

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMING IN PYTHON

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Get Inspired



A new, a vast, and a powerful language is developed for the future use of analysis, in which to wield its truths so that these may become of more speedy and accurate practical application for the purposes of mankind than the means hitherto in our possession have rendered possible.

- Ada Lovelace

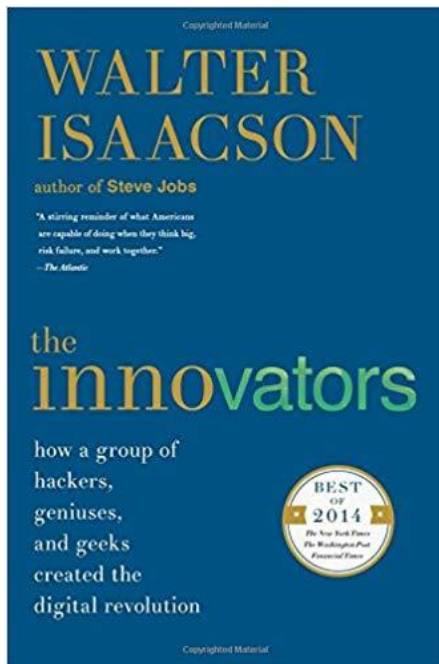


Programming is a skill best acquired by practice and example rather than from books.

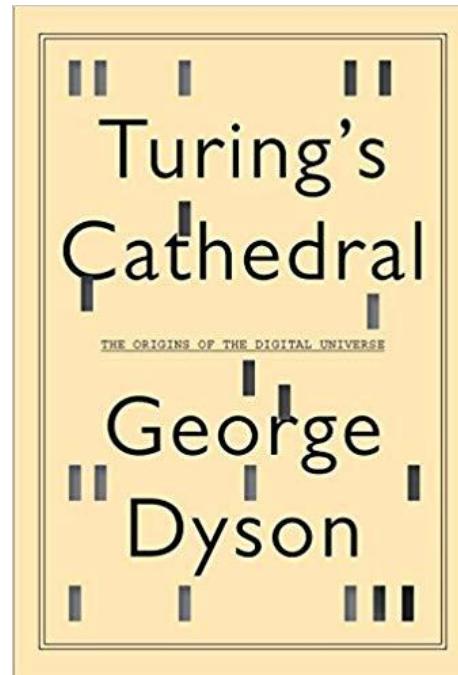
- Alan Turing

Inspirational reading about the history of computing

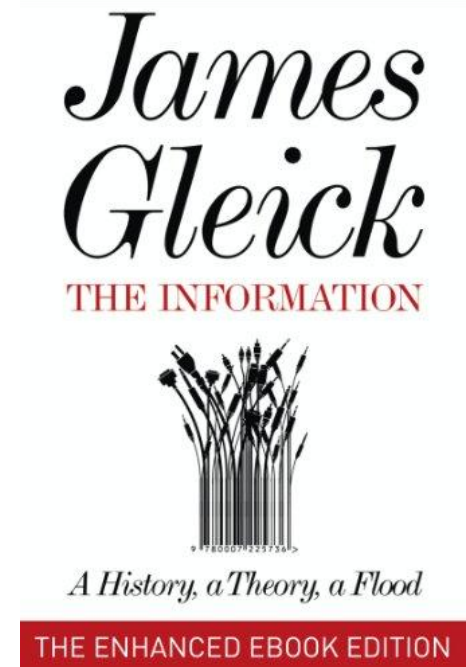
- **The Innovators - Walter Isaacson**
 - about the history of computing, programming, transistors, the internet...



- **Turing's Cathedral - George Dyson**
 - about the first stored memory digital electronic computers and the role of John Von Neumann



- **The Information - James Gleick**
 - about the history of information theory



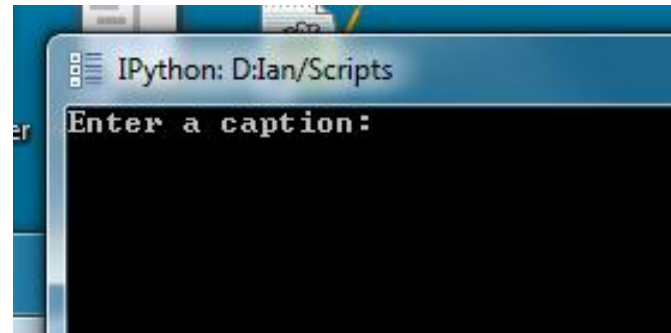
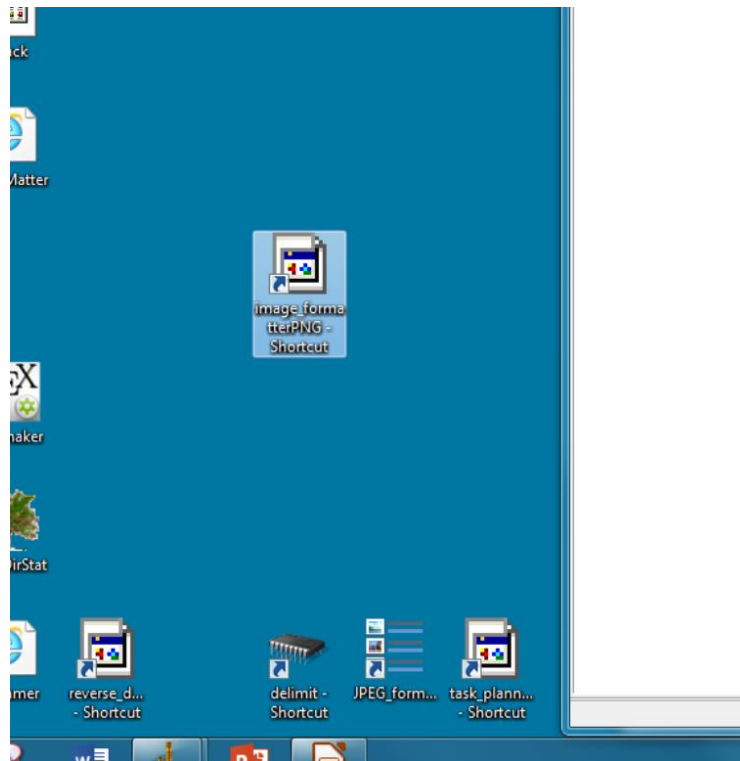
Expectations and Plan for the Course

Some of you...

- are already confident, competent scientific programmers
- have some experience programming but are not confident about it
- know a programming language, but it is not the one we are doing
- have zero experience programming
- **We will...**
 - introduce/remind you of basics concepts in programming today
 - give you some exposure to scientific programming
 - use this basis for learning bioinformatics throughout the rest of the course
- **If you are new to programming**
 - spend extra time on the basics
 - ask us and your peers for help
 - research it independently
- **If you are already advanced**
 - use the tools we give you to experiment on your own
 - help your peers

Uses for programming (specifically Python examples)

- **Scripting / file management**
 - programs that manage files, copying, creating folders, importing data from text files, sorting images....
 - Eliminate or reduce the cost of repetitive tasks



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File history

Click on a date/time to view the file as it appeared at that time.

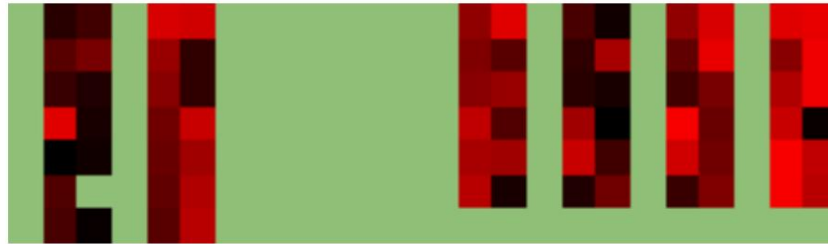
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Uses for programming (specifically Python examples)

- **Make use of other people's code**
 - A seating preference optimizer
 - No executable download or web-based solution
 - Someone coded this algorithm in Python though
 - We can use it so long as we know how to run it

Usage

Code accompanying the [blog post](#).



Quick start

run `$python solve.py` to run the example.

Long start

Data

`seetd_example.xlsx` contains the seating layout (i.e. physical locations of the seats) and the names and team membership of the people.

The seating layout is defined in the tab `seat_map`. Seats to be included should have a unique number while aisles and/or empty seats are left blank. 1 cell counts as 1 unit of distance. To increase distance, simply add more empty cells between seats.

The name/team membership of the people is included in the `names` tab. There are three self-explanatory columns:

`names`: A unique name for each person.

`Teams`: The team that the particular person belongs to. This can be a number or string.

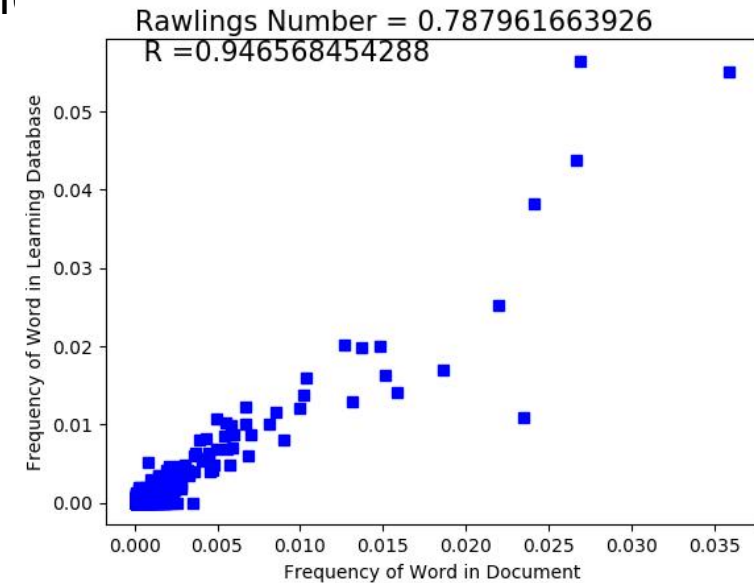
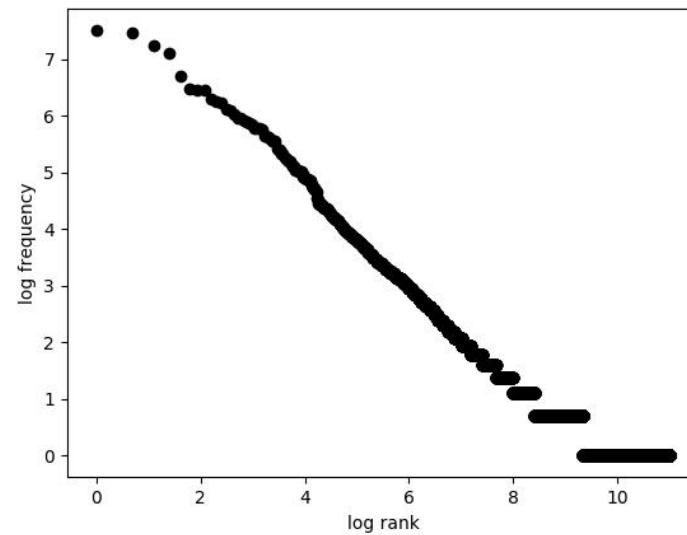
`current_seat`: The current seat that this person is in. If no assignment exists, just assign people randomly. These seat numbers should map to the numbers in `seat_map`.

Solving

Uses for programming (specifically Python examples)

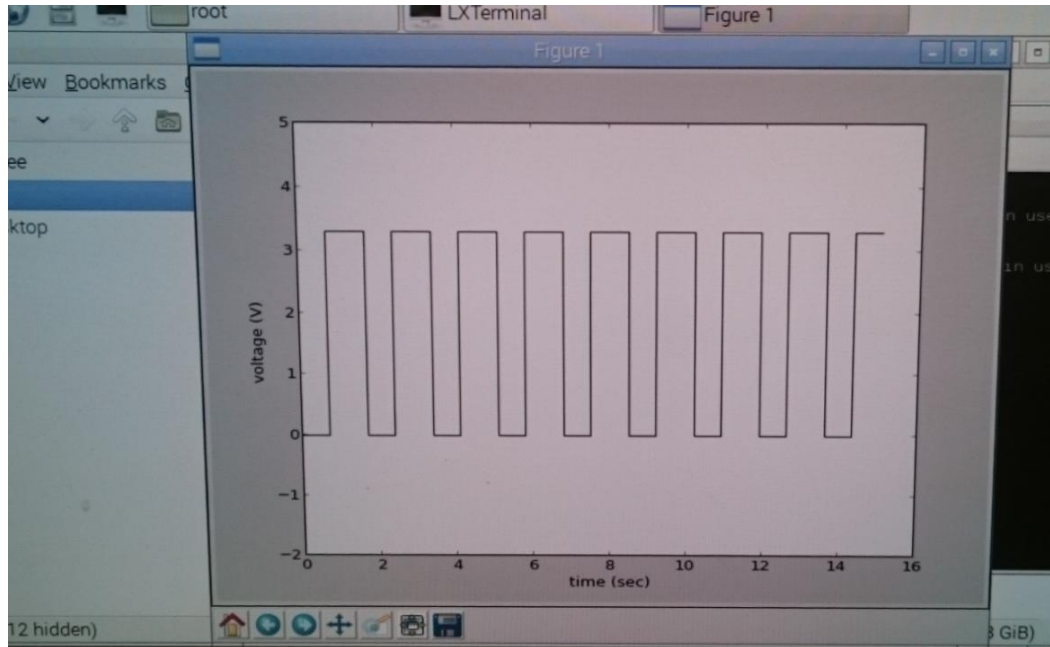
- **Manipulating and searching through text**
 - algorithm parses text and ranks words according to their frequency
 - useful for learning a new language

```
1 och, 8402
2 att, 7059
3 i, 6997
4 för, 5379
5 som, 5243
6 av, 4735
7 en, 3796
8 är, 3541
9 med, 3317
10 på, 3208
11 det, 3164
12 har, 3040
13 till, 2920
14 vid, 2256
15 de, 2105
16 den, 2044
17 -, 1771
18 om, 1770
19 ett, 1758
20 karolinska, 1682
21 kan, 1453
22 ki, 1443
23 institutet, 1346
24 från, 1336
25 vi, 1180
26 inte, 1101
27 säger, 1069
28 forskare, 884
29 men, 865
30 var, 836
31 så, 800
32 han, 798
33 under, 760
34 forskning, 760
35 studien, 694
36 hur, 682
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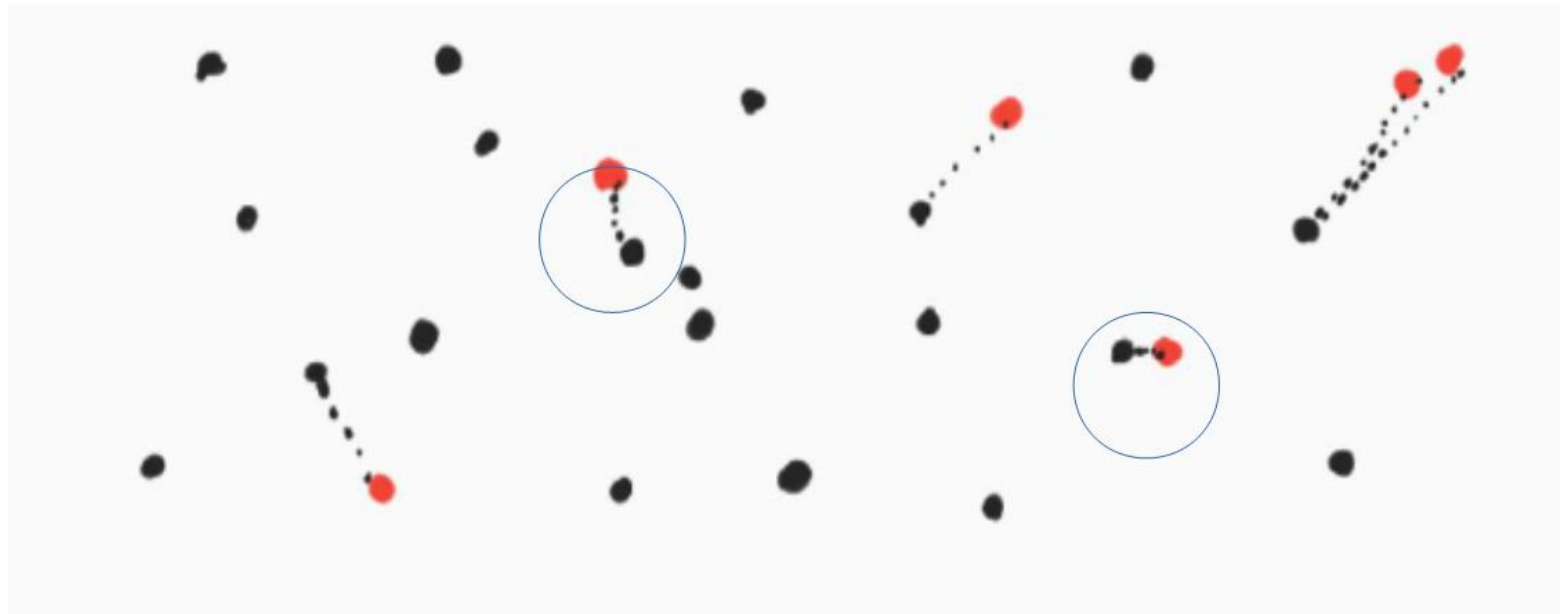
Uses for programming (specifically Python examples)

- **Controlling hardware**
 - an LED that flashes with a desired frequency to stimulate light-sensitive proteins



Uses for programming (specifically Python examples)

- **Simulating things especially when we don't know the math**
 - many scientific questions are easier to simulate than derive an analytical expression for
 - e.g. for a given density of randomly placed red dots and black dots, what is the fraction of pairs that land within distance x of each other?



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Mathematician's approach:
 derive what's known as the nearest neighbor distribution using calculus and probability theory

Imagine the bin of width dr of a histogram, what is its height for the nearest neighbor dist?

$$w(r)dr = \{P \text{ no point within } r\} \{P \text{ point within } r + dr\}$$

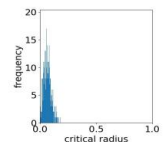
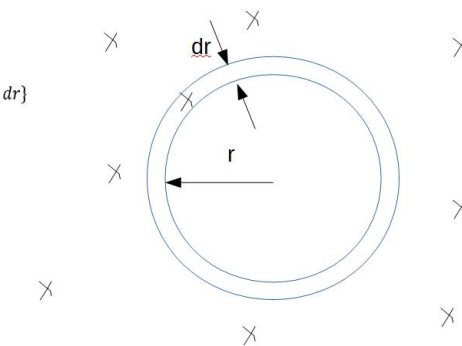
$$P \text{ no point within } r = 1 - \int_0^r w(r)dr$$

$$P \text{ point with } r + dr = 2\pi r dr \lambda$$

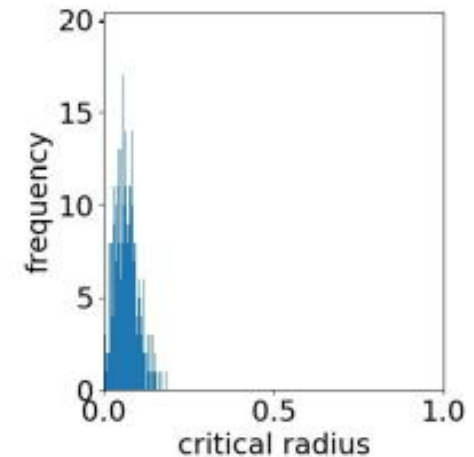
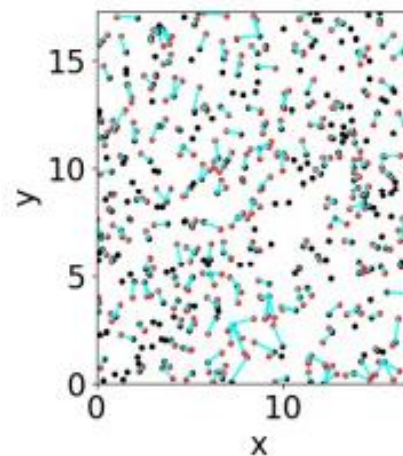
$$w(r)dr = \left(1 - \int_0^r w(r)dr\right) 2\pi r dr \lambda$$

$$w(r) = 2\pi r \lambda e^{-\pi r^2 \lambda}$$

$$CDF = \int_{-\infty}^{r_0} w(r)dr = 1 - e^{-\pi r^2 \lambda}$$



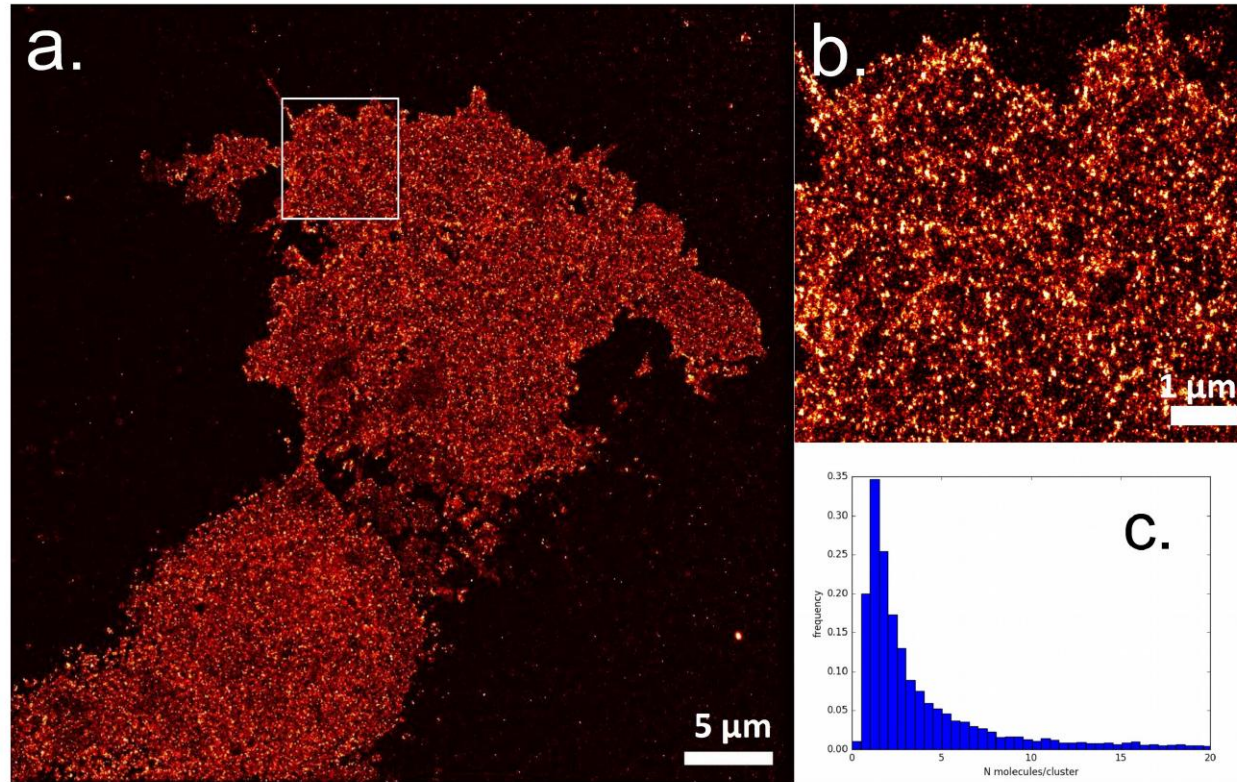
Programmer's approach:
 Generate two sets of coordinates and compute the distances between them



Uses for programming (specifically Python examples)

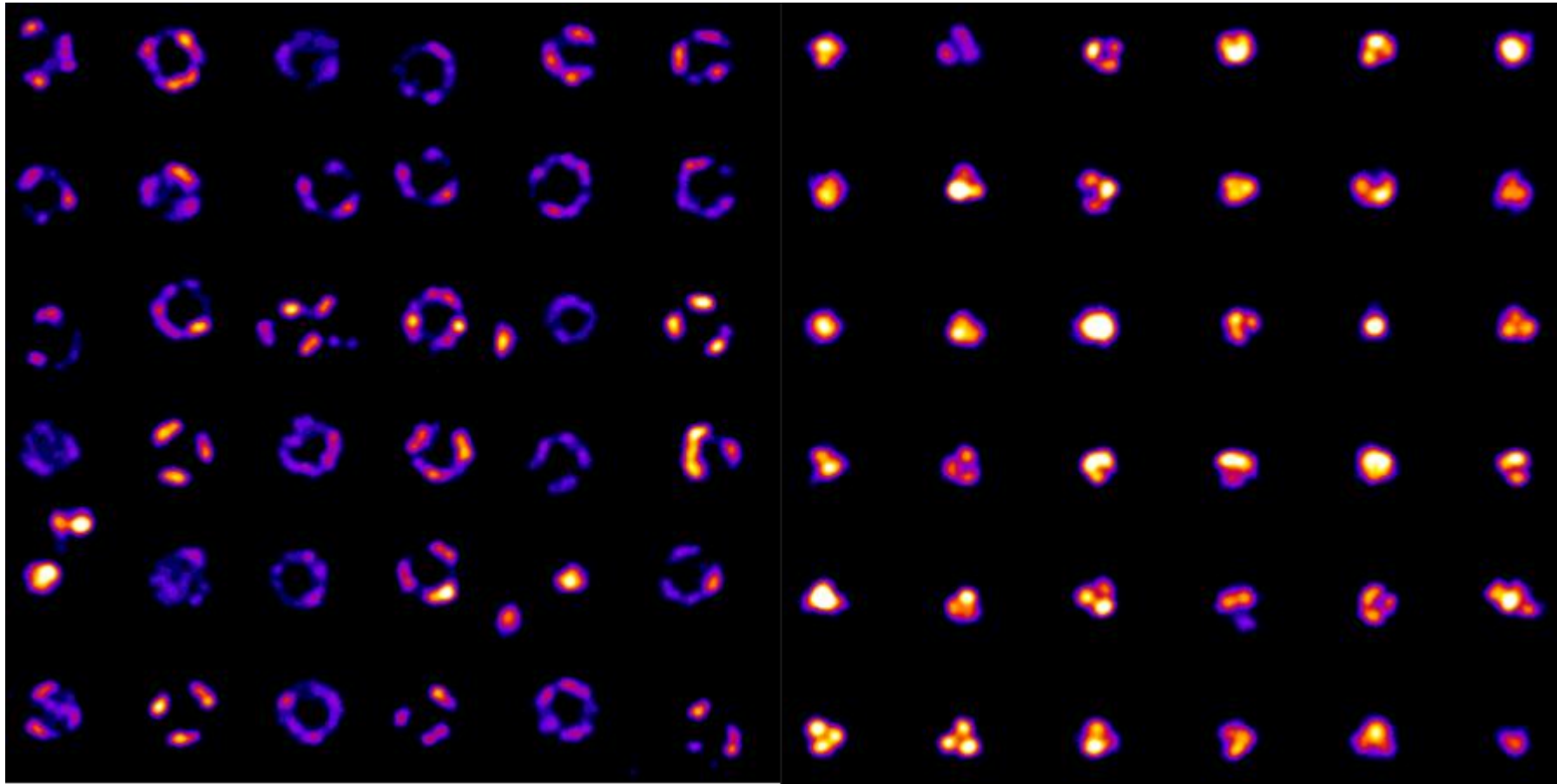
- **Process images!**
 - reconstructing super resolution microscopy data
 - analyzing the images to detect certain features automatically
 - remove human bias by having the machine do it

Surface receptors distributed at the nanoscale. (A) An SKBR3 breast cancer cell tagged with an oligonucleotide-affibody conjugate targeting HER2 receptors. DNA-PAINT was used to achieve approximately 20 nm resolution, revealing clusters of proteins rather than a uniform distribution. scale 5 μm . (B) 5x inset, scale bar 1 μm (C) Cluster size distribution determined via DBSCAN algorithm implemented in custom Python code.



Uses for programming (specifically Python examples)

- **Machine learning/classification**
 - pick out structures in images and
 - group structures into 2D classes



Uses for programming (specifically Python examples)

- **Do symbolic math/algebra/calculus**
 - solving expressions like you would on paper
 - similar to Wolfram Alpha or Mathematica
 - free and integrated with the rest of Python

Run code block in SymPy Live

```
>>> from sympy import *  
>>> x, t, z, nu = symbols('x t z nu')
```

This will make all further examples pretty print with unicode characters.

Run code block in SymPy Live

```
>>> init_printing(use_unicode=True)
```

Take the derivative of $\sin(x)e^x$.

Run code block in SymPy Live

```
>>> diff(sin(x)*exp(x), x)  
x      x  
ex·sin(x) + ex·cos(x)
```

Compute $\int(e^x \sin(x) + e^x \cos(x)) dx$.

Run code block in SymPy Live

```
>>> integrate(exp(x)*sin(x) + exp(x)*cos(x), x)  
x  
ex·sin(x)
```

Python compared to other languages

- **Python is an Interpreted language**
 - Commands are executed by an interpreter
 - Interpreter has subroutines already for translating new code into machine language
 - Means that time is spent on translation during the running
 - Python is thus slower as a result!
 - Syntax is easier to learn, code is more readable
- **Compiled languages (e.g. C++, C, Java)**
 - A step is taken before running a new program to convert the code into machine code
 - Ultimately leads to faster performance
 - Syntax is “closer to the machine” and thus more complex!
 - Useful for big software projects and under-the-hood applications
 - Most python libraries like numpy are written in precompiled code like C++
- **Python is a general language**
 - Some languages are optimized for certain tasks and can be worth using in certain contexts e.g. R, matlab, mathematica...
 - general languages have the advantage of being able to bring different specialties together

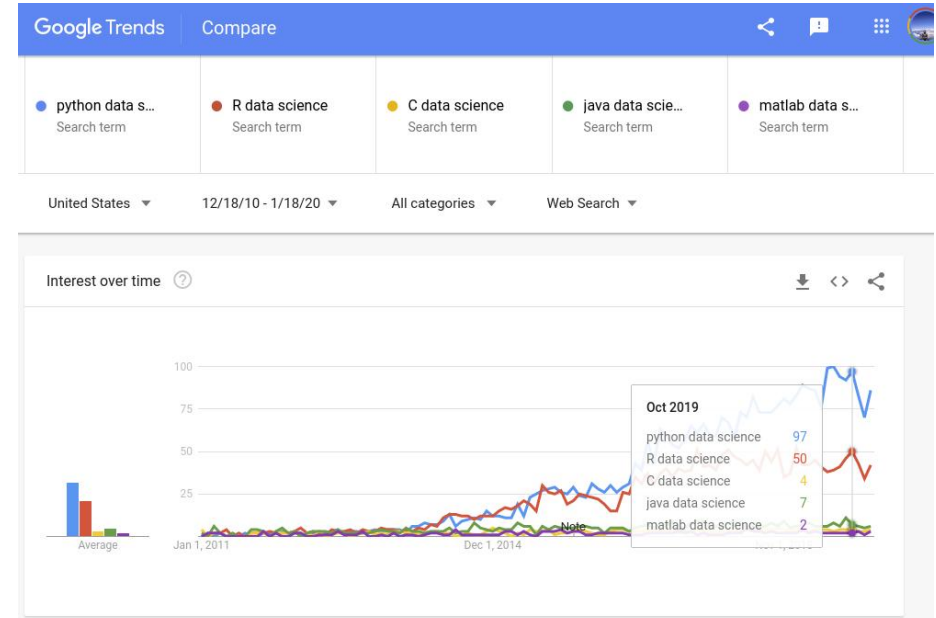
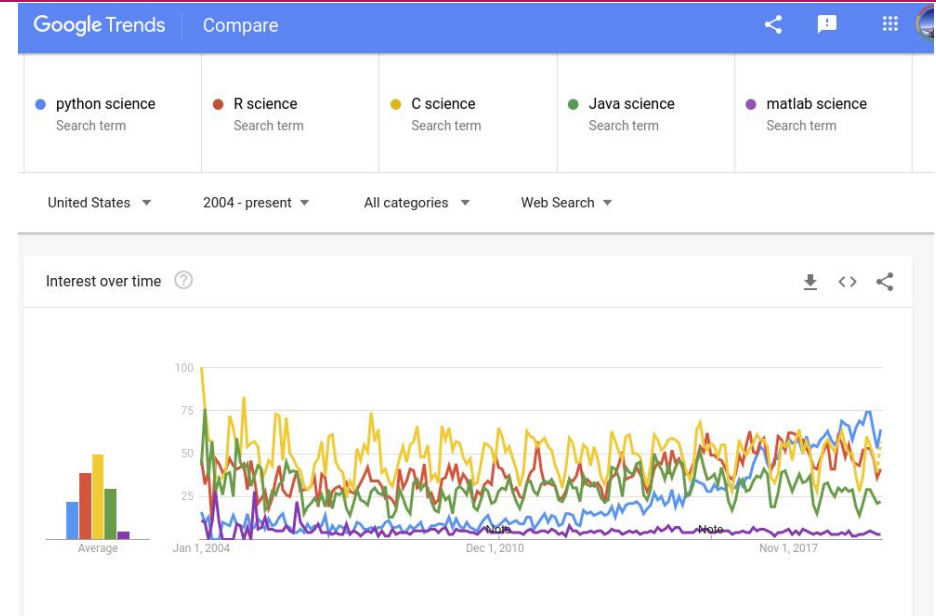
Industry usage

- **Google**
 - “Python where we can, C++ where we must”
 - an official server-side language along with C++, Java, and Go
 - Google’s very first web-crawling spider was first written in Java 1.0 and was so difficult that they rewrote it into Python. -Steven Levy “In the Plex”
- **Spotify**
 - uses a combination of Python and C++ for backend framework
 - uses Python for analytics - a module called Luigi
 - preferred because of the fast development pipeline
- **Reddit**
 - site was originally coded in Lisp - recoded into Python in 2005 shortly after launch
 - “There’s a library for everything. We’ve been learning a lot of these technologies and a lot of these architectures as we go. And, so, when I don’t understand connection pools, I can just find a library until I understand it better myself and write our own. Don’t understand web frameworks, so we’ll use someone else’s until we make our own...Python has an awesome crutch like that.” - Steve Huffman
- **Others big companies using Python**
 - Facebook, Quora, Dropbox, Netflix, Instagram...

source: <https://realpython.com/world-class-companies-using-python/#spotify>

Prevalence in science

- **Fast prototyping pipeline is ideal for science**
 - less focus on end-product software for users
 - more focus on getting an answer, visualizing data, inventing new algorithms
- **Large and growing free opensource community**
 - more libraries due to large user base
 - more resources to get help
 - crowd-sourced maintenance rather than centralized maintenance by commercial developers (e.g. Matlab or MS Excel VBA)

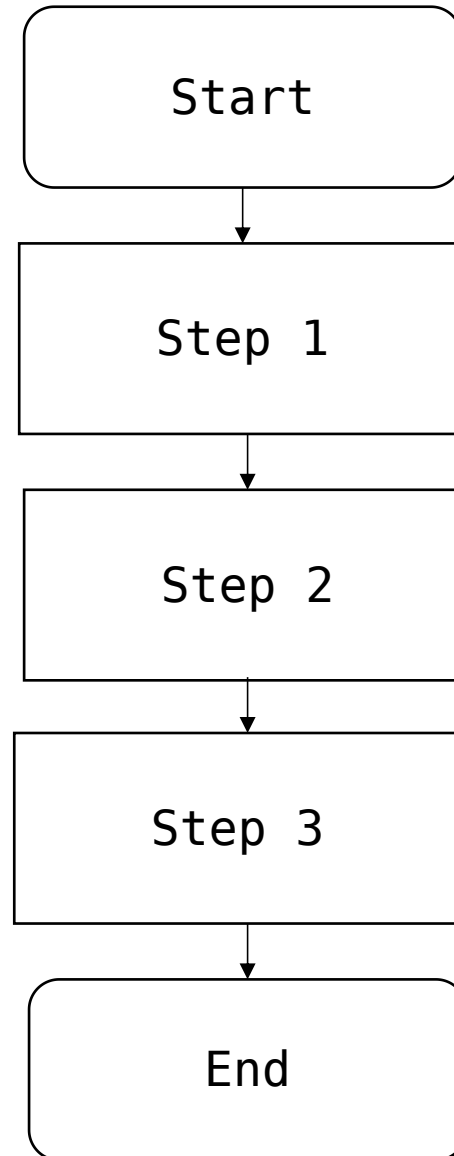


The Case for Learning Programming as Scientists/Engineers

- Freedom to build any tool that you need
- Professional caliber capability for free
- Socially active community of users and developers
- Easy to learn other languages once you know one
- A medium for learning (especially new math concepts)
- Understanding and reproducing other scientists' work
- Participate in our era - computing/information are the defining features of today

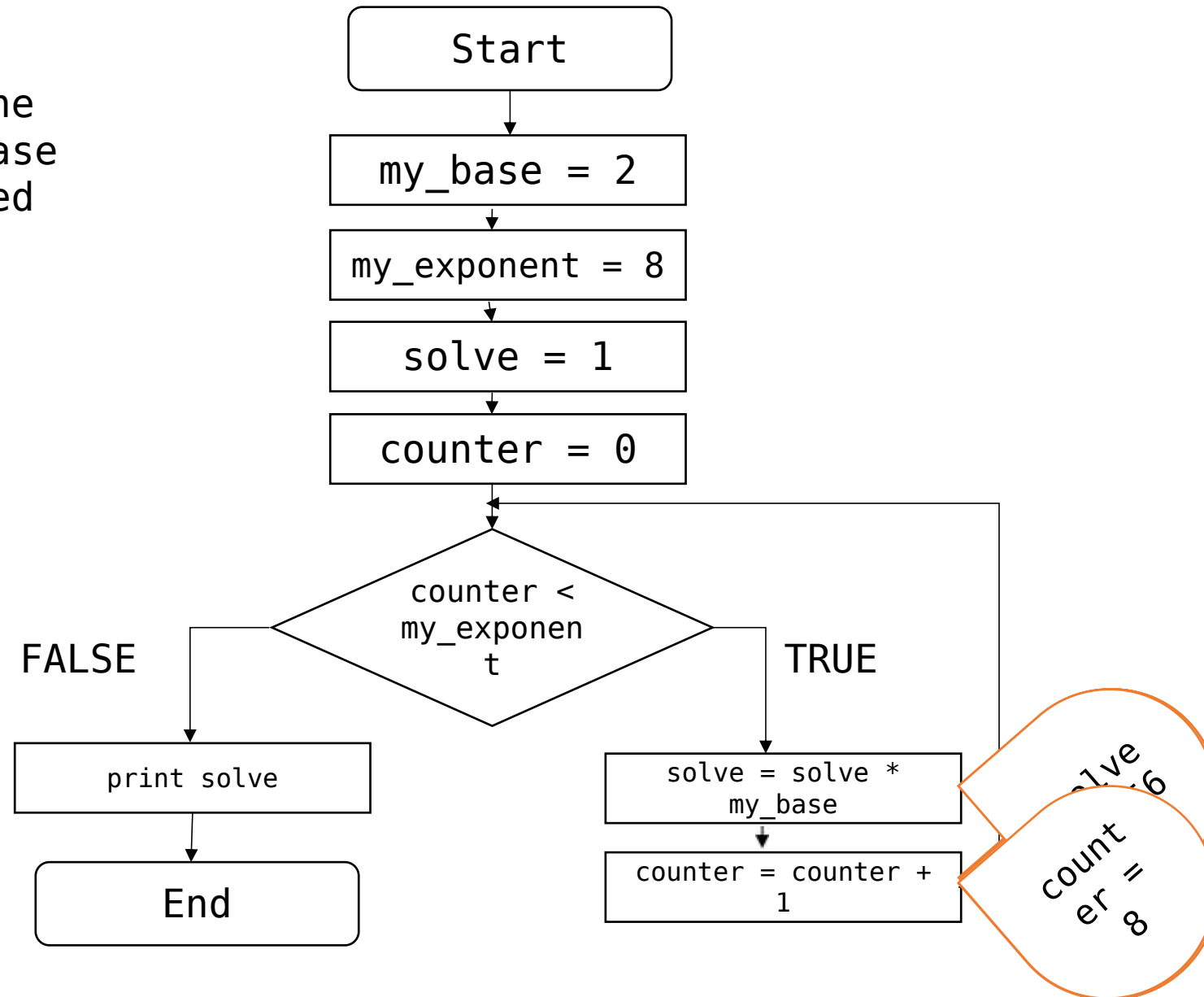
The anatomy of a program

- An input or initial state
- A series of steps
 - steps are carried out in order one after the other
 - each step modifies the state
- An output or final state



Majority of real programs have decisions and loops

write a program
that computes the
solution to a base
number (2) raised
to a power (8)



Python variables get defined when you assign them a value

```
1 # This is a comment and will not do anything in the program,  
2 # but is used to give extra information  
3  
4 a = 1 # variable a contains the integer 1  
5 b = 2 # variable b contains the integer 2  
6 print('a =', a) # print to the screen  
7 print('b =', b)  
8 print('a + b =', a+b)
```

```
a = 1  
b = 2  
a + b = 3
```

Variables can be defined using different data types

- integers, floats, strings

```
1 an_example_float = 3.0
2 an_example_integer = 3
3 print(an_example_integer * an_example_integer)
4 print(an_example_float * an_example_integer)
5 # print(an_example_float)
```

```
9
9.0
```

```
1 c = 'Text' # variable c contains the text string "Text"
2 d = "Text" # variable c contains the text string "Text"
3 e = '''Text''' # variable c contains the text string "Text"
4 print(c, d, e)
```

```
Text Text Text
```

```
1 e = '''One
2 two
3 three'''
4 print(e)
```

```
One
two
three
```

Two kinds of equal signs: definition and evaluation

```
1 a = 1  
2 b = 2  
3 print(a, b)
```

1 2

```
1 a == 1
```

```
1 a == b
```

False

```
1 a < b
```

True

```
1 a = b  
2 print(a)
```

2

```
1 a == b
```

True

Conditional Statements (Decisions) and indentation syntax

```
1 a = 1
2 if a == 2: # == equals
3     print('a =', a) # notice the indentation (4 spaces is standard)
4 # remove the indentation when the code block is done
5 a = 2
6 if a == 2: # == equals
7     print('a =', a)
```

a = 2

```
1 if a > 2:
2     print('a was greater than 2')
3 elif a == 2:
4     print('a was equal to 2')
5 else:
6     print('a was less than 2')
```

a was less than 2

Python modules, packages, and libraries

```
1 import math
2 math.pow(2,8)
```

256.0

```
In [47]: 1 help(math)
```

Help on module math:

NAME

math

MODULE REFERENCE

<https://docs.python.org/3.7/library/math>

The following documentation is automatically generated from the Python source files. It may be incomplete, incorrect or include features that are considered implementation detail and may vary between Python implementations. When in doubt, consult the module reference at the location listed above.

DESCRIPTION

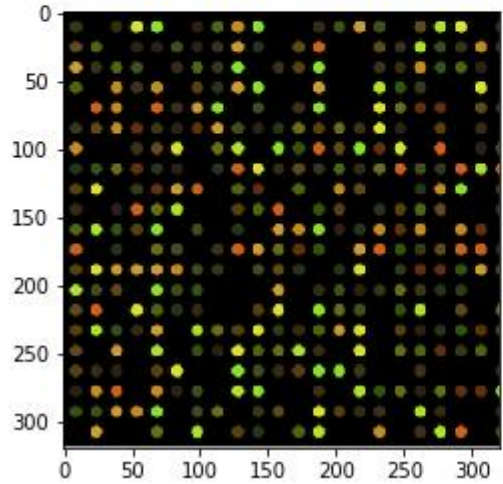
This module provides access to the mathematical functions defined by the C standard.

FUNCTIONS

Python modules, packages, and libraries

```
1 %matplotlib inline
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import matplotlib.image as mpimg
4 img = plt.imread('microarray.png')
5 plt.imshow(img)
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f7c81619590>

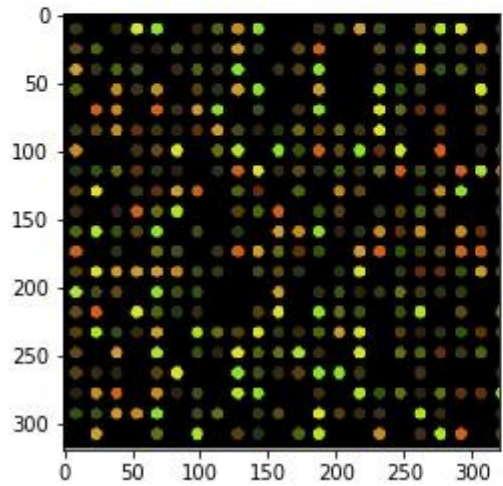


```
1 print(img)
[[[0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 ...
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]]
[[[0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 ...
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]]
[[[0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 ...
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
 [0.  0.  0.  1.  ]
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...
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 ...
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 ...
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```
1 img[100]
```

```
array([[0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 1.          ],
       [0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 1.          ],
       [0.00784314, 0.00392157, 0.          , 1.          ],
       ...,
       [0.34509805, 0.24313726, 0.07843138, 1.          ],
       [0.43137255, 0.29803923, 0.09411765, 1.          ],
       [0.40784314, 0.28235295, 0.09019608, 1.          ]], dtype=float32)
```

2)

Python modules, packages, and libraries

cool or useful libraries to know about:

- numpy
 - essential for all numerical problems, plotting, data management
- scipy
 - lots of statistics, machine learning, and useful mathematical functions
 - implement them first, understand them second - great way to learn new math
- networkx
 - library for generating and visualizing networks/graphs
- biopython
 - library for dealing with biological sequence data
- matplotlib
 - essential for dealing with images, plotting, making figures for publications, animations...
- random
 - functions for generating random numbers - very handy for simulation
- os
 - short for "operating system" - very handy for manipulating files - loading them, writing them, copying and pasting etc

Lists

```
1 a_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
2 print('first element:', a_list[0])
3 print('fourth element:', a_list[3])
4 print('number of elements:', len(a_list))
5 print('first-fourth element', a_list[0:4])
6 print('every second element', a_list[::2])
7 print('the last element:', a_list[-1])
8 print('all but the last element:', a_list[:-1])
9 print('reverse order:', a_list[::-1])
```

```
first element: 1
fourth element: 4
number of elements: 9
first-fourth element [1, 2, 3, 4]
every second element [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
the last element: 9
all but the last element: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
reverse order: [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

```
1 a_list.append(10) # add a value to a list
2 print(a_list)
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

Numpy - a library for arrays and matrices

- numpy for numerical/mathematical operations, linear algebra, matrix operations
- lists for organization, looping
- a lot of overlap and conversion between them

```
1 import numpy as np
2 my_array = np.array([1,2,3])
3 my_list = [1,2,3]
4 print(my_array*4)
5 print(my_list*4)
```

```
[ 4  8 12]
[1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3]
```

```
1 an_array_of_floats = np.arange(start = 0, stop = 1, step = .1)
2
3 print('an array of floats that we generated', an_array_of_floats)
4 print('reverse order:', an_array_of_floats[::-1])
```

Multidimensional arrays and lists

```
1 list_of_lists = [[1,2,3],[6,7,7],[8,9,8,9,9,9]]
2 print(list_of_lists[0])
3 print(list_of_lists[0][2])
4 print(list_of_lists[1][1:])
```

```
[1, 2, 3]
3
[7, 7]
```

```
1 multi_array = np.array([[1,2,3],[9,8,9]])
2 print(multi_array)
3 type(multi_array)
```

```
[[1 2 3]
 [9 8 9]]
```

```
numpy.ndarray
```

```
1 my_ones_array = np.ones((5,5))
2 my_identity_array = np.eye((7))
3 my_zeros_array = np.zeros((3,3,3))
4 print(my_ones_array)
5 print(my_identity_array)
6 print(my_zeros_array)
```

```
[[1. 1. 1. 1. 1.]
 [1. 1. 1. 1. 1.]
 [1. 1. 1. 1. 1.]
 [1. 1. 1. 1. 1.]
 [1. 1. 1. 1. 1.]]
[[1. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 1. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 1. 0. 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. 1. 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. 0. 1. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 1. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 1.]]
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```


for Loops

```
1 a_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
2 for i in a_list:
3     print(i)
```

```
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
```

```
1 for i in range(0, 13):
2     print(i)
```

```
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
```

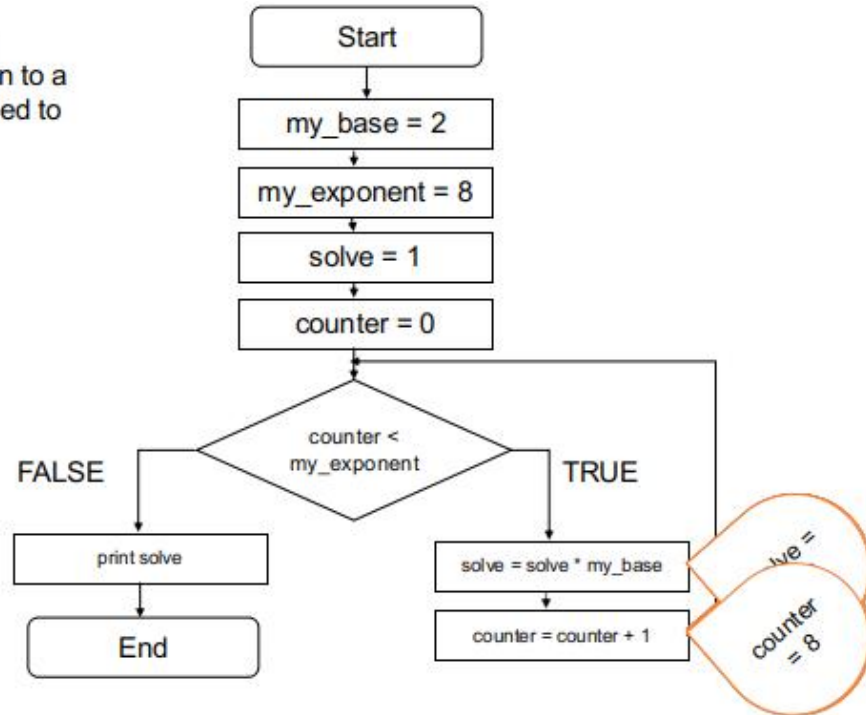
while Loops

```
1 my_counter = 0
2 while my_counter < 10:
3     print(my_counter)
4     my_counter = my_counter + 1
```

0
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Implementing our exponentiator

write a program that computes the solution to a base number (2) raised to a power (8)

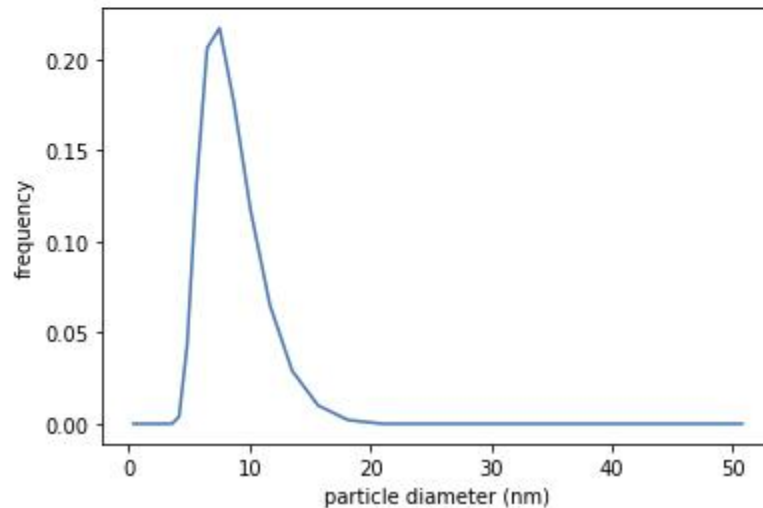


```
1 my_base = 2
2 my_exponent = 8
3 solve = 1
4 counter = 0
5 while counter < my_exponent:
6     solve = solve*my_base
7     counter = counter + 1
8 print(solve)
```

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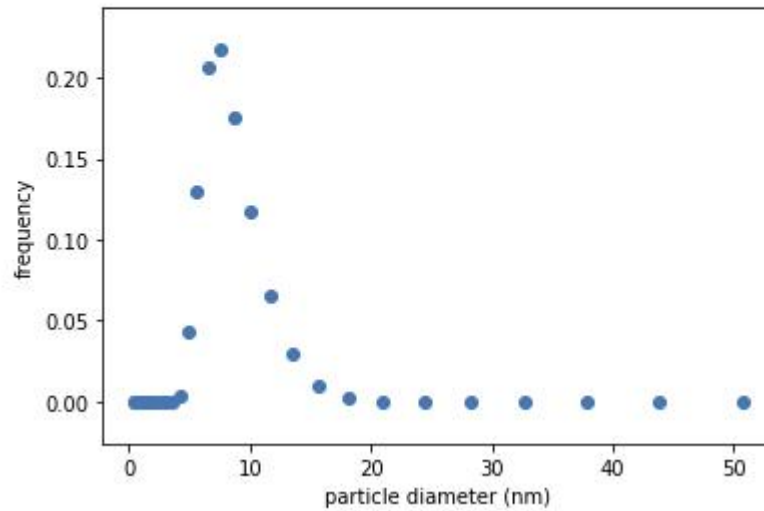
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```
1 %matplotlib inline
2 import numpy as np
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4
5 DLS = np.genfromtxt('my_data_file.txt', delimiter=',', dtype='float')
6 x = DLS[:,0] #an example of a comment
7 y = DLS[:,1]
8 y_normalize = np.sum(y)
9 for row in range(0, len(y)):
10     y[row] = y[row]/y_normalize
11 plt.plot(x,y)
12 plt.xlabel('particle diameter (nm)')
13 plt.ylabel('frequency')
14 plt.show()
15
```



Scientific programming - data and plotting

```
1 plt.scatter(x,y)
2 plt.xlabel('particle diameter (nm)')
3 plt.ylabel('frequency')
4 plt.show()
```



Scientific programming - data and plotting

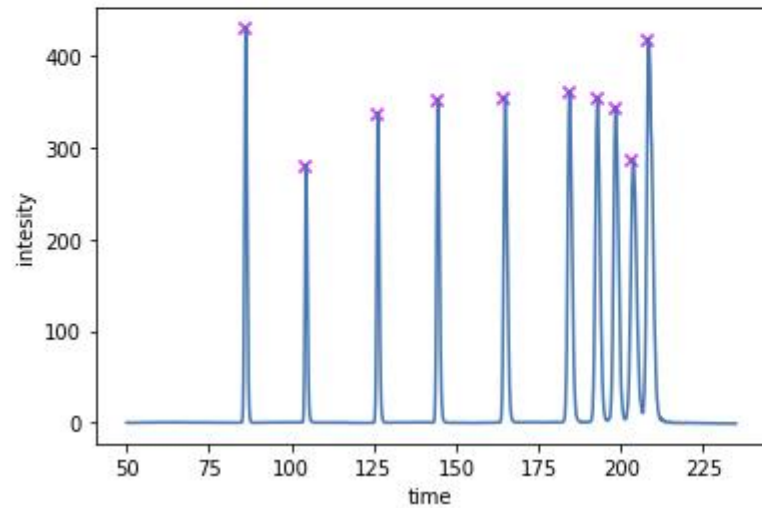
```
1 %matplotlib inline
2 from scipy.signal import find_peaks
3 import pandas as pd
4 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
5 df = pd.read_csv("bioanalyzer_sample_data.csv")
6 print(df.keys())
7 print(df.loc[0:15])
8 print(df.loc[:, :-1])
9 #
10
```

```
Index(['Data File Name', '01_DiversiLab System_2018-05-11_14-03-40.xad'], dtype='object')
      Data File Name      01_DiversiLab System_2018-05-11_14-03-40.xad
0      Data File Path  C:\Program Files\Agilent\2100 bioanalyzer\2100...
1      Date Created    Friday, May 11, 2018 1:03:40 PM
2      Date Last Modified  Friday, May 11, 2018 2:04:26 PM
3      Version Created    C.04.09.TS792
4      Version Last Modified  C.04.09.TS792
5      Assay Name        DiversiLab System V1.4
6      Assay Path      C:\Program Files\Agilent\2100 bioanalyzer\2100...
7      Assay Title      DiversiLab System
8      Assay Version    1.5
9      Number of Samples Run  12
10     Sample Name      Ladder
11     Number of Events  3699
12     Time            Value
13     50              0.1647034
14     50.05          0.1154175
15     50.1           0.1156158
      Data File Name      01_DiversiLab System_2018-05-11_14-03-40.xad
3712    Alignment      On
3711     234.9         -0.7417297
3710     234.85       -0.6775284
3709     234.8        -0.6406174
3708     234.75       -0.6786194
...
4      Version Last Modified  C.04.09.TS792
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1      Date Created    Friday, May 11, 2018 1:03:40 PM
0      Data File Path  C:\Program Files\Agilent\2100 bioanalyzer\2100...
```

[3713 rows x 2 columns]

Scientific programming - data and plotting

```
1 position = df.loc[13:3711]['Data File Name'].astype(float)
2 intensity = df.loc[13:3711]['01_DiversiLab System_2018-05-11_14-03-40.xad'].astype(float)
3 np.savetxt('bioanalyzer_simple_data.txt', np.array([position, intensity]))
4 peaks, _ = find_peaks(intensity, distance=1, height=(100, 2000))
5 plt.scatter(position[peaks], intensity[peaks+13], color='magenta', marker='x')
6 plt.plot(position, intensity)
7 plt.xlabel('time')
8 plt.ylabel('intensity')
9 plt.show()
```



Knowing where to start - tips for visualizing programs

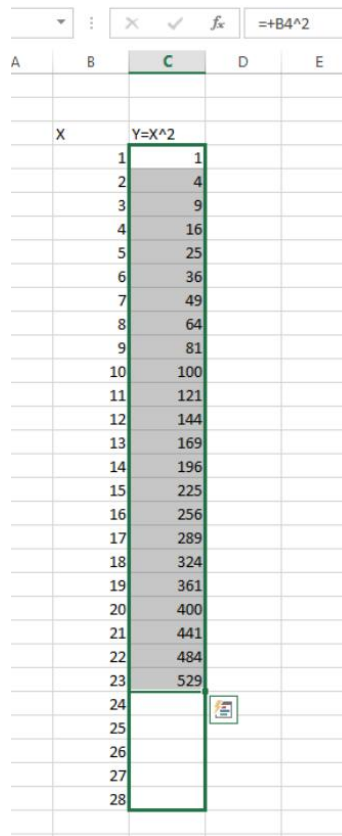
- arrays and lists are like columns and rows in spreadsheets
- for loops are like the “drag” function in spreadsheets

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			600			

	A	B	C	D	E
		X	Y=X^2		
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		2	4		
		3	9		
		4	16		
		5	25		
		6	36		
		7	49		
		8	64		
		9	81		
		10	100		
		11	121		
		12	144		
		13	169		
		14	196		
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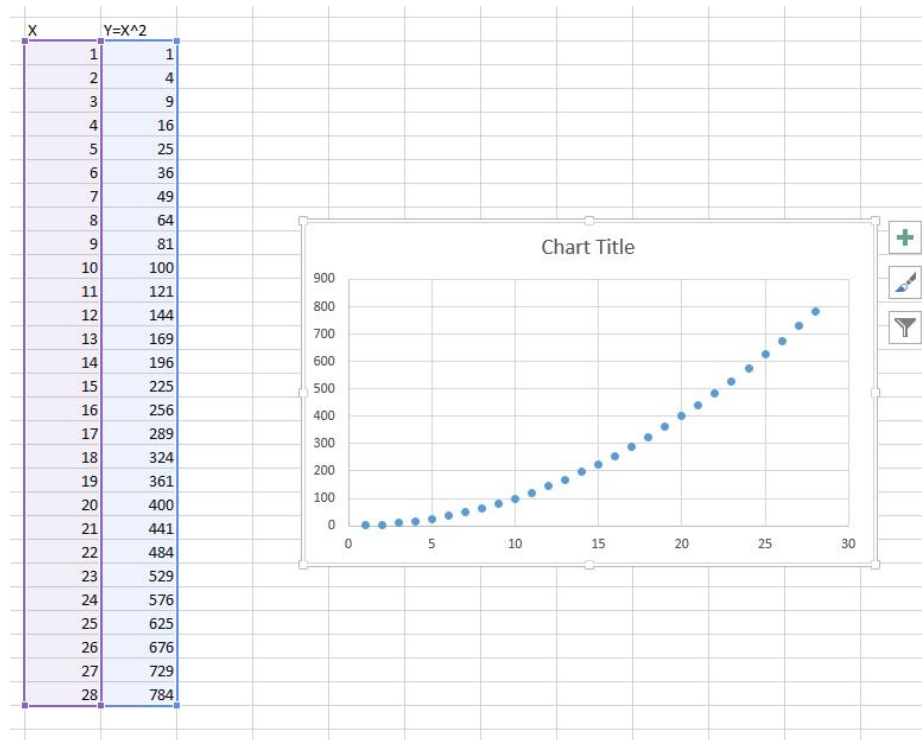
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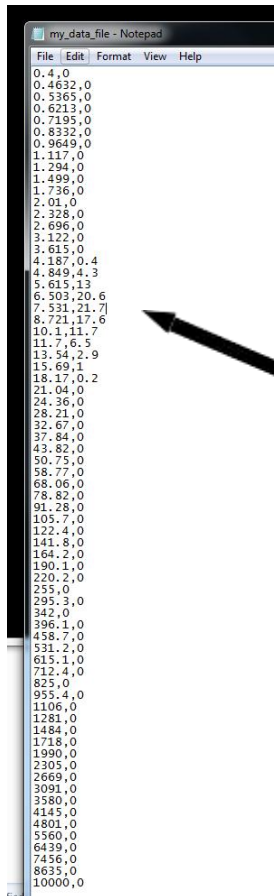
A screenshot of a spreadsheet showing a column of data. The formula bar at the top displays `=+B4^2`. The spreadsheet has columns labeled A, B, C, D, and E. Column C is highlighted in green. The data in column C is as follows:

X	Y=X^2
1	1
2	4
3	9
4	16
5	25
6	36
7	49
8	64
9	81
10	100
11	121
12	144
13	169
14	196
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```
my_data_file - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
0.4,0
0.4632,0
0.5365,0
0.6213,0
0.7195,0
0.8332,0
0.9649,0
1.117,0
1.294,0
1.499,0
1.736,0
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2.328,0
2.696,0
3.122,0
3.615,0
4.187,0.4
4.849,4.3
5.615,13
6.503,20.6
7.531,21.7
8.721,17.6
10.1,11.7
11.7,6.5
13.94,2.9
15.69,1
18.17,0.2
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24.36,0
28.21,0
32.67,0
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78.82,0
91.28,0
105.7,0
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164.2,0
190.1,0
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295.3,0
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2669,0
3091,0
3580,0
4145,0
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5560,0
6439,0
7496,0
8635,0
10000,0
```

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 DLS = np.genfromtxt('my_data_file.txt',delimiter=',',dtype='float')
5 x = DLS[:,0]
6 y = DLS[:,1]
7
8 y_normalize = np.sum(y)
9
10 for row in range(0,len(y)):
11     y[row] = y[row]/y_normalize
12
13 plt.plot(x,y)
14 plt.show()
15
```

Debugging by exploring from “within” a program

- use a `set_trace()` command to explore a program at a specific line

```
1 def our_buggy_function(x):
2     variable_a = 123
3     import pdb; pdb.set_trace()
4     variable_a += x
5
6     return variable_a
7
8 our_buggy_function(83)
```



```
> <ipython-input-35-ef64c57277b4>(4)our_buggy_function()
-> variable_a += x
```

(Pdb)

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```

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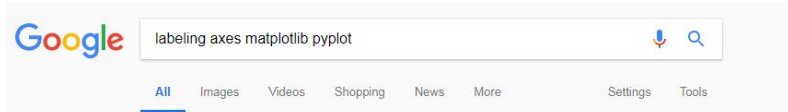
```
> <ipython-input-1-ef64c57277b4>(4)our_buggy_function()
-> variable_a += x
```

(Pdb) variable_a

123

(Pdb)

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matplotlib.pyplot.xlabel — Matplotlib 2.1.2 documentation

https://matplotlib.org/api/_as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.xlabel.html
matplotlib.pyplot.xlabel matplotlib.pyplot.xlabel(s, *args, **kwargs)¶ Set the x axis label of the current axis. Default override is: override = {'fontsize': 'small', 'verticalalignment': 'top', 'horizontalalignment': 'center'}. See also: text(). For information on how override and the optional args work ...

Pyplot tutorial — Matplotlib 2.0.2 documentation

https://matplotlib.org/users/ pyplot_tutorial.html
... decorates the plot with labels, etc. In matplotlib pyplot various states are preserved across function calls, so that it keeps track of things like the current figure and plotting area, and the plotting functions are directed to the current axes (please note that "axes" here and in most places in the documentation refers to the axes ...
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Text introduction — Matplotlib 2.0.2 documentation

https://matplotlib.org/users/text_intro.html
The example below shows all of these commands in action. #- coding: utf-8 -*- import matplotlib.pyplot as plt fig = plt.figure() fig.suptitle('bold figure suprtile', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold') ax = fig.add_subplot(111) fig.subplots_adjust(top=0.85) ax.set_title('axes title') ax.set_xlabel('xlabel') ax.set_ylabel('ylabel') ax.text(3, ...
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Legend guide — Matplotlib 2.0.2 documentation

https://matplotlib.org/users/legend_guide.html
Legend handles don't have to exist on the Figure or Axes in order to be used. Suppose we wanted to create a legend which has an entry for some data which is represented by a red color: import matplotlib.patches as mpatches import matplotlib.pyplot as plt red_patch = mpatches.Patch(color='red', label='The red data') ...

python - How do I set the figure title and axes labels font size ...

<https://stackoverflow.com/.../how-do-i-set-the-figure-title-and-axes-labels-font-size-in-...>
Mar 7, 2017 - Functions dealing with text like label, title, etc. accept parameters same as matplotlib text.Text. For the font size you can use size/fontsize: from matplotlib import pyplot as plt fig = plt.figure() plt.plot(data) fig.suptitle('test title', fontsize=20) plt.xlabel('xlabel', fontsize=18) plt.ylabel('ylabel', fontsize=16) fig.savefig('test.jpg').

- python - Strange error with matplotlib axes labels 19 Apr 2017
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matplotlib Axes | Examples | Plotly

<https://plot.ly/matplotlib/axes/>
Jump to Setting the Axes Labels - import matplotlib.pyplot as plt import numpy as np import plotly.plotly as py import plotly.tools as ts # Learn about API authentication here: https://plot.ly/python/getting-started # Find your api_key here: https://plot.ly/settings/api mpl_fig = plt.figure() ax = mpl_fig.add_subplot(111) x=[0, 1, ...

Labeling your axes in pandas and matplotlib - Jonathan Soma

jonathansoma.com/lede/data...matplotlib/labeling-your-axes-in-pandas-and-matplotlib...
Labeling your axes in pandas and matplotlib. This page is based on a Jupyter/Python Notebook: download the original .ipynb. import pandas as pd import matplotlib.pyplot as plt %matplotlib inline ...

A screenshot of a Stack Overflow page. The question title is "How do I set the figure title and axes labels font size in Matplotlib?". The question body contains the text "I am creating a figure in Matplotlib like this:" followed by a code block:

```
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

fig = plt.figure()
plt.plot(data)
plt.suptitle('test title')
plt.xlabel('xlabel')
plt.ylabel('ylabel')
fig.savefig('test.jpg')
```

The question has 259 votes and 63 answers. The top answer is by Peter Mortensen, edited on Jun 5 '16 at 6:59. The question was asked on Sep 16 '12 at 5:54. The right sidebar shows statistics: asked 5 years, 5 months ago, viewed 488,944 times, active 4 months ago. There are sections for "Linked" and "Related" questions.

Use text returned from errors to identify location and type of error

```
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4 peaks, _ = find_peaks(intensity, distance=1, height=(100, 2000))
5 plt.scatter(position[peaks], intensity,color='magenta',marker='x')
6 plt.plot(position, intensity)
7 plt.xlabel('time')
8 plt.ylabel('intensity')
9 plt.show()
```

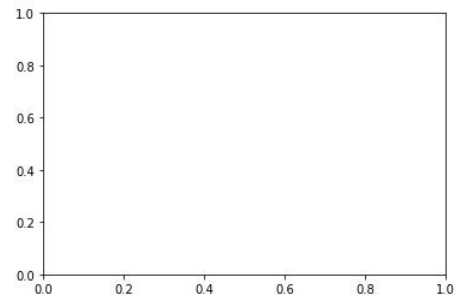
```
-----
ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-6-27fd75808a9b> in <module>
      3 np.savetxt('bioanalyzer_simple_data.txt',np.array([position,intensity]))
      4 peaks, _ = find_peaks(intensity, distance=1, height=(100, 2000))
----> 5 plt.scatter(position[peaks], intensity,color='magenta',marker='x')
      6 plt.plot(position, intensity)
      7 plt.xlabel('time')

~/anaconda3/envs/bioinf_spring_2020/lib/python3.7/site-packages/matplotlib/pyplot.py in scatter(x, y, s, c, marker, cmap, norm, vmin, vmax, alpha, linewidths, verts, edgecolors, plotnonfinite, data, **kwargs)
   2845     verts=verts, edgecolors=edgecolors,
   2846     plotnonfinite=plotnonfinite, **({"data": data} if data is not
-> 2847     None else {}), **kwargs)
   2848     sci(__ret)
   2849     return __ret

~/anaconda3/envs/bioinf_spring_2020/lib/python3.7/site-packages/matplotlib/_init_.py in inner(ax, data, *args, **kwargs)
   1599     def inner(ax, *args, data=None, **kwargs):
   1600         if data is None:
-> 1601             return func(ax, *map(sanitize_sequence, args), **kwargs)
   1602
   1603         bound = new_sig.bind(ax, *args, **kwargs)

~/anaconda3/envs/bioinf_spring_2020/lib/python3.7/site-packages/matplotlib/axes/_axes.py in scatter(self, x, y, s, c, marker, cmap, norm, vmin, vmax, alpha, linewidths, verts, edgecolors, plotnonfinite, **kwargs)
   4442         y = np.ma.ravel(y)
   4443         if x.size != y.size:
-> 4444             raise ValueError("x and y must be the same size")
   4445
   4446         if s is None:
```

ValueError: x and y must be the same size



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[numpy.argmax — NumPy v1.14 Manual](https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/generated/numpy.argmax.html)

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/generated/numpy.argmax.html> ▼

In case of multiple occurrences of the **maximum values**, the **indices** corresponding to the first occurrence are returned. Examples. `>>> a = np.arange(6).reshape(2,3)` `>>> a` `array([[0, 1, 2], [3, 4, 5]])`
`>>> np.argmax(a)` `5` `>>> np.argmax(a, axis=0)` `array([1, 1, 1])` `>>> np.argmax(a, axis=1)` `array([2, 2])`.

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This series will introduce you to graphing in **python** with **Matplotlib**, which is arguably the most popular graphing and **data** visualization library for **Python**.

www.sitepoint.com › Web › Shaumik Daityari
[How to Plot Charts in Python with Matplotlib — SitePoint](#)

Jul 10, 2019 - This tutorial explains the core concepts of **plotting** with **Matplotlib** so that one can explore its full potential and visualize **data**. ... from **matplotlib** import pyplot as plt
plt.plot([0,1,2,3,4]) plt.show(). Your first **plot** with **matplotlib**.

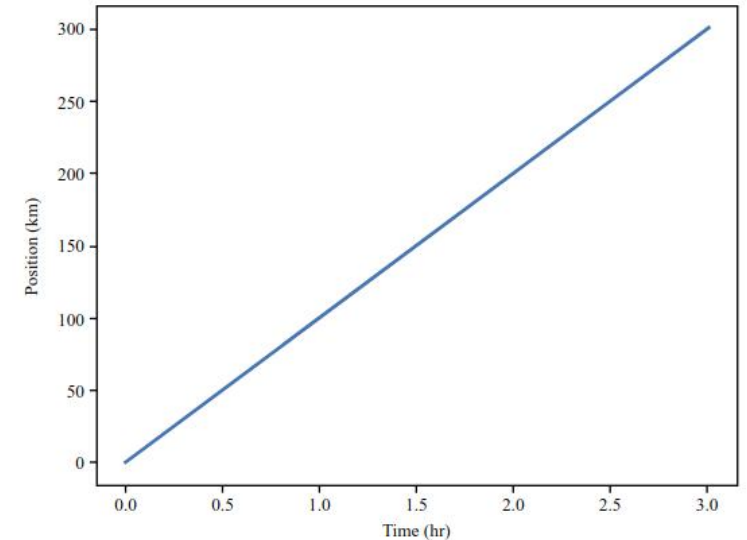
Python

```
%matplotlib inline  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

- Simple plots are then (fairly) simple to create.

Python

```
time = [0, 1, 2, 3]  
position = [0, 100, 200, 300]  
  
plt.plot(time, position)  
plt.xlabel('Time (hr)')  
plt.ylabel('Position (km)')
```



Tips for getting started on your own

- download and install a distribution of Python
 - anaconda is a good one (free, comes with many scientific programming libraries)
- download and install a program editor (for writing and saving code)
 - Spyder - a good, free editing application that we will use in our exercises

Tip: come up with your own project - something you care about

- take a spreadsheet and convert it into Python
- pick something from a math or science textbook and implement it in Python
 - networks
 - machine learning
 - bioinformatics :)
- pick a boring/repetitive task that you have to do often and automate it
- make something visual with matplotlib
 - data visualization
 - animation
 - plot a nice mathematical function

Independent learning resources

- youtube
 - thousands of tutorials on everything from basics to specific libraries
- MOOCs - massive online open course
 - Coursera
 - EDX
- forums - ask questions and get answers from other programmers
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 - reddit