

A Brief Intro to Scientific Computing—Mini-Projects

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Project 1 *Integer Chains:* An integer chain is defined as a sequence of integers $(x_i)_{i=1}^k$ such that for any two consecutive integers, one is a factor of the other. Given $N \in \mathbb{Z}$, we are interested in finding the length of the longest integer chain in $S = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} | 1 \leq k \leq N\}$. Write code to answer this question for general N and answer it for $N = 25$. In addition, you can attempt to write your code to run quicker (mine takes 176 seconds using a `parfor` loop and 450 seconds using a regular `for` loop) and to use fewer lines (mine uses 29 lines of code).

Project 2 *Neural Networks:* (Note: This is taken directly from the UCI Data Science Initiative (DSI) github: <https://github.com/UCIDataScienceInitiative/LearningWithPython>) Use Python's `tensorflow` and/or `keras` packages to build and train neural nets. You can use them to discriminate Higgs bosons, classify pictures of animals, classify handwritten numbers, or anything else you desire.