You can access these slides on the course Github: https://github.com/natrask/ENM1050

ENGR 1050Intro to Scientific Computation

Lecture 07 – Writing code with AI and building animations

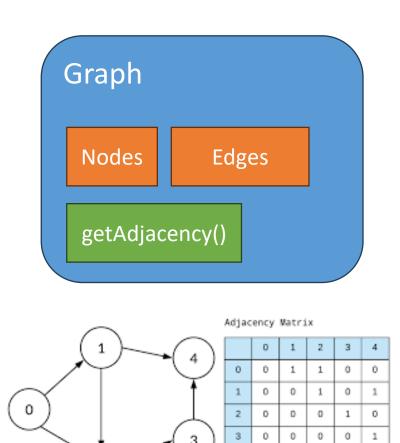
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Last time: classes and graphs

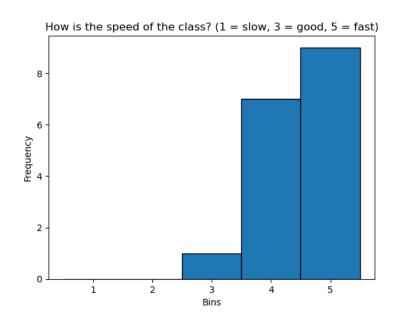
- We introduced classes and how they can be used to structure your code and generate specific instances of a generic archetype
- We introduced mathematical graphs as an object to describe a bunch of things that are connected

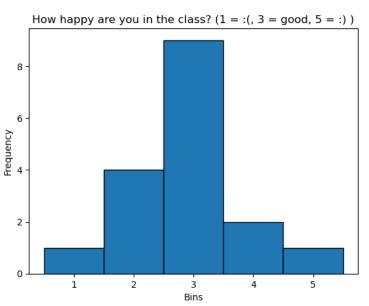


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Processing feedback

- Slowing down
- We'll skip HW for this week enjoy the fall break
- We'll do some coding together today to reinforce what we've already covered
- We'll come back to the graph stuff from Monday later





TodayUsing Al and Making Animations

Using Al

- Today we'll show explicitly a healthy way to incorporate Al into your code writing
- Two flavors:
 - AI-enabled code completion
 - Interactive prompts with a large language model
- We'll use Gemini (Google's model embedded in G-suite)
- Chat-GPT is another free alternative. Paid include Claude and co-pilot.

Warning

All LLMs are **frequently** wrong

We will use them to help us understand other peoples code and to get basic syntax for common tasks

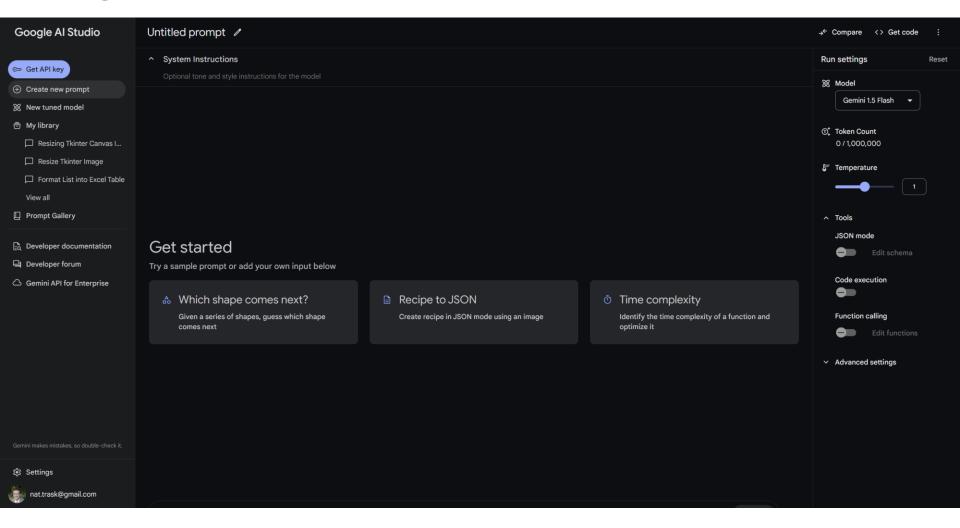
Flavor one: code completion

Link to Collab

Things to keep in mind

- Gemini heavily uses context to determine what you want to be doing. It is reading in the rest of your code to try to infer your desired behavior
- For a blank notebook, there is no context
- LLMs will look to your comments for context in plain english

Google AI Studio

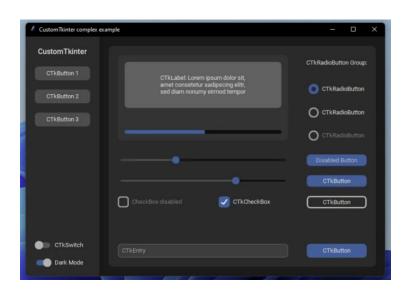


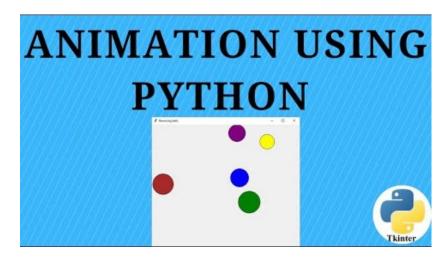
Requires a personal gmail account More interactive. We will step through how to engage with prompts.

Link to AI Studio

Exercise: building up an interactive graphical app

 Al is particularly good for non-technical/scientific code generation – automating plots, file i/o, using standard libraries where the task is very well defined w/ plenty of examples





https://medium.com/@fareedkhandev/moder n-gui-using-tkinter-12da0b983e22 https://docs.python.org/3/library/tkinter.html# tkinter-life-preserver https://docs.python.org/3/library/tkinter.html

Today's exercise





In-Class 10: Graphics and animations

Follow along with Dr. Trask.

Code will be provided on git for you to play with.

We will use this code base in the coming week.

At-Home: No assignments. Enjoy the fall break!