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1. I.D Software engineering

From the software engineering point of view, any software development process can be divided into several sub-disciplines:

- (a) Requirement Analysis
- (b) Functional Specification
- (c) Architectural Design
- (d) Implementation
- (e) Testing and Evaluation
- (f) Maintenance

Choose three sub-disciplines or tasks within these sub-disciplines that involve a mathematical approach, and illustrative them with examples.

(a) Requirement Analysis: ^{software}

If a person want to build an ^{software} system, he need to talk to the software development firm. For example, if a client wants to build a banking online website. He first need to send his requirement to the software development group. Usually, the group contains four main members. Project manager, Architector, Bussiness Analyst, and quality lead.

The Architector knows the ~~th~~ technical functioning. The client can sent his requirements to him, and the architector knows if it is possible to add this functions in the real system.

But, the ~~but~~ architector don't know the banking problem. So, the bussiness analyst will tell the architector the real bussiness methods about the banking domain.

The quality leads will confirm the quality of the client's requirement is fulfilled well.

And the project manager will ^{manage how to} use the resource and the budget, and send the timeline.

After ^{several} meeting with the firm of software development, the firm will provide a documents based on the client. It called Software Requirement Specification (SRS). It will fulfill the return of investment for the client in bank.

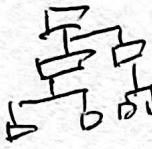
ROI = Reduce cost + Custom convenience + increase production environment + precision ^{data}
~~Return~~ The SRS will contains scope of software use and schedule timelines.

(C). Architecture design. In our case, a website needs multiple web servers and databases. The architect needs to design the system first. This system should allow the website with stand ~~thant~~ 1000 Customer ~~sim~~ visit the website in a same time without the website going down or the performance degrade. ~~And also~~. Then, there may have several linked modules, the architect needs to let them worked well together. For example, ~~each page~~ the website of online banking have home page, bank balance page, billing page, ^{and} self profile pages. They are related, the customer should can enter the other page from the home page. This ~~kind of design~~. Each page is a module. How to connect each module is called High-Level design (HLD). For each module, usually a program team will work on for it. To fulfill the functions in the module, ~~the~~ ^{each} team need to create the algorithm, ~~data~~ flow chart, ~~data~~ flow diagram, etc. This work called Low-level design (LLD). At ~~the~~ ^{each} design ^{section} ~~cycle~~, ~~of the programmer and~~ the group need to write the documents. The architect need to review the SRS, HLD documents, and LLD documents. Sometimes, ~~also~~ it also need to be checked with the program experts to make sure of them.

(d.) Implementer. After the review of the LLD documents. The programmer team can start to write the source code. While finish writing the code. The programmers also need to check the coding efficiency, coding standard, or if there has dead code or none use classes. ~~And~~ This also called unit testing. After the unit testing, the program will send to the test group to do the further testing.

2. I.E Systems

Compare and contrast (i) hierarchical, (ii) network, (iii) the relational, and (iv) object-oriented data models.

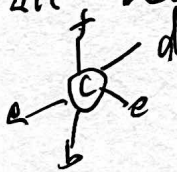


(1). hierarchical data model is from up to down ~~model~~ data structure.

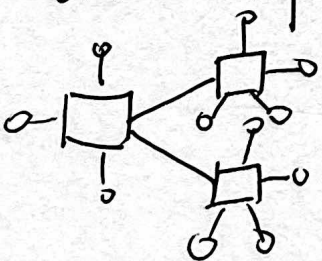
For example, a department members should start from the leader of the department and put this on the first ~~step~~ class, the other related like HR section, manager section, or cleaning section leader should be at the second class, they are led by the whole leader, and ^{so} connected to the first class. Then the workers belongs to the HR section should be at the third ~~set~~ class related to the respective second class, and the other workers of its section are ^{as} the same rule. This model is easy to find the belongs-relationship ^{from each class}. But is complex to establish the pointers and kids.

(2). network data model.

can get for the ~~nodes~~ nodes in the graph that have connected. If ~~two~~ nodes, a and b, ^{exist} have ~~connected~~ ~~are~~ have a feature, are all belongs to C, we can build a network model like following. If we want to search ~~are~~ the nodes belongs to C, it's easy and fast to should the results.



(3). relational data model. ~~like network model~~ Get fully connected for all the connections between different classes, like, the rocket crew should related to shuttle and NASA scientist, and some of them also share in both of two crews, this relational data will find the people who have more than one titles. ~~It is~~ However, complex it is ~~hard~~ to ~~get related~~ ~~of each~~ build the relation



(4). object-oriented data model.

Use all the label for each individual x , ~~in the~~
if ~~has~~ it has the label, push(1), ~~a~~ name, see (0).
while searching, ~~the~~ ~~for~~ just give the results that
the feature = (1). Its very simple to see the
results, may increase the save space.

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$$A = \{2, 5, 4, 1, 3\}$$

$$P(A) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$r=3, P(A) = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$= \{2, 3, 4\}$$

3. III.C Discrete Structures

A **permutation** of a set A is an *ordered* arrangement of the elements in A . An ordered arrangement of just r elements from A is called an r -permutation of A . For non-negative integers $r \leq n$, $P(n, r)$ denotes the number of r -permutations of a set with n elements.

What is $P(n, r)$? This is about counting.

For example, if $A_{\text{set}} = \{2, 3, 1\}$
 permutation $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

if $r=2$,
 r -permutation $A = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{1, 2\} \\ \{1, 3\} \\ \{2, 3\} \end{array} \right\}$

Back to this case, $\underbrace{P(2, 3)}_{\text{number of } 2\text{-permutations of } A_{\text{set}}} = C_3^2 = 3$
 permutation N (set has n numbers)

r -permutation $N = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{1, \dots, r\} \\ \{1, \dots, 1\} \\ \{ \dots \} \end{array} \right\}$

$\therefore P(n, r)$ denotes the number,

$$\therefore P(n, r) = \cancel{C_n^r} C_n^r$$