COMP1531 Correctness - Code Coverage

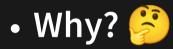
Lecture 8.1

Author(s): Hayden Smith



(Download as PDF)

In This Lecture



• We need a mechanism to tell how much our tests actually test

- What?
 - Coverage
 - Code Coverage
 - Coverage in jest



A measure of how thorough our tests are.



- **Test Coverage**: a measure of how much of the feature set is covered with tests. This is often left to human judgement
- Code coverage: a measure of how much code is executed during testing. This can be computed and quantified



- Measure code coverage as a percentage of statements (lines) executed
- Can give us a good indication how much of our code is executed by the tests and most importantly highlight what has not been executed.

Let's Check Some Code Coverage!

We've got two pieces of sample code. Let's write tests with jest and the --coverage flag (in package.json) and use coverage to help us write better tests!



```
export function isLeapYear(year: number) {
 1
     if (year % 4 !== 0) {
 2
 3
       return false;
    } else if (year % 100 !== 0) {
 4
 5
       return true;
 6
   } else if (year % 400 !== 0) {
7
       return false;
8 } else {
9
       return true;
10 }
11 }
```

7.1_is_leap_year.ts



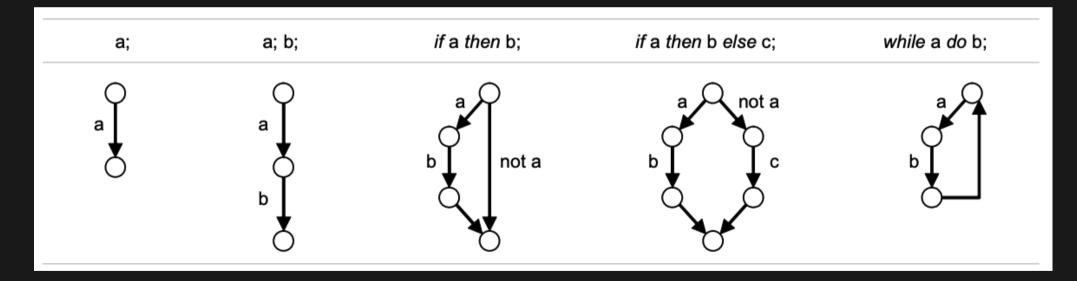
```
1 // Given a number of days from
   // January 1st 1970, return the year.
 2
 3
   import { isLeapYear } from './7.1_is_leap_year';
 4
 5
   function dayToyear(days: number) {
 6
     let year = 1970;
 7
 8
 9
     while (days > 365) {
       if (isLeapYear(year)) {
10
         if (days > <mark>36</mark>6) {
11
12
           days -= 366;
13
           year += 1;
14
         }
15 } else {
16
         days -= 365;
17
        year += 1;
18
       }
19
     }
20
21
     return year;
22 }
```

Coverage Command Summary

- Run jest --coverage to run tests with coverage on.
- Recommended to put this in a package.json script.
- You can access an HTML summary in coverage/lcov-report/index.html.

Branch Coverage Checking

- For lines that can potentially jump to more than one other line (e.g. if statements), check how many of the possible branches were taken during execution
- Done automatically with jest.
- Sometimes referred to as edge coverage.





- Code coverage is useful.
- It's more important to look at what's not covered than the coverage percentage.
- Branch coverage is a more accurate measurement so you should use it instead of statement coverage.
- Like all measurements, it's important to understand what meaning to attach to it.





Or go to the form here.