Unit Testing - how do I make sure my code is actually correct

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Guidelines

- Every function/branch requires at least one test case
- Verify the tests using hand calculations/textbook examples
- Test while coding
- Test discovery
 - pytest will look for specific naming structure
 - Test should be in a module called test_module.py
 - Many tests can be organized into a directory called tests

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