

# **No Ifs, Ands, or Buts**

## **Uncovering the Simplicity of Conditionals**

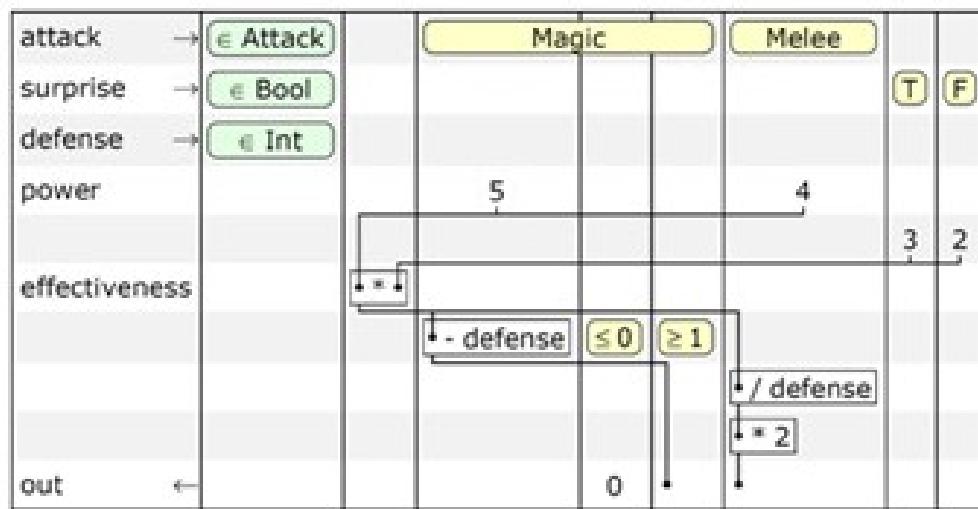
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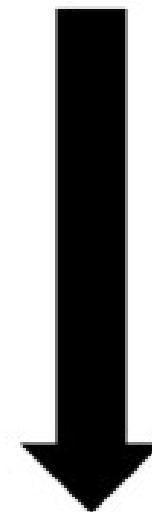
Film, który pokazywałam podczas prezentacji, można znaleźć pod adresem:  
<http://www.subtextual.org/subtext2.html>

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# Schematic Tables



Computation



Logic

```

boolean a, b, c;
int x;
if (a) {
    x = 1;
} else if (b || c) {
    x = 2;
} else {
    x = 3;
}

```

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| a | y | n |   |
| b |   | y | n |
| c |   | y | n |
| x | 1 | 2 | 3 |

tentatively deleted cases      tentatively added case

|   |   |   |   |
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| a | y | n | n |
| b |   | y | n |
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(a)

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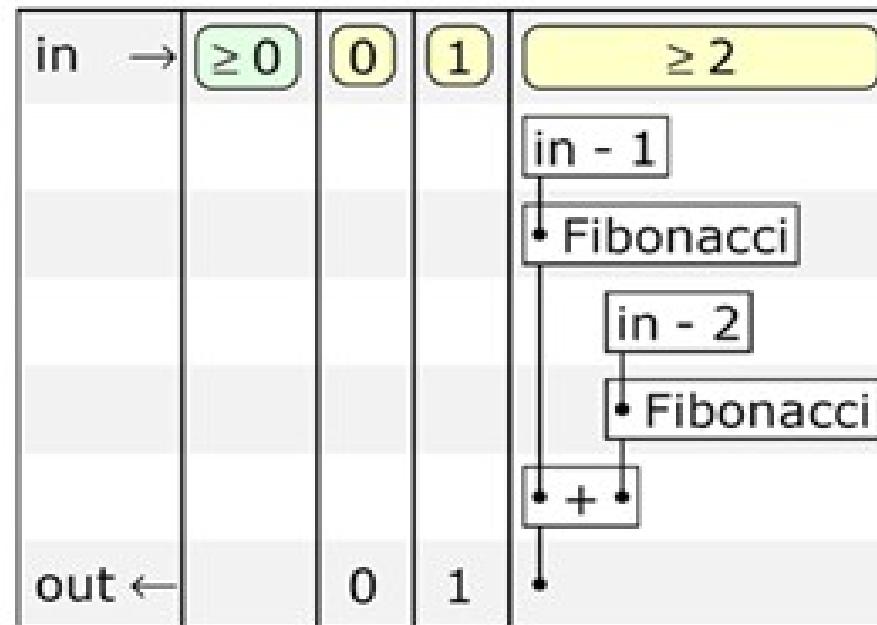
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(b)

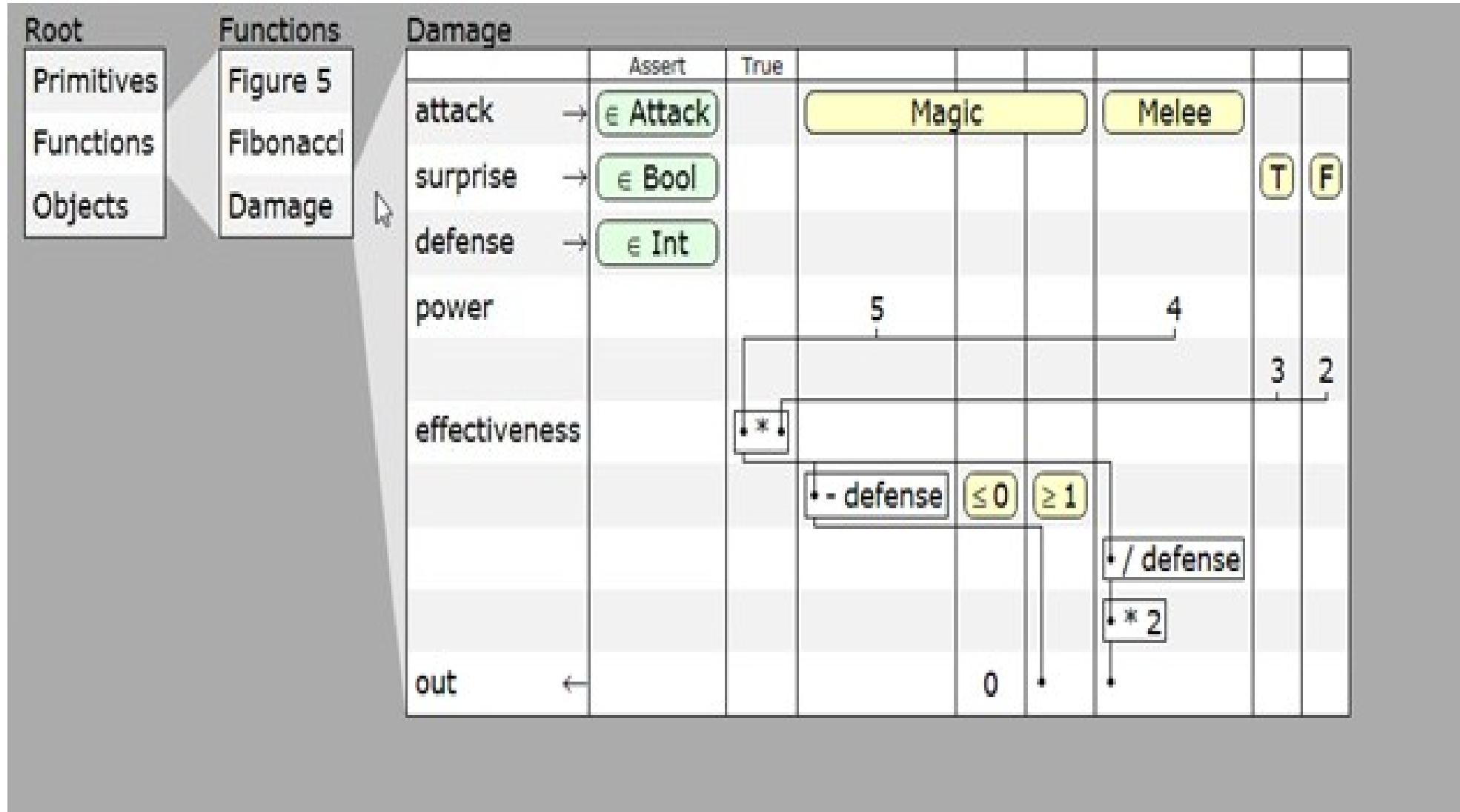
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| b |   | n | y |
| c | n | y | y |
| x | 1 | 2 | 3 |

(c)

```
static int fibonacci(int n) {
    assert (n >= 0);
    if (n == 0) return 0;
    if (n == 1) return 1;
    return fibonacci(n - 1)
        + fibonacci(n - 2);
}
```



```
enum Attack {Magic, Melee};  
int damage(Attack attack, bool surprise, int defense) {  
    int power;  
    switch (attack) {  
        case Magic:  
            power = 5;  
            break;  
        case Melee:  
            power = 4;  
            break;  
    }  
    int effectiveness = power * (surprise ? 3 : 2);  
    switch (attack) {  
        case Magic:  
            if (effectiveness >= defense)  
                return effectiveness - defense;  
            return 0;  
        case Melee:  
            return (effectiveness / defense) * 2;  
    }  
}
```



```
abstract class Attack {  
    abstract int damage(bool surprise, int defense);  
    int effectiveness(bool surprise) {  
        return power() * (surprise ? 3 : 2);  
    }  
    abstract int power();}
```

```
class Magic extends Attack {  
    int damage(bool surprise, int defense){  
        int theDamage = effectiveness(surprise) - defense;  
        if (theDamage > 0)  
            return theDamage;  
        return 0;  
    }  
    int power() {  
        return 5;  
    }}
```

```
abstract class Physical extends Attack {  
    int damage(bool surprise, int defense){  
        return (effectiveness(surprise) / defense) * 2;  
    }  
    int power() {  
        return 4;  
    }}
```

```
class Melee extends Physical {  
}
```

```
class Ranged extends Physical {  
    int power() {  
        return 3;  
    }}
```

|               |        |          |             |            |          |   |   |
|---------------|--------|----------|-------------|------------|----------|---|---|
|               | Assert | True     |             |            |          |   |   |
| attack        | →      | ∈ Attack |             | ∈ Physical |          |   |   |
| surprise      | →      | ∈ Bool   |             | ∈ Melee    | ∈ Ranged | T | F |
| defense       | →      | ∈ Int    |             |            |          |   |   |
| power         |        |          |             | 4          | 3        | 3 | 2 |
| effectiveness |        | • * •    | • / defense |            |          |   |   |
| out           | ←      |          | • * 2       |            |          |   |   |

# History is not over

