

Catching THE
Bugs You're
Missing

Before
We Start

```
function(x) {  
    return x + 1  
}
```

```
(x) => {  
    return (x + 1)  
}
```

$$\begin{aligned} & (x) \Rightarrow (\\ & \quad x + 1 \\ &) \end{aligned}$$

Kinds of Testing



Example-Based Testing



```
assert.equal(1 + 2, 3)
```

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`add(1, 2) === 3`

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Property-Based Testing

Given two inputs:
number, number
(any two numbers)

$$\text{add}(x, y) === \text{add}(y, x)$$

```
jsv.property(  
  "has swappable args",  
  number, number,  
  (x, y) => (  
    add(x, y) === add(y, x)  
  )  
)  
)
```

Given one input:
number (any number)

$$\text{add}(x, 0) === x$$

```
jsv.property(  
  "has a do-nothing value",  
  number,  
  (x) => (  
    add(x, 0) === x  
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)
```


Given one input:
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$$\text{add}(x, x) === x * 2$$

```
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)  
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One More Example

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```


Property-Based Testing in Three Rules

1) Stating a rule, eg.

$$\text{add}(x, 0) \quad \text{===} \quad x$$

2) Generating data fitting a specific shape, eg.

```
number, (x) => (  
  // ...  
)
```

3) Testing the rule holds with that generated data, eg.

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add(x, 0) === x
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number, (1) => (
add(1, 0) === 1
)

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number, (92) => (
add(92, 0) === 92
)

3) Testing the rule holds with that generated data, eg.

number, (-5) => (
add(-5, 0) === -5
)

Why?

Finding Edge-Cases

Honest TDD

No fudging the code to
pass an anaemic test.

Why Not?

**Coming up with
Properties can be
hard.**

Kinds of Properties You Can Write

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```

Repeatable

```
_.eq(  
  sort(sort(list)),  
  sort(list)  
)
```

Invariants

```
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=== list.length
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```
_.all(  
  sort(list),  
  (x) => (  
    _.contains(list, x)  
  )  
)
```

Prove a Small Part

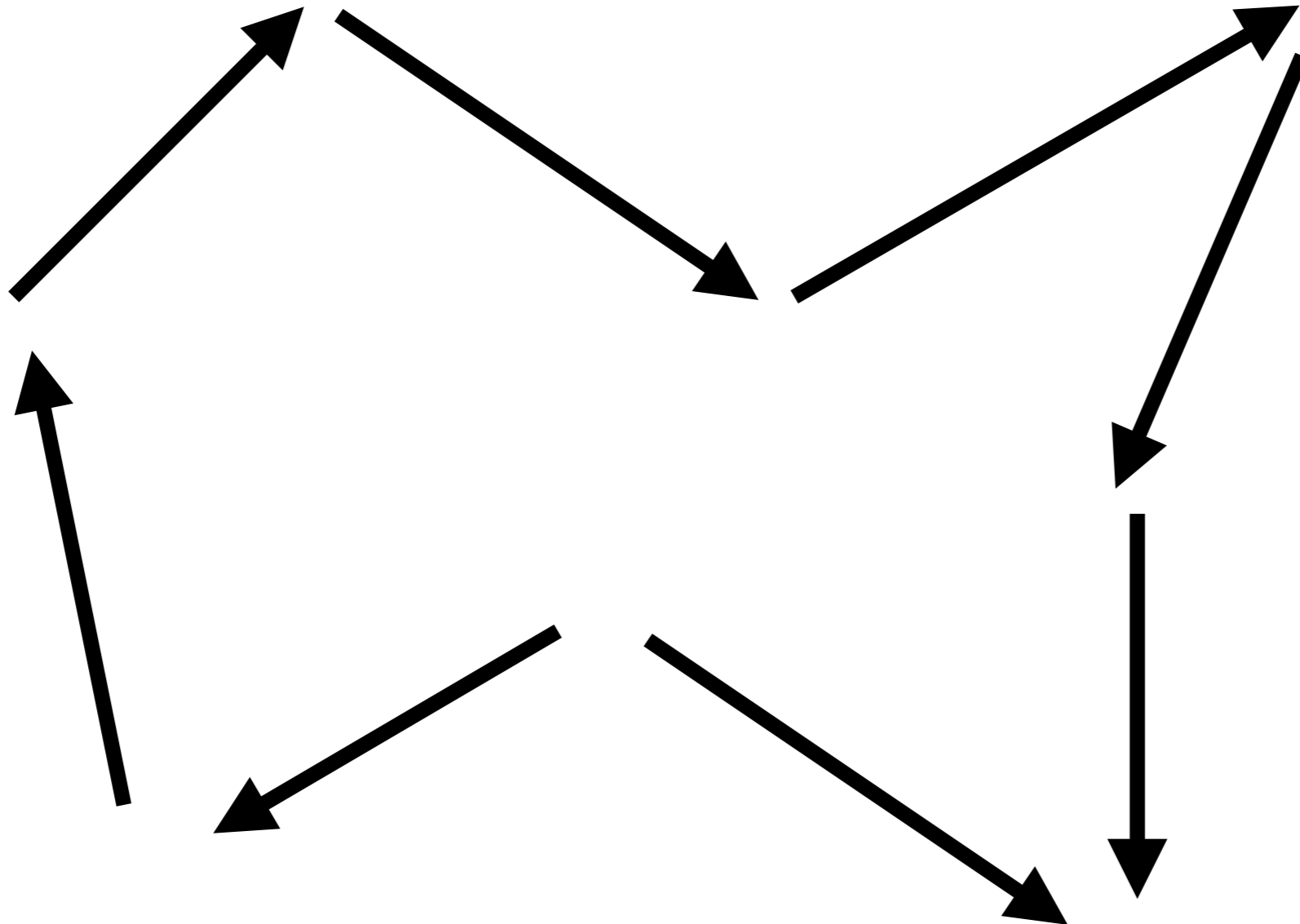
```
let sorted = sort(list)
_.all(
  toPairs(sorted),
  function(pair) {
    return (pair[0] <= pair[1])
  }
)
```

```
// toPairs([1,2,3])
// => [[1,2], [2,3]]
```

Swap the Ordering

```
_ .eq(  
  sort(list).map(x => x + 1),  
  sort(list.map(x => x + 1))  
)
```

Hard to Solve, Easy to Check



Consult an Oracle

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_.eq(  
  sort(list),  
  ultraCoolSort(list)  
)
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```
newCode(input)  
  ===  
oldCode(input)
```

A Regular Test with a Hole

```
property(..., user, (u) => (  
  createTestUser(u)  
    .then((u) => (  
      page.login(u)  
    ))  
    .then((r) => {  
      assertLocation(r, '/account')  
      return page.logout()  
    }).then((r) => {  
      assertStatus(r, 302)  
      assertLocation(r, '/')  
    })  
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/ Operation w/ Identity */*

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$$\text{add}(\text{add}(x, y), z)$$

===

$$\text{add}(x, \text{add}(y, z))$$

/ Associative */*

Generating Data

Data Generation



Existing Generators

jsv

...number

...string

...boolean

...json

...array(...)

...nearray(...) // non-empty

...dict(...) // object

...

Utilities

jsv

```
...oneof([number, string, ...])
```

```
...constant(undefined)
```

```
...constant(6) // or whatever
```

```
...recursive(...)
```

```
// ^-- used to make .json
```

```
...
```

BYO

```
var whatever = jsc.bless({
  generator: function () {
    switch (jsc.random(0, 2)) {
      case 0: return "foo";
      case 1: return "bar";
      case 2: return "quux";
    }
  }
});
```

Examples
Doing
Real Things

Oracle Check

```
prop_ifBool v = compareHelpers(  
  ["val", Handlebars.Bool v]  
  "{{~#if val~}}  
    True  
  {{~else~}}  
    False  
  {{~/if~}}"  
  (if v then "True" else "False")  
)
```

Reversible Checks

```
prop_roundTripDayOfWeek :: DayOfWeek -> Property
prop_roundTripDayOfWeek d =
  (dayOfWeekFromInt . dayOfWeekToInt) d === is d
```

```
prop_roundTripNextMonth :: Date -> Bool
prop_roundTripNextMonth m =
  (prevMonth . nextMonth) m == m &&
  (nextMonth . prevMonth) m == m
```

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```

Invariant

```
pc = Tests::ProportionConfigPage
specify "percentage selection" do
  property_of {
    (1..3), steps((0..100), 10)
  }.check |dropdown,percentage|
    pc.set_up_and_visit_page!
    pc.set_nth_value(dropdown,percentage)
    expect(pc.values.sum).to <= 100
  }
end
```

With
Real Bugs

Round-Tripping

```
it "can round-trip timestamps" do
  property_of {
    (Time.current - float.abs)
  }.check { |time|
    user = create(User, login_at: time)
    expect(
      User.find(user.id).login_at
    ).to eq(time)
  }
end
```

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```
property_of { char, integer }.check { |char, size|
  file = File.join(tmpdir, "testfile-#{size}.bin")
  zip  = File.join(tmpdir, "testfile-#{size}.zip")

  data_write = char * size # size-length string, all char.
  filename   = char * size

  File.open(file, 'wb') { |f| f.write(data_write) }
  Zip::File.open(zip, CREATE) { |f| f.add(filename, file) }

  data_read = nil
  Zip::File.open(zip) { |f|
    data_read = f.first.get_input_stream.read
  }

  expect(data_write).to == data_read
}
```

Round-Tripping

Size: **65535** - Gen'd, Written,
Zipped, Unzipped. Written data
equals read data.

Size: **65536** - Gen'd, Written,
Zipped, /Users/rhoward/code/
experiments/p7zip/rubyzip/lib/
zip/inflater.rb:44:in `inflate':
invalid stored block lengths
(Zlib::DataError)

Round-Tripping

```
$ 7z x testfile-65536.zip
```

```
7-Zip [64] ...
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```
Processing archive: testfile-65536.zip
```

```
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One Last Thing





**I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT I'M DOING**

Credits

- fsharpforfunandprofit.com
(Property-based testing posts)
- github.com/charleso/property-testing-presos
(Lambda Jam 2015 talk)
- jsverify.github.io (JS)
- Rantly (Ruby)
- QuickCheck (Haskell)
- Hypothesis (Python)

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(or QuickCheck, Rantly, ...)

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