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Today I will try to teach you:

- · Python basics
 - Jupyter and Python scripts
- · Numpy, Matplotlib and Scipy
- Basic Data analysis, Curve Fitting, Numerical Integration

Basic Fundamentals

Jupyter Notebook

This entire document is a Jupyter notebook.

Jupyter uses cells.

```
In [1]: # This is a code cell, you put code in it and you can run each cell individud
# You click "a" or "b" to put a cell above or below the currently selected ce
# You click "esc" to change from typing in the cell to selecting the cell
# Delete a cell with "dd"
# Cells are in code mode by default, but to change a cell to code mode press
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This is a raw code cell. The material is plain text and formatted like code, but it will not run

Press "r" to change a cell to a raw cell
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This is a markdown cell. These types of cells are formatted using Markdown, a lightweight formatting syntax.

Markdown is the same type of syntax used by websites like Reddit. It's not very complicated so I won't go into it

To make a cell a markdown cell, press "m" when selecting the cell

Datatypes in Python

Integers

Exponents

```
In [3]: ► 2**3
Out[3]: 8
```

Assigning Variables

Note that we do not need to give any of the datatypes ahead of time; Python determines the type of the data on the fly.

If a value is not defined:

There is no limit to the size of integers: with floating point numbers, there are

Floating point numbers are not always correctly represented on the computer, and can lead to roundoff error

These somewhat surprising results mean that when working with floating-point numbers, a few things need to be kept in mind.

Don't check that two floating-point numbers are equal!

```
a == b
vs
abs(a - b) < epsilon</pre>
```

For predefined numbers you must import a library, like numpy. You can still create other variables with the same name in the script's namespace.

```
In [10]: | import numpy
pi = 1
print(pi, numpy.pi)
1 3.141592653589793
```

Strings

```
In [11]: ▶ a = 'hi there' #defining a string
```

To format strings and add other types of data (see above when I printed 0.3), follow this guide: https://pyformat.info/ (https://pyformat.info/)

Lists

```
In [14]: ► myList = [9,8,7,6,5] #create a new list
In [15]: ▶ myList[0] #get one value
   Out[15]: 9
Out[101]: 3
Out[16]: 5
Out[102]: [7, 6, 5, 3]
In [17]: ▶ myList[2:4] #slice in the middle
   Out[17]: [7, 6]
          myNewList = myList + [4] #append using simple arithmetic
In [18]:
           print(myNewList)
          [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4]
```

```
In [19]:
             print(myList)
             myList.append(3)
             print(myList)
             [9, 8, 7, 6, 5]
             [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 3]
             mixedUpList = [4, 7, "pizza", 43.6] #items don't have to be the same type
In [20]:
             print(mixedUpList)
             [4, 7, 'pizza', 43.6]
In [21]:
         mixedUpList[1] = "burger"
             print(mixedUpList)
             [4, 'burger', 'pizza', 43.6]
In [22]: ▶ len(mixedUpList) #length operator -- very useful
   Out[22]: 4
```

Loops and Conditional Statements

Python has for loops and while loops, and we can use if condtional statements

```
In [23]:
             #set up some data. Here we use the Dictionary data type
             alexInfo = {'occupation':'postdoc', 'citizenship':'canada', \
                     'shoe size' : 9}
             nielsInfo = {'occupation':'postdoc', 'citizenship':'germany', \
                     'shoe size' : 10}
             #get a list of the keys.
             infoKeys = alexInfo.keys()
             print('keys are', infoKeys)
             #print an empty line
             #loop over these keys.
             for attribute in infoKeys:
                 #check whether the attributes are the same.
                 if alexInfo[attribute] == nielsInfo[attribute]:
                     print("Alex and Niels have the same", attribute, ":")
                     alexInfo[attribute]
                 else:
                     print("Alex and Niels have varying", attribute)
             keys are dict_keys(['occupation', 'citizenship', 'shoe size'])
             Alex and Niels have the same occupation :
             Alex and Niels have varying citizenship
             Alex and Niels have varying shoe size
```

While Loops and Breaks

```
In [24]:
          ▶ maxVal = 250
              print("all the squares up to", maxVal, ":")
              i = 0
              squares = []
              while i**2 < maxVal:</pre>
                  print(i, i**2)
                  i += 1
                  squares.append(i**2)
              print("\n"+"Now with a Break at i>0")
              i = 0
              while i**2 < maxVal:</pre>
                  print(i, i**2)
                  i += 1
                  if i>10:
                      break
                  squares.append(i**2)
              all the squares up to 250 :
              0 0
              1 1
              2 4
              3 9
              4 16
              5 25
              6 36
              7 49
              8 64
              9 81
              10 100
              11 121
              12 144
              13 169
              14 196
              15 225
              Now with a Break at i>0
              0 0
              1 1
              2 4
              3 9
              4 16
              5 25
              6 36
              7 49
              8 64
              9 81
              10 100
```

Functions

You can define default variables that are "optional"

```
In [27]: Mef secondOrderPolynomial(x, a = 0, b = 0, c = 0):
    return a * x**2 + b * x + c

print(secondOrderPolynomial(4))
print(secondOrderPolynomial(4, a = 3)) #1 optional param
print(secondOrderPolynomial(4, a = 3, b = 2, c = 5)) #3 optional params
print(secondOrderPolynomial(4, 3, 2, 5)) # You can omit the names if you know

0
48
61
61
```

Packages: Numpy, Scipy, Matplotlib

The fundamentals of scientific python uses primarily these 3 packages. Numpy allows for arrays, Scipy allows a lot of scientific computing tools, and Matplotlib is an easy way to plot stuff

These are very very complicated packages, so I'll go over the basics. You should look into their documentation for specific functions:

- Numpy https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/
 (https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/)
- Scipy https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/ (https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/)
- Matplotlib

- General Matplotlib Reference: https://matplotlib.org/api/index.html)
- Matplotlib.pyplot Plotting Reference: https://matplotlib.org/api/pyplot_api.html)
 (https://matplotlib.org/api/pyplot_api.html)

In General, when using these packages, if you want to do something specific simply type what you want to do + the package name into Google and either the documentation or StackOverflow can help you find the solution

E.g.

- · "Scipy find peaks function"
- "Matplotlib fill area between lines"

The trick is to know what to Google, and that's essentially what you'll get better at as you use the language more

NumPy

NumPy is the fundamental package for scientific computing with Python. It contains among other things:

- · a powerful N-dimensional array object
- · sophisticated (broadcasting) functions
- tools for integrating C/C++ and Fortran code
- useful linear algebra, Fourier transform, and random number capabilities

NumPy Arrays

Python has lists of data. You've used these already. NumPy offers its own way to do arrays. Why you would want to use NumPy arrays:

- All elements are same datatype (all integers, or floats, etc). Python lists can be a mixture of different types, making it slower.
- Multidimensional arrays
- · Many ways to create, many ways to operate
- NumPy array operations are fast (written in compiled language). When possible, AVOID LOOPS over elements-- use NumPy operations when possible

In general, the specialized nature of NumPy arrays allows for them to be optimized, and therefore **fast**. This is important if you're doing scientific computing and working with large data.

```
In [28]: ▶ import numpy as np
```

Note, you can also do from numpy import * -- this will mean you don't have to write np. in front of every command. It can be dangerous to import so many commands into the main namespace, but it is much simpler to code this way.

Making Arrays

```
In [29]:
              a = np.arange(20)
           b = np.arange(20).reshape(4,5)
 In [30]:
              print(a)
              print(b)
              [ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19]
              [[0 1 2 3 4]
               [5 6 7 8 9]
               [10 11 12 13 14]
               [15 16 17 18 19]]
              print(b.ndim)
 In [31]:
              print(b.shape)
              print(b.size)
              print(b.dtype)
              2
              (4, 5)
              20
              int32
          Turning a list into an array:
          Creating a 2D array based on lists of lists
In [105]:
           A = [[2.,3,4],[5,6,7]]
```

What is the difference? You can do math with numpy arrays, not with ordinary python lists.

```
In [109]:
             print(a**2)
             TypeError
                                                     Traceback (most recent call last)
             <ipython-input-109-b6bb6569cdde> in <module>
             ---> 1 print(a**2)
             TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for ** or pow(): 'list' and 'int'
In [36]:
             print(anp**2)
             [[ 4. 9. 16.]
              [25. 36. 49.]]
         More ways to make arrays:
In [37]:
         Out[37]: array([[0., 0., 0.],
                    [0., 0., 0.]])
             np.ones((2,3))
In [38]:
    Out[38]: array([[1., 1., 1.],
                    [1., 1., 1.]])
In [39]: ▶ np.empty((2,3)) #careful, unitialized, don't use this. This is supposedly fas
    Out[39]: array([[1., 1., 1.],
                    [1., 1., 1.]])
         Array Arithmetic
In [40]:
          b = np.array([[4.,5,6], [7,6,9]])
In [41]:
             print(a)
             print(b)
             [[0 1 2]
              [3 4 5]]
             [[4. 5. 6.]
              [7. 6. 9.]]
```

```
In [42]: ▶ a * b #elementwise product
   Out[42]: array([[ 0., 5., 12.],
                  [21., 24., 45.]])
In [43]: ▶ a.dot(np.transpose(b)) #matrix dot product
   Out[43]: array([[17., 24.],
                  [62., 90.]])
In [44]: ▶
           print(a) # Before
           a *= 3 #multiply a by 3, in place
           print(a) # After
           [[0 1 2]
            [3 4 5]]
           [[ 0 3 6]
            [ 9 12 15]]
In [45]: ▶ a + b #matrix addition
   Out[45]: array([[ 4., 8., 12.],
                  [16., 18., 24.]])
Out[46]: array([[ 1, 4, 7],
                  [10, 13, 16]])
In [47]: ▶ a.sum()
   Out[47]: 45
In [48]: \blacksquare a.sum(axis = 0)
   Out[48]: array([ 9, 15, 21])
Out[49]: array([ 9, 36])
```

Slicing/Indexing

Copying Arrays

Arrays are stored as objects in memory, and are not directly linked to their variables

Out[58]: True

To copy, use copy():

In [58]: ▶ b is a # Tests if they're the same thing in memory

```
In [59]: A a = np.arange(6).reshape(2,3)
        \mathbf{H} \mid \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a.copy}()
In [60]:
In [61]:
        M c[0, 1] = -1
Out[62]: array([[ 0, -1, 2],
                 [ 3, 4, 5]])
Out[63]: array([[0, 1, 2],
                 [3, 4, 5]])
        Find, Boolean and Where
In [64]:
       Out[64]: array([[0, 1, 2],
                 [3, 4, 5]])
        We can set all values above 3 to be zero
Out[65]: array([[False, False, False],
                 [False, True, True]])
In [66]: \mathbf{M} \mid a[a > 3] = 0
Out[67]: array([[0, 1, 2],
```

Success. Now get a shorter array that matches some condition:

[3, 0, 0]])

Speed

Numpy is a lot faster than for loops since its backend is in C. Helps for large datasets

Lesson: avoid for loops over arrays of numbers as much as possible Do operations with the entire array at once whenever you can.

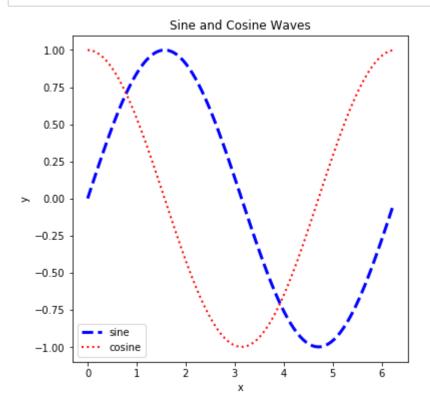
Plotting

matplotlib

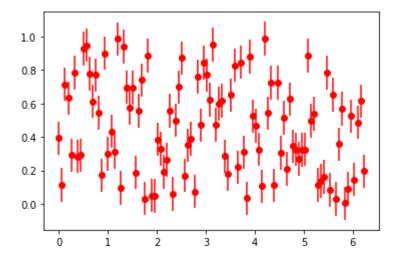
based on Matlab plotting.

Designed to make "easy things easy and hard things possible"

- · Plots look good -- publication quality
- Can output to pdf / postscript / svg (scalable vector graphics) / png bitmap image /
- several ways to use it: see http://matplotlib.org/faq/usage_faq.html#matplotlib-pyplot-and-pylab-how-are-they-related)
 - in the notebook we will import the commands inline
 - this imports all numpy and matplotlib.pyplot commands into the namespace
 - similarly, if using ipython prompt: ipython --pylab imports numpy and pyplot commands -- pulls up a plotting window that looks better than those in this notebook.
 - recommended use for publication quality is import matplotlib.pyplot as plt



Errorbars

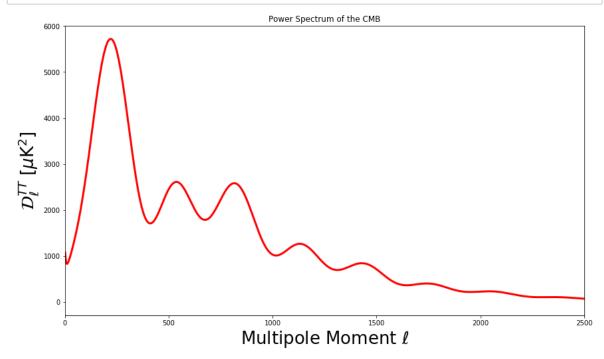


Plotting from file

The most useful part is plotting real data from a file. Here we have a sample Cosmic Microwave Background Power Spectrum

```
In [80]:
             mydata
   Out[80]: array([[2.0000e+00, 1.0773e+03, 4.5418e-02, 3.2261e+00, 1.0886e+06,
                     2.9617e+04],
                     [3.0000e+00, 1.0176e+03, 7.0662e-02, 3.9163e+00, 1.6769e+06,
                     3.5439e+04],
                     [4.0000e+00, 9.5868e+02, 7.5682e-02, 3.9417e+00, 2.1985e+06,
                     3.8196e+04],
                     . . . ,
                     [6.4980e+03, 1.1937e-02, 7.3784e-05, 1.2867e-04, 1.6741e+04,
                     2.1590e-01],
                     [6.4990e+03, 1.1921e-02, 7.3645e-05, 1.2864e-04, 1.6737e+04,
                     2.1639e-01],
                     [6.5000e+03, 1.1905e-02, 7.3503e-05, 1.2860e-04, 1.6732e+04,
                     2.1687e-01]])
In [81]:
             mydata.shape
   Out[81]: (6499, 6)
```

Row 0 is the X axis, row 1 is the Y axis. Other rows are related things that we won't plot for now.

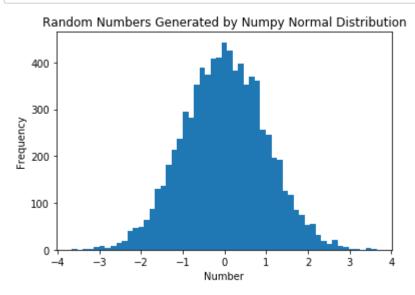


Other types of Plots

We look at **Histograms** here, but you should look at the documentation for other types of plots. Including 2 dimensional Color maps and 3D plots. You can even make animations with Matplotlib.

```
In [83]: ▶ data = np.random.standard_normal(8000) # Random data with a normal distributi
```

```
In [84]: #Graph the data with the matplotlib histogram function using auto numbered bi
n1, bins1, patches1 = plt.hist(data, bins='auto')
plt.title('Random Numbers Generated by Numpy Normal Distribution')
plt.xlabel('Number')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.show()
```



SciPy

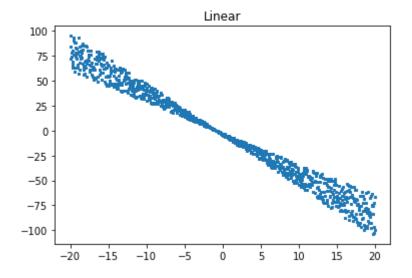
SciPy is a collection of software for scientific computing. It includes NumPy and matplotlib from the previous two lessons, for example.

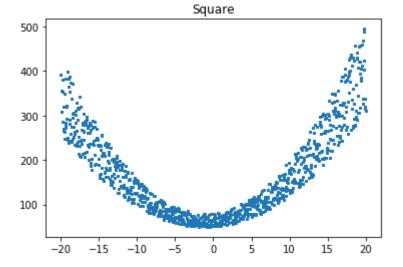
The SciPy library also includes functions to do numerical integration, interpolation, Fourier transforms, statistics, special mathematical functions, and more.

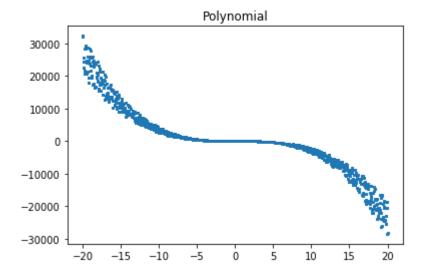
Curve Fitting

```
In [85]:
             #Function in the form f(x)=a*x+b, where a, b are constant
             def Linear(x, Amp, Cons):
                 return Amp*x+Cons
             #Function in the form f(x)=a*(x+b)^p+c where a, b, c, p are constant
             def Power(x, Amp, Shift, Cons, Power):
                 return Amp*(x+Shift)**Power+Cons
             #Function in the form of a 3rd order Polynomial f(x)=ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d whe
             def Polynomial(x, a, b, c, d):
                 return a*(x**3) + b*(x**2) + c*x + d
In [86]:
          #Function used to create noise in the data set
             def Noise(data):
                 return data*(0.75*np.ones(len(data))+np.random.rand(len(data))/2)
In [87]:  np.random.rand()
   Out[87]: 0.24401136701008086
In [88]:  

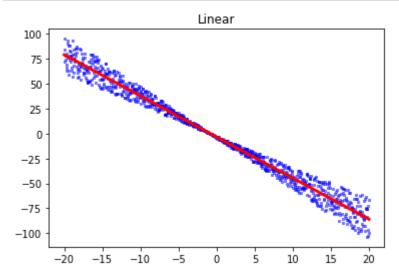
# We next make some functions to fit.
             xrange = np.linspace(-20, 20, num=1000)
             linearData = Noise(Linear(xrange, 10*np.random.rand()-5, 18*np.random.rand()-
             squareData = Noise(Power(xrange, 10*np.random.rand()-5, 18*np.random.rand()-9
             polyData = Noise(Polynomial(xrange, 10*np.random.rand()-5, 10*np.random.rand()
                                         5*np.random.rand()-2.5))
```







Now We can fit these data using the <code>curve_fit</code> function



```
In [110]: ▶ poptCon, pcovCon = curve_fit(Power, xrange, squareData, p0=[5, 2, 100, 2], max
```

C:\Users\henry\Anaconda3\envs\cosmopy3\lib\site-packages\ipykernel_launche
r.py:7: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in power
import sys

RuntimeError Traceback (most recent call last)

```
<ipython-input-110-660aa021f1e5> in <module>
----> 1 poptCon, pcovCon = curve_fit(Power, xrange, squareData, p0=[5, 2, 1
00, 2], maxfev=10000) # This line does the fitting
```

~\Anaconda3\envs\cosmopy3\lib\site-packages\scipy\optimize\minpack.py in cu rve_fit(f, xdata, ydata, p0, sigma, absolute_sigma, check_finite, bounds, m ethod, jac, **kwargs) 746 cost = np.sum(infodict['fvec'] ** 2)

```
if ier not in [1, 2, 3, 4]:

--> 748

raise RuntimeError("Optimal parameters not found: " + e

rrmsg)

749

else:

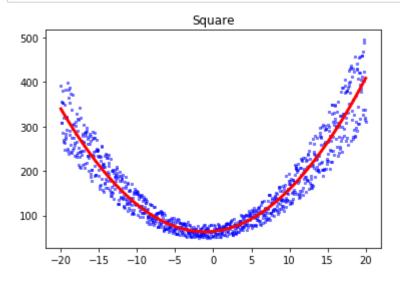
750

# Rename maxfev (leastsq) to max_nfev (least_squares), if s

pecified.
```

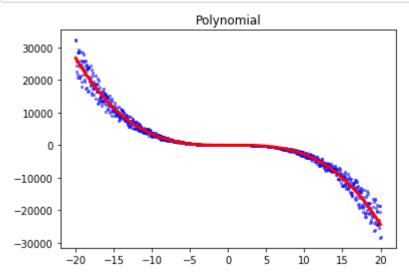
RuntimeError: Optimal parameters not found: Number of calls to function has reached maxfev = 10000.

```
In [92]: Now We plot and compare
plt.scatter(xrange, squareData, marker=',', s=1.5, c='b', alpha=0.45)
plt.plot(xrange, Polynomial(xrange, 0, *poly_params), c='r', lw=3)
plt.title('Square')
plt.show()
```



```
In [93]: N poly_params = np.polyfit(xrange, polyData, 3)

plt.scatter(xrange, polyData, marker=',', s=1.5, c='b', alpha=0.45)
plt.plot(xrange, Polynomial(xrange, *poly_params), c='r', lw=3)
plt.title('Polynomial')
plt.show()
```



Integration

- $\int_0^5 dx (x^2 + 3)$
- We will use Gaussian quadrature https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaussian_quadrature (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaussian_quadrature)
- exact answer is $5^3/3 + 3 \times 5$

```
In [94]: ► 5.**3 / 3 + 3 * 5.
```

Out[94]: 56.6666666666664

We can use SciPy to numerically integrate the function $(x^2 + 3)$.

```
In [95]:

    ★ from scipy import integrate

             # define the function to integrate
             def myf(x):
                 return x**2 + 3
             # pass in function, integration limits, and quality of answer
             # returns answer and estimate of the error
             I, err = integrate.quad(myf, 0, 5, epsabs = 1.e-14)
             print(I, err)
             56.6666666666666 6.29126380620922e-13
```

```
In [111]: | integrate.quad?
```

Integration of a pre-sampled function

Someone hands you some pre-sampled points, and you have to calculate the area under the curve.

Recall Simpson's rule -- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaussian_quadrature (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaussian quadrature)

```
In [96]: N = 20
             x = np.linspace(0, 2 * np.pi, N)
             print(x)
                         0.33069396 0.66138793 0.99208189 1.32277585 1.65346982
              1.98416378 2.31485774 2.64555171 2.97624567 3.30693964 3.6376336
              3.96832756 4.29902153 4.62971549 4.96040945 5.29110342 5.62179738
              5.95249134 6.28318531]
```

value is 3.1357818235317225 fractional error is 0.0018496446544178002

Other things you can do with Scipy:

- Solve Differential Equations
 (https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.integrate.odeint.html
 (https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.integrate.odeint.html))
- Interpolate Functions given Data (https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/interpolate.html))
- Linear Algebra: Matrix operations and Eigenvalue Problems (https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/linalg.html)
- Statistical Tools and Random Distributions
 (https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/stats.html
 (https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/stats.html))
- · And More!

Other Packages you should learn for Data Science, Scientific Computing and Statistical Analysis:

- · Pandas Good tool for managing and loading large data files into Python
- Sympy Symbolic Python, for solving algebraic equations and such
- Scikit Learn If you're into machine learning, this is the package with pre-made machine learning models to apply

All of these packages are HUGE! I don't know everything about any of these packages. As always, the documentation is your friend!

That's all Folks! Thanks for Coming

Questions?

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