Homework 5 (Due Tue 2/20)

Learning Objectives:

- Apply Python commands and constructs learned in class. (Code)
- Use Python to simulate demand data in various kinds of business settings. (Analyze)

1. Loops and conditional statements

Use a `for` loop to iterate over a given list of tuples of three numbers each, and judge whether the sum of the first two numbers in each tuple is equal to the third. If it is correct, write it is correct, otherwise, write it is not. For example, if the input is

```
inputList=[(1,3,5),(1,1,2),(4,5,9),(2,2,6)]
```

The output should be as follows.

```
1+3 is NOT equal to 5
1+1 is EQUAL to 2
4+5 is EQUAL to 9
2+2 is NOT equal to 6
```

Hints: A tuple is a list of fixed length, indicated by parenthesis. For example `t=(3,5,6)` is a tuple of three elements. We can index a tuple like a list, so `t[0]=3`, `t[1]=2`, etc. Furthermore, we can do multiple assignments to a tuple as with a list, so

```
a,b,c=t
```

would set `a` to be 3, `b` to be 5, and `c` to be 6.
We can iterate through a list using `for` loop as

```
listEx=['a',[3,4],6]
for element in listEx:
    print(element)
```

will print the elements of the list in order. The first element is `listEx[0]='a'`, second is `listEx[1]=[3,4]` and so on. You can check whether two numbers sum to the third using an `if` statement. For example, the following code

```
if a>0:
    print('Positive')
elif a<0:
    print('Negative')
else:
    print('Zero')
```

will decide what to print based on the comparison of `a` and zero. Finally you can format your printing using `str.format`. For example

```
name='Bob'
age=30
print('{0} is {1} years old'.format(name,age))
```

will print Bob is 30 years old. The `{0}` means that we should replace with the zeroth argument in format, which is name, and `{1}` means that we should replace with the second.

```
[ ]: inputList=[(1,3,5),(1,1,2),(4,5,9),(2,2,6)]
     # Write your code below
```

```
[1]: inputList=[(1,3,5),(1,1,2),(4,5,9),(2,2,6)]
     for a,b,c in inputList:
         if a+b==c:
             print ('{0}+{1} is EQUAL to {2}'.format(a,b,c))
         else:
             print('{0}+{1} is NOT equal to {2}'.format(a,b,c))
```

```
1+3 is NOT equal to 5
1+1 is EQUAL to 2
4+5 is EQUAL to 9
2+2 is NOT equal to 6
```

2. String splitting and joining

Write a function `nameFormat` that changes an input name in the "Last, First" format to the "First Last" format. An example input to the function would be

```
nameExample='Shi, Peng'
```

The output of running `nameFormat(nameExample)` should be

```
Peng Shi
```

Your function should be able to handle extraneous white space around the first and last name. For example `Shi  ,  Peng` should yield the same answer as above, as well as `Shi,Peng`.

Furthermore, if there is a middle name given, you should output the middle initial inside. For example the code

```
nameExample2='Doe, Jack Beverly James'
print(nameFormat(nameExample2))
```

should yield the result

```
Jack B. Doe
```

For simplicity, you can assume that the input is properly capitalized.

Hints: See the `str.split`, `str.join`, `str.strip` and string indexing methods in the course notes for 2/13. You will also need to use the `len()` method to find out the length of the list of names behind the comma (after splitting it with space), as well as an if statement to check whether there is a middle name to initial or not.

```
[ ]: def nameFormat(inputName):
         # Write your code here

     # Testing
     print(nameFormat('Shi, Peng'))
     print(nameFormat(' Shi,Peng'))
     print(nameFormat(' Shi  ,   Peng  '))
     print(nameFormat('Doe, Jack Beverly James'))
```

```
[2]: def nameFormat(inputName):
         last,firstStr=inputName.split(',')
         last=last.strip()
         firstStr=firstStr.strip()
         l=firstStr.split(' ')
         if len(l)<=1:
             return '{0} {1}'.format(l[0],last)
         else:
             return '{0} {1}. {2}'.format(l[0],l[1][0],last)

     # Testing
     print(nameFormat('Shi, Peng'))
     print(nameFormat(' Shi,Peng'))
     print(nameFormat(' Shi  ,   Peng  '))
     print(nameFormat('Doe, Jack Beverly James'))
```

```
Peng Shi
Peng Shi
Peng Shi
Jack B. Doe
```

3. Optimizing a function by enumeration

In the lab 2 solutions, as well as in the course notes to simulation modeling, we optimize over a single dimensional function by searching over a range of parameters, and obtaining the best parameter. In this problem, you will create a generic function called `findMin` that does exactly this. For example, given the input

```
def f(x):
    return (x-3)**2+1
domain=[2,3,5,8]
```

The command `xBest=findMin(f,domain)` should set `xBest` to 3, which is what minimizes the function in the given domain. Once you are done, you should test your function by changing `f` and `domain`. If there are multiple parameters within the domain that achieve the minimum value, then you can return any of them.

Hints: One way of doing this is to iterate through the domain with a `for` loop, compute the value `f(x)` for each `x`, and keep track of what is the best found so far. (See the Lab 2 solutions, `analyzeRM1` function for an example.)

Another way is to use list comprehension to obtain a list of values, and obtain the index of the minimum element. (See course notes for 2/13, as well as the `analyzePrice` function in Lab 2 solutions.)

```
[ ]: def f(x):
         return (x-3)**2+1
     domain=[2,3,5,8]

     def findMin(f,domain):
         # complete your code here
```

```
    # Testing
    print('The minimum of function in domain {0} is {1}.'.format(domain,findMin(f,domain)))
```

[3]:
```
def f(x):
    return (x-3)**2+1
domain=[2,3,5,8]

def findMin(f,domain):
    values=[f(x) for x in domain]
    return domain[values.index(min(values))]

# Testing
print('The minimum of function in domain {0} is {1}.'.format(domain,findMin(f,domain)))
```

```
The minimum of function in domain [2, 3, 5, 8] is 3.
```

4. Generating random numbers and plotting histogram

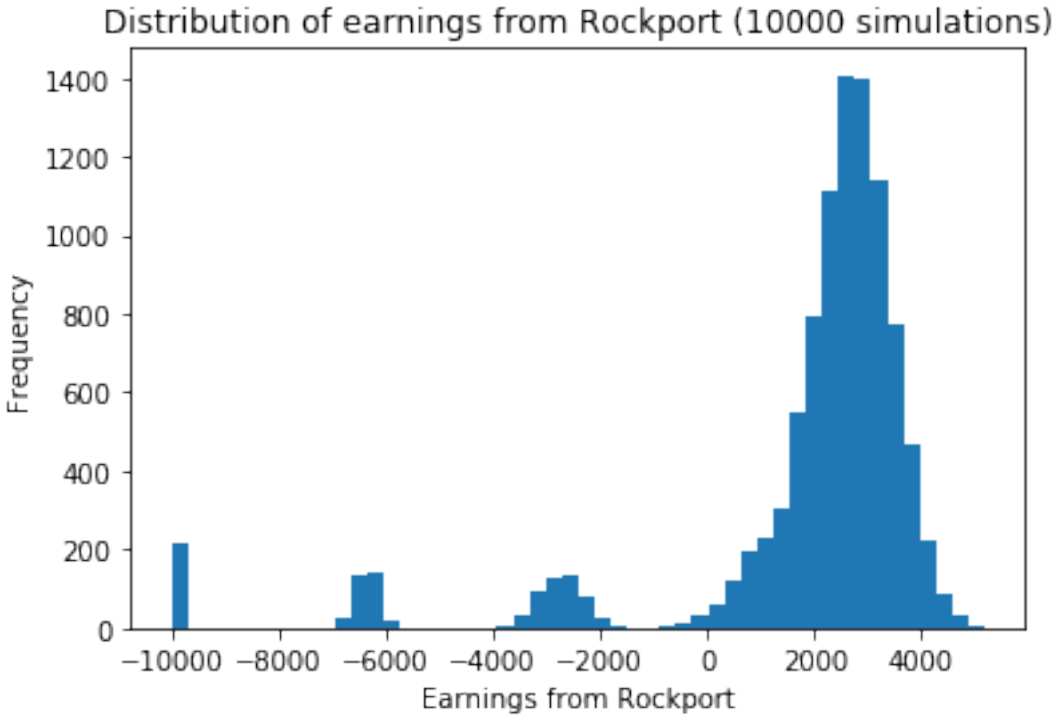
In this exercise, you will use the `scipy.stats` package to generate normal and general discrete samples, in order to plot the shape of the probability distributions of the daily earnings from using Rockport in the example in DMD 5.1 (from pre-class readings). Simulate 10000 samples and plot the frequency instead of the density. You should also include the proper titles and labels of the x and y axis.

Hints: See page 196-197 in DMD for description of the distribution. It has the form $price * min(demand, 3500) - 10000$, where price is normally distributed, demand follows a discrete distribution. You should make the price zero whenever you get a negative sample.

You can use the `norm` and `rv_discrete` modules from `scipy.stats` (see course notes to probability distributions and simulation modeling sessions). To sample, use `rvs()` with the proper `size` parameter. Then you can manipulate the resultant numpy arrays by element wise operations. (See code examples at the end of Lab 2.) You can compute the minimum of 3500 and demand using `np.minimum` and plot the histogram using `plt.hist`. The output should look as follows (see the web version of this homework on nbviewer.jupyter.org to see the graph).

[ ]:
```
from scipy.stats import norm,rv_discrete
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
np.random.seed(0)
# Complete your code below
```

[4]:
```
from scipy.stats import norm,rv_discrete
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
np.random.seed(0)
n=10000
price=norm(3.65,0.2).rvs(size=n)
demand=rv_discrete(values=(range(0,7000,1000),[0.02,0.03,0.05,0.08,0.33,0.29,0.20])).rvs
profit=np.maximum(0,price)*np.minimum(demand,3500)-10000
plt.hist(profit,bins=50)
plt.xlabel('Earnings from Rockport')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Distribution of earnings from Rockport (10000 simulations)')
plt.show()
```



5. Simulating stock trading strategies

One simple model of stock pricing is that the log of daily returns follows a normal distribution. In other words, if p_t is the price on day t, then

$$log(p_t) - log(p_{t-1}) \sim Normal(\mu, \sigma).$$

Suppose at time $t = 0$, you bought a share of the stock at price $p_0 = 1$. You plan to sell the stock on the day when it either exceeds price $a > 1$ or falls below $b < 1$, which ever comes first. You would like to write a function `analyzeStrategy`, with inputs μ, σ, a and b, and outputs the expected percentage earnings.

a) generating prices

Given the input

```
mu=.001
sigma=.03
```

generate 1000 samples of a normal random variable with this mean and standard deviation, storing it in a numpy array called `z`. The command `np.cumsum(z)` calculates the running sum of this numpy array. The command `np.exp(inputArray)` takes the exponent of a given input array. Use these two commands in combination to produce an array of stock price `p`. Then plot it using `plt.plot(p)`, and give the proper labels to the graph. The output should look as follows.

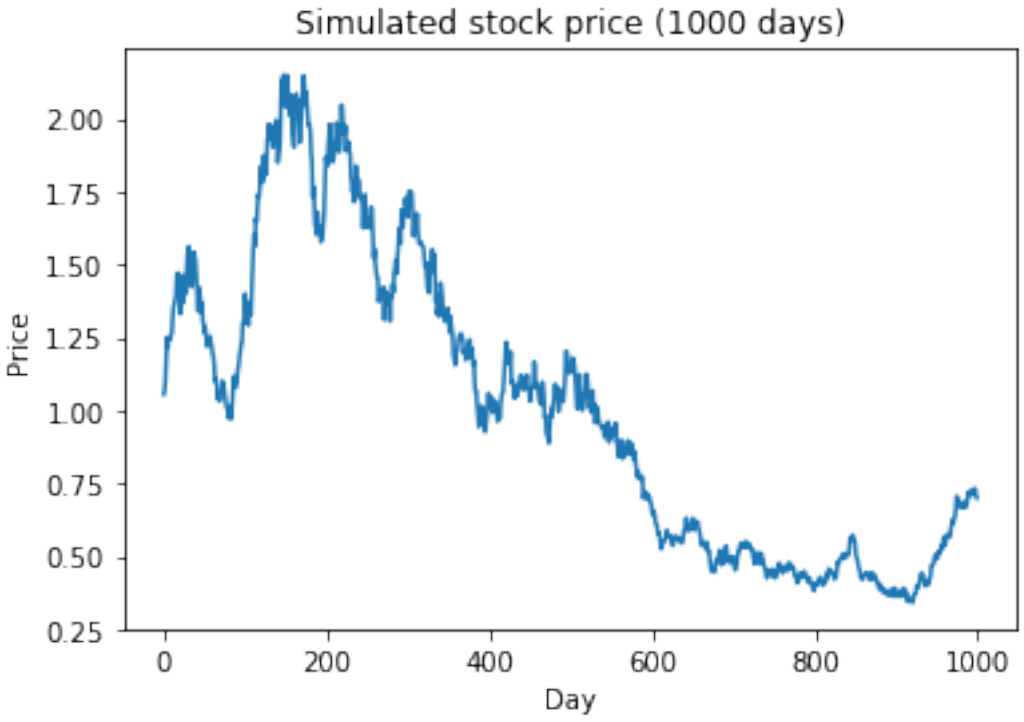
```
[ ]: from scipy.stats import norm
     import numpy as np
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
mu=.001
sigma=.03
np.random.seed(0)
# Complete your code here
```

[5]:
```
from scipy.stats import norm
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
mu=.001
sigma=.03
np.random.seed(0)

z=norm(mu,sigma).rvs(1000)
p=np.exp(np.cumsum(z))

plt.plot(p)
plt.xlabel('Day')
plt.ylabel('Price')
plt.title('Simulated stock price (1000 days)')
plt.show()
```



b) calculating value of strategy

Suppose you are given the following array of prices, as well as the values of a and b, write a function `computeEarning` to compute your percentage earnings. For example, the following input

```
a=1.05
b=.95
p=np.array([1,1.03,1.04,1.045,0.94])
print(computeEarning(p,a,b))
```

should yield -0.06, because you bought the stock at price 1 and sold at price 0.94, so it's a 6% loss. However, the following input,

```
a=1.05
b=.95
p=np.array([1,1.03,1.04,1.045,0.96,1.07])
print(computeEarning(p,a,b))
```

should yield 0.07, as you sold at price 1.07. Suppose that every value in p stays strictly within a and b, then you should return 0.

Hint: You can simply iterate through the given array using a for loop, and have a `if` statement to check whether the current price is at or above a or at or below b. Whenever that happens, you should exit the loop by returning the current price minus 1. If you went through the whole loop and didn't hit any of the conditions, then return 0.

```
[ ]: import numpy as np

     def computeEarning(p,a,b):
         # Complete your code here.

     # Testing
     a=1.05
     b=.95
     p=np.array([1,1.03,1.04,1.045,0.94])
     print(computeEarning(p,a,b))
     p=np.array([1,1.03,1.04,1.045,0.96,1.07])
     print(computeEarning(p,a,b))
```

```
[6]: import numpy as np

     def computeEarning(p,a,b):
         for price in p:
             if price>=a:
                 return price-1
             elif price<=b:
                 return price-1
         return 0

     # Testing
     a=1.05
     b=.95
     p=np.array([1,1.03,1.04,1.045,0.94])
     print(computeEarning(p,a,b))
     p=np.array([1,1.03,1.04,1.045,0.96,1.07])
     print(computeEarning(p,a,b))
```

```
-0.06
0.07
```

c) Putting everything together

Combine the code you have done and create a function that simulates 1000 price paths and average the result to compute the expected returns. To make things easy, you should first put the code that generates price path into a `generatePrices()` function. Then, you can use the `np.average()` function as well as list comprehension to compute the average of the `computeEarning` function evaluated on 1000 independent price paths (see course notes on 2/8 for explanation of list comprehension). As an alternative to list comprehension, you can use a for loop that generates a `p` at a time, feed it to your `computeEarning` function, and add it to a running sum. Finally, you can divide your running sum by the number of simulations to get the average.

```
[ ]: import numpy as np
     np.random.seed(0)

     def generatePrice(mu,sigma):
         # Adapt your code from part a) and put here
         pass

     def computeEarning(p,a,b):
         # Copy your code from part b) here
         pass

     def analyzeStrategy(mu,sigma,a,b):
         # Complete your code here
         pass


     # Testing
     mu=0.001
     sigma=0.03
     a=1.1
     b=0.9
     print('Expected return when mu={0}, sigma={1}, a={2}, b={3} is {4:.3f}.'.format(mu,sigma
```

```
[7]: import numpy as np
     np.random.seed(0)

     def generatePrices(mu,sigma):
         z=norm(mu,sigma).rvs(1000)
         return np.exp(np.cumsum(z))


     def computeEarning(p,a,b):
         for price in p:
             if price>=a:
                 return price-1
             elif price<=b:
                 return price-1
         return 0

     def analyzeStrategy(mu,sigma,a,b):
```

```
        return np.average([computeEarning(generatePrices(mu,sigma),a,b) for i in range(1000)

    # Testing
    mu=0.001
    sigma=0.03
    a=1.1
    b=0.9
    print('Expected return when mu={0}, sigma={1}, a={2}, b={3} is {4:.3f}.'.format(mu,sigma
```

```
Expected return when mu=0.001, sigma=0.03, a=1.1, b=0.9 is 0.021.
```

6. Fun with Numpy

This question gives you additional practice working with `numpy` arrays, which help you to code complex computations over many numbers using very short syntax. They are more confusing than loops and if statements to think about but once you master them it will make you able to code fast and make the code itself run faster.

Explanation of code logic:

When broken down into mechanical steps, it may be hard to grasp what the overall code is doing. Here's an explanation:

- Part a) creates the timestamps of when customer arrives. We model the time between two successive arrivals as an exponentially distributed random variable.
- Part b) and c) together create a two row array, in which each column represents an "event" in which the number of customers in the queue changes. For each arrival time stamp, there is a +1 event representing the number of people increased by 1. For each departure time stamp (a person's departure is that person's arrival plus an uniformly random time), there is a -1 event in which the number of people decreases by 1.
- Part d) sorts the events in chronological order (sorting by the timestamps). This way, we can keep track of each time a person joins the queue or leaves. The cumulative sum of the +1, -1 row results in the total number of people in the queue at each given time stamp.
- Part e) plots the result. We truncate the last part in order to remove the artificial effect of no customer arrivals at the end of the generated data (since we only simulate 500 arrivals). See the final plot for the result.

Original question and answers

a) Create an array of 20 exponentially distributed numbers with parameter $scale = 2$. You can do this using `scipy.stats.expon` module (just as you generate normal random variables.) Then use `np.cumsum` to compute an array of running totals, calling it `x`. Print this array, then plot it using `plt.plot` by making it the x values, and set the y values to a numpy array `[1,2,3,...,20]` created using `np.arange`. The output should look like th below. (The array `x` simulates the arrival time stamp of customers to a queue, assuming that on average about 1 customer arrives every 2 minutes. Having exponentially distributed inter-arrival times is called a Poisson process.)

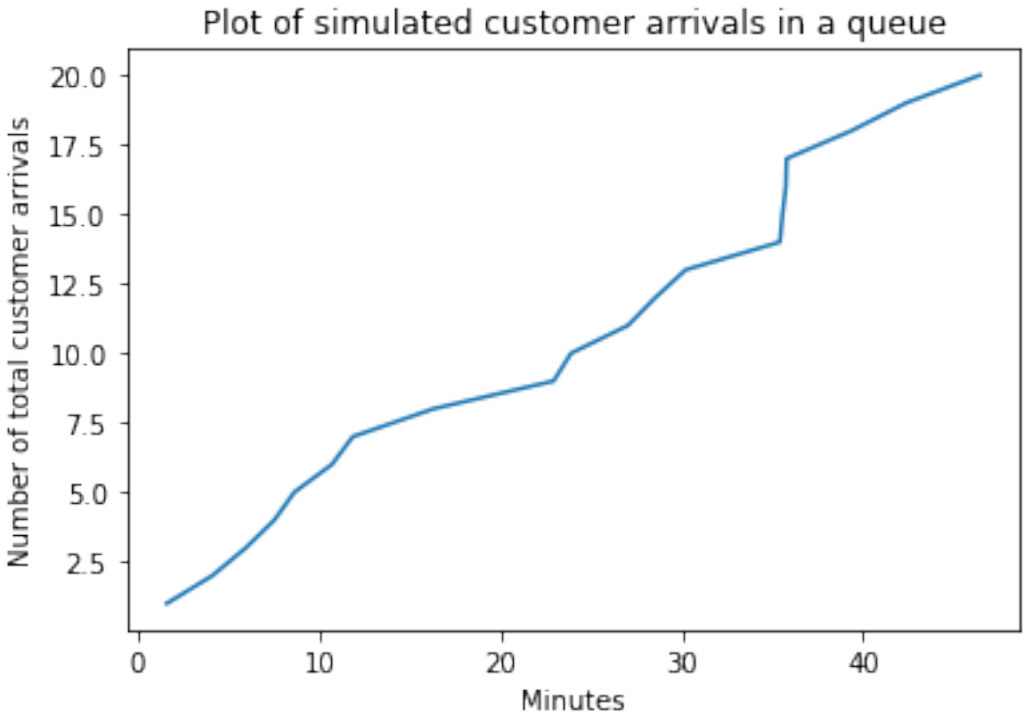
```
[ ]: import numpy as np
     from scipy.stats import expon
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
    np.random.seed(0)
    #Complete your code here
```

[8]:
```
import numpy as np
from scipy.stats import expon

np.random.seed(0)
#Complete your code here
x=expon(scale=2).rvs(size=20).cumsum()
print(x)
y=np.arange(1,21)
plt.plot(x,y)
plt.xlabel('Minutes')
plt.ylabel('Number of total customer arrivals')
plt.title('Plot of simulated customer arrivals in a queue')
plt.show()
```

```
[  1.59174902   4.10361054   5.95005683   7.52445914   8.62655612
  10.70287471  11.85391311  16.30096193  22.9307863   23.8979905
  27.03578278  28.541131    30.21999669  35.416505    35.56387571
  35.74619777  35.78704894  39.3620243   42.37359277  46.45422133]
```



b) Stack this array vertically with an array of ones, created with the same length. (Use the `np.vstack`, `np.ones` and `len` methods.) Print the shape of this array to make sure it is `(2,20)` (2 rows and 20 columns), then print the array itself. Call this array `y1`.

```
[9]: y1=np.vstack((x,np.ones(len(x))))
     print(y1.shape)
     print(y1)
```

```
(2, 20)
[[  1.59174902   4.10361054   5.95005683   7.52445914   8.62655612
   10.70287471  11.85391311  16.30096193  22.9307863   23.8979905
   27.03578278  28.541131    30.21999669  35.416505    35.56387571
   35.74619777  35.78704894  39.3620243   42.37359277  46.45422133]
 [  1.           1.           1.           1.           1.           1.
    1.           1.           1.           1.           1.           1.
    1.           1.           1.           1.           1.           1.
    1.           1.        ]]
```

c) Generate another array of 20 numbers, this time uniformly distributed between 10 and 40, and add this to the array `x` from part a), then vstack it with an array of -1's. Call the final array `y2`

```
[ ]: from scipy.stats import uniform

     #complete your code below
```

```
[10]: from scipy.stats import uniform

      #complete your code below
      z=uniform(10,30).rvs(size=20)+x
      y2=np.vstack((z,-np.ones(len(z))))
      print (y2)
```

```
[[ 40.95029928  38.07836747  29.7944377   40.94033443  22.1747889
   39.90050535  26.15451173  54.64102945  48.58623595  46.3378487
   44.97245114  61.76814168  53.90450666  62.46952347  46.12756972
   64.27526268  64.14992062  67.87004421  80.68603512  76.9088303 ]
 [ -1.          -1.          -1.          -1.          -1.          -1.
   -1.          -1.          -1.          -1.          -1.          -1.
   -1.          -1.          -1.          -1.          -1.          -1.
   -1.          -1.        ]]
```

d) Now horizontally stack `y1` from part b) with `y2` from part c, and sort by the first row using `argsort`. (See Lab 2 solutions and explanations in Course Notes for 2/8). After sorting, replace the second row (of 1's and -1's) with its cumsum. Call the final array `y`. The answer should look something like below

```
[11]: y=np.hstack((y1,y2))
      y=y[:,y[0,:].argsort()]
      y[1]=y[1].cumsum()
      print(y)
```

```
[[  1.59174902   4.10361054   5.95005683   7.52445914   8.62655612
   10.70287471  11.85391311  16.30096193  22.1747889   22.9307863
   23.8979905   26.15451173  27.03578278  28.541131    29.7944377
```

```
  30.21999669  35.416505    35.56387571  35.74619777  35.78704894
  38.07836747  39.3620243   39.90050535  40.94033443  40.95029928
  42.37359277  44.97245114  46.12756972  46.3378487   46.45422133
  48.58623595  53.90450666  54.64102945  61.76814168  62.46952347
  64.14992062  64.27526268  67.87004421  76.9088303   80.68603512]
[  1.           2.           3.           4.           5.           6.
   7.           8.           7.           8.           9.           8.
   9.          10.           9.          10.          11.          12.
  13.          14.          13.          14.          13.          12.
  11.          12.          11.          10.           9.          10.
   9.           8.           7.           6.           5.           4.
   3.           2.           1.           0.        ]]
```

e) Put everything you have written into a function `simulateQueue`, which takes as input a parameter `n`, which replaces the length 20 of the arrays, and outputs the final array `y` from part d). Evaluate this function with `n=500` Plot the first 800 columns of this array, setting the x value to be the first row and the y value to be the second row. Title it 'Simulation of number of customers in large call center', with horizontal label 'Minutes' and vertical label 'Number of active customers.' The data you have generated has the first row corresponding to time stamps and the second row corresponding to the number of remaining customers. It assumes that customers arrive with any moment as likely as any other (so the total number of customers within say 30 minutes will be Poisson distributed), and that each customer stays in the system with a uniformly random amount of time between 10 and 40 minutes. The average height of the area under the curve corresponds to the average # of customers in the system at a random time. The maximum height corresponds to the peak # of customers.

```
[ ]: import numpy as np
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     from scipy.stats import uniform,expon
     np.random.seed(0)

     def simulateQueue(n):
         # Adapt your code from parts a) to d) and put here.
         pass

     queue=simulateQueue(500)[:800,:]
     # plot x=first row of queue and y=second row of queue.
```

```
[12]: import numpy as np
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      from scipy.stats import uniform,expon
      np.random.seed(0)

      def simulateQueue(n):
          # Adapt your code from parts a) to d) and put here.
          x=expon(scale=2).rvs(size=n).cumsum()
          y1=np.vstack((x,np.ones(n)))
          y2=np.vstack((x+uniform(10,30).rvs(size=n),-np.ones(n)))
          y=np.hstack((y1,y2))
          y=y[:,y[0].argsort()]
          y[1]=y[1].cumsum()
```

```
    return y


queue=simulateQueue(500)[:,:800]
plt.plot(queue[0],queue[1])
plt.title('Simulation of number of customers in a large call center')
plt.xlabel('Minutes')
plt.ylabel('Number of active customers')
plt.show()
```