

Introduction to Python

Designed for New Coders

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Before we begin...

- There is very little straight lecture.
- Most of the time we will be writing code
- We will take frequent breaks. Most breaks will be attached to a workshop.
- Ask questions at any time. If you ask via audio, please let me know who you are.
- Feel free to ask via chat.

A little about me

Experience:

- 25+ years consulting and training experience
- Extensive work with "big data" and analytics

Education

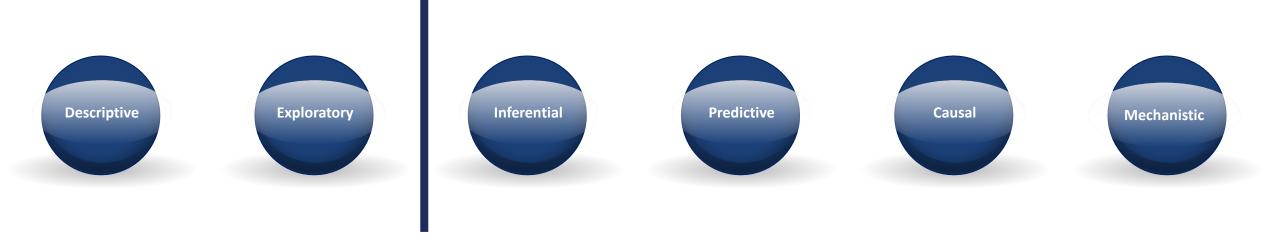
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Our goals for the course are:

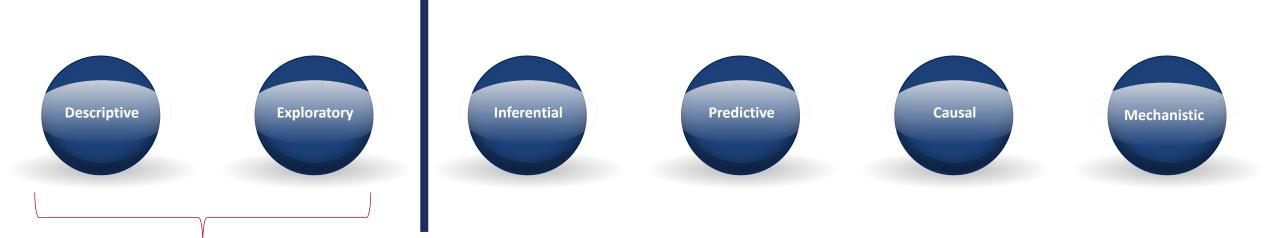
- Be able to use:
 - the core python library
 - Numpy
 - Pandas
 - Matplotlib
 - Seaborn
- Be able to conduct a basic exploratory data analysis with visualizations using the libraries listed above.



Types of analyses



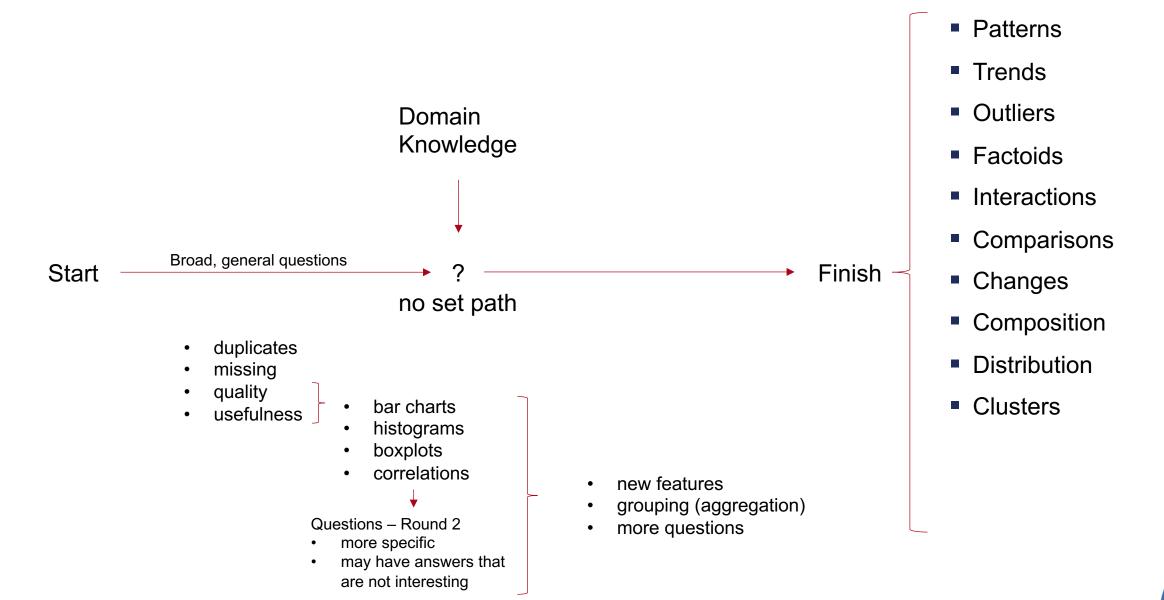
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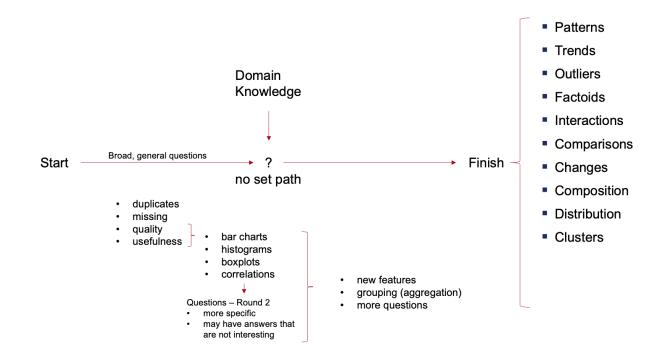
[&]quot; Here's a dataset. Tell me something interesting."

Is there a process to go from 'tell me something...' to 'here is what we found'?

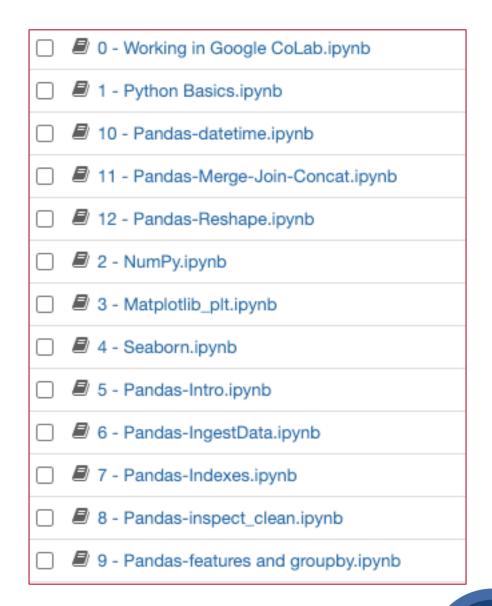
Looking for insights



Approach to learning Python



- 1.A little coding background.
- 2. A high-level pass to learn a lot of basic functionality.
- 3. Expanding into more complex functionality.



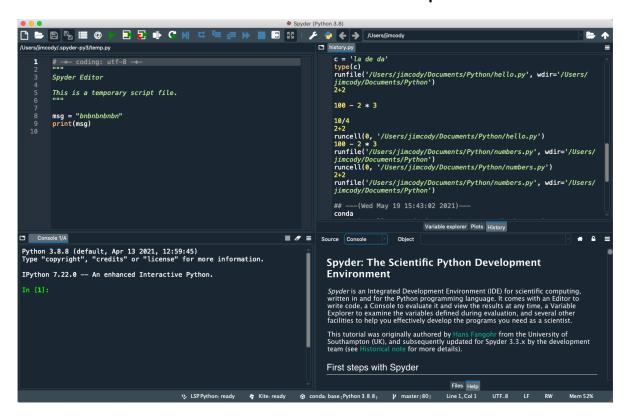
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What is Python?

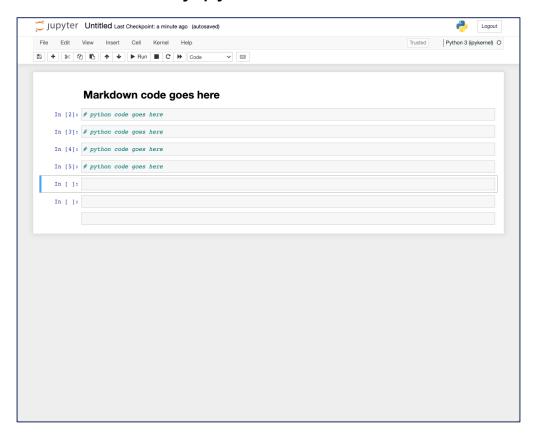
Python is a high-level, interpreted scripting language developed in the late 1980's.

Two main working environments

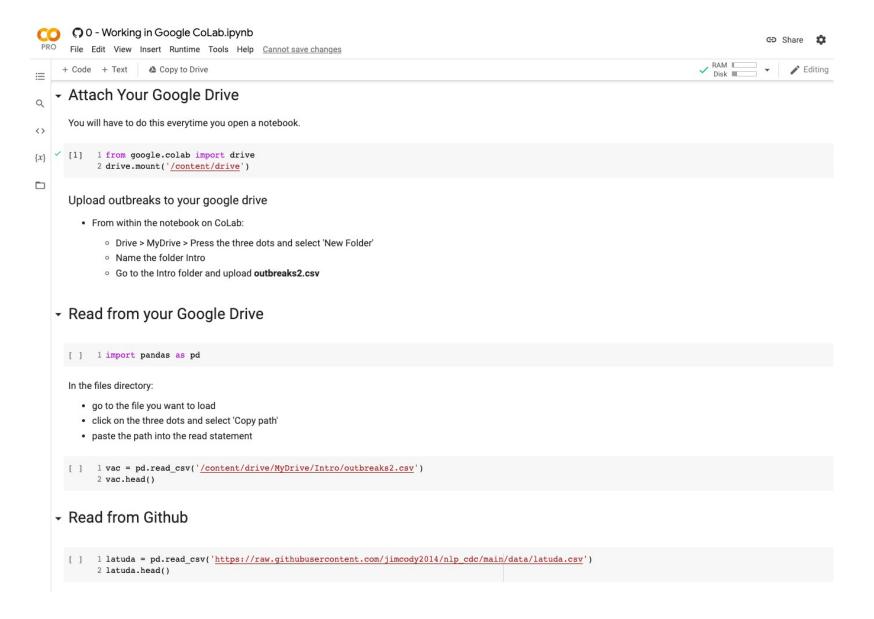
IDE Environments & scripts



jupyter notebooks



jupyter notebook on Google CoLab



A few pandas basics

https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/reference/frame.html

latuda = pd.read_csv('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/jimcody2014/Intro2022/main/data/latuda.csv')
latuda.head()

<u>Dataframe</u>									
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	2	Latuda	Bipolar Disorde	"I was deeply suicidal for 15 years with repet	9	25-Dec-15	33		
	3	Latuda	Bipolar Disorde	"I have been taking Latuda 80 mg for 8 months \dots	3	23-Apr-13	34		
	4	Latuda	Schizophrenia	"We've heard of the Latuda 20-40 mg restlessne	9	5-Feb-16	15		
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dataframe attributes

df.columns df.shape df.axes df.size

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dataframe methods

df.head()
df.tail()
df.groupby()
df.mean()
df.drop_duplicates()

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Some terminology

- Module
 - collection of functions
 - has a file extension .py
- Package
 - collection of related modules
- Library
 - a loose umbrella term

All packages are modules.
Not all modules are packages.

matplotlib.pyplot.boxplot()

package module (sometimes called a library; sometimes called a module)

function
(sometimes called a submodule)