# An introduction to Python

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### How to get Python (+ useful packages ...)

We are going to use the **miniconda** installer, which is cross-platform and provides package management, together with the **spyder** IDE.

- 1. Go to https://conda.io/miniconda.html
  - (or Google search: "miniconda download")
- 2. Depending on the operating system, download installer (Python 2.7)
- 3. Install Python and required packages
  - Mac OS X or Unix:
    - 3.1 Open a terminal
    - 3.2 Run "bash Miniconda[...].sh", and yes for all ...
    - 3.3 Open a new terminal, or run "source ~/.bashrc"
    - 3.4 Run "conda install spyder numpy scipy matplotlib sympy"
    - · Windows:
      - 3.1 Double-click on the .exe file, and yes for all ...
      - 3.2 Open "conda prompt" terminal (installed with miniconda)
      - 3.3 Run "conda install spyder numpy scipy matplotlib sympy"

# History

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## Python vs. Others (Matlab, Fortran, C/C++, ...)

- License-free and open-source (≠ Matlab)
- Huge users community, many (free) packages for many applications
- Extremely easy of use for non-I-love-programming people (≠ Fortran, C/C++)
- Easy interface with other (more-efficient) programming languages
   ⇒ computation can be accelerated using Fortran or C/C++ library ...
- Can scale to very large problems (parallel computing, ...)
- Structured and friendly ways for developing library ( $\neq$  Matlab)

Python = many advantages, with very few drawbacks!

# **Functioning principles**

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#### **Practical tools**

### Using python console

```
x - □ lunet@matlnx13:~/Recherche/Enseignement/python-math/examples
lunet@matlnx13:examples$ python
Python 3.6.4 |Anaconda, Inc.| (default, Jan 16 2018, 18:10:19)
[GCC 7.2.0] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>>
```

#### Running a script

```
x - □ lunet@matlnx13: ~/Recherche/Enseignement/python-math/examples
lunet@matlnx13:examples$ python helloWorld.py
1 + 1 = 2
    YAILLLLE !
lunet@matlnx13:examples$
```

All-in-One solution  $\Rightarrow$  **Spyder**!

#### Hello World!

All the examples and python files are available at: https://gitlab.unige.ch/Thibaut.Lunet/python-math

### A first easy step ...

- 1. Launch Spyder
  - · Windows: double click on an icon somewhere ...
  - Mac OS X or Unix : run "spyder" in terminal
- 2. Discover a wonderful environment #woaaah
- 3. Go to lower right corner  $\rightarrow$  IPython console
  - write "1+1"
  - press enter ...
- 4. Go to text editor (middle)
  - write "print('hello world')
  - · save and run the file ...

### Basic variables types and operations

## Slide codes at: python-math/examples/codeexamples.py

```
# Integer
n = 1
m = 7 \% 3 \# m = 1
# Float: By default, double precision!
x = 0.5
y = x/7 + y = 0.07142857142857142
# Complex
z = 1+1i
w = z + x + n # Automatic conversion, w = 2.5 + 1i
# String
s = 'salut'
t = 'toi'
r = s + t \# r = 'saluttoi'
# Boolean
p = True
q = (n != 1)*p + (n == 1)*(x < 10)*(y >= 0) # q = True = 1
```

#### Lists

```
# Lists
l = [1, 2, 5, 6]
# Access elements : l[0] = 1, l[2] = 5, l[-1] = 6
# Slice : l[1:3] = [2, 5]

# Nested list
nl = [['vive', 'la'], ['saucisse', 2], 'Toulouse']
# Access sublist element : nl[0] = ['vive', 'la']
# Access final element : nl[0][1] = 'la', nl[1][0] = 'saucisse'

# List comprehension
l1 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
l2 = [3 * n + 1 for n in l1 if n % 2 == 0]
# l2 = [7, 13, 19, 25, 31]
```

### **Dictionary**

#### **Conditional structures**

#### Tabs matter!

```
# If clause
if 1 == 2:
    print('Tocard')
elif 1 == 0: # Not mandatory
    print('Toujours pas')
else: # Not mandatorv
    print("OK d'accord")
# For loop
for i in range(5):
    print('i = {}'.format(i))
# While loop
i = 0
while i < 10:
    print('TAIH000-' + str(i))
    i += 1
    if i == 5:
        break # Allows to escape from the while loop
```

#### **Function definition**

```
def add(a, b = 1):
    return a + b
# add(0.5, 2) = 2.5
# add(1) = 2
# add() -> ERROR

# No types
# Parameters by default
# Possibility of having a variable number of parameters
```

#### File I/O

```
infile = open("infile.dat", "r")
# Opens the file for reading
for line in infile:
    print(line)
# We can read each line as a string
# If data is numerical, we can convert via float(line)
infile.close()
# Close file to release memory
outfile = open("outfile.dat", "w")
# Opens the file for writing
s = 'Very important secret message'
outfile.write(s + '\n')
# We can write strings, writing '\n' creates a new line
# If data is numerical, we can convert it via str(x)
outfile.close()
# Close file to release memory
```

### Numpy I

```
import numpy as np
# Import the package
v = np.array([1, 2, 3])
# v is the 1-dimensional vector (1, 2, 3)
# We can access and modify its elements via v[0], v[1], v[2]
v.shape # returns (3,)
A = np.array([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6]])
# A is the 2x3 matrix:
# /1 2 31
# \4 5 6/
# We can access and modify its elements via A[i, j]
A.shape # returns (2, 3)
B = np.reshape(A, (3,2))
# B is the 3x2 matrix:
# /1 2\
# |3 4|
# \5 6/
```

#### Numpy II

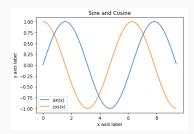
```
# We can slice matrices:
M = np.array([[1,2,3,4], [5,6,7,8], [9,10,11,12]])
M[1:2, 0:2] # Matrix [5, 6]
                 # First two rows
M[0:2]
M[:, 1:3]
                # Second and third columns
# We already have some built-in matrices:
np.zeros((3, 3)) # A 3x3 matrix filled with zeros
np.ones((2, 1))  # A 2x1 matrix filled with ones
np.full((2, 2), 27)  # A 2x2 matrix filled with 27
np.eye(2)
                       # The identity matrix of dim 2
# Useful operations:
C = B.T
               # Transpose
A + C
            # Flementwise sum
A - C # Elementwise difference
A * C # Elementwise product
A / C
             # Elementwise division
np.dot(A, B) # Matrix product
# And lots of other built-in functions!
```

### Scipy

- SciPy Tutorial
  - Introduction
  - Basic functions
  - Special functions (scipy.special)
  - Integration (scipy.integrate)
  - Optimization (scipy.optimize)
  - Interpolation (scipy.interpolate)
  - Fourier Transforms (scipy.fftpack)
  - Signal Processing (scipy.signal)
  - Linear Algebra (scipy.linalg)
  - Sparse Eigenvalue Problems with ARPACK
  - Compressed Sparse Graph Routines (scipy.sparse.csgraph)
  - Spatial data structures and algorithms (scipy.spatial)
  - Statistics (scipy.stats)
  - Multidimensional image processing (scipy.ndimage)
  - File IO (scipy.io)

### Matplotlib I

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Import the packages
x = np.arange(0, 3 * np.pi, 0.1)
sinx = np.sin(x)
cosx = np.cos(x)
# We generate the data we want to visualize
plt.plot(x, sinx)
                                   # Draws the points (x, sinx)
plt.plot(x, cosx)
                                   # Draws the points (x, cosx)
plt.xlabel('x axis label')
                                   # Adds a label to the x-axis
plt.ylabel('y axis label')
                                   # Adds a label to the v-axis
plt.title('Sine and Cosine')
                                   # Adds a title
plt.legend(['sin(x)', 'cos(x)']) # Adds a legend
plt.show()
                                   # Actually shows the plot
```

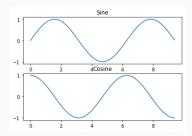


### Matplotlib II

```
# We can also display several plots at once:
plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)  # 2x1 grid, select the first as active
plt.plot(x, sinx)
plt.title('Sine')

plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)  # 2x1 grid, select the second as active
plt.plot(x, cosx)
plt.title('Cosine')

plt.show()
```



# **Symbolic computation with Sympy**

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