Python Tutorial

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Intro to Python

Python is a general purpose programming language created nearly 30 years ago. In 2016, Python replaced Java as the most popular language in colleges and universities and since then it has never looked back.

Intro to Python

Why Python?

- Easy to learn
- Object Oriented approach, allows functional programming, is dynamically typed and garbage-collected
- More that 150,000 libraries are available e.g. NumPy, SciPy, OpenCV, PyBrain, SkLearn...

For compatability reasons in this class we will use the following:

- Python 3.6
- \bullet NumPy > 1.11
- SciPy > 0.18
- Matplotlib > 1.5
- OpenCV = 3.1.2

You can find installation tutorial on the course website in here.

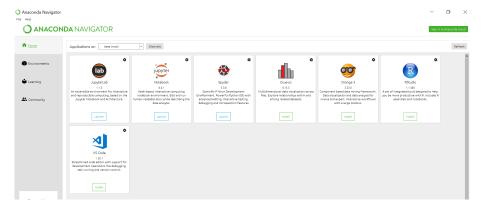
We recommend using *Anaconda* to install Python and the related packages, but it is not a must.

Anaconda is a free and open-source distribution of Python for scientific computing that provides simplified environment and package management and deployment. It allows users to manage virtual environments, which may contain different packages, in different versions.

If you choose to go with *Anaconda*, you can read how to manage environments and package versions here, otherwise you should probably use pip (documentation is available here).

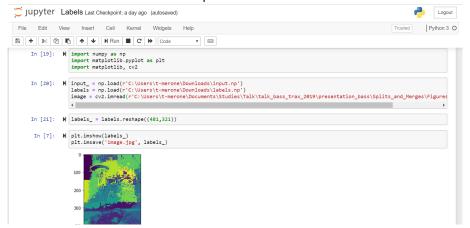
The Anaconda distribution also includes the Anaconda Navigator, a GUI that allows users to launch applications and manage conda packages, environments and channels without using command-line commands.

The following applications are available by default in Navigator: Jupyter Lab, Jupyter Notebook, QtConsole, Spyder, Glueviz, Orange, Rstudio, Visual Studio Code.



Jupyter Notebook

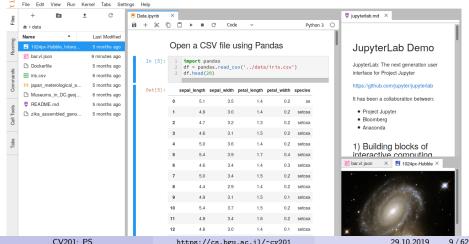
Interactive Python Shell. It runs in the browser and combines live runnable code with narrative text equations (LaTeX), images, interactive visualizations and other rich output.



Jupyter Lab

Web-based user interface for Project Jupyter.

JupyterLab enables you to work with documents and activities such as Jupyter notebooks, text editors, terminals, and custom components.



Spyder

Open source Python IDE for scientific programming.

It includes an IPython shell (which can run multiple instances) and a variable explorer.

Python

And now... Some Python



Python: Dynamic types

Python variable assignment is different from some of the popular languages like c, c++ and java.

There is no declaration of a variable, just an assignment statement. It is possible to statically declare a variable's type, but since Python doesn't know about the type of the variable until the code is run, the declaration is of no use.

Python: Numbers

```
1 \times = 4 + \text{int'} is the default type.
2 # Notice there's no need for ; at the end of a statement.
3 print(x) # Prints ''4''
4 print(type(x)) # Prints ''<class 'int'>''
5 print(x + 1) # Addition; prints ''5',
6 print(x - 1) # Subtraction; prints ''3',
7 print(x * 2) # Multiplication; prints ''8',
8 print(x ** 2) # Exponentiation; prints '16''
9 print(x // 2.5) # (floored) quotient of x and y; prints
     (1.0)
print(x % 2.5) # module/remainder of x / y; prints ''1.5''
x += 1 # There's no x++ in Python, so this is the way to go.
      prints ''5',
12 x *= 2 # prints ''8''
```

Python: Numbers

Working with floats is similar

```
1 y = 1.5
2 print(type(y)) # Prints ''<class 'float'>''
3 # Casting from one type to another:
4 x = 2.5 # type(x) = 'float'
5 int(x) # Casts x to an integer; prints ''2''
```

Python: Booleans

```
1 a = True
2 b = False
3 a and b # False; equal to a & b
4 a or b # True; equal to a | b
5 not a # False
6 a != b # True
7 Print(int(a)) # prints ''1''
```

Python: Strings

```
hello = 'hello' # String variables can use single quotes
world = ''world'' # or double quotes
print(hello) # Prints ''hello''

print(len(hello)) # String length; prints ''5''
helloWorld = hello + '' + world # String concatenation
print(helloWorld) # prints ''hello world''
print(hello, 42) # prints ''hello 42''
helloWorld42 = '%s %s %d' % (hello, world, 27) # sprintf
    style string formatting
print(helloWorld42) # prints ''hello world 42''
print('{0} and {1}. Maybe even {2}.'.format('This','that'
    .42)) # Print ''This and that. Maybe even 42.''
```

Some more complex Data Structures



Lists

Lists are used to group together items and function similar to arrays. They are capable of storing different types of items and are resizeable and mutable.

```
1 \text{ squares} = [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
2 squares[0] # Python is zero-based; returns "1"
3 squares [-1] # returns the last item in the list; "25"
4 mixed_list = [4, 2.5, 'nine'] # different types of items
     could be stored in a list
5 squares + [36, 49, 64, 81, 100] # list concatenation; # "[1,
      4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100]"
6 squares[2] = 99 # lists are mutable; "[1, 4, 99, 16, 25]"
8 # A common way to add items to a list is via the append()
     method:
9 squares.append(216) # add 216 as the last value
squares.append(7 ** 3) # add 343 as the last value
11 # squares: [1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343]
```

Lists

Slicing is an easy way to access and manipulate items in a list. Note that it returns a new (shallow) copy of the list.

```
1 squares[:] # "[1, 4, 9, 16, 25]"
2 nums = range(5) # built-in function creates a list of
     numbers; # "[0,1,2,3,4]"
3 nums_even = range(0,10,2) # "from 0 to 10 (exclusive) in
     steps of 2; "[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]"
4 even_reverse = range (10,0,-2) # "from 10 to 0 (exclusive)
     in steps of -2; "[10, 8, 6, 4, 2]"
5 nums[2:4] # Get a slice from index 2 to 4 (exclusive);"[2,
     31
6 nums[2:] # Get a slice from index 2 to the end; prints "[2,
     3, 4]"
7 nums[:2] # Get a slice from the start to index 2 (exclusive)
     :"[0, 1]"
8 squares[-3:] # slicing returns a new list; "[9, 16, 25]"
9 nums[2:4] = [8, 9] # Assign a new sublist to a slice
```

Lists

Lists can represent multidimensional arrays.

```
1 A = [[1,2],[3,4]] # a 2x2 array
2 A[0][1] #returns "1".
```

However, while lists can represent arrays, it doesn't mean that it should. When it comes to using arrays in Python, NumPy is the (right) way to go, and we will get to this in awhile...

Loops in lists

Iterating in python feels almost like pseudo code

```
bag = ['notebook', 'keys', 'lipstick']
for stuff in bag:
    print(stuff) #prints 'notebook', 'keys', 'lipstick'
# Python uses indentation to identify blocks of code
```

You can also add indices via the enumerate method

```
for idx, item in enumerate(bag):
   print(idx, item) # prints '0, notebook; 1, keys; 2,
        lipstick'

for idx, _ in enumerate(bag): # _ is a throw-away variable
   print(idx) # prints '0, 1, 2'
```

Lists

While loops.

```
count = 0
while (count < 9):
print(count)
count = count + 1</pre>
```

Lists

Python supports **List comprehensions** which allows creating and manipulating lists in a single line of code

```
1 S = [x**2 for x in range(10)] # [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49,
64, 81]
2 M = [x for x in S if x % 2 == 0] # only even numbers in S;
[0, 4, 16, 36, 64]
```

Dictionaries

A dictionary stores (key, value) pairs. Dictionaries are indexed by keys and not by indices, so it is best to think of a dictionary as an unordered set of (key,value) pairs.

```
n_seasons = {'GoT': 7, 'Friends': 10}
n_seasons['GoT'] # getting the value stored under the key '
    GoT'; prints '7'
n_seasons['Southpark'] = 'inf' # adding a new (key, value)
    item
print(n_seasons) # prints ' {'Friends': 10, 'GoT': 7, '
    Simpsons': 'inf'}'
n_seasons['GoT'] = 8 # dictionary values are mutable
print(n_seasons) # prints '{'Friends': 10, 'GoT': 8, '
    Simpsons': 'inf'}'
```

Some useful dictionary functions...

```
del n_seasons('Friends') # deletes the pair ('Friends', 10)
list(n_seasons.keys()) # returns an unsorted list of keys #
    ['Simpsons', 'GoT']
sorted(n_seasons.keys()) # returns a sorted list of keys #
    ['GoT', 'Simpsons']
'GoT' in n_seasons # True
'Suits' in n_seasons #False
```

Loops in dictionaries

You can iterate over dictionary keys, and use list comprehensions as well.

```
for tv_show, seasons in n_seasons.items():
    print(tv_show, seasons)
# ('Simpsons', 'inf') <-- tuple
# ('GoT', 8)
S = {x:x**2 for x in range(4)} #note the curly brackets
# {0: 0, 1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9}</pre>
```

Tuples

A tuple is an (immutable) ordered list of values.

```
1 t = (1,2)
2 t[0] #prints '1'
3 t = (1,2 ,'dog')
4 t[2] #prints 'dog'
5 t[2] = 'cat' # Error! tuples are immutable
```

Tuples

A special problem with tuples is the construction of tuples containing 0 or 1 items. The syntax has some extra quirks to accommodate these. Empty tuples are constructed by an empty pair of parentheses; a tuple with one item is constructed by following a value with a comma (it is not sufficient to enclose a single value in parentheses).

Ugly, but effective. For example:

```
empty = ()
singleton = 'hello', # <-- note trailing comma
print(len(empty)) #0
print(len(singleton)) #1
print(empty) #()
print(singleton) #('hello',)</pre>
```

Tuples

Another example:

```
1 a = (3) # this is an int
2 b = (3,) # this is a tuple
3 print(a) # 3
4 print(type(a)) # int
5 print(b) # (3,)
6 print(type(b)) #tuple
```

Functions

A function is created by the keyword 'def' and is followed by the function name and a list of parameters. for instance:

```
def powers_of_three(n):
    x = [] #declaring an empty list
    for num in n:
        x.append(num**3)
    return x
6 numbers = range(4)
7 # Calling the function
8 print(powers_of_three(numbers)) #[0,1,8,27]
```

As promised, here it comes...

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NumPy

Numpy is a core Python package which supports multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with mathematical functions to operate on these arrays.

 For more information, visit the quick start tutorial. If you are a veteran MATLAB user, Numpy for MATLAB user is also available and is highly recommended, even for non-matlab users.

NumPy arrays

An Numpy array is a table of elements (usually numbers), indexed by a tuple of positive integers. In NumPy dimensions are called axes. The number of axes is the rank.

```
# First import numpy
import numpy as np #as np creates an alias
a = np.array([0,1,2,3]) # notice the syntax
b = np.arange(0,4) # similar to range, but numpy array
b = np.arange(0,4).astype(np.float) # creates an array of floats
floats
print(a,b) #([0, 1, 2, 3]),[0., 1., 2., 3.])
a.shape #returns a tuple; (4,)
a.size # returns an integer; 4
c = np.array([[1,2,3],[4,5,6]]) # a 2x3 array, rank 2
c.shape # (2,3)
c.size # 6
```

Pre-defined arrays

There are number of useful pre-defined arrays that can be easily initiated using NumPy.

Reshaping NumPy arrays

You can change the shape of an array by using the "reshape" function

```
1 a = np.arange(0,12) #[0,1 ... ,11]
2 a.shape # (12,)
3 b = a.reshape((3,4))
4 print(b)
5 #[[ 0 1 2 3]
6 # [ 4 5 6 7]
7 # [ 8 9 10 11]]
8 print(b.shape) # (3,4)
```

Reshaping NumPy arrays

You can even ask NumPy to do the math for you

```
1 a.reshape((6,-1)) # here the -1 stands for: numpy, please do
       math for me...
2 # [[ 0 1]
3 # [ 2 3]
4 # [ 4 5]
5 # [ 6 7]
6 # [ 8 9]
7 # [10 11]]
8 b = a.reshape(2,3,-1)
9 print(b)
10 # [ [ 0 1]
11 # [ 2 3]
12 # [ 4 5]]
13 #
14 # [[ 6 7]
15 # [ 8 9]
16 # [10 11]]
17 \text{ b.shape } \#(2,3,2)
```

Reshaping NumPy arrays

Flattening a multi-dimensional...

```
1 a = np.array([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6]])
2 b = np.ravel(x)
3 print(b) #prints [1 2 3 4 5 6]
4 print(b.shape) #prints '(9L,)'
```

Or squeezing unneeded dimensions.

np.squeeze removes single-dimensional entries from the shape of an array.

```
1 c = np.array([[[0], [1], [2]]])
2 print(c.shape) # (1L, 3L, 1L)
3 print(c) # [[[0] # [1] # [2]]]
4 print(np.squeeze(c).shape) # (3L,)
5 print(np.squeeze(c)) # [0 1 2]
```

Indexing in NumPy

```
a = np.arange(10)**3
2 print(a) #array([ 0, 1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343, 512, 729])
3 print(a[2]) # 8
4 print(a[2:5]) # array([ 8, 27, 64])
a[:6:2] = -1000 \# equivalent to a[0:6:2] = -1000; from start
      to position 6 (exclusive), set every 2nd element to
     -1000
6 print(a) #array([-1000, 1, -1000, 27, -1000, 125, 216, 343,
    512, 7291)
7 a[::-1] # reversed 'a'
8 # array([ 729, 512, 343, 216, 125, -1000, 27, -1000, 1,
     -10001)
9 a = np.linspace(0,1,11) # from 0 to 1, with 11 steps
no print(a) # [ 0. 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1. ]
idx = np.array([0,2,5,3])
12 print(idx) # [0 2 5 3]
13 print(a[idx]) # [ 0. 0.2 0.5 0.3]
```

Indexing in NumPy

Multi-dimensional arrays can have one index per axis. These indices are given in a tuple separated by commas.

Indexing in NumPy

In NumPy you can construct an array by executing a function over each coordinate. The resulting array therefore has a value fn(x, y, z) at coordinate (x,y,z).

```
1 # Array from function
2 def f(x,y):
3    return 10*x+y
4 b = np.fromfunction(f,(5,4),dtype=int)
5 # creates an array from a function
6 print(b)
7 # array([[ 0, 1, 2, 3],
8 # [10, 11, 12, 13],
9 # [20, 21, 22, 23],
10 # [30, 31, 32, 33],
11 # [40, 41, 42, 43]])
```

Indexing in NumPy

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```
1 # Array from function
2 b[2,3] # '23'
3 b[0:5, 1] # each row in the second column of b
4 #array([ 1, 11, 21, 31, 41])
5 b[:,1] # equivalent to the previous example
6 #array([ 1, 11, 21, 31, 41])
7 b[1:3, : ] # each column in the second and third row of b
8 #array([[10, 11, 12, 13],
9 # [20, 21, 22, 23]])
10 #Iterating over multidimensional arrays is done with respect
      to the first axis:
11 for row in b:
print(row)
13 # [0 1 2 3]
14 # [10 11 12 13] etc..
```

Indexing in NumPy

Indexing with arrays of indices

```
1 a = np.arange(12)**2 # the first 12 square numbers
2 i = np.array([ 1,1,3,8,5 ] ) # an array of indices
3 print(a[i]) # i can be of different shape than 'a'
4 # array([ 1, 1, 9, 64, 25])
5 # another possible syntax:
6 print(a[0], a[3]) # [0,9]
7 j = np.array([ [ 3, 4], [ 9, 7 ] ] )
8 # a bi-dimensional array of indices
9 a[j] # the same shape as j
10 #array([[ 9, 16],
11 # [81, 49]])
```

Boolean indexing in NumPy

Boolean indexing can be done explicitly:

```
1 a = np.arange(5) #[0, 1, 2, 3, 4];
2 b = np.array([0,0,1,0,1],dtype=np.bool) # needs to be the same shape as 'a'
3 # [False, False, True, False, True]
4 print(a[b]) # array([2, 4]) # Different shape than 'a'
```

Boolean indexing in NumPy

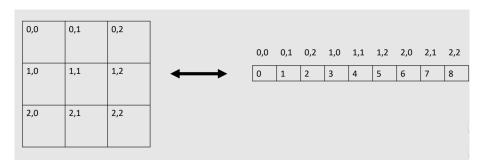
Or by logical operants:

```
a = np.arange(12).reshape(3,4)
2 # ([[ 0, 1, 2, 3],
3 # [ 4, 5, 6, 7],
4 # [ 8, 9, 10, 11]])
5 b = a > 4
6 print(b) # b is a boolean with a's shape
7 # array([[False, False, False, False],
8 # [False, True, True, True],
9 # [True, True, True, True]], dtype=bool)
print(a[b]) # 1d array with the selected elements
array([ 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11])
#This property can be very useful in assignments:
a[b] = 0 # All elements of 'a' higher than 4 become 0
14 print(a)
15 #array([[0, 1, 2, 3],
16 # [4, 0, 0, 0],
# [0, 0, 0, 0]])
```

Linear indexing in NumPy

Sometimes, we might want to flatten a multi-dimensional array but still use its original coordinates and vice versa. For this we can use the unravel_index and ravel_multi_index methods.

(Matlab fans will find it very similar to sub2ind or ind2sub)



Linear indexing in NumPy

```
a_{arr} = np.arange(12).reshape(3,-1)
2 #array([[ 0, 1, 2, 3],
3 # [ 4, 5, 6, 7],
4 # [ 8, 9, 10, 11]])
5 a_flat = np.ravel(a_arr) #array([ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,
      9, 10, 11])
6 idx = np.argwhere(a_flat%3==0) # returns indices for a
     condition
7 print(a_flat[idx].T) # T for transpose - returns row vector
8 + array([[0, 3, 6, 9]]) + We want the indices in the dim of
     a arr
9 idx_arr = np.unravel_index(idx, a_arr.shape)
10 #(array([[0], # [0], # [1], # [2]], dtype=int64),
array([[0], # [3], # [2], # [1]], dtype=int64))
12 print(a_arr[idx_arr].T) #[[0 3 6 9]]
```

Linear indexing in NumPy

Math in NumPy

We can use max to get the largest value, or argmax to the index that contains it (the same for min and argmin).

```
a = np.arange(6).reshape(2,3)
2 #array([[0, 1, 2],
3 # [3, 4, 5]])
4 a.max(0) # maximum element along axis 0 (columns); prints '
     array([3, 4, 5]),
5 a.max(1) # maximum element along axis 1 (rows); prints '
     array([2, 5])'
6 a.max() # maximum element of the whole array; prints 5
7 a.argmax(0) # Returns the indices of the maximum values
     along axis 0.
8 # array([1, 1, 1])
9 a.argmax(1) # array([2, 2])
10 a.argmax() # if no axis is given, the index is of the
     flattened array; prints 5
```

Math in NumPy

np.maximum is a bit different - it compares two arrays and returns a new array containing the element-wise maxima

Math in NumPy

Using np.sum we can get the sum of an entire array, or just of a specific axis.

Math in NumPy

np.e will give us the number e, while np.exp will generate the \exp function. np.log is the natural log in base e (lan), and np.log2 is log in base 2.

Beyond the basic math...

LINEAR ALGEBRA IN NUMPY

Linear Algebra in NumPy

Numpy has many bulit-in linear algebra operation which could be used on numpy arrays.

Linear Algebra in NumPy

Linear Algebra in NumPy

```
1 c = np.arange(8).reshape(2,2,-1) #shape 2x2x2
2 #array([[[0, 1],
3 # [2, 3]],
4 #
5 # [[4, 5],
6 # [6, 7]]])
7 c.transpose([0,2,1])
8 #array([[[0, 2],
9 # [1, 3]],
10 # [[4, 6],
11 # [5, 7]]])
```

Linear Algebra in NumPy

Using the np.linalg module we could do some more complex things, such as finding the inverse...

```
1 # a:
2 # [[ 1. 2.]
3 # [ 3. 4.]]
4 np.linalg.inv(a) # find the matrix inverse of 'a', usually
5 computationally expensive
6 # [[-2. , 1. ],
7 # [ 1.5, -0.5]])
8 b = np.full((2,2), 2)
9 a*b #element-wise multipply
10 # array([[2., 4.],
11 # [6., 8.]])
```

Linear Algebra in NumPy

And more...

```
1 I = np.eye(2) # unit 2x2 matrix; "eye" represents "I"
_{2} j = np.array([[0.0, -1.0], [1.0, 0.0]])
3 np.dot (j, j) # matrix product
4 # array([[-1., 0.],
5 # [ 0., -1.]])
6 np.trace(I) # trace # 2.0
7 np.diag(a) #vector of diagonal elements of 'a'
8 # [1., 4.]
y = np.array([2,3])
np.linalg.norm(v) # L2 norm of vector v; # 3.605551275463989
11 D,V = linalg.eig(a) # eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a
12 D,V = np.linalg.eig((a,b)) # eigenvalues and eigenvectors of
      a, b
```

Vector Stacking

It is possible to stack vectors on top of each other. For example, there will be cases where we will want to represent an image as a vector, instead of a matrix.

```
1 c = np.ones((1,3)) #array([[1., 1., 1.]])
2 d = 2*np.ones((1,3)) #array([[2., 2., 2.]])
3 vertical_stack = np.vstack([c,d])
4 #array([[1., 1., 1.],
5 # [2., 2., 2.]])
6 horizontal_stack = np.hstack([c,d])
7 # array([[1., 1., 1., 2., 2., 2.]])
8 np.tile(c, (2, 3)) #create 2 by 3 copies of a
9 #array([[1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1.]])
```

PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS

Probability and Statistics

```
random_arr = np.random.random((2,2)) #creates an array with
     random values
2 random_normal = np.random.randn((2,2)) # a 2x2 sampled from
     N(0,1)
3 #output example:
4 # [[-1.25527029, 1.12880546],
5 # [-0.78455754, -0.34960907]]
6 \text{ sigma} = 2.5
7 \text{ mu} = 3
8 random_normal2 = sigma*np.random.randn(2,2)+mu
9 #a 2x2 sampled from N(3,2.5)
# [[1.28169047, 1.64080373],
# [4.76906697, 3.05345461]]
v = np.array([1,1,2,2,2,2,3,3,4]);
^{13} np.random.permutation(v) #[4, 1, 2, 3, 2, 2, 1, 2, 3]
14 np.median(a) # 2.5
15 \text{ np.mean(a)} # 2.5
np.std(a) # 1.1180339887
17 np.var(a) # 1.25
```

Probability and Statistics

```
1 # Sample from an array with corresponding probabilities
     array
2 # Generate a non-uniform random sample from np.arange(5) of
     size 3:
3 np.random.choice(np.arange(5), 3, replace=False, p=[0.1, 0,
     0.3, 0.6, 01)
4 # might output array([2, 3, 0])
5 # replacing np.arange(5) with 5 yield the same result
6 np.random.choice(5, 3, replace=False, p=[0.1, 0, 0.3, 0.6]
     0])
7 # might output array([2, 0, 3])
8 #
9 # replacing the replace=True allows for sampling the same
     value
np.random.choice(5, 3, replace=True, p=[0.1, 0, 0.3, 0.6,
     01)
# might output array([3, 3, 0])
```