

Coverage Criteria -1

Graph Coverage 1

Structural Coverage Criteria

Coverage Criterion

- ❑ A **Coverage Criterion** is simply a recipe for generating **test requirements** in a **systematic way**

In other words:

- ❑ **Coverage Criterion:** A coverage criterion is a rule or collection of rules that impose **test requirements** on a **test set**.

Testing and Covering Graphs

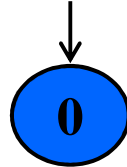
- We use graphs in testing as follows :
 - Developing a model of the software as a graph
 - Requiring tests to visit or tour specific sets of nodes, edges or subpaths
- Test Requirements (TR) : Describe properties of test paths
- Test Criterion (C): Rules that define test requirements
- Satisfaction :
 - i) A set TR of test requirements for a criterion C is given
 - ii) A set of tests T satisfies C on a graph if and only if for every test requirement in TR
 - iii) There is a test path in path(T) that meets the test requirement tr

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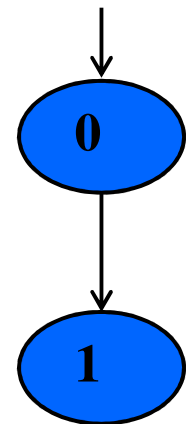
- ❑ Structural Coverage Criteria : Defined on a graph just in terms of nodes and edges
- ❑ Data Flow Coverage Criteria : Requires a graph to be annotated with references to variables

Paths of Length 1 and 0

- A graph with **only one node** will not have any edges



- Edge Coverage needs to require Node Coverage on this graph
- Edge Coverage will not subsume Node Coverage
 - So we define “**length up to 1**” instead of simply “length 1”
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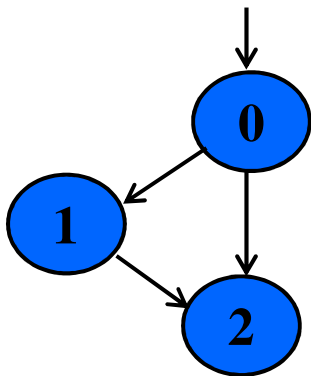


Node and Edge Coverage

- ❑ Edge coverage is slightly stronger than node coverage

Edge Coverage (EC) : TR contains each reachable path of length up to 1, inclusive, in G.

- ❑ The “length up to 1” allows for graphs with one node and no edges



Node Coverage (NC) : TR = { 0, 1, 2 }

Test Path = [0, 1, 2]

Edge Coverage (EC) : TR = { (0,1), (0, 2), (1, 2) }

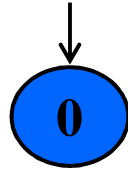
Test Paths = [0, 1, 2]

[0, 2]

- ❑ NC and EC are only different when there is an edge and another subpath between a pair of nodes (as in an “if-else” statement)

Paths of Length 1 and 0

- A graph with **only one node** will not have any edges



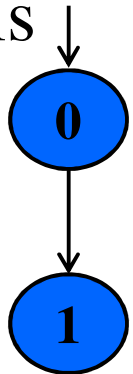
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Therefore:

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Covering Multiple Edges

- ❑ Edge-pair coverage requires pairs of edges, or subpaths of length 2

Edge-Pair Coverage (EPC) : TR contains each reachable path of length up to 2, inclusive, in G.

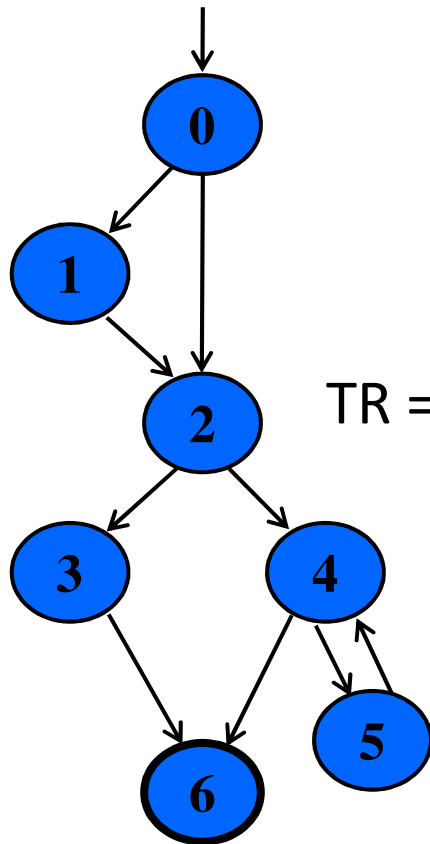
- ❑ The “length up to 2” is used to include graphs that have less than 2 edges
- ❑ The logical extension is to require all paths ...

Complete Path Coverage (CPC) : TR contains all paths in G.

- ❑ This is impossible if the graph has a loop, so a weak compromise is to make the tester decide which paths:

Specified Path Coverage (SPC) : TR contains a set S of test paths, where S is supplied as a parameter.

Structural Coverage Examples



Node Coverage

TR = { 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 }

Test Paths: [0, 1, 2, 3, 6] [0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 4, 6]

Edge Coverage

TR = { (0,1), (0,2), (1,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,6), (4,5), (4,6), (5,4) }

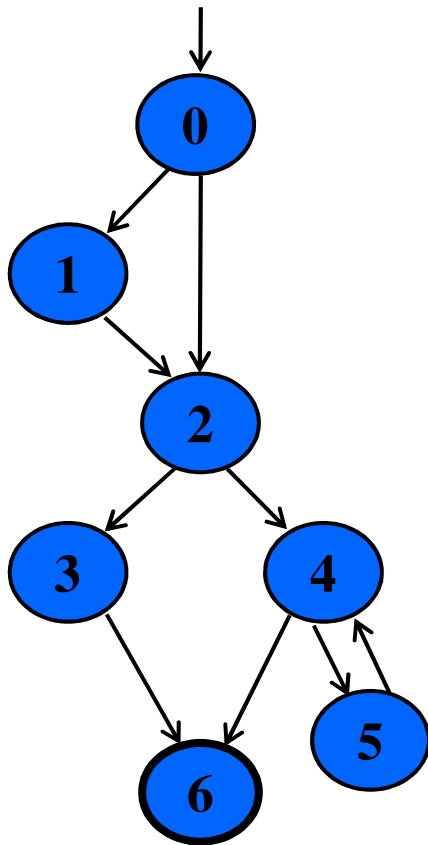
Test Paths: [0, 1, 2, 3, 6] [0, 2, 4, 5, 4, 6]

path (t₁) = [0, 1, 2, 3, 6]

path (t₂) = [0, 2, 4, 5, 4, 6]

T = { t₁, t₂ }

Edge-Pair Coverage



TR = { [0,1,2], [0,2,3], [0,2,4], [1,2,3], [1,2,4], [2,3,6],
[2,4,5], [2,4,6], [4,5,4], [5,4,5], [5,4,6] }

path (t_1) = [0, 1, 2, 3, 6]

path (t_2) = [0, 1, 2, 4, 6]

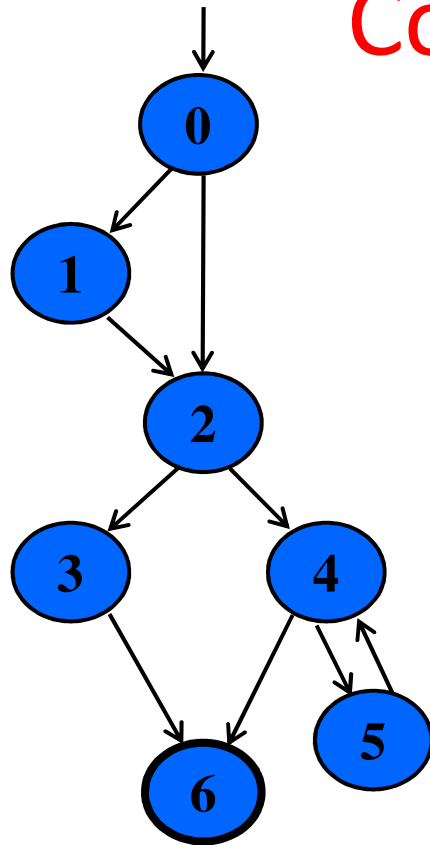
path (t_3) = [0, 2, 3, 6]

path (t_4) = [0, 2, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 6]

Test Paths: [0, 1, 2, 3, 6] [0, 1, 2, 4, 6] [0, 2, 3, 6]
[0, 2, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 6]

$T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4\}$

Complete Path Coverage



Complete Path Coverage (CPC) : TR
contains all paths in G.

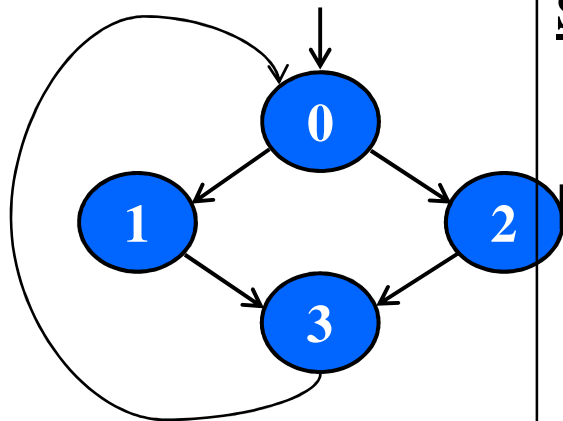
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Test Paths: [0, 1, 2, 3, 6] [0, 1, 2, 4, 6] [0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 4, 6]
[0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 6] [0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 6]

Simple Paths

Simple Path : A path from node n_i to n_j is simple if no node appears more than once, **except** possibly the first and last nodes are the same

A loop is a simple path if it has no internal loops and it includes all other subpaths



Simple Paths : [0, 1, 3, 0], [0, 2, 3, 0], [1, 3, 0, 1],
[2, 3, 0, 2], [3, 0, 1, 3], [3, 0, 2, 3],
[1, 3, 0, 2], [2, 3, 0, 1],
[0, 1, 3], [0, 2, 3], [1, 3, 0], [2, 3, 0], [3, 0, 1], [3, 0, 2],
[0, 1], [0, 2], [1, 3], [2, 3], [3, 0],
[0], [1], [2], [3]

Prime Path

□ Prime paths are ***maximal length simple paths***

✦ A simple path from node n_i to n_j is a *prime path* if it is simple and does not appear as a proper subpath of any other simple path.

□ Prime paths do not have any internal loops,

✦ But the entire path may be a loop.

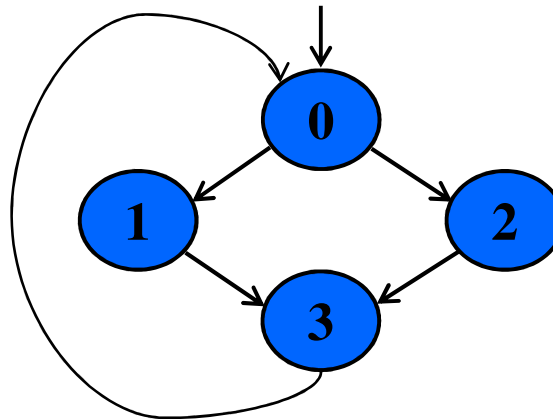
Prime Paths and Prime Path Coverage

- ❑ Prime path (PP) gives **strong coverage of loops** without requiring an infinite number of paths
- ❑ In prime path coverage, tests must tour **each prime path** in the graph G .
- ❑ Prime path coverage requires touring **all subpaths** of length 0 (all nodes), of length 1 (all edges), length 2, 3, etc.
- ❑ Prime path **subsumes node coverage, edge coverage** and **edge-pair coverage**
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Prime Paths: Example I

Prime Paths : [0, 1, 3, 0], [0, 2, 3, 0], [1, 3, 0, 1],
[2, 3, 0, 2], [3, 0, 1, 3], [3, 0, 2, 3],
[1, 3, 0, 2], [2, 3, 0, 1]

Accept that
you wrote all
simple paths
previously



Prime paths are maximal length simple paths

Example 2: Simple Paths

Len 0

[0]
[1]
[2]
[3]
[4]
[5]
[6] !

Len 1

[0, 1]
[0, 2]
[1, 2]
[2, 3]
[2, 4]
[3, 6] !
[4, 6] !
[4, 5]
[5, 4]

Len 2

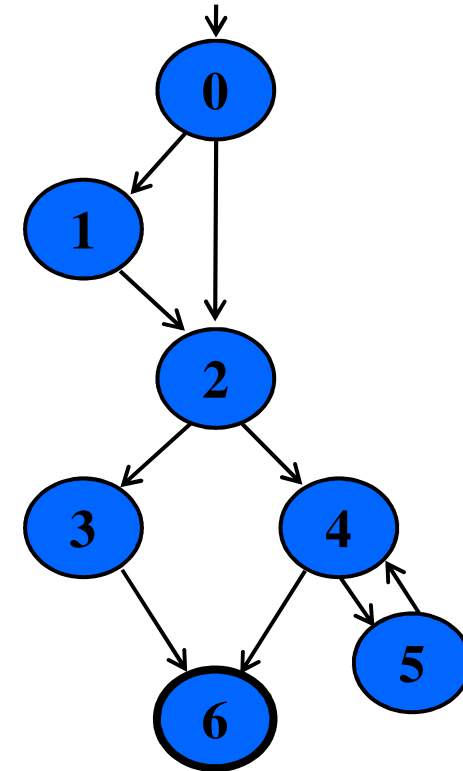
[0, 1, 2]
[0, 2, 3]
[0, 2, 4]
[1, 2, 3]
[1, 2, 4]
[2, 3, 6] !
[2, 4, 6] !
[2, 4, 5] !
[4, 5, 4] *
[5, 4, 6] !
[5, 4, 5] *

Len 3

[0, 1, 2, 3]
[0, 1, 2, 4]
[0, 2, 3, 6] !
[0, 2, 4, 6] !
[0, 2, 4, 5] !
[1, 2, 3, 6] !
[1, 2, 4, 5] !
[1, 2, 4, 6]

Len 4

[0, 1, 2, 3, 6] !
[0, 1, 2, 4, 6] !
[0, 1, 2, 4, 5] !

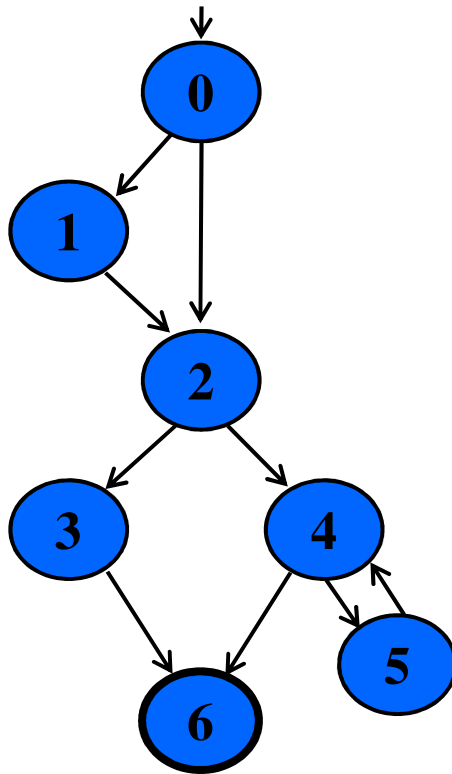


! means path terminates

* means path cycles

Prime Path : Example 2

Write all signed simple paths as ! and *, then eliminate the repeated subpaths to find the prime paths.



Prime Paths

[0, 1, 2, 3, 6]

[0, 1, 2, 4, 5]

[0, 1, 2, 4, 6]

[0, 2, 3, 6]

[0, 2, 4, 5]

[0, 2, 4, 6]

[5, 4, 6]

[4, 5, 4]

[5, 4, 5]

Execute loop 0 times

Execute loop once

Execute loop more than once