Section 4:
Graphs and Testing

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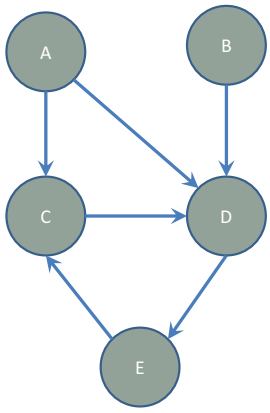
Agenda

- Graphs
- Java assertions
- Internal vs. external testing
- Representation invariants in real code

Graphs



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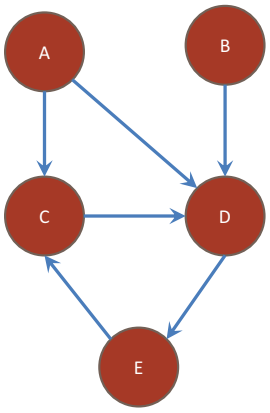

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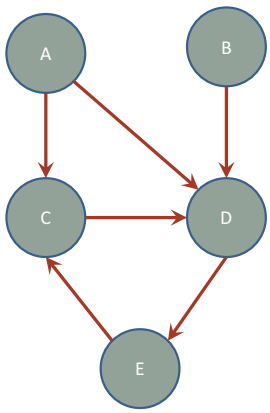
Graphs



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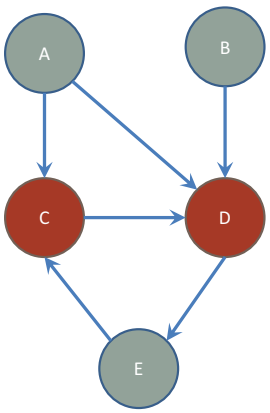
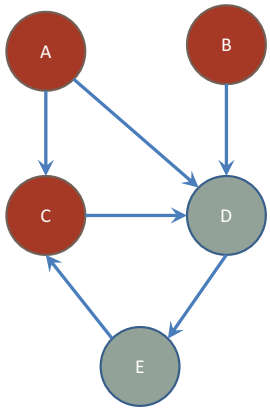
Graphs



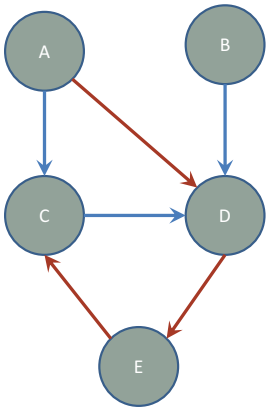
Children of A

Graphs



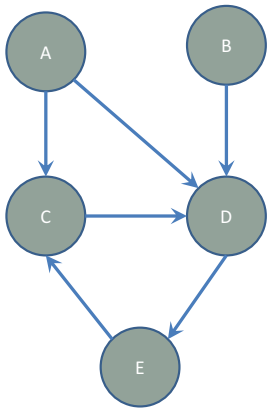
Parents of D

Graphs



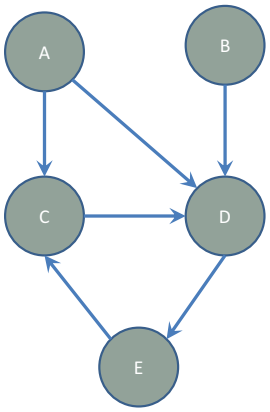
Path from A to C

Graphs



Shortest path from A to C?

Graphs

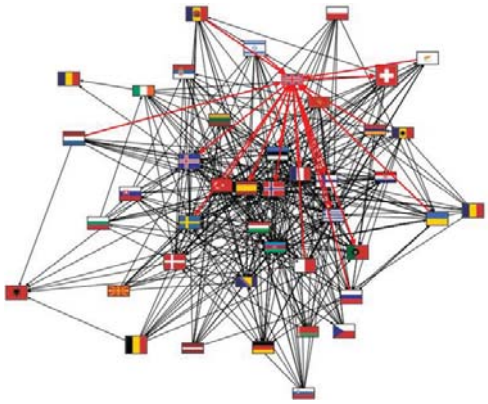


Shortest path from A to B?

Practical Graphs

Petr Simecek's FB Mining

Practical (?) Graphs

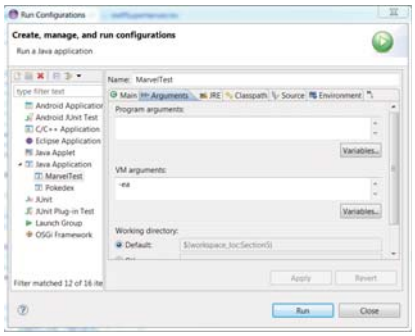


Chris Webb's Eurovision Voting

Java Asserts

Demo!

Enabling Java Asserts



- Right click the .java file you are running
- Go to “Run As” → “Run Configurations”
- Click on the “Arguments” tab
- Enter "-ea" under “VM arguments”

Assertions vs. Exceptions

```
public class LitterBox {
   ArrayList<Kitten> kittens;

   public Kitten getKitten(int n) {
      assert(n >= 0);
      return kittens(n);
   }
}
```

```
public class LitterBox {
   ArrayList<Kitten> kittens;

   public Kitten getKitten(int n) {
      try {
         return kittens(n);
      } catch(Exception e) {
      }
   }
}
```

- Assertions should check for things that should never happen
- Exceptions should check for things that might happen
- “Exceptions address the robustness of your code, while assertions address its correctness”

Java Asserts

- assert(someValue); where someValue is a non-obvious boolean
- someValue should always be true unless something is broken
- Asserts do not run unless specifically enabled
- Our autograder *will* enable them, so remember to enable asserts!

Internal vs. External Testing

- Internal: JUnit
  - How you decide to abstract the object
  - Checked with implementation tests
  - If it’s something you’re testing about your implementation that might not be true for everyone’s, it’s internal.
- External: test script
  - How the client uses the object
  - Checked with specification tests
  - If it’s something that should be true for anybody’s implementation from the same spec, it’s external.

A JUnit Test Class

- A method with `@Test` is flagged as a JUnit test
- All `@Test` methods run when JUnit runs

```
import org.junit.*;
import static org.junit.Assert.*;

public class TestSuite {
  ...

    @Test
    public void TestName1() {
        ...
    }
}
```

JUnit Value Checking

- assertEquals, assertNull, assertNotSame, etc…
- These are not the same as Java assert
- Verify that a value matches expectations:
  - `assertEquals(42, meaningOfLife());`
  - `assertTrue(list.isEmpty());`
- If the value isn't what it should be, the test fails
  - Test immediately terminates
  - Other tests in the test class are still run as normal
  - Results show details of failed tests

JUnit Value Checking

Assertion	Case for failure
`assertTrue(test)`	the boolean test is **false**
`assertFalse(test)`	the boolean test is **true**
`assertEquals(expected, actual)`	the values are not equal
`assertSame(expected, actual)`	the values are not the same (by ==)
`assertNotSame(expected, actual)`	the values are the same (by ==)
`assertNull(value)`	the given value is not null
`assertNotNull(value)`	the given value is null

- And others: http://www.junit.org/apidocs/org/junit/Assert.html
- Each method can also be passed a string to display if it fails:
  - `assertEquals("message", expected, actual)`

Checking for Exceptions

- Verify that a method throws an exception when it should
- Test passes if specified exception is thrown, fails otherwise
- Only time it's OK to write a test without a form of `asserts`

```
@Test(expected=IndexOutOfBoundsException.class)
 public void testGetEmptyList() {
    List<String> list = new ArrayList<String>();
    list.get(0);
 }
```

Setup and Teardown

- Methods to run before/after each test case method is called:

```
@Before
public void name() { ... }
@After
public void name() { ... }
```

- Methods to run once before/after the entire test class runs:

```
@BeforeClass
public static void name() { ... }
@AfterClass
public static void name() { ... }
```

Setup and Teardown

```
public class Example {
      List empty;

      @Before
      public void initialize() {
            empty = new ArrayList();
      }
      @Test
      public void size() {
            ...
      }
      @Test
      public void remove() {
            ...
      }
}
```

Don't Repeat Yourself

- Can declare fields for frequently-used values or constants
  - `private static final String DEFAULT_NAME = "MickeyMouse";`
  - `private static final User DEFAULT_USER = new User("lazowska", "Ed", "Lazowska");`
- Can write helper methods, etc.
  - `private void eq(RatNum ratNum, String rep) { assertEquals(rep, ratNum.toString()); }`
  - `private BinaryTree getTree(int[] items) { // construct BinaryTree and add each element in items }`

#1: Be descriptive

- When a test fails, JUnit tells you:
  - Name of test method
  - Message passed into failed assertion
  - Expected and actual values of failed assertion
- The more descriptive this information is, the easier it is to diagnose failures

Level of goodness	Example
Good	`testAddDaysWithinMonth()`
Not so good	`testAddDays1(), testAddDays2()`
Bad	`test1(), test2()`
Overkill	`TestAddDaysOneDayAndThenFiveDaysStartingOnJanuaryTwentySeventhAndMakeSureItRollsBackToJanuaryAfterRollingToFebruary()`

#1: Be descriptive

- Take advantage of `message`, `expected`, and `actual` values
- No need to repeat expected/actual values or info in test name
- Use the right assert for the occasion:
  - `assertEquals(expected, actual)` instead of `assertTrue(expected.equals(actual))`

Let's put it all together!

```
public class DateTest {

    ...

    // Test addDays when it causes a rollover between months
    @Test
    public void testAddDaysWrapToNextMonth() {
        Date actual = new Date(2050, 2, 15);
        actual.addDays(14);
        Date expected = new Date(2050, 3, 1);
        assertEquals("date after +14 days", expected,
            actual);
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Tells JUnit that this method is a test to run

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Descriptive method name

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Use assertion to check expected results

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Message gives details about the test in case of failure

#2: Keep tests small

- Ideally, test one thing at a time
  - "Thing" usually means one method under one input condition
  - Not always possible – but if you test `x()` using `y()`, try to test `y()` in isolation in another test
- Low-granularity tests help you isolate bugs
  - Tell you exactly what failed and what didn't
- Only a few (likely one) assert statements per test
  - Test halts after first failed assertion
  - Don't know whether later assertions would have failed

#3: Be thorough

- Consider each equivalence class
  - Items in a collection: none, one, many
- Consider common input categories
  - `Math.abs()`: negative, zero, positive values
- Consider boundary cases
  - Inputs on the boundary between equivalence classes
  - `Person.isMinor()`: age < 18, age == 18, age > 18
- Consider edge cases
  - -1, 0, 1, empty list, arr.length, arr.length-1
- Consider error cases
  - Empty list, null object

Other Guidelines

- Test all methods
  - Constructors are exception to the rule
- Keep tests simple
  - Minimize `if/else`, `loops`, `switch`, etc.
  - Don't want to debug your tests!
- Tests should always have at least one assert
  - Unless testing that an exception is thrown
  - Testing that an exception is not thrown is unnecessary
  - `assertTrue(true)` doesn't count!
- Tests should be isolated
  - Not dependent on side effects of other tests
  - Should be able to run in any order

JUnit Summary

- Tests need *failure atomicity* so we know exactly what failed
  - Each test should have a descriptive name
  - Assert methods should have clear messages to know what failed
  - Write many small tests, not one big test
- Test for expected errors / exceptions
- Choose a descriptive assert method, not always `assertTrue`
- Choose representative test cases from equivalent input classes
- Avoid complex logic in test methods if possible
- Use helpers, `@Before` to reduce redundancy between tests

External Testing

- This is for your client (us!)
- HW5 and on, class specifications are no longer provided; everyone's might be different
- So how do we test your code?

Test Script Language

- Text file with one command listed per line
- First word is always the command name
- Remaining words are arguments
- Commands will be translated to some method(s) in your code

Test Script Language

```
# Create a graph
CreateGraph graph1

# Add a pair of nodes
AddNode graph1 n1
AddNode graph1 n2

# Add an edge
AddEdge graph1 n1 n2 e1

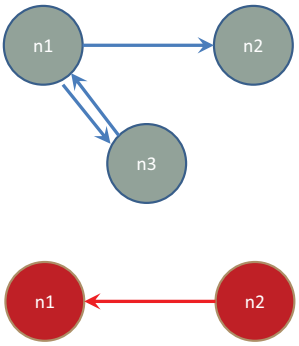
# Print the nodes in the graph
and the outgoing edges from n1
ListNodes graph1
ListChildren graph1 n1
```

Test Script Language

```
CreateGraph A
AddNode A n1
AddNode A n2

CreateGraph B
ListNodes B
AddNode A n3
AddEdge A n3 n1 e31
AddNode B n1
AddNode B n2
AddEdge B n2 n1 e21
AddEdge A n1 n3 e13
AddEdge A n1 n2 e12

ListNodes A
ListChildren A n1
ListChildren B n2
```



CheckRep: Linked List

```
public void insert(element e) {
      checkRep();

      // Do things!

      checkRep();
}
```

CheckRep

```
private void checkRep() {
  // Checks invariants: ordered linked list

  check list not null

  check list elements are in ascending order

  check list first.prev is null

  ...
}
```

quick!

depends

quick!

CheckRep

```
private void checkRep() {
  // Checks invariants: ordered linked list

  check list not null

  if(Thisprogram.DEBUG)
     check list elements order

  check list first.prev is null

  ...
}
```

CheckRep

- When should DEBUG = true?
  - While debugging
- When should DEBUG = false?
  - When submitting code
  - Or, whenever speed is important
    - Performance tests (not for 331!)
    - HW6 grading timeouts
    - While coding, *sometimes* (you don't want to wait thirty minutes to test every time you change code)