

Programming as Physicists

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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)

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

Cadabra

- Anybody can appreciate how notorious symbolic tensor analysis are
- Sympy has tensor modules, but are not very intuitive to work
- Cadabra simply blows my mind
 - It is very intuitive, minimal
 - Supports almost Latex style input
 - Can be used in jupyter notebooks

Cadabra

Blows my mind

```
[7]: # Define the Riemann tensor
RDEF:= RT^{\alpha}_{\beta \mu \nu} = {\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta \mu} \Gamma^{\mu}_{\nu} - \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta \nu} \Gamma^{\mu}_{\mu} + \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu \nu} \Gamma^{\mu}_{\beta} - \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu \beta} \Gamma^{\mu}_{\nu}} +
- \partial_{\mu} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta \nu} + \partial_{\nu} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta \mu} - \partial_{\beta} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu \nu} + \partial_{\mu} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\nu \beta}
```

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```

```
[8]: RTUP = substitute(RDEF,CS);
```

```
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$$RT^{\alpha}_{\beta \mu \nu} = \square_{\sigma \mu}^{\alpha} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \square_{\phi r}^{\phi} = r^{-1} \\ \square_{\phi \theta}^{\phi} = (\tan \theta)^{-1} \\ \square_{\theta r}^{\theta} = r^{-1} \\ \square_{r r}^r = \partial_r \Lambda \\ \square_{t t}^t = \partial_t \Phi \\ \square_{r \phi}^{\phi} = r^{-1} \\ \square_{\phi \theta}^{\theta} = (\tan \theta)^{-1} \\ \square_{r \theta}^{\theta} = r^{-1} \\ \square_{r t}^t = \partial_r \Phi \\ \square_{\phi \phi}^{\phi} = -r \exp(-2\Lambda) (\sin \theta)^2 \\ \square_{\phi \theta}^{\theta} = -\frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \\ \square_{\theta \theta}^{\theta} = -r \exp(-2\Lambda) \\ \square_{t t}^t = \exp(-2\Lambda + 2\Phi) \partial_t \Phi \end{array} \right. \quad \square_{\beta \nu}^{\sigma} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \square_{\phi r}^{\phi} = r^{-1} \\ \square_{\phi \theta}^{\phi} = (\tan \theta)^{-1} \\ \square_{\theta r}^{\theta} = r^{-1} \\ \square_{r r}^r = \partial_r \Lambda \\ \square_{r t}^t = \partial_r \Phi \\ \square_{r \phi}^{\phi} = r^{-1} \\ \square_{\phi \theta}^{\theta} = (\tan \theta)^{-1} \\ \square_{r \theta}^{\theta} = r^{-1} \\ \square_{r t}^t = \partial_r \Phi \\ \square_{\phi \phi}^{\phi} = -r \exp(-2\Lambda) (\sin \theta)^2 \\ \square_{\phi \theta}^{\theta} = -\frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \\ \square_{\theta \theta}^{\theta} = -r \exp(-2\Lambda) \\ \square_{t t}^t = \exp(-2\Lambda + 2\Phi) \partial_t \Phi \end{array} \right.$$

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)

Python Packages

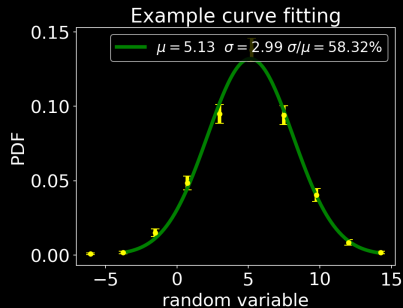
- Python modular hierarchy
 - Statements/Expression
 - functions/Modules
 - Class
 - package
 - Library
- An (possibly empty) `__init__.py` tells python that it is a package
- Python looks for library/package in `PYTHONPATH` environment variable

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

```
`-- pgsahist  
   |-- __init__.py  
   |-- hist.py  
   |-- plot.py  
   `-- utilities.py
```

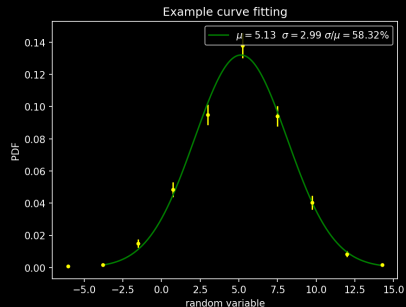
Matplotlib styling

- We can use style files to customize plots
- Comes handy when we need different version of same plot
- Requires no modification in code
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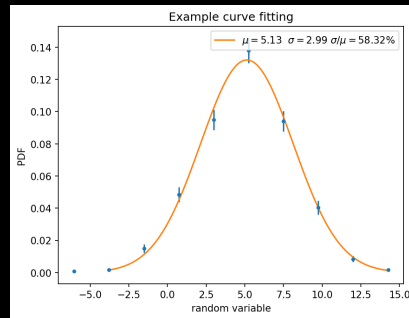
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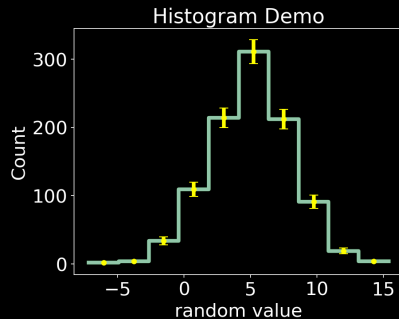
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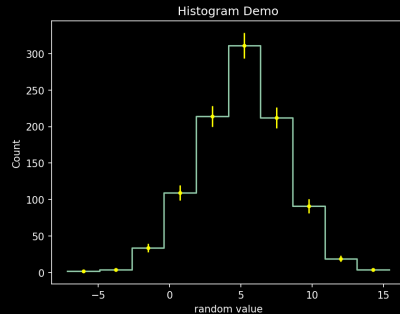
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