

Computational Thinking

Discrete Mathematics

Number Theory

Topic 01 : Computational Thinking

Logic

Lecture 01 : Fundamentals of Computation

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Collections

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- Making decisions
- Looping

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Using PyTutor with Colab

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Before we start covering Python we want to show you PyTutor in action. The following slides shows screenshots of the process but you should verify the steps yourself on your phone/tablet.

Step 1 — Click/Scan on QR Code

The following code outputs powers of 2, don't worry about the actual code, just make sure that you can open and use PyTutor ...

```
1 powers = [0,1,2,3,4,5,6]
2 for p in powers:
3     print(p, 2**p)
```

```
0 1
1 2
2 4
3 8
4 16
5 32
6 64
```

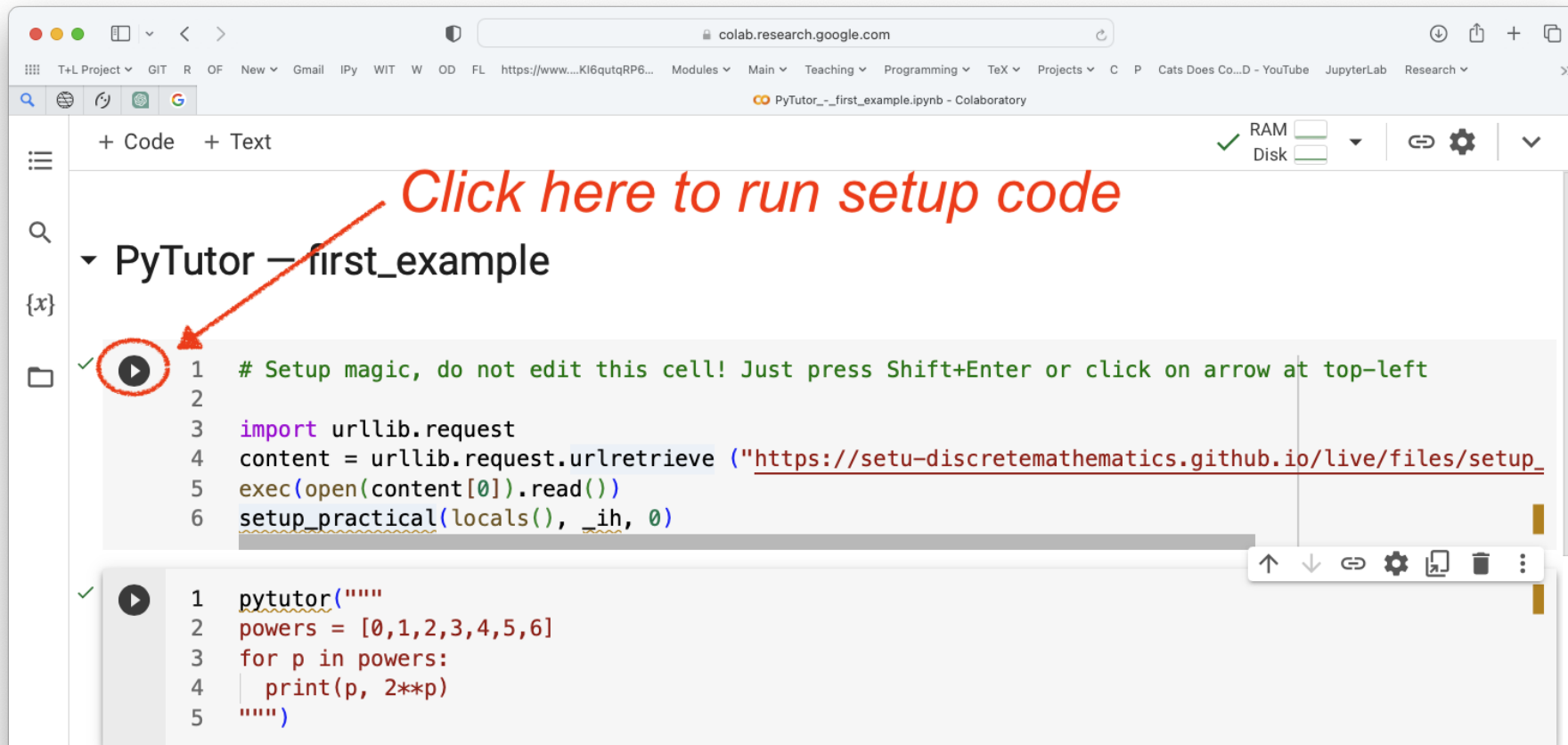


Using PyTutor with Colab

This should open in Colab the following notebook.

Unlike our practical notebooks, don't bother clicking on **File** → **Save a copy in Drive**.

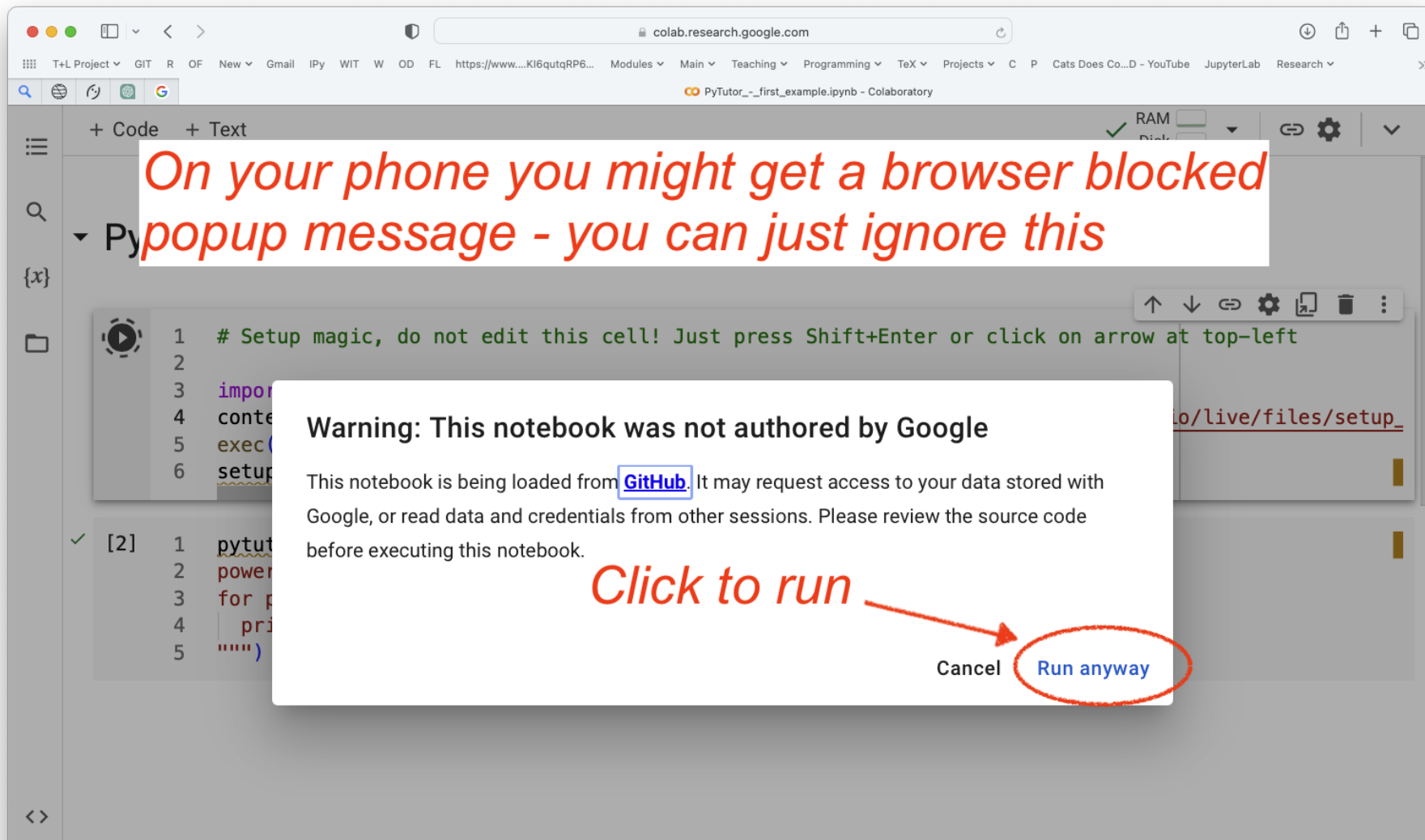
Step 2 — Execute the first cell to setup notebook.



Using PyTutor with Colab

On executing the first cell you will get the following message. Click on **Run anyway**.

Step 3 — Click on Run anyway



Using PyTutor with Colab

After executing the first cell you will get the usual "Python practical setup tools version 23.2".

Step 4 — Click on second cell to run code in PyTutor

```
1 # Setup magic, do not edit this cell! Just press Shift+Enter or click on arrow at top-left
2
3 import urllib.request
4 content = urllib.request.urlretrieve ("https://setu-discretemathematics.github.io/live/files/setup_
5 exec(open(content[0]).read())
6 setup_practical(locals(), _ih, 0)
```

Python practical setup tools version 23.2. See https://setu-discretemathematics.github.io/live/00-Module_Introduction/33-Python_Practicals

```
[2] 1 pytutor("""
2     powers = [0,1,2,3,4,5,6]
3     for p in powers:
4         print(p, 2**p)
5     """)
```

Using PyTutor with Colab

You can now use PyTutor, to step back/forward through the code and see the current data values and resulting output.

The screenshot shows the PyTutor interface within a Google Colab environment. The interface is divided into four main sections, each highlighted with a red circle and labeled with a number:

- 1. Code:** The code editor shows Python 3.6 code:


```
1 powers = [0,1,2,3,4,5,6]
2 for p in powers:
3     print(p, 2**p)
```

 A green arrow points to line 2, and a red arrow points to line 3. Below the code is a button labeled "Edit this code".
- 2. Step controls:** A horizontal slider bar is shown, with buttons for "< Prev" and "Next >". Below the slider is the text "Step 9 of 16".
- 3. Data values:** The "Frames" and "Objects" panels are shown. The "Global frame" contains variables "powers" and "p". The "Objects" panel shows a "list" object with values [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]. A blue arrow points from the "powers" variable to the list object.
- 4. Output:** The output window shows the result of the code execution:


```
0 1
1 2
2 4
```

Additional interface elements include a top navigation bar with links to "T+L Project", "GIT", "R", "OF", "New", "Gmail", "IPy", "WIT", "W", "OD", "FL", and a search bar. The bottom left corner has a button labeled "Get AI Help" and a link "Move and hide objects".

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Brief History of Python

- Invented in the Netherlands, early 90s by Guido van Rossum.

“Python is an experiment in how much freedom programmers need. Too much freedom and nobody can read another’s code; too little and expressiveness is endangered.”

– Guido

- Named after Monty Python.
- Scalable, object oriented and functional from the beginning
- Python 3.0 was released in 2008, to rectify certain flaws in Python 2.*.
- Most popular language for machine learning and data mining.

Python’s Benevolent Dictator For Life



First Look at Python Code

To get an idea of Python, we will take a small piece of code*

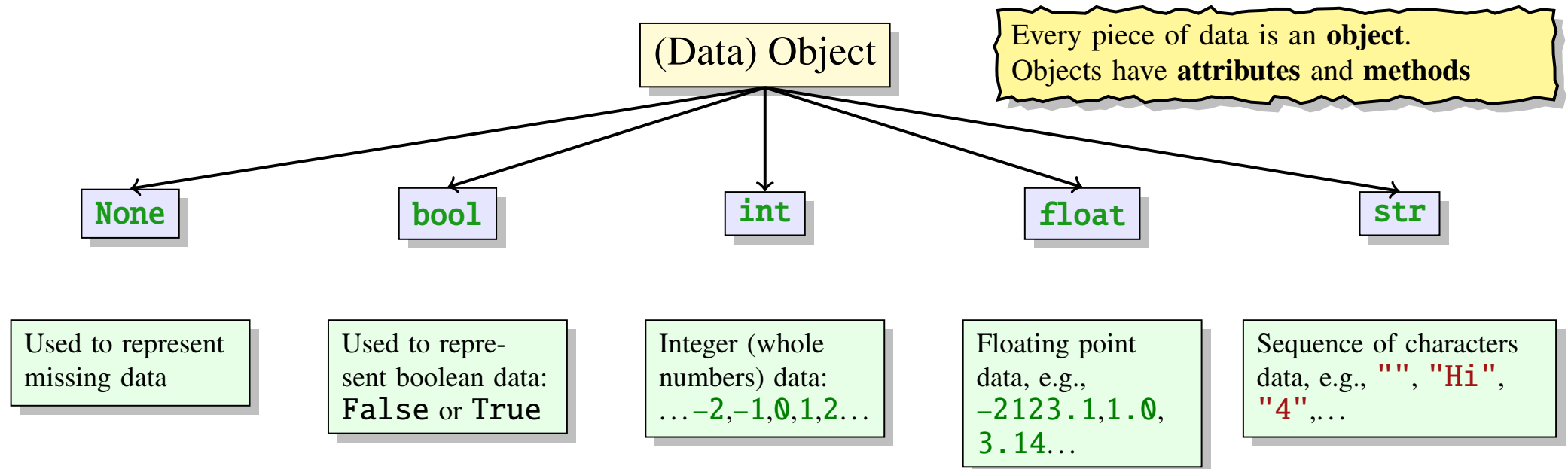
```
1  # Solution to Euler problem 2
2
3  # Calculate the sum of the even-values in the Fibonacci sequence
4  #    1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, ...
5  # value that do not exceed four million,
6
7  last = 1
8  current = 2
9
10 answer = 0
11 while current <= 4_000_000:
12     if current % 2 == 0:
13         answer += current
14     last, current = current, last + current
15
16 print(answer)
```



*This is a solution to the [Euler Problem 2](https://projecteuler.net/problem=2), at the programming competition site, projecteuler.net.

Data and Data Types

Python has 5 main primitive data types:



- An **Object** stores data in its **attributes**, and **methods** are used to change an object.
- In Python, the type of the data is automatically determined (unlike Processing).
- The type determines what you are allowed to do to a piece of data.
- Function **type** will return the type of a piece of data.

Data and Data Types

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```
3 ●
1  w = None
2
3  x = 4
4  y = "4"
5  z = 4.0
6
7  print(type(w), type(x), type(y), type(z))
8
9  x = x * 10
10 y = y * 10
11 z = z * 10
12
13 x = x * 1_000_000_000
14 z = z * 1_000_000_000
15
16 x = x / 1_000_000_000
17 z = z / 1_000_000_000
18
19 print(type(w), type(x), type(y), type(z))
```



Collections: **set**, **list**

We will cover collections in more detail later, but for now we have:

Sets

- A **set** is collection of **distinct**, **unordered** values.
 - **distinct** means a set cannot hold the same piece of data more than once.
 - **unordered** means we cannot sort the elements of a set or ask "what element is first?" etc.
 - We can manipulate sets using union `|`, intersection `&`, set minus `-` operations.

Lists

- A **list** is collection of **ordered** values.
 - **ordered** means the values appear in a sequence (i.e. have position). So we can talk about which value appear before/after another value. (**ordered** \neq **sorted**)
 - Data values do not have to be distinct.
 - The position of a data value Python is called its **index**. Since Python is a **zero-based language**, the position starts at 0.
 - Lists are a BIG DEAL in python and we have many operations to manipulate them (more later).

Looping: `for`, `while`

Making Decisions: `if`, `elif`, `else`
