Beyond assertion: setup and teardown

UNIT TESTING FOR DATA SCIENCE IN PYTHON



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```
1,801 201,411

1,767565,112

2,002 333,209

1990 782,911

1,285 389129
```



```
raw row_to_list()
```

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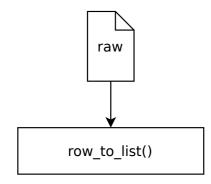
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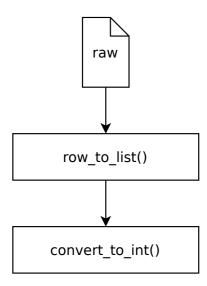
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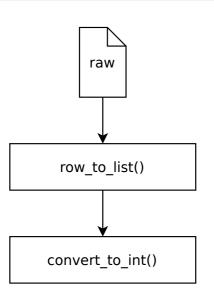
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```
1,801 201,411
2,002 333,209
1990 782,911 # dirty row, no comma
1,285 389129 # dirty row, no comma
```

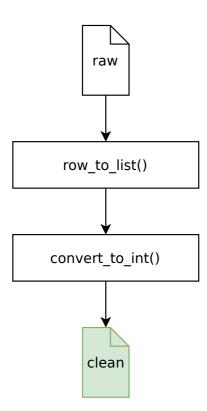




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```
    1801
    201411

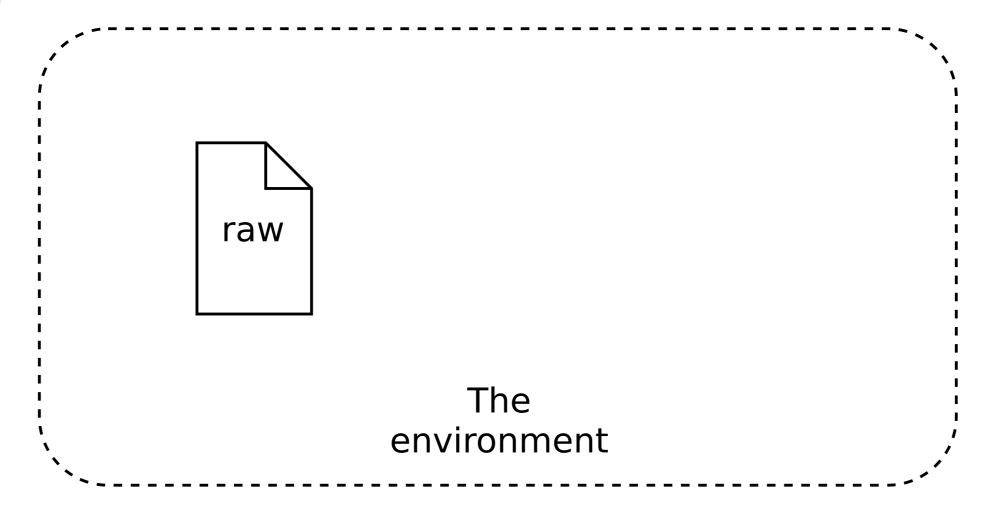
    2002
    333209
```





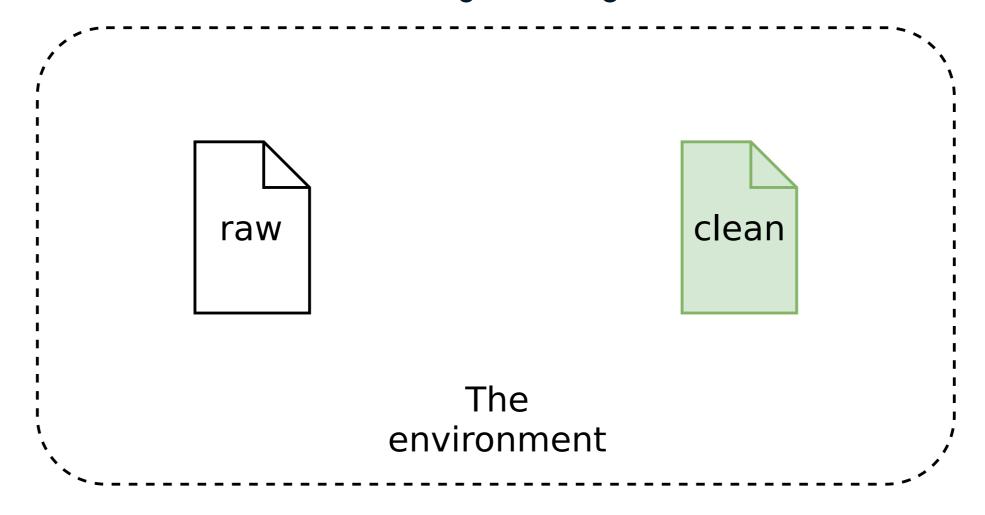
Environment preconditions

• preprocess() needs a raw data file in the environment to run.



Environment modification

• preprocess() modifies the environment by creating a clean data file.



Testing the preprocessing function

def test_on_raw_data():

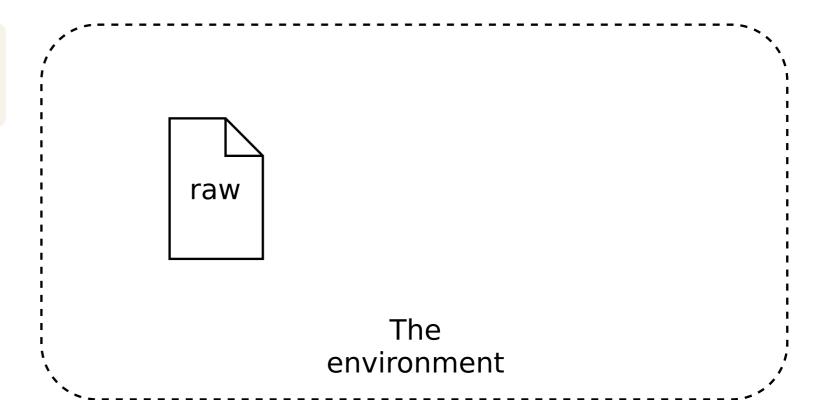
The environment



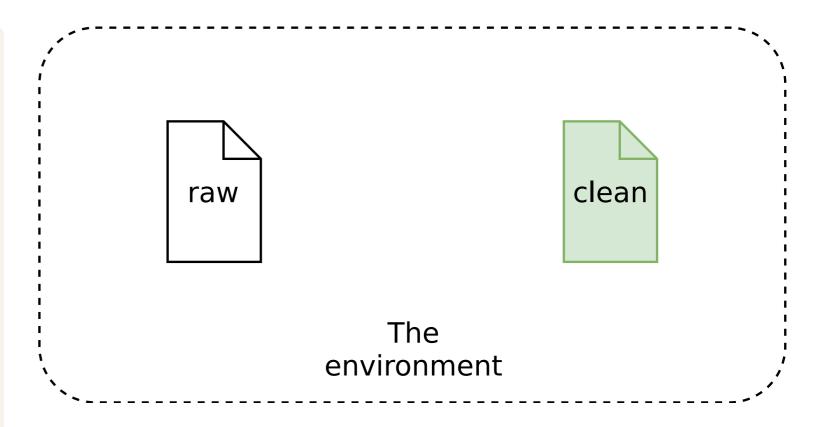
Step 1: Setup

```
def test_on_raw_data():
    # Setup: create the raw data file
```

• Setup brings the environment to a state where testing can begin.



Step 2: Assert



Step 3: Teardown

```
def test_on_raw_data():
   # Setup: create the raw data file
   preprocess(raw_data_file_path,
               clean_data_file_path
   with open(clean_data_file_path) as f:
       lines = f.readlines()
   first_line = lines[0]
   assert first_line == "1801\t201411\n"
   second_line = lines[1]
   assert second_line == "2002\t333209\n"
   # Teardown: remove raw and clean data file
```

• Teardown brings environment to initial state.



The new workflow

Old workflow

assert

New workflow

• $\mathsf{setup} \to \mathsf{assert} \to \mathsf{teardown}$

Fixture

```
import pytest
@pytest.fixture
def my_fixture():
    # Do setup here
    return data
def test_something(my_fixture):
    data = my_fixture
    • • •
```

Fixture

```
import pytest
@pytest.fixture
def my_fixture():
   # Do setup here
   yield data  # Use yield instead of return
   # Do teardown here
def test_something(my_fixture):
    data = my_fixture
```

Test

```
import os
import pytest

def test_on_raw_data():
```

Fixture

```
@pytest.fixture
def raw_and_clean_data_file():
    raw_data_file_path = "raw.txt"
    clean_data_file_path = "clean.txt"
    with open(raw_data_file_path, "w") as f:
        f.write("1,801\t201,411\n"
                "1,767565,112\n"
                "2,002\t333,209\n"
                "1990\t782,911\n"
                "1,285\t389129\n"
    yield raw_data_file_path, clean_data_file_path
    os.remove(raw_data_file_path)
    os.remove(clean_data_file_path)
```

Test

```
import os
import pytest
def test_on_raw_data(raw_and_clean_data_file):
    raw_path, clean_path = raw_and_clean_data_file
    preprocess(raw_path, clean_path)
    with open(clean_data_file_path) as f:
       lines = f.readlines()
    first_line = lines[0]
    assert first_line == "1801\t201411\n"
    second line = lines[1]
    assert second_line == "2002\t333209\n"
```

The built-in tmpdir fixture

- Setup: create a temporary directory.
- Teardown: delete the temporary directory along with contents.



tmpdir and fixture chaining

• setup of tmpdir() \to Setup of raw_and_clean_data_file() \to test \to teardown of raw_and_clean_data_file() \to teardown of tmpdir().

```
@pytest.fixture
def raw_and_clean_data_file(tmpdir):
    raw_data_file_path = tmpdir.join("raw.txt")
    clean_data_file_path = tmpdir.join("clean.txt")
    with open(raw_data_file_path, "w") as f:
        f.write("1,801\t201,411\n"
                "1,767565,112\n"
                "2,002\t333,209\n"
                "1990\t782,911\n"
                "1,285\t389129\n"
    yield raw_data_file_path, clean_data_file_path
   # No teardown code necessary
```

Let's practice setup and teardown using fixtures!

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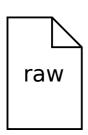
Mocking

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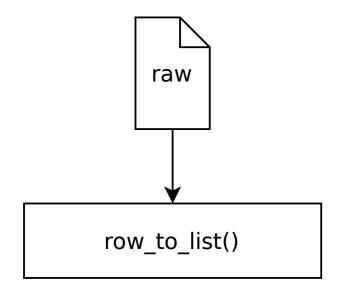


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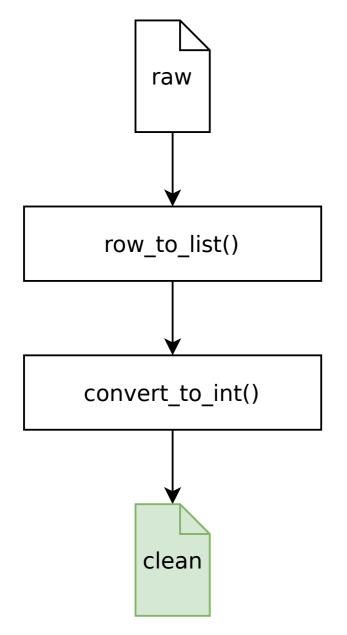




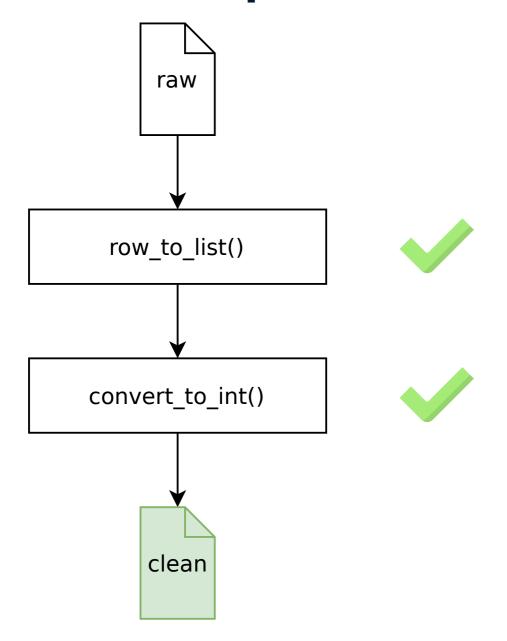




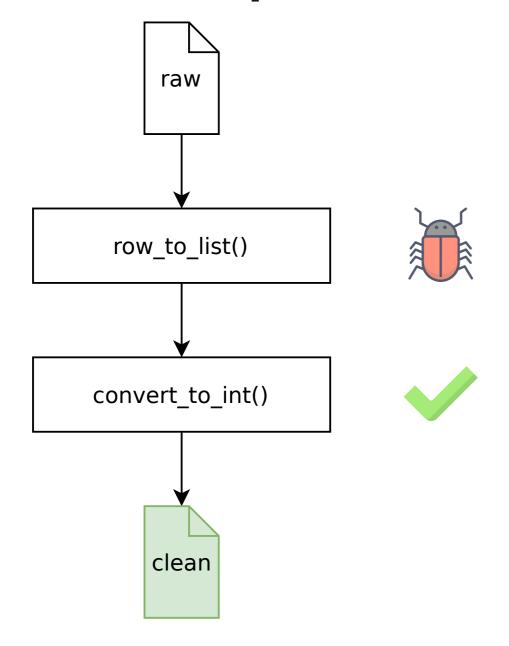




Test result depend on dependencies



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```
pytest -k "TestPreprocess"
```

```
======== test session starts ==========
collected 21 items / 20 deselected / 1 selected
data/test_preprocessing_helpers.py F
                                       [100%]
TestPreprocess.test_on_raw_data _____
   def test_on_raw_data(self, raw_and_clean_data_file):
       raw_path, clean_path = raw_and_clean_data_file
       preprocess(raw_path, clean_path)
      with open(clean_path, "r") as f:
          lines = f.readlines()
      first_line = lines[0]
       IndexError: list index out of range
data/test_preprocessing_helpers.py:121: IndexError
==== 1 failed, 20 deselected in 0.68 seconds ======
```

Test result depends on dependencies

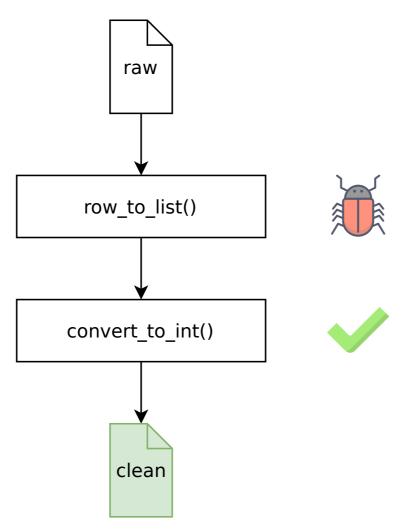
Test result should indicate bugs in

- function under test i.e. preprocess().
- not dependencies e.g. row_to_list() or convert_to_int().

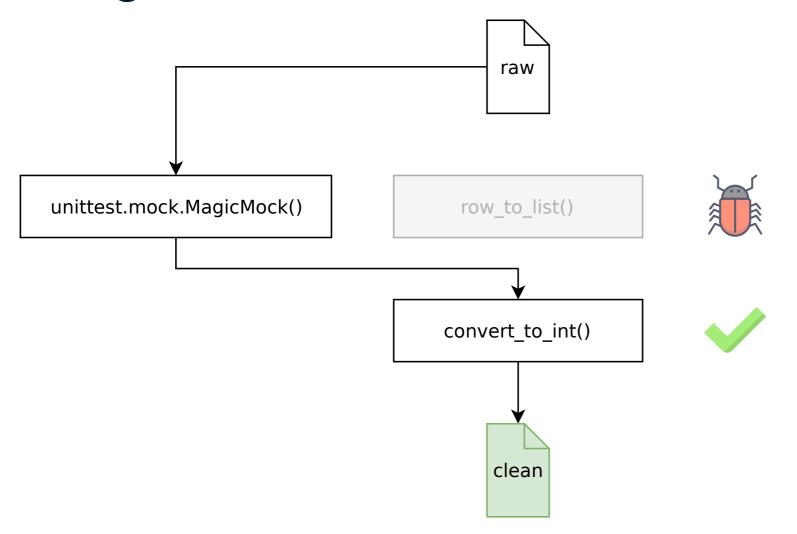
Mocking: testing functions independently of dependencies

Packages for mocking in pytest

- pytest-mock: Install using pip install pytest-mock.
- unittest.mock: Python standard library package.







• Theoretical structure of mocker.patch()

```
mocker.patch("<dependency name with module name>")
```

• Theoretical structure of mocker.patch()

```
mocker.patch("data.preprocessing_helpers.row_to_list")
```

```
unittest.mock.MagicMock()
```

Making the MagicMock() bug-free

Raw data

```
1,801 201,411
1,767565,112
2,002 333,209
1990 782,911
1,285 389129
```

```
def row_to_list_bug_free(row):
    return_values = {
        "1,801\t201,411\n": ["1,801", "201,411"],
        "1,767565,112\n": None,
        "2,002\t333,209\n": ["2,002", "333,209"],
        "1990\t782,911\n": ["1990", "782,911"],
        "1,285\t389129\n": ["1,285", "389129"],
        }
    return return_values[row]
```

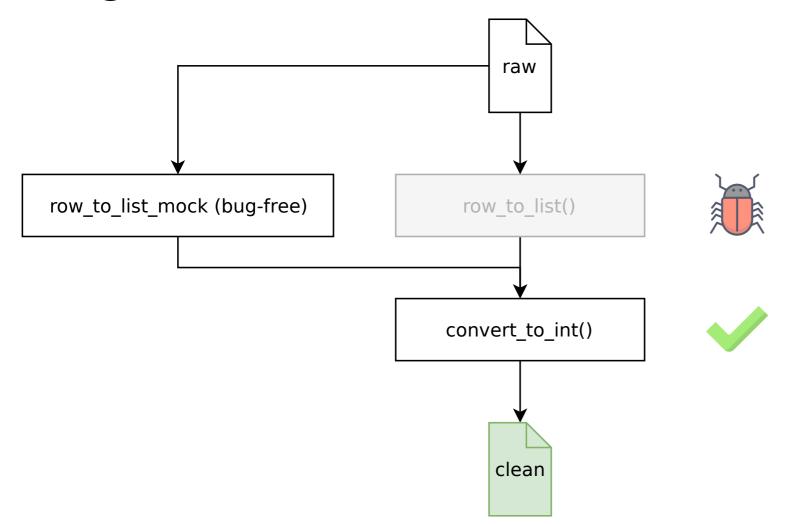
Side effect

Raw data

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1,285 389129
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```
def row_to_list_bug_free():
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        "1,767565,112\n": None,
        "2,002\t333,209\n": ["2,002", "333,209"],
        "1990\t782,911\n": ["1990", "782,911"],
        "1,285\t389129\n": ["1,285", "389129"],
        }
    return return_values[row]
```

Bug free replacement of dependency



Checking the arguments

 call_args_list attribute returns a list of arguments that the mock was called with

```
row_to_list_mock.call_args_list
```

```
[call("1,801\t201,411\n"),
  call("1,767565,112\n"),
  call("2,002\t333,209\n"),
  call("1990\t782,911\n"),
  call("1,285\t389129\n")
]
```

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```

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  call("1,285\t389129\n")
]
```

```
from unittest.mock import call
def test_on_raw_data(raw_and_clean_data_file,
                     mocker,
                     ):
    raw_path, clean_path = raw_and_clean_data_file
    row_to_list_mock = mocker.patch(
        "data.preprocessing_helpers.row_to_list",
        side_effect = row_to_list_bug_free
    preprocess(raw_path, clean_path)
    assert row_to_list_mock.call_args_list == [
        call("1,801\t201,411\n"),
        call("1,767565,112\n"),
        call("2,002\t333,209\n"), call("1990\t782,911\n"),
        call("1,285\t389129\n")
```

Dependency buggy, function bug-free, test still passes!

```
pytest -k "TestRowToList"
```

```
collected 21 items / 14 deselected / 7 selected
                                 [100%]
data/test_preprocessing_helpers.py .....FF
  ______ TestRowToList.test_on_normal_argument_2 _______
======= 2 failed, 5 passed, 14 deselected in 0.70 seconds =========
```



Dependency buggy, function bug-free, test still passes!

```
pytest -k "TestPreprocess"
```



Let's practice mocking!

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Testing models

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Functions we have tested so far

- preprocess()
- get_data_as_numpy_array()
- split_into_training_and_testing_sets()

Raw data to clean data

data/raw/housing_data.txt

```
2,081 314,942

1,059 186,606

293,410 <-- row with missing area

1,148 206,186

...
```

Raw data to clean data

data/clean/clean_housing_data.txt

```
2081 314942
1059 186606
1148 206186
```

Clean data to NumPy array

```
get_data_as_numpy_array(
    "data/clean/clean_housing_data.txt", 2
)
```

Splitting into training and testing sets

```
from data.preprocessing_helpers import preprocess
from features.as_numpy import get_data_as_numpy_array
from models.train import (
  split_into_training_and_testing_sets
preprocess("data/raw/housing_data.txt",
           "data/clean/clean_housing_data.txt"
data = get_data_as_numpy_array(
    "data/clean/clean_housing_data.txt", 2
training_set, testing_set = (
    split_into_training_and_testing_sets(data)
```

```
split_into_training_and_testing_sets(data)
```

Functions are well tested - thanks to you!



The linear regression model

```
def train_model(training_set):
```



The linear regression model

```
from scipy.stats import linregress

def train_model(training_set):
    slope, intercept, _, _, _ = linregress(training_set[:, 0], training_set[:, 1])
    return slope, intercept
```

Return values difficult to compute manually



Return values difficult to compute manually

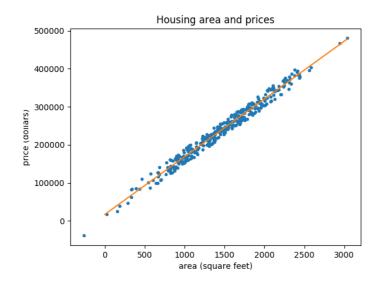


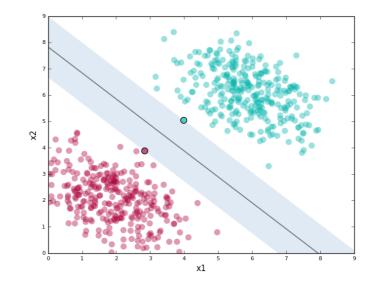
Return values difficult to compute manually

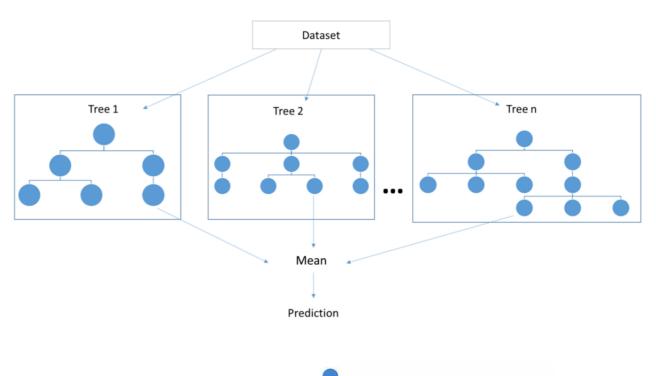


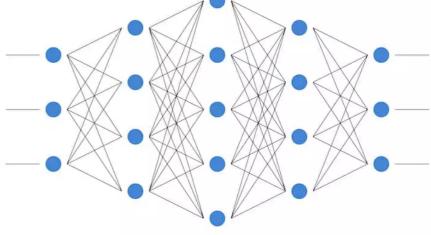
• Cannot test train_model() without knowing expected return values.

True for all data science models

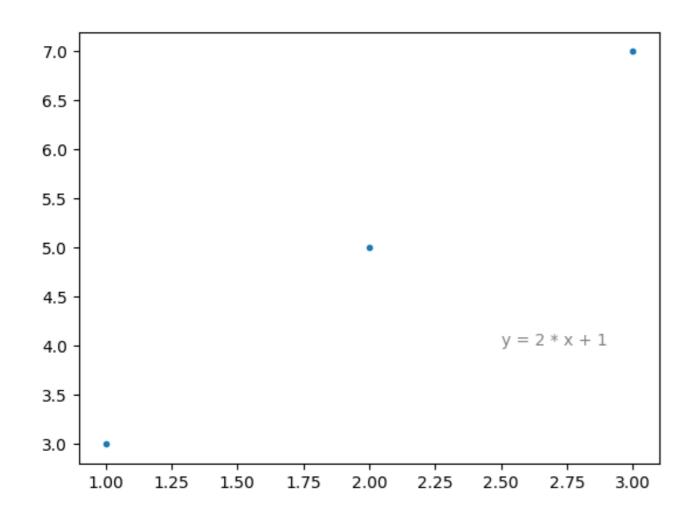




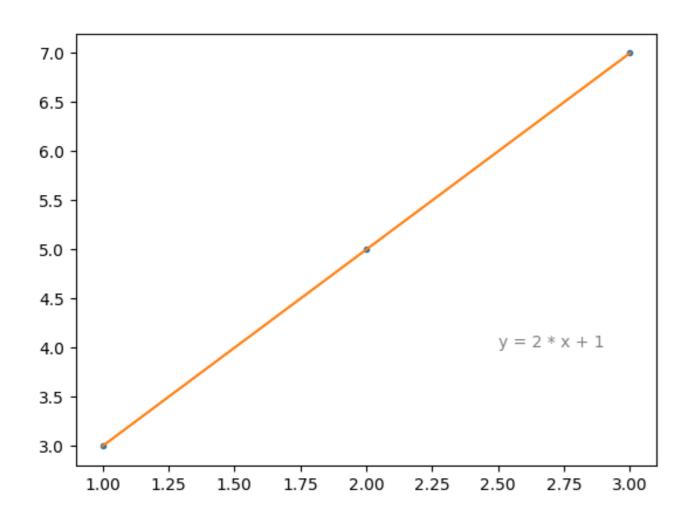




Trick 1: Use dataset where return value is known

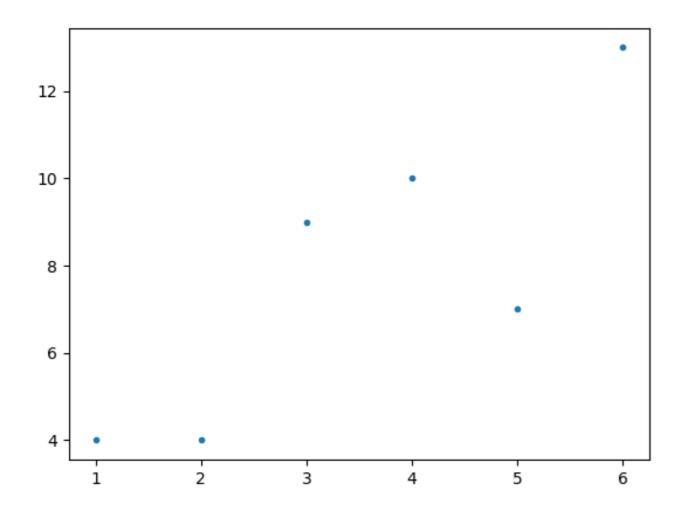


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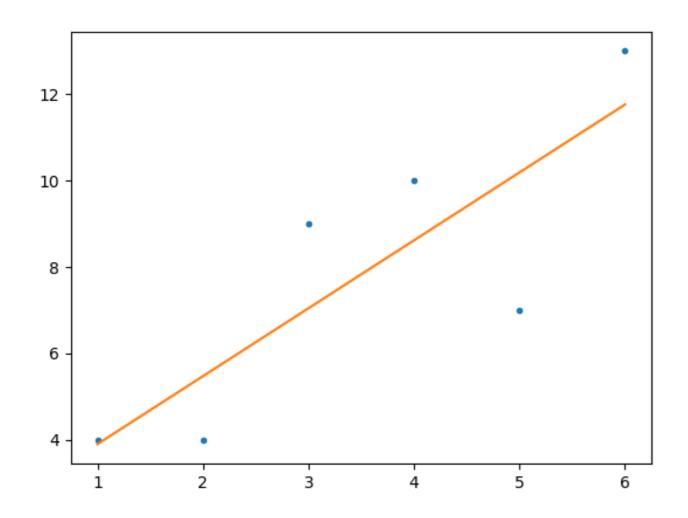


```
import pytest
import numpy as np
from models.train import train_model
def test_on_linear_data():
    test_argument = np.array([[1.0, 3.0],
                              [2.0, 5.0],
                              [3.0, 7.0]
    expected_slope = 2.0
    expected_intercept = 1.0
    slope, intercept = train_model(test_argument)
    assert slope == pytest.approx(expected_slope)
    assert intercept == pytest.approx(
        expected_intercept
```

Trick 2: Use inequalities



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Recommendations

- Do not leave models untested just because they are complex.
- Perform as many sanity checks as possible.

Using the model

```
from data.preprocessing_helpers import preprocess
from features.as_numpy import get_data_as_numpy_array
from models.train import (
  split_into_training_and_testing_sets, train_model
preprocess("data/raw/housing_data.txt",
           "data/clean/clean_housing_data.txt"
data = get_data_as_numpy_array(
    "data/clean/clean_housing_data.txt", 2
training_set, testing_set = (
    split_into_training_and_testing_sets(data)
slope, intercept = train_model(training_set)
```

```
train_model(training_set)
```

151.78430060614986 17140.77537937442



Testing model performance

```
def model_test(testing_set, slope, intercept):
    """Return r^2 of fit"""
```

- Returns a quantity r^2 .
- Indicates how well the model performs on unseen data.
- Usually, $0 \le r^2 \le 1$.
- $r^2=1$ indicates perfect fit.
- $r^2=0$ indicates no fit.
- Complicated to compute r^2 manually.

Let's practice writing sanity tests!

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Pizza without cheese!



This lesson: testing matplotlib visualizations



```
data/
src/
|-- data/
|-- features/
|-- models/
|-- visualization
| |-- __init__.py
tests/
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```

```
def get_plot_for_best_fit_line(slope,
                                 intercept,
                                x_array,
                                y_array,
                                title
                                ):
    11 11 11
    slope: slope of best fit line
    intercept: intercept of best fit line
    x_array: array containing housing areas
    y_array: array containing housing prices
   title: title of the plot
    11 11 11
```

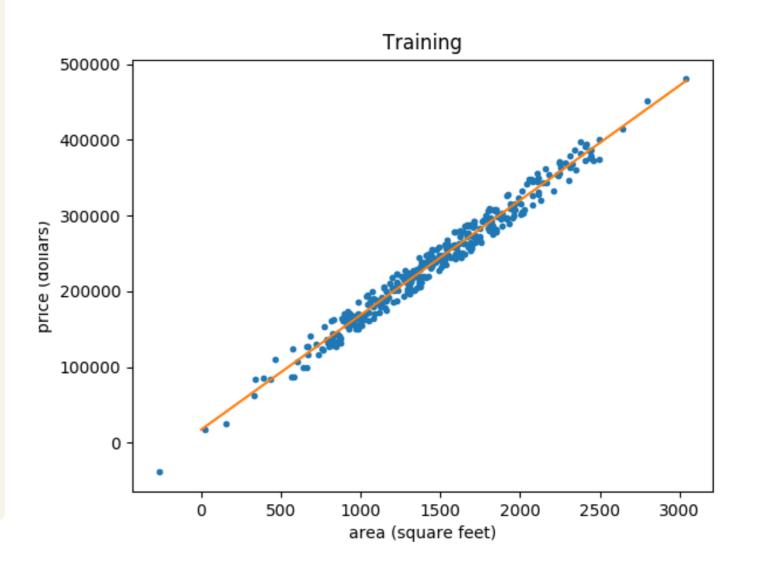
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                                intercept,
                                x_array,
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                                title
                                ):
    11 11 11
    slope: slope of best fit line
    intercept: intercept of best fit line
    x_array: array containing housing areas
    y_array: array containing housing prices
   title: title of the plot
    Returns: matplotlib.figure.Figure()
    11 11 11
```

```
data/
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|-- visualization
| |-- __init__.py
| |-- plots.py
```

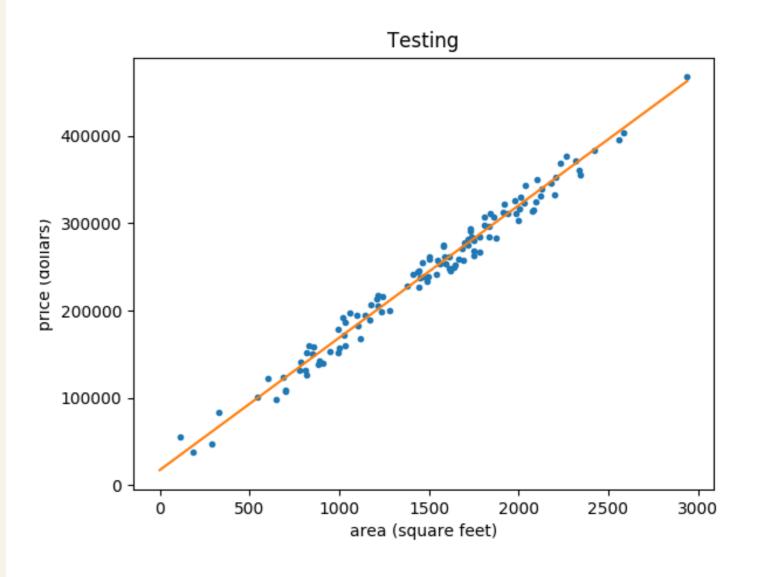
Training plot

```
from visualization import get_plot_for_best_fit_line
preprocess(...)
data = get_data_as_numpy_array(...)
training_set, testing_set = (
   split_into_training_and_testing_sets(data)
slope, intercept = train_model(training_set)
get_plot_for_best_fit_line(slope, intercept,
   training_set[:, 0], training_set[:, 1],
    "Training"
```



Testing plot

```
from visualization import get_plot_for_best_fit_line
preprocess(...)
data = get_data_as_numpy_array(...)
training_set, testing_set = (
    split_into_training_and_testing_sets(data)
slope, intercept = train_model(training_set)
get_plot_for_best_fit_line(slope, intercept,
   training_set[:, 0], training_set[:, 1],
    "Training"
get_plot_for_best_fit_line(slope, intercept,
   testing_set[:, 0], testing_set[:, 1], "Testing"
```



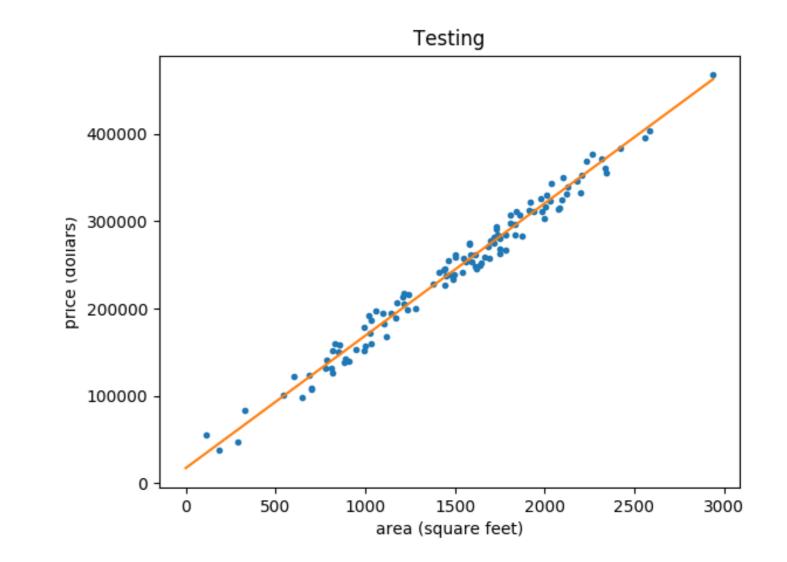


Don't test properties individually

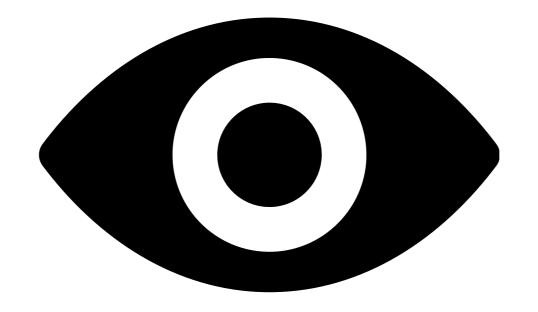
matplotlib.figure.Figure()

- Axes
 - configuration
 - style
- Data
 - style
- Annotations
 - style

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Testing strategy for plots



Testing strategy for plots

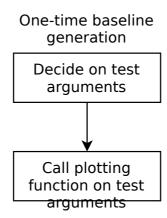
One-time baseline generation



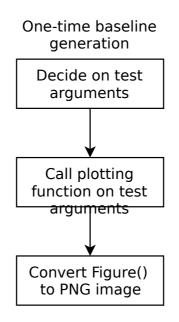
One-time baseline generation

Decide on test arguments

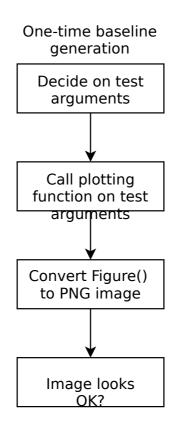




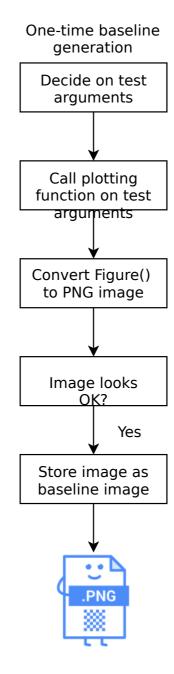




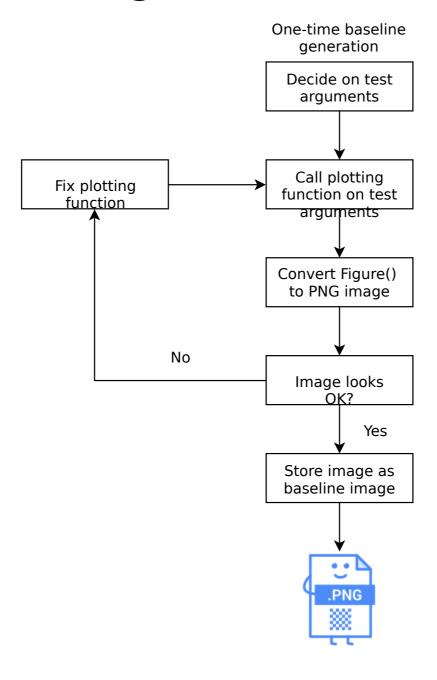




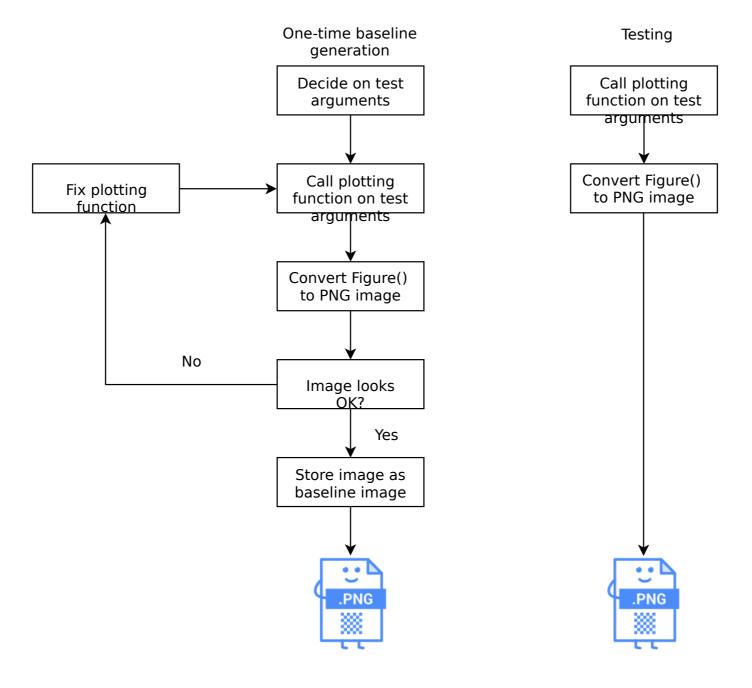


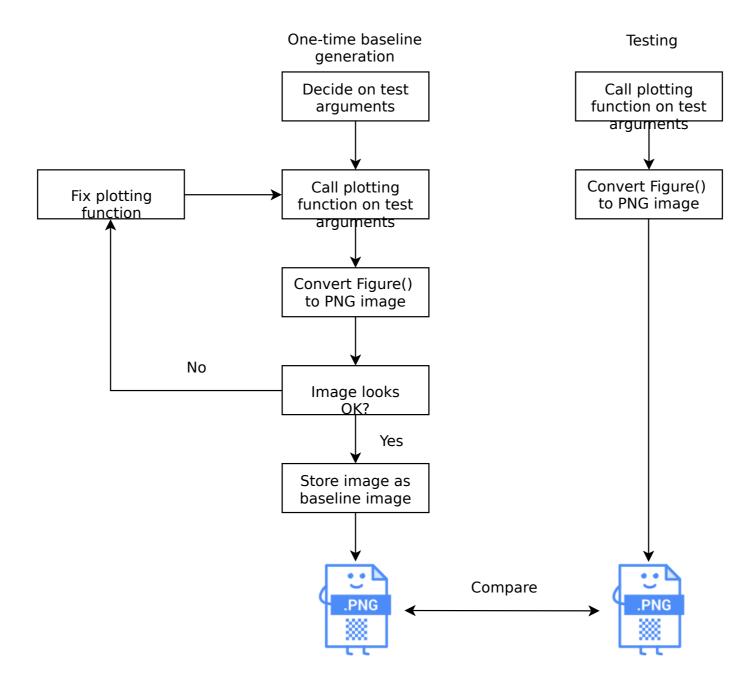












pytest-mpl

- Knows how to ignore OS related differences.
- Makes it easy to generate baseline images.

```
pip install pytest-mpl
```

An example test

```
import pytest
import numpy as np
from visualization import get_plot_for_best_fit_line
def test_plot_for_linear_data():
    slope = 2.0
    intercept = 1.0
    x_{array} = np.array([1.0, 2.0, 3.0]) # Linear data set
    y_{array} = np.array([3.0, 5.0, 7.0])
    title = "Test plot for linear data"
    return get_plot_for_best_fit_line(slope, intercept, x_array, y_array, title)
```

An example test

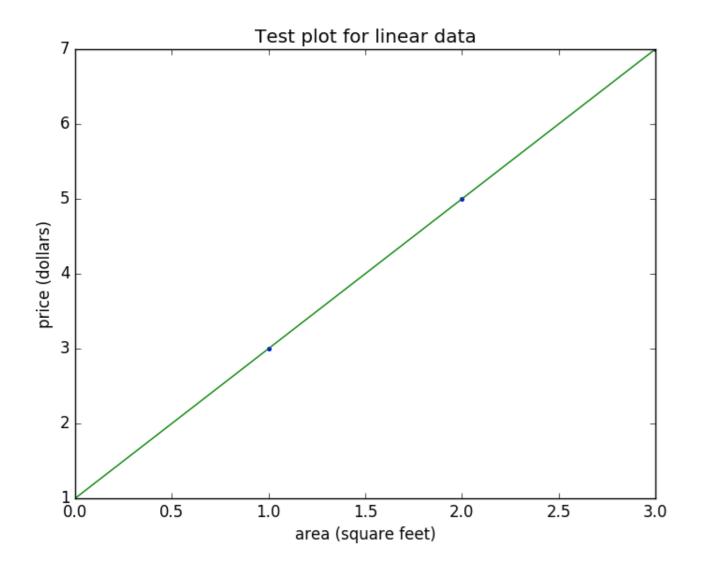
```
import pytest
import numpy as np
from visualization import get_plot_for_best_fit_line
@pytest.mark.mpl_image_compare # Under the hood baseline generation and comparison
def test_plot_for_linear_data():
    slope = 2.0
    intercept = 1.0
    x_{array} = np.array([1.0, 2.0, 3.0]) # Linear data set
    y_{array} = np.array([3.0, 5.0, 7.0])
    title = "Test plot for linear data"
    return get_plot_for_best_fit_line(slope, intercept, x_array, y_array, title)
```

Generating the baseline image

Generate baseline image

```
!pytest -k "test_plot_for_linear_data"
    --mpl-generate-path
    visualization/baseline
```

Verify the baseline image



```
data/
src/
tests/
|-- data/
|-- features/
|-- models/
|-- visualization
    |-- __init__.py
    |-- test_plots.py
                        # Test module
    -- baseline
                        # Contains baselines
        |-- test_plot_for_linear_data.png
```

Run the test

```
!pytest -k "test_plot_for_linear_data" --mpl
```



Reading failure reports

```
!pytest -k "test_plot_for_linear_data" --mpl
```

```
__ TestGetPlotForBestFitLine.test_plot_for_linear_data                         _____
Error: Image files did not match.
 RMS Value: 11.191347848524174
 Expected:
   /tmp/tmplcbtsb10/baseline-test_plot_for_linear_data.png
 Actual:
   /tmp/tmplcbtsb10/test_plot_for_linear_data.png
 Difference:
   /tmp/tmplcbtsb10/test_plot_for_linear_data-failed-diff.png
 Tolerance:
======== 1 failed, 36 deselected in 1.13 seconds =========
```



Yummy!



Let's test plots!

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Congratulations

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You learned a lot



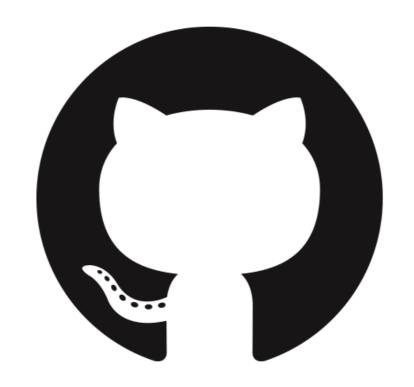
Testing saves time and effort.

pytest

- Testing return values and exceptions.
- Running tests and reading the test result report.
- Best practices
 - Well tested function using normal, special and bad arguments.
 - TDD, where tests get written before implementation.
 - Test organization and management.
- Advanced skills
 - Setup and teardown with fixtures, mocking.
 - Sanity tests for data science models.
 - Plot testing.

Code for this course

https://github.com/gutfeeling/univariate-linear-regression



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I wish you all the best!

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