Writing tests for research software

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0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34 ...

$$F_0 = 0 \ F_1 = 1 \ F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$

 $F_0 = 0$

 $F_1 = 1$

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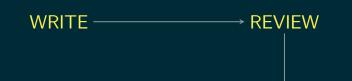
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Glynatsi2017, "SOLVES THE FIBONACCI MYSTERY"



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20% OF GENETIC RESEARCH IS WRONG

Gene name errors are widespread in the scientific literature by Mark Ziemann, Yotam Eren and Assam El-Osta





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test_main.py

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import unittest
import main

class TestExample(unittest.TestCase):

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Ran 1 test in 0.000s

OK
```

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Glynatsi2017, "TRYING TO RECLAIM REPUTATION"

```
"""Returns the n th fibonacci number.
For example:
if n == 0:
elif n == 1:
    return fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2)
```

```
python -m doctest main.py
Failed example:
   fib(7)
Expected:
Got:
**********
1 items had failures:
  1 of 4 in main.fib
***Test Failed*** 1 failures.
```

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if n == 0:
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```
from hypothesis import given
from hypothesis.strategies import integers

class TestFib(unittest.TestCase):
    @given(k=integers(min_value=2))
    def test_fib(self, k):
        self.assertTrue(fib(k), fib(k-1) + fib(k-2))
```

https://github.com/HypothesisWorks @DRMacIver

It's impossible to conduct research without software, say 7 out of 10 UK researchers

Simon Hettrick

uk/blog/2016-09-12-its-impossible-conduct-research-without-out-10-uk-researchers

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