## Issue #22313: check\_estimator running tests which shouldn't run when non\_deterministic: True

Link to Issue: <a href="https://github.com/scikit-learn/scikit-learn/issues/22313">https://github.com/scikit-learn/scikit-learn/issues/22313</a>

**Summary of issue**: Performing pytest on a third party estimators, (i.e an estimator that is NOT in scikit-learn and is built by the user) with tag non\_deterministic set to True, should NOT run two of the following tests (*check\_methods\_sample\_order\_invariance(*) and *check\_methods\_subset\_invariance(*)).

\*Note: This issue was fixed on Scikit-learn's official github during the time that we worked on this issue and when we cloned the Scikit-learn repo onto our D01 repo, therefore in our repo the edits on this issue might seem weird but the above is the reason.

## Test code & methodology: See <a href="https://github.com/scikit-learn/scikit-learn/issues/22313">https://github.com/scikit-learn/issues/22313</a>

- 1. Create a new python file, containing the test code, and save it in the build directory. Notice the *non deterministic* tag is set to True.
- 2. Run the "check\_methods\_sample\_order\_invariance" and "check\_methods\_subset\_invariance" test cases with the pytest framework. This can be done with "pytest [file\_name] -k check\_methods\_sample\_order\_invariance" and "pytest [file\_name] -k check\_methods\_subset\_invariance"
- 3. Repeat the same step with the *non deterministic* tag set to False.

## Reproducing the bug

Running the code above with pytest on the current build of scikit learn will result in 2 failed test cases (See image below).

**Technical details and design**: In the scikit-learn community, pytest is commonly used as a testing framework. To understand the cause of the issue, we need to understand Pytest. Pytest has "parameterized fixtures", which take the form of a decorator pytest.mark.parametrize.

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For example (from <a href="https://docs.pytest.org/en/6.2.x/parametrize.html">https://docs.pytest.org/en/6.2.x/parametrize.html</a>):

import pytest

@pytest.mark.parametrize("test_input, expected", [("3+5", 8), ("2+4", 6), ("6*9", 42)])

def test_eval(test_input, expected):

assert eval(test_input) == expected
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In this simple example, the pytest.mark.parametrize decorator takes two parameters: a string, which concatenates the variable names given to the parameters of the test\_eval function, and a list of tuples. Notice each tuple in the list contains precisely 2 elements because *test\_eval* takes in 2 parameters. The *test\_eval* function will be called 3 times because there are 3 tuples. The parameter test\_input will be filled with the first element of the tuple and expected will be filled with the second element from the same tuple as the first element.

The test function *parametrize\_with\_checks(estimators)*, located in "sklearn/utils/estimator checks.py", takes in a list of estimators and returns a

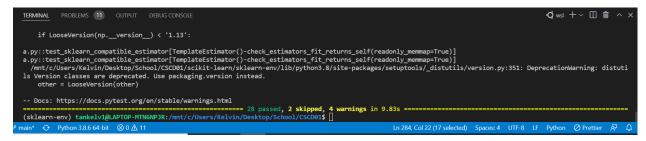
pytest.mark.parametrize decorator. For each estimator in the list, it will run \_yield\_all\_checks(estimator), defined in the same file, which returns a generator. See <a href="https://wiki.python.org/moin/Generators">https://wiki.python.org/moin/Generators</a> for more details on Python generators. It is a one-time iterator containing all the tests that should be run for each of the estimators.

Implementation: The <code>check\_methods\_sample\_order\_invariance</code> and <code>check\_methods\_subset\_invariance</code> functions were always being returned by the generator in <code>\_yield\_all\_checks(estimator)</code>. To fix the issue, we simply use the tags dictionary provided by the estimator to check the value of the non\_deterministic tag. When the non\_deterministic is set to True, both <code>check\_methods\_sample\_order\_invariance</code> and <code>check\_methods\_subset\_invariance</code> are skipped and thus not included in the generators. See code changes below.

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sklearn > utils > 🏓 estimator_checks.py >
                   for check in _yield_outliers_checks(estimator)
                     yield check
319 yield check_parameters_default_constructible
               yield check_methods_sample_order_invariance
               yield check_methods_subset_invariance
 322 320 yield check_fit2d_1sample
               yield check_fit2d_1feature
               viald chack got nameme invariance
           yield check_fit2d_1sample
           yield check_fit2d_1feature
           yield check_get_params_invariance
           yield check_set_params
          yield check_dict_unchanged
          yield check_dont_overwrite_parameters
          yield check_fit_idempotent
           yield check_fit_check_is_fitted
           if not tags["no_validation"]:
               yield check_n_features_in
              yield check_fit1d
              yield check_fit2d_predict1d
               if tags["requires_y"]:
                   yield check_requires_y_none
           if tags["requires_positive_X"]:
               yield check_fit_non_negative
           # When the non_deterministic tag is set to true,
           # ignore these two test cases
           if not tags["non_deterministic"]:
               yield check_methods_sample_order_invariance
               yield check_methods_subset_invariance
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## Verification

After rebuilding and running the same test code (non\_deterministic set to **True**), the issue is now fixed and working as expected.



Once again, check that *check\_methods\_sample\_order\_invariance()* and *check\_methods\_subset\_invariance()* runs and passes on estimators with non\_deterministic set to <u>False</u>. Check with LinearRegression (non-third party estimator).