

An introduction to python programming

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What is python?



Multi-paradigm language:

Structured, object oriented & functional styles are all supported.

- Paradigms is not enforced by language
- Clean syntax
- Highly extensible: small core, large standard lib

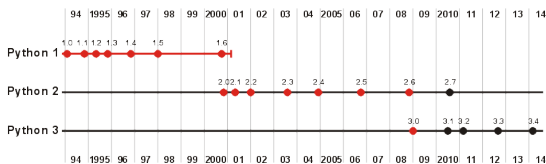
<https://www.python.org>

Why should I learn python if I know ***?

- Easy to learn
- Big community of developers
- Huge library
- Excellent science support!!
- Quick development turnaround
- Plot with python libraries is nice and easy
- Open source license

A little of History

- Main development started 1989
- Author Guido van Rossum (if you want to follow him @gvanrossum)



Zen of Python, by Tim Peters

- Beautiful is better than ugly.
- Explicit is better than implicit.
- Simple is better than complex.
- Complex is better than complicated.
- Readability counts.
- If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea.

To start:

- Install the Python interpreter on your computer. (Linux distributions also frequently include Python and it is readily upgraded.)

- Call interpreter:

```
python
```

- It has an interactive mode to introduce instructions one by one and see the result.

```
1 >>> 1 + 1
2 2
3 >>> a = range(10)
4 >>> print a
5 [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

- In a statically typed language, every variable name is bound both
 - to a type (at compile time, by means of a data declaration) to an object.
 - to an object.
- In a dynamically typed language, every variable name is (unless it is null) bound only to an object.

```
1 x = 1
2 x = "text" # dynamic typing :)
```


A list of the most common data types:

Class	Description	Immutable?
bool	Boolean value	✓
int	integer (arbitrary magnitude)	✓
float	floating-point number	✓
list	mutable sequence of objects	
tuple	immutable sequence of objects	✓
str	character string	✓
set	unordered set of distinct objects	
frozenset	immutable form of set class	✓
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In C or C++: use of ; at the end of statements

```
1 if(a>b)
2     foo();
3     bar();
4 baz();
```

In python: indentation level of your statements is significant! Last statement is executed out of the conditional

```
1 if(a>b):
2     foo()
3     bar()
4 baz()
```

Control flow

```
for i in list:  
    baz(i)
```

```
if a>b:  
    foo()  
elif b!=c:  
    bar()  
else:  
    baz()
```

```
while a>b:  
    foo()  
    bar()
```

```
pass
```

```
break  
continue
```

Function definition:

```
1 def function(x,y,z):  
2     x=3*y  
3     return x+y-z
```

Also functions can be pass as values

```
1 def func(x, p1,p2):  
2     return p1*(x)+p2
```

Python Syntax example

In C indentation is optional:

```
1 int factorial(int x)
2 {
3     if (x == 0)
4         return 1;
5     else
6         return x * factorial(x - 1);
7 }
```

In python is mandatory:

```
1 def factorial(x):
2     if x == 0:
3         return 1
4     else:
5         return x * factorial(x - 1)
```

Python Boolean and operators

Math operators:

Name	Function	symbol
+ Addition	Adds values on either side of the operator.	$a + b = 30$
- Subtraction	Subtracts right hand operand from left hand operand.	$a - b = -10$
* Multiplication	Multiplies values on either side of the operator	$a * b = 200$
/ Division	Divides left hand operand by right hand operand	$b / a = 2$
% Modulus	Divides left hand operand by right hand operand and returns remainder	$b \% a = 0$
** Exponent	Performs exponential (power) calculation on operators	$a ** b = 10$ to the power 20

Boolean:

Operation	Result
x or y	if x is false, then y, else x
x and y	if x is false, then x, else y
not x	if x is false, then True, else False

It is possible to use ' or " on string definition

```
1 a= "I am Cecilia"  
2 b= 'I am from Argentina'
```

To print on screen we use the print function:

```
print ('---All righth!!!---')
```


Strings examples

An example:

```
'I ate %d %s today' %(12, 'apples')
```

other example: I ate today.format(12,'apples')

- List

```
1 a=[1, 'apple', 1.2]
```

- Tuple

```
1 a=(1, 'apple', 1.2)
```

- Dict

```
1 a={'name': 'Giovanni', 'age': 42}
```

- Set

```
1 a={1, 'apple', 1.2}
```

- Very useful structure on python
- Index and slice access

```
1 a[0] a[1] a[2:5] a[2:10:2]
```

- Comprehension list

```
1 [x**2 for x in range(1,11)]
```

List Methods

```
list.append(obj)
```

Appends object obj to list

```
list.count(obj)
```

Returns count of how many times obj occurs in list

```
list.extend(seq)
```

Appends the contents of seq to list

```
list.index(obj)
```

Returns the lowest index in list that obj appears

```
list.insert(index, obj)
```

Inserts object obj into list at offset index

List Methods

```
list.pop(obj=list[-1])
```

Removes and returns last object or obj from list

```
list.remove(obj)
```

Removes object obj from list

```
list.reverse()
```

Reverses objects of list in place

Three libraries to work with:

- NumPy:
<http://www.numpy.org/>
- SciPy:
<http://www.scipy.org/>
- Matplotlib:
<http://matplotlib.org/>

All are open source!

Main reason to use python in scientific programming

- NumPy provides functionality to create, delete, manage and operate on large arrays of type “raw” data (like Fortran and C/C++ arrays)
- SciPy extends NumPy with a collection of useful algorithms like minimization, Fourier transforms, regression and many other applied mathematical techniques
- Both packages are add-on packages (not part of the Python standard library) containing Python code and compiled with (fftpack, BLAS)
- Matplotlib is a nice library to plot



NumPy is the fundamental package for scientific computing in Python.

- A powerful N-dimensional array object
- Sophisticated (broadcasting) functions
- Tools for integrating C/C++ and Fortran code
- Useful linear algebra, Fourier transform, and random number capabilities
- Operations on matrices and vectors in NumPy are very efficient because they are linked to compiled in BLAS/LAPACK code



One of the core packages that make up the SciPy stack. SciPy is built on top of NumPy and implements many specialized scientific computation tools:

- Manly user-friendly
- Efficient numerical routines such as routines for numerical integration and optimization.

- Clustering,
- Fourier transforms
- numerical integration, interpolations
- data I/O, LAPACK
- sparse matrices, linear solvers, optimization
- signal processing
- statistical functions



Is a Python 2D plotting library which produces publication quality figures in a variety of hardcopy formats and interactive environments across platforms. Can be used in:

- Python scripts
- The Python and IPython shell
- The jupyter notebook
- Web application servers
- Graphical user interface toolkits

How to start?

It is necessary to import libraries:

```
1 import numpy
2 import scipy
3 import matplotlib.pyplot
```

There are different way to import libraries:

```
1 import numpy
2 import numpy as np
3 from numpy import *
```

I use:

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import scipy
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as pp
```

NumPy functionality:

- Polynomial mathematics
- Statistical computations
- Pseudo random number generators
- Discrete Fourier transforms
- Size / shape / type testing of arrays

There are 5 general mechanisms for creating arrays:

- Conversion from other Python structures (e.g., lists, tuples)
- Intrinsic numpy array creation objects (e.g., arange, ones, zeros, etc.)
- Reading arrays from disk, either from standard or custom formats
- Creating arrays from raw bytes through the use of strings or buffers
- Use of special library functions (e.g., random)

Numpy array examples

(>>> means input)

```
1 import numpy as np
2 >>> x = np.array([2, 3, 1, 0])
3 >>> print x
4 [2 3 1 0]
5
6 >>> np.arange(10)
7 array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
8
9 >>> np.arange(2, 10, dtype=np.float)
10 array([ 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., 9.])
11
12 >>> np.arange(2, 3, 0.1)
13 array([ 2. , 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9])
14
15 >>> np.linspace(1., 4., 6)
16 array([ 1. , 1.6, 2.2, 2.8, 3.4, 4. ])
```

Changing array shape

```
1 >>> a = np.zeros((5, 2))
2 >>> print a
3 [[ 0.  0.]
4  [ 0.  0.]
5  [ 0.  0.]
6  [ 0.  0.]
7  [ 0.  0.]
```

reshape:

```
1 >>> b = a.reshape((2, 5))
2 >>> print b
3 [[ 0.  0.  0.  0.  0.]
4  [ 0.  0.  0.  0.  0.]
```

Array transpose and Fill:

Some routine examples:

```
1 >>> x = np.array([1.,2.,3.,4.])
2 >>> x
3 array([ 1.,  2.,  3.,  4.])
4 >>> x.T
5 array([ 1.,  2.,  3.,  4.])
```

```
1 >>> a = np.array([1, 2])
2 >>> a.fill(0)
3 >>> a
4 array([0, 0])
5 >>> a = np.empty(2)
6 >>> a.fill(1)
7 >>> a
8 array([ 1.,  1.]
```


Some elemental operations with Numpy:

```
1 x = np.array([[1,2],[3,4]], dtype=np.float64)
2 y = np.array([[5,6],[7,8]], dtype=np.float64)
3
4 # Elementwise sum; both produce the array
5
6 >>>print(x + y)
7 >>>print(np.add(x, y))
8 [[ 6.0  8.0]
9  [10.0 12.0]]
10
11 # Elementwise difference; both produce the array
12
13 >>>print(x - y)
14 >>>print(np.subtract(x, y))
15 [[-4.0 -4.0]
16  [-4.0 -4.0]]
```

Some elemental operations with Numpy:

```
1 # Elementwise product; both produce the array
2 >>>print(x * y)
3 >>>print(np.multiply(x, y))
4 [[ 5.0 12.0]
5 [21.0 32.0]]
6
7 # Elementwise division; both produce the array
8 >>>print(x / y)
9 >>>print(np.divide(x, y))
10 [[ 0.2          0.33333333]
11 [ 0.42857143  0.5         ]]
12
13 # Elementwise square root; produces the array
14 >>>print(np.sqrt(x))
15 [[ 1.          1.41421356]
16 [ 1.73205081  2.         ]]
```

More operations with arrays

```
1 x = np.array([[1,2],[3,4]])
2 y = np.array([[5,6],[7,8]])
3
4 v = np.array([9,10])
5 w = np.array([11, 12])
6
7 # Inner product of vectors; both produce 219
8 print(v.dot(w))
9 print(np.dot(v, w))
10
11 # Matrix / vector product; both produce the rank 1 array [29 67]
12 print(x.dot(v))
13 print(np.dot(x, v))
14
15 # Matrix / matrix product; both produce the rank 2 array
16
17 print(x.dot(y))
18 print(np.dot(x, y))
```

On array creation

```
1 a = np.zeros((2,2)) # Create an array of all zeros
2 print(a)           # Prints "[[ 0.  0.]
3                   #           [ 0.  0.]]"
4 b = np.ones((1,2)) # Create an array of all ones
5 print(b)           # Prints "[[ 1.  1.]]"
6 c = np.full((2,2), 7) # Create a constant array
7 print(c)           # Prints "[[ 7.  7.]
8                   #           [ 7.  7.]]"
9 d = np.eye(2)      # Create a 2x2 identity matrix
10 print(d)          # Prints "[[ 1.  0.]
11                  #           [ 0.  1.]]"
12 e = np.random.random((2,2)) # Create an array filled with random values
13 print(e)          # Might print "[[ 0.91940167  0.08143941]
14                  #           [ 0.68744134  0.87236687]]"
```

How to create a data set, plot and save in txt

```
1 from math import *
2 import numpy as np
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as pp
4 #File creation
5 f_out_max = open('tabla.txt', 'w')
6 #data generation
7 x      = np.arange(441)
8 Sin1   = 1*np.sin(2*pi*(25/441.0)*x)
9 Sin2   = 0.25*np.sin(2*pi*((25./2)/441.0)*x)
10 Sin    = Sin1+Sin2
11 Vec    = np.c_[x,Sin]
12 #printing
13 print ('Vec: ',Vec.shape)
14 #save in .txt file
15 np.savetxt(f_out_max,Vec,fmt='%f',delimiter='\t',header="x #f(x)")
16 f_out_max.close()
17 #plot figure
18 pp.figure()
19 pp.plot(x*1./44100.,Sin, color='r',label='Sin vs x')
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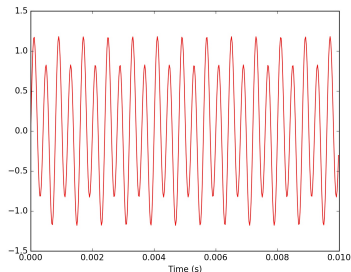
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We obtain:

A basic figure and table in a txt file:



# x	#f(x)
0.000000	0.000000
1.000000	0.392994
2.000000	0.740813
3.000000	1.003819
4.000000	1.152764
5.000000	1.172342
6.000000	1.062998
7.000000	0.840786
8.000000	0.535279
9.000000	0.185801
10.000000	-0.163538
11.000000	-0.469389
12.000000	-0.694586
13.000000	-0.812779
14.000000	-0.811673
15.000000	-0.694499
16.000000	-0.479506
17.000000	-0.197559
18.000000	0.111860 ...

How to open a table in .txt or cvs

A very easy way is using numpy:

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 file_name_you_want      = np.loadtxt(fname,delimiter=" ")
4
5 print "First column element: ",file_name_you_want[0]
6 #to get the full column:
7
8 Transpose_your_file     = file_name_you_want.T
9
10 print "First column: ", Transpose_your_file[0]
```

How to perform a simple Fit and nicely plot it

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12
13 pp.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
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16 pp.xlim(0,4.1)
17 pp.errorbar(t, noisy, fmt = 'ro', yerr = 0.2)
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19 pp.plot(t, fitFunc(t, fitParams[0], fitParams[1], fitParams[2]))
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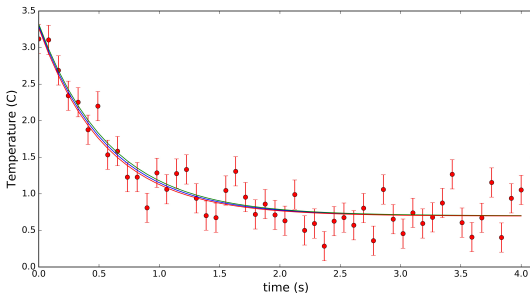
How to perform a simple Fit

We obtain the fit parameters:

```
[ 2.595658  1.74438726  0.69809511]
```

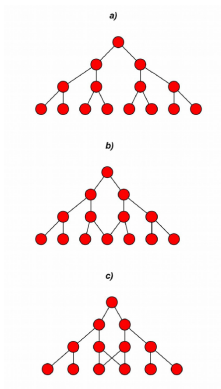
The covariance matrix:

```
[[ 0.02506636  0.01490486 -0.00068609]  
 [ 0.01490486  0.04178044  0.00641246]  
 [-0.00068609  0.00641246  0.00257799]]
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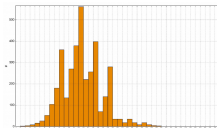


Other more advance kind of plots

```
1 import networkx as nx  
2 import pygraphviz
```

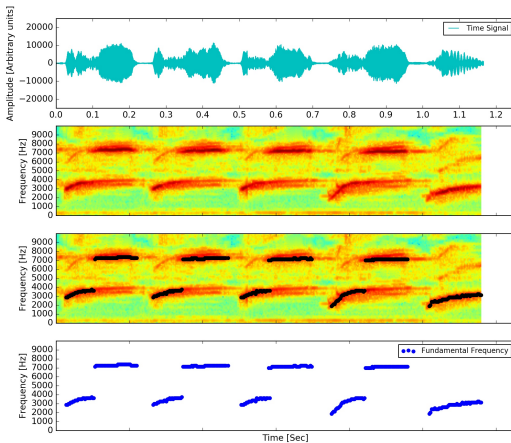


```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as pp  
2 pp.hist([vector, bins=bins])
```



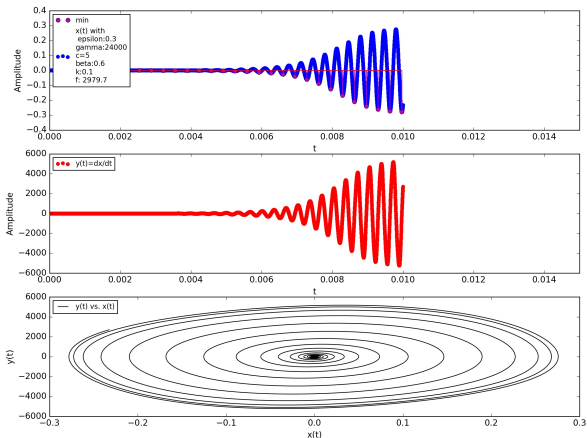
Fourier transform and Spectrograms

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as pp
2 pp.specgram(signal, NFFT=nfft, Fs= sample_rate, noverlap=par, cmap='jet',
  )
```



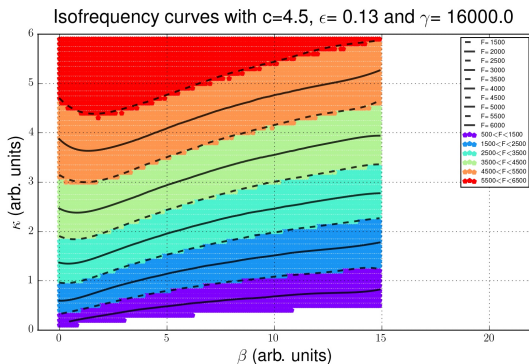
Numerical integration

```
1 from scipy.integrate import odeint
2 dy/dt = func(y, t0, ...)
3 sol = odeint(func, X0, t)
```



Scatter plot of multiple numerical integrations

- Each point represent the value of the parameters in a numerical integration of the previous equation.
- Colors represent frequency regions



- Python is a very versatile language to write scripts or complex programs combining C, or Fortran
- Scientific libraries with a lot of examples
- Possibility of re-use and improve existing code
- A guide of style in:
<https://google.github.io/styleguide/pyguide.html>
- Matplotlib examples: <http://matplotlib.org/gallery.html>

Additional libraries for data analysis

- Scikit learn:
`http://scikit-learn.org`
- Pandas
`http://pandas.pydata.org/`

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