Introduction

A notebook cell can also contained text formatted in **markdown**. **markdown** is a language that makes it easy to structure a text. **markdown** has fewer features than *html* or *Latex* yet it is very adapted to a scientific context.

markdown benefits from a large community. A documentation lies here.

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Main functionalities

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Items list:

- item 1
- item 2

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In [ ]:
```
Numbered list:

1. item 1
2. item 2
3. item 3
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In [ ]:

```
titles:
# Level 1
## Level 2
### Level 3
#### Etc...
```

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Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

Etc...

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In [ ]:
```
URL: [search engine](www.google.fr)
```

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In [ ]:
```
Image:  ![some elephants](figures/elephants.png)
```

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Make the best of markdown

One can combine in the same **notebook** some cells of **markdown** and some cells of code. In a ascientific approach, it is useful to give short explanations regarding what is computed.

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For instance:

"[...] after the fit I compute the quadratic error:

$$\epsilon = \sum_i (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y}_i)^2$$

"

In [1]:
```
from numpy import sum, array

def sum_square(y_predicted, y_mean):
    return sum((y_predicted - y_mean)**2)

y_predicted = array([1,2,3])
sum_square(y_predicted, 0.5)
```

Out[1]:
```
8.75
```

One can easily convert a notebook into a Latex or PDF file. This is very handy to produce a scientific report where code has a major importance.

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See also

markdown is one out of many languages of a similar type: the **markup languages**.

An interesting library is `pandoc` (doc): it converts content from a markup language to another.

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