

# Introduction to Python and Pytorch

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5. Use Jupyter Notebook to do programing with Python and Pytorch (reading material):

Example 1: Plot the curve of a function

Example 2: Root finding

Example 3: Solve  $Ax=b$

Example 4: Calculate the derivative of a function

Example 5: Find the maximum and minimum of a list of numbers

## 1. Anaconda

Anaconda is a free and open-source distribution of the Python and R programming languages for scientific computing (data science, machine learning applications, large-scale data processing, predictive analytics, etc.), that aims to simplify package management and deployment. Package versions are managed by the package management system conda. The Anaconda distribution includes data-science packages suitable for Windows, Linux, and MacOS.

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Install Anaconda (Recommend: Python 3.7 version, Command Line version) from
https://www.anaconda.com/distribution/
```

## 2. Python

Python is a high-level, general-purpose programming language. For examples:

- (1) Create a calculator (calculate tips, annual tax, monthly expense...)
- (2) Solve mathematical problems (root finding, plot some functions, solve  $Ax=b$ ...)
- (3) Say "hello" to Machine Learning
- (4) Data mining (find all the online information which includes your name...)
- (5) Create personal webpage
- (6) Design games

...

Python is very powerful! If you want to do something with Python, just Google it!

Note that if you have already downloaded Anaconda, Python will be automaticly installed.

## 3. PyTorch

Pytorch is an open source machine learning library, used for applications such as computer vision and natural language processing. It is developed by Facebook's AI Research lab. It is free and open-source software.

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Install Pytorch from https://pytorch.org/ , or use
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```
conda install pytorch torchvision -c pytorch
```

## 4. Jupyter Notebook

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A Jupyter Notebook can be converted to a number of open standard output formats (HTML, presentation slides, LaTeX, PDF, ReStructuredText, Markdown, Python) through "Download As" in the web interface, via the nbconvert library or "jupyter nbconvert" command line interface in a shell. (Student can do their hw with Jupyter notebook, then submit a .ipynb file. Then the grader can run the code)

e.g. This is an example of Markdown cell with "Tex" equation.

$$f(x) = x^2$$

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In [2]: # e.g. This is an example of Python code cell.  
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```
# A line started with a pound sign means it is a comment line
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```
Out[2]: 0.25
```

```
In [3]: # How to use Pytorch  
import torch  
  
# We can initialize a matrix as a pytorch tensor:  
A = torch.tensor([[1,2,3],[4,5,6],[7,8,9]])  
print('A is', A)
```

```
A is tensor([[1, 2, 3],  
            [4, 5, 6],  
            [7, 8, 9]])
```

Install Jupyter Notebook from <https://jupyter.org/install>, or use  
conda install -c conda-forge notebook

Run Jupyter Notebook:

Step 1: type "jupyter notebook" in command line

Step 2: Find the link shows in the command line

Step 3: Open the link with your browser

## 5. Use Jupyter Notebook to do programming with Python and Pytorch

### Part A: Basic Python Language

#### Arithmetic

Like every programming language, Python is a good calculator. Run the block of code below to make sure the answer is right!

```
In [4]: 8 + 6*2*3 -1 + 2/3
```

```
Out[4]: 43.666666666666664
```

Question: How to calculate the power of a number?

In python, m \*\* n means  $m^n$

```
In [5]: 3 ** 2  
2 ** 3  
4 ** 2  
  
if 4>2:  
    print(4)
```

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4
```

Pay attention: the rule of indent!

```
In [6]: x=3  
        v=3
```

```
In [ ]: print(tip)
```

```
In [ ]: # a string is defined with 'your string' or "your string"
x = 'Hello World!'
print(type(x)) # will print the variable type
print(x) #will print the actual variable value
```

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In [ ]: x = 1
print(type(x))
```

```
In [ ]: tip_words = 'The tips should be:'
tip = 220 * 0.15

# One can connect two string by using the sigh +
tip_words_total = tip_words + str(tip) #str(tip) converts a number to a
string

print(tip_words_total)
```

### if-elif-else

```
In [ ]: # if-elif-else
x = 0
if x > 0:
    print('x is strictly positive')
elif x < 0:
    print('x is strictly negative')
else:
    print('x is zero')
```

### for loop and list

```
In [ ]: for i in range(7):
        print(i)

print('New')

x = [1,0,2,8,3,5,2]
# Given a list x
for i in range(len(x)):
    print('The ',i,'th element in list x is:', x[i])

for i in x:
    print(i)
```

### Logical operators

```
In [ ]: # Logical operators
# bool type: "True" (=1), "False" (=0)
x = True
y = False

print('type of x is:',type(x)) #will print out variable type

print('x and y is:',x and y) # boolean operator and

print('x or y is:',x or y) # boolean operator or

print('not x is:',not x) # boolean operator not
```