MAE 6291
Internet of Things for Engineers

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Week 9 [03/26/2025]	• Introduction to Matrices • Scipy.fftpack • Mosquitto – Open source MQTT broker	• Edge Compute Python codes • In-class Raspberry Pi Lab – Mosqiutto MQTT

git clone https://github.com/gwu-mae6291-iot/spring2025_codes.git

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Topics to be covered today

Hardware:
SenseHat

Edge computing on the Pi:
FFT + SciPy.fftpack

IoT Strategy:
Intro to MQTT

Expectations on student deliverables:

1. Executive summaries
2. Final project presentation
3. Final project demo
4. Final report in a conference-style template
5. Attendance and no extensions

Icon source:
https://thenounproject.com/icon/clean-energy-4339399/

Two questions up for discussion

1. How should we start perceiving an IoT system, physically ?

2. How / Where do we place the “thing” in that system ?

Keywords:
Small, functional, re-envisioning applications, efficient, sensor-driven, smart-sensors, connectivity, autonomy, data-driven, durability, fault tolerance, interoperability

Proximity to data, compute-power, network, distributed-network etc.

All activities today are a part of graded in-class lab
Download codes from github and demonstrate
[10 points]

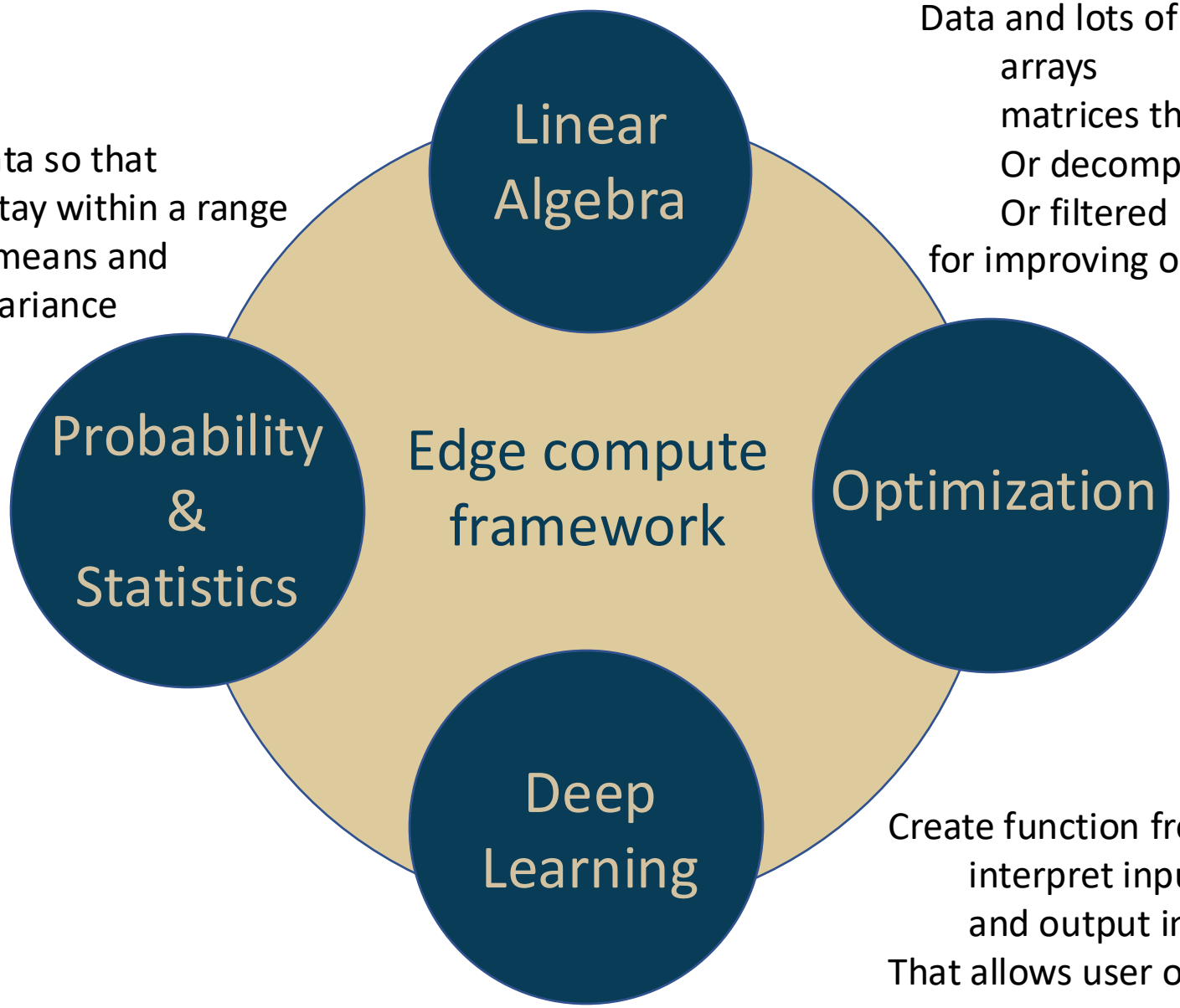
Expanding the Edge framework to Fourier Analysis of data

Goal: To use scipy library for signal processing

Source:
https://youtu.be/Cx5Z-OslNWE
Strang, G., Linear Algebra and Learning from Data (2019)

Data and lots of data
arrays
matrices that are special and can be factored
Or decomposed
Or filtered
for improving our understanding of the physical phenomena

Monitor data so that
they stay within a range
means and
variance



Finding matrices
that transform data
and minimize errors
Memory intensive process that usually
happens at cloud-level

Create function from data at cloud-level
interpret input data at edge-level
and output information at edge-level
That allows user or system to take decisions

Source:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SciPy
https://scipy.org

Explore Signal Processing with Scipy- Python library

SciPy (pronounced /ˈsaɪpaɪ/ "sigh pie"[2]) is a free and open-source Python library used for scientific computing and technical computing.[3]

SciPy contains modules for optimization, linear algebra, integration, interpolation, special functions, FFT, signal and image processing, ODE solvers and other tasks common in science and engineering.

What is a Matrix ?

DATA

- Arranged in ROWS and COLUMNS
- Typically carries a MEANING

DATA

- Rectangular ARRAY of numbers

ARRAYS

- Two-dimensional arrays
- *m* rows and *n* columns

Source: http://giphy.com/search/matrix-gif

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 15 & 3 & 9 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 11 & 7 \\ 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 9 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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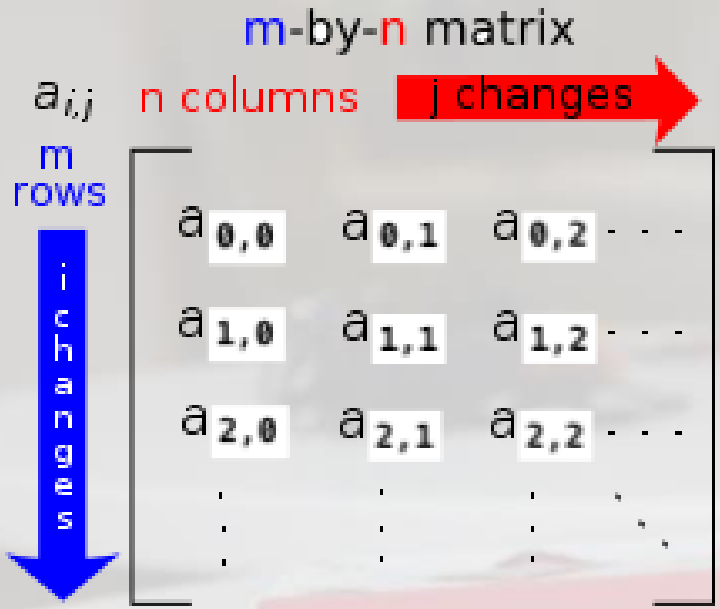
Bookkeeping in a Matrix



Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix_(mathematics)

Python:

```
>>> import numpy as np
>>> A = np.matrix([[-1, 2],[3, 4]])
>>> A[0,0]
>>> A[0,:]
>>> A[:,0]
>>> A[1,0]
```

python™

The ORDER of a matrix

- $A_{m\times n}$ *is* $m \times n$
- *Read as "m-by-n"*

a_{ij} *is called an ELEMENT*

- *at the* i^{th} *row and* j^{th} *column of A*

MATLAB:

```
>> A = [-1 2; 3 4]
>> A(1,1)
>> A(1,:)
>> A(:,2)
>> A(2,1)
```

Indexing and Slicing Lists

Retrieve list-elements with a range of values

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>>> primes = [2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19]
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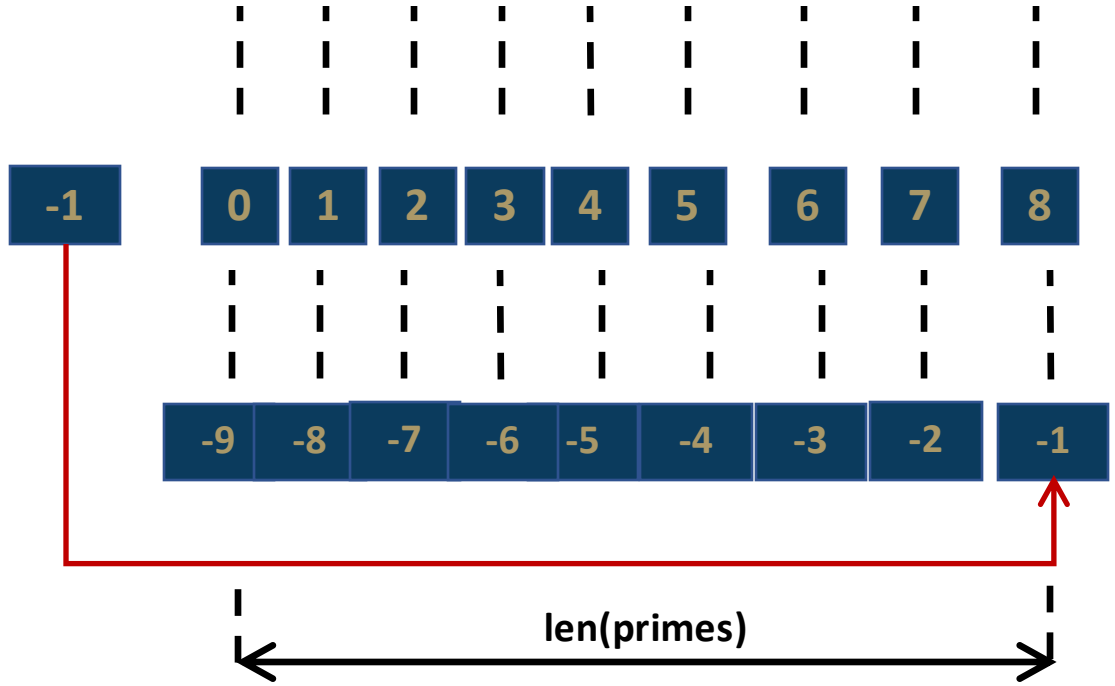

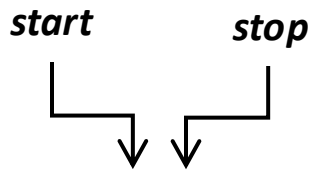


```
>>> primes[2:5]
[5, 7, 9]
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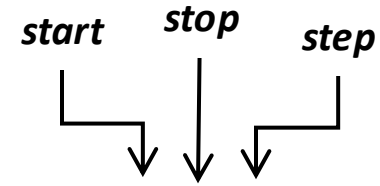


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>>> primes[0:7:2]
[2, 5, 9, 13]
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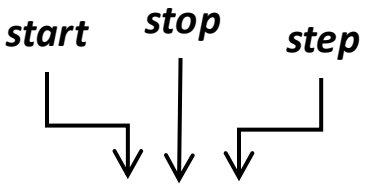
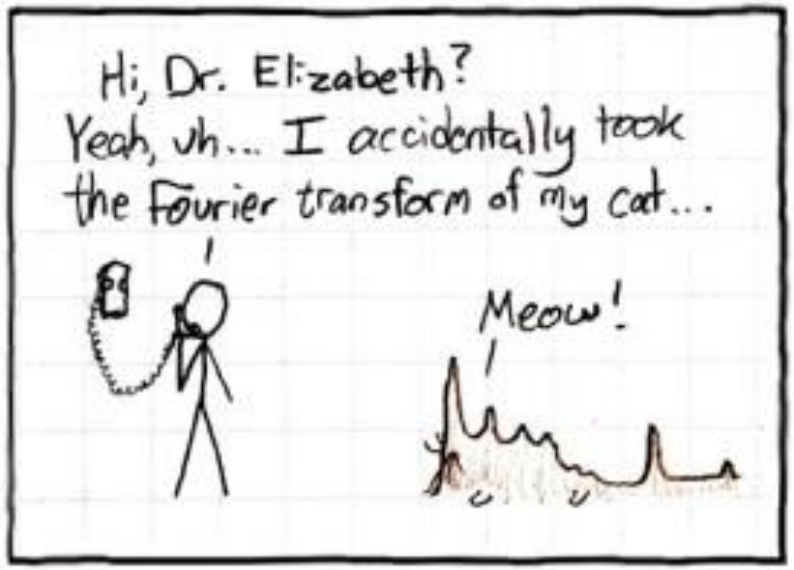


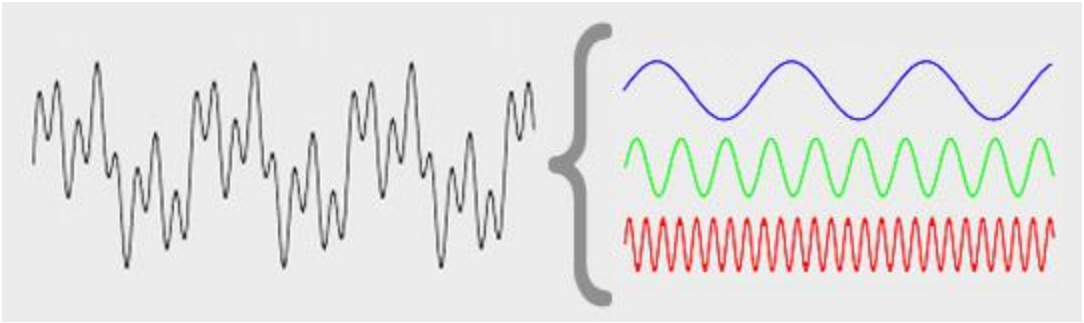

```
>>> primes[8:2:-2]
[19, 13, 9]
```

start:	at the index value
step:	up or down at the increment value (default = 1)
stop:	at the index value but not including it

Fourier transform: non-mathematical introduction

Seeing information in harmonics





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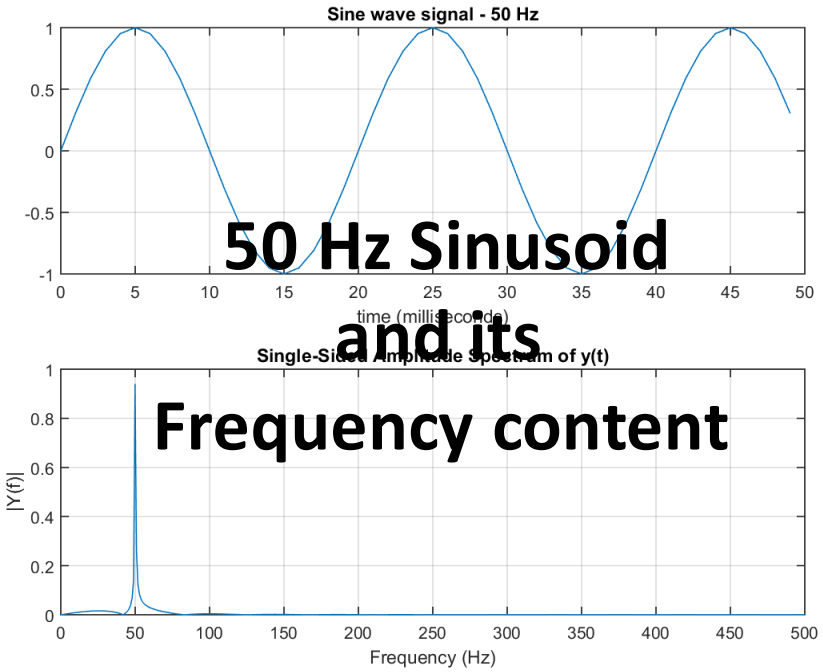
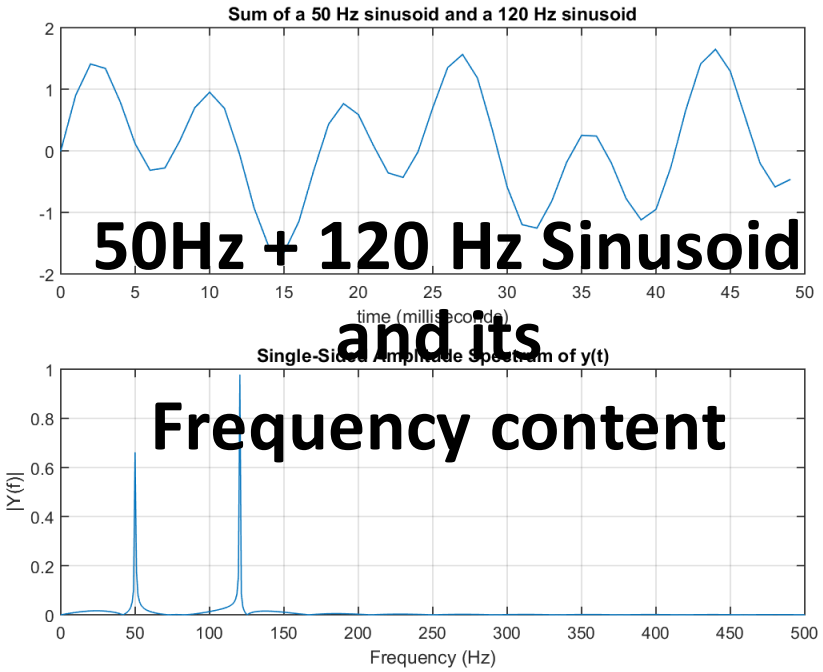
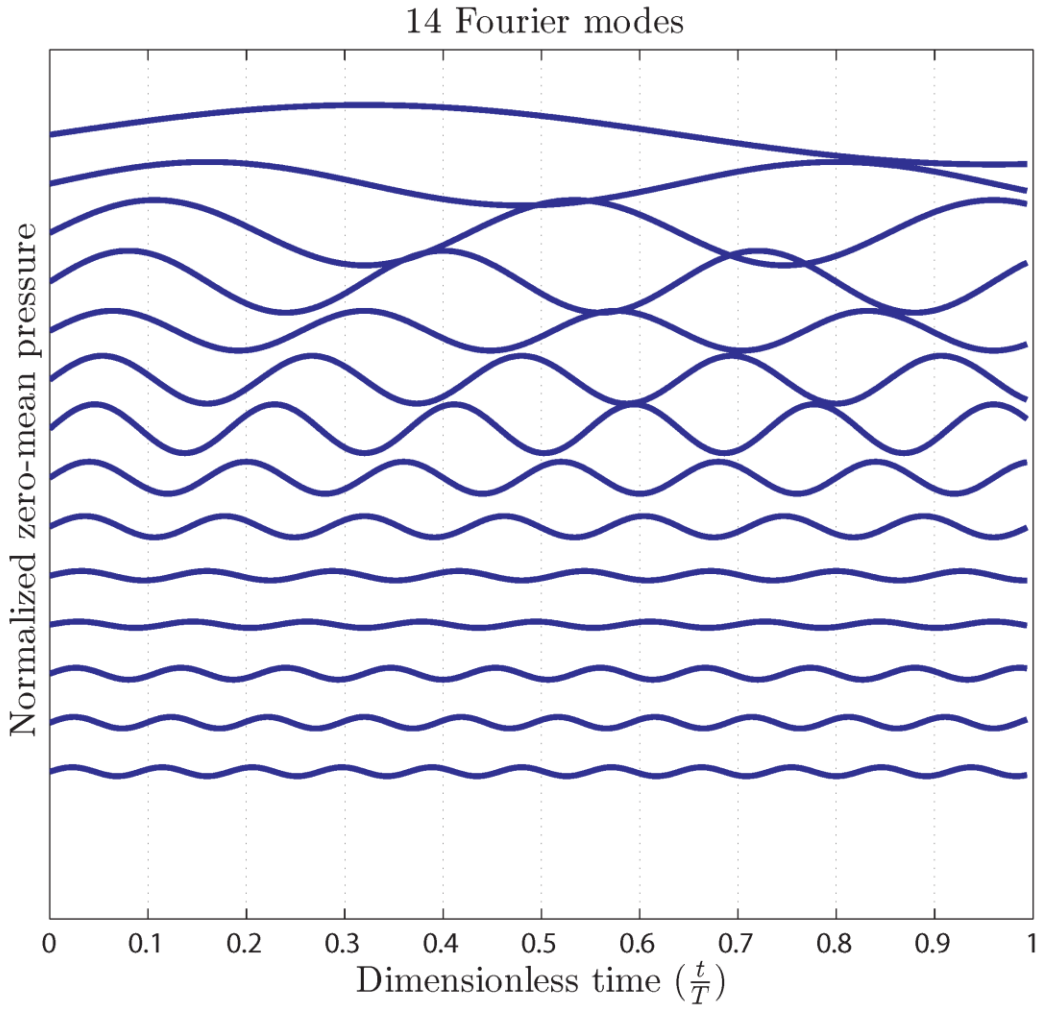
How do data/signals look in Fourier space ?



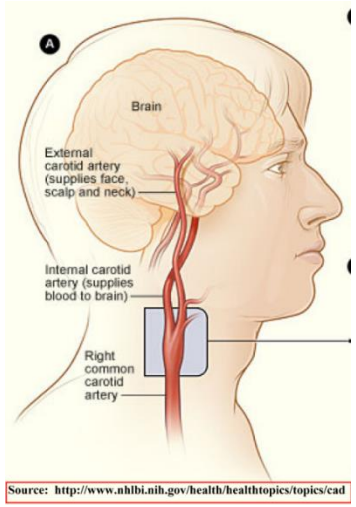


How do data/ signals look in Fourier space ?

Interpreting Fourier transform through an example



- **Decomposition of the pressure-time signal related to the carotid artery waveform**



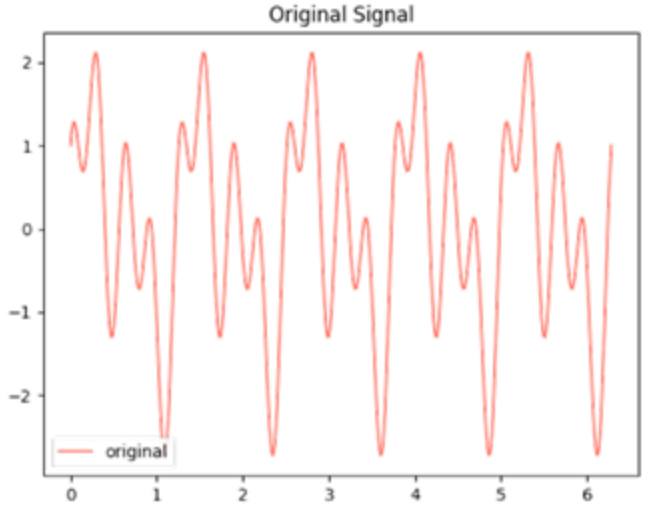
- **Summation of 14 wavetrains (Fourier modes) give the original waveforms**

Practical look at a code using scipy.fftpack library

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.fftpack import fft, ifft, fftfreq

N = 1000
T = 1
x = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi*N*T, N)
y1 = np.cos(20*x)
y2 = np.sin(10*x)
y3 = np.sin(5*x)

y = y1 + y2 + y3
# Produces an original signal
```

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fy = fft(y)
# finds the fft
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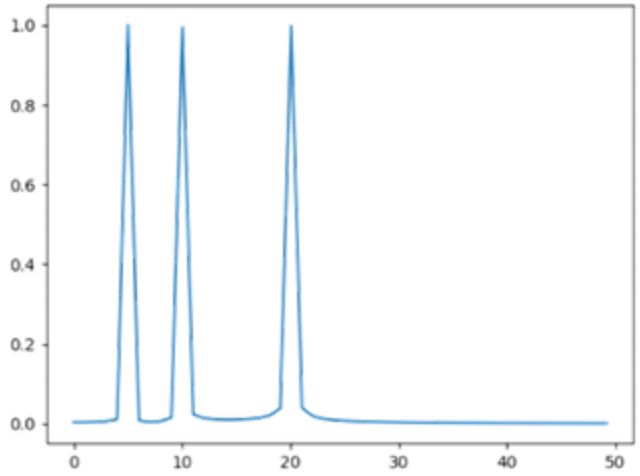

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y4 = ifft(fy)
# finds the inverse fft
```

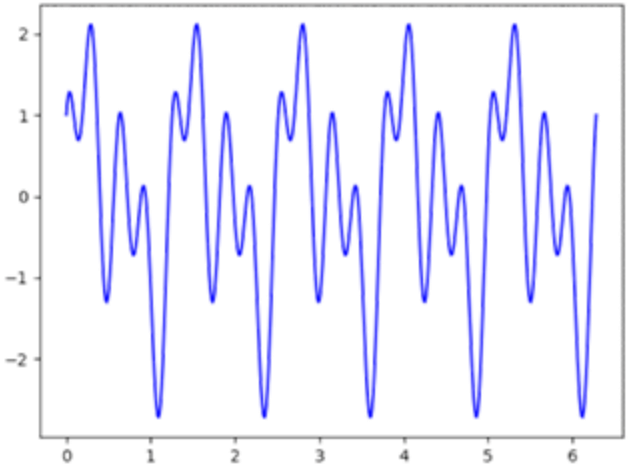

Practical look at Fourier filtering using scipy.fftpack

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.fftpack import fft, ifft, fftfreq

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T = 1
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y = y1 + y2 + y3
# Produces an original signal
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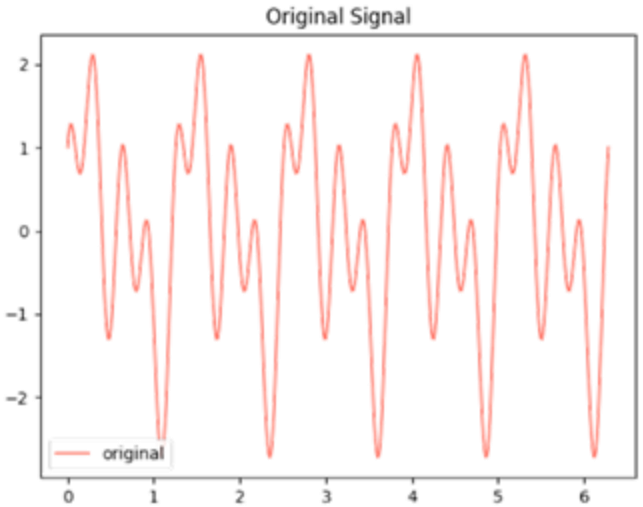
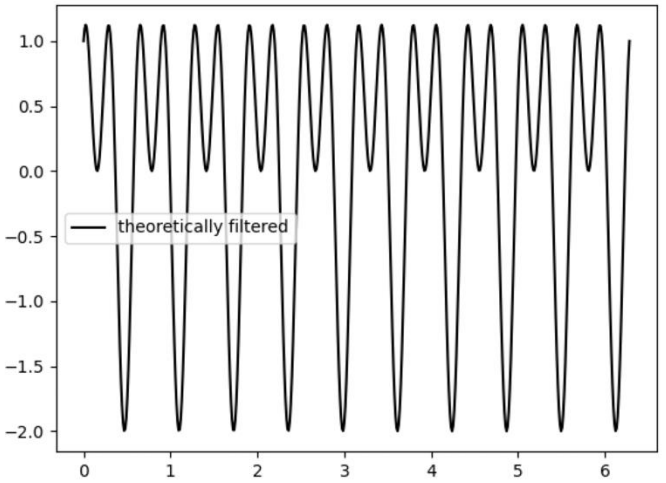



```
act = y1 + y2
# Produces a theoretically
# filtered signal
```




```
fy_act = fft(act)
# finds the fft
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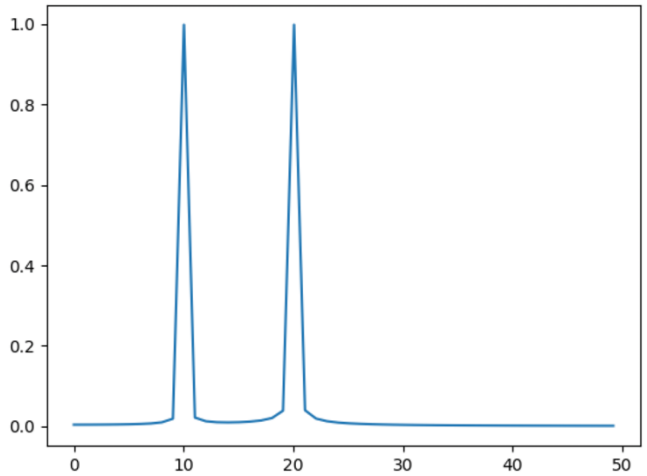
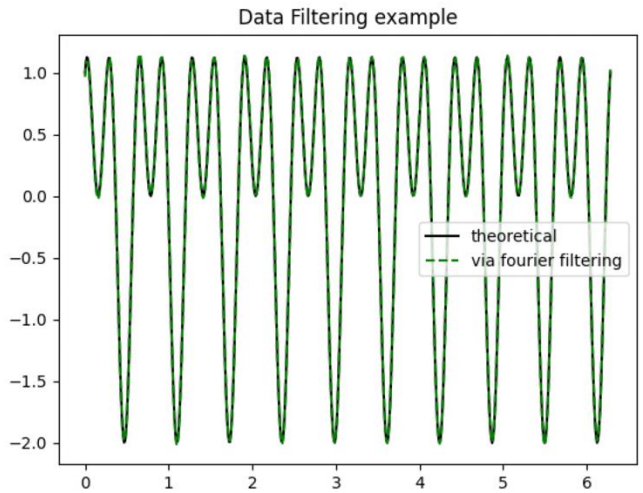


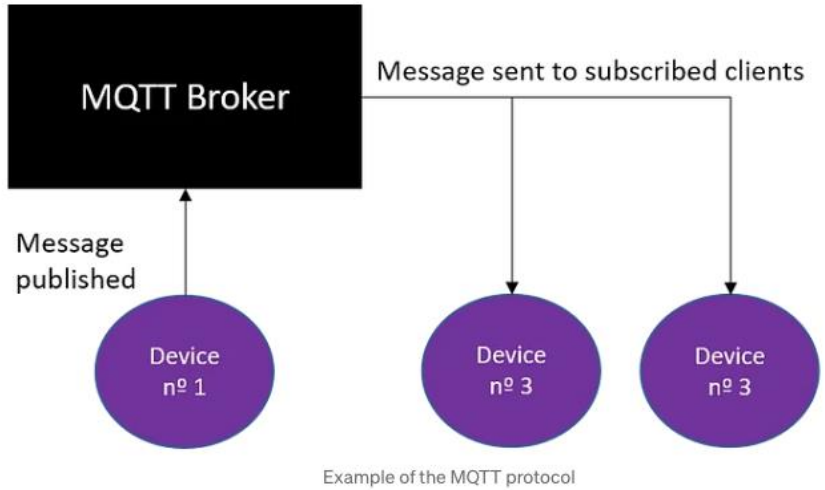
```
freqs = fftfreq(N)
nwaves = freqs*N # wave numbers

fft_vals = fft(y)

# Fourier filtering of 5 Hz signal
fft_new = np.copy(fft_vals)
fft_new[np.abs(nwaves)==5] = 0.0

# inverse fourier transform to
# reconstruct the filtered data
filt_data = np.real(ifft(fft_new))
```



Explore MQTT Basics
Message Queuing Telemetry Transport

Goal: To understand how publishing and subscribing works practically

MQTT paradigm



Example of the MQTT protocol

Source:
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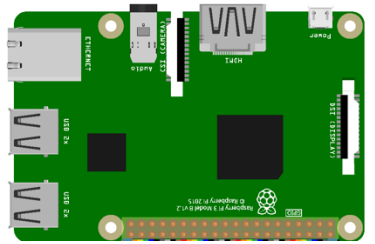
Hardware

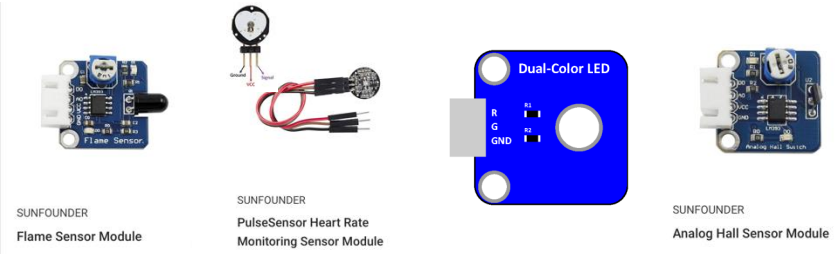
Broker

- The broker is the server
- It distributes the information to the interested devices connected to the server.



Client

- The device that connects to broker to send or receive information.



SUNFOUNDER
Flame Sensor Module

SUNFOUNDER
PulseSensor Heart Rate Monitoring Sensor Module

SUNFOUNDER
Analog Hall Sensor Module

Messaging

Topic

- The name that the message is about.
- Clients publish, subscribe, or do both to a topic.

Subscribe

- Clients tell the broker which topic(s) they're interested in.

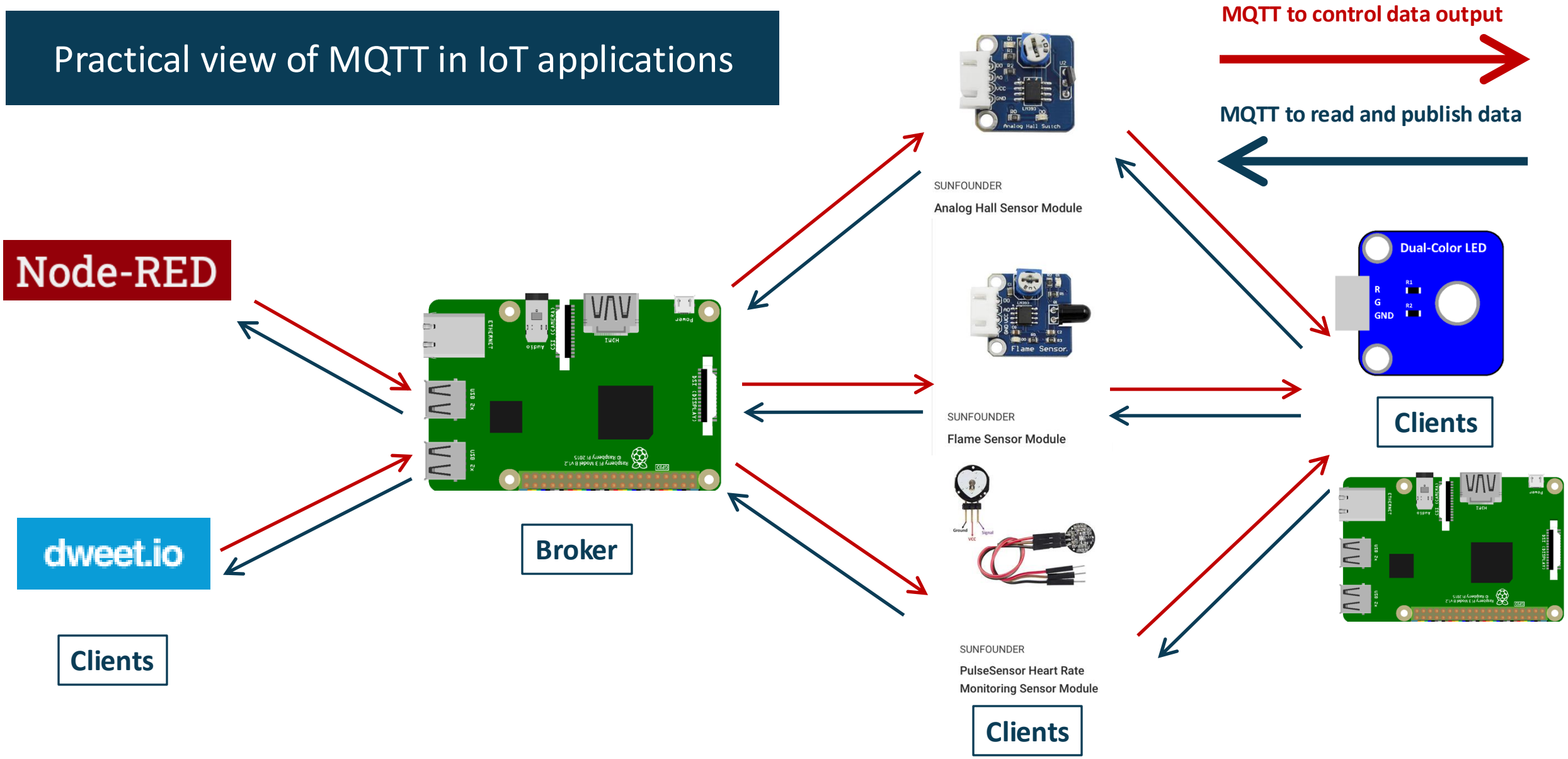
Publish

- Clients that send information to the broker to distribute to interested clients based on the topic name.

QoS

- Quality of Service to the broker
- Integer value ranging from. 0-2.

Practical view of MQTT in IoT applications



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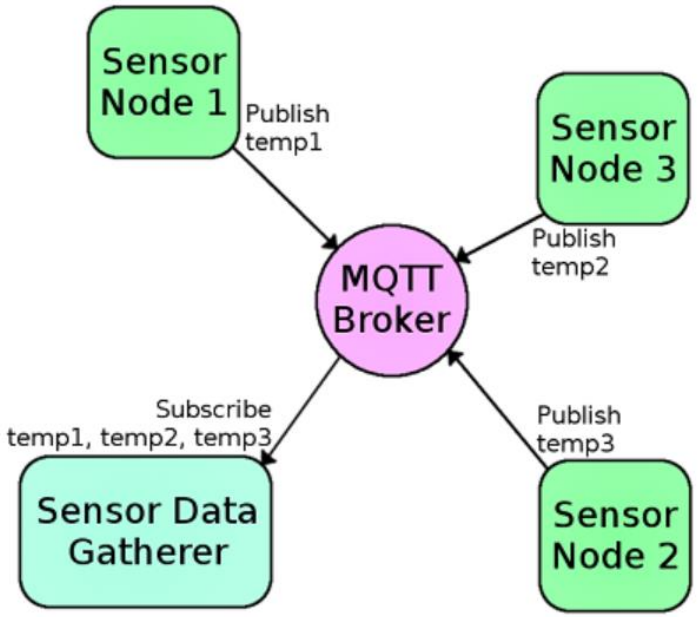

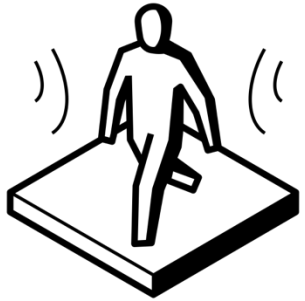

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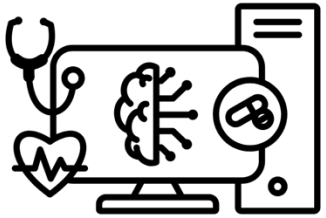
Common usages



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Source
https://mqtt.org/getting-started/ :
https://mosquitto.org
https://github.com/eclipse/mosquitto
https://projects.eclipse.org/projects/iot.mosquitto

Eclipse Mosquitto - An open source MQTT broker

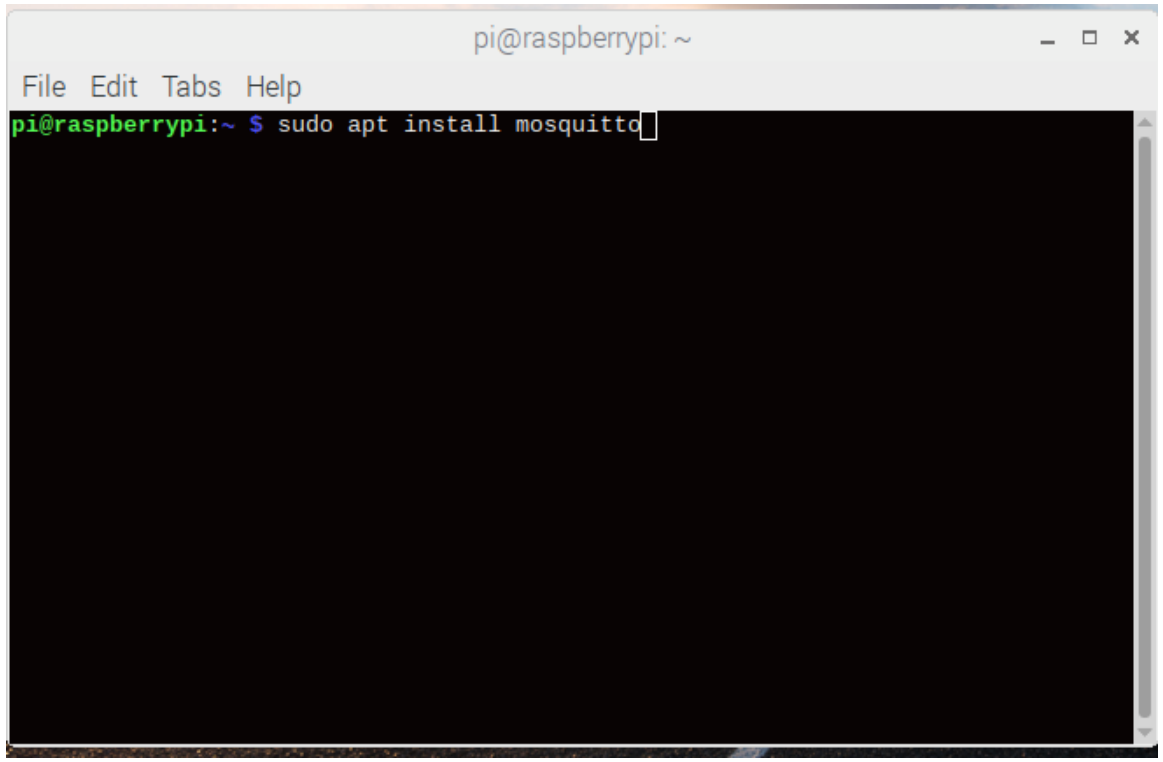
Eclipse Mosquitto provides a lightweight server implementation of the MQTT protocol that is suitable for all situations from full power machines to embedded and low power machines.

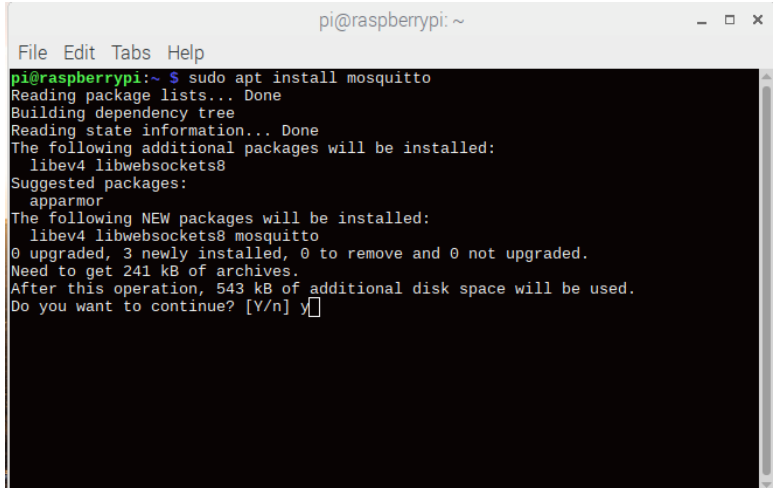
Sensors and actuators, which are often the sources and destinations of MQTT messages, can be very small and lacking in power. This also applies to the embedded machines to which they are connected, which is where Mosquitto could be run.

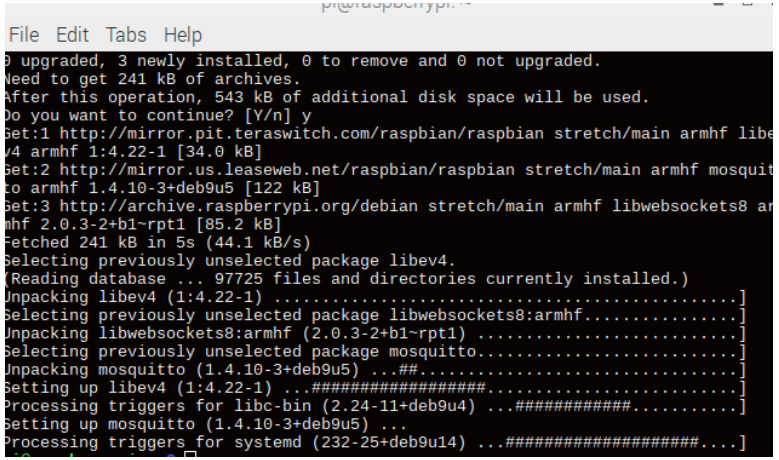
Step-1: Eclipse Mosquitto - An open source MQTT broker

sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get upgrade

sudo apt install mosquitto

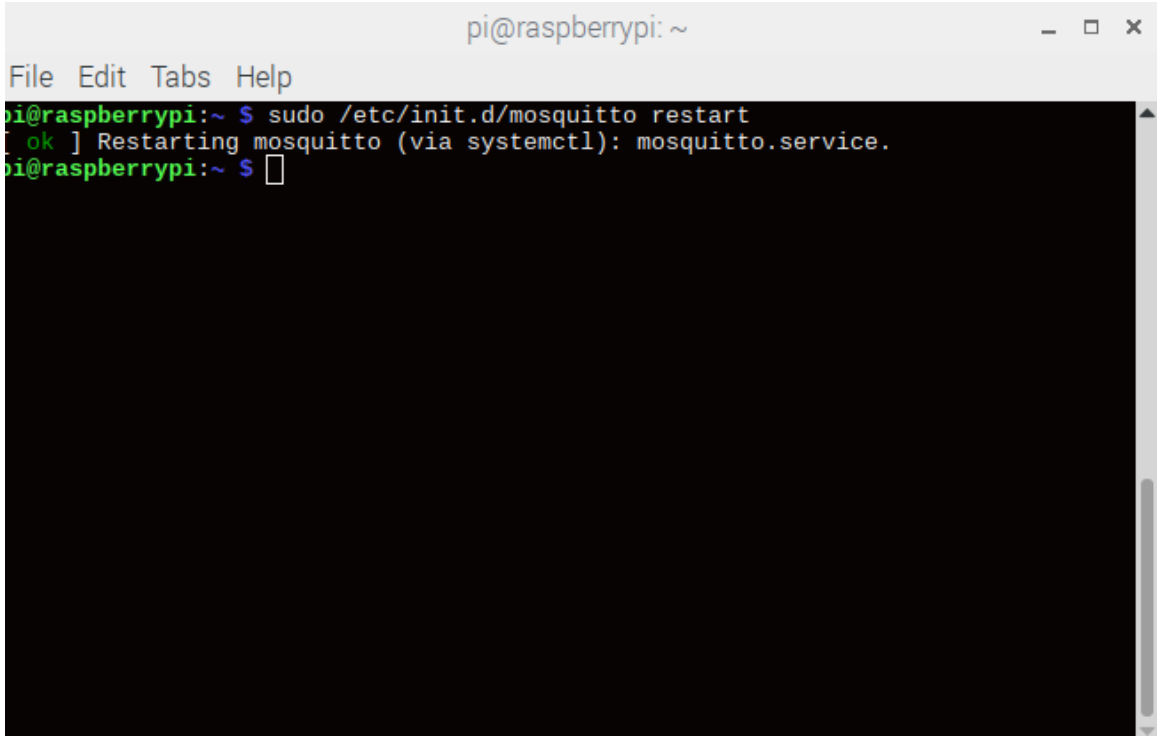






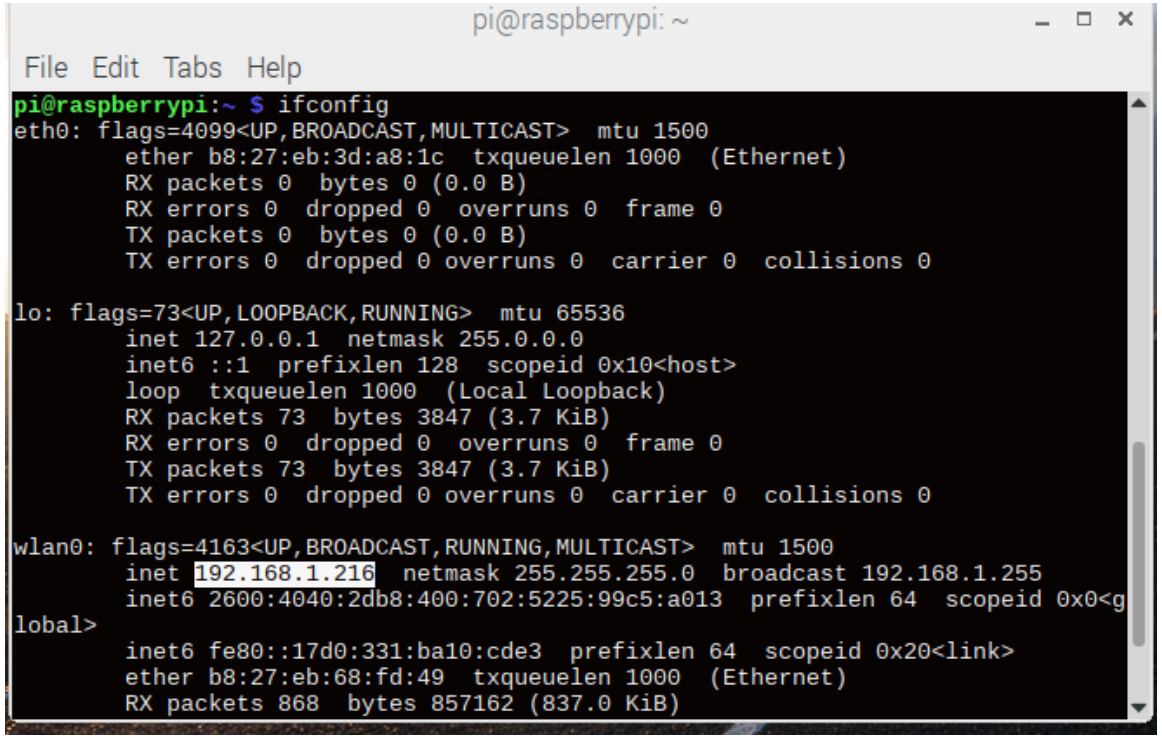
Step-2: restart Mosquitto

sudo /etc/init.d/mosquitto restart



Step-3: Get your IP address

ifconfig



hostname –I # this is also OK to use

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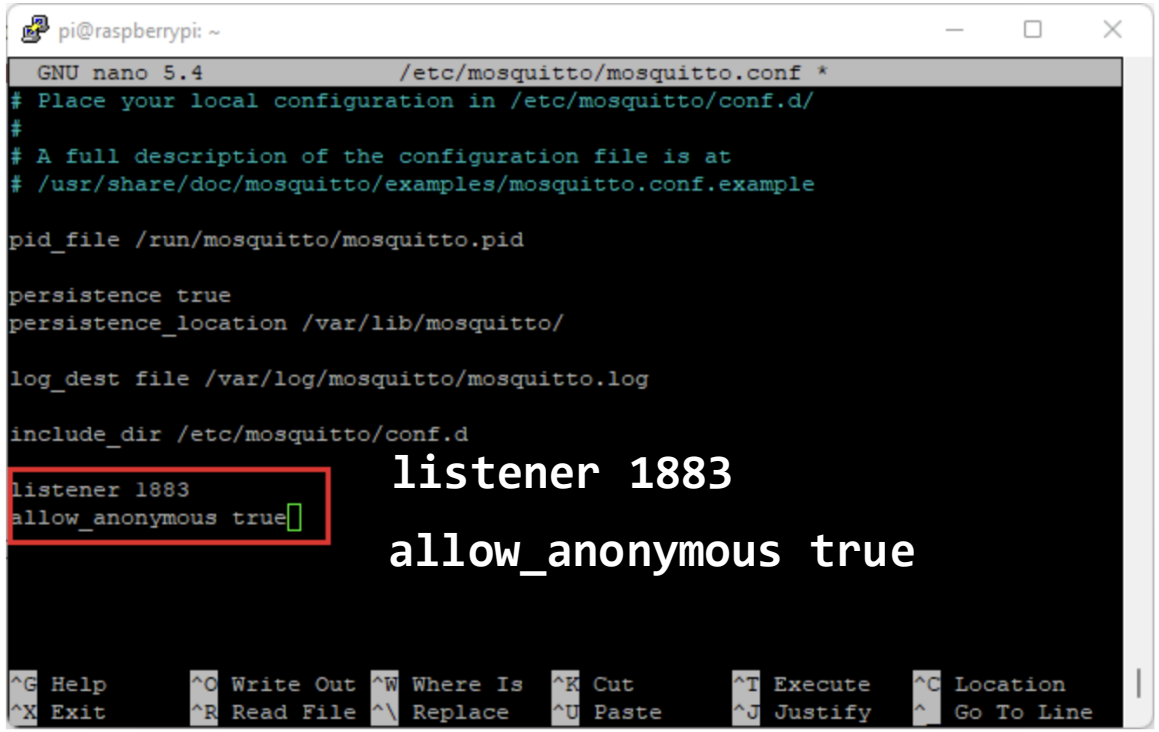
https://forums.raspberrypi.com/viewtopic.php?t=331096

Step-4: Enable Remote Access to Mosquitto Broker (No Authentication)

sudo nano /etc/mosquitto/mosquitto.conf



sudo systemctl restart mosquitto

sudo systemctl status mosquitto

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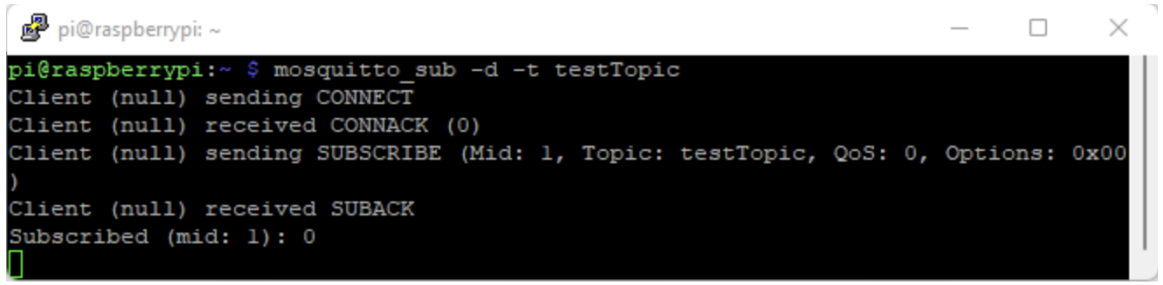
https://mosquitto.org/man/mosquitto_pub-1.html
https://mosquitto.org/man/mosquitto_sub-1.html

Step-4: Publishing "Hello World!" Message to *testTopic* Topic

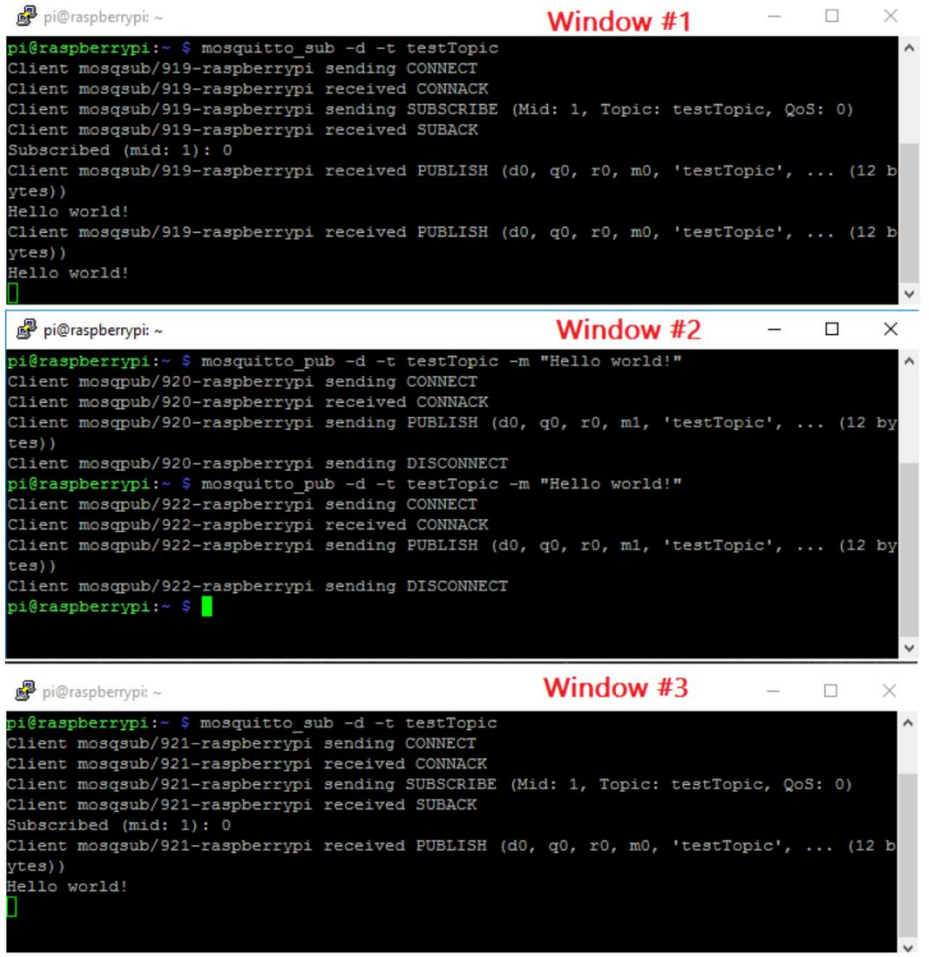
 # Install mosquitto-clients
sudo apt install -y mosquitto mosquitto-clients

 # Open a terminal window and type the following:
mosquitto_sub -d -t testTopic



mosquitto_sub -v -t '#' -h <IP address>

mosquitto_pub -d -t testTopic -m "Hello world!"



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Types of MQTT messages

CONNECT — Is the client request to connect to the broker

CONNACK — Acknowledgement of the connect

PUBLISH — Publishes a message to a topic

PUBACK — Acknowledgement of the publish with QoS level 1

PUBREC — Acknowledgement of the publish with QoS level 2 (2nd packet)

PUBREL — Response to the PUBREC. (3rd packet when using QoS level 2)

PUBCOMP — Response to PUBREL (4th and last packet when using QoS lvl 2)

SUBSCRIBE — Packet from the client to subscribe to topics

SUBACK — Acknowledgement of the subscribe packet

UNSUBSCRIBE — Packet from the client to unsubscribe from topics

Explore SenseHat
(The RPi companion sensor in the International Space Station

Example of who is using the sense HAT and where - Astro Pi

Source: https://youtu.be/kk_7KNuRLrk

What we will do today

- Co-work
  - Observe, ask and try in groups
- Write small program using Python
- Think about
  - Challenges, Opportunities, Gaps and Surprises

What we will learn today

- Communicate with the Sense HAT using Python
- Access the outputs of the Sense HAT
- Use the Sense HAT library to display messages and images
- Use loops to repeat certain code blocks