

Object Oriented Testing



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Lecture - 9

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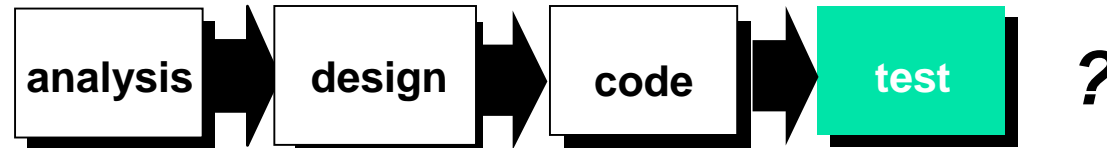
Topics



- **Analysis and Design Testing**
- **Class Tests**
- **Integration Tests**
- **Validation Tests**
- **System Tests**

Objectives

- To discuss when testing takes place in the life cycle



- Test-driven development advocates early testing!
- To cover the strategies and tools associated with object oriented testing
 - Analysis and Design Testing
 - Class Tests
 - Integration Tests
 - Validation Tests
 - System Tests
- To discuss test plans and execution for projects

Object-Oriented Testing

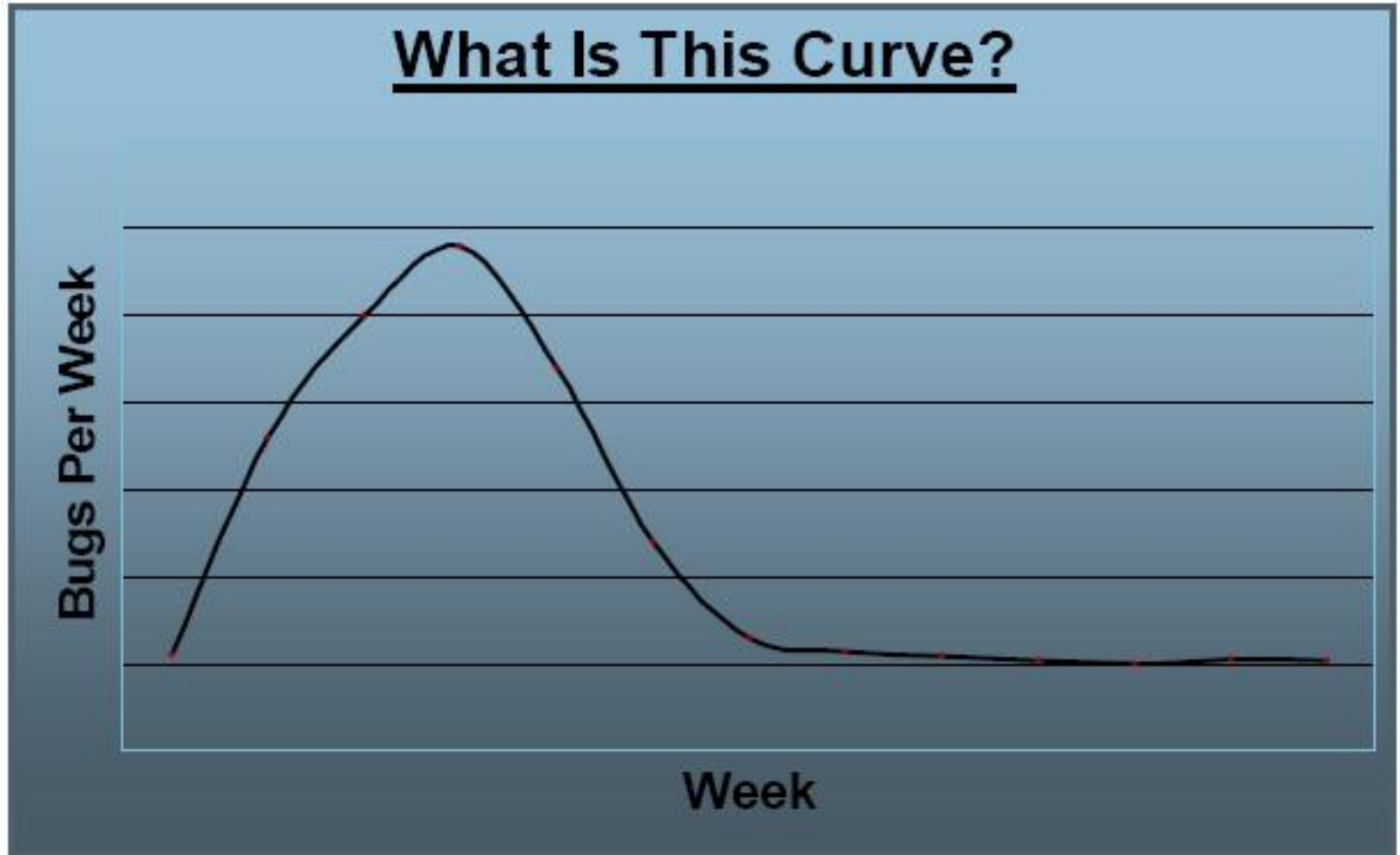


- *When should testing begin?*

- Analysis and Design:
 - Testing begins by evaluating the OOA and OOD models
 - *How do we test OOA models (requirements and use cases)?*
 - *How do we test OOD models (class and sequence diagrams)?*

- Programming:
 - *How does OO make testing different from procedural programming?*
 - Concept of a 'unit' broadens due to class encapsulation
 - Integration focuses on *classes* and their context of a use case scenario

The Bug Curve



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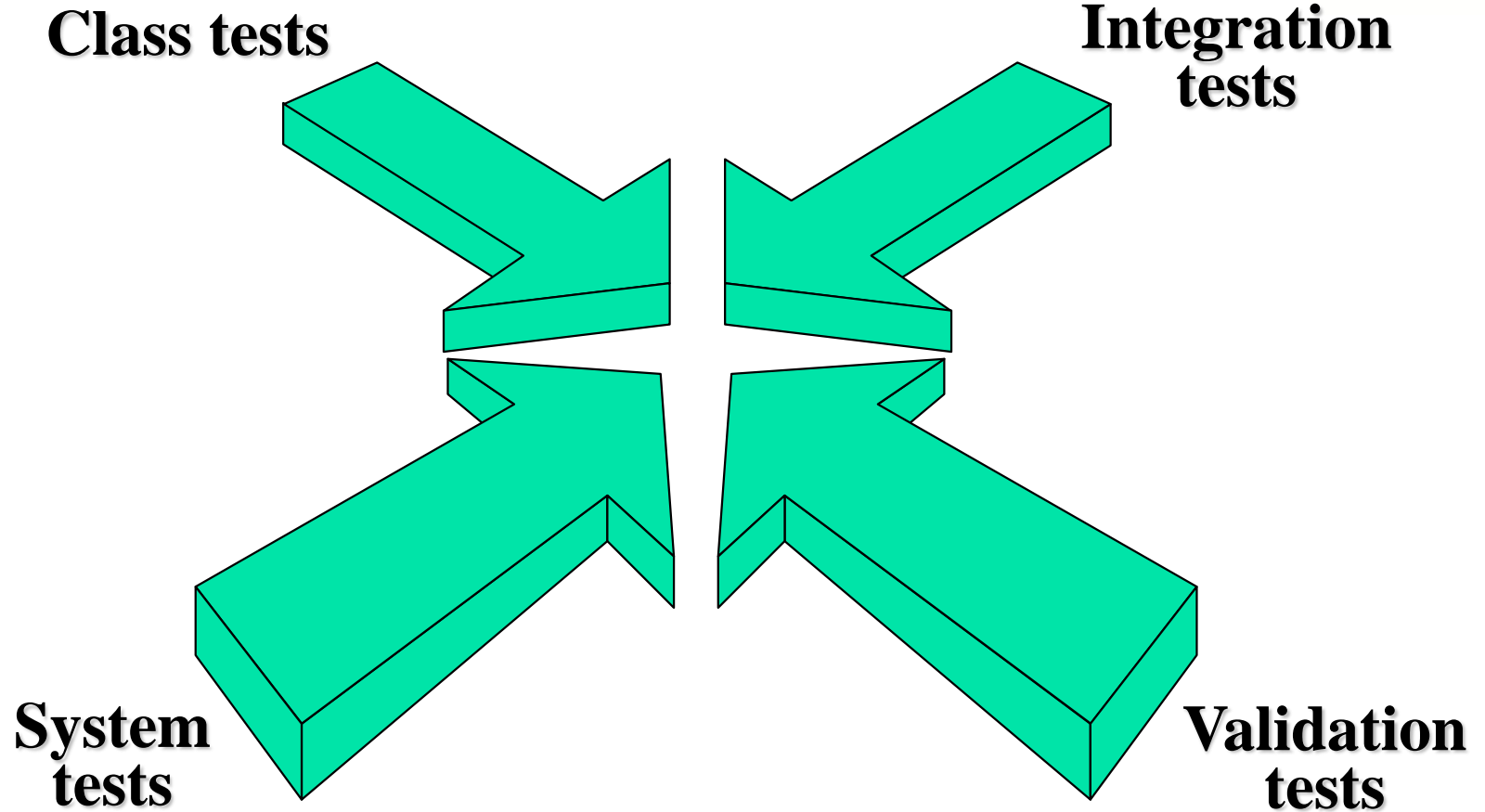


Testing Analysis and Design



- Syntactic correctness:
 - Are UML and ADT notation used correctly?
- Semantic correctness:
 - Does the model reflect the real world problem?
 - Is UML used as intended by its designers?
- Testing for consistency:
 - An inconsistent model has representations in one part that are not reflected in other portions of the model

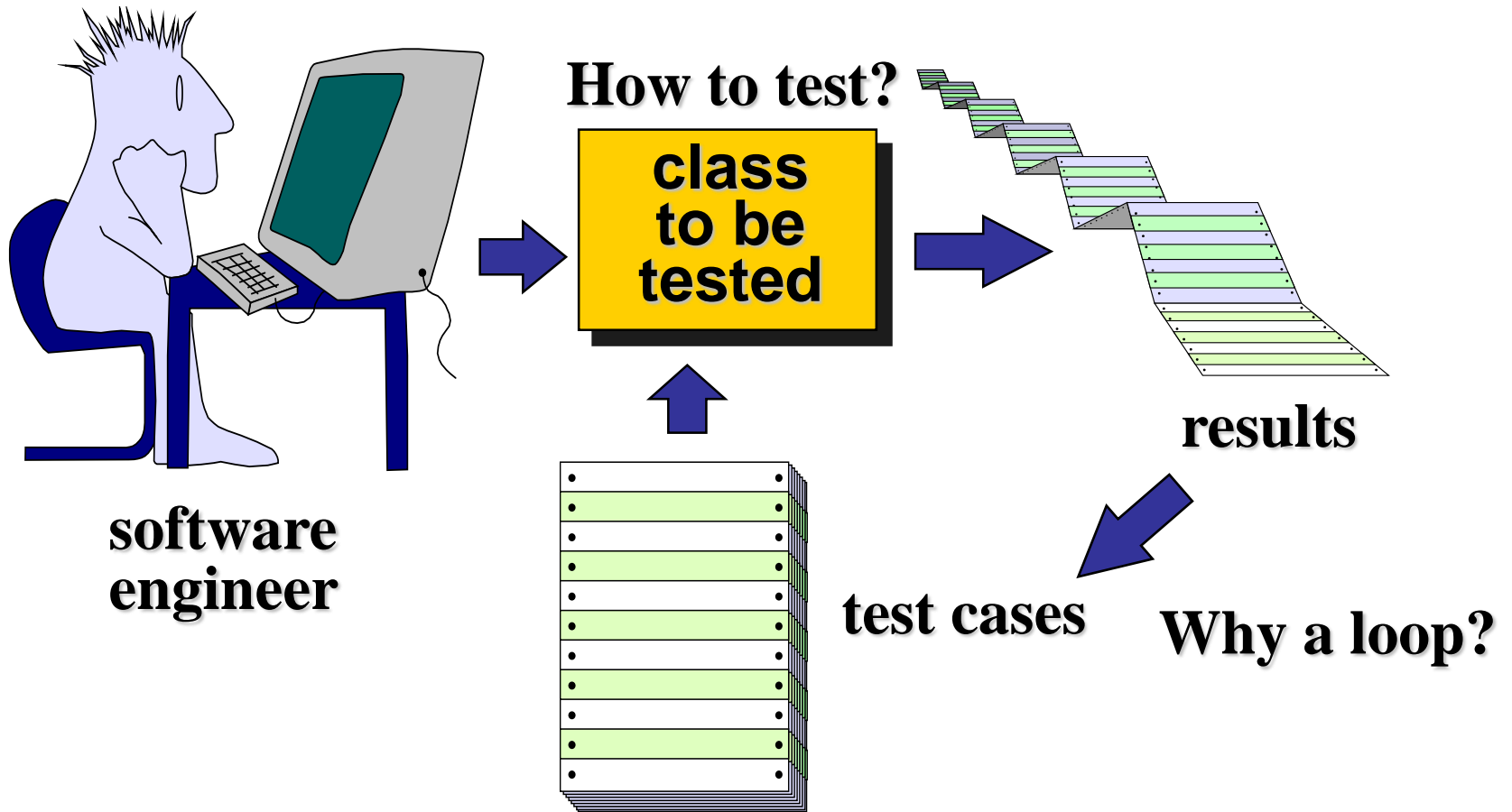
Testing OO Code



[1] Class (Unit) Testing

- Smallest testable unit is the encapsulated class
- Test each operation as part of a class hierarchy because its class hierarchy defines its context of use
- Approach:
 - Test each method (and constructor) within a class
 - Test the state behavior (attributes) of the class between methods
- *How is class testing different from conventional testing?*
- Conventional testing focuses on input-process-output, whereas class testing focuses on each method, then designing sequences of methods to exercise states of a class
- But white-box testing can still be applied

Class Testing Process



Class Test Case Design



1. Identify each test case uniquely
 - Associate test case explicitly with the class and/or method to be tested
2. State the purpose of the test
3. Each test case should contain:
 - a. A list of messages and operations that will be exercised as a consequence of the test
 - b. A list of exceptions that may occur as the object is tested
 - c. A list of external conditions for setup (i.e., changes in the environment external to the software that must exist in order to properly conduct the test)
 - d. Supplementary information that will aid in understanding or implementing the test
- Automated unit testing tools facilitate these requirements

Challenges of Class Testing



- Encapsulation:
 - Difficult to obtain a snapshot of a class without building extra methods which display the classes' state
- Inheritance and polymorphism:
 - Each new context of use (subclass) requires re-testing because a method may be implemented differently (polymorphism).
 - Other unaltered methods within the subclass may use the redefined method and need to be tested
- White box tests:
 - Basis path, condition, data flow and loop tests can all apply to individual methods, but don't test interactions between methods

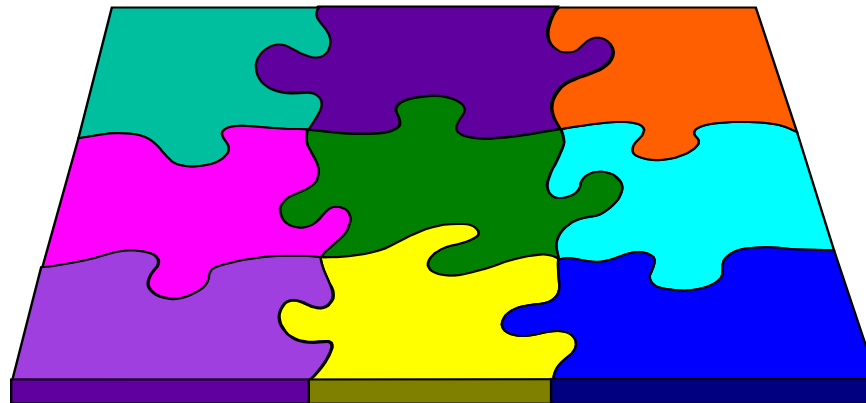
Random Class Testing



- I. Identify methods applicable to a class
 - II. Define constraints on their use – e.g. the class must always be initialized first
 - III. Identify a minimum test sequence – an operation sequence that defines the minimum life history of the class
 - IV. Generate a variety of random (but valid) test sequences – this exercises more complex class instance life histories
- Example:
 - An account class in a banking application has *open*, *setup*, *deposit*, *withdraw*, *balance*, *summarize* and *close* methods
 - The account must be opened first and closed on completion
 - *Open – setup – deposit – withdraw – close*
 - *Open – setup – deposit – * [deposit | withdraw | balance | summarize] – withdraw – close*. Generate random test sequences using this template

Integration Testing

- OO does not have a hierarchical control structure so conventional top-down and bottom-up integration tests have little meaning
- Integration applied three different incremental strategies:
 - Thread-based testing: integrates classes required to respond to one input or event
 - Use-based testing: integrates classes required by one use case
 - Cluster testing: integrates classes required to demonstrate one collaboration



Random Integration Testing



- **Multiple Class Random Testing**

- For each client class, use the list of class methods to generate a series of random test sequences.
Methods will send messages to other server classes.
- For each message that is generated, determine the collaborating class and the corresponding method in the server object.
- For each method in the server object (that has been invoked by messages sent from the client object), determine the messages that it transmits
- For each of the messages, determine the next level of methods that are invoked and incorporate these into the test sequence

Validation Testing



- Are we building the right product?
- Apply:
 - Use-case scenarios from the software requirements specification
 - Acceptance tests through alpha (at developer's site) and beta (at customer's site) testing with actual customers

System Testing



Types of System Testing:

- ❑ **Recovery testing**: how well and quickly does the system recover from faults
- ❑ **Security testing**: verify that protection mechanisms built into the system will protect from unauthorized access (hackers, disgruntled employees, fraudsters)
- ❑ **Stress testing**: place abnormal load on the system
- ❑ **Performance testing**: investigate the run-time performance within the context of an integrated system

Testing Tools



Programming Language	Automated testing Tool for Unit Testing
C++	Microsoft Unit Testing Framework for C++
Java	Junit
.Net Programming Language	Nunit,XUnit
Prolog	PIUnit
Python	Unittest

Sample Unit Test Code in Microsoft Unit Testing Framework



```
#include "stdafx.h"
#include <CppUnitTest.h>
#include "..\MyProjectUnderTest\MyCodeUnderTest.h"
using namespace Microsoft::VisualStudio::CppUnitTestFramework;
TEST_CLASS(TestClassName)
{
    public: TEST_METHOD(TestMethodName)
    {
        // Run a function under test here.
        Assert::AreEqual(expectedValue, actualValue, L"message",
        LINE_INFO());
    }
}
```

Testing Summary



Testing can contribute to improved quality by helping the programmers to identify problems early in the development process.