Few Programming Tips

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Jupyter Lab

- Great tool for prototyping python
- Allows interactive sessions, useful while developing code
- Can be run in a powerful server, and viewed in local browser (not specific to jupyter only)

https://github.com/mauhai/awesomejupyterlab

Caution

Don't overuse jupyter notebooks.



Running on Server

- ssh tunneling allows accessing web services running on a server.
- Since jupyter starts a https web service, we can use ssh to access that

```
user@local ~$ ssh username@server
username@server ~$ cd working/directory
username@server ~/working/directory $ jupyter lab --no-browser --port=8831
```

Let this shell running

```
user@local ~$ ssh username@server -NL 8831:localhost:8831
```

Access http://localhost:8831 from local

■ End result is accessing remotely running web service in local browser.



Sympy

- Mathematica/Wolframalpha, Maxima, Matlab/Octave Symbolic,
- Python has Sympy.
 - Supports various latex output
 - Has lot of mathematics and physics library
 - Extremely useful and easy to use



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$$\Gamma^{\mu}_{\nu\rho} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\sigma} \left(g_{\mu\sigma,\rho} + g_{\rho\sigma,\nu} - g_{\nu\rho,\sigma} \right)$$

$$R^{\alpha}_{\beta\mu\nu} = \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\sigma\mu}\Gamma^{\sigma}_{\beta\nu} - \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\sigma\nu}\Gamma^{\sigma}_{\beta\mu} - \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta\mu,\nu} + \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta\nu,\mu}$$

$$R^{\alpha}{}_{\beta\gamma\mu} = g^{\mu\nu}R^{\nu}{}_{\alpha\mu\beta}$$

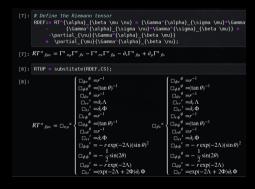
$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R$$

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Programming Paradigm

- Modular programming
- We write (several) modules/functions to accomplish task

```
def histogram(x,bins=10):
    __ = plt.hist(x,bins=bins)
```

```
x = np.random.normal(0,1,1000)
histogram(x,bins=100)
```

Programming Paradigm

Object Oriented Programming (OOP)

```
class Histogram():
    def __init__(self,x,bins=10,weights=None):
        H,be,bv = np.histogram(x,bins=bins)
        Hc,be,bv = np.histogram(x,bins=bins,weights=None)
        self.H = H/Hc
    def plot(self,ax=None):
        if ax is None:
            fig,ax = plt.subplots()
        ax.plot(self.H,ls='steps')
```

```
x = np.random.normal(0,1,1000)
h = Histogram(x,bins=100)
h.plot()
```

Make Distributable Code

- Assume other people are going to use your code.
- Portable code is better maintainable.
- It is lot more extensible. (From my painful experience)

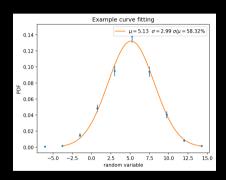
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Python Packages

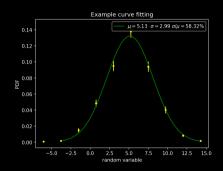
- Python modular hierarchy
 - Statements/Expression
 - Functions/Modules
 - Class
 - Package
 - Library
- An (possibly empty) __init__.py tells python that it is a package
- Python looks for library/package in PYTHONPATH environment variable

```
export PYTHONPATH=package/location:$PYTHONPATH
```

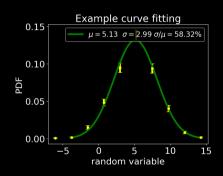
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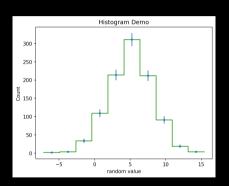
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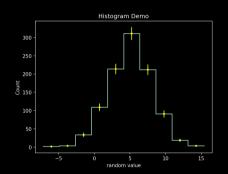
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