Dive into Scientific Python

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Who I am



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Why Python?

for scientific computing...

I used Matlab. Now I use Python. by Steve Tjoa Why use Python for scientific computing?

Python is Free

Gratis: Free as in Beer

- MATLAB is expensive (as of Feb 2017)
 - Individuals: \$2,350
 - Academia: \$550
 - Personal: \$85
 - Student: \$29-55
 - Batteries (toolboxes...) not included
- Python is totally free

Batteries included (NumPy, SciPy...)

• R is also free

Libre: Free as in Speech

- MATLAB source code is **closed** and proprietary
 - You cannot see the code
 - You cannot change the code
 - You can participate in the discussion as a client
- Python source code is **open**
 - You can see, you can change, you can contribute code and documentation (<u>python</u>, <u>numpy</u>)
 - You can participate in the discussion as a **peer** (<u>python</u>, <u>numpy</u>)
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Python is a general-purpose language

R and MATLAB are used primarily for scientific computing

Python is used for:

- Scientific computing
- Enterprise software
- Web design
- Back-end
- Front-end
- Everything in between

Python is used at

Google, Rackspace, Microsoft, Intel, Walt Disney, MailChimp, twilio, Bank of America, Facebook, Instagram, HP, Linkedin, Elastic, Mozilla, YouTube, ILM, Thawte, CERN, Yahoo!, NASA, Trac, Civilization IV, reddit, LucasFilms, D-Link, Phillips, AstraZeneca, KLA-Tencor, **Nerua**

https://us.pycon.org/2016/sponsors/ https://www.python.org/about/quotes/ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Python_%28programming_language%29#Use https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Python_software https://www.python.org/about/success/

Python is portable

More or less same code runs on Windows, Linux, macOS, and any platform with a Python interpreter

Python for "other" platforms

Python syntax is beautiful

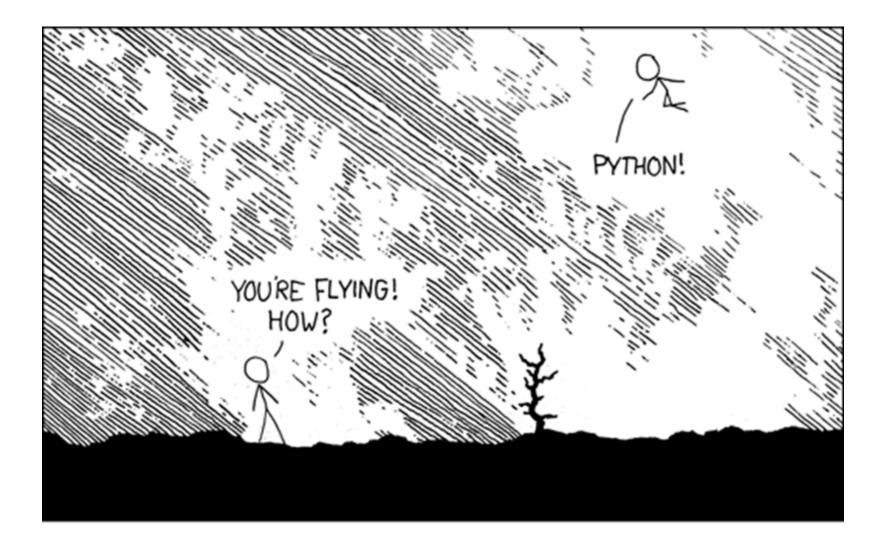
Although beauty is in the eyes of the beholder

Python is inherently objectoriented

Almost everything is an object

Python is high level, easy to learn, and fast to develop

So is MATLAB, Ruby, R...



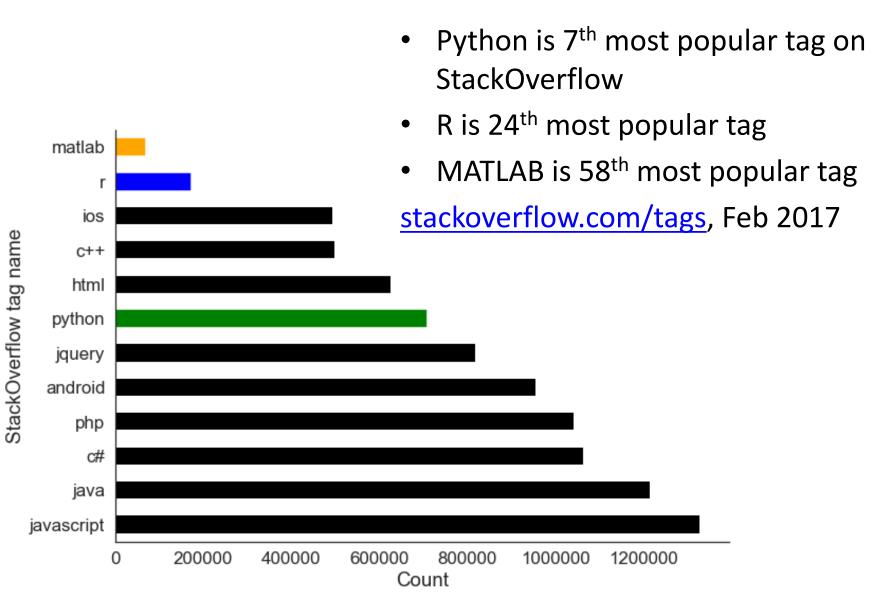
Python is fast enough

Written in C Easy to wrap more C Easy to parallelize



Benchmark Game | NumFocus Benchmarks

Python is popular and has a great community



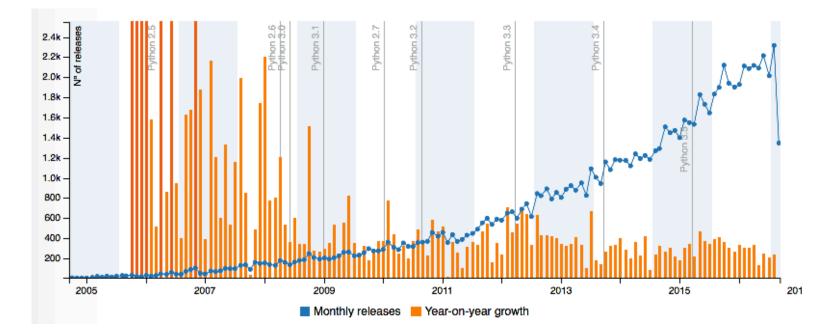
Popularity

Active community

- 3rd most active repositories on *GitHub* after Java (incl. Android) and JavaScript (incl. node.js)
- ~4.8-fold more than R (12th)
- ~27-fold more than MATLAB (24th)
- As of Feb 2017
- See breakdown at <u>githut</u>

Python has a lot of great libraries

Many new libraries released every month



During 2016 >2,000 new packages released <u>every month</u>. See more stats at <u>PyGarden/stats</u>.

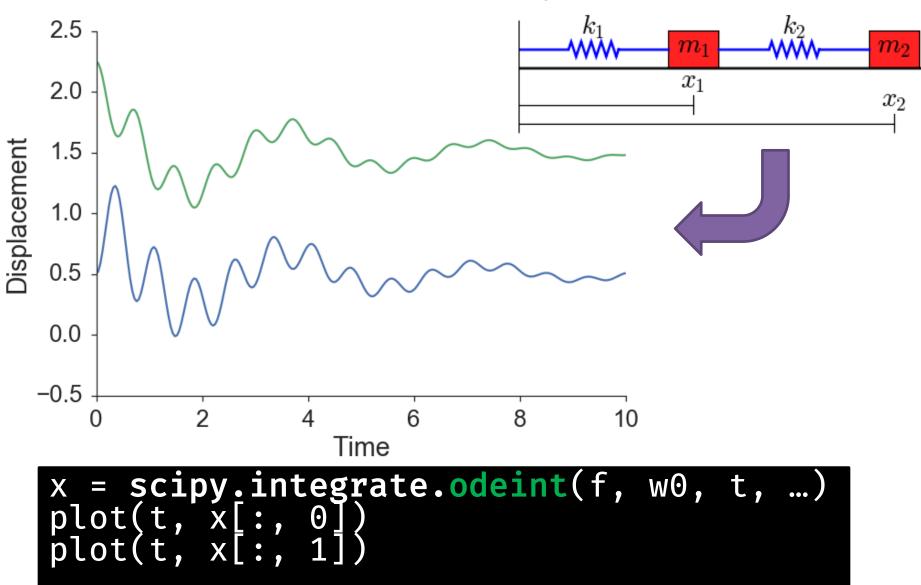
Python can do nearly everything MATLAB and R can do

With libraries like NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, IPython/Jupyter,

Scikit-image, Scikit-learn, and more



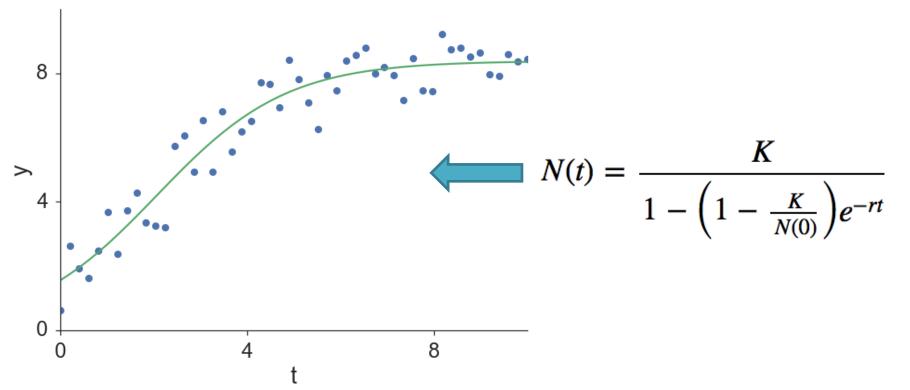
Differential equations



Model fitting

params, cov = scipy.optimize.curve_fit(
 f=logistic, xdata=t, ydata=y, p0=(1, 10, 1))

N0=1.512, K=8.462, r=0.758



Optimization

res = scipy.optimize.minimize_scalar(f, method="bounded", bounds=[8, 16])

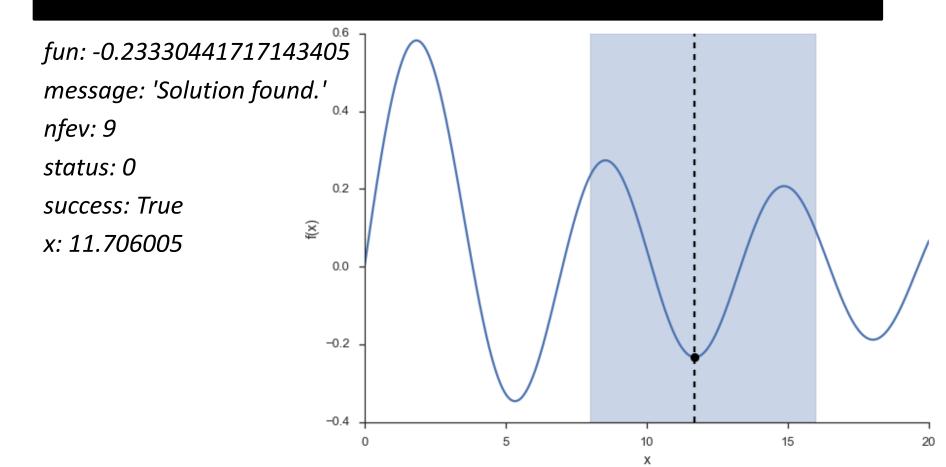
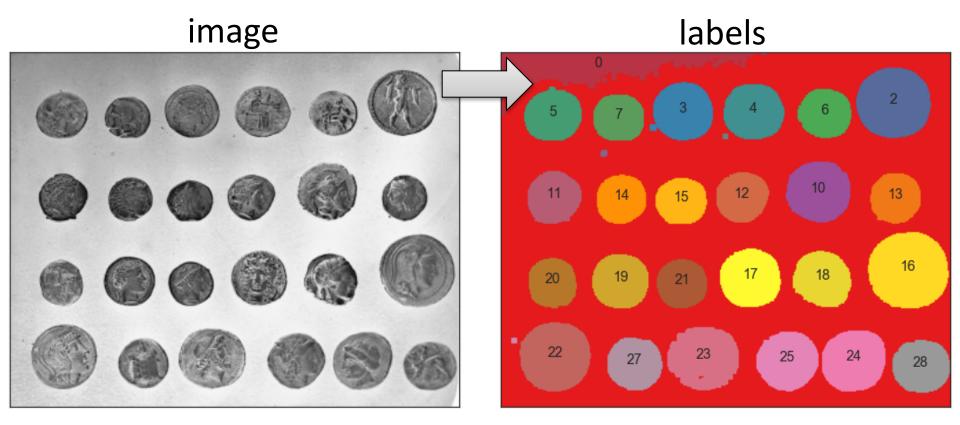


Image analysis

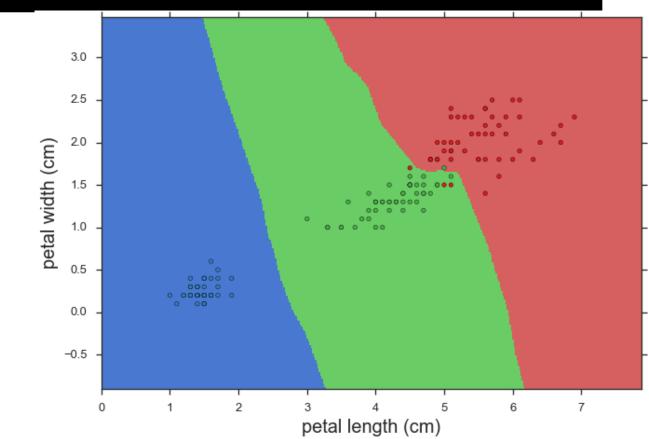
segmented = image > threshold
dilated = scipy.ndimage.generic_filter(segmented, max)
labels = skimage.measure.label(dilated)



Machine learning

knn = sklearn.neighbors.KNeighborsClassifier()
knn.fit(X_train, y_train)
knn.predict(X_test)

Accuracy: 0.9



Deep learning

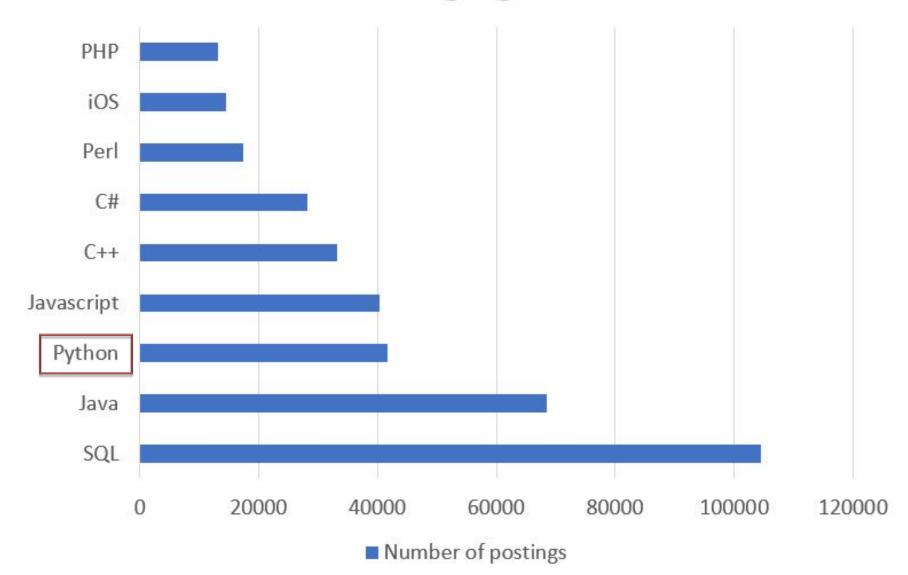
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with tensorflow.Session() as s:
    readout = s.graph.get_tensor_by_name('softmax:0')
    predictions = s.run(readout, {'Image': image_data})
pred_id = predictions.argmax()
Label = node_lookup.id_to_string(pred_id)
score = predictions[pred_id]
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basketball (score = 0.98201)

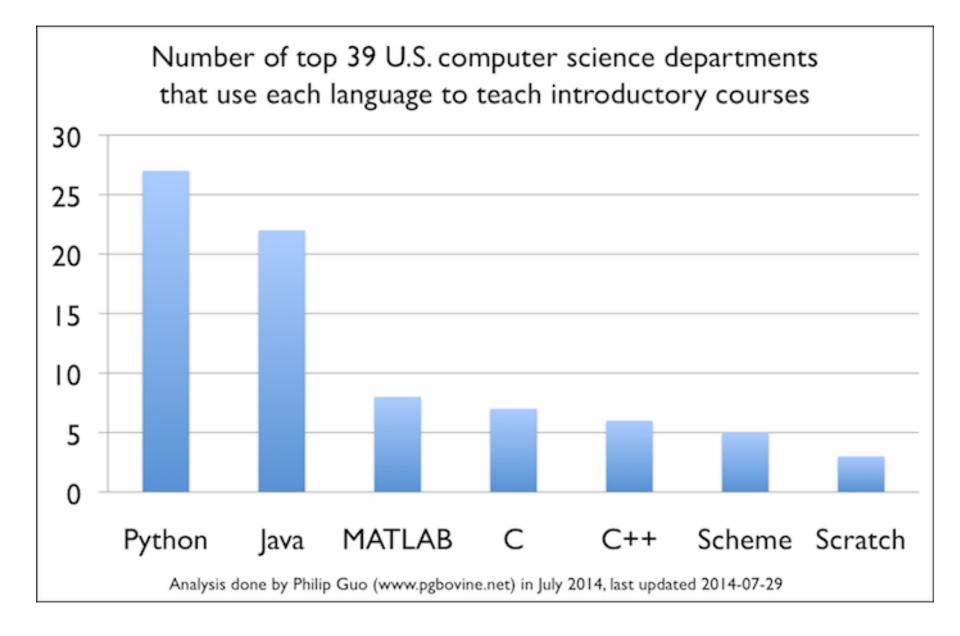


Demand & supply of Python programmers is high

Number of Indeed Job Postings by Programming Language (Feb 2, 2017)



Coding Dojo



Phillip Gou @ CACM

First language at Israeli universities

- TAU: CS & Engineering use Python
- Technion: CS use C, some courses in Python
- HUJI: CS & Humanities, use Python
- BGU: CS use Java, Engineering use C

History of Python

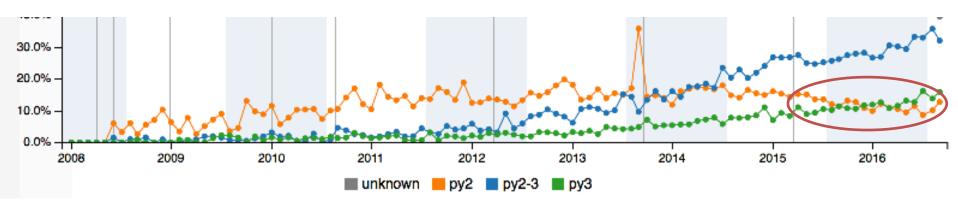
- Developed in 1989-91 by Guido van Rossum in the Netherlands
- Python 2.0 released Oct 2000 (support ends 2020)
- Python 3.0 released Dec 2008
- Python 3.6 released Dec 2016
- Python 3 is **widely used**



2 vs 3

If you use Python 2.x:

- 2012 called, they want their *print* back
- Seriously, consider moving to 3.x ASAP
- But at least 3.4
- See <u>www.python3statement.org</u>



http://pygarden.com/stats

Scientific Python in action: Theoretical Evolution



Photo by Rob Schreckhise

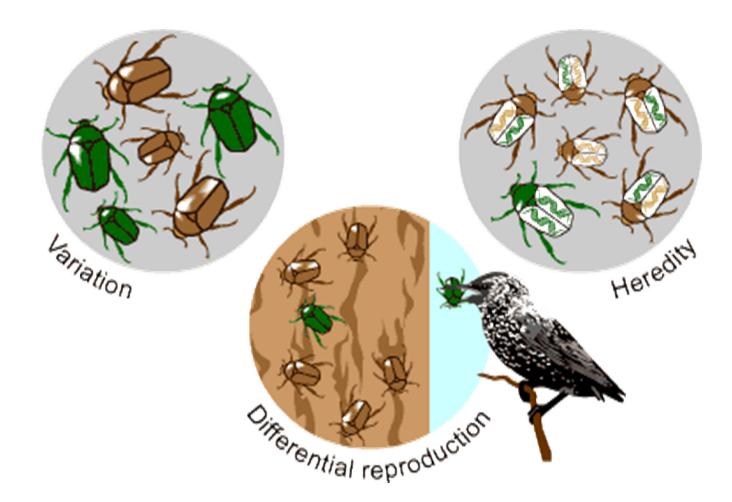
Scientific Python in action: Theoretical Evolution

- Formally this field is Population Genetics
- Study changes in frequency of gene variants within populations
- Focus on two forces:
 - -Natural selection

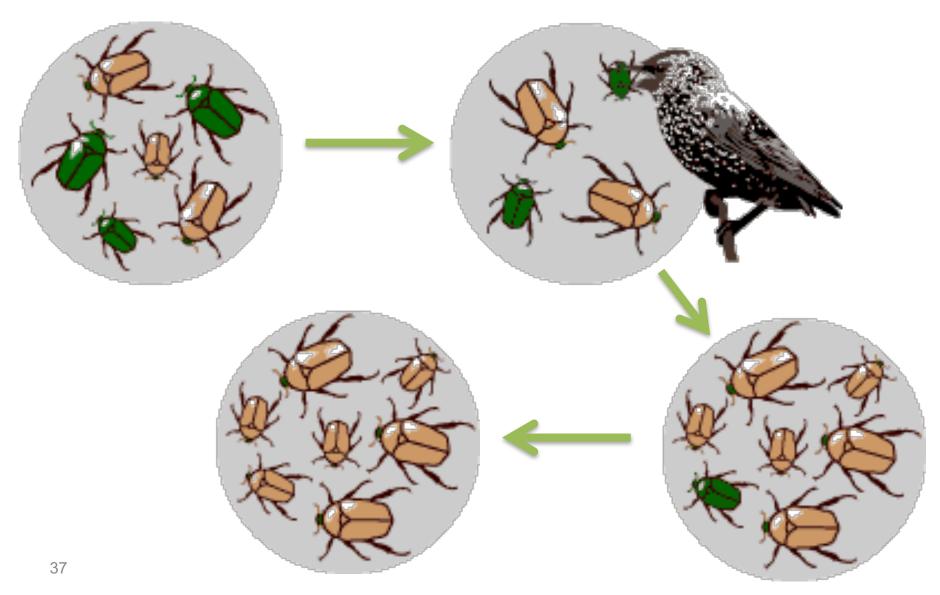
Random genetic drift

 Methods from applied math, statistics, CS, theoretical physics

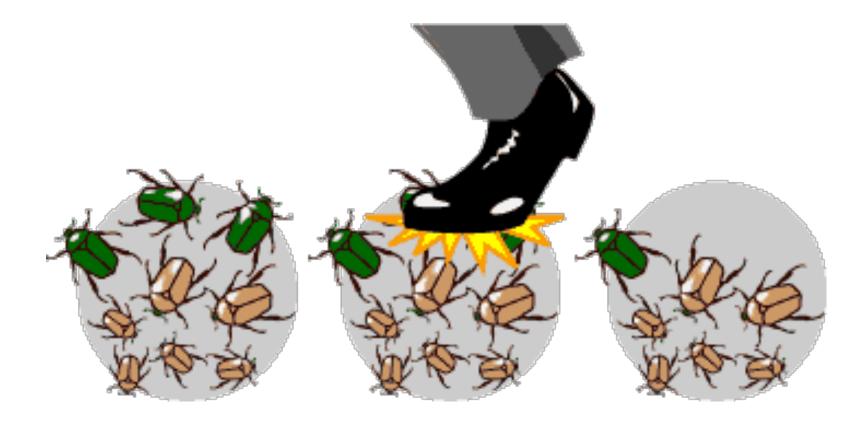
Evolution



University of California Museum of Paleontology <u>Understanding Evolution</u>



Random Genetic Drift



Standard model for change in frequency of gene variants



R.A. Fisher 1890-1962 UK & Australia



Sewall Wright 1889-1988 USA

Standard model for change in frequency of gene variants

Two gene variants: **0** and **1**. Number of individuals with each variant is \mathbf{n}_0 and \mathbf{n}_1 . Total population size is $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{n}_0 + \mathbf{n}_1$. Frequency of each variant is $\mathbf{p}_0 = \mathbf{n}_0 / \mathbf{N}$ and $\mathbf{p}_1 = \mathbf{n}_1 / \mathbf{N}$.

Assume that variant **1** is **favored by selection** due to better survival or reproduction.

The frequency of variant **1** after the effect of selection natural (\mathbf{p}_1) is:

$$p_1 = \frac{n_1 \cdot (1+s)}{n_0 + n_1 \cdot (1+s)}$$

s is a selection coefficient, representing how much variant1 is favored over variant 0.

Random genetic drift accounts for the effect of **random sampling**.

Due to genetic drift, the number of individuals with variant **1** in the next generation $(\mathbf{n'}_1)$ is:

 $n'_1 \sim Binomial(N, p_1)$

The **Binomial distribution** is the distribution of the number of successes in N independent trials with probability of success p_1 .

Fixation Probability

Assume a single copy variant **1** in a population of size **N**.

What is the probability that variant **1** will take over the population rather than go extinct?

NumPy

The fundamental package for **scientific computing with Python**:

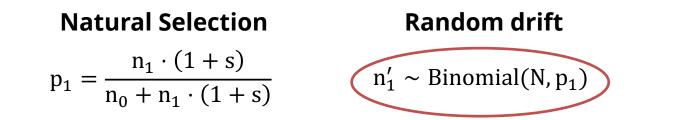
- N-dimensional arrays
- Random number generators
- Array functions
- Broadcasting
- Tools for integrating C/C++ and Fortran code
- Linear algebra
- Fourier transform

numpy.org

Into the code

N II) N

Death to the Stock Photo



from numpy.random import binomial
n1 = 1
Import a binomial random
number generator from
NumPy

while 0 < **n1** < N:

n0 = N - **n1**

p1 = **n1***(1+s) / (n0 + **n1***(1+s))

n1 = binomial(N, p1)

Random drift

 $p_1 = \frac{n_1 \cdot (1+s)}{n_0 + n_1 \cdot (1+s)} \qquad \qquad n_1' \sim \text{Binomial}(N, p_1)$

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Until number of individuals
with variant 1 is 0 or N:
extinction or fixation

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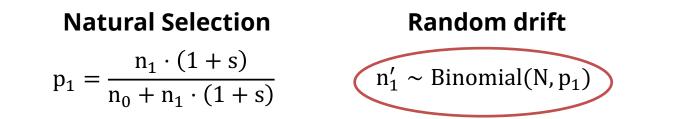
(n -	$n_1 \cdot (1+s)$
p ₁ –	$\overline{\mathbf{n}_0 + \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot (1+s)}$

Random drift

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after selection is p1

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n1 = 1
Fixation: n1 equals N
Extinction: n1 equals 0

while 0 < n1 < N: n0 = N - n1 p1 = n1*(1+s) / (n0 + n1*(1+s)) n1 = binomial(N, p1)

NumPy vs. Pure Python

NumPy is useful for random number generation:

n1 = binomial(N, p1)

Pure Python version would replace this with:
 from random import random
 rands = (random() for _ in range(N))
 n1 = sum(1
 for r in rands
 if r < p1)</pre>

random is a standard library module

NumPy vs. Pure Python

%timeit simulation(N=1000, s=0.1)
%timeit simulation(N=1000000, s=0.01)

Pure Python version:

100 loops, best of 3: **6.42 ms** per loop 1 loop, best of 3: **528 ms** per loop

NumPy version:

10000 loops, best of 3: **150 μs** per loop **x42 faster** 1000 loops, best of 3: **313 μs** per loop

x1680 faster!

Can we do it better faster?

Photo by Malene Thyssen



- Optimizing compiler
- Declare the **static type** of variables
- Makes writing C extensions for Python as easy as Python itself
- Foreign function interface for invoking C/C++ routines

http://cython.org



return n1 == N



%timeit simulation(N=1000, s=0.1) %timeit simulation(N=1000000, s=0.01)

Cython vs. NumPy:

10000 loops, best of 3: **87.8 μs** per loop **x2 faster** 10000 loops, best of 3: **177 μs** per loop **x1.75 faster**

To approximate the fixation probability we need to run **many simulations**. Thousands.

In principle, the standard error of our approximation decreases with the square root of the number of simulations: SEM $\sim 1/\sqrt{m}$ Death to the Stock Photo

Multiple simulations: for loop fixations = [simulation(N, s) for _ in range(1000)

Multiple simulations: for loop fixations = [simulation(N, s) for _ in range(1000) fixations [False, True, False, ..., False, False] sum(fixations) / len(fixations) 0.195

Multiple simulations: for loop %%timeit fixations = [simulation(N, s) for _ in range(1000)

1 loop, best of 3: **8.05 S** per loop

def simulation(N, s, repetitions):

n1 = np.ones(repetitions)

update = np.array([True] * repetitions)

while update.any():
 p1 = n1 * (1 + s) / (N + n1 * s)
 n1[update] = binomial(N, p1[update])
 update = (n1 > 0) & (n1 < N)</pre>

return **n1** == N Initialize multiple simulations

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return n1 == N

Genetic drift: p1 is an array so binomial(N, p1) draws from multiple distributions

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update **follows the simulations that didn't finish yet**

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return n1 == N result is array of Booleans: for each simulation, did variant 1 fix?

%timeit simulation(N=1000, s=0.1)
10 loops, best of 3: 25.2 ms per loop

x320 faster

Fixation probability as a function of N

N must be an **integer** for this to evaluate to **True**: (n1 > 0) & (n1 < N)

Fixation probability as a function of N fixations = [simulation(Ν, S, repetitions) for N in Nrange

Fixation probability as a function of N

fixations = np.array(fixations)
fixations

array([[False, False, ..., False, False],
 [False, True, ..., False, False],
 , ...,
 [False, False, ..., True, False],
 [False, False, ..., False, False]],
 dtype=bool)

Fixation probability as a function of N

fixations = np.array(fixations)

- mean = fixations.mean(axis=1)
- sem = fixations.std(

) / np.sqrt(repetitions)

Approximation

Kimura's equation:

$$\frac{e^{-2s} - 1}{e^{-2Ns} - 1}$$



Motoo Kimura 1924-1994 Japan & USA

expm1(x) is $e^{x}-1$ with better precision for small values of x

kimura works on arrays out-of-the-box

%timeit [kimura(N=N, s=s)

for N in Nrange] %timeit kimura(N=Nrange, s=s)

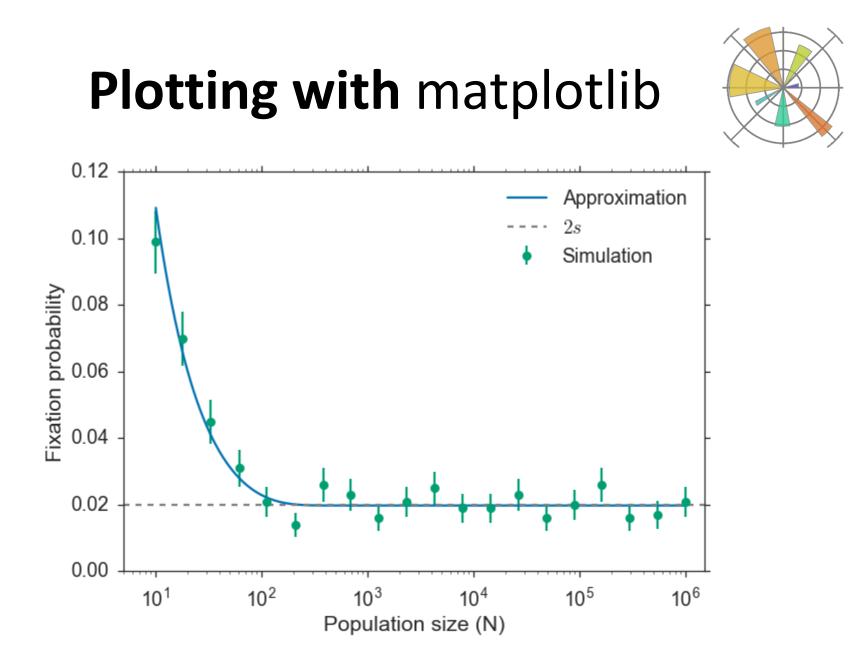
1 loop, best of 3: **752 ms** per loop 1000 loops, best of 3: **3.91 ms** per loop **X200 faster!**

Numexpr

Fast evaluation of element-wise array expressions using a vector-based virtual machine

def kimura(N, s):
 return numexpr.evaluate(
 "expm1(-2 * s) /
 expm1(-2 * N * s)")

%timeit kimura(N=Nrange, s=s)
1000 loops, best of 3: 803 μs per loop x5 faster



http://matplotlib.org

Fixation time

How much time does it take variant 1 to go extinct or to fix?

We want to keep track of time*

time is measured in number of generations

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Prim_clockwork.jpg

def simulation(N, s, repetitions):
 n1 = np.ones(repetitions)
 T = np.empty_like(n1)
 update = (n1 > 0) & (n1 < N)
 t = 0
 t keeps track of time</pre>

while update.any():

t += 1
p = n1 * (1 + s) / (N + n1 * s)
n1[update] = binomial(N, p[update])
T[update] = t
update = (n1 > 0) & (n1 < N)</pre>

return n1 == N, T

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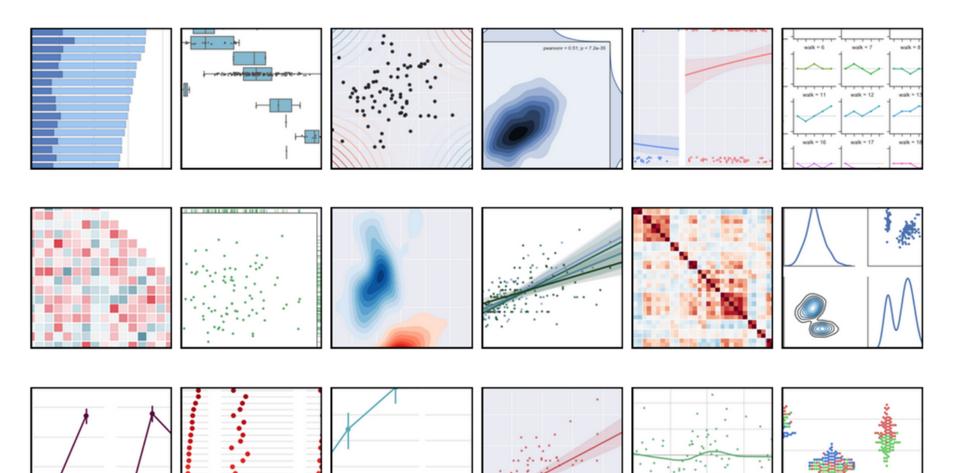
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Statistical data visualization with Seaborn

- Visualization library based on matplotlib and Pandas
- High-level interface for attractive statistical graphics

By Michael Waskom, postdoc at NYU http://seaborn.pydata.org

Statistical data visualization with Seaborn





from **seaborn** import **distplot**

fixations, times = simulation(...)

distplot(times[fixations])

distplot(times[~fixations])

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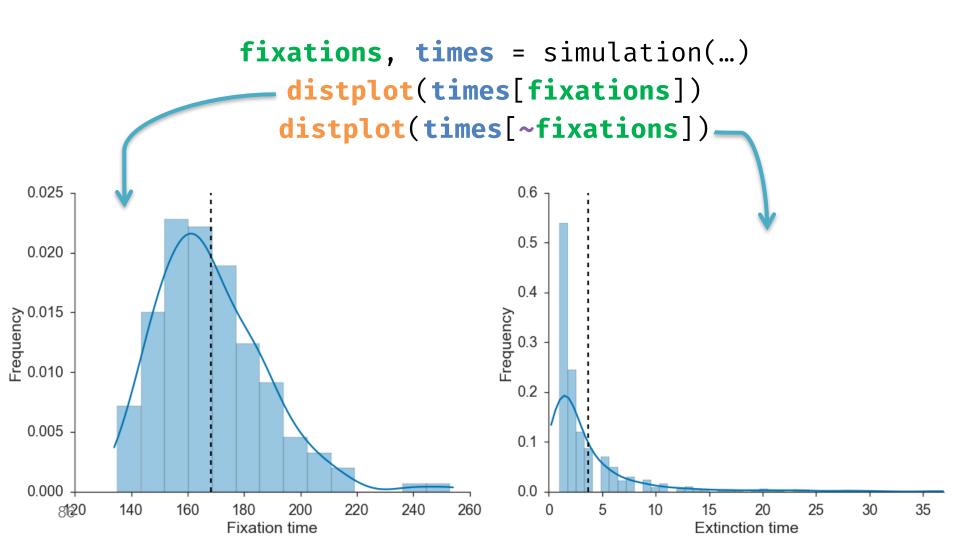
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Diffusion equation approximation

$$\begin{split} I_1(x) &= \frac{1 - e^{-2Nsx} - e^{-2Ns(1-x)} + e^{-2Ns}}{x(1-x)} \\ I_2(x) &= \frac{(e^{2Nsx} - 1)(1 - e^{-2Ns(1-x)})}{x(1-x)} \\ J_1 &= \frac{1}{s(1 - e^{-2Ns})} \int_x^1 I_1(y) dy \\ J_2 &= \frac{1}{s(1 - e^{-2Ns})} \int_0^x I_2(y) dt \\ u &= \frac{1 - e^{-2Nsx}}{1 - e^{-2Ns}} \\ T_{fix} &= J1 + \frac{1 - u}{u} J_2 \end{split}$$



Motoo Kimura 1924-1994 Japan & USA

Diffusion equation approximation

$$I_{1}(x) = \frac{1 - e^{-2Nsx} - e^{-2Ns(1-x)} + e^{-2Ns}}{x(1-x)}$$

$$I_{2}(x) = \frac{(e^{2Nsx} - 1)(1 - e^{-2Ns(1-x)})}{x(1-x)}$$

$$J_{1} = \frac{1}{s(1 - e^{-2Ns})} \int_{x}^{1} I_{1}(y) dy$$

$$J_{2} = \frac{1}{s(1 - e^{-2Ns})} \int_{0}^{x} I_{2}(y) dt$$

$$u = \frac{1 - e^{-2Nsx}}{1 - e^{-2Ns}}$$

$$T_{fix} = J1 + \frac{1 - u}{u} J_{2}$$
Requires integration...

Motoo Kimura 1924-1994 Japan & USA from functools import partial
from scipy.integrate import quad

def integral(f, N, s, a, b): f = partial(f, N, s) return quad(f, a, b)[0]

integral will calculate $\int_a^b f(N, s, x) dx$

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partial freezes N and s
in f(N, s, x) to create f(x)

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 return quad(f, a, b)[0]

SciPy's quad computes a definite integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ (using a technique from the Fortran library QUADPACK)

def **I1**(N, s, x):
$$I_{1}(x) = \frac{1 - e^{-2Nsx} - e^{-2Ns(1-x)} + e^{-2Ns(1-x)}}{x(1-x)}$$
$$I_{2}(x) = \frac{(e^{2Nsx} - 1)(1 - e^{-2Ns(1-x)})}{x(1-x)}$$
$$J_{1} = \frac{1}{s(1 - e^{-2Ns})} \int_{0}^{1} I_{1}(y) dy$$
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$$u = \frac{1 - e^{-2Ns}}{1 - e^{-2Ns}}$$
$$T_{fix} = J1 + \frac{1 - u}{u} J_{2}$$

I1 and I2 are defined according to the equations

anp.vectorize

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def T_kimura(N, s):

x = 1.0 / N

- J1 = -1.0 / (s * expm1(-2 * N * s)) *
 integral(I1, N, s, x, 1)
- J2 = -1.0 / (s * expm1(-2 * N *s)) *
 integral(I2, N, s, 0, x)
- u = expm1(-2 * N * s * x) /
 expm1(-2 * N * s)

return **J1 + ((1 - u) / u) *** J2

T_kimura is the fixation time given a single copy of variant 1: frequency x=1/N

anp.vectorize

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J1 and J2 are calculated using integrals of I1 and I2

anp.vectorize

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 expm1(-2 * N * s)

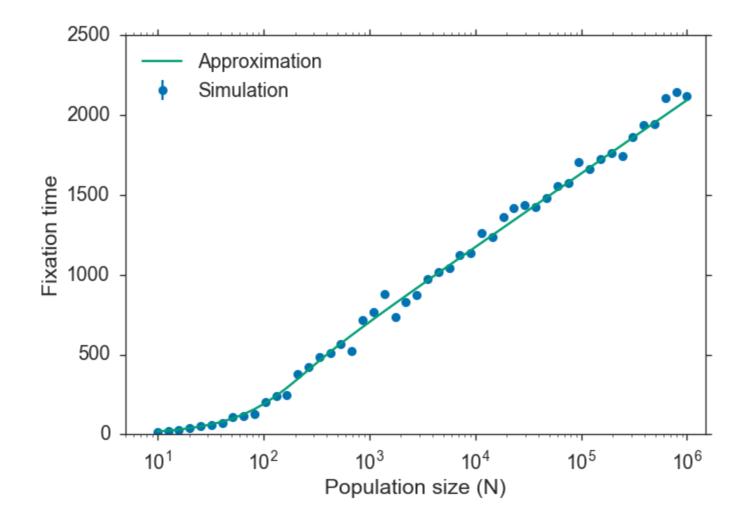
return **J1** + ((1 - **u**) / **u**) * J2

T_{fix} is the return value

@np.vectorize def T_kimura(N, s): x = 1.0 / NJ1 = -1.0 / (s * expm1(-2 * N * s)) ***integral**(**I1**, N, s, x, 1) **J2** = -1.0 / (s * expm1(-2 * N *s)) * integral(I2, N, s, 0, x)u = expm1(-2 * N * s * x) /expm1(-2 * N * s)

return **J1 + ((1 - u) / u) *** J2

np.vectorize creates a function that takes a
 sequence and returns an array - x2 faster



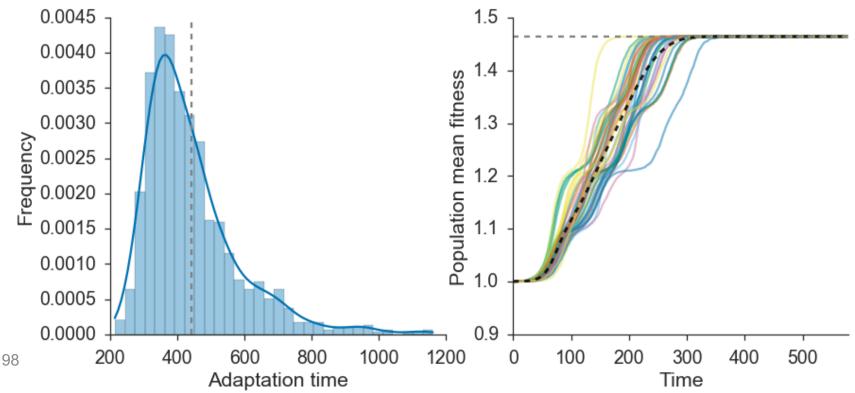
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Multi-type simulation:

Includes L variants, with mutation.

Follow \mathbf{n}_0 , \mathbf{n}_1 , ..., \mathbf{n}_L until $\mathbf{n}_L = \mathbf{N}$.



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- <u>Numba</u>: JIT compiler, array-oriented and math-heavy Python syntax to machine code
- <u>IPyParallel</u>: IPython's sophisticated and powerful architecture for **parallel** and **distributed computing**.
- <u>IPyWidgets</u>: **Interactive HTML Widgets** for Jupyter notebooks and the IPython kernel

Thank You!

Presentation & Jupyter notebook:

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