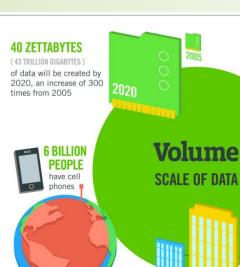
Data Mining and Accounting Analytics -Introduction

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Most contents (text or images) of course slides are from the following textbook
Provost, Foster, and Tom Fawcett. Data Science for Business: What you need to
know about data mining and data-analytic thinking. "O'Reilly Media, Inc.", 2013

Outline

- Course Introduction
- Data Mining Applications Tasks
- Data Mining Tools (Python)



It's estimated that 2.5 QUINTILLION BYTES [2.3 TRILLION GIGABYTES] of data are created each day

Most companies in the U.S. have at least 100 TERABYTES

100,000 GIGABYTES 1

of data stored

The New York Stock Exchange captures

WORLD POPULATION: 7 BILLION

1 TB OF TRADE INFORMATION

during each trading session



Velocity

ANALYSIS OF

By 2016, it is projected there will be

18.9 BILLION NETWORK CONNECTIONS

- almost 2.5 connections per person on earth



Modern cars have close to 100 SENSORS

that monitor items such as uel level and tire pressure

STREAMING DATA



The FOUR V's of Big **Data**

break big data into four dimensions: Volume, **Velocity, Variety and Veracity**

4.4 MILLION IT JOBS



As of 2011, the global size of data in healthcare was estimated to be

150 EXABYTES

[161 BILLION GIGABYTES]



Variety

DIFFERENT **FORMS OF DATA**



4 BILLION+ **HOURS OF VIDEO**

are watched on YouTube each month



30 BILLION PIECES OF CONTENT

are shared on Facebook every month







400 MILLION TWEETS

are sent per day by about 200 million monthly active users

1 IN 3 BUSINESS LEADERS

don't trust the information they use to make decisions



in one survey were unsure of how much of their data was inaccurate



Poor data quality costs the US economy around

\$3.1 TRILLION A YEAR



UNCERTAINTY

Veracity OF DATA

Sources: McKinsey Global Institute, Twitter, Cisco, Gartner, EMC, SAS, IBM, MEPTEC, QAS

Data is Valuable

Leaders

May 6th 2017 edition >

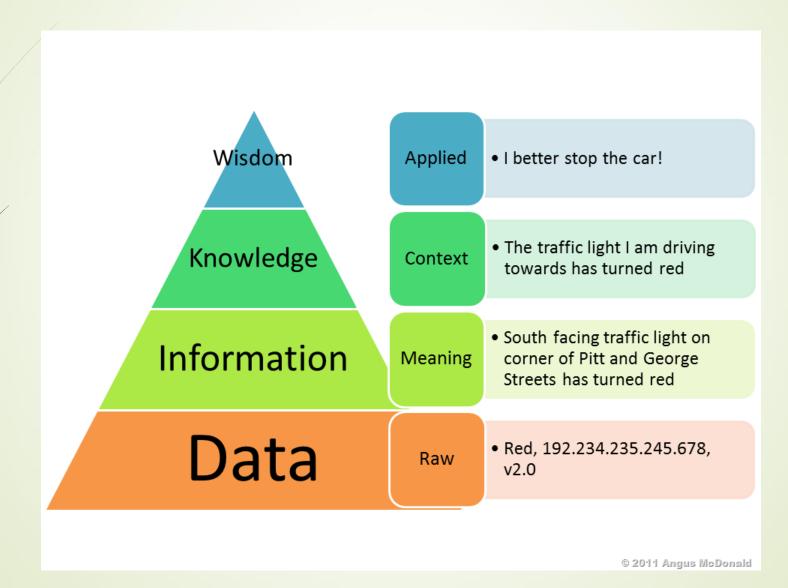
Regulating the internet giants

The world's most valuable resource is no longer oil, but data

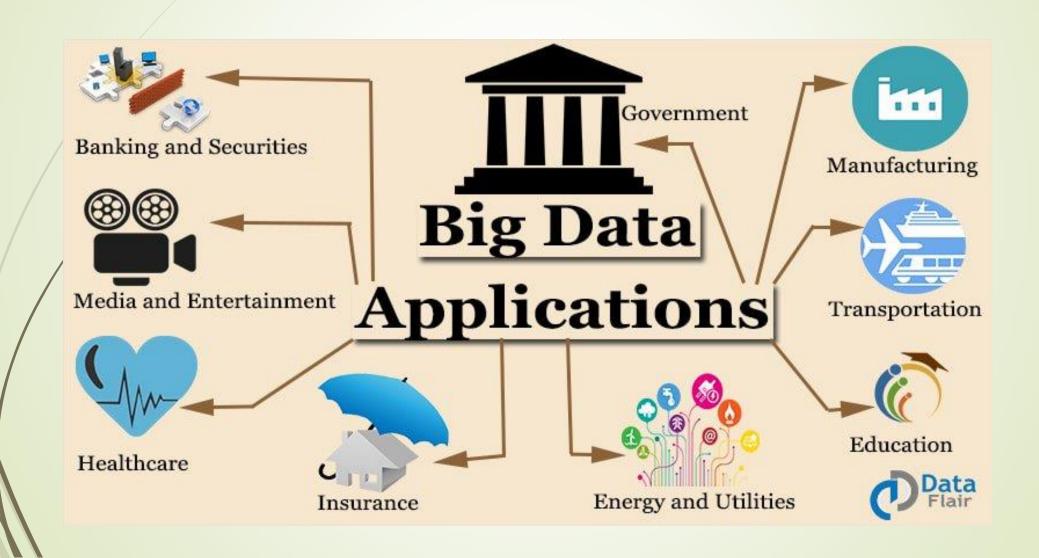


https://www.economist.com/leaders/2017/05/06/the-worlds-most-valuable-resource-is-no-longer-oil-but-data

Why Data Mining?



Applications of Big Data



Internet Companies

- Google service
 - ✓ Search engine
 - ✓ Spam filter
 - Advertising
- Alibaba
 - ✓ Advertising
 - ✓ Credit scoring





Gmail -

COMPOSE

Inbox (24)

Starred

Important

Sent Mail

Drafts (3)

Personal

Travel

Less +

Chats

All Mail

Spami

Trash

Other Applications

- Financial industry: banks and fund companies
 - ✓ Credit scoring
 - ✓ Fraud detection
 - ✓ Quantitative Trading
 - ✓ AML
 - ✓ KYC
- Weather forecast
- Smart healthcare
- **...**

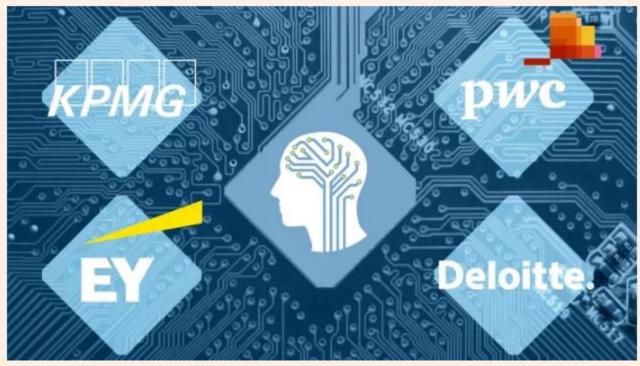
Why Now?

- The large-scale electronically recorded data
- The increasingly strong computational power: CPU, GPU
 - ✓ Processing power has been doubling every 1.5 years or so ((Moore's law))
- Developed algorithms/ technology:
 - Machine learning (deep learning), big data technology
- The high speed network infrastructures
 - ✓ Data can be transferred easily between collection, storage, and use
 - ✓ Cloud computing
- Cheap and reliable storage systems: HDD, SSD
 - ✓ A \$100 disk today has 1,000,000x more capacity than 30 years ago

Embrace The Future

Auditing to be less of a burden as accountants embrace AI

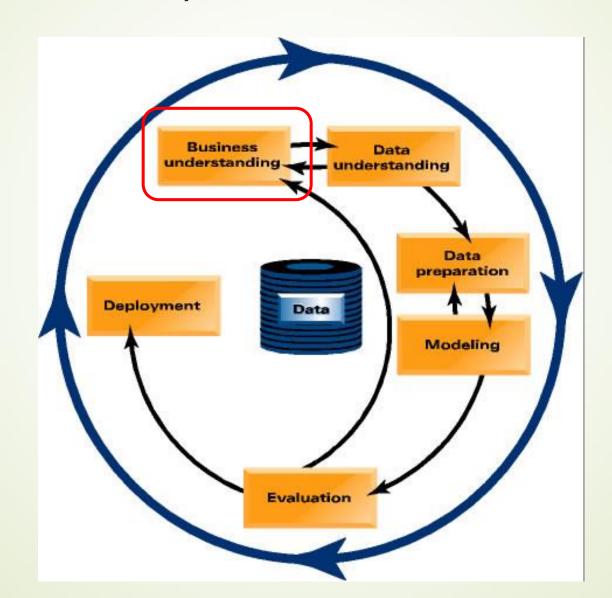
New technology helps firms automate mundane and inefficient processes



Better technology can improve the quality of audit work by carrying out tasks faster than a human could © FT montage

https://www.ft.com/content/0898ce46-8d6a-11e7-a352-e46f43c5825d

Cross Industry Standard Process

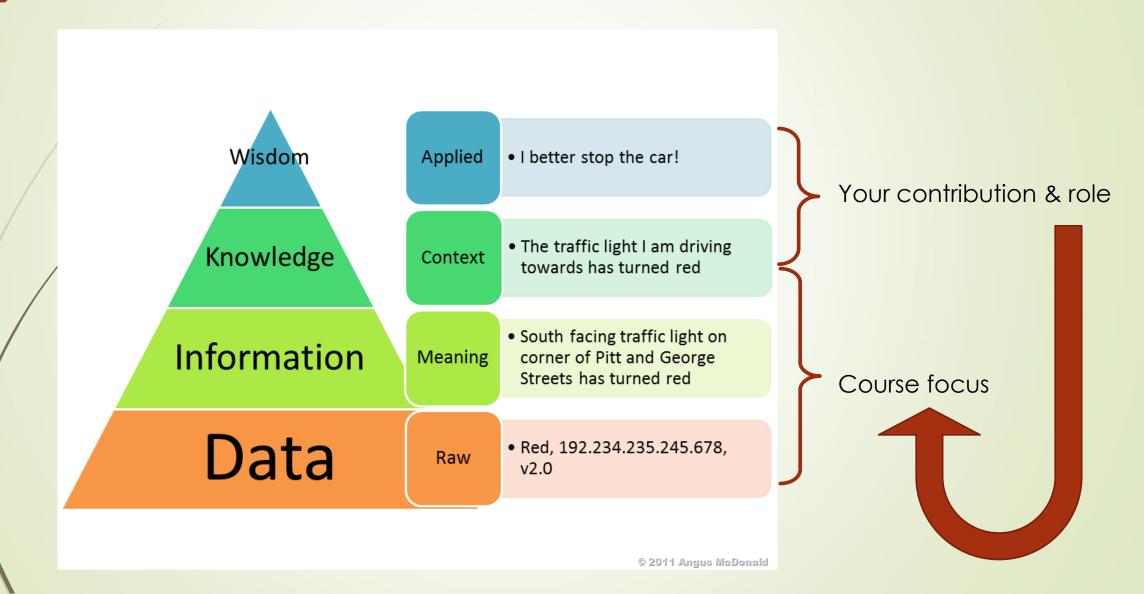


Solve Business Problems

3. Don't expect stakeholders to always (or ever) be able to define the problem. In my opinion, this is the number one most important skill for a Data Scientist above any technical expertise — the ability to clearly evaluate and define a problem. Most business stakeholders have problems but haven't thought about them long enough to be able to define the process behind them. This is the place where you will make Machine Learning and AI work for your organization — by deciphering the needs of the business into a process where Data Science can be applied effectively.

https://towardsdatascience.com/dont-do-data-science-solve-business-problemsb70c4ee0083

Business Data Analytics



Learning Outcomes (3-fold)

- 1. Approach business problems data-analytically
 - ✓ Think carefully & systematically about whether & how data can improve performance
- 2. Be able to interact competently on the topic of data mining for business analytics
 - Know the basics of data mining processes, techniques, & concepts well enough
- 3. Receive hands-on experience on mining data
 - ✓ You should be able to follow up on ideas or opportunities

Final goal: compose data-analytic tools and business applications to provide data-analytic solutions or support decision making

Course Schedule (tentative)

Content/ topic/ activity
Course Introductions
Python basics
Data collection and process
Introduction of accounting analytic
Predictive models and decision tree
SVM , LR and other predictive models
Performance evaluation of supervised models
Business analytical framework
Unsupervised data mining and clustering
Bayesian models and association rules (market basket analysis)
Text analysis and applications
Graph analysis and applications
Other data mining tasks and models
Course Introductions

Course Assessment / textbooks

Component/ method	% weight
Assignments	50
(4 homework assignments +6 in-class labs)	
Final Exam	20
Course Project (1 group +1 individual)	30

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 - (Textbook)
- Data .O'Reilly Media; 1 edition (December 10, 2016))
- Google Python Class. https://developers.google.com/edu/python/
- Learning Everything about Analytics. https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/

Data Analytics

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Database Query



Information Management

Data analytic thinking

Data Analytics

- Traditional statistics
 - ✓ Test hypotheses and estimate the uncertainty of conclusions
- Data warehousing/storage
 - Data warehouses store data from across an enterprise
- Database Querying (SQL)
 - ✓ Very flexible interface to ask factual questions about data
- Regression Analysis
 - ✓ Dig into the reasons for a specific dataset
- OLAP On-line Analytical Processing (GUI based manual search)

Data mining focuses on the **automated** search **for knowledge**, **patterns**, or **regularities** from data

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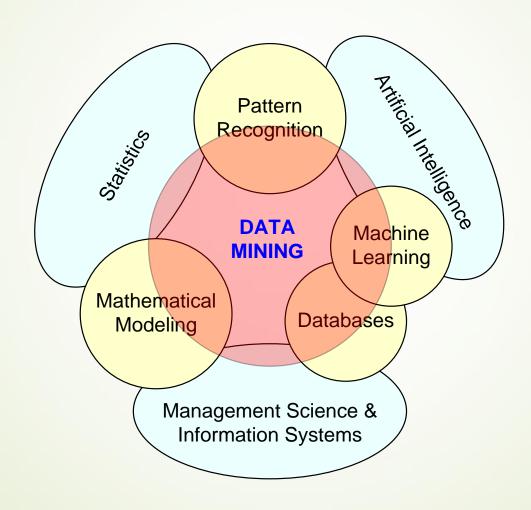
Information Management

Data analytic thinking

Choose Appropriate Techniques

- Who are the most profitable customers?
 - ✓ SQL query
- Is there really a difference between profitable customers and the average customer?
 - ✓ Statistical hypothesis testing
- But who really are these customers? Can I characterize them?
 - ✓ OLAP + data mining
- Will some particular new customer be profitable? How much revenue should I expect this customer to generate?
 - ✓ Data mining

Data Mining



Source: Turban et al. (2011), Decision Support and Business Intelligence Systems

Formal definitions

Data Mining and Accounting Analytics

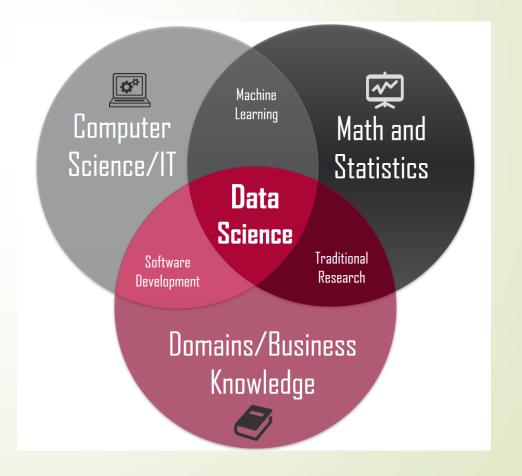
"Data mining is the computing process of discovering patterns in large data sets involving methods at the intersection of machine learning, statistics, and database systems." – from Wikipedia

"Accounting analytics is the examination of Big Data using data science or data analytics tools to help answer accounting-related questions.." – from social-metrics

Data Science

Data Mining + Business/Accounting Analytics = Data Science

Analytics is Data-driven decision-making (DDD), which refers to the practice of basing decisions on the analysis of data, rather than purely on intuition.



Your Opportunity

Data Scientist:

The Sexiest Job of the 21st Century

Meet the people who can coax treasure out of messy, unstructured data. by Thomas H. Davenport and D.J. Patil

hen Jonathan Goldman arrived for work in June 2006 at LinkedIn, the business networking site, the place still felt like a start-up. The company had just under 8 million accounts, and the number was growing quickly as existing members invited their friends and colleagues to join. But users weren't

seeking out connections with the people who were already on the site at the rate executives had expected. Something was apparently missing in the social experience. As one LinkedIn manager put it, "It was like arriving at a conference reception and realizing you don't know anyone. So you just stand in the corner sipping your drink—and you probably leave early."

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Wal-Mart: How to Arrange

- It is intuitive to sell baby-related products to new parents.
 - ✓ The arrival of a new baby in a family is one point where people do change their shopping habits significantly. In the Target analyst's word, "As soon as we get them buying diapers from us, they're going to start buying everything else too".
- "Men often bought beer at the same time they bought diapers." (very famous, known as market basket analysis)







MegaTelCo: Customer Churn

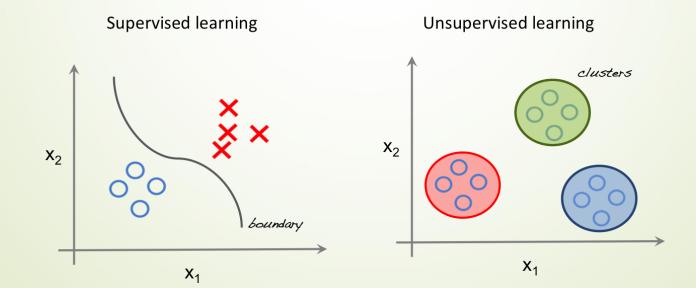
- Communications companies are now engaged in battles to attract each other's customers while retaining their own.
- Customers switching from one company to another is called churn,
- Attracting new customers is much more expensive than retaining existing ones, so a good deal of marketing budget is allocated to prevent churn.
- Marketing has already designed a special retention offer.
- Task for MegaTelCo: how the data science team should use MegaTelCo's vast data resources to decide which customers should be offered the special retention deal prior to the expiration of their contract?
- This example will be repeatedly used through the whole course.

Summary of Data Mining Tasks

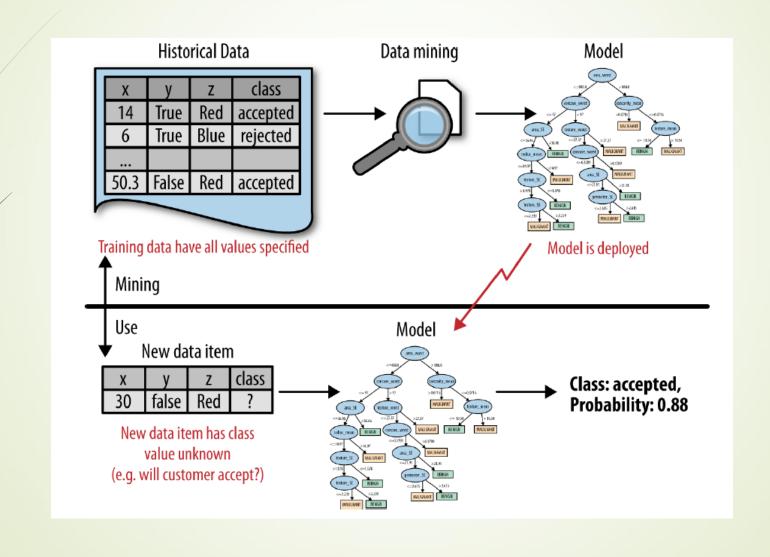
- Affinity grouping (a.k.a. "associations", "market-basket analysis")
 - ✓ What items are commonly purchased together?
- Similarity Matching
 - ✓ What other companies are like our best small business customers?
- **Description/Profiling/Feature Reduction**
 - What does "normal behavior" look like?
- Clustering
 - ✓ Do my customers form natural groups?
- Predictive Modeling (including causal modeling & link prediction)
 - ✓ Classification: Will customer X churn next month/default on her loan?
 - ✓ Regression: How much would prospect X spend?
 - ✓ Link prediction: Who might be good "friends" on our social networking site?

Supervised v.s. Unsupervised learning tasks

- Supervised Learning: Data are some pairs of inputs/outputs(target), and the task is to predict an output when new inputs are presented
 - ✓ Among a set of pictures of duck/horse/cat faces, tell the specie of each picture
- Unsupervised Learning: Task can be done on data without expected output
 - ✓/ Divide a set of pictures of animal faces into different groups



Results of Data Mining Tasks



Business Understanding is Important

Marketing a standard product Fund Raising Churn Management



Identify/ranking the potential customers, and then take different actions

Problem Definition

Marketing a standard product



Fund Raising



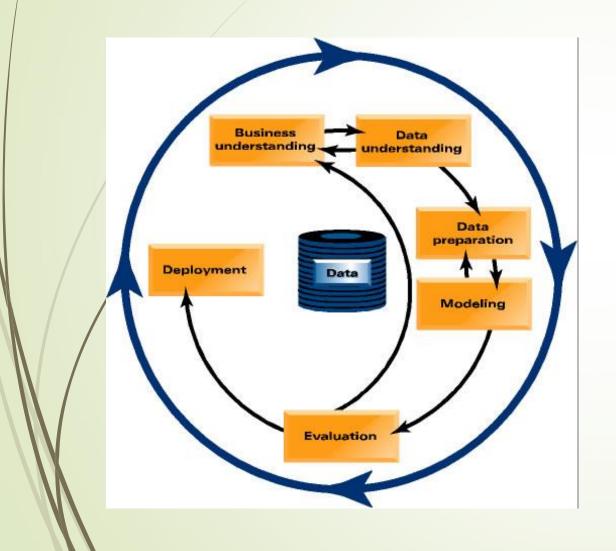
- Fixed income
- Predict response probability

- Different income
- Predict response probability+ income

Churn Management

- Different income
- Some customers still stay
- Predict stay probability+ income if targeting
- Predict stay probability+ income if not targeting

Data Collection





What data might China Mobile mine to help with churn management?
E.g., Users' name, gender, age?

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Data Mining Tools

- Big commercial software
 - ✓ SAS Enterprise Miner
 - ✓ IBM Cognos
 - ✓ SPSS/STATA
- Free software
 - ✓ RapidMiner (https://rapidminer.com/)
 - ✓ WEKA (http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/)
- Programming languages
 - ✓ R (strong in statistics)
 - ✓ Python

Why Python?

































Python Is Promising (Deep learning)

- Theano
- **► TensorFlow** (Google)
- PyTorch (Facebook)
- MXNeT (Amazon)
- Caffe
- CNTK
- Keras

Useful packages

- Scipy+Numpy
 - ✓ Useful data structure: ndarray, matrix, array
 - ✓ Algorithms: statistics, scientific computation
- Pandas
 - ✓ Processing table –like dataset (such as Excel)
- Scikit-learn
 - ✓ Various data mining/machine learning functions
- NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit)
- Visualization
 - ✓ Explore data with informative figures

















Python Versions

- Python 2.7
 - ✓ More popular
 - ✓ Old
 - ✓ Some future changes can be imported.
 - ✓ Larger library base
- Python 3.7+
 - ✓ Better performance
 - ✓ Future orientated
 - ✓ Some design flaws have been corrected
 - ✓ Library base is big enough

Anaconda

- Anaconda is a leading open data science platform powered by Python
- Integrated with a collection of over 720 open source packages
- Compatible on Windows, MacOS or Linux
- Easy to install



Install Anaconda

- Install guide
 - √ https://docs.continuum.io/anaconda/install/
- You can get
 - Python
 - ✓ Python Integrated Development Environment (IDE): Spyder, Jupyter
 - ✓ Useful integrated packages: Numpy, Scikit-learn, Matplot....
 - ✓ Package manager: conda: conda install <package name>

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C:\Users\admin>conda install scrapy

Petching package metadata: ..

Solving package specifications: .

Package plan for installation in environment d:\software\Anaconda:

The following packages will be downloaded:

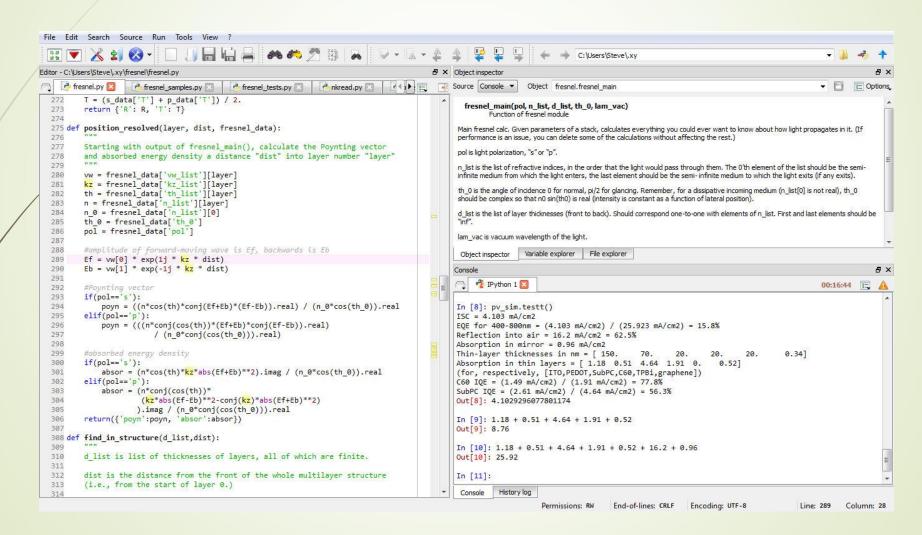
package | build

package | build

package | py27_0 206 KB

conda-anv-2.1.3 | py27_0 54 KB
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Programing Basics

- code or source code: The sequence of instructions in a program.
- syntax: The set of legal structures and commands that can be used in a particular programming language (Thank you. Not thanks you)
- output: The messages printed to the user by a program.
- **console**: The text box onto which output is printed.

Programing Basics (Spyder)

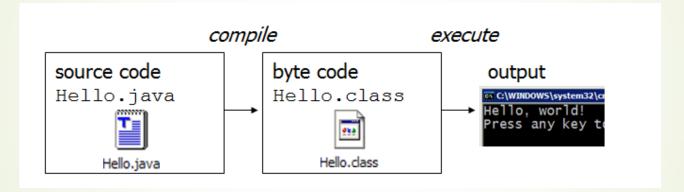
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Source code

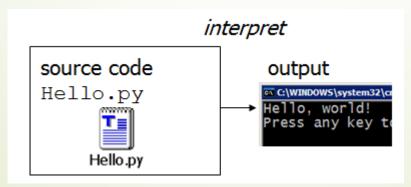
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Editor - C:\Users\Steve\.xy\fresnel\fresnel.py
                                                                                                  Source Console ▼ Object fresnel fresnel main
T = (s_data['T'] + p_data['T']) / 2.
                                                                                                      fresnel main(pol, n list, d list, th 0, lam vac)
                                                                                                           Function of fresnel module
          position_resolved(layer, dist, fresnel_data):
                                                                                                    Main fresnel calc. Given parameters of a stack, calculates everything you could ever want to know about how light propagates in it. (If
                                                                                                    performance is an issue, you can delete some of the calculations without affecting the rest.)
           Starting with output of fresnel main(), calculate the Poynting vector
                                                                                                    pol is light polarization, "s" or "p".
           and absorbed energy density a distance "dist" into layer number "layer"
                                                                                                    n_list is the list of refractive indices, in the order that the light would pass through them. The 0'th element of the list should be the semi-
           vw = fresnel_data['vw_list'][layer]
                                                                                                     infinite medium from which the light enters, the last element should be the semi-infinite medium to which the light exits (if any exits).
           kz = fresnel_data['kz_list'][layer
                                                                                                    th_0 is the angle of incidence 0 for normal, pi/2 for glancing. Remember, for a dissipative incoming medium (n_list[0] is not real), th_0
           th = fresnel_data['th_list'][layer]
                                                                                                    should be complex so that no sin(tho) is real (intensity is constant as a function of lateral position).
          n = fresnel data['n list'][layer]
          n 0 = fresnel data['n list'][0]
                                                                                                     d list is the list of layer thicknesses (front to back). Should correspond one-to-one with elements of n. list. First and last elements should be
           th 0 = fresnel data['th 0']
           pol = fresnel data['pol']
                                                                                                    lam vac is vacuum wavelength of the light.
           #amplitude of forward-moving wave is Ef, backwards is Eb
                                                                                                     Object inspector Variable explorer File explorer
          Ef = vw[0] * exp(1j * kz * dist)
           Eb = vw[1] * exp(-1j * kz * dist)
           #Poynting vector
           if(pol=='s'):
               poyn = ((n*cos(th)*conj(Ef+Eb)*(Ef-Eb)).real) / (n 0*cos(th 0)).real
                                                                                                    In [8]: pv sim.testt()
           elif(pol=='p'):
                                                                                                   ISC = 4.103 mA/cm2
               poyn = (((n*conj(cos(th))*(Ef+Eb)*conj(Ef-Eb)).real)
                                                                                                    EQE for 400-800nm = (4.103 mA/cm2) / (25.923 mA/cm2) = 15.8%
                           / (n_0*conj(cos(th_0))).real)
                                                                                                    Reflection into air = 16.2 mA/cm2 = 62.5%
                                                                                                    Absorption in mirror = 0.96 mA/cm2
           #absorbed energy density
                                                                                                    Thin-layer thicknesses in nm = [ 150. 70. 20. 20.
           if(pol=='s'):
                                                                                                    Absorption in thin layers = [ 1.18 0.51 4.64 1.91 0. 0.52]
               absor = (n*cos(th)*kz*abs(Ef+Eb)**2).imag / (n 0*cos(th 0)).real
                                                                                                    (for, respectively, [ITO,PEDOT,SubPC,C60,TPBi,graphene])
           elif(pol=='p'):
                                                                                                    C60 IQE = (1.49 \text{ mA/cm2}) / (1.91 \text{ mA/cm2}) = 77.8%
               absor = (n*conj(cos(th))*
                                                                                                    SubPC IQE = (2.61 \text{ mA/cm2}) / (4.64 \text{ mA/cm2}) = 56.3\%
                                                                                                                                                                            Qutput
                        (kz*abs(Ef-Eb)**2-conj(kz)*abs(Ef+Eb)**2)
                                                                                                    Out[8]: 4.1029296077801174
                       ).imag / (n_0*conj(cos(th_0))).real
          return({ 'poyn':poyn, 'absor':absor})
                                                                                                    In [9]: 1.18 + 0.51 + 4.64 + 1.91 + 0.52
                                                                                                    Out[9]: 8.76
      def find_in_structure(d_list,dist):
                                                                                                    In [10]: 1.18 + 0.51 + 4.64 + 1.91 + 0.52 + 16.2 + 0.96
           d list is list of thicknesses of layers, all of which are finite.
          dist is the distance from the front of the whole multilayer structure
                                                                                                    In [11]:
           (i.e., from the start of layer 0.)
                                                                                                                         Permissions: RW
                                                                                                                                         End-of-lines: CRLF Encoding: UTF-8
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Interpreted Language

Many languages require you to compile (translate) your program into a form that the machine understands.

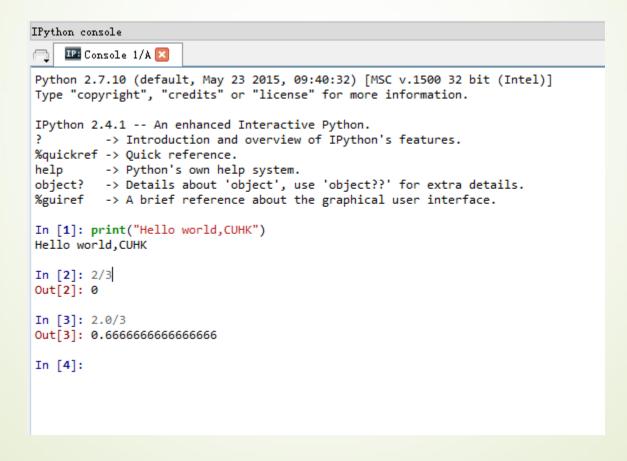


Python is instead directly interpreted into machine instructions.



Interpreted Language (Spyder)

You can write and execute Python in the console line by line



Python Basics (Overall)

- Values
- Operations on values
- Assignments
- Input/output operations
- Conditional actions
- Repeated actions

Values (Types)

- Numbers not much of a surprise
 - ✓ int: 30,-6000
 - ✓ floating point: 2232.435
- **Boolean**: True, False
- **String-** a sequence of characters (in Python 3, always unicode)
 - "I am a String", "I am a String", """I am a String"", "'I am a String"
 - √ '\' is a special control character in String, to escape some special characters
 - ✓ \n, \t, \\, \', \"
 - ✓ Useful functions: lower(), upper(), strip(), split(), replace(), endswith(), startswith()
- None

type(x) can view the type of a variable/value

Escape Characters in String

\n	newline	Advances the cursor to the next line for subsequent printing
\t	tab	Causes the cursor to skip over to the next tab stop
/b	backspace	Causes the cursor to back up, or move left, one position
\r	carriage return	Causes the cursor to go to the beginning of the current line, not the next line
11	backslash	Causes a backslash to be printed
\'	single quote	Causes a single quotation mark to be printed
\"	double quote	Causes a double quotation mark to be printed

String Slices

- The "slice" syntax is a handy way to refer to sub-parts of sequences
- The slice s[start:end] is the elements beginning at start and extending up to but not including end

- s[1:4] is 'ell' -- chars starting at index 1 and extending up to but not including index 4
- s[1:] is 'ello' -- omitting either index defaults to the start or end of the string
- s[:] is 'Hello' -- omitting both always gives us a copy of the whole thing (this is the pythonic way to copy a sequence like a string or list)
- s[1:100] is 'ello' -- an index that is too big is truncated down to the string length

String Slices (Cont'd)

- Python uses negative numbers to give easy access to the chars at the end of the string: s[-1] is the last char 'o', s[-2] is 'l' ...
 - Negative index numbers count back from the end of the string

- s[-1] is 'o' -- last char (1st from the end)
- s[-4] is 'e' -- 4th from the end
- s[:-3] is 'He' -- going up to but not including the last 3 chars.
- s[-3:] is 'llo' -- starting with the 3rd char from the end and extending to the end of the string.
- ■It is always true for any index n, s[:n] + s[n:] == s.

Other Operations on String

https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/python_strings.htm

Name	Purpose
len(s)	Calculate the length of the string s
+	Add two strings together
*	Repeat a string
s.find(x)	Find the first position of x in the string s
s.count(x)	Count the number of times x is in the string s
<pre>s.upper() s.lower()</pre>	Return a new string that is all uppercase or lowercase
s.replace(x, y)	Return a new string that has replaced the substring x with the new substring y
s.strip()	Return a new string with whitespace stripped from the ends
s.format()	Format a string's contents

Values-type casting

- Casting is when you convert a variable value from one type to another
 - ✓ int(x) to convert x from other type to int.
 - ✓ float(x) to convert x from other type to float
 - ✓ str(x) to convert x from other type to string
- Type-casting should be done carefully
 - ✓ Will generate error if cannot be done
 - ✓—int('abc'), int('110.0')
 - ✓ Will lose accuracy
 - ✓ bool(0) and bool('') and bool(None) are False

```
In [2]: a = "666"
In [3]: b=int(a)
In [4]: type(a)
Out[4]: str
In [5]: type(b)
Out[5]: int
```

Math Operations

Math operators

- \checkmark Addition: 5 + 6=11
- ✓ Subtraction: 7.6 9=-1.4
- ✓ Multiplication: 5.7 * 3 = 17.1
- \checkmark Division: 7/5=1.4; 7//5=1
- ✓ Modulo: 7 % 5=2
- ✓ Power: 3**2=9

String operators

- ✓ Addition: "Hello"+ ""+ "World" = "Hello World"
- ✓ Multiplication: "Ha"*3 = "HaHaHa"

```
In [4]: type(10)
Out[4]: int

In [5]: type(101)
Out[5]: long

In [6]: type(101+10)
Out[6]: long

In [7]: type(101+0.0)
Out[7]: float
```

```
float

long

int
```

Math Operations (in math package)

After import math package by "from math import *"

Command name	Description
abs (value)	absolute value
ceil(value)	rounds up
cos (value)	cosine, in radians
floor(value)	rounds down
log(value)	logarithm, base <i>e</i>
log10 (value)	logarithm, base 10
max(value1 , value2)	larger of two values
min(value1, value2)	smaller of two values
round (value)	nearest whole number
sin(value)	sine, in radians
sqrt(value)	square root

Logic Operations

Logic operations will generate Boolean value (True, False)

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result
==	equals	1 + 1 == 2	True
!=	does not equal	3.2 != 2.5	True
/<	less than	10 < 5	False
>	greater than	10 > 5	True
<=	less than or equal to	126 <= 100	False
>=	greater than or equal to	5.0 >= 5.0	True

Logic combination

Operator	Example	Result
and	9 != 6 and 2 < 3	True
or	2 == 3 or -1 < 5	True
not	not 7 > 0	False

Operators Precedence

Use () to clearly indicate your intended execution sequence

Operator	Description
**	Exponentiation (raise to the power)
~ + -	Complement, unary plus and minus (method names for the last two are +@ and -@)
* / % //	Multiply, divide, modulo and floor division
+ -	Addition and subtraction
>> <<	Right and left bitwise shift
&	Bitwise 'AND'td>
^	Bitwise exclusive `OR' and regular `OR'
<= < > >=	Comparison operators
<> == !=	Equality operators
= %= /= //= -= += *= **=	Assignment operators

- \checkmark (4**2)/2 better than 4**2/2
- ✓ A or (B and C) better than A or B and C

Variables and Assignments(1)

- Variable: A named piece of memory that can store(point to) a value
 - ✓ Compute an expression's result and then Store that result
 - ✓ Use that variable later and repeatedly in the program
- Assignment statement : Store/update a value into a variable
 - ✓ Variable_name = value expression
 - ✓ Example (for a rectangular)s:

```
height=3
width=4
perimeter = 2*(height+width)
area = height*width
```

Variables and Assignments (2)

Do not use following key words for variable name

- ✓ False, class, finally, is, return, None, continue, for, lambda, try, type
- ✓ True,def,from,nonlocal,while,and,del
- ✓ as,elif,if,or,yield,assert,else,import,pass,
- ✓ break,except,in,raise,global,not,with

Advanced assignment

- ✓ result = 10, record="Hello"
- ✓ result = result + 10, then result=20 (add result by 10)
- \checkmark result += 10, then result =30
- ✓ record += " World", then record= "Hello World"
- \checkmark a,b,c = 1,2,'123'

```
In [8]: type=3
In [9]: type(101+0.0)
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "<ipython-input-9-9eafc29ab9ea>", line 1, in <module>
        type(101+0.0)

TypeError: 'int' object is not callable
```

Comments and Indentation

- Comments can help understand the code
 - ✓ #This is a comment
 - ✓ """ This is a multi-line

 Comment"""

- Indentation is important for Python logics (not just for beautiful code)
 - ✓ Should be consistent within one file
 - ✓ Use 4 space for consistency (default in Spyder)
 - ✓ Goolgle Python Coding Styple:

http://zh-google-styleguide.readthedocs.io/en/latest/google-python-styleguide/python_style_rules/

Input and Output

- input('xxxx'): print XXX on the console, then read keyboard input and return the input line in the console as String
 - ✓ Code:

```
age = input("How old are you? ")
print "Your age is", age
```

✓ Output:

How old are you? 53

Your age is 53

- print(item1,[item2], sep='') :show the results on the console
 - \checkmark print(1,2,3) → 123
 - ✓ print(1,2,3, sep=',') → 1,2,3

Exercise on String

https://www.w3resource.com/python-exercises/string/

- 1. Write a Python program to calculate the length of a string.
- 4. Write a Python program to get a string from a given string where all occurrences of its first char have been changed to '\$', except the first char itself.
- 5. Write a Python program to get a single string from two given strings, separated by a space and swap the first two characters of each string.