Python in the enterprise

Unit test report

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No amount of experimentation can ever prove me right; a single experiment can prove me wrong.

Albert Einstein

1 Introduction

The objective of this project was to get acquainted with unit testing in Python based on the unittest module.

The application obtained is in the ./application_to_be_tested catalogue. There are two test files inside the same catalogue, namely, test1_inputValidatorImpl.py and test2_Trintegratorimpl.py.

2 Application functionality

First, we focused on the functionality of the application. Although, the project seems to be quite complicated (there are many files) – its core functionality is performing integration of an input function. The data flow consists of:

- reading the data from user,
- validating them,
- computing integral of the expression provided (in a given range and number of its divisions),
- displaying the output of the operation.

From the user perspective it is essential that the input is read correctly and the integral is calculated accurately enough. After we made sure we understand the application code we concluded that the following classes need to be tested:

- TrIntegratorImpl: which performs integration itself,
- InputValidatorImpl: which validates the user-provided input in various ways.

These classes comprise all essential and sensitive points of the application.

3 Performing unit tests

3.1 Input validation

The Class InputVaidatorImp contains all considered (by the author of code) forms of validation and exceptions in application. We decided to test the following aspects:

- Allowed input function characters (testing class TestInputValidatorAllowedCharacters):
 - Does program interpret "xx"?
 - Does program allow letters, e.g. "a"?
- Proper integration limits (class TestInputValidatorIntegrationLimits):
 - Can non-numerical values be passed as integration start or end?
 - Can the start value be greater than the end value? ¹
- Integration range divisions(class TestInputValidatorSplitsAmountException):
 - Can number of divisions equal 0?

 $^{^{1}}$ Obviously, mathematically it is proper, but the program assumes the start value is smaller than the end value.

- Additionally, for practice, we wanted to check if none exceptions are raised if the number of divisions is correct, e.g. 10.

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Listing 1: test1_inputValidatorImpl.py
   from TrIntegratorImpl import TrIntegratorImpl
3
   from Integral import Integral
   from InvalidFuncException import InvalidFuncException
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   from InvalidIntegrationPointException import
       InvalidIntegrationPointException
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   from InvalidIntegrationSplitsAmmountException import
       InvalidIntegrationSplitsAmmountException\\
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   from InputValidatorImpl import InputValidatorImpl
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   import unittest
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   class TestInputValidatorAllowedCharacters(unittest.TestCase):
15
     def setUp(self):
       self.inpValImpl = InputValidatorImpl()
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     def testInputValidatorDoubleX(self):
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19
         self.assertRaises(InvalidFuncException, self.inpValImpl.
            validateIntegralFunc, "xx")
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     def testInputValidatorLetters(self):
22
         self.assertRaises(InvalidFuncException, self.inpValImpl.
            validateIntegralFunc , "a")
23
   {\bf class} \ \ TestInputValidatorIntegrationLimits (unittest. TestCase):
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25
     def setUp(self):
26
        self.inpValImpl = InputValidatorImpl()
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28
     def testInputValidatorIntegrationStart(self):
29
         self.assertRaises(InvalidIntegrationPointException, self.
            inpValImpl.validateIntegrationStart, "x")
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31
     def testInputValidatorIntegrationEnd(self):
32
         self.assertRaises(InvalidIntegrationPointException, self.
            inpValImpl.validateIntegrationEnd, "3", "x")
33
34
     def testInputValidatorIntegrationRangePermutation(self):
35
         self.assertRaises (InvalidIntegrationPointException, self.
            inpValImpl.validateIntegrationEnd, "3", "2")
36
37
   {\bf class} \ \ {\bf TestInputValidatorSplitsAmountException} \ (\ unit test\ .\ {\bf TestCase}
38
     def setUp(self):
39
        self.inpValImpl = InputValidatorImpl()
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     def testInputValidatorSplitsAmountException(self):
42
         self. assertRaises (InvalidIntegrationSplitsAmmountException
             , self.inpValImpl.validateSplitsAmmount, "0")
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44
     def testInputValidatorSplitsAmountExceptionWithCorrectInput(
         self):
45
        try:
          self.inpValImpl.validateSplitsAmmount("10")
46
47
        except InvalidIntegrationSplitsAmmountException:
48
          self.fail("InputValidatorImpl.validateSplitsAmmount('10')
              raised \ \ Invalid Integration Splits Ammount Exception
             unexpectedly!")
49
50
   if __name__ == '__main__':
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      unittest.main()
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3.2 Integration accuracy

In order to check only integration accuracy we decided that the integral expression and specifications be hard-coded. The integral we chose is $\int_0^1 2x + 1 dx = 2$. The listing below shows this unit test. Since the numerical integration has some inherent error we used EPSILON as a tolerance parameter of the difference between analytical and numerical results. In class TestTrintegratorAccuracy we exploited unittest.TestCase.assertTrue method to formulate this condition.

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Listing 2: test2_Trintegratorimpl.py
   from TrIntegratorImpl import TrIntegratorImpl
3
   from Integral import Integral
4
   import unittest
6
7
   EPSILON = 1e-10
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   class TestTrintegratorAccuracy(unittest.TestCase):
10
     def setUp(self):
11
     # create Integral instance
        self.integral = Integral
12
13
        self.integral.func = "2*x+1"
14
       self.integral.integrationStart = 0
15
       self.integral.integrationEnd = 1
16
        self.integral.splitsAmmount = 101
17
18
       # create TrIntegratorImpl instance
       self.trint = TrIntegratorImpl()
19
20
        self.trint.init(self.integral)
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22
     def test_calculate_integral_return_corr_res(self):
        self.assertTrue(self.trint.calculate() - 2 < EPSILON)
23
24
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```
25 | if __name__ == '__main__': unittest.main()
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4 Testing results

The input validation tests gave one failure in its output. The application validation accepts "xx" and does not raise InvalidFuncException, although the program does not recognise this expression and stops immediately. The other six tests yielded positive and that means the program acts accordingly in those situations. It throws expected exceptions.

The accuracy testing showed the application calculated the given integral precisely enough (within the assumed tolerance). Of course, we did not perform any in-depth analysis of the integration precision. Our goal was merely to check if the integration result is reasonable.

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Listing 4: Integration accuracy unit test output

$ python test2_Trintegratorimpl.py
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Ran 1 test in 0.004s
OK
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5 Conclusion

We familiarised ourselves with the foundations of unit testing in Python. After carrying out the project we formed an opinion that unittest module is a useful and quite straightforward utility.

Because unittest allows for testing single functionalities, tester does not need to know the application fully. It is enough one understands a chosen class or function and then a satisfactory unit test may be implemented.