

Effective Programming Practices for Economists

Software engineering

Reusing test functions

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Careful with "or"-style conditions

```
def test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data():
    with pytest.raises(ValueError):
        _clean_agreement_scale(pd.Series([-77, "typo"]))
```

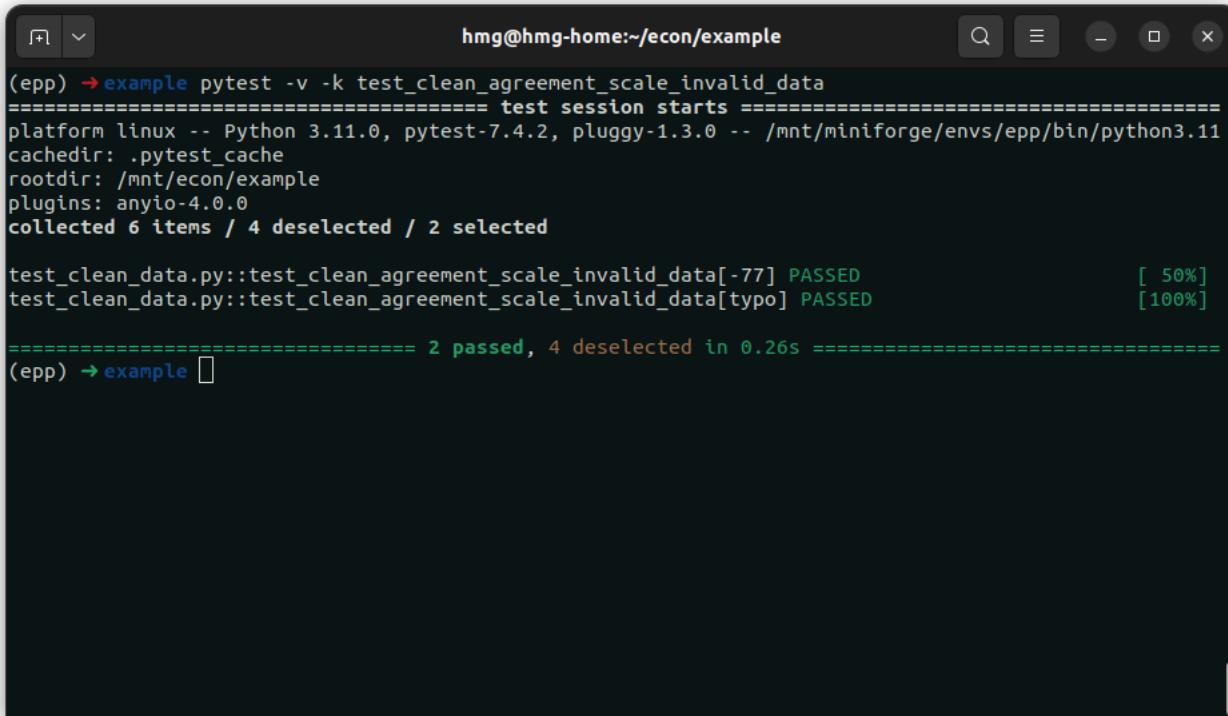
- Could solve by a careful check of message coming with ValueError
- Much clearer: Run once for each element of `[-77, "typo"]`

Reusing test functions

```
@pytest.mark.parametrize("invalid_input", [-77, "typo"])
def test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data(invalid_input):
    with pytest.raises(ValueError):
        _clean_agreement_scale(pd.Series([invalid_input]))
```

- first argument is a string with the test function input
- second argument is an iterable
- test function will be run once for each element of the iterable
- could have more than one argument to test function
 - including expected output
 - see documentation for syntax

One test function, two tests



A screenshot of a terminal window titled "hmg@hmg-home:~/econ/example". The terminal is running a pytest session with the command "(epp) → example pytest -v -k test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data". The output shows the test session starts, platform details (Linux, Python 3.11.0, pytest-7.4.2), and collected items (6 items, 4 deselected, 2 selected). Two tests passed: "test_clean_data.py::test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data[-77] PASSED" and "test_clean_data.py::test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data[typo] PASSED". The session ends with "2 passed, 4 deselected in 0.26s".

```
(epp) → example pytest -v -k test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data
=====
platform linux -- Python 3.11.0, pytest-7.4.2, pluggy-1.3.0 -- /mnt/miniforge/envs/epp/bin/python3.11
cachedir: .pytest_cache
rootdir: /mnt/econ/example
plugins: anyio-4.0.0
collected 6 items / 4 deselected / 2 selected

test_clean_data.py::test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data[-77] PASSED [ 50%]
test_clean_data.py::test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data[typo] PASSED [100%]

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(epp) → example
```

Countercheck fails as it is supposed to

```
(epp) → example pytest -v -k test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data
=====
platform linux -- Python 3.11.0, pytest-7.4.2, pluggy-1.3.0 -- /mnt/miniforge/envs/epp/bin/python3.11
cachedir: .pytest_cache
rootdir: /mnt/econ/example
plugins: anyio-4.0.0
collected 6 items / 4 deselected / 2 selected

test_clean_data.py::test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data[-77] FAILED
test_clean_data.py::test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data[typo] PASSED [ 50%]
[ 100%]

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FAILURES =====
_____ test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data[-77] _____

invalid_input = '-77'

    @pytest.mark.parametrize("invalid_input", ["-77", "typo"])
    def test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data(invalid_input):
>        with pytest.raises(ValueError):
E            Failed: DID NOT RAISE <class 'ValueError'>

test_clean_data.py:29: Failed
=====
short test summary info =====
FAILED test_clean_data.py::test_clean_agreement_scale_invalid_data[-77] - Failed: DID NOT RAISE <class 'ValueError'>
=====
1 failed, 1 passed, 4 deselected in 0.30s =====
(epp) → example
```