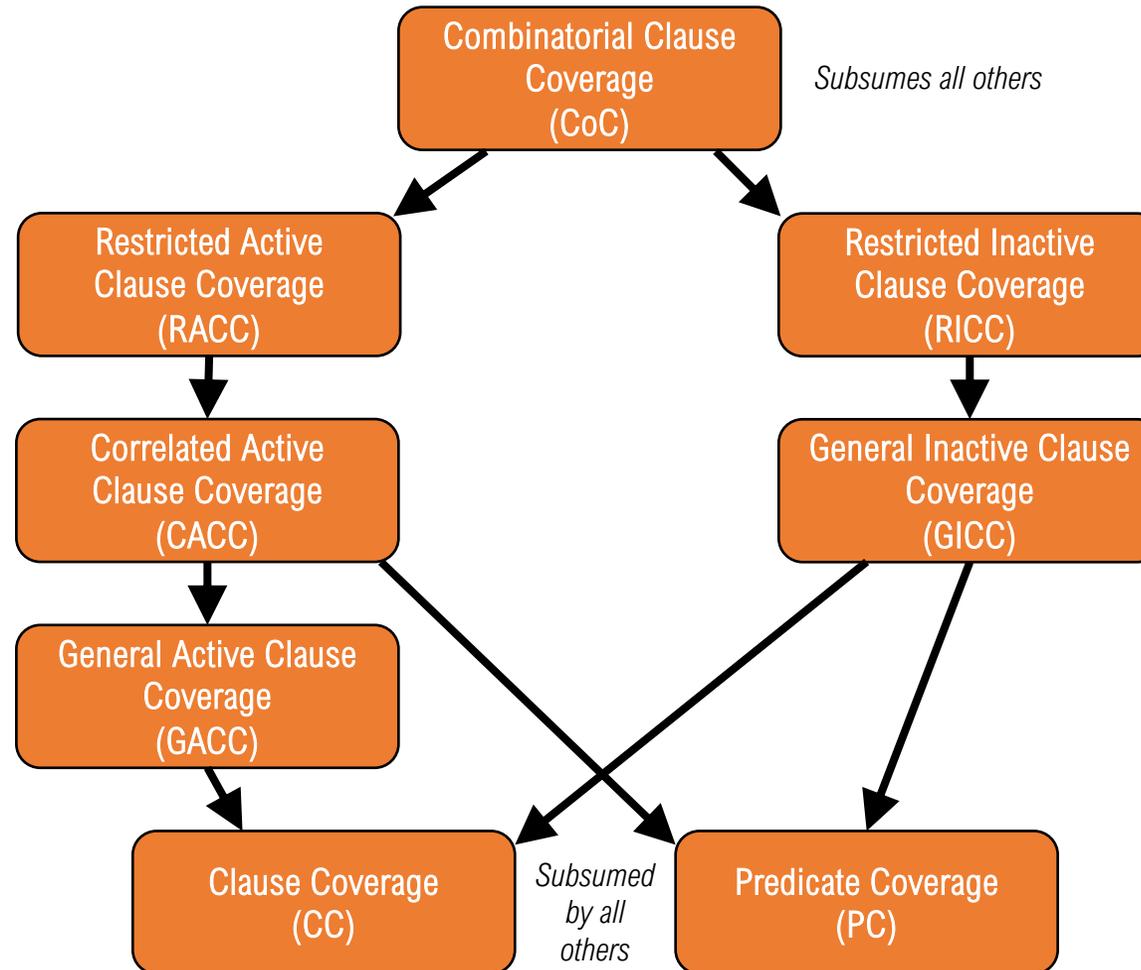
If  $(a > b)=\text{true}$  and  $(b > c)=\text{true}$ , then  
 $(c > a)=\text{true}$  is infeasible

As with ISP and graph criteria, infeasible test requirements are generally be *recognized and ignored*

# Logic Criteria Subsumption

DEFINITION

A test criterion  $C1$  subsumes  $C2$  if and only if every set of test cases that satisfies criterion  $C1$  also satisfies  $C2$



# Logic Coverage Summary

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Predicates are often very simple – in practice, most have fewer than 3 clauses

That's good news, because fewer clauses *significantly* simplifies testing

With only one clause, predicate coverage is sufficient

With 2 or 3 clauses, combinatorial coverage may be practical

With more complex clauses, ACC and ICC criteria are practical

Testing safety-critical software often requires MCDC (or RACC or CACC)