Python Project Periphery:

All the small stuff they don't teach you

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• One of the most common things I hear from scientists is:

"But my code isn't good enough to publish!"

- After contributing many LoC (and hopefully removing a few).
- The only **bad** coder is one who can't/doesn't take feedback.
- If:
 - You've written something useful.
 - You can describe what you intended to do.
 - You're willing to accept outside contributions.
 - You're willing to respond to and learn from those.
- Your code will be fine and will be useful.

- This is not a guide to programming.
 - There will be references where needed.
- Instructions are written for a Linux terminal.
 - Works on Windows and GUI tools are available.
- I will be using the emacs editor for most things.
 - Save yourself! Don't fall into this trap.
- This is a basic introduction to give you the tools get started and the language to ask questions.
 - Sadly, it will not give you domain expertise (yet).

- Don't dive immediately into writing a project.
- Don't reinvent the wheel!
- Ask/search around for pre-written tools that do what you want.
- Libraries have combined experience of $\sim 100+$ person-years.
- If the library doesn't do exactly what you want consider:
 - Asking the library if they're willing/plan to implement what you want.
 - Using the library as a basis (dependency) for your work!
 - Contributing the feature back to the library.
 - **N.B.** Make sure to read their guidelines!

Glossary

- Files
- Folders
- Commands
- Keywords

Resources for this talk are available at: https://github.com/oerc0122/Python-Project-Periphery

- We need to make GitHub know it's us when we talk.
- Need to generate an ssh key.
- On linux/Gitbash run ssh-keygen
- You do not need to add a passphrase for this.
- On GitHub, go to your avatar (top-right)
- ullet Settings o SSH and GPG keys o New SSH key
- Paste contents of ~/.ssh/id.rsa into box.

The code

Introducing florp

```
from cmath import sqrt
import math
from cowsay import cow
CBRT_UNITY_IM = sqrt(3)/2 * 1i
def florp(a, b, c):
    det = b**2 - (4*a*c)
    if math.isclose(det. 0):
        cow("Degenerate MOOoo-ts")
    return ((-b + sqrt(det)) / (2*a), (-b - sqrt(det)) / (2*a))
def florp2(a, b, c, d):
    q = (3*a*c - b**2) / (9*a**2)
    r = (9*a*b*c - 27*a**2*d - 2*b**3) / (54*a**3)
    s = (r + sart(a**3 + r**2))**(1/3)
    t = (r - sart(a**3 + r**2))**(1/3)
    x1 = s + t - (b/3*a)
    x^2 = -(s + t)/2 - (b/3*a) + CBRT_UNITY_IM * (s - t)
    x3 = -(s + t)/2 - (b/3*a) - CBRT_UNITY_IM * (s - t)
    if any(x = x1 for x in (x2, x3)):
        cow("Degenerate MOOoo-ts")
    return (x1, x2, x3)
```

Florpulate it

- Florp is a very sophisticated library.
- It clearly performs florpulation.
- What is florpulation?
- Do you think this is a sensible name for this project?

$$\begin{split} &\text{florp} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\ &\text{florp2} = \Re(\sqrt[3]{1})(s+t) + \Im(\sqrt[3]{1})(s-t) + p \\ &\text{where} \\ &s = \left[r + \sqrt{q^3 + (r^2)}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}}, t = \left[r - \sqrt{q^3 + (r^2)}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &p = \frac{-b}{3a}, q = \frac{3ac - b^2}{9a^2}, r = \frac{9abc - 27a^2d - 2b^3}{54a^3}. \end{split}$$

Sensible names for sensible projects

- Before anything else need to give the project usable names!
- Let's choose solver.py and rename functions accordingly.
- Next thing is to get it saved and tracked.

Sensible names

Your turn

- Rename florp.py to solver.py
- Rename florp to quadratic
- Rename florp2 to quartic

GitHub

Using GitHub

- This assumes you have some familiarity with git and GitHub.
- Also requires you to have a GitHub account.
- Everyone set up?

Adjust to taste

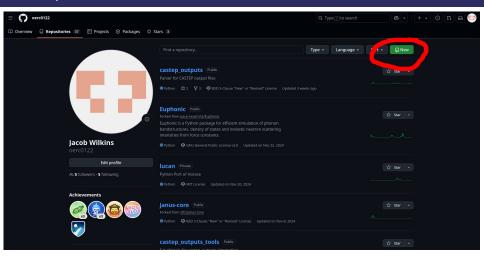
Other repositories do exist, such as GitLab, BitBucket, etc.

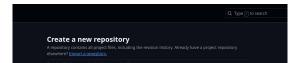
Using GitHub

Your turn

- Create a new repository with a new (sensible) name (PolysolveLib)!
- Add license, readme and set to ignore "python" extras.
 - The license choice is probably a topic for another talk.
 - The readme is displayed at the bottom of your GitHub page.
 - The ignore skips temporary files when using "git add".
- git clone the new repo and move solver.py into it.
- git add solver.py
- git commit -m 'Add initial code'
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Example





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Using GitHub

• Double check on GitHub and your files should be on it.

Package

From script to project

- To start a project, we need to define what the project is.
- The first step is to change the structure to that of a project.
- Make a new folder "polysolve" and git mv "solver.py" into it.

Layout

This form of putting code in project>/... is called flat-layout.

You can also put code in src/project>/... this is called source-layout.

Making a package

Try it out!

- Make a new folder "polysolve"
- git mv "solver.py" into it.
- Create an empty file called __init__.py in polysolve
- You need to pip install cowsay to get this to run.
- From PolysolveLib run python and run the following code (NOTE: Do not type the >>>)

```
# foldername filename
>>> from polysolve import solver
>>> solver.quadratic(1, 2, 3)
# import.function
```

NOTE: This is only accessible from our project folder (PolysolveLib), not the system, it's not installed yet.

Making a package

- This file, __init__.py, is a magic file.
- In Python it makes a folder accessible for import.
- All files in the folder with the __init__.py are accessible.
- Subfolders can be nested, each one needs an __init__.py.
- Code in an __init__.py is run when the module is imported.
- The is attached to the name of the module.
- This can be used for setup or our package's metadata.

I've never metadata who did

Your turn

Add the following code to __init__.py

```
"""Module to compute quadratic/cubic roots."""
__author__ = "Me"
__version__ = "0.1"
```

From PolysolveLib run python and run the following code:

```
>>> import polysolve
>>> polysolve.__author__
>>> polysolve.__version__
>>> help(polysolve)
```

Making a project

- Now that we have a package it's time to make this a project.
- We need a pyproject.toml.
- pyproject.toml defines the metadata our project¹.
- When you pip install this reads the pyproject.toml.

TOML History

TOML (Tom's Own Markup Language) is a standardised format designed to replace the non-standardised .ini format configurations.

Ancient (modern) History

Older projects used to use something called setup.py, this is being deprecated except where your project needs e.g. Cython or compiled C++, and even then...

¹For more info on Python packaging take a look on the PyPA at: https://packaging.python.org/en/latest/tutorials/packaging-projects/

The pyproject.toml

```
[build-system]
requires = ["setuptools >= 61.0.0"]
build-backend = "setuptools.build_meta"
[project]
name = "polysolve"
authors = [{name = "", email = ""}]
requires-python = ">= 3.8"
readme = "README.md"
description = ""
license = {text = "BSD-3-Clause"}
keywords = []
dependencies = []
classifiers = []
dynamic = ["version"]
[project.urls]
Homepage="https://github.com/XXX/polysolve"
Repository="https://github.com/XXX/polysolve.git"
[tool.setuptools.dynamic]
version = {attr = "polysolve.__version__"}
```

Let's look at these individually.

Note

Keywords are arranged into "block"s and are order independent within blocks. Blocks are order independent too.

build-system

```
[build-system]
requires = ["setuptools >= 61.0.0"]
build-backend = "setuptools.build_meta"
```

- These are the Python tools pip will use to build your project.
- You may choose something else (info on PyPA²), but we'll just stick with setuptools.

² https://packaging.python.org/en/latest/tutorials/packaging-projects/

project

```
[project]
name = "polysolve"
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requires-python = ">= 3.8"
readme = "README.md"
description = ""
license = {text = "BSD-3-Clause"}

keywords = []
dependencies = []
classifiers = []
```

- These define the properties which describe your project:
- name The project's installed name.
- authors The project's authors.*
- requires-python The minimum version of python needed to run the project.
- readme The readme file/content.*
- description A brief summary of the project.*

Webpages

 PyPI will add these links in a sidebar if you upload your project.

Dynamic

```
[project]
dynamic = ["version"]

[tool.setuptools.dynamic]
version = {attr = "polysolve.__version__"}
```

- You may have spotted dynamic at the end of the [project] block.
- dynamic is a special keyword which tells pip the variable will come from somewhere else.
- We define our version as coming from our package.

Extra dynamicism

We can define several other properties as **dynamic** see PyPA for more info.

Connect the dots

Your turn

- Copy pyproject.toml to your project root directory.
- We can fill in the gaps in our pyproject.toml (NOTE: You must add non-blank authors)
- We also need to tell it that we have some dependencies (cowsay). Change the relevant line to dependencies = ["cowsay"]

Connect the dots

- Then we can see some magic happen.
- pip checks we have all the requirements, installs the dependencies, then our project.
- NOTE: It's now installed system-wide.

Try it out!

```
pip uninstall cowsay - Just proving a point
pip install .
cd ~
python
>>> from polysolve import solver
>>> solver.quadratic(3, 1, 2)
```

Developing

While developing you will want:

```
pip install -e .
which will link to the package so as you edit it the system
version updates.
```

Get it gitted

To git

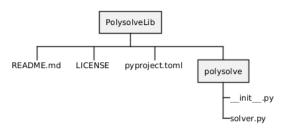
- Now add the files to git.
- git commit
- push it up to GitHub.

More magic!

pip install git+https://github.com/<owner_name>/polysolve.git

NOTE: PyPI is "easier", but requires accounts. This is convenient for small stuff.

Structure



Great, we have a project

- Now what?
- The next step is to make it usable.
- That means usable by other people.

Documentation

Documentation, documentation.

- We're going to begin by looking at documentation.
- Documentation tends to fall by the wayside.
- **However**, it's the most important thing in released software.

Documentation, documentation.

- Let's start with something simple.
- Our README.md basically says the project name.

Our first docs

- We know how to install it now, so let's add that.
 pip install git+https://github.com/<owner_name>/polysolve.git
- Push it up to GitHub and see the glory of your hard work.

IDE Ahoy

- Anybody here used VSCode or another IDE³?
- When you start typing a function, it tells you what argument comes next.
- It also tells you the type it should be (int, float, etc.).

³Interactive Development Environment

IDE Ahoy

- The IDE isn't doing any **magic** to find out, we tell it!
- How do we tell it?
- We use "type-hints" or "annotations".

```
def quadratic (
    a: float,
   b: float,
    c: float
) -> tuple[float, float]:
    det = b**2 - (4 * a * c)
    out = ((-b + sqrt(det)) / (2 * a), (-b - sqrt(det)) /
        (2 * a))
    return out
from __future__ import annotations
def quadratic (
    a: float,
    b: float,
    c: float
) -> tuple[float, float]:
    det = b**2 - (4 * a * c)
```

Handy dandy

- These type-hints aren't just useful to users.
- They're useful to us as developers.
- We know when changing things what we're allowed to do.

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        (2 * a))

    return out
```

What are we doing again?

- So we know what we're feeding the black box.
- Wouldn't it be nice if the box told us what it did (or is trying to do)?
- Don't go rushing off to write in the README.md again!

What are we doing again?

- Python allows us to annotate further!
- Introducing the docstring!
- This is the minimal docstring.
- We can add more!⁴

```
Solves the roots of a quadratic equation.
```

⁴See quadexm.py

What are we doing again?

• We can add more!⁵

```
,, ,, ,,
Solves the roots of a quadratic equation.
,, ,, ,,
,, ,, ,,
Solves the roots of a quadratic equation.
Uses the quadratic formula. Result must be real.
,, ,, ,,
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Uses the quadratic formula. Result must be real.
```

Parameters

```
a :math:'x^2' coefficient.
b :math:'x' coefficient.
c Constant value.
```

- Note: what I've been showing you is one style of docs.
- This style is called numpydoc style after the numpy library.

```
The main styles are: numpydoc
numpydoc.readthedocs.io/en/latest/format.html
from math import sqrt
def quadratic(a: float, b: float, c: float) -> tuple[float, float]:
    Solves the roots of a quadratic equation.
    Uses the quadratic formula. Result must be real.
    Parameters
       : math: 'x^2' coefficient.
       : math: 'x' coefficient.
       Constant value.
    Returns
    .. [1] O. McNoleg, "The integration of GIS, remote sensing,
```

```
The main styles are: google
google.github.io/styleguide/pyguide.html
def quadratic(a: float, b: float, c: float) -> tuple[float
    , float]:
    """ Solves the roots of a quadratic equation.
    Uses the quadratic formula. Result must be real.
    Parameters:
        a: math: 'x^2' coefficient
        b: :math: 'x' coefficient.
        c. Constant value
    Returns:
        Positive and negative roots of quadratic.
```

```
The main styles are: sphinx
sphinx-rtd-tutorial.readthedocs.io/en/latest/docstrings.html
def quadratic(a: float, b: float, c: float) -> tuple[float
    , float ]:
    """ Solves the roots of a quadratic equation.
     Uses the quadratic formula. Result must be real.
    :param a: :math: 'x^2' coefficient.
    :param b: :math:'x' coefficient.
    :param c: Constant value.
    :return: Positive and negative roots of quadratic.
```

More magic

- Ok, we've got docstrings. Now time for a callback:
- Remember this?⁵
- What happens if this goes out of date or doesn't work?

Examples

```
>>> quadratic (1, 2, 0)
(0.0, -2.0)
>>> quadratic (3., 0., -1.)
(0.5773502691896257, -0.5773502691896257)
```

⁵See quadexm.py

More magic

- Thankfully, Python provides a way to use these as tests!
- (Already into tests and we're not out of the docs section yet! Sneak peek!)
- https://docs.python.org/3/library/doctest.html

Examples

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```

Trying tests

Try it out!

- Add a sensible amount of documentation to solver.py.
 (Short summary, parameters, returns, examples will do. You can steal bits of quadexm.py).
- Try running python doctests on your source

```
python -m doctest polysolve.py
```

We can make it so when we run our code we run the tests.
 Add the following to the end of solver.py.

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    import doctest
    doctest.testmod()
```

• Run python polysolve.py.

More magic

- Doctests are designed to imitate Python REPL.
- Designed for copying and pasting from REPL.
- Lines starting with ">>>" are run.
- Lines can be continued/indented with "...".
- Lines with neither are checked against the result.
- Need to import libraries if they're needed.

Example

```
>>> my_var = ["hello", "goodbye"]
>>> my_var
['hello', 'goodbye']
>>> for i in range(3):
... print(i)
0
1
2
```

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Finally getting to docs

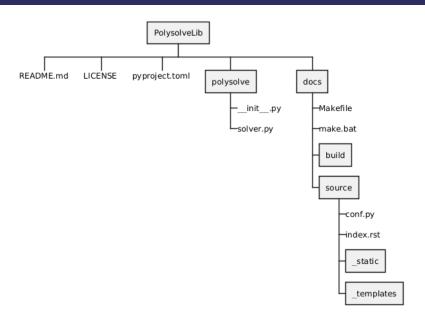
- Now after so long, it's time to finally write some docs!
- (or let the computer write some for us...)

Getting started

Your turn

- pip install sphinx sphinx_rtd_theme
- Make a directory in PolysolveLib called docs
- From the docs folder run sphinx-quickstart (answer y to the first question)

Structure



Build the docs

Build the docs

- From the docs folder run the appropriate make with html as the argument.
- This should build some docs.
- Open build/html/index.html in your browser.
- Bask in the glory of your docs.

Keys to the docs

- Key files in the new docs are:
 - conf.py Configuration for docs.
 - index.rst Main starting file for docs.
- Let's take a look at these.

conf.py

- conf.py is an auto-generated Python file with instructions for building the docs.
- It is a full Python file you can run code in, e.g. we can pull out information from our package.
- For example, we can use our defined metadata.
- sphinx is a fully extensible package. We'll be using some of these later.
- exclude_patterns allows us to exclude source files from our sphinx build.
- We can change the docs theme to render them differently.

Fill in the config

Configure the docs

- Import polysolve and try setting the version and author from the metadata in the module. (Note: This will only work if sphinx can see your module, i.e. it's installed.)
- Since we installed sphinx_rtd_theme we can try that. Set
 the html_theme to sphinx_rtd_theme
- make the docs and see what's changed.

index.rst

- sphinx docs are written in REStructured Text (ReST/rst)⁵.
- Text "marked-up" with formatting (like LATEX or HTML).
- .. polysolve documentation master file, created by sphinx—quickstart on Mon Oct 14 21:27:04 2024. You can adapt this file completely to your liking, but it should at least contain the root 'toctree' directive.

polysolve documentation

Add your content using ''reStructuredText'' syntax. See the 'reStructuredText https://www.sphinx-doc.org/en/master/usage/restructuredtext/index.html documentation for details

.. toctree::
 :maxdepth: 2
 :caption: Contents:

⁵www.sphinx-doc.org/en/master/usage/restructuredtext/index.html

Writing our docs

Get some docs

- Now we need some files to actually to actually fill with docs!
- In docs/source, create a file called usage.rst.
- Write some documentation.
- In docs/source/index.rst, add it to our "table of contents tree" (toctree).
- make html

```
.. toctree::
   :maxdepth: 2
   :caption: Contents:
   usage
```

Docstring Magic

- So now we can write about every single function in our project.
 - How many could there be?
 - What do you mean not every project has 20 lines?
- Remember our docstrings?
- Maybe there's a way to avoid writing everything twice.

Docstring magic

- What if we could extract all the docstrings we've already written?
- We're going to need to do a couple of things.
- Time to use some extensions.
- sphinx.ext.autodoc extracts docstrings from functions.
- sphinx.ext.napoleon converts our numpydoc to sphinx
- sphinx.ext.autosummary adds a summary to each page.

```
extensions = [
"sphinx.ext.autodoc",
"sphinx.ext.napoleon",
"sphinx.ext.autosummary",
]
```

Docstring magic

- We need to create all the infrastructure to extract our info.
- Just kidding, there's a tool for that!

It's magic!

- From the PolysolveLib folder run sphinx-apidoc -o docs/source/api polysolve
- Add api/modules to the toctree in docs/source/index.rst.
- Run make html

Type-hints

- But our typehints aren't with our params...
- If only there were some tool to extract those too.
- Alas, it's surely impossible...

Try it yourself

Add the type-hints

- Run pip install sphinx-autodoc-typehints
- Add "sphinx_autodoc_typehints" to the list of extensions in docs/source/conf.py

But what is a float really?

- But now I'm unhappy because when I click **float** it doesn't take me to the documentation of **float**.
- Some people, honestly.
- Introducing "intersphinx".
- Links your documentation against other sphinx documentation sites automatically.

Intersphinx

Your turn

- Add "sphinx.ext.intersphinx" to conf.py.
- Add an intersphinx_mapping to conf.py (see: below)
- This mapping tells sphinx where to search for external documentation.
- make the docs and see the new highlighted links.

```
intersphinx_mapping = {
    'python': ('https://docs.python.org/3/', None),
    'numpy': ('https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/', None),
}
```

Adding it to the project

Add it in

- Now that we know what we need, we can add these to our pyproject.toml. Not everyone needs to install them, so let's add them as an optional dependency. (See below)
- Run pip install -e ".[docs]" from PolysolveLib to install with the docs extra.

Done with docs

- More extensions and tools are available for building docs.
- In particular things like:
 - Integrated Jupyter tutorials (nbsphinx).
 - Testing within documentation (sphinx.ext.doctest).
 - and many more...

Tests

Done with docs

- Now we have some documentation to back up our code.
- Now we're ready to check it works.
- We already have doctests, which are good, but incomplete.

Types of tests

- We generally break testing down into 3–4 main types:
 - Unit tests Tests of each function.
 - System tests / End-to-end tests Small tests of the whole programs.
 - Benchmark tests Tests real world cases.
 - Integration tests Tests interfaces between program components.
- We split these into three types:
 - Science tests Check the validity against a known result.
 - Regression tests Check values haven't changed.
 - Fail-state tests Intentionally check failure states.

- Our doctests go some of the way towards unit-tests.
- But they aren't the be all and end all.
- Let's see how to do proper tests.

Setting up

- Install the pytest^a library.
- Create a tests folder.
- In that folder, let's create a test_quadratic.py with the code below.

```
import math
from polysolve.solver import quadratic

def quad(a, b, c, x):
    return a * x**2 + b * x + c

def test_roots():
    """Tests that quadratic finds the root for a known problem."""
    params = (3.0, 0.0, -1.0)
    roots = quadratic(*params)

assert all(math.isclose(quad(*params, root), 0.0) for root in roots)
```

 From PolysolveLib, run pytest. But what about our doctests? Try pytest --doctest-modules

^a**NOTE**: Python ships with the <u>unittest</u> library, but rather than teaching two methods and confusing things, I'm sticking with one.

- By default, pytest scans files from where you are.
- pytest picks up files starting with test_
- Runs all functions starting with test_.
- (and as mentioned with the --doctest-modules flag, runs those too)
- Collates them all and runs them together.

Multiple-Testing

- So we have our first test, but solving $3x^2 1$ shouldn't be all we try.
- Try to think of all the common cases...
 - What other common cases might we try?
 - ② What happens if a = 0?
 - **3** What happens if $b^2 4ac < 0$?
 - What happens if I pass ints?

: ...

Multiple-Testing

- Focussing on question 1...
- We want to run say: x^2 , $x^2 + 14x + 49$, $3x^2 + 2x + 1$, ...
- Do we need to create a function for each one? No.

Note

Stacked pytest.mark.parametrizes give Cartesian product.

Setting up

- Have a go at writing a test with parametrize.
 Note: We now have to import pytest.
- Remember to run it with pytest.

Testing failures

- Now we need to fail spectacularly.
- Usually, providing a wrong answer is worse than exploding⁶.
- It's good to make sure our failures fail and are helpful.

 $^{^6 \}mbox{HCF}$ - Halt and Catch Fire – Genuine assembly instruction

Failing

Trying to fail

• Add the following test to tests/test_quadratic.py

Does it pass? If not can you make it?

Testing as design

- We should know what we want our code to do before we write it.
- One way of writing software is:
 - Define tests which describe desired functionality.
 - Develop until tests pass.
- This can be useful for known problems.
- Roughly describing something called Behaviour-Driven Development.

- Ok, I've written a test which doesn't work (yet).
- We can skip the test if we know it doesn't work (yet).
- It is bad practice to skip tests because they don't work.
- It is worse practice to remove tests because they don't work.
- Remove tests only if they don't fit the design.

- Testing helps you:
 - Prove the efficacy of your code.
 - Develop functionality defined by requirements.
 - Identify exactly when something went wrong.
 - Avoid adding broken code.
- Hint: Testing is good.
- Code without tests can be considered worthless.

Adding to pyproject

Adding it in

- Add it to your pyproject.toml
- Install it to check it works.
- add all appropriate files and get it on git.

- As discussed a few other times pytest is one of many testing frameworks. Others include:
- unittest Basic test harness installed with Python.
- cucumber Tests written in "English" rather than code.
- hypothesis Tests with randomly generated values meeting requirements.

CI/CD

Automagic

- But running tests isn't fun.
- It'd be boring if we had to do it **every** time.
- If only there were a better way...
- CI/CD (continuous integration/continuous deployment)
- Fancy name which means automated testing & building.

Automagic

- GitHub lets us run tests on their machines.
- with some minor caveats
- We just need to tell them what they need to do.
- We do this by adding a yaml file in the right place.
- GitHub provides actions where we just need to fill in values.

Adding it in!

```
mkdir -P .github/workflows
cp cp cp test_florp.yml .github/workflows
```

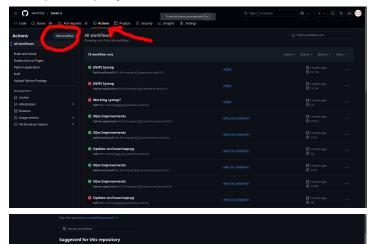
Anatomy of the YAML

- Display name and script permissions.
- What will trigger the run.
- MainVj\(\mathbf{b}\)lendescripthanges.
- Run Whethauptul vartheetich operhe pythongrersions
 - Job stages using matrix defined previously.
- permissions Contents: Download the repo using git
- Install Python on: push: Install the project branches I "main" pull_require the tests. types: opened - synchronize reopened jobs: build: runs-on: ubuntu-latest strategy: matrix . python-version: ["3.8", "3.9", "3.10"] steps: — uses: actions/checkout@v3 — name: Set up Python \${{ matrix.python-version }} uses: actions/setup-python@v3

- For more info see https://docs.github.com/en/actions
- There is a bit of magic, using other people's scripts.
 - (The actions/...@v3)
- Besides that, it's just the commands you would run.
- GitHub offers Windows/Mac machines too!

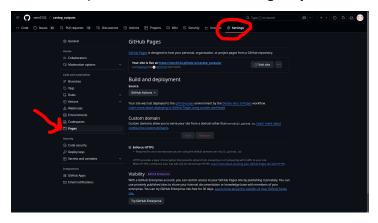
Action Economy

- GitHub contains a number of pre-written scripts for doing common jobs.
- These can be useful starting points for writing more complex scripts yourself.



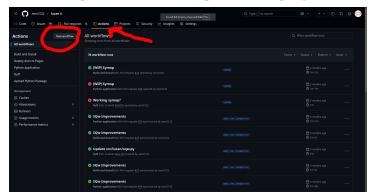
Documentation in Action(s)

- But what about all the docs we've written?
- I don't want to host a website (but you can)!
- GitHub provides "GitHub pages"; sites for projects.
- These can point to a branch or be managed by actions.



Documentation in Actions(s)

- So let's give it a go!
- Go to the marketplace and find an action doing (almost)
 what we want.
 Static Pages.
- Add a bit of script to make it do (exactly) what we want.
 Build the docs and upload those.
- Run it!
- Go to https://<username>.github.io/polysolve!



Bonus

CITATION.cff

- Ok, so you've written the best project ever.
- At what point does the fame and glory start rolling in?
- Until people know how great you are that's not going to happen.
- CITATION.cff is a standard format for code attribution.
- https://citation-file-format.github.io/

```
cff—version: 1.2.0
message: "If you use this software, please cite it as below."
authors:
— family—names: Example
given—names: Stephen
orcid: https://orcid.org/1234—5678—9101—1121
title: "My Research Software"
version: 2.0.4
identifiers:
— type: doi
value: 10.5281/zenodo.1234
date—released: 2021—08—11
```



DOIs

- Going a step further than just adding the citation file.
- Mint a DOI for a version of the software allowing it to be cited.

Extra tools

- Remember we mentioned an IDE easlier in the talk?
- An IDE is just one of many tools which can be helpful in development.
 - IDE Specialised editor to make development easier
 - (VSCode, Spyder).
 - Linting Checks for stylistic errors
 - (ruff, flake8, pylint)
 - Type checking Checks for passing the wrong data through
 - (mypy, pydantic, beartype)

Ruff times

- Ruff⁷ is a tool to encourage (enforce) code standards.
- Modern replacement for half a dozen prior tools.
- Flags violations of code standards.
- Also handles formatting code
- Customisable through pyproject.toml

Adding it in

Try it out!

ruff check

Try it out!

ruff format 98/101

Ruff times⁸

```
name: Lint
on:
  push:
  pull_request:
lint check ruff:
  runs—on: ubuntu—latest
  steps:
    - uses: actions/checkout@v4
    - uses: astral-sh/ruff-action@v3
      with:
        args: "check"
lint format ruff:
  runs—on: ubuntu—latest
  steps:
    - uses: actions/checkout@v4
    - uses: astral-sh/ruff-action@v3
      with:
        args: "format —check"
  8lint.yml
```

cookiecutter

- Possible to take out some of the boilerplate of setup.
- cookiecutter.io is a set of pre-configured project folders.
- Modules for many languages (including Python)

Checklist

	Sensible names	
	On GitHub	
	Project layout	
		initpy
		pyproject.toml
	Documentation	
		Docstrings
		Doctests
		Typehints
		sphinx-quickstart
		sphinx-apidoc
	Tests	
	CI/CD	
		Automated testing
		Automatic documentation
CITATION off		