



# Introduction to AI for postgraduate students

## Lecture Note 1: A *Brief* Guide on Python

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# References

## Python

- [The Python Tutorial — Python 3.9.7 documentation](#)
- [Python Tutorial \(w3schools.com\)](#)

## Python with Colab

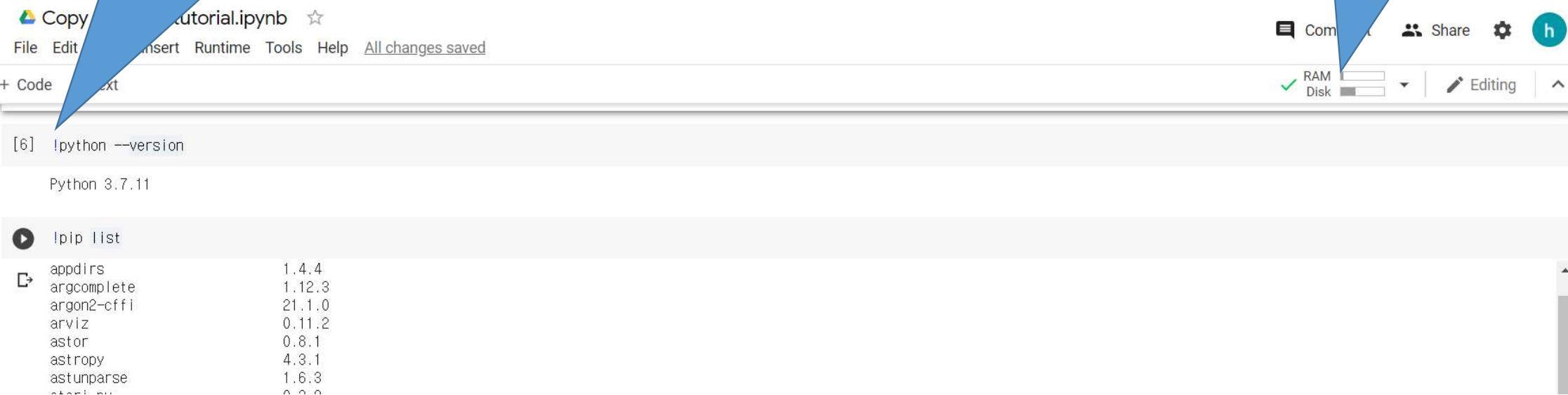
- [colab-tutorial.ipynb - Colaboratory \(google.com\)](#)



# Check the version

“!” Mark: used to execute a Linux command

Your virtual machine assigned  
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The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with the following elements:

- Header:** Copy, tutorial.ipynb, ☆
- Menu:** File, Edit, Insert, Runtime, Tools, Help, [All changes saved](#)
- Toolbar:** + Code, Text, RAM, Disk, Editing, ^
- Code Cell 1:**

```
[6] !python --version
```

Python 3.7.11
- Code Cell 2:**

```
!pip list
```

appdirs	1.4.4
argcomplete	1.12.3
argon2-cffi	21.1.0
arviz	0.11.2
astor	0.8.1
astropy	4.3.1
astunparse	1.6.3
asttokens	2.0.5



# Data Types: Numbers

```
✓ [7] x = 3  
0s print(x, type(x))
```

```
3 <class 'int'>
```

```
✓ [8] ▶ print(x + 1) # Addition  
0s print(x - 1) # Subtraction  
print(x * 2) # Multiplication  
print(x ** 2) # Exponentiation
```

```
↳ 4  
2  
6  
9
```

```
✓ [9] x += 1  
0s print(x)  
x *= 2  
print(x)
```

```
4  
8
```

```
✓ [10] y = 2.5  
3 print(type(y))  
print(y, y + 1, y * 2, y ** 2)
```

```
↳ <class 'float'>  
2.5 3.5 5.0 6.25
```

- Note that unlike many languages, Python does not have unary increment (x++) or decrement (x--) operators.
- Python also has builtin types for long integers and complex numbers; you can find all of the details in <https://docs.python.org/3.7/library/stdtypes.html#numeric-types-int-float-long-complex>



# Data Type: Booleans

- Python implements all of the usual operators for Boolean logic, but uses English words rather than symbols (&&, ||, etc.):

```
✓ [11] t, f = True, False  
0s print(type(t))
```

```
<class 'bool'>
```

Now we let's look at the operations:

```
✓ [12] print(t and f) # Logical AND;  
0s      print(t or f)  # Logical OR;  
      print(not t)   # Logical NOT;  
      print(t != f)  # Logical XOR;
```

```
False  
True  
False  
True
```



# Data Type: Strings

```
▶ hello = 'ok'    # String literals can use single quotes  
world = "korea"   # or double quotes; it does not matter  
print(hello, len(hello))
```

ok 2

```
[19] hw = hello + ' ' + world # String concatenation  
print(hw)
```

ok korea

```
[20] hw12 = '{} {} {}'.format(hello, world, 12) # string formatting  
print(hw12)
```

ok korea 12

```
[21] print(f"{hello} {world} 12")
```

ok korea 12



# Data Type: Strings

```
▶ s = "hello"  
print(s.capitalize()) # Capitalize a string  
print(s.upper())      # Convert a string to uppercase; prints "HELLO"  
print(s.rjust(7))     # Right-justify a string, padding with spaces  
print(s.center(7))    # Center a string, padding with spaces  
print(s.replace('l', '(ell)')) # Replace all instances of one substring with another  
print(' world '.strip()) # Strip leading and trailing whitespace
```

```
↳ Hello  
HELLO  
  hello  
  hello  
he(ell)(ell)o  
world
```



# Containers: Lists

- A list is the Python equivalence of an array, but is resizable and can contain elements of different types:

```
▶ xs = [3, 1, 2] # Create a list
print(xs, xs[2])
print(xs[-1])    # Negative indices count from the end of the list; prints "2"
```

```
[3, 1, 2] 2
2
```

```
▶ xs[2] = 'foo' # Lists can contain elements of different types
print(xs)
```

```
👤 [3, 1, 'foo']
```

```
[ ] xs.append('bar') # Add a new element to the end of the list
print(xs)
```

```
[3, 1, 'foo', 'bar']
```

```
[ ] x = xs.pop()    # Remove and return the last element of the list
print(x, xs)
```

```
bar [3, 1, 'foo']
```

Index position:

[3,	1 ,	2]
0	1	2
-3	-2	-1





# Containers: List Slicing

	0	1	2	3	4
Index position:	0	1	2	3	4
	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
Slicing position:	0	1	2	3	4
	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
					0

```

▶ nums = list(range(5))    # range is a built-in function that creates a list of integers
print(nums)               # Prints "[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]"
print(nums[2:4])          # Get a slice from index 2 to 4 (exclusive); prints "[2, 3]"
print(nums[2:])            # Get a slice from index 2 to the end; prints "[2, 3, 4]"
print(nums[:2])           # Get a slice from the start to index 2 (exclusive); prints "[0, 1]"
print(nums[:])            # Get a slice of the whole list; prints "[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]"
print(nums[:-1])          # Slice indices can be negative; prints "[0, 1, 2, 3]"
nums[2:4] = [8, 9]        # Assign a new sublist to a slice
print(nums)               # Prints "[0, 1, 8, 9, 4]"

```

```

① [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
   [2, 3]
   [2, 3, 4]
   [0, 1]
   [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
   [0, 1, 2, 3]
   [0, 1, 8, 9, 4]

```



# Loops

```
[ ] animals = ['cat', 'dog', 'monkey']  
    for animal in animals:  
        print(animal)
```

cat  
dog  
monkey

0, cat  
1, dog  
2, monkey

```
▶ animals = ['cat', 'dog', 'monkey']  
  for idx, animal in enumerate(animals):  
      print('#{:}: {}'.format(idx + 1, animal))
```

ⓘ #1: cat  
#2: dog  
#3: monkey



# List Comprehensions

```
[ ] nums = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
    squares = []
    for x in nums:
        squares.append(x ** 2)
    print(squares)
```

[0, 1, 4, 9, 16]

You can make this code simpler using a list comprehension:

```
[ ] nums = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
    squares = [x ** 2 for x in nums]
    print(squares)
```

[0, 1, 4, 9, 16]

List comprehensions can also contain conditions:

```
[ ] nums = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
    even_squares = [x ** 2 for x in nums if x % 2 == 0]
    print(even_squares)
```

[0, 4, 16]



# Container: Dictionaries

```
▶ d = {'cat': 'cute', 'dog': 'furry'} # Create a new dictionary with some data
  print(d['cat']) # Get an entry from a dictionary; prints "cute"
  print('cat' in d) # Check if a dictionary has a given key; prints "True"
```

cute  
True

```
[ ] d['fish'] = 'wet' # Set an entry in a dictionary
    print(d['fish']) # Prints "wet"
```

wet

```
▶ print(d['monkey']) # KeyError: 'monkey' not a key of d
```

```
-----
NameError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-23-78fc9745d9cf> in <module>()
--> 1 print(d['monkey']) # KeyError: 'monkey' not a key of d
```

NameError: name 'd' is not defined

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# Container: Dictionaries

```
[ ] print(d.get('monkey', 'N/A')) # Get an element with a default; prints "N/A"  
    print(d.get('fish', 'N/A'))  # Get an element with a default; prints "wet"
```

N/A  
wet

```
[ ] del d['fish']          # Remove an element from a dictionary  
    print(d.get('fish', 'N/A')) # "fish" is no longer a key; prints "N/A"
```

N/A



# Container: Dictionaries

It is easy to iterate over the keys in a dictionary:

```
▶ d = {'person': 2, 'cat': 4, 'spider': 8}
  for animal, legs in d.items():
    print('A {} has {} legs'.format(animal, legs))
```

⦿ A person has 2 legs  
A cat has 4 legs  
A spider has 8 legs

items(): return the list with all dictionary keys with values  
"[('person', 2), ('cat', 4), ('spider', 8)]"

Dictionary comprehensions: These are similar to list comprehensions, but allow you to easily construct dictionaries. For example:

```
[ ] nums = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
    even_num_to_square = {x: x ** 2 for x in nums if x % 2 == 0}
    print(even_num_to_square)
```

```
{0: 0, 2: 4, 4: 16}
```



# Container: Sets

- A set is an unordered collection of distinct elements.

```
[ ] animals = {'cat', 'dog'}  
    print('cat' in animals)    # Check if an element is in a set; prints "True"  
    print('fish' in animals)   # prints "False"
```

True  
False

```
▶ animals.add('fish')          # Add an element to a set  
  print('fish' in animals)  
  print(len(animals))          # Number of elements in a set;
```

ⓘ True  
3


```
[ ] animals.add('cat')          # Adding an element that is already in the set does nothing  
  print(len(animals))  
  animals.remove('cat')         # Remove an element from a set  
  print(len(animals))
```

3  
2



# Container: Sets

- Loops: Iterating over a set has the same syntax as iterating over a list; however since sets are unordered, you cannot make assumptions about the order in which you visit the elements of the set:



```
animals = {'cat', 'dog', 'fish'}  
for idx, animal in enumerate(animals):  
    print('#{}: {}'.format(idx + 1, animal))
```



```
#1: dog  
#2: cat  
#3: fish
```





# Container: Sets

- Set comprehension

```
[9] from math import sqrt  
    print([int(sqrt(x)) for x in range(30)])  
    print({int(sqrt(x)) for x in range(30)})
```

```
[0, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5]  
{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
```



# Container: Tuple

- A tuple is an (immutable) ordered list of values. A tuple is in many ways similar to a list; one of the most important differences is that tuples can be used as keys in dictionaries and as elements of sets, while lists cannot.

```
▶ d = {(x, x + 1): x for x in range(10)} # Create a dictionary with tuple keys
  t = (5, 6) # Create a tuple
  print(type(t))
  print(d[t])
  print(d[(1, 2)])
```

```
ⓘ <class 'tuple'>
   5
   1
```

```
[ ] t[0] = 1
```

```
ⓘ -----
  TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
  <ipython-input-43-c8aeb8cd20ae> in <module>()
  ----> 1 t[0] = 1
```

TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment

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# Functions



Python functions are defined using the `def` keyword. For example:

```
def sign(x):  
    if x > 0:  
        return 'positive'  
    elif x < 0:  
        return 'negative'  
    else:  
        return 'zero'  
  
for x in [-1, 0, 1]:  
    print(sign(x))
```

```
negative  
zero  
positive
```

We will often define functions to take optional keyword arguments, like this:

```
[ ] def hello(name, loud=False):  
    if loud:  
        print('HELLO, {}'.format(name.upper()))  
    else:  
        print('Hello, {}'.format(name))  
  
hello('Bob')  
hello('Fred', loud=True)
```

Hello, Bob!
HELLO, FRED



# Classes



```
class Greeter:
```

```
    # Constructor
```

```
    def __init__(self, name):
```

```
        self.name = name # Create an instance variable
```

```
    # Instance method
```

```
    def greet(self, loud=False):
```

```
        if loud:
```

```
            print('HELLO, {}'.format(self.name.upper()))
```

```
        else:
```

```
            print('Hello, {}'.format(self.name))
```

```
g = Greeter('Fred') # Construct an instance of the Greeter class
```

```
print(g.name)
```

```
g.greet() # Call an instance method; prints "Hello, Fred"
```

```
g.greet(loud=True) # Call an instance method; prints "HELLO, FRED!"
```

The **`__init__()`** function is called automatically every time the class is being used to create a new object.

Property

Method



```
Fred  
Hello, Fred!  
HELLO, FRED
```



# Classes



## ▪ Properties

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age
```

```
p1 = Person("John", 36)
```

```
print(p1.name)    John
print(p1.age)     36
```



# Class: Inheritance

## ▪ Parent class

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        self.firstname = fname
        self.lastname = lname

    def description(self):
        print(self.firstname, self.lastname)

TT = Person('John', 'Doe')
TT.description()
```

John Doe

## ▪ Child class

```
class Student(Person):
    pass
```



# Class: Inheritance

## ▪ Add the `__init__()` Function

- When you add the `__init__()` function, the child class will no longer inherit the parent's `__init__()` function.

```
class Student(Person):  
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):  
        self.firstname = "N/A"  
        self.lastname = "N/A"  
  
TT = Student('John', 'Doe')  
TT.description()
```

➡ N/A N/A

## ▪ To keep the inheritance of the parent's `__init__()` function, add a call to the parent's `__init__()` function:

```
class Student(Person):  
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):  
        Person.__init__(self, fname, lname)  
  
TT = Student('John', 'Doe')  
TT.description()
```

➡ John Doe



# Class: Inheritance

- Alternative way with the addition of properties and methods

```
▶ class Student(Person):  
    def __init__(self, fname, lname, year):  
        super().__init__(fname, lname)  
        self.graduationyear = year  
  
    def welcome(self):  
        print('Welcom', self.firstname, self.lastname, 'to the class of', self.graduationyear)  
  
TT = Student('John', 'Doe', 2000)  
TT.welcome()
```

Inheritance of the parent's `__init__()` function using "super"

Addition of method

Addition of properties

☞ Welcom John Doe to the class of 2000

