

# Welcome.

## Everyone:

- Pull the updates from the course GitHub repo:
  - `cd <46120-PiWE repo>`
  - `git pull upstream main` ← you might have “upstream2” instead

## Physical students:

- Sit WHEREVER you want. 😎
- Turn off laptop volume (mute). ⬅️**IMPORTANT!**
- Log into the Zoom meeting.
  - Microphone muted. Camera off.



# 46120: Scientific Programming for Wind Energy

Function handles

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# Agenda for today.

- Pull new course material ✓
- Round robin.
- Function handles.
- Your homework for next week.
  - And preview of what you'll hand in for codecamp.



# Round robin

Share solutions with your peers and give feedback.





# Time to review and collaborate.

- 1 round of 30 minutes.
- 5 minutes: chaos.
- 25 minutes: present/discuss homework. Today's feedback focus:
- Afterwards: plenum discussion.
  - Be ready with questions!

1. How "clean" do you feel the team's code is? How easy to understand?
2. How is collaborating with git going? Any changes since Week 1?

## WEEK 4

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BOR 0: WindyWizards, Los Programadores, Team Team  
BOR 1: Git Happens, CodeTeam, Mouxtarides tou Mahalla  
BOR 2: WindCoders, CryptoMania, CodeGust  
BOR 3: Push & Pray, Stop Fucking Spiders, brunchy  
BOR 4: BreezeTech, FatalError, BugBusters  
BOR 5: BugHunters, CodeFusion, BladePYrunners  
BOR 6: Power-Fire, ¿Qué? ¿Como Qué?, A4 Highway, La Bombas  
BOR 7: Lightning McTeam, NetZero, PowerPuff Girls, SIF

# Notes in plenum.

- How did you handle the paths to files?
  - Don't use absolute paths, use relative paths. Be aware of VS Code working directory. Open the folder where you want PWD to be, to be safe.
- No executable code in `__init__.py`.
- Fine to use VS Code git integration, just remember basic terminal commands by Week 13.
- How are you using AI?
  - ChatGPT: have an error message, copy it in and see what it means.
  - Claude: same as above.
  - Copilot incorporated in VS Code: highlight the line, try to get it fix stuff.
  - Deepseek: mainly to look at code and suggest improvements for readability. And to find functions that can do stuff.
  - Note: ChatGPT tends to condense/remove code unless you tell it not to, deepseek does not by default.
  - Used Copilot especially for plotting code.
  - Used AI to generate something knew how to do but couldn't remember parts.



# 5-minute survey, all together.



# Break until 10.30 ☕





# Function handles

Ya gotta grab things.



**LIVE**

# Function handles.

- We can “handle” functions by calling the name of the function without parentheses.
  - A function with parentheses tells Python to execute (a.k.a., “invoke”) the function.

```
>>> def mysum(x):  
>>>     return sum(x)
```

Here we define a symbolic variable `mysum`, which is a function, and associate some code with that variable. Note that we do not execute the code when we define the function!

```
>>> mysum  
<function mysum at 0x000001B1030CF0D0>
```

This returns some metadata information of the variable `mysum`, indicating that it is a function stored at a certain place in memory. Because we did not include parentheses after `mysum`, the function is NOT invoked.

```
>>> type(mysum)  
<class 'function'>
```

It's a function (shock).

```
>>> mysum([4, 2])  
6
```

Now I have used parentheses, so the function is invoked.

# Passing functions into functions.

- In some cases, it is useful to pass a function into a function and invoke it there.

whisper

shout

say

```
def whisper(s): # print a string in lowercase
    print(s.lower())
```

```
def shout(s): # print a string in uppercase
    print(s.upper())
```

```
def say(fun, s): # say something
    fun(s)
```

No parentheses here. We are passing in the function handle, we don't want to invoke it here.

Here is where we want to call the function, so we add parentheses.

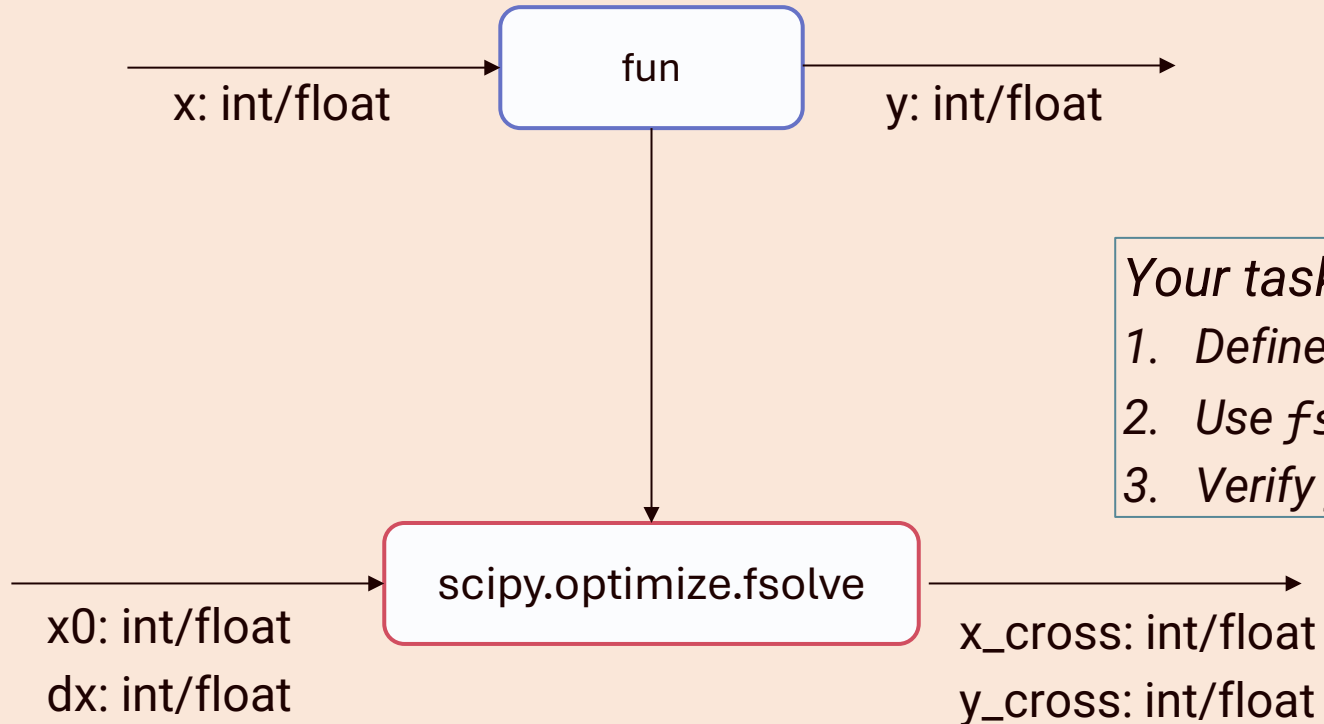
```
>>> say(whisper, 'HEY YOU') # whisper something
'hey you'
```

```
>>> say(shout, 'you are awesome') # shout something
'YOU ARE AWESOME'
```

No parentheses – passing in a handle that the say function will invoke.

# Exercise. Pairs preferred, alone ok.

When does a  
function like this  
cross zero?



*Your tasks:*

1. Define function(s)
2. Use `fsolve` to find zero-crossing
3. Verify your solutions



# Exercise. Pairs preferred, alone ok.

1. Open `demo_fsolve.py` in VS Code.
2. Given the default values of the parabola coefficients, what are the expected roots? (*Hint: Remember how to factor quadratic functions...*)
3. Define initial guess `x0` and add it to plot as black "x".
4. Look up the `fsolve` documentation from `scipy`.
  - What required does it take? What are the inputs/outputs of the passed-in function?
  - What can you do if your function has more inputs than `fsolve` expects? (*Hint: check out `args` keyword argument.*)
  - What does `fsolve` return?
  - Look at the example at the bottom of the docs. Does it make sense?
5. Add code that calls `fsolve`, then adds the solution to plot as a red ring.
6. (Extra credit) Think of a combination of `a`, `b`, `c` with no root and try your code. What happens?





# Exercise. Pairs preferred, alone ok.

- Live-code the solution together.



# Questions?



# Homework for this week

What better way to get better at  
something than to practice?



# First: some information.

“Final” codecamp project, due before Week 6.

- Draft of details/peer-feedback rubric in week06 subfolder.
- Let's go through it together.
- If you finish this week's homework quickly and want to move onto final project:
  - DO NOT WRITE ANY CODE.
  - But, can make a clear outline of what code you want to write. Bullet list of steps, description of new functions (black-box diagrams!), etc.
  - Ideal: meet with no laptops, just a whiteboard.



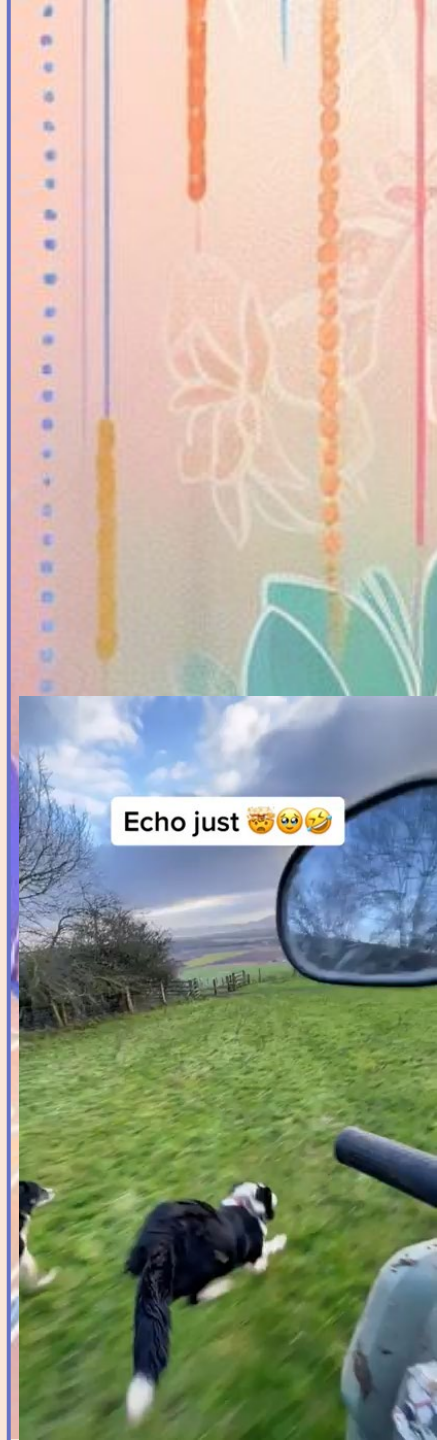


*Remember, you're expected to work about 6 hours outside of class. Schedule accordingly.*

# Homework.

- Detailed on the [course GitHub repo](#).
  - **Short summary:** make functions to simulate time-marching response to turbulence. If you want, start designing code for final project.
- We'll open BORs in a minute. Enter room corresponding to your Team ID (on team excel sheet).
- Complete **Part 0** of the weekly assignment in class, then move on as agreed with your team.
- **To get help during class:** Post in Slack / #debugging if you want a TA to enter your BOR or come find your group.

## Any questions?





# Tutorials.

1. Functions and passing functions [1.11. Defining Functions of your Own — Hands-on Python Tutorial for Python 3 \(luc.edu\)](https://luc.edu/1.11. Defining Functions of your Own — Hands-on Python Tutorial for Python 3)

