

Overview

CS560: Reasoning About Programs

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What is this course about?

Logical foundations & algorithmic techniques to ensure program correctness

Specification Logics to express expected program behavior

Verification Methods to automatically check if a program satisfies a specification

Repair Methods to automatically fix an incorrect program

Synthesis Methods to automatically generate a correct program

Why should you care?

Programmers make mistakes



99 little bugs in the code.

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Take one down, patch it around.

127 little bugs in the code...

Why should you care?

Software bugs can be expensive, or fatal, or both!

Therac-25 radiotherapy machine overdose, mid-1980s



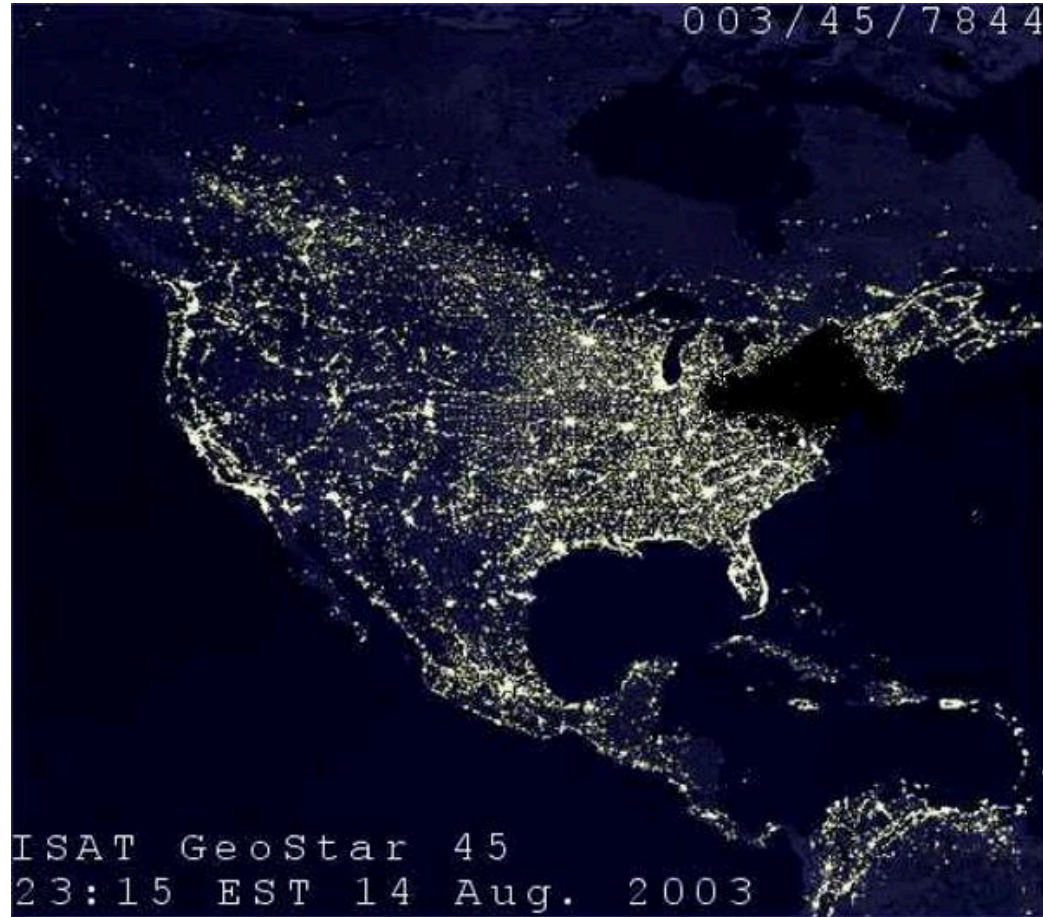
6 deaths. Overflow error, race conditions

Ariane 5 explosion



\$7 billion loss. Overflow error

North American power blackout



11 deaths, \$6 billion loss. Race condition

Turing Awards

Dijkstra



Floyd



Hoare



Milner



Pnueli



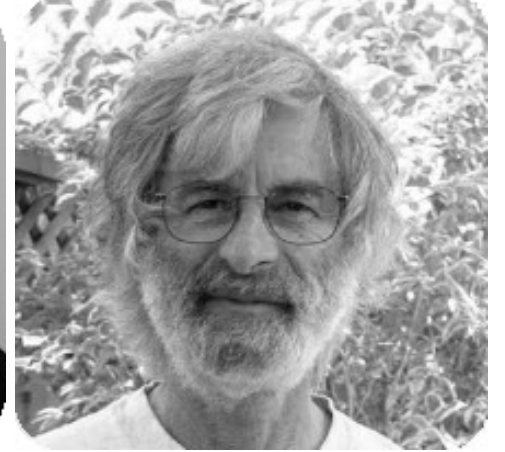
Clarke



Emerson



Sifakis



Lamport

Success stories

- ▶ **Intel** CPU arithmetic and logical operations
- ▶ **Microsoft** device drivers
- ▶ **Rockwell Collins** AAMP7G microprocessor's partition management
- ▶ **Rolls Royce** Trent Series Health Monitoring Units
- ▶ **Lockheed Martin** C130J Mission Computers
- ▶ **Boeing** "Little Bird" helicopter (seL4 OS-based mission computer)
- ▶ **Royal Navy** Ship/Helicopter Operating Limits Unit
- ▶ **Airbus 380** primary flight control software
- ▶ **Paris Metro** (RATP)
- ▶ **NASA** Mars Rover data management subsystem
- ▶ **Bombardier ILLBV950L2** railway interlocking system
- ▶ **Apple, ARM/SoftBank, Nvidia, IBM, Oracle** RTL
- ▶ **AMD** K5 floating point square root microcode
- ▶ **Micrium** OS μ C/OS-II real-time kernel

SYNOPSYS®

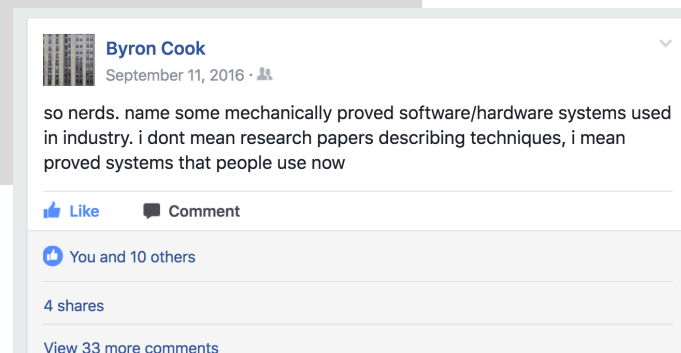


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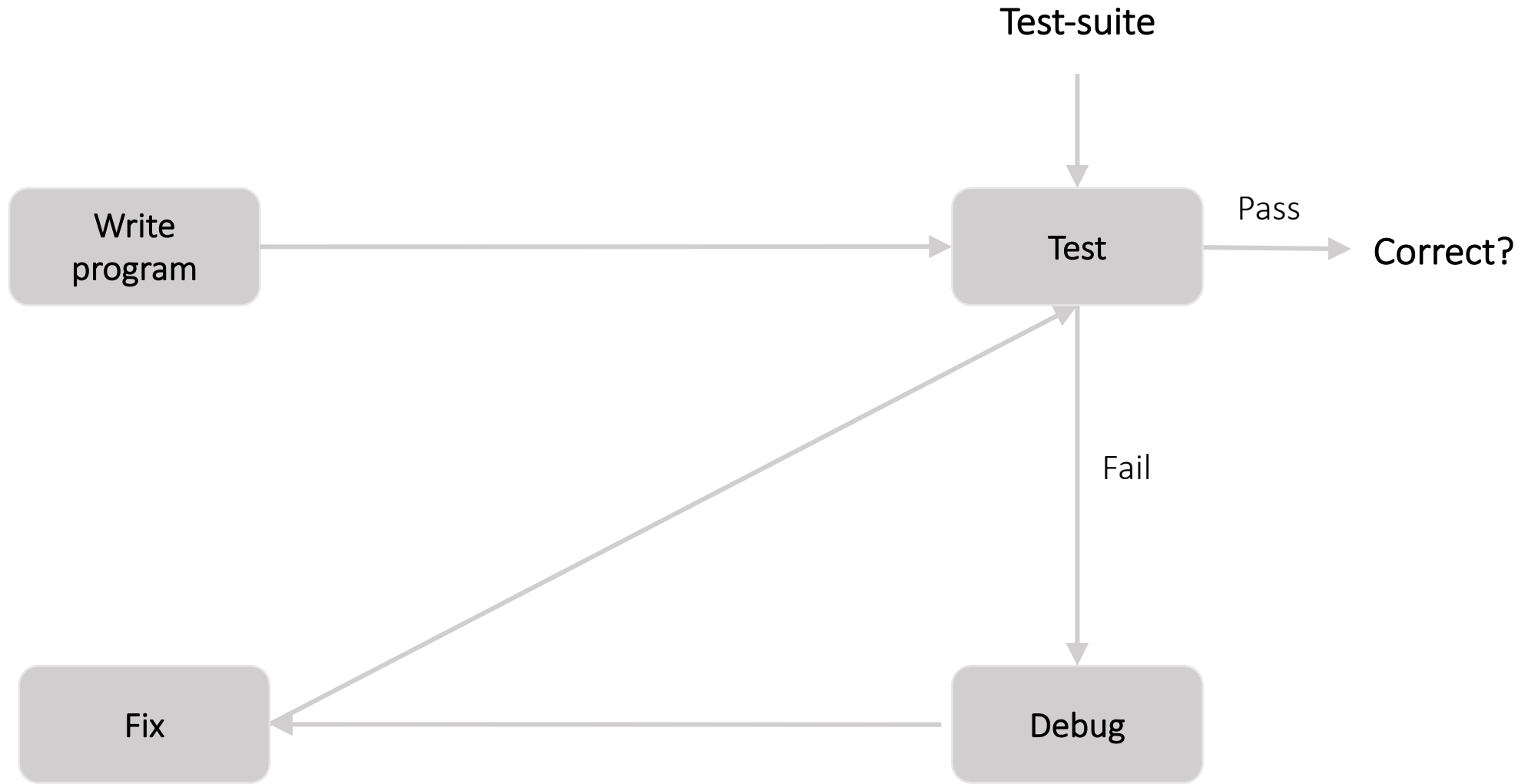
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Dijkstra



Testing shows the presence,
not the absence of bugs.

Ergo, testing can fail to show the presence of some bugs!



x	y	m	Pass?
3	0	3	
100	99	100	
5	5	5	

```
int max (int x,int y  
m = 0;  
if (x > y) m = x;  
return m;
```

Write program

Test

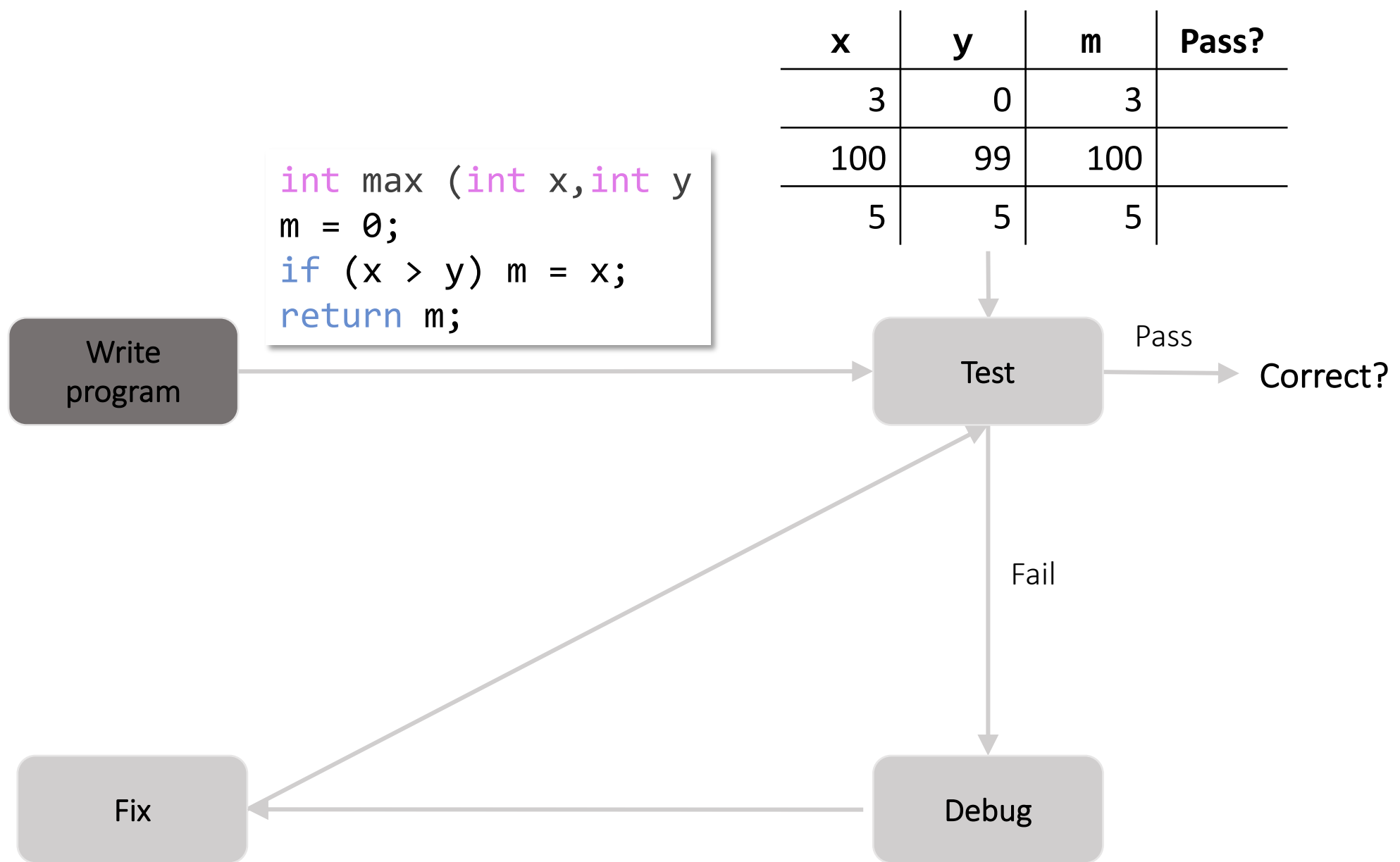
Pass

Correct?

Fail

Fix

Debug



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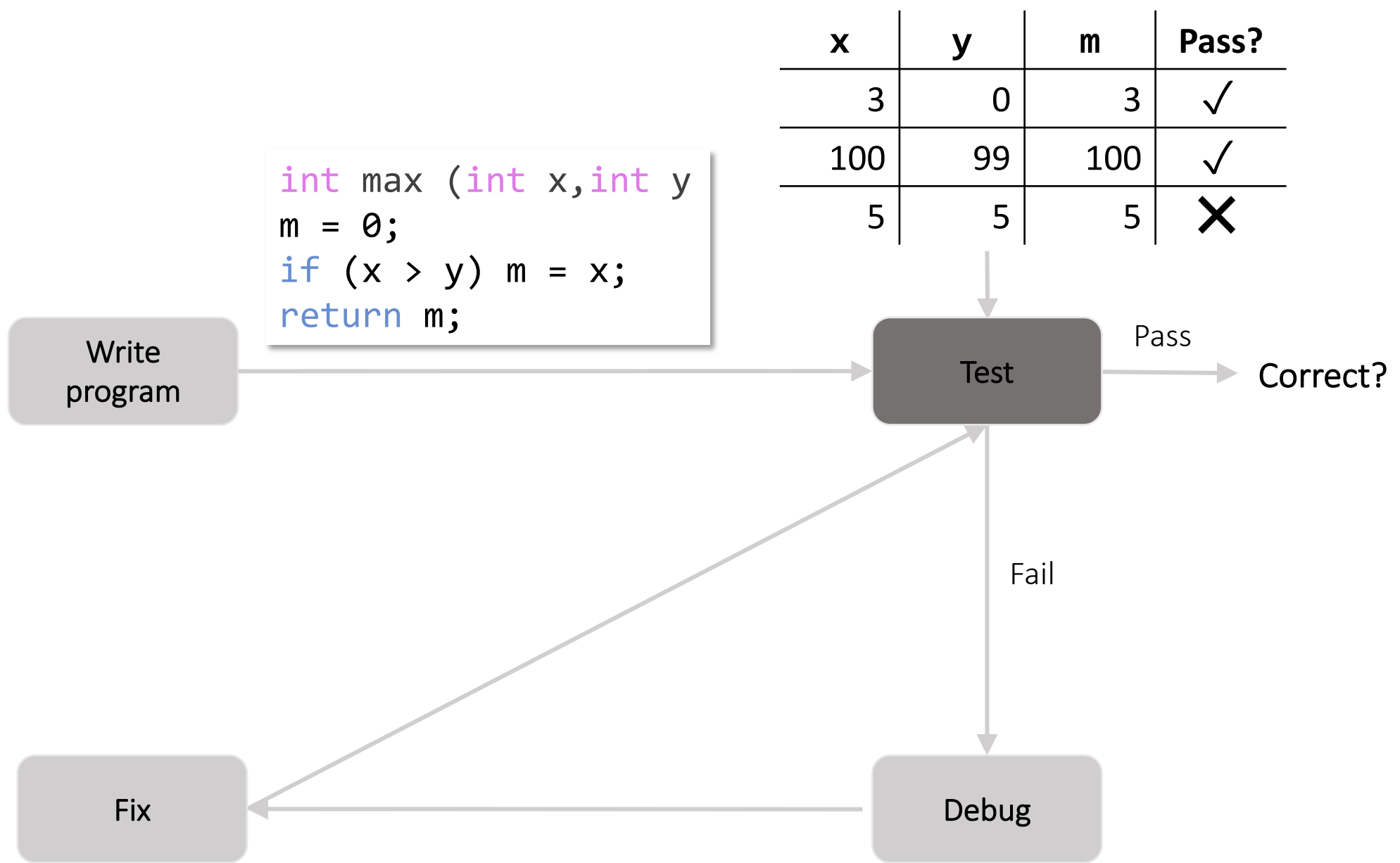
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Correct??

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if (x >= y) m = x;  
return m;
```

Fix

Debug

Fail

Dijkstra

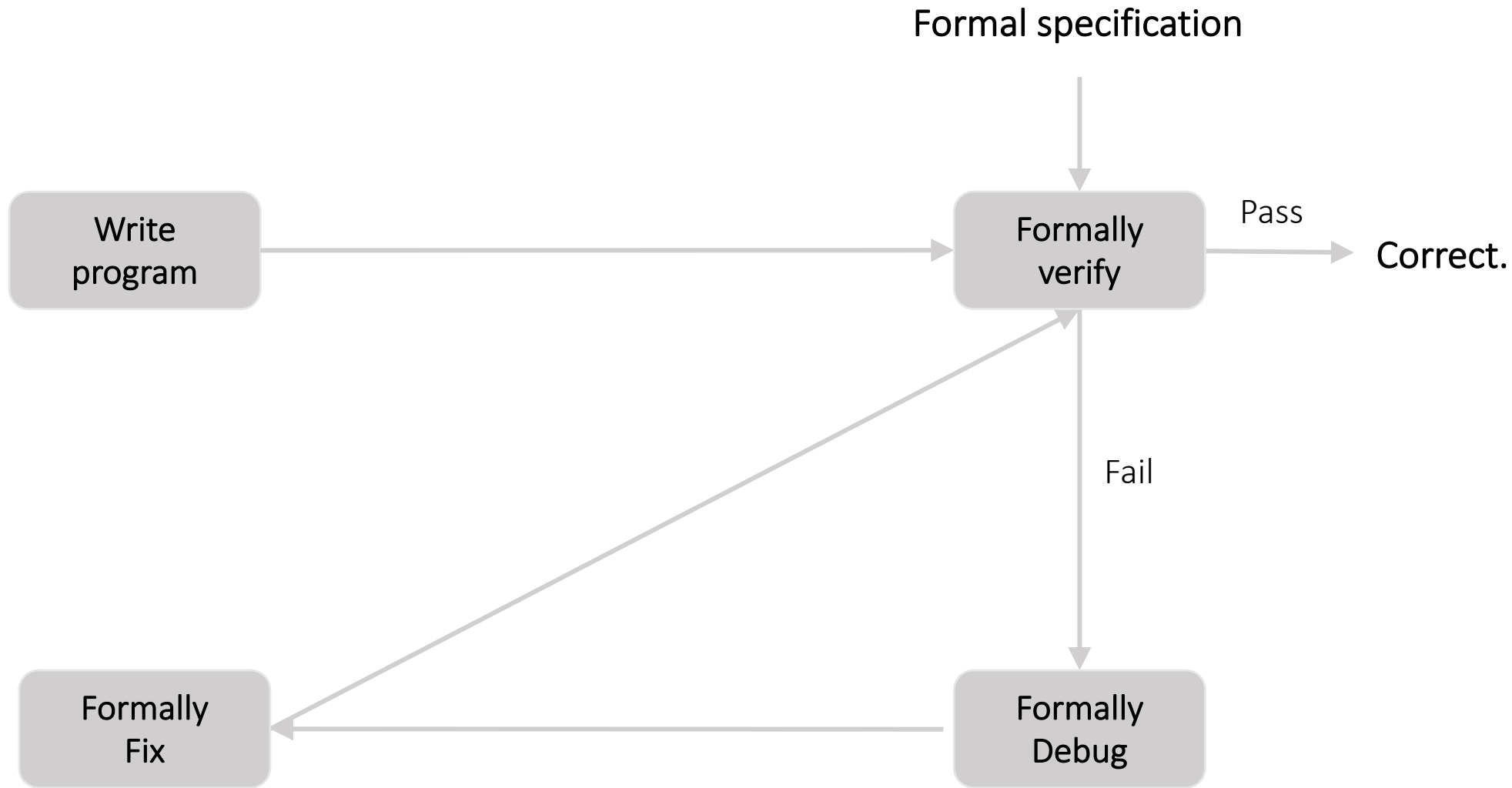


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Formal specifications can precisely capture correctness requirements.

Formal verification can **prove** the absence of bugs!

Formal repair can ensure the absence of bugs for programs with bugs!



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if (x > y) m = x;
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```

$$\forall x,y. (m \geq x) \wedge (m \geq y) \wedge [(m = x) \vee (m = y)]$$

Write program

Formally verify

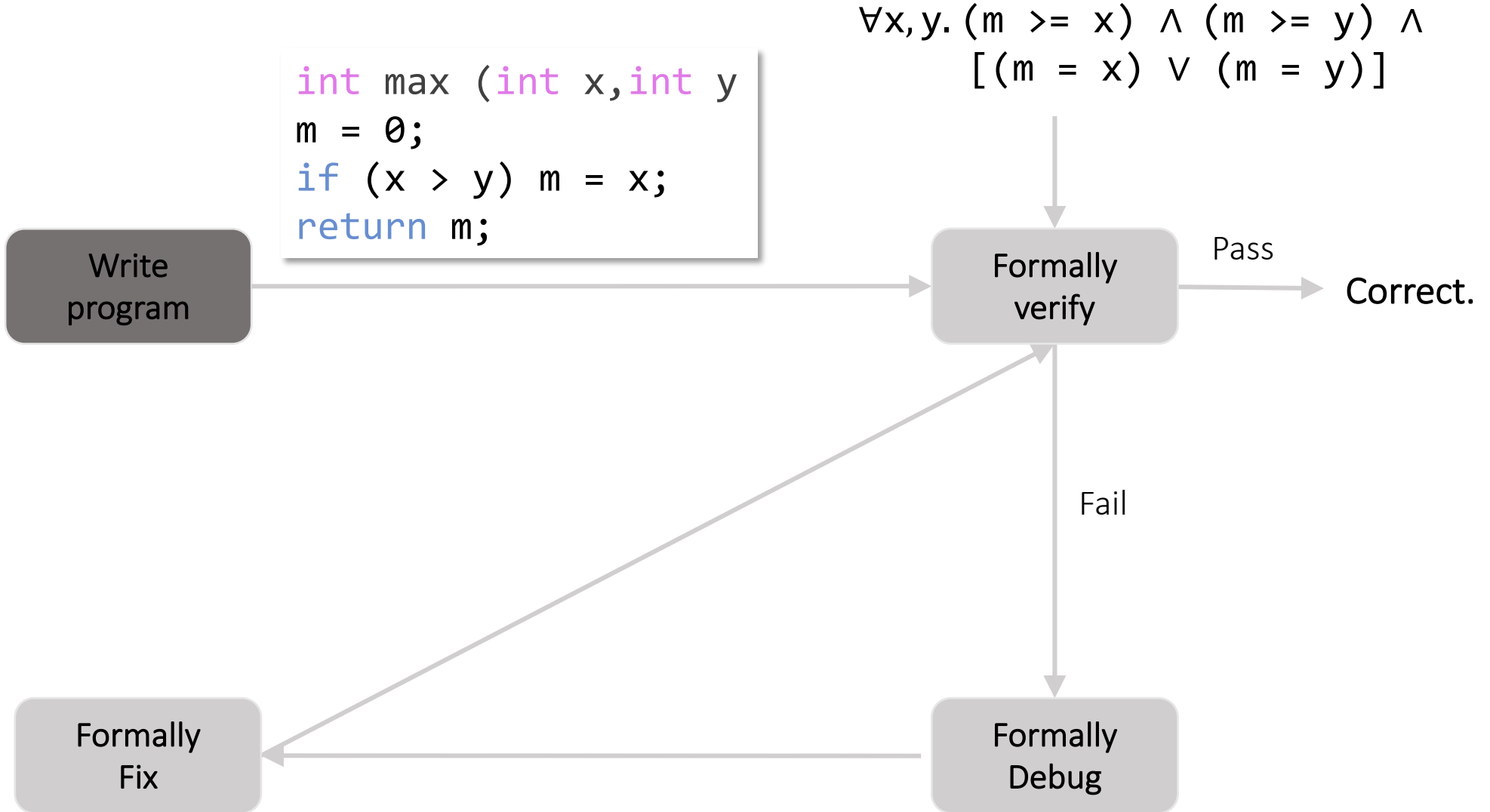
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Fail

Formally Debug

Formally Fix



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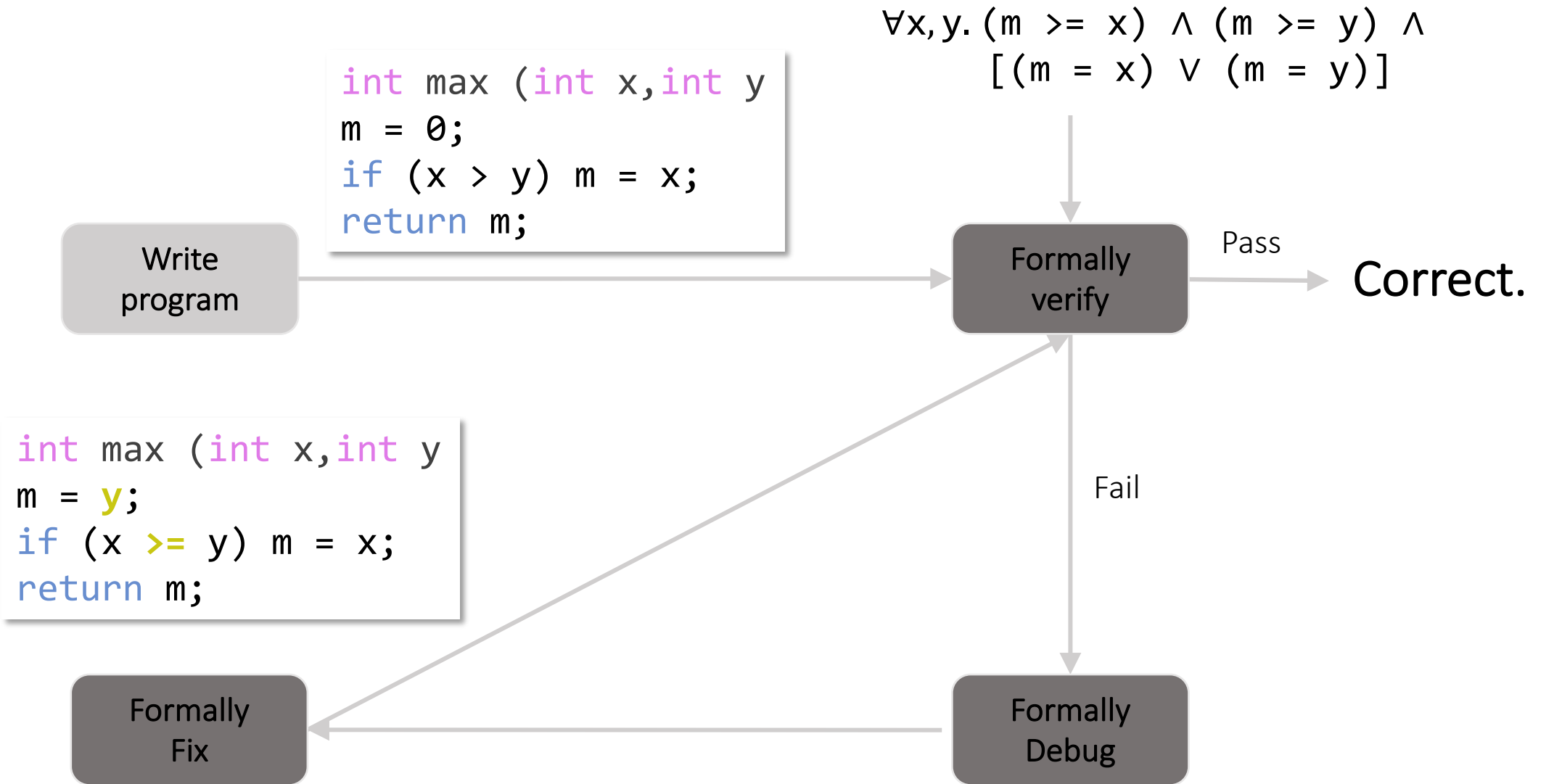
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return m;
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Formally Fix

Formally Debug

Fail

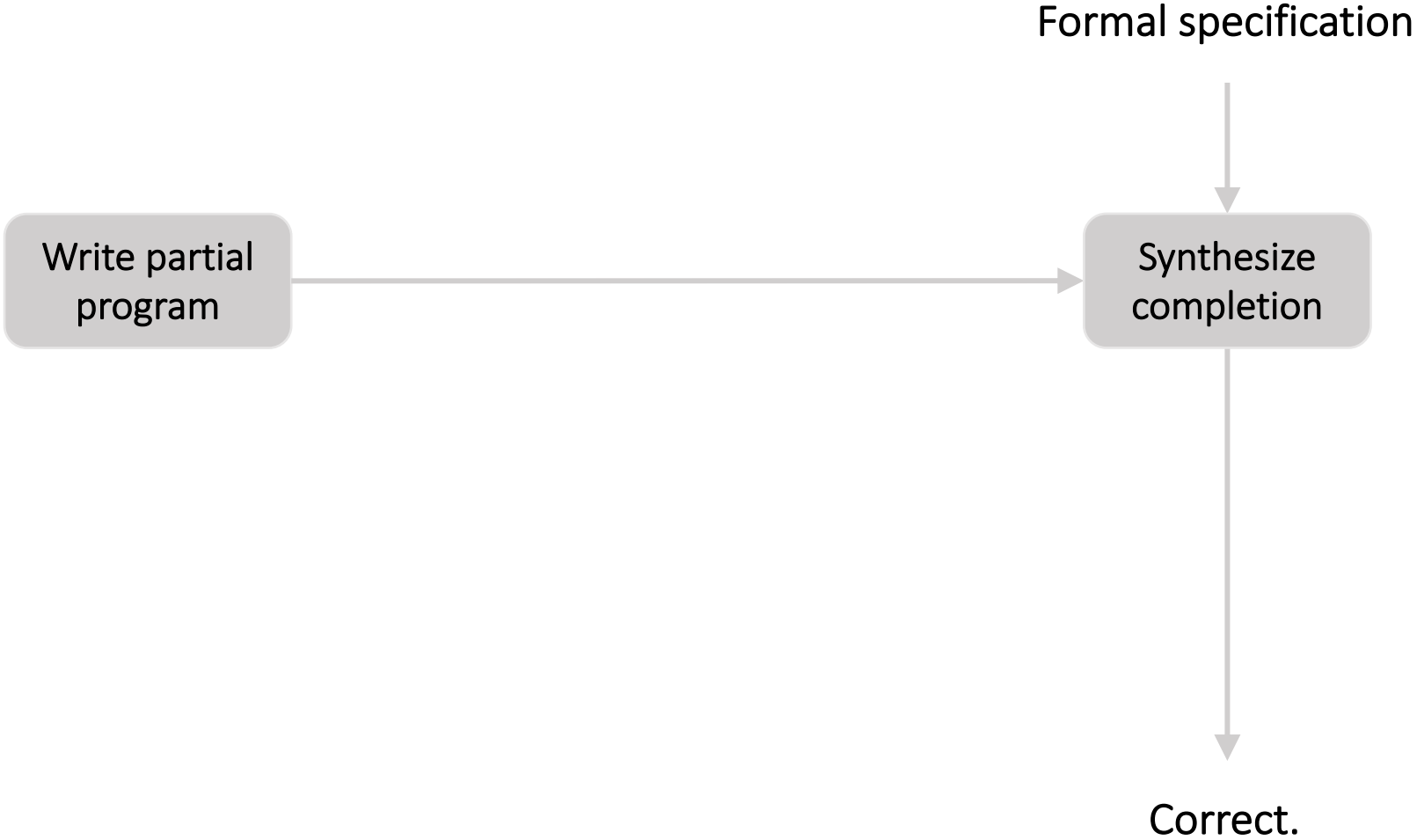


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Program synthesis can generate programs that are **correct-by-construction!**



Write partial
program

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int max (int x,int y  
m = ??;  
if (??) m = ??;  
return m;
```

$$\forall x,y. (m \geq x) \wedge (m \geq y) \wedge$$
$$[(m = x) \vee (m = y)]$$

Synthesize
completion

```
int max (int x,int y  
m = y;  
if (x >= y) m = x;  
return m;
```

Correct.

Program/Model

Specification

Verifier

Yes/Proof

No/Bug

Type
Systems

Deductive
Verification

Model
Checking

Abstract
Interpretation

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Systems

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Static analysis

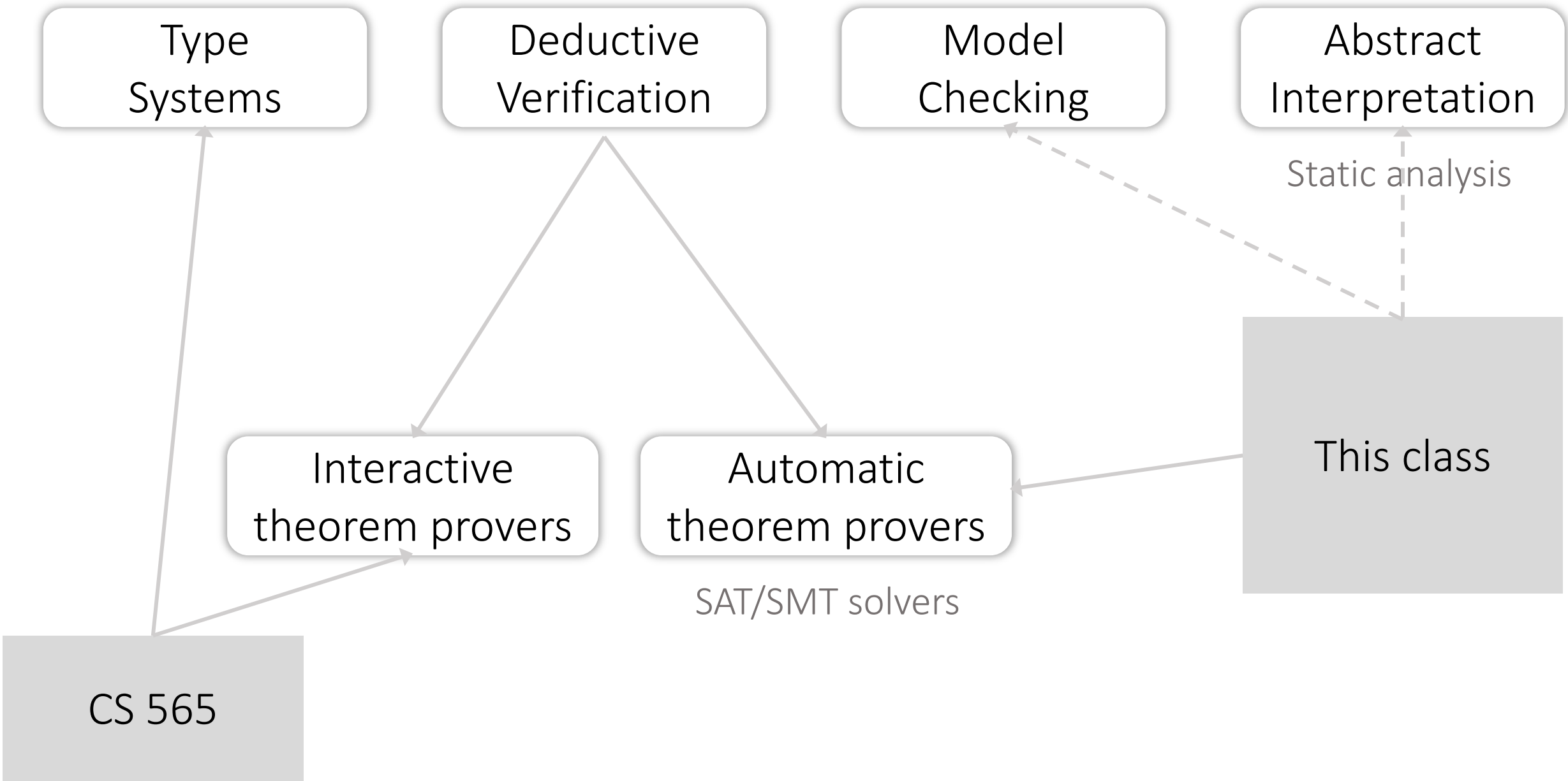
Interactive
theorem provers

Automatic
theorem provers

SAT/SMT solvers



Expressiveness
Automation
Scalability
Precision
Applicability



Type Systems

Deductive Verification

Model Checking

Abstract Interpretation

Static analysis

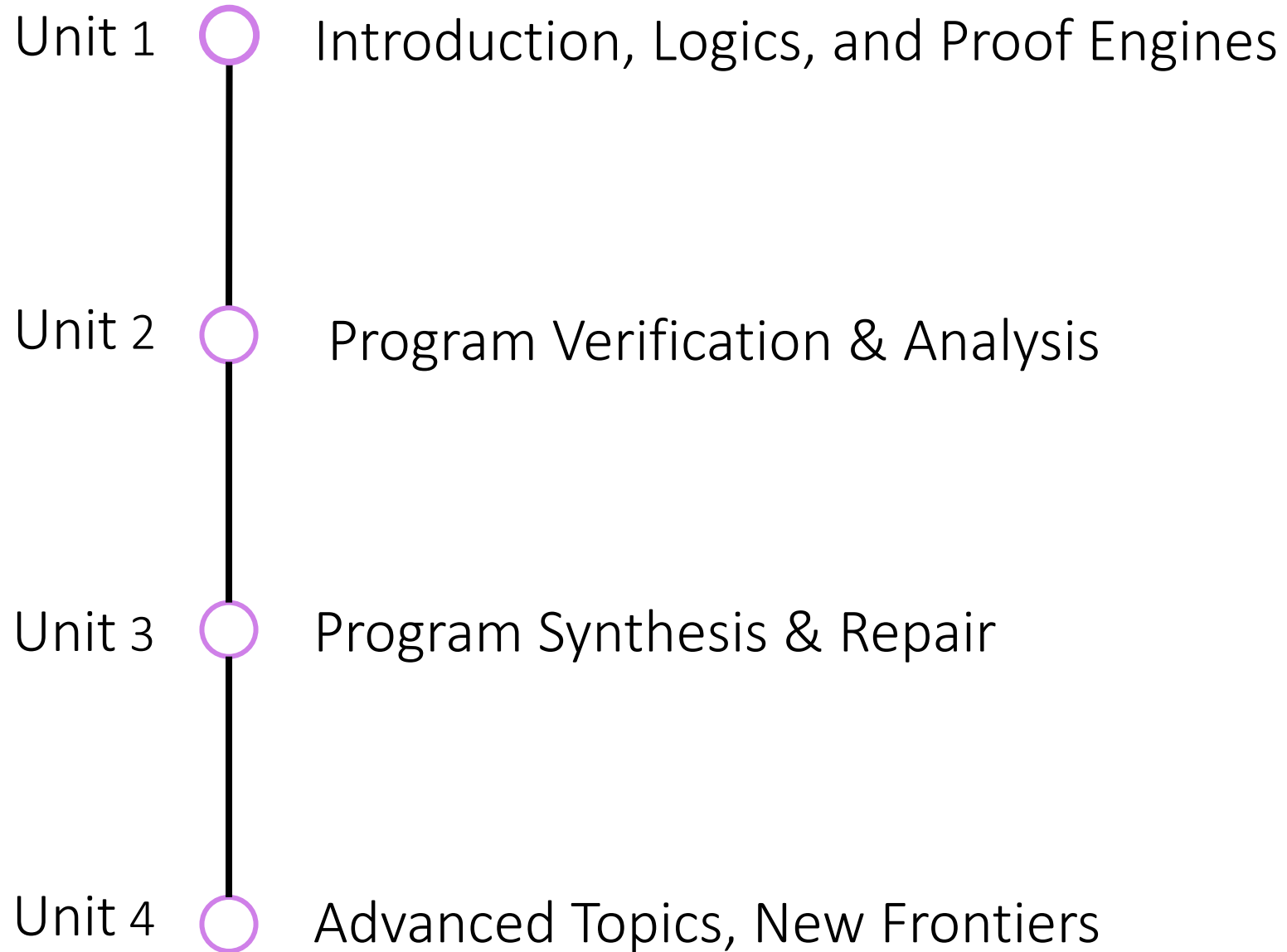
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This class

CS 565



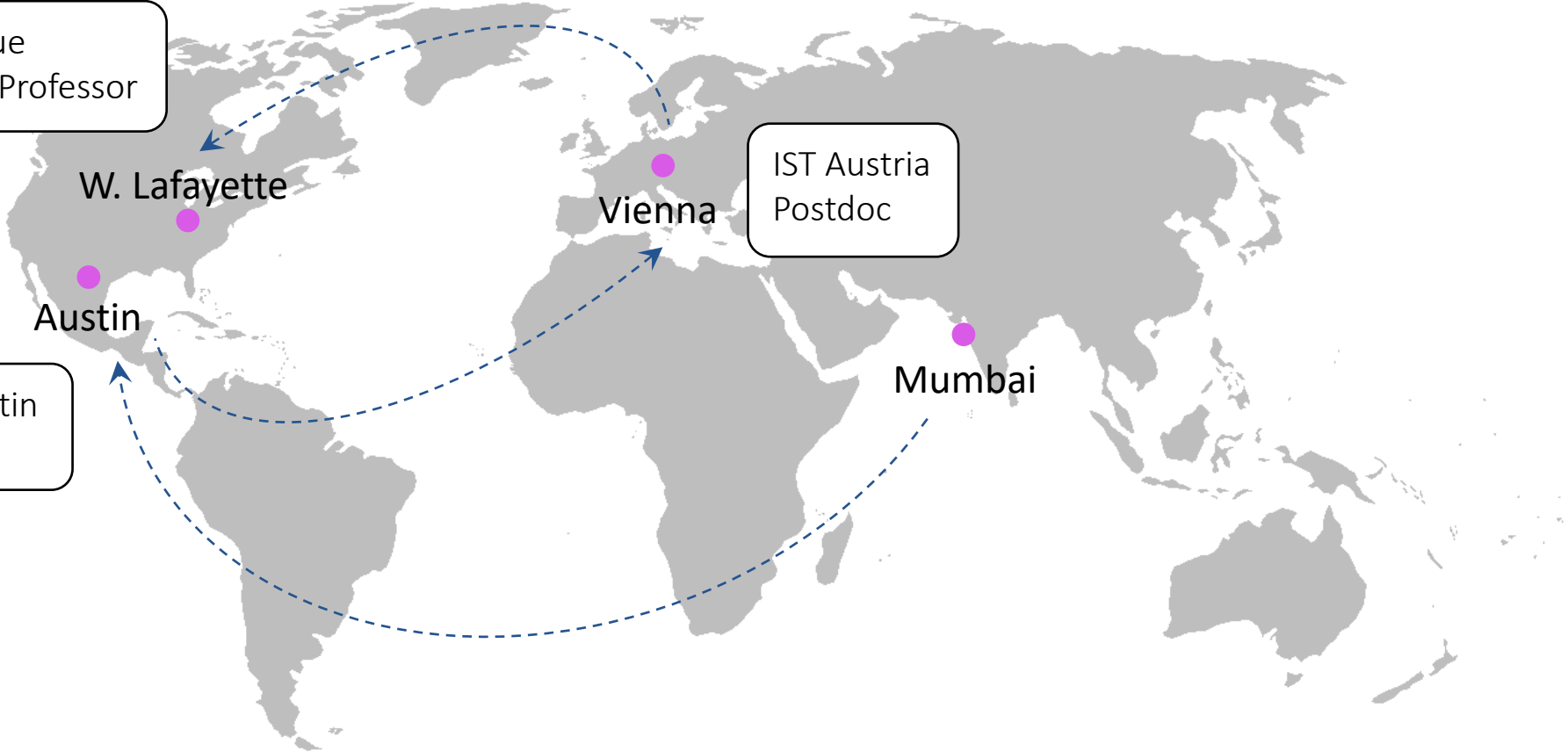
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Hi! I am Roopsha.

Purdue
Asst. Professor



W. Lafayette

Vienna

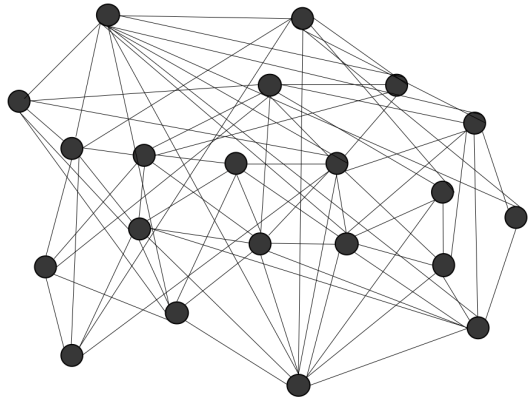
IST Austria
Postdoc

Austin

Mumbai

UT, Austin
Ph.D.

Developing algorithms/tools to assist programmers in writing reliable programs



DISCOVER[i]

Formal Verification and Synthesis
for Distributed Systems



MANTIS

Semantics-guided
Inductive Program Synthesis

Your turn!

Name?

CS/Math/ECE?

Undergrad/Grad?

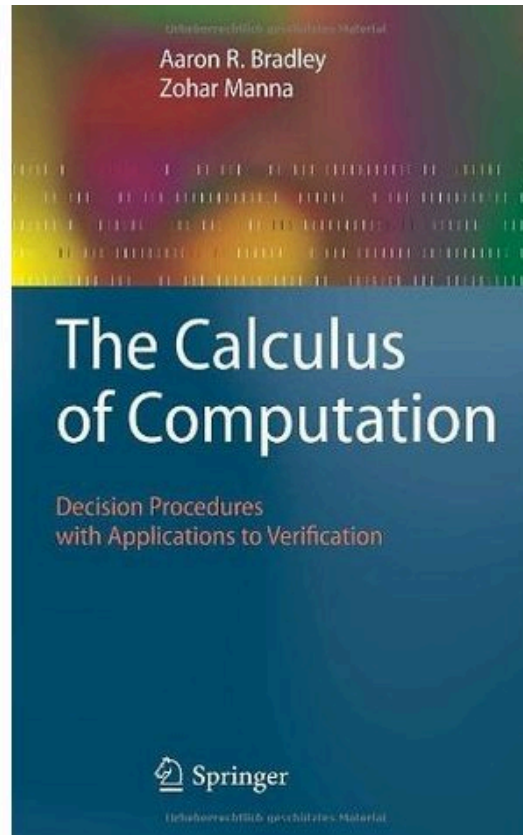
Research Interests?

Why this course?

COVID-19 Impact

Lectures	Zoom SYNC-ONLINE
Syllabus	Course Website
Resources	Brightspace
Discussions	Piazza

If you feel sick, contact Protect Purdue Health Center at 765-496-4636!



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Research papers, survey papers, handbook chapters

Grading

Component	Weight
Class Project	40%
Midterm	20%
Homeworks	35%
Participation	5%

Class project

- ▶ You will write a paper and present a talk at our end-of-semester **Workshop on Reasoning About Programs (WRAP) 2021!**
- ▶ You will work in teams of 2-3 students for your project.
Use Piazza to find teammates.
- ▶ Each of you will also *review* your peers' papers!
- ▶ **Double-blind reviewing:** Reviewer and team identities are concealed.

Class project

- ▶ We will do some Semantics-guided Inductive Program Synthesis (MANTIS)!
- ▶ You will identify a domain and adapt MANTIS to it.
- ▶ *What is MANTIS?* Next class.

Project deliverables

Proposal	Identify team, domain	Feb 11
Partial Paper	Some sections of final paper	Mar 25
WRAP paper	Final paper	Apr 20
WRAP talk	Final presentation	Apr 29

Project grading

- ▶ WRAP Paper and Talk: 100% of Project Grade
Proposal and Partial Paper will not be graded.
- ▶ WRAP Paper will be graded by peer reviewers and me.
- ▶ WRAP Talk will be graded by me.

Peer Review

- ▶ Each of you will serve on the Program Committee (PC) of WRAP 2021!
- ▶ Reviewing load: 2-3 papers.
- ▶ Each WRAP paper will be reviewed by a subset of your peers and discussed in a PC meeting on Apr 27.
- ▶ Goal of PC meeting: Rank papers.
- ▶ Reviewing criteria: Contribution, Originality, Presentation

Homeworks

- ▶ 5 homeworks
- ▶ Theoretical problem sets, programming assignments, paper reviews
- ▶ All homeworks will be weighted equally
- ▶ Upload to Piazza by 6:00pm on due dates
Reviews (HW 5) will be due during PC meeting

Policies

- ▶ Be honest, reasonable and respectful.
- ▶ Presentations, write-ups and homeworks must be your own work.
- ▶ Teams are *not* allowed to discuss their project specifics with other teams.
- ▶ Do not copy text and figures from papers, websites, etc.
Use your own words. Draw your own figures.
- ▶ See course website for all policies.

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- ▶ Project description