

# SWE 637 SOFTWARE TESTING ACTIVITIES, WEEK 5

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# CLASS ACTIVITY #5A

Consider the intersection() method

```
public static Set intersection (Set s1, Set s2)
/**
 * @param s1, s2 : compute intersection of these two sets
 * @return a (non null) Set equal to the intersection of sets s1 and s2
 * @throws NullPointerException if s1 or s2 is null
 */
```

And the following domain model

Characteristic	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$
A: type of s1	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--
B: relation between s1 and s2	$s1 = s2$ (same set)	$s1 \subset s2$ (s1 is a subset of s2)	$s1 \supset s2$ (s2 is a subset of s1)	$s1 \cap s2 = \emptyset$ (disjoint)

# CLASS ACTIVITY #5A

1. If the **base choice** (BCC) criterion were applied to the two partitions *as they are shown*, how many test requirements would result? Give a test set.
2. If the **pair-wise** (PWC) criterion were applied, how many test requirements would result? Give a test set.
3. Is the partitioning for characteristic A *complete* and *disjoint*? Explain why or why not and propose a fix if necessary.
4. Is the partitioning for characteristic B *complete* and *disjoint*? Explain why or why not and propose a fix if necessary.

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2. If the **pair-wise** (PWC) criterion were applied, how many test requirements would result? Give a test set.

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3. Is the partitioning for characteristic *A* *complete* and *disjoint* ?

Explain why or why not and propose a fix if necessary.

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4. Is the partitioning for characteristic B *complete* and *disjoint*?

Explain why or why not and propose a fix if necessary.

Characteristic	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$
A: type of s1	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--
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# CLASS ACTIVITY #5B

Consider constraints between the characteristics. For example, if block  $Ab_1$  is chosen for characteristic A, then what values can be chosen for characteristic B?

- Identify all constraints between characteristics
- Update the domain model if needed so that each block of each characteristic is consistent with at least one block of the other characteristic(s). That is, there should be no cases where choosing a block for characteristic A means that there are no possible blocks to choose for characteristic B.



# CLASS ACTIVITY #5B

Consider constraints between the characteristics.

Characteristic	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$b_5$
A: type of s1	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--	--
B: relation between s1 and s2	$s1 = s2$ (same set)	$s1 \subsetneq s2$ (s1 is a proper subset of s2)	$s2 \subsetneq s1$ (s2 is a proper subset of s1)	$s1 \cap s2 = \emptyset$ $\wedge$ $s1 \neq \emptyset \wedge$ $s2 \neq \emptyset$ (disjoint non-empty sets)	$s1 \not\subset s2$ $\wedge$ $s1 \not\supset s2$ $\wedge$ $s1 \cap s2 \neq \emptyset$ (overlap)

# CLASS ACTIVITY #5B

How many **base choice** tests are there now?

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1 for the base test, plus 2 for the other blocks of characteristic A, plus 3 for the other blocks of characteristic B = 6 tests

Example:  $(Ab_3, Bb_4)$ , // base choice  
 $(Ab_1, Bb_4)$ ,  $(Ab_2, Bb_4)$ , // others from A  
 $(Ab_3, Bb_1)$ ,  $(Ab_3, Bb_2)$ ,  $(Ab_3, Bb_3)$  // others from B

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A: type of s1	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--
B: relation between s1 and s2	$s1 = s2$ (same set)	$s1 \subset s2$ (s1 is a subset of s2)	$s1 \supset s2$ (s2 is a subset of s1)	$s1 \cap s2 = \emptyset$ (disjoint)

$$3 \times 4 = \underline{12}$$

Example:  $(Ab_1, Bb_1), (Ab_1, Bb_2), (Ab_1, Bb_3), (Ab_1, Bb_4),$   
 $(Ab_2, Bb_1), (Ab_2, Bb_2), (Ab_2, Bb_3), (Ab_2, Bb_4),$   
 $(Ab_3, Bb_1), (Ab_3, Bb_2), (Ab_3, Bb_3), (Ab_3, Bb_4)$

Note that since there are only 2 characteristics, pair-wise is the same as all-combinations

# CLASS ACTIVITY #5A

3. Is the partitioning for characteristic *A* *complete* and *disjoint*?

Explain why or why not and propose a fix if necessary.



*A is complete because there are no other possible values for a set. It is disjoint because no possible value for a set can match two blocks.*

Characteristic	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$
A: type of $s_1$	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--
B: relation between $s_1$ and $s_2$	$s_1 = s_2$ (same set)	$s_1 \subset s_2$ ( $s_1$ is a subset of $s_2$ )	$s_1 \supset s_2$ ( $s_2$ is a subset of $s_1$ )	$s_1 \cap s_2 = \emptyset$ (disjoint)

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4. Is the partitioning for characteristic B *complete* and *disjoint*?

Explain why or why not and propose a fix if necessary.



B is not complete because it does not handle the possibility of partially overlapping sets.

B is not disjoint because identical sets are also subsets of each other ( $B_{b1}, B_{b2}, B_{b3}$ ), and the empty set matches all partitions.

Characteristic	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$
A: type of s1	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--
B: relation between s1 and s2	$s1 = s2$ (same set)	$s1 \subset s2$ (s1 is a subset of s2)	$s1 \supset s2$ (s2 is a subset of s1)	$s1 \cap s2 = \emptyset$ (disjoint)

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Revise the characteristics to eliminate any problems.

Characteristic	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$
A: type of s1	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--
B: relation between s1 and s2	$s1 = s2$ (same set)	$s1 \subset s2$ (s1 is a subset of s2)	$s1 \supset s2$ (s2 is a subset of s1)	$s1 \cap s2 = \emptyset$ (disjoint)

5. Fix the *completeness* problem to allow overlapping sets (add a new block)



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Revise the characteristics to eliminate any problems.



Characteristic	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$b_5$
A: type of $s_1$	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--	--
B: relation between $s_1$ and $s_2$	$s_1 = s_2$ (same set)	$s_1 \subset s_2$ ( $s_1$ is a subset of $s_2$ )	$s_2 \subset s_1$ ( $s_2$ is a subset of $s_1$ )	$s_1 \cap s_2 = \emptyset$ (disjoint)	$s_1 \not\subset s_2$ $\wedge$ $s_1 \not\supset s_2$ $\wedge$ $s_1 \cap s_2 \neq \emptyset$ (overlap)

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A: type of s1	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--	--
B: relation between s1 and s2	$s1 = s2$ (same set)	$s1 \subsetneq s2$ (s1 is a proper subset of s2)	$s2 \subsetneq s1$ (s2 is a proper subset of s1)	$s1 \cap s2 = \emptyset$ (disjoint)	$s1 \not\subseteq s2$ $\wedge$ $s1 \not\supseteq s2$ $\wedge$ $s1 \cap s2$ $\neq \emptyset$ (overlap)

Fix the *disjointness* problem caused by equal sets also being subsets/supersets

# CLASS ACTIVITY #5A

Revise the characteristics to eliminate any problems.



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A: type of s1	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--	--
B: relation between s1 and s2	$s1 = s2$ (same set)	$s1 \subsetneq s2$ (s1 is a proper subset of s2)	$s2 \subsetneq s1$ (s2 is a proper subset of s1)	$s1 \cap s2 = \emptyset$ $\wedge$ $s1 \neq \emptyset$ $\wedge$ $s2 \neq \emptyset$ (disjoint non-empty sets)	$s1 \not\subseteq s2$ $\wedge$ $s1 \not\supseteq s2$ $\wedge$ $s1 \cap s2 \neq \emptyset$ (overlap)

Fix the *disjointness* problem caused by  $s1=s2=\emptyset$  matching  $Bb_1$  and  $Bb_4$

# CLASS ACTIVITY #5A

Revise the characteristics to eliminate any problems.

Characteristic	b <sub>1</sub>	b <sub>2</sub>	b <sub>3</sub>	b <sub>4</sub>	b <sub>5</sub>
A: type of s1	Null	Empty set	≥1 element	--	--
B: relation between s1 and s2	s1 = s2 (same set)	s1 ⊂ s2 (s1 is a proper subset of s2)	s2 ⊂ s1 (s2 is a proper subset of s1)	s1 ∩ s2 = ∅ ∧ s1 ≠ ∅ ∧ s2 ≠ ∅ (disjoint non-empty sets)	s1 ⊄ s2 ∧ s1 ⊈ s2 ∧ s1 ∩ s2 ≠ ∅ (overlap)

ABI → ... none of these choices? Let's fix that.

# CLASS ACTIVITY #5A

Characteristic	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$b_5$	$b_6$
A: type of s1	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--	--	--
B: relation between s1 and s2	$s_1 = \text{null}$ $\vee$ $s_2 = \text{null}$ (one or more sets are null)	$s_1 = s_2$ (same set)	$s_1 \subsetneq s_2$ (s1 is a proper subset of s2)	$s_2 \subsetneq s_1$ (s2 is a proper subset of s1)	$s_1 \cap s_2 = \emptyset$ $\wedge$ $s_1 \neq \emptyset$ $\wedge$ $s_2 \neq \emptyset$ (disjoint non-empty sets)	$s_1 \not\subseteq s_2$ $\wedge$ $s_1 \not\supseteq s_2$ $\wedge$ $s_1 \cap s_2 \neq \emptyset$ (overlap)

$$Ab_1 \rightarrow Bb_1, Ab_2 \rightarrow !Bb_4, Ab_2 \rightarrow !Bb_6$$

$$Bb_2 \rightarrow !Ab_1, Bb_3 \rightarrow !Ab_1, Bb_4 \rightarrow !Ab_1, Bb_4 \rightarrow !Ab_3, Bb_5 \rightarrow !Ab_1,$$

$$Bb_6 \rightarrow !Ab_1$$

# CLASS ACTIVITY #5B

How many **base choice** tests are there now?

Characteristic	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$b_5$	$b_6$
A: type of s1	Null	Empty set	$\geq 1$ element	--	--	--
B: relation between s1 and s2	$s1 = null$ $\vee$ $s2 = null$ (one or more sets are null)	$s1 = s2$ (same set)	$s1 \subsetneq s2$ (s1 is a proper subset of s2)	$s2 \subsetneq s1$ (s2 is a proper subset of s1)	$s1 \cap s2 = \emptyset$ $\wedge$ $s1 \neq \emptyset$ $\wedge$ $s2 \neq \emptyset$ (disjoint non-empty sets)	$s1 \not\subset s2$ $\wedge$ $s1 \not\supset s2$ $\wedge$ $s1 \cap s2 \neq \emptyset$ (overlap)

8 - 1 base test plus 2 alternate values for A plus 5 alternate values for B