

Effective Programming Practices for Economists

Basic Python

Running Python code via pytest

Janoś Gabler and Hans-Martin von Gaudecker

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`

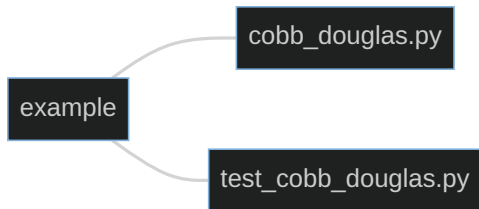
An error occurred on this slide. Check the terminal for more information.

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`

An error occurred on this slide. Check the terminal for more information.