

Python for A-Level Mathematics and Beyond

One-Day Intensive Workshop

Chapter 1: Introduction to Python™

<https://www.python.org>

1.1 General Information

Python is a high-level technical computing language and supports functional, imperative, object-oriented, and procedural styles of programming. It was developed by Guido van Rossum and first released in 1991.

We will be using Python to help you with your A-Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics modules. You will also find Python extremely useful when studying other STEM subjects.

Below is the cover sheet for the worksheets for the MEI AS-Level and A-Level Maths schemes of work.




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The A-Level Maths Syllabus from 2017

Schemes of Work	
AS-Level Units	A-Level Units
1. Surds and indices	21. Proof
2. Quadratic functions	22. Trigonometry
3. Equations and inequalities	23. Sequences and series
4. Coordinate geometry	24. Functions
5. Trigonometry	25. Differentiation
6. Polynomials	26. Trigonometric functions
7. Graphs and transformations	27. Algebra
8. The binomial expansion	28. Trigonometric identities
9. Differentiation	29. Further differentiation
10. Integration	30. Integration
11. Vectors	31. Parametric equations
12. Exponentials and logarithms	32. Vectors
13. Data collection	33. Differential equations
14. Data processing, collection and interpretation	34. Numerical methods
15. Probability	35. Probability
16. The binomial distribution	36. Probability distributions
17. Statistical hypothesis testing using the binomial distribution	37. Hypothesis testing
18. Kinematics	38. Kinematics
19. Forces and Newton's laws of Motion	39. Forces and motion
20. Variable acceleration	40. Moments
	41. Projectiles
	42. Friction

Workshop: This workshop has been developed to introduce delegates to Python.

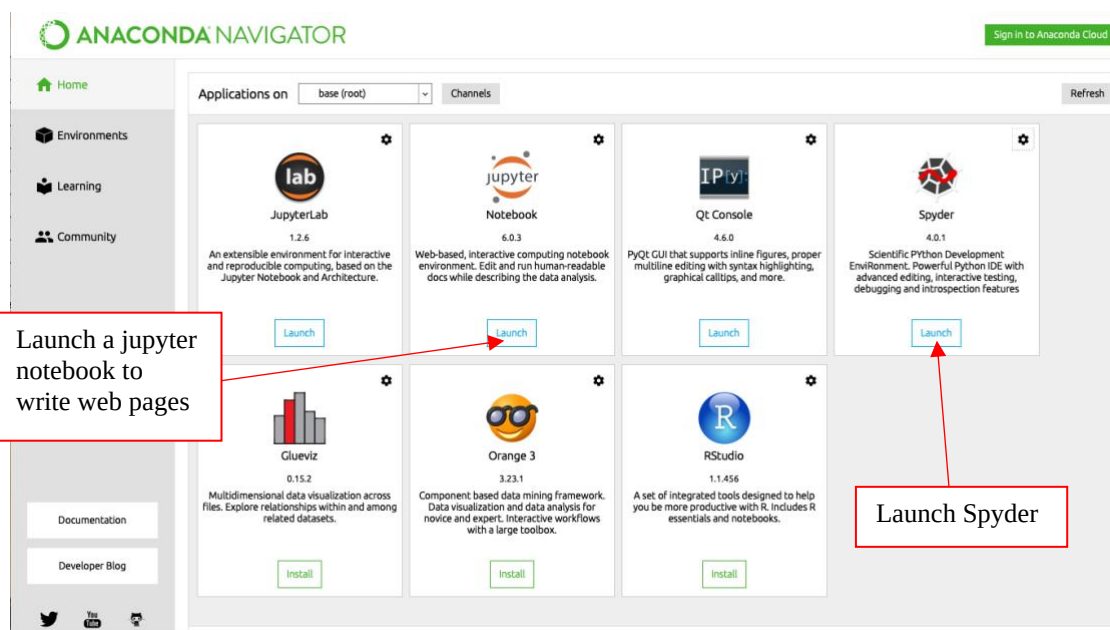
Python for A-Level: There is a Jupyter notebook available on the Web (see Section 1.3) showing how Python can be used for the whole A-Level syllabus.

1.2. Accessing Python

The Anaconda free package manager, environment manager and Python distribution will be used throughout the course. Download **Anaconda** using the link:

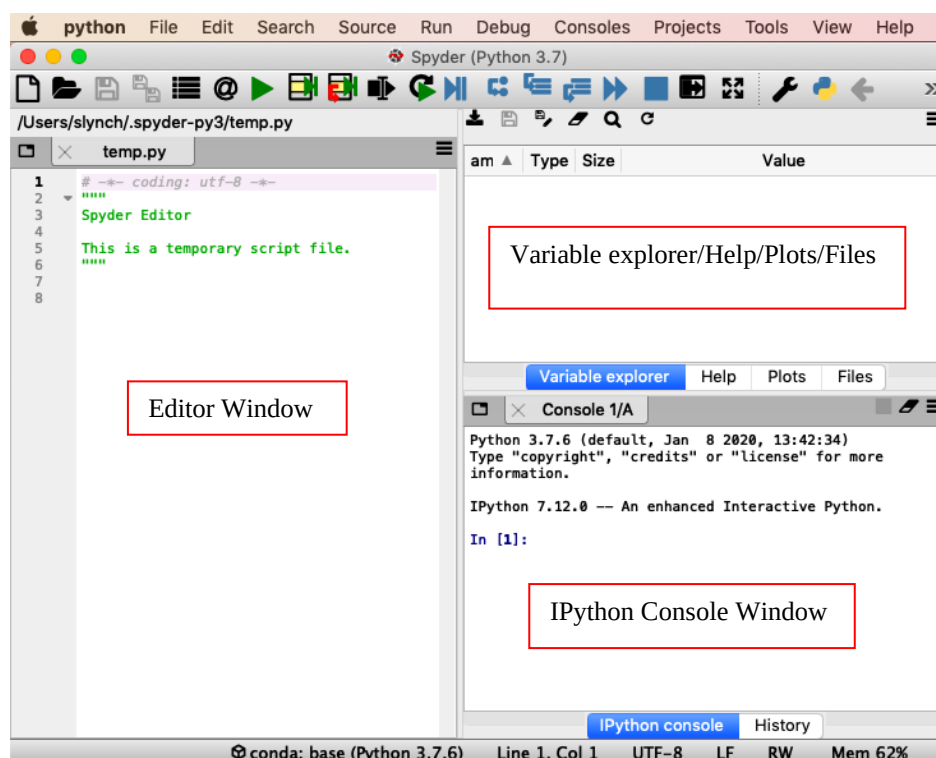
<https://www.anaconda.com/>

It is assumed that pupils/staff are familiar with either the Windows, Mac or Unix platforms. It is also assumed that pupils/staff know how to login and how to open the Anaconda Navigator window:



1.3. The Spyder Integrated Development Environment (IDE)

Spyder is an acronym for “Scientific **PY**thon **D**evelopment **E**nvi**R**onment”. When you click on the Spyder launch button, the following IDE opens:



IPython Console Window: This is where the user can use Python as a graphing calculator. The command prompt In [1]: indicates that Python is waiting for you to type commands.

Variable explorer/Help/Plots/Files Window: This window can display detailed help on variables or files and is useful when debugging. Your plots will be displayed here.

Editor Window: Used to write code (programs) and save to file.

Some Advantages of Learning Python

<https://www.mathscareers.org.uk/python-for-a-level-maths-undergraduate-maths-and-employability/>

- Programming makes you extremely employable
- Programming can be fun
- You can check your hand written Mathematics work with Python
- You can make up your own examples
- You can solve real-world problems
- You can solve problems which are impossible without a computer
- You can create colourful graphics
- You can label graphs
- You can use the Greek alphabet and other mathematical symbols in plots
- Python will give you a deeper understanding of Mathematics

Python can be used to cover the whole A-Level syllabus. See my Jupyter notebook here:

https://drstephenlynch.github.io/webpages/Python_for_A_Level_Mathematics_and_Beyond.html

1.4. Using the IPython Console as a Powerful Calculator

The Console Window is where the Python commands are typed and executed and this is where the user can use Python just like a graphing calculator. When in the Console Window, command lines may be returned to and edited using the up and down arrow keys. To execute a command type RETURN or ENTER on the keyboard. If you do make a typing error, Spyder will give an **Error: message**. Do not re-type the line, simply use the up-arrow key and edit your mistake. To quit the Python kernel and start afresh simply type quit after the prompt.

In Subsection 1.4.1, copy the commands after the prompts in the Console Window and read the Comments to see what the commands do.

If you do not understand any of the commands or output, call over an instructor or look up the commands on Google by typing in: Python AND *command name* in a Web search engine.

1.4.1 Python Tutorial One: Calculator Commands (30 minutes)

Python Commands

In[1]: # This is a comment

In[2]: 4 + 5 - 3

In[3]: 2 * 3 / 6

In[4]: 2**8

In[5]: import math

In[6]: help(math)

In[7]: math.sqrt(9)

In[8]: from math import *

In[9]: factorial(52)

In[10]: sin(0.5)

In[11]: asin(0.4794)

In[12]: log(2)

In[13]: log10(10)

In[14]: cosh(0.3)

In[15]: exp(2)

In[16]: 1 / 3 + 1 / 4

In[17]: from fractions import Fraction

In[18]: Fraction(1, 3) + Fraction(1, 4)

In[19]: floor(2.456)

In[20]: ceil(2.456)

In[21]: trunc(5.645)

In[22]: degrees(0.5)

In[23]: fmod(13, 6)

In[24]: gcd(123, 321)

In[25]: 17 % 3

In[26]: pi

In[27]: round(_, 3)

In[28]: e

In[29]: tau

In[30]: quit

Comments

Writing comments in Python.

Addition and subtraction.

Multiplication and division.

Exponentiation.

Import the math module.

List the functions.

You need the math prefix. Square root function.

Import all math functions.

Gives 52! How does this relate to a pack of cards?

The sine function (radians).

Inverse sine function.

Natural logarithm function.

Logarithm function base 10.

Hyperbolic cosine function.

Exponential function.

Fractions - floating point arithmetic.

Import Fraction function.

Symbolic fractions.

The largest integer ≤ 2.456 .

The smallest integer ≥ 2.456 .

Truncates nearest integral to 0.

Convert radians to degrees.

Gives 13 modulo 6.

The greatest common divisor.

The % operator returns the remainder.

The number $\pi \approx 3.14159265$.

Round the last printed expression to 3 decimal places.

The number $e \approx 2.718281828$.

The number $\tau = 2\pi \approx 6.2831853$.

Quits the IPython console and restarts the kernel.

1.4.2 Python Tutorial Two: Symbolic Python (SymPy) (30 minutes)

Sympy is a computer algebra system and a Python library for symbolic mathematics written entirely in Python. For more detail, see the sympy help pages at:

<http://docs.sympy.org/latest/index.html>

Python Commands

Comments

In[1]: from sympy import *	# Import everything from the sympy library.
In[2]: x, y = symbols(' x y ')	# Declare x and y symbolic.
In[3]: factor(x**2 - y**2)	# Factorize $x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y)$.
In[4]: solve(x**2 - 4*x - 3, x)	# Solve an algebraic equation, $x^2 - 4x - 3 = 0$.
In[5]: apart(1 / ((x + 2)*(x + 1)))	# Partial fractions.
In[6]: trigsimp(cos(x) - cos(x)**3)	# Simplify a trig expression.
In[7]: limit(x / sin(x), x, 0)	# Limits, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin(x)}$.
In[8]: diff(x**2 - 7*x + 8, x)	# Differentiate with respect to x.
In[9]: diff(5*x**7, x, 3)	# Differentiate with respect to x three times.
In[10]: (exp(x)*cos(x)).series(x, 0, 10)	# Taylor series expansion around $x = 0$.
In[11]: integrate(x**2 - 7*x + 8, x)	# Indefinite integration, $\int x^2 - 7x + 8 \, dx$
In[12]: integrate(x**2 - 7*x + 8, (x, 1, 2))	# Definite integration, $\int_{x=1}^2 x^2 - 7x + 8 \, dx$.
In[13]: summation(1 / x**2, (x, 1, oo))	# Infinite summation, $\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2}$.
In[14]: solve([x+5*y-2, -3*x+6*y-15],[x,y])	# Solve simultaneous equations.
In[15]: A = Matrix([[1, -1], [2, 3]])	# The matrix, $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$.
In[16]: B = Matrix([[0, 2], [3, 3]])	# The matrix, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$.
In[17]: 2 * A + 3 * B	# Matrix algebra.
In[18]: A * B	# Matrix multiplication. Row by column.
In[19]: A.row(0)	# Access row 1 (Zero-based indexing).
In[20]: A.row(1)	# Access row 2 (Zero-based indexing).
In[21]: A.T	# The transpose matrix, swap rows $\leftrightarrow$ columns.
In[22]: A[0, 1]	# The element in row one, column 2.
In[23]: A**(-1)	# The inverse matrix, A^{-1} .
In[24]: A.det()	# The determinant.
In[25]: zeros(3, 3)	# Gives a 3×3 matrix of zeros.
In[26]: ones(1, 5)	# A 1×5 matrix of ones.
In[27]: N(pi, 500)	# Numerical evaluation, π to 500 significant figures.
In[28]: quit	# Quits the IPython console and restarts the kernel.

1.4.3 Python Tutorial Three: Numerical Python (NumPy), Lists and Arrays (30 minutes)

Numpy is a library that allows Python to compute with lists, arrays, vectors and tensors. Arrays, vectors and tensors are used a lot in Data Science. For more detail, see the numpy help pages at:

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/>

Python Commands

Comments

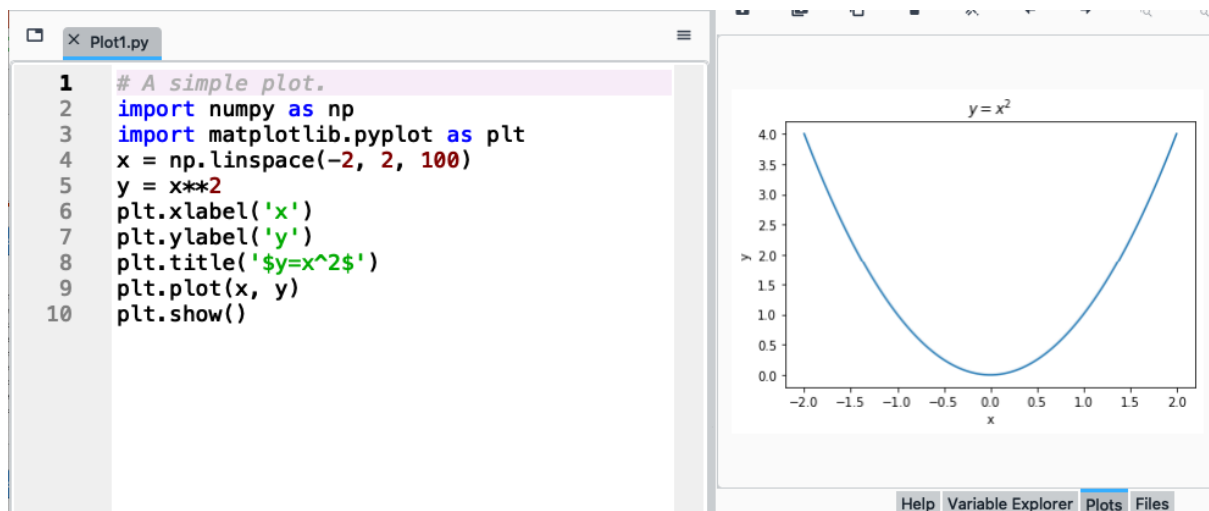
In[1]: import numpy as np	# Import numpy into the np namespace.
In[2]: a = [-1, 9, 10, 4, 3, 7, 8, 0, 9]	# A 1-D list.
In[3]: a[0]	# The first element a[0]= -1. Zero-based indexing.
In[4]: a[1]	# The second element a[1]=9.
In[5]: a[-1]	# The last element a[-1]=9.
In[6]: a[1 : 5 : 2]	# Slice to get the list [9, 4].
In[7]: a[2 : 8 : 3]	# Slice to get the list [10, 7].
In[8]: 2 * a	# A list, [-1,9,10,4,3,7,8,0,9,-1,9,10,4,3,7,8,0,9].
In[9]: a.append(10)	# Add 10 to the end of list, a=[-1,9,10,4,3,7,8,0,9,10].
In[10]: a.remove(9)	# Removes the first 9 in list, a=[-1,10,4,3,7,8,0,9,10].
In[11]: list(range(5))	# A list, [0,1,2,3,4].
In[12]: list(range(2, 10, 2))	# A list, [2,4,6,8].
In[13]: list(range(10, 5, -2))	# A list, [10,8,6].
In[14]: aa = [[1,2,3], [4,5,6]]	# A list of lists.
In[15]: aa[0]	# The first list, [1,2,3].
In[16]: aa[1][1]	# The second element in the second list.
In[17]: len(aa)	# The size of a list.
In[18]: A = np.arange(5)	# An array, A=array([0,1,2,3,4]).
In[19]: A.tolist()	# Convert an array to a list.
In[19]: B = np.arange(6).reshape(2, 3)	# A 2-D array, B=array([[0,1,2],[3,4,5]]).
In[20]: u = np.array([1, 2, 3])	# A 3-D vector and rank 1 tensor.
In[21]: C = np.array([[1, 1],[0, 1]])	# C is a 2-D array. C is also a rank 2 tensor.
In[22]: D = np.array([[2, 0],[3, 4]])	# D is a 2-D array.
In[23]: C * D	# Elementwise product [[2 0], [0 4]].
In[24]: C.dot(D)	# Matrix product [[5 4], [3 4]].
In[25]: np.dot(C, D)	# Matrix product.
In[26]: E = np.array([[1,0,0],[0,1,2],[3,4,5]])	# A 3 × 3 array.
In[27]: E.sum(axis = 0)	# Sum each column.
In[28]: E.min(axis = 1)	# The minimum of each row.
In[29]: E.cumsum(axis = 0)	# Cumulative sum for each column.
In[30]: quit	# Quits the IPython console.

1.4.4 Python Tutorial Four: Matplotlib using the Editor Window (30 minutes)

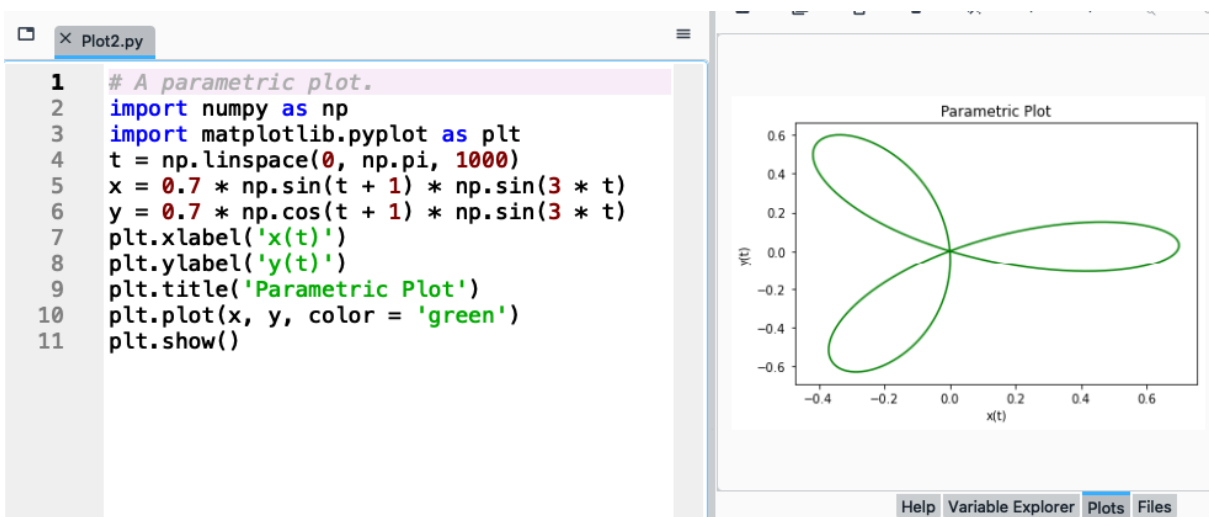
Matplotlib is a Python plotting library. For more detail, see the matplotlib help pages at:

<https://matplotlib.org/>

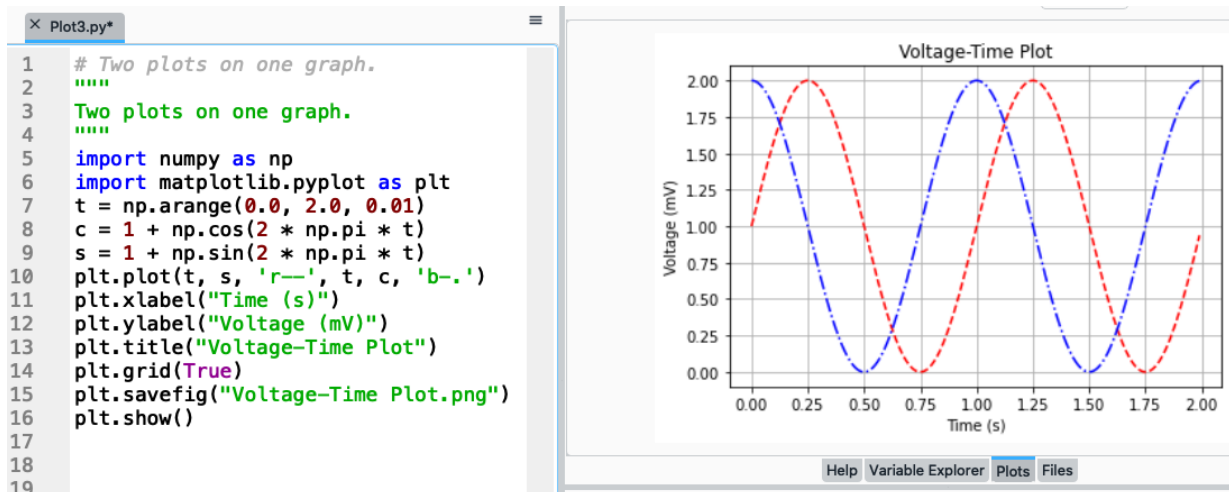
Example 1.4.4.1 Use the Editor Window to plot a parabola.



Example 1.4.4.2 Use the Editor Window for a parametric plot.



Example 1.4.4.3 Use the Editor Window to get two plots on one graph.



1.5. Python Exercises

1.5.1 Calculator Commands

1.5.1.1 Use Python to evaluate:

- (a) $2 - (3 + 6)$; (b) $2(5 - 8(3 + 6))$; (c) $2(2 - 2(3 - 6 + 5(4 - 7)))$;
(d) $\frac{2(5-4(3+8))}{3(4-(3-5))}$; (e) $\frac{2 \times 4^5}{81-5!}$.

1.5.1.2 Use Python to evaluate:

- (a) $\sqrt{4 + 6^5 + 5!}$; (b) $\cos(0.8)$; (c) $\text{atan}(-0.4)$;
(d) $\ln(87.95)$; (e) $\log_{10}(725.345)$.

1.5.1.3 Use Python to evaluate symbolically:

- (a) $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5}$; (b) $\left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{5}\right)^3$; (c) $\frac{1}{7} \times \frac{4}{23} \div \frac{37}{125}$;
(d) $(\sqrt{2} - 3)^4$; (e) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}+3}$.

1.5.1.4 Use Python to evaluate:

- (a) $\cos^2(0.9)$; (b) $\ln(8) - \log_{10}(56)$; (c) $12!$;
(d) $5186 \bmod 8$; (e) $\text{floor}(5\pi - 2e)$.
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1.5.2 Symbolic Computation

1.5.2.1 Use Python to:

- (a) factorize $x^3 - y^3$; (b) solve $x^2 - 7x - 30 = 0$;
(c) split $\frac{3x}{(x-1)(x+2)(x-5)}$; (d) simplify $\sin^4(x) - 2\cos^2(x)\sin^2(x) + \cos^4(x)$;
(e) expand $(y + x - 3)(x^2 - y + 4)$.

1.5.2.2 Determine:

- (a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$; (b) $\frac{d}{dx} (3x^4 - 6x^3)$; (c) $\frac{d^3}{dx^3} (3x^4 - 6x^3)$;
(d) $\int_{x=0}^1 x^2 - 2x - 3 \, dx$; (e) first 10 terms of the Taylor series of $e^x \sin(x)$ about $x = 1$.

1.5.2.3 Use Python to:

- (a) $\text{sum } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$; (b) $\text{sum } \sum_{n=1}^{20} 2 + 3(n - 1)$; (c) $\text{sum } \sum_{n=1}^{20} 2 \times 3^n$;

(d) solve $\begin{cases} 2x - y = 9 \\ 3x + y = 8 \end{cases}$;

(e) solve $\begin{cases} x^2 - y = 2 \\ x + y = 1 \end{cases}$.

1.5.2.4 Given that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -6 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ use Python to evaluate:}$$

- (a) $3A - 5B$; (b) $A \times B$; (c) the inverse of A ;
 (d) the first column of $A \times B$; (e) the transpose of $A \times B$.
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1.5.3 Numerical Python and Matplotlib

1.5.3.1 Use Python to generate the following lists:

- (a) a list of integers from 5 to 200; (b) a list of even integers from -4 to 200;
 (c) a list of the form $[3, 6, 9, \dots, 300]$; (d) a list of the form $[30, 27, 24, \dots, -3]$;
 (e) a list of the form $[[1, 2, \dots, 100], [101, 102, \dots, 200], [201, 202, \dots, 300]]$.

1.5.3.2 Given the array of numbers

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 2 & 6 & 0 & 6 & -5 & 2 & 6 & 0 & 8 & -9 \\ -1 & 8 & 7 & 4 & 1 & -1 & 9 & 9 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 24 & 8 & 2 & 12 & 0 & 14 & 8 & 1 & 2 \end{array}$$

determine:

- (a) the sum of each row; (b) the sum of each column; (c) the minimum of each row;
 (d) the maximum of each column; (e) the cumulative sum for each row.

1.5.3.3 Plot the following functions:

- (a) $y = x^2 - 3x - 18$; (b) $y = \cos(2x)$; (c) $y = \sin^2(x)$;
 (d) $y = 4x^3 - 3x^4$; (e) $y = \cosh(x)$.

1.5.3.4 Read the Matplotlib3d tutorial:

https://matplotlib.org/mpl_toolkits/mplot3d/tutorial.html

Plot the surface defined by $z(x, y) = \sin(x) + \cos(y)$, and rotate with Spyder.

Solutions:

https://drstephenlynch.github.io/webpages/Python_for_A_Level_Maths_and_Beyond_Solutions.html

Python for A-Level Mathematics and Beyond

Chapter 2: Python Programming

<https://www.python.org/>

2.1. General Information

Programming languages such as Java, Javascript, C++, C#, PHP, MATLAB, Swift, SQL, Ruby and Python are vitally important in the technological age. Scientific computing, artificial intelligence, bitcoins, the blockchain, cloud computing, IOT (Internet of Things), machine learning and deep learning, for example, are only possible because of programming languages.

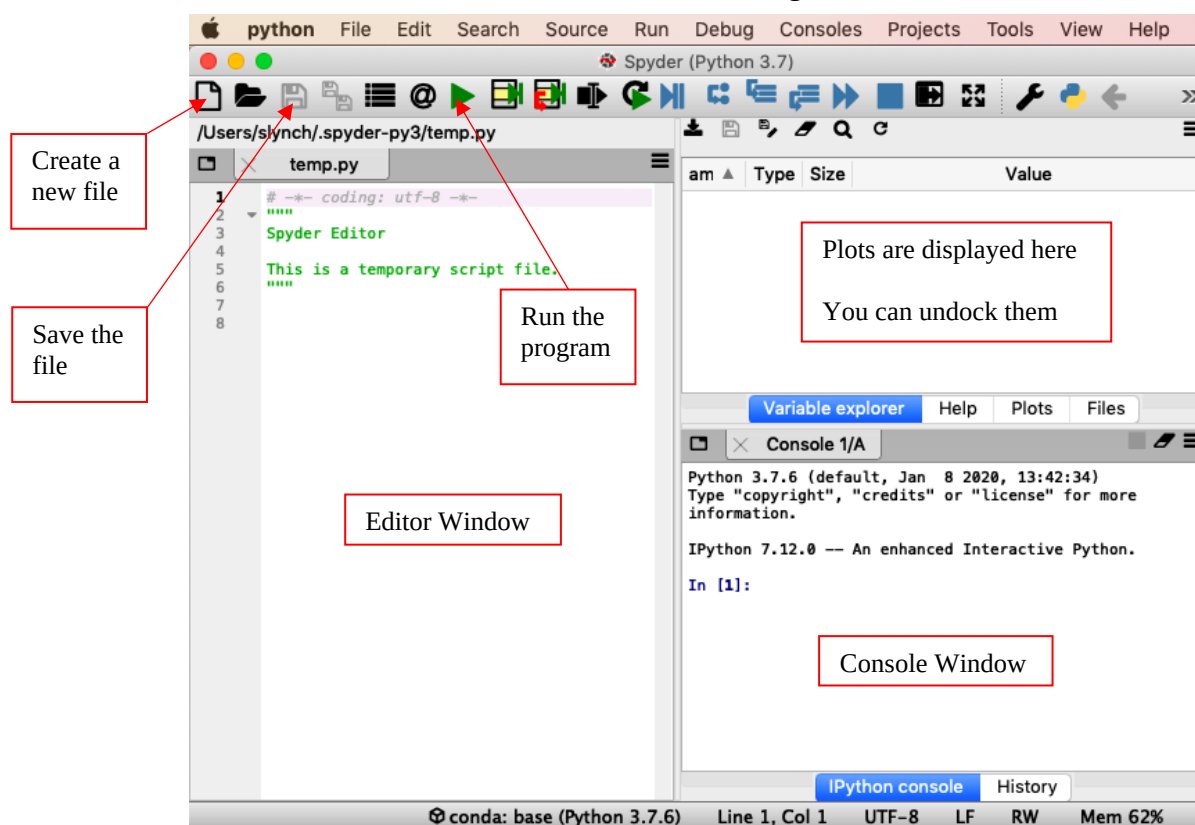
A government report published in 2018, the Bond Review:

<https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/EPSRC-050722-TheEraMathematics.pdf>

recommended that all Mathematics undergraduates and postgraduates should have a working knowledge of at least one programming language. Programming and Mathematics will make you extremely employable.

2.2. Introduction to Programming

Chapter 1 introduced you to the Console Window and its interactive nature. More involved tasks will require more lines of code and it is better to use Python program files. To open a new script file, click on the 'New' button under the File tab. To save the file and give it a name click on the Save button.



We will introduce three programming structures:

1. Defining functions.
2. Loops for repetitive tasks.
3. Conditional statements – if, elif, else etc.

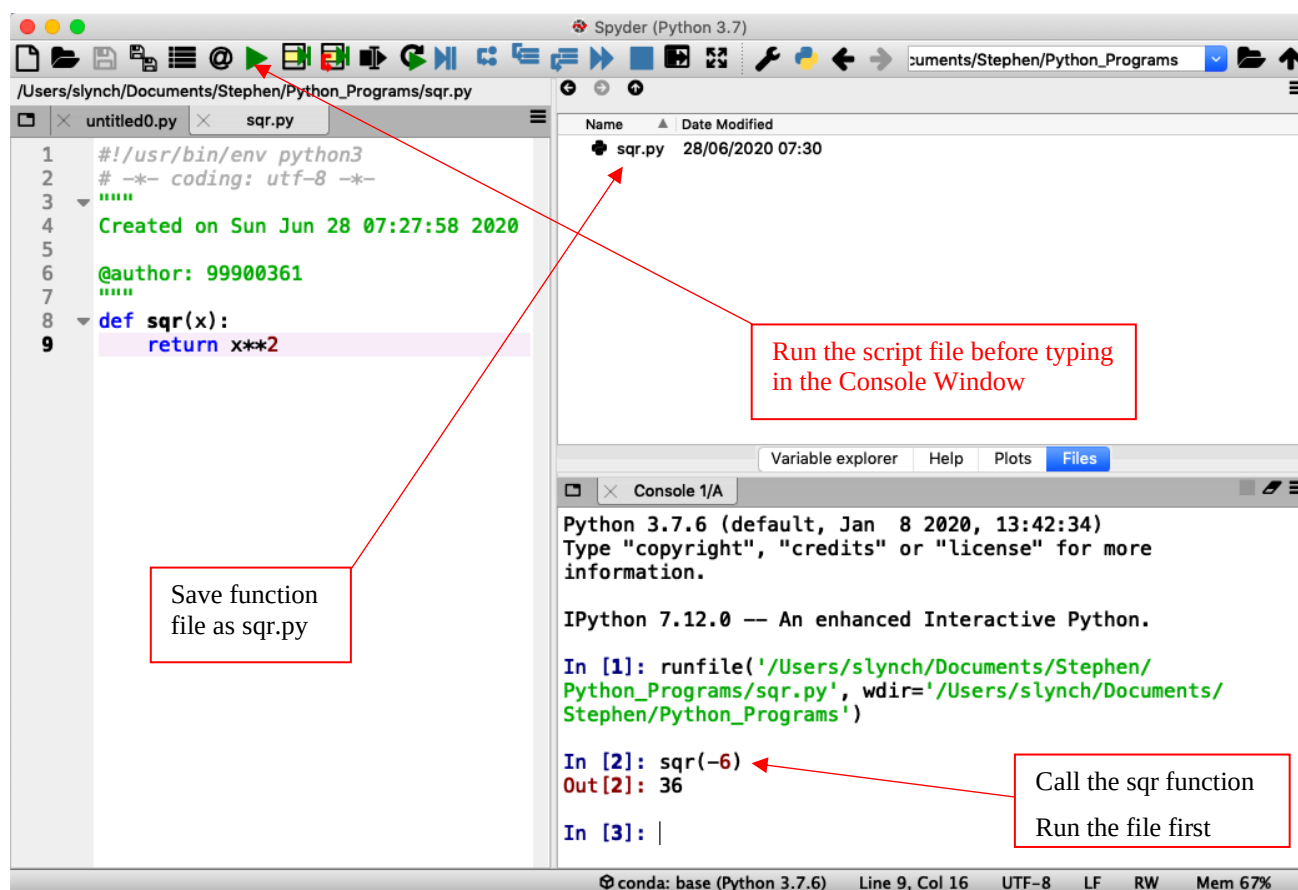
With these three constructs you can create any program that will be required on any Mathematics course!

2.3. Defining Functions (def)

You have already been using functions in Chapter 1. Now let us define our own functions. The functions are displayed in the Editor window as it would appear in Spyder.

Example 1 For your first program, define a function that squares a number and label the function `sqr`.

Solution The `def` command defines the function. At the end of the `def` line one types a colon and Python automatically indents the line after you hit ENTER. In the final line, one types `return` followed by your choice of function.

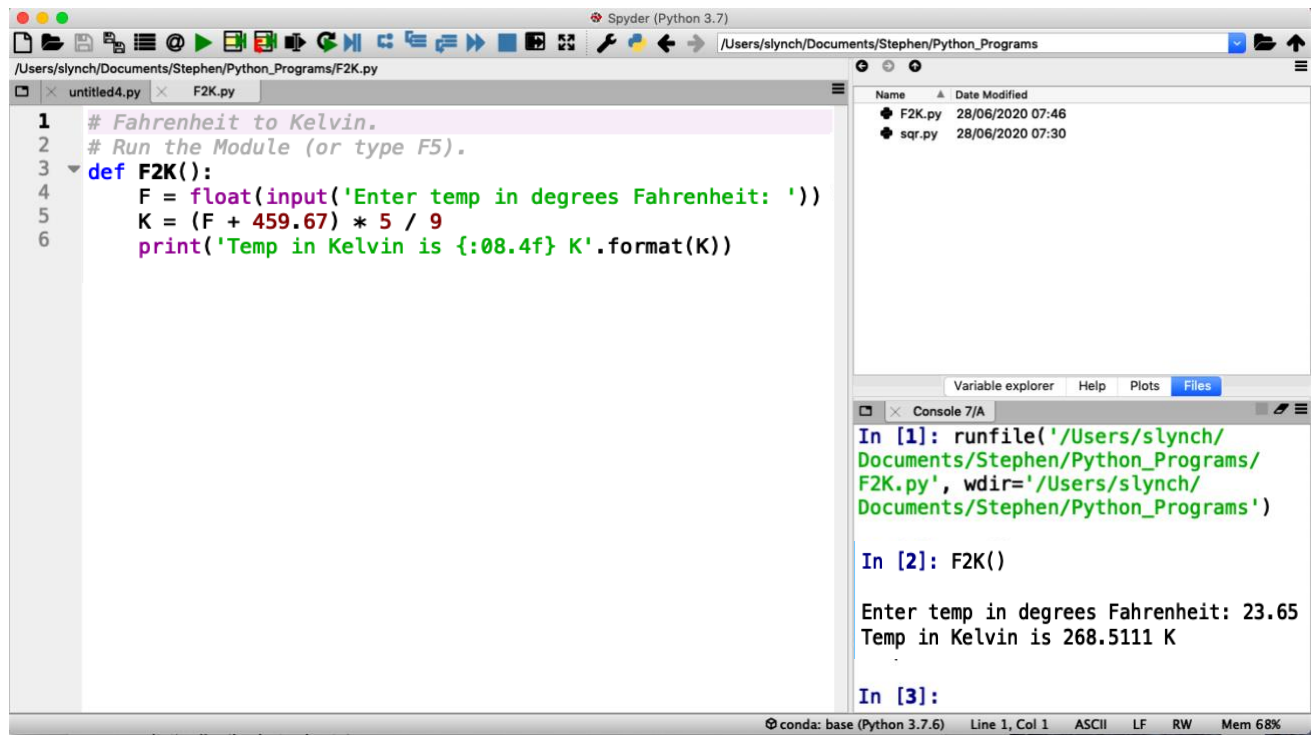


Essentially, you are creating a new button (function) on your calculator and calling it `sqr`.

IMPORTANT: You MUST first run the script file (hit the green play button or type F5) in order to call the function in the Console Window.

Example 2 Write a Python function file that converts degrees Fahrenheit to Kelvin. Output the results in floating point format.

Solution



The screenshot shows the Spyder Python IDE interface. The main editor window displays a Python script named `F2K.py` with the following code:

```
1 # Fahrenheit to Kelvin.
2 # Run the Module (or type F5).
3
4 def F2K():
5     F = float(input('Enter temp in degrees Fahrenheit: '))
6     K = (F + 459.67) * 5 / 9
7     print('Temp in Kelvin is {:.08.4f} K'.format(K))
```

The right-hand pane shows the file explorer with a list of files: `F2K.py` (modified 28/06/2020 07:46) and `sqr.py` (modified 28/06/2020 07:30). Below the file explorer is the console window, which shows the execution of the script:

```
In [1]: runfile('/Users/slynch/
Documents/Stephen/Python_Programs/
F2K.py', wdir='/Users/slynch/
Documents/Stephen/Python_Programs')

In [2]: F2K()

Enter temp in degrees Fahrenheit: 23.65
Temp in Kelvin is 268.5111 K

In [3]:
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the environment is `conda: base (Python 3.7.6)`, the cursor is at `Line 1, Col 1`, and the file encoding is `ASCII`.

Within print, `{:.08.4f}` specifies a floating-point number with a field width of eight digits, including four digits after the decimal point.

2.4. Loops for Repetitive Tasks (while and for)

Loops are used to repeat a block of code. In Python we use while and for loops.

The syntax for these loops is:

The while loop:

while expression:
statements

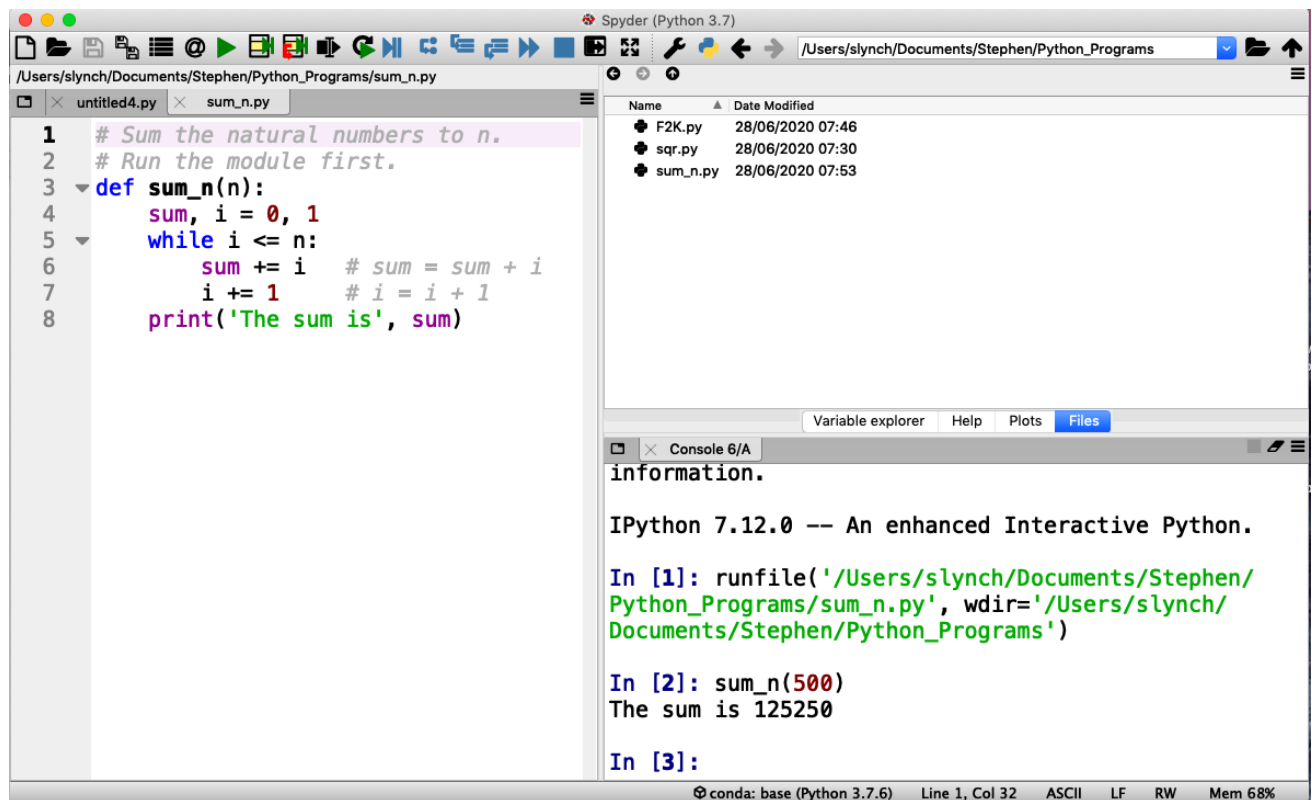
The for loop:

for index in range(N):
statements

Notice again that Python automatically indents after you hit ENTER after typing the colon. We will illustrate these loops with examples.

Example 3 Write a Python function file that sums the first n natural numbers using a while loop.

Solution



The screenshot shows the Spyder Python IDE interface. The editor on the left contains a Python function `sum_n(n)` that calculates the sum of the first `n` natural numbers using a `while` loop. The function initializes `sum` and `i` to 0, then enters a `while` loop that increments `i` and adds it to `sum` until `i` is greater than `n`. The function prints the final sum. The file explorer on the right shows the file `sum_n.py` in the directory `/Users/slynch/Documents/Stephen/Python_Programs`. The console on the bottom right shows the execution of the function with `sum_n(500)`, resulting in the output "The sum is 125250".

```
1 # Sum the natural numbers to n.
2 # Run the module first.
3 def sum_n(n):
4     sum, i = 0, 1
5     while i <= n:
6         sum += i # sum = sum + i
7         i += 1 # i = i + 1
8     print('The sum is', sum)
```

Console 6/A

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information.

IPython 7.12.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.

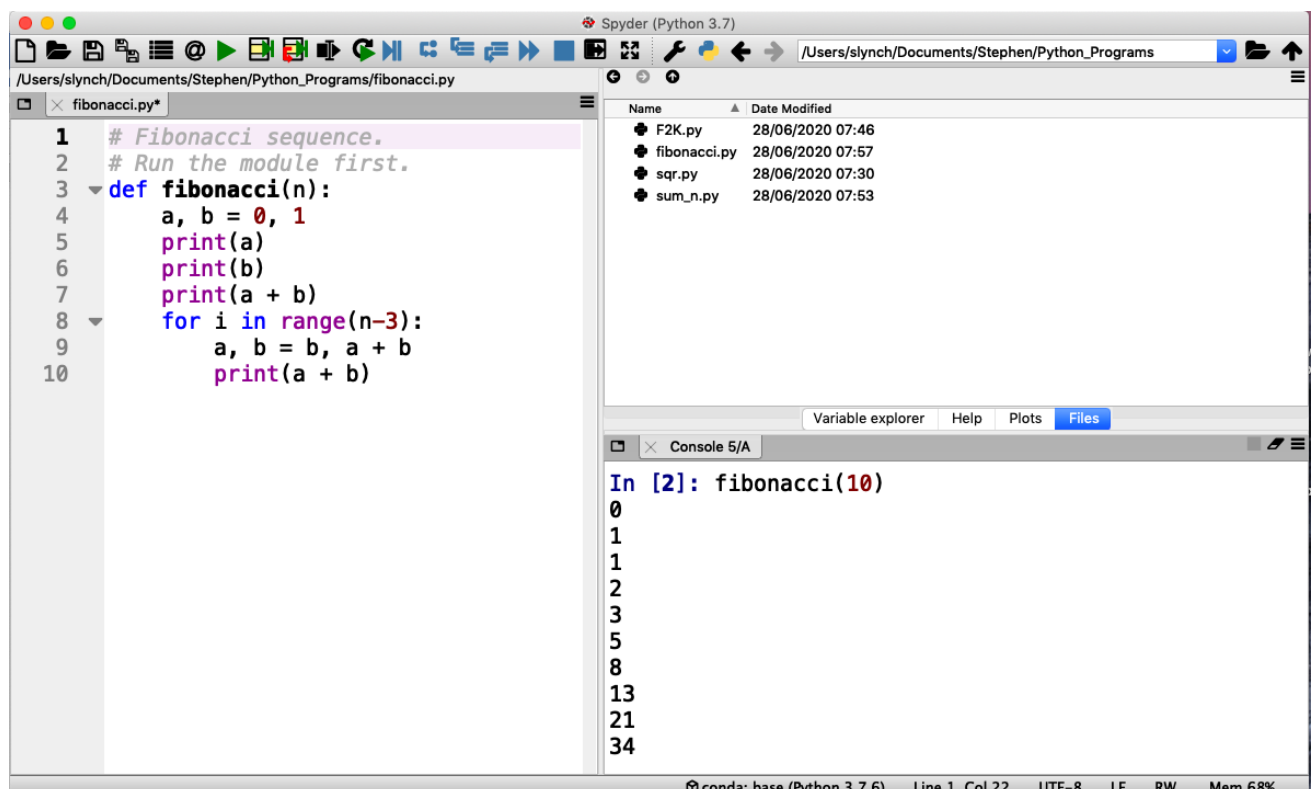
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In [2]: sum_n(500)
The sum is 125250

In [3]:
```

Example 4 Write a Python program that lists the first n terms of the Fibonacci sequence using a for loop.

Solution



The screenshot shows the Spyder Python IDE interface. The editor on the left contains a Python program `fibonacci(n)` that lists the first `n` terms of the Fibonacci sequence using a `for` loop. The program initializes `a` and `b` to 0 and 1, prints `a` and `b`, and then enters a `for` loop that calculates the next Fibonacci number and prints it. The file explorer on the right shows the file `fibonacci.py` in the directory `/Users/slynch/Documents/Stephen/Python_Programs`. The console on the bottom right shows the execution of the function with `fibonacci(10)`, resulting in the output of the first 10 Fibonacci numbers: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34.

```
1 # Fibonacci sequence.
2 # Run the module first.
3 def fibonacci(n):
4     a, b = 0, 1
5     print(a)
6     print(b)
7     print(a + b)
8     for i in range(n-3):
9         a, b = b, a + b
10    print(a + b)
```

Console 5/A

```
In [2]: fibonacci(10)
0
1
1
2
3
5
8
13
21
34
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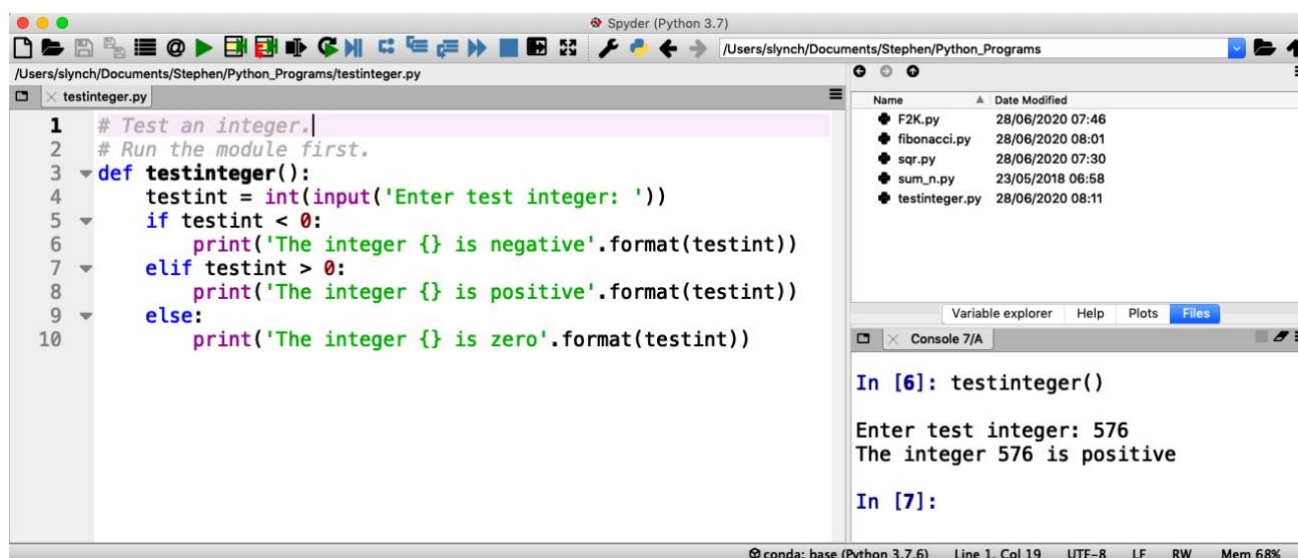
2.5. Conditional Statements (if, elif, else)

In Python, the syntax for the if command is:

```
if expression:
    statements
elif expression:
    statements
else:
    statements
```

Example 5 Write a Python function that tests whether an integer is zero, positive or negative.

Solution



The screenshot shows the Spyder Python IDE with a file named `testinteger.py` open. The code defines a function `testinteger()` that prompts the user for an integer and prints a message based on whether it is negative, positive, or zero. The console shows the function being called with the input 576, resulting in the output "The integer 576 is positive".

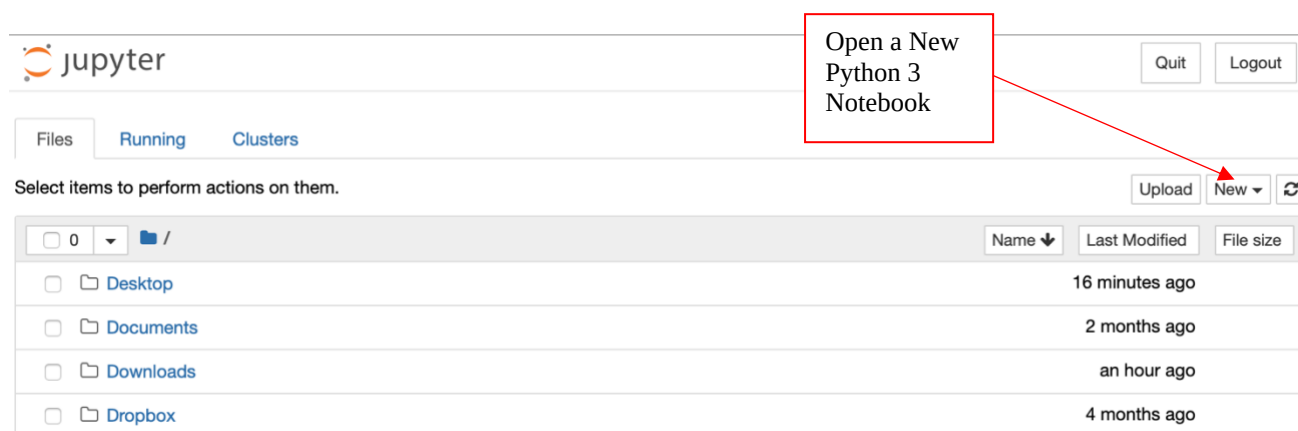
```
1 # Test an integer.
2 # Run the module first.
3 def testinteger():
4     testint = int(input('Enter test integer: '))
5     if testint < 0:
6         print('The integer {} is negative'.format(testint))
7     elif testint > 0:
8         print('The integer {} is positive'.format(testint))
9     else:
10        print('The integer {} is zero'.format(testint))
```

Console output:

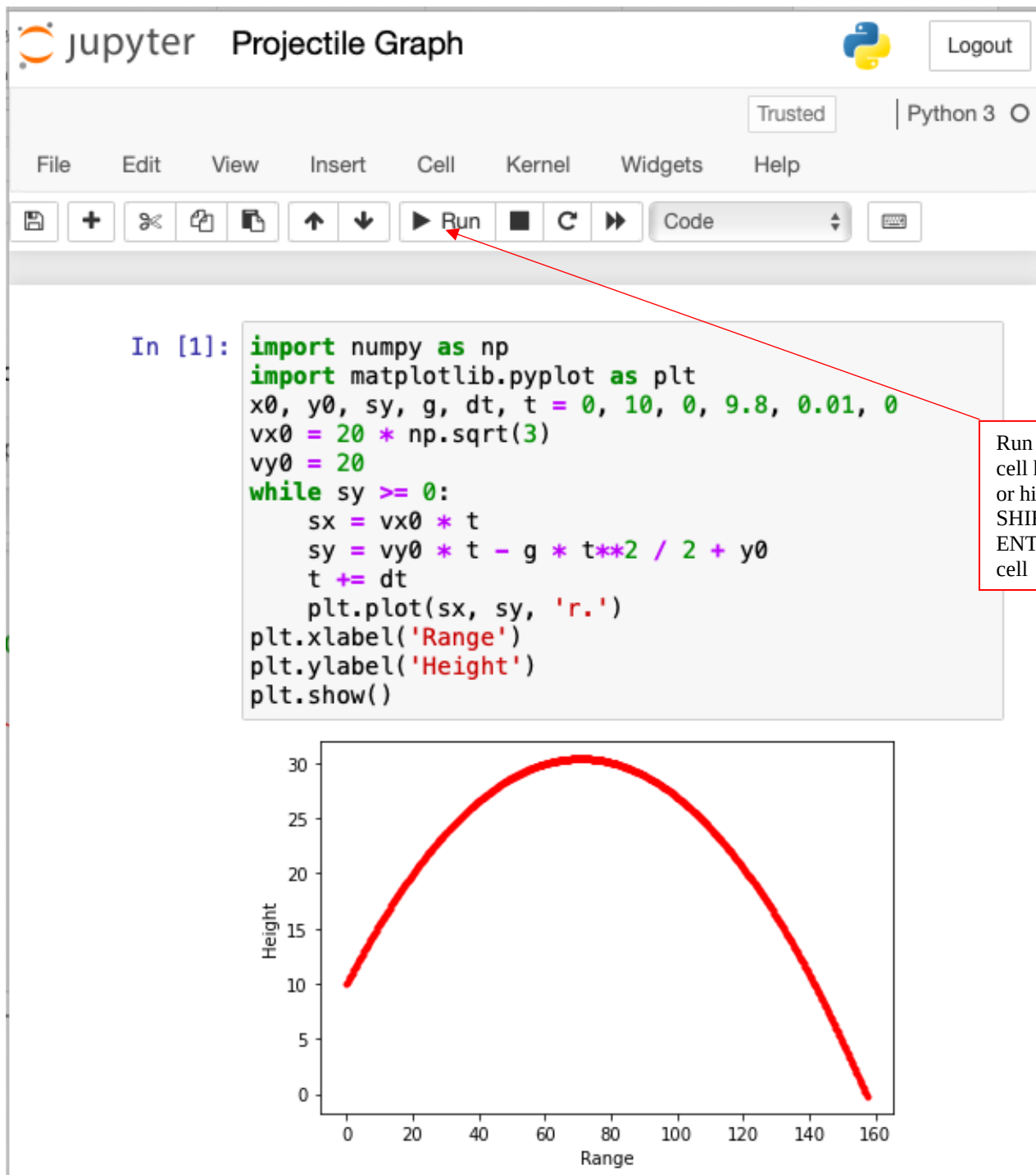
```
In [6]: testinteger()
Enter test integer: 576
The integer 576 is positive
In [7]:
```

2.6. Jupyter Notebooks and Google Colab

Launch a jupyter notebook by clicking on the icon in the Anaconda Navigator Window (see Section 1.2). The following window opens on your web browser:



You can run Python commands and programs within the jupyter notebook.



You can run jupyter notebooks freely online through Google Colab (you need a Google account):

<https://colab.research.google.com>

In this case you can perform cloud computing without having Python on your computer!

An Example in Google Colab

The code below animates the function:

$$y = \sin(0.05xn),$$

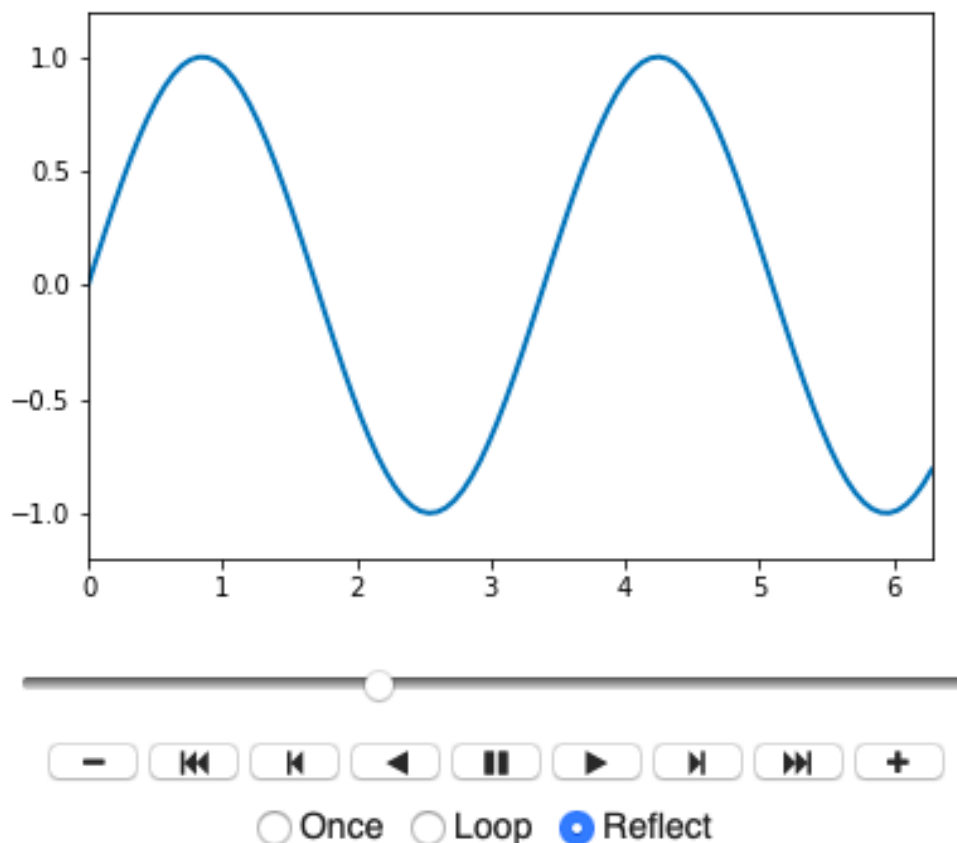
where n ranges from 1 to 100 (frames = 101). A slider is given below the figure.

```

▶ import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib import animation, rc
from IPython.display import HTML

# Set up figure.
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
plt.close()
# Set domain and range.
ax.set_xlim(( 0, 2 * np.pi))
ax.set_ylim((- 1.2, 1.2))
# Set line width.
line, = ax.plot([], [], lw=2)
# Initialization function: plot the background of each frame.
def init():
    line.set_data([], [])
    return (line,)
# Animation function. This is called sequentially.
def animate(n):
    x = np.linspace(0, 2 * np.pi, 100)
    y = np.sin(0.05 * n * x)
    line.set_data(x, y)
    return (line,)
# Animate, interval sets the speed of animation.
anim = animation.FuncAnimation(fig, animate, init_func=init,
                               frames=101, interval=100, blit=True)
# Note: below is the part which makes it work on Colab.
rc('animation', html='jshtml')
anim

```



2.7. Exercises

2.7.1 Write a Python program file for each of the following:

- (a) A function called `sgn` that returns -1 if $x < 0$, 0 if $x = 0$ and $+1$ if $x > 0$. This is the signum function.
- (b) A program that returns the mean, median and mode of a list of inputted numbers.
- (c) A function that returns the sum of the squares of the first n natural numbers. Use the `sqr` function given in Example 1.
- (d) A function called `cylinder_volume` that inputs two variables, the radius and height of a cylinder, and gives the volume of the cylinder.
- (e) A function called `cone_mass` that inputs three variables, the height, base-radius and density, and returns the mass of the cone.

2.7.2 Write a Python program that animates the parametric curve defined by $x(t) = \cos(t)$, $y(t) = \sin(nt)$, for n from 0 to 4, and $0 \leq t < 2\pi$.

2.7.3 (a) Write a Python program to convert degrees Centigrade to degrees Fahrenheit.

(b) Write a Python program that sums the subset of prime numbers up to some natural number.

2.7.4 Write an interactive Python program to play a “guess the number” game. The computer should think of a random natural number between 1 and 20 and the user (player) has to try to guess the number within six attempts. The program should tell the player if the guess is too high or too low.

2.7.5 Consider Pythagorean triples, positive integers a , b , c , such that $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. Suppose that c is defined by $c = b + n$, where n is also an integer. Write a Python program that will find all such triples for a given value of n , where both a and b are less than or equal to a maximum value, m , say. For the case $n = 1$, find all triples with $1 \leq a \leq 100$, and $1 \leq b \leq 100$. For the case $n = 3$, find all triples with $1 \leq a \leq 200$ and $1 \leq b \leq 200$.

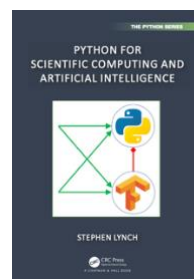
Solutions:

https://drstephenlynch.github.io/webpages/Python_for_A_Level_Maths_and_Beyond_Solutions.html

BEYOND A-LEVEL MATHEMATICS

1. Python for Scientific Computing and Artificial Intelligence

[CRC Press 2023](#)



2. Dynamical Systems with Applications using Python

[Springer International Publishing 2018](#)

[Jupyter Notebook](#)

