# Math 364: Principles of Optimization

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### Jupyter Notebook Installation

**Note:** I will show you all the following steps during the lecture or office hours again if necessary. Please do not worry if you are not familiar with *Python* or how to install it. One of my goals of teaching this course is to show you how to convert a real-world optimization problem to machine language and get it solved. I will switch between *Python* and *Matlab* frequently. I am sure for those who are not familiar with programming, this is beyond of their comfort zone. Please do not worry at all. I will teach you what you need to know about programming for this course from A to Z.

### 1 How to install Jupyter Notebook

During this semester, I would like to show you how to use *Python* to solve LP's. For this purpose, I would like you to install Jupyter Notebook on your laptop (if it is possible). Please go through the following steps one by one in order:

- Please download **Python 3.7** from https://www.anaconda.com/distribution/ and install it.
- Open **Anaconda prompt** (you can find it by searching "anaconda prompt" in your search bar).
- Now, we want to create a virtual environment so that we are able to install different packages that we need for **Math 364**, **Spring 2020**:
  - 1. In Anaconda prompt, please type [in front of (base)]:

#### conda create -n Math364 python=3.6

In fact, by this command, we create a new virtual environment whose name is *Math 364* and install *python 3.6* on it. I prefer to work with *Python 3.6*, which is compatible with more packages that we need to use. Also you can create more

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virtual environment with different names and different python versions.

2. Now, we activate this new virtual environment by the following command [in front of (base)]:

#### activate Math364

3. Now, we install Jupyter Notebook on this virtual environment by the following command [in front of (Math364)]:

#### conda install -y jupyter

4. Now, we install necessary packages by using pip as follows: (we only install a few common packages, and then we will add more packages as we go forward through the semester) [in front of (Math364)]:

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pip install –exists-action i –upgrade sklearn

pip install –exists-action i –upgrade pandas

pip install –exists-action i –upgrade matplotlib

pip install –exists-action i –upgrade pulp
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More packages can be added as above.

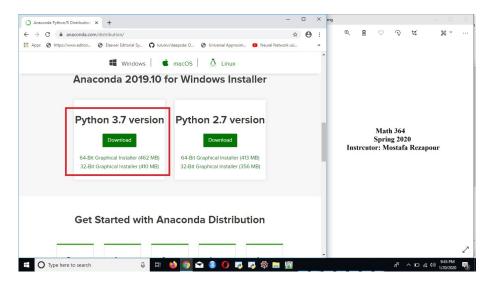
• Finally, we activate this new virtual environment on Jupyter Notebook by the following command:

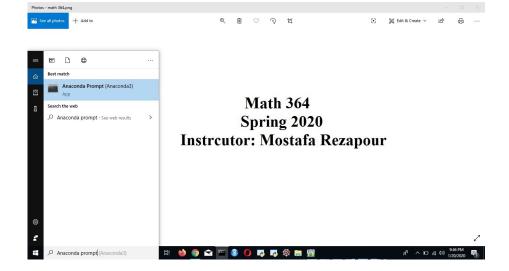
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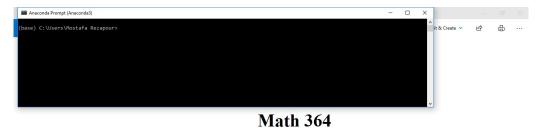
## 2 How to open and use Jupyter Notebook

- 1. Open Anaconda Prompt
- 2. Activate Math364
- 3. Choose your directory. (for instance, you should create a new folder named "optimization 364" in your directory and then by cd command change the directory

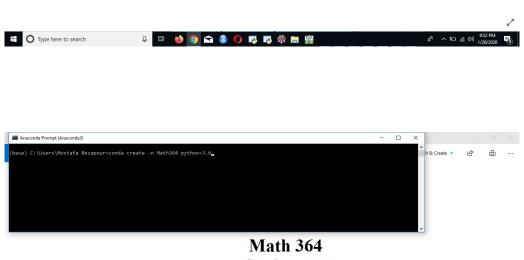
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- 4. Type "Jupyter Notebook" and push *Enter* key.
- 5. Finally, your default browser will open, and you will have access to Jupyter Notebook.
- 6. You should change your *Kernel* to *Python 3.6(Math364)*. Then we can start coding.







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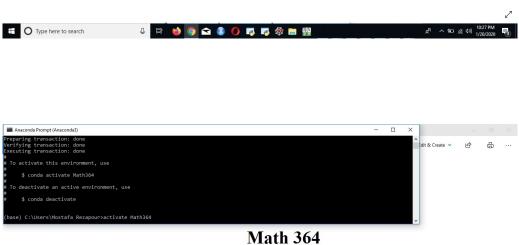


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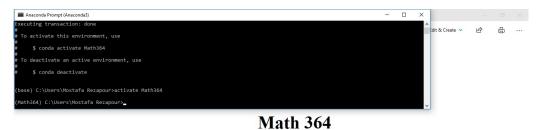


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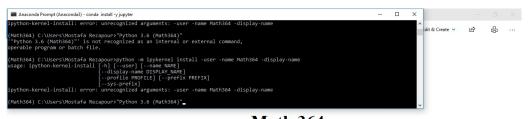


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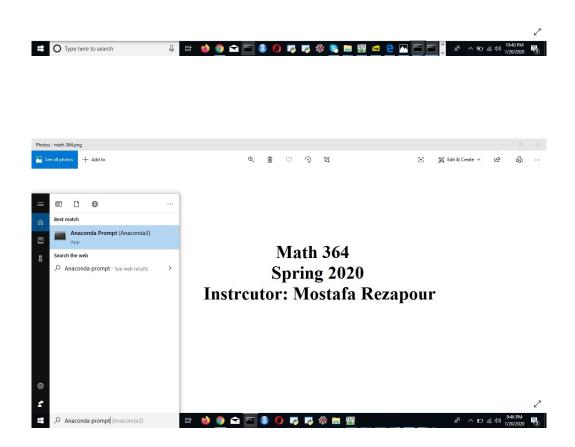


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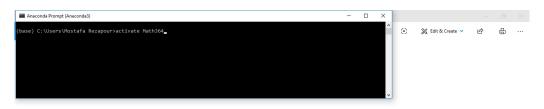




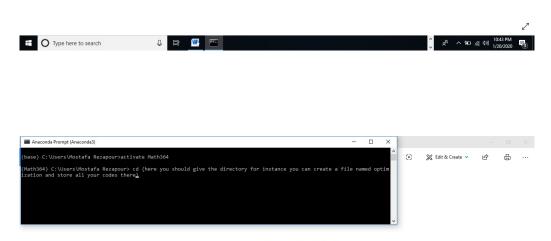
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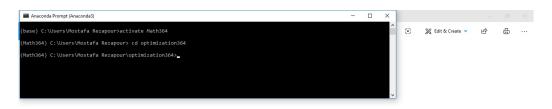


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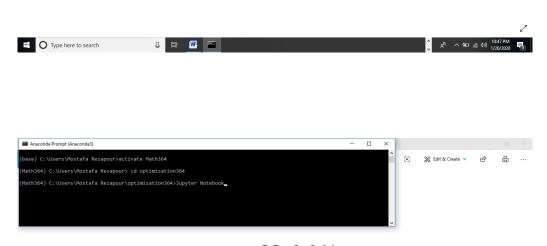


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