

Concolic Testing

Dynamic Symbolic Execution

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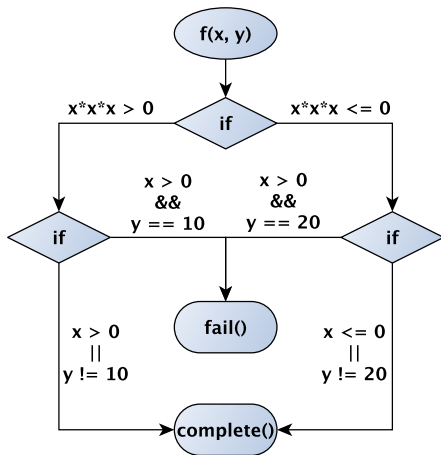
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- Goals
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 - ▶ Check corner cases
 - ▶ Provide high code coverage (e.g. **path coverage**)

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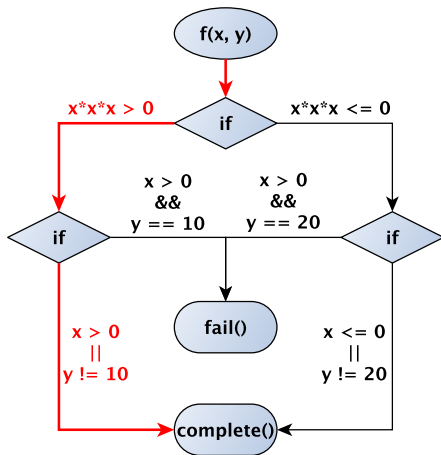
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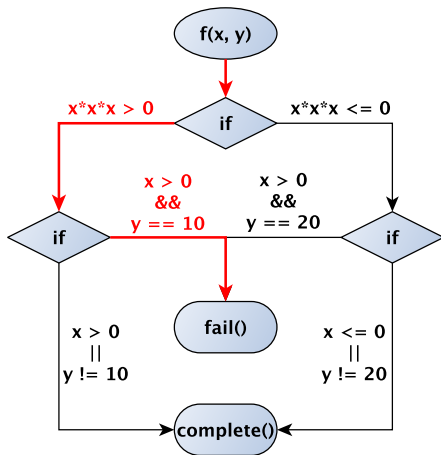
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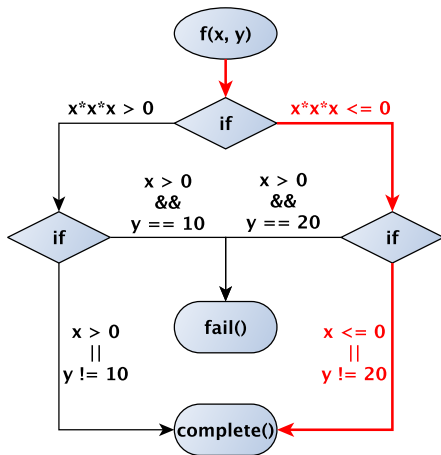
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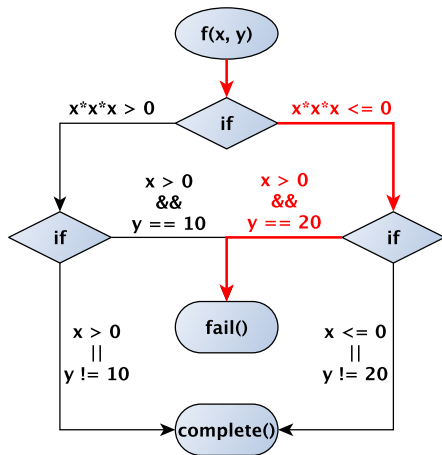
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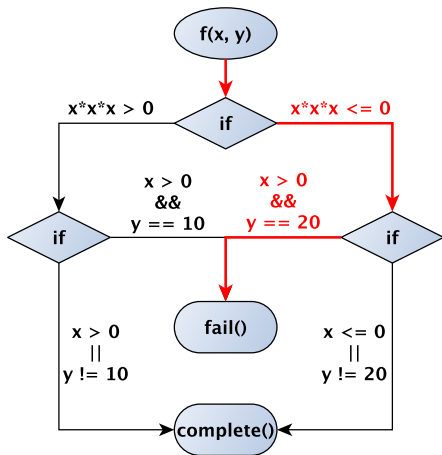
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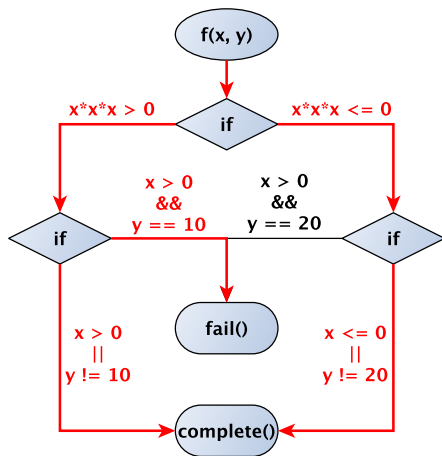
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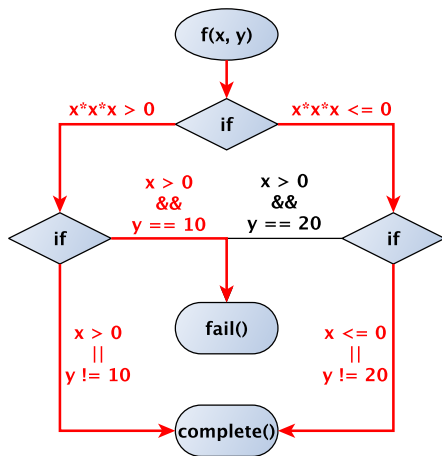
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- Find input set to run program along different paths



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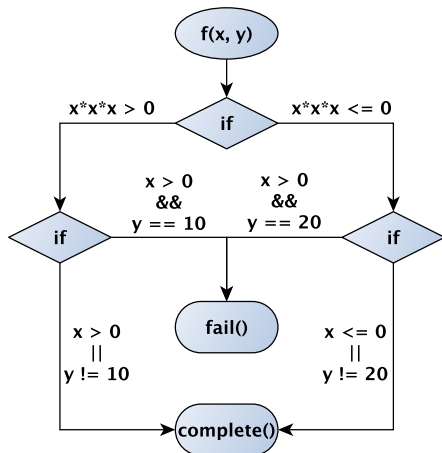
- Most naive way of testing
- Generate random inputs
- Concrete input values
- Dynamic execution of program
- Observe behavior
- Compare against expected behavior
e.g. output or "do not crash"

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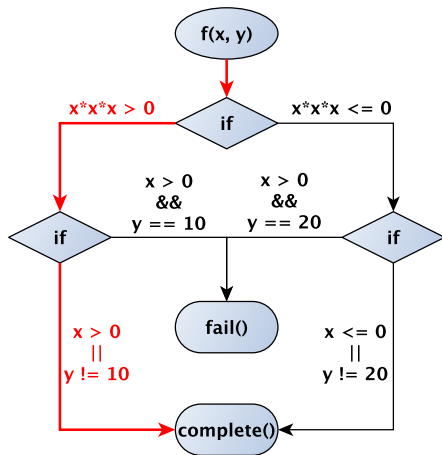
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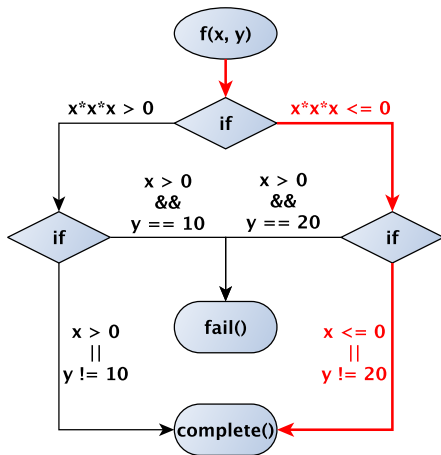
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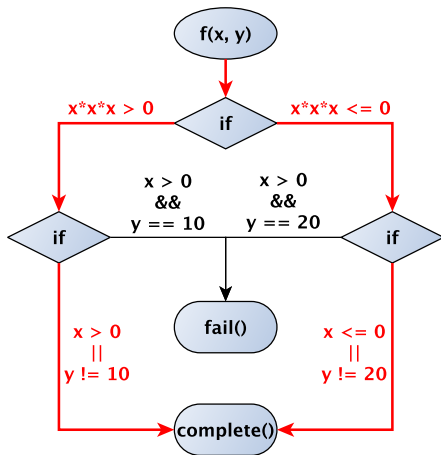
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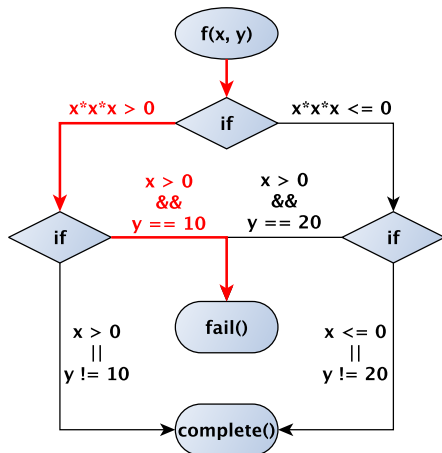
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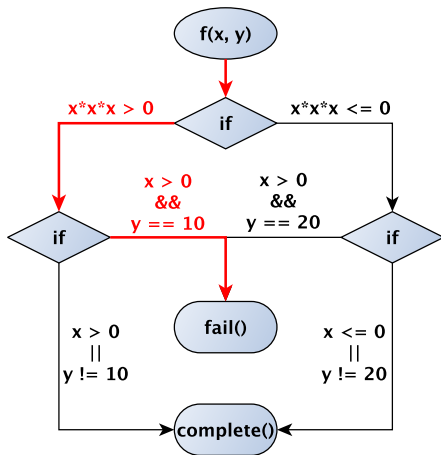
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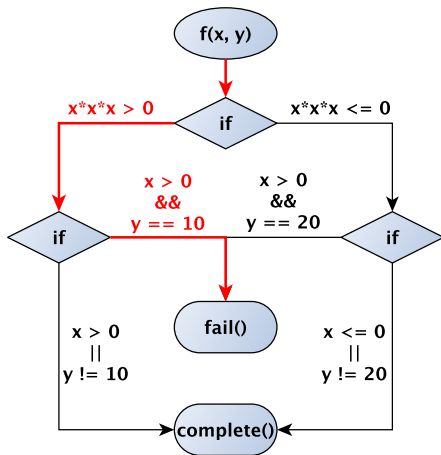
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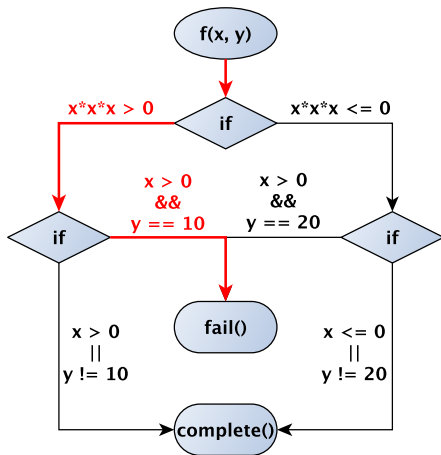
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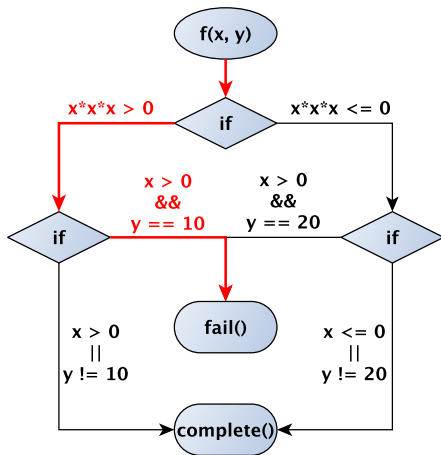
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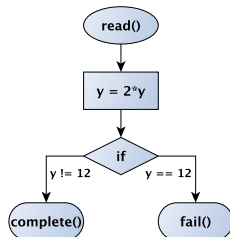
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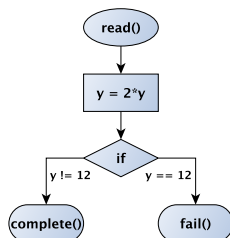
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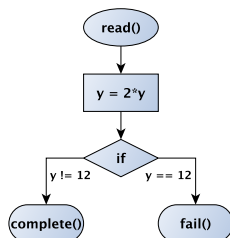
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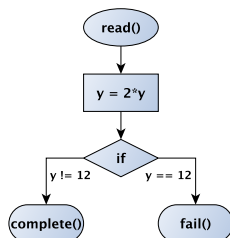
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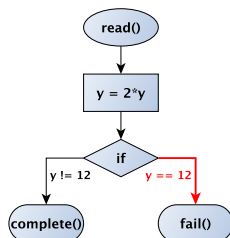
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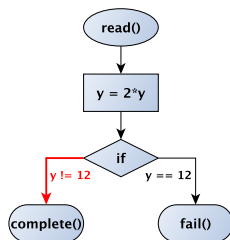
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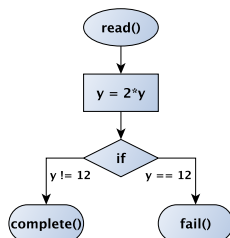
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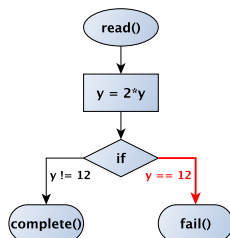


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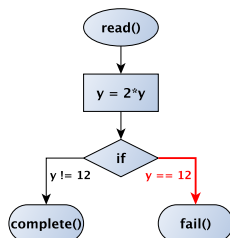


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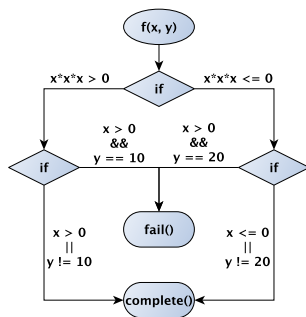
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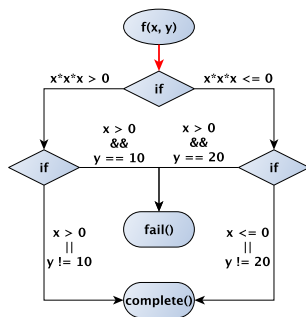
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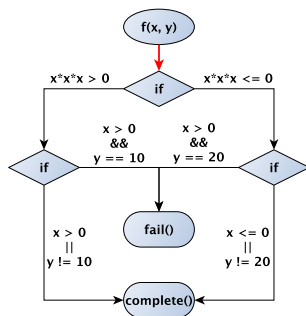
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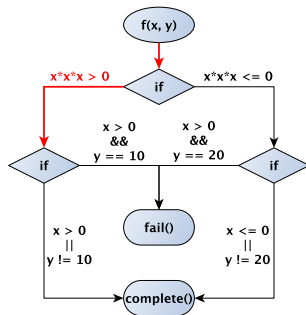
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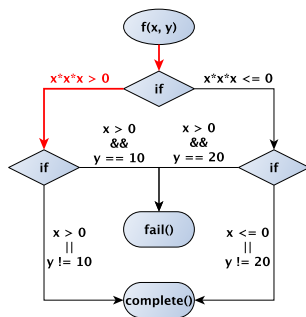
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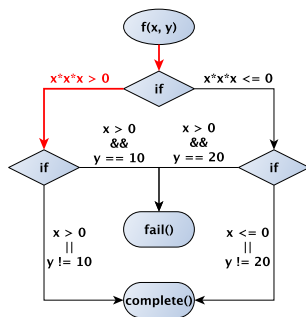
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DART in Action (1)

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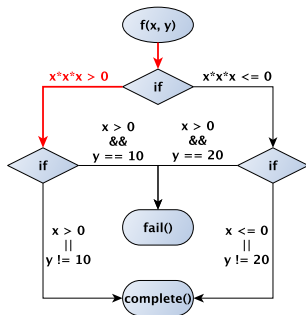


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- Solve constraint
Non-Linear \Rightarrow Fail

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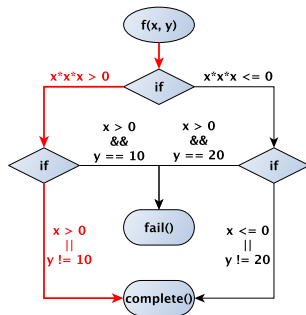
Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x1 = X, y1 = Y$
- Constrain x
 $X * X * X <= 0$
- Solve constraint
Non-Linear \Rightarrow Fail
- **Concrete fallback**
 $x1 = 700$

DART in Action (1)

Dynamic Execution

- Random Testing
- Random inputs
 $x = 700, y = 500$
- $x * x * x > 0$
- $y \neq 10$



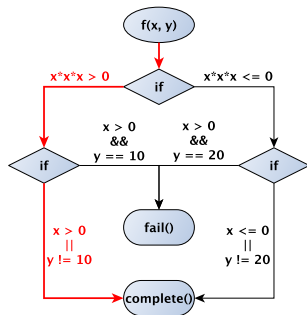
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- Introduce symbols
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DART in Action (1)

Dynamic Execution

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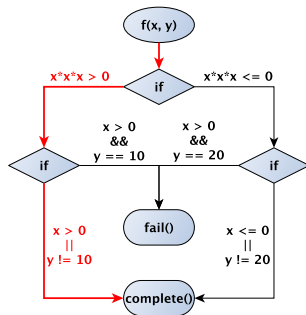


Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x1 = X, y1 = Y$
- Constrain x
 $X * X * X \leq 0$
- Solve constraint
Non-Linear \Rightarrow Fail
- Concrete fallback
 $x1 = 700$
- **Constrain y**
 $Y == 10$

Dynamic Execution

- Random Testing
- Random inputs
 $x = 700, y = 500$
- $x * x * x > 0$
- $y \neq 10$

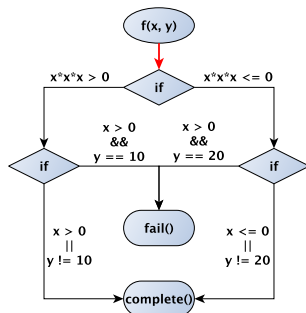


Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x1 = X, y1 = Y$
- Constrain x
 $X * X * X \leq 0$
- Solve constraint
Non-Linear \Rightarrow Fail
- Concrete fallback
 $x1 = 700$
- Constrain y
 $Y == 10$
- Solve constraint
 $x1 = 700, y1 = 10$

Dynamic Execution

- Given inputs
 $x = 700, y = 10$

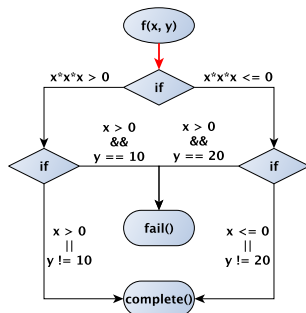


Dynamic Execution

- Given inputs
 $x = 700, y = 10$

Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x2 = X, y2 = Y$

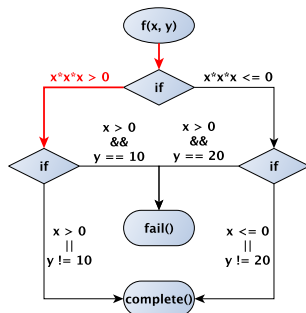


Dynamic Execution

- Given inputs
 $x = 700, y = 10$
- $x * x * x > 0$

Symbolic Execution

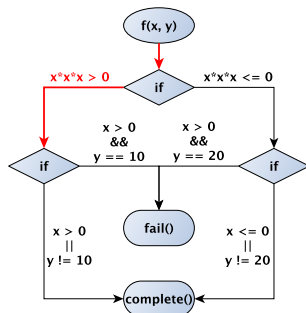
- Introduce symbols
 $x2 = X, y2 = Y$



DART in Action (2)

Dynamic Execution

- Given inputs
 $x = 700, y = 10$
- $x * x * x > 0$



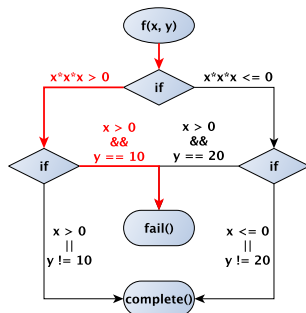
Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x2 = X, y2 = Y$
- Constrain x
 $X * X * X <= 0$
- Solve constraint
Non-Linear \Rightarrow Fail
- Concrete fallback
 $x2 = 700$

DART in Action (2)

Dynamic Execution

- Given inputs
 $x = 700, y = 10$
- $x * x * x > 0$
- $x > 0 \ \&\& \ y == 10$



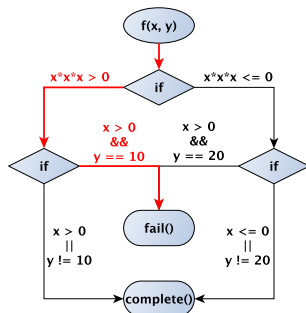
Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
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- Solve constraint
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- Concrete fallback
 $x2 = 700$

DART in Action (2)

Dynamic Execution

- Given inputs
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- $x * x * x > 0$
- $x > 0 \ \&\& \ y == 10$



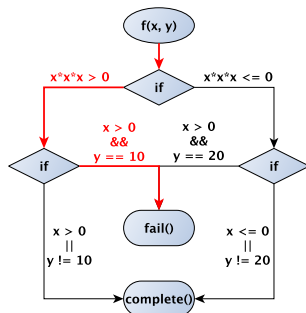
Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x2 = X, y2 = Y$
- Constrain x
 $X * X * X \leq 0$
- Solve constraint
Non-Linear \Rightarrow Fail
- Concrete fallback
 $x2 = 700$
- Branch explored
 \Rightarrow Nothing to do

DART in Action (2)

Dynamic Execution

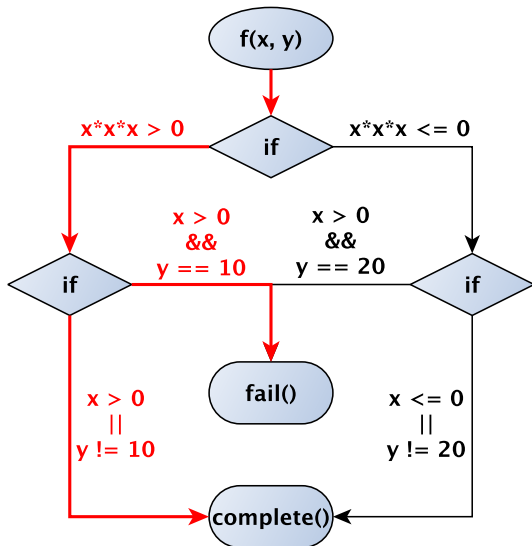
- Given inputs
 $x = 700, y = 10$
- $x * x * x > 0$
- $x > 0 \ \&\& \ y == 10$



Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x2 = X, y2 = Y$
- Constrain x
 $X * X * X \leq 0$
- Solve constraint
Non-Linear \Rightarrow Fail
- Concrete fallback
 $x2 = 700$
- Branch explored
 \Rightarrow Nothing to do
- No new inputs

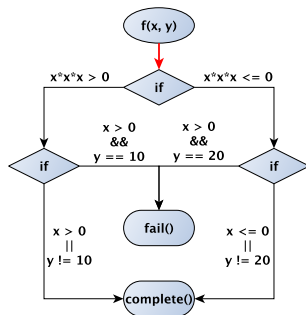
DART in Action (3 ...)



Dynamic Execution

- Random Testing
- Random inputs

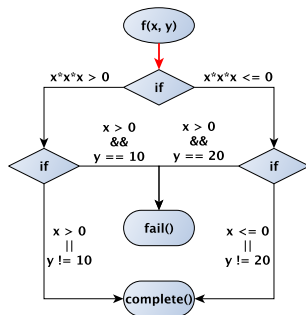
$x = -700, y = 500$



Dynamic Execution

- Random Testing
- Random inputs

$x = -700, y = 500$



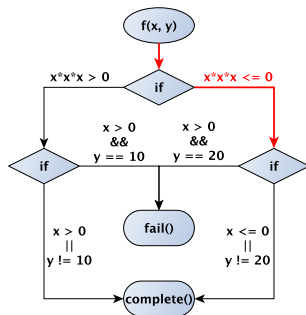
Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols

$x^N = X, y^N = Y$

Dynamic Execution

- Random Testing
- Random inputs
 $x = -700, y = 500$
- $x+x+x \leq 0$



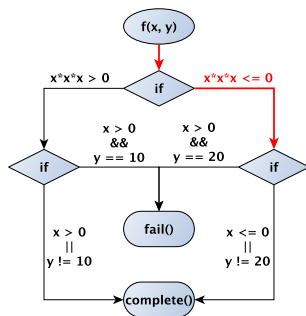
Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols

$$x^N = X, \quad y^N = Y$$

Dynamic Execution

- Random Testing
- Random inputs
 $x = -700, y = 500$
- $x + x + x \leq 0$

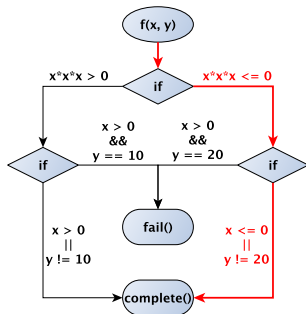


Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x^N = X, y^N = Y$
- Branch explored
 \Rightarrow Nothing to do

Dynamic Execution

- Random Testing
- Random inputs
 $x = -700, y = 500$
- $x + x + x \leq 0$
- $x < 0 \ \&\& \ y \neq 20$

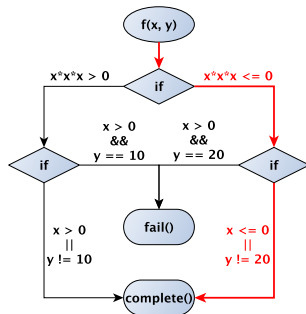


Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x^N = X, y^N = Y$
- Branch explored
 \Rightarrow Nothing to do

Dynamic Execution

- Random Testing
- Random inputs
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- $x + x * x \leq 0$
- $x < 0 \ \&\& \ y \neq 20$

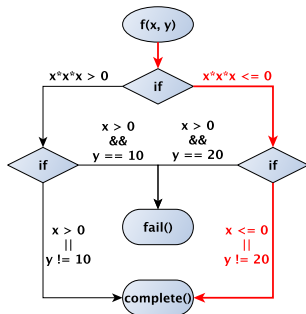


Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x^N = X, y^N = Y$
- Branch explored
 \Rightarrow Nothing to do
- **Constrain** x, y
 $X > 0, Y == 20$

Dynamic Execution

- Random Testing
- Random inputs
 $x = -700, y = 500$
- $x + x + x \leq 0$
- $x < 0 \ \&\& \ y \neq 20$

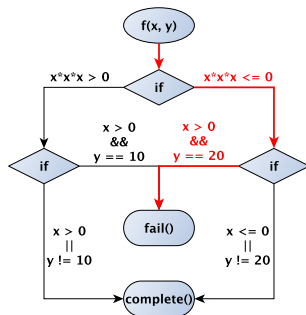


Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x^N = X, y^N = Y$
- Branch explored
 \Rightarrow Nothing to do
- Constrain X, Y
 $X > 0, Y \neq 20$
- **Solve constraints**
 $x^N = 700, y^N = 20$

Dynamic Execution

- Random Testing
- Random inputs
 $x = -700, y = 500$
- $x + x + x \leq 0$
- $x < 0 \ \&\& \ y \neq 20$



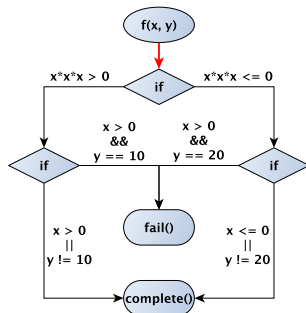
Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x^N = X, y^N = Y$
- Branch explored \Rightarrow Nothing to do
- Constrain X, Y
 $X > 0, Y == 20$
- Solve constraints
 $x^N = 700, y^N = 20$
- Assumed path

Dynamic Execution

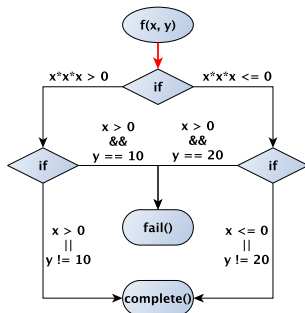
- Given inputs
 $x = 700, y = 20$

Symbolic Execution



Dynamic Execution

- Given inputs
 $x = 700, y = 20$

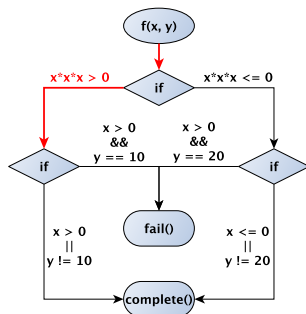


Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x^M = X, y^M = Y$

Dynamic Execution

- Given inputs
 $x = 700, y = 20$
- $x * x * x > 0$

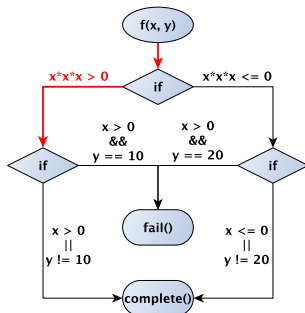


Symbolic Execution

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Dynamic Execution

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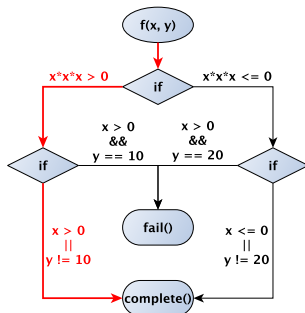


Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
 $x^M = X, y^M = Y$
- Branch explored**
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Dynamic Execution

- Given inputs
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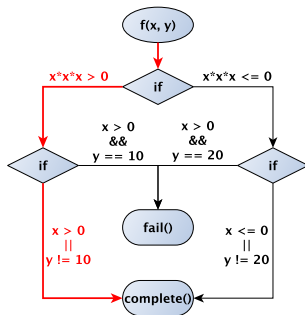


Symbolic Execution

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 $x^M = X, y^M = Y$
- Branch explored
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Dynamic Execution

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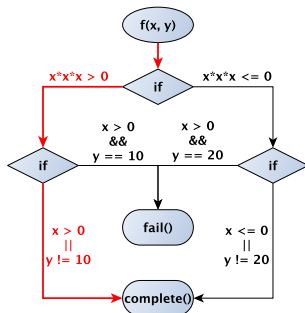
Symbolic Execution

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- Branch explored
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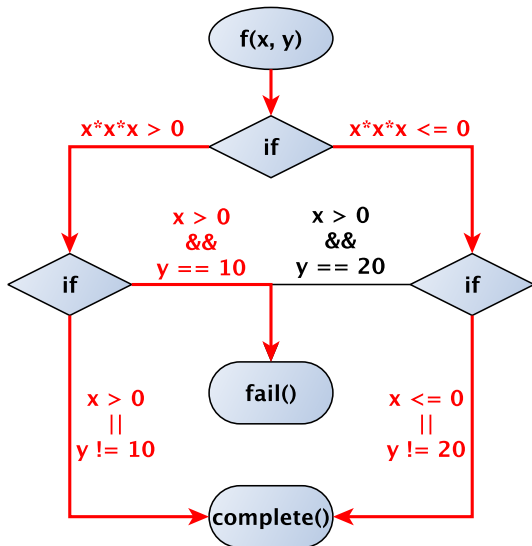
⇒ Same as 1st path!



Symbolic Execution

- Introduce symbols
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- Branch explored
⇒ Nothing to do
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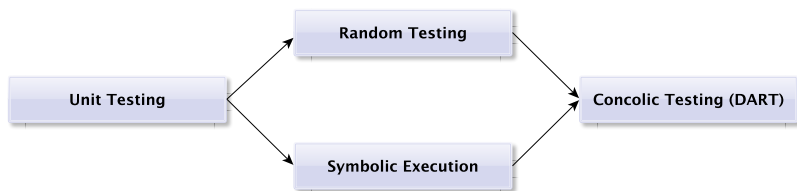
DART Completed



Overview

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Summary



- ⇒ Classification of DART
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