Astro 9: Introduction to Scientific Programming (w/ Python)

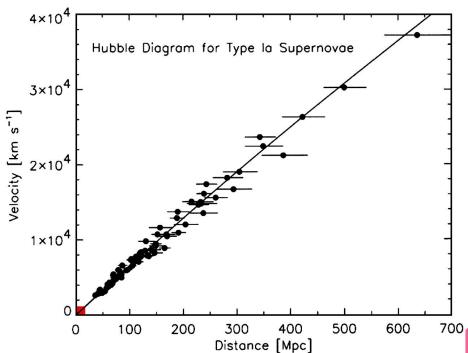
Day 1: Introduction

Classic Examples of Scientific Programming: Classification

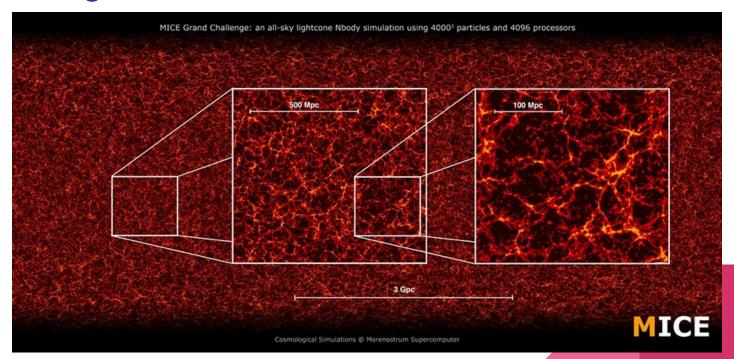
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Classic Examples of Scientific Programming:

Regression



Classic Examples of Scientific Programming: Modelling/Simulation

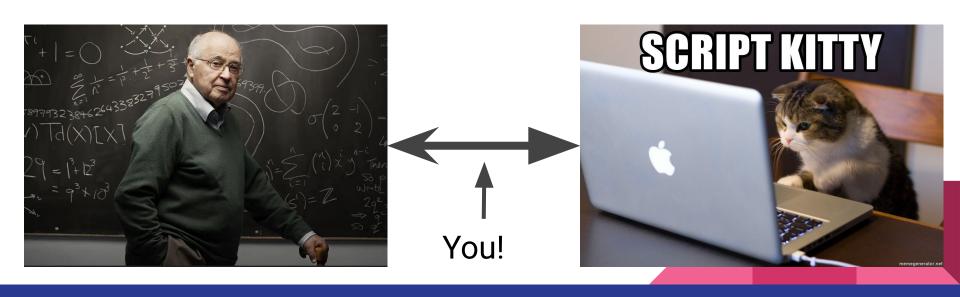


Overview of Course: Goals

- Be knowledgeable of the common techniques used in analysis of real world data.
- Recognizing the limitations and strengths of a given method.
- 3) Be able to visualize and present the results.
- 4) Develop a "critical eye" towards data and techniques.

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Following knowledge assumed:

- 1) High comfort with single variable calculus.
- 2) At least some knowledge of multivariable calculus.
- 3) Some statistics (mean, standard deviation, ...)

Basic Logistics

Instructor: Ben Horowitz (bhorowitz@berkeley.edu)

Lectures: M/W/F

Office Hours: TBD!

No text (see website for readings)

Basic Logistics: Grading

Homeworks (30%): Assigned weekly (due Friday)

Final Projects (60%): Independent creations

Participation (10%): In-class group work

Basic Logistics: Course Format

First 20-40 minutes will be short lecture-style presentation.

Rest of course will be focused groupwork exploring topics and beginning the homework.

Basic Logistics: Homework Policies

- Submission will be via Github Classroom
- Working in (small) groups allowed
- No late submissions allowed
- Googling for resources allowed; don't google the problem exact problem statements though!

Due dates TBD!

Basic Logistics: Final Project

Application of the tools and techniques we learned in class to some topic that interests you!

- Analysis Rigor
- Presentation
- Creativity

Start thinking about project early!

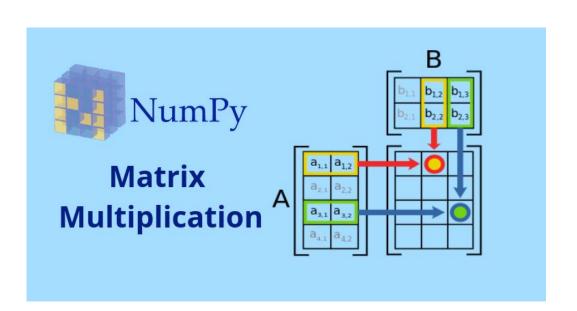
- "Proposal" due July 28th
- Project due last day of course

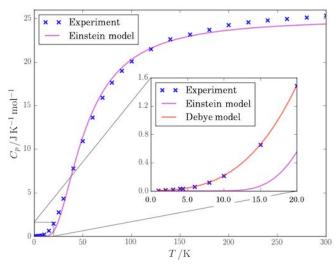
My Motivation...

Course Success => My Success

Please give me continual feedback!

Topics Covered: Numpy and Matplotlib

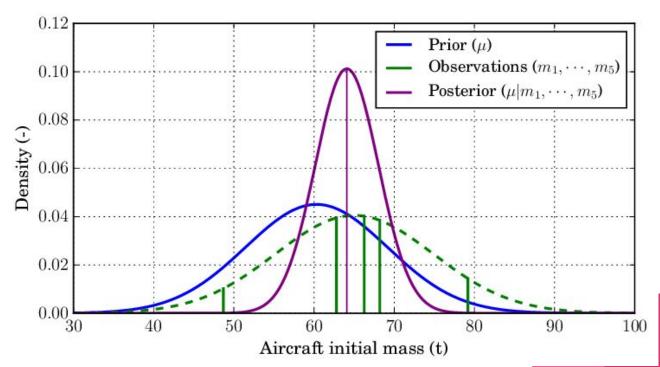




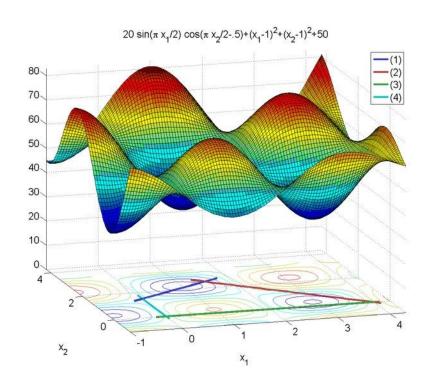
Topics Covered: Data Manipulation/Visualization

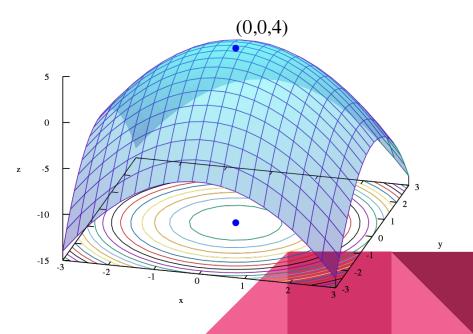


Topics Covered: Bayesian Analysis (Hypothesis Testing)

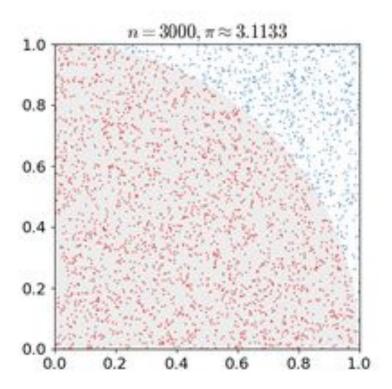


Topics Covered: Optimization

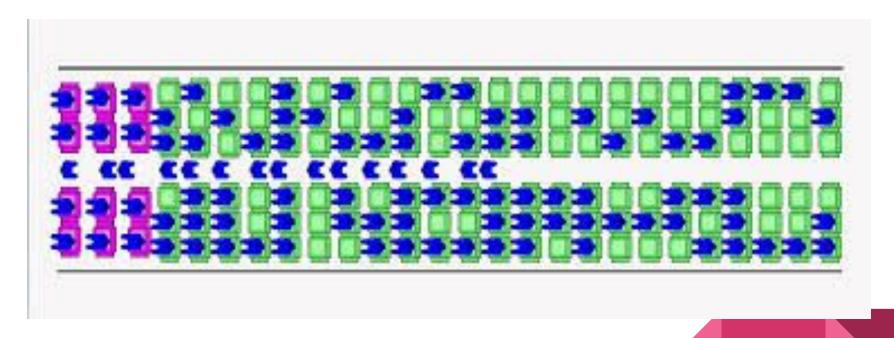




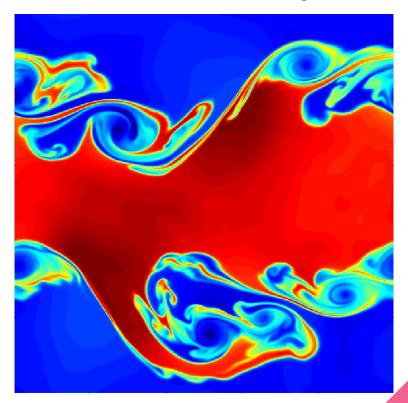
Topics Covered: Sampling



Topics Covered: Agent-Based Modelling



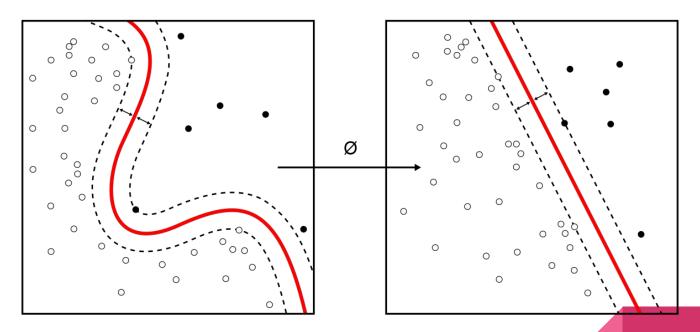
Topics Covered: Differential Equations Solving



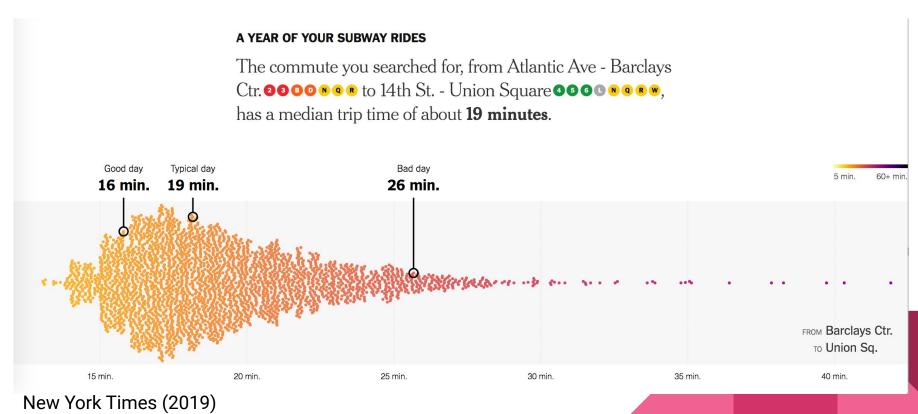
Topics Covered: Image Analysis



Topics Covered: Machine Learning

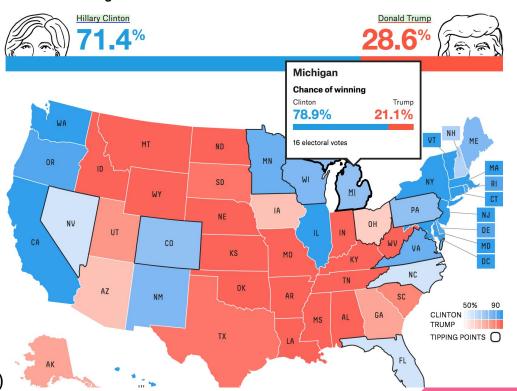


Themes: Thinking Probabilistically



Themes: Understanding Correlated Errors

Chance of winning

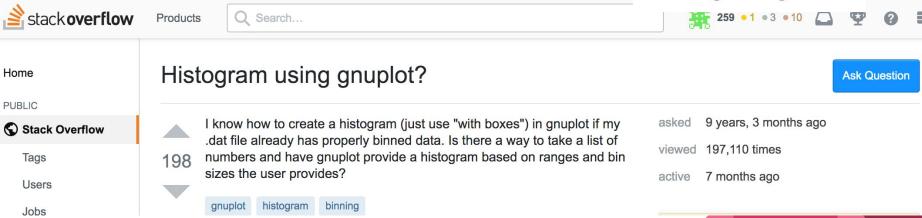


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Themes: Being Resourceful...







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Temporary Course Home

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