

# Hands on Machine Learning for Fluid Dynamics

## Lecture 2: An Introduction to Python Programming

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# Before we start ...



This introduction to Python is not covering all concepts you could find in a programming course but ...

.... It includes all the necessary concepts required in the other lectures of this week

- If you are an experienced Python user, be patient, things will get more complicated later...
- If you are not, no worries, we start from the really beginning ...

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# Data types in python

Python has several fundamental data types

Some of the most used ones are:

- Numerical: integers, float, complex, bool
- Containers: string, list, dict, tuples, sets
- Special types used in particular packages: numpy array

Data can be assigned to a variable using the `=` operator

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c, d = (i*2, f+2); print(c, d)
```

4 4.0

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In [3]:

```
flt_num = 5.5  
str_num = str(flt_num)  
print(str_num)  
type(str_num)
```

5.5

Out[3]:

str

# Operations

Addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (\*), division (/), integer division (//), power (\*\*)

In [4]:

```
1+4, 5-1, 4/3, 4//3, 4**2
```

Out[4]:

```
(5, 4, 1.3333333333333333, 1, 16)
```

In [5]:

```
type(4/3)
```

Out[5]:

```
float
```

In [6]:

```
1.0+4.0, 5.0-1.0, 4.0/3.0, 4.0//3.0, 4.0**2.0
```

Out[6]:

```
(5.0, 4.0, 1.3333333333333333, 1.0, 16.0)
```

# Comparison operators

Greater (>), less (<), greater or equal (>=), less or equal (<=), equality (==), identity (is)

In [7]:

```
4 > 2, 2 < 4, 4 > 4, 4 < 4, 4 <= 4, 4 >= 4
```

Out[7]:

```
(True, True, False, False, True, True)
```

In [8]:

```
1.0 == 1.0
```

Out[8]:

```
True
```

In [9]:

```
i1 = 2.0  
i2 = 2.0  
i1 == i2
```

Out[9]:

```
True
```

In [10]:

```
i1 is i2
```

Out[10]:

False

In [11]:

```
i1 = i2  
i1 is i2
```

Out[11]:

True

In [12]:

```
a1 = 'a'  
a2 = 'a'  
a1 is a2
```

Out[12]:

True

# Boolean operators

In [13]:

```
4 > 2 and 3 > 2
```

Out[13]:

```
True
```

In [14]:

```
not True
```

Out[14]:

```
False
```

In [15]:

```
4 > 2 or 2 > 2
```

Out[15]:

```
True
```

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In [16]:

```
s = "Hello VKI"  
type(s)
```

Out[16]:

```
str
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```
len(s)
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Out[17]:

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You can index a character in a string using `[ ]` or slice using `[start:stop]`

**Warning: index in python starts from 0 !**

In [18]:

```
s[4]
```

Out[18]:

```
'o'
```



In [19]:

```
s[6:9]
```

Out[19]:

```
'VKI'
```

In [20]:

```
s[-2]
```

Out[20]:

```
'K'
```

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In [23]:

```
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print(nl)
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- use `help(list)` for more details
- for vector/matrix manipulations of numbers, numpy offers more flexible types (`np.array`), see later

# Tuples

Tuples are very similar to lists, but they are immutable.

This means that they cannot be changed "on the fly"

In [29]:

```
a = (0, 1, 5) # --> Tuples use (), while lists use []
```

In [30]:

```
a[0] = 1
```

```
-----  
-----  
TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
/tmp/ipykernel_28535/3686271957.py in <module>  
----> 1 a[0] = 1  
  
TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
```

# Dictionnaires

Similar to lists, except that each element is key-value pair.

They can contain any types inside, including other dictionaries.

In [31]:

```
data = {'num_int': 12, 'type': 'data', 'num_float': 2.0, 'a_list': [1, 'a', 8], 'a_dict_in_dict': {'a': 1, 'b': 3}}
print(data)
print(type(data))
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{'num_int': 12, 'type': 'data', 'num_float': 2.0, 'a_list': [1, 'a', 8], 'a_dict_in_dict': {'a': 1, 'b': 3}}
<class 'dict'>
```

In [32]:

```
data['num_float']
```

Out[32]:

```
2.0
```

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# Flow control

Program blocks are defined by their indentation level, for example:

In [33]:

```
# out of block code
value = 6

# start of block
if value > 5:
    # inside of block
    print(value)

# out of block
print(2.0)
```

```
6
2.0
```

# if, elif, else conditional statements

In [34]:

```
number = 3  
  
# If it is smaller than 5 or not  
if number < 5:  
    print("the number is less than 5")  
elif number >= 5 and number <= 10:  
    print("the number is between 5 and 10")  
else:  
    print("the number is greater than 10")
```

the number is less than 5



# Loops

The `for` loop is used on iterable objects (list, dict, string).

In [35]:

```
a = range(5)
print(type(a))
for i in a:
    print(i)
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```
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Use on lists:

In [36]:

```
meas_techniques = ['PIV', 'LDV', 'hotwire']
for m in meas_techniques:
    print(m)
```

```
PIV
LDV
```

hotwire

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Use the zip function when iterating over 2 iterable objects of same size:

In [38]:

```
params = ['param1', 'param2', 'param3']  
values = [1.0, 2.0, 3.0]  
for p, v in zip(params, values):  
    print(p, v)
```

```
param1 1.0  
param2 2.0  
param3 3.0
```

If they are of different size, it stops at the smaller size

See `itertools` functions `cycle`, `repeat`, `multiply`, etc



To iterate over key-value pairs of a dictionary

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In [40]:

```
for key, value in data.items():  
    print(key, value)
```

```
num_int 12  
type data  
num_float 2.0  
a_list [1, 'a', 8]  
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# While loops

In [41]:

```
i = 0
while i < 3:
    print(i)
    i += 1
```

```
0
1
2
```

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# What is a function?

*A function is a collection of statements self contained in a sub-program that can be executed whenever you want in the main program*

## Why is it important?

- **Avoid duplicating** code snippets by putting all similar snippets in a common place
- **Save typing** and make it easier to change the program later
- **Split long programs** into smaller, more manageable pieces

# Some definitions :

- A function takes inputs as **arguments**
- The first line, or the **header**, define the function name and inputs
- The **function body** are all the lines within the function
- The outputs of a function are written in the **return** line

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In [42]:

```
# h the input to the function is called the function .....  
def hH20toPa(h): # this first line is defined as the function ....  
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    rho = 997.05 #[kg/m^3] at 25°C  
    g = 9.80665 #[m^2/s]  
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In [43]:

```
#To use a function within a code you must call it
Water_height = 0.0045 # This is the value of the argument
Called_function = hH20toPa(Water_height) # this is the call to the function

#display results
print('%.4f m of H2O corresponds to %.5f Pa' %(Water_height, Called_function))
```

0.0045 m of H2O corresponds to 43.99974 Pa

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    pa = rho*g*h #[Pa]  
    psi = pa/6894.76 #[Psi]  
    return pa, psi  
  
Water_height = 0.006  
  
# Result saved as a tuple  
Result_tuple = hH20toPa(Water_height, 997.05, 9.80665)  
# Results saved as single variables  
Result_Var1, Result_Var2 = hH20toPa(Water_height, 997.05, 9.80665)  
  
print('%0.4f m of H2O corresponds to %0.5f Pa or %0.5f Psi' \  
      %(Water_height, Result_tuple[0], Result_tuple[1]))
```

```
0.0060 m of H2O corresponds to 58.66632 Pa or 0.00851 P  
si
```

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    pa = rho*g*h #[Pa]
    psi = pa/6894.76 #[Psi]
    return pa, psi

Water_height = 0.01

P1, P2 = hH20toPa(Water_height) # Keyword not specified, values taken as default
print('%.4f m of H2O corresponds to %.5f Pa or %.5f Psi' %(Water_height, P1, P2))

P1, P2 = hH20toPa(Water_height, rho=1000.0, g=10.0) # Keyword specified
print('%.4f m of H2O corresponds to %.5f Pa or %.5f Psi' %(Water_height, P1, P2))
```

```
0.0100 m of H2O corresponds to 97.77720 Pa or 0.01418 P
si
0.0100 m of H2O corresponds to 100.00000 Pa or 0.01450
Psi
```

# Unpacking arguments

We can pass elemental types to functions

In [46]:

```
def hH20toPa(h, rho, g):  
    pa = rho*g*h #[Pa]  
    return pa
```

In [47]:

```
arguments_tuple = (0.01, 997.05, 9.80665)  
hH20toPa(*arguments_tuple)
```

Out[47]:

```
97.777203825
```

In [48]:

```
arguments_dict = {'rho':997.05, 'g':9.80665, 'h':0.01} # --> Order does not matter!  
hH20toPa(**arguments_dict)
```

Out[48]:

```
97.777203825
```

More information on unpacking [here](#)

This also allows for variable number of function inputs, info [here](#)

# Local and global variables

The variables used inside the body of a function are the **local variables**, they do not exist outside the function.

On the contrary, variables defined outside the function can be accessed everywhere in a program. Those are called **global variables**.



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```
rho = 1 # Global variable definition

def hH2OtoPa(h):
    rho = 997.05 #[kg/m^3] at 25°C # local variable
    print('rho - Local variable = %0.1f' %(rho))
    g = 9.80665 #[m^2/s]
    p = rho*g*h #[Pa]
    return p

Water_height = 0.001
Called_function = hH2OtoPa(Water_height)

print('rho - Global variable = %0.1f' %(rho))
print('%.4f m of H2O corresponds to %.5f Pa' %(Water_height, Called_function))
```

```
rho - Local variable = 997.0
rho - Global variable = 1.0
0.0010 m of H2O corresponds to 9.77772 Pa
```

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    using the Bernoulli equation :  $Dp = \rho * g * h$   
  
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```
#this print the documentation of the function  
print(hH20toPa.__doc__)
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## Procedural programming

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## OOP = Oriented-object programming

Create objects that contain both data and functions

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```
myData = np.array([1.0, 2.5, 4.0])  
d = Data(myData)  
s = d.mean()  
print(s)
```





# Why OOP?

- **Encapsulation:** in OOP, you bundle code into a single unit where you can determine the scope of each piece of data.
- **Abstraction:** by using classes, you are able to generalize your object types, simplifying your program.
- **Inheritance:** because a class can inherit attributes and behaviors from another class, you are able to reuse more code.
- **Polymorphism:** one class can be used to create many objects, all from the same flexible piece of code. <https://www.codecademy.com/articles/cpp-object-oriented-programming>

But OOP is not always the optimal way of implementing! It depends on the scope, complexity, repeatability of task, ... so think about the structure of your code before implementing ...

# An over simplified example

- A **class** is a template/blueprint for objects --> CAR
- An **object** is an instance of a class --> Volvo XC40, Alfa Giulia, Mercedes Class A

When the individual objects are created, they inherit all the attributes and methods from the class.

In real life, the car has:

- **attributes** --> as weight and color
- **methods** --> as drive and brake.

# Everything is an object (in the Python World)

In [57]:

```
yo = 1
print(type(yo))
print(yo.real)
print(yo.__abs__())
```

```
<class 'int'>
1
1
```

In [58]:

```
from numpy import array
a = array([1.0, 2.0])
print(type(a))
print(a.size)
print(a.max())
```

```
<class 'numpy.ndarray'>
2
2.0
```



# Create a class and definitions

In [59]:

```
class Data:    # Defines a class, having a name starting by a capital letter (usual python convention)
    """Class for data array manipulation"""

    name = 'data'    # Class attribute

    def __init__(self, data):    # Instance constructor – this is called when you create the object
        """Initialize"""
        self.data = data    # Instance attribute

    def mean(self):    # Instance method
        """Perform mean over data vector"""
        return np.sum(self.data)/len(self.data)
```

# Class and instance attributes in practice

In [60]:

```
# data sets
myData1 = np.array([1.0, 2.5, 4.0])
myData2 = np.array([2.0, 5.0, 8.0])

# Instantiate objects
d1 = Data(myData1)
d2 = Data(myData2)

print(f"Class attribute of d1: {d1.name}")
print(f"Class attribute of d2: {d2.name}")
print(f"Instance attribute of d1: {d1.data}")
print(f"Instance attribute of d2: {d2.data}")
```

```
Class attribute of d1: data
Class attribute of d2: data
Instance attribute of d1: [1.  2.5 4.  ]
Instance attribute of d2: [2.  5. 8.]
```

- The class attributes are the same for all objects
- Each object has its own instance attributes
- Changing class attribute through the class name reflects it to all instances
- Changing class attribute through an instance only reflects it to that particular instance  
(!!! You overwrite the class attribute !!!)

In [61]:

```
Data.name = 'signal'  
print(d1.name)  
print(d2.name)
```

```
signal  
signal
```

In [62]:

```
d1.name = 'signal2'  
print(d1.name)  
print(d2.name)
```

```
signal2  
signal
```

# Inheritance

Inheritance consists in defining a class that inherits all the methods and properties/attributes from another class

- Parent class is the class being inherited from
- Child class is the class that inherits from another class

This allows to re-use parts of code from Parent to Child, and extend functionalities in the Child class compared to Parent



# Example of class inheritance

In [63]:

```
class VKIEmployee:
    def __init__(self, first_name, last_name):
        self.first_name = first_name
        self.last_name = last_name

    def print_name(self):
        print(f"Name: {self.first_name} {self.last_name}")

julien = VKIEmployee('Julien', 'Christophe')
julien.print_name()
```

Name: Julien Christophe

In [64]:

```
class Student(VKIEmployee):
    def __init__(self, first_name, last_name, dept):
        VKIEmployee.__init__(self, first_name, last_name)
        self.dept = dept
        self.courses = []

    def add_course(self, course):
        self.courses.append(course)

jack = Student('Jack', 'Jones', 'EA')
jack.print_name()
jack.add_course('NSIP2')
jack.add_course('TSC')
jack.courses
```

Name: Jack Jones

Out[64]:

['NSIP2', 'TSC']

In [65]:

```
julien.courses
```

```
-----  
-----  
AttributeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
/tmp/ipykernel_28535/1899347557.py in <module>  
----> 1 julien.courses  
  
AttributeError: 'VKIEmployee' object has no attribute 'courses'
```