

Test-Driven Synthesis

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TDD example¹

Test cases:

Program:

```
wrap(string s, int len) {  
    // do nothing  
    throw new  
    NotImplementedException();  
  
}
```

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TheTransformationPriorityPremise.html](http://blog.8thlight.com/uncle-bob/2013/05/27/TheTransformationPriorityPremise.html)

TDD example¹

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 `== "word"`

Program:

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wrap(string s, int len) {  
    // return constant "word"  
    return "word";  
  
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  // return input if short  
  if(s.Len ≤ len)  
    return s;  
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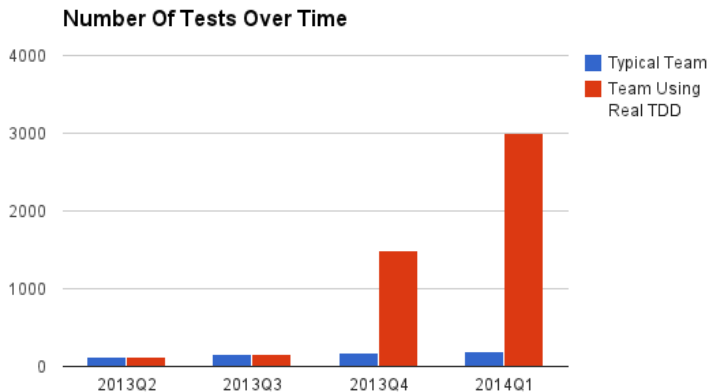
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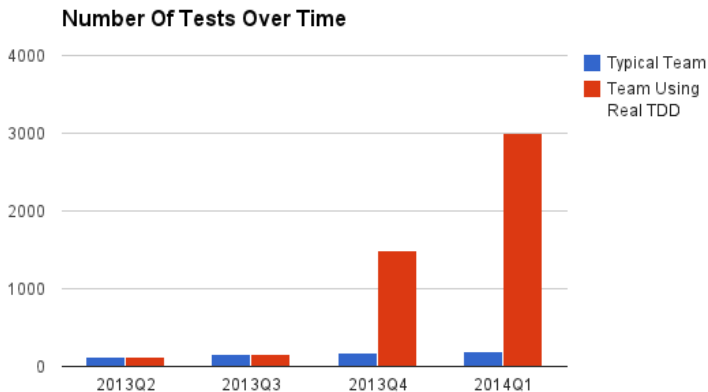
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Google's Real TDD²



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Example domain: string transformations

“Spreadsheet Data Manipulation using Examples,
CACM 2012,
Sumit Gulwani, William Harris, Rishabh Singh”



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Communications of the ACM, 2012”

Example domain: table transformations

	Qual 1	Qual 2	Qual 3
Andrew	01.02.2003	27.06.2008	06.04.2007
Ben	31.08.2001		05.07.2004
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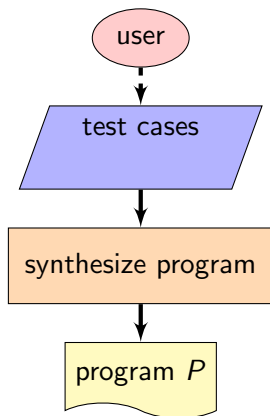
Example domain: XML transformations

```
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<p>1</p>  
<p class='a'>2</p>  
<p>3</p>  
<p>4</p>  
<p class='b'>5</p>  
<p>6</p>  
<p class='c'>7</p>  
</doc>
```

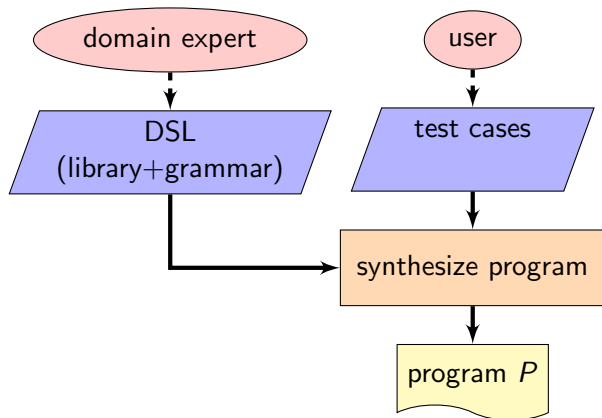
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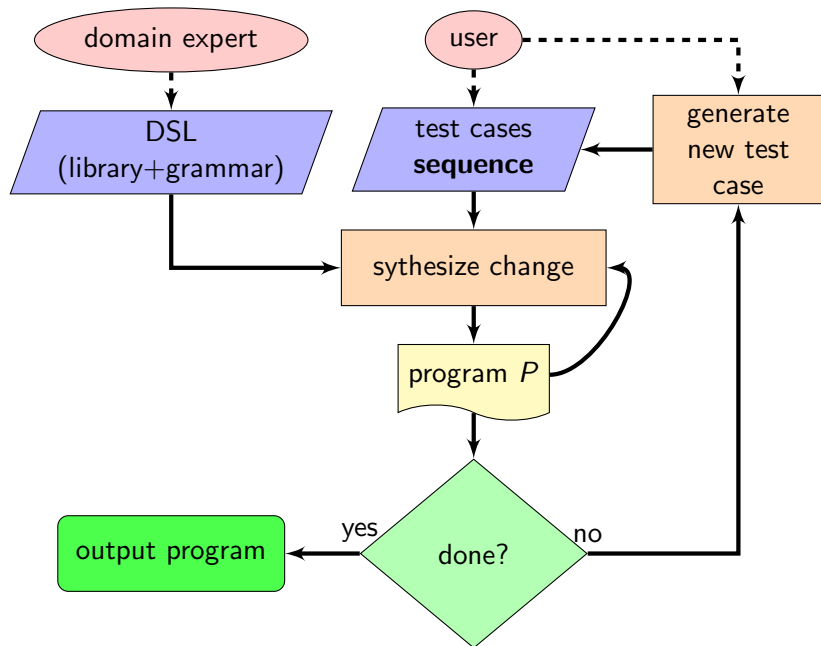
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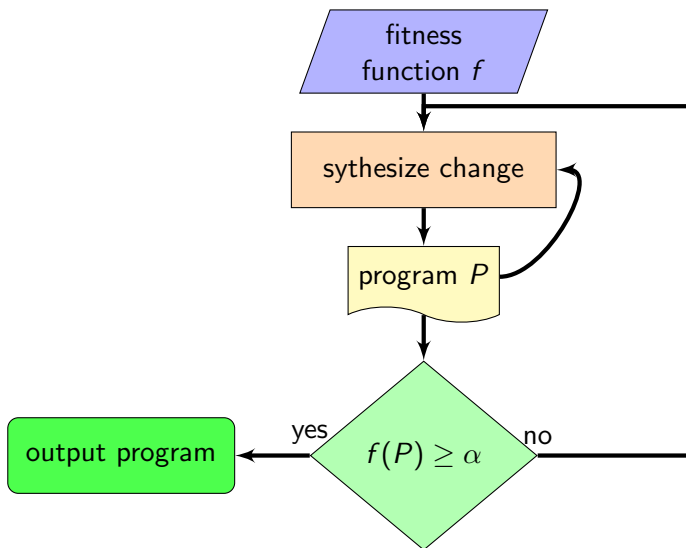
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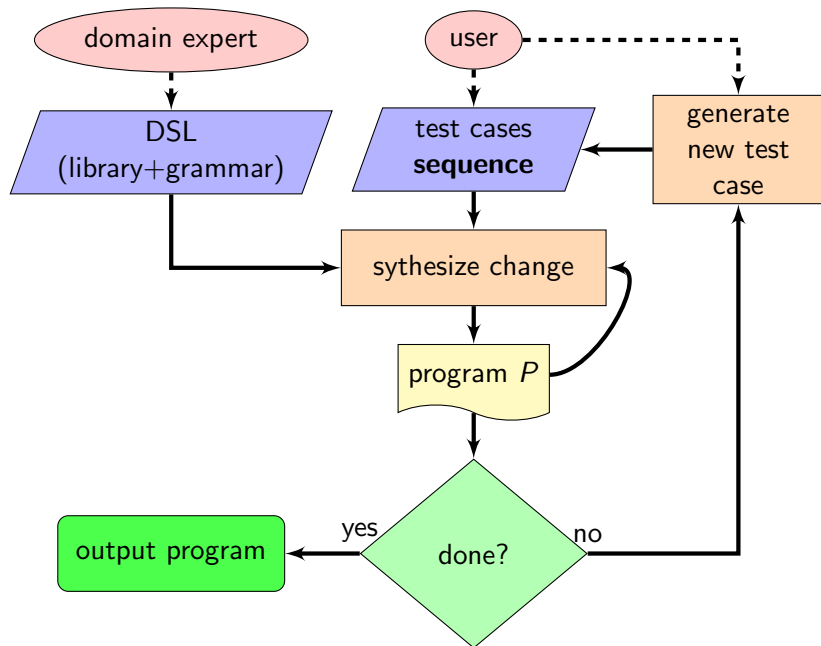
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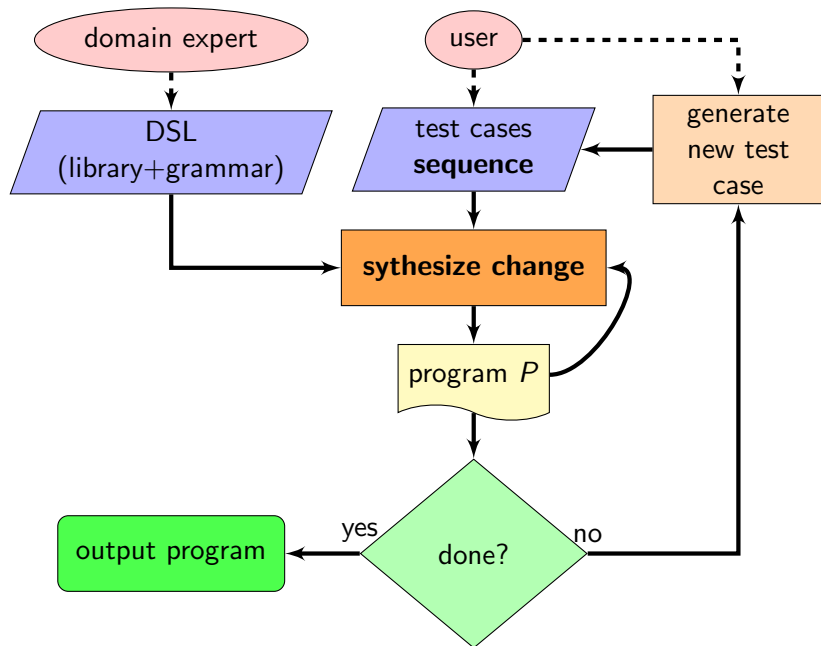
Contrast with genetic programming



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Modifying program

- ▶ Replace single subexpression on new test case's path
- ▶ Where to modify program
- ▶ What to replace with

Where to modify

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        "\n" + wrap(s[len:], len);  
}
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What to put there

- ▶ DSL defines space of expressions
- ▶ Prefer expressions found in previous program
 - ▶ e.g., `wrap(s[len:], len)` contains `s[len:]`

Conditionals

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Loops

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Loops

- ▶ Recursion (if in DSL)
- ▶ Higher-order functions (if in DSL)
- ▶ Direct support for certain loops:
see paper for details

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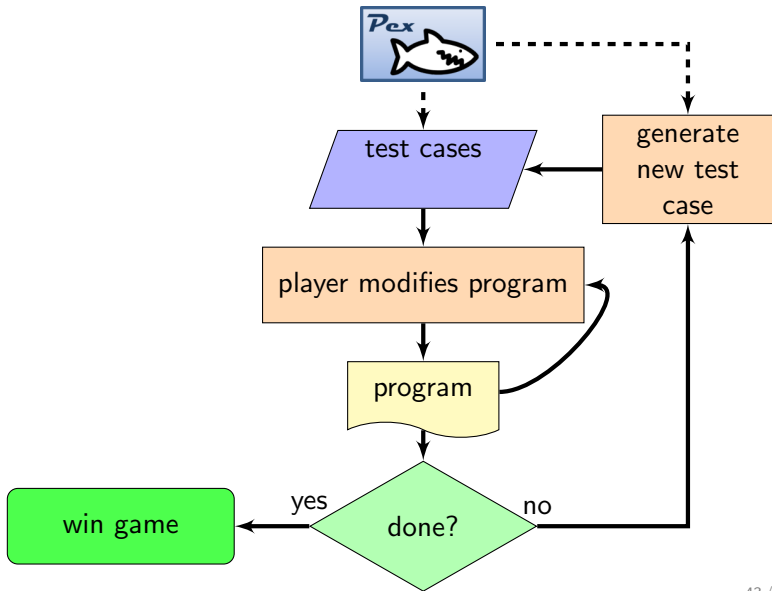
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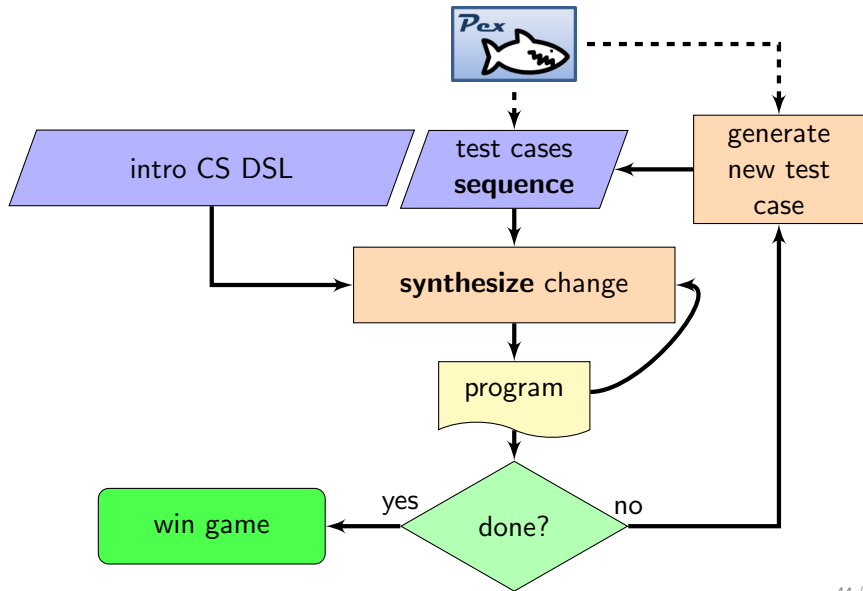
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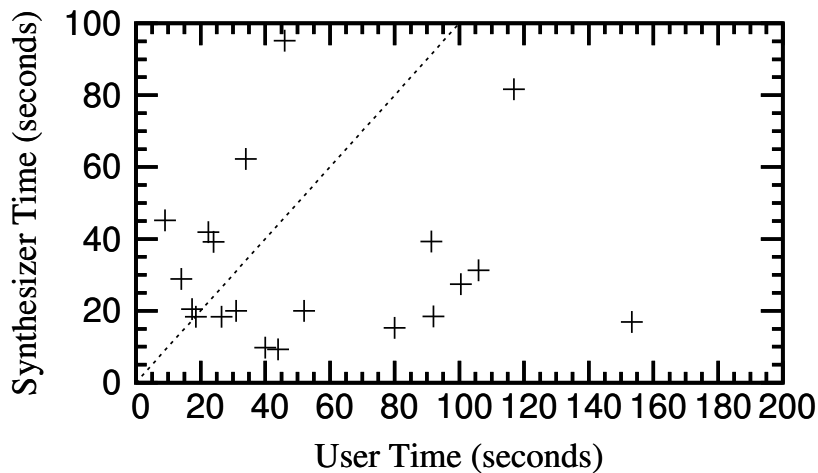
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Comparison to human players

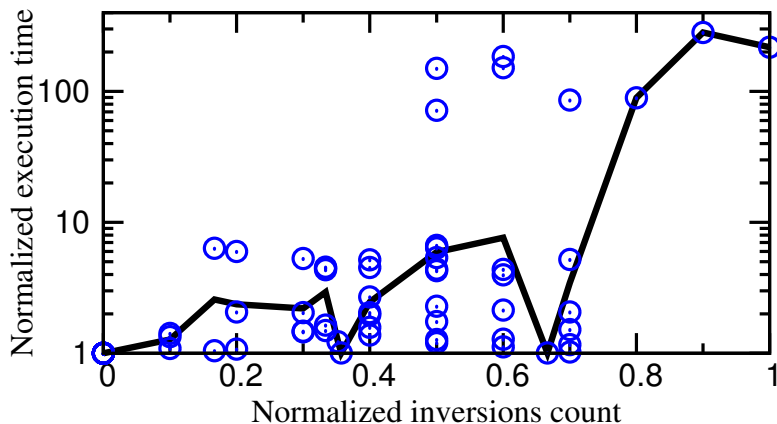


Completion times comparable
to human players

Hypothesis:

- ▶ Test sequence order matters...
- ▶ ...but not too much.

Slowdown due to reordering test case sequence



Robust to small reorderings,
fails on larger reorderings

Contributions

- ▶ Synthesis workflow inspired by TDD
- ▶ Search strategy enabled by this workflow, parameterized by a DSL

Questions

Backup slides

Component-based synthesis example

Starting components:

- ▶ $a+b$
- ▶ 0
- ▶ x
- ▶ y

Generated components (1 step):

- ▶ $0+b$
- ▶ $x+b$
- ▶ $y+b$

Generated components (2 steps):

- ▶ $0+0$
- ▶ $x+0$
- ▶ $y+0$
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- ▶ $x=[10,-31]$
- ▶ $y=[-10,31]$

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Component-based synthesis example

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- ▶ $y=[-10,31]$

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- ▶ $x+b$
- ▶ $y+b$

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- ▶ Array by-element example:

CSum([6,2,8],[4,3,7])
=[10,15,30] ⇒

CSum_body(6,4,0,[])=10
CSum_body(2,3,1,[10])=15
CSum_body(8,7,2,[10,15])=30