



LAB 1: PYTHON FOUNDATION

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PART 1: GETTING STARTED

Python Environment Setup



Python Environment Setup



Python Environment Options

Anaconda 3



Offline

Google Colaboratory



Online



What is Anaconda 3?

Distribution of Python and R for scientific computing

- Comes with >250 packages automatically installed
- >7500 additional open-source packages available in conda website
- Equipped with Jupyter Notebook
- Conda environment manager for easy maintenance of packages





Setting up Anaconda 3

Installing Anaconda 3

<https://www.anaconda.com/products/individual>

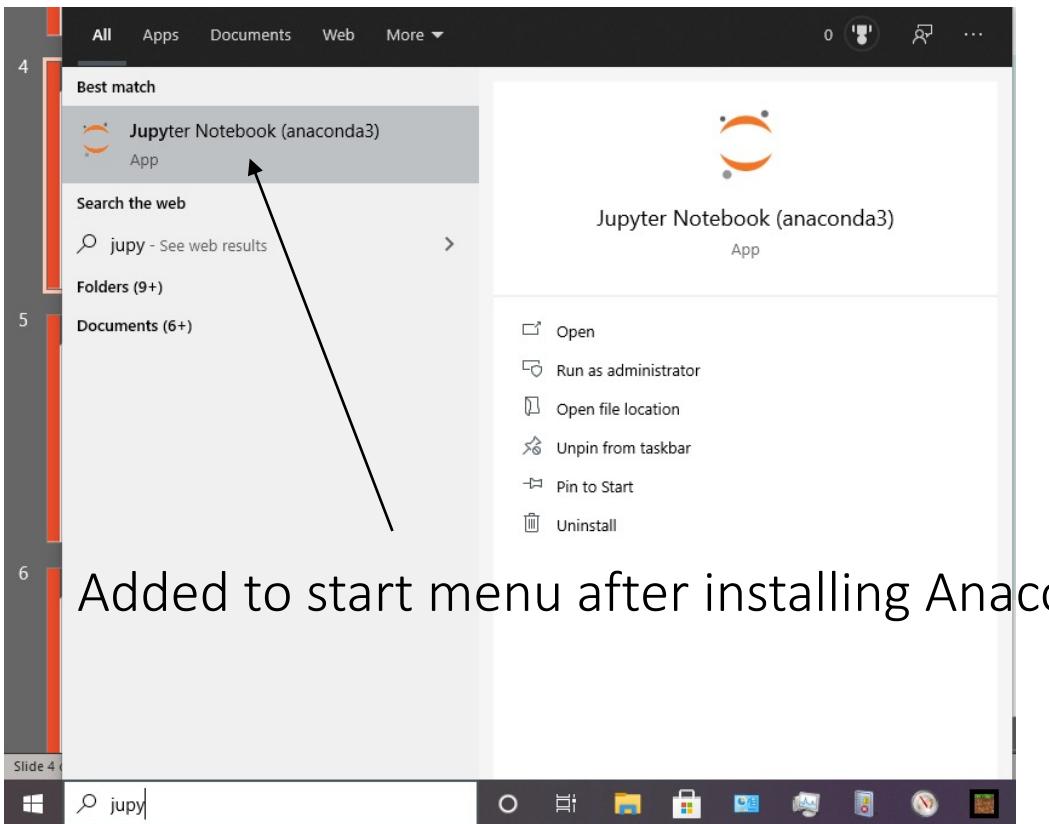
Anaconda Installers

Windows	MacOS	Linux
Python 3.8 64-Bit Graphical Installer (457 MB) 32-Bit Graphical Installer (403 MB)	Python 3.8 64-Bit Graphical Installer (435 MB) 64-Bit Command Line Installer (428 MB)	Python 3.8 64-Bit (x86) Installer (529 MB) 64-Bit (Power8 and Power9) Installer (279 MB)



Setting up Anaconda 3

Windows



Mac/Linux

Start terminal
Type “jupyter notebook”



Setting up Anaconda 3

The screenshot shows the Jupyter Notebook interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'jupyter' on the left, 'Files' (selected), 'Running', and 'Clusters'. On the right are 'Quit' and 'Logout' buttons. Below the navigation bar is a toolbar with 'Upload', 'New', and a refresh icon. A dropdown menu for 'New' is open, showing options: 'Notebook:' (with 'Python 3' selected), 'Other:', 'Text File', 'Folder', and 'Terminal'. An arrow points from the text 'Create a new notebook' to the 'Python 3' option. The main area is a list of files and folders in the current directory ('/'). The list includes: '0' (checkbox), '3D Objects', 'anaconda3', 'Contacts', 'Desktop', 'Documents', 'Downloads', 'Favorites', 'Intel', 'Links', 'Music', 'OneDrive', 'Pictures', 'Saved Games', 'Searches', and 'Videos'. Each item has a timestamp next to it: '4 days ago', '21 minutes ago', '6 months ago', '6 months ago', '6 months ago', '11 days ago', '6 months ago', '11 days ago', '3 months ago', '6 months ago', and '6 hours ago'.

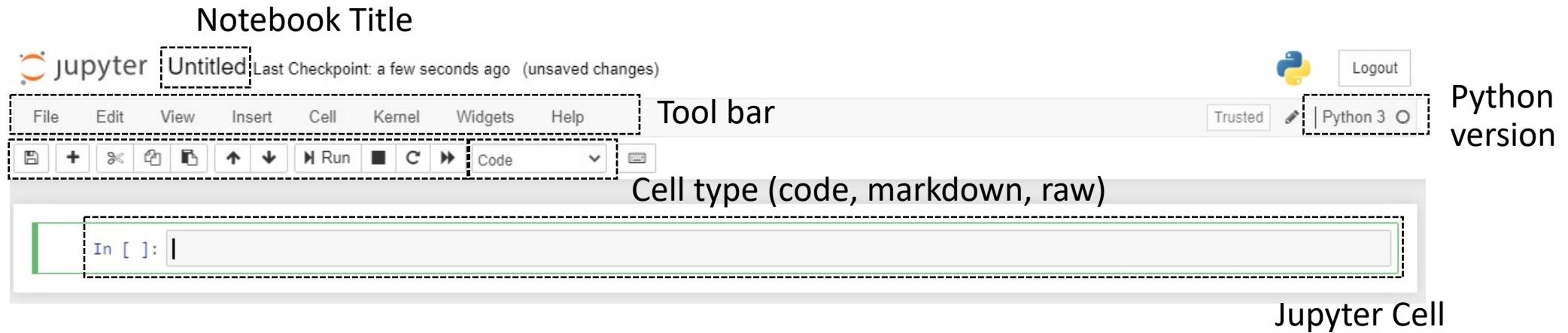
Create a new notebook

You can also use Jupyter
Navigator to load .ipynb
notebook files



Jupyter Notebook

Cell
control bar



See <https://www.dataquest.io/blog/jupyter-notebook-tutorial> to familiarize yourself with basic controls



Google Colaboratory

A free Jupyter notebook environment that runs in the cloud

- Saves in Google drive
- Github commit style code sharing with others
- Maximum runtime of 12hrs (Free version)
- Pre-equipped with latest scientific packages (Numpy, Scipy, etc)

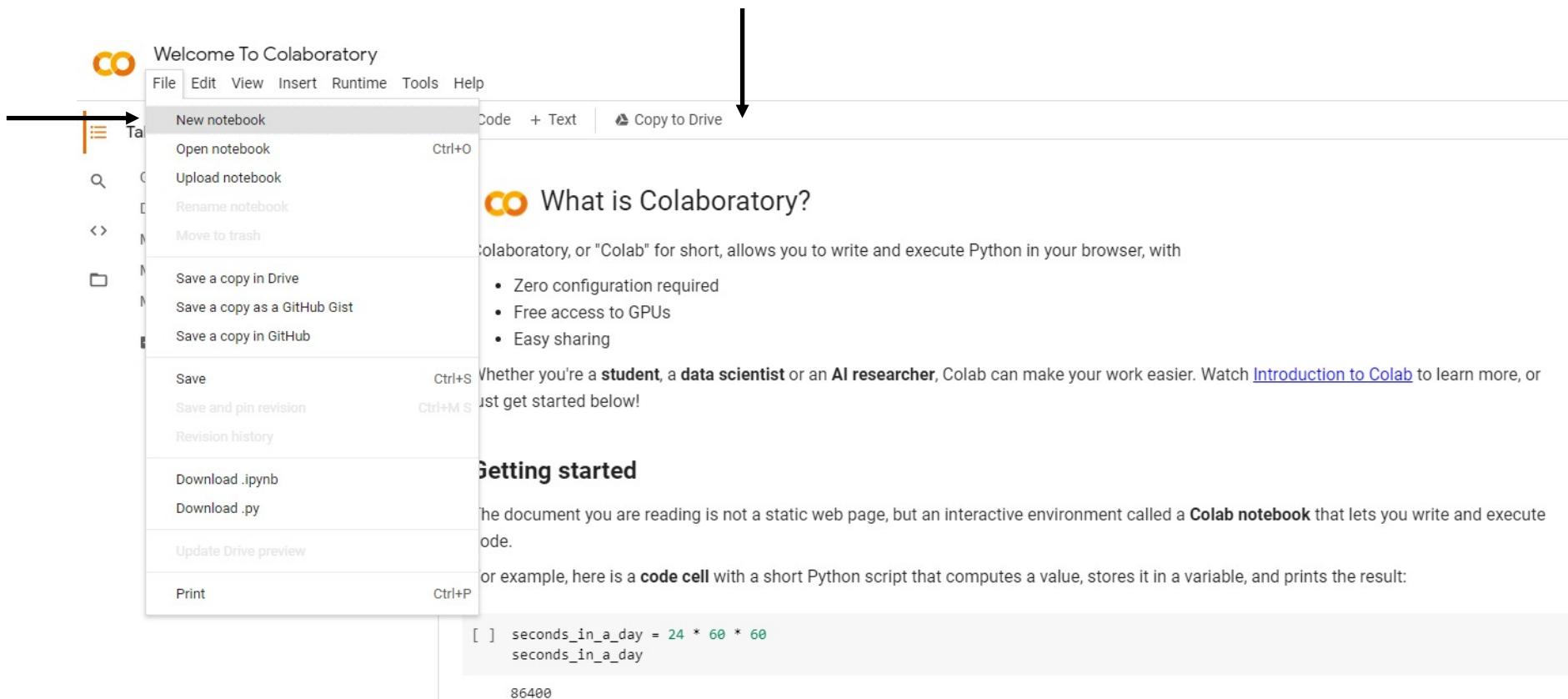


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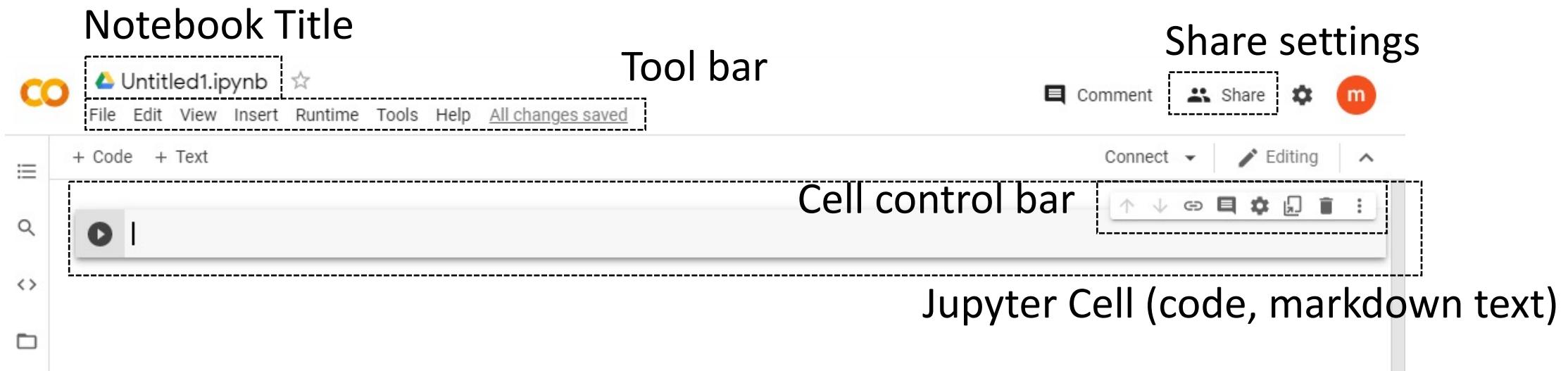
Tutorial to Colab

<https://colab.research.google.com/notebooks/intro.ipynb>

Create new
Notebook



Setting up Google Colaboratory



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Code vs Markdown Cell

Jupyter Notebook

The screenshot shows the Jupyter Notebook interface with two code cells. The top cell is a 'Code' cell containing the Python code `In []: # This is a Code cell`. The bottom cell is a 'Markdown' cell containing the text `# This is a markdown cell`. Both cells have their respective cell type dropdown menus highlighted with dashed boxes.

Google Colab

The screenshot shows the Google Colab interface with a single code cell. The cell type dropdown menu is highlighted with a dashed box. The cell contains a play button icon, indicating it is ready to be run.



PART 2: PYTHON BASICS

Python Data Types and Variables

Operators in Python

Conditionals, Loops, Functions



Python Data Types and Variables



Python Data Types and Variables

Jupyter Notebook Code

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

```
1
```

```
In [2]: y = 2.5  
print(y)
```

```
2.5
```

```
In [3]: z = True  
print(z)
```

```
True
```

```
In [4]: s = 'hello'  
print(s)
```

```
hello
```

Variable	Data Type	Value
x	int	1
y	float	2.5
z	bool	True
s	str	'hello'



Printing Variables with 'print'

Print single variable

```
var1 = 2021  
var2 = 'Fall'  
  
print(var1)
```

2021

Print multiple variable

```
print(var1, var2)
```

2021 Fall

Variables called in a cell can be displayed without print function, as 'outputs'

```
var1
```

2021

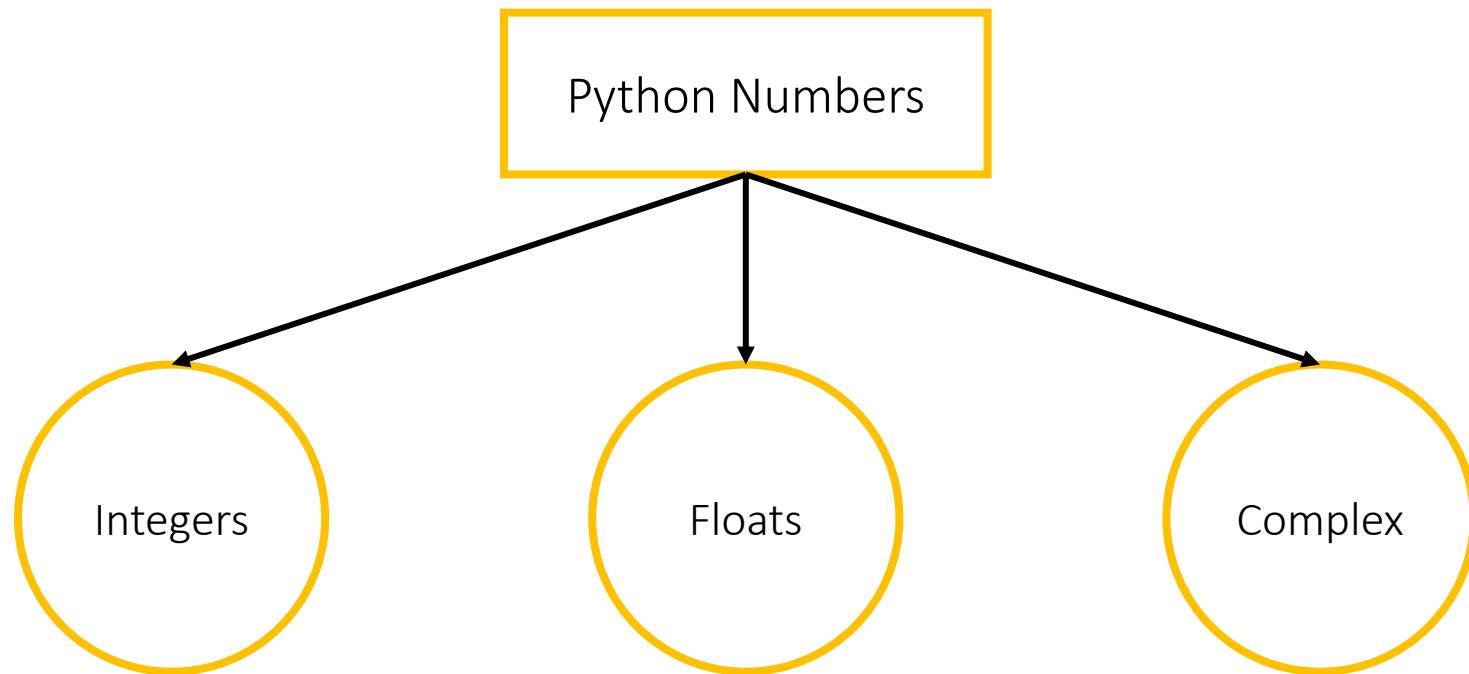
```
var1, var2
```

(2021, 'Fall')



Python Data Types: Numbers

```
x = 1      # Integer  
y = 1.6    # Float  
z = 2 + 6j # Complex
```



Examples

1, 300, -50

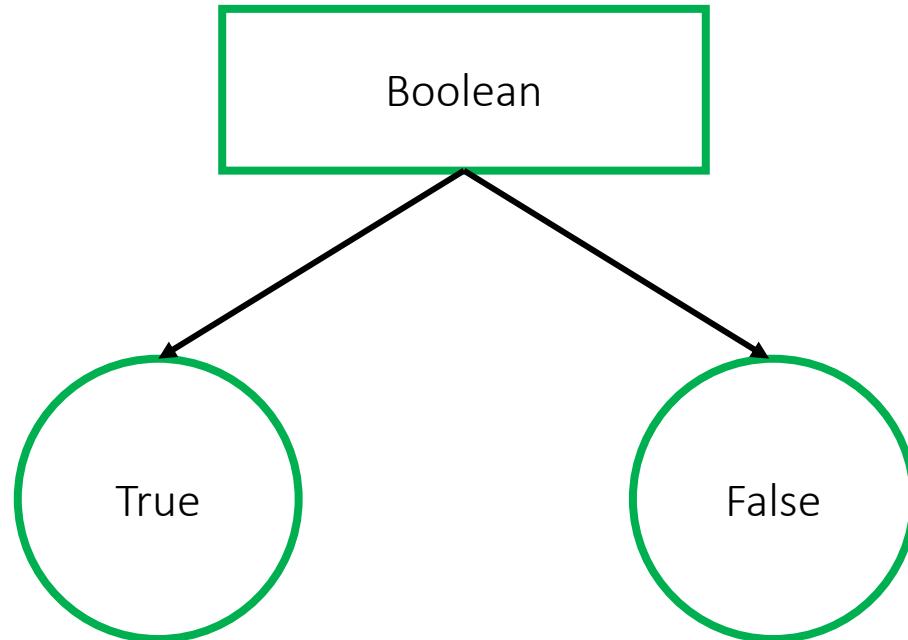
0.001, -15.7, 6.5, 1.0

6.4 – 3.6j, 8j, -10-2j



Python Data Types: Booleans

```
x = True      # True  
y = False     # False
```

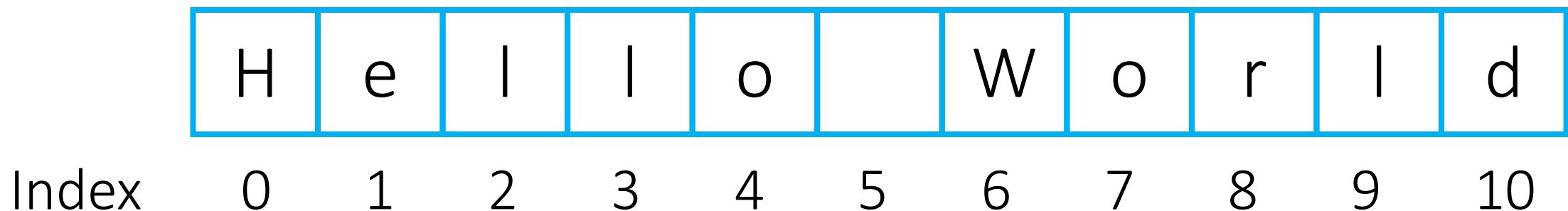


First letter should be capitalized



Python Data Type: Strings

```
x = 'Hello World'
```



Length of string = 11



Grouping Data with Python Lists

```
In [1]: list_1 = [1, 2, 3]  
list_1
```

```
Out[1]: [1, 2, 3]
```

```
In [2]: list_2 = ['Hello', 'World']  
list_2
```

```
Out[2]: ['Hello', 'World']
```

```
In [3]: list_3 = [1, 2, 3, 'Apple', 'orange']  
list_3
```

```
Out[3]: [1, 2, 3, 'Apple', 'orange']
```

```
In [4]: list_4 = [list_1, list_2]  
list_4
```

```
Out[4]: [[1, 2, 3], ['Hello', 'World']]
```

List of numbers

List of strings

List of numbers + strings

List of lists



Indexing Lists

```
In [3]: list_3 = [1, 2, 3, 'Apple', 'orange']  
list_3
```

```
Out[3]: [1, 2, 3, 'Apple', 'orange']
```

```
In [5]: list_3[2]
```

```
Out[5]: 3
```

```
In [6]: list_3[:3]
```

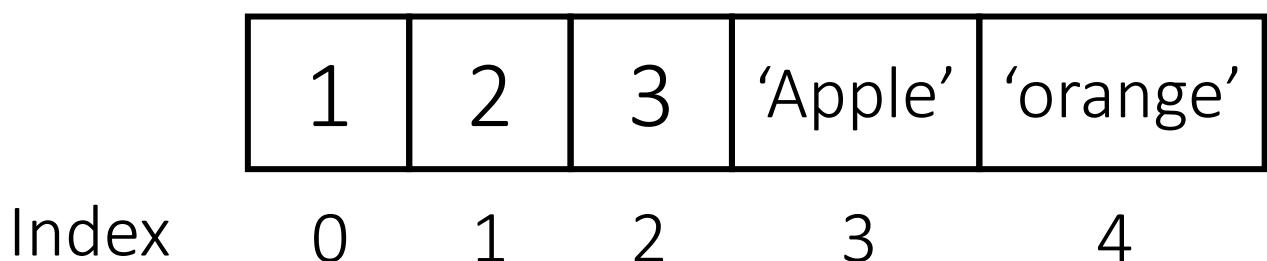
```
Out[6]: [1, 2, 3]
```

```
In [7]: list_3[-1]
```

```
Out[7]: 'orange'
```

```
In [8]: list_3[-3:]
```

```
Out[8]: [3, 'Apple', 'orange']
```



More information on indexing:

<https://railsware.com/blog/python-for-machine-learning-indexing-and-slicing-for-lists-tuples-strings-and-other-sequential-types/>

O Append, Insert, Delete List Elements

```
In [10]: list_3.append(4)  
list_3
```

```
Out[10]: [1, 2, 3, 'Apple', 'orange', 4]
```

```
In [12]: list_3.insert(2, 'pineapple')  
list_3
```

```
Out[12]: [1, 2, 'pineapple', 3, 'Apple', 'orange']
```

```
In [14]: del list_3[2]  
list_3
```

```
Out[14]: [1, 2, 'Apple', 'orange']
```

Appending a new value

Inserting a new value into an index

2: Index to insert,
'pineapple': Value to insert

Deleting an existing value

2: Index to delete



Empty List and Element Check

```
In [15]: empty_list = []
empty_list.append(5)
empty_list
```

Appending a value to an empty list []

```
Out[15]: [5]
```

```
In [16]: 5 in empty_list
```

Checking if an element is in the list

```
Out[16]: True
```

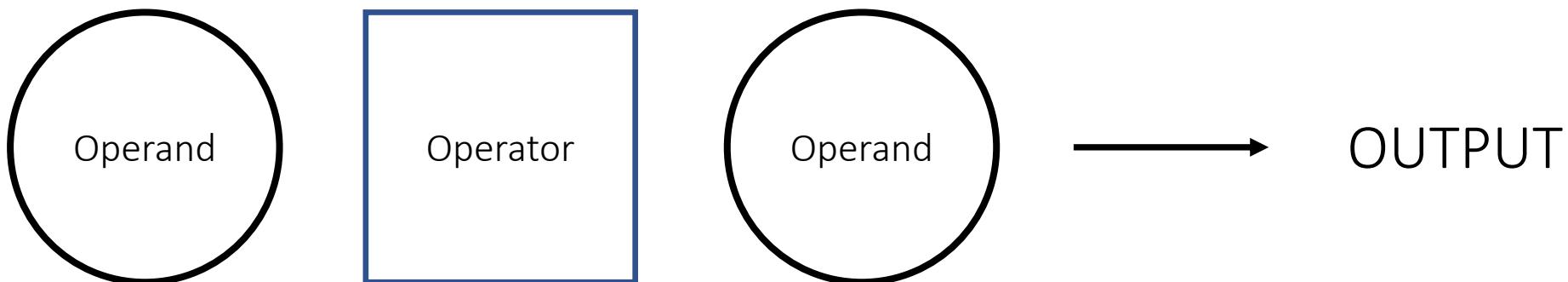


Operators in Python

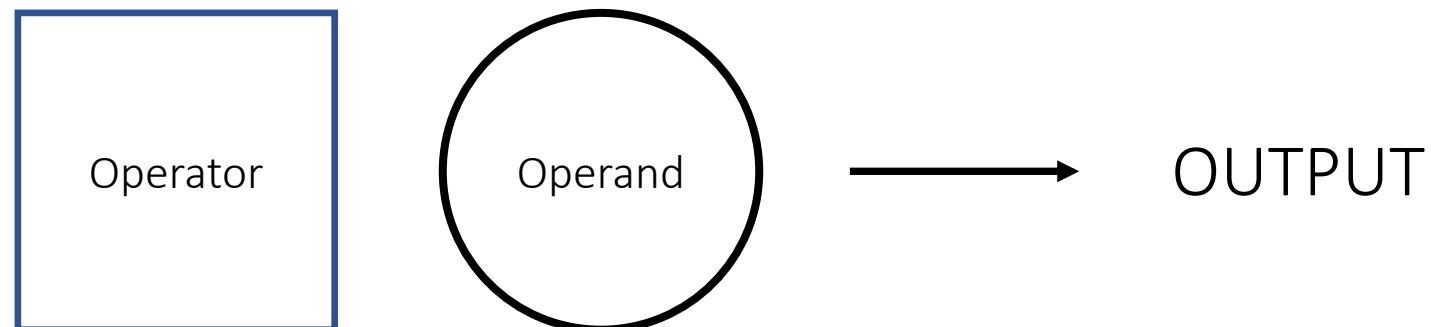


Operators in Python

1. Binary Operator



2. Unary Operator





Arithmetic Operators

	Operator	Example
Addition	+	<pre>float1, float2 = 5.4, 8.9 print(float1 + float2)</pre> 14.3
Subtraction	-	<pre>print(float1 - float2)</pre> -3.5
Multiplication	*	<pre>print(float1 * float2)</pre> 48.06
Exponent	**	<pre>print(float1**2)</pre> 29.16000000000004
Division	/	<pre>print(float1 / float2)</pre> 0.6067415730337079
Modulo	%	<pre>float1, float2 = 10., 3. print(float1 % float2)</pre> 1.0



Comparison Operators

	Operator	Example
Greater Than	<	<code>5 < 3</code> False
Less Than	>	<code>5 > 3</code> True
Greater Than or Equal to	>=	<code>5 >= 3</code> True
Less Than or Equal to	<=	<code>5 <= 3</code> False
Equivalent to	==	<code>5 == 3</code> False
Not Equivalent to	!=	<code>5 != 3</code> True



Assignment Operators

	Operator	Example
Add and Assign	<code>+=</code>	<pre>var1 = 3 var1 += 1 print(var1)</pre> 4
Subtract and Assign	<code>-=</code>	<pre>var1 -= 1 print(var1)</pre> 3
Multiply and Assign	<code>*=</code>	<pre>var1 *= 1.5 print(var1)</pre> 4.5
Divide and Assign	<code>/=</code>	<pre>var1 /= 2 print(var1)</pre> 2.25



Logical Operators

OR

Operator

AND

or

and

NOT

not

Example

```
bool1, bool2 = True, False  
print(bool1 or bool2)
```

True

```
print(bool1 and bool2)
```

False

```
print(not bool1)
```

False



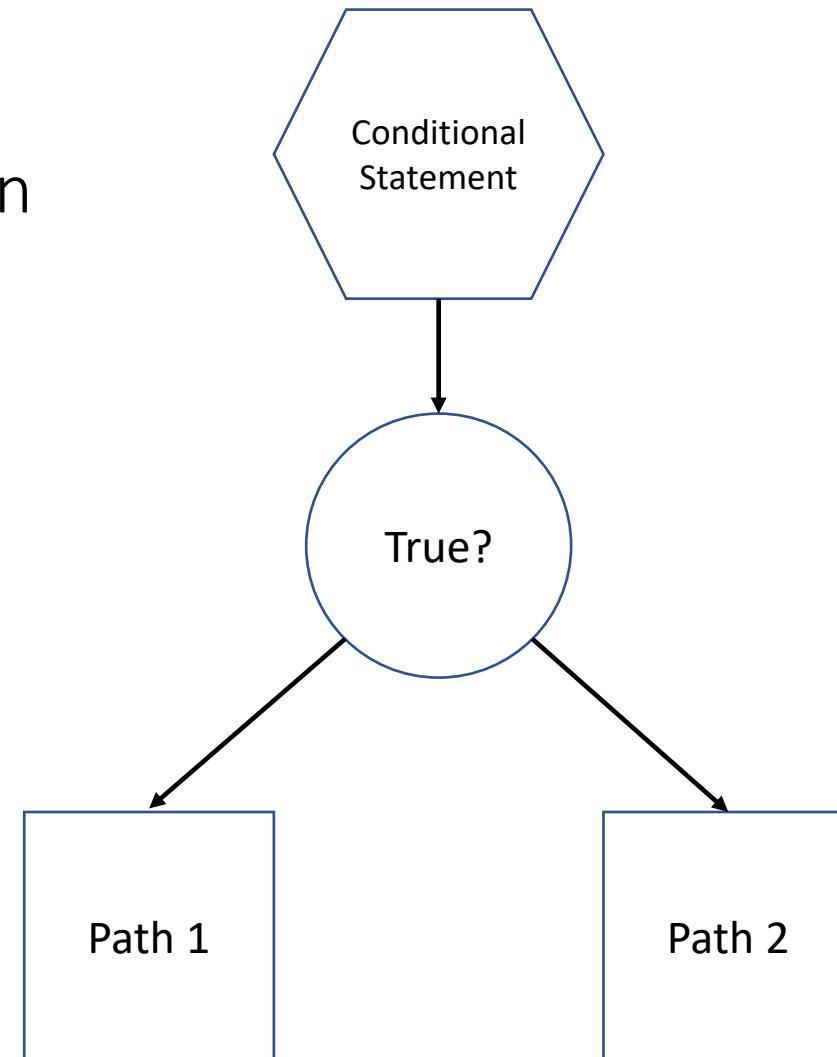
Conditionals, Loops, Functions



Conditional Statements

Types of conditional statements in Python

- If
- If-else
- If-elif-else





if statement

Implementation structure

If condition:

Code to be executed

Code example

```
In [11]: num1 = 10
         num2 = 20

         if num1 < num2: # equivalently, if (num1 < num2) == True
             print('num2 is larger than num1')

         num2 is larger than num1
```

```
In [2]: if type(num1) == int:

             print('num1 is integer')

         num1 is integer
```



If-else Statement

Implementation structure

If condition:

Execute this code

else:

Execute this code
instead

Code example

In [5]:

```
num1 = 20  
num2 = 10
```

```
if num1 < num2:
```

```
    print('num2 is larger than num1')
```

```
else:
```

```
    print('num2 is less or equal to num1')
```

num2 is less or equal to num1



If-elif-else Statement

Implementation structure

If condition 1:

Execute this code

elif condition 2:

Execute this code
instead

else:

Execute this code
instead

Code example

In [7]: num1 = 20

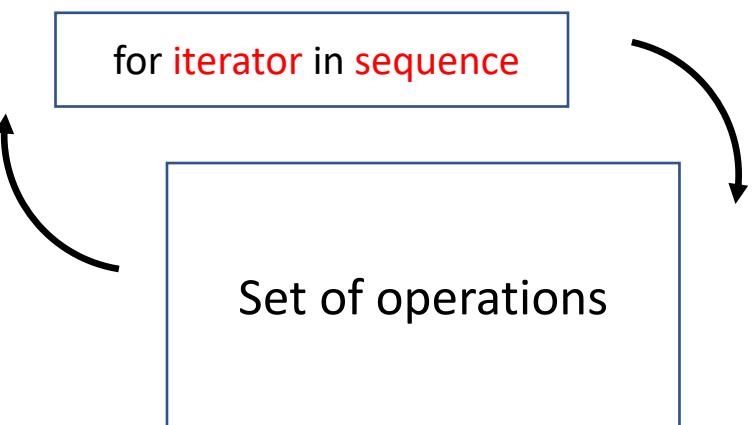
```
if type(num1) == float:  
  
    print('num1 is float')  
  
elif type(num1) == bool:  
  
    print('num1 is boolean')  
  
else:  
  
    print('num1 is neither float nor boolean')
```

num1 is neither float nor boolean

Note: You can have multiple elif conditions between if and else



for Loop



```
for i in range(1, 11): # A sequence from 1 to 10

    if i % 2 == 0:
        print(i, " is even")
    else:
        print(i, " is odd")
```

```
1 is odd
2 is even
3 is odd
4 is even
5 is odd
6 is even
7 is odd
8 is even
9 is odd
10 is even
```

Iterate through sequence

```
# For Loop - Iterate through List elements

float_list = [2.5, 16.42, 10.77, 8.3, 34.21]

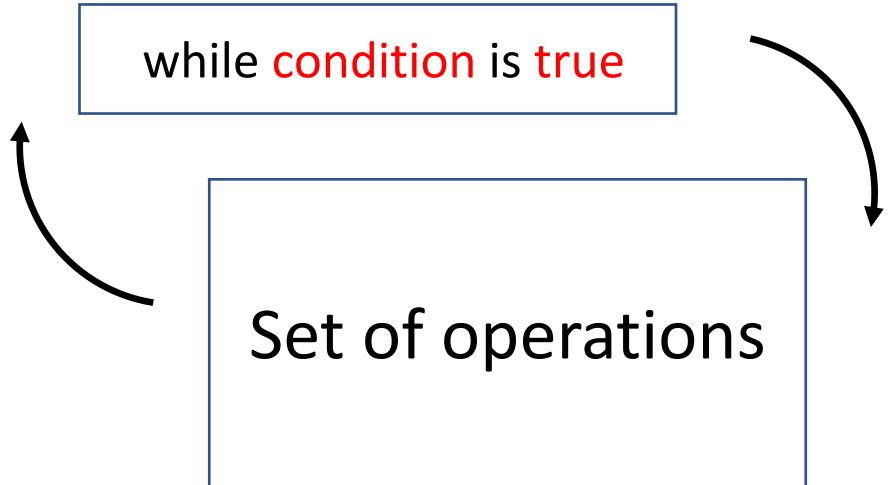
for num in float_list: # Iterator goes through each item in the List
    print([num, num * 2])
```

```
[2.5, 5.0]
[16.42, 32.84]
[10.77, 21.54]
[8.3, 16.6]
[34.21, 68.42]
```

Iterate through list elements



while Loop



Note: while loop has a potential to run infinitely if not set correctly

```
In [43]: number_list = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]  
k = 0  
  
while number_list[k] < 5:  
  
    powered = number_list[k] ** 2  
  
    print(powered)  
  
    k += 1
```

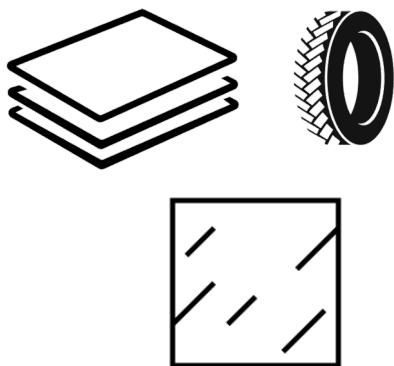
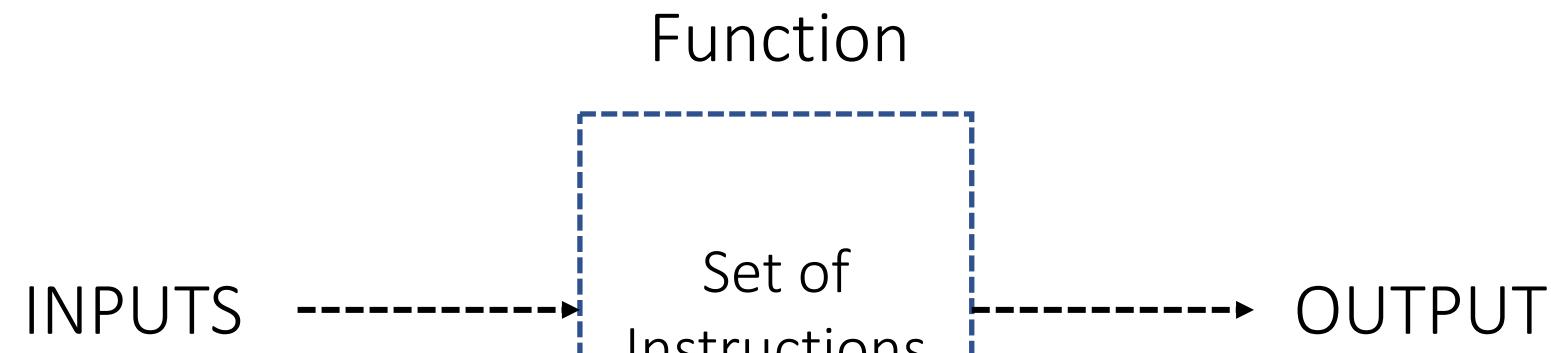
```
1  
4  
9  
16
```

```
In [1]: x = 1  
  
while(x > 0):  
  
    print("This loop will never end!!")
```

```
This loop will never end!!  
This loop will never end!!  
This loop will never end!!
```

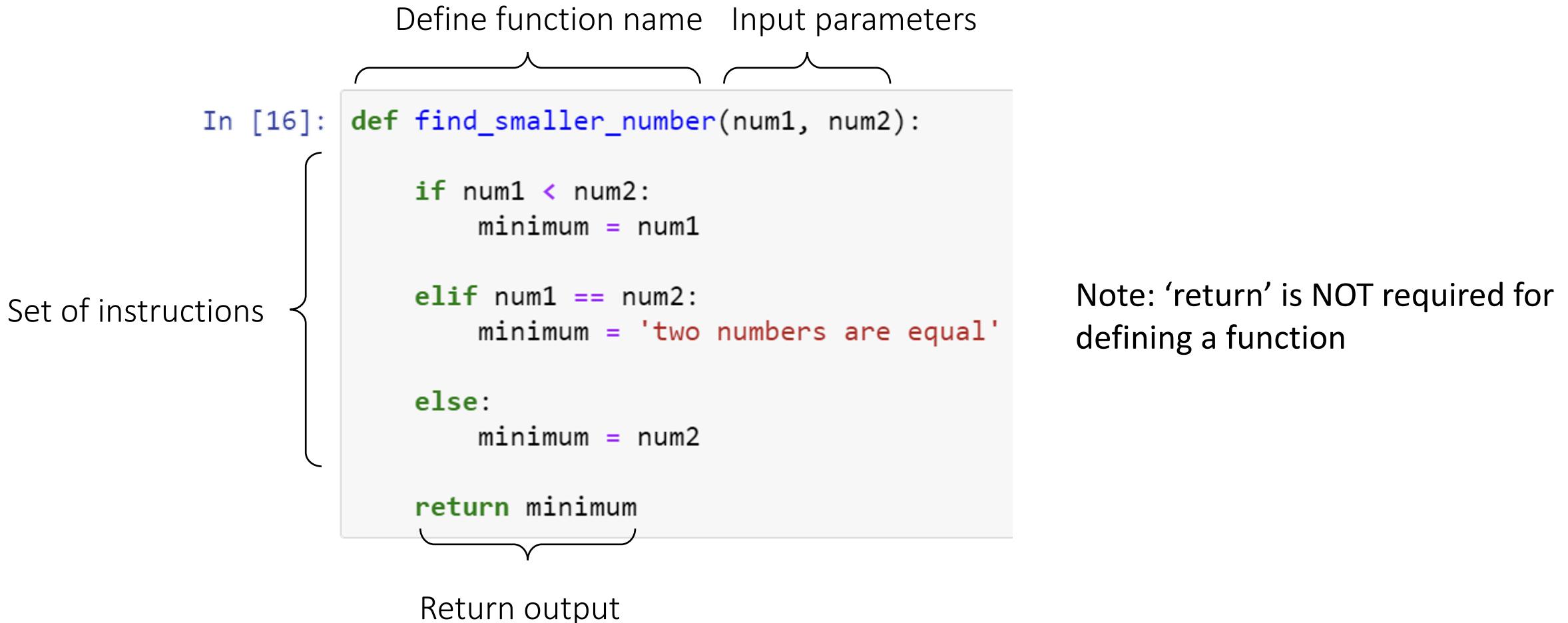


Functions





Defining Functions





PART 3: NUMPY AND PLOTTING

Introduction to NumPy

Plotting with Matplotlib



Introduction to NumPy



What is NumPy?

Fundamental package for scientific computing in Python

- Supports multi-dimensional array object
- Provides assortment of mathematical routines for arrays
- Fast array operations through pre-compiled C
- Support array-wide broadcasting for operations
- Included in Anaconda 3





Constructing NumPy Arrays

From Python lists

```
import numpy as np

# 1D array
arr = np.array([1,2,3,4,5])

# 2D array
arr_2d = np.array([[1,2,3,4,5],
                   [6,7,8,9,10],
                   [11,12,13,14,15]])

print("Array dimensions: ", arr.shape)
print("Array dimensions: ", arr_2d.shape)
print("Array type: ", type(arr))
```

```
Array dimensions: (5,)
Array dimensions: (3, 5)
Array type: <class 'numpy.ndarray'>
```

From Numpy commands

```
# Define number of each dimension |
n1 = 3
n2 = 4

# Zeros array
zeros_1d = np.zeros(n1)
zeros_2d = np.zeros((n1,n2))

# Ones array
ones_1d = np.ones(n1)
ones_2d = np.ones((n1,n2))

# Creating array using np.arange
arr_arange = np.arange(0, 10, 1)      # (start, stop, stepsize)

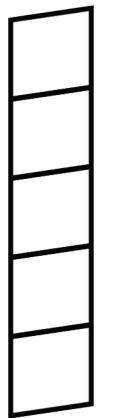
# Creating an array using np.linspace
arr_linspace = np.linspace(0, 9, 10) # (start, stop, # of bins)

print("1D zeros array: ", zeros_1d)
print("1D ones array: ", ones_1d)
print("Number sequence from 0 to 9 using arange: ", arr_arange)
print("Number sequence from 0 to 9 using linspace: ", arr_linspace)
```

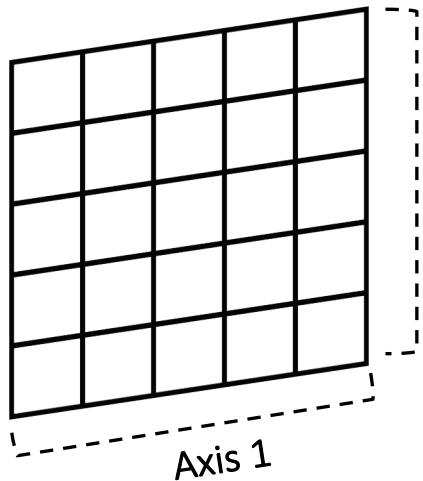
1D zeros array: [0. 0. 0.]
1D ones array: [1. 1. 1.]
Number sequence from 0 to 9 using arange: [0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9]
Number sequence from 0 to 9 using linspace: [0. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.]



Data Structures as Numpy Arrays

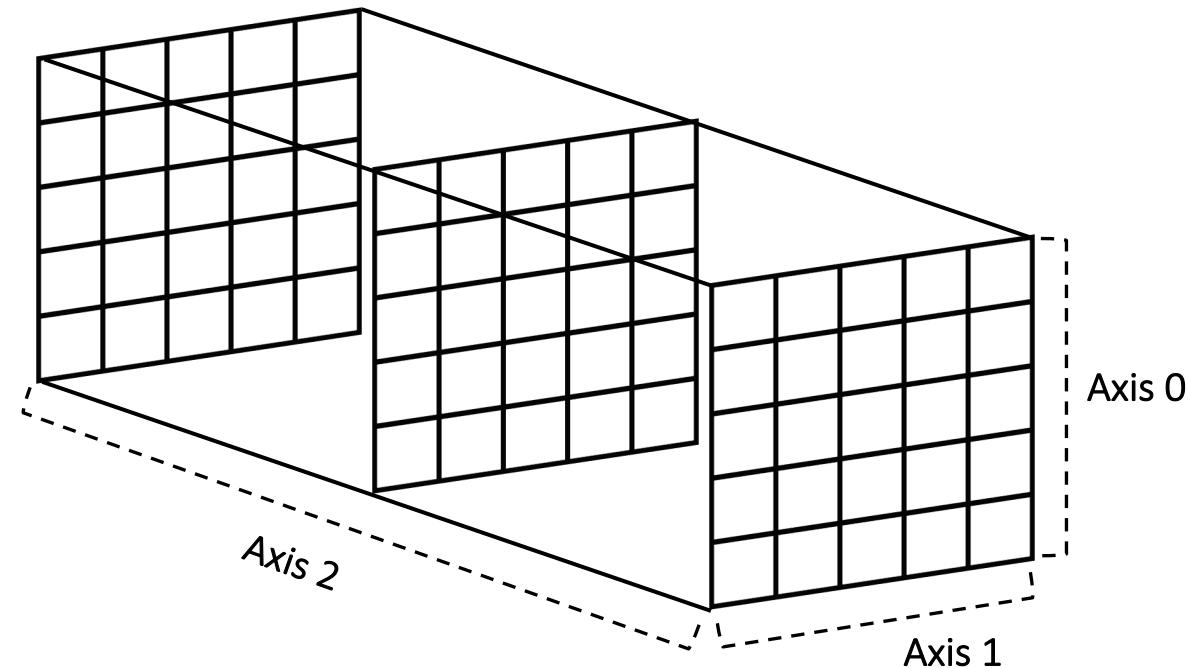


Axis 0



Axis 0

Axis 1



Axis 0

Axis 2

Axis 1

1-D

Shape = (i,)

e.g. time series data

2-D

Shape = (i,j)

e.g. data frame, table,
greyscale image

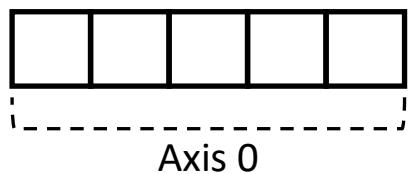
3-D

Shape = (i,j,k)

e.g. RGB color image



Slicing Arrays (1D)



arr

arr[2:]

||

arr[-3:]

arr[:3]

||

arr[:-2]

arr[1:4]

||

arr[-4:-1]

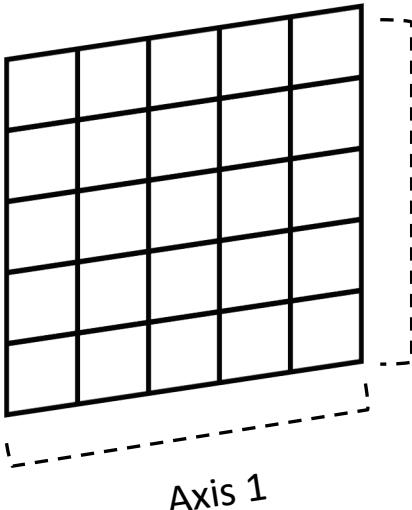
arr[4]

||

arr[-1]



Slicing Arrays (2D)



arr

arr[:3]

||

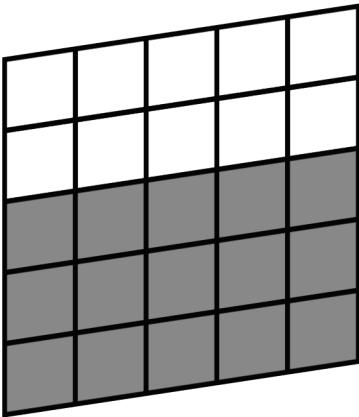
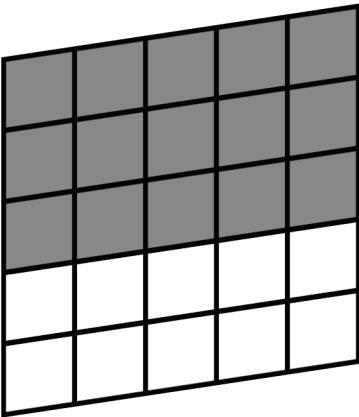
arr[:3, :]

||

arr[:-2]

||

arr[:-2, :]



arr[2:]

||

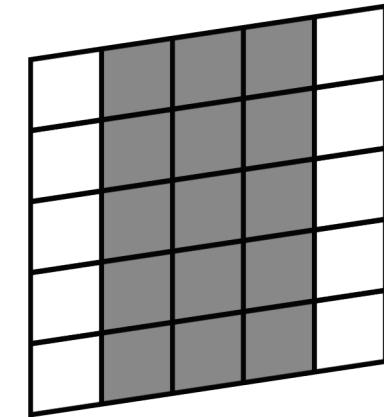
arr[2:, :]

||

arr[-3:]

||

arr[-3:, :]



arr[:, 1:4]

||

arr[:, -4:-1]

||

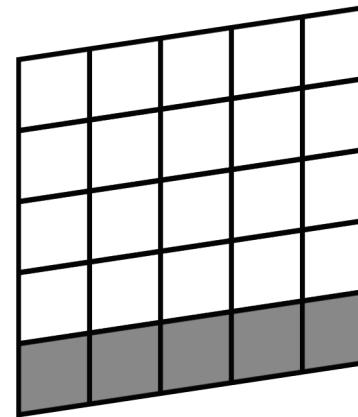
arr[-4:-1]

||

arr[-1]

||

arr[-1, :]



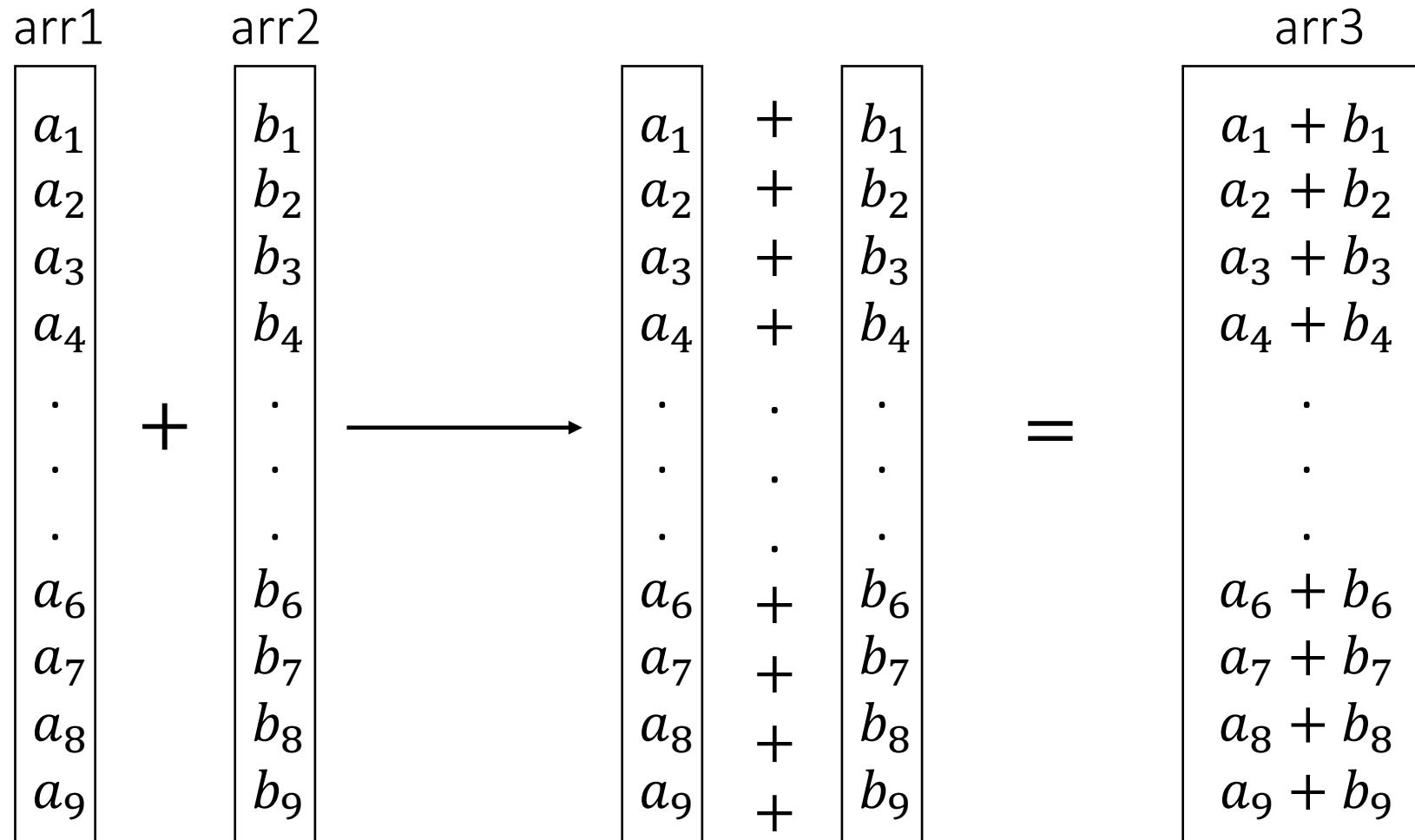
arr[4]

||

arr[4, :]



Array-wide Operations in NumPy



`numpy.add(arr1, arr2)`



NumPy Arithmetic Operators

Addition

Operator

np.add()

Example

```
arr_1 = np.arange(0, 10, 1) # 0 to 9
arr_2 = np.arange(10, 20, 1) # 10 to 19

print("arr_1 + arr_2:", np.add(arr_1, arr_2))

arr_1 + arr_2: [10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28]
```

Subtraction

np.subtract()

```
print("arr_1 - arr_2:", np.subtract(arr_1, arr_2))

arr_1 - arr_2: [-10 -10 -10 -10 -10 -10 -10 -10 -10 -10]
```

Multiplication

np.multiply()

```
print("arr_1 * arr_2:", np.multiply(arr_1, arr_2))

arr_1 * arr_2: [  0   11   24   39   56   75   96  119  144  171]
```

Note: The syntax assumes “import numpy as np”



NumPy Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Example
Exponent np.exp()	<pre>print("exp(arr_1):", np.exp(arr_1)[:5]) # Print first 5</pre> <pre>exp(arr_1): [1. 2.71828183 7.3890561 20.08553692 54.59815003]</pre>
Division np.divide()	<pre>print("arr_1 / arr_2:", np.divide(arr_1, arr_2)[:5]) # Print first 5</pre> <pre>arr_1 / arr_2: [0. 0.09090909 0.16666667 0.23076923 0.28571429]</pre>
Modulo np.mod()	<pre>print("10 % 3:", np.mod(10, 3))</pre> <pre>10 % 3: 1</pre>



Math Operators

	Operator	Example
Sine	np.sin(x)	<pre>x_arr = np.array([1,2,3]) print(np.sin(x_arr)) [0.84147098 0.90929743 0.14112001]</pre>
Cosine	np.cos(x)	<pre>print(np.cos(x_arr)) [0.54030231 -0.41614684 -0.9899925]</pre>
Tangent	np.tan(x)	<pre>print(np.tan(x_arr)) [1.55740772 -2.18503986 -0.14254654]</pre>

Note: Trigonometric functions require radians as inputs



Math Operators

Operator

Pi

np.pi

Example

```
print(np.pi)
```

3.141592653589793

Square Root

np.sqrt(x)

```
print(np.sqrt(x_arr))
```

[1. 1.41421356 1.73205081]



Combining Arrays

Concatenation

Operator

np.concatenate()

Example

```
print(np.concatenate([arr_1, arr_2]))  
[ 0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19]
```

Stack Dimensions

np.stack()

```
print(np.stack([arr_1, arr_2]))  
[[ 0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9]  
 [10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19]]
```

Horizontal Stack

np.hstack()

```
print(np.hstack([arr_1, arr_2]))  
[ 0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19]
```

Vertical Stack

np.vstack()

```
print(np.vstack([arr_1, arr_2]))  
[[ 0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9]  
 [10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19]]
```

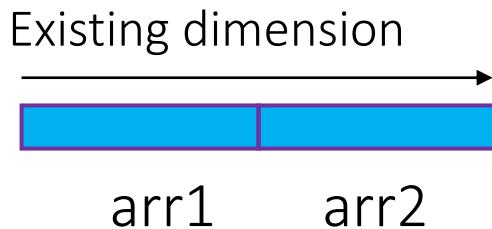


Combining Arrays

Operator

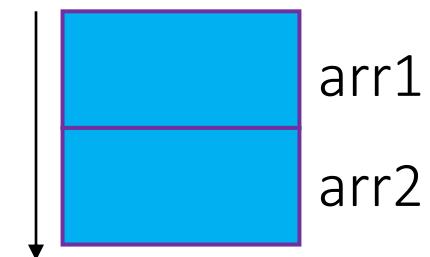
`np.concatenate()`

1D



2D

Existing dimension

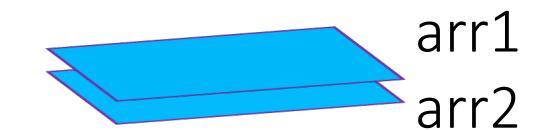


New dimension

`np.stack()`



New dimension



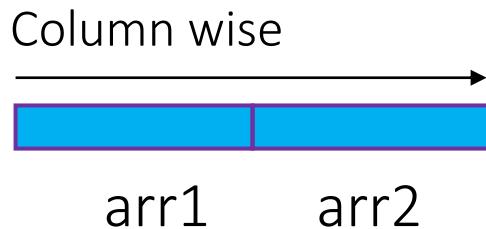


Combining Arrays

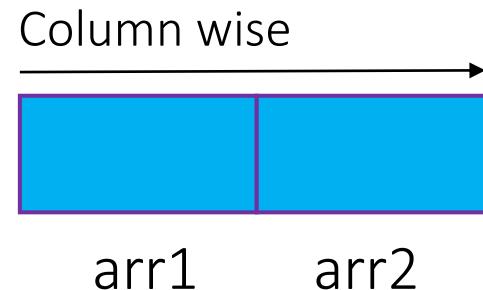
Operator

`np.hstack()`

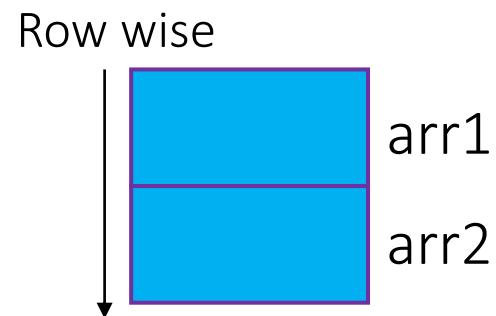
1D



2D



`np.vstack()`





Array Splitting

Split the array into sub-arrays
(axis defines direction)

Split the array column-wise

Split the array row-wise

Operator

np.split()

np.hsplit()

np.vsplit()

Example

```
1 print(array_2d)
[[ 0  1  2  3]
 [ 4  5  6  7]
 [ 8  9 10 11]
 [12 13 14 15]]
```

```
1 np.split(array_2d, 2, axis = 0)
[array([[0, 1, 2, 3],
       [4, 5, 6, 7]]),
 array([[ 8,  9, 10, 11],
       [12, 13, 14, 15]])]
```

```
1 print(np.hsplit(array_2d, 2))
[array([[ 0,  1],
       [ 4,  5],
       [ 8,  9],
       [12, 13]]), array([[ 2,  3],
       [ 6,  7],
       [10, 11],
       [14, 15]])]
```

```
1 print(np.vsplit(array_2d, 2))
[array([[0, 1, 2, 3],
       [4, 5, 6, 7]]), array([[ 8,  9, 10, 11],
       [12, 13, 14, 15]])]
```



Characteristic Values of Arrays

	Operator	Example
Minimum Value	np.min()	<pre>print(np.min(arr_1))</pre> 0
Maximum Value	np.max()	<pre>print(np.max(arr_1))</pre> 9
Mean Value	np.mean()	<pre>print(np.mean(arr_1))</pre> 4.5
Summed Value	np.sum()	<pre>print(np.sum(arr_1))</pre> 45

Note: axis parameter allows you to compute characteristic value alongside specific axis - e.g. np.sum(arr_1, axis =0): summation along row axis.



Indexing Arrays

	Operator	Example
Minimum Value Index	np.argmin()	<pre>arr_3 = np.array([4,2,6,7,8,9,3]) print(np.argmin(arr_3))</pre> 1
Maximum Value Index	np.argmax()	<pre>print(np.argmax(arr_3))</pre> 5
Sort Indices (low to high)	np.argsort()	<pre>print(np.argsort(arr_3))</pre> [1 6 0 2 3 4 5]
Find Indices satisfying a Condition	np.where()	<pre>print(np.where(arr_3 < 7)) (array([0, 1, 2, 6], dtype=int64),)</pre>



Plotting with Matplotlib



Basic Plotting with Matplotlib

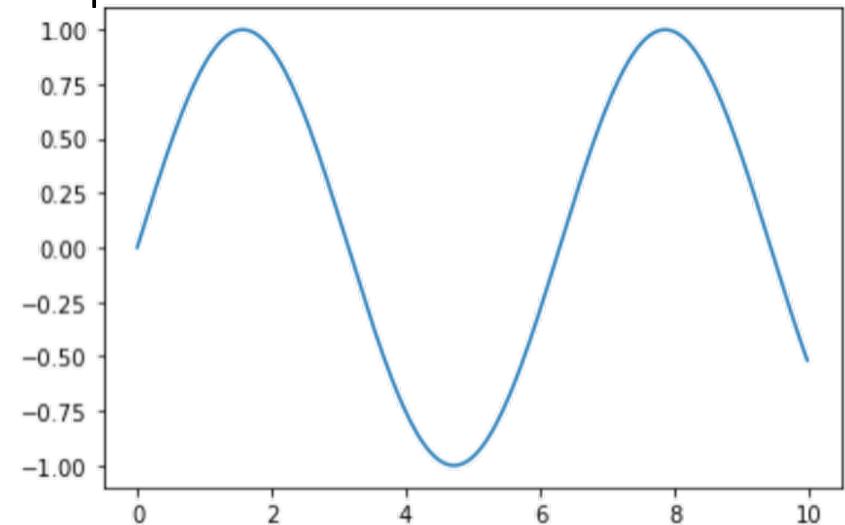
Import Matplotlib

```
%matplotlib inline # If using local notebook runtime, allows you to display the plot inside the jupyter notebook  
%matplotlib notebook # Alternatively, you can use this line instead for interactive plots  
  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Code

```
x = np.arange(0, 10, 1/32) # x axis data  
y = np.sin(x) # y axis data  
plt.plot(x, y) # plot the data
```

Output



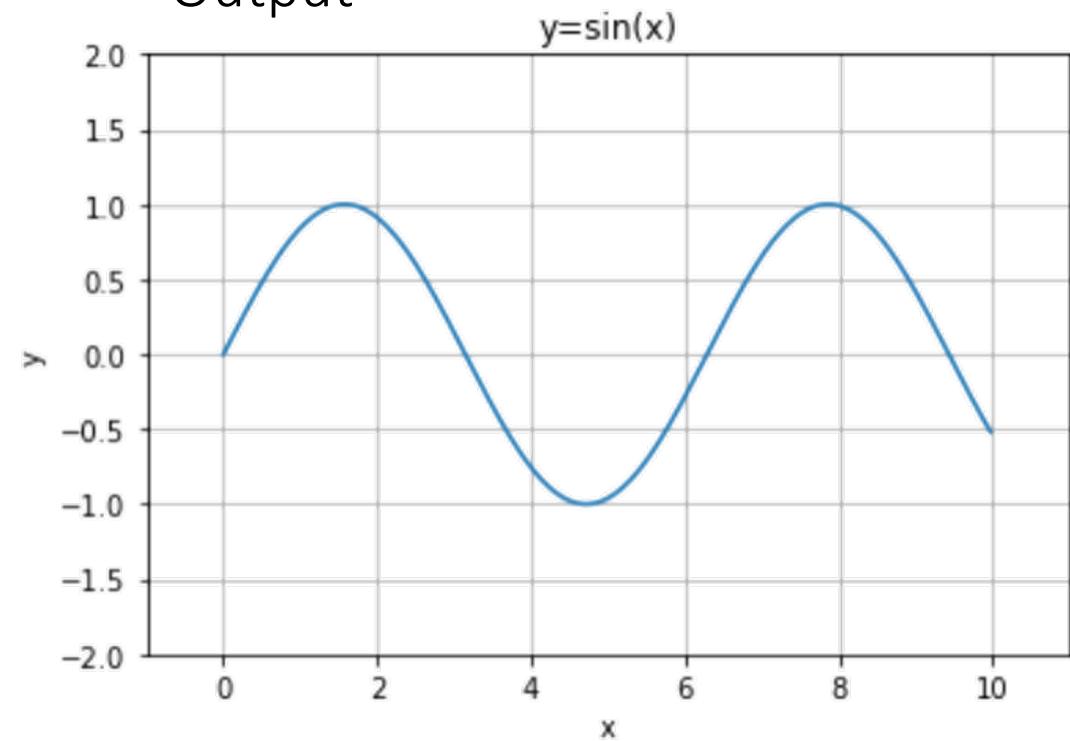


Labeling Your Plots

Code

```
plt.plot(x, y)
plt.title('y=sin(x)') # set the title
plt.xlabel('x')        # set the x axis label
plt.ylabel('y')        # set the y axis label
plt.xlim(-1, 11)       # set the x axis range
plt.ylim(-2, 2)        # set the y axis range
plt.grid()             # enable the grid
```

Output





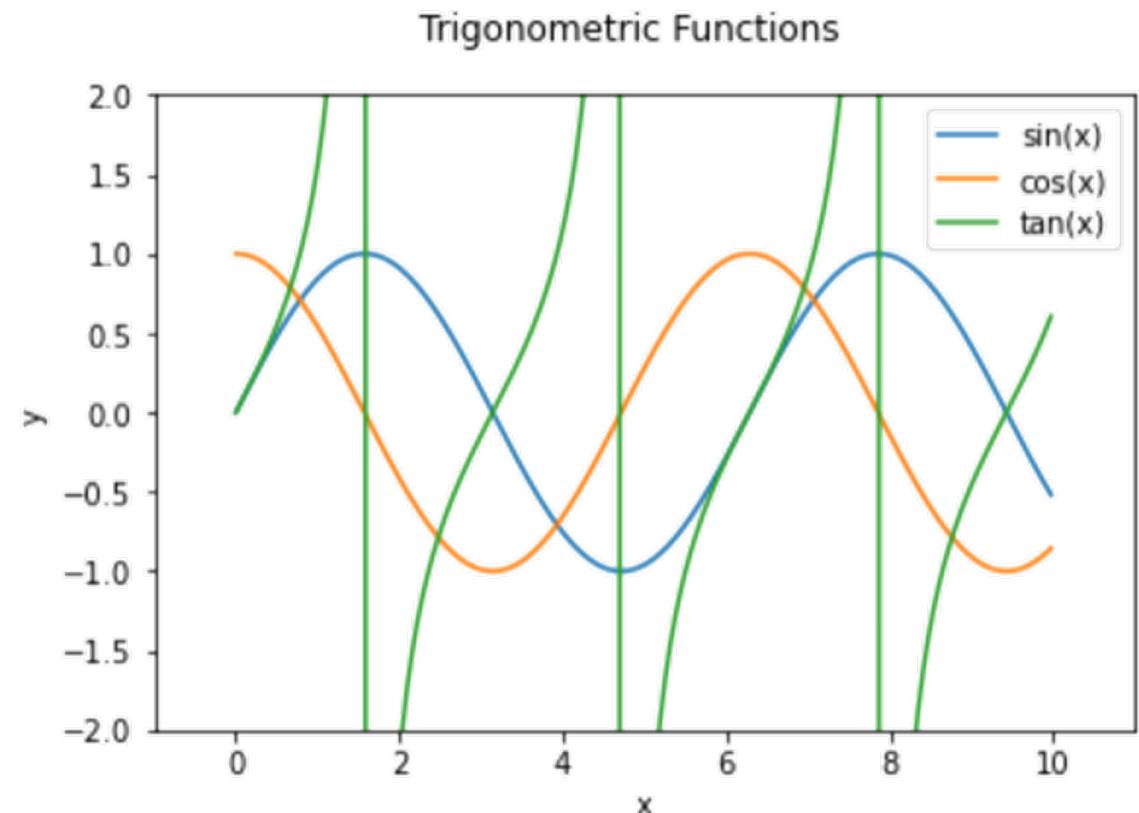
Multiple Plots

Code

```
# Multiple Plots
# On same figure

x = np.arange(0, 10, 1/32) # x axis data
y1 = np.sin(x)             # y axis data 1
y2 = np.cos(x)             # y axis data 2
y3 = np.tan(x)             # y axis data 3
plt.figure(1)               # create figure 1
plt.plot(x, y1, label='sin(x)')
plt.plot(x, y2, label='cos(x)')
plt.plot(x, y3, label='tan(x)')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')
plt.xlim(-1, 11)
plt.ylim(-2, 2)
plt.suptitle('Trigonometric Functions')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

Output





Creating Subplots

Code

```
# Multiple Subplots
x = np.arange(0, 10, 1/32) # x axis data
y1 = np.sin(x)           # y axis data for subplot 1
y2 = np.cos(x)           # y axis data for subplot 2
y3 = np.tan(x)           # y axis data for subplot 3

fig = plt.figure(2, figsize=(8,8)) # create figure 2

plt.subplot(311)           # (number of rows, number of columns, current plot)
plt.plot(x, y1)
plt.title('sin(x)')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')

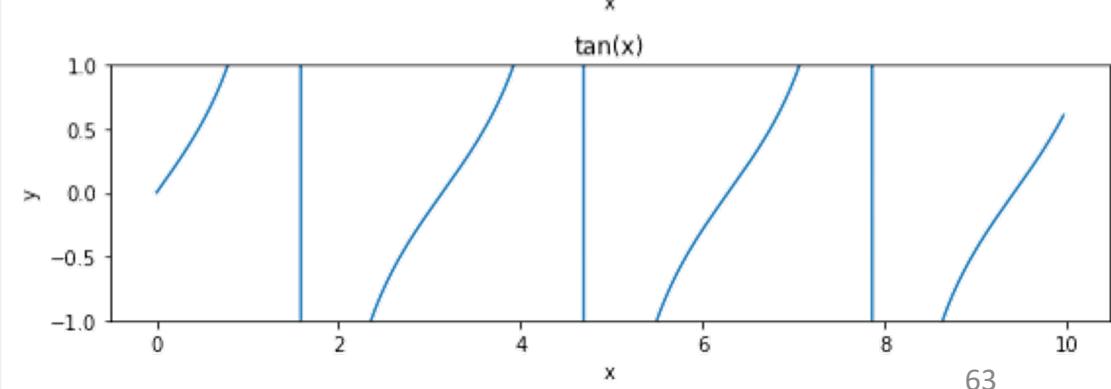
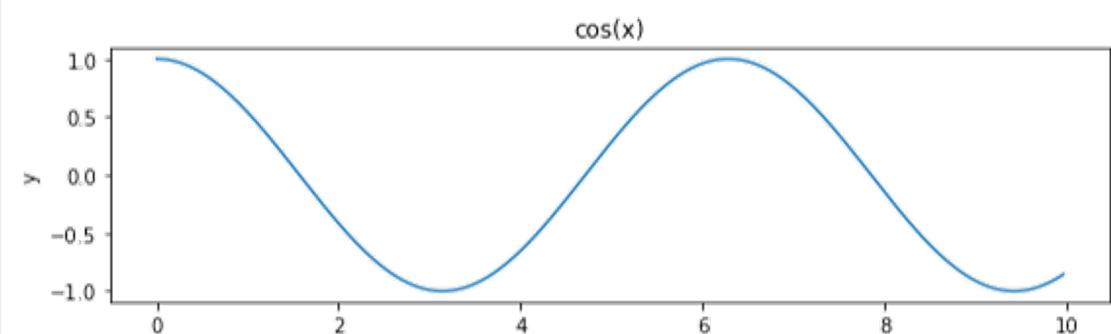
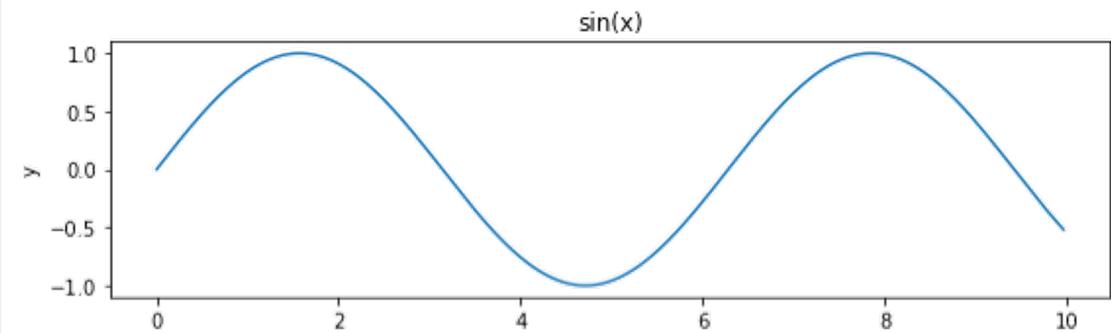
plt.subplot(312)
plt.plot(x, y2)
plt.title('cos(x)')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')

plt.subplot(313)
plt.plot(x, y3)
plt.title('tan(x)')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')
plt.ylim(-1, 1)

fig.tight_layout()
```

Official documentation:
<https://matplotlib.org/stable/tutorials/introductory/usage.html#sphx-glr-tutorials-introductory-usage-py>

Output





LAB 1 SUPPLEMENTARY:

BASIC DEBUGGING WITH PYTHON

- General Tips on Minimizing Errors
- Debugging with 'print'
- Debugging with PDB
- Using Google/Stack Overflow



General Tips on Minimizing Errors

Do not panic when you get errors

Outline your code structure ahead of time

Keep your code organized

Test your code often

More tips on avoiding errors by Berkeley online textbook

<https://pythonnumericalmethods.berkeley.edu/notebooks/chapter10.00-Errors-Practices-Debugging.html>



Basic Debugging with ‘print’

Code block 1

`print("done running block 1")` → Runs when code block 1 doesn't produce an error

Code block 2

`print("done running block 2")` → Runs when code block 2 doesn't produce an error

Code block 3

`print("done running block 3")`

.

.

.



Basic Debugging with 'print'

x = ...

Code that processes x
Produces y

y = ...

Code that processes y
Produces z

z = ...

Original code

x = ...

print(x)



Check if x value is correct

Code that processes x
Produces y

y = ...

print(y)



Check if y value is correct

Code that processes y
Produces z

z = ...

print(z)



Check if z value is correct

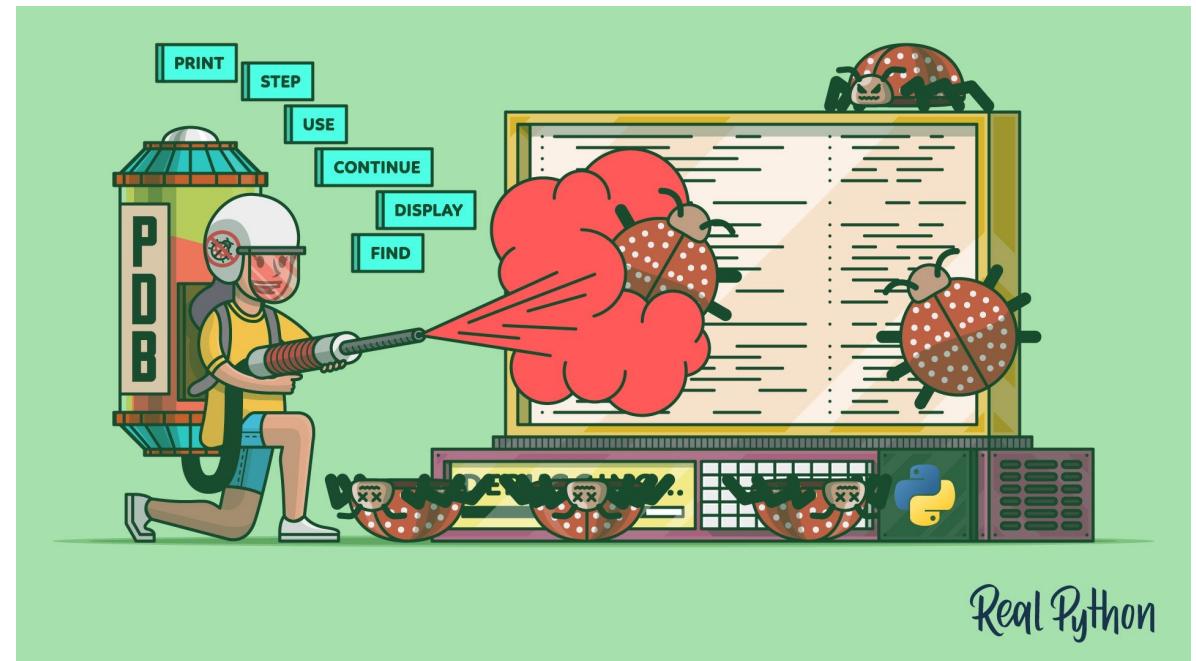
Debugging each step with print()



Python Debugger

What is Python Debugger (PDB)?

- Debugging tool built in Python
- No installation required
- Provides Interactive environment
- Widely used for systemic debugging



Real Python



PDB Basics

```
def divide(divisor):
    breakpoint()
    val = 1/divisor
    return val
```

Upon execution of the code, activates Python debugger console at this line

```
divide(0)
```

```
> <ipython-input-24-03e5b3dd8265>(5)divide()
      3     breakpoint()
      4
----> 5     val = 1/divisor
      6
      7     return val
```

ipdb> Python debugger console



PDB Useful Commands

```
> <ipython-input-24-03e5b3dd8265>(5)divide()
   3     breakpoint()
   4
-----> 5     val = 1/divisor
   6
   7     return val
```

ipdb>

- { h: help
- w: where
- n: next
- c: continue
- p: print
- l: list
- q: quit



PDB Useful Commands

```
divide(0)
> <ipython-input-24-03e5b3dd8265>(5)divide()
   3     breakpoint()
   4
----> 5     val = 1/divisor
   6
   7     return val
```

```
ipdb> h
=====
Documented commands (type help <topic>):
=====
EOF  commands  enable  ll      pp      s          until
a    condition  exit    longlist  psource  skip_hidden  up
alias  cont    h       n        q        skip_predicates  w
args   context  help    next    quit    source    whatis
b    continue  ignore  p       r       step    where
break  d       interact  pdef    restart  tbreak
bt    debug    j       pdoc    return  u
c    disable  jump    pfile   retval  unalias
cl    display  l       pinfo   run    undisplay
clear  down    list    pinfo2  rv    unt
```

```
Miscellaneous help topics:
=====
```

```
exec  pdb
```

```
ipdb> h l
Print lines of code from the current stack frame
```

→ h: help

w: where

n: next

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p: print

l: list

q: quit

→ Provide documentation for the command

```
ipdb>
```



PDB Useful Commands

```
: divide(2)
> <ipython-input-1-f4a9c3842530>(7)divide()
  3      val = 1/divisor
  4
  5      breakpoint()
  6
----> 7      return val
```

```
ipdb> w
[... skipping 27 hidden frame(s)]
```

```
-----[<ipython-input-2-cfdb0f794c84>(1)<module>()]
----> 1 divide(2)
```

```
> <ipython-input-1-f4a9c3842530>(7)divide()
  3      val = 1/divisor
  4
  5      breakpoint()
  6
----> 7      return val
```

```
-----[<ipython-input-2-cfdb0f794c84>(1)<module>()]
----> 1 divide(2)
```

h: help

w: where

n: next

c: continue

p: print

l: list

q: quit

Print a stack trace (i.e. the order of code being executed), with the most recent frame at the bottom.



PDB Useful Commands

```
divide(2)
```

```
> <ipython-input-1-03e5b3dd8265>(5)divide()
   3     breakpoint()
   4
----> 5     val = 1/divisor
   6
   7     return val
```

```
ipdb> n _____
| > <ipython-input-1-03e5b3dd8265>(7)divide()
|   3     breakpoint()
|   4
|   5     val = 1/divisor
|   6
----> 7     return val
```

```
ipdb> [ ]
```

h: help

w: where

n: next

c: continue

p: print

l: list

q: quit

Executes the next line of code



PDB Useful Commands

```
divide(2)

> <ipython-input-1-a669feb31165>(5)divide()
   3     breakpoint()
   4
----> 5     val = 1/divisor
   6
   7     breakpoint()
```

```
ipdb> c _____
> <ipython-input-1-a669feb31165>(9)divide()
   5     val = 1/divisor
   6
   7     breakpoint()
   8
----> 9     return val
```

```
ipdb> 
```

h: help
w: where
n: next
c: continue
p: print
l: list
q: quit

Run the code until the next breakpoint()



PDB Useful Commands

```
divide(2)
```

```
> <ipython-input-1-f4a9c3842530>(7)divide()
  3      val = 1/divisor
  4
  5      breakpoint()
  6
----> 7      return val
```

```
ipdb> p val
```

```
0.5
```

```
ipdb> |
```

h: help

w: where

n: next

c: continue

p: print

l: list

q: quit

Print the value of the desired variable



PDB Useful Commands

```
divide(2)  
  
> <ipython-input-1-f4a9c3842530>(7)divide()  
    3      val = 1/divisor  
    4  
    5      breakpoint()  
    6  
----> 7      return val
```

```
ipdb> l  
1  
2  
3      val = 1/divisor  
4  
5      breakpoint()  
6  
----> 7      return val
```

```
ipdb> |
```

h: help
w: where
n: next
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p: print
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Similar to where but print the lines of code from the current stack frame



PDB Useful Commands

```
divide(2)

> <ipython-input-1-f4a9c3842530>(7)divide()
   3     val = 1/divisor
   4
   5     breakpoint()
   6
----> 7     return val

ipdb> q
-----
BdbQuit                                     Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-2-cfdb0f794c84> in <module>
----> 1 divide(2)

<ipython-input-1-f4a9c3842530> in divide(divisor)
      5     breakpoint()
      6
----> 7     return val

<ipython-input-1-f4a9c3842530> in divide(divisor)
      5     breakpoint()
      6
----> 7     return val

~\anaconda3\lib\bdb.py in trace_dispatch(self, frame, event, arg)
    86         return # None
    87     if event == 'line':
----> 88         return self.dispatch_line(frame)
    89     if event == 'call':
    90         return self.dispatch_call(frame, arg)

~\anaconda3\lib\bdb.py in dispatch_line(self, frame)
   111         if self.stop_here(frame) or self.break_here(frame):
   112             self.user_line(frame)
--> 113         if self.quitting: raise BdbQuit
   114     return self.trace_dispatch

BdbQuit:
```

h: help
w: where
n: next
c: continue
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Exit the debugger console

Useful video tutorial of basic usage of Python debugger:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZJnGOwzHtU>



Using Google/Stack Overflow

What do you do when you get stuck

Respondents most often use Google when they get stuck or visit Stack Overflow.

