

L1: Introduction to Python: first steps

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How do YOU deal with data?

I give you a 2d array of numbers : measurements and time points (N=1000).

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time 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 ... 99.8 99.9 100.0 measurment 3.2 4.3 3.8 4.5 3.7 5.1 ... 8.3 8.1 9.0
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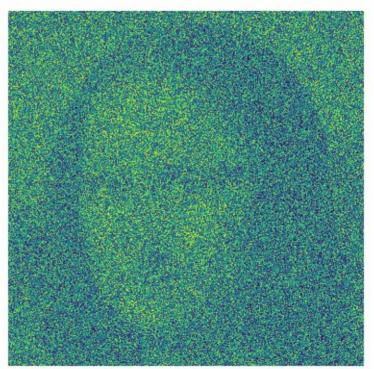
- I would like to know the mean and the standard deviation of the measurements.
- I would like to see the data displayed, i.e., plotted as measurement vs time.
- → How would you do that today?

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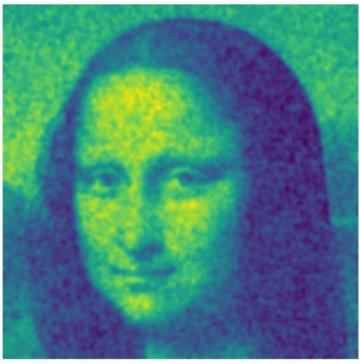
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smoothing + 2D plot

Python code for the above operations

Python code

```
img = plt.imread('image-noise.tif')
imgNew = gaussian_filter(img, sigma=10)
ax.imshow(imgNew)
```

- → read image
- → apply Gaussian filter
- → plot/display image

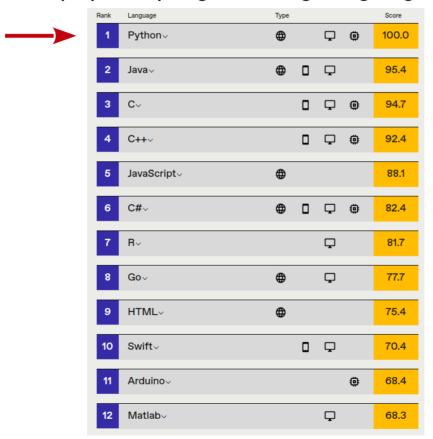
What is Python?

- modern programming language (since 1991)
- interpreted language (no compilation necessary)
- emphasis is put on the readability of the code
- concepts can be expressed in less lines compared to C/C++ or Java
- extensive libraries available
- build-in visualization



Python - modern programming language

Most popular programming languages in 2021

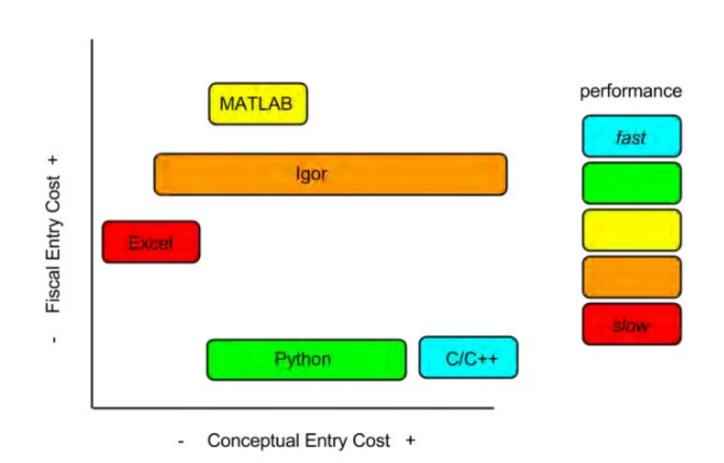


[Source : IEEE Spectrum]

Clear and readable syntax → easy to learn

```
In [1]:
         1 # import modules
            import numpy as np
            # function declaration
            def update values(x):
                return x+1
         6
            x = 1
            if x>0:
            print('Hello World!')
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               x = update values(x)
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        13
            print(x)
        Hello World!
```

Python - free and easy to learn



Extensive standard and third-party libraries

- wxPython: graphical toolbox library for GUI development
- SymPy: library for symbolic mathematics: can do algebraic evaluations, differentiation, expansions, complex numbers, etc.
- Pygame: library for 2D game development
- Twisted: major tool for development of network applications
- OpenCV: library for extensive computer vision applications

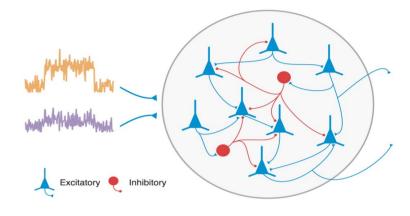
Python modules for Neuroscience applications

- simulators and simulator interfaces
- data collection and analysis
- sharing, re-use, storage and databasing of data and models
- stimulus generation
- parameter search and optimization
- visualization
- VLSI (very-large-scale integration) hardware interfacing
- machine learning : GPU-based computing

Python in Neuroscience: network simulator



spiking neural network simulator

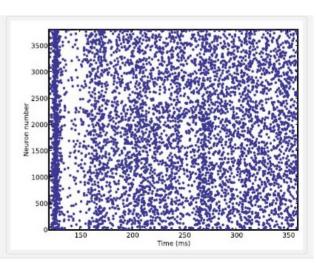


randomly connected, recurrent network of excitatory and inhibitory neurons

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from brian import *
eqs = '''
dv/dt = (ge+gi-(v+49*mV))/(20*ms) : volt
dge/dt = -ge/(5*ms) : volt
dgi/dt = -gi/(10*ms) : volt

'''

P = NeuronGroup(4000, eqs, threshold=-50*mV, reset=-60*mV)
P.v = -60*mV+10*mV*rand(len(P))
Pe = P.subgroup(3200)
Pi = P.subgroup(800)
Ce = Connection(Pe, P, 'ge', weight=1.62*mV, sparseness=0.02)
Ci = Connection(Pi, P, 'gi', weight=-9*mV, sparseness=0.02)
M = SpikeMonitor(P)
run(1*second)
raster_plot(M)
show()
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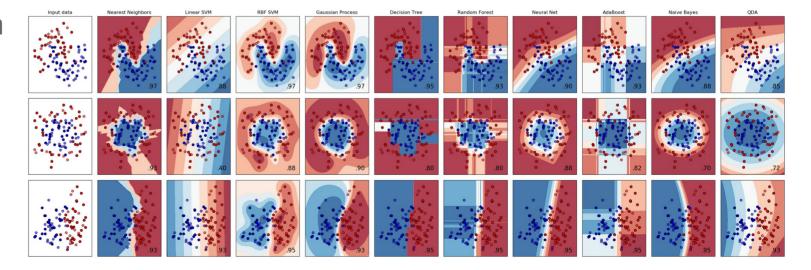


Python in Neuroscience: machine learning



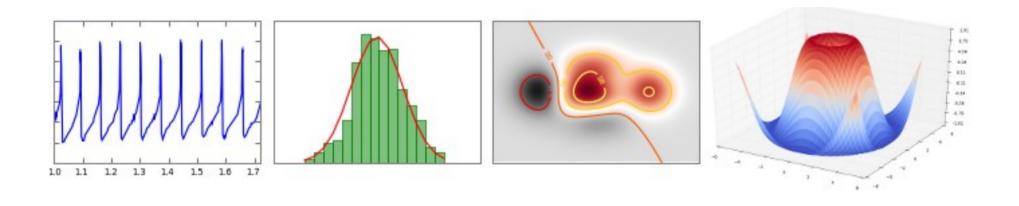
Machine Learning in Python. Simple and efficient tools for data mining and data analysis

e.g. classification using several classifiers



Python in Neuroscience: visualization

e.g. matplotlib library

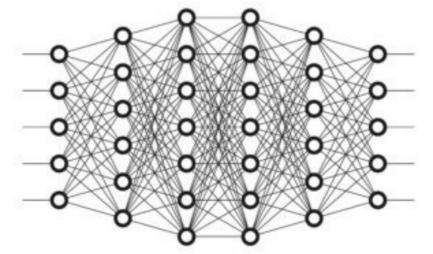


Python in Neuroscience: deep learning/networks



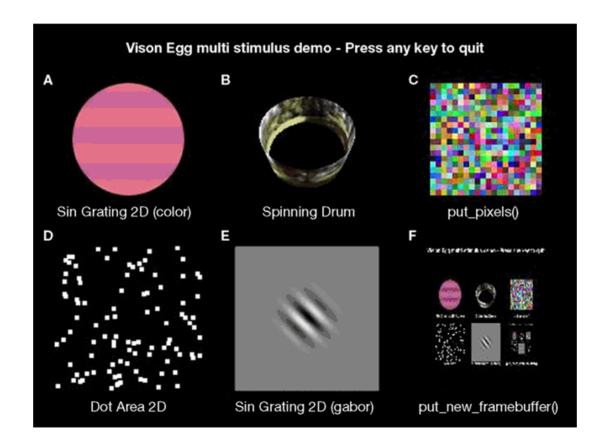


simulate multi-layer networks for deep-learning applications



Python in Neuroscience: stimulus generation

e.g. Vision EGG, or PsychoPy



Getting started: Python installation

- Windows, Mac OS X, Linux (distributions for package handling)
 - Anaconda from Continuum Analaytics : https://www.continuum.io/downloads
 - Enthought Python: https://www.enthought.com/
 - Python(x,y) : http://python-xy.github.io/
- Debian + Ubuntu Linux
 - \$ apt-get install python-numpy python-scipy python-matplotlib \
 ipython
- Mac OS X : Install Fink, then
 - \$ fink install scipy-core-py25 scipy-py25 matplotlib-py25 ipython-py25
- Note that "\$" symbolizes command line prompt, it is not part of the command

Getting started: interpreter and IDEs

ipython

- command line interpreter: interactive shell for enhanced introspection, code highlighting and tab completion

Jupyter Notebook

- command line interpreter in the browser
- combines code execution, rich text, and visualizations
- Spyder (IDE): Scientific PYthon Development EnviRonment
- PyCharm (IDE): code development environment

IDE ... Integrated Development Environment

Everything starts with the Terminal

What is a Terminal ?

- Terminal, also known as command line, console or shell
- allow to accomplish tasks on a computer without the use of graphical user interfaces (GUIs)
- simple text commands are used to accomplish tasks

Windows terminal (command line, Powershell)

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) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
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Volume Serial Number is F816-466F
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Linux terminal



*i*Python

IP [y]: IPython
Interactive Computing

 Started by typing and executing (by pressing enter) ipython in the terminal application

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$ ipython
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- useful for short explorations
- tab completion!

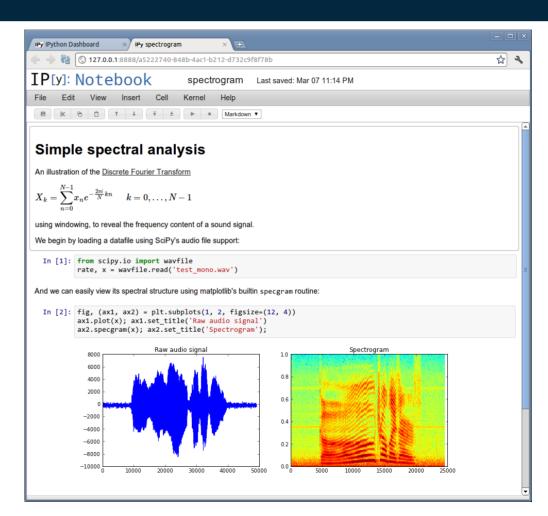
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Python 3.6.7 (default, Apr 19 2019, 16:04:00)
Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information
IPython 7.5.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python. Type '?' for help.
[n [1]: import numpy as np
[n [2]: a = np.arange(20)
In [3]: print(a)
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Jupyter Notebook

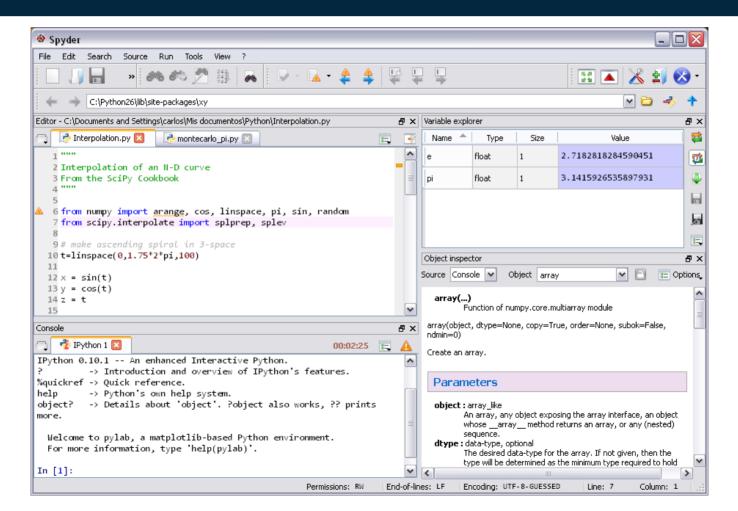
 Started by typing and executing (by pressing *enter*) jupyter-notebook in the terminal application :

\$ jupyter-notebook

 launched and accessed in a browser (firefox, chrome, safari ...) window

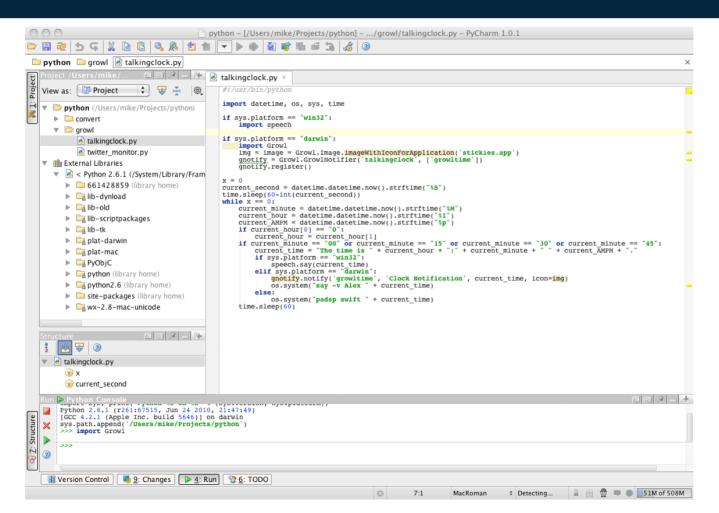


Spyder





PyCharm



Executing Python programs

- Python programs can be run either interactively or as scripts stored in a file
- An interpreter is started by calling ipython (or plain python, or jupyter-notebook)

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mgraupe@atp:~$ ipython3
Python 3.5.7 (default, Apr 4 2019, 12:02:34)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

In [1]: print('Hello World!')
Hello World!
In [2]: x = 3
In [3]: print(x+5)
8
In [4]: exit
mgraupe@atp:~$
```

Scripts are supplied as arguments to the interpreter

```
mgraupe@atp:~$ python hello_world.py
Hello world!
```

Online resources: introductions and references

W3Schools - Python Tutorials :

```
https://www.w3schools.com/python/default.asp
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The Python documentation index :

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https://docs.python.org/3.6/
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Python library reference :

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https://docs.python.org/3.6/library/
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Dive into Python :

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http://histo.ucsf.edu/BMS270/diveintopython3-r802.pdf
```

Activestate Python [popular Python recipes] :

```
http://code.activestate.com/recipes/langs/python/
```

Python tutorial :

```
https://docs.python.org/3.6/tutorial/index.html
```

Numpy tutorial :

```
http://www.time.mk/trajkovski/teaching/imi/2010-fall/NumPy/Tentative%20NumPy%20Tutorial%20-.html
```

Scipy reference :

```
http://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/genindex.html
```

Online resources: general

- a simple Google search :
 - use the keyword "python"
 - specify your operating system (*window, linux, mac*) for package installation, importing queries
 - use the best matching terminology for code questions
 - common sites for useful help: stackoverflow, askubuntu, github

Online resources: ask ChatGPT for code



How can I create an array and plot it in python?



1. Install required libraries (if not already installed): You can install NumPy and Matplotlib using pip if you haven't already: Copy code pip install numpy matplotlib 2. Import the necessary libraries: In your Python script or Jupyter Notebook, import NumPy and Matplotlib: ி Copy code import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt 3. Create an array: You can create a NumPy array by using the `np.array()` function. For example, let's create a simple array of numbers: Copy code # Create an array of numbers from 0 to 9 $my_array = np.array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])$ 4. Plot the array: To plot the array, you can use Matplotlib's `plt.plot()` function. Here's a basic example: Copy code # Plot the array plt.plot(my_array) # Add labels and title (optional) plt.xlabel('X-axis') plt.ylabel('Y-axis') plt.title('Array Plot') # Show the plot plt.show() This code will create a simple line plot of your array.

Attention! Code can be erroneous.

Online resources: ask ChatGPT to interpret code

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What does the following python code do?

import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

%matplotlib inline

t = np.linspace(0,10,1001)tau = 2. y = np.exp(-t/tau) # multiple commands on a line are separted by;

plt.plot(t,y)



The provided Python code performs the following actions:

- 1. Imports the necessary libraries:
 - It imports NumPy as 'np' and Matplotlib as 'plt'. These libraries are commonly used for numerical operations and plotting, respectively.
- 2. `%matplotlib inline`:
 - This is a special Jupyter Notebook command that tells the notebook to display
 Matplotlib plots directly within the notebook rather than opening them in separate
 windows. It's not required in regular Python scripts, as it's specific to Jupyter Notebook.
- 3. Creates a time array 't':
 - It generates an array `t` using `np.linspace()` that spans from 0 to 10 with 1001 evenly spaced points. This array represents a time series.
- 4. Defines a decay function 'y':
 - It calculates an exponential decay function `y` using the formula `y = np.exp(-t/tau)`. Here, `tau` is a time constant set to 2.0.
- 5. Plots 't' against 'y':
 - It uses `plt.plot(t, y)` to create a line plot of the time array `t` on the x-axis and the
 exponential decay values `y` on the y-axis.

Overall, this code generates an exponential decay curve and plots it using Matplotlib, with the resulting plot displayed in the Jupyter Notebook output cell (thanks to '%matplotlib inline'). The decay curve is based on the exponential decay function with a time constant 'tau' of 2.0, and it covers the time range from 0 to 10.

Online resources: DataCamp

 an interactive to learn, practice and develop further your programming skills



- ideal to to dive into a programming language for starters (videos, extensive help, hints, small assignments with direct feedback)
- learn and extend your programming skills at your own pace
- a commercial website, you have access through this course : https://learn.datacamp.com/

Online resources: Neuroscience

Front Neuroinform 2015 — Python in Neuroscience http://journal.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/fninf.2015.00011/full

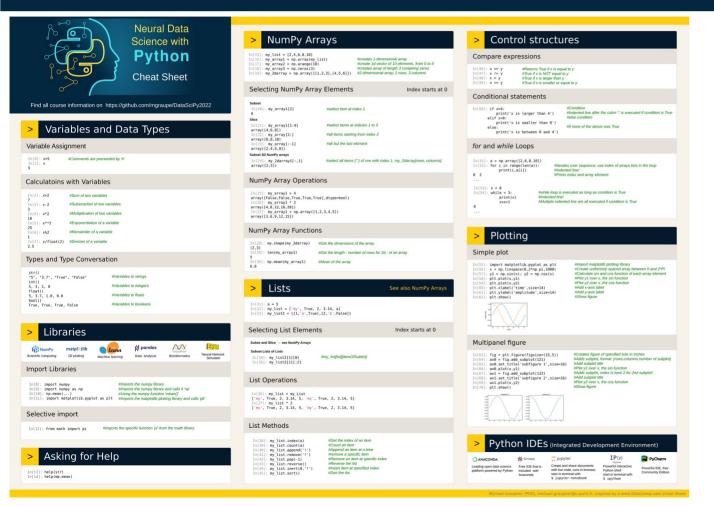
BCCN cours - Advanced Scientific Programming in Python :

https://python.g-node.org/wiki/schedule

Brian simulator :

http://briansimulator.org/

General reference for the course: Cheat Sheet



- Contains basic Python concepts and information
- Reference for often used code in class

General Python books

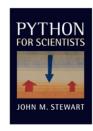


 Learning Python, 5th Edition Mark Lutz
 ISBN: 978-1-4493-5573-9

Dive Into
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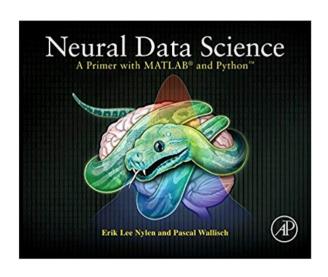
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Dive Into Python (3)
 Mark Pilgrim
 ISBN: 978-1590593561 (978-1430224150)



Python for Scientists
 John M. Stewart
 ISBN: 978-1107686427

Neuroscience specific book



Neural Data Science
 A primer with Matlab and Python
 Erik Lee Nylen (Author), Pascal Wallisch (Author)
 ISBN-10: 9780128040430

Workflow of the course lecture

- 1) All course material (.pdf file of lecture; .ipynb for tutorial; .ipynb for homework assignment) can be accessed on github (code repository site): https://github.com/mgraupe/NeuralDataSciPy2023
- 2) Visit course website: Launch the browser ("Navigateur Web") and navigate to the link above
- 3) Download lecture: Click on lecture link and hit the Download button (file will be downloaded automatically to the downloads – Téléchargements – folder); annotate lecture PDF

Workflow of the course tutorial

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 Save tutorial file: Click on the tutorial link, hit the Raw button (the raw file content will be displayed), save (Enregister sous ...) the raw file to your computer
 - Attention: make sure that the file ending remains.ipynb
- 3) Launch jupyter-notebook: Start the terminal application ("Emulateur de Terminal") on your computer, launch the notebook environment by typing and executing \$ jupyter-notebook, the jupyter environment starts up in the browser in the directory in which it was started
- 4) Load the jupyter-notebook file: In the jupyter environment, you first see the directory and file structure on your computer (relative to the directory in which jupyter was started), navigate to the downloaded .ipynb file and click on it to launch it
- 5) Start editing6) You can follow the tutorial progress/coding of the lecturer on Deepnote.allows you to copy code into your own Jupyter notebook.