

Effective Programming Practices for Economists

Basic Python

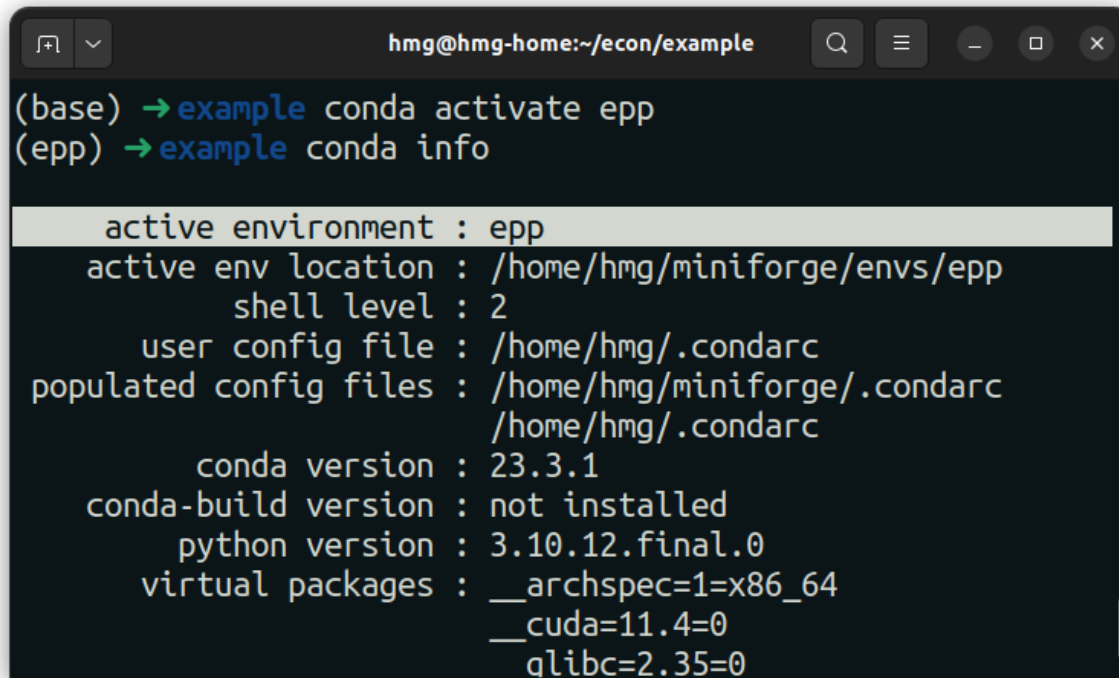
Running Python code via pytest

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Preparation

- We assume you have installed anaconda and created the course environment
- Open a shell in the root directory of your project
 - On Windows, use the anaconda prompt or the powershell
 - If conda is not recognized in the powershell, check out this [stackoverflow post](#)
- Activate the environment using ``conda activate epp``
- Confirm the activation worked using ``conda info``

0: Activate and Info



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hmg@hmg-home:~/econ/example
(base) → example conda activate epp
(epp) → example conda info

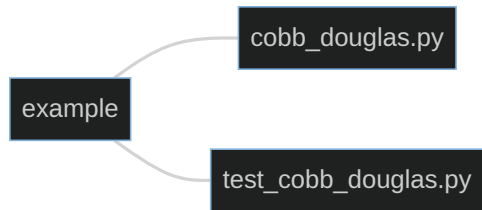
active environment : epp
  active env location : /home/hmg/miniforge/envs/epp
    shell level      : 2
  user config file   : /home/hmg/.condarc
populated config files : /home/hmg/miniforge/.condarc
                      /home/hmg/.condarc
   conda version     : 23.3.1
conda-build version  : not installed
  python version     : 3.10.12.final.0
 virtual packages    : __archspec=1=x86_64
                      __cuda=11.4=0
                      __libc=2.35=0
```

How does pytest execute code?

- Executing .py files: Run the entire file
- Executing notebooks: Run individual cells
- Pytest: Run individual functions in multiple .py files

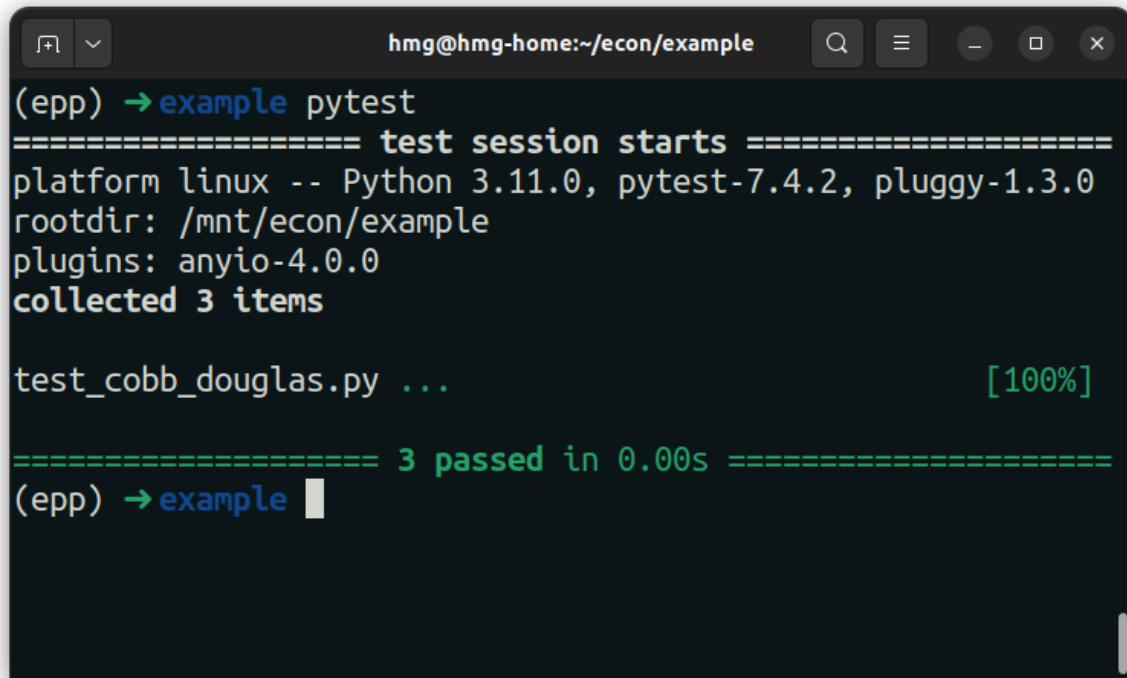
Very useful for automating test execution across an entire project

Example Project Structure



- Our shell is in the `example` directory
- We want to run all functions that start with `test_` in `test_cobb_douglas.py`
- Could be spread across multiple test files, across different subdirectories
- Command is `pytest`

1: Execute

A terminal window with a dark background and light text. The title bar shows the user 'hmg' at 'hmg-home' in the directory '~/econ/example'. The terminal content shows a successful pytest run. It starts with the command '(epp) → example pytest', followed by a separator line '==== test session starts ====='. It then displays environment details: 'platform linux -- Python 3.11.0, pytest-7.4.2, pluggy-1.3.0', 'rootdir: /mnt/econ/example', and 'plugins: anyio-4.0.0'. It reports 'collected 3 items' and shows a progress bar for 'test_cobb_douglas.py' reaching 100%. The final result is '==== 3 passed in 0.00s =====' in green text. The prompt '(epp) → example' is followed by a cursor.

```
hmg@hmg-home:~/econ/example

(epp) → example pytest
==== test session starts =====
platform linux -- Python 3.11.0, pytest-7.4.2, pluggy-1.3.0
rootdir: /mnt/econ/example
plugins: anyio-4.0.0
collected 3 items

test_cobb_douglas.py ... [100%]

==== 3 passed in 0.00s =====
(epp) → example
```