

Assignment-1

Notes from videos

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1 Positron

1.1 Getting Started with Positron: A Quick Tour

1.1.1 Folder from Git

File-New Folder from Git-enter the http (e.g.: <https://github.com/posit-dev/posit-conf-2025-positron-assistant-demo.git>)

Underlined packages are not installed

1.1.2 Install Packages

1. In the terminal, enter `uv venv` to create virtual environment
2. Enter `.venv\Scripts\activate`
3. e.g. `uv pip install -r requirements.txt` or `uv pip install jupyter`

1.1.3 For Help `help()`

e.g.: In the console, enter `help(p9.theme_minimal)`

1.2 Your First Python Project in Positron

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
data_url = 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rfordatascience/tidytuesday/main/data/2025/2025-07-01/week1.csv'

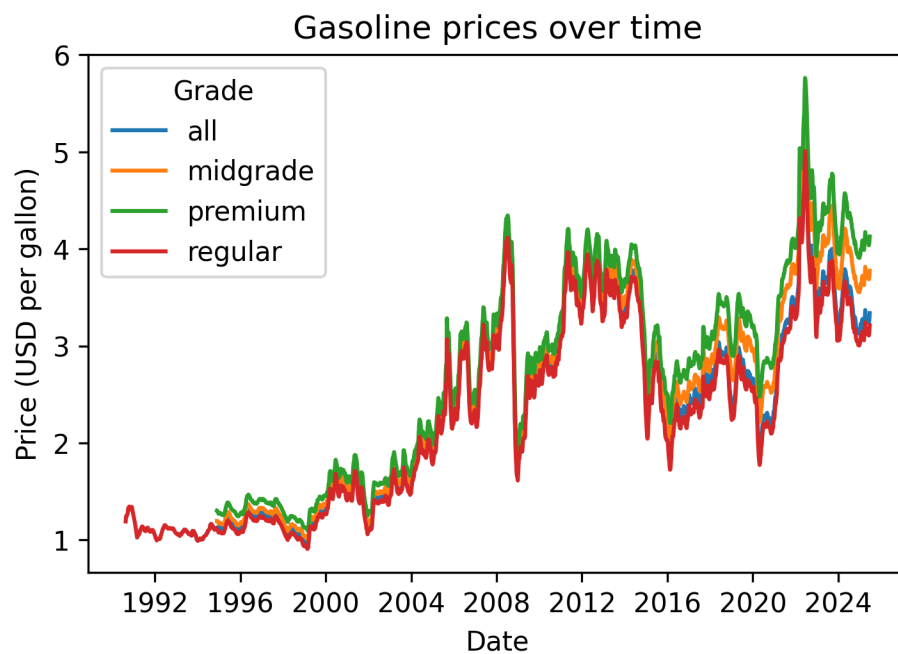
df = pd.read_csv(data_url, parse_dates=["date"])
```

```
filtered = df[
    (df["fuel"] == "gasoline") &
    (df["formulation"] == "all")
]

filtered = filtered.sort_values("date")

for grade, group in filtered.groupby("grade"):
    plt.plot(group["date"], group["price"], label=grade)

plt.title("Gasoline prices over time")
plt.xlabel("Date")
plt.ylabel("Price (USD per gallon)")
plt.legend(title="Grade")
```



1.2.1 Push to Github

(1) Source Control

- Source Control on the leftside
- Enter a message and then commit
- click the cloud button to upload a branch

(2) Posit Publisher

- Posit Publisher on the leftside
- Can enter url to deploy on my own server

2 Python

2.1 Strings - Working with Textual Data

```
# print hello world

print('Hello World')

my_message1 = 'Crispy\'s World'

print(my_message1)

my_message = "Crispy's World"

print(my_message)
```

Hello World

Crispy's World

Crispy's World

```
print(len(my_message1))

print(len(my_message))
```

14

14

```
print(my_message[0]) # the 1st
print(my_message[6]) # the 7th, which is ""
# print(my_message[15]) string index out of range
print(my_message[0:6]) # include [0] but not include [6]
print(my_message[:6])
print(my_message[6:])
```

C

,

Crispy

Crispy

's World

```
print(my_message.lower())
print(my_message.upper())
print(my_message.count("s"))
print(my_message.find("s")) # it only returns the first 's', which is [3]
```

crispy's world

CRISPY'S WORLD

2

3

```
my_message.replace("World", "Universe")
print(my_message)
new_message = my_message.replace("World", "Universe")
print(new_message)
```

Crispy's World

Crispy's Universe

```
greeting = "Hello"

name = "Crispy"

message = greeting + name

print(message)

message = greeting + ", " + name

print(message)

message = greeting + ", " + name + ". Welcome!"

print(message)


message = "{}, {}. Welcome!".format(greeting, name)

print(message)
```

HelloCrispy

Hello, Crispy

Hello, Crispy. Welcome!

Hello, Crispy. Welcome!

```
message = f'{greeting}, {name}. Welcome!'

print(message)

message = f'{greeting}, {name.upper()}. Welcome!'

print(message)
```

Hello, Crispy. Welcome!

Hello, CRISPY. Welcome!

```
print(dir(name)) # Show functions that can be applied to it

# print(help(str))
```

```
print(help(str.lower))
```

```
['__add__', '__class__', '__contains__', '__delattr__', '__dir__', '__doc__', '__eq__', '__format__', ']
```

Help on method descriptor lower:

lower(self, /) unbound builtins.str method

Return a copy of the string converted to lowercase.

None

2.2 Integers and Floats - Working with Numeric Data

```
num=3  
print(type(num))
```

<class 'int'>

```
num=3.14  
print(type(num))
```

<class 'float'>

```
# Arithmetic Operators:  
  
# Addition:      3 + 2  
  
# Subtraction:  3 - 2  
  
# Multiplication: 3 * 2  
  
# Division:      3 / 2  
  
# Floor Division: 3 // 2  
  
# Exponent:      3 ** 2  
  
# Modulus:       3 % 2
```

```
print(3 + 2)
print(3 - 2)
print(3 * 2)
print(3 / 2)
print(3 // 2)
print(3**2)
print(3 % 2)

print(2 % 2)
print(3 % 2)
print(4 % 2)
print(5 % 2)

print(3 * 2 + 1)
```

5

1

6

1.5

1

9

1

0

1

0

1

7

```
num = 1

num = num+1

print(num)

num = 1

num *= 10

print(num)
```

2

10

```
print(abs(-3))

print(round(3.75))

print(round(3.75, 1))
```

3

4

3.8

```
# Comparisons:

# Equal:            3 == 2

# Not Equal:       3 != 2

# Greater Than:    3 > 2

# Less Than:       3 < 2

# Greater or Equal: 3 >= 2

# Less or Equal:   3 <= 2

num_1 = 3

num_2 = 2
```



```
print(num_1 == num_2)

print(num_1 != num_2)

print(num_1 > num_2)

print(num_1 < num_2)

print(num_1 >= num_2)

print(num_1 <= num_2)
```

False

True

True

False

True

False

```
num_1 = "100"

num_2 = "200" # as str

print(num_1 + num_2)

num_1 = int(num_1)

num_2 = int(num_2)

print(num_1 + num_2)
```

100200

300

2.3 Lists, Tuples, and Sets

- A list is ordered, mutable (can change), and allows duplicates.
- A tuple is ordered, immutable (cannot change), and allows duplicates. Faster than lists.
- A set is unordered, mutable, and contains no duplicates. Fast for membership test.

- A dictionary is Unordered (insertion-ordered since Python 3.7, but conceptually key-based), mutable, keys must be hashable, values can be anything

6. Quick containment matrix

Container ↓ contains →	list	tuple	set	dict
list	✓	✓	✓	✓
tuple	✓	✓	✓	✓
set	✗	✓*	✗	✗
dict (keys)	✗	✓*	✗	✗
dict (values)	✓	✓	✓	✓

* tuple must contain only hashable elements

Figure 1: containing relationship

2.3.1 Lists

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]
print(courses)
print(courses[0])
print(courses[3])
print(courses[-1]) # convenient to get the last one
print(courses[0:2]) # include [0] but not include [2]
print(courses[2:])
```

```
['History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci']
```

```
History
```

```
CompSci
```

```
CompSci
```

```
['History', 'Math']
```

```
['Physics', 'CompSci']
```

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]  
courses.append("Art")  
print(courses)
```

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]  
courses.insert(0, "Art")  
print(courses)
```

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]  
courses_2 = ["Art", "Education"]  
courses.insert(0, courses_2)  
print(courses)
```

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]  
courses_2 = ["Art", "Education"]  
courses.extend(courses_2) # or courses_2.extend(courses)  
print(courses)
```

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]  
courses.remove("Math")  
print(courses)
```

```
['History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci', 'Art']
```

```
['Art', 'History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci']
```

```
[['Art', 'Education'], 'History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci']
```

```
['History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci', 'Art', 'Education']
```

```
['History', 'Physics', 'CompSci']
```

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]  
popped = courses.pop()  
print(popped)  
print(courses)
```

CompSci

```
['History', 'Math', 'Physics']
```

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]  
courses.reverse()  
print(courses)
```

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]  
courses.sort() # Alphabet  
print(courses)
```

```
nums = [1, 4, 3, 5, 2]  
nums.sort() # ascending  
print(nums)
```

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]  
courses.sort(reverse=True)  
print(courses)
```

```
nums = [1, 4, 3, 5, 2]  
nums.sort(reverse=True)  
print(nums)
```

```
['CompSci', 'Physics', 'Math', 'History']
```

```
['CompSci', 'History', 'Math', 'Physics']
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
['Physics', 'Math', 'History', 'CompSci']
```

```
[5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

```
# These methods above will change the original item
```

```
# To avoid changing:
```

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]
```

```
sorted_courses = sorted(courses)
```

```
print(courses)
```

```
['History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci']
```

```
nums = [1, 4, 3, 5, 2]
```

```
print(min(nums))
```

```
print(max(nums))
```

```
print(sum(nums))
```

```
courses = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]
```

```
print(courses.index("CompSci")) # courses[3]
```

```
print("Math" in courses) # True or False
```

```
1
```

```
5
```

```
15
```

```
3
```

```
True
```

```

for item in courses: # we can name it by any names we want, not just 'item'

    print(item)

for index, course in enumerate(courses, start=1):

    print(index, course)

```

History

Math

Physics

CompSci

1 History

2 Math

3 Physics

4 CompSci

```

course_str = "-".join(courses)

print(course_str)

```

History-Math-Physics-CompSci

```

new_list = course_str.split("-")

print(new_list)

```

['History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci']

2.3.2 Tuples

```

# Mutable

list_1 = ["History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci"]

list_2 = list_1

```

```

print(list_1)

print(list_2)

list_1[0] = "Art"

print(list_1)

print(list_2) # list_2 equals to list_1 so it would change as list_1 change

```

```

['History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci']

['History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci']

['Art', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci']

['Art', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci']

```

```

# Immutable

tuple_1 = ("History", "Math", "Physics", "CompSci")

tuple_2 = tuple_1

print(tuple_1)

print(tuple_2)

# tuple_1[0] = "Art"

# TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment

```

```

('History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci')

('History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci')

```

2.3.3 Sets

```
# Sets

cs_courses = {'History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci'}

print(cs_courses)

cs_courses = {'History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci', 'Math'}

print(cs_courses)

print('Math' in cs_courses)
```

{'Math', 'History', 'CompSci', 'Physics'}

{'Math', 'History', 'CompSci', 'Physics'}

True

```
cs_courses = {'History', 'Math', 'Physics', 'CompSci'}

art_courses = {'History', 'Math', 'Art', 'Design'}

print(cs_courses.intersection(art_courses))

print(cs_courses.difference(art_courses))

print(cs_courses.union(art_courses))
```

{'Math', 'History'}

{'CompSci', 'Physics'}

{'Design', 'Art', 'History', 'Physics', 'Math', 'CompSci'}

```
# Empty Lists

empty_list = []

empty_list = list()
```



```
# Empty Tuples

empty_tuple = ()

empty_tuple = tuple()


# Empty Sets

#empty_set = {} # This isn't right! It's a dict

empty_set = set()
```

2.4 Dictionaries - Working with Key-Value Pairs

```
student = {'name': 'Crispy', 'age': 25, 'courses': ['Math', 'CompSci']}

print(student)

print(student['courses'])

# print(student['phone']) # KeyError: 'phone'

print(student.get('phone'))

print(student.get('phone', 'Not Found')) # 'Not Found' is a desired return for None


student['phone'] = '555-5555-5555'

print(student.get('phone', 'Not Found'))


student.update({'name': 'Jane', 'age': 26, 'phone': '666-6666-6666'})

print(student)


student = {'name': 'Crispy', 'age': 25, 'courses': ['Math', 'CompSci']}

del student['age']

print(student)


student = {'name': 'Crispy', 'age': 25, 'courses': ['Math', 'CompSci']}
```

```
age = student.pop('age')  
print(student)  
print(age)
```

```
{'name': 'Crispy', 'age': 25, 'courses': ['Math', 'CompSci']}
```

```
['Math', 'CompSci']
```

```
None
```

```
Not Found
```

```
555-5555-5555
```

```
{'name': 'Jane', 'age': 26, 'courses': ['Math', 'CompSci'], 'phone': '666-6666-6666'}
```

```
{'name': 'Crispy', 'courses': ['Math', 'CompSci']}
```

```
{'name': 'Crispy', 'courses': ['Math', 'CompSci']}
```

```
25
```

```
student = {'name': 'Crispy', 'age': 25, 'courses': ['Math', 'CompSci']}  
print(len(student))  
print(student.keys())  
print(student.items())
```

```
3
```

```
dict_keys(['name', 'age', 'courses'])
```

```
dict_items([('name', 'Crispy'), ('age', 25), ('courses', ['Math', 'CompSci'])])
```

```
for key in student:  
    print(key)
```

```
name
```

```
age
```

```
courses
```

```
for key,value in student.items():  
    print(key,value)
```

name Crispy

age 25

courses ['Math', 'CompSci']

- dictionaries can be used to return regression outcomes

2.5 Conditionals and Booleans - If, Else, and Elif Statements

```
if True:  
    print('Conditional was True')
```

Conditional was True

```
if False:  
    print('Conditional was True')
```

nothing will be return if False

```
language = "python"
```

```
if language == "python":  
    print("Conditional was True")
```

`language == 'python'` equals to `True`

Conditional was True

Comparisons:

Equal: ==

```
# Not Equal:      !=
# Greater Than:   >
# Less Than:      <
# Greater or Equal: >=
# Less or Equal:  <=
# Object Identity: is
```

```
language = "python"

if language == "python":
    print("Language is Python")
else:
    print("No match")

language = "JAVA"

if language == "python":
    print("Language is Python")
elif language == "JAVA":
    print("Language is JAVA")
else:
    print("No match")

language = "R"

if language == "python":
    print("Language is Python")
elif language == "JAVA":
    print("Language is JAVA")
else:
    print("No match")
```

Language is Python

Language is JAVA

No match

```
# and
# or
# not

user = "Admin"
logged_in = True
if user == "Admin" and logged_in:
    print("Admin Page")
else:
    print("Bad Creds")

logged_in = False
if not logged_in:
    print("Please log in")
else:
    print("Welcome")
```

Admin Page

Please log in

```
# Difference between `==` and `is`

a = [1, 2, 3]
b = [1, 2, 3]
print(a == b)
```

```
print(a is b)

print(id(a))

print(id(b))

print(id(a) == id(b))
```

True

False

1969617668480

1971277121088

False

```
# False Values:

# False

# None

# Zero of any numeric type

# Any empty sequence. For example, '', (), [].

# Any empty mapping. For example, {}.


condition = False # same as `None`, `0`, `''`, `{}`, ...

if condition:

    print("Evaluated to True")

else:

    print("Evaluated to False")


# False will lead to else
```

Evaluated to False

```
condition = "Test" # not False means True

if condition:

    print("Evaluated to True")

else:

    print("Evaluated to False")
```

Evaluated to True

2.6 Loops and Iterations - For/While Loops

```
nums = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

for num in nums:

    print(num)
```

1
2
3
4
5

```
nums = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

for num in nums:

    if num == 3:

        print('Found!')

        break # break statement: to stop the loops

    print(num)
```

1

2

Found!

```
nums = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

for num in nums:
    if num == 3:
        print('Found!')
        continue # continue statement: continue to the next iteration
    print(num)
```

1

2

Found!

4

5

```
# Nested list

nums = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

for num in nums:
    for letter in "abc":
        print(num, letter)

# Give all the combinations
```

1 a

1 b

1 c

2 a

2 b

2 c

3 a

3 b

3 c

4 a

4 b

4 c

5 a

5 b

5 c

```
for i in range(10): # from 0 to 9 (10 not included)
    print(i)
```

0

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

```
for i in range(1,11): # include 1 but not 11
    print(i)
```

1

2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10

loop will stop only until a certain condition is met or we hit a break

```
x = 0

while x < 10: # a certain condition is met
    print(x)
    x += 1
```

0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9

```
x = 0

while x < 10:

    if x == 5:

        break # hit a break

    print(x)

    x += 1
```

0
1
2
3
4

```
x = 0

while True: # create an infinite loop

    if x == 5:

        break # we must have a break statement otherwise it won't stop

    # In those cases, use `Ctrl+C` to stop

    print(x)

    x += 1
```

0
1
2
3
4