# Serverless Jupyter

Example Jupyter notebook
 https://nbviewer.jupyter.org/github/rlabbe/kalman-and-Bayesian-Filters-in-Python/blob/master/02-Discrete-Bayes.ipynb

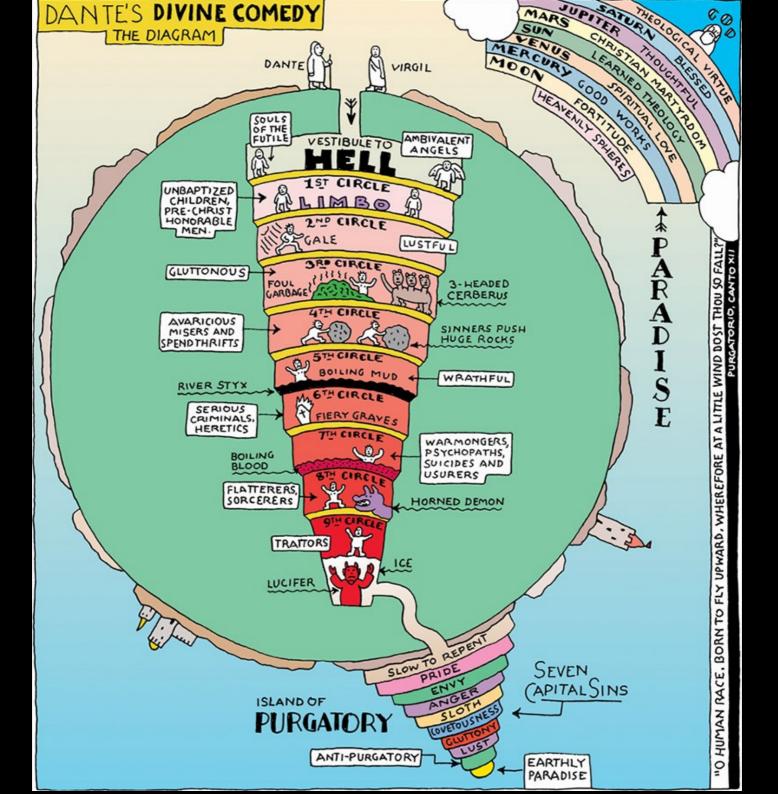
Collection of other notebooks
 https://github.com/jupyter/jupyter/wiki/
 A-gallery-of-interesting-Jupyter-Notebooks

### Development process

- 1) Prototype in Jupyter
- 2) Integrate into our product: backend and frontend
- 3) Repeat

### Python in browser

- Transpiler (Python to JS)
  - https://transcrypt.org/
- Interpreters
  - https://brython.info/
  - http://www.skulpt.org/



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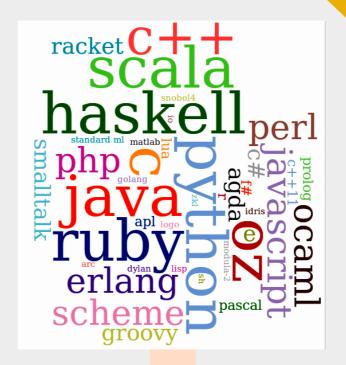
- Worst option: manually rewrite to JS
  - Risk of mistakes
  - No good numpy, Pandas alternative
  - Problems with data types
  - Ongoing cost of maintaining two implementations





#### WebAssembly

- A binary instruction format
- High level language → compiler → WASM
- On clients and servers
- From 2017: Chrome, MS Edge, Firefox,
   Safari



Compiler

**JavaScript** 

WebAssembly

Web browser

https://mbebenita.github.io/WasmExplorer

### Python in browser

- Official Python interpreter is written in C
- So are Numpy, Scipy and Pandas
- Pyodide
  - https://github.com/iodide-project/pyodide
- Python 3.7, Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib https://github.com/iodide-project/pyodide /tree/master/packages

Jupyter http://localhost:8888

Pyodide https://alpha.iodide.io/notebooks/300

## Pyodide API

https://github.com/iodide-project/pyodide/blob/master/docs/api\_reference.md

## Pyodide advantages

- Easy to host
- Server doesn't need to handle computations
- Security and client isolation by design
- Running inside browser sandbox
- Decently fast. 1-12x slowdown compared to regular Python

#### Performance

- One of key goals for WebAssembly
- Video effects https://d2jta7o2zej4pf.cloudfront.net/
- WebM video codec https://github.com/GoogleChromeLabs/ webm-wasm
- Gaming: Unreal Engine and Unity both support WASM https://s3.amazonaws.com/mozilla-gam es/ZenGarden/EpicZenGarden.html

## Challenges

- Running in browser's sandbox
  - Limited access to network and files
  - Networking limited to HTTP(S) and WebSockets
- Python+scientific stack takes ~50MB of space (partially mitigated by browser cache)
- "import threading" doesn't work yet

#### Useful resources

- https://wasi.dev/ WASM System Interface
- https://wasmer.io/ Universal WASM runtime
- https://github.com/mohanson/pywasm
   Run WebAssembly inside Python

#### **Future**

- New interactive web applications for data exploration and education https://alpha.iodide.io/
- Richer documentation for Python and programming languages with inline demos
- Transition of multimedia editors, CAD, scientific computation to web browsers

## Questions?

#### References

https://hacks.mozilla.org/2019/04/pyodide-bringing-the-scientific-python-stack-to-the-browser/

https://github.com/takenobu-hs/WebAsse mbly-illustrated