Basic python

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You can get this ppt and related files at: https://github.com/ryan-leung/2016-JAN_python_workshop/

Learning Outcomes

- Know how to get a working python for your operating system.
- Define different data structures
- Make a loop with for and while
- Defining functions
- Reading files and plotting graphs

What is python



General-purpose, high-level programming language.

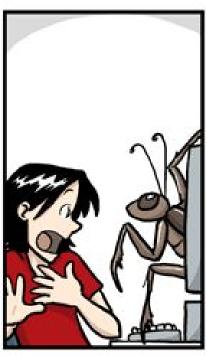
Object-oriented, interpreted, interactive.

Easy write, easy read.

Dynamic variables & memory management.

Why python?









www.phdcomics.com

- Coding and debugging is a tough task
- Spend less time on it and get your work done!
- Lots of packages written by others for speed deployment.

Installing

How to install python and get it work?

Python distribution

Anaconda / Miniconda

https://store.continuum.io/cshop/anaconda/

http://conda.pydata.org/miniconda.html

Official Site

https://www.python.org/downloads/

Portable Python

http://portablepython.com/

IF you run Linux, some Linux distributions has python pre-installed or get it from repository is faster:

sudo yum install python numpy scipy python-matplotlib ipython python-pandas sympy python-nose

sudo apt-get install python-numpy python-scipy python-matplotlib ipython ipython-notebook python-pandas python-sympy python-nose

Get Anaconda for Windows

Anaconda for Windows



Windows Anaconda Installation

- 1 Download the installer.
- 2. Double-click the .exe file to install Anaconda and follow the instructions on the screen.
- 3. Optional: Verify data integrity with MD5.

Get Anaconda for Mac

Anaconda for OS X

PYTHON 2.7	PYTHON 3.5				
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OS X Anaconda Installation

- 1. Download the installer.
- 2. Double click the .pkg file and follow the instructions on the screen.
- 3. Command-Line Installs:

After downloading the installer, in the shell execute for Python 2.7:

bash Anaconda2-2.4.1-Mac0SX-x86_64.sh

Or for Python 3.5:

bash Anaconda3-2.4.1-Mac0SX-x86_64.sh

NOTE: You should type "bash", regardless of whether or not you are actually using the bash shell.

4. Optional: Verify data integrity with MD5.

Get Anaconda for Linux

Anaconda for Linux

PYTHON 2.7	PYTHON 3.5				
Linux 64-bit	Linux 64-bit				
Linux 32-bit	Linux 32-bit				

Linux Anaconda Installation

- 1. Download the installer.
- 2. After downloading the installer, in your terminal window execute for Python 2.7:

bash Anaconda2-2.4.1-Linux-x86_64.sh

Or for Python 3.5:

bash Anaconda3-2.4.1-Linux-x86_64.sh

NOTE: Type "bash" regardless of whether or not you are actually using the bash shell.

3. Optional: Verify data integrity with MD5.



Python >>> Downloads >>> Windows

Python Releases for Windows

- Latest Python 2 Release Python 2.7.11
- Latest Python 3 Release Python 3.5.1
- Python 3.4.4 2015-12-21
 - Download Windows x86 MSI installer
 - Download Windows x86-64 MSI installer
 - · Download Windows help file
 - · Download Windows debug information files for 64-bit binaries
 - Download Windows debug information files
- Python 3.5.1 2015-12-07
 - Download Windows x86 web-based installer
 - Download Windows x86 executable installer
 - Download Windows x86 embeddable zip file
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Or from official site

Tips in python for Linux users

- Your system may have two different pythons:
 - o python 2.x
 - o python 3.x
- They may have different binary names:
 - o python
 - o python2
 - o python3
- You can always check the python version by running its interpreter.
 - A common shebang line used for the Python interpreter is as follows:
 - o #!/usr/bin/env python
 - You must then make the script executable, using the following command:
 - o chmod +x xxxxxxxxxxxxx.py

Configurating

How to add packages to python?

Install package (Anaconda build)

- To search/install packages, use "conda"
- Command:
 - conda search xxxxxx
 - conda install xxxxxx
- Other commands:

http://conda.pydata.org/docs/_downloads/conda-cheatsheet.pdf

Install package (Normal build)

- To search/install packages, use "pip"
- Python 3.4 (released March 2014) and Python 2.7.9 (released December 2014) ship with Pip.
- Package list: https://pypi.python.org/pypi
- Command:
 - pip search xxxxxx
 - o pip install xxxxxx

Full Commands:

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install
              Install packages.
uninstall
              Uninstall packages.
freeze
              Output installed packages in requirements format.
              List installed packages.
list
show
              Show information about installed packages.
              Search PyPI for packages.
search
              Zip individual packages.
zip
              Unzip individual packages.
unzip
              Create pybundles.
bundle
help
              Show help for commands.
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Packages for Symbolic/numerical/statistic















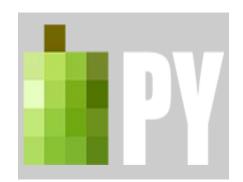


- For symbolic
 - o sympy
- For numerical
 - numpy
 - o scipy
- For statistical and machine learning
 - o scikit-learn
 - o pandas

Python plotting / visualising packages









matplotlib

all-round, major plotting in python

aplpy

fits image plotting in high quality

yt

large data / volumetric data visualising

bokeh

interactive plots in html & javascript

Python in astronomy

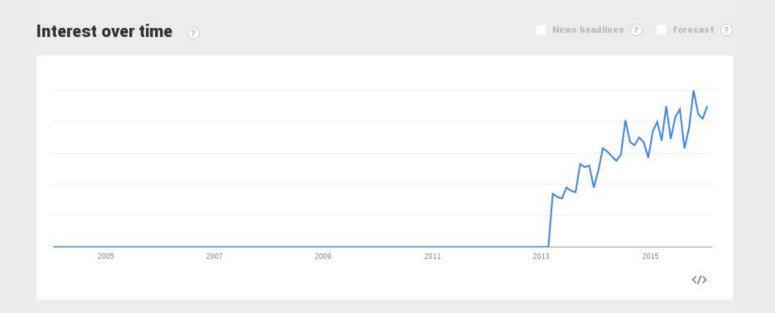


Until ~2012 python astronomy modules were scattered.

Several core modules are now unified under astropy:

- astropy.wcs (World coordinate system (WCS) supported by PyWCS.)
- **astropy.io.fits** (FITS files support supported by PyFITS.)
- **astropy.coordinates** (Celestial coordinate and time transformations.)
- **astropy.units** (Unit and physical quantity conversions, physical constants specific to astronomy.)





Regional interest 🕝



Running python

How to run your scripts?

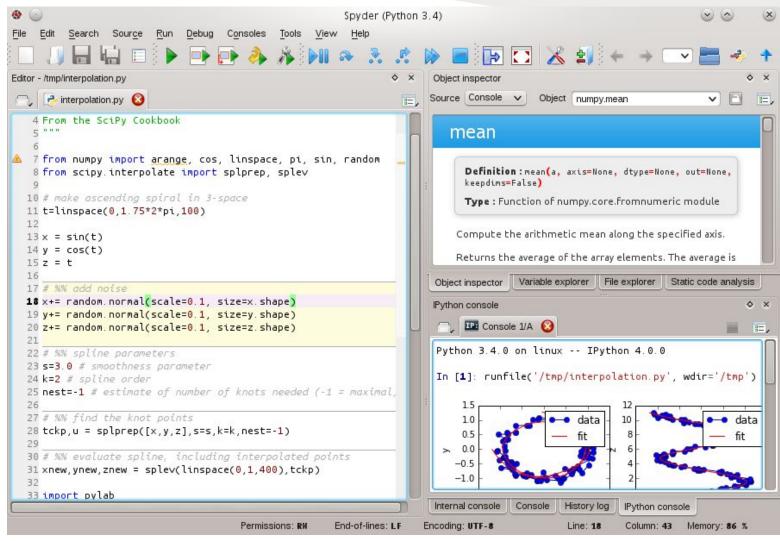
Python interpreter

- For Linux / OSX, type "python" in terminal.
- For windows, open "Anaconda" folder in Start menu.

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$ python
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                                                                                      [Anaconda] C:\Users\yanyan>python
                                                                                      Python 2.7.11 |Anaconda 2.4.1 (32-bit)| (default, Dec 7 2015, 14:13:17) [MSC v.1500 32
[GCC 4.4.7 20120313 (Red Hat 4.4.7-1)] on linux2
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Spyder IDE

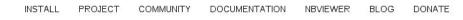




ipython / jupyter

For more interaction and gun, we use *ipython* to run our python code. ipython is old name, new name is call jupyter.



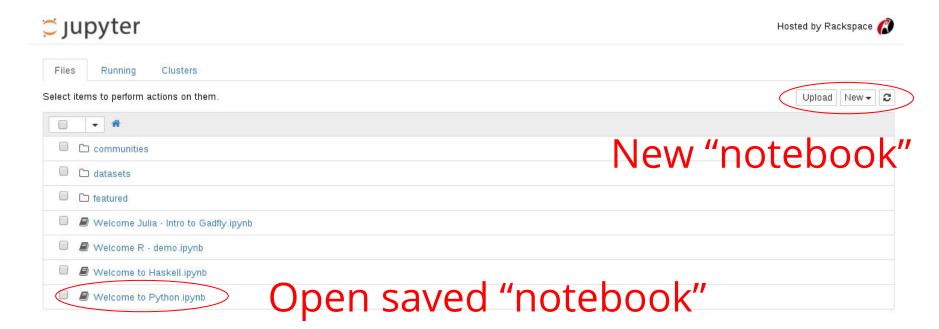




Launch ipython for testing purpose

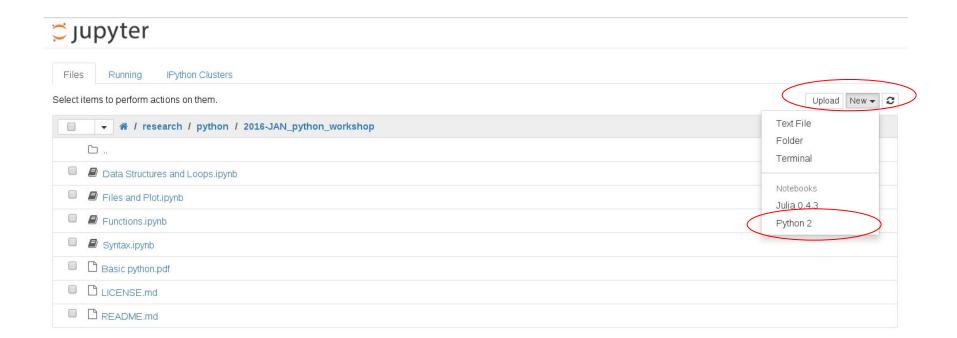
Lazy?

https://try.jupyter.org/



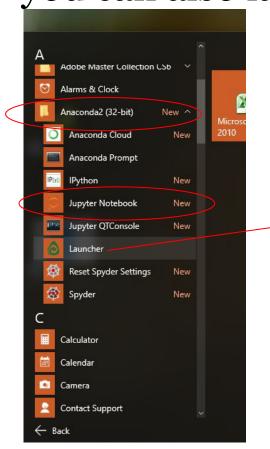
Launch ipython in your computer

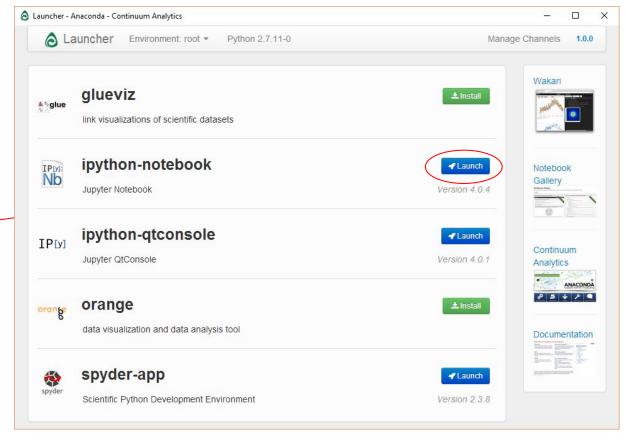
In command prompt/terminal, type ipython notebook
Go to http://localhost:8888/ in browser

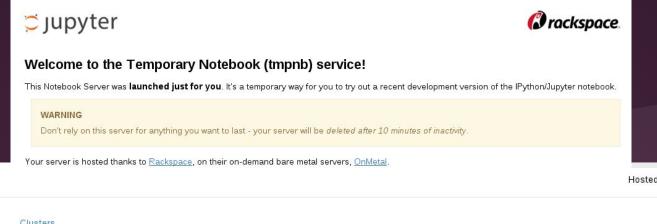


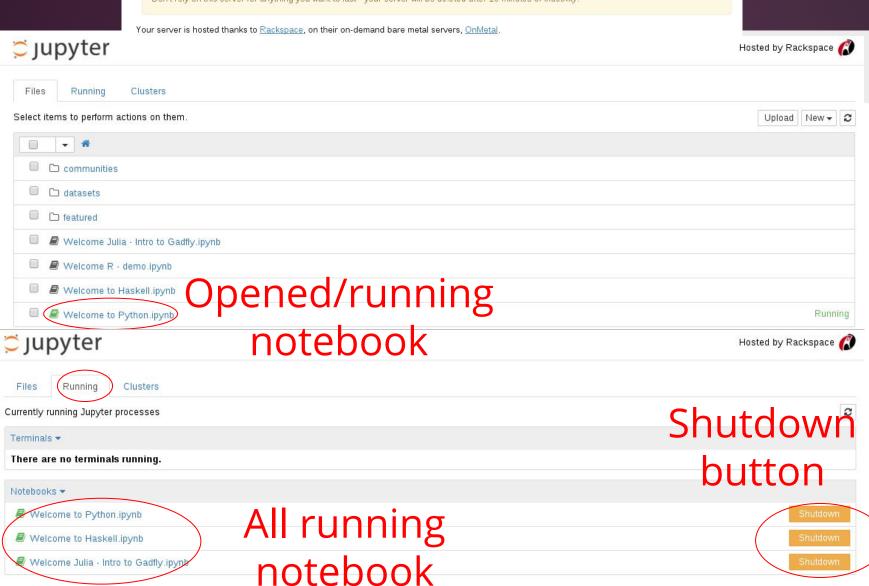
Launch ipython in your computer

If you have Anaconda GUI / using Windows, you can also launch here:

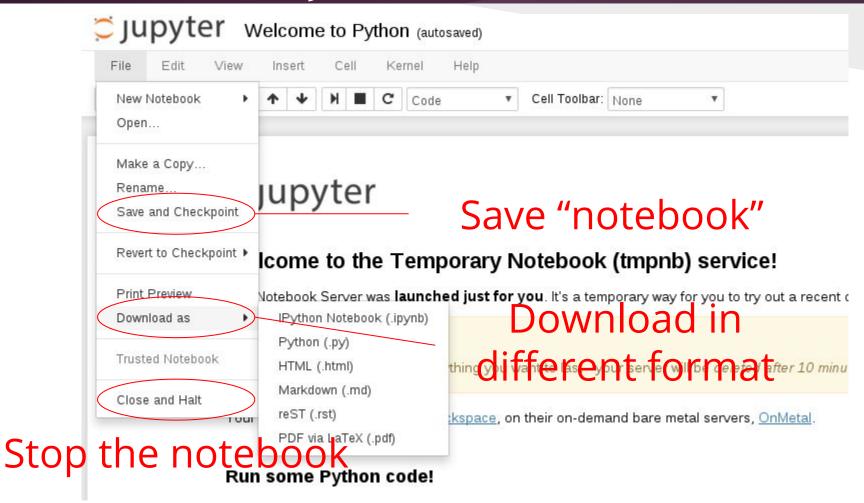








ipython (save/download notebook)



Notes on using ipython/jupyter



Stop the current cell operation

- To be safe, make sure you open each notebook document in only one tab.
- Data will lost if the kernel is stopped.
- You can close the browser tab safely after the notebook say "notebook saved". It will run in background

Notes on using ipython/jupyter

3.1.1. Change Jupyter Notebook startup folder (Windows)

- Copy the IPython Notebook launcher from the menu to the desktop.
- Right click on the new launcher and change the "Start in" field by pasting the full path of the folder which will contain all the notebooks.
- Double-click on the IPython Notebook desktop launcher (icon shows [IPy]) to start the Jupyter Notebook App, which will open in a new browser window (or tab). Note also that a secondary terminal window (used only for error logging and for shut down) will be also opened. If only the terminal starts, try opening this address with your browser: http://localhost:8888/.

3.1.2. Change Jupyter Notebook startup folder (OS X)

To launch Jupyter Notebook App:

- Click on spotlight, type terminal to open a terminal window.
- Enter the startup folder by typing cd /some_folder_name.
- Type ipython notebook to launch the Jupyter Notebook App (it will appear in a new browser window or tab).

1. Syntax

https://github.com/ryan-leung/2016JAN_python_workshop/blob/master/Syntax.ipynb

2. Data Structures and Loops

https://github.com/ryan-leung/2016JAN_python_workshop/blob/master/Data%
20Structures%20and%20Loops.ipynb

3. Functions

https://github.com/ryan-leung/2016JAN_python_workshop/blob/master/Functions.ipynb

4. Files and Plots

https://github.com/ryan-leung/2016-JAN_python_workshop/blob/master/Files%20and% 20Plot.ipynb

Need more performance?

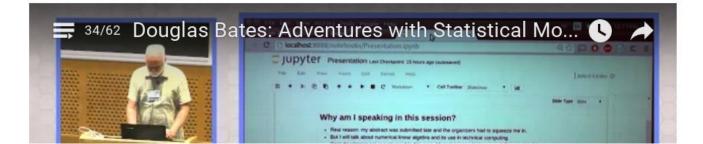
Any language apart from python and have a great performance?



julia | source | downloads | docs | packages | blog | community | learning | teaching | publications | jsoc | juliacon

Julia is a high-level, high-performance dynamic programming language for technical computing, with syntax that is familiar to users of other technical computing environments. It provides a sophisticated compiler, distributed parallel execution, numerical accuracy, and an extensive mathematical function library. Julia's Base library, largely written in Julia itself, also integrates mature, best-of-breed open source C and Fortran libraries for linear algebra, random number generation, signal processing, and string processing. In addition, the Julia developer community is contributing a number of external packages through Julia's built-in package manager at a rapid pace. IJulia, a collaboration between the IPython and Julia communities, provides a powerful browser-based graphical notebook interface to Julia.

JuliaCon 2015 at MIT was a huge success. The videos are now online, and a random video from JuliaCon 2015 is presented here.

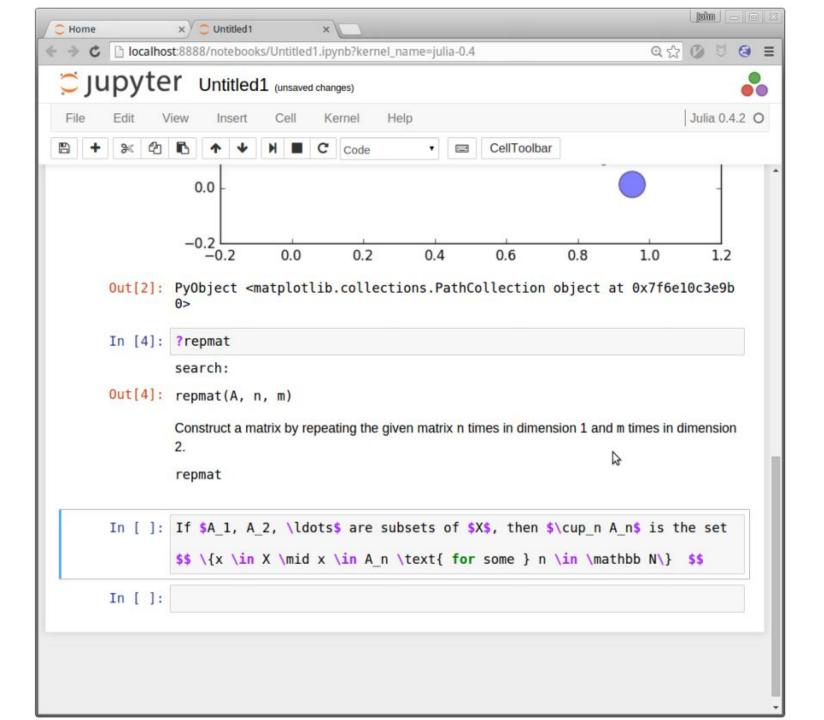


Some basic features in julia

- Syntax similarities: python,MATLAB and C
- Utilize matplotlib for plotting, clever and sweet

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rand_mat_mul	4.05	1.09	1.08	1.63	1.12	1.06	1.13	14.58	8.45	1.23	2.35

Ijulia and Jupyter



That's all

You can stay here for practising, I have collected some programming tasks for you

Practise and hands-on session

Questions are obtained from https://projecteuler.net/

Q1 Factorial

Write a program which can compute the factorial of a given numbers.

Suppose the input is:

8

Then, the output should be:

40320

Q2 Even Fibonacci numbers

Each new term in the Fibonacci sequence is generated by adding the previous two terms. By starting with 1 and 2, the first 10 terms will be: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, ...

By considering the terms in the Fibonacci sequence whose values **do not exceed four million**, find the **sum of the even-valued terms**.

Q3 10001st prime

By listing the first six prime numbers: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, and 13, we can see that the 6th prime is 13.

What is the 10 001st prime number?

Q4 Largest product in a series

The four adjacent digits in the 1000-digit number that have the greatest product are $9 \times 9 \times 8 \times 9 = 5832$.

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Find the thirteen adjacent digits in the 1000-digit number that have the greatest product. What is the value of this product?