

# Lecture 0 - Intro to Python

January 17, 2023

## 1 What's Python?

- Python is an interpreted, object-oriented, high-level programming language with dynamic semantics
- It has high-level built-in data structures, combined with dynamic typing and dynamic binding
- It is attractive for Rapid Application Development, as well as for use as a scripting or glue language to connect existing components together

## 2 How to install Python

Simple but not popular way:

- Go to: <https://www.python.org/downloads/>
- Download it!

After you download it, you can use it from CLI.

## 3 Jupyter Notebook

Link <https://jupyter.org/>

The Jupyter Notebook is a web-based interactive computing platform that allows users to author data- and code-driven narratives that combine live code, equations, narrative text, visualizations, interactive dashboards and other media.

The best way to install Jupyter Notebook is via **Anaconda** (stand alone installation may cause errors).

## 4 Anaconda

Link: <https://www.anaconda.com/>

## 5 Anaconda

## 6 Jupyter Notebook

## 7 Basics of Jupyter Notebook

- You can Jupyter Notebook as a text editor with Latex
- You can use it as a coding tools
- You can do both in a single file!

```
[1]: print("Hello Python")
```

Hello Python

```
[2]: print(1*1)
```

1

```
[3]: # To use Math function, we can import the packpage math
import math
print(math.exp(1))
print('Exponential of %f is %f' % (1,math.exp(1)))
```

2.718281828459045

Exponential of 1.000000 is 2.718282

```
[4]: #More math, especially with vectors, matrix, etc --> use numpy

import numpy as np
a = np.array([4,4,4])
b = np.array([1,.5,2])
print(a)
#print(a*b)
x=a**2
print(x)
#print(math.tan(a))
#print(np.tan(a))
```

[4 4 4]

[16 16 16]

## 8 Exit ticket

**Ex 1:** Install Python and Jupyter Notebook in your computer

**Ex 2:** Play with the “print” command in Python, especially with complicated strings.

**Ex 3:** Play with the “math” package in Python: work with 10 built-in function of the math package.

**Ex 4:** Play with “numpy” package: define a matrix  $A$  of size  $2 \times 3$ . Find  $A^T A$ .