

## Lab A: Using Python as a Calculator

<https://mybinder.org/v2/gh/anniebmcc/pycalclab/master?filepath=mat301a.ipynb>

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### Jupyter Notebooks

A1. **RUN** the following "code cell" (gray rectangle with `In[ ]` next to it), by CLICKING the code cell and pressing SHIFT+RETURN. Notice that only the last result will display.

```
In [1]: 1 + 2 + 3  
        50 - 3  
        100*5
```

Out[1]: 500

A2. **RUN** the following. As always, only the last result displays, but the last result has 2 parts because of the comma.

```
In [2]: 1 + 2 + 3  
        50 - 3, 1000*1000  
        100*5, 7*7
```

Out[2]: (500, 49)

A3. The "+" on the toolbar adds a code cell. The "scissors" deletes a cell.

### Python arithmetic + - \* / \*\*

A4. **RUN** the following.

```
In [3]: 3 + 10*5, 5**2, 27/10
```

Out[3]: (53, 25, 2.7)

A5. **EXERCISE.**

- What does each of the 5 arithmetic operations do?
- Do spaces around the 5 operations matter, or is it just style?

```
In [4]: # TYPE YOUR ANSWERS BELOW
#
# a) + is addition
# - is subtraction
# * is multiplication
# / is division
# ** is exponentiation
#
# b) No, spaces around + - * / ** don't matter
```

## Python # and =

A6. **RUN** the following. You will notice python ignores everything after #

```
In [5]: # This is a comment
1 + 1 # This is also a comment
```

Out[5]: 2

A7. **RUN** the following. Notice we assign variables using = Assignment itself does NOT produce output.

```
In [6]: a = 10
a
```

Out[6]: 10

```
In [7]: b = 20
```

```
In [8]: a = 18
b = 21
c = a - b
c
```

Out[8]: -3

A8. **RUN** the following. Notice you can assign multiple variables at once with a comma.

```
In [9]: x, y = 100, 500
x
```

Out[9]: 100

```
In [10]: a, b, c = 3, 4, 5
a + b/c
```

Out[10]: 3.8

A9. **RUN** the following. See that we can compute  $\frac{(2-3)*-3}{-1+2}$  all at once (1st cell below), or we can assign variables to help us (2nd cell below).

```
In [11]: (2 - 3)*-3/(-1 + 2)
```

```
Out[11]: 3.0
```

```
In [12]: top = (2 - 3)*-3
          bottom = -1 + 2
          top/bottom
```

```
Out[12]: 3.0
```

A10. **EXERCISE.** Assign variables to help you compute  $3 - \frac{3^2-2\cdot 3}{2\cdot 3-2}$

```
In [13]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

          top = 3**2 - 2*3
          bottom = 2*3 - 2
          3 - top/bottom
```

```
Out[13]: 2.25
```

## Order of Operations

A11. **RUN** the following. Notice  $a - b * c = a - (b * c)$ , but they do not equal  $(a - b) * c$ .

```
In [14]: a,b,c = 3,4,5

          a - b*c,  a - (b*c),  (a - b)*c
```

```
Out[14]: (-17, -17, -5)
```

A12. **EXERCISE.** In each row, identify NON-equivalent choice. For example, the answer to (1) is  $(a - b) * c$  because  $a - b * c = a - (b * c)$

- |      |                 |                 |                |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| (1)  | $a - b * c$     | $a - (b * c)$   | $(a - b) * c$  |
| (2)  | $a * (b - c)$   | $(a * b) - c$   | $a * b - c$    |
| (3)  | $a / b + c$     | $a / (b + c)$   | $(a / b) + c$  |
| (4)  | $(a + b) / c$   | $a + (b / c)$   | $a + b / c$    |
| (5)  | $a ** (b * c)$  | $(a ** b) * c$  | $a ** b * c$   |
| (6)  | $a * (b ** c)$  | $a * b ** c$    | $(a * b) ** c$ |
| (7)  | $a / b ** c$    | $(a / b) ** c$  | $a / (b ** c)$ |
| (8)  | $a ** b / c$    | $(a ** b) / c$  | $a ** (b / c)$ |
| (9)  | $(3 - 3) - 3$   | $3 - 3 - 3$     | $3 - (3 - 3)$  |
| (10) | $(2 ** 3) ** 2$ | $2 ** (3 ** 2)$ | $2 ** 3 ** 2$  |
| (11) | $6 / 3 / 2$     | $6 / (3 / 2)$   | $(6 / 3) / 2$  |

```
In [15]: # TYPE YOUR ANSWERS BELOW.
#
# (1)  (a - b)*c
# (2)  a*(b - c)
# (3)  a/(b + c)
# (4)  (a + b)/c
# (5)  a ** (b*c)
# (6)  (a*b) ** c
# (7)  (a/b) ** c
# (8)  a ** (b/c)
# (9)  3 - (3 - 3)
# (10) (2 ** 3) ** 2
# (11) 6/(3/2)
```

A13. **RUN** the following example, where we add 2 sets of parentheses which show the order of the 2 operations.

```
In [16]: 1 + 3/5
```

```
Out[16]: 1.6
```

```
In [17]: (1 + (3/5))
```

```
Out[17]: 1.6
```

A14. **EXERCISE.** Add 4 sets of parentheses, which show the order of the 4 operations.

```
In [18]: 7 - 3 ** 2/9 + 4
```

```
Out[18]: 10.0
```

```
In [19]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
```

```
((7 - ((3 ** 2)/9)) + 4)
```

```
Out[19]: 10.0
```

A15. **EXERCISE.** Assign  $a, b, c = 4, 5, 8$  and then evaluate  $\frac{a^b - c/b}{c - a}, \frac{a^{c-b}}{c - b}, \frac{a^{3/2}}{b}, \frac{a - b(c - a)}{c - a}$

```
In [20]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
```

```
a,b,c = 4,5,8
```

```
(a**b - c/b)/(c-a), a**(c-b)/(c-b), a**(3/2)/b, (a - b*(c-a))/(c-a)
```

```
Out[20]: (255.6, 21.333333333333332, 1.6, -4.0)
```

## Making python functions

A16. **RUN** the following.

```
In [21]: def g(x):
```

```
    return x**2
```

```
g(7)
```

```
Out[21]: 49
```

```
In [22]: def h(n): return n + 100
```

```
h(7)
```

```
Out[22]: 107
```

A17. **EXERCISE.** Make the function  $P(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$  and find  $P(P(7))$ .

```
In [23]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
```

```
def P(x):
```

```
    return x**2 - 2*x + 1
```

```
P(P(7))
```

```
Out[23]: 1225
```

## Built-in %pylab functions

Python	Math notation	Meaning
<code>abs(x)</code>	$ x $	absolute value
<code>sqrt(x)</code>	$\sqrt{x}$	square root
<code>exp(x)</code>	$e^x$	exponential function
<code>log(x)</code>	$\ln x$	natural logarithm
<code>sin(x)</code>	$\sin x$	sine
<code>arcsin(x)</code>	$\sin^{-1} x$	inverse sine
<code>radians(x)</code>		converts degrees to radians

A18. **RUN** the code cells below. The command `%pylab` only needs to be run once per lab; it loads "built-in functions" (from python packages numpy and matplotlib).

```
In [24]: %pylab
```

```
sqrt(49)
```

Using matplotlib backend: MacOSX

Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib

```
Out[24]: 7.0
```

```
In [25]: pi, exp(1), sin(pi/2)
```

```
Out[25]: (3.141592653589793, 2.718281828459045, 1.0)
```

A19. **EXERCISE.** Evaluate

1.  $\sin 40^\circ$
2.  $\sin^2 65^\circ$
3.  $e^{(10-8.5)/3}$
4.  $\arcsin(\sin(3\pi/4))$

Note. Python uses radians for all angle measurements, so you need to convert any degrees to radians.

```
In [26]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
```

```
sin(radians(40)), sin(radians(65))**2, exp((10-8.5)/3), arcsin(sin(3*pi/4))
```

```
Out[26]: (0.6427876096865393,  
0.8213938048432696,  
1.6487212707001282,  
0.7853981633974484)
```

## Making an array with `r_[ ]`

A20. **RUN** the following. (If you get an error, go back and run [A17](#).) The function `r_[ ]` can make an array of numbers of your choice. We will need arrays for graphing (Lab B).

```
In [27]: x = r_[2,3,4,5,10]
         x**3
```

```
Out[27]: array([ 8, 27, 64, 125, 1000])
```

A21. **EXERCISE.** Use `r_[ ]` to store the numbers 2,3,5,7,11 in an array named `x`. Find `x*x`.

```
In [28]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

         x = r_[2,3,5,7,11]
         x*x
```

```
Out[28]: array([ 4, 9, 25, 49, 121])
```

## Making an array with `r_[a:b:stride]`

A22. **RUN** the following. In general, `r_[a:b]` will list integers from *a* up to but *not* including *b*. A missing *a* is the same as 0.

```
In [29]: r_[5:10]
```

```
Out[29]: array([5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
```

```
In [30]: r_[ :5]
```

```
Out[30]: array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
```

A23. **EXERCISE.** Use `r_[a:b]` to make the array 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

```
In [31]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

         r_[1:10]
```

```
Out[31]: array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
```

A24. **RUN** the following. In general, `r_[a:b:stride]` spaces out your numbers by the amount `stride`.

```
In [32]: r_[0:100:2]
```

```
Out[32]: array([ 0,  2,  4,  6,  8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32,
                34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66,
                68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98])
```

A25. **EXERCISE.** Use `r_[a:b:stride]` to make the array 1,3,5,...,99

```
In [33]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
r_[1:100:2]
```

```
Out[33]: array([ 1,  3,  5,  7,  9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33,
                35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67,
                69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99])
```

## Making an array with `linspace(a,b,n)`

A26. **RUN** the following. Observe that `linspace(a,b,n)` lists  $n$  numbers from  $a$  to  $b$  inclusive. This is useful for generating a lot of evenly-spaced numbers, such as when graphing (Lab B). Observe that `linspace(a,b)` lists 50 numbers from  $a$  to  $b$  inclusive.

```
In [34]: linspace(0,10,6)
```

```
Out[34]: array([ 0.,  2.,  4.,  6.,  8., 10.])
```

```
In [35]: linspace(0,10)
```

```
Out[35]: array([ 0.          ,  0.20408163,  0.40816327,  0.6122449 ,  0.81632653,
                1.02040816,  1.2244898 ,  1.42857143,  1.63265306,  1.83673469,
                2.04081633,  2.24489796,  2.44897959,  2.65306122,  2.85714286,
                3.06122449,  3.26530612,  3.46938776,  3.67346939,  3.87755102,
                4.08163265,  4.28571429,  4.48979592,  4.69387755,  4.89795918,
                5.10204082,  5.30612245,  5.51020408,  5.71428571,  5.91836735,
                6.12244898,  6.32653061,  6.53061224,  6.73469388,  6.93877551,
                7.14285714,  7.34693878,  7.55102041,  7.75510204,  7.95918367,
                8.16326531,  8.36734694,  8.57142857,  8.7755102 ,  8.97959184,
                9.18367347,  9.3877551 ,  9.59183673,  9.79591837, 10.          ])
```

A27. **EXERCISE.** Use `linspace(a,b,n)` to make the array 1,1.5,2,2.5,3,3.5,4

```
In [36]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
linspace(1,4,7)
```

```
Out[36]: array([1. , 1.5, 2. , 2.5, 3. , 3.5, 4. ])
```

A28. **EXERCISE.**

Convert average body temperature  $98.6^\circ F$  to Celsius using  $C = 5/9(F - 32)$ .

```
In [37]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
5/9*(98.6 - 32)
```

```
Out[37]: 37.0
```



A29. **RUN** the following.

Notice that `x` and `y` are arrays,  
`c_[x,y]` puts them into a table.

```
In [38]: x = r_[:10]
         y = x**2
         c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[38]: array([[ 0,  0],
               [ 1,  1],
               [ 2,  4],
               [ 3,  9],
               [ 4, 16],
               [ 5, 25],
               [ 6, 36],
               [ 7, 49],
               [ 8, 64],
               [ 9, 81]])
```

A30. **EXERCISE.**

Use `r_` to make an array of Fahrenheit values `x = -100, -80, -60, ..., 100`.

Make the corresponding array of Celsius values `y`

Use `c_` to put `x` and `y` into a table.

```
In [39]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

         x = r_[-100:101:20]
         y = 5/9*(x - 32)
         c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[39]: array([[ -100.      , -73.33333333],
               [  -80.      , -62.22222222],
               [  -60.      , -51.11111111],
               [  -40.      , -40.        ],
               [  -20.      , -28.88888889],
               [    0.      , -17.77777778],
               [   20.      ,  -6.66666667],
               [   40.      ,   4.44444444],
               [   60.      ,  15.55555556],
               [   80.      ,  26.66666667],
               [  100.      ,  37.77777778]])
```

## Lab B: Plotting Graphs in Python

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### Plotting with `plot`

B1. Example. To graph  $f(x) = x^2$  over  $[-2, 2]$  by hand, make an  $xy$  table: choose some  $x$  values,

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2
$y$					

and then use  $f$  to compute the corresponding  $y$  values.

B2. **RUN** the following. Notice that graphing in python is similar to B1: we make a list of  $x$  values and  $y$  values.

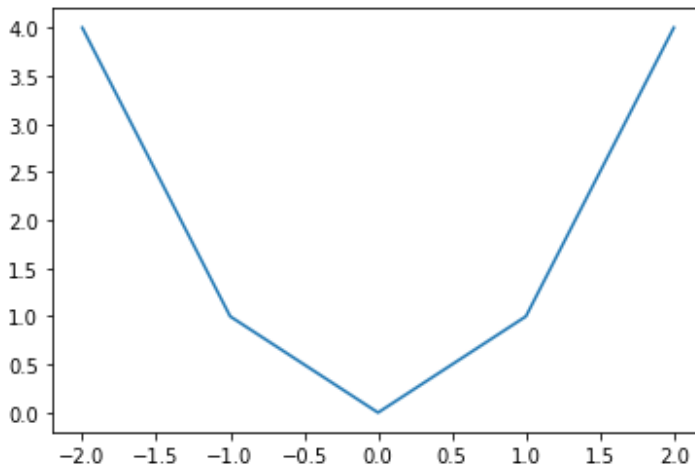
Note to instructor: you may remember that in A18 we wrote `%pylab` and here we write `%pylab inline`; the "inline" tells Jupyter to display images inline instead of as a pop-up.

```
In [1]: %pylab inline
```

Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib

```
In [2]: x = r_[-2, -1, 0, 1, 2]
        y = r_[4, 1, 0, 1, 4]
        plot(x,y)
```

```
Out[2]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e427944d0>]
```



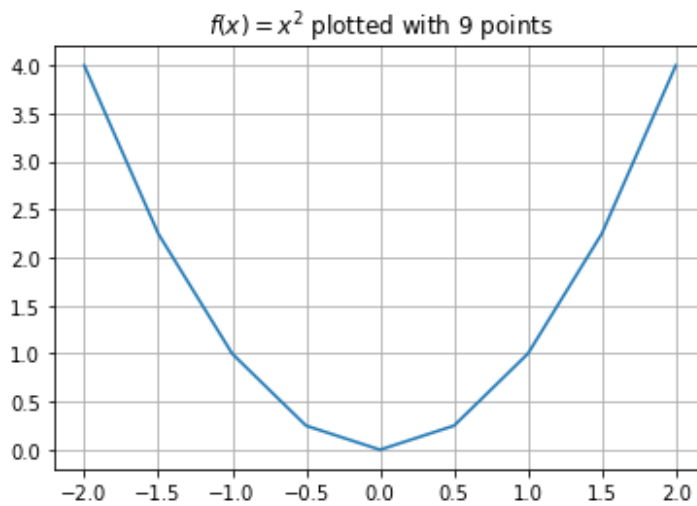
B3. **RUN** the following. Notice that we save time by making the  $x$  array using `linspace` (see A27) and making the  $y$  array by doing arithmetic on  $x$  (see A29). For illustrative purposes, we use `c_[x,y]` to make a table out of the arrays  $x$  and  $y$  (see A29).

```
In [3]: x = linspace(-2,2,9)
        y = x**2

        plot(x,y)
        title('$f(x) = x^2$ plotted with 9 points')
        grid()

        c_[x,y]
```

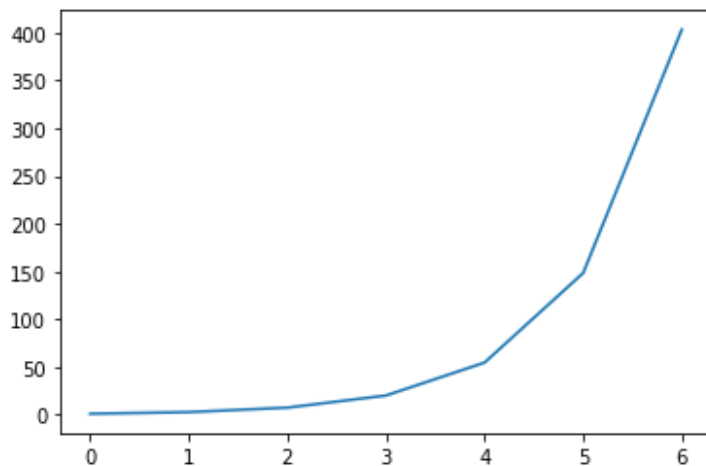
```
Out[3]: array([[ -2.   ,  4.   ],
               [ -1.5   ,  2.25 ],
               [ -1.   ,  1.   ],
               [ -0.5   ,  0.25 ],
               [  0.   ,  0.   ],
               [  0.5   ,  0.25 ],
               [  1.   ,  1.   ],
               [  1.5   ,  2.25 ],
               [  2.   ,  4.   ]])
```



B4. **RUN** the following, which graph  $f(x) = e^x$  over the interval  $[0, 7]$ . Here we make our array  $x$  using `r_[a:b:stride]` (see A22). Remember that `exp(x)` is how you write  $e^x$  in python (see A18).

```
In [4]: x = r_[:7]
        y = exp(x)
        plot(x,y)
```

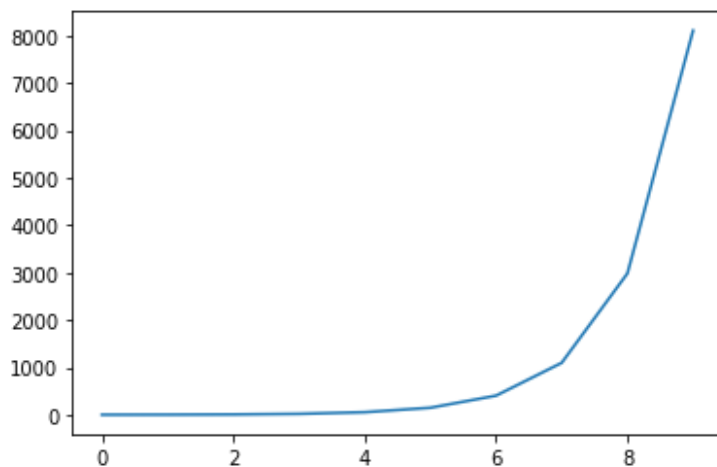
```
Out[4]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e42a15a90>]
```



B5. **RUN** the following. When we change the  $x$  we must recompute the  $y$ ; there are two ways to do it (compare B4 to B5).

```
In [5]: x = r_[:10]
        plot(x, exp(x))
```

```
Out[5]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e42b71850>]
```



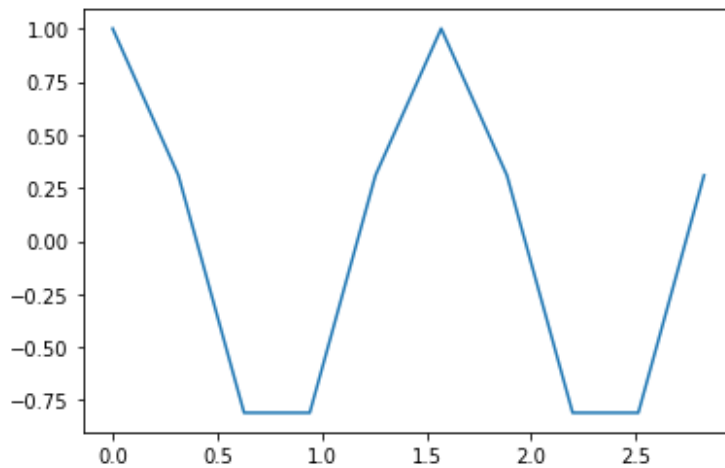
#### B6. EXERCISE.

- (1) Graph  $y = \cos 4x$  over  $[0, \pi]$  with a step size of  $\pi/10$
- (2) Redo your plot from iii. using `x = linspace(0,pi)`
- (3) Which plot looks more like the plot of a cosine curve?

In [6]: # (1) Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

```
x = r_[0:pi:pi/10]
y = cos(4*x)
plot(x,y)
```

Out[6]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e42be5090>]

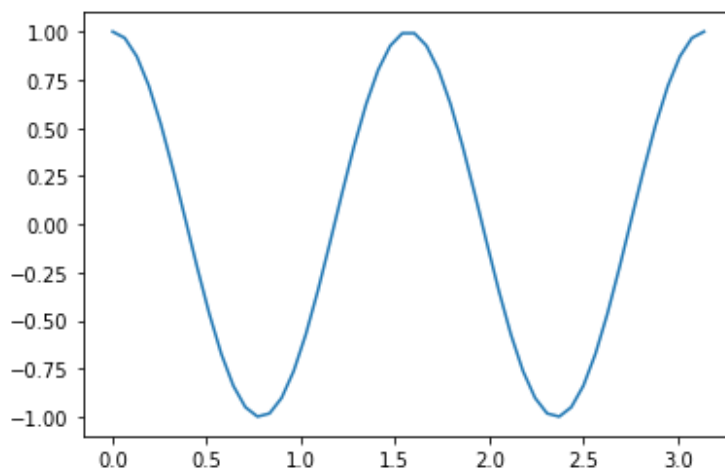


In [7]: # (2) Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

```
x = linspace(0,pi)
y = cos(4*x)
plot(x,y)

# (3) Your answer: the second plot
```

Out[7]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e42cba150>]

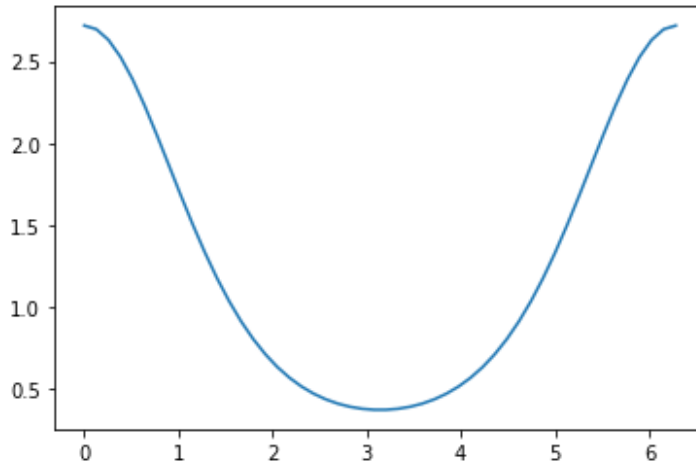


B7. **EXERCISE.** Plot the function  $f(x) = e^{\cos x}$  over the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ .

```
In [8]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
```

```
x = linspace(0,2*pi)
y = exp(cos(x))
plot(x,y)
```

```
Out[8]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e42f14950>]
```



## Doing arithmetic on arrays

B8. **RUN** the following.

We make numpy arrays with `r_` or `linspace`

Numpy arrays "know" how to do "elementwise" arithmetic.

Warning:  $x^2$  is written `x**2`.

```
In [9]: x = r_[1:5]
```

```
x, 10 - x, x + 10, 10*x, x**2, 12/x, x**x, 10**x
```

```
Out[9]: (array([1, 2, 3, 4]),
         array([9, 8, 7, 6]),
         array([11, 12, 13, 14]),
         array([10, 20, 30, 40]),
         array([ 1,  4,  9, 16]),
         array([12.,  6.,  4.,  3.]),
         array([ 1,  4, 27, 256]),
         array([ 10, 100, 1000, 10000]))
```

B9. **RUN** the following.

```
In [10]: # We can add arrays of the same shape (same length)
```

```
x = r_[10, 20, 50, 100]
y = r_[3, 0, 7, -1]
x + y
```

```
Out[10]: array([13, 20, 57, 99])
```

```
In [11]: # We can add an array (x) and a scalar (y)
```

```
x = r_[10, 20, 50, 100]
y = 100
x + y
```

```
Out[11]: array([110, 120, 150, 200])
```

```
In [12]: # We CANNOT add arrays of DIFFERENT shape
```

```
x = r_[10, 20, 50, 100]
y = r_[3, 0, 7]
x + y
```

```
-----
ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-12-ab56767c8fea> in <module>
      3 x = r_[10, 20, 50, 100]
      4 y = r_[3, 0, 7]
----> 5 x + y

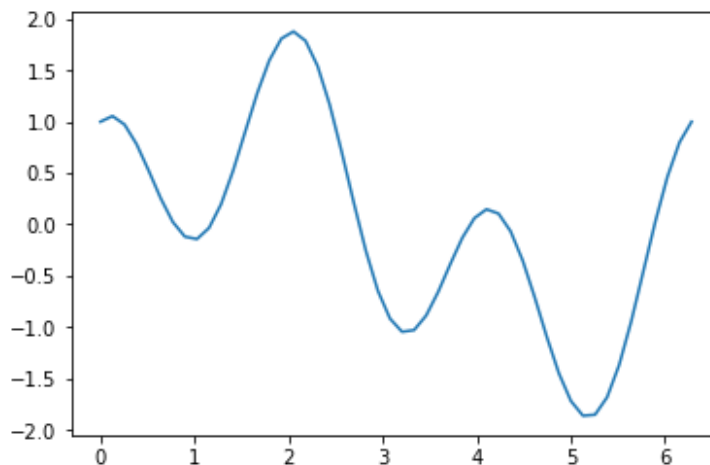
ValueError: operands could not be broadcast together with shapes (4,) (3,)
```

B10. **RUN** the following.

```
In [13]: #  $y = \sin x + \cos 3x$  over the domain  $[0, 2\pi]$ 
```

```
x = linspace(0, 2*pi)
y = sin(x) + cos(3*x)
plot(x, y)
```

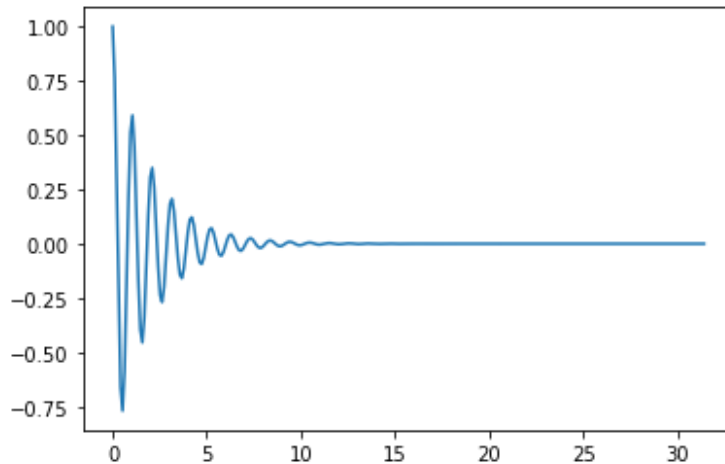
```
Out[13]: [matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e43060090]
```



```
In [14]: #  $y = e^{-x/2} \cos 6x$  over the domain  $[0, 10\pi]$ 

x = linspace(0, 10*pi, 300)
y1 = exp(-x/2) # Here we break up the
y2 = cos(6*x)  # computation into
y = y1*y2      # bite-sized pieces
plot(x,y)
```

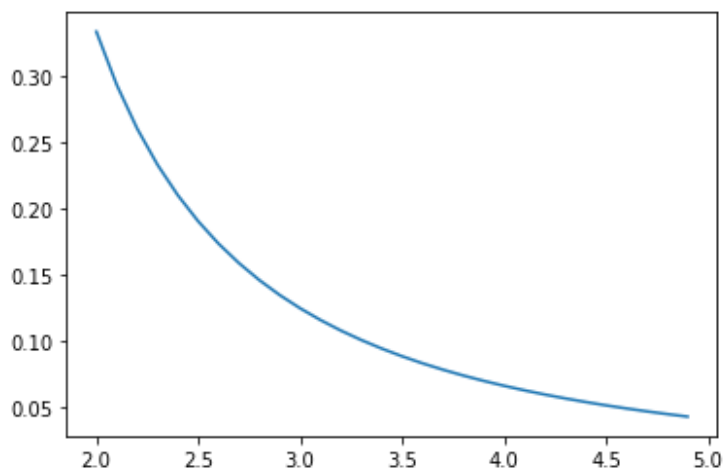
Out[14]: [



```
In [15]: #  $y = 1/(x^2 - 1)$  over the domain  $[2, 5]$ 

x = r_[2:5:0.1]
y = 1/(x**2 - 1)
plot(x,y)
```

Out[15]: [



B11. **EXERCISE.** First **RUN** the following.



```
In [16]: a,b,c = r_[:5], r_[:50:10], r_[:10]
a,b,c
```

```
Out[16]: (array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4]),
          array([ 0, 10, 20, 30, 40]),
          array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]))
```

Now, that we've defined  $a, b, c$ , which of the following are defined?

$a + b$        $a + c$        $a + 1$        $a * b$        $c ** 2$        $c ^ 2$

```
In [17]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

a+b, a+1, a*b, c**2
```

```
Out[17]: (array([ 0, 11, 22, 33, 44]),
          array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]),
          array([ 0, 10, 40, 90, 160]),
          array([ 0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]))
```

B12. **RUN** the following example. Let  $x$  be the array 1,2,3. Write Python commands to compute  $x^3$ . The output you get should be `array([ 1, 8, 27])`.

```
In [18]: x = r_[1,2,3]
x**3
```

```
Out[18]: array([ 1, 8, 27])
```

B13. **EXERCISE.** Using the same array  $x = r_[1,2,3]$ , find:

$\cos x \sin x$        $\sin^2 x$        $\sin x^2$        $7x^2 \sin \frac{1}{7x^2}$

You should get

```
array([ 0.45464871, -0.37840125, -0.13970775])
array([0.70807342, 0.82682181, 0.01991486])
array([ 0.84147098, -0.7568025 , 0.41211849])
array([0.99660211, 0.99978743, 0.99995801])
```

```
In [19]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

cos(x)*sin(x), sin(x)**2, sin(x**2), 7*x**2*sin(1/(7*x**2))
```

```
Out[19]: (array([ 0.45464871, -0.37840125, -0.13970775]),
          array([0.70807342, 0.82682181, 0.01991486]),
          array([ 0.84147098, -0.7568025 , 0.41211849]),
          array([0.99660211, 0.99978743, 0.99995801]))
```

B14. **EXERCISE.** Using the same array  $x = r_{[1,2,3]}$ , find:

$$x - \frac{\cos x - \sin x}{\sin x + \cos x} \quad \frac{1}{10} \left( x - \frac{x^{3/2}}{10} \right)^2$$

You should get

```
array([1.2179581 , 4.68770694, 1.66751188])
```

```
array([0.081      , 0.29486292, 0.61523085])
```

```
In [20]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

x - (cos(x)-sin(x))/(sin(x)+cos(x)), 1/10*(x - x**(3/2)/10)**2
```

```
Out[20]: (array([1.2179581 , 4.68770694, 1.66751188]),
          array([0.081      , 0.29486292, 0.61523085]))
```

## Graphing practice

B15 **EXERCISE.**

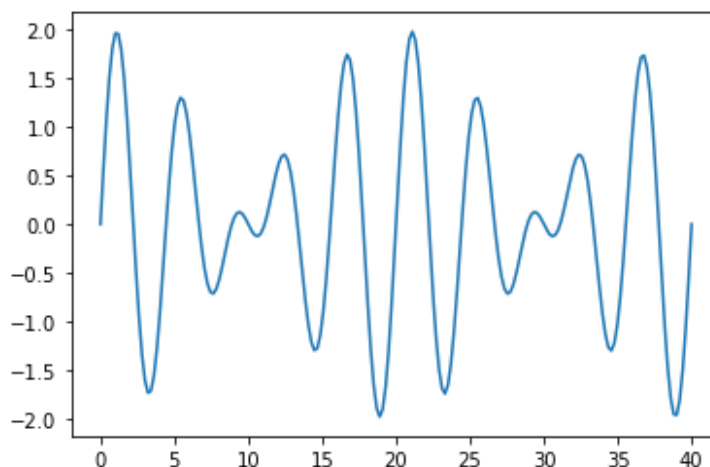
- (1) Graph the function  $f(x) = \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}x) + \sin(\frac{2}{5}\pi x)$  over the interval  $[0, 40]$ .
- (2) How many peaks (relative maxima) does your graph have?
- (3) This function is periodic; how many periods are graphed in  $[0, 40]$ ?
- (4) Estimate from your graph the value of  $f(10)$  to 1 decimal point.

```
In [21]: # (1) Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

x = linspace(0,40,200)
y = sin(pi/2*x) + sin(2/5*pi*x)
plot(x,y)

# (2) Your answer: 10
# (3) Your answer: 2
# (4) Your answer: 0.0
```

```
Out[21]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e4296a5d0>]
```



**B16. EXERCISE.**

(1) Graph  $f(x) = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$  over the interval  $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$  using 100 points.

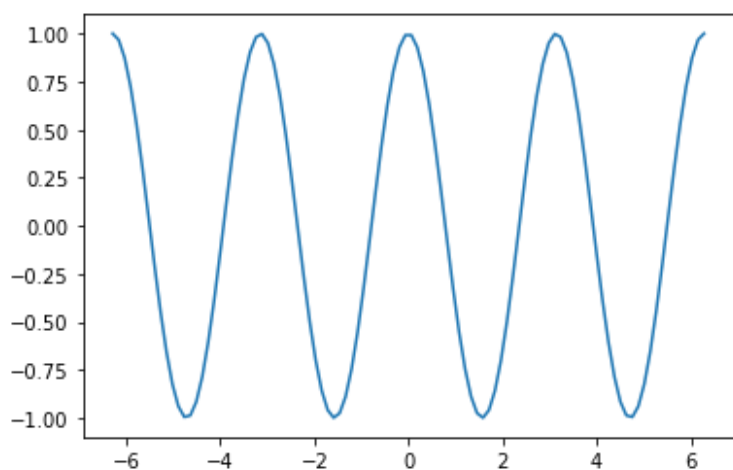
(2) Does the resemble any of the following?  $\cos 2x$   $\cos x/2$   $\cos x$

```
In [22]: # (1) Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
```

```
x = linspace(-2*pi, 2*pi, 100)
y = cos(x)**2 - sin(x)**2
plot(x,y)
```

```
# (2) Your answer: cos(2x)
```

```
Out[22]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e428f5810>]
```

**B17. EXERCISE.**

(1) Plot the polynomial function  $f(x) = x^3 - 20x^2 + 10x - 1$  over the interval  $[-10, 10]$ .

(2) Which is the approximate range for the  $y$ -axis?

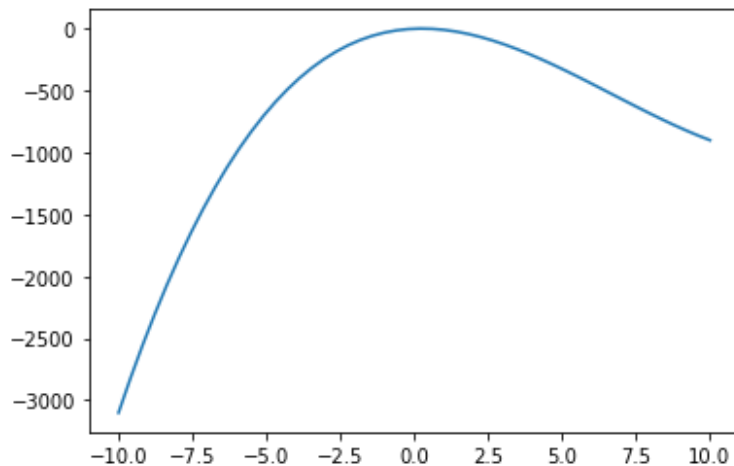
$[-10, 10]$   $(-10, 10)$   $[-3100, 0]$   $[0, 2\pi]$

In [23]: # (1) Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

```
x = linspace(-10,10)
y = x**3 - 20*x**2 + 10*x - 1
plot(x,y)
```

# (2) Your answer: [-3100,0]

Out[23]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e433ff3d0>]



B18. **EXERCISE.** We wish to investigate when (if) the function in B17 is positive. We can't readily tell from our graph in B17 so we will replot over a smaller domain.

(1). Which of these domains seems appropriate for this task?

[0, 500]      [0, 10]      [-1, 1]      [0, 2 $\pi$ ]

(2) Replot the graph over the selected domain. Turn on the grid using `grid()`

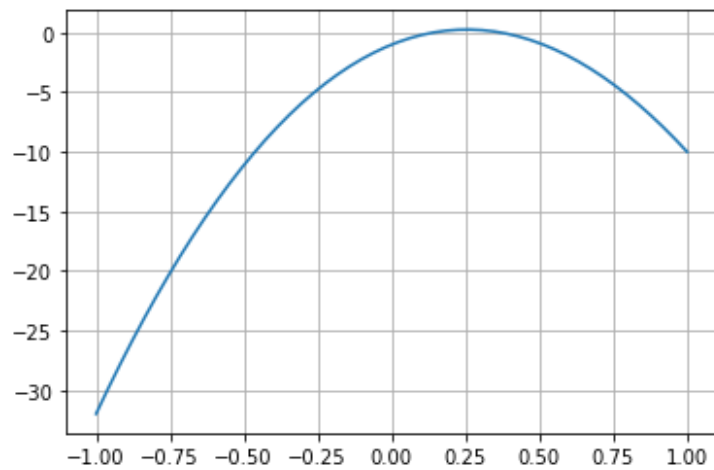
(3) From your graph, which of these  $x$  values have  $f(x) > 0$ ? Indicate all that apply:

0      0.25      0.50      0.75

```
In [24]: # (1) Your answer: [-1,1]
# (2) Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

x = linspace(-1,1)
y = x**3 - 20*x**2 + 10*x - 1
plot(x,y)
grid()

# (3) Your answer: 0.25
```



## Lab C: Finding Limits in Python

<https://mybinder.org/v2/gh/anniebmcc/pycalclab/master?filepath=mat301c.ipynb>

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### **Note to instructor: Troubleshooting**

(1) If during the lab a student gets a `NameError`, tell them to try running the `%pylab inline` in section [C1](#) below.

(2) If they get scientific notation, tell them to try running the `set_printoptions(precision=17, suppress=True)` in [C5](#) below.

C1. **RUN** the following. When we are asked to compute a limit, the first thing we try is plugging in. Sometimes this works, such as for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \sin(x)/x$ :

```
In [1]: %pylab inline
```

```
Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib
```

```
In [2]: x = pi/2
sin(x)/x
```

```
Out[2]: 0.6366197723675814
```

C2. **RUN** the following. However sometimes plugging in doesn't work, such as for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin(x)/x$ :

```
In [3]: x = 0
sin(x)/x
```

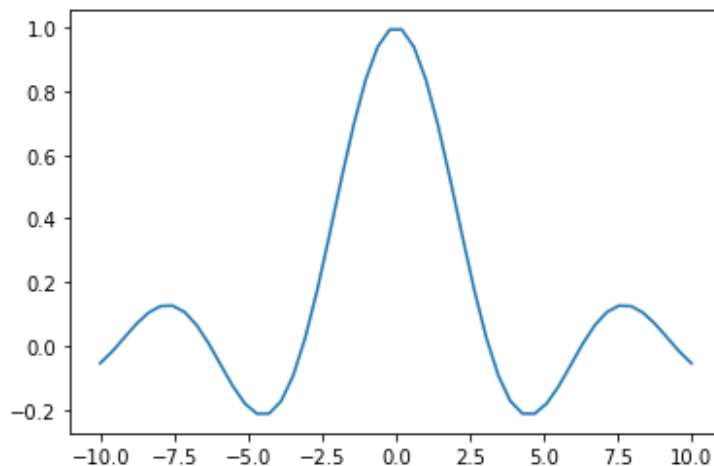
```
/Users/sunderland20a/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/ipykernel_launcher.py:2: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in double_scalars
```

```
Out[3]: nan
```

C3. **RUN** the following. When plugging in doesn't work, there are two things we can do in Python. First we can look at the graph. The graph tells us that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin(x)/x = 1$ .

```
In [4]: x = linspace(-10,10)
        y = sin(x)/x
        plot(x,y)
```

```
Out[4]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7feb6fe99750>]
```



C4. **RUN** the following. The second thing we can do is make a table of  $x$  and  $f(x)$  where we plug in numbers closer and closer to the given  $x = a$ . The table tells us that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin(x)/x = 1$ .

```
In [5]: x = r_[1, .1, .01, .001]
        y = sin(x)/x
        c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[5]: array([[1.          , 0.84147098],
               [0.1        , 0.99833417],
               [0.01       , 0.99998333],
               [0.001      , 0.99999983]])
```

```
In [6]: x = r_[-1, -.1, -.01, -.001]
        y = sin(x)/x
        c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[6]: array([[ -1.          , 0.84147098],
               [-0.1        , 0.99833417],
               [-0.01       , 0.99998333],
               [-0.001      , 0.99999983]])
```

C5. **RUN** the following. Sometimes python will give us scientific notation. We use the command `set_printoptions` to turn off scientific notation and get more digits of precision.

```
In [7]: x = r_[1, .1, .01, .001, .0001, .00001]
        y = sin(x)/x
        c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[7]: array([[1.00000000e+00, 8.41470985e-01],
               [1.00000000e-01, 9.98334166e-01],
               [1.00000000e-02, 9.99983333e-01],
               [1.00000000e-03, 9.99998333e-01],
               [1.00000000e-04, 9.99999833e-01],
               [1.00000000e-05, 1.00000000e+00]])
```

```
In [8]: set_printoptions(precision=17, suppress=True)
```

```
x = r_[1, .1, .01, .001, .0001, .00001]
y = sin(x)/x
c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[8]: array([[1.          , 0.8414709848078965],
               [0.1        , 0.9983341664682815],
               [0.01       , 0.9999833334166665],
               [0.001      , 0.9999983333333416],
               [0.0001     , 0.9999999833333334],
               [0.00001    , 0.9999999998333332]])
```

C6. **RUN** the following. See that we get the same output in C6 and C5, but the code is cleaner in C6 because we make  $x$  in a more clever way.

```
In [9]: x = .1 ** r_[ :6]
        y = sin(x)/x
        c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[9]: array([[1.          , 0.8414709848078965],
               [0.1        , 0.9983341664682815],
               [0.01       , 0.9999833334166665],
               [0.001      , 0.9999983333333416],
               [0.0001     , 0.9999999833333334],
               [0.00001    , 0.9999999998333332]])
```

### C7. EXERCISE.

(1) Use the graphical approach to find the following right limit of  $f(x) = x^x$ ,  $x > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x.$$

(2) What is the value of the limit? (Enter no limit as DNE)

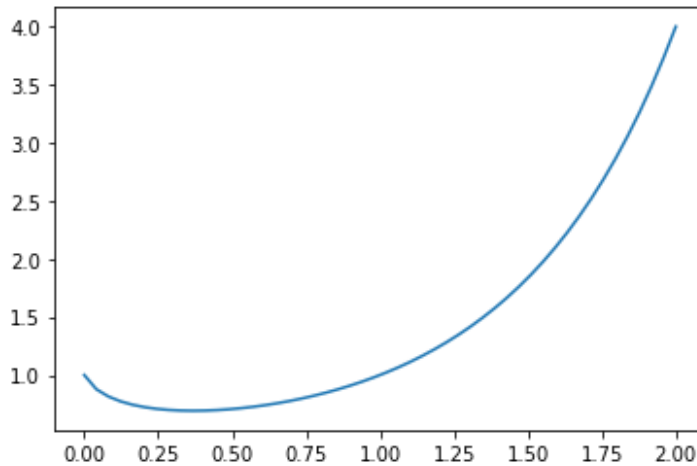


```
In [10]: # (1) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

x = linspace(0,2) # Or any interval starting at 0
y = x ** x
plot(x,y)

# (2) YOUR ANSWER: the limit is 1
```

```
Out[10]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7feb701200d0>]
```



#### C8. EXERCISE.

(1) Use the numeric (table) approach to find the following (two sided) limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}.$$

You will need a table for the right-hand limit and a table for the left-hand limit.

(2) What is the value of the limit?

(3) How does the numerical instability of the problem show up in the output?

```
In [11]: # (1) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

x = 0.1 ** r_[:10]
y = (1 - cos(x))/x**2
c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[11]: array([[1.          , 0.45969769413186023],
                [0.1        , 0.49958347219742893],
                [0.01       , 0.4999958333473662 ],
                [0.001      , 0.4999999583255031 ],
                [0.0001     , 0.49999999696126435],
                [0.00001    , 0.5000000413701853 ],
                [0.000001   , 0.5000444502911701 ],
                [0.0000001  , 0.4996003610813201 ],
                [0.00000001 , 0.          ],
                [0.000000001, 0.          ]])
```

```
In [12]: x = -0.1 ** r_[:10]
y = (1 - cos(x))/x**2
c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[12]: array([[ -1.          ,  0.45969769413186023],
               [-0.1         ,  0.49958347219742893],
               [-0.01        ,  0.4999958333473662 ],
               [-0.001       ,  0.4999999583255031 ],
               [-0.0001      ,  0.49999999696126435],
               [-0.00001     ,  0.50000000413701853 ],
               [-0.000001    ,  0.5000444502911701 ],
               [-0.0000001   ,  0.4996003610813201 ],
               [-0.00000001  ,  0.          ],
               [-0.000000001 ,  0.          ]])
```

```
In [13]: # (2) YOUR ANSWER: the limit is 0.5

# (3) YOUR ANSWER: when x gets too close to 0
#                  the computer starts "running out of digits"
#                  and starts giving incorrect f(x)
```

### C9. EXERCISE.

(1) Use the numeric approach to find the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - x \right) \tan x.$$

(2) What is the value of the limit?

```
In [14]: # (1) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

x = pi/2 + 0.1 ** r_[:10]
y = (pi/2 - x)*tan(x)
c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[14]: array([[ 2.5707963267948966,  0.6420926159343308],
               [ 1.6707963267948966,  0.9966644423259243],
               [ 1.5807963267948966,  0.9999666664444484],
               [ 1.5717963267948964,  0.9999996666667056],
               [ 1.5708963267948965,  0.999999996667279 ],
               [ 1.5708063267948966,  0.999999999727899],
               [ 1.5707973267948965,  1.000000000060899 ],
               [ 1.5707964267948966,  1.00000000006123202],
               [ 1.5707963367948965,  1.00000000061232341],
               [ 1.5707963277948966,  1.00000000612323385]])
```

```
In [15]: x = pi/2 - 0.1 ** r_[:10]
y = (pi/2 - x)*tan(x)
c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[15]: array([[0.5707963267948966, 0.6420926159343306],
 [1.4707963267948965, 0.9966644423259232],
 [1.5607963267948965, 0.9999666664444362],
 [1.5697963267948967, 0.9999996666665832],
 [1.5706963267948966, 0.9999999966660543],
 [1.5707863267948965, 0.9999999999605436],
 [1.5707953267948966, 0.9999999999384342],
 [1.5707962267948965, 0.9999999993876733],
 [1.5707963167948966, 0.9999999938767661],
 [1.5707963257948965, 0.9999999387676689]])
```

```
In [16]: # (2) YOUR ANSWER: the limit is 1
```

### C10. EXERCISE.

Let  $f(x) = x \ln x$  for  $x > 0$ . We will investigate the right-hand limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$  as follows.

- (1) Use the numeric approach to find the limit.
- (2) What is the value of the limit?
- (3) Plot a graph of  $f(x)$  over the interval  $(0, 1)$ .
- (4) Does the graph in (3) confirm your answer in (2)?

```
In [17]: # (1) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER
```

```
x = 0.1 ** r_[:17]
y = x*log(x)
c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[17]: array([[ 1.          ,  0.          ],
 [ 0.1          , -0.23025850929940456],
 [ 0.01         , -0.04605170185988092],
 [ 0.001        , -0.00690775527898214],
 [ 0.0001       , -0.00092103403719762],
 [ 0.00001      , -0.0001151292546497 ],
 [ 0.000001     , -0.00001381551055796],
 [ 0.0000001    , -0.0000016118095651 ],
 [ 0.00000001   , -0.00000018420680744],
 [ 0.000000001  , -0.00000002072326584],
 [ 0.0000000001 , -0.00000000230258509],
 [ 0.00000000001, -0.00000000025328436],
 [ 0.000000000001, -0.00000000002763102],
 [ 0.0000000000001, -0.00000000000299336],
 [ 0.00000000000001, -0.00000000000032236],
 [ 0.000000000000001, -0.00000000000003454],
 [ 0.0000000000000001, -0.00000000000000368]])
```

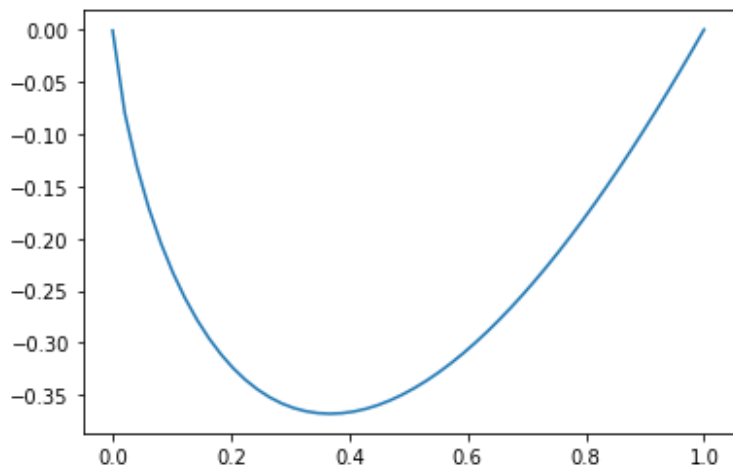
```
In [18]: # (2) YOUR ANSWER: the limit is 0
```

In [19]: # (3) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

```
x = linspace(0.0001,1)
y = x*log(x)
plot(x,y)
```

# (4) YOUR ANSWER: yes, the graph also shows that the limit at 0 is 0

Out[19]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7feb701f7b10>]



#### C11. EXERCISE.

We wish to find the limit of the oscillating function

$$f(x) = x \sin \frac{1}{x}$$

as  $x$  approaches 0.

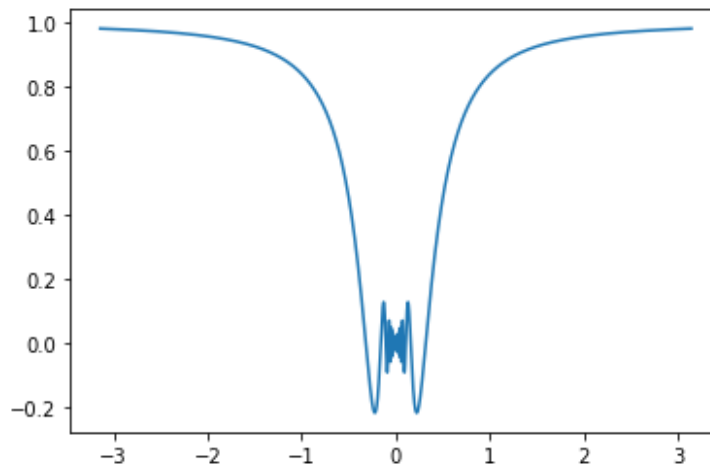
- (1) Plot the function  $f$  over the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  using 10000 points for  $x$ .
- (2) "Zoom in" by replotting the function over  $[-0.1, 0.1]$ .
- (3) Motivated by the squeeze theorem, plot on the same axes the function  $f$  over  $[-0.1, 0.1]$  as well as  $y = |x|$  and  $y = -|x|$ .
- (4) Estimate the limit as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .
- (5) How did graphing the absolute value help you find the limit in (3)? (Choose one)

*The mean-value theorem    The function is continuous    The squeeze theorem    They didnt; I just guessed*

In [20]: # (1) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

```
x = linspace(-pi,pi,10000)
y = x*sin(1/x)
plot(x,y)
```

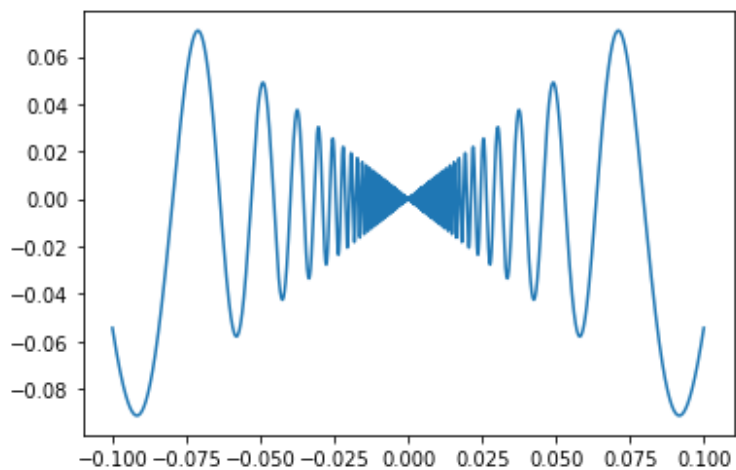
Out[20]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7feb702faf90>]



In [21]: # (2) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

```
x = linspace(-0.1,0.1,10000)
y = x*sin(1/x)
plot(x,y)
```

Out[21]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7feb70409350>]



In [22]: *# (3) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER*

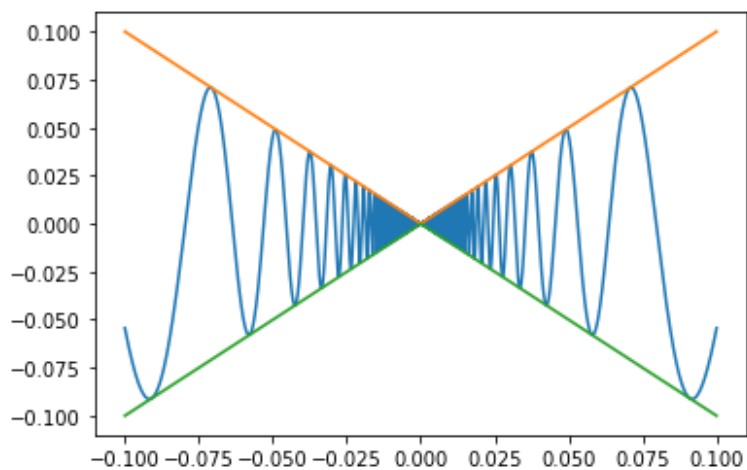
```
x = linspace(-0.1,0.1,10000)
y = x*sin(1/x)
plot(x,y)

y = abs(x)
plot(x,y)

y = -abs(x)
plot(x,y)

# (4) YOUR ANSWER: the limit is 0
# (5) YOUR ANSWER: The squeeze theorem
```

Out[22]: [



## Functions

C12. **RUN** the following. We learned how to make python functions in A16. Here we define

$$f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$g(x) = 7x^2 \sin \frac{1}{7x^2}$$

and then use our functions to find  $f(1)$  and  $g(1)$ .

```
In [23]: def f(x):
          return sin(x)/x

          def g(x):
              a = 7*x**2
              return a * sin(1/a)

          f(1), g(1)
```

Out[23]: (0.8414709848078965, 0.9966021085458455)

### C13. EXERCISE.

- (1) Define the python function  $f(x) = x^{-1}e^{-1/x}$
- (2) Plot the function  $f(x)$  over the interval  $(0, 1]$  using your python function `f`
- (3) Use your graph in (2) to estimate the right limit as  $x$  goes to 0.

```
In [24]: # (1) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

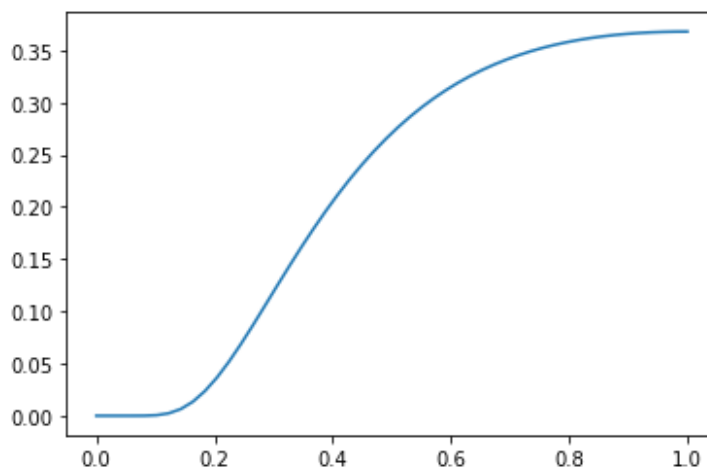
def f(x):
    return x**-1 * exp(-1/x)

# (2) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

x = linspace(0.0001,1)
plot(x,f(x))

# (3) YOUR ANSWER: the limit is 0
```

```
Out[24]: [matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7feb708a29d0]
```



#### C14. EXERCISE.

(1) Create python functions with the following definitions.

$$f(x) = \frac{x - 1}{\arccos x}$$

$$g(x) = x^x$$

(2) Make a table to find the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(f(x))$$

(3) What is the value of the limit in (2)?

(4) Does the limit in (1) satisfy the following limit law? If so, what are  $c$ ,  $L$ ,  $M$ ?

If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$   
and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow L} g(x) = M$   
then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(f(x)) = M$

```
In [25]: # (1) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

def f(x): return (x - 1)/arccos(x)
def g(x): return (1+x)**(1/x)

# (2) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

x = 1 - .1 ** r_[:10]
c_[x, g(f(x)) ]

# (3) YOUR ANSWER: the limit is e
# (4) YOUR ANSWER: c, L, M = 1, 0, e
```

```
Out[25]: array([[0.          , 4.9043659284297805],
 [0.9          , 3.0973987898432522],
 [0.99         , 2.8209767308891007],
 [0.999        , 2.7493070339386976],
 [0.9999       , 2.7279550422197847],
 [0.99999      , 2.721327200112239 ],
 [0.999999     , 2.7192435094962595],
 [0.9999999    , 2.718585803911689 ],
 [0.99999999   , 2.7183779404648525],
 [0.999999999  , 2.718312220396477 ]])
```



### C15. EXERCISE.

(1) Define  $f(x) = x^x$ .

(2) Make a table to find

$$f'(x) := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

for  $x = 1$ .

(3) What value for  $f'(1)$  do you get?

(4) Make the same table as in (2) but with  $x = 0$ .

(5) What value for  $f'(0)$  do you get?

(6) Are you surprised that 43) worked? What part of (4) do we expect to fail, and what did python do instead?

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In [26]: # (1) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

def f(x):
    return x**x

# (2) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER

h = .1 ** r_[:10]

c_[h, (f(1+h) - f(1))/h]

# (3) YOUR ANSWER: f'(1) = 1
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Out[26]: array([[1.          , 3.          ],
 [0.1          , 1.1053424105457577],
 [0.01         , 1.0100503341741616],
 [0.001        , 1.0010005003333597],
 [0.0001       , 1.0001000049997264],
 [0.00001      , 1.0000100000517873],
 [0.000001     , 1.0000010000066335],
 [0.0000001    , 1.000000100503939 ],
 [0.00000001   , 0.9999999939225285],
 [0.000000001  , 1.00000000827403706]])
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In [27]: # (4) Type your code below and press SHIFT+ENTER
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h = .1 ** r_[:10]

c_[h, (f(0+h) - f(0))/h]

# (5) YOUR ANSWER:  $f'(0) = -\infty$ 
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Out[27]: array([[ 1.          ,  0.          ],
 [ 0.1         , -2.056717652757185],
 [ 0.01        , -4.5007413978564  ],
 [ 0.001       , -6.883951579066181],
 [ 0.0001      , -9.206100155382256],
 [ 0.00001     , -11.512262753143872],
 [ 0.000001    , -13.815415124240888],
 [ 0.0000001   , -16.118082660776516],
 [ 0.00000001  , -18.42067904878063 ],
 [ 0.000000001 , -20.723265659050572]])
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In [28]: # (6) YOUR ANSWER: Yes, I am surprised that (3) worked,
#         because  $f(0) = 0**0$  should be indeterminate
#         Instead, python computes  $0**0$  to be 1:

0**0
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Out[28]: 1
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