



For Scientific Computing

Introduction

Who is this for?

This a two day workshop introducing Python as a scientific computing language.

It is intended for those who are completely new to programming in Python.

As well as an informal lecture style delivery we will also be doing exercises.

This is based on popular Python based university courses at Cambridge and UCL.

In praise of Python

- Python is a dynamic, interpreted (bytecode-compiled) language. There are no type declarations of variables, parameters, functions, or methods in source code. This makes the code short and flexible, and you lose the compile-time type checking of the source code. Python tracks the types of all values at runtime and flags code that does not make sense as it runs.
- An excellent way to see how Python code works is to run the Python interpreter and type code right into it.

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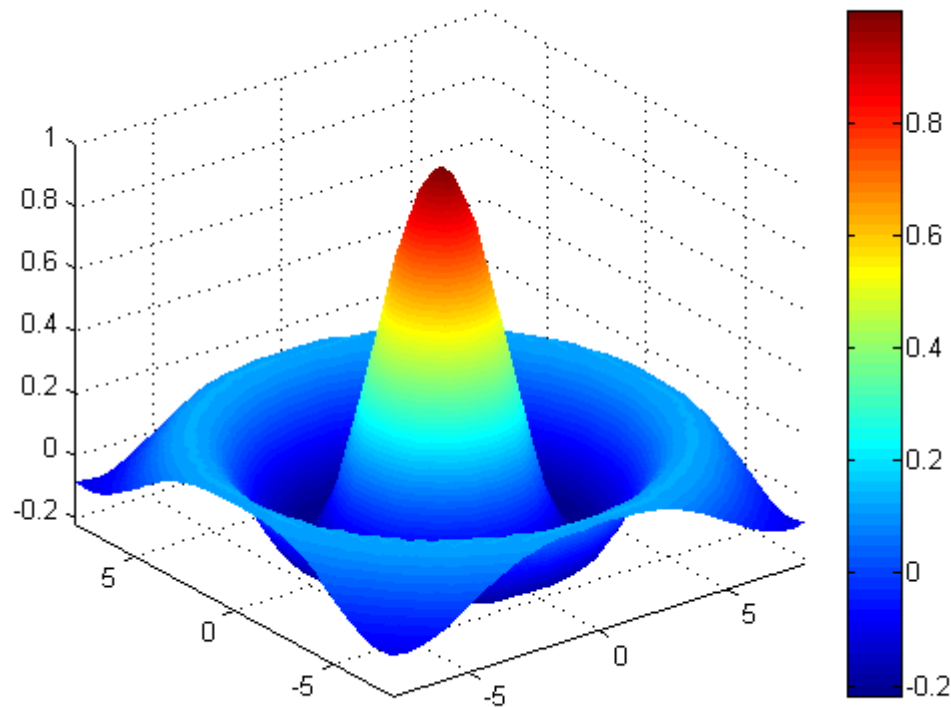
- Science has traditionally consisted of two major disciplines, theory and experimentation.
- In the last several decades a third important and exciting component has emerged, i.e. *scientific computing*.
- Scientific computing acts as an intersection of the former two areas of science. It is often closely related to theory, but it also has many characteristics in common with experimental work.
- It is therefore often viewed as a third branch of science.

The Need for Scientific Computing

- In most areas of science, computation is an invaluable complement to both experiments and theory.
- Vast majority of both experimental and theoretical research involve some numerical calculations, simulations or computer modelling.
- In many studies, pure theory alone is insufficient in validating or demonstrating results. On the other hand, experimentation as a sole means of conducting an investigation may lack the scientific rigour necessary to hold up to scrutiny.
- Experimental work may not be possible or may prove too costly.

Mathematical Modelling

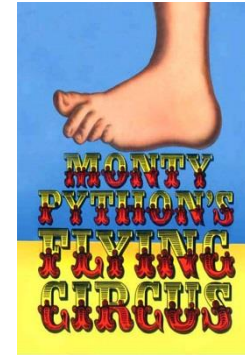
Most problems based on real life are often too complex and cannot be solved using analytical techniques alone – without computational methods and scientific computing techniques we would be greatly limited to the types of modelling possible.



Why Python?

Python is a general-purpose programming language initially developed by Guido van Rossum in the 1990s.

The name has nothing to do with the reptile!



Features:

- (very) Simple to pick up language – easy to maintain
- **open-source** and free language
- **multi-platform** - available on Windows, Mac OS, Linux and almost all operating systems (Android also)
- used by Google, YouTube, Instagram, NASA, CERN, Disney, . . .

The popularity of Python



Who uses Python?

Web applications and internet



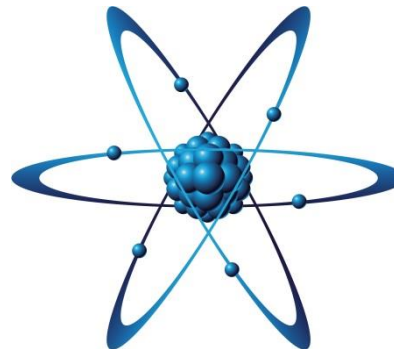
On-line games



Finance



Science



Instrument control



Embedded systems



Where does Python programming fit¹¹ into your life?

- Super small so shows up on embedded devices
- Several libraries for building great web apps
- Has a strong position in scientific computing. Heavily used in science (CERN and NASA) with dedicated libraries to specific areas
 - NumPy and SciPy – general purposes
 - EarthPy – earth sciences
 - AstroPy – Astronomy
 - Pygame – writing video games; supports art, music, sound, video projects, mouse and keyboard interaction
- Python popular at Disney and Lucas Film
- Large community of users, easy to find help and documentation

Interpreted versus Compiled 1

Programs are indirectly executed by an interpreter program which reads the source code and translates it while in motion, into a series of computations and system calls. The source has to be re-interpreted (and the interpreter present) each time the code is executed.

- Slower than compiled, with limited access to the underlying operating system and hardware
- Easier to program
- Less strict on coding errors

Interpreted versus Compiled 2

Most conventional kind of language is compiled. Programs are converted into machine code by a compiler and then directly executed. This executable file can be run without the need to refer back to the source code.

- Give excellent performance with limited access to the underlying operating system and hardware
- Can be difficult to program in
- Most of the software we use is delivered as compiled binaries, from software which the user doesn't see

Installation of Canopy Express

From the link

<https://store.enthought.com/downloads>

and download the version adapted to your system of Canopy Express.

How to know if your PC/laptop is a 32 or 64-bit system

Linux `uname -a` and if you see x64 then 64-bit else 32-bit

Mac `uname -a` also

Windows Click Start, right-click **My Computer**, and then click **Properties** if you see 64-bit it's a 64-bit system

https://www.python.org/

The screenshot shows the Python Software Foundation website. The browser's address bar displays <https://www.python.org/>. The website features a dark blue header with the Python logo and a navigation menu with links: Python, PSF, Docs, PyPI, Jobs, and Community. Below the header is a search bar and buttons for 'Socialize' and 'Sign In'. A secondary navigation bar includes links for 'About', 'Downloads', 'Documentation', 'Community', 'Success Stories', 'News', and 'Events'.

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column displays a code snippet for a Python 3 Fibonacci series generator:

```
# Python 3: Fibonacci series up to n
>>> def fib(n):
>>>     a, b = 0, 1
>>>     while a < n:
>>>         print(a, end=' ')
>>>         a, b = b, a+b
>>>     print()
>>> fib(1000)
0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 144 233 377 610 987
```

The right column is titled 'Functions Defined' and contains the text: 'The core of extensible programming is defining functions. Python allows mandatory and optional arguments, keyword arguments, and even arbitrary argument lists. [More about defining functions in Python 3](#)'. Below this text are five numbered buttons (1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

At the bottom of the main content area, a banner states: 'Python is a programming language that lets you work quickly and integrate systems more effectively. [>>> Learn More](#)'.

The footer section is divided into four columns:

- Get Started:** 'Whether you're new to programming or an experienced developer, it's easy to learn and use Python. Start with our [Beginner's Guide](#)'.
- Download:** 'Python source code and installers are available for download for all versions! Not sure which version to use? [Check here](#). Latest: Python 3.5.1 - Python 2.7.11'.
- Docs:** 'Documentation for Python's standard library, along with tutorials and guides, are available online. docs.python.org'.
- Jobs:** 'Looking for work or have a Python related position that you're trying to hire for? Our **relaunched community-run job board** is the place to go. jobs.python.org'.

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9. Full Grammar specification

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1. Introduction

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Enter search terms or a module, class or function name.

The Python Standard Library

While [The Python Language Reference](#) describes the exact syntax and semantics of the Python language, this library reference manual describes the standard library that is distributed with Python. It also describes some of the optional components that are commonly included in Python distributions.

Python's standard library is very extensive, offering a wide range of facilities as indicated by the long table of contents listed below. The library contains built-in modules (written in C) that provide access to system functionality such as file I/O that would otherwise be inaccessible to Python programmers, as well as modules written in Python that provide standardized solutions for many problems that occur in everyday programming. Some of these modules are explicitly designed to encourage and enhance the portability of Python programs by abstracting away platform-specifics into platform-neutral APIs.

The Python installers for the Windows platform usually include the entire standard library and often also include many additional components. For Unix-like operating systems Python is normally provided as a collection of packages, so it may be necessary to use the packaging tools provided with the operating system to obtain some or all of the optional components.

In addition to the standard library, there is a growing collection of several thousand components (from individual programs and modules to packages and entire application development frameworks), available from the [Python Package Index](#).

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- 2. Built-in Functions
- 3. Non-essential Built-in Functions
- 4. Built-in Constants
 - 4.1. Constants added by the `site` module
- 5. Built-in Types
 - 5.1. Truth Value Testing
 - 5.2. Boolean Operations — `and`, `or`, `not`
 - 5.3. Comparisons
 - 5.4. Numeric Types — `int`, `float`, `long`, `complex`
 - 5.5. Iterator Types
 - 5.6. Sequence Types — `str`, `unicode`, `list`, `tuple`, `bytearray`, `buffer`, `xrange`
 - 5.7. Set Types — `set`, `frozenset`
 - 5.8. Mapping Types — `dict`
 - 5.9. File Objects
 - 5.10. `memoryview` type
 - 5.11. Context Manager Types
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- 6. Built-in Exceptions
 - 6.1. Exception hierarchy
- 7. String Services
 - 7.1. `string` — Common string operations
 - 7.2. `re` — Regular expression operations
 - 7.3. `struct` — Interpret strings as packed binary data
 - 7.4. `difflib` — Helpers for computing deltas
 - 7.5. `stringIO` — Read and write strings as files
 - 7.6. `cStringIO` — Faster version of `stringIO`
 - 7.7. `textwrap` — Text wrapping and filling
 - 7.8. `codecs` — Codec registry and base classes

Welcome to your new best friend!

<https://docs.python.org/2/library/numeric.html>

The screenshot shows the Python 2.7.11 documentation page for '9. Numeric and Mathematical Modules'. The page has a dark blue sidebar on the left with navigation links and a main content area on the right. The sidebar includes links for 'Previous topic', 'Next topic', 'This Page', and a 'Quick search' box. The main content area has a header for the chapter, an introductory paragraph, and a list of modules documented in the chapter.

Python » 2.7.11 » Documentation » The Python Standard Library » [previous](#) | [next](#) | [modules](#) | [index](#)

9. Numeric and Mathematical Modules

The modules described in this chapter provide numeric and math-related functions and data types. The `numbers` module defines an abstract hierarchy of numeric types. The `math` and `cmath` modules contain various mathematical functions for floating-point and complex numbers. For users more interested in decimal accuracy than in speed, the `decimal` module supports exact representations of decimal numbers.

The following modules are documented in this chapter:

- 9.1. `numbers` — Numeric abstract base classes
 - 9.1.1. The numeric tower
 - 9.1.2. Notes for type implementors
 - 9.1.2.1. Adding More Numeric ABCs
 - 9.1.2.2. Implementing the arithmetic operations
- 9.2. `math` — Mathematical functions
 - 9.2.1. Number-theoretic and representation functions
 - 9.2.2. Power and logarithmic functions
 - 9.2.3. Trigonometric functions
 - 9.2.4. Angular conversion
 - 9.2.5. Hyperbolic functions
 - 9.2.6. Special functions
 - 9.2.7. Constants
- 9.3. `cmath` — Mathematical functions for complex numbers
 - 9.3.1. Conversions to and from polar coordinates
 - 9.3.2. Power and logarithmic functions
 - 9.3.3. Trigonometric functions
 - 9.3.4. Hyperbolic functions
 - 9.3.5. Classification functions
 - 9.3.6. Constants

What sort of language is Python?

Compiled

Explicitly
compiled
to machine
code



C, C++,
Fortran

Explicitly
compiled
to byte
code

Java, C#

Implicitly
compiled
to byte
code

Python

Interpreted

Purely
interpreted



Shell,
Perl

Distributions of Python

Python is a language, then there exist different **distributions** of Python (Python official, Anaconda Python, Enthought Canopy, pythonxy . . .).

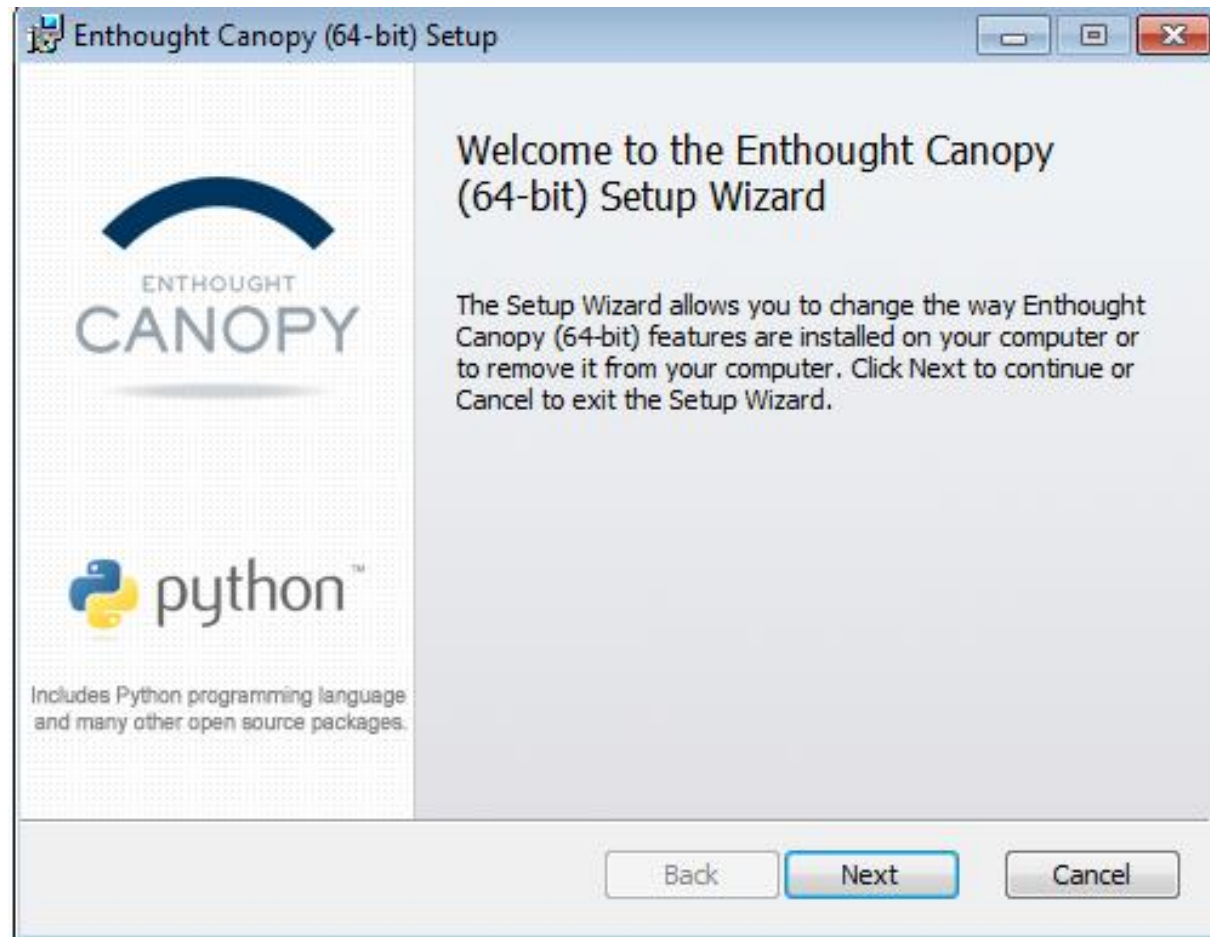
Each distribution provides specific tools (Editors, **packages** pre-installed, support for a given platform . . .).

On Linux and Mac OS, Python comes pre-installed with the operating system. However, many useful packages (e.g. SciPy) must be installed by hand. For its easy interface we will use **Enthought Canopy**.

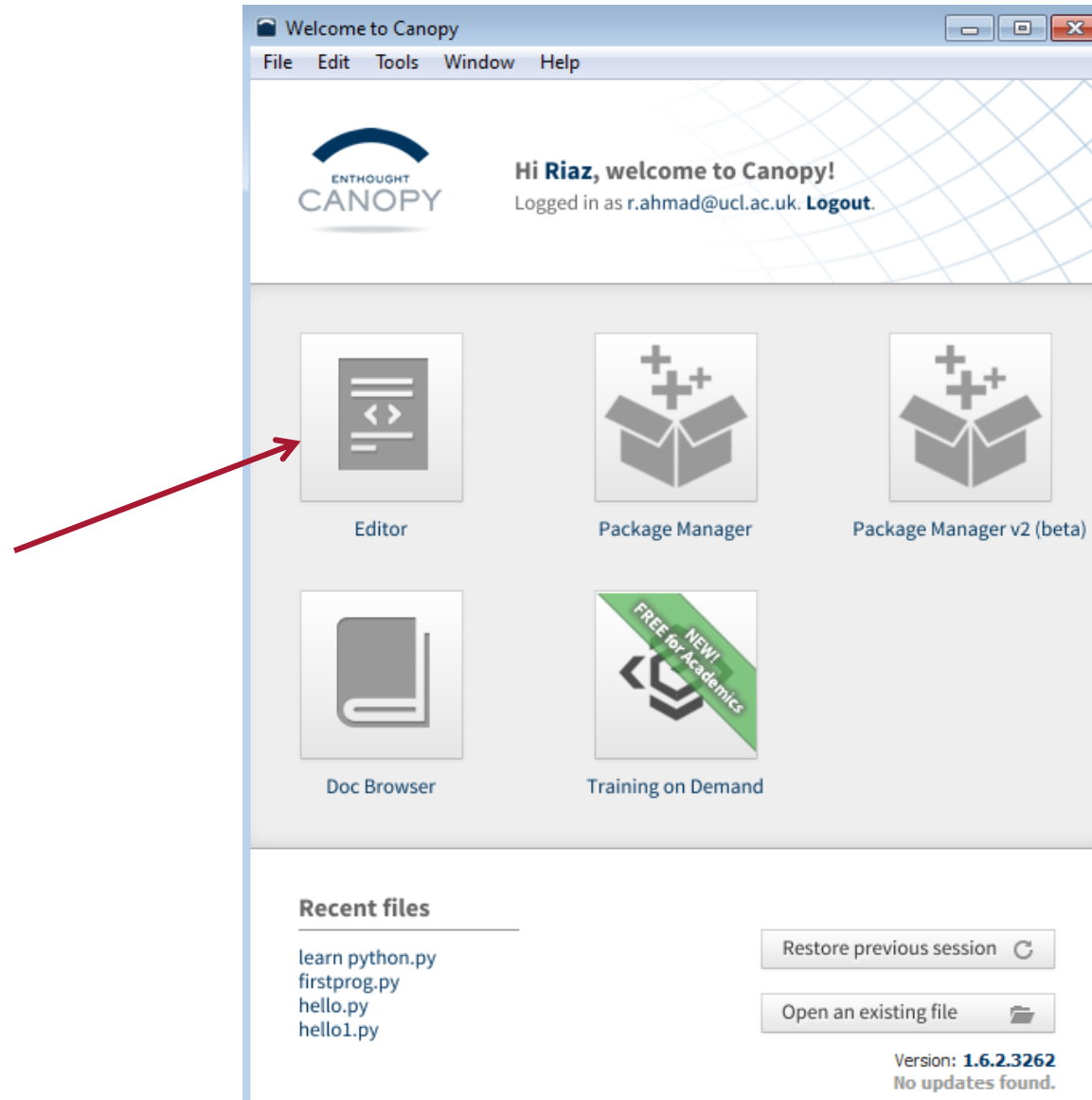
Python 2 or 3

- Two Python versions are in current use: Python 2 and Python 3.
- Python 3 is not backward compatible with Python 2.
- The largest community is still using Python 2 since there is still several packages incompatible with Python 3.
- That's why we will use Python 2 (more precisely Python 2.7.6).

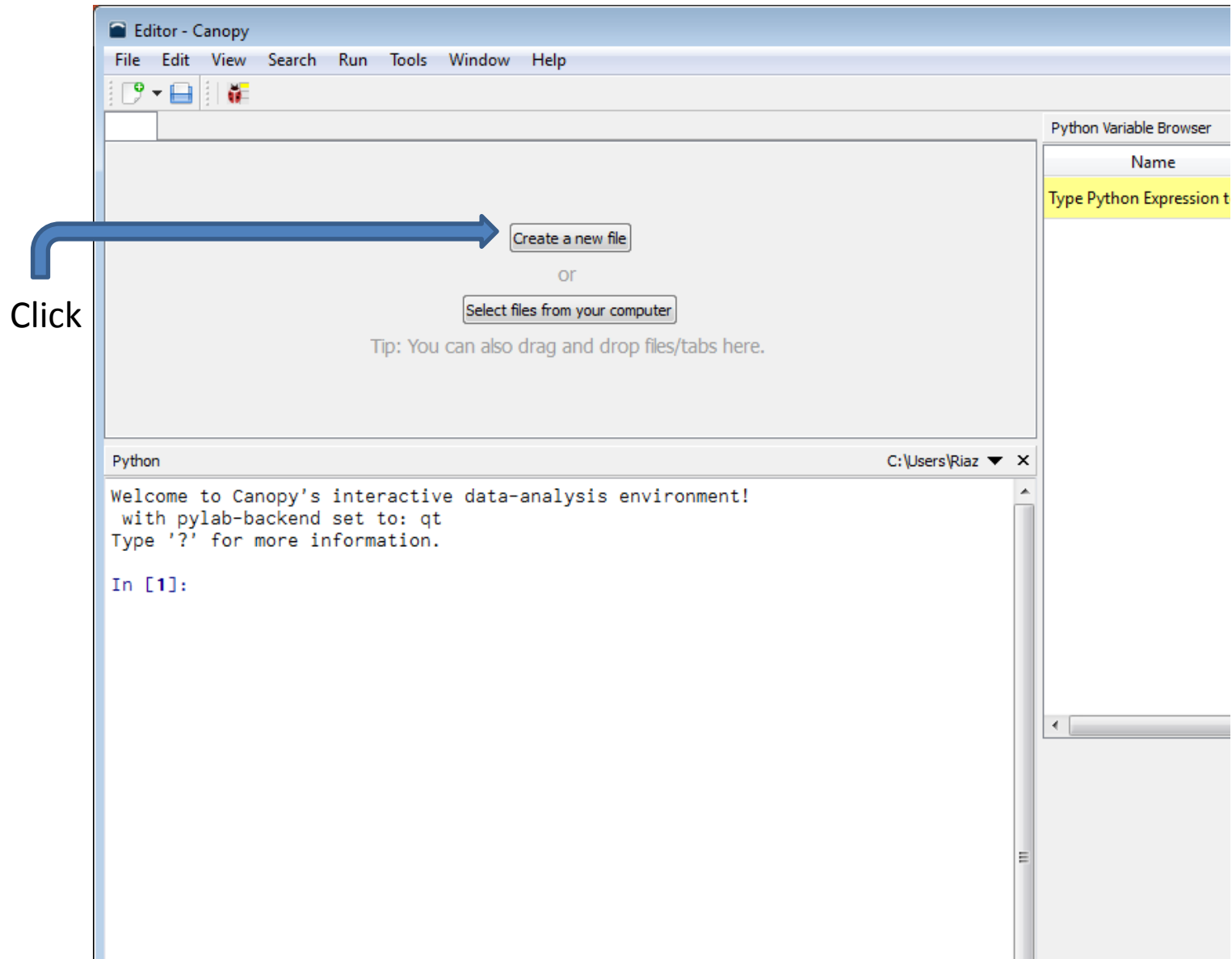
Installation on Windows



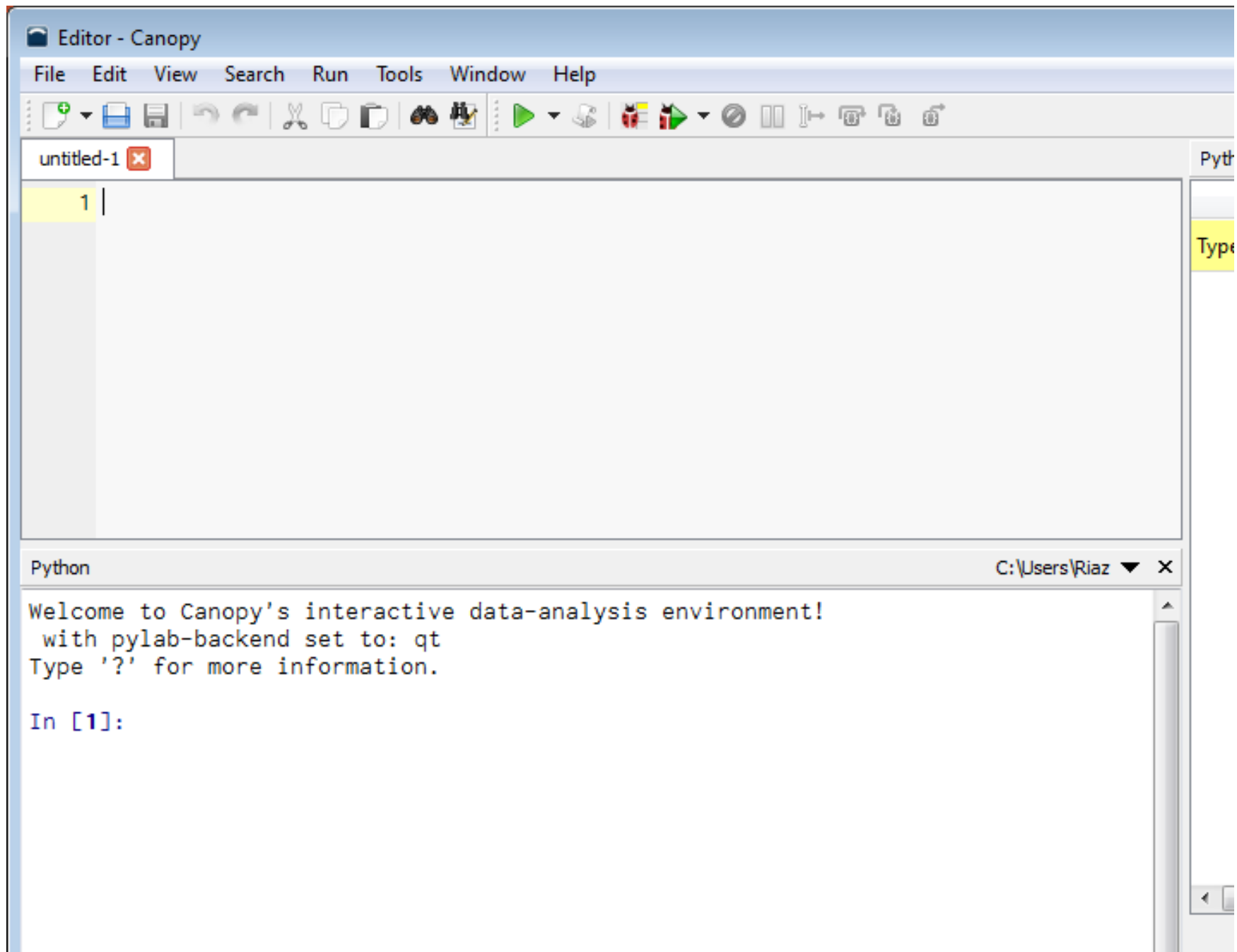
Getting started with Canopy



Editing Environment



Ready to start programming!



Syntactic sugar

syntactic sugar is **syntax** within a programming language that is designed to make things easier to read or to express. It makes the language "sweeter" for human use: things can be expressed more clearly, more concisely, or in an alternative style that some may prefer.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syntactic_sugar

Python script

Python script is a set of instructions, written in the Python language, that run in order and carry out a series of commands.

Importing Modules

When a Python program starts it only has access to a basic functions and classes.

(“int”, “dict”, “len”, “sum”, “range”, ...)

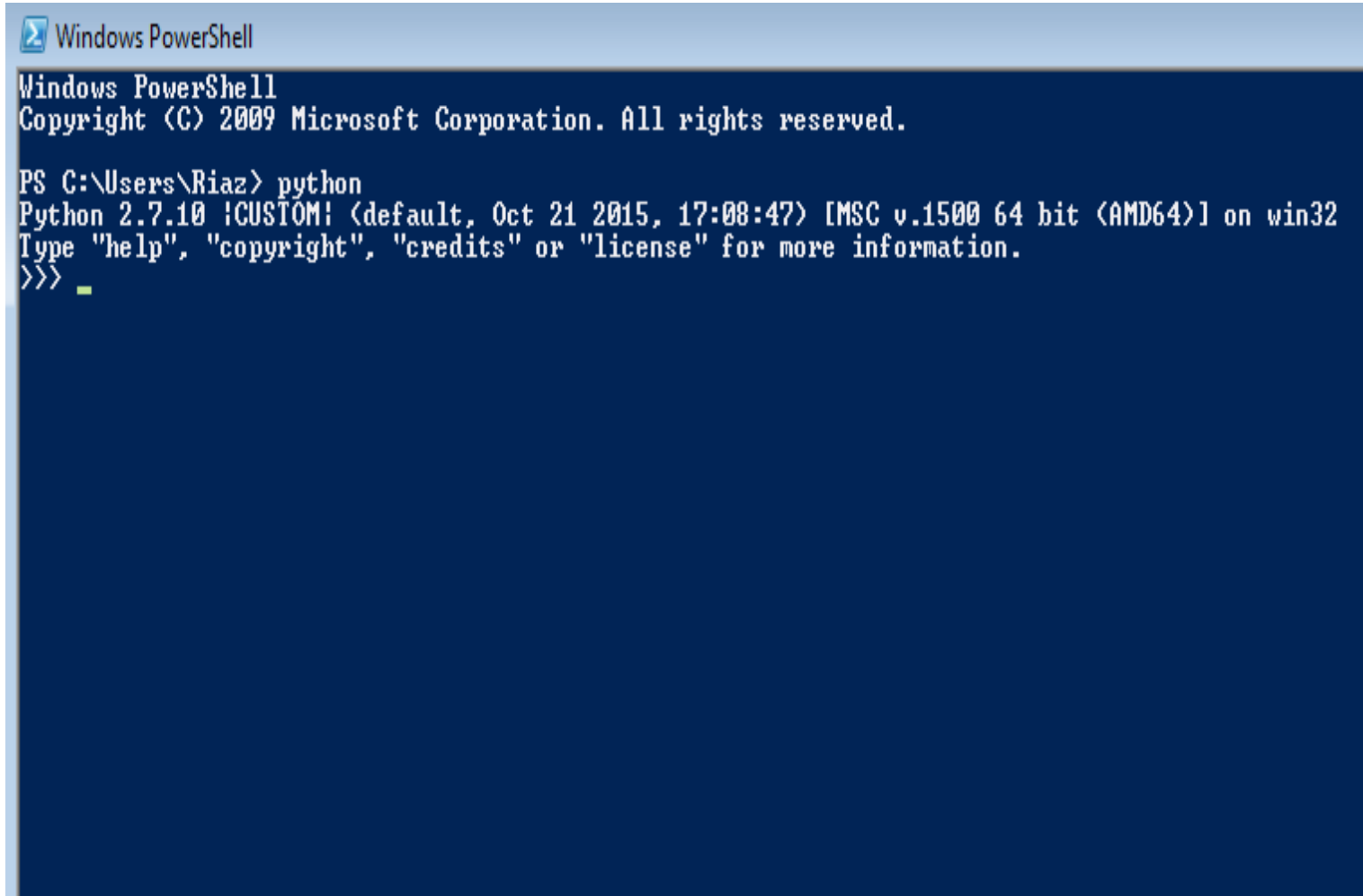
“Modules” contain additional functionality.

Use “import” to tell Python to load a module.

```
>>> import math
```

```
>>> import nltk
```

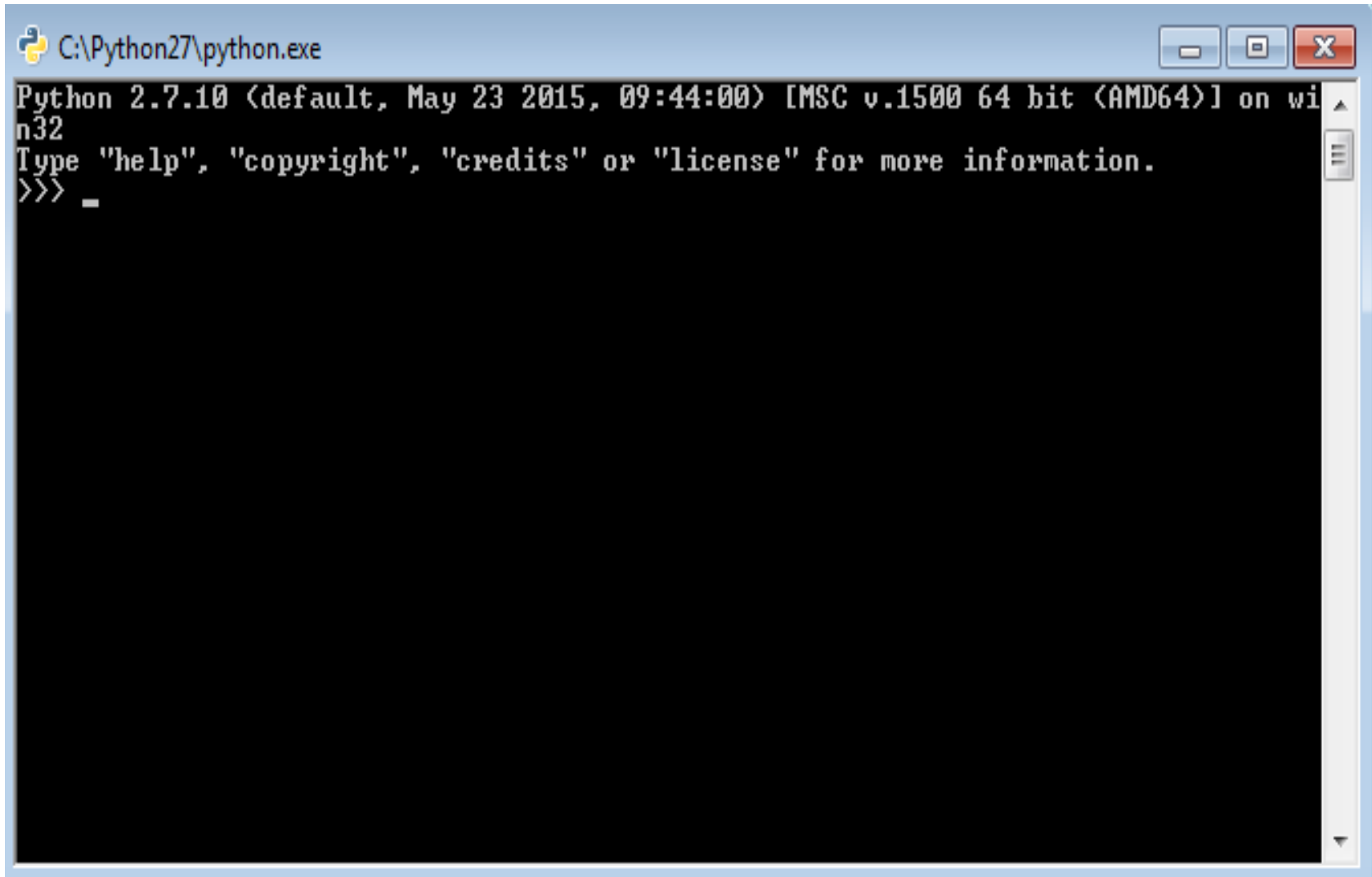
Type Powershell in the start menu



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Windows PowerShell
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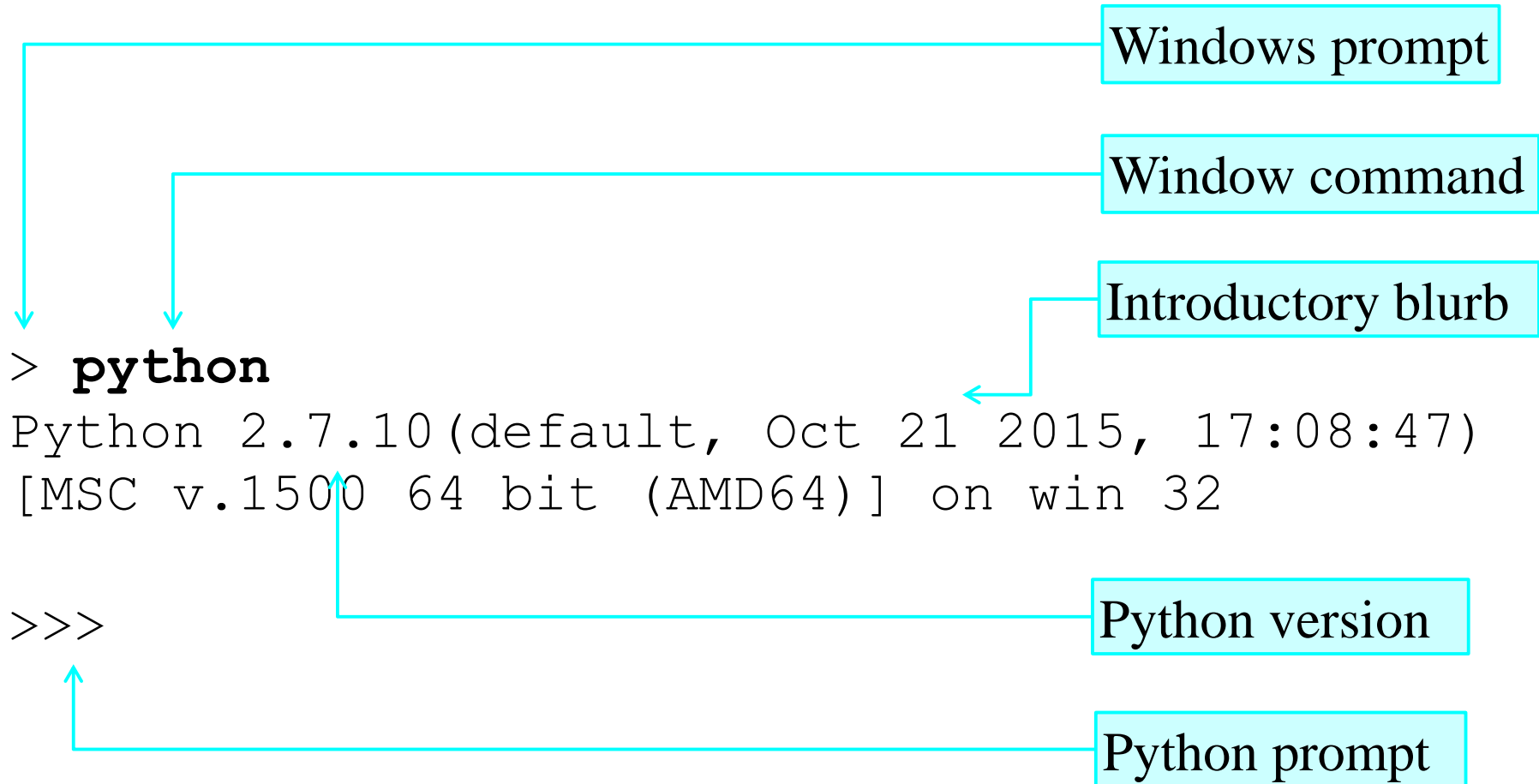
PS C:\Users\Riaz> python
Python 2.7.10 !CUSTOM! (default, Oct 21 2015, 17:08:47) [MSC v.1500 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> _
```

Command Line

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window. The title bar at the top shows the file path 'C:\Python27\python.exe' and standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). The main area of the window has a black background with white text. The text displayed is: 'Python 2.7.10 (default, May 23 2015, 09:44:00) [MSC v.1500 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32', followed by 'Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.', and then the Python prompt '>>> _' with a cursor. A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the text area.

```
C:\Python27\python.exe
Python 2.7.10 (default, May 23 2015, 09:44:00) [MSC v.1500 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> _
```

Running Python

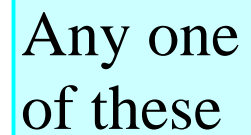


Quitting Python

```
>>> exit()
```

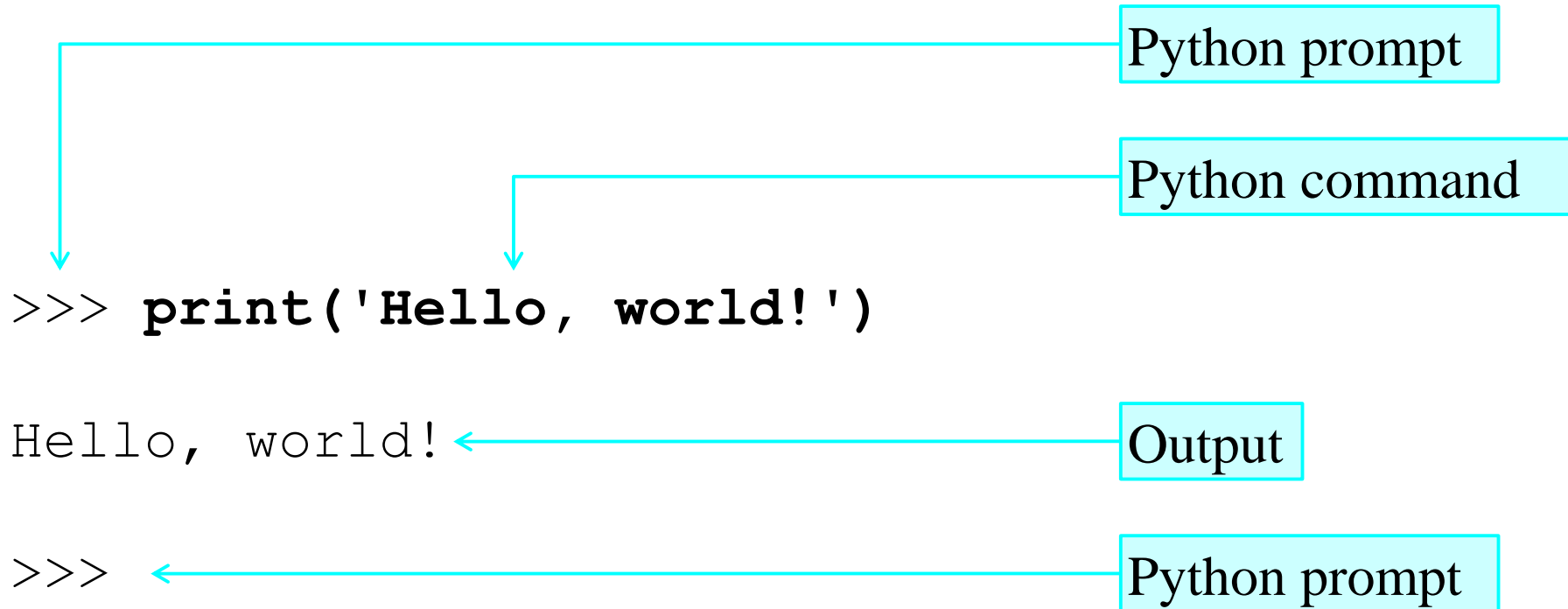
```
>>> quit()
```

```
>>> Ctrl + D
```



Any one
of these

Welcome to Python – first program



```
Python 2.7.10 (default, May 23 2015, 09:44:00) [MSC v.1500 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> print('Hello, world!')
Hello, world!
>>>
```



```
>>> print 'Hello, world!'
```

```
Hello, world!
```

```
>>>
```

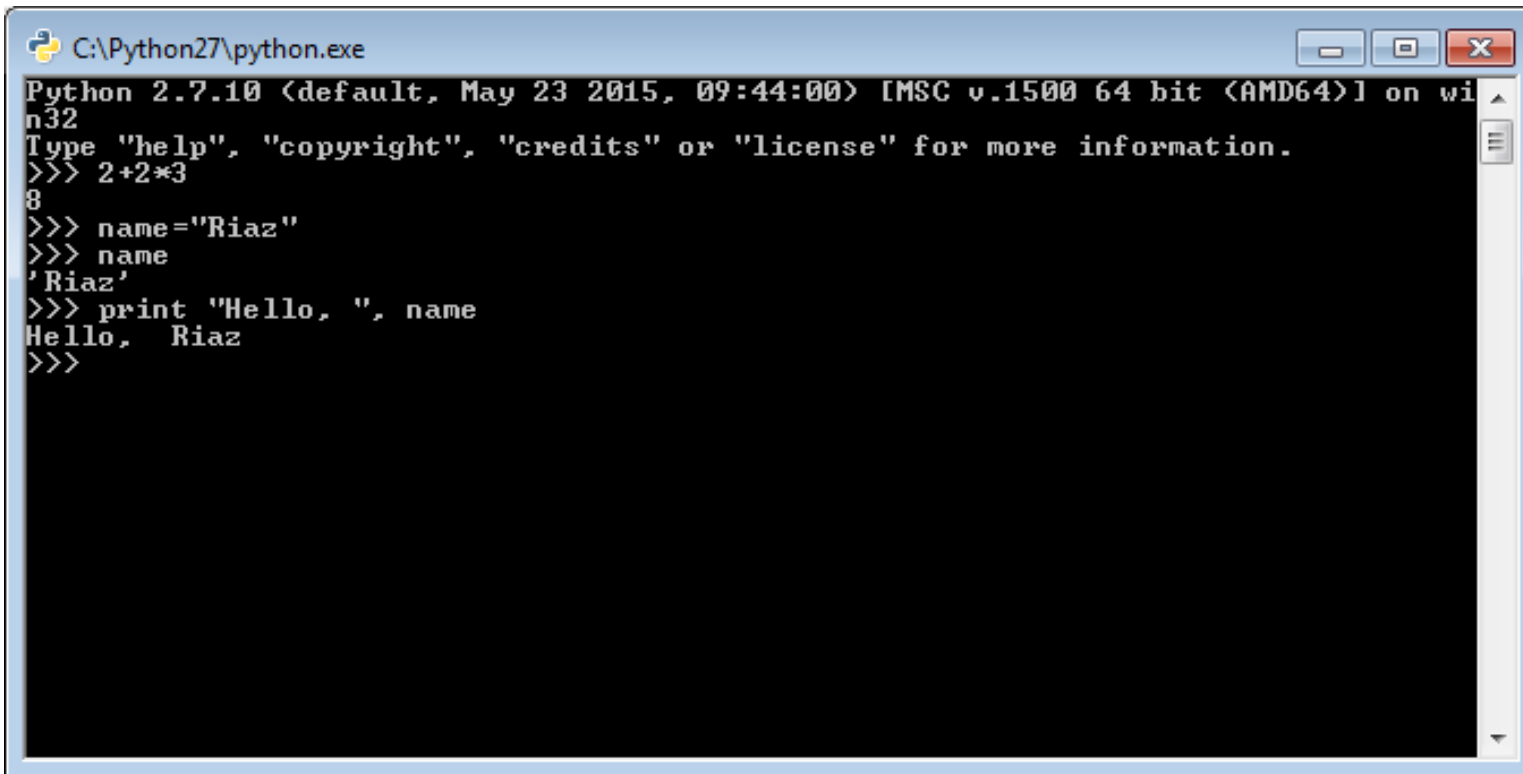
We note that the same outcome is obtained without the use of parentheses.

Brackets are used for consistency with version 3

A **string** is a sequence of characters enclosed in single or double quotes.

Python interactive shell

You can type things directly into a running Python session

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window titled "C:\Python27\python.exe". The window shows the Python 2.7.10 interactive shell. The prompt is "Python 2.7.10 (default, May 23 2015, 09:44:00) [MSC v.1500 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32". The user has entered several commands: "Type 'help', 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information.", ">>> 2+2*3", which returns "8", ">>> name='Riaz'", ">>> name", which returns "'Riaz'", and ">>> print 'Hello, ', name", which returns "Hello, Riaz". The prompt ">>>" is visible at the bottom of the window.

```
C:\Python27\python.exe
Python 2.7.10 (default, May 23 2015, 09:44:00) [MSC v.1500 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> 2+2*3
8
>>> name="Riaz"
>>> name
'Riaz'
>>> print "Hello, ", name
Hello, Riaz
>>>
```

Whitespace

Whitespace is meaningful in Python: especially indentation and placement of newlines.

- Use a newline to end a line of code.
- No braces { } to mark blocks of code in Python... *Use consistent indentation instead.*
 - The first line with less indentation is outside of the block.

The first line with more indentation starts a nested block

- Often a colon appears at the start of a new block. (e.g. for function and class definitions.)

Assignment

To **assign** a value to a **variable**, we use the operator = (not to be confused with 'equal to'). It is evaluated from right to left

```
name = "Riaz"
```

can be seen as $\text{name} \leftarrow \text{"Riaz"}$

and interpreted as 'Riaz is assigned to the variable name'.

Interactive on Canopy

```
In [1]: name="Riaz"
```

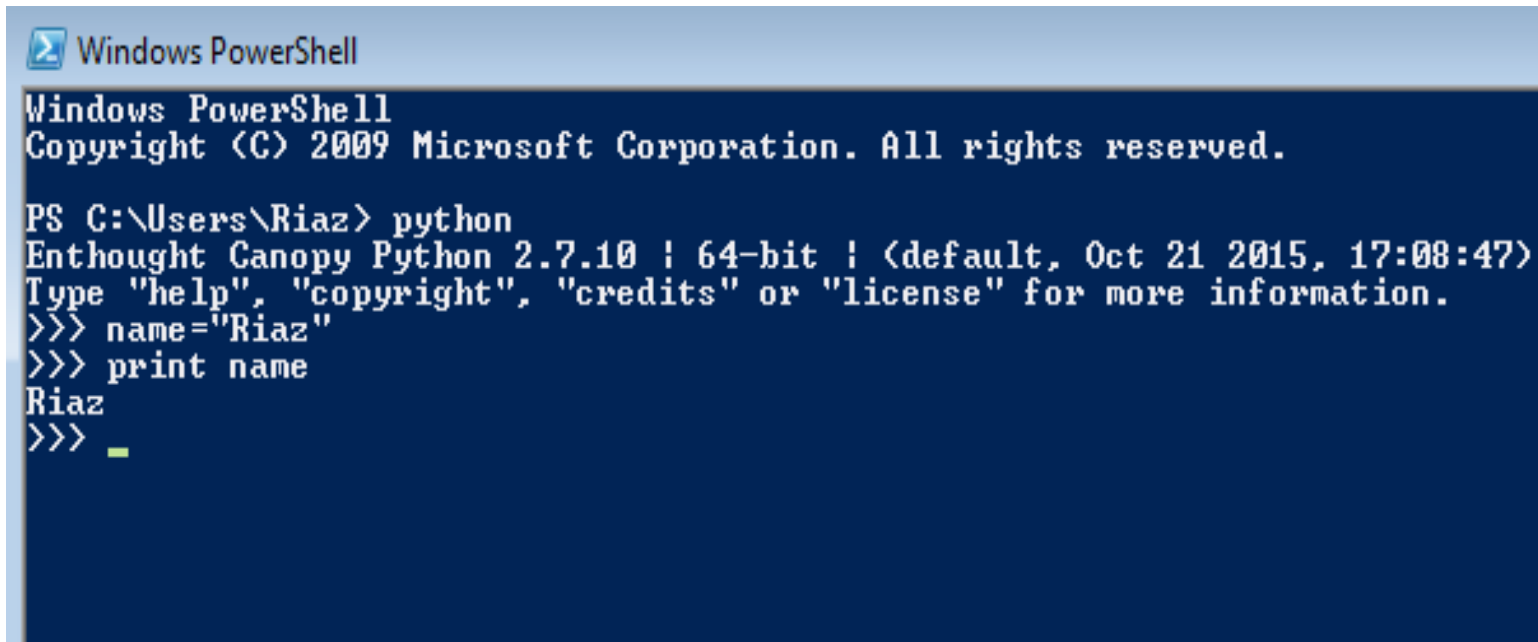
```
In [2]: print name  
Riaz
```

```
In [3]:
```

```
In [4]: print 2+2*3  
8
```

```
In [5]: print "hello", name  
hello Riaz
```

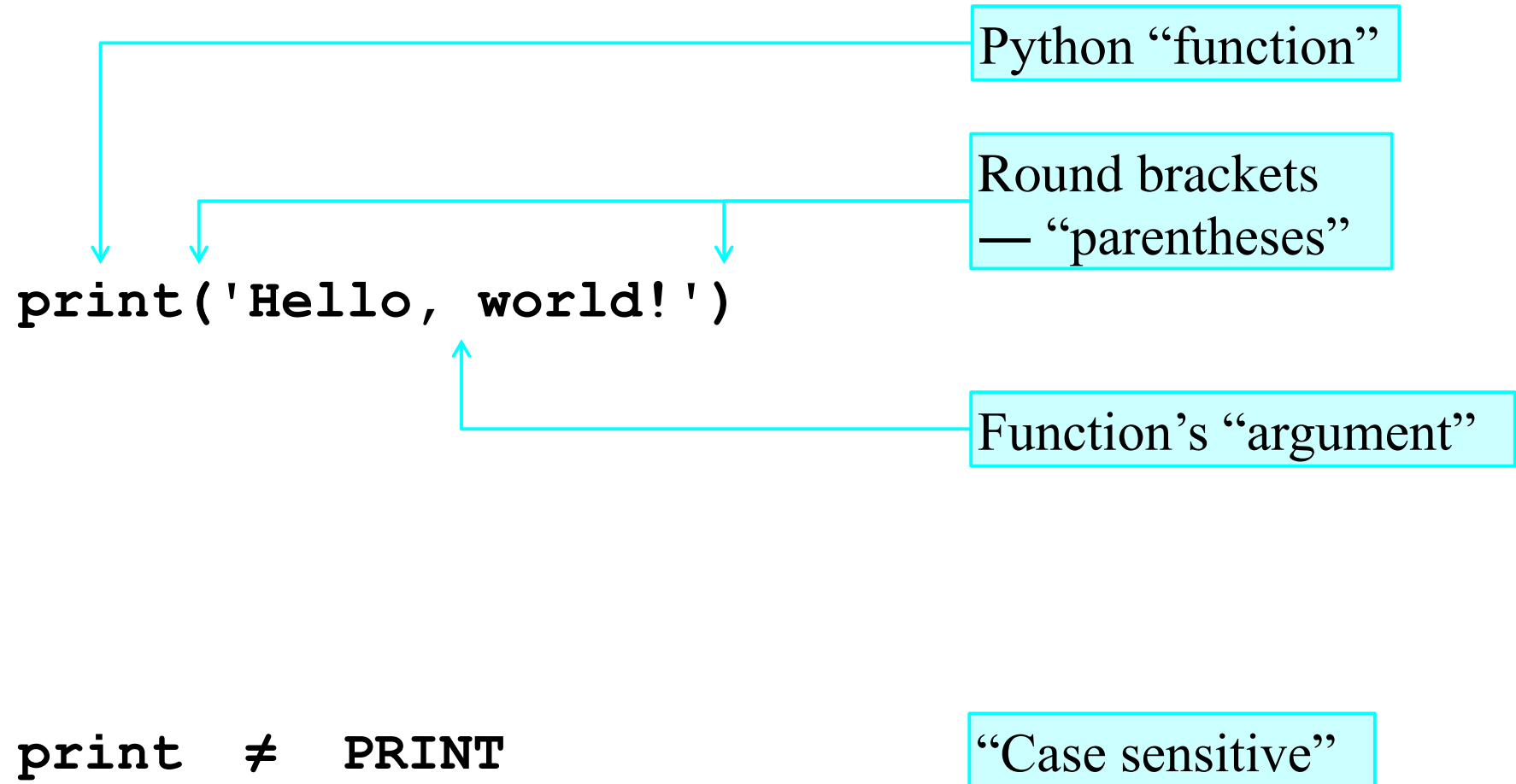
Interactive on PowerShell



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Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\Riaz> python
Enthought Canopy Python 2.7.10 | 64-bit | (default, Oct 21 2015, 17:08:47)
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> name="Riaz"
>>> print name
Riaz
>>> _
```

Python commands



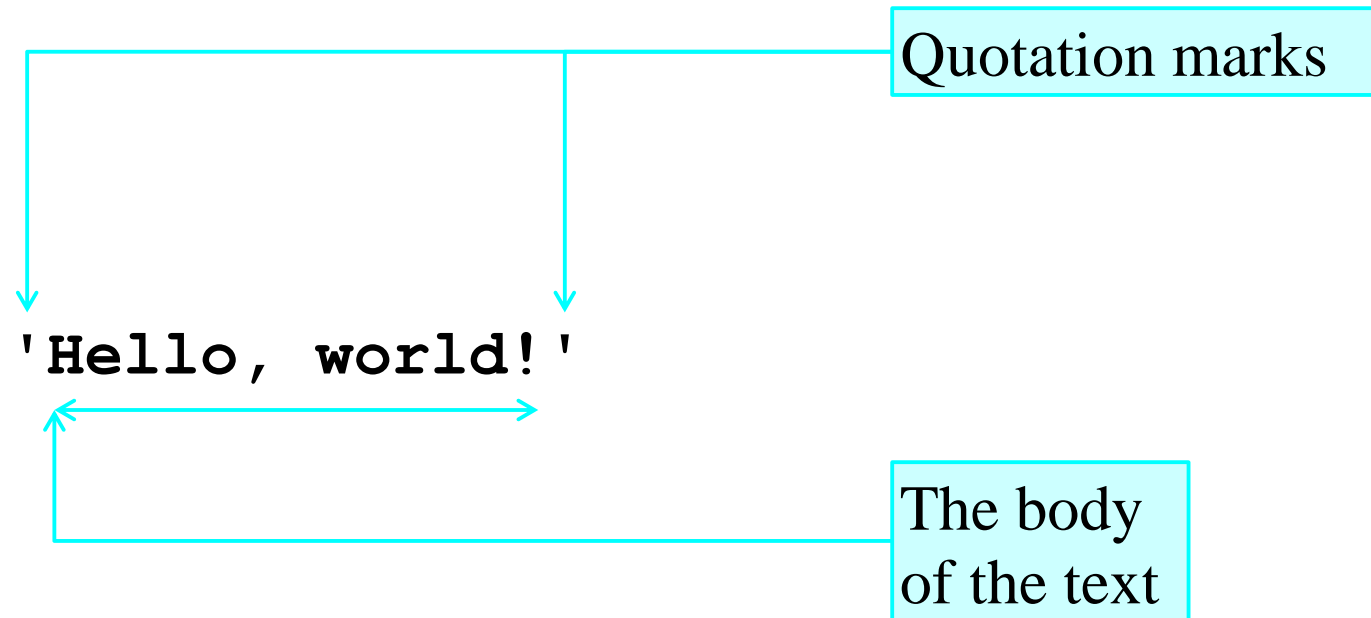
Defining strings

Strings can be defined using

- single quotes ' '
- double quotes " "

So strings defined using single and double quotes are identical

Python text



The quotes are not
part of the text itself.

Quotes?

`print` → Command/statement

`'print'` → Text/string

Manipulating Strings

- strings defined using single and double quotes are identical
- if you want to use quotes in your string, switch between single and double quotes, example:

```
print("He said, 'after you, Sir!' .")
```

- Anything following **#** is a **comment**
- to use `\` in strings, use `\\`
- We can add arbitrary quotes by **escaping** them:

```
print("She said. \"He\'s coming.\" .")
```
- `\` is **reserved** (`\n` for a newline, `\t` for a tabulation, `\' . . .`)

Modules

When a Python program starts it only has access to basic functions and classes.

Most of the functionality in Python is provided by *modules*. The Python Standard Library is a collection of modules that provides cross-platform implementations of common facilities such

- I/O
- Mathematics
- String manipulation

Use “import” to tell Python to load a module e.g.

```
>>> import math
```

More on this shortly

Operations on Strings

Two strings can be joined/added together (**concatenated**) using the **+** operator:

```
In [1]: "Hello, " + "Riaz!"
```

```
Out[1]: 'Hello, Riaz!'
```

To find out the length of a string, use **the function** `len()`:

```
In [2]: len("supercalifragilisticexpialidocious") # from Mary Poppins
```

```
Out [2]: 34
```

We can join several copies of a string with the **operator** `*`

```
In [3]: 3 * "AbC"
```

```
Out [3]: 'AbCAbCAbC'
```

Slicing

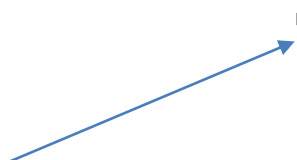
Slicing is used to extract a portion of the string. Here is an example:

```
>>> string = 'Press return to exit'
```

```
>>> print string[0:12]
```

```
Press return_
```

```
string[12]
```



Immutability

A string is an *immutable* object. Its individual characters cannot be modified with an assignment statement and it has a fixed length. Any attempt to be violate this property will result in `TypeError`

Consider the code below:

```
>>> string = 'Press return to exit'
>>> string[0] = 'p' # attempt to change 'P' to 'p'
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
>>> _
```

Text: a string of characters

```
>>> type('Hello, world!')
```

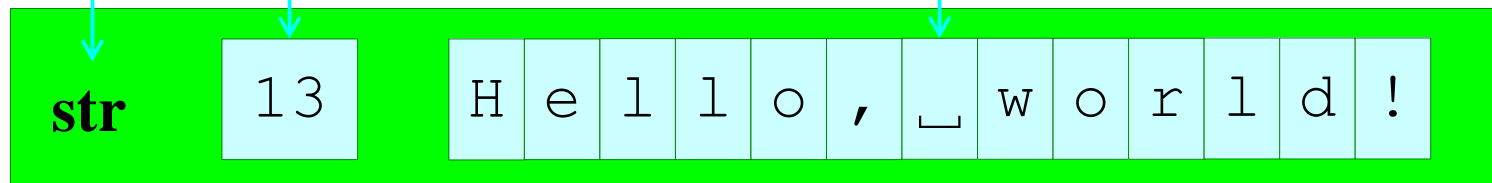
```
<class 'str'>
```

A string of characters

Class: string

Length: 13

Letters



Pure concatenation

```
>>> 'Hello, _' + 'world!'  
  
'Hello, world!'
```

```
>>> 'Hello,' + ' _world!'  
  
'Hello, world!'
```

Only simple
concatenation

```
>>> 'Hello,' + 'world!'  
  
'Hello,world!'
```

No spaces added
automatically.

Single & double quotes

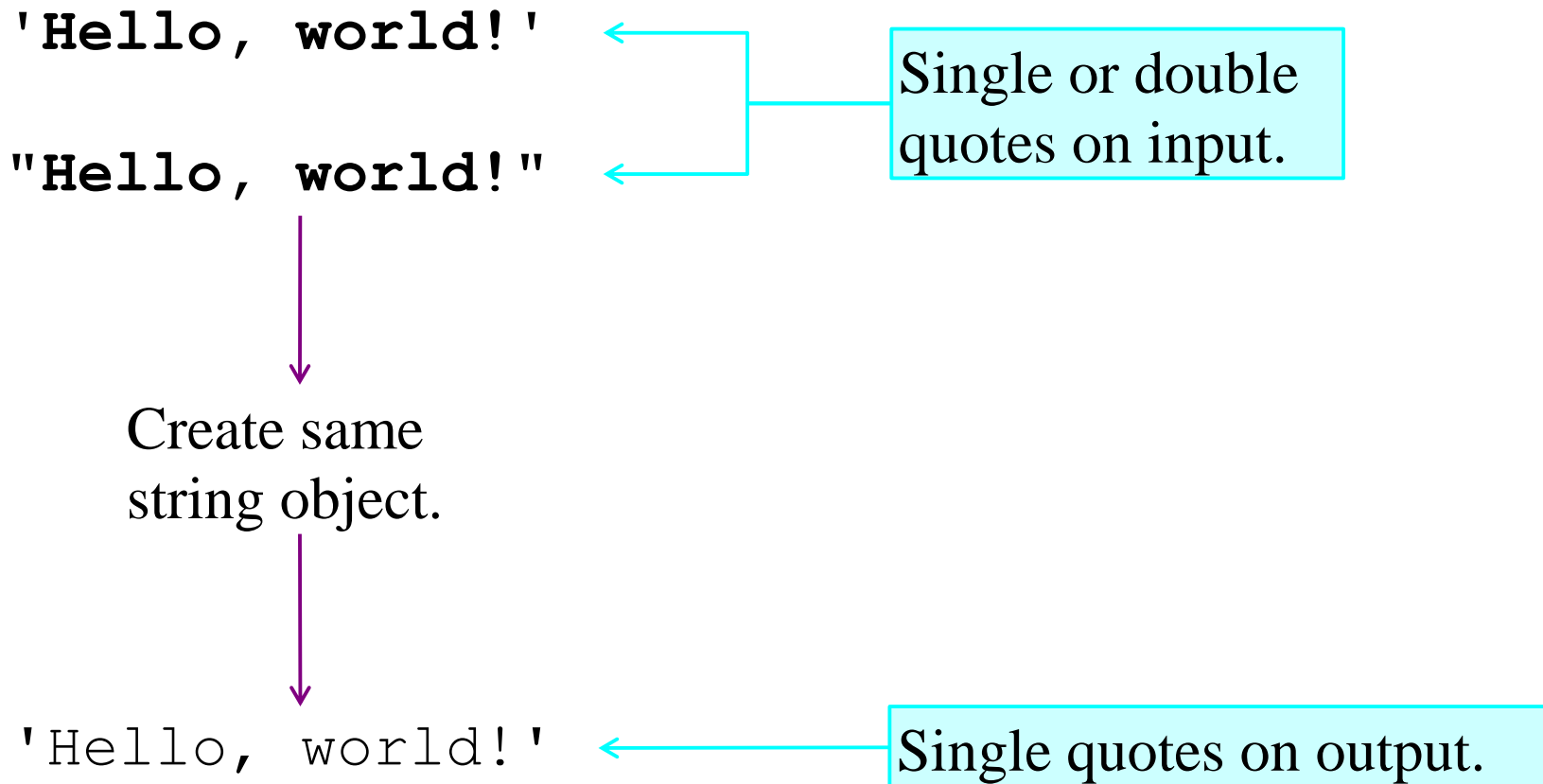
>>> **'Hello, world!'** ← Single quotes

'Hello, world!' ← Single quotes

>>> **"Hello, world!"** ← Double quotes

'Hello, world!' ← Single quotes

Python strings: input & output



Uses of single & double quotes

```
>>> print('He said "hello" to her.')
```

```
He said "hello" to her.
```


```
>>> print("He said 'hello' to her.")
```

```
He said 'hello' to her.
```

Why we need different quotes

```
>>> print('He said 'hello' to her.')
```

```
File "<stdin>", line 1  
    print('He said 'hello' to her.')
```



^

```
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

Adding arbitrary quotes

```
>>> print('He said \'hello\' to her.')
```

```
He said 'hello' to her.
```

\ ' → '

Just an ordinary
character.

\ " → "

“Escaping”

Putting line breaks in text

Hello,
world!

What we want

```
>>> print('Hello,  
world')
```

Try this

```
>>> print('Hello,  
File "<stdin>", line 1  
    print('Hello,  
          ^
```

```
SyntaxError: EOL while  
scanning string literal
```

“EOL”: End Of Line

Inserting “special” characters

```
>>> print('Hello,\nworld!')  
Hello,  
world!
```

Treated as
a new line.

\n

Converted into a
single character.

13	H	e	l	l	o	,	↵	w	o	r	l	d	!
----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

```
>>> len('Hello,\nworld!')  
13
```

len() function: gives
the length of the object

The backslash

Special  Ordinary

`\'`  `'`

`\''`  `"`

Ordinary  Special

`\n`  `↵`

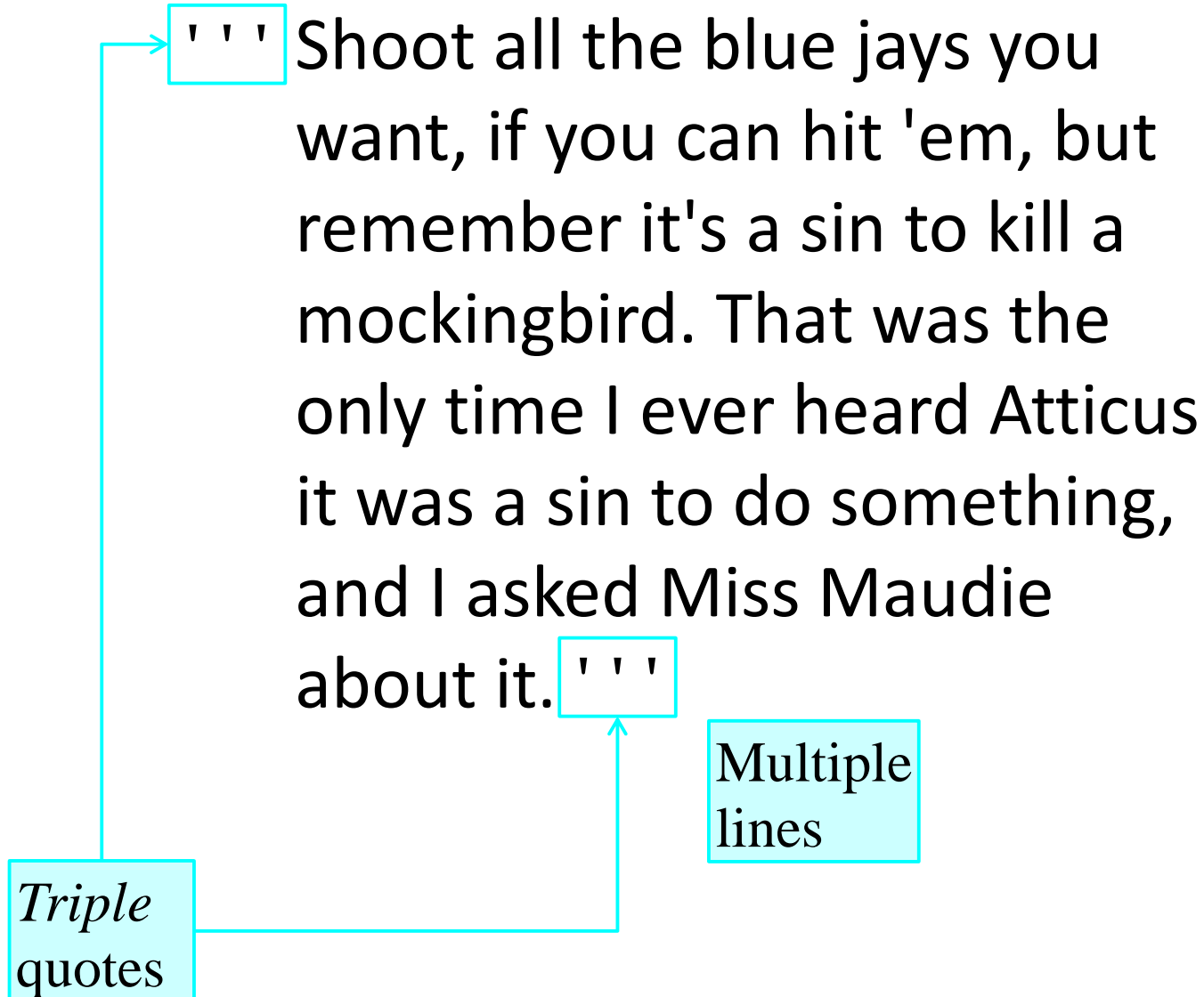
`\t`  `→|`

`\n` Multiline strings

```
"Shoot all the blue jays you want, \nif you can  
hit 'em, but remember it's a \nsin to kill a  
mockingbird. \nThat was the only time I ever  
heard Atticus say \nit was a sin to do something,  
\nand I asked Miss Maudie about it."
```

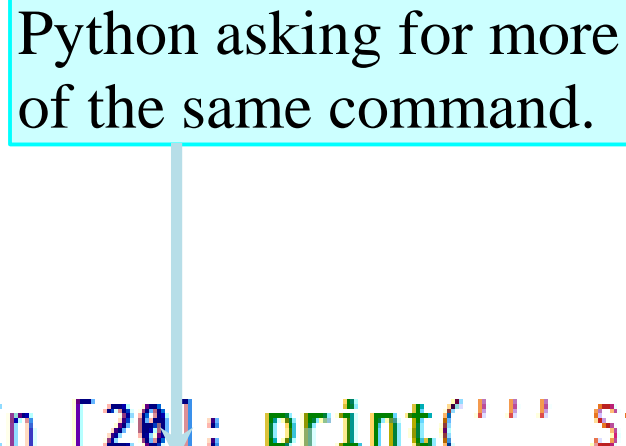
By default, Python assumes that the whole instruction is contained in a single line.

Special input method for long text



Python's “secondary” prompt

Python asking for more of the same command.



```
In [20]: print(''' Start spreading the news, I'm  
....: leaving today. I want to be a part of it,  
....: New York, New York.''' )
```

```
Start spreading the news, I'm  
leaving today. I want to be a part of it,  
New York, New York.
```

It's still just text!

```
>>> 'Hello,\nworld!'
```

```
'Hello\nworld'
```

Python uses `\n` to represent line breaks in strings.

```
>>> '''Hello,  
... world!'''
```

```
'Hello\nworld'
```

Exactly the same!

Your choice of input quotes:

Four inputs:

```
'Hello, \nworld!'
```

```
"Hello, \nworld!"
```

```
'''Hello,  
world!'''
```

```
"""Hello,  
world!"""
```

Same result:

13	H	e	l	l	o	,	↵	w	o	r	l	d	!
----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Attaching names to values

“variables”

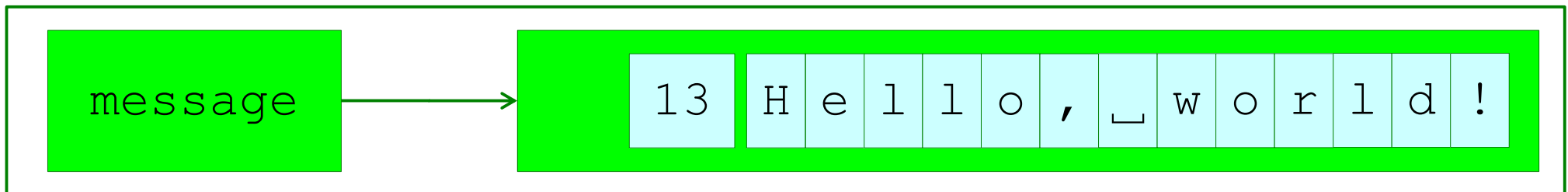
```
>>> message='Hello, world!'
```

```
>>> message
```

```
'Hello, world!'
```

```
>>> type(message)
```

```
<class 'str'>
```



Some more types

```
>>> type('G\' day! ')
```

```
<class 'str'>
```



string of characters

```
>>> type(-62)
```

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



integer

```
>>> type(pi)
```

```
<class 'float'>
```

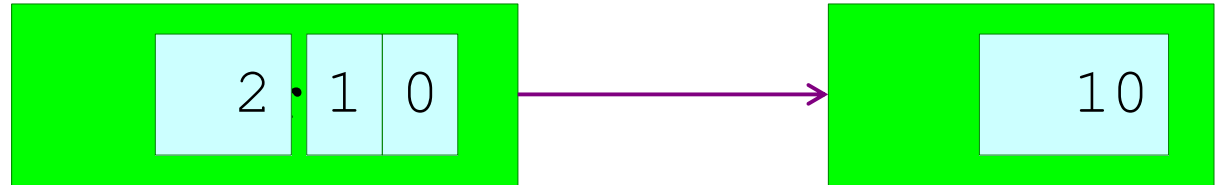


floating point number

Converting text to integers

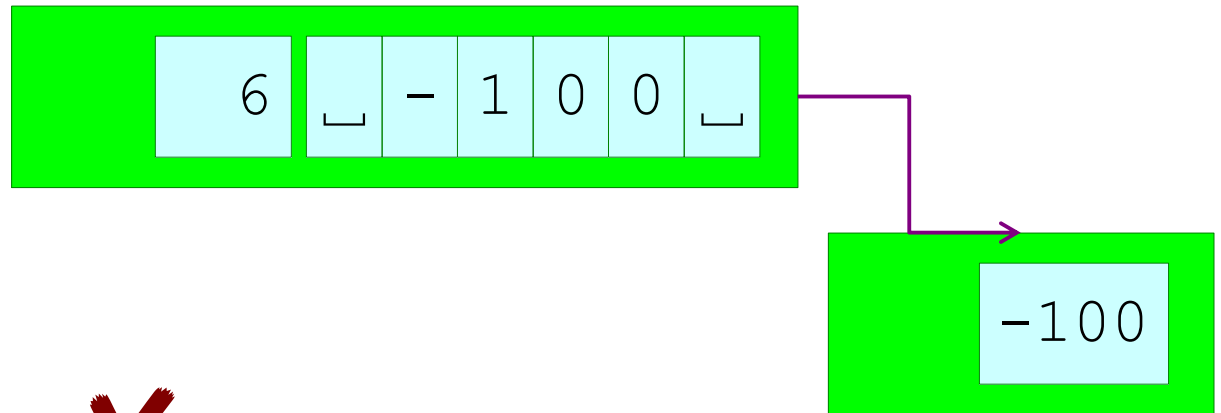
```
>>> int('10')
```

```
10
```



```
>>> int(' -100 ')
```

```
-100
```



```
>>> int('100-10')
```



```
ValueError:
```

```
invalid literal for int() with base 10: '100-10'
```

Exercise 1.0

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1. Write script to print the following text (with the line breaks) and then run the script.

coffee
café
caffè
Kaffee

2. Create the following output

It is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing.

3. Create a file called car.py and write a comment next to each line explaining what it does in English

```
1 cars = 100
2 space_in_a_car = 4.0
3 drivers = 30
4 passengers = 90
5 cars_not_driven = cars - drivers
6 cars_driven = drivers
7 carpool_capacity = cars_driven * space_in_a_car
8 average_passengers_per_car = passengers / cars_driven
9
10
11 print "There are", cars, "cars available."
12 print "There are only", drivers, "drivers available."
13 print "There will be", cars_not_driven, "empty cars today."
14 print "We can transport", carpool_capacity, "people today."
15 print "We have", passengers, "to carpool today."
16 print "We need to put about", average_passengers_per_car, "in each car."
```

Exercise 1.1

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4. Rewrite the code below with your personal details and run. You should experiment with the two string formatting characters `%s` and `%d`

```
1 my_name = 'Riaz Ahmad'
2 my_age = 49 # I use oil of ulay!
3 my_height = 70 # inches
4 my_weight = 85 # kgs
5 my_eyes = 'Brown'
6 my_teeth = 'White'
7 my_hair = 'Black'
8
9 print "Let's talk about %s." % my_name
10 print "He's %d inches tall." % my_height
11 print "He's %d pounds heavy." % my_weight
12 print "Actually that's not too heavy."
13 print "He's got %s eyes and %s hair." % (my_eyes, my_hair)
14 print "His teeth are usually %s depending on the toothpaste." % my_teeth
15
16 # this line is tricky, try to get it exactly right
17 print "If I add %d, %d, and %d I get %d." % (
18     my_age, my_height, my_weight, my_age + my_height + my_weight)
```

Exercise 1.2

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5. This exercise is for experimenting with data input from the keyboard. You will also notice a new character `%r`.

```
1 print "How old are you?",
2 age = raw_input()
3 print "How tall are you?",
4 height = raw_input()
5 print "How much do you weigh?",
6 weight = raw_input()
7
8 print "So, you're %r years old, %r inches tall and %r kgs heavy." % (
9     age, height, weight)
```

Control statements – Else and If

An **if**-statement creates what is called a "branch" in the code.

The if-statement tells the Python script, “if this boolean expression is True, then run the code under it, otherwise skip it.”

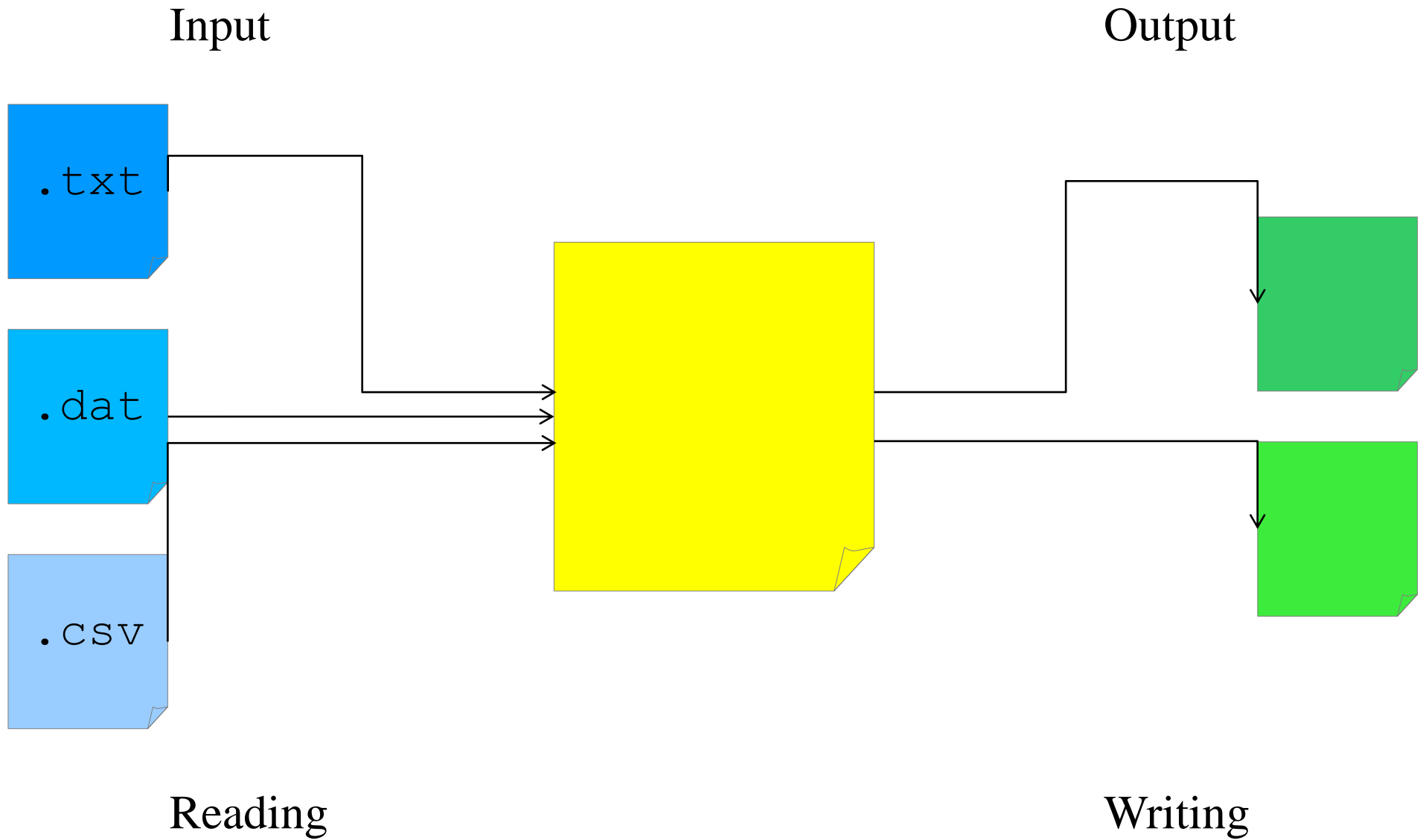
The code under the **if** needs to be indented four spaces? A colon at the end of a line is how you tell Python you are going to create a new "block" of code, and then indenting four spaces tells Python what lines of code are in that block. This is *exactly* the same thing you will do with functions later. Not indenting will give an error.

Exercise 2.0

Look at the code below. Make sure you are happy with the logic. Add more Boolean expressions and increase the complexity. Use some of the earlier script to increase complexity.

```
1 people = 30
2 cars = 40
3 trucks = 15
4
5
6 if cars > people:
7     print "We should take the cars."
8 elif cars < people:
9     print "We should not take the cars."
10 else:
11     print "We can't decide."
12
13 if trucks > cars:
14     print "That's too many trucks."
15 elif trucks < cars:
16     print "Maybe we could take the trucks."
17 else:
18     print "We still can't decide."
19
20 if people > trucks:
21     print "Alright, let's just take the trucks."
22 else:
23     print "Fine, let's stay home then."|
```

Files



Reading text files

This is the simplest script that opens a file for reading, loads its contents into a text variable and closes the file. In my example the file called Humpty.txt has location C:\Users\Riaz\Desktop\Humpty.txt

```
In [13]: f=open("C:\Users\Riaz\Desktop\Humpty.txt")
```

```
In [14]: rhyme=f.read()
```

```
In [15]: f.close()
```

```
In [16]: print rhyme|
```

```
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
```

```
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
```

```
All the king's horses and all the king's men
```

```
Couldn't put Humpty together again.
```

```
In [17]:
```

Single quotes also work

The `with` statement

Closing a file is easily overlooked. For this and other reasons it is better to use the **with** statement:

```
1 with open("C:\Users\Riaz\Desktop\Humpty.txt") as f:  
2     rhyme=f.read() # remember to intend  
3 print rhyme
```

Python

```
In [19]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmpedti3w.py"  
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the king's horses and all the king's men  
Couldn't put Humpty together again.
```

Writing to files

➤ Opening files for writing:

1. First decide what to do if there is already a files with the same name.
2. If you want to **delete the file and start from scratch**, pass **"w"** as the second argument to `open()`. Example: `open("myfile.txt", "w")`
3. If you want to **append text to that file**, pass **"a"** as the second argument to `open()`. Example: `open("myfile.txt", "a")`

➤ Writing data:

print has a special syntax causing its output to be redirected to a file:

print >> file_object, comma_separated_expressions

Example:

```
1 from math import *
2 with open("results.txt", "w") as f:
3     print >> f, "Total:", 1025.5 , pi**2 , exp(1)
```

Numbers in Python

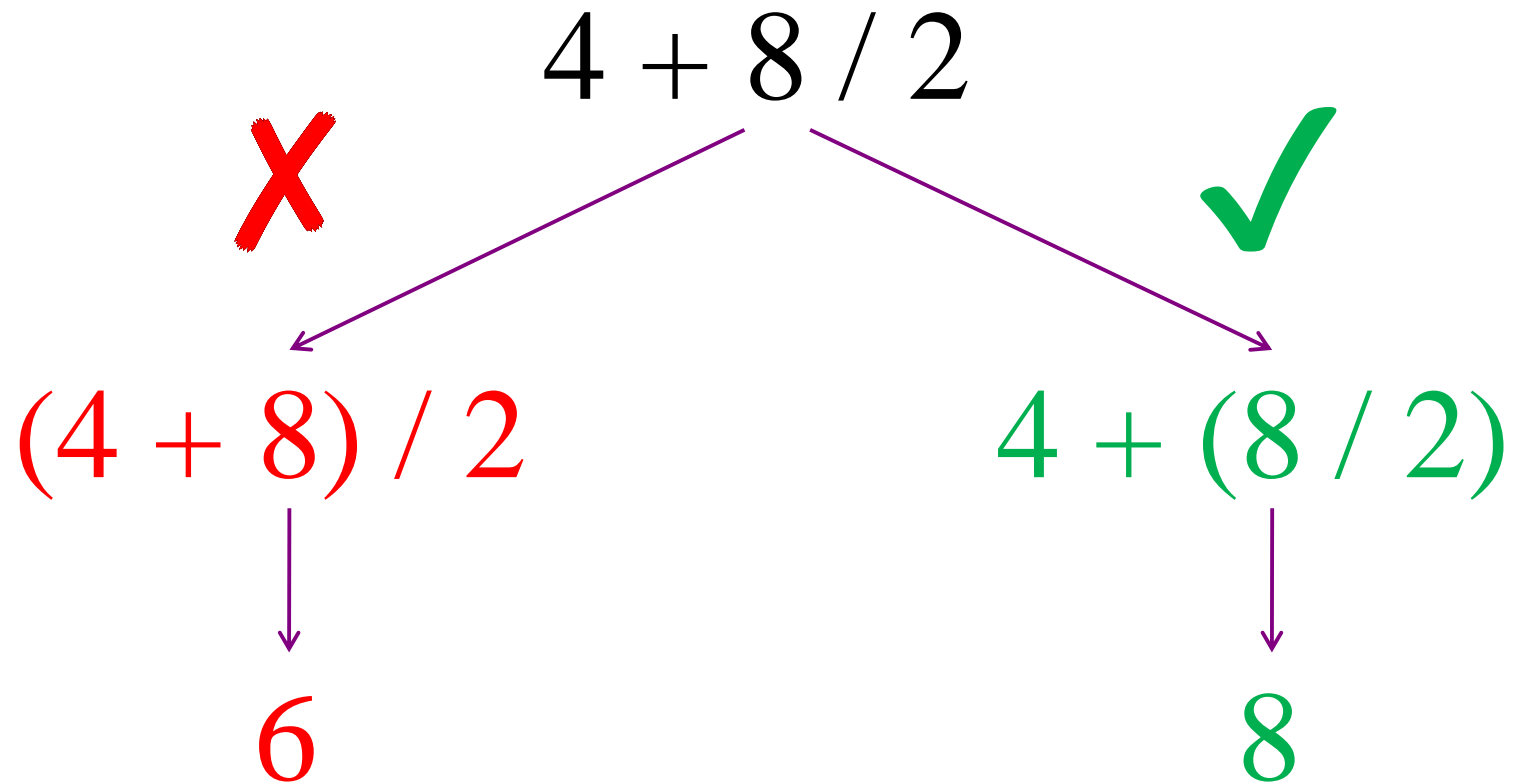
A number can be represented by different types of variables:

- `int` for integer
- long integers for integer not in the previous interval. They are stored in a more complex format. Such integers are printed out with an `L` at the end:

```
In [1]: 2**100  
Out[1]: 1267650600228229401496703205376L
```

The range of these long integers is only limited by the amount of available memory in the computer. Operations on long integers are slower than on normal integers.

Simple Arithmetic Calculations – BIDMAS or BODMAS



Manipulating in-built functions

Python

C:\Users\Riaz ▼ X

Welcome to Canopy's interactive data-analysis environment!
with pylab-backend set to: qt
Type '?' for more information.

In [1]: `print pi`
3.14159265359

In [2]: `print e #exp(0)`
2.71828182846

In [3]: `x=2`

In [4]: `print x**4 # 2 to the power 4`
16

In [5]: `math.pi`
Out[5]: 3.141592653589793

In [6]: `from math import *` *# from the maths library import all functions and variables*

In [7]:

Converting text to floats

```
>>> float('10.0')
```

'10.0' is a string

```
10.0
```

10.0 is a floating
point number

```
>>> float(' _10. _')
```

Spaces are ignored

```
10.0
```

Converting between ints and floats

```
>>> float(10)
```

```
10.0
```

```
>>> int(10.9)
```

```
10
```

Truncates
fractional part

```
>>> int(-10.9)
```

```
-10
```

Converting into text

```
>>> str(10)
```

integer  string

```
'10'
```

```
>>> str(10.000)
```

float  string

```
'10.0'
```


Converting between types

`int()`

anything \longrightarrow integer

`float()`

anything \longrightarrow float

`str()`

anything \longrightarrow string

Functions named after the type they convert *into*.

Exercise 4.0

Write python programs to do the following:

1. Prompt the user with the text “How much? ”.
2. Convert the user’s answer to a floating point number.
3. Print 2.5 plus that number.

Integer arithmetic

```
>>> 10+5
```

```
15
```

```
>>> 25_ - _5
```

```
10
```

Spaces around the
operator don't matter.

```
>>> 20_ * _5
```

```
100
```

```
>>> 20_ / _5
```

```
4
```

```
>>> 20_ / _3
```

```
6
```

Type-casting

```
>>> 20.0/3
```

```
6.666666666666667
```

```
>>> float(20)/3
```

```
6.666666666666667
```

```
>>> 20/float(3)
```

```
6.666666666666667
```

```
>>> float(20/3)
```

```
6.0
```

Integer powers * *

We wish to calculate 4^3

```
>>> 4 _ ** _ 3
64
```

Spaces *around* the operator don't matter.

```
>>> 4 * _ * 3
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

Spaces *in* the operator do!

Integer remainders

Use “%” to obtain integer remainders

```
>>> 4 % 2
```

0

```
>>> 5 % 2
```

1

In the example above “%” is modulo and can be used to determine if an integer is even or odd. $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x \% 2 = 0$ then x is even, else x is odd.

```
>>> 20 % 6
```

3

```
>>> -5 % 2
```

1

← Remainder is always non-negative

How big can a Python integer be?

```
>>> 2**2
```

```
4
```

```
>>> 4**2
```

```
16
```

```
>>> 16**2
```

```
256
```

```
>>> 256**2
```

```
65536
```

```
>>> 65536**2
```

```
4294967296
```

How big can a Python integer be?

```
>>> 4294967296**2
```

```
18446744073709551616
```

```
>>> 18446744073709551616**2
```

```
340282366920938463463374607431768211456
```

```
>>> 340282366920938463463374607431768211456**2
```

```
1157920892373161954235709850086879078532699846  
65640564039457584007913129639936
```

```
>>> 115792089237316195423570985008687907853269  
984665640564039457584007913129639936**2
```

```
1340780792994259709957402499820584612747936582  
0592393377723561443721764030073546976801874298  
1669034276900318581864860508537538828119465699  
46433649006084096
```


How big can a Python integer be?

10443888814131525066917527107166243825799642490473837803842334832839
 53907971557456848826811934997558340890106714439262837987573438185793
 60726323608785136527794595697654370999834036159013438371831442807001
 18559462263763188393977127456723346843445866174968079087058037040712
 84048740118609114467977783598029006686938976881787785946905630190260
 9405995794534328234 169383555
 9885291486318237914 084170616
 7509366833385055103 **There is no limit!** 825837188
 0918336567512213184 449219461
 70238065059132456108257518555800870080221028542701970982025131690176
 78006675195485079921636419370285375124784014907159135459982790513399
 6115517942711068311340905842728842797915548497829543235345
 9061394905987693002122963395687782878948440616007412945674 **Except for**
 7164237715481632138063104590291613692670834285644073044789 **machine**
 4657634732238502672530598997959960907994692017746248177184 **memory**
 9250178329070473119433165550807568221846571746373296884912
 57002440926616910874148385078411929804522981857338977648103126085903
 00130241346718972667321649151113160292078173803343609024380470834040
 3154190336

Floating point numbers

\mathbb{R} 1.0
0.3333333333
3.14159265
2.71828182

Basic operations

```
>>> 20.0 + 5.0
```

```
25.0
```

```
>>> 20.0 - 5.0
```

```
15.0
```

```
>>> 20.0 * 5.0
```

```
100.0
```

```
>>> 20.0 / 5.0
```

```
4.0
```

```
>>> 20.0 ** 5.0
```

```
3200000.0
```

Equivalent to integer arithmetic

Floating point imprecision

```
>>> 1.0 / 3.0
```

```
0.3333333333333333
```

```
>>> 10.0 / 3.0
```

```
3.3333333333333335
```

If you are relying on
this last decimal place,
you are doing it wrong!

≈ **17** significant figures

How big can a Python float be? — 1

```
>>> 65536.0**2  
4294967296.0
```

So far, so good.

```
>>> 4294967296.0**2  
1.8446744073709552e+19
```

Switch to
“scientific notation”

1.8446744073709552 e+19

1.8446744073709552 $\times 10^{19}$

Floats are not exact

```
>>> 4294967296.0**2
1.8446744073709552e+19
```

Floating point

```
>>> 4294967296**2
18446744073709551616
```

Integer

$1.8446744073709552 \times 10^{19}$  18446744073709552000

- 18446744073709551616

How big can a Python float be? — 2

```
>>> 1.8446744073709552e+19**2  
3.402823669209385e+38
```

```
>>> 3.402823669209385e+38**2  
1.157920892373162e+77
```

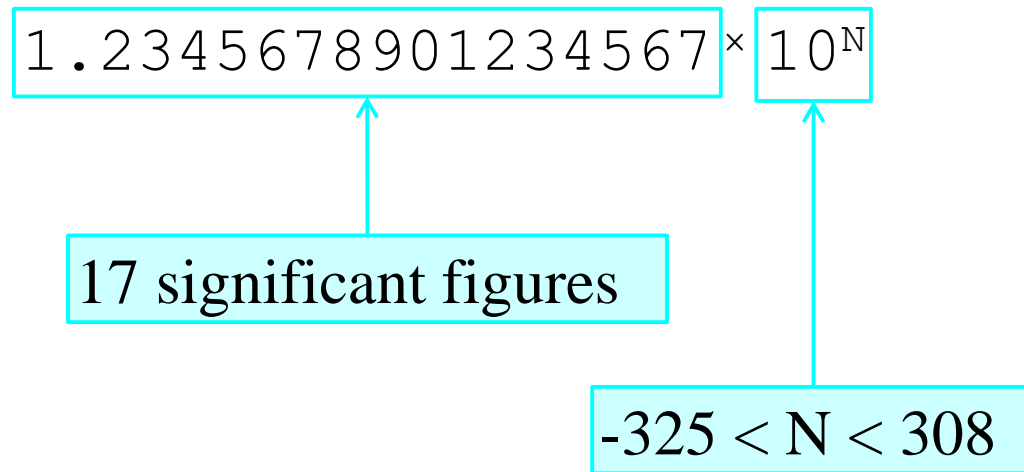
```
>>> 1.157920892373162e+77**2  
1.3407807929942597e+154
```

So far, so good.

```
>>> 1.3407807929942597e+154**2  
OverflowError: (34,  
'Numerical result out of range')
```

Too big!

Floating point limits



Positive values:

$$4.94065645841 \times 10^{-324} < N < 8.98846567431 \times 10^{307}$$

Scientific notation

Scientific notation is a convenient way of expressing very large or very small numbers.

General form:

$aen = a \times 10^n$, where a is a float and n is an integer.

Examples:

$$3e8 = 3 \times 10^8$$

$$9.109e-19 = 9.109 \times 10^{-19}$$

Exercise: In the Interactive Python Terminal, try these instructions and write what each instruction does. First example already done

```
1 x = 1 # we define x=1
2 y = x + 3
3 z=4+10**-5
4 zbis = 4+1e-5
5 print x , y , z , zbis
6 z-zbis
7 institute='UCL'
8 institutebis="UCL"
9 print institute , institutebis
10 print (institute+" "+institutebis)
11 y+institute
12 y*institute
13 x==1
14 x==2
15 x<>2
16 type (x)
17 del x
18 x
19 range?
20 x = range(5)
21 print x
```

Exercise: Write this small program in a script and write in comment what will be the type and the value of the variables x_1 ; x_2 ; x_3 and x_4 after executing this code:

```
1 a = 1.  
2 b = 2.  
3 m = 1  
4 n = 2  
5  
6 x1 = a/b  
7 x2 = m/n  
8 x3 = m/b  
9 x4 = a/n
```

Validate your results using the instruction `type(variable)`

More notes on integers

```
In [1]: int(3.4)
```

```
Out[1]: 3
```

```
In [2]: int(3.9)
```

```
Out[2]: 3
```

```
In [3]: int(round(3.4))
```

```
Out[3]: 3
```

```
In [4]: int(round(3.9))
```

```
Out[4]: 4
```

```
In [5]: round?
```

```
Type:          builtin_function_or_method
```

```
String form: <built-in function round>
```

```
Namespace:     Python builtin
```

```
Docstring:
```

```
round(number[, ndigits]) -> floating point number
```

```
Round a number to a given precision in decimal digits (default 0 digits).  
This always returns a floating point number. Precision may be negative.
```

```
In [6]: round(3.2399817,6)
```

```
Out[6]: 3.239982
```

Variables

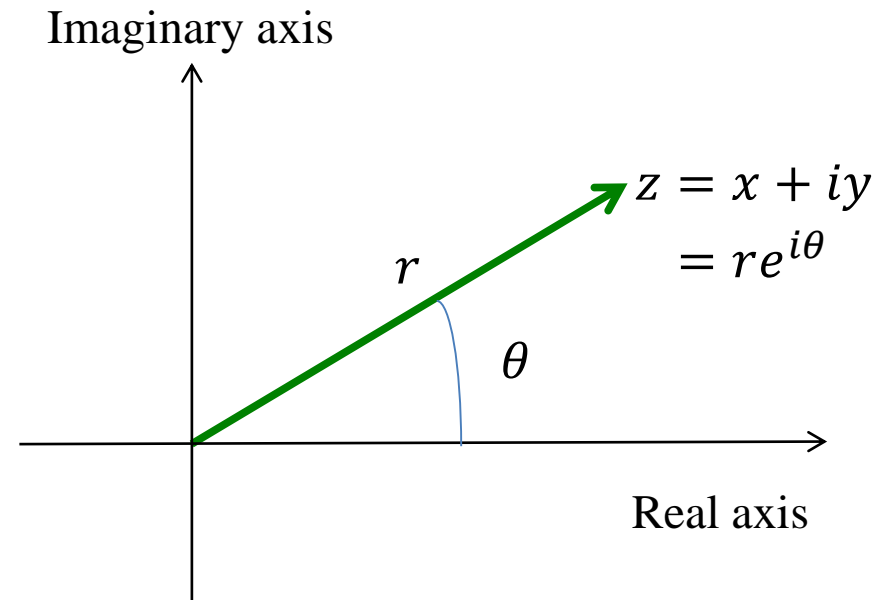
In programming languages generally, a variable name represents a value of a given type (int, float, etc.) stored in a fixed memory location. The value of a variable can be changed but not the variable type. This is not the case in Python where variables are *typed dynamically* as illustrated below

```
>>> x=3          # x is of type int
>>> print x
3
>>> x=x*2.0      # Now x is of type float
>>> print x
6.0
>>> _
```

Complex numbers \mathbb{C}

Python has all the functions to manipulate complex numbers.

In Python $j = \sqrt{-1}$



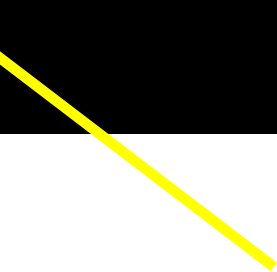
```
>>> sqrt(-4)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'sqrt' is not defined
>>> _
```

$$z = \operatorname{Re}(z) + \operatorname{Im}(z)j$$

cmath library

```
In [2]: from cmath import *
```

```
>>> print(sqrt(-4))  
2j  
>>>
```



This now makes use of all functions related to complex numbers. Gives the correct value of $-2i$

Calculations in \mathbb{C}

We now have all the functions to manipulate complex numbers.

```
In [3]: (1+j)+(2+3j)
```

```
-----
NameError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-3-fa9966baf380> in <module>()
----> 1 (1+j)+(2+3j)
```

```
NameError: name 'j' is not defined
```

Now try the following

```
In [4]: (1+1j)+(2+3j)
```

```
Out[4]: (3+4j)
```

ℂ Operations in Python

```
In [7]: print (1-2j)*(3+4j) # multiplication  
(11-2j)
```

```
In [10]: print (1+2j)/(1-2j) # division  
(-0.6+0.8j)
```

```
In [11]: (2+3j)**2 #squaring a complex number  
Out[11]: (-5+12j)
```

-

```
In [17]: sqrt(1j)  
Out[17]: (0.7071067811865476+0.7071067811865475j)
```

Other ways of handling \mathbb{C}

Complex number $z = x + iy$ can also be expressed as a two-tuple $z = (x, y)$ using `complex(x, y)`

$z_1 = 2 + 3i$ is written as `complex(2, 3)`

$z_2 = i$ is written as `complex(0, 1)`

$z_3 = 1$ is written as `complex(1, 0)`

```
>>> z1=complex(2,3)
>>> z2=complex(0,1)
>>> print z1+z2
(2+4j)
>>>
```

```
>>> print sqrt(z2)
(0.707106781187+0.707106781187j)
```

More operations in \mathbb{C} -1

The length of z is the modulus given by

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

In Python the one parameter, absolute function written

`abs (. .)`

gives the modulus of a complex number.

```
In [9]: z=complex(2,3)
```

```
In [10]: print abs(z) # mod z  
3.60555127546
```

```
In [11]: |
```

More operations in \mathbb{C} -2

The argument of z , written $\arg(z)$ is the angle between $z(x, y)$ and the real axis where

$$\arg(z) = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

The one parameter function

`phase (. .)`

gives the argument in radians. The principal value is given, i.e. $-\pi \leq \arg(z) \leq \pi$.

```
In [12]: phase(complex(0,1))  
Out[12]: 1.5707963267948966
```

More operations in \mathbb{C} -3

Converting complex numbers from Cartesian (x, y) to polar form (r, θ) is a fairly straightforward mathematical exercise. How is this done in Python?

A single argument function

`polar(...)` $\longrightarrow (r, \theta)$; $r = |z|$ and $\theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$

- `polar(x+yj)`
- `polar(complex(...))`

```
In [13]: polar(0+1j)
Out[13]: (1.0, 1.5707963267948966)
```

```
In [14]: polar(complex(0,1))
Out[14]: (1.0, 1.5707963267948966)
```

Exercise

Evaluate and print out the following calculations:

1. $223 \div 71$

2. $(1 + 1/10)^{10}$

3. $(1 + 1/100)^{100}$

4. $(1 + 1/1000)^{1000}$

Comparisons – Truth and Falsehood

```
>>> 6 < 10
```

Asking the question

```
True
```



```
>>> 6 > 10
```

Asking the question

```
False
```



```
>>> 5 == 10
```

```
False
```

5 equal to 10?

```
>>> 6 <> 10
```

```
True
```

6 is not equal to 10?

True & False

```
>>> type(True)
```

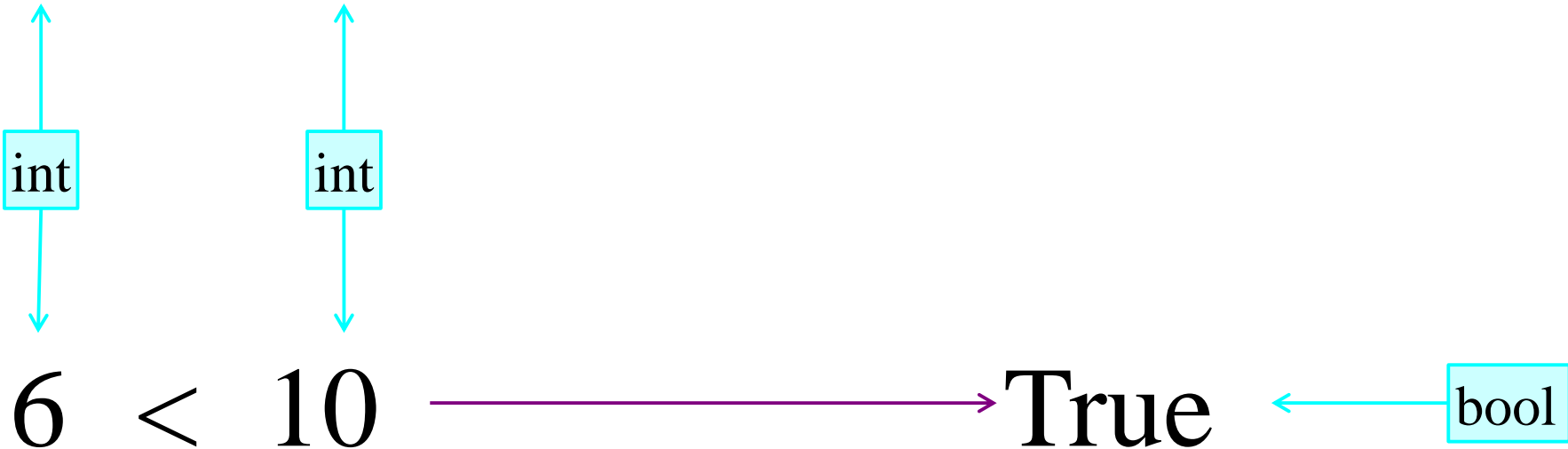
```
<type 'bool'>
```



6 + 10 → 16



6 < 10 → True



Check on type

```
In [1]: type(True)
```

```
Out[1]: bool
```

```
In [2]: type("Greetings")
```

```
Out[2]: str
```

```
In [3]: type(-5)
```

```
Out[3]: int
```

```
In [4]: type(3.14)
```

```
Out[4]: float
```

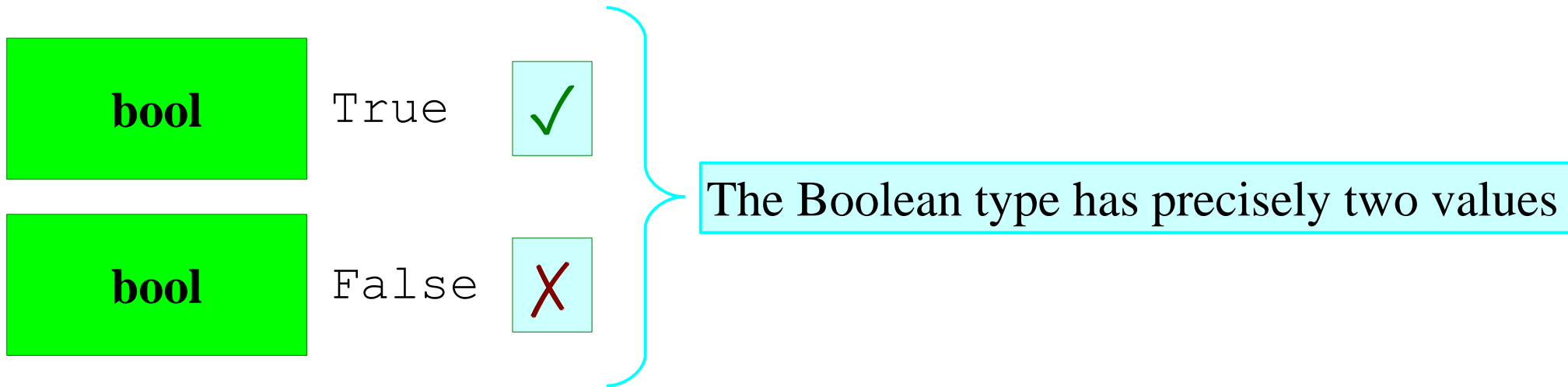
```
In [5]: type(3-4j)
```

```
Out[5]: complex
```

Examples

```
>>> type(pi)
<type 'float'>
>>> type(3<>4)
<type 'bool'>
>>> type((2+4j)**2)
<type 'complex'>
>>> type(2+12)
<type 'int'>
>>> type(3==3)
<type 'bool'>
>>>
```

True & False




Six comparison operators

Maths	Python	Meaning
$=$	<code>==</code>	equals
\neq	<code>!=</code> <code><></code>	not equal to
$<$	<code><</code>	less than
$>$	<code>></code>	greater than
\leq	<code><=</code>	less than or equal
\geq	<code>>=</code>	greater than or equal

“Syntactic sugar”

A common question in maths: $x \in [a, b]$?

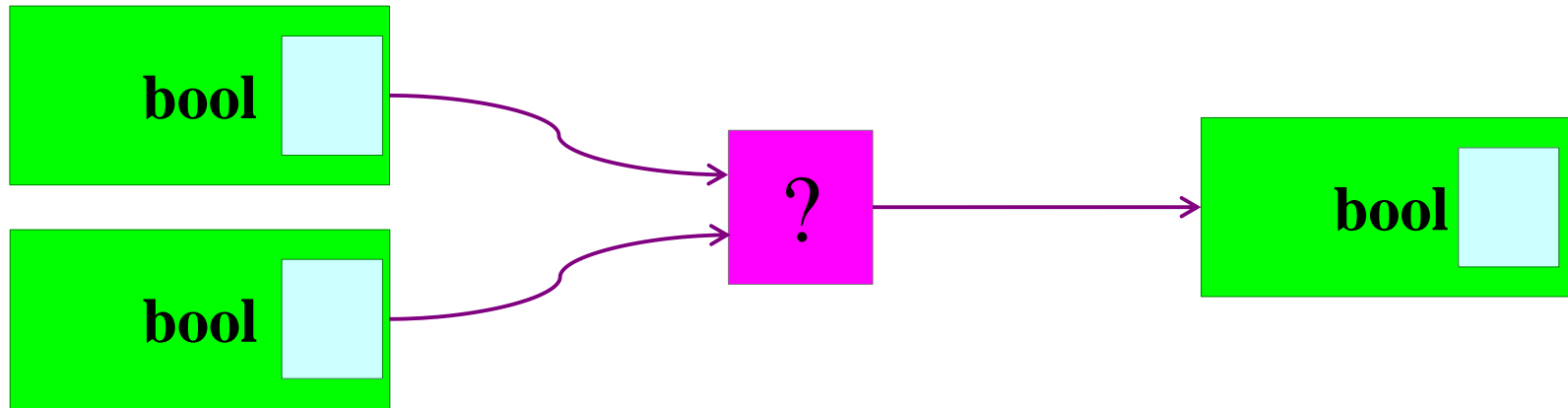
		<code>0 < number</code>
<code>0 < number < 10</code>		<code>and</code>
		<code>number < 10</code>

```
>>> number = 4
```

```
>>> 0 < number < 10
```

```
True
```

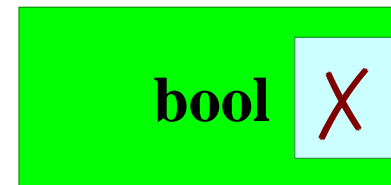
Boolean operations



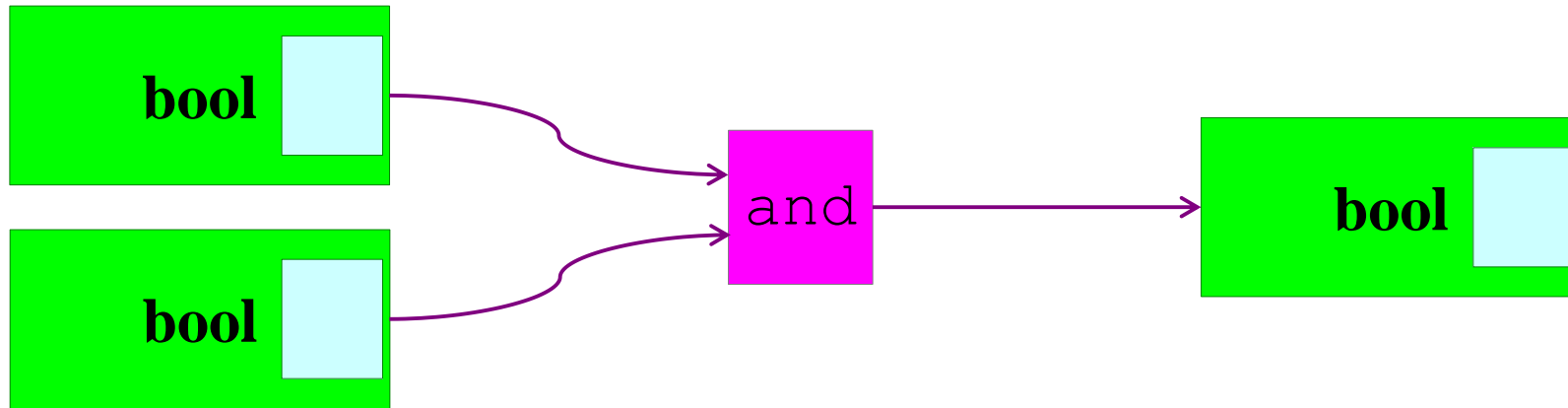
Numbers have arithmetic operations $+$, $-$, $*$...



What operations do Booleans have?



Boolean operations — “and”



True and True \longrightarrow True

True and False \longrightarrow False

False and True \longrightarrow False

False and False \longrightarrow False

Both have to be True

and is a strong condition

Boolean operations — “and”

Examples:

```
>>> 5 < 10 and 6 < 8
```

```
True
```

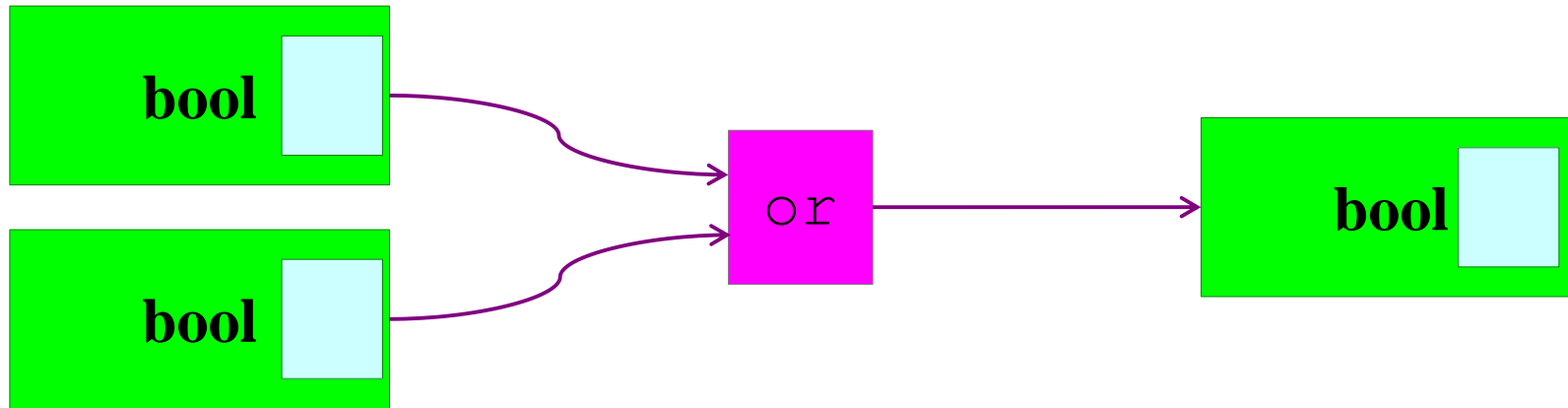
5 < 10 → True
6 < 8 → True
and → True

```
>>> 5 < 10 and 6 > 8
```

```
False
```

5 < 10 → True
6 > 8 → False
and → False

Boolean operations — “or”



True or True \longrightarrow True

True or False \longrightarrow True

False or True \longrightarrow True

False or False \longrightarrow False

At least
one has
to be True

Weaker
condition than
and

Boolean operations — “or”

```
>>> 5 < 10 or 6 < 8
```

```
True
```

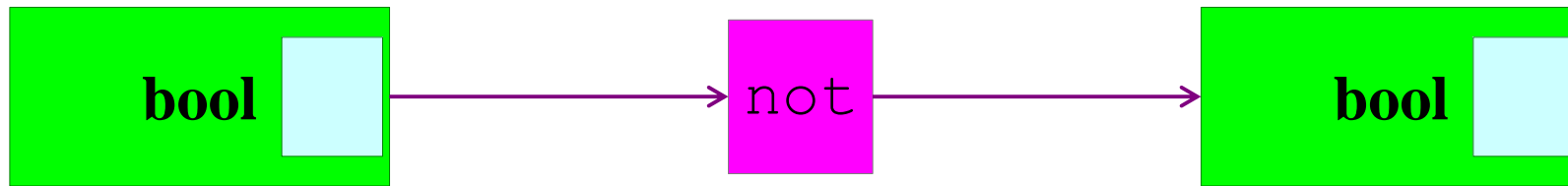
5 < 10 → True
6 < 8 → True
or → True

```
>>> 5 < 10 or 6 > 8
```

```
True
```

5 < 10 → True
6 > 8 → False
or → True

Boolean operations — “not”



not True → False

not False → True

Boolean operations — “not”

```
>>> not 6 < 7
```

$6 < 7 \rightarrow \text{True} \text{ —not—} \rightarrow \text{False}$

```
False
```

```
>>> not 6 > 7
```

$6 > 7 \rightarrow \text{False} \text{ —not—} \rightarrow \text{True}$

```
True
```

“Order of precedence”

The precedence of logical operators is even lower than that of comparison operators.

First	$x^{**}y$	$-x$	$+x$	$x\%y$	x/y	$x*y$	$x-y$	$x+y$
	$x==y$	$x!=y$	$x>=y$	$x>y$	$x<=y$	$x<y$		
	$\text{not } x$	$x \text{ and } y$	$x \text{ or } y$	Last				

Summary

Comparisons

`== != < > <= >=`

Numerical comparison

`5 < 7`

Alphabetical ordering

`'dig' < 'dug'`

Booleans

`True False`

Boolean operators

`and or not`

Order of precedence

Exercise

Predict whether these expressions will evaluate to `True` or `False`.
Then try them.

1. `'sparrow' > 'eagle'`

2. `'dog' < 'Cat' or 45 % 3 == 15`

3. `60 - 45 / 5 + 10 == 1`

Exercise

Predict the outcome in the following numerical examples and then run

Expression:

`(6 <= 6) and (5 < 3)`

`(6 <= 6) or (5 < 3)`

`(5 != 6)`

`(5 < 3) and (6 <= 6) or (5 != 6)`

`(5 < 3) and ((6 <= 6) or (5 != 6))`

`not((5 < 3) and ((6 <= 6) or (5 != 6)))`

“Syntactic sugar”

$a += b$

$a = a + b$

$a -= b$

$a = a - b$

$a *= b$

$a = a * b$

$a /= b$

$a = a / b$

$a **= b$

$a = a ** b$

$a \% = b$

$a = a \% b$

Deleting a name

```
>>> print(value)
```

```
10
```

Known
variable

```
>>> del value
```

```
>>> print(thing)
```

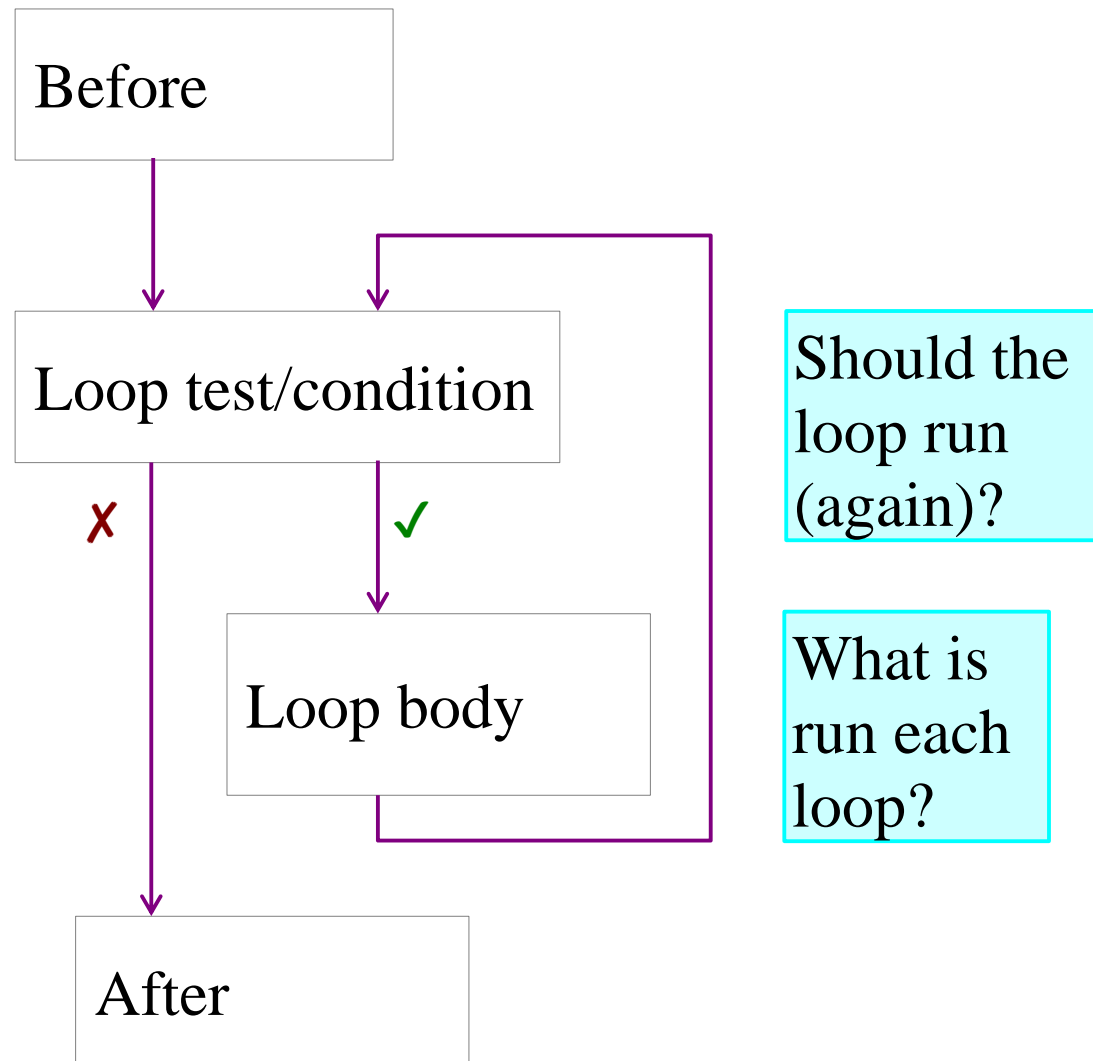
```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

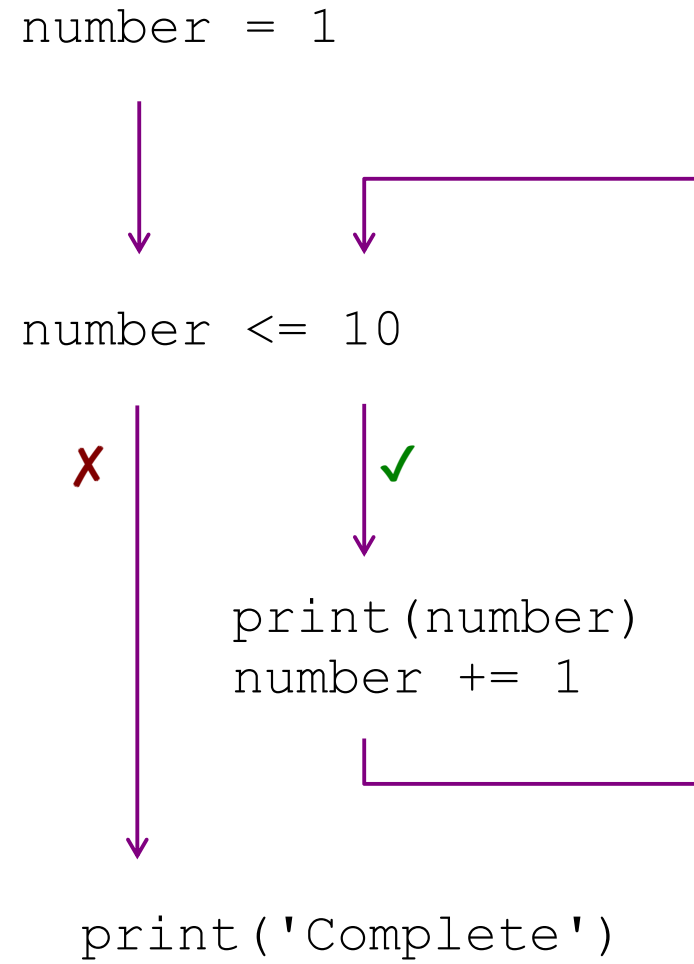
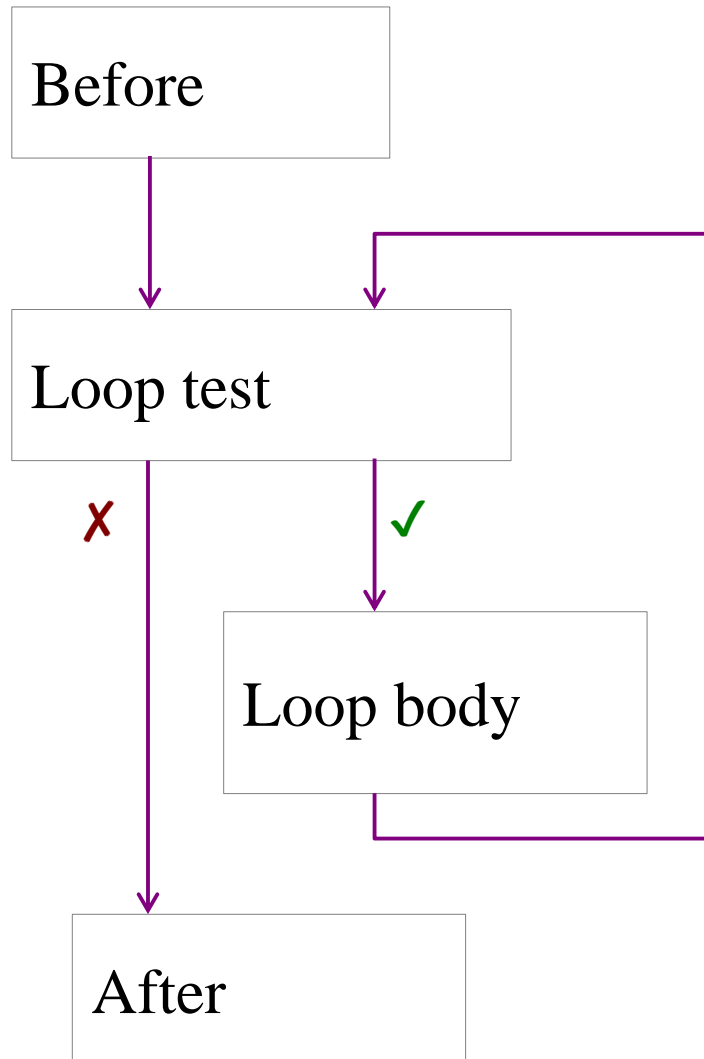
```
NameError: name 'thing' is not defined
```

Unknown
variable

Loops – The mechanics



Loop example: Count from 1 to 10



Loop example: Count from 1 to 10

```
number = 1
```

keyword

```
while number <= 10 :
```

```
    print(number)
    number += 1
```

```
print('Done!')
```

```
number = 1
```

```
number <= 10
```

X

✓

```
print(number)
number += 1
```

```
print('Done!')
```

Loop test: Count from 1 to 10

```
number = 1
```

```
while number <= 10 :
```

“while” keyword

loop test

colon

```
    print(number)
    number += 1
```

```
print('Done!')
```

A loop becomes an infinite loop if a condition never becomes FALSE. Use caution with while loops.

Loop body: Count from 1 to 10

```
number = 1
```

```
while number <= 10 :
```

```
    print(number)  
    number += 1
```

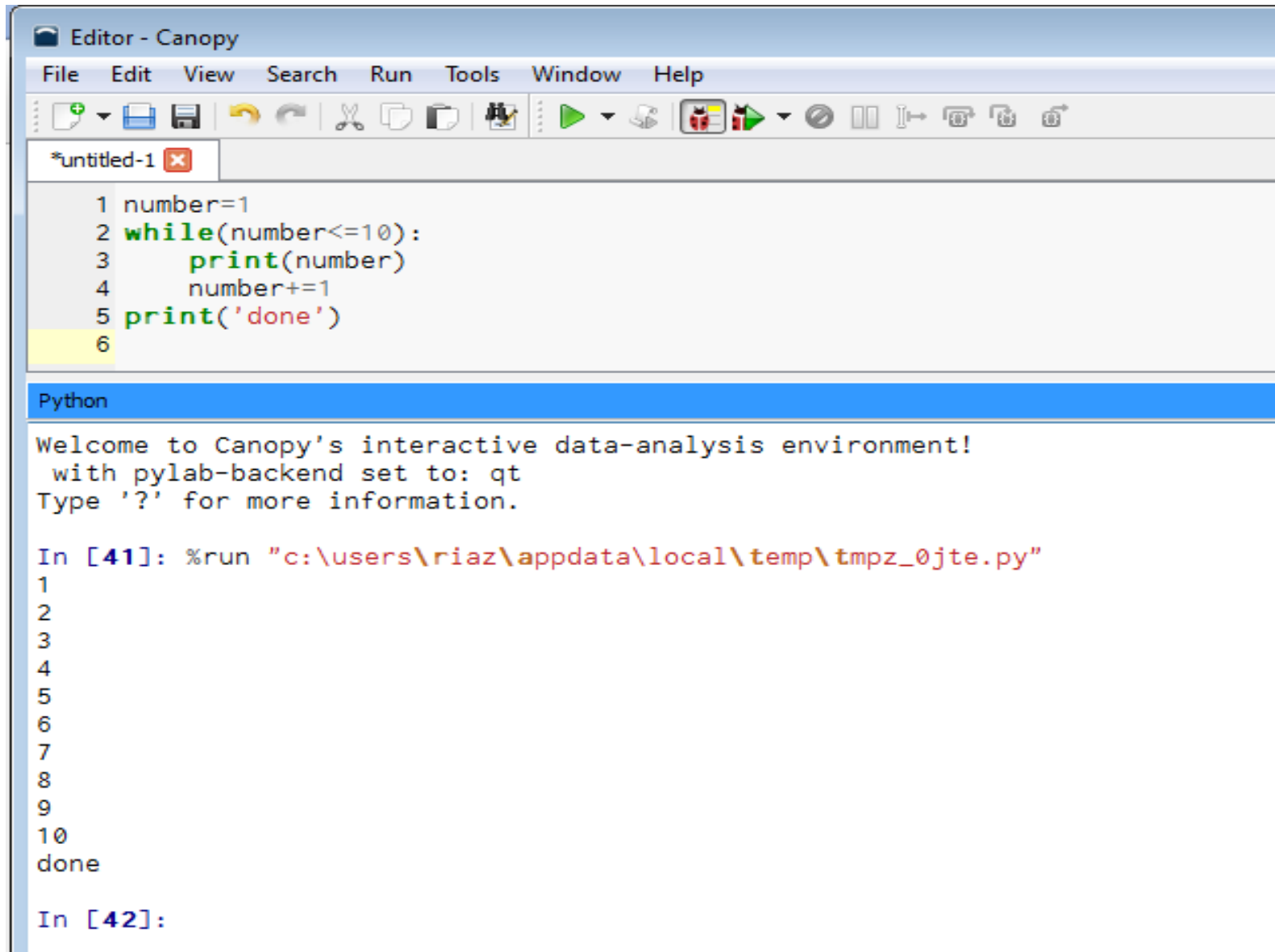
loop body

Four spaces' indentation indicate a “block” of code.

```
print('Done!')
```

The first unindented line marks the end of the block.

Loop example: Code and output



The screenshot shows the Canopy IDE interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Search, Run, Tools, Window, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons for file operations and execution. The main editor window displays a Python script in a file named *untitled-1. The script consists of six lines: line 1 sets 'number' to 1; line 2 starts a 'while' loop that continues as long as 'number' is less than or equal to 10; line 3 prints the current value of 'number'; line 4 increments 'number' by 1; line 5 prints the string 'done'; and line 6 is an empty line. The script is executed, and the output is shown in the Python console at the bottom. The console displays a welcome message from Canopy, followed by the execution of the script (In [41]: %run ...), which produces the output: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and done. The prompt for the next input (In [42]:) is also visible.

```
Editor - Canopy
File Edit View Search Run Tools Window Help
*untitled-1
1 number=1
2 while(number<=10):
3     print(number)
4     number+=1
5 print('done')
6

Python
Welcome to Canopy's interactive data-analysis environment!
with pylab-backend set to: qt
Type '?' for more information.

In [41]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmpz_0jte.py"
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
done

In [42]:
```

For Loop for summing: code and output

```
1 n=input('Enter an upper limit: ')
2 sum=0
3 for n in range(1,n+1):
4     sum = sum + n**2
5     print n, sum
```

Python

```
In [71]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmp00rtkg.py"
```

Enter an upper limit 5

```
1 1
2 5
3 14
4 30
5 55
```

Keep looping while ... ?

uncertainty > tolerance

```
while uncertainty > tolerance :
```

```
    _ _ _ Do stuff.
```

```
    _ _ _ _
```

```
    _ _ _ _
```

```
    _ _ _ _
```

The “for loop” for adding

```
numbers = [45, 76, -23, 90, 15]
```

```
sum = 0
```

Set up before the loop

```
for number in numbers :
```

```
    sum += number
```

Processing in the loop

```
print(sum)
```

Results after the loop

Lists

Lists are sequences of values, very similar to strings, except that each element can be of any type – they are *heterogeneous*. The syntax for creating a list is `[.....]` where each element is separated with a `,`

```
['American', 'Asian', 'Bermudan', 'Binary', .....
```

```
[3.141592653589793, 1.5707963267948966, 0.0]
```

```
[ 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19 ]
```

Programs usually don't operate on single values, but on whole collections of them.

What is a list?

Consider the first list on the previous slide (more lengthier)

American, Asian, Bermudan, Binary, Cliquet, Lookback, Parisian, Passport, ..., Vanilla

A sequence of values

The names of option's contracts

Values stored in order

Alphabetic

Individual value identified
by position in the sequence

“Binary” is the name of the
element number 3 in the list

Creating a list in Python

```
In [7]: primes = [2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31,  
....: 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59]
```

A *sequence* of values

The prime numbers
less than sixty

Values stored in order

Numerical order

Individual value identified
by position in the sequence

17 is the element number six

A list of irrationals

```
In [28]: irrational = [exp(1), sqrt(2), pi]
```

```
In [29]: print type(irrational)
<type 'list'>
```

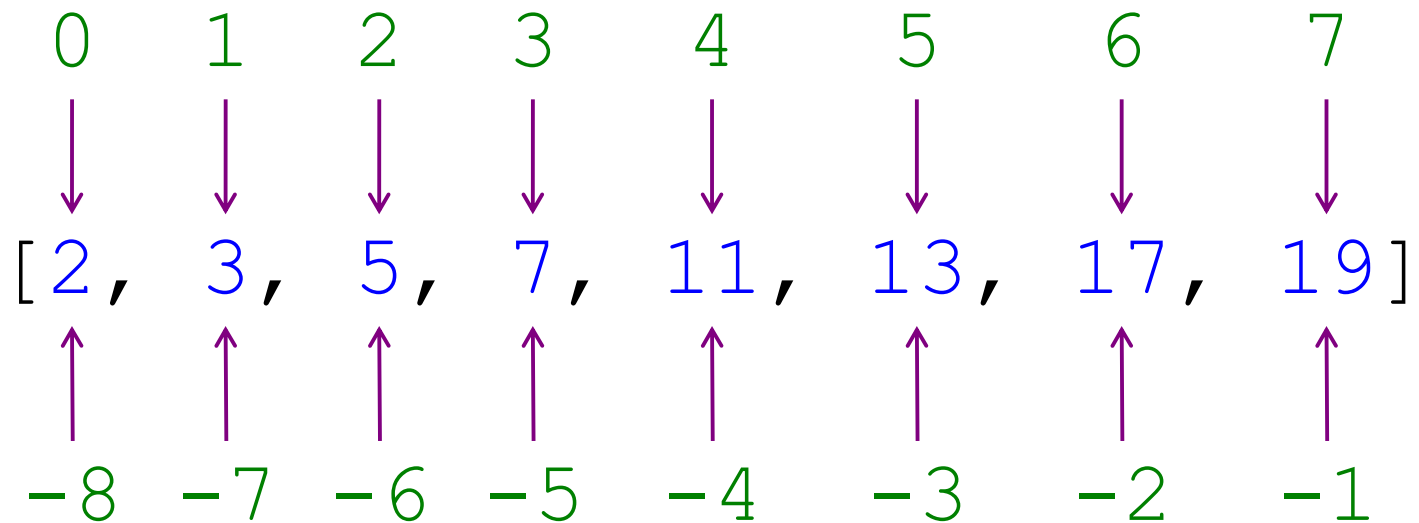
```
In [30]: print irrational
[2.7182818284590451, 1.4142135623730951, 3.141592653589793]
```

```
In [31]: irrational[1]=sqrt(12)
```

```
In [32]: print irrational
[2.7182818284590451, 3.4641016151377544, 3.141592653589793]
```


Counting from the end – indexing from the back

```
>>> primes = [ 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19]
```



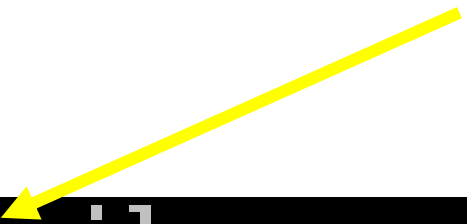
getting at the last item

```
>>> primes[-1]
```

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Elements in a list can differ in <type>

4 elements of type int, float, character, float in turn



```
>>> l=[1,3.2,'h',pi]
>>> print type(l)
<type 'list'>
>>> l[0]='Riaz'
>>> print l
['Riaz', 3.2, 'h', 3.141592653589793]
```



First element in list changed to a string

Inserting element using list methods

List methods are an alternative, more readable way of inserting elements.

`append()` adds an element to the end of a list:

```
In [1]: b = [0.1, 0.2]
```

```
In [2]: b.append(0.9)
```

```
In [3]: b
```

```
Out[3]: [0.1, 0.2, 0.9]
```

`extend()` appends all elements of another list:

```
In [4]: b.extend([7, 8])
```

```
In [5]: b
```

```
Out[5]: [0.1, 0.2, 0.9, 7, 8]
```

`insert(i, x)` inserts `x` before `ith` element:

```
In [6]: b.insert(1, 5)
```

```
In [7]: b
```

```
Out[7]: [0.1, 5, 0.2, 0.9, 7, 8]
```

Further insertion using list methods

List methods are an alternative, more readable way of inserting elements.

`pop(i)` removes and returns the i^{th} element:

```
In [1]: b = [0.1, 0.2, 0.3]
```

```
In [2]: b.pop(1) # removes 0.2 from list and returns value
```

```
Out [2]: 0.2
```

```
In[3]: b
```

```
Out[3]: [0.1, 0.3]
```

If `pop()` is called with no arguments, it removes the last element of the list.

```
In [4]: b = [0.1, 0.2, 0.3]
```

```
In [5]: b.pop()
```

```
Out[5]: 0.3
```

```
In [6]: b
```

```
Out[6]: [0.1, 0.2]
```

```
In [4]: del b[0]
```

```
In [5]: b
```

```
Out[5]: [0.3]
```

Deletion from a list

The **del()** statement can be used to remove an element.

Using `b = [0.1, 0.2, 0.3]`

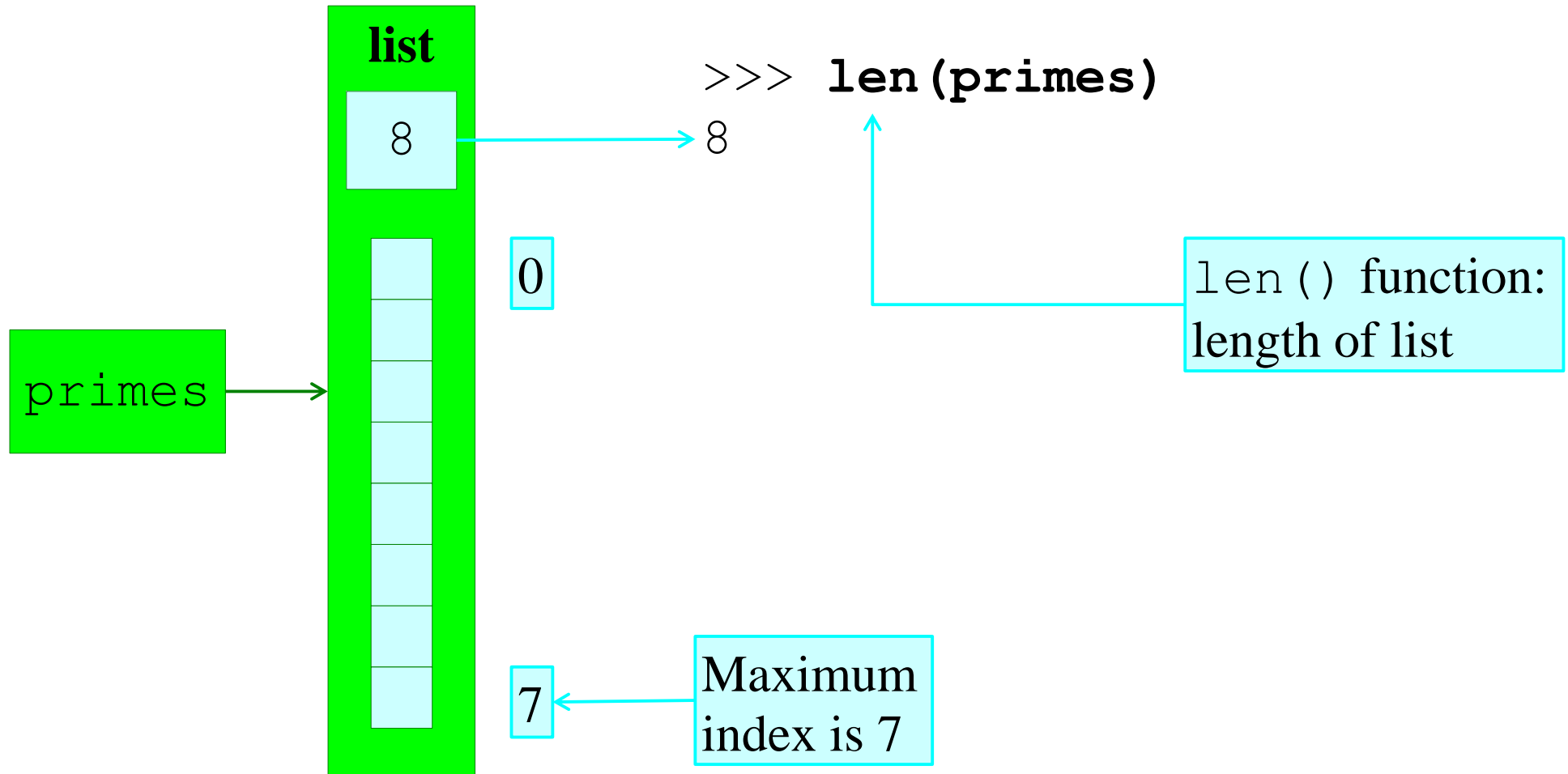
from the previous slide :

```
In [7]: del b[1]
```

```
In [8]: b
```

```
Out[8]: [0.1, 0.3]
```

Length of a list – use len



Tuples

Tuples are like lists, except that they cannot be modified once created, that is they are *immutable*. In Python, lists, are easily created using the syntax `(..., ..., ...)`, or even `..., ...:`

```
>>> point = (4,5)
>>> print(point,type(point))
<(4, 5), <type 'tuple'>>
```

```
>>> point = 4,5
>>> print(point,type(point))
<(4, 5), <type 'tuple'>>
```

```
>> point = (1, 'r', pi)
>> print(point,type(point))
<(1, 'r', 3.141592653589793), <type 'tuple'>>
```

Unpacking tuples

Tuples can be unpacked by assigning it to a comma-separated list of variables

```
1 point = 4, 5
2 x, y = point
3 print "x= ", x
4 print "y= ", y
```

Python

```
In [2]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmppwhndp.py"
x= 4
y= 5
```

Trying to assign a new value to an element in a tuple results in an error.

Simpler Tuples

To construct a **single-element** tuple, put an extra comma:

```
>>> cities = 'London',  
>>> type(cities)  
<type 'tuple'>  
>>> _
```

An empty tuple is denoted by **()**

```
>>> city = ()  
>>> type(city)  
<type 'tuple'>
```

Lists to Tuples

To **convert** a list to a tuple, use the function **tuple()**:

```
In [3]: stuff = [7, 'xyz']
```

```
In [4]: tuple(stuff)
```

```
Out[4]: (7, 'xyz')
```

```
In [5]: stuffs=tuple(stuff)
```

```
In [5]: print stuffs
```

```
Out [5]: (7, 'xyz')
```

Indexing and slicing

Indexing and slicing works as for lists:

```
In [1]: address = 'UK', 'London', 'WC1E  
6BT'
```

```
In [2]: address[1]
```

```
Out[2]: 'London'
```

```
In [3]: address[1][0:3]
```

```
Out[3]: 'Lon'
```

However assignment is not allowed. So e.g. the following is not allowed:

```
In [4]: address[2] = 'NW1 1AB'
```

Loops again!

In Python, loops can be programmed in a number of different ways. The most common is the `for` loop, which is used together with iterable objects, such as lists. The basic syntax is:

```
1 for x in [1,2,3]:  
2     print(x)
```

Python

```
In [5]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmpl195tj.py"
```

```
1  
2  
3
```

```
In [6]:
```

```
1 for x in [1,2,3]:  
2     y=2*x  
3     print(y)
```

Python

```
In [6]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmp21hgz1.py"
```

```
2  
4  
6
```

The `range()` function

It is tedious to write:

```
In [1]: a = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

This is shorter and equivalent:

```
In [2]: a = range(10)
```

range(n) returns the list of integers from 0 up to but not including n.

range(m, n) returns the list of integers from **m** up to but not including **n**:

```
In [3]: range(5, 10)
```

```
Out[3]: [5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

range(m, n, s) returns the list containing every s^{th} **integer** from **m** up to but not including **n**:

```
In [4]: range(4, 10, 2)
```

```
Out[4]: [4, 6, 8]
```

Iteration over integers I

A common use case of `range()` is iteration over lists of integers.

```
1 for i in range(5):  
2     print i, "**2=", i**2
```

Python

```
In [4]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmpmkt5qi.py"  
0 **2= 0  
1 **2= 1  
2 **2= 4  
3 **2= 9  
4 **2= 16
```

`range([start,] stop[, step])` -> list of integers

`print range(1,10,2)` prints out [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]

Iteration over integers II

```
1 for i in range(5):  
2     x=2*i  
3     y=i**2  
4     print i, x, y
```

Python

```
In [8]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmpo3s9d7.py"
```

```
0 0 0
```

```
1 2 1
```

```
2 4 4
```

```
3 6 9
```

```
4 8 16
```

Note range (5) does not include 5

Iteration over integers III

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```
1 for i in range(-3,3):  
2     print i
```

Python

```
In [9]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmpnbjcrp.py"  
-3  
-2  
-1  
0  
1  
2
```

Again note `range(3)` does not include 3

Iteration over integers IV

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Sometimes it is useful to have access to the indices of the values when iterating over a list. We can use the **enumerate** function for this:

```
1 for idx, x in enumerate(range(-3,3)):  
2     print idx, x
```

Python

```
In [11]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmpevgbzi.py"
```

```
0 -3  
1 -2  
2 -1  
3 0  
4 1  
5 2
```

Exercise

Track what is happening to this list at each stage. Do this initially by hand. After each line, work out what you think the numbers will be and then check by printing out.

```
>>> numbers = [5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 29, 31]
```

```
>>> numbers[1] = 3
```

```
>>> del numbers[3]
```

```
>>> numbers[3] = 37
```

```
>>> numbers[4] = numbers[5]
```

```
>>> numbers = [5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 29, 31]
```


Using the `append()` method

```
>>> print(primes)
```

```
[2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19]
```

```
>>> primes.append(23)
```

The function doesn't
return any value.



```
>>> primes.append(29)
```

```
>>> primes.append(31)
```

```
>>> primes.append(37)
```

It modifies
the list itself.



```
>>> print(primes)
```

```
[2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37]
```

Other methods on lists: `reverse()`

```
>>> numbers = [4, 7, 5, 1]
```

```
>>> numbers.reverse()
```

← The function doesn't return any value.

```
>>> print(numbers)
```

← It modifies the list itself.

```
[1, 5, 7, 4]
```

Other methods on lists: `sort()`

```
>>> numbers = [4, 7, 5, 1]
```

```
>>> numbers.sort()
```

← The function does not return the sorted list.

```
>>> print(numbers)
```

← It sorts the list itself.

```
[1, 4, 5, 7]
```

Numerical order.

Other methods on lists: `sort()`

```
>>> greek = ['alpha', 'delta', 'beta', 'gamma']
```

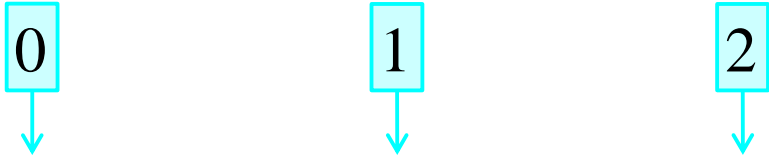
```
>>> greek.sort()
```

```
>>> print(greek)
```

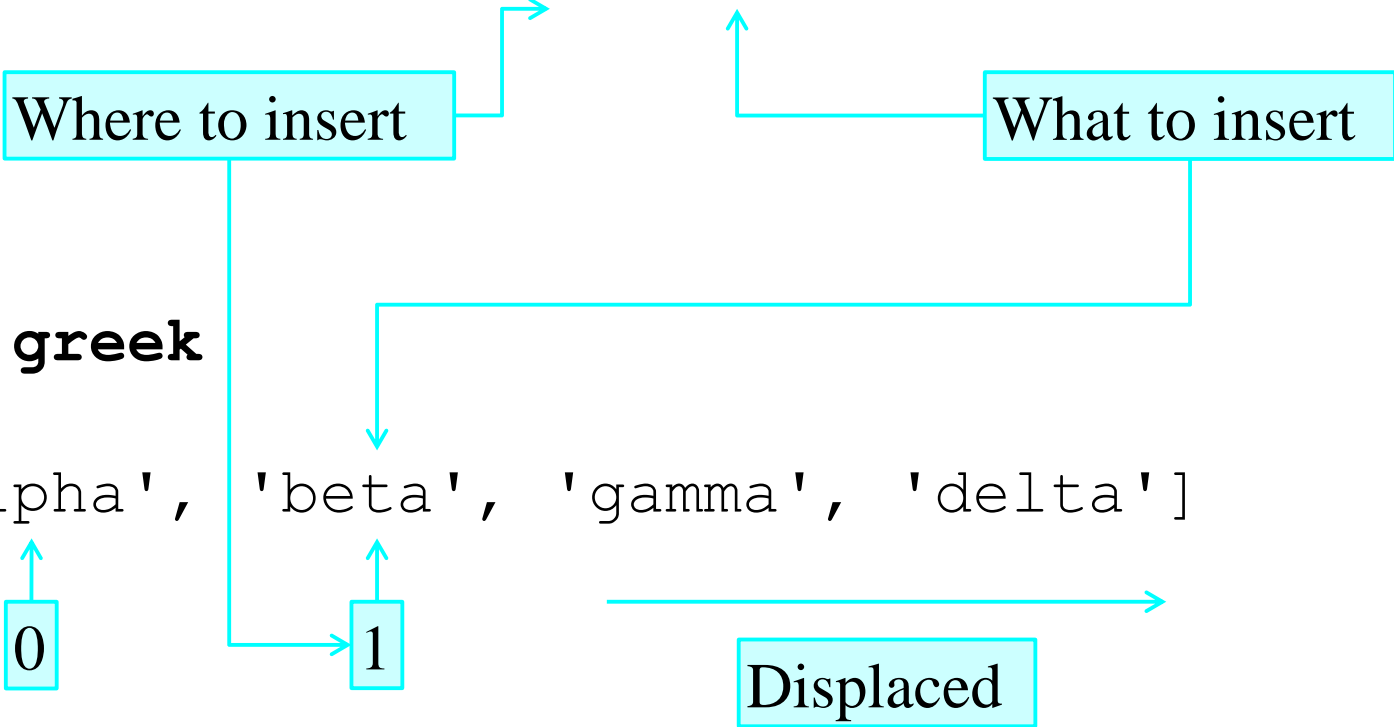
```
['alpha', 'beta', 'delta', 'gamma']
```

Alphabetical order
of the *words*.

Other methods on lists: `insert()`


>>> `greek = ['alpha', 'gamma', 'delta']`


>>> `greek.insert(1, 'beta')`


>>> `greek`
`['alpha', 'beta', 'gamma', 'delta']`
`Displaced`

Other methods on lists: `remove()`

```
>>> numbers = [7, 4, 8, 7, 2, 5, 4]
```

```
>>> numbers.remove(8)
```



Value to remove

```
>>> print(numbers)
```

```
[7, 4, 7, 2, 5, 4]
```



c.f. `del numbers[2]`

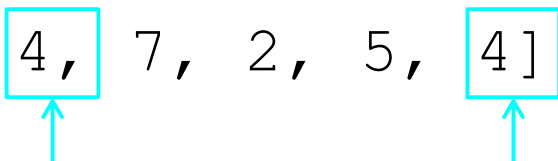


Index to remove

Other methods on lists: `remove()`

```
>>> print(numbers)
```

```
[7, 4, 7, 2, 5, 4]
```

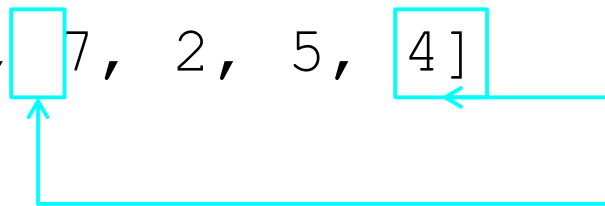


There are two instances of 4.

```
>>> numbers.remove(4)
```

```
>>> print(numbers)
```

```
[7, 7, 2, 5, 4]
```



Only the first instance is removed

Adding to a list : “+”

```
>>> primes
```

```
[2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19]
```

Concatenation
operator

List to add

```
>>> primes + [23, 29, 31]
```

[2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31]

Concatenation

Create a new list




```
>>> newlist = primes + [23, 29, 31]
```

Update the list



```
>>> primes = primes + [23, 29, 31]
```

Augmented assignment



```
>>> primes += [23, 29, 31]
```

Is an item in a list? — 1

```
>>> odds = [3, 5, 7, 9]
```

Does not include 2

```
>>> odds.remove(2)
```

Try to remove 2

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

Hard error

```
File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
ValueError: list.remove(x): x not in list
```

x must be in the list before it can be removed



Is an item in a list? — 2

```
>>> odds = [3, 5, 7, 9]
```

```
>>> 2 in odds
```

```
False
```

```
>>> 3 in odds
```

```
True
```

```
>>> 2 not in odds
```

```
True
```

Precedence

First

$x^{**}y$ $-x$ $+x$ $x\%y$ x/y $x*y$ $x-y$ $x+y$

$x==y$ $x!=y$ $x>=y$ $x>y$ $x<=y$ $x<y$

$x \text{ not in } y$ $x \text{ in } y$

$\text{not } x$ $x \text{ and } y$ $x \text{ or } y$

Last

The list now contains
every operator we
meet in this course.

Ranges of numbers again

via `list()`

`range(10)` \longrightarrow `[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]`

Start at 0

`range(3, 10)` \longrightarrow `[3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]`

`range(3, 10, 2)` \longrightarrow `[3, 5, 7, 9]`

Every n^{th} number

`range(10, 3, -2)` \longrightarrow `[10, 8, 6, 4]`

Negative steps

Indices of lists

```
>>> primes = [ 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19]
```

```
>>> len(primes)
```

8



```
>>> list(range(8))
```

[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7] ← valid indices

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
[2	, 3	, 5	, 7	, 11	, 13	, 17	, 19]

Tuples as single objects — 1

```
>>> x = 20
```

```
>>> type(x)
```

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

```
>>> y = 3.14
```

```
>>> type(y)
```

```
<class 'float'>
```

```
>>> z = (20, 3.14) ← One name → Pair of values
```

```
>>> type(z)
```

```
<class 'tuple'> ← A single object
```

Tuples as single objects — 2

```
>>> z = (20, 3.14)
```

```
>>> print(z)
```

```
(20, 3.14)
```

```
>>> w = z
```



```
>>> print(w)
```

```
(20, 3.14)
```

Splitting up a tuple

```
>>> print(z)
```

```
(20, 3.14)
```

```
>>> (a,b) = z
```

Two names → Single tuple

```
>>> print(a)
```

```
20
```

```
>>> print(b)
```

```
3.14
```

How tuples are like lists

```
>>> z = (20, 3.14)
```

```
>>> z[1] ← Indices
```

```
3.14
```

```
>>> len(z) ← Length
```

```
2
```

```
>>> z + (10, 2.17) ← Concatenation
```

```
(20, 3.14, 10, 2.17)
```

How tuples are *not* like lists

```
>>> z = (20, 3.14)
```

```
>>> z[0] = 10
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>  
TypeError: 'tuple' object does not  
support item assignment
```

“Immutable”



Additional downloadable modules

Numerical

numpy

scipy

Graphics

matplotlib

Databases

pyodbc

psycopg2

PostgreSQL

MySQLdb

MySQL

cx_oracle

Oracle

ibm_db

DB2

pymssql

SQL Server

Finding modules



Python: Built-in modules



SciPy: **Scientific Python** modules



PyPI: **Python Package Index**



Search: “Python3 module for X”

Help with modules

```
>>> import math
```

```
>>> help(math)
```

NAME

math

DESCRIPTION

This module is always available. It provides access to the mathematical functions defined by the C standard.

...

Help with module functions

...

FUNCTIONS

`acos(x)`

Return the arc cosine (measured in radians) of x.

...

```
>>> math.acos(1.0)
```

```
0.0
```

Help with module constants

...

DATA

`e = 2.718281828459045`

`pi = 3.141592653589793`

...

```
>>> math.pi
```

```
3.141592653589793
```

Functions

$$y = f(x)$$

Functions we have met and will meet

`input(prompt)`

`bool(thing)`

`len(thing)`

`float(thing)`

`open(filename, mode)`

`int(thing)`

`print(line)`

`iter(list)`

`type(thing)`

`list(thing)`

`ord(char)`

`range(from, to, stride)`

`chr(number)`

`str(thing)`

Not that many!

“The Python Way”:
If it is appropriate to an object,
make it a method of that object.

Why write our own functions?

Easier to ...

... read

... write

... test

... fix

... improve

... add to

... develop

“Structured
programming”

Defining a function

$$(y_1, y_2, y_3) = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$$

Identify the inputs

Identify the processing

Identify the outputs

User defined functions

We now write our own functions. A function in Python is defined using the keyword `def`, followed by a function name, a signature within parentheses (), and a colon :

The following code, with one additional level of indentation, is the function body.

```
1 def PrintThis(string): #basic syntax for function header
2     print(string) #function definition; note the indent
3
4 # main body. No indents here
5 PrintThis("hello world") # function call with parameter
```

```
In [1]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmpmba_yb.py"
hello world
```

```
In [2]: |
```

Writing a maths function

```
1 def factorial(n):  
2     factorial=1  
3     for n in range(1,n+1):  
4         factorial=factorial*n  
5     return factorial  
6  
7 n=input('enter an integer value: ')  
8 print n, ("factorial is"),factorial(n)  
9 print type(factorial(n))  
10
```

Python

```
In [42]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmppoyui8.py"
```

```
enter an integer value: 6  
6 factorial is 720  
<type 'int'>
```

```
In [43]: %run "c:\users\riaz\appdata\local\temp\tmpzjmg8t.py"
```

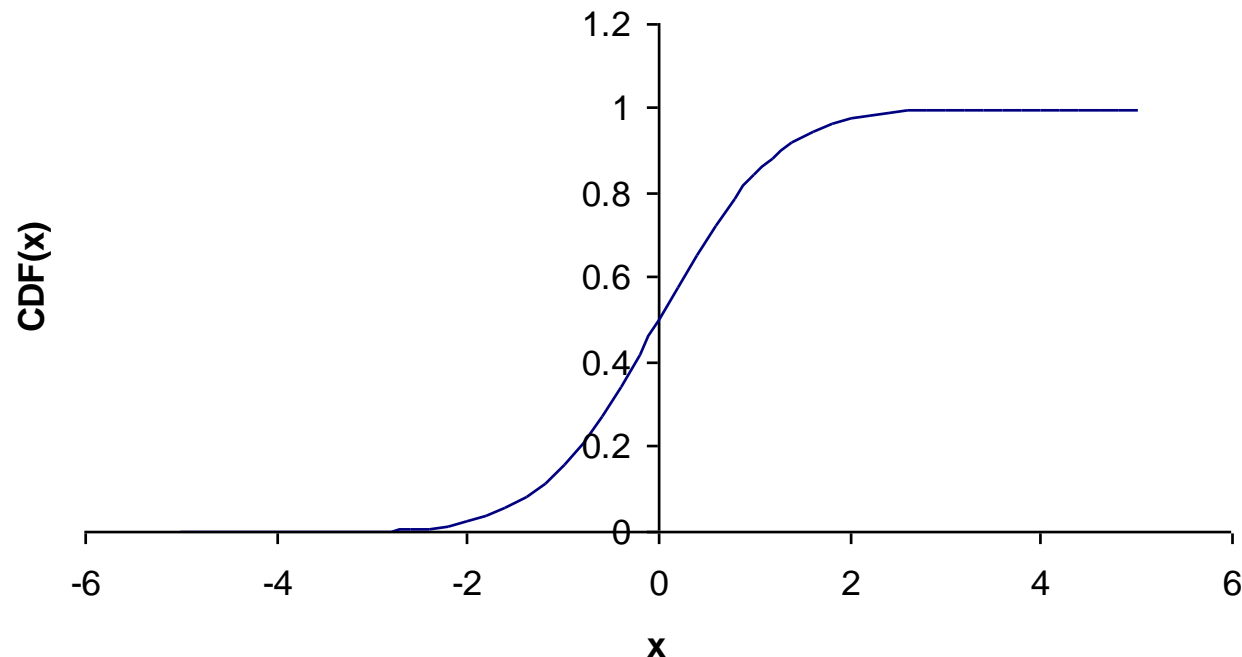
```
enter an integer value: 15  
15 factorial is 1307674368000  
<type 'long'>
```

```
In [44]:
```


Approximating a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

A random variable $X \sim N(0,1)$ has CDF

$$N(x) = Pr(X < x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{1}{2}s^2} ds$$



The Algorithm

We can approximate this improper integral by using the numerical scheme which is accurate to 6 decimal places

$$N(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - n(x)(a_1k + a_2k^2 + a_3k^3 + a_4k^4 + a_5k^5) & x \geq 0 \\ 1 - N(-x) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Where

$$k = \frac{1}{1+0.2316419x} \quad \text{and}$$

$$a_1=0.319381530, a_2=-0.356563782, a_3=1.781477937 \\ a_4=-1.821255978, a_5=1.330274429,$$

$$n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$$

```
1 from math import
2
3 # Cumulative normal distribution function
4 def CDF(X):
5     # define the constants
6     (a1,a2,a3,a4,a5) = (0.31938153, -0.356563782, 1.781477937, -1.821255978, 1.330274429)
7     x = abs(X)
8     k = 1.0/(1.0+0.2316419*x)
9     n = 1.0/sqrt(2.0*pi)*exp(-x*x/2.0)
10    N = 1.0-n*(a1*k+a2*k*k+a3*pow(k,3)+a4*pow(k,4)+a5*pow(k,5))
11    if X<0:
12        N = 1.0-N
13    return N
14 # ---- End of Function -----
15
16
17 # ---- MAIN BODY -----
18
19 X = input("Type in a real value\n") # Input RV from keyboard
20 print CDF(X)
21
22 #----- End of Program -----
```

Input from keyboard - revised

The function `raw_input()` can be used to request information from the user via the keyboard.

Example: inputting text



```
>>> name = raw_input("What's your name? ")
What's your name? Riaz
>>> print("Hello, "+name+"!")
Hello, Riaz!
>>>
```

More keyboard input - numerical

The function `input()` can be used to request information from the user via the keyboard.

Example: inputting numerical values



```
>>> r = input("enter the radius: ")
enter the radius: 2.0
>>> Area = pi*r**2
>>> print(Area)
12.5663706144
>>>
```

OPTION PRICER

```

1 from math import *
2 # Cumulative normal distribution function
3 def CDF(X):
4     # define the constants
5     (a1,a2,a3,a4,a5) = (0.31938153, -0.356563782, 1.781477937, -1.821255978, 1.330274429)
6     x = abs(X)
7     k = 1.0/(1.0+0.2316419*x)
8     n = 1.0/sqrt(2.0*pi)*exp(-x*x/2.0)
9     N = 1.0-n*(a1*k+a2*k*k+a3*pow(k,3)+a4*pow(k,4)+a5*pow(k,5))
10    if X<0:
11        N = 1.0-N
12    return N
13 # -----
14
15 def d1(stock,strike,r,sigma,tau):
16     Moneyness=log(float(stock)/strike,e) #remember to convert either to real
17     shift = r+0.5*sigma**2
18     d1=(Moneyness+shift*tau)/(sigma*sqrt(tau))
19
20     return d1
21
22
23 def d2(d1,sigma,tau):
24     d2=d1-sigma*sqrt(T-t)
25     return d2
26
27 def call_option(d1,d2,stock,strike,r,tau):
28     return stock*CDF(d1)-exp(-r*tau)*strike*CDF(d2)
29
30 def put_option(d1,d2,stock,strike,r,tau):
31     return -stock*CDF(-d1)+exp(-r*(T-t))*strike*CDF(-d2)
32
33 # ---- MAIN BODY -----
34
35 stock = input("Enter the stock price: ")
36 strike = input("Enter the strike price: ")
37 r = input("Enter the risk-free interest rate: ")
38 sigma = input("What is the volatility of stock returns? ")
39 T = input("Enter the option's expiry: ")
40 t = input("What is t? ")
41
42 tau = T-t
43 d1 = d1(stock,strike,r,sigma,tau)
44 d2 = d2(d1,sigma,tau)
45
46 print ("The call option value is,"), call_option(d1,d2,stock,strike,r,tau)
47 print ("The put option value is,"), put_option(d1,d2,stock,strike,r,tau)
48

```

Numpy

The numpy package is used in almost all numerical computation using Python. The package provides high-performance vector, matrix and higher-dimensional data structures for Python. Its flagship object is the powerful N – dimensional array

```
>>> from numpy import*
```

You can also use one or more of:

```
>>> from numpy.linalg import*
```

```
>>> from numpy.fft import*
```

```
>>> from numpy.random import*
```

and others

Arrays

The most basic numpy data type.

Matrices are specialised 2-D arrays.

Types int, float, complex forms available

Example: $a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

```
In [1]: a = array([[1,2],[3,4]])
```

```
In [2]: b = array([5,6])
```


```
In [3]: print a
```

```
[[1 2]
 [3 4]]
```

```
In [4]: print b
```

```
[5 6]
```

Vector displayed
in row form



Simple operations on arrays

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad c = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Example: } d = a \times b = \begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ 39 \end{bmatrix}; \quad d \cdot c = [17, 39] \cdot [3, 2] = 129$$

```
In [10]: a = array([[1,2],[3,4]])
In [11]: b = array([5,6])
In [12]: c = array([3,2])
In [13]: x=dot(a,b) # multiplying matrix a with vector b
In [14]: print x
[17 39]
In [15]: y=dot(x,c) # dot product between 2 vectors
In [16]: print y
129
In [17]: print a/a # dividing a matrix by itself
[[1 1]
 [1 1]]
```

Filling arrays with identical elements

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```
In [57]: zeros(3)
```

```
Out[57]: array([ 0.,  0.,  0.])
```

```
In [58]: zeros((2,2), complex)
```

```
Out[58]:  
array([[ 0.+0.j,  0.+0.j],  
       [ 0.+0.j,  0.+0.j]])
```

```
In [59]: ones((2,3))
```

```
Out[59]:  
array([[ 1.,  1.,  1.],  
       [ 1.,  1.,  1.]])
```

Filling arrays with random numbers

rand: random numbers uniformly distributed between 0 and 1

```
In [61]: from numpy import *  
  
In [62]: random.rand(2,4)  
Out[62]:  
array([[ 0.67453123,  0.93657846,  0.99895286,  
         0.92551777],  
       [ 0.94039688,  0.87847137,  0.72226492,  
        0.46458222]])
```

randn: Normal (Gaussian) distribution $N(0,1)$

```
In [63]: random.randn(2, 4)  
Out[63]:  
array([[ -0.08604966,  1.21733818,  0.03500559,  
        -0.80032704],  
       [ 1.16385875, -0.02708105,  1.73136033,  
       -1.51509177]])
```

Other standard distributions are also available

Indexing starts at zero!

$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix}$, A vector component \mathbf{b}_i can be accessed in python as `b[i]`

$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$, A component \mathbf{a}_{ij} can be accessed in python as `a[i, j]`

```
In [3]: print a[0,0] # referencing row 1 col 1
```

```
1
```

```
In [4]: print a[0,1] # referencing row 1 col 2
```

```
2
```

```
In [5]: print a[1,0] # referencing row 2 col 1
```

```
3
```

```
In [6]: print a[1,1] # referencing row 2 col 2
```

```
4
```

```
In [7]: print a[1,1]**2 # treat each cpt as any variable and perform operations
```

```
16
```

matplotlib – 2D and 3D plotting

matplotlib.pyplot is an amazing 2D and 3D graphics library containing a collection of command line style functions that make matplotlib work like MATLAB. The advantages of using this library include:

- As with Python, easy to get started
- Support for \LaTeX formatted labels and texts
- Superior levels of control of all aspects of high quality figures in many formats (e.g. PNG, PDF, SVG, EPS, PGF)

matplotlib – getting started

To get started, the easy way to include matplotlib in a Python program is with:

```
In [1]: from pylab import *
```

Can also have

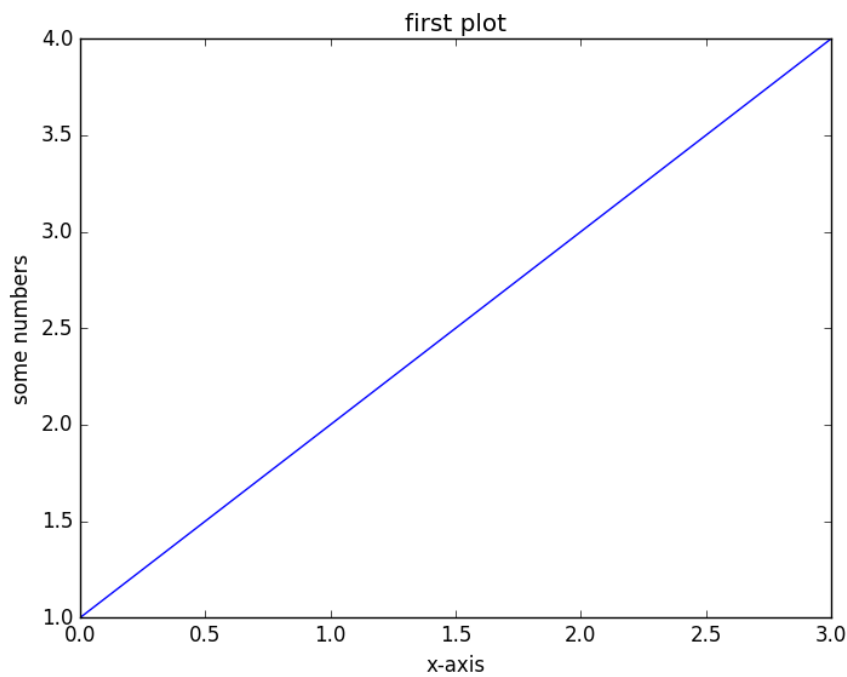
```
In [2]: from matplotlib import *
```

The advantage of using matplotlib is being able to draw MATLAB style graphs.

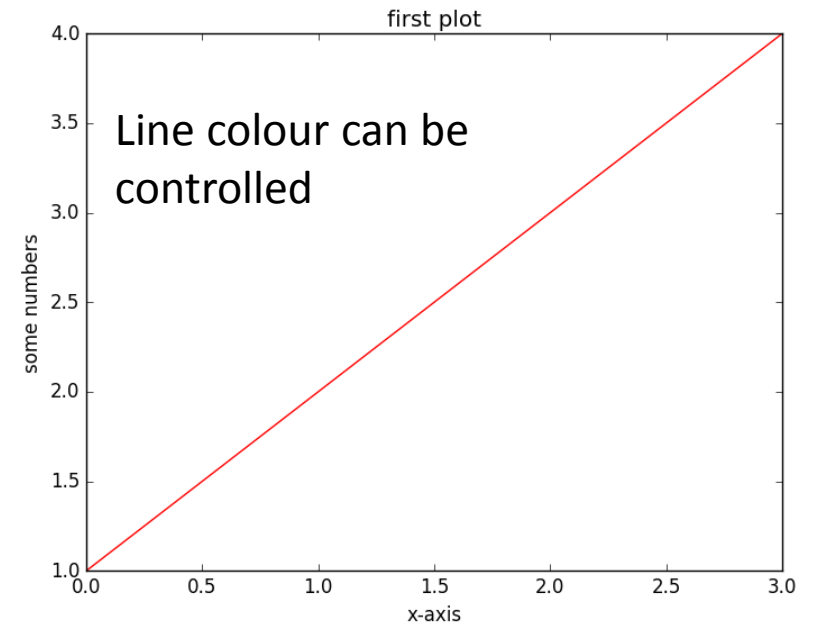
First Plot

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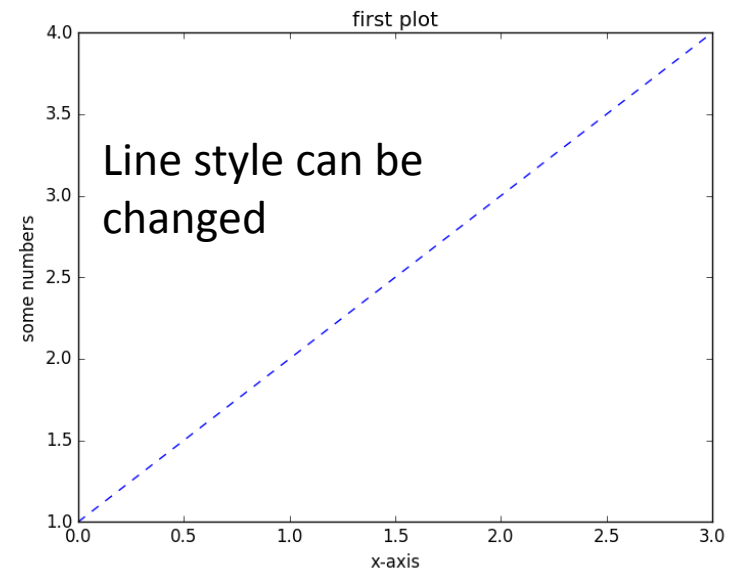
```
1 from pylab import *
2 plt.plot([1,2,3,4])
3 xlabel('x-axis')
4 ylabel('some numbers')
5 title('first plot')
6 show()
```



`plot([1,2,3,4], 'r')`

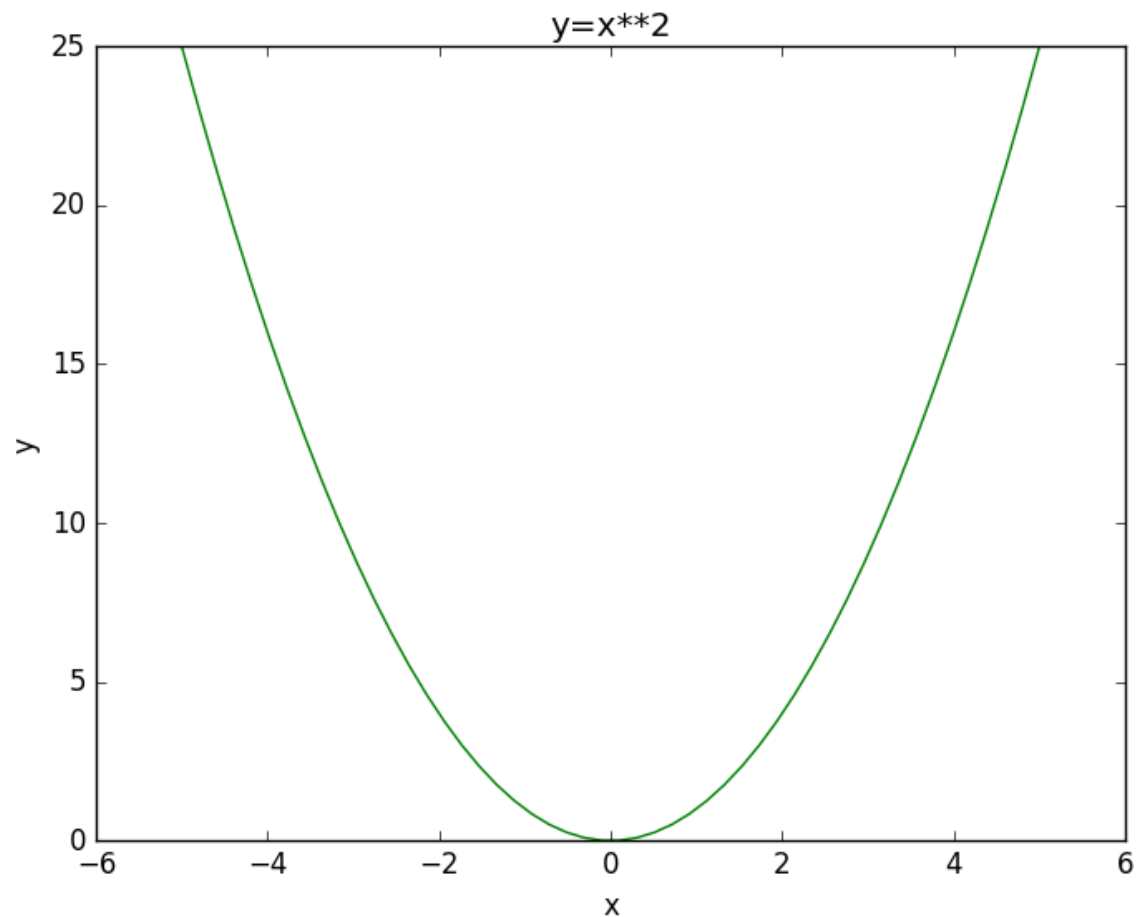


`plot([1,2,3,4], 'b--')`



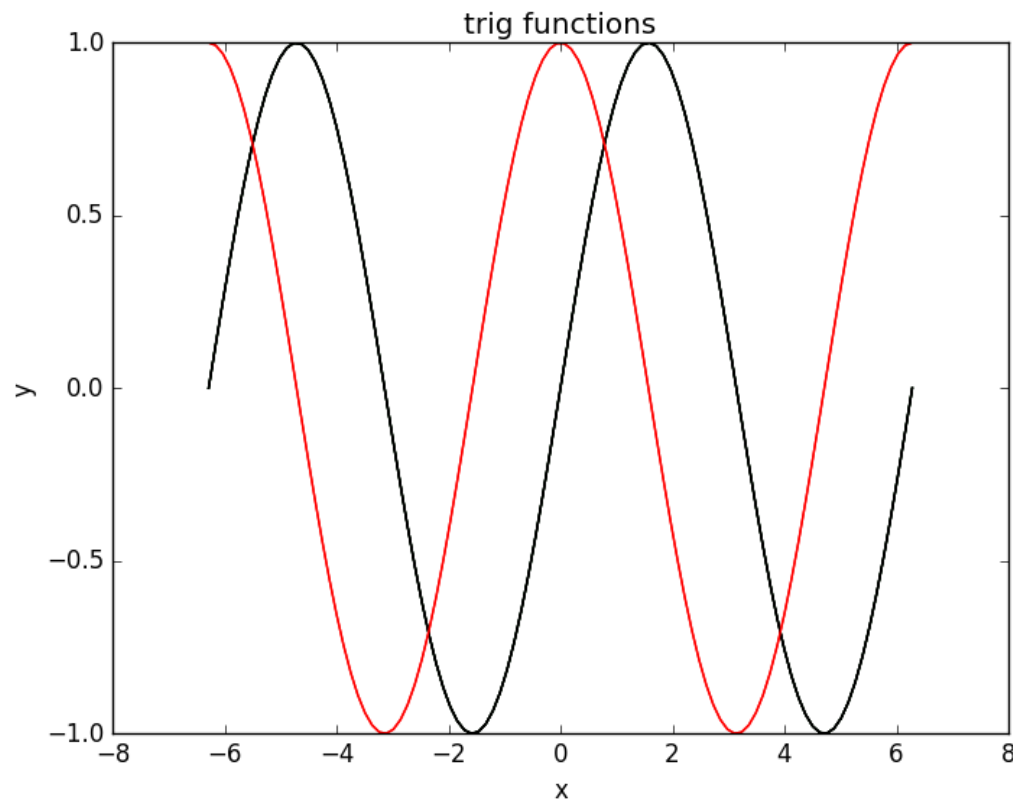
Nonlinear Plot - Quadratic

```
1 from pylab import *  
2 x = linspace(-5,5,50)  
3 y=x**2  
4 plot(x,y,'g')  
5 xlabel('x')  
6 ylabel('y')  
7 title('y=x**2')  
8 show()
```



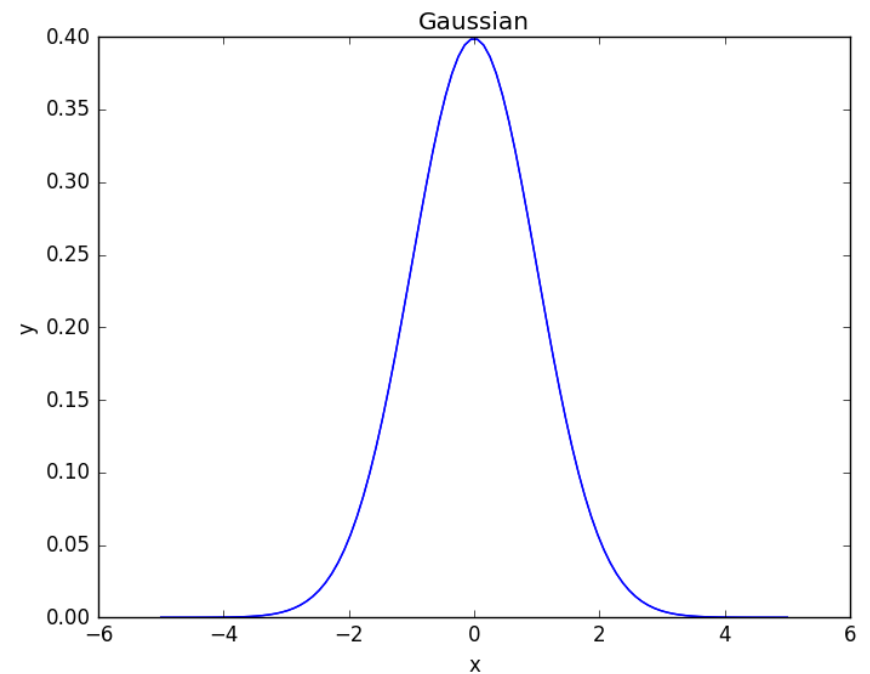
Nonlinear Plot – Trig functions

```
1 from pylab import *
2 x = linspace(-2*pi,2*pi,100)
3 y1=sin(x)
4 y2=cos(x)
5 plot(x,y1,'black')
6 plot(x,y2,'r')
7 xlabel('x')
8 ylabel('y')
9 title('trig functions')
10 show()
```



Plotting a Gaussian

```
1 from math import *
2 from pylab import *
3 x=linspace(-5,5,100)
4 y= (1/sqrt(2*pi))*exp(-0.5*x**2)
5 xlabel('x')
6 ylabel('y')
7 title('Gaussian')
8 plot(x,y,'blue')
9 show()
```



Sympy – Symbolic algebra in Python

Sympy is one of two Computer Algebra Systems (CAS) for Python. To get started, import the module `sympy`:

```
In [1]: from sympy import *
```

To get beautiful \LaTeX formatted output, simply run:

```
In [2]: init_printing()
```

Symbolic Variables: In SymPy we need to create symbols for the variables we want to work with. This can be done using the **Symbol** class.

Use of Symbolic Variables

```
In [3]: x=Symbol('x')
```

```
In [4]: from math import *
```

```
In [5]: (pi+x)**2
```

```
Out[5]:
```

$$(x + 3.14159265358979)^2$$

```
In [6]: # alternative way of defining multiple symbols
```

```
In [7]: a,b,c=symbols("a,b,c")
```

```
In [8]: type(a)
```

```
Out[8]: sympy.core.symbol.Symbol
```

We can add assumptions to variables when we create them:

```
In [10]: x=Symbol('x', real=True)
```

```
In [11]: x.is_imaginary
```

```
Out[11]: False
```

```
In [12]: x=Symbol('x', positive=True)
```

```
In [13]: x>0
```

```
Out[13]:
```

```
True
```

Complex Numbers

The imaginary unit $i = \sqrt{-1}$ denoted \mathbb{I} in SymPy:

```
In [20]: 1+1*I
```

```
Out[20]:
```

 $1 + i$

```
In [21]: I**2
```

```
Out[21]:
```

 -1

```
In [22]: (1+1*I)*(2+3*I)
```

```
Out[22]:
```

 $(1 + i)(2 + 3i)$

```
In [23]: expand (1+1*I)*(2+3*I)
```

```
Out[23]:
```


 $(1 + i)(2 + 3i)$

```
In [24]: expand((1+1*I)*(2+3*I))
```

```
Out[24]:
```

 $-1 + 5i$

There should
be no space



```
In [29]: complex(0,4)
```

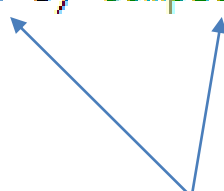
```
Out[29]: 4j
```

```
In [30]: (-1+5*I)+complex(0,4)
```

```
Out[30]:
```

 $-1 + 9.0i$

We can combine
formats!



```
In [31]: (x*I+1)**2
```

```
Out[31]:
```

 $(ix + 1)^2$

Rational Numbers

```
In [35]: r1=Rational(2,3)
```

```
In [36]: r2=Rational(4,5)
```

```
In [37]: r1
```

```
Out[37]:
```

$$\frac{2}{3}$$

```
In [38]: r2
```

```
Out[38]:
```

$$\frac{4}{5}$$

```
In [39]: r1+r2
```

```
Out[39]:
```

$$\frac{22}{15}$$

```
In [40]: r2-r1
```

```
Out[40]:
```

$$\frac{2}{15}$$

```
In [41]: r2/r1
```

```
Out[41]:
```

$$\frac{6}{5}$$

```
In [42]: 9*r1
```

```
Out[42]:
```

$$6$$

There are three different numerical types in SymPy: **Real**, **Rational**, **Integer**:

Algebraic Manipulations

A main use of CAS is to perform algebraic manipulations of expressions. For example, we may wish to expand a product, factor an expression, or simplify an expression. The functions for doing these basic operations in SymPy are demonstrated below:

➤ Expand and factor

```
In [9]: a,b,c,x=symbols("a,b,c,x")
```

```
In [10]: init_printing()
```

```
In [11]: (x+1)*(x+2)*(x+3)
```

```
Out[11]:
```

$$(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$$

```
In [13]: sin(a+b)
```

```
Out[13]:
```

$$\sin(a + b)$$

```
In [14]: expand(sin(a+b), trig=True)
```

```
Out[14]:
```

$$\sin(a)\cos(b) + \sin(b)\cos(a)$$

```
In [15]: factor(x**3+6*x**2+11*x+6)
```

```
Out[15]:
```

$$x^3 + 6x^2 + 66$$

```
In [16]: factor(x**2+2*x+1)
```

```
Out[16]:
```

$$(x + 1)^2$$

```
In [17]: factor(x**3+6*x**2+11*x+6)
```

```
Out[17]:
```

$$(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$$

```
In [19]: expand(tan(a+b), trig=True)
```

```
Out[19]:
```

$$\frac{\tan(a)}{-\tan(a)\tan(b) + 1} + \frac{\tan(b)}{-\tan(a)\tan(b) + 1}$$

Simplify

The `simplify` function attempts to simplify an expression into a set of nicer looking smaller terms using various techniques. More specific simplification alternatives to the `simplify` functions also exist: `trigsimp`, `powsimp`, `logcombine`, etc

```
In [20]: simplify((x**3+6*x**2+11*x+6))
```

```
Out[20]:
```

$$x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6$$

```
In [21]: simplify((sin(a)**2+cos(a)**2))
```

```
Out[21]:
```

$$1$$

```
In [23]: simplify(sin(pi/2-x))
```

```
Out[23]:
```

$$\cos(x)$$

```
In [24]: simplify(cos(x)/sin(x))
```

```
Out[24]:
```

$$\frac{1}{\tan(x)}$$

Calculus I – Differentiation I

A powerful feature of CAS is its Calculus functionality like derivatives and integrals of algebraic expressions

- **Differentiation** – Use the diff function. The first argument is the expression to take the derivative of, and the second is the symbol by which to take the derivative:

```
In [54]: y=(x+pi)**4
```

New function defined

```
In [55]: y
```

```
Out[55]:
```

$$(x + \pi)^4$$

```
In [56]: dy_dx=diff(y,x)
```

Differentiate y wrt x once

```
In [57]: dy_dx
```

```
Out[57]:
```

$$4(x + \pi)^3$$

```
In [58]: diff(y,x,x)
```

Differentiate y wrt x twice

```
Out[58]:
```

$$12(x + \pi)^2$$

```
In [59]: diff(y,x,x,x)
```

Differentiate y wrt x three times

```
Out[59]:
```

$$24(x + \pi)$$

Calculus I – Differentiation II

Trig functions and transcendental functions can also be differentiated

In [61]: `y=exp(x)*sin(x)`

New function defined

In [62]: `diff(y,x)`

Out[62]:

$e^x \sin(x) + e^x \cos(x)$

Differentiate y wrt x once

In [63]: `diff(y,x,x)`

Out[63]:

$2e^x \cos(x)$

Differentiate y twice wrt x

In [64]: `y=3**x`

New function defined

In [65]: `diff(y,x)`

Out[65]:

$3^x \log(3)$

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = \text{diff}(y, x, n)$$

In [66]: `y=ln(tan(x))`

In [67]: `diff(y,x)`

Out[67]:

$\frac{\tan^2(x) + 1}{\tan(x)}$

where n is the order of differentiation

Calculus I – Differentiation III

We can do partial differentiation on multivariate functions

```
In [70]: x,y,z=symbols("x,y,z")
```

```
In [71]: f=sin(x*y)+cos(y*z)+exp(x*z)
```

```
In [74]: diff(f,x)
```

```
Out[74]:
```

$$y\cos(xy) + ze^{xz}$$

```
In [75]: diff(f,y)
```

```
Out[75]:
```

$$x\cos(xy) - z\sin(yz)$$

```
In [76]: diff(f,z)
```

```
Out[76]:
```

$$xe^{xz} - y\sin(yz)$$

```
In [77]: diff(f,x,y)
```

```
Out[77]:
```

$$-xy\sin(xy) + \cos(xy)$$

```
In [78]: diff(f,y,x)
```

```
Out[78]:
```

$$-xy\sin(xy) + \cos(xy)$$

Calculus II – Integration I

Integration is done in a similar fashion using the function `integrate()`

```
In [93]: y=sin(x)
```

```
In [94]: integrate(y,(x,0,pi/2))
```

```
Out[94]:
```

1

```
In [95]: y=sin(x)
```

```
In [96]: integrate(y,x) # indefinite integral
```

```
Out[96]:
```

$-\cos(x)$

```
In [97]: integrate(y,(x,0,pi/2)) # now use limits 0 to pi/2
```

```
Out[97]:
```

1

```
In [98]: f=exp(-x**2)
```

```
In [99]: integrate (f,(x,-oo,oo)) # also improper integrals
```

```
Out[99]:
```

$\sqrt{\pi}$

Note that `oo` is the SymPy notation for infinity

Exercises

1. Write a program that returns the Celsius C value for a given temperature measured in Fahrenheit F . The relation between these two is given by $5(F - 32) = 9C$. As an example, the input 50 returns 10.

2. The time period T for a simple pendulum can be determined from

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}, \text{ where } l \text{ is the length of string and } g (= 9.81 \text{ms}^{-2}) \text{ is the constant}$$

acceleration due to gravity. Write a program to determine T for varying lengths of string.

3. Calculate the PV of £5400 in three years time given the constant risk-free interest rate is 3.4%.

4. How much is £25000 worth in five years time if the constant risk-free interest rate is 4.4% with continuous compounding.

5. Experiment with different mathematical functions from the `math` module by writing various mathematical scripts.

6. Write programs to check the following formulae by inputting n (your choice) and then computing and comparing both sides of the equation

$$\text{a. } \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad \text{b. } \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \quad \text{b. } \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

More exercises to follow!

There will be a further course in
September!