

# Fine-Tuning Spectrum Based Fault Localisation with Sequence Mining

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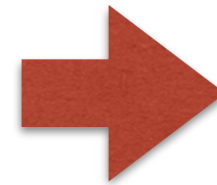
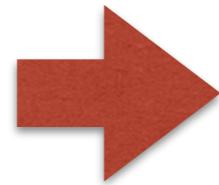


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# Overview



# Fault Localisation



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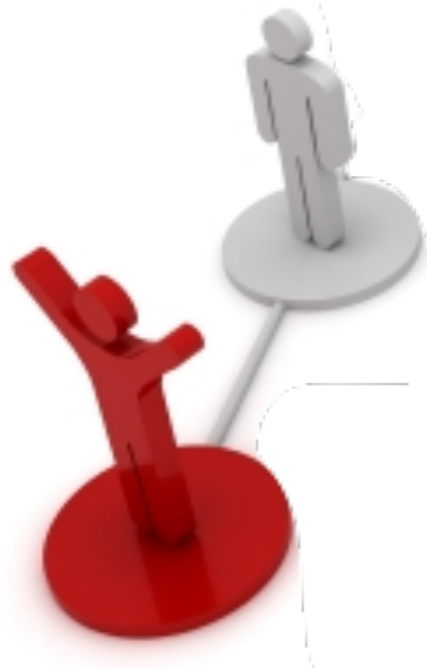
Understand

Fix

**Fault Localisation** an important step in debugging process

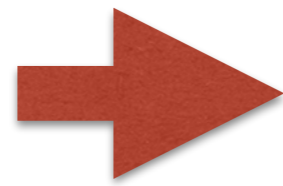
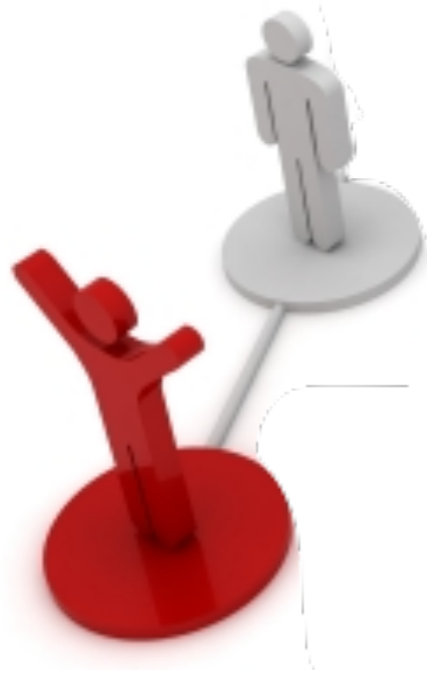
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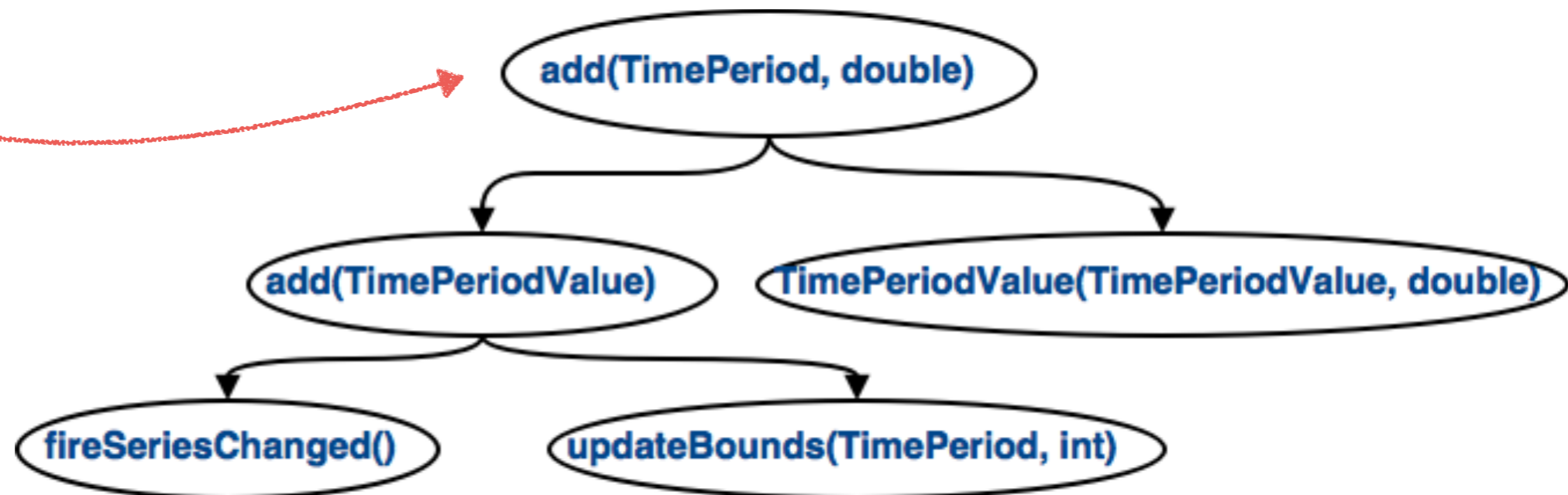
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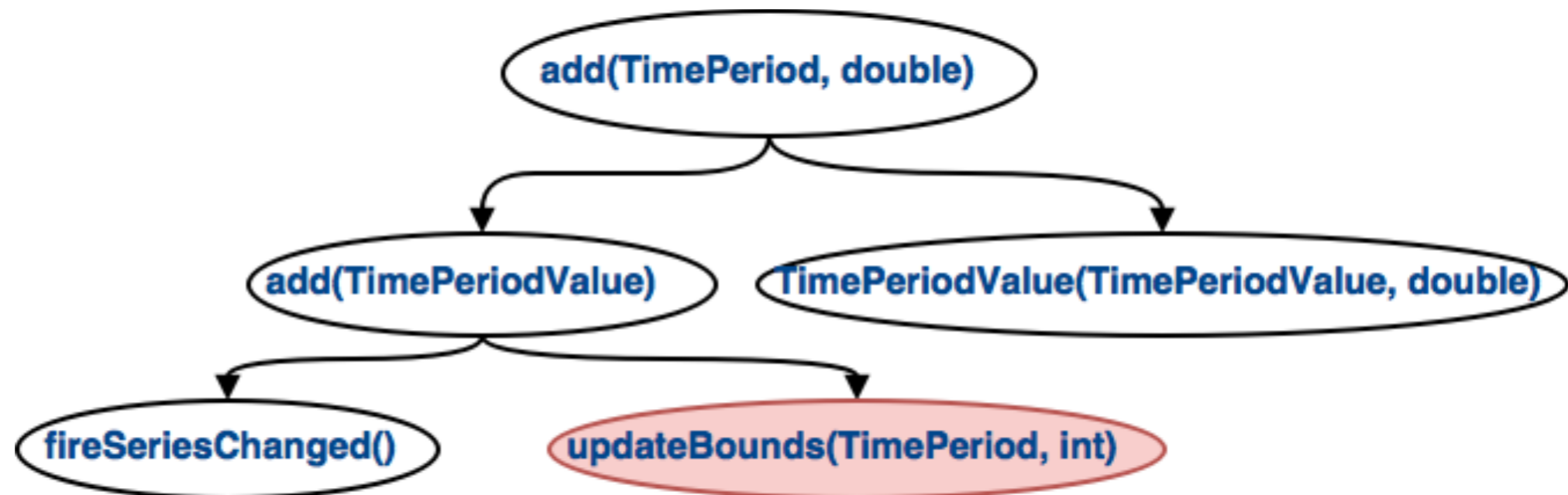
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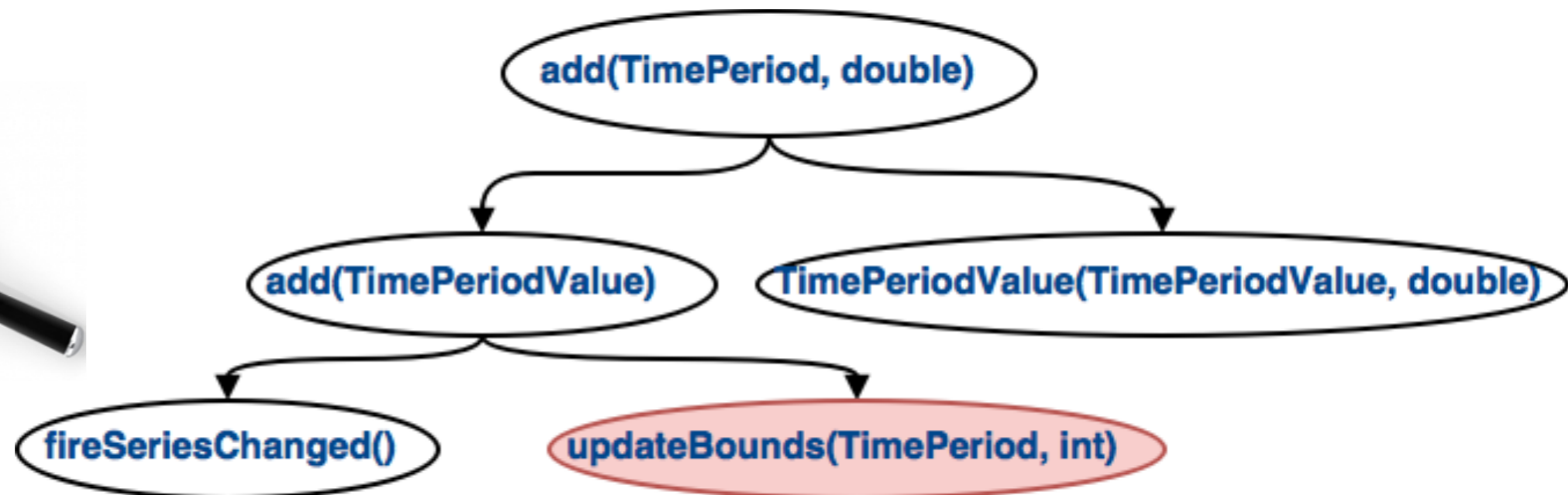
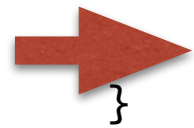
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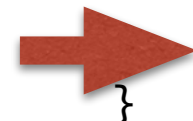
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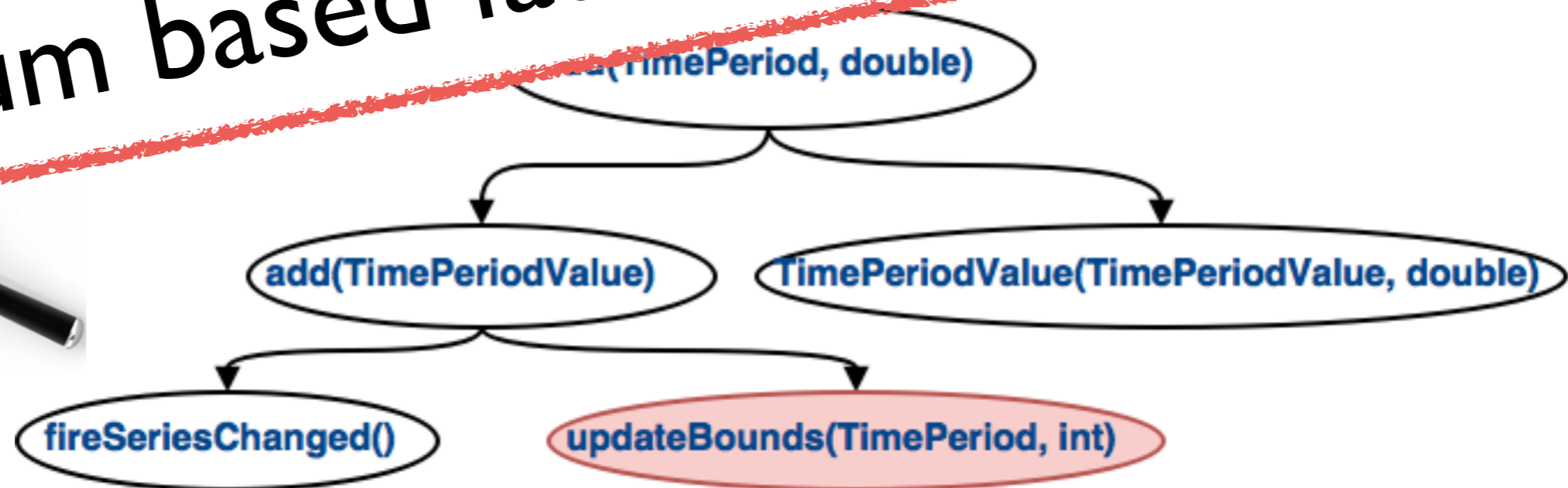
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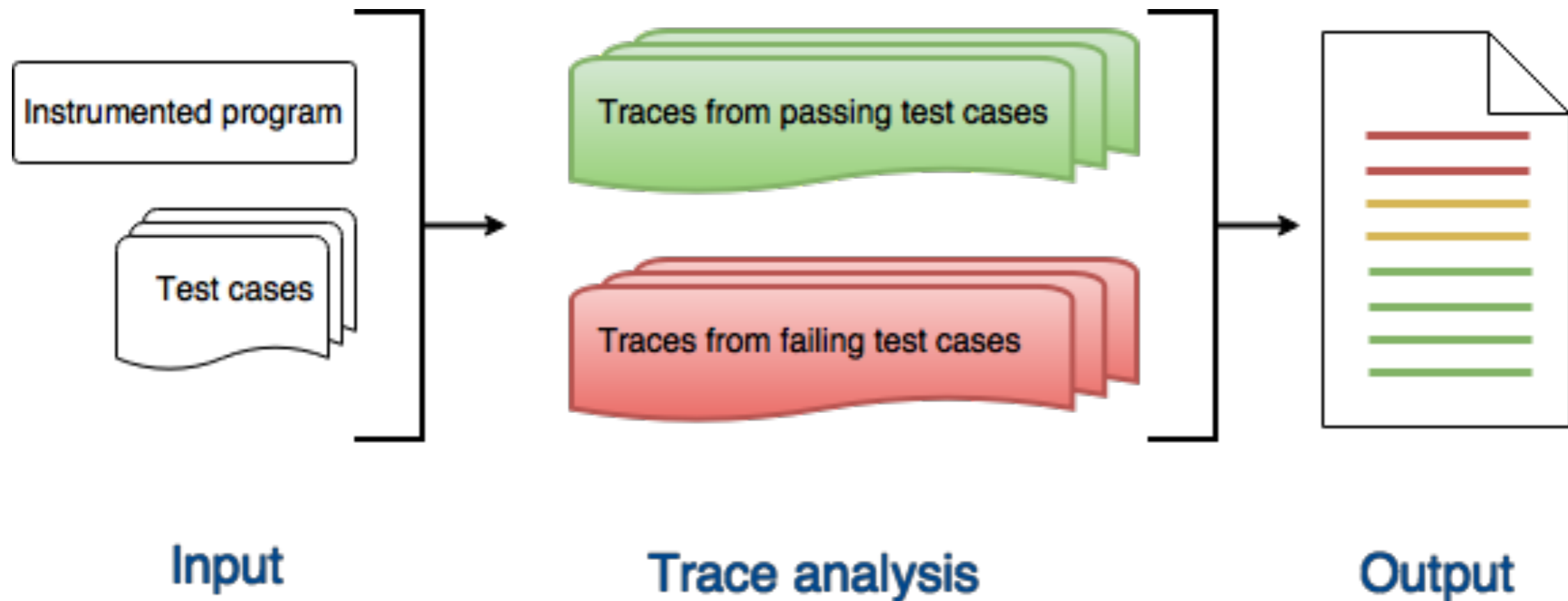
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## Spectrum based fault localisation

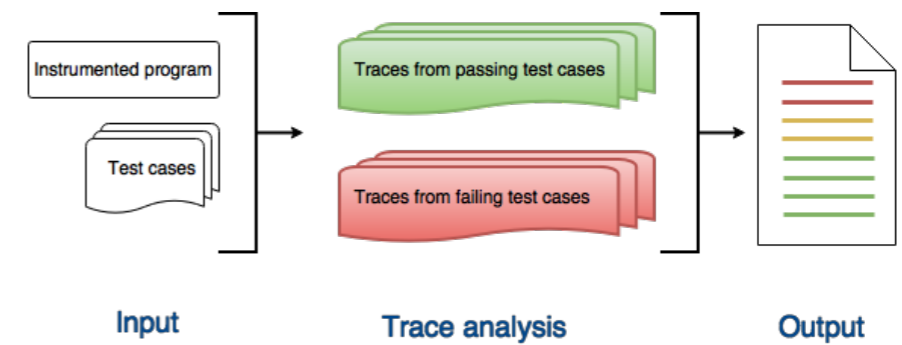


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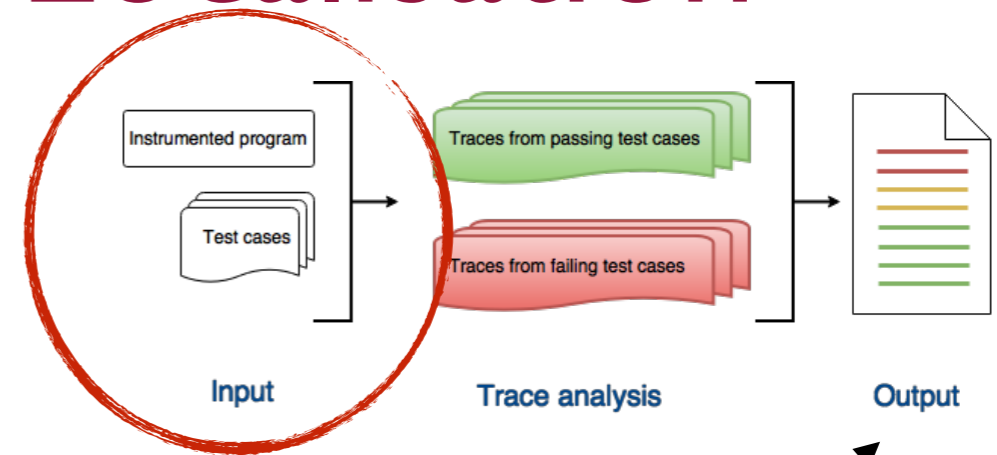
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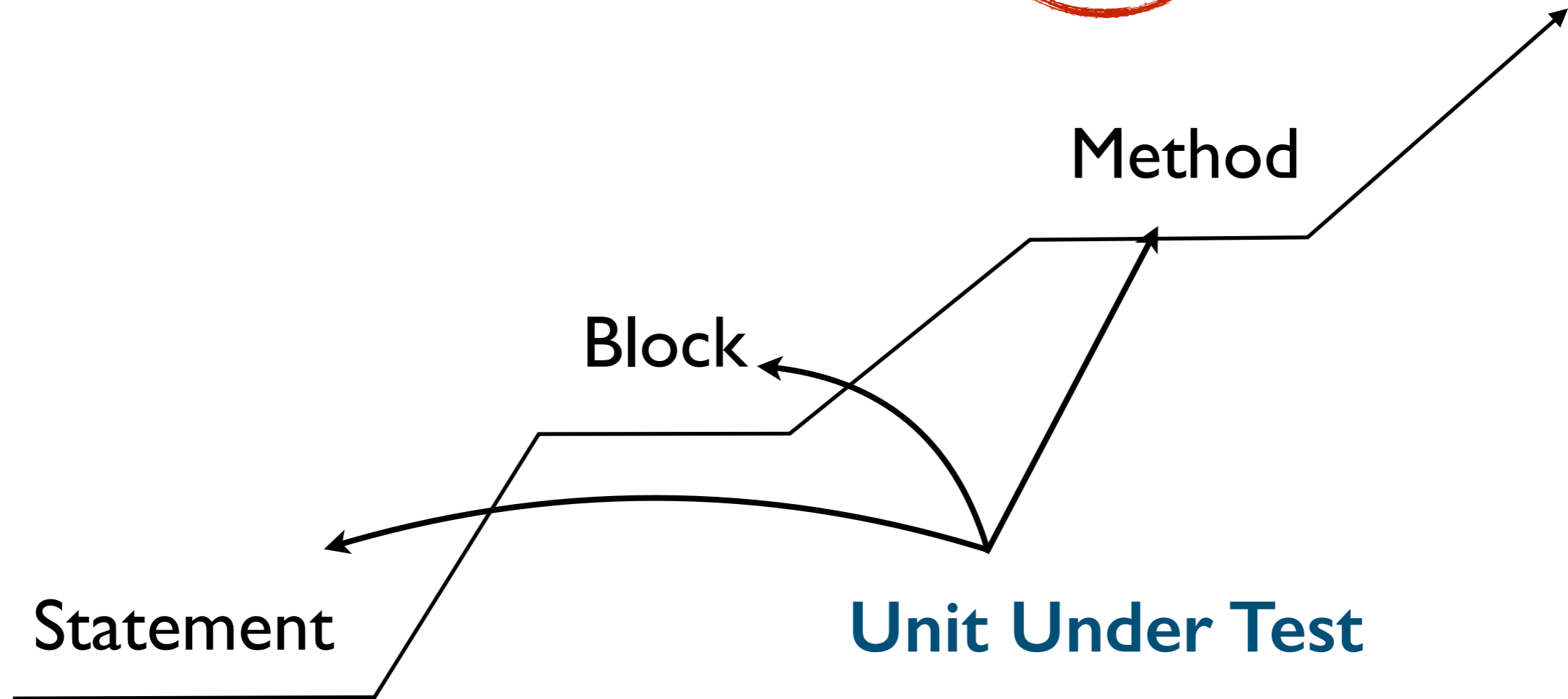
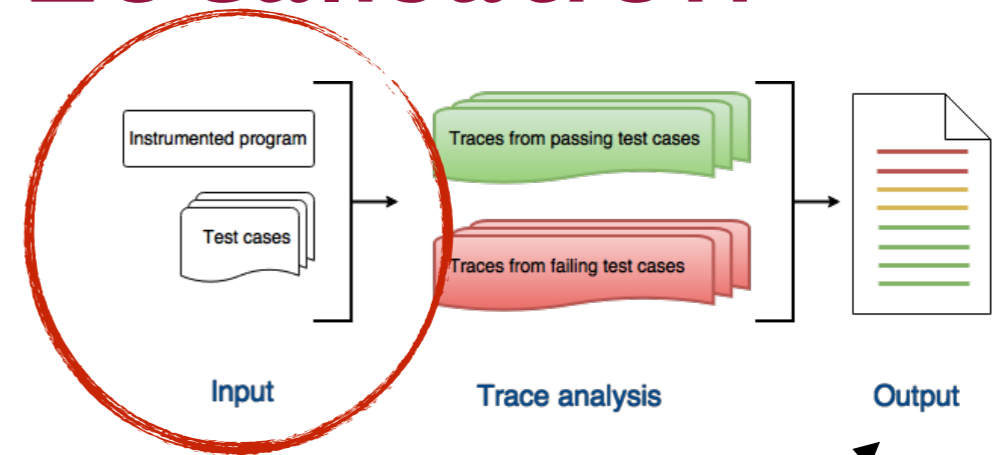
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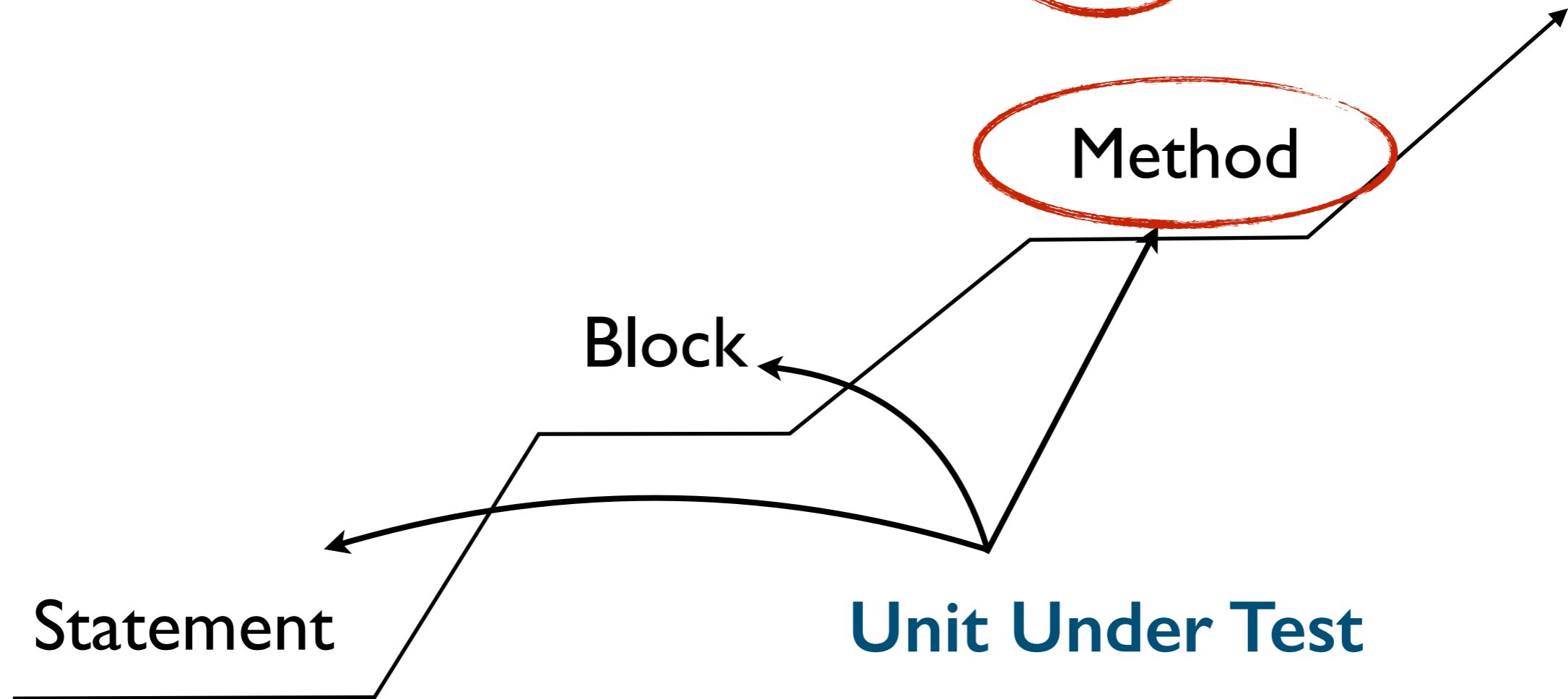
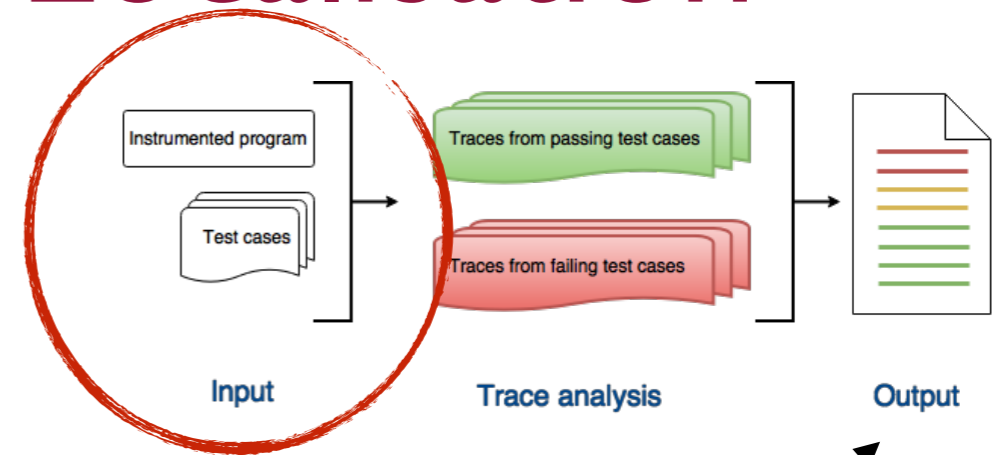
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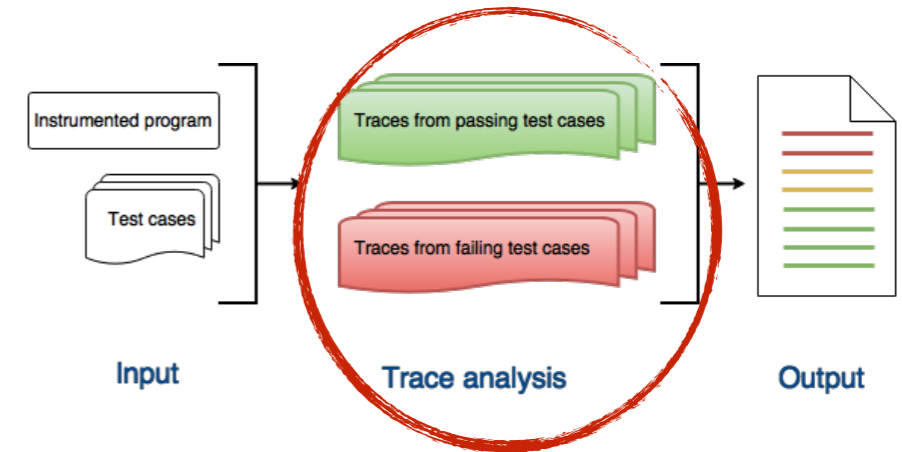
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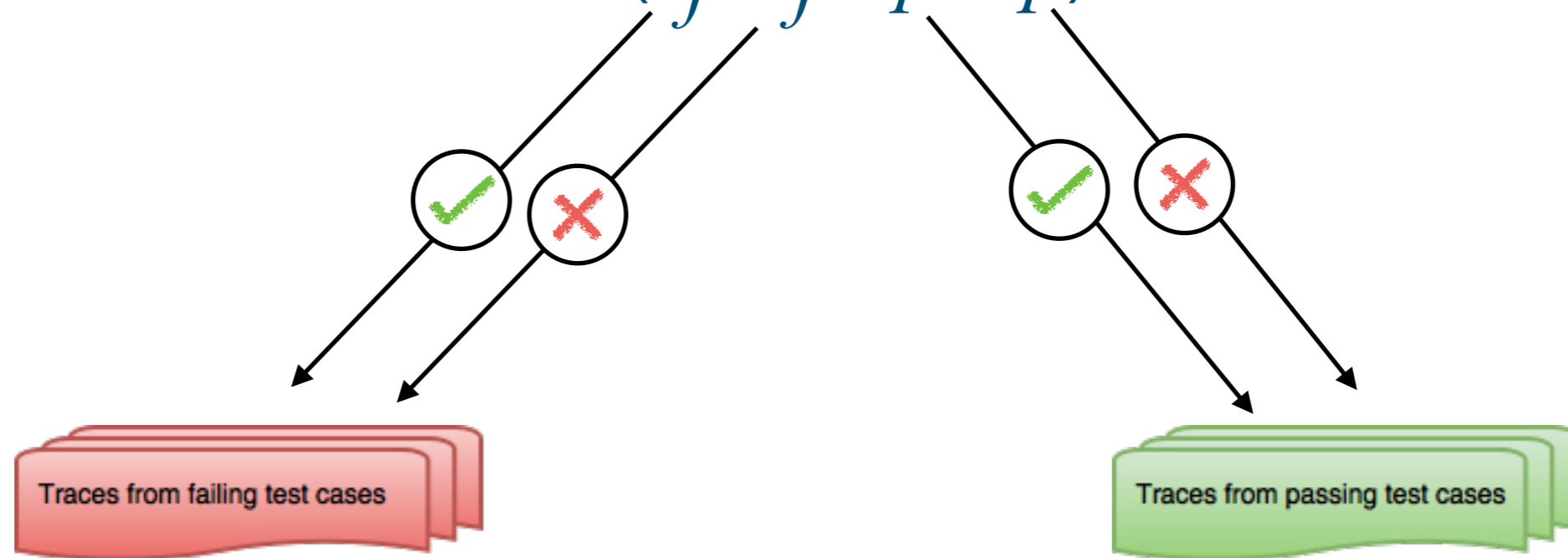


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## Hit Spectrum



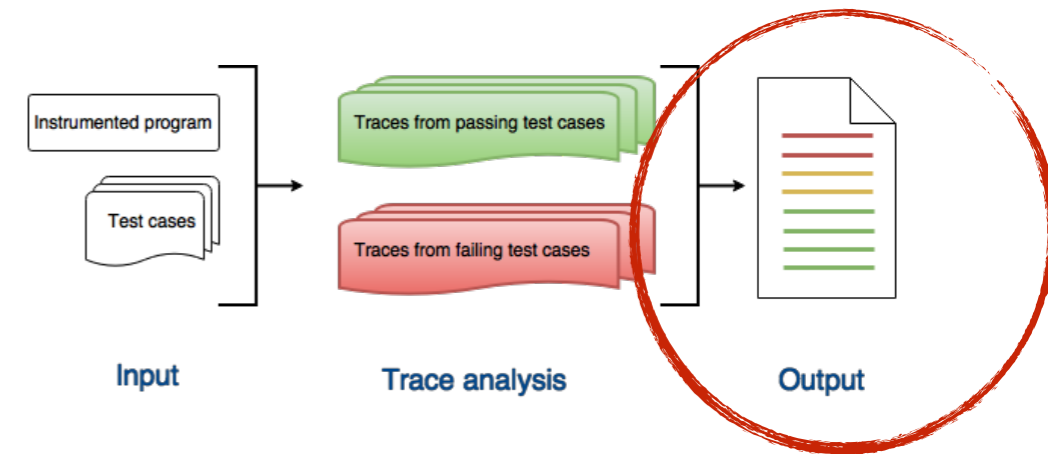
$$UUT = (e_f, n_f, e_p, n_p)$$



- ✓ Number of traces that **contain** UUT
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## Fault Locator



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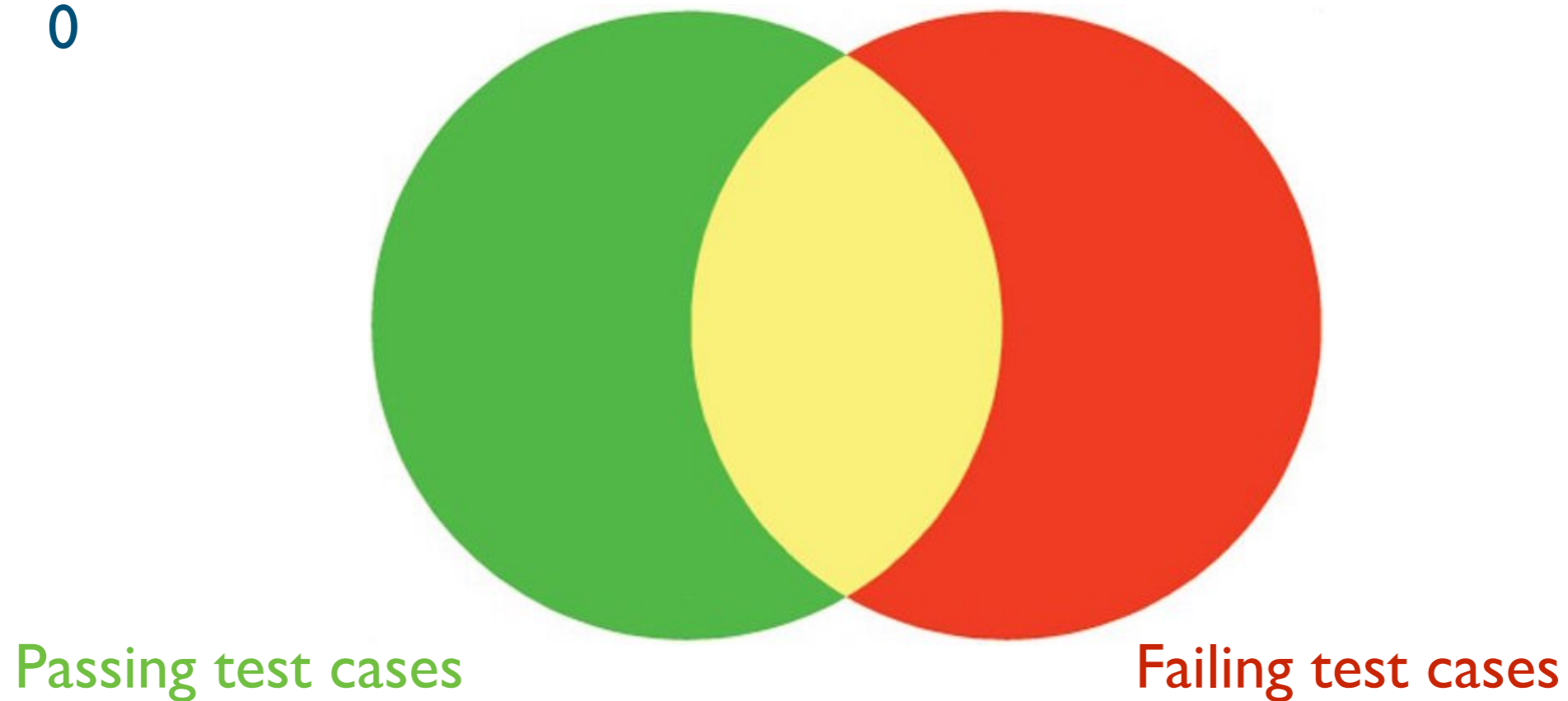
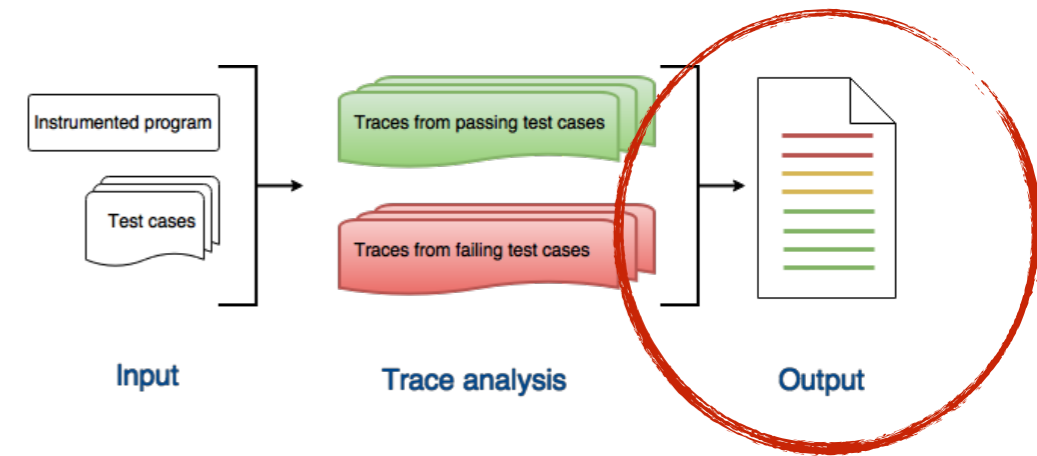
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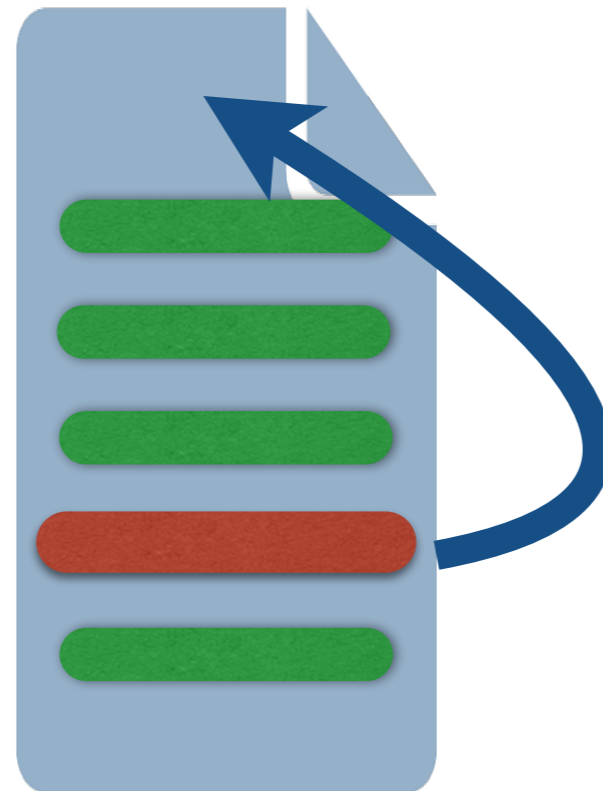
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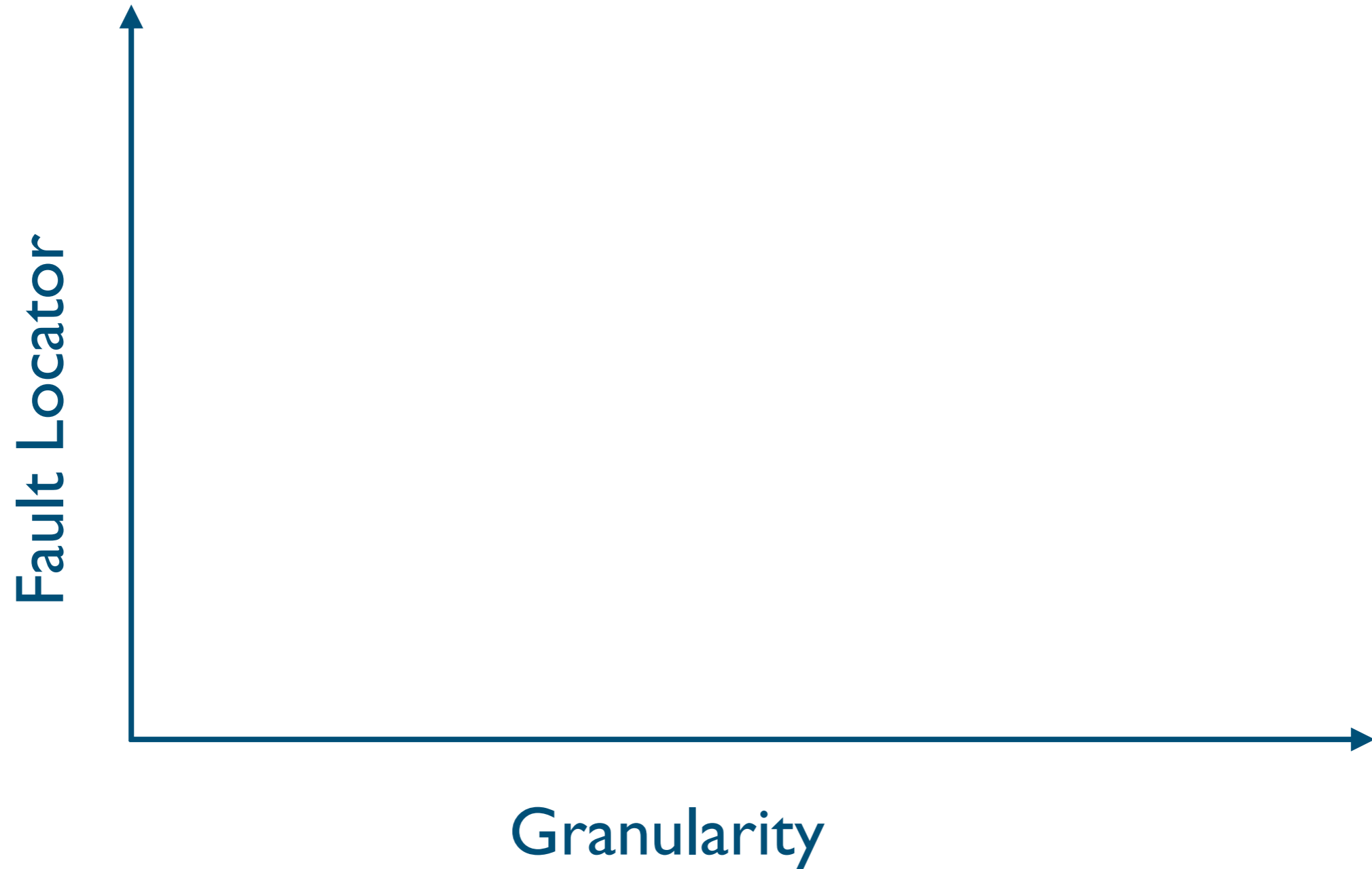
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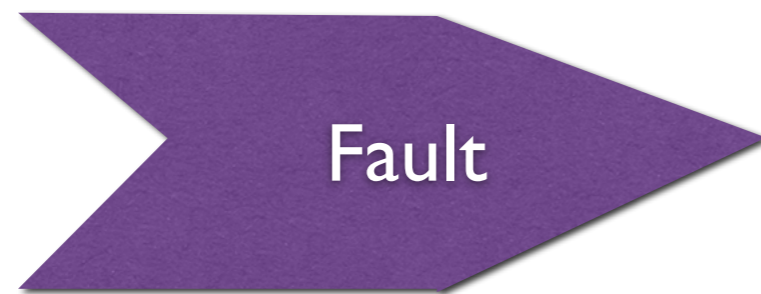
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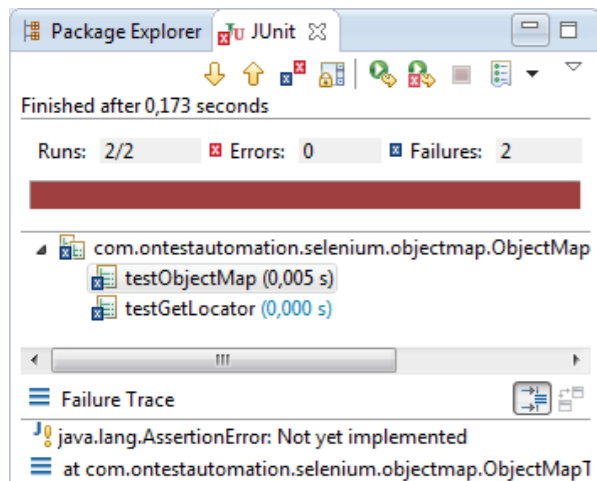
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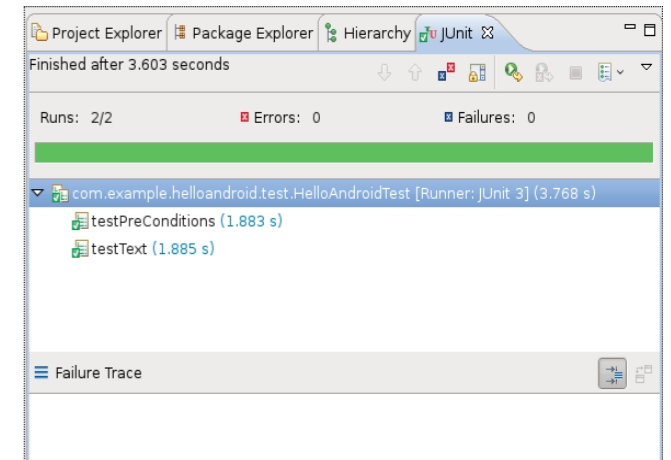
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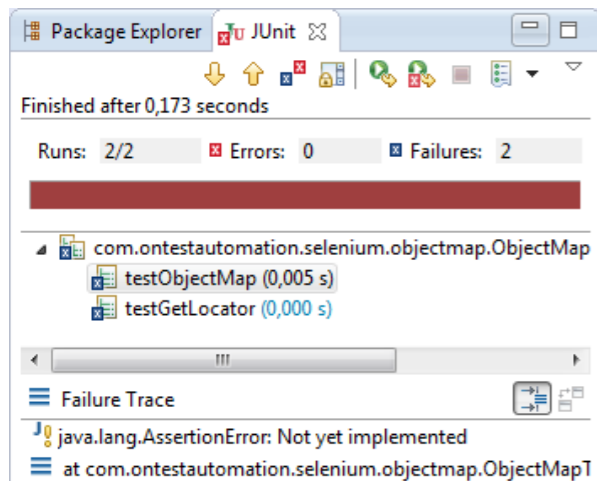
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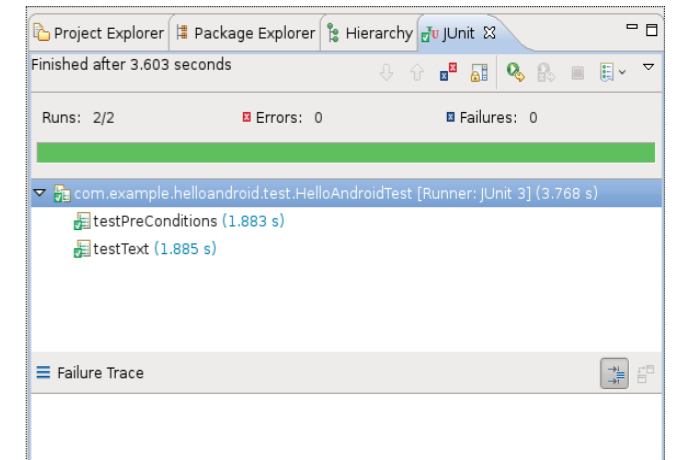
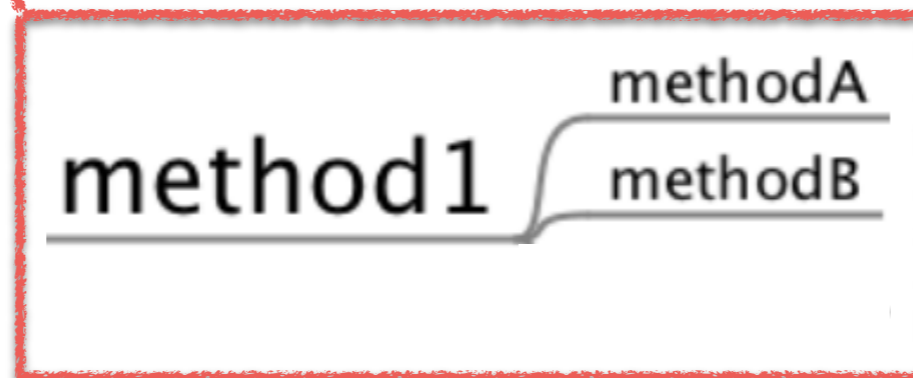
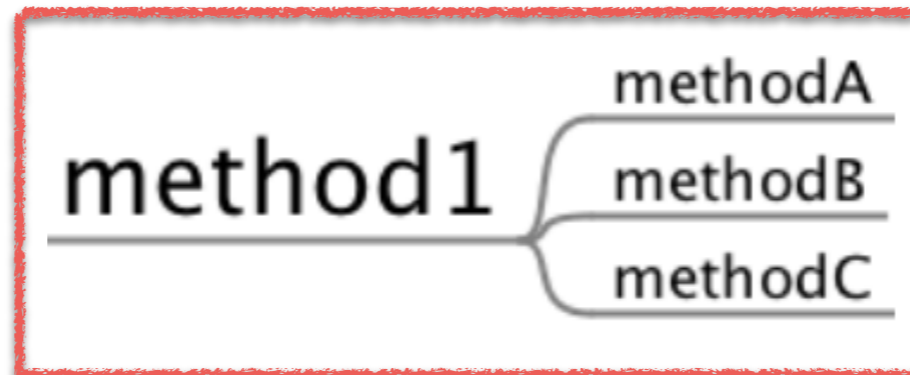
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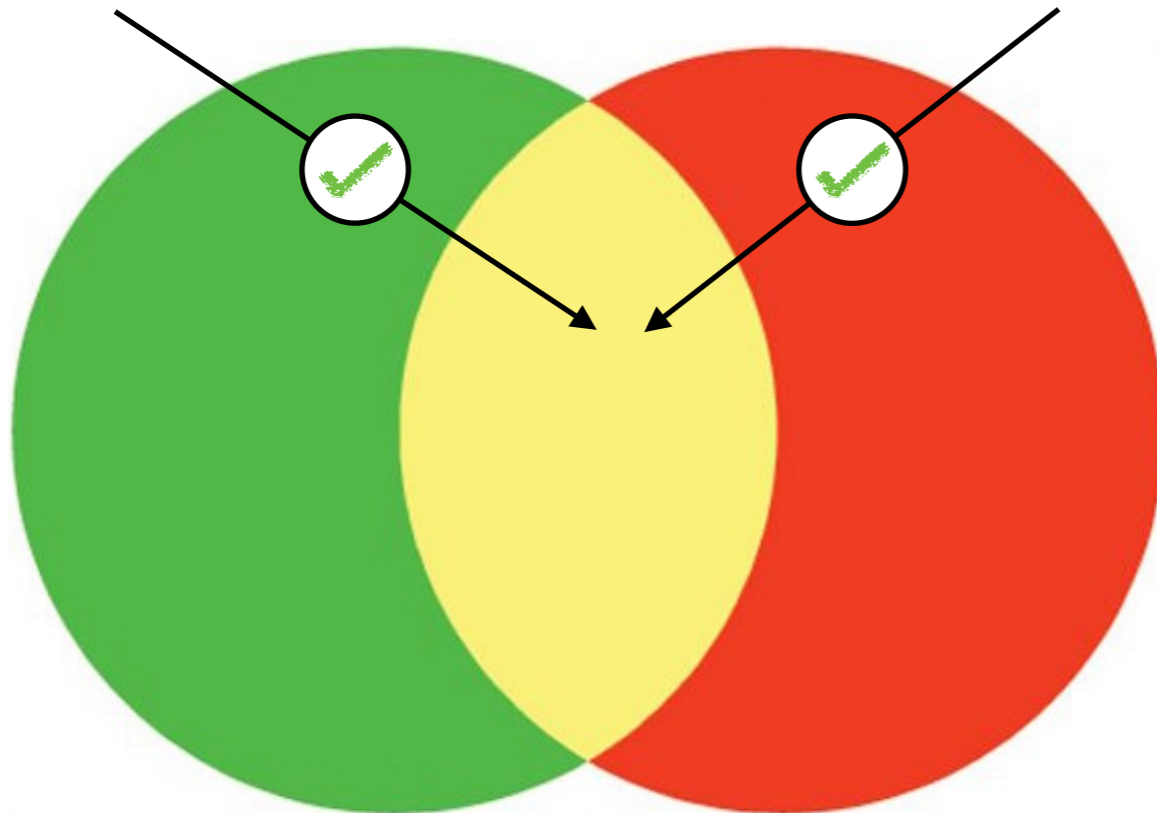
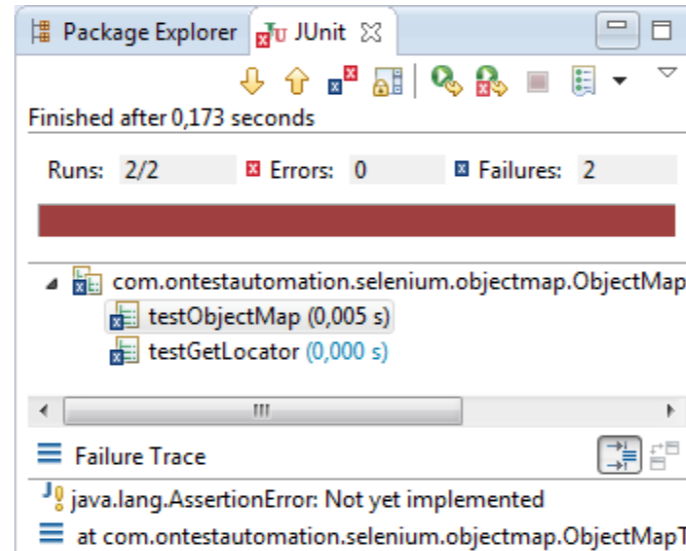
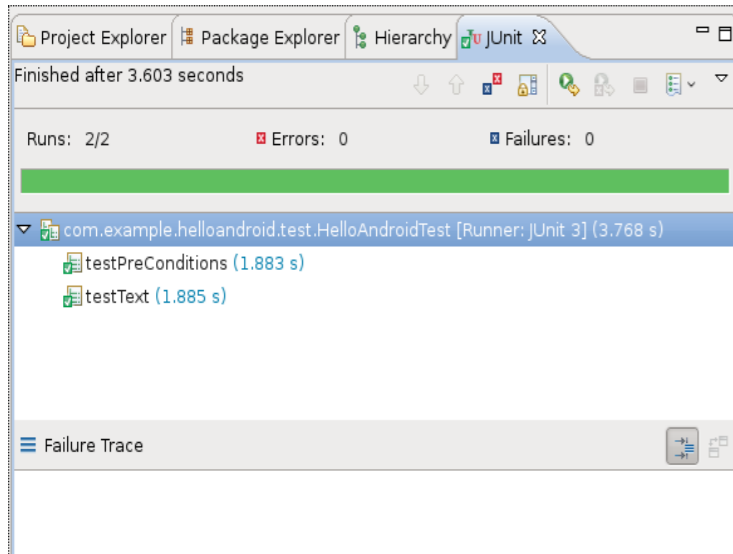
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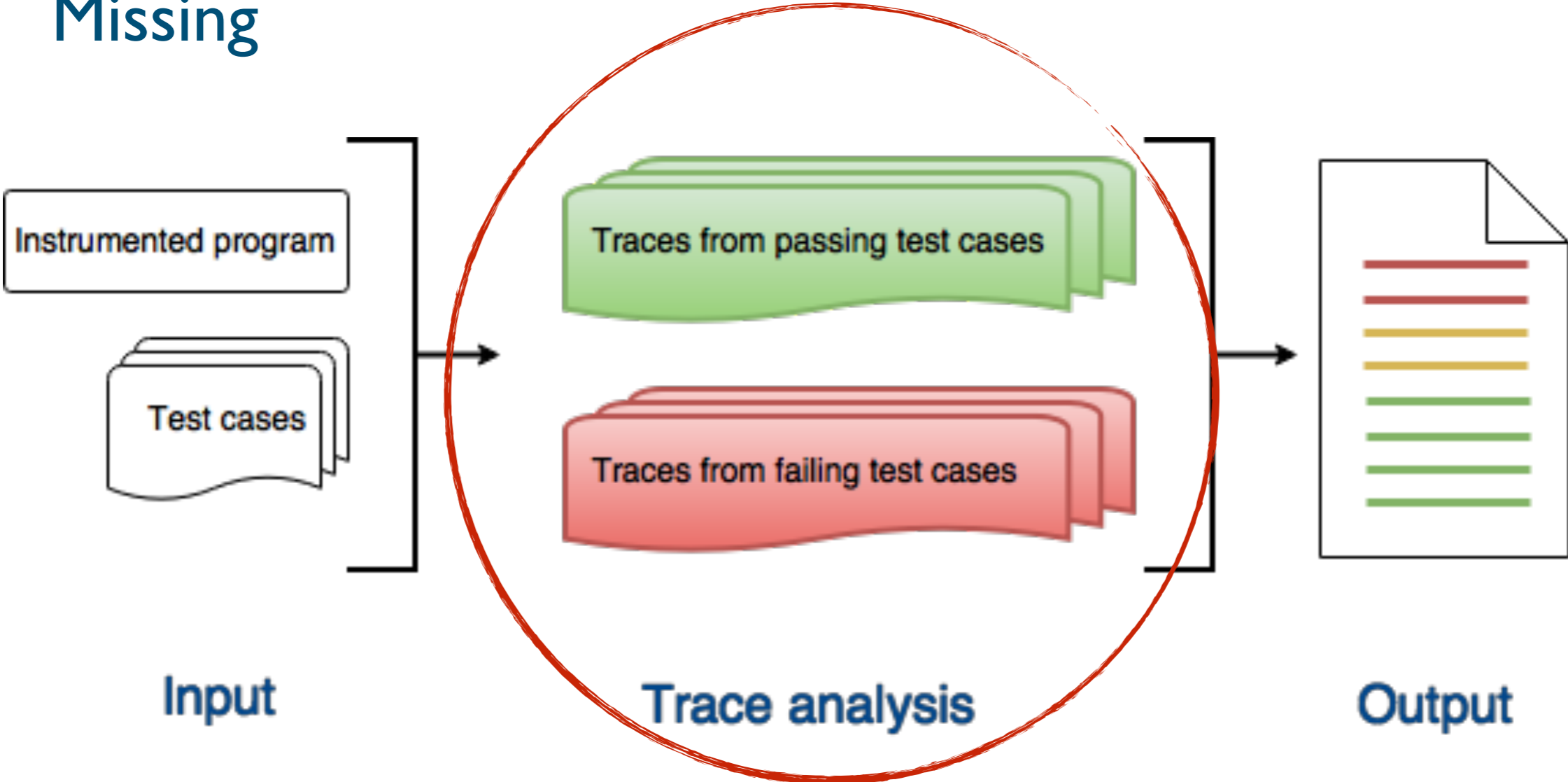
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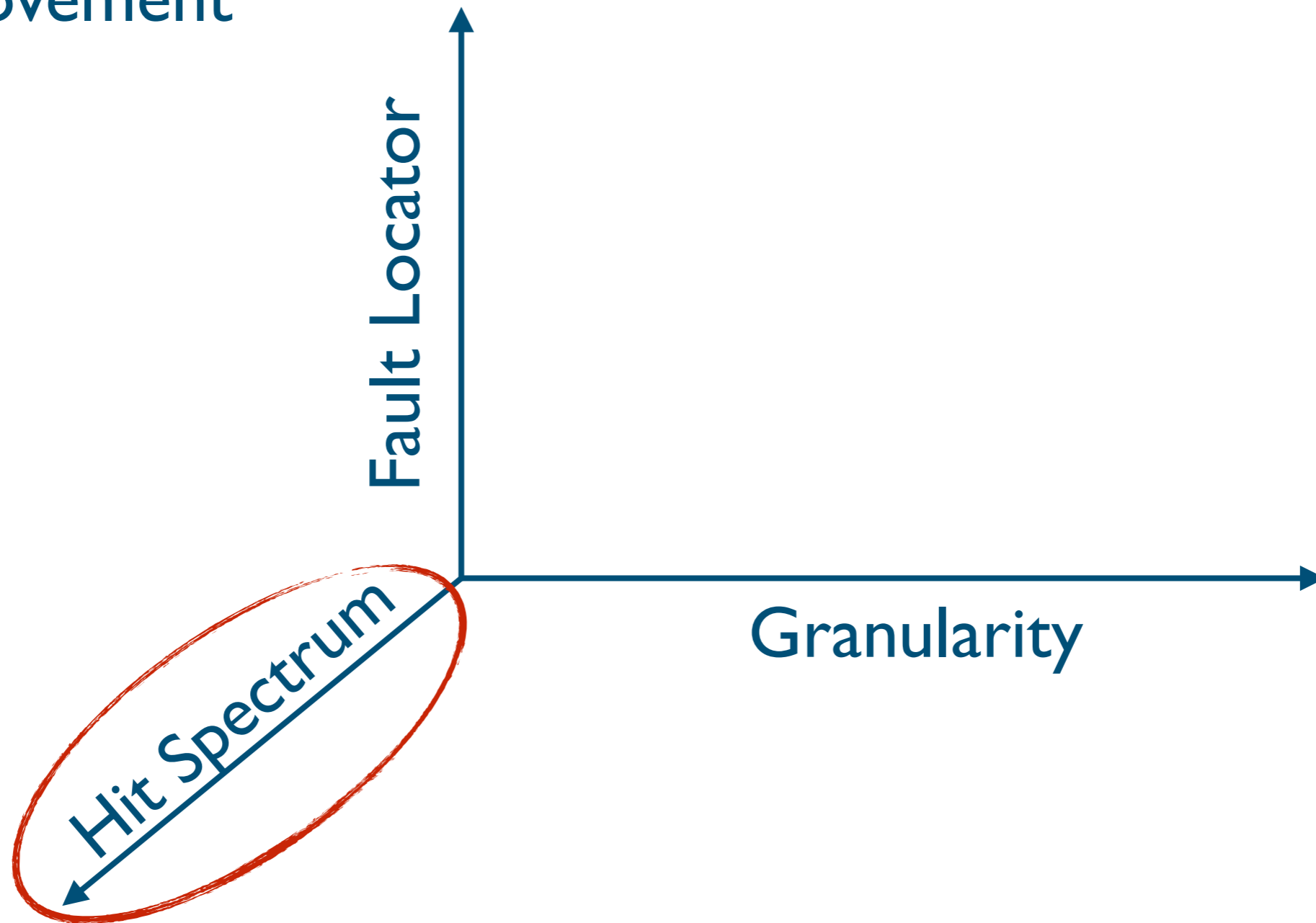
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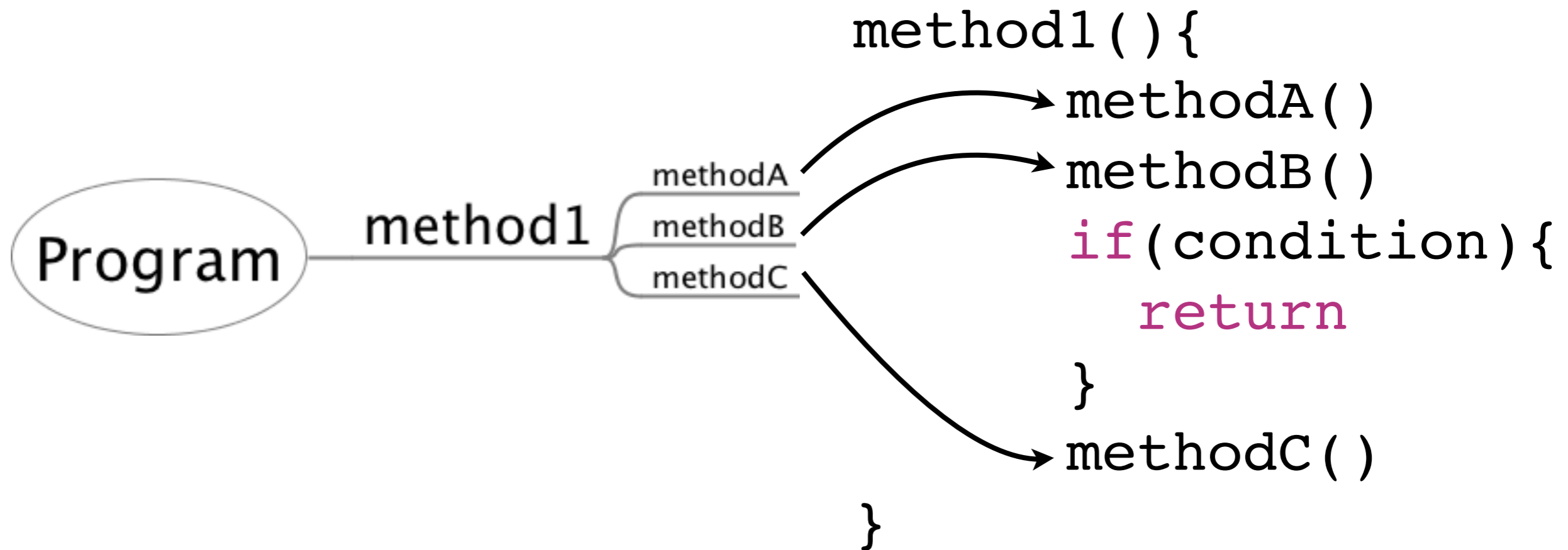
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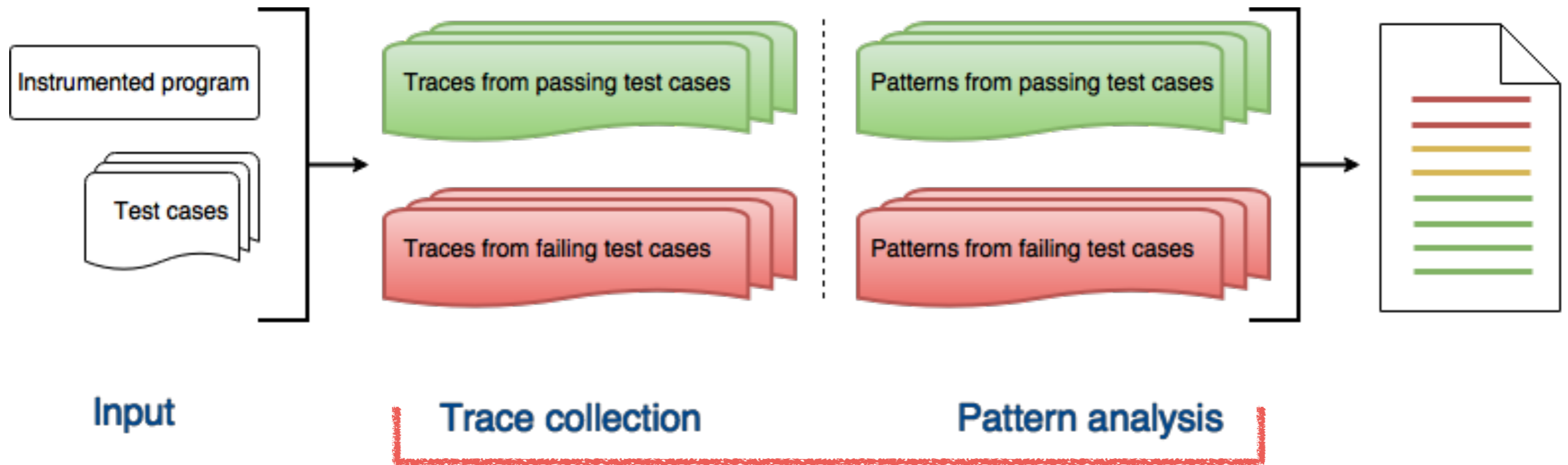
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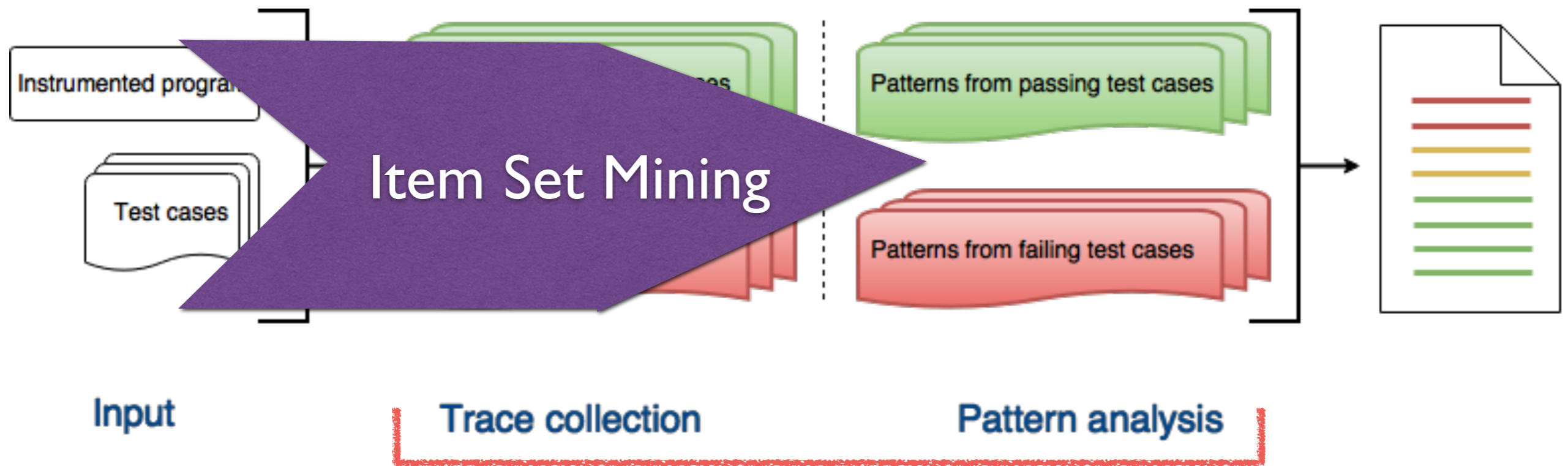
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# Case Study



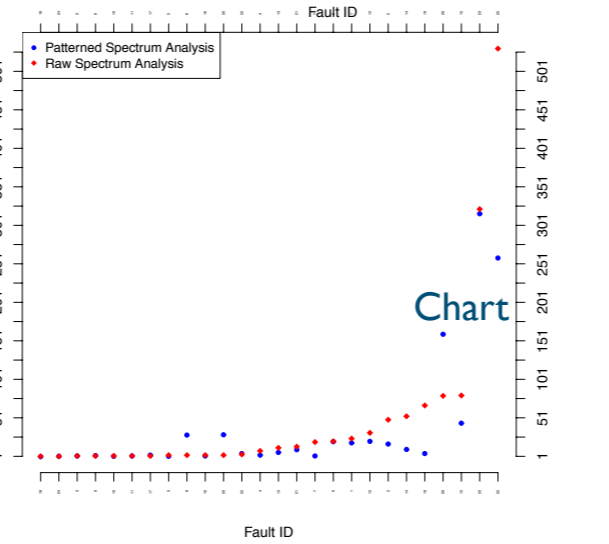
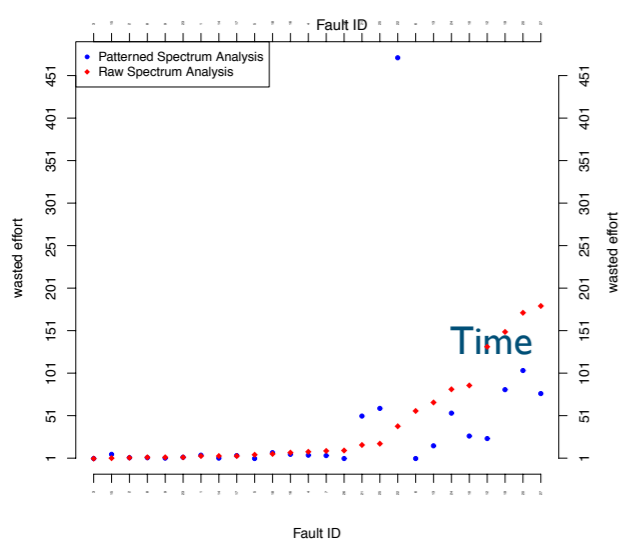
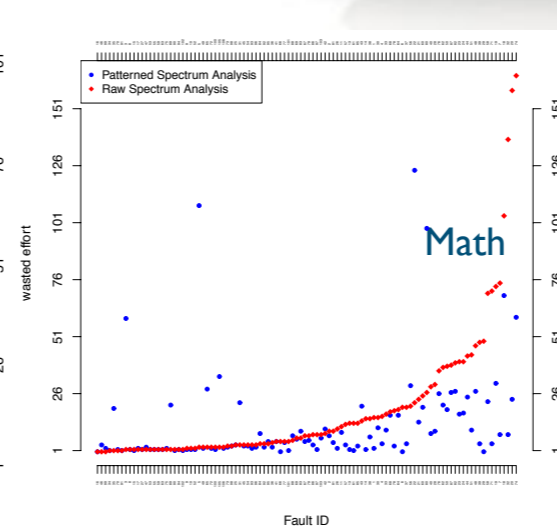
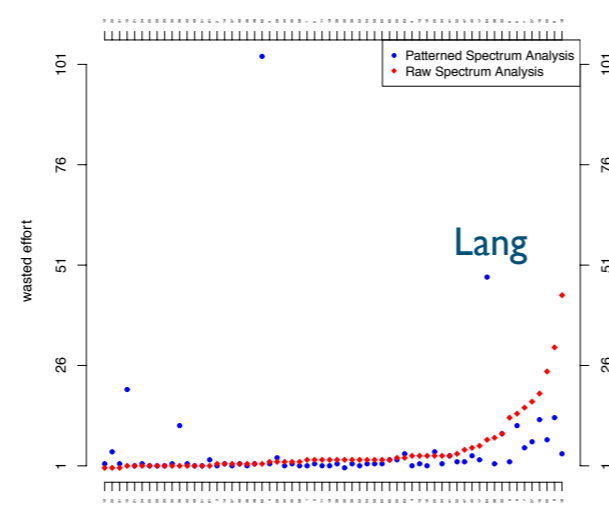
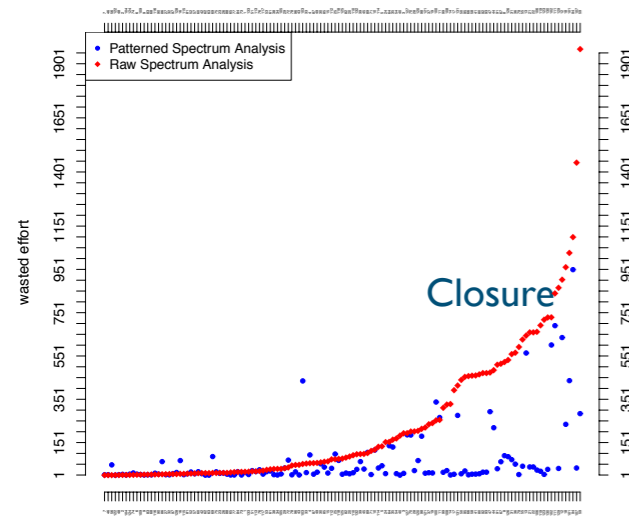
5 Open source projects

351 faults

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# Previous Study



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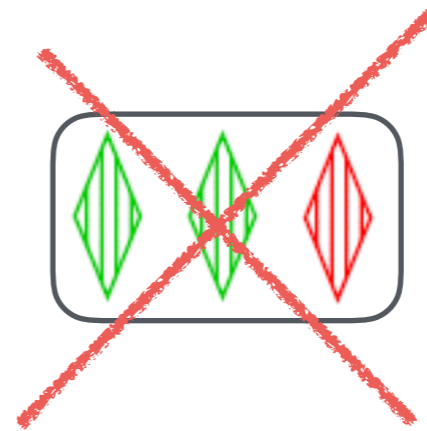
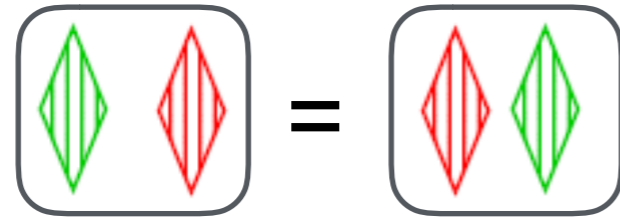
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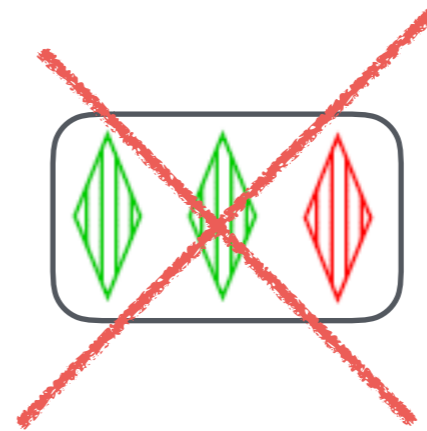
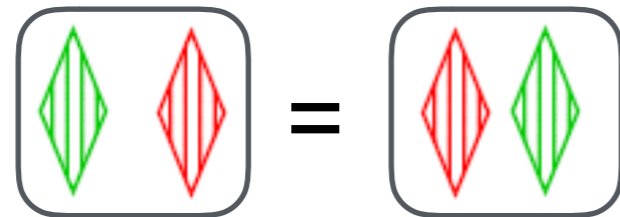
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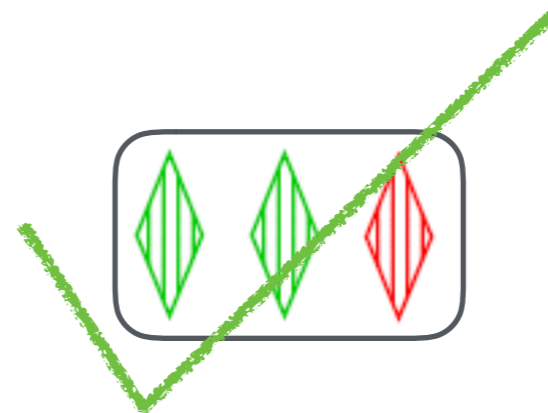
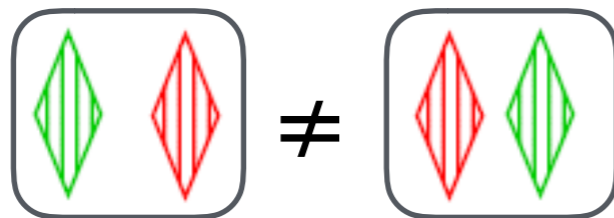


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## Item Set Mining



## Sequence Mining?



# Preliminary Study

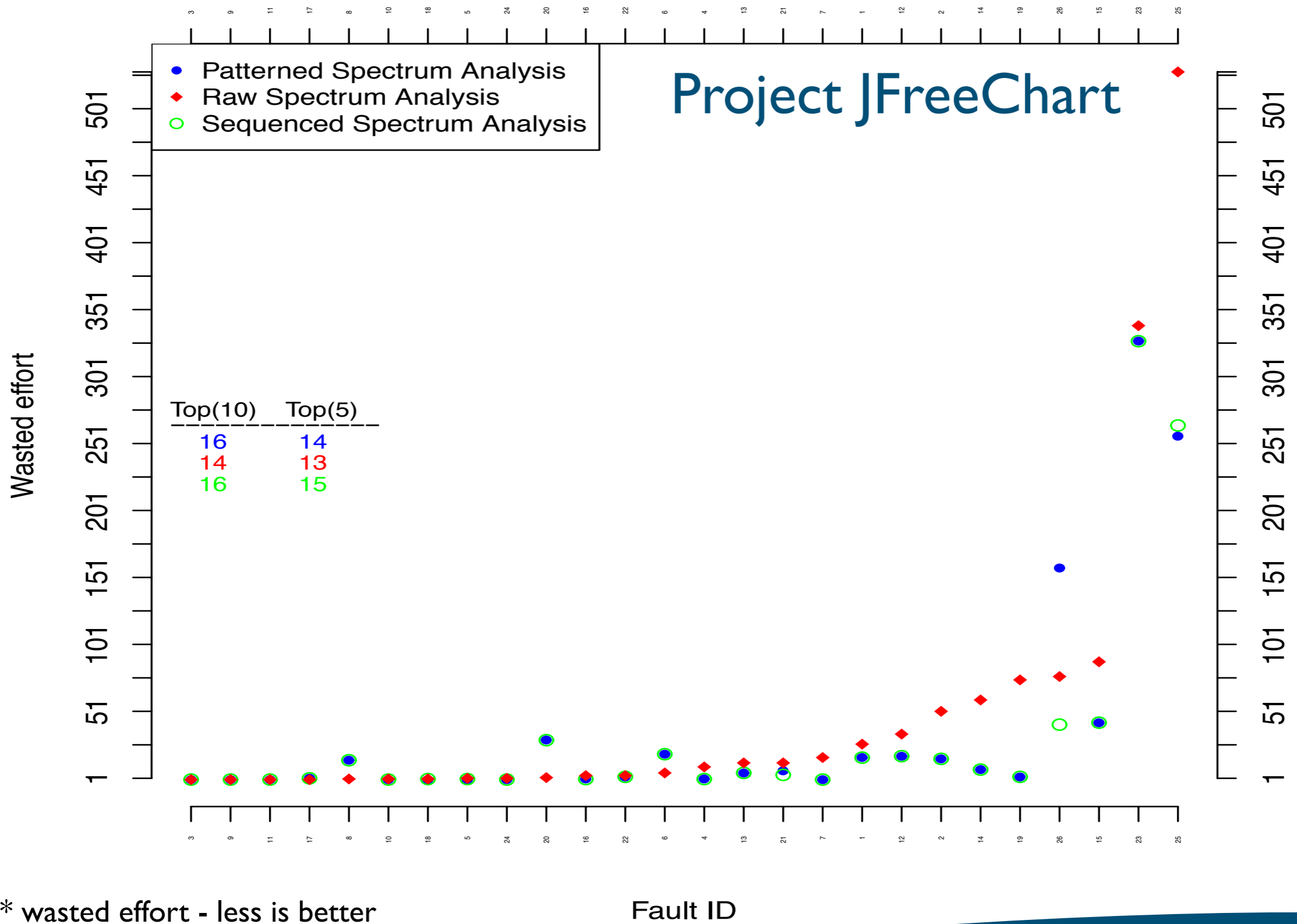
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Comparison of three analyses

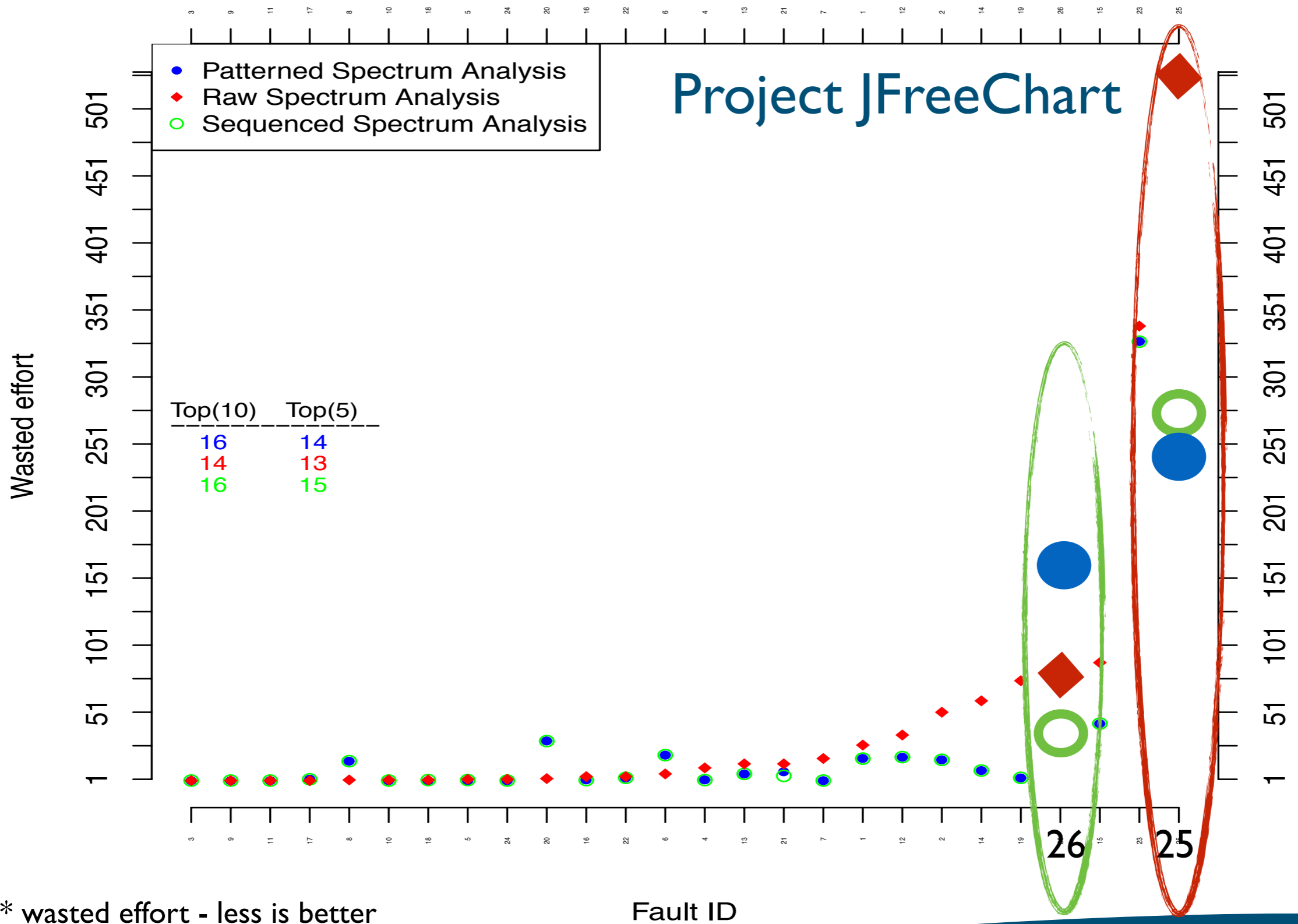
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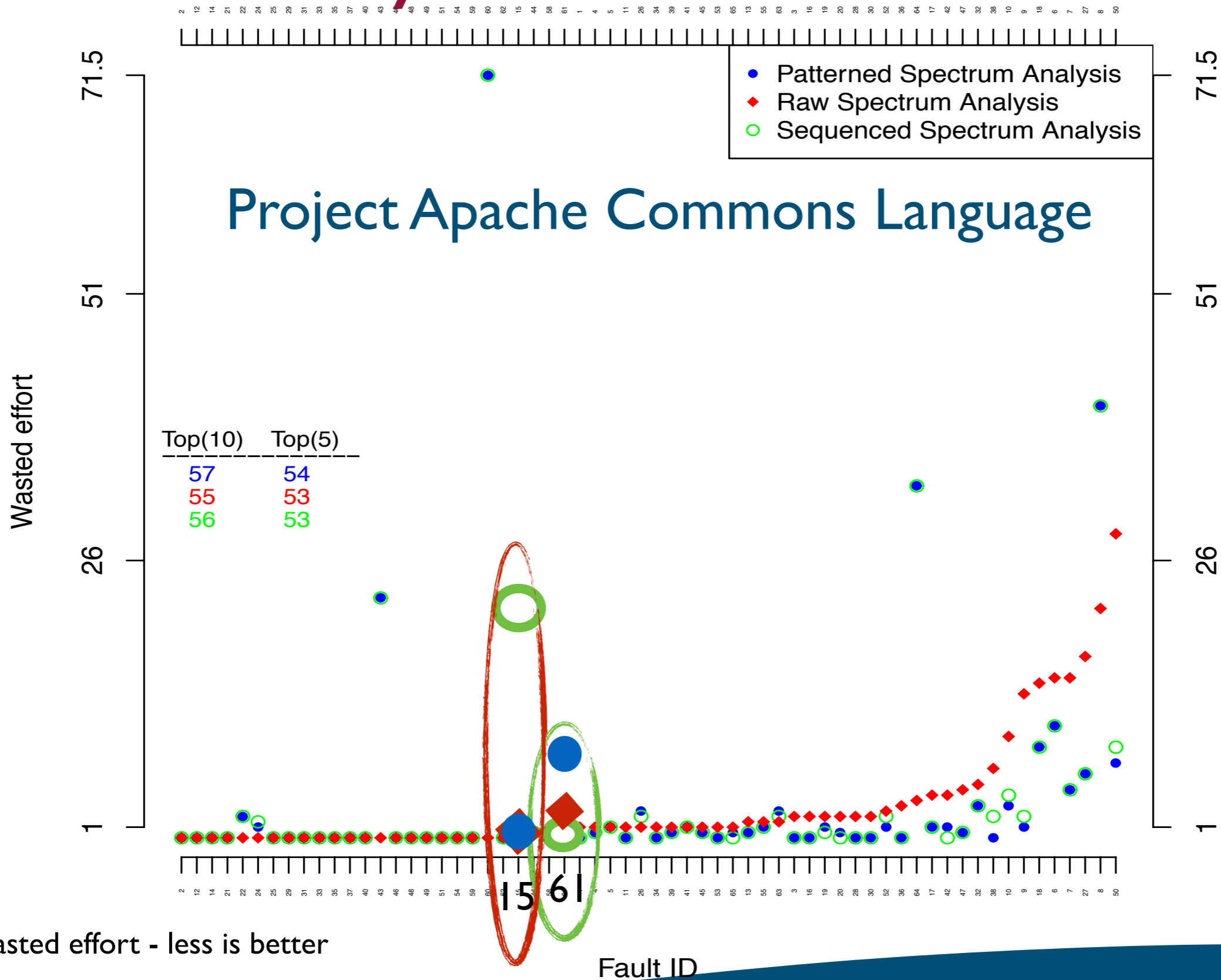


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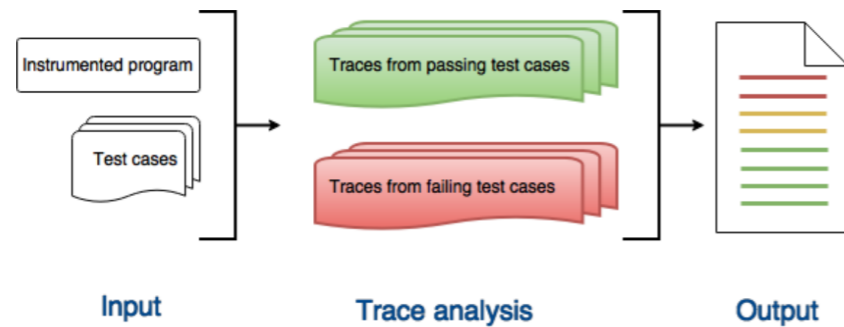
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# Summary

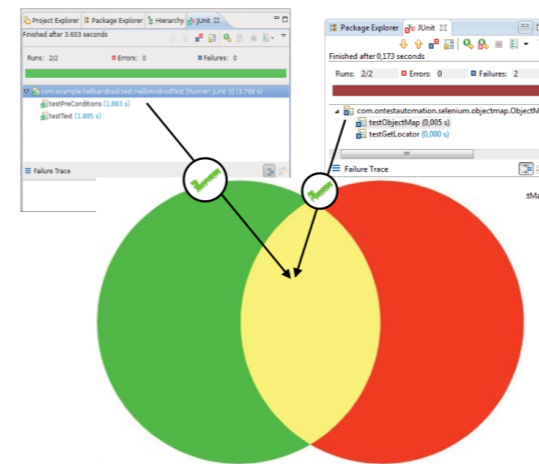
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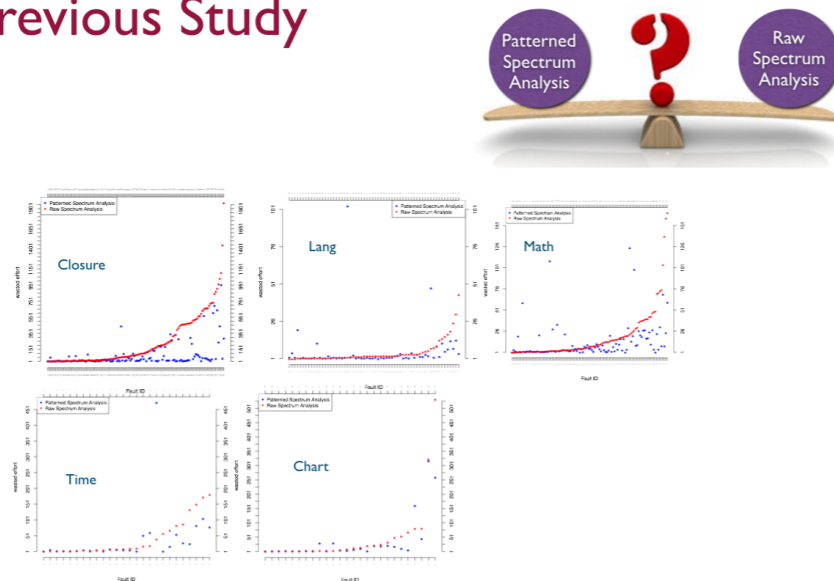
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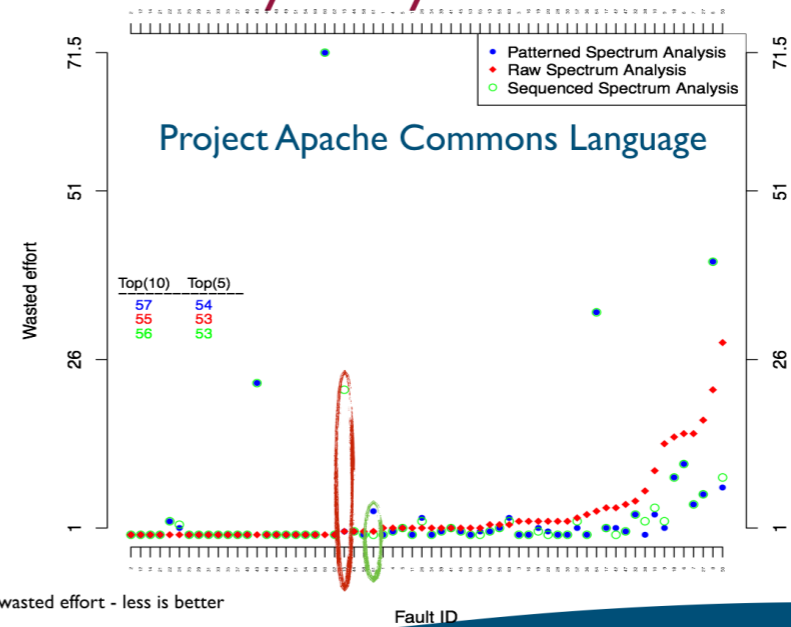
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## Previous Study



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