

An extended test coverage framework

From potential to actual coverage

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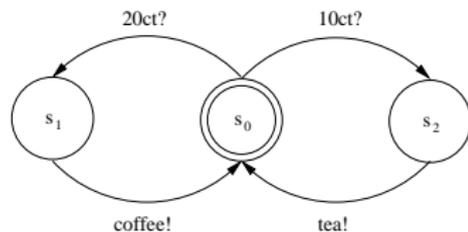
- Previous work by Laura Brandán Briones, Marielle and Ed
- Ideas for several improvements

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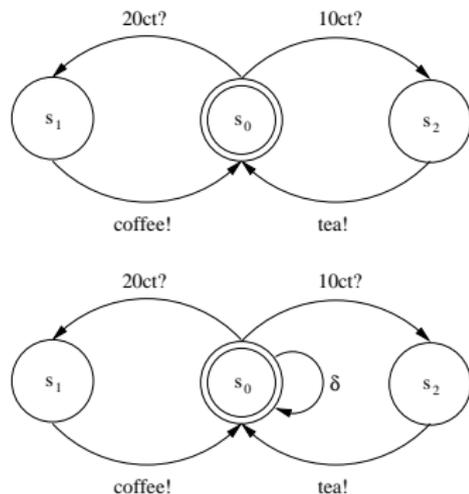
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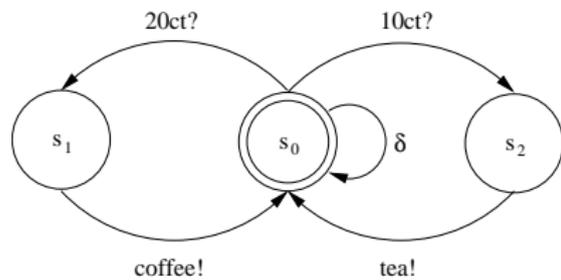
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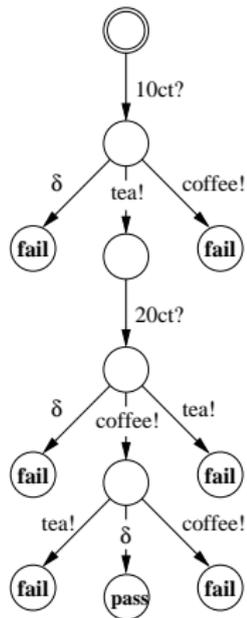
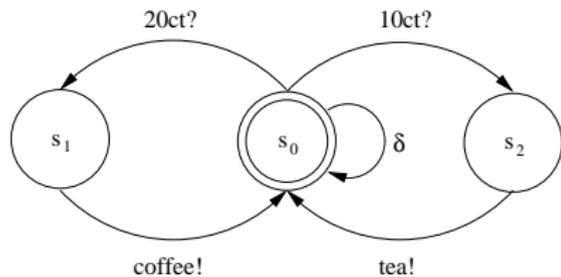
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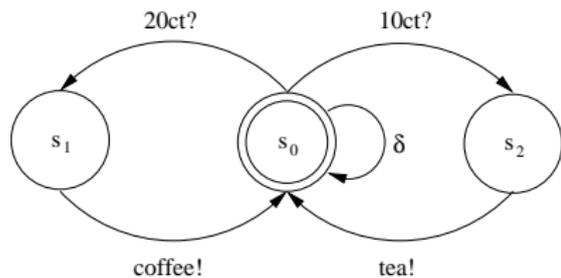
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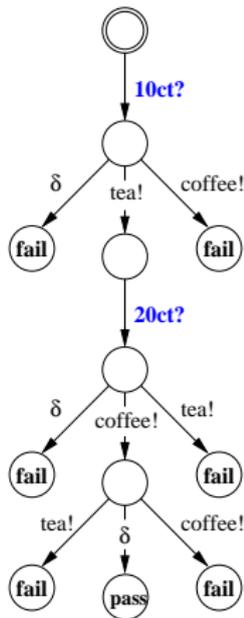
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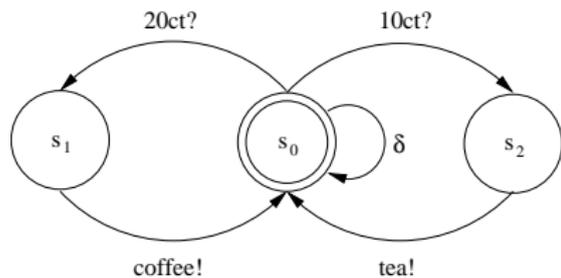
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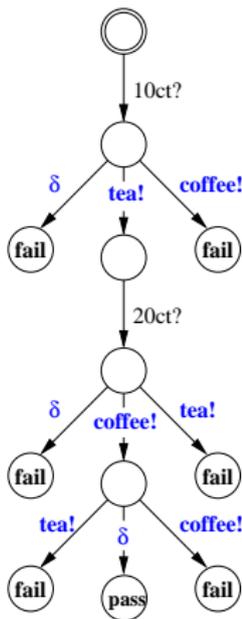
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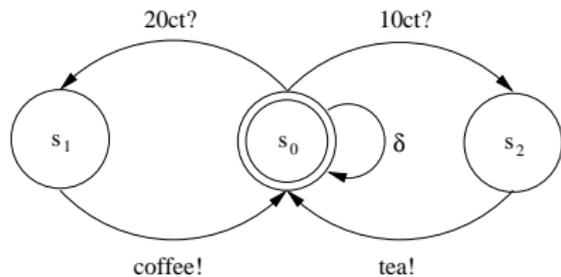
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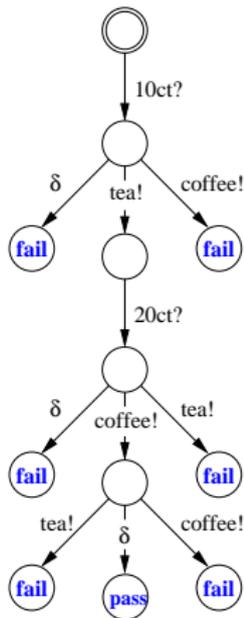
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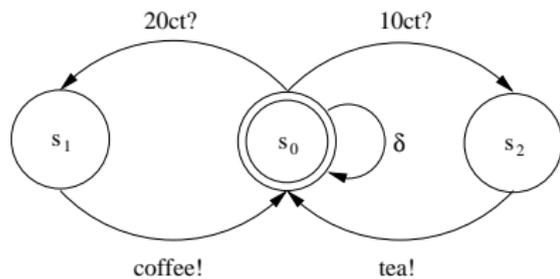
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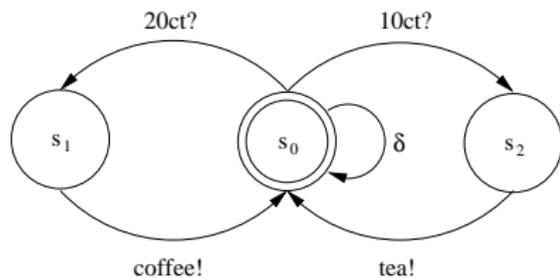
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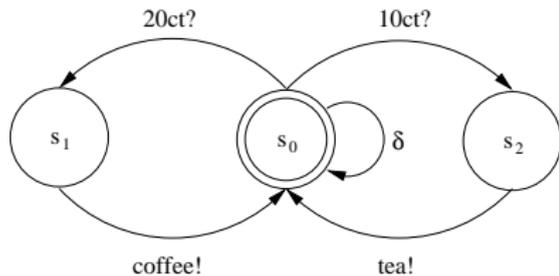
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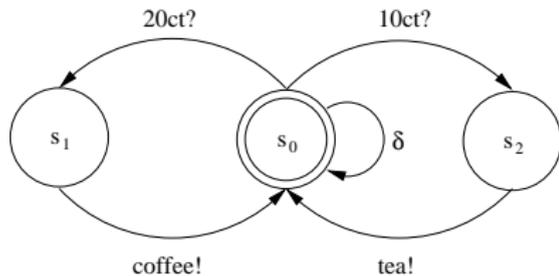
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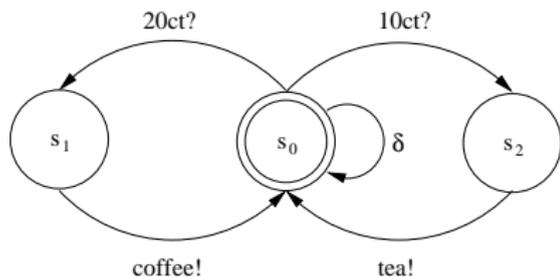
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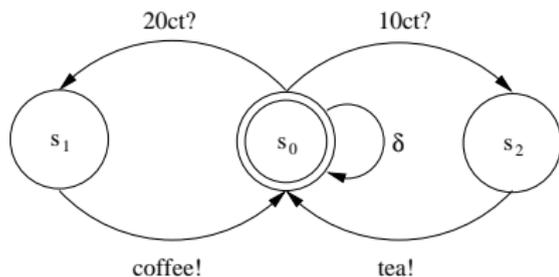
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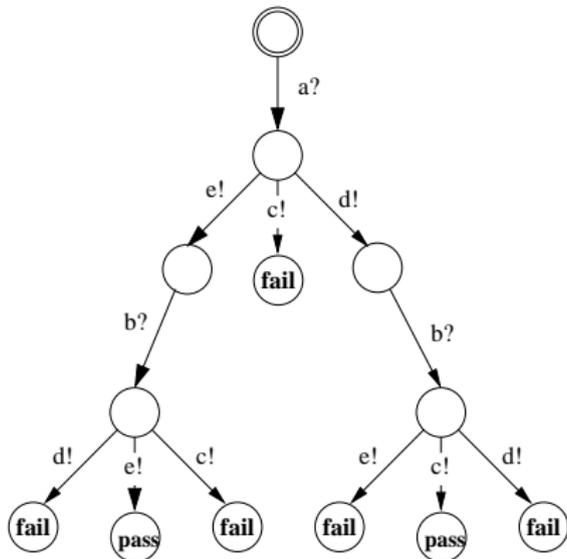


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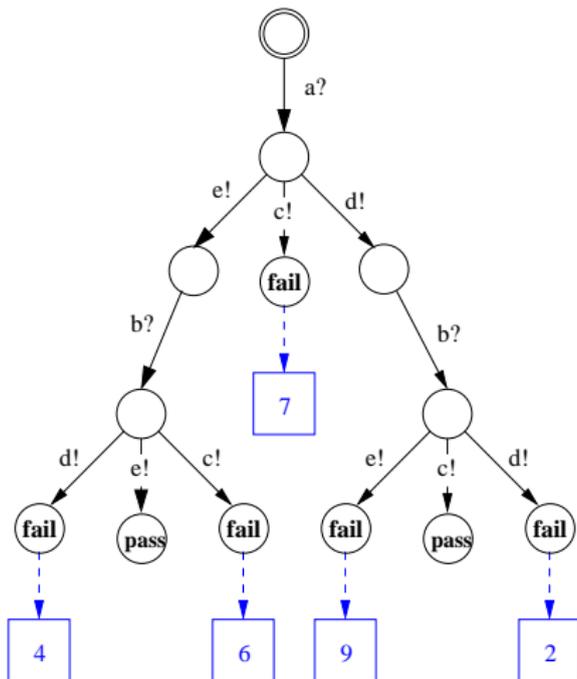
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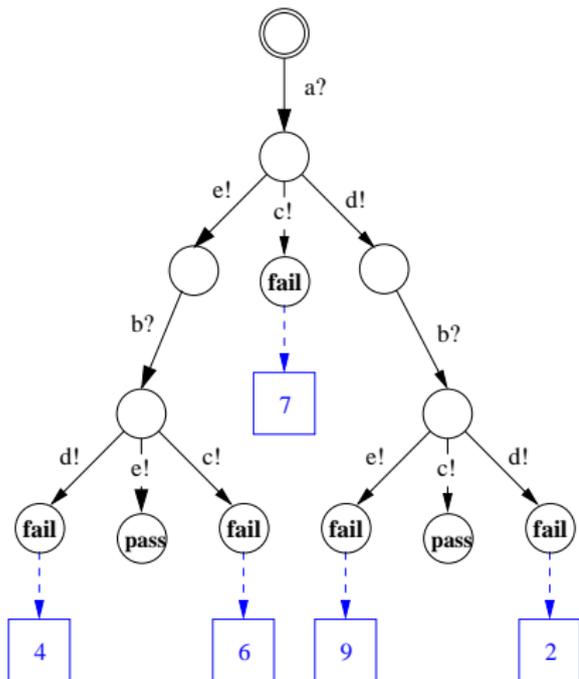
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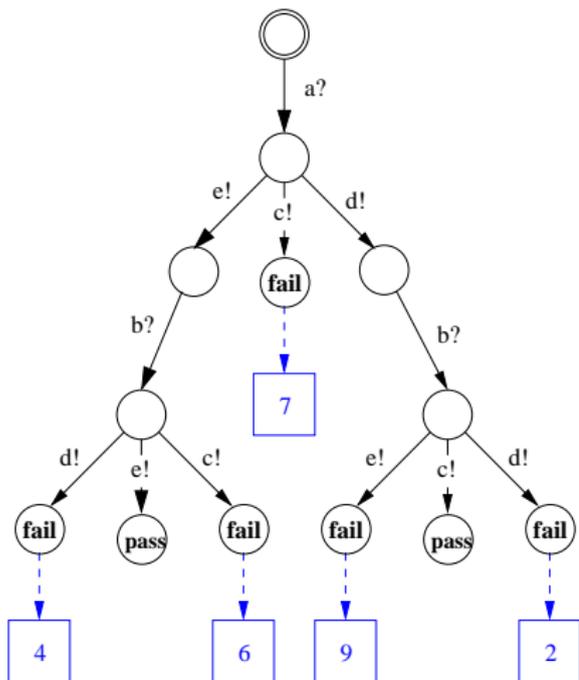


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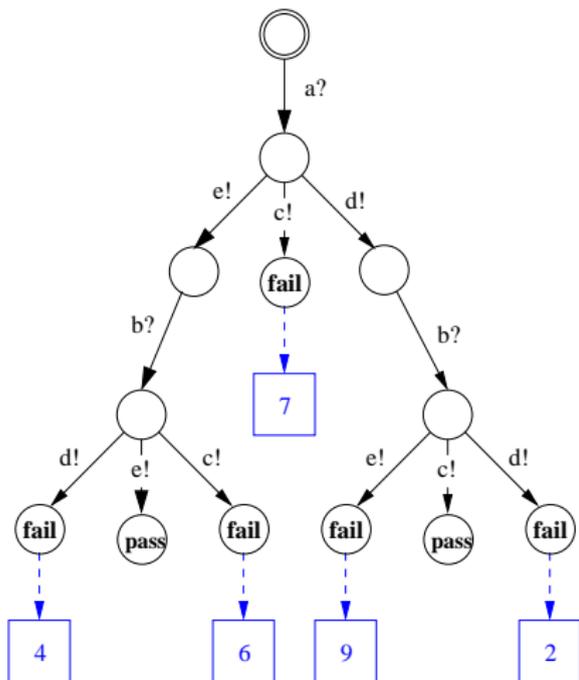
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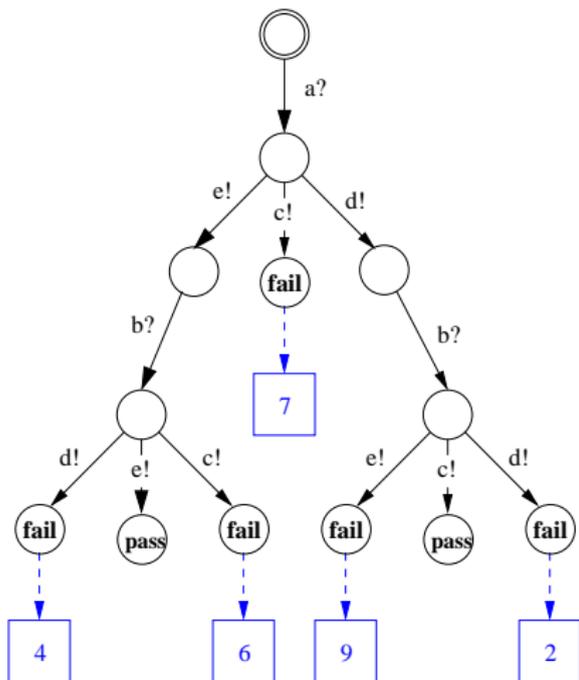


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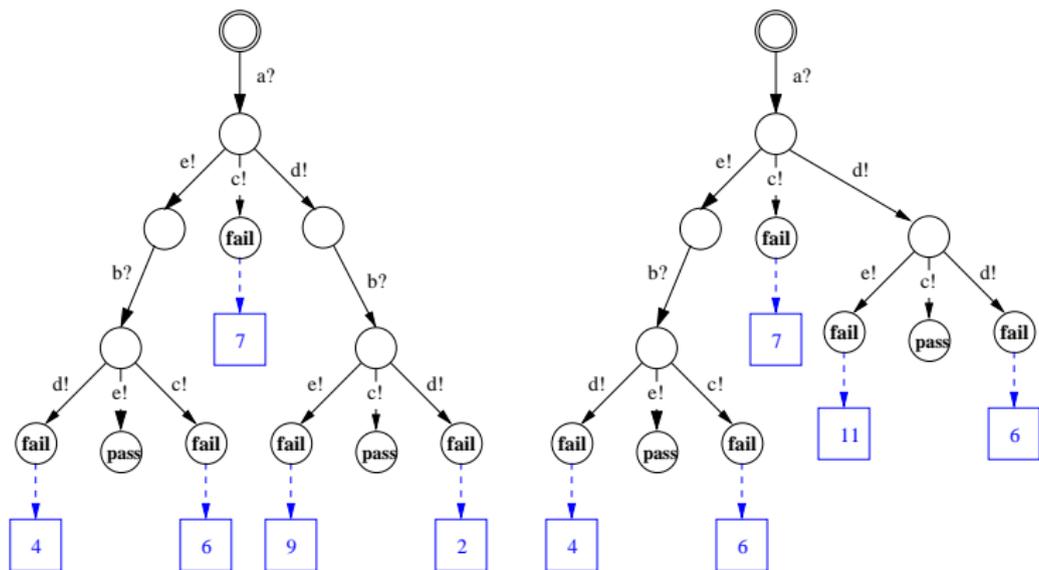
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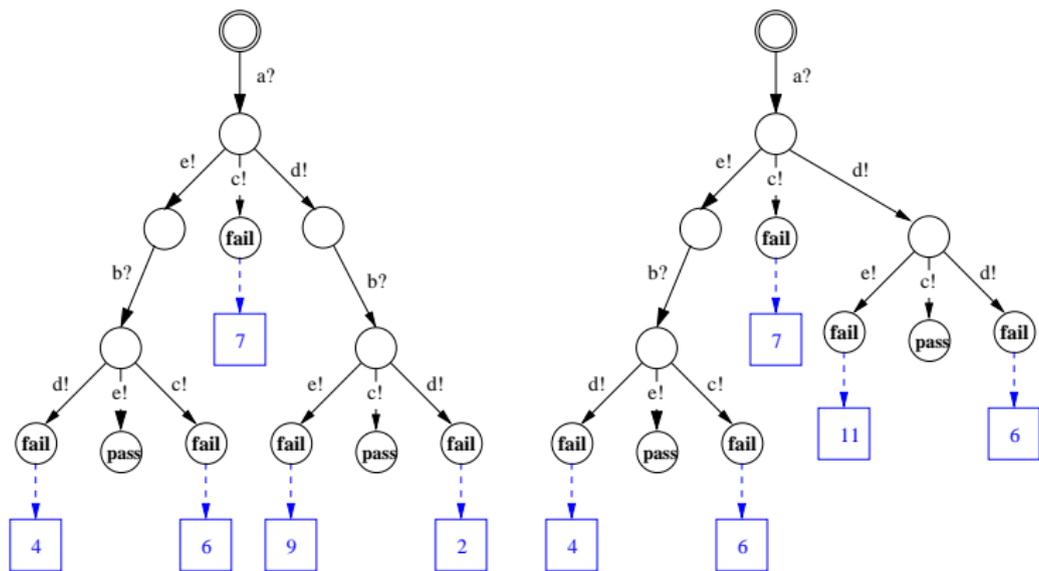
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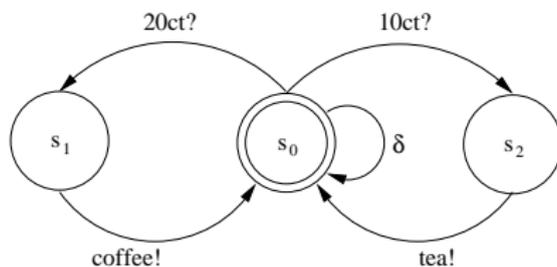


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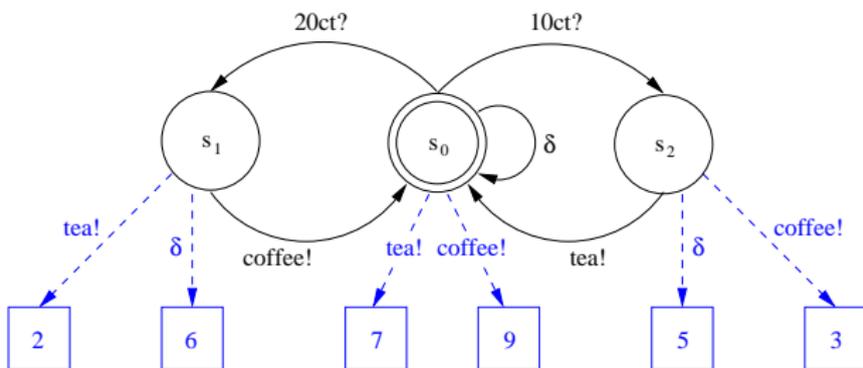


$$absCov_p = 7 + 4 + 6 + 9 + 2 + 11 + 6 = 45$$

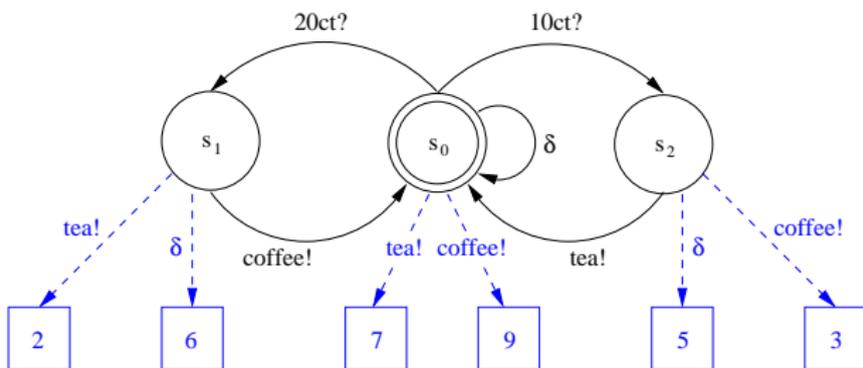
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Definition of fault automata (FAs)

Fault automaton: an LTS and a function r assigning these weights. We require that $r(s, a!) = 0$ for correct outputs.

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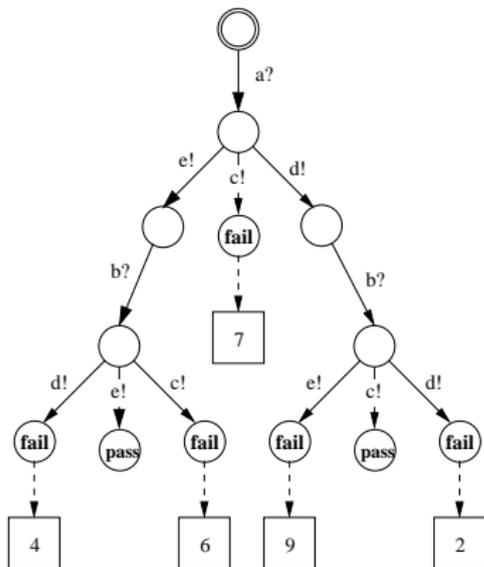
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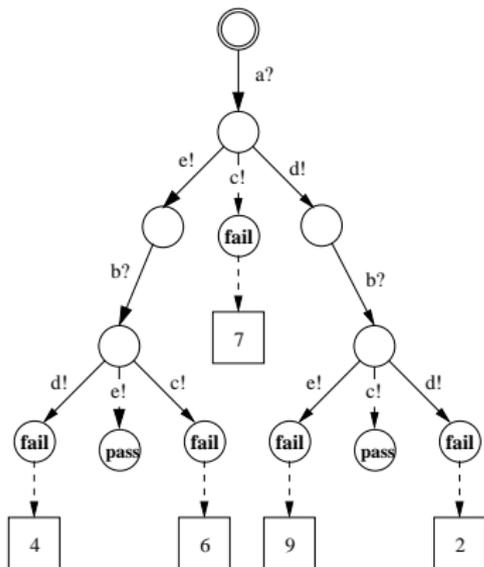
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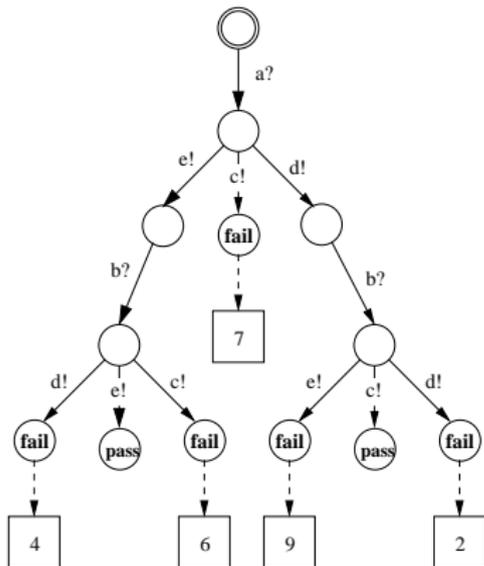


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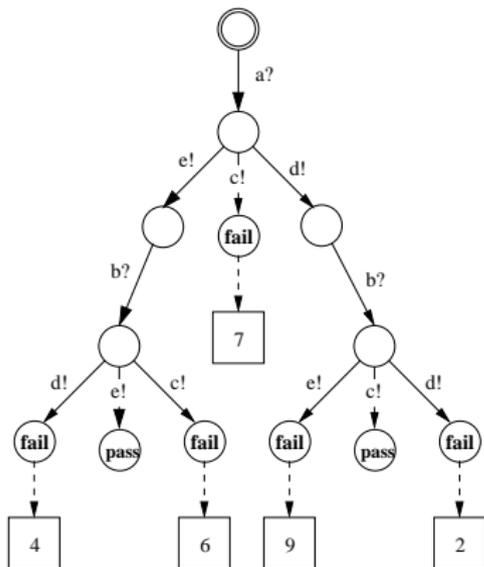


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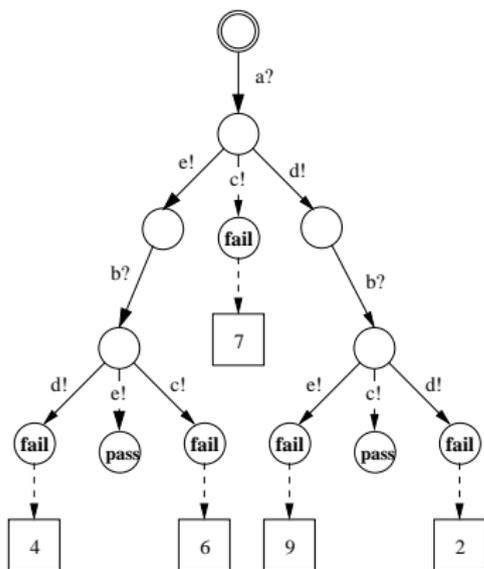


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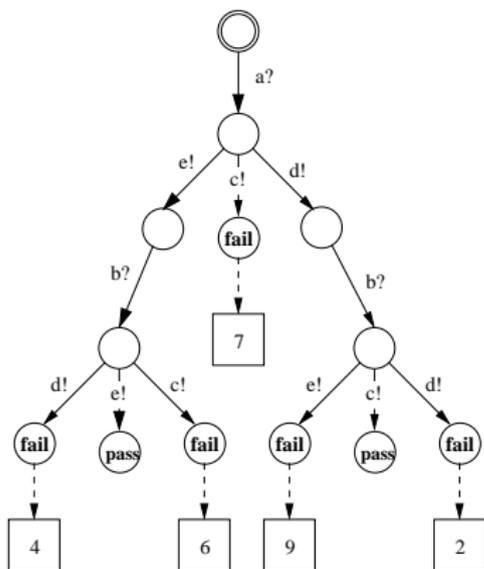
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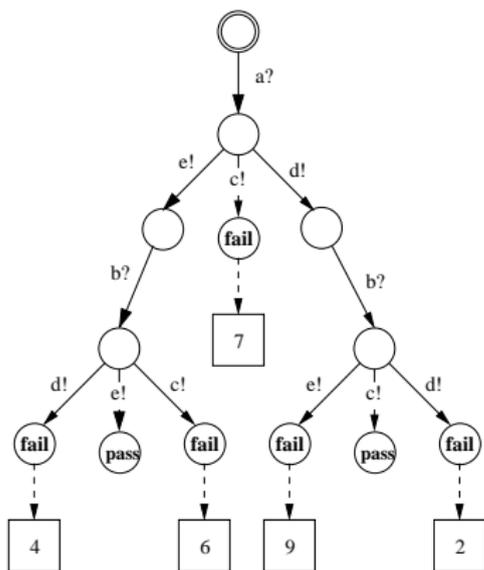
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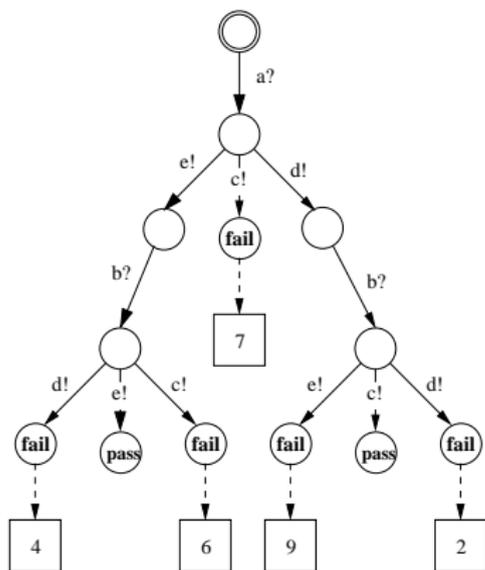
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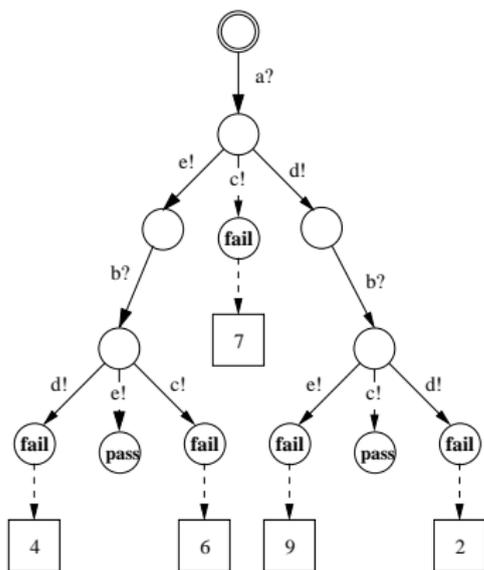
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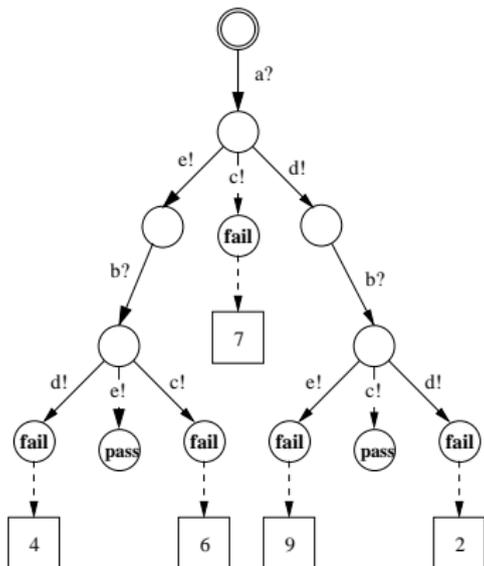
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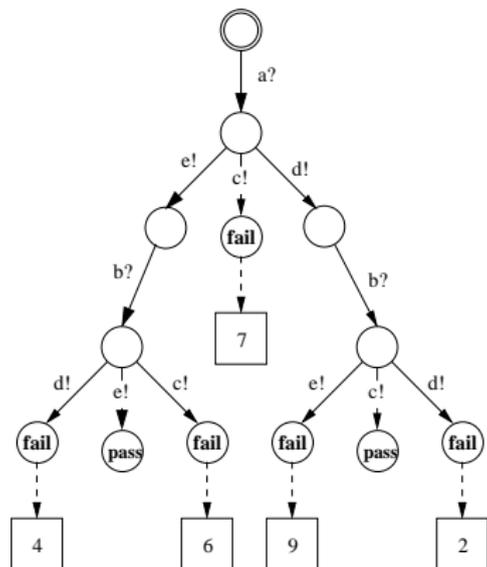
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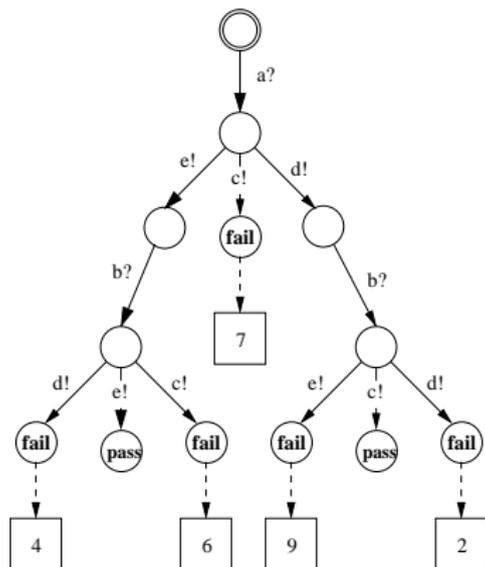
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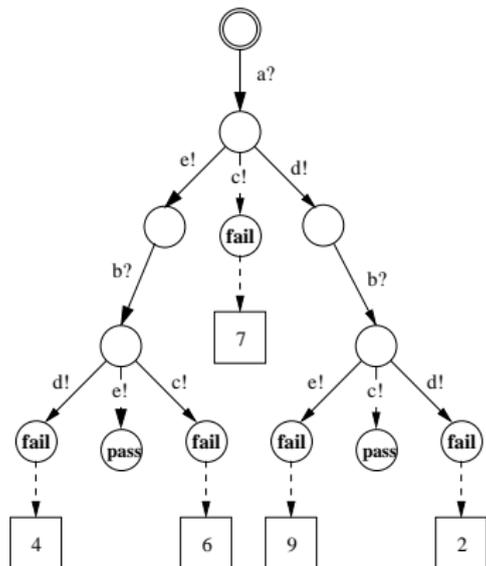
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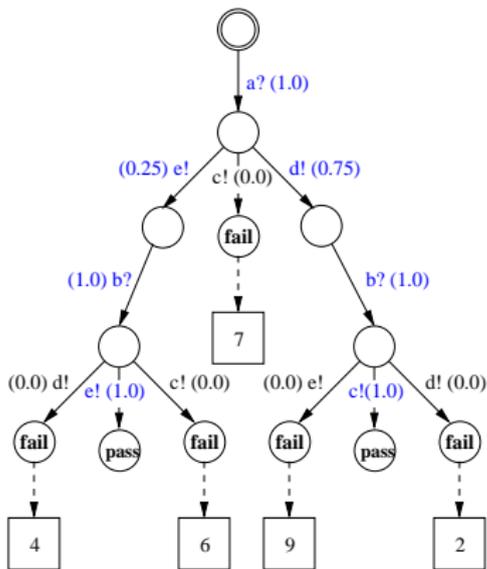
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Approach:

- Probabilities of correct outputs
- Probabilities of the presence of errors
- Probabilities of the occurrence of erroneous behaviour

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Definition of the correctness probability function

Correctness probability function:

- 0 for incorrect outputs
- 0 for transitions not included in the test case

Values known from implementation or measured.

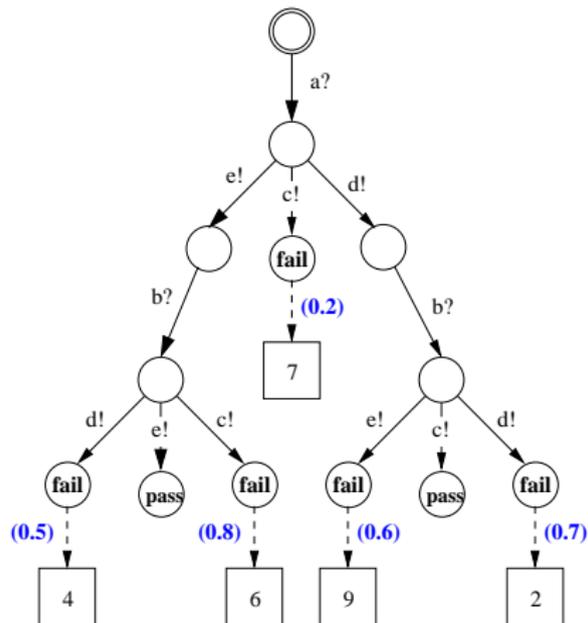
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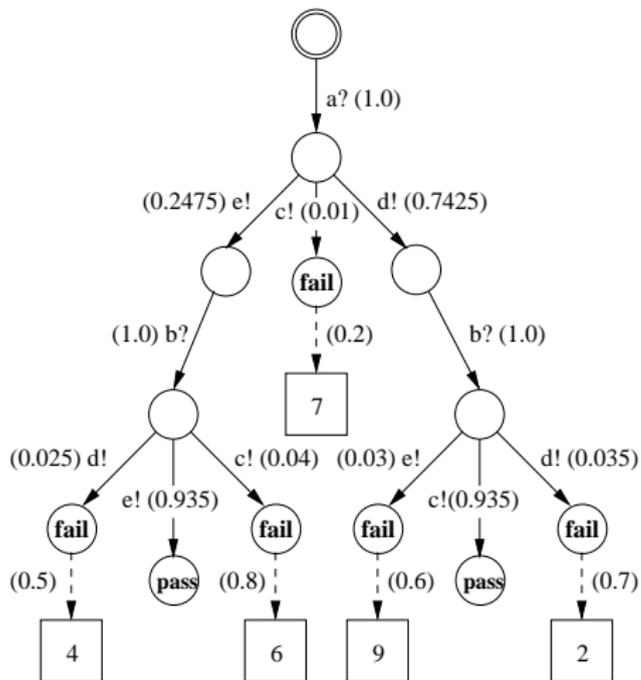
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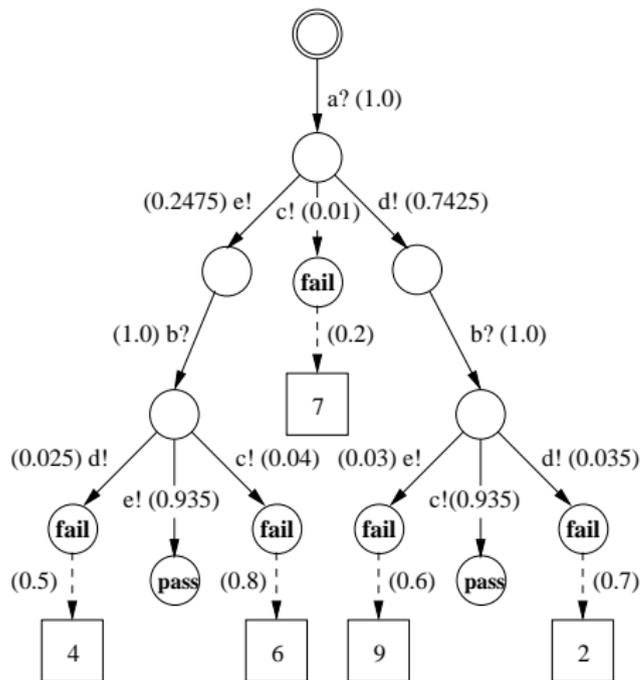
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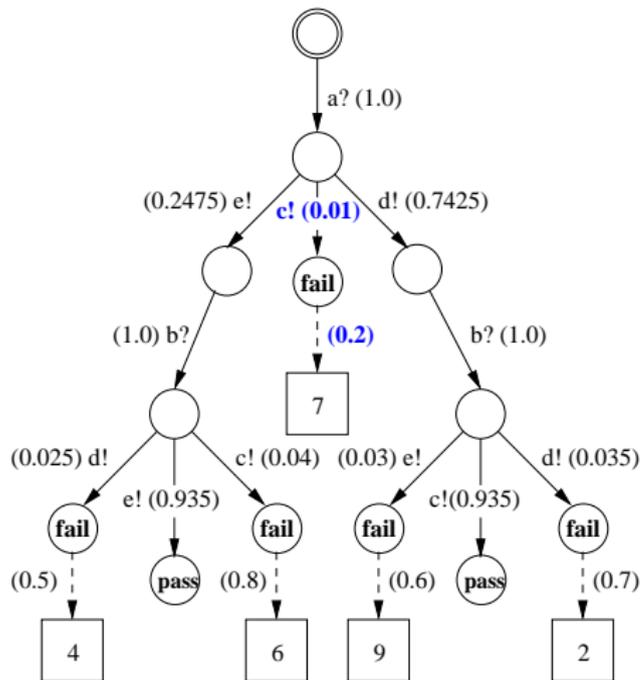
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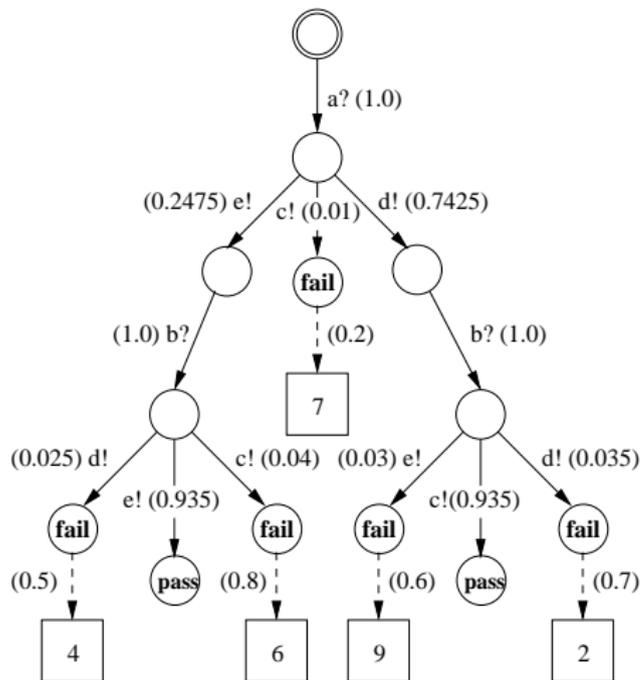
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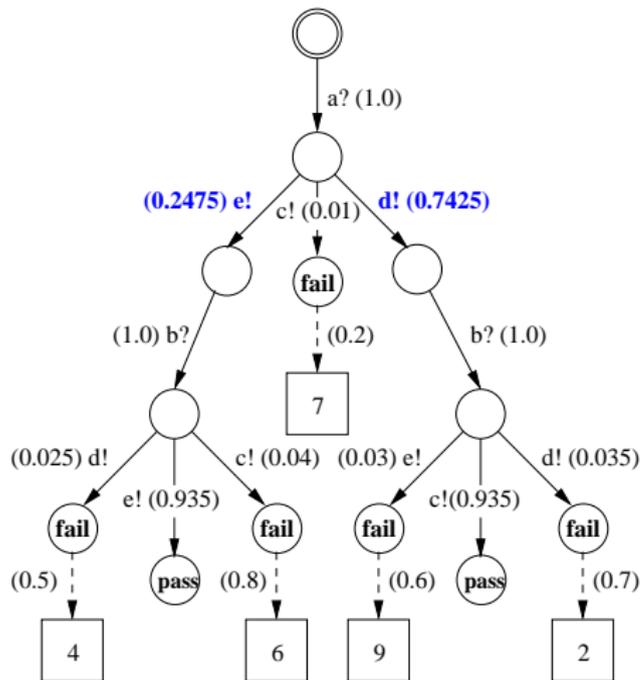
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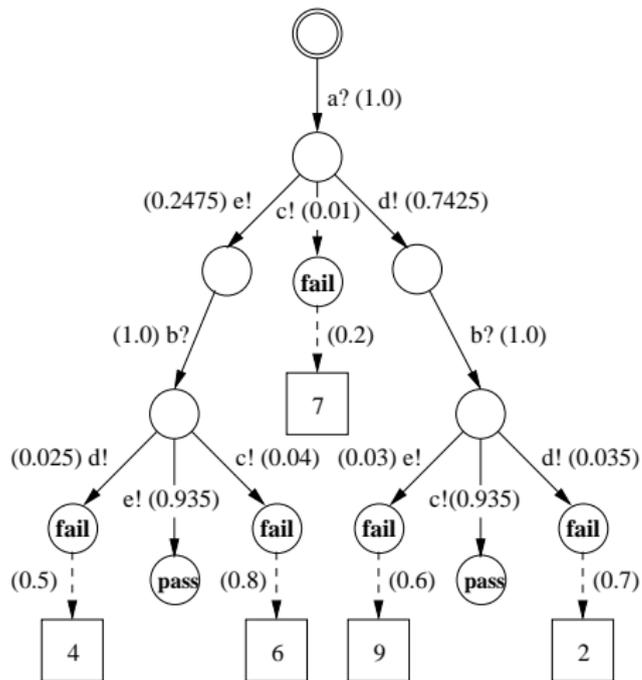
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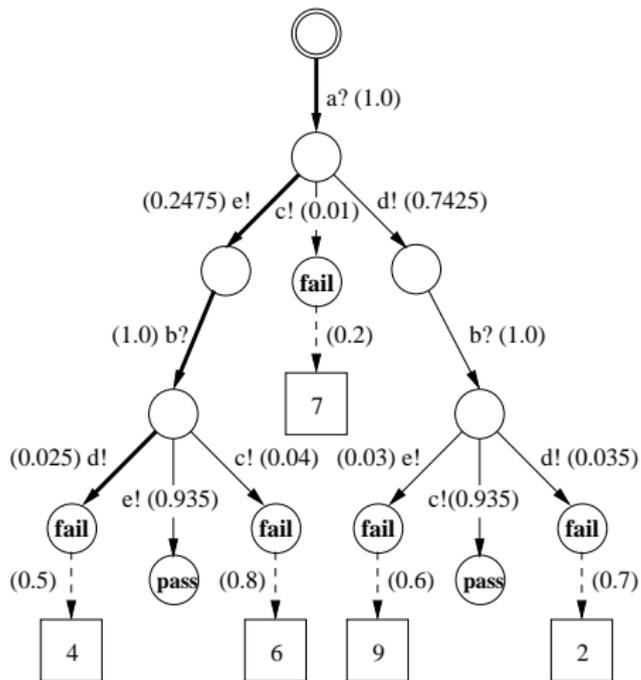
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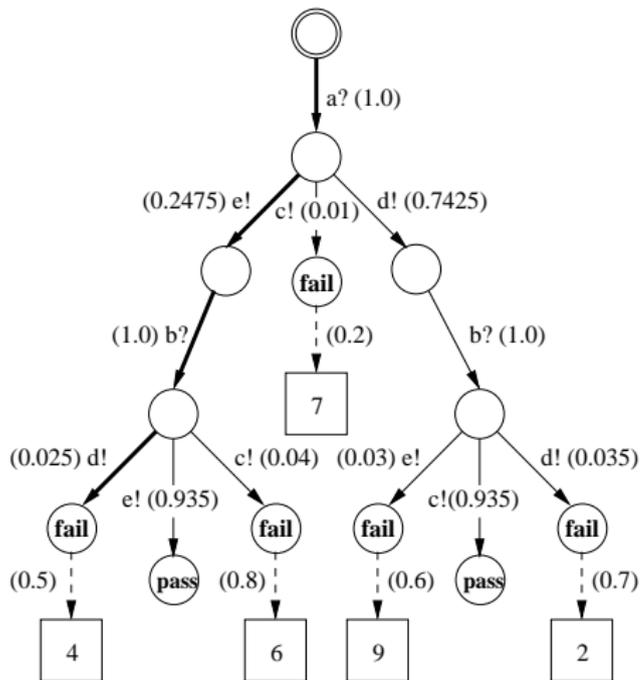
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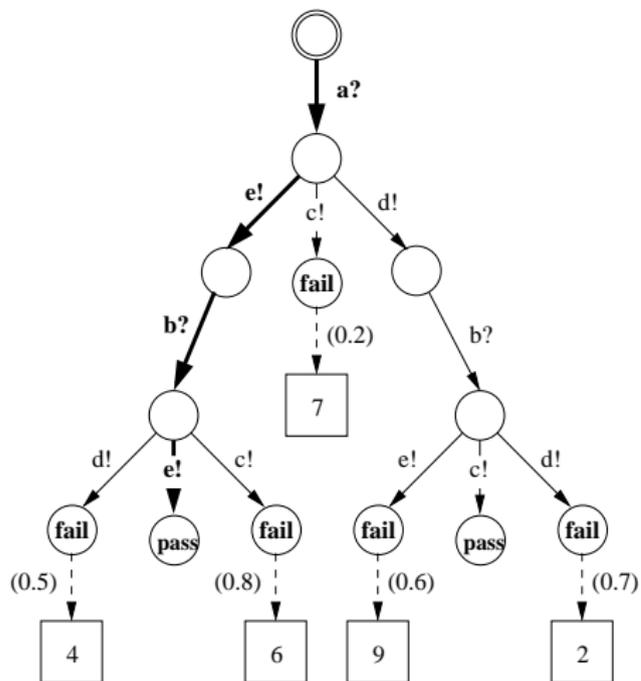


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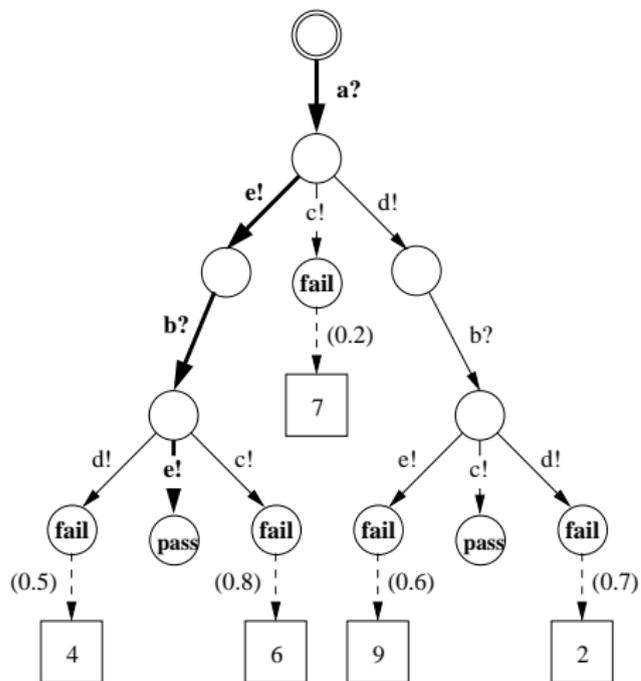
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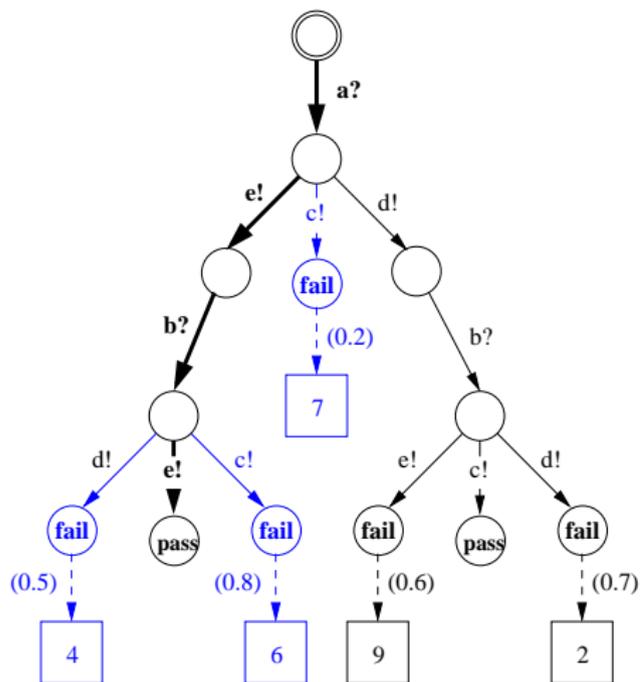


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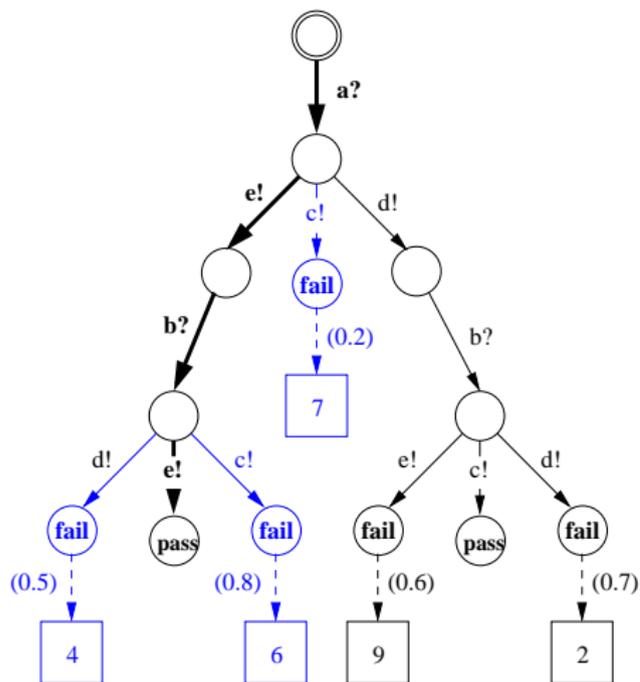
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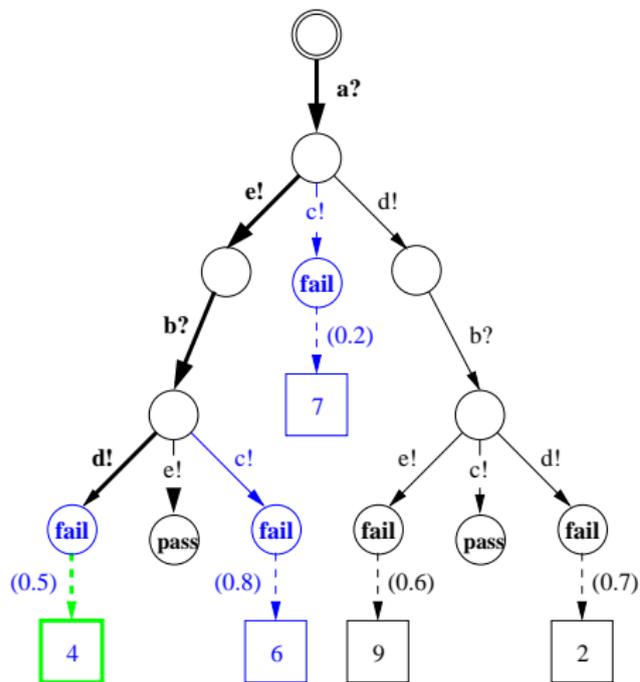
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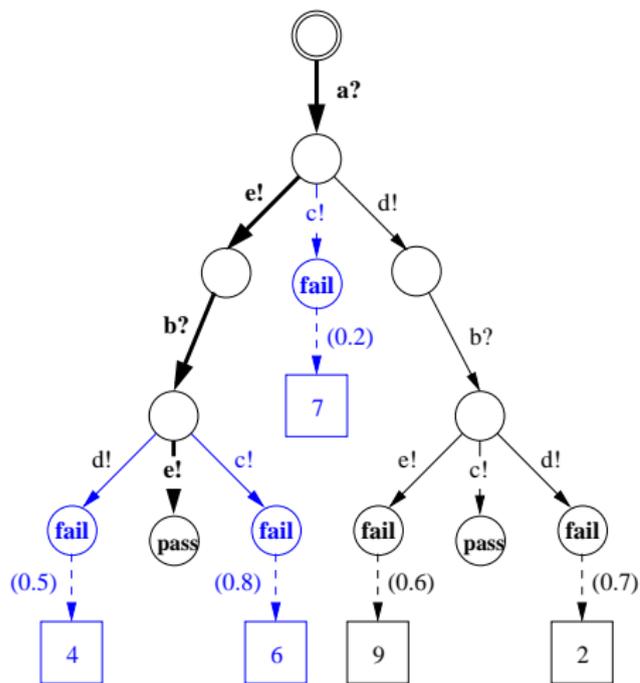
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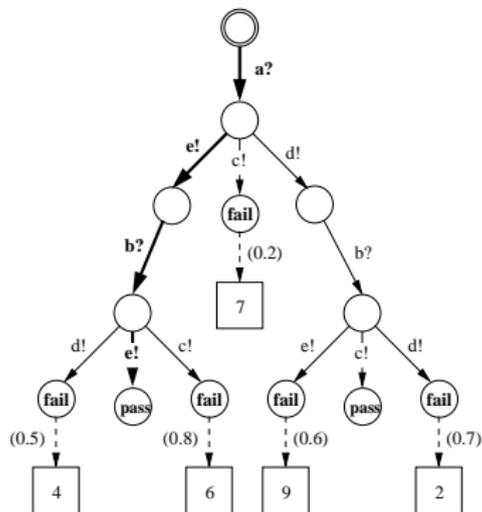
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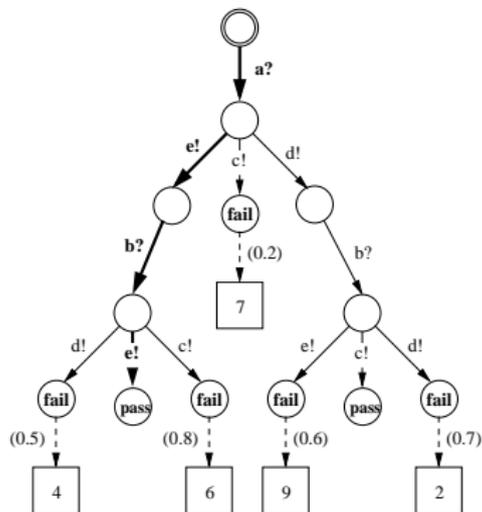
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$$\text{absExCov}(\sigma, t, f, p_o) = \sum_{\sigma' \in t} f(\sigma') \cdot \text{CovFrac}(\sigma', p_o, \sigma)$$

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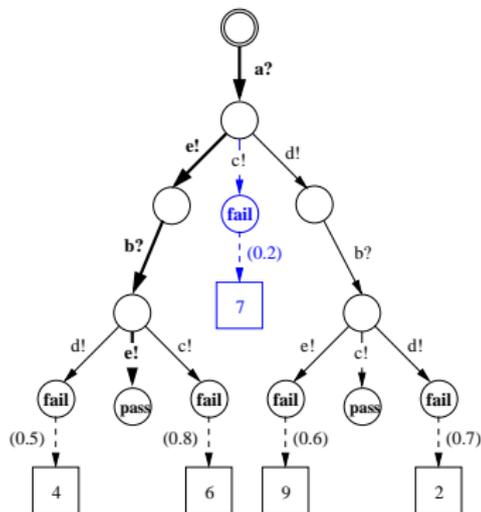


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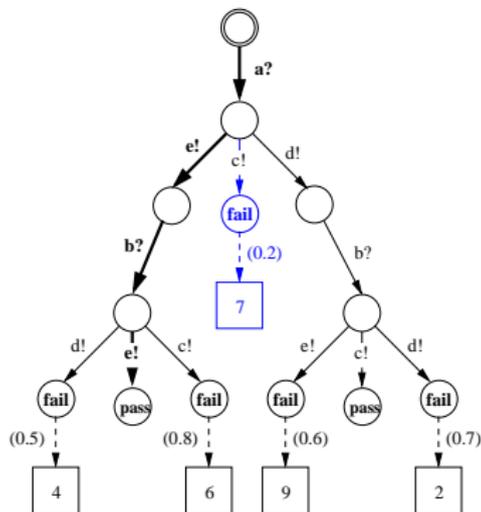


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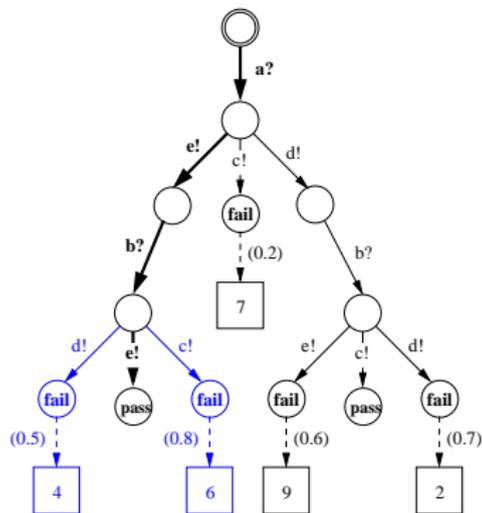


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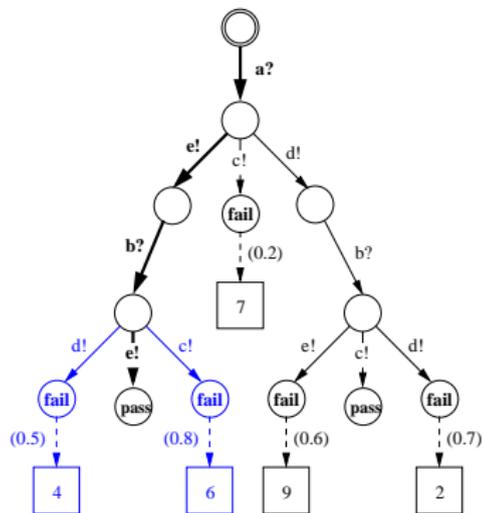


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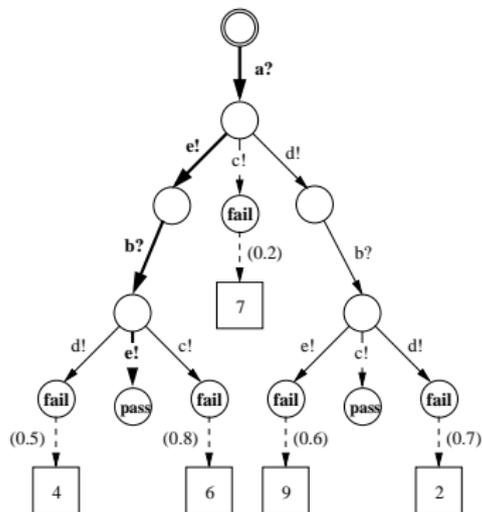


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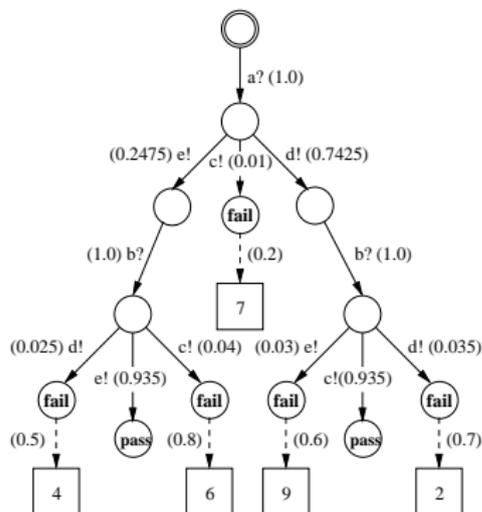
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For three times this execution:

$$\text{absExCov}(\dots) = 7 \cdot (1 - (1 - 0.2)^3) + \dots = 12.868$$

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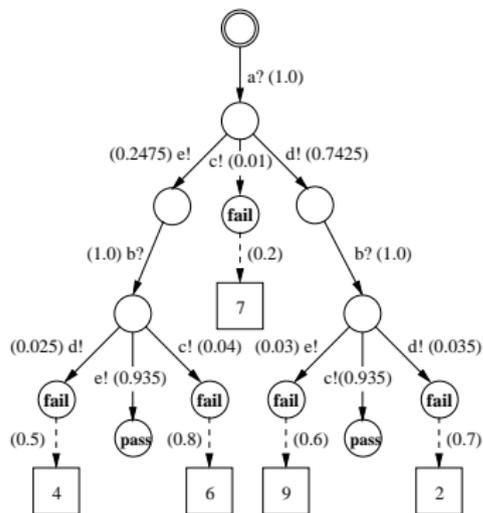
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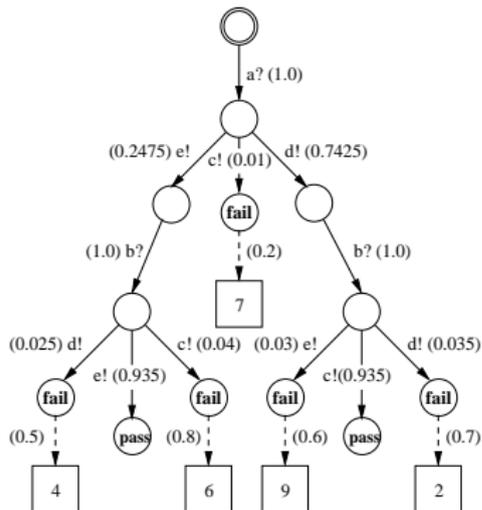
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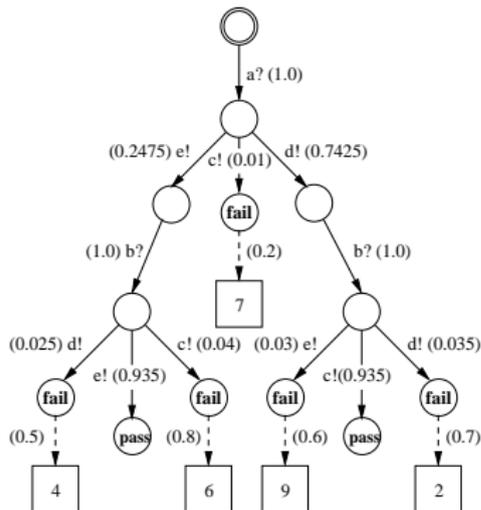


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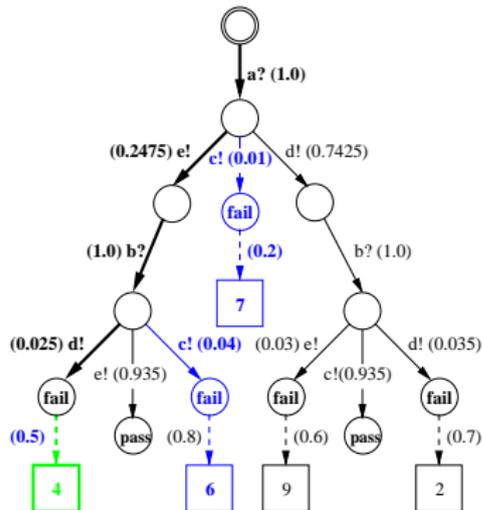
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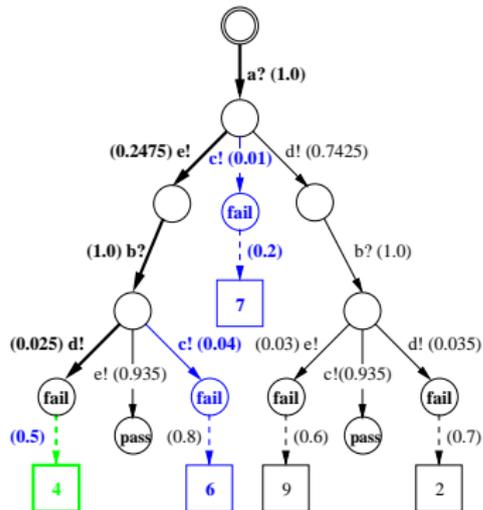
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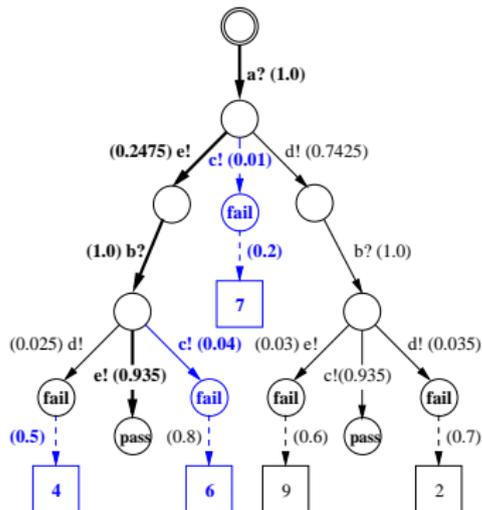
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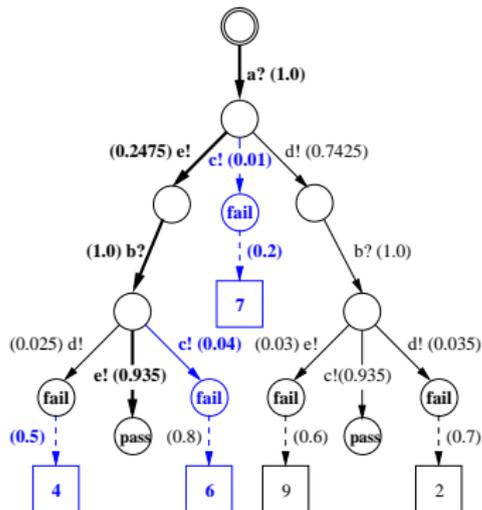
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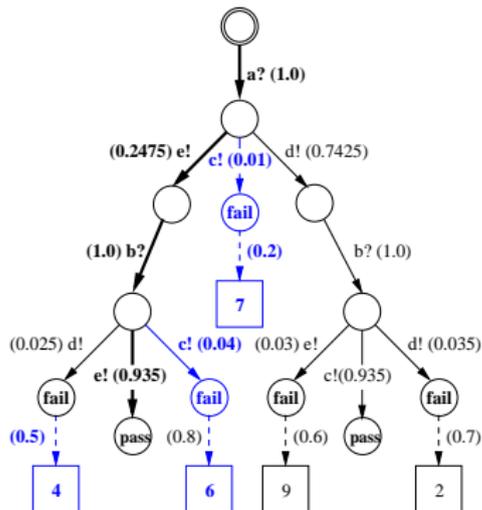
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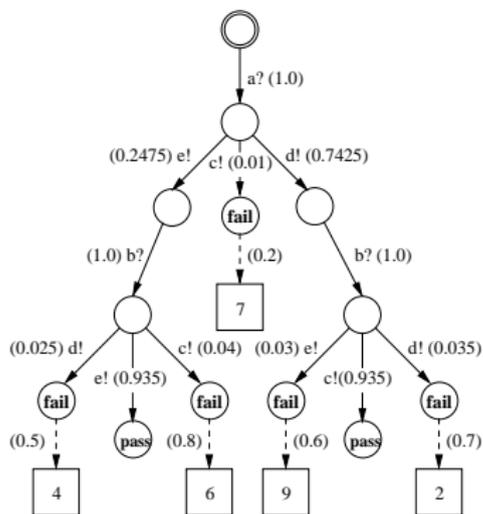
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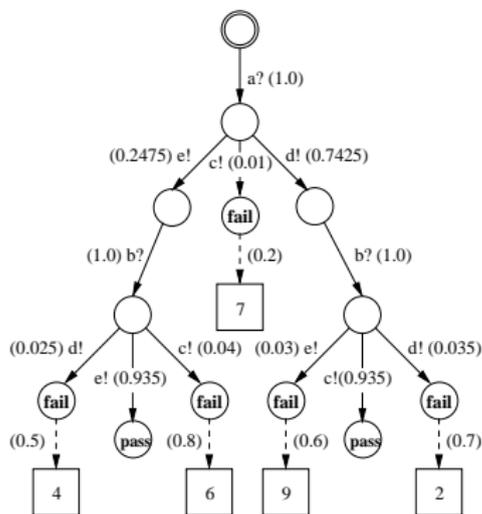
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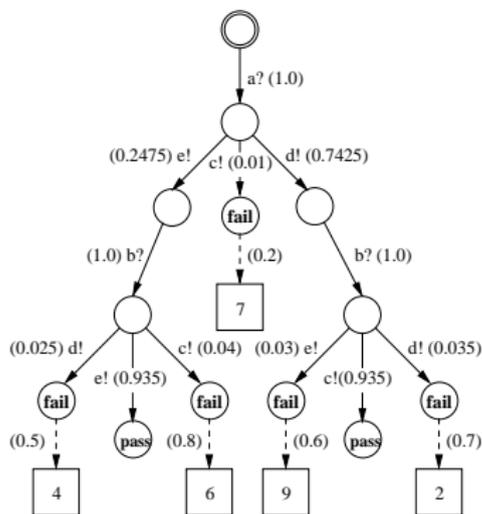
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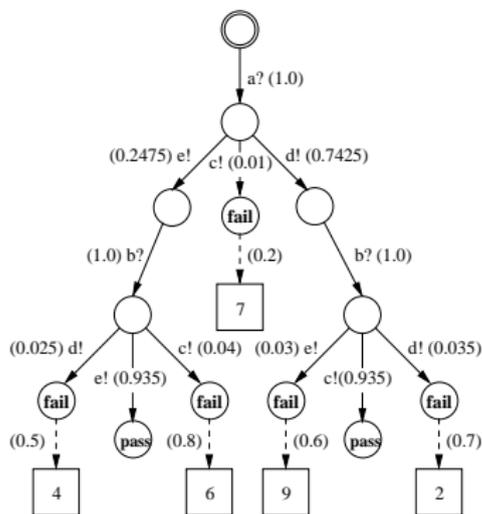
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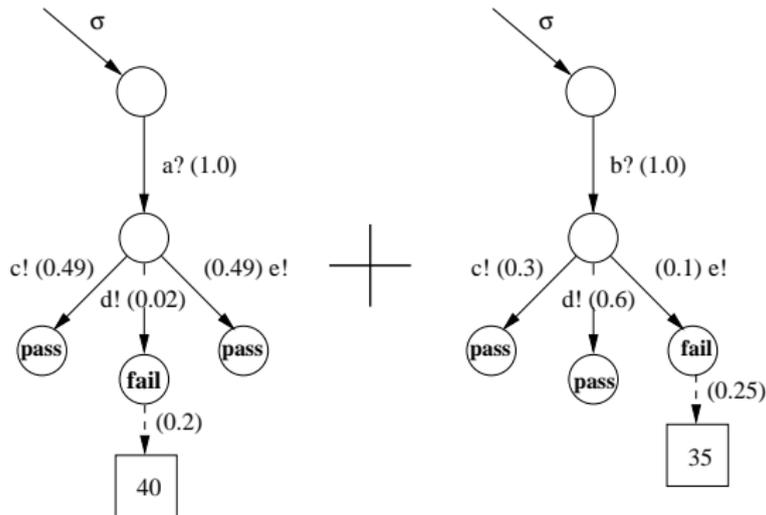
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Theorem

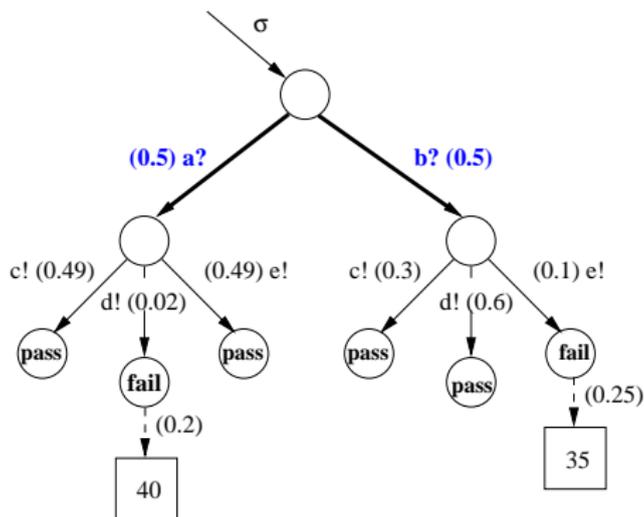
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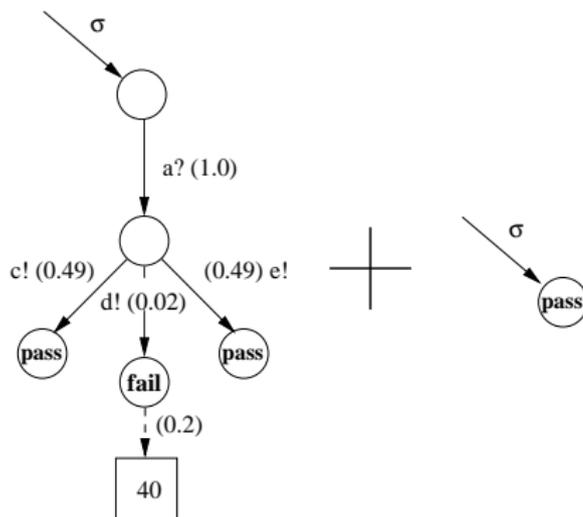


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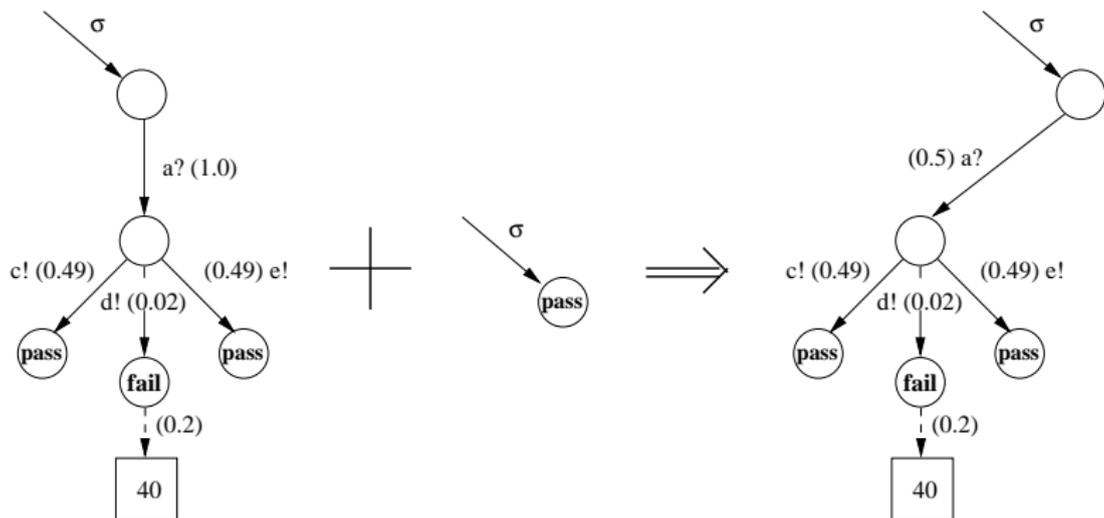
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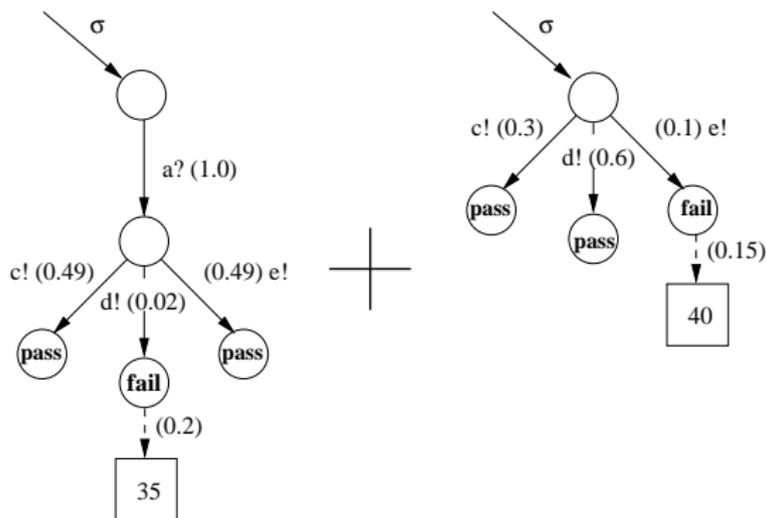
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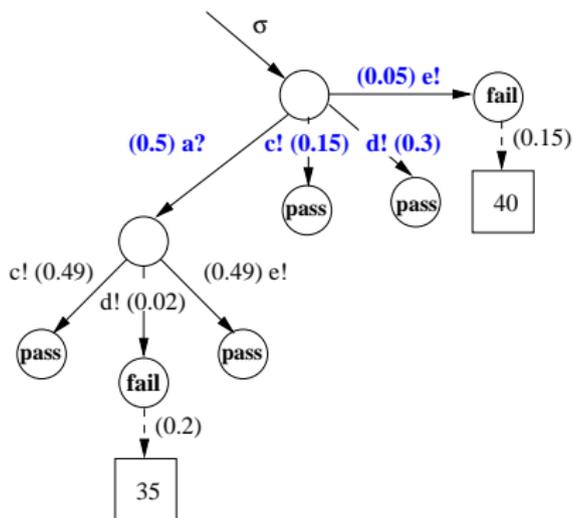
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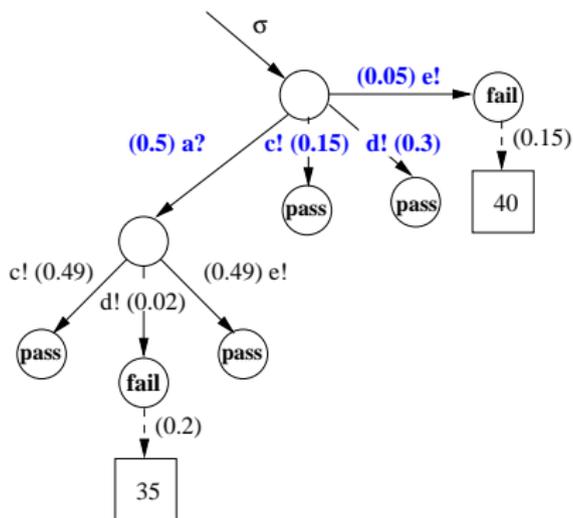
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$c(\sigma)$: the fraction of test cases that observe after σ .

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