Python course for machine learning







Introduction

- Python is a powerful programming language. It has efficient high level data structures and a simple but effective approach to object-oriented programming.
- It has simple syntax and dynamic typing
- Python is an interpreted language, ideal for scripting and rapid application development in many areas on most platforms.





Plan of the course

The course will be divided in two parts :

- A "reading" formation, which will give an overview of the different functions of Python and how they're understood by the computer.
- A "writing" session, in which we will see precisely how to write down these functions, and in which we will be able to make our first programs.





How to download Python interpreter

- Let's install a local Python interpreter called Anaconda. To install it:
 - Download Anaconda for Windows, Linux or MacOS X (~600MB) from the Anaconda official website https://www.anaconda.com/distribution/#download-section
 - Install it (~2GB space needed, ~15 minutes)
 - If you want to check the possibilities of Anaconda, just open the AnacondaNavigator





Python documentation

- On Windows, the manual provided with the interpreter (Start menu / All Programs / Python / Python Manuals) is usually the most convenient way to access the Python documentation.
- Online official documentation: http://www.python.org/doc
- Official tutorial: http://docs.python.org/tut/tut.html
- Largely documented online (Stack Overflow, Quora, ...)



- Variables are simply names which point to any value or object:
 - > Examples

$$\rightarrow a = 13$$

$$\rightarrow b = 12.5$$

$$\rightarrow c = "Banana"$$

When you write these commands, the values on the right of the "equal" sign will be stored in the variables named a, b and c.





- Once a value is saved in a variable, we can call the variable to get the associated value. We will here use the function print.
- To print a constant, write:
 - > print("hello, world")
 - ▶ print(23)
- To print a variable, write:
 - \rightarrow d = 459
 - print(d)





- Python is a dynamic language : variable values can be changed at any moment.
 - Example :
 - 1. a = 6
 - 2. print(a)
 - 3. b = a
 - $4. \quad a = 4$
 - 5. print(a)
 - 6. print(b)
 - 7. a = a 3
 - 8. print(a)



- Each variable has an associated type
 - Example

$$\rightarrow a = 13$$
 Integer

$$\rightarrow b = 12.5$$
 Float

$$\rightarrow c = "Banana"$$
 String

There are many types in Python, we will see how they can be used. To see the type of a variable X, write type (X).





Python: Variables and Types

Main types in Python:

```
Integer (int)
Float (float)
Complex (complex)
Function
String (str)
List(list)
Tuple (tuple)
Set
Dictionary
Boolean (bool)
```







Python: Variable and Types - int, float & complex

Numerical types:

```
Integer eg: 4, 17, 0, -8...
```

Complex
$$eg: 4 - 5j, 9j, -3 + 1j...$$





Python: Variable and Types - int, float & complex

❖ You can make operations between different numerical variables, using the operators +, -, * (multiplication), / (division), =, ** (to the power of)...

```
Example:
```

```
1. a = 4
```

2.
$$b = 5$$

3.
$$c = a + b$$

5.
$$d = a * b$$

7.
$$e = d / b$$

9.
$$f = c - (a+b) / d$$





Python: Variable and Types - int, float & complex

- You can make operations between different numerical types. Python will understand and save the result as the right type.
 - ➤ Example:

```
1. a = 4
```

$$2. b = 3.2$$

3.
$$c = 5 + 3i$$

- 4. print(a + b) \rightarrow 7.2
- 5. type $(a + b) \rightarrow float$
- 6. print(c b) \rightarrow 1.8 + 3j
- 7. type(c b) \rightarrow complex



- Performs a set of instructions when called.
- Can be given a set of parameters
- Two categories:
 - Built-in functions
 - Print(), help(), round()...
 - User-defined functions

```
a = 7.6
print(type(round(a)))
```





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d = multiply(x,y)
print(d)
print(c)
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Example 2 :

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print(d) → 20
print(c) → Error
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    return c
d = multiply(c,d)
print(d) → 20
print(c) → 4
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Python: Variable and Types - String

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- 3 syntaxes are using for string constants:
 - string_with_single_quotes = 'prince'
 - string_with_double quotes = "prince"
 - > string_with_triple_quotes = """this is a multiline string."""

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Variable and Types - String

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```

- 2. B = "Hi"
- 3. print(a+b)

Python provides a lot of functions which are very useful for string processing.

Get the length of a string:

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> len(strings)
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String Operations Method

- Strip spaces at beginning and end of a string:
 - stripped = a_string.strip()

- Replace a substring inside a string:
 - newstring = a_string.replace('abc', 'def')

All string methods:
https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/python_strings.htm Note: a string is immutable, all operations create a new string in memory.





A list is a data structure that contains a series of values.

Example

Python restores the list in the same order it was entered in.







Access a specific element by index (index starts at zero):

- 0 1 2 3 4 5
- The indices of a n element list start with 0 and end with n-1.
 - List[0] = 'a'
 - List[1] = 1
 - > List[5] = 10
- A negative integer as index is interpreted as the index starting from the last element.
 - > List[-1] = 9
 - > List[-4] = 1



- Replacing the ith element :
 - > List = [1,2,3,4,5,6]
 - ➤ List[3] = 5
 - \rightarrow print(List) \rightarrow [1,2,3,5,5,6]
- Add an element at the end of the list:
 - List.append(10)
 - \rightarrow print(List) \rightarrow [1,2,3,5,5,6,10]
- Get the number of elements in a list:
 - l = ["Jam", "Bread", "Table", Biscuit"]
 - ➤ N = len(l)
 - \rightarrow print(N) \rightarrow 4



- Remove an element from a list:
 - Given its index:
 - List = ['A','B','C','D','E']
 - List.pop(2)
 - print(List) → List = ['A','B','D','E']
 - ➤ Given a value :
 - List = ['A','B','C','D','E']
 - List.remove('B')
 - print(List) → List = ['A','C','D','E']
- All list operations: http://docs.python.org/lib/typesseq.html



Slicing is extracting a sublist from a list:

```
Mylist = ['a','b','c','d','e','f','g','h','i','j','k']

print(mylist[0:3]) \rightarrow ['a','b','c']

print(mylist[2:4]) \rightarrow ['c','d']

print(mylist[3:]) \rightarrow ['d','e','f','g','h','i','j','k']

print(mylist[-2:]) \rightarrow ['j','k']
```

print(mylist[:2]) \rightarrow ['a','b']





Tuples

- A tuple is similar to a list but it is a fixed-size, immutable array: once a tuple has been created, its elements may not be changed, removed, appended or inserted.
- It is declared using parentheses and comma separated values:

But parentheses are optional:

Tuples may be seen as "complex constants".





Dictionaries

- A dictionary is a mapping between indexes and values.
- Indexes can be of almost any type: integers, strings, tuples, objects...

```
>>> countries = {"us": "USA", "fr": "France", "uk": "United Kingdom"}
```

```
>>> print(countries["uk"])
```





Dictionaries

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- >>> countries = {"us": "USA", "fr": "France", "uk": "United Kingdom"}
- >>> print(countries["uk"]) -> "United Kingdom"
- >>> countries["de"] = "Germany"
- >>> print(countries) → {"us": "USA", "fr": "France", "uk": "United







Conversion

Sometimes, when we manipulate data, we can have some troubles because a variable does not have the type we want.

Ex: x = '2' and we want to multiply this number by 3.

We need to convert a variable into another type.

Some functions allow to do that in the Python base functions.



Conversion

В	Int	Float	Str
Int		B = int(A)	B = int(A)
Float	B = float(A)		B = float(A)
Str	B = str(A)	B = str(A)	





Dictionaries Operations

Get a list of all indexes:

Get a list of (index, value) tuples:

Test if a specific index is there:

More info: https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/python_dictionary.htm





Variable and Types - Boolean

- Two values : True or False
- Boolean are used to answer logical operators. The value is True is the equation is true.
- Examples of logical operators :
 - Equals: a == b
 - Not Equals: a != b
 - Less than: a < b</p>
 - Less than or equal to: a <= b</p>
 - ➤ Greater than: a > b
 - Greater than or equal to: a >= b



Variable and Types - Boolean



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a = 3
$$a < c \rightarrow True$$

b = 5 $c = b \rightarrow False$
c = 7 $c - b = b - a \rightarrow True$

The conditions can also combine several booleans, with the logical operators and and or. They can be represented in a logical table:

and	True	False
True	True	False
False	False	False

or	True	False
True	True	True
False	True	False



Block and Indentation

- Blocks of code are delimited using indentation, either spaces or tabs at the beginning of lines. This is one of the main differences of Python over other languages.
 - Example

This indentation has to be respected precisely to run the code, otherwise an error message will be received.



For function:

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For function:

Executes a set of statements, once for each item in a list, tuple, set etc.

for k in range(m,n): k takes as value the integers between m included and n excluded.



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$$X = [3,5,2,6]$$

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k = 2	X = [3,5,2,6]
Y = 4	Sum = 38





Example

$$X = [3,5,2,6]$$

for k in X:



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Local Variables	Global Variables
k = 6	X = [3,5,2,6]
Y = 36	Sum = 38





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$$X = [3,5,2,6]$$

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print(Sum)

Local Variables	Global Variables
k = 6	X = [3,5,2,6]
Y = 36	Sum = 74





Example

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for k in X:

$$\rightarrow$$
 print(Sum) \rightarrow **74**

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	Sum = 74



If function:

Use a boolean to decide if a block of code is read or not.

Bool = True : the block is read

Bool = False : the block is skipped

Syntaxe:

if bool:



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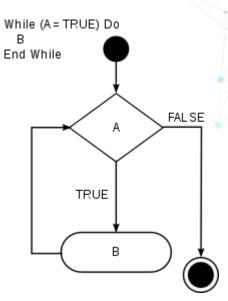


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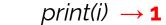
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Remember to increment the i, or else the loop will continue forever



While loop: The break statement

- We can stop the loop with the "break" statement even if the while condition is true.
 - > Exemple: exit the loop when i is 4

```
i = 1
```

while i < 8:

print(i)

break





Python: Module

Modules are Python programs that contain functions that are often reused, also called libraries.

- Python developers have developed many modules that perform a phenomenal amount of tasks. For this reason, always take the reflex to check if some of the code you want to write does not already exist under form of module.
- Most of these modules are already installed in standard Python versions.





Python: Module import

- import give access to all function present in a module
 - Ex:import math
- Once a library is imported, we use its functions with the command above.
 - > **math**.sin(45)
- The name of the imported library can be changed in order to write more easily, by adding the word "as".
 - \Rightarrow Ex: import math as m x = m.sin(45)





Python: Module import

- It is also possible to import a function of a library instead of the whole library.
 - \Rightarrow Ex: from numpy import sin x = sin(45)

Usually, we always start a code with the importation of all the libraries used in the code, instead of importing them in the middle of the code. It gives a better overview of the libraries used in the code.





Numpy: Many mathematical function, like cos, sin, pi...

Matplotlib: Graphs, image representation...

Time: Time measurement

Random: Random number generator

Scikit Learn (sklearn): Machine Learning algorithms

Pandas: Data manipulation (data frames...)

Keras: Neural Networks tools







NumPy

- The NumPy module allows you to perform calculations on vectors or matrices, element by element, via a new type of object called array.
- The NumPy module is loaded with the command:
 - >>> import numpy
- Usually, we import it under the short name np:
 - >>> import numpy as np





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"But what is the difference with a list?"

- Arrays are similar to vectors:
 - Term by term sum
 - Scalar product
 - Matrix product
 - Eigenvectors, eigenvalues...
- Even if their structure looks similar to lists, they work a very different way.
 - No concatenation for arrays
 - No product for lists







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Note: Every element has been converted to the same type



Example: Access array element

>>> import numpy as np

>>> a = np.array([2, 4, 6, 8])

>>> print("First element:", a[0])

>>> print("Second element:", a[1])

>>> print("Second last element:", a[-1])

>>> print(a+a)





Example: Access array element

```
>>> import numpy as np
```

>>> print("First element:", a[0])
$$\rightarrow$$
 2

>>> print("Second element:", a[1])
$$\rightarrow$$
 4

>>> print("Second last element:", a[-2])
$$\rightarrow$$
 6

>>> print(a+a)
$$\rightarrow$$
 [4 8 12 16]







Pandas module

- The pandas module has been designed for data manipulation and data analysis. It is particularly powerful for manipulating structured data in tabular form.
- To load pandas into Python memory, we use the usual import command:
 - >>> import pandas
- Pandas is often loaded with the shortened name pd:
 - >>> import pandas as pd





Pandas module

- The pandas module has been designed for data manipulation and data analysis. It is particularly powerful for manipulating structured data in tabular form.
- This module is really appreciated by a lot of data scientists because it is very useful in order to visualize data, manipulate it, implement some algorithms...
- It relies mostly on a new type of data, called dataframes.



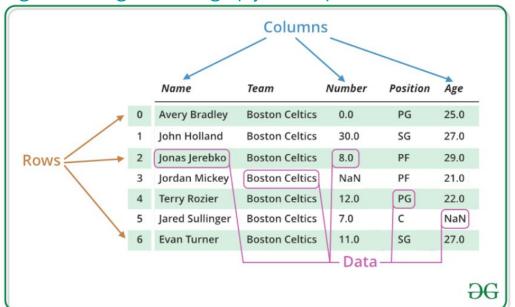


- Is a two-dimensional data structure aligned in tabular form in row and column.
- In DataFrame:
 - Column are different on type
 - > The size is mutable
 - The rows and columns are labelled
 - > We can perform operation on row and column
 - For most databases, each line is a record, and each column corresponds to a feature.



For more info

https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/python-pandas-dataframe/







A pandas dataframe can be created using the following instruction:

>>> pandas.DataFrame(data, index, columns, dtype, copy).

data: Ndarray (structured or homogeneous), Iterable, dict, or DataFrame

index: Index to use for resulting frame.

columns: Column labels to use for resulting frame. Will default to RangeIndex (0, 1, 2, ..., n)

dtype: Data type to force. If None, infer.

copy: Boolean, Copy data from inputs.





- A dataframe can also be created from a file which was not made on Python. Actually, almost any kind of database can be imported in Pandas.
- Support formats:
 - txt, csv, JSON, html, Excel, SAS...
- Specific import functions: read_csv, read_json, read_excel... Pay attention to your input format.





A subframe can be created from any dataframe. It can include fewer rows or

columns.

Extract some specific columns:

To select some specific columns, dataframes have a similar structure as lists. A column can be selected using [index] at the end of a dataframe name.

```
data
   Feature_1 Feature_2 Feature_3
                   14.0
   [32]: data['Feature_1']
Name: Feature_1, dtype: float64
In [33]: data[['Feature_1','Feature_2']]
   Feature 1 Feature 2
```



A subframe can be created from any dataframe. It can include fewer rows or columns.

Extract some specific rows:

To select some specific rows, we use the loc[] function of dataframes, into which we can indicate the index of the lines we want to keep.

```
In [38]: data
Out[38]:
    Feature_1 Feature_2 Feature_3
0     4.0     2.0     9.0
1     23.2     14.0     -2.0
2     3.0     -0.3     4.0

In [39]: data.loc[[1,2],:]
Out[39]:
    Feature_1 Feature_2 Feature_3
1     23.2     14.0     -2.0
2     3.0     -0.3     4.0
```





A subframe can be created from any dataframe. It can include fewer rows or columns.

Extract some specific rows and columns:

An extra parameter can be entered in the loc[] function, allowing to select at the same time the rows and features we want to preserve.

```
In [41]: data
Out[41]:
    Feature_1 Feature_2 Feature_3
0     4.0     2.0     9.0
1     23.2     14.0     -2.0
2     3.0     -0.3     4.0

In [42]: data.loc[[1,2],'Feature_1']
Out[42]:
1     23.2
2     3.0
Name: Feature_1, dtype: float64
```



- More Pandas functions will be described in the Writing Python part of the course.
- Pandas has been developed in order to be compatible with other libraries. Therefore, we can use machine learning algorithms directly on dataframes with libraries such as Scikit Learn.

