

# Computing Language for Open Science :Open Discussion

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# Motivation

## Anaconda drama

2024-09-03

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Tab title: AnaConda < EDV/FuerUser < ...
- URL: cbswiki.cbs.mpg.de/bin/view/EDV/Fuer...
- Content:
  - ANACONDA**
  - Permanent Link: [\[link icon\]](#)
  - Summary:** Anaconda is a Python distribution featuring the package manager *conda*. According to their [terms of service](#) it cannot be used at the institute without a license.
  - Can I use Anaconda at the institute?**
  - No.
  - According to their [terms of service](#) we (the Max Planck Society (MPS)) are not allowed to use "Anaconda's offerings" for free as we have more than 200 employees and none of their exceptions applies to our institute. Since the MPS has no licenses for Anaconda you are not allowed to use it. ~~To prevent license violations we are blocking connections to Anaconda's package repository.~~ To prevent disruption of the research process, the Anaconda package repository is still accessible from the institute. Please migrate away from channels at `repo.anaconda.com` as soon as possible! To continue using *conda* you can switch to Miniforge and the conda-forge Channel.

The screenshot shows an email client interface with the following details:

- Header: (Jira) 2024-09-11
- Subject: IT-ServiceDesk IT-17358 Anaconda licensing
- To: Seung-Goo Kim, Reply-To: IT-Support
- Message body:

Dear Dr. Seung-Goo Kim ,  
a new comment has been added:

- 11/Sep/24 8:37 AM

Dear Seung-Goo,

I understand the frustration, this is a very unfortunate turn and I am not sure about the legal situation. There is an intense discussion going on about this topic amongst fellow Heads of IT of the MPG. I am still in the process of finding out if this really affects us or if there is a way around this. I am attending a meeting at GWDG in ca. for two weeks, where this topic will be discussed further. I hope to get some more insights there.

Cheers,



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# What computing language should we use?

# What computing language should we use for open science?

# Why do I associate Python with Open Science?

- Until 2000s?: We used proprietary software all the time (MATLAB, BESA, BrainVoyager, SPSS, ..., Microsoft Office, Windows, Mac{HW+SW})
- 2012: Special Section on "Replicability in Psychological Science" in Perspectives on Psychological Science, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1745691612465253>
- 2015: Open Science Collaboration, "Estimating the reproducibility of psychological science", Science, <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aac4716>
- For **transparency**, the whole analysis needs to be replicable on others' system only using open-access software (i.e., docking everything won't violate any copyright laws)  
=> "MATLAB is proprietary. Thus, **MathWorks is the enemy of OpenScience!**  
=> "Python is free to use! Everyone MUST use Python- Now if we need to pay for **Anaconda** (or maybe Python

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# Skepticism triggered! 🤔🔍😑

A punch in the face wakening up from the naiveness

- "*If you're not paying for the product, then you are the product.*" (Tristan Harris)
- Is every open-access project 😈 just a long-term investment for the market dominance?
- And are the open-science supporters the products of the market? 😱
- ...but let's get real and let's think about the problem a bit more



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# Why did I start using those languages?

But first...

- **MATLAB**  : because of **SPM**, **SurfStat**, **EEGLAB**, **FieldTrip**, and other popular toolboxes
- **Python**  : because of **MNE-python**, **TensorFlow**, **Essentia**, and other popular packages
- **R**  : because of Linear Mixed-effects Models (**lme4**)
- **Bash**  : because of **FSL**, **ANTs**, **FreeSurfer**
- I didn't choose those languages. I'm just using popular packages.
- The developers of the popular packages/libraries chose their languages!
- So, I'm not very happy to hear a language I know is inherently evil 😠 (while I'm perfectly okay when I say that language sucks).

# And why do we want to learn languages?

## Why would anyone want to write a script when you have a GUI?

- *Well, at least for me...*
  - I want to be able to replicate the whole process of preprocessing, analysis, ...
  - Know a bit more about the under-the-hood.
  - I want to "hack a little" here and there.
  - Because I'm lazy and I want a single-liner for a whole paper

# Open questions

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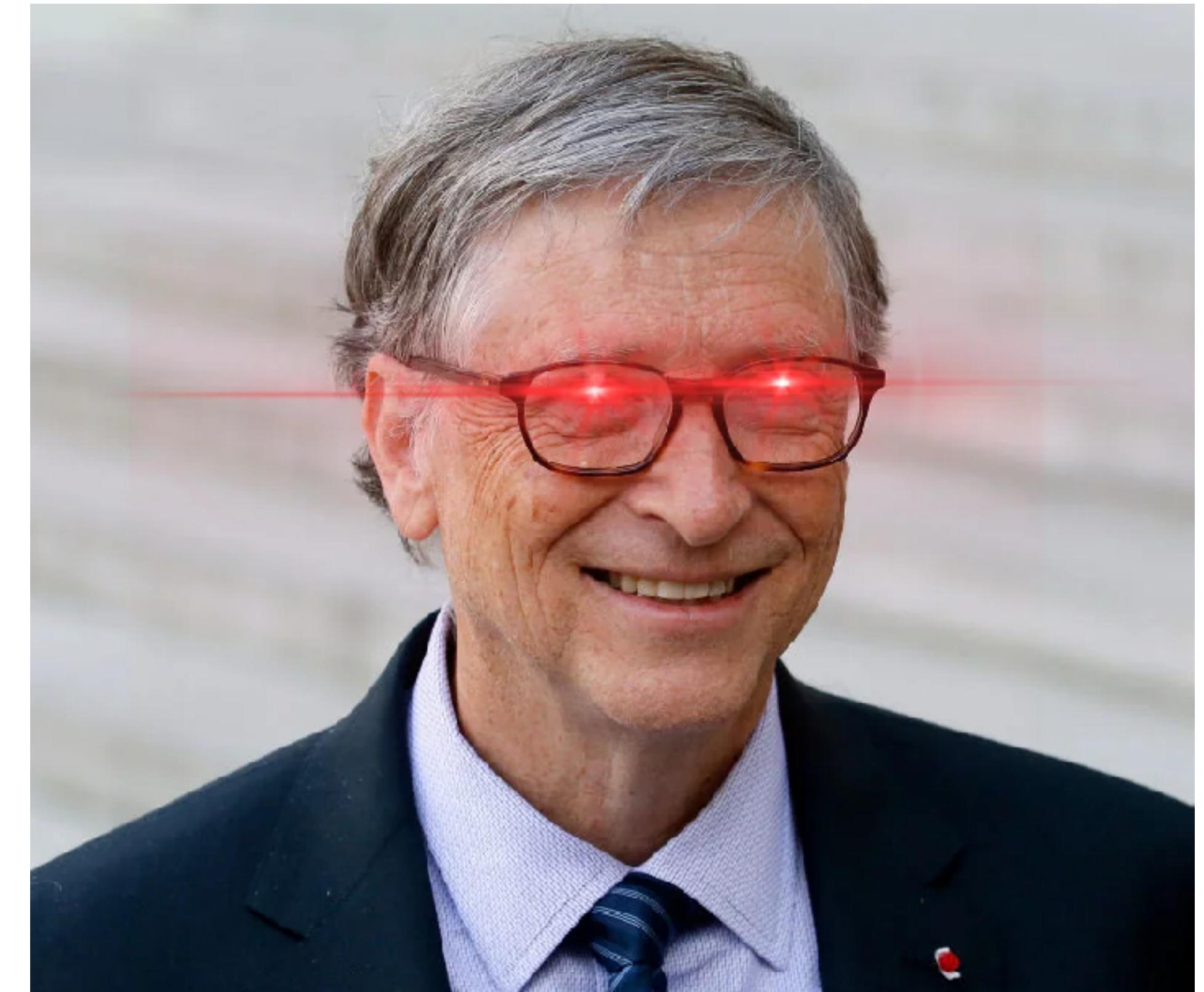
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# Is capitalism inherently evil?

Why some people feel software should be ethically free?



St. IGNUcius, the Church of EMACS (2012)  
Free Software Foundation (1985-)



Bill Gates with red eyes, [r/linuxmemes](#)

# GNU

## A collection of free software

- GNU: "GNU's not Unix!" because it's Unix-like but "free" (as in freedom).
- GNU Manifesto (1985) by Richard Stallman and colleagues.
- GNU-linux: GNU software + Linux-kernel like GNU-Bash



GNU Goat (from "gnu goat")

# How do they make open access software?

Are they just heavenly creatures living off their own niceness?



- **Linus Torvalds** (the creator of Linux) gets 1.7M USD in compensation as a Fellow of Linux Foundation
- **Guido van Rossum** (the creator of Python) worked at own startups, and Google[05-12], Dropbox[13-19], Microsoft[20-], 1-5M USD/yr?
- **Ross Ihaka & Robert Gentleman** (the co-creators of R) worked as statistic professors at University of Auckland, NZ
- **Travis Oliphant** (the creator of NumPy, SciPy and a co-founder of NumFOCUS, Anaconda[CEO:12-17]) gets compensation from as a staff at NumFOCUS.
- **Bjarne Stroustrup** (the creator of C++) worked as a programmer at Bell Labs, as a professor at Texas A&M University, and Columbia University.



# When you see a nice open-access project...

## How long will it be maintained and last open-access?

- A non-profit foundation?
- A for-profit start-up?
- A fixed-term research funding?
- A tenured professor's hobby?
- Small "Truck Factor" (or "Bus factor", the number of "critical" developers)?  
(See <https://peerj.com/preprints/1233.pdf>)

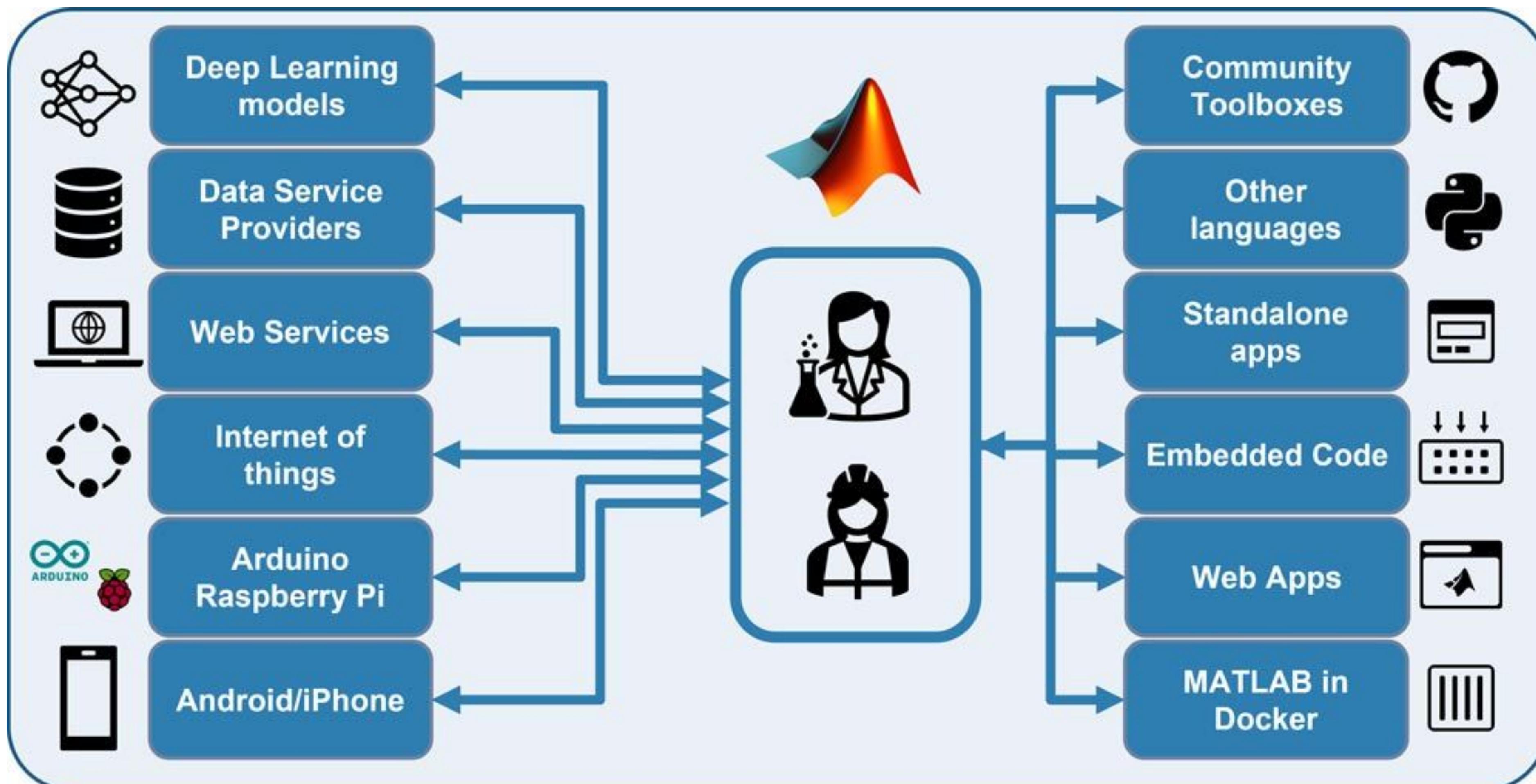
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# MATLAB for Open Science?

At least they also know it "sells" for now



# CodeOcean



[codeocean.com/capsule/5141283/](https://codeocean.com/capsule/5141283/)



# CodeOcean: Open Science Library

## It's free for now... but why not institute-level license?

The screenshot shows the CodeOcean interface for a user named Seung-Goo Kim. On the left, there is a summary of available resources:

- Compute time available: 10 hrs/month
- Extra compute time available: 0 hrs/month
- Total storage available: 20480 MB

On the right, the main interface displays the contents of a capsule named "mustemp". It includes sections for Core Files, MATLAB (2022b-ubuntu20.04), Additional Packages, Package Managers, and Results. The Results section shows a linear regression model output:

	Estimate	SE	tStat	pvalue
(Intercept)	4.2446	0.23206	18.244	2.4800e-35
IsMus_Nmus	-8.37733	0.28896	-28.3435	0.18184
Age_30-44	-0.034528	0.22826	-0.32651	0.74465
Age_45-59	-0.058815	0.29247	-0.20111	0.84898
Age_60+	-0.44199	0.48591	-0.90962	0.36498
Age_Prefer not to respond	1.5761	1.0194	1.5461	0.1249

Below the results, there is a note about an error in the TableSet/plotelbowgmsi3 function and a warning about unsupported operators.



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**MATLAB Code---Fault diagnosis of power transformers with membership...**  
A reference fault set is provided, and the fault diagnosis is implemented by calculating the membership of the DGA data to the reference fault set.  
Enwen Li

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**On the Need for Communication for Voltage Regulation of Power...**  
Benchmark for Volt/VAR control of power distribution networks. The benchmark illustrates the suboptimality of purely local (fully decentralized) volt/VAR strategies when

Saverio Bolagnani, Ruggero Carli, Guido ...

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**"MetaModality: Enhancing Cancer Detection through Integrated..."**  
This project places a special emphasis on early cancer detection and understanding cancer mechanisms by harnessing the power of diverse metabolomics platforms. The study

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**"Model reduction for complex hyperbolic networks" Companion...**  
Numerical experiments for C. Himpe and M. Chilberger, "Model reduction for complex hyperbolic networks", Proceedings of the European Control Conference (ECC), 2739-

Christian Himpe

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Associated article published in [2014 European Control Conference \(ECC\)](#)

Engineering 30 | Aug | 2023  
**"Multi-layer double deep Q network for active distribution network equivalent..."**  
Multi-layer double deep Q network for active distribution network equivalent modeling with internal identification for EV loads

Jiehui Zheng & Wenhao Wang

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Medical Sciences 26 | Oct | 2023  
**"Registering the Hurt" Project: Pilot Analysis of COVID-19 Study...**  
The reproducibility crisis has spurred initiatives for enhanced transparency in scientific research. Among these, study preregistration, or simply registration, has

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**"Trend Detection and Adaptive Removal in Pressure Signal for Pipeline Leaks"**  
The presence of a trend component in the pressure signal has a detrimental effect on the accuracy of pipeline leak detection based on the negative pressure wave (NPW). To

Lei Zhang

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Associated article published in [IEEE Sensors Journal](#)

Biology 17 | Sep | 2024  
**"Variant-to-function dissection of rare non-coding GWAS loci with high..."**  
Input files and code to reproduce all the results figure panels of main figure 6.

Manuel Tardoguila

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Earth Sciences 1 | May | 2020  
**#shareEGU20 - Impact of flood extent on population exposure**  
This notebook displays how output from various flood models can lead to varying estimates of people affected by a flood.

Jannis Hoch, Dirk Ellander & Hiroaki Iku...

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**H<sub>∞</sub> tracking control for linear discrete-time systems: model-free Q...**  
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Detection of radar range-spread targets based on order statistics Code based on Matlab for 'Algorithm 1: OS-IM'.

Shaoqiang Chang

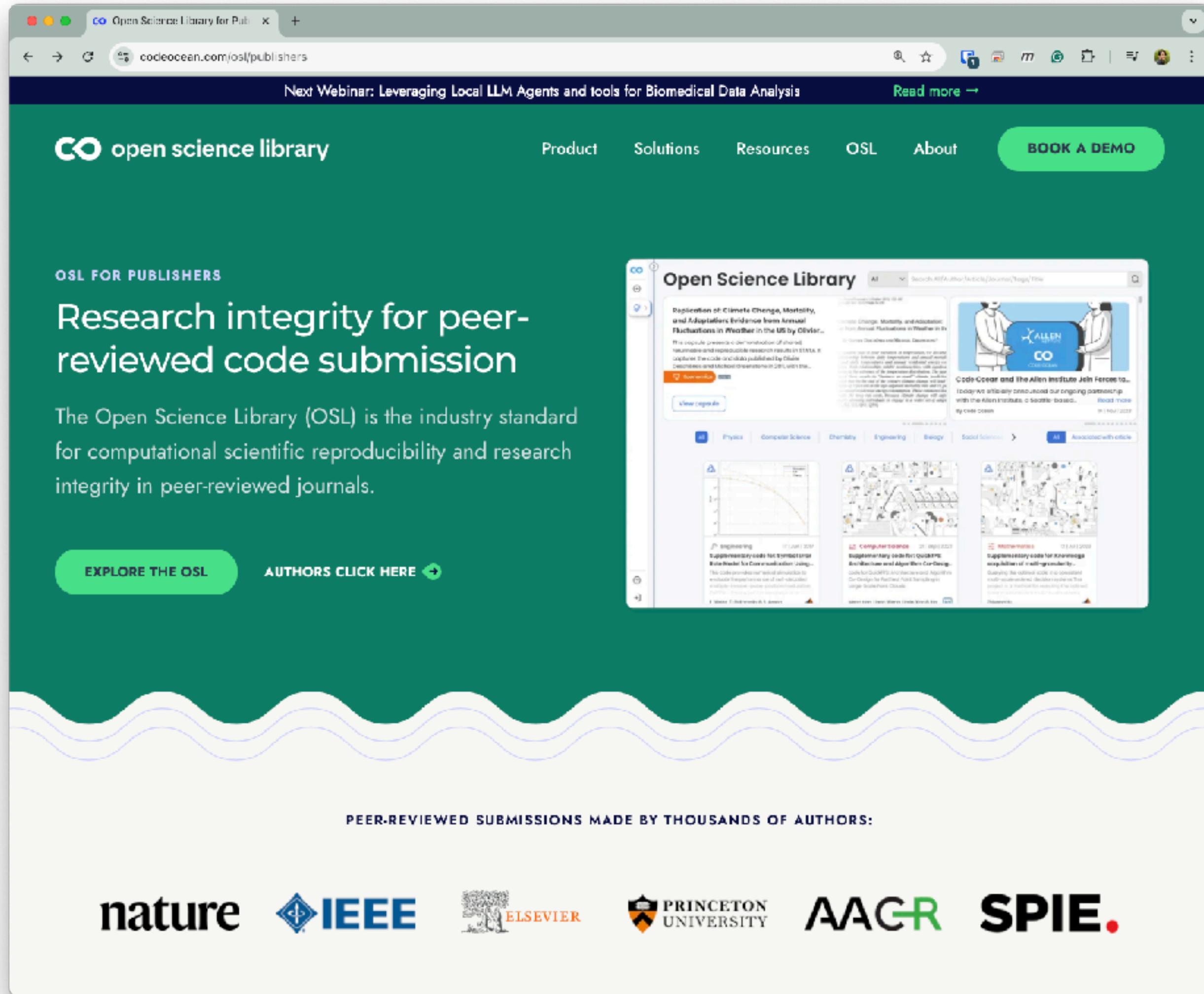
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An example matlab code and the actual matlab code of the global routing scheme of the paper "Link Stability based Optimized Routing Framework for Software Defined

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**Research integrity for peer-reviewed code submission**

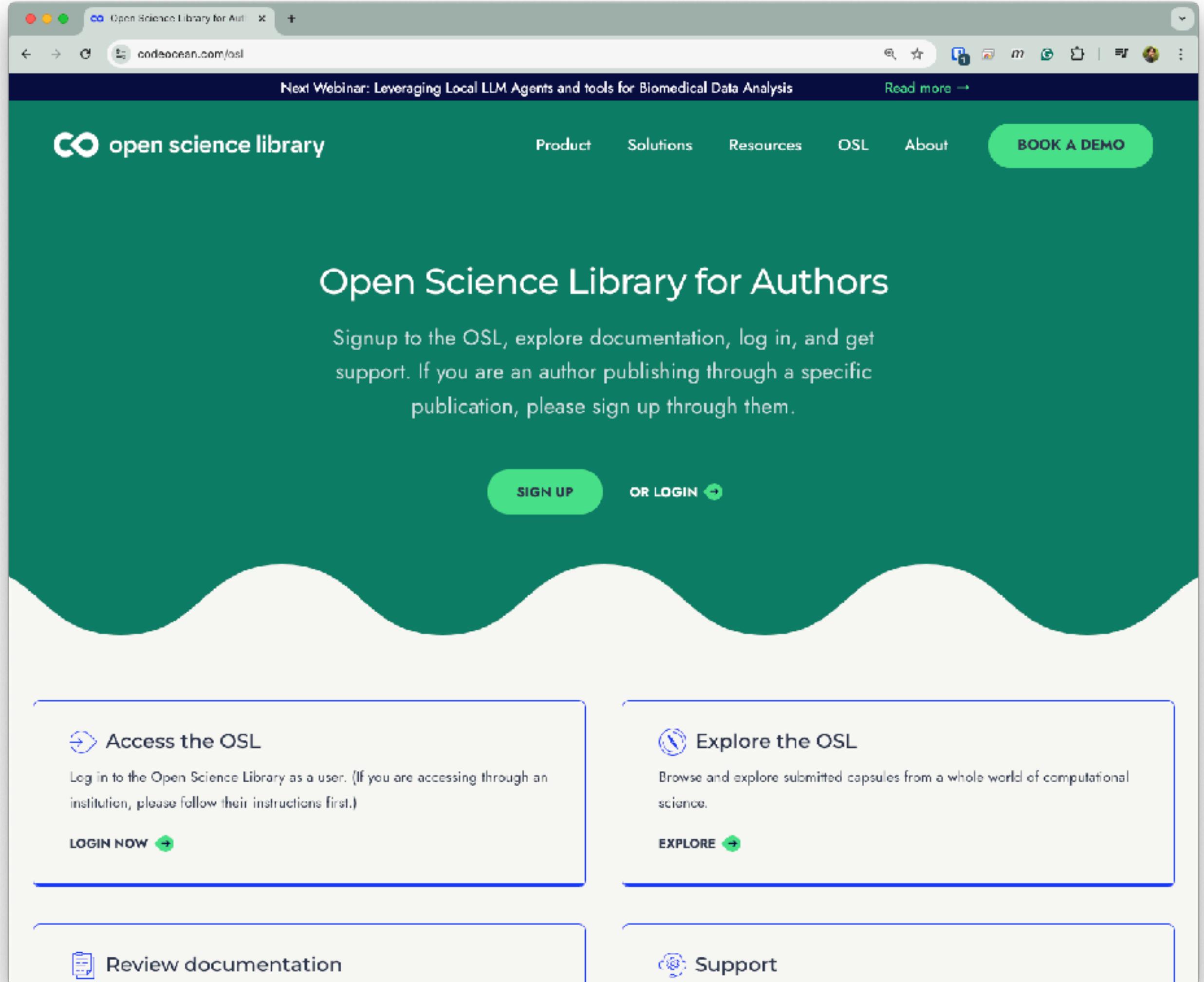
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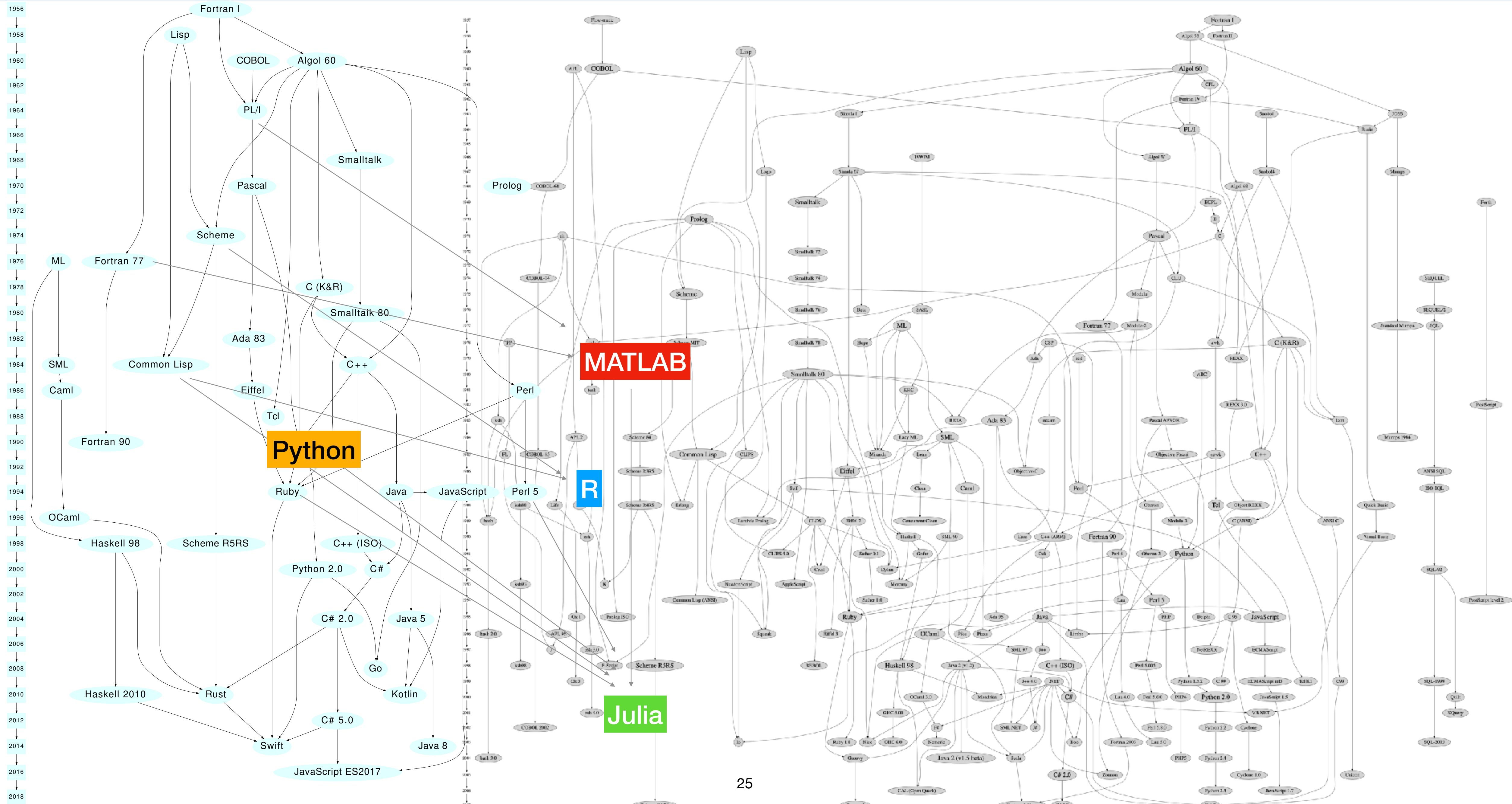
**Review documentation**

**Support**

Your thoughts? 

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# What is the best computing language?

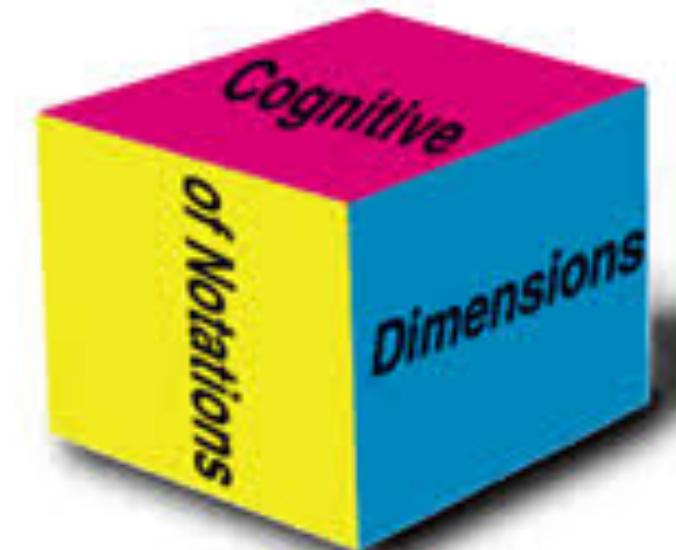
## Computing languages as meta-tools to build your own tools

- As an end-user of a language, we want tools with high...
  - **usability**: easy to learn/read/write/debug/maintain
  - **accessibility**: can be used without paid licenses
  - **sustainability**: 50+ years
  - **performance**: can handle large data fast
- ... in a good balance.

Language	Latest release	GPL/DSL	Usability	Accessibility	Sustainability	Performance
<b>Python</b>	2024-10-01	GPL	?	(600\$/yr/user?)	?	mid
<b>GNU-c-LISP</b>	2023-01-13	GPL	?	0	?	?
<b>C</b>	2024-02-21	GPL	?	0	?	high
<b>C++</b>	2023-03-19	GPL	?	0	?	high
<b>C# (Win)</b>	2023-11-14	GPL	?	0	?	high
<b>Swift (Mac)</b>	2024-03-01	GPL	?	0	?	high
<b>Julia</b>	2024-10-01	GPL	?	0	?	mid
<b>Java</b>	2024-09-17	GPL	?	180\$/yr/user	?	high
<b>R</b>	2024-06-14	DSL	?	0	?	?
<b>GNU Octave</b>	2024-06-07	DSL	?	0	?	mid
<b>Fortran</b>	2023-11-17	DSL	?	0	?	high
<b>Mathematica</b>	2024-07-01	DSL	?	839\$/yr/user	?	?
<b>Stata</b>	2023-04-25	DSL	?	925\$/yr/user	?	?
<b>WolframOne</b>	2024-07-31	DSL	?	1710\$/yr/user	?	?
<b>MATLAB</b>	2024-09-12	DSL	?	263-3k\$/yr/user	?	mid

# HCI research

## ChatGPT4o says...



- The **Cognitive Dimensions of Notations (CDN)** is a widely-used framework for evaluating the usability of notational systems, including DSLs (domain-specific languages). It provides a structured way to analyze how the design of a DSL affects the cognitive load on users. Some key dimensions include:
  - **Closeness of Mapping:** How well the language matches the mental model of the domain.
  - **Consistency:** How predictable and uniform the language is.
  - **Abstraction Gradient:** The complexity and flexibility in expressing concepts.
  - **Error-proneness:** How likely users are to make mistakes.
  - **Viscosity:** Resistance to change or how hard it is to make modifications.

# Closeness of Mapping: Let's invert a matrix !

# DEMO

## Moore-Penrose inverse (pseudo-inverse)

$$\mathbf{A}^+; \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 5}, a_{i,j} \sim \mathcal{U}$$



&lt;Python&gt;

```
import numpy as np
A = np.random.rand(10, 5)
A_pinv = np.linalg.pinv(A)
print(A_pinv)
```

&lt;Perl&gt;

```
use strict;
use warnings;
my @A = map { [ map { rand() } 1..5 ] } 1..10;
my $A_pinv = pseudoinverse(\@A);
for my $row (@$A_pinv) {
    print join("\t", @$row), "\n";
}
sub pseudoinverse {
    my ($matrix) = @_;
    my $A_T = transpose($matrix);
    my $A_TA = matrix_multiply($A_T, $matrix);
    my $A_TA_inv = invert($A_TA);
    return matrix_multiply($A_TA_inv, $A_T);
}

sub transpose {
    my ($matrix) = @_;
    my @transposed;
    for my $i (0..$#{$matrix->[0]}) {
        push @transposed, [ map { $_[0] } @$matrix ];
    }
    return \@transposed;
}

sub matrix_multiply {
    my ($matrix1, $matrix2) = @_;
    my @result;
    for my $i (0..$#$matrix1) {
        for my $j (0..$#$matrix2) {
            $result[$i][$j] = 0;
            for my $k (0..$#$matrix2) {
                $result[$i][$j] += $matrix1->[$i][$k]
                * $matrix2->[$k][$j];
            }
        }
    }
    return \@result;
}

sub invert {
```

&lt;R&gt;

```
A <- matrix(runif(50), 10, 5)
A_pinv <- MASS::ginv(A)
A_pinv
```

&lt;Cpp&gt;

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <cmath>
#include <iomanip>

// Define matrix as a vector of vectors
typedef std::vector<std::vector<double> >
Matrix;

// Function prototypes
Matrix generateRandomMatrix(int rows, int cols);
void printMatrix(const Matrix &mat, const
std::string &name);
Matrix transpose(const Matrix &mat);
Matrix multiply(const Matrix &A, const Matrix &B);
Matrix pseudoInverse(const Matrix &A);

// Main function
int main() {
    // Generate a 10x5 random matrix
    Matrix A = generateRandomMatrix(10, 5);

    // Compute the pseudoInverse
    Matrix A_pinv = pseudoInverse(A);

    // Print the original matrix and its
    // pseudoInverse
    printMatrix(A, "Matrix A");
    printMatrix(A_pinv, "PseudoInverse of A
(A_pinv)");

    return 0;
}

// Function to generate a random matrix of
given dimensions
Matrix generateRandomMatrix(int rows, int cols) {
    Matrix mat(rows, std::vector<double>(cols));
    for (int i = 0; i < rows; ++i) {
        for (int j = 0; j < cols; ++j) {
```

&lt;Julia&gt;

```
using LinearAlgebra
笑脸 = rand(10, 5)
笑脸= pinv(笑脸)
display(笑脸)
```

&lt;Fortran&gt;

```
program pseudoinverse
    implicit none
    integer, parameter :: m = 10, n = 5
    real(8), dimension(m, n) :: A
    real(8), dimension(n, m) :: A_pinv
    real(8), dimension(n) :: S
    real(8), dimension(n, n) :: U, VT
    integer :: info

    ! Seed the random number generator
    call random_seed()

    ! Generate a random 10x5 matrix
    call generate_random_matrix(A, m, n)
    print *, "Original Matrix A:"
    call print_matrix(A, m, n)

    ! Perform Singular Value Decomposition
    ! (SVD)
    call compute_svd(A, U, S, VT, m, n, info)

    ! Compute the pseudoinverse using the SVD
    ! components
    call compute_pseudoinverse(U, S, VT, A_pinv, m,
n)

    ! Print the pseudoinverse
    print *, "Pseudoinverse of A (A_pinv):"
    call print_matrix(A_pinv, n, m)
end program pseudoinverse

! Subroutine to generate a random matrix
subroutine generate_random_matrix(mat, rows, cols)
    implicit none
    integer, intent(in) :: rows, cols
    real(8), intent(out), dimension(rows, cols) ::
```

&lt;GNU-Octave/MATLAB&gt;

```
A = rand(10, 5);
A_pinv = pinv(A);
disp(A_pinv);
```

&lt;HTML+MathJS&gt;

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
    <head>
        <script src="https://
cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/mathjs/10.6.4/
math.min.js"></script>
        <script>
            // Wait for the page to load
            window.onload = function(){
                let A = math.random([10, 5]);
                let A_pinv = math.pinv(A);

                document.getElementById('output').innerHTML =
                    "Original Matrix (10x5):\n" +
                    math.format(A, {precision: 3}) +
                    "\n\nPseudoinverse (5x10):\n" +
                    math.format(A_pinv, {precision: 3});
            }
        </script>
    </head>
    <body>
        <h1>Matrix Pseudoinverse Example</h1>
        <pre id="output"></pre> <!-- Element
to display output -->
    </body>
</html>
```



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            }
        }
    }
    return \@result;
}

sub invert {
    my ($matrix) = @_;
    my $size = $matrix;
    my @identity = map { [(0) x $size] } 0..$size-1;
    for my $i (0..$size-1) {
        $identity[$i][$i] = 1;
    }
    my @augmented = map { [ @{$matrix->[$_]}, @{$identity[$_]}] } 0..$size-1;
    # Perform Gaussian elimination
    for my $i (0..$size-1) {
        # Make the diagonal element 1
        my $diag = $augmented[$i][$i];
        for my $j (0..$#{$augmented[0]}) {
            $augmented[$i][$j] /= $diag;
        }
        # Make other column elements 0
        for my $k (0..$size-1) {
            next if $k == $i;
            my $factor = $augmented[$k][$i];
            for my $l (0..$#{$augmented[0]}) {
                $augmented[$k][$l] -= $factor * $augmented[$i][$l];
            }
        }
    }
    # Extract the inverted matrix
    my @inverted = map { [ @$_[size..$#$_] ] } @augmented;
    return \@inverted;
}

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    for (int i = 0; i < rows; ++i) {
        for (int j = 0; j < cols; ++j) {
            mat[i][j] = (double)rand() / RAND_MAX; // Random number between 0 and 1
        }
    }
    return mat;
}

// Function to print a matrix
void printMatrix(const Matrix &mat, const std::string &name) {
    std::cout << name << ":" << std::endl;
    for (const auto &row : mat) {
        for (const auto &val : row) {
            std::cout << val << " ";
        }
        std::cout << std::endl;
    }
}

// Function to compute the transpose of a matrix
Matrix transpose(const Matrix &mat) {
    int rows = mat.size();
    int cols = mat[0].size();
    Matrix trans(cols, std::vector<double>(rows));
    for (int l = 0; l < rows; ++l) {
        for (int j = 0; j < cols; ++j) {
            trans[j][l] = mat[l][j];
        }
    }
    return trans;
}

// Function to multiply two matrices
Matrix multiply(const Matrix &A, const Matrix &B) {
    int rows = A.size();
    int cols = B[0].size();
    int common = B.size();
    Matrix result(rows, std::vector<double>(cols, 0.0));
    for (int l = 0; l < rows; ++l) {
        for (int j = 0; j < cols; ++j) {
            for (int k = 0; k < common; ++k) {
                result[l][j] += A[l][k] * B[k][j];
            }
        }
    }
    return result;
}

// Function to compute the pseudoinverse using SVD
Matrix pseudoinverse(const Matrix &A) {
    int m = A.size();
    int n = A[0].size();

    // Transpose of A
    Matrix A_T = transpose(A);

    // Multiplying A_T * A (n x n matrix)
    Matrix A_TA = multiply(A_T, A);

    // Perform SVD on A_TA (we'll approximate here by diagonalizing)
    // In real scenarios, use proper SVD decomposition
    Matrix A_TA_inv(n, std::vector<double>(n, 0.0));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        A_TA_inv[i][i] = 1.0 / (A_TA[i][i] + 1e-10); // Invert the diagonal (regularization added)
    }

    // Multiply A_TA_inv * A_T to get pseudoinverse
    return multiply(A_TA_inv, A_T);
}

```

## &lt;Fortran&gt;

```

program pseudoinverse
    implicit none
    integer, parameter :: m = 10, n = 5
    real(8), dimension(m, n) :: A
    real(8), dimension(n, n) :: A_pinv
    real(8), dimension(n, n) :: S
    real(8), dimension(n, n) :: U, VT
    integer :: info

    ! Seed the random number generator
    call random_seed()

    ! Generate a random 10x5 matrix
    call generate_random_matrix(A, m, n)
    print *, "Original Matrix A:" ! Print the original matrix
    call print_matrix(A, m, n)

    ! Perform Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)
    call compute_svd(A, U, S, VT, m, n, info)

    ! Compute the pseudoinverse using the SVD components
    call compute_pseudoinverse(U, S, VT, A_pinv, m, n)

    ! Print the pseudoinverse
    print *, "Pseudoinverse of A (A_pinv):"
    call print_matrix(A_pinv, n, n)

end program pseudoinverse

! Subroutine to generate a random matrix
subroutine generate_random_matrix(mat, rows, cols)
    implicit none
    integer, intent(in) :: rows, cols
    real(8), intent(out), dimension(rows, cols) :: mat
    integer :: i, j

    do i = 1, rows
        do j = 1, cols
            call random_number(mat(i, j)) ! Fill with random numbers [0, 1]
        end do
    end do
end subroutine generate_random_matrix

! Subroutine to compute SVD
subroutine compute_svd(A, U, S, VT, m, n, info)
    implicit none
    integer, intent(in) :: m, n
    real(8), intent(in), dimension(m, n) :: A
    real(8), intent(out), dimension(n, n) :: U
    real(8), intent(out), dimension(n) :: S
    real(8), intent(out), dimension(n, n) :: VT
    integer, intent(out) :: info

    ! Workspace variables for LAPACK SVD
    real(8), dimension(:, :, allocatable) :: work
    integer, dimension(:, :, allocatable) :: iwork
    integer :: lwork

    ! Allocate workspace
    lwork = 4 * n
    allocate(work(lwork), iwork(8 * n))

    ! Call LAPACK's DGESVD routine (SVD)
    call dgesvd('S', 'S', m, n, A, m, S, U, n, VT, n, work, lwork, info)

    deallocate(work, iwork)
end subroutine compute_svd

! Subroutine to compute the pseudoinverse using SVD components
subroutine compute_pseudoinverse(U, S, VT, A_pinv, m, n)
    implicit none
    integer, intent(in) :: m, n
    real(8), intent(in), dimension(n, n) :: U, VT
    real(8), intent(in), dimension(n) :: S
    real(8), intent(out), dimension(n, m) :: A_pinv
    real(8), dimension(n, n) :: S_inv
    integer :: i, j

    ! Compute the inverse of the singular values
    S_inv = 0.0
    do i = 1, n
        if (S(i) > 1e-10) then
            S_inv(i, i) = 1.0 / S(i)
        else
            S_inv(i, i) = 0.0
        end if
    end do

    ! Compute A_pinv = VT^T * S_inv * U^T
    A_pinv = matmul(matmul(VT, S_inv), transpose(U))
end subroutine compute_pseudoinverse

! Subroutine to print a matrix
subroutine print_matrix(mat, rows, cols)
    implicit none
    integer, intent(in) :: rows, cols
    real(8), intent(in), dimension(rows, cols) :: mat
    integer :: i, j

    do i = 1, rows
        do j = 1, cols
            write(*, '(F8.4)', advance="no") mat(i, j)
            if (j < cols) write(*, '(A)', advance="no") " "
        end do
        print *
    end do
end subroutine print_matrix

```

## &lt;HTML+MathJS&gt;

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/mathjs/10.6.4/math.min.js"></script>
    <script>
        // Wait for the page to load
        window.onload = function(){
            let A = math.random([10, 5]);
            let A_pinv = math.pinv(A);

            document.getElementById('output').innerHTML =
                "Original Matrix (10x5):\n" + math.format(A, {precision: 3}) +
                "\n\nPseudoinverse (5x10):\n" + math.format(A_pinv, {precision: 3});
        }
    </script>
</head>
<body>
    <h1>Matrix Pseudoinverse Example</h1>
    <pre id="output"></pre> <!-- Element to display output --&gt;
&lt;/body&gt;
&lt;/html&gt;
</pre>

```

# Performance benchmarking

[https://www.sas.upenn.edu/~jesusfv/Lecture\\_HPC\\_5\\_Scientific\\_Computing\\_Languages.pdf](https://www.sas.upenn.edu/~jesusfv/Lecture_HPC_5_Scientific_Computing_Languages.pdf)

## A baby example

- A basic RBC model:

$$\max \mathbb{E}_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \log c_t$$

$$\text{s.t. } c_t + k_{t+1} = e^{z_t} k_t^\alpha + (1 - \delta) k_t, \forall t > 0$$

$$z_t = \rho z_{t-1} + \sigma \varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

- If  $\delta = 1$ , by “guess and verify”:

$$c_t = (1 - \alpha\beta) e^{z_t} k_t^\alpha$$

$$k_{t+1} = \alpha\beta e^{z_t} k_t^\alpha$$

- Calibration:

Parameter	$\beta$	$\alpha$	$\rho$	$\sigma$
Value	0.95	1/3	0.95	0.007

Table 1: Average and Relative Run Time (Seconds)

Language	Mac		
	Version/Compiler	Time	Rel. Time
C++	Clang 12.0	1.1	1.00
Fortran	GCC 11.2	1.21	1.10
Java	9	2.20	2.00
Julia	1.6	2.11	1.92
	1.6, fast	1.98	1.60
Matlab	2021a	3.82	3.47
Python	CPython 3.9.7	184.49	167.71
R	4.1.1	44.11	40.10
Mathematica	12.0.0, base	1080.91	982.65
Matlab, Mex	2021a	2.01	1.82
Rcpp	4.1.1	3.30	2.66
Python	Numba	1.99	1.81
	Cython	1.75	1.41
Mathematica	12.0.0, idiomatic	4.85	4.41

# Conclusions

## Computing Languages for Open Science

- Still Python (GPL) & R (DSL) seem to be good options.
- Non-CS scientists would prefer math-oriented DSLs like R, MATLAB, Julia.
- **Julia** looks very interesting (e.g., UTF-8 for any names: 😊(a,b) = a^b; π₀|=pi; 😊(π₀|,3); built-in functions for math operations like MATLAB), but it is still also very immature yet.
- MATLAB is so expensive... so use it when you can ! (like Macs and Adobe Creative Suites).
- Transparency may be still achieved using cloud-based platforms like CodeOcean.

Take home message:

**"Why switch, when you  
can be a multilingual?"**

