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spending more time unit testing

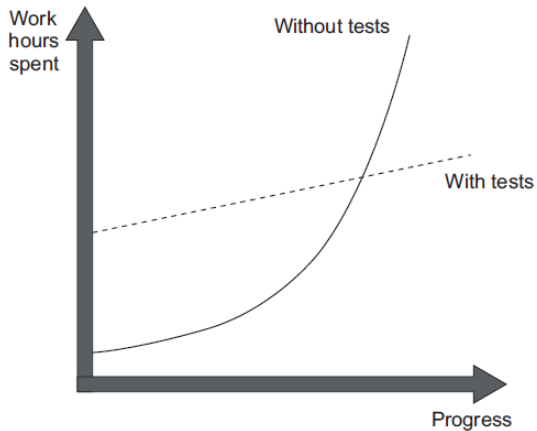
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There's much more to unit testing than the act of writing tests.

—*Khorikov, Unit Testing Principles, Practices, and Patterns*, 3

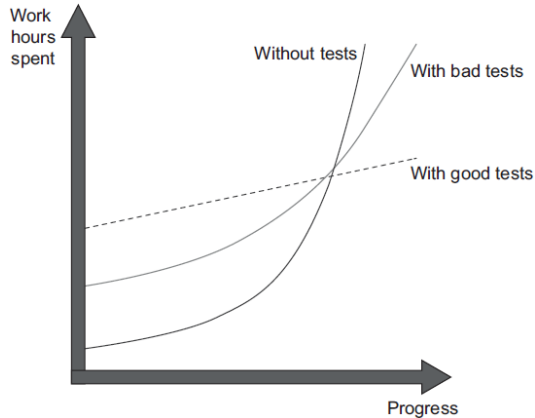
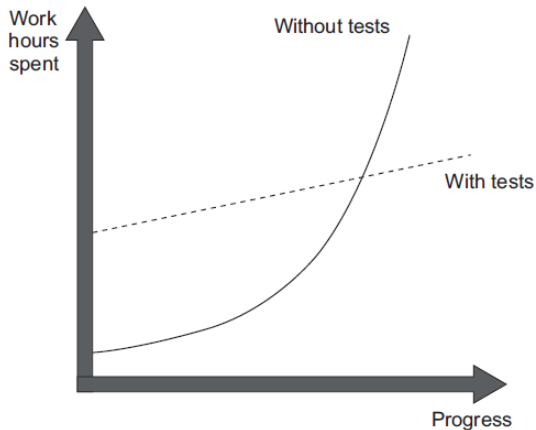
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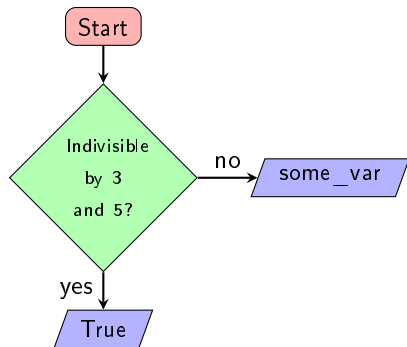
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$$\frac{\text{Branches traversed}}{\text{Total number of branches}} = 50\%$$

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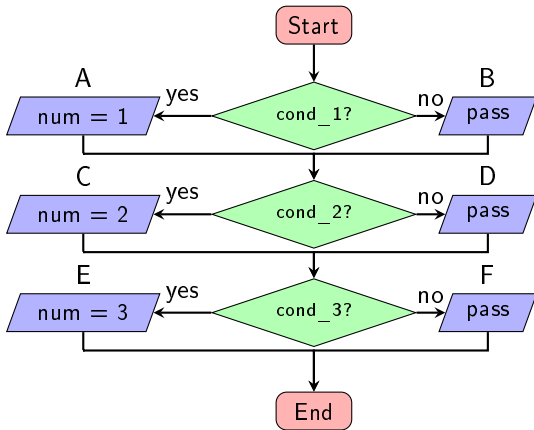
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```
1 def generate_number(  
2     cond_1: bool = True,  
3     cond_2: bool = True,  
4     cond_3: bool = True,  
5 ) -> int:  
6     if cond_1:  
7         num = 1  
8     if cond_2:  
9         num = 2  
10    if cond_3:  
11        num = 3  
12    return num
```

Possible paths:

ACE, ACF, ADE, ADF, BCE, BCF, BDE, BDF



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num % 3	num % 5	num % 3 and num % 5
True	True	True
True	False	False
False	True	False
False	False	False

[C]overage metrics are a good negative indicator, but a bad positive one.

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Definition of a unit test

- Verifies a small piece of code,
- Does it quickly, and
- Does it in an isolated manner.

An integration test is a test that doesn't meet one of these criteria. End-to-end tests are a subset of integration tests and usually include more dependencies.

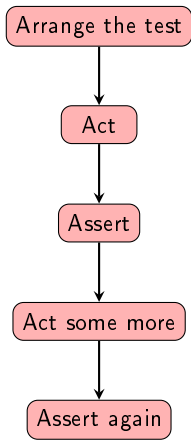
Anatomy of a unit test

The AAA (3A) pattern, also Given-When-Then pattern.

```
1  # A cohesive set of tests , optional
2  class TestCalculator:
3
4      # Name of the unit test
5      def test_sum_of_two_numbers(self):
6          # Arrange
7          first = 10
8          second = 20
9          calculator = Calculator()
10
11         # Act
12         result = calculator.sum(first , second)
13
14         # Assert
15         assert result == 30
```

- In *Arrange*, bring the system under test (SUT) to the a desired state
- In *Act*, call the method on the SUT, pass the prepared dependencies, and capture the output (if any).
- In *Assert*, verify the outcome. The outcome could be the return value, the final state of the SUT, or the methods the SUT called on its collaborators.

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```
1 def test_node_with_python_updates(self, req_file):
2     with TestCase.assertLogs("...logger") as cap:
3         assert check_requirements(
4             NODE, req_file
5         ) == 2
6     for i, rec in enumerate(cap.records):
7         idx = int(i / 2)
8         if i == 4:
9             assert (
10                 '2 packages updated',
11                 in rec.getMessage()
12             )
13         elif i % 2 == 0:
14             assert (
15                 f'{{PY_PKGS[idx]}} not found',
16                 in rec.getMessage()
17             )
18         else:
19             assert (
20                 f'pip install {{PY_PKGS[idx]}}',
21                 in rec.getMessage()
22             )
```

- Avoid multiple arrange, act, and assert sections.
- Avoid if statements.