

# 1 The leap year algorithm

The *leap year algorithm* calculates whether or not a given year is a leap year or not.

The algorithm is contained within a single function, that takes an integer as a parameter.

The input goes through a series of judgements and immediately returns when the first check is deemed to be **true**

1. The first judgement is the check to see if the number is greater than 1582.
  - 1.1. If true, the algorithm returns an `ArgumentException`, as it is not a valid input.
  - 1.2. Otherwise the judging moves along
2. The year input is divisible by 400
  - 2.1. If true, the algorithm deems the year to be a leap year (returns true)
  - 2.2. Otherwise the judging moves along
3. The year input is divisible by 100
  - 3.1. If true, the algorithm deems the year to **not** be a leap year (returns false)
  - 3.2. Otherwise the judging moves along
4. The year input is divisible by 4
  - 4.1. If true, the algorithm deems the year to be a leap year (returns true)
  - 4.2. Otherwise the judging moves along
5. If true, the algorithm deems the year to **not** be a leap year (returns false)

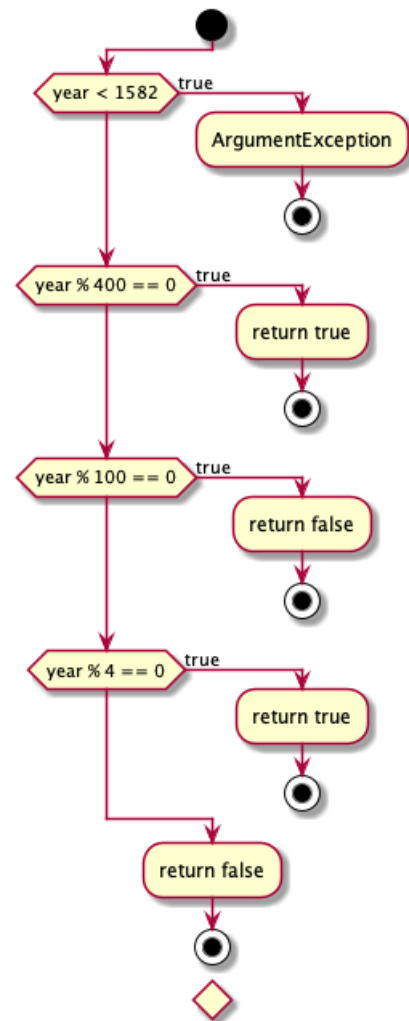


Figure 1: *The leap year algorithm*

## 2 Source code

```
public static bool IsLeapYear(int year)
{
    if (year < 1582)
    {
        throw new ArgumentException($"the_
            input_year_{year}\#{year}\_should_
            be_greater_or_equal_to_1582");
    }
    else if (year % 400 == 0)
    {
        return true;
    }
    else if (year % 100 == 0)
    {
        return false;
    }
    else if (year % 4 == 0)
    {
        return true;
    }
    else
    {
        return false;
    }
}
```