

CSE 403

Software Engineering

Spring 2023

#16: Coverage-based Testing

Logistics

WEEK 6

05/01 L: Test Coverage

05/02 T: DUE: [TCC!!!](#)

05/03 L: Mutation Testing [Alpha Release \(R1\)](#)

05/04 P:

05/05 LX: Code Defenders

This week: test efficacy and adequacy

- Coverage-based testing
- Mutation-based testing
- In-class exercise

Structural code coverage: motivating example

```
(LITW_API_BS) nigini@librarian-xps:~/WORKSPACE/LITW/litw-api$ PYTHONPATH=./src/ hatch run test:run
```

```
test.py3.9
```

```
===== test session starts =====
```

```
platform linux -- Python 3.9.12, pytest-7.3.1, pluggy-1.0.0
```

```
rootdir: /home/nigini/WORKSPACE/LITW/litw-api
```

```
plugins: anyio-3.6.2, cov-4.0.0
```

```
collected 10 items
```

```
src/litw/api/tests/test_api.py .....
```

```
src/litw/api/tests/test_model.py ..
```

```
src/litw/api/tests/test_mongo.py .....
```

```
===== 10 passed in 1.41s =====
```

```
test.py3.10
```

```
===== test session starts =====
```

```
platform linux -- Python 3.10.7, pytest-7.3.1, pluggy-1.0.0
```

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```

```
===== 10 passed in 1.42s =====
```

Structural code coverage: motivating example

```
[tool.hatch.envs.test]
```

```
dependencies = [  
    "coverage[toml]",  
    "pytest"  
]
```

```
[tool.coverage.run]
```

```
source = ["litw"]  
omit = ["**/test*"]
```

```
[tool.hatch.envs.test.scripts]
```

```
run-coverage = "coverage run -m pytest; coverage report"  
run = "pytest"
```

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src/litw/api/tests/test_api.py .....
src/litw/api/tests/test_model.py ..
src/litw/api/tests/test_mongo.py .....

===== 10 passed in 1.60s =====
/home/nigini/.local/share/hatch/env/virtual/litw-api/tA-wS_kC/test_py3_9/lib/python3_9/site-packages/coverage
ule litw was previously imported, but not measured (module-not-measured)
  self.warn(msg, slug="module-not-measured")
Name                               Stmts  Miss  Cover
-----
src/litw/__init__.py                 0     0   100%
src/litw/api/__about__.py            1     1     0%
src/litw/api/__init__.py             0     0   100%
src/litw/api/api.py                  45     4    91%
src/litw/api/data/__init__.py        0     0   100%
src/litw/api/data/model.py          28     0   100%
src/litw/api/data/mongo.py          90     0   100%
src/litw/api/security.py             92    15    84%
src/litw/api/tests/__init__.py       0     0   100%
src/litw/api/util.py                 14     2    86%
src/litw/settings.py                 11     0   100%
-----
TOTAL                                281    22    92%
```

Structural code coverage: motivating example

Coverage report: 92%

coverage.py v7.2.5, created at 2023-04-30 14:16 -0700

<i>Module</i>	<i>statements</i>	<i>missing</i>	<i>excluded</i>	<i>coverage</i>
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Code coverage metrics

- Statement coverage
- Branch coverage
 - Condition coverage
 - Decision coverage
 - Modified Condition/Decision coverage



Structural code coverage: the basics

Average of the absolute values of an array of doubles

```
public double avgAbs(double ... numbers) {  
  
    // We expect the array to be non-null and non-empty  
    if (numbers == null || numbers.length == 0) {  
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Array numbers must not be null or empty!");  
    }  
  
    double sum = 0;  
    for (int i=0; i<numbers.length; ++i) {  
        double d = numbers[i];  
        if (d < 0) {  
            sum -= d;  
        } else {  
            sum += d;  
        }  
    }  
  
    return sum/numbers.length;  
}
```

What's the control flow graph (CFG) for this method?

Structural code coverage

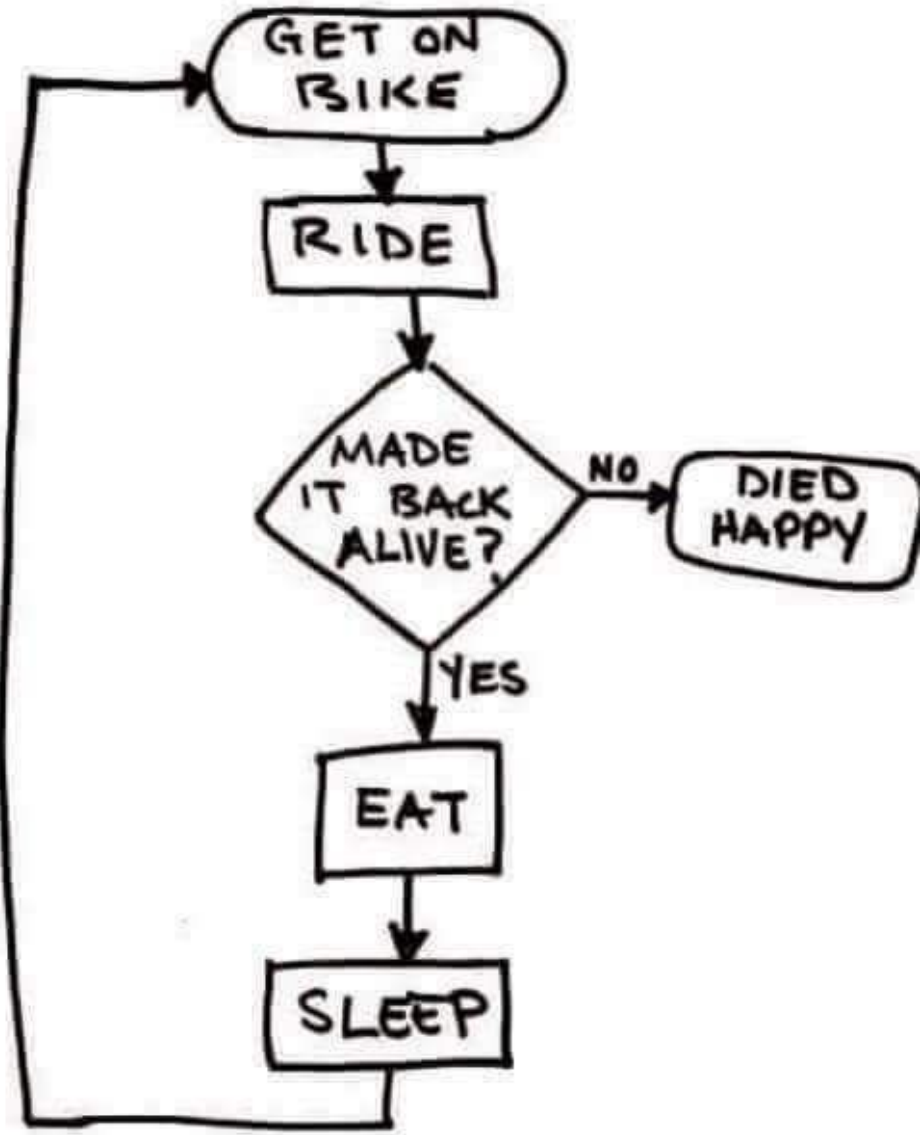
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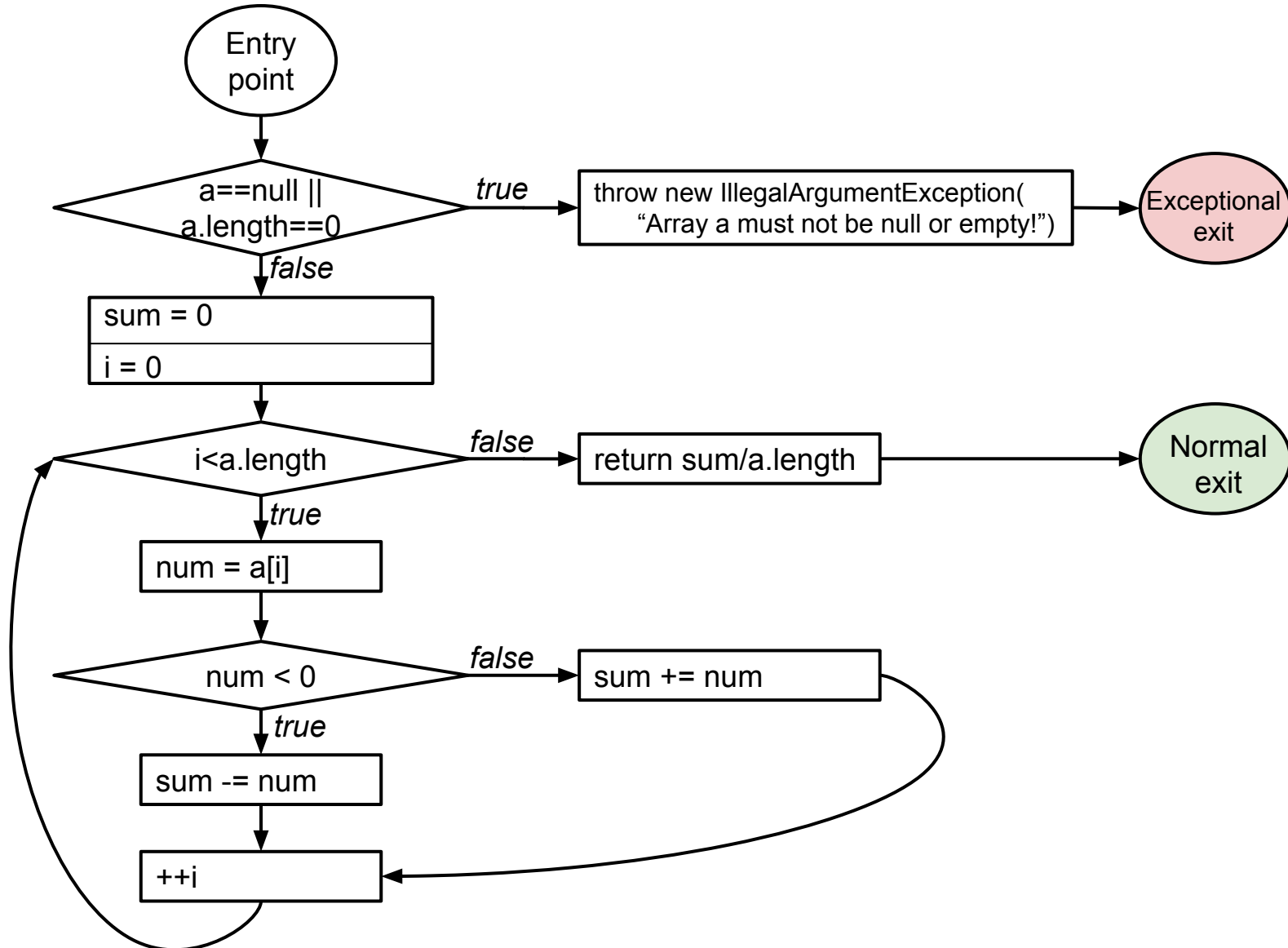
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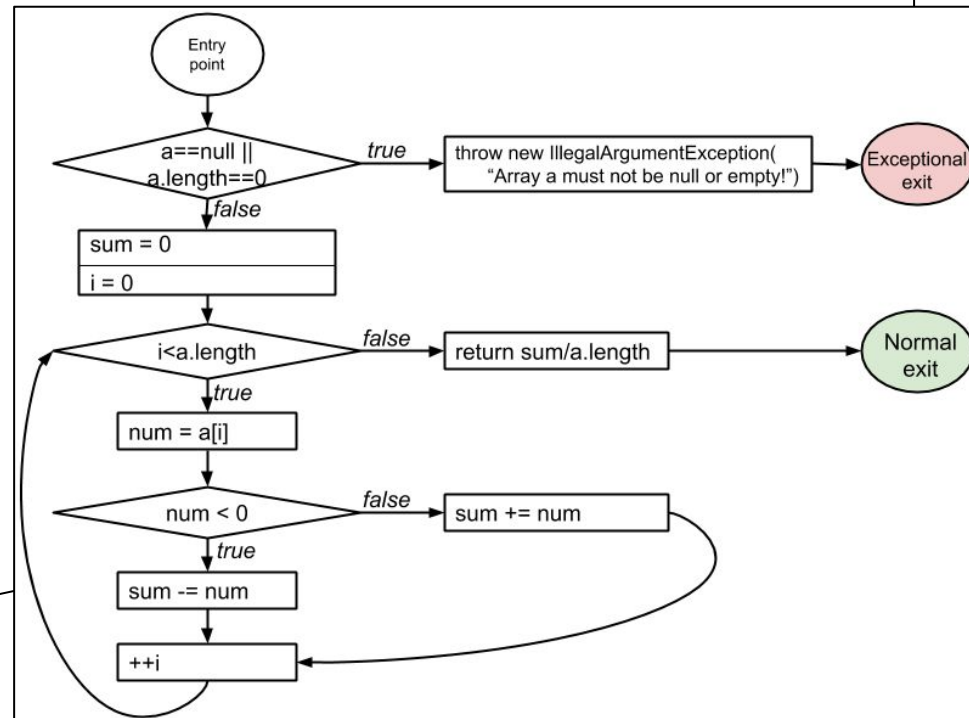
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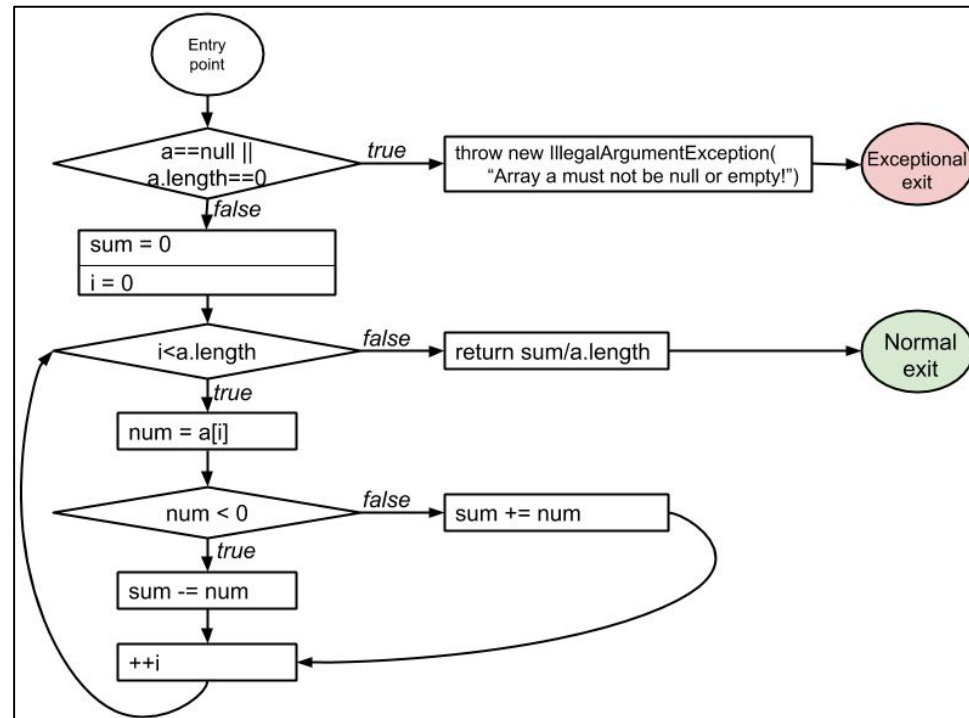
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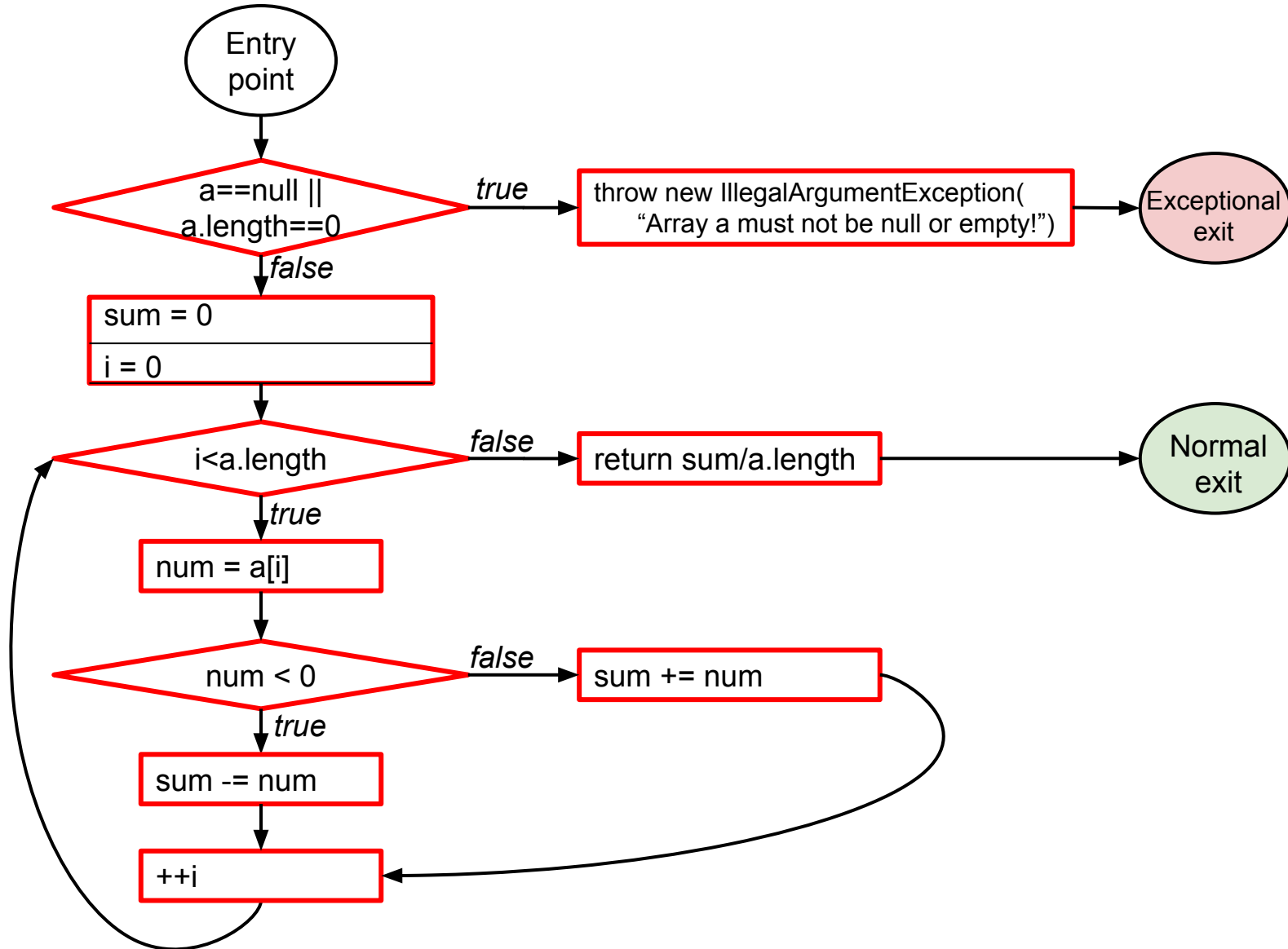


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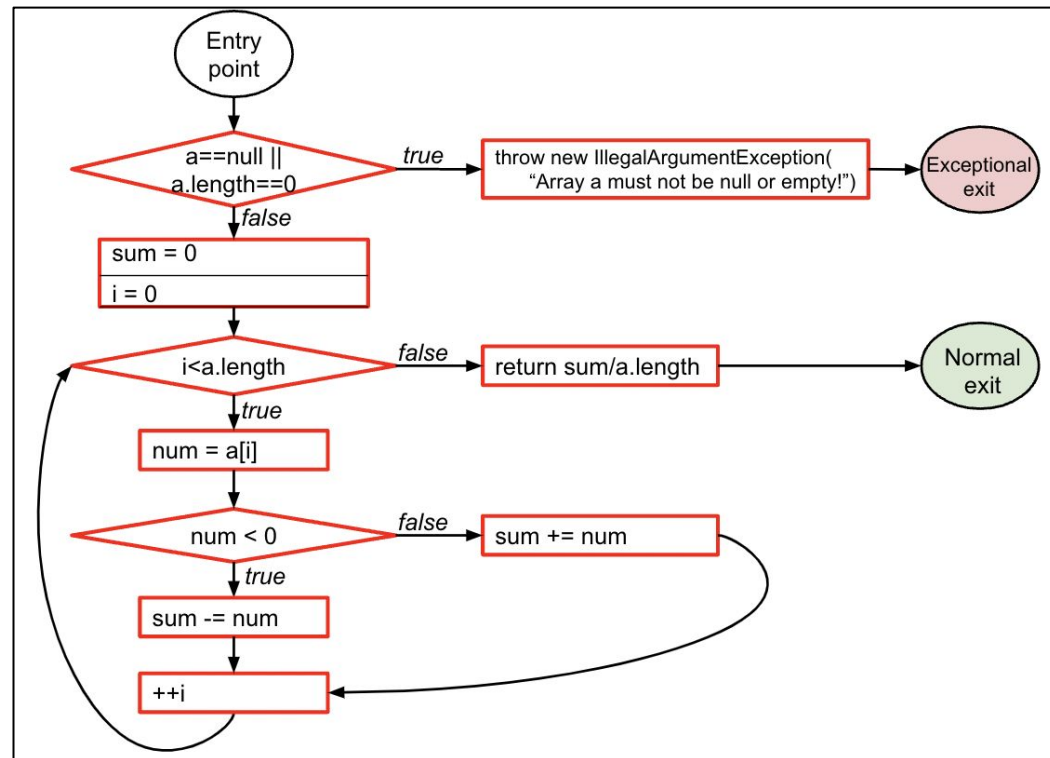


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- Given the control-flow graph (CFG), this is equivalent to node coverage.



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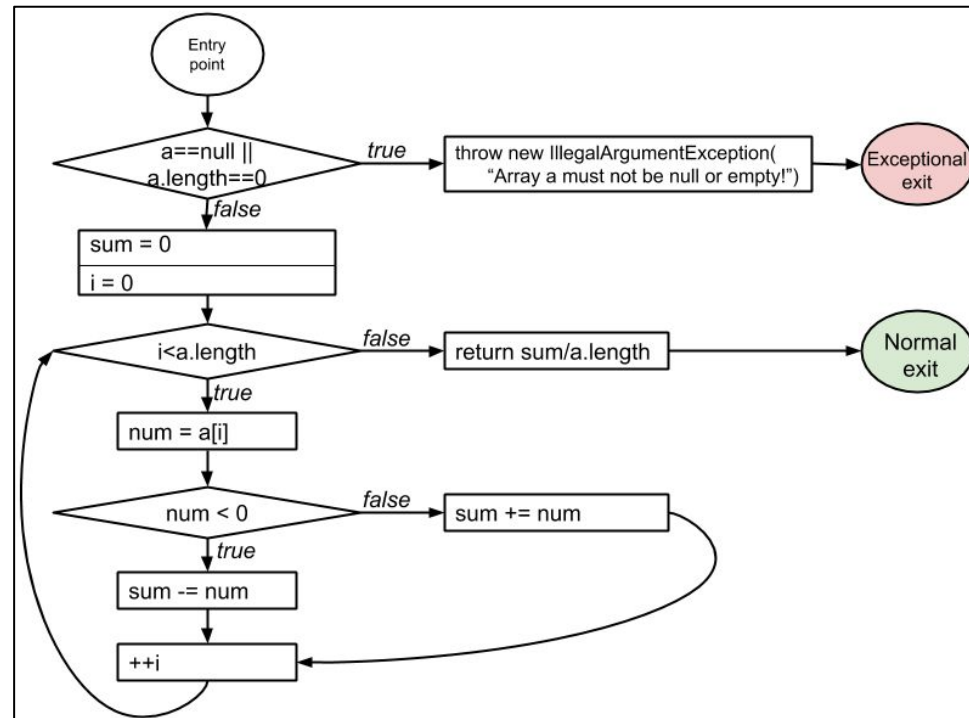
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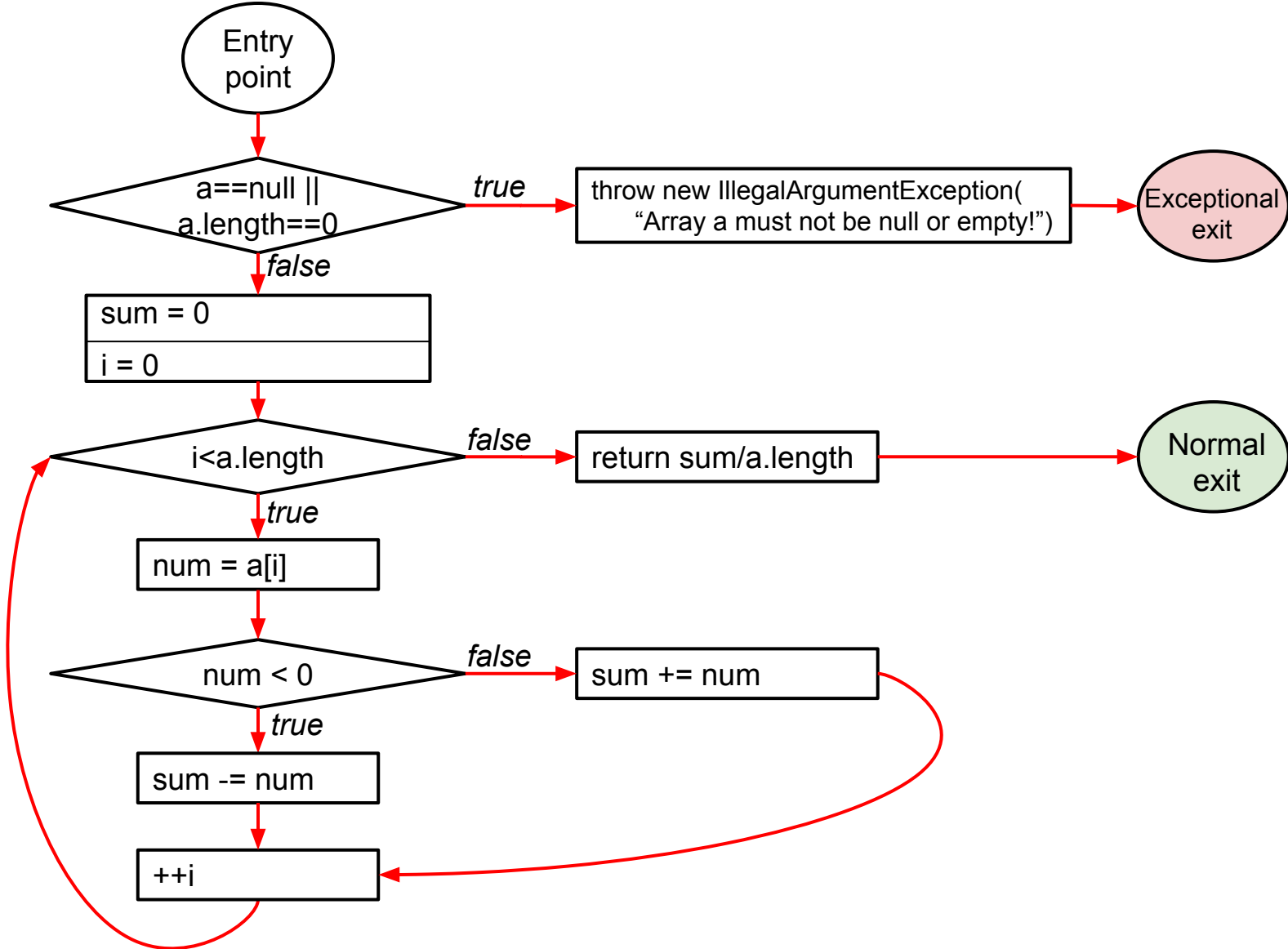
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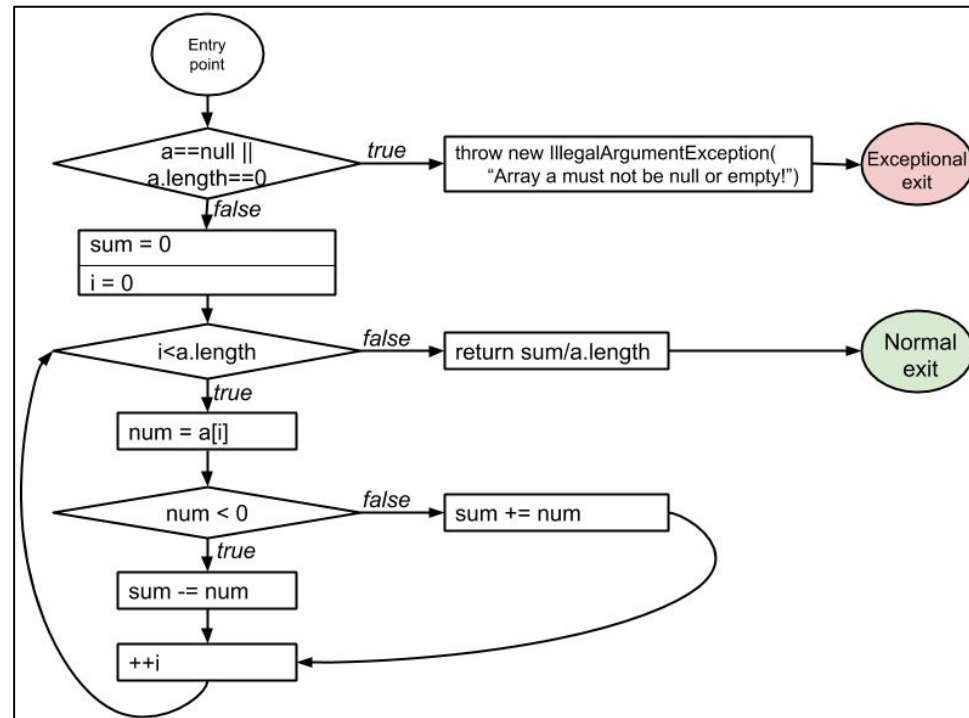
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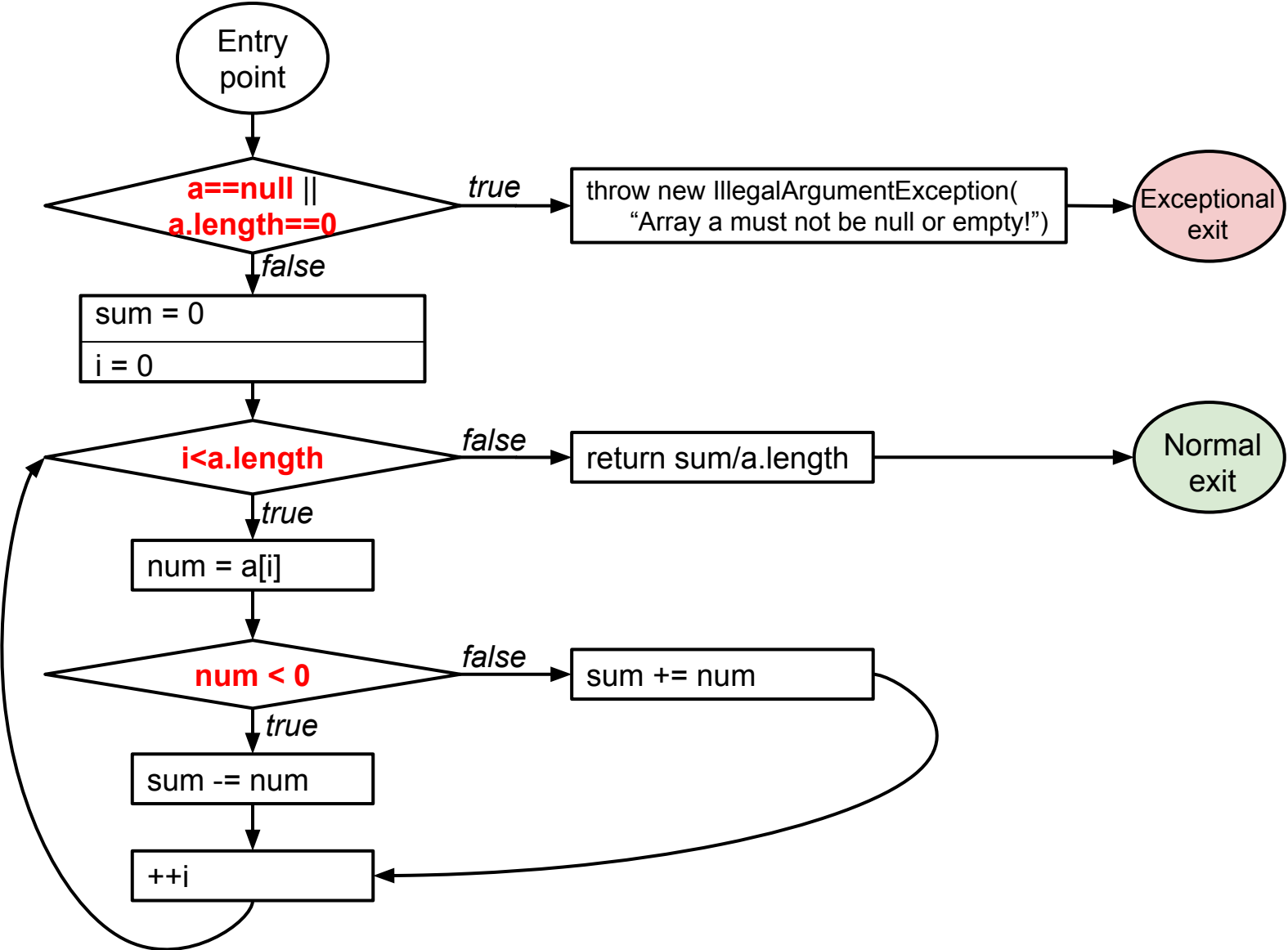
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Structural code coverage: subsumption

Given two coverage criteria A and B,

A subsumes B iff **satisfying A implies satisfying B**

- Subsumption relationships (True or False):
 1. Does **statement** coverage subsume **decision** coverage?
 2. Does **decision** coverage subsume **statement** coverage?
 3. Does **decision** coverage subsume **condition** coverage?
 4. Does **condition** coverage subsume **decision** coverage?

<https://tinyurl.com/cse403-cov>



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The only correct statement in #2!!!

Decision coverage vs. condition coverage

4 possible tests for the decision $a | b$:

1. $a = 0, b = 0$
2. $a = 0, b = 1$
3. $a = 1, b = 0$
4. $a = 1, b = 1$

a	b	$a b$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

Satisfies **condition coverage**
but **not decision coverage**

a	b	$a b$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

Does **not** satisfy **condition coverage**
but **decision coverage**

Neither coverage criterion subsumes the other!

Modified Condition/Decision Coverage (MC/DC)

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Do not confuse... 🤘

MCDC: Modified condition and decision coverage

- **Every decision** in the program must take on all possible outcomes (true/false) **at least once**
- **Every condition** in the program must take on all possible outcomes (true/false) **at least once**
- **Each condition** in a decision has been shown to **independently affect that decision's outcome.**
(A condition is shown to independently affect a decision's outcome by: varying just that condition while holding fixed all other possible conditions.)

Required for safety critical systems ([DO-178B/C](#))

MC/DC: an example

if (a | b)

a	b	Outcome
0	0	0
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1	0	1
1	1	1

MCDC

- **Decision** coverage
- **Condition** coverage
- **Each condition** shown to **independently affect outcome**

Which tests (combinations of a and b) satisfy MCDC?

MC/DC: an example

if (a | b)

a	b	Outcome
0	0	0
0	1	1
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MCDC

- **Decision** coverage
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MCDC is still cheaper than testing all possible combinations.

MC/DC: another example

```
if (a || b)
```

a	b	Outcome
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

MCDC

- **Decision** coverage
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Why is this example different?

MC/DC: another example

```
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```

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1	--	1
1	--	1

MCDC

- **Decision** coverage
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Short-circuiting operators may not evaluate all conditions.

MC/DC: yet another example

```
if (!a) ... if (a || b)
```

a	b	Outcome
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

MCDC

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What about this example?

MC/DC: another example

```
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```

a	b	Outcome
0	0	0
0	1	1
X	X	X
X	X	X

MCDC

- **Decision** coverage
- **Condition** coverage
- **Each condition** shown to **independently affect outcome**

Not all combinations of conditions may be possible.

MCDC: complex expressions



Provide an MCDC-adequate test suite for:

1. $a \mid b \mid c$
2. $a \ \& \ b \ \& \ c$

a | b | c

a	b	c
0	0	0
0	0	1
0	1	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	0	1
1	1	0
1	1	1

a & b & c

a	b	c
0	0	0
0	0	1
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Structural code coverage: summary

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- Code coverage is easy to compute.
- Code coverage has an intuitive interpretation.
- Code coverage in industry: [Code coverage at Google](#)
- Code coverage itself is not sufficient!