pytest - Framework for Unit Testing

Applying test-driven development within Ansys

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Introduction

What is test-driven development (TDD)?

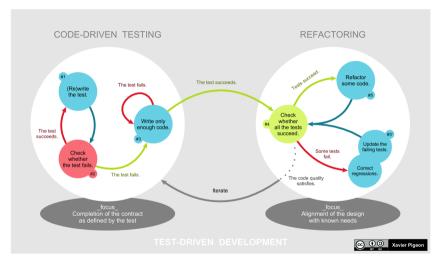
Software requirements are converted to test cases before software is fully developed.

As soon as the code base gets modified, a collection of tests get executed to guarantee the integrity of the new code.

- · What are its main advantages?
 - Improved design of the system.
 - · Better code quality and flexibility.
 - Good documentation as a byproduct.
 - · Lower development costs and increased developer productivity.
- pytest is a and powerful and mature testing framework widely used in Python.



Test Driven Development - Overview







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Basic assertions with pytest

- Tests are defined using functions starting with test
- Use the assert statement to compare current and expected results.
- Run your tests by invoking pytest.

```
Basic Assertion
# content of test_sample.py
def inc(x):
    return x + 1

def test_answer():
    assert inc(3) == 5
```

```
$ emacs test example py -nw 
$ spytest test example py -nw 
spytest -nw 
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```



Using NumPy for Floating Point Assertions

- For floating point values, absolute and relative tolerances are required.
- NumPy provides the assert_allclose function for this purpose.
- You can also use assert_equal to check if two arrays are exactly the same.

```
Array Assertions
>>> x = [ie-5, ie-3, ie-1]
>>> y = np.arccos(np.cos(x))
>>> np.testing.assert_allclose(
... x, y, rtol=ie-5, atol=0,
...)
>>> np.testing.assert_array_equal(
... [i.0, 2.33333, np.nan],
... [np.exp(0), 2.33333, np.nan],
...)
```



Marking Tests

- Marking tests allows to filter and select desired tests from the test suite.
- Marking is performed using the pytest.mark.
 name> decorator.
- Select marked tests by executing pytest -m <name> -vv tests

```
nytest -m "not fast" --durations A -vv
          .....test session starts ......
platform linux -- Python 3.8.10, pytest-7.1.3, pluggy-1.0.0 -- /home/akaszyns/py
thon/pv38/bin/pvthon
cachedir: .nvtest cache
nypothesis profile 'default' -> database=DirectoryBasedExampleDatabase('/tmp/tes
ting-demo/.hypothesis/examples')
rootdir: /tmp/testing-demo. configfile: pytest.ini
plugins: memprof-0.2.0, sphinx-0.5.0, xdist-2.5.0, forked-1.4.0, cov-3.0.0, cons
ole-scripts-1.3.1, anvio-3.6.1, hypothesis-6.54.6
collected 2 items / 1 deselected / 1 selected
test demo.pv::test talk to network PASSED
memory consumption estimates
test demo.pv::test talk to network - 1.0 MB
 slowest durations
            test demo pyritest talk to network
 .00s setup test demo.pv::test talk to network
 .00s teardown test demo.pv::test talk to network
```



Parametrizing tests

- Parameterizing a allows you to run the same test with different inputs.
- This allows you to reuse test code and test a variety of inputs.
- Using the pytest.mark.parametrize decorator.

```
pytest.mark.parametrize
from numpy.testing import assert_allclose
import pytest

@pytest.mark.parametrize(
    "a, b, c",
    [(0.1, 0.2, 0.3), (8, 12, 20)]
)
def test_add_two_floats(a, b, c):
    assert a + b == c
```



A plethora of plugins

Plugins add or modify the behavior of pytest:

pytest-xdist

```
$ pip install pytest-xdist
$ pytest -n auto
```

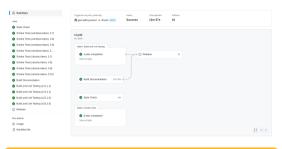
- pytest integrates with the unittest module from Python Standard Library.
- Validate documentation examples with doctests.
- Check code coverage with pytest-cov
- Include Matplotlib testing with pytest-mpl
- Find edge cases with hypothesis

Check out the official list at pytest - Plugin List.



Continuous integration and development

- At Ansys, Continuous integration and development (CI/CD) takes place in ADO or GitHub.
- It is performed using workflow and configured via YAML files and you can test across a variety of environments using a matrix workflow.
- Automate testing using pytest across multiple OSes and platforms.
- Integrate with other third party apps like codecov to provide metrics and insights.



```
workflow.yaml

testimport:
   name: Smoke Tests
   runs-on: ${{ matrix.os }}
   strategy:
   matrix:
    os: [windows-latest, ubuntu-latest]
    python-version: ['3.7', '3.8', '3.9', '3.10']
```





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Additional Information

Visit the PyAnsys Developer's Guide for more information on how to implement testing.

PyAnsys Dev Guide - testing

https://dev.docs.pyansys.com/how-to/testing.html

PyAnsys Dev Guide - Continuous Integration

https://dev.docs.pyansys.com/how-to/continuous-integration.html

pytest - Documentation

https://docs.pytest.org/en/latest/



