

Indira Sen, Ana Sanchez Acosta
- eKOMEX -
Konstanz, 22.02.2024

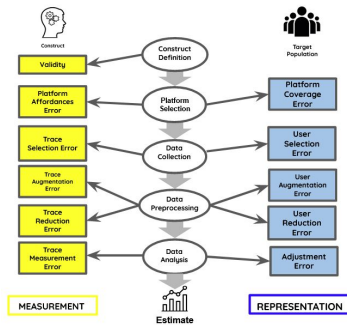
Indira Sen: In a nutshell



**Junior
Faculty@Uni
Mannheim
[CSS + NLP]**

Before:

- Postdoc@Uni-Konstanz
- Ph.D Student in Computational Social Science@GESIS, RWTH-Aachen



TED-On: A Total Error
Framework for Digital
Traces of Human

Something I worked on: A
framework for diagnosing
errors in studies using digital
traces based on
measurement theory and
surveys

Areas of Interest

- Measuring social phenomena or 'constructs' (attitudes and behaviors) from digital traces (tweets, reddit posts, Wikipedia) with computational methods
- Measuring and Mitigating Harmful Communication Online (hate speech, harassment)
- Designing computational methods that are:
 - Grounded in theory
 - Robust and generalizable

If you're curious about my work, here are the [slides](#) from a recent talk

And you?

tell us about yourself in a few sentences
what makes you interested in Python /
programming?

“Big Data” ?

- = Big in chances and challenges
- = “Found/Organic data”: observational, non-reactive, non-probabilistic samples, data-generating process unclear (not “designed” by a researcher)
- = Not in one single place; but openly accessible
- = A lot of unstructured content (often text) + metadata
- = Big enough to train Machine Learning models on → Data Science

Scientific Programming

- Strong emphasis on analysis of data (vs. development of systems)
 - Not about building software
 - Result-oriented, not performance-driven
 - Using different libraries suited for the Data Science purpose
 - we will only lightly touch on object oriented programming

Why pythonTM ?

- Well-established
- Easy-to-read, easy-to-learn
- Cross-platform
- Broad, multi-purpose language (e.g. Web apps)
- Interactive programming

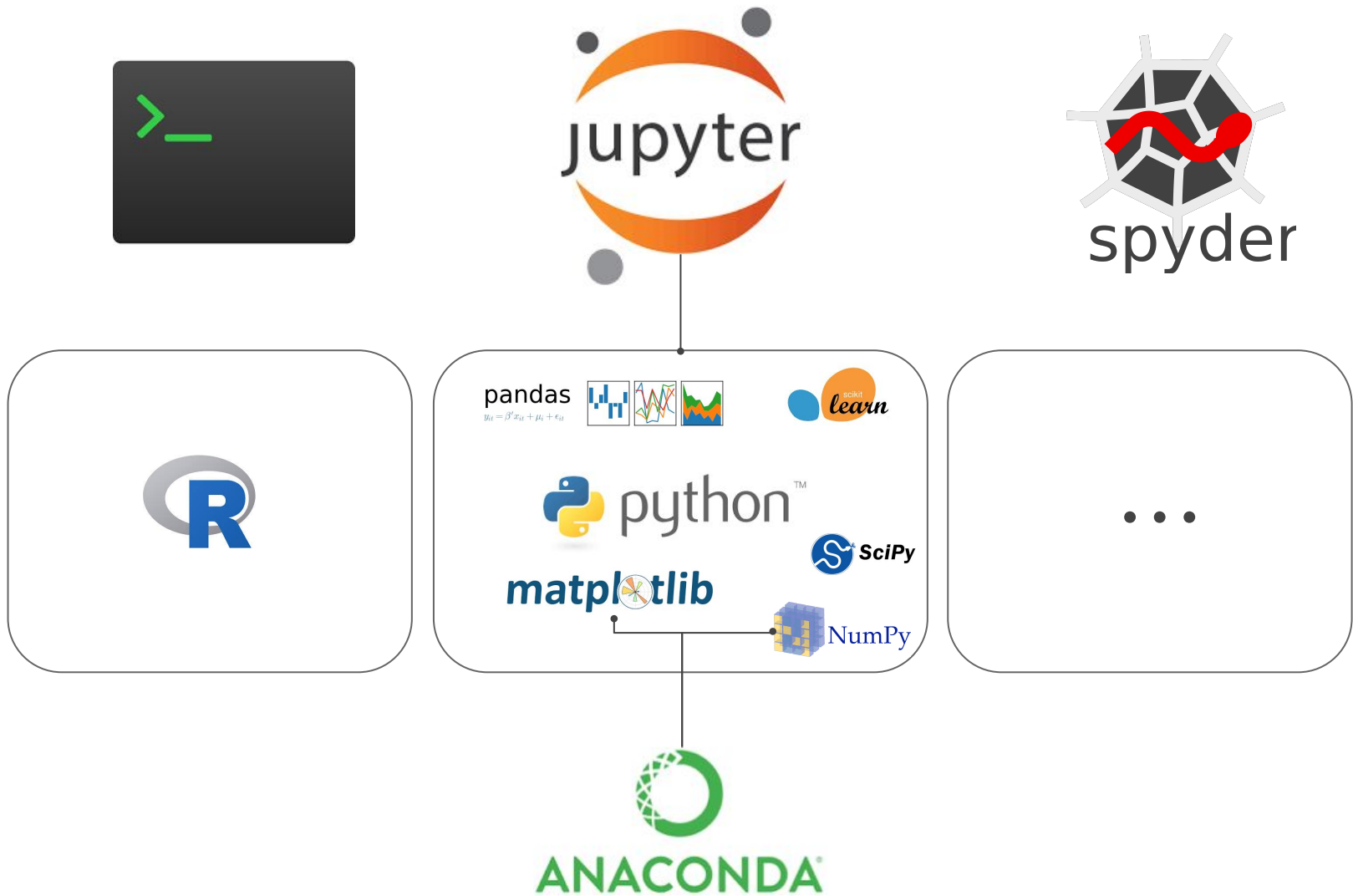
Course goals

- Get an idea of the “Data Science Workflow”
- Enable you to apply Python to solve your problem
- Give an overview on some important libraries for academia
- Gives you basic background on:
 - Foundational programming concepts
 - Data Visualization
- Not: standard QuantSoc statistical procedures in Python

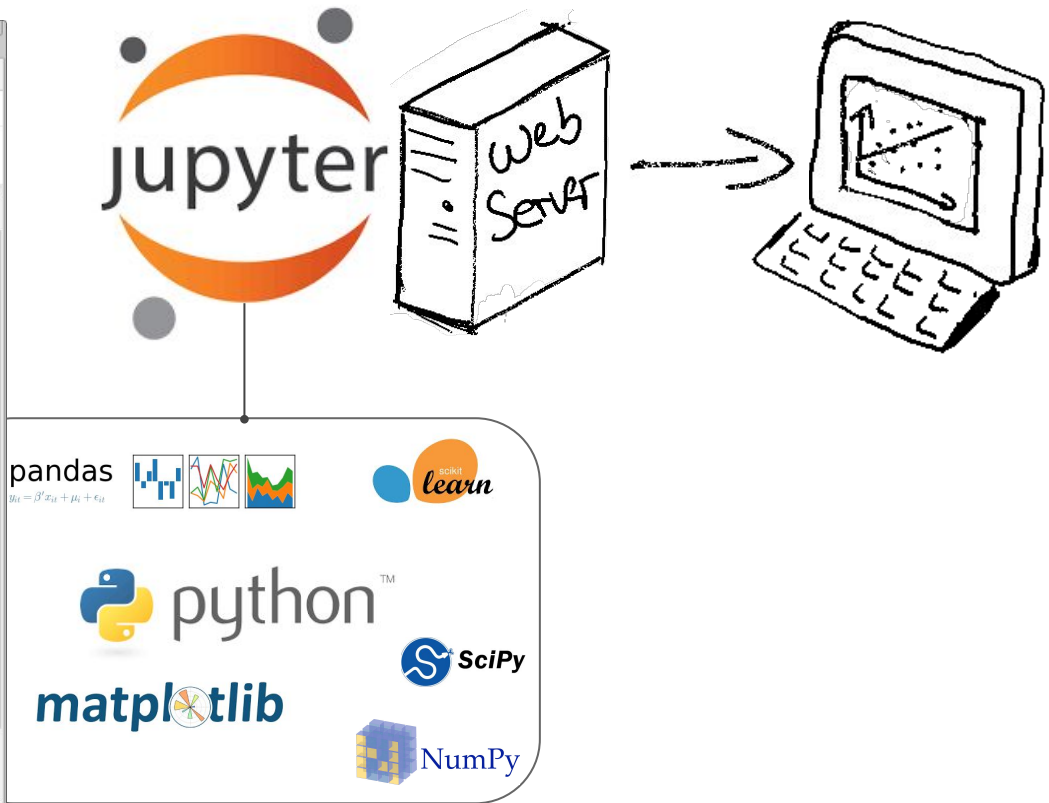
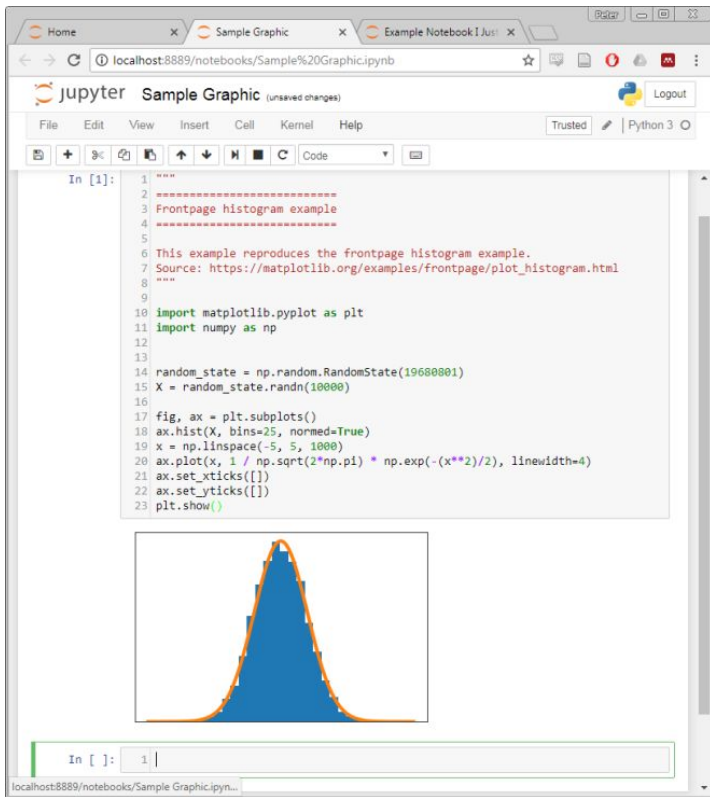
So after this course, you should be able ...

- ... learn the basic building blocks of analysis with Python
- ... to produce some visualizations for your data
- ... use Jupyter Notebooks proficiently

Our stack



Our stack





- Current Python version: Python 3.12.0, Python 2.7.14 (considered legacy now)
- Python 3
 - Released 2008
 - backward-incompatible (at least not 100%)
 - For several years some libraries did not transition
- Nowadays, one should use Python 3 (unless...)

Logistics

- lectures and in-class exercises 9.00-12:00, 13:30-15:30
- “assignments” + office hours: 15:40-16:45
 - feel free to troubleshoot installation issues
 - other questions you might have
- solutions of the assignment will be uploaded after 16:45

Material & Schedule

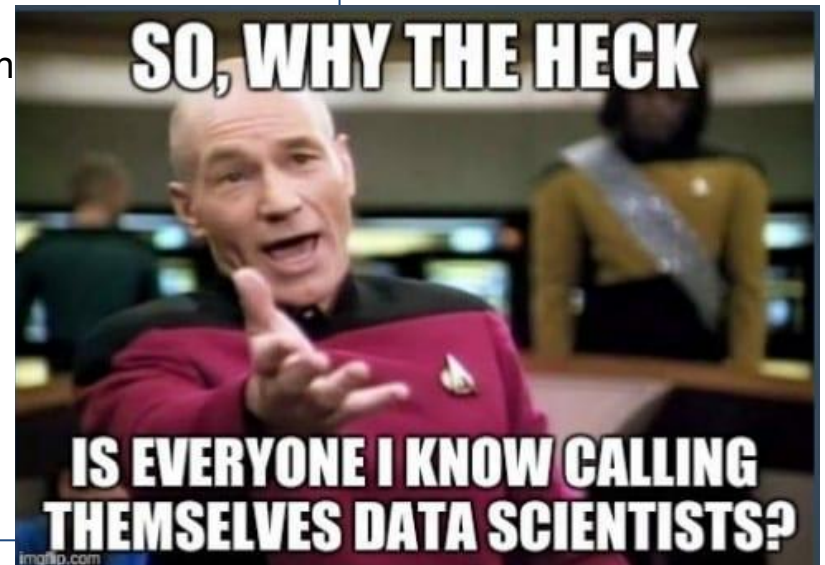
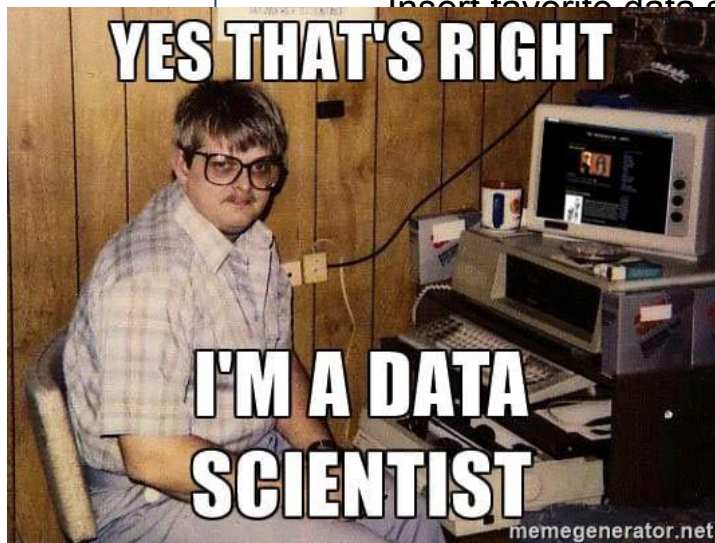
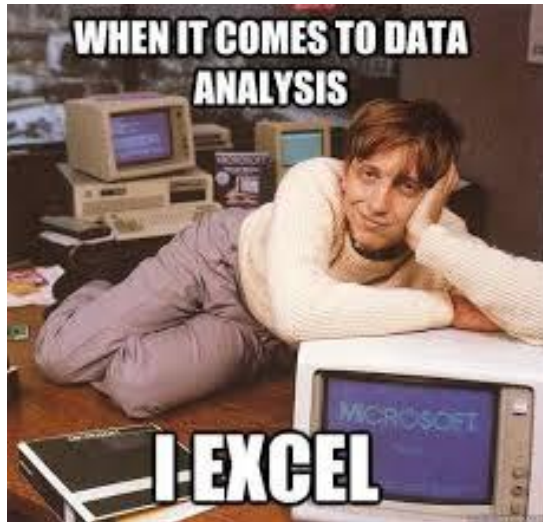
<https://tinyurl.com/pythonrptu>

- Who had issues with Jupyter Notebooks?
 - if yes, use google colab for now
- Who hasn't been able to access Moodle?
- Who hasn't been able to access Github?

and now...

Insert favorite programming meme

and now...



backup



Home



Environments



Learning



Community

Anaconda Notebooks

Cloud notebooks with hundreds of packages ready to code.

[Learn More](#)

A full Python IDE directly from the browser

[Documentation](#)[Anaconda Blog](#)

All applications ▾

on

base (root) ▾

Channels



DataSpell

DataSpell is an IDE for exploratory data analysis and prototyping machine learning models. It combines the interactivity of Jupyter notebooks with the intelligent Python and R coding assistance of PyCharm in one user-friendly environment.

[Install](#)

Anaconda Notebooks

Cloud-hosted notebook service from Anaconda. Launch a preconfigured environment with hundreds of packages and store project files with persistent cloud storage.

[Launch](#)

CMD.exe Prompt

0.1.1

Run a cmd.exe terminal with your current environment from Navigator activated

[Launch](#)

JupyterLab

3.6.3

An extensible environment for interactive and reproducible computing, based on the Jupyter Notebook and Architecture.

[Launch](#)

Jupyter Notebook

6.5.4

Web-based, interactive computing notebook environment. Edit and run human-readable docs while describing the data analysis.

[Launch](#)

Powershell Prompt

0.0.1

Run a Powershell terminal with your current environment from Navigator activated

[Launch](#)

Qt Console

5.4.2

PyQt GUI that supports inline figures, proper multiline editing with syntax highlighting, graphical calltips, and more.

[Launch](#)

Spyder

5.4.3

Scientific PYTHON Development Environment. Powerful Python IDE with advanced editing, interactive testing, debugging and introspection features

[Launch](#)

Files Running Clusters

Select items to perform actions on them.

Upload

New


☐ 0 / OneDrive / Desktop / python_block_course

Name

Last Modified

File size

..

seconds ago

The notebook list is empty.

Files Running Clusters

Select items to perform actions on them.

Upload

New


☐ 0 / OneDrive / Desktop / python_block_course

Name

Last Modified

File size

..

seconds ago

0_prep.ipynb

Upload

Cancel