

# SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

ENGR 103 – Introduction to Engineering Computing

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# Course Overview

# What is Programming?

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## □ Programming

- The implementation of *algorithms* in a particular computer *programming language* for execution on a *computer*
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## □ Algorithm

- A step-by-step procedure for performing a computation, solving a problem, performing some action, etc. – a recipe
- *Algorithm design* is the meat of programming – the rest is just translation into a particular language

## □ Programming language

- We'll use Python. Others include C, C++, Java, MATLAB, etc.

## □ Computer

- May be a PC, or may be a microcontroller, FPGA, etc.

# Why Programming?

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- I don't want to be a *software* engineer. Why do I need to learn to program?
  - **All** engineers will need to write computer code throughout their careers
    - Design and simulation
    - Numerical solution of mathematical problems
    - Data analysis – from measurements or simulation
    - Firmware for the control of mechatronic systems
  - More importantly: ***development of algorithmic thinking ability***
    - Learn to think like an engineer – single most important takeaway from your engineering education

# Course Overview

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Section 2: Vectors and Matrices

Section 3: Two-Dimensional Plotting

Section 4: Algorithmic Thinking &  
Flow Charts

Section 5: Structured Programming in  
MATLAB

Section 6: User-Defined Functions

Section 7: Three-Dimensional Plotting

Section 8: File I/O

Section 9: Engineering Applications

Introductory material:

- Course overview
- Introduction to required tools
- Linear algebra basics

Package-specific tools (matplotlib):

- Data visualization
- Valuable engineering tools

Algorithm fundamentals:

- Generic; Platform-independent
- Engineering thinking –  
transcends programming

Application of the fundamentals:

- Python-specific, but
- Similar to other languages

# Python

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- This a course in ***programming fundamentals*** and ***algorithmic thinking***
- The language we'll use to develop these concepts is ***Python*** (in the ***Spyder*** development environment)
  - ▣ Could just as well use another language, e.g., C, C++, Java, MATLAB, Fortran, ...
  - ▣ The important concepts are not language-specific
- ***Two goals*** of this course:
  - ▣ Learn to develop basic algorithms and to write structured computer code
  - ▣ Learn to use Python

# Introduction to Python & Spyder

The remainder of this section of notes is intended to provide a brief introduction to Python and the Spyder development environment.

# Python – What is It?

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## □ *A general-purpose programming language*



- Used for writing programs to describe procedures to be executed by computers
- *High-level*
  - Readable code – includes natural-language constructs
  - Makes use of extensive libraries of functions
  - Highly abstracted from the machine-level instructions that will ultimately be passed to the computer
- *Interpreted*
  - Translation to machine instructions happens at runtime
  - Not *compiled* – translations happens once, creating a separate executable file
- *Object oriented* – more on this later



# Python – How Do We Use it?

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- Different ways to write and execute Python code
  - ***Text editor***
    - Simple editor for writing code
    - May include language specific formatting/coloring, etc.
    - E.g. Vi/Vim, Sublime Text, etc.
  - ***Integrated development environment (IDE)***
    - Software interface to facilitate code development
      - Code editor
      - Debugger
      - Console
      - Variable explorer
      - File browser,
      - Plotting support, etc.
    - E.g. Spyder, Pycharm, IDLE, Visual Studio, etc.

# Spyder – What is It?



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- We will use the **Spyder** IDE
  - ▣ Scientific **P**Ython **D**evelopment **E**nviRonment
  - ▣ Designed for scientific, engineering, and data science applications

Variable Explorer:

Name /	Type	Size	Value
f	int	1	4
fs	list	3	[1, 2, 4]
t	Array of float64	(200,)	[0.]
y	Array of float64	(200,)	[0.0000]

Code Editor:

```
2 import numpy as np
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4
5 # List of frequencies, Hz
6 fs = [1, 2, 4]
7 t = np.linspace(0,1,200)
8
9 # for Loop to create and plot individual
10 # sinusoids
11 for f in fs:
12     y = np.sin(2*np.pi*f*t)
13     plt.plot(t,y,label='{} Hz'.format(f))
14
15 # plot configuration
16 plt.legend()
17 plt.xlabel('time [sec]')
18 plt.ylabel('y(t)')
19 plt.title('Sinusoids')
20
21
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```

Console:

```
In [3]: runfile('C:/Users/webbky/Box/KWebb/Classes/ENGR102_103/
Notes/Python/Section1/plotSines.py', wdir='C:/Users/webbky/Box/
KWebb/Classes/ENGR102_103/Notes/Python/Section1')
In [4]:
```

# The Spyder Interface

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The screenshot shows the Spyder Python IDE interface with the following components highlighted:

- Variable Explorer:** A table on the left showing variables and their values.
- Plot Pane:** A central window displaying a plot titled "Sinusoids" with three sine waves of different frequencies (1 Hz, 2 Hz, 4 Hz).
- Editor:** A window on the right showing Python code for generating the plot.
- Console:** A window at the bottom center showing the execution history of the code.
- File Browser:** A window on the bottom left showing the file structure.
- Command History:** A window at the bottom left showing the command history.
- Help:** A window at the bottom right showing the documentation for the `linspace` function.

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19 plt.title('Sinusoids')
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```

```
In [7]: a = 3
In [8]: b = 2
In [9]: a*b
Out[9]: 6
In [10]:
```

**linspace**

Return evenly spaced values over a specified interval.

Returns *num* evenly spaced values over the interval [*start*, *stop*].

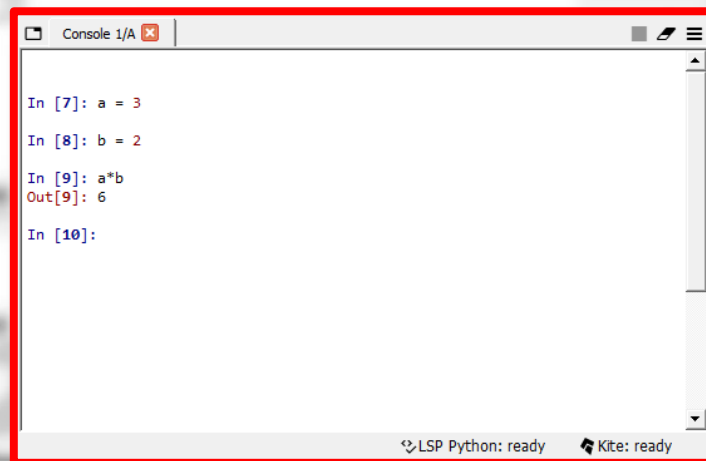
The endpoint of the interval can optionally be excluded.

Changed in version 1.16.0: Non-scalar *start* and *stop* are now supported.

# The Spyder Interface - Console

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- Run Python commands interactively
- Behaves like a *calculator*
- Useful for:
  - ▣ Quick calculations
  - ▣ Simple debugging tasks



```
Console 1/A x
```

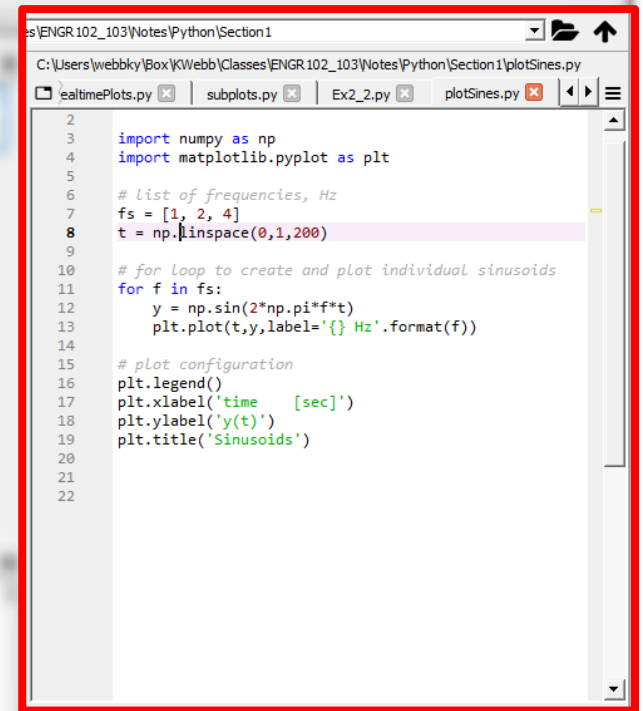
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# The Spyder Interface - Editor

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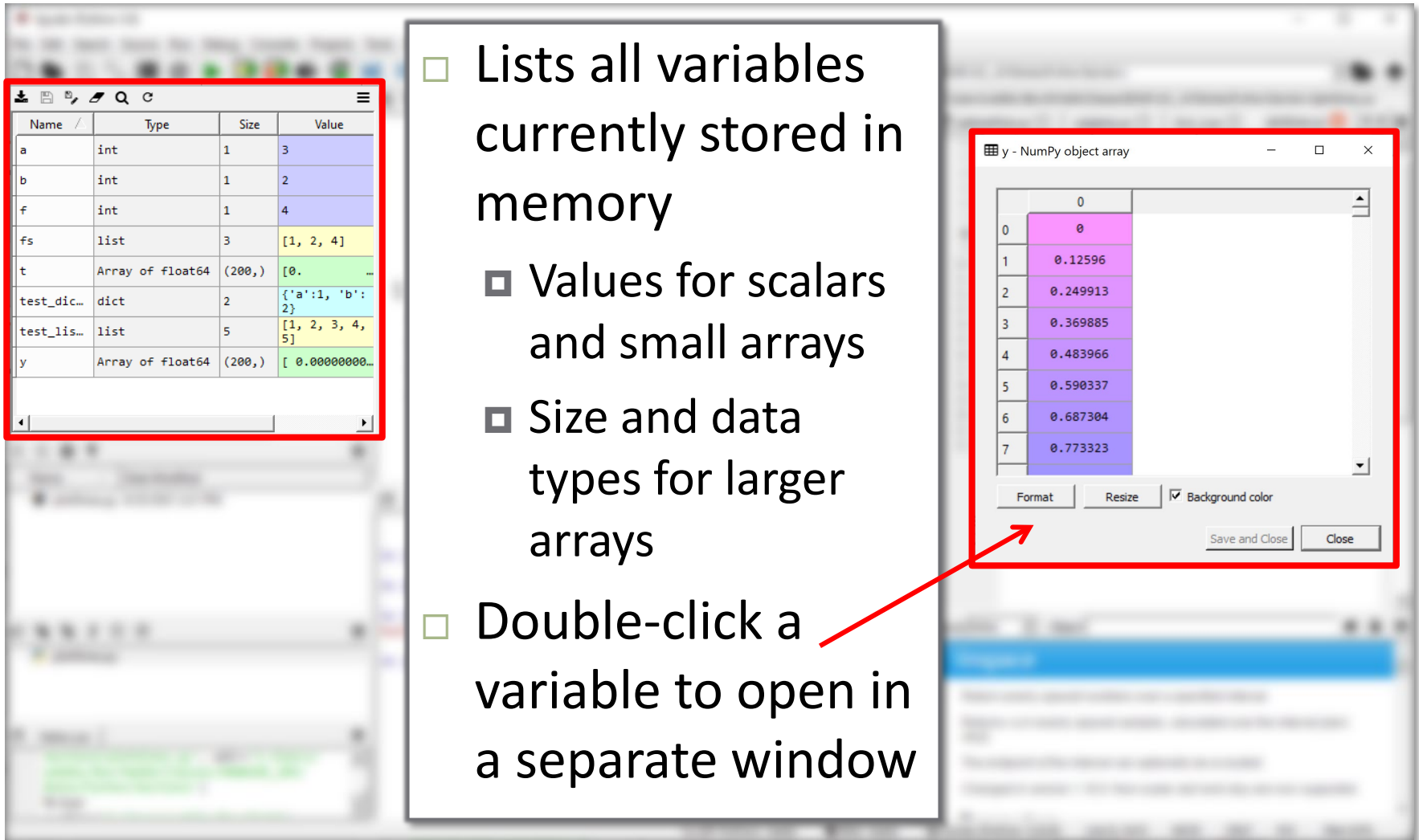
- Editor for Python scripts
- Write and execute our Python code here
- Auto formatting
  - ▣ Highlighting
  - ▣ Indenting
  - ▣ Code completion
- Built-in debugger
  - ▣ Set breakpoints
  - ▣ Step through code line-by-line or by section



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# The Spyder Interface – Variable Explorer

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The image shows the Spyder Variable Explorer interface. On the left, a table lists variables with their names, types, sizes, and values. On the right, a separate window displays a detailed view of a NumPy array, showing its elements and various options like Format, Resize, and Background color.

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test_lis...	list	5	[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
y	Array of float64	(200,)	[ 0.00000000...

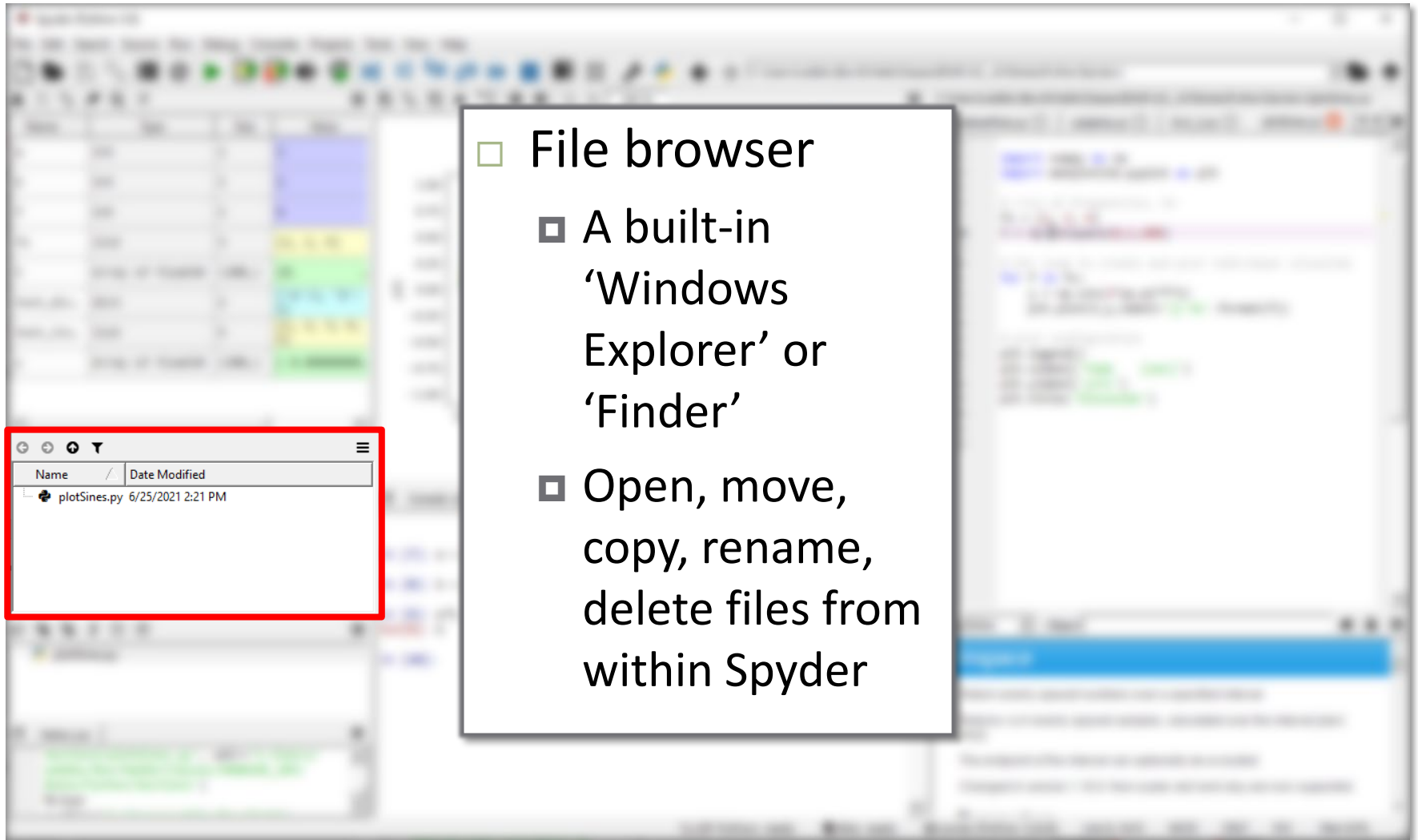
- Lists all variables currently stored in memory
  - Values for scalars and small arrays
  - Size and data types for larger arrays
- Double-click a variable to open in a separate window

The detailed view of the NumPy array shows the following values:

Index	Value
0	0
1	0.12596
2	0.249913
3	0.369885
4	0.483966
5	0.590337
6	0.687304
7	0.773323

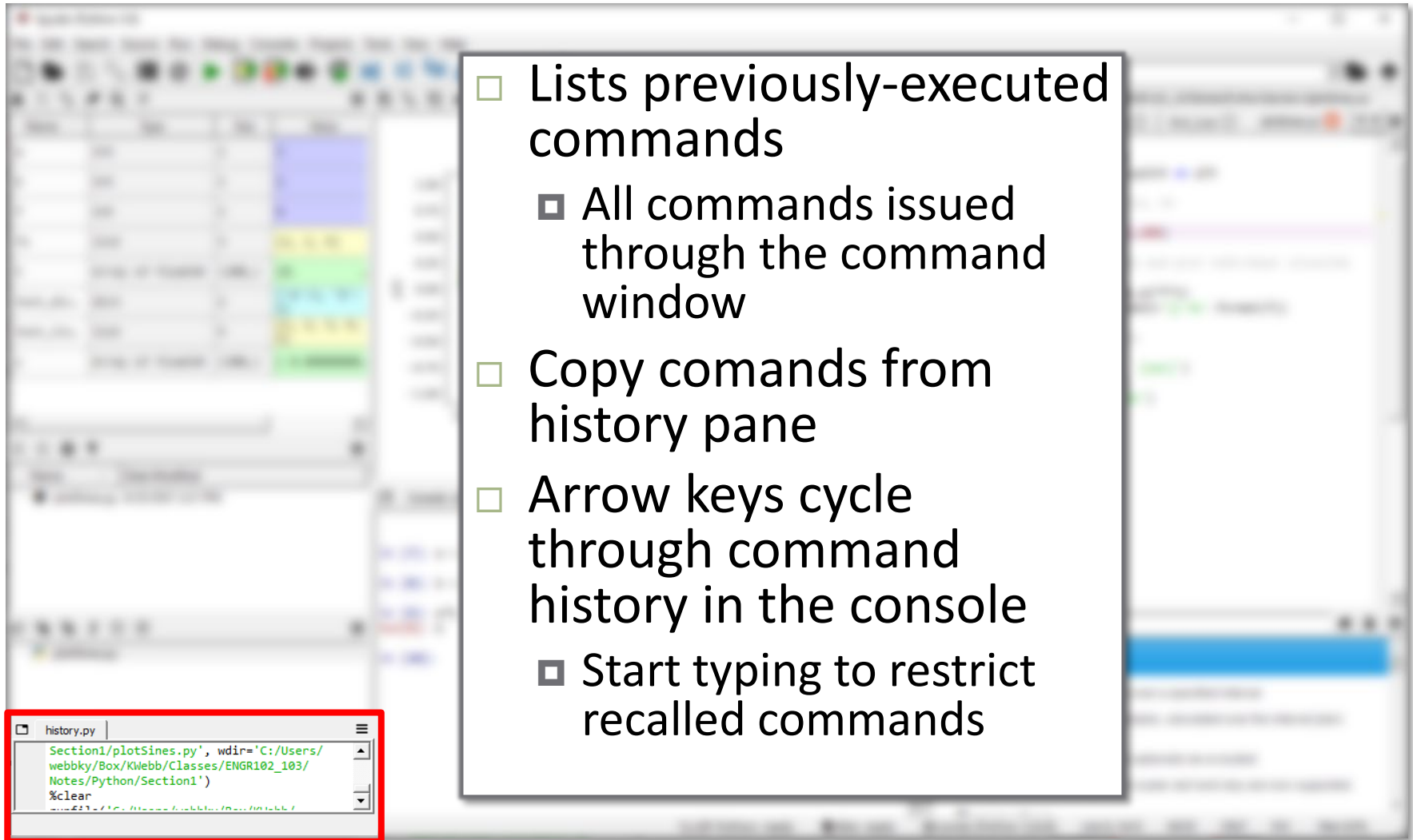
# The Spyder Interface – File Browser

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# The Spyder Interface – Command History

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The image shows a screenshot of the Spyder IDE interface. A central white box contains a list of features related to the Command History pane. To the left, a blurred view of the IDE's main interface is visible. In the bottom-left corner, a code editor window titled 'history.py' is highlighted with a red border, showing a snippet of Python code.

- Lists previously-executed commands
  - ▣ All commands issued through the command window
- Copy commands from history pane
- Arrow keys cycle through command history in the console
  - ▣ Start typing to restrict recalled commands

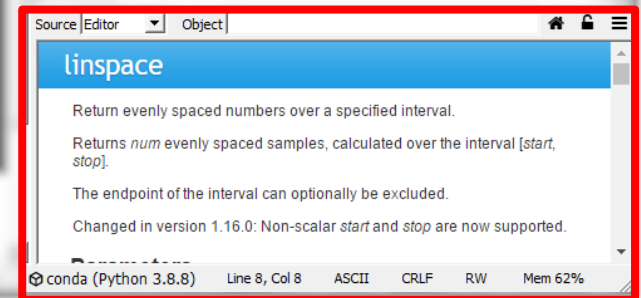
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history.py
Section1/plotSines.py', wdir='C:/Users/
webbky/Box/KWebb/Classes/ENGR102_103/
Notes/Python/Section1')
%clear
C:/Users/webbky/Box/KWebb/
```



# The Spyder Interface – Help Pane

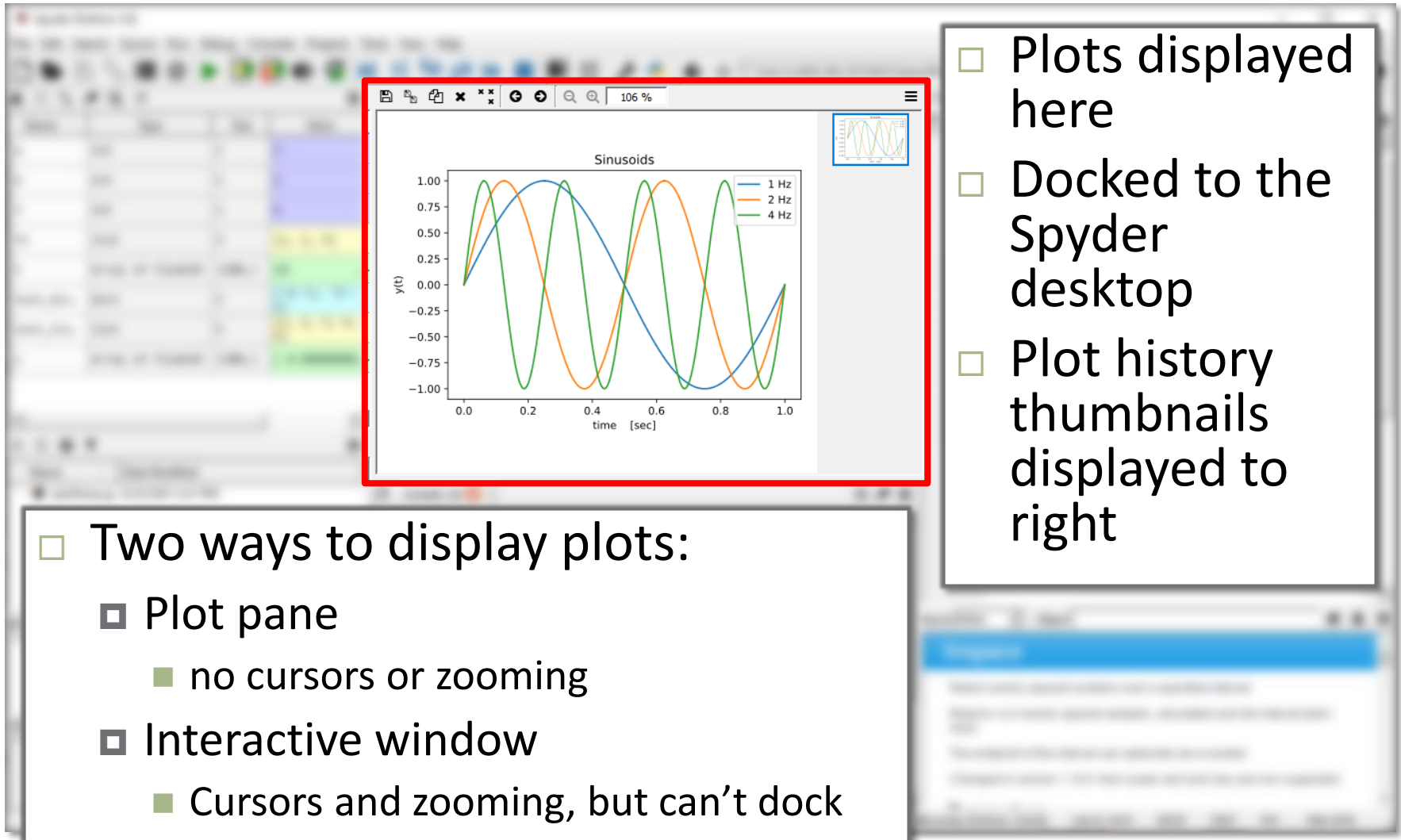
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- Display help documentation for modules classes functions and methods
  - ▣ Enter object name directly in the 'Object' field
  - ▣ Place cursor on object in the editor window and type Ctrl-i



# The Spyder Interface – Plots Pane

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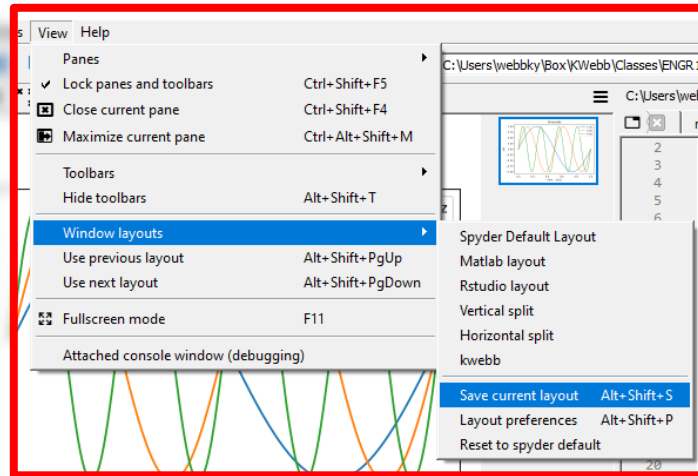
The image shows a screenshot of the Spyder Python IDE interface. A central plot pane is highlighted with a red border. The plot, titled "Sinusoids", displays three sine waves: a blue line for 1 Hz, an orange line for 2 Hz, and a green line for 4 Hz. The x-axis is labeled "time [sec]" and ranges from 0.0 to 1.0. The y-axis is labeled "y(t)" and ranges from -1.00 to 1.00. To the right of the plot, a small thumbnail shows a history of previous plots. The background shows the Spyder interface with various toolbars and panels.

- Plots displayed here
- Docked to the Spyder desktop
- Plot history thumbnails displayed to right

- Two ways to display plots:
  - ▣ Plot pane
    - no cursors or zooming
  - ▣ Interactive window
    - Cursors and zooming, but can't dock

# The Spyder Interface – Saving Layouts

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- Configure the panes in your Spyder desktop to suit your workflow
- Save one or more layouts to suit your preferences

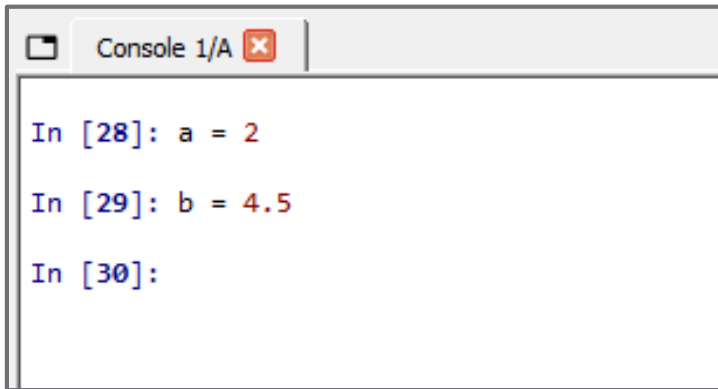
# Data Types

Variables used in Python can be of many different types, e.g. integers, floating-point numbers, alphanumeric characters, etc.

The following section introduces each of these data types. You'll gain a better understanding of each as the course progresses.

# Assignment of Variables

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```
Console 1/A x
In [28]: a = 2
In [29]: b = 4.5
In [30]:
```

Name /	Type	Size	Value
a	int	1	2
b	float	1	4.5

- Can define variables and assign values
  - ▣ Within a script
  - ▣ In the console
- Can then operate on those variables
- Variables appear in variable explorer

# Variable Declaration

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- In Python, it isn't necessary to declare a variable before using it, e.g.:

```
a = 7.4039
```

- Declaration occurs automatically upon assignment
- This differs from many other languages, e.g. in C:

```
float a;  
a = 7.4039;
```

or

```
float a = 7.4039;
```

# Variable Names

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- Variable names must ***start with a letter*** or ***underscore***
- Names may contain ***letters, numbers,*** and ***underscore*** characters
  - ▣ ***No spaces***
- Some examples:

Allowed	Not allowed
A	Var 3
var1	4x_a
x_2_a	data file name
Avg_price	%pop #

# Variable Names

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- Names are ***case sensitive***
    - For example, all three are different:
      - Name\_1
      - Name\_1
      - NAME\_1
  - Cannot use Python ***keywords***
    - E.g., for, if, def, True, etc.
  - Don't name variables with names of ***built-in functions***
    - Can be done, but that function will become unavailable
- ***Preferred variable naming convention:***
    - All lowercase
    - Separate multiple words with an underscore



# Variable Declaration – Dynamic Typing

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- Python variables are of can be different **types**, e.g.:
  - Integer: int
  - Floating-point number: float
  - Alpha-numeric string: str
- Python is **dynamically typed**
  - Don't need to assign type when defining a variable
  - Python **interpreter determines type** at runtime

```
Console 1/A x
In [22]: a = 2
In [23]: b = 3
In [24]: c = a/b
In [25]: d = 2.0
In [26]: greeting = 'Hello'
```

Name /	Type	Size	Value
a	int	1	2
b	int	1	3
c	float	1	0.6666666666666666
d	float	1	2.0
greeting	str	5	Hello

# Fundamental Python Data Types

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- Python supports many different numeric and non-numeric ***data types***, for example
- **Numeric types**
  - int
  - float
  - complex
- **Non-numeric types**
  - str
  - list
  - tuple
  - set
  - dict
  - bool
- We'll introduce each of these types now, but will learn more about them throughout the course

# Mutable vs. Immutable Data Types

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- Data objects of all types are values stored at specific locations in a computer's memory
- All data types fall into one of two categories:
  - ▣ ***Immutable***
    - Values cannot be modified after the variable is created in memory
      - Numbers – `int`, `float`, `complex`
      - Strings – `str`
      - Tuples – `tuple`
  - ▣ ***Mutable***
    - Values can be modified after variable creation
    - Can add, delete, insert, and rearrange items in a mutable sequence
      - Lists – `list`
      - Dictionaries – `dict`

# Data Types – int

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## □ *Integers*

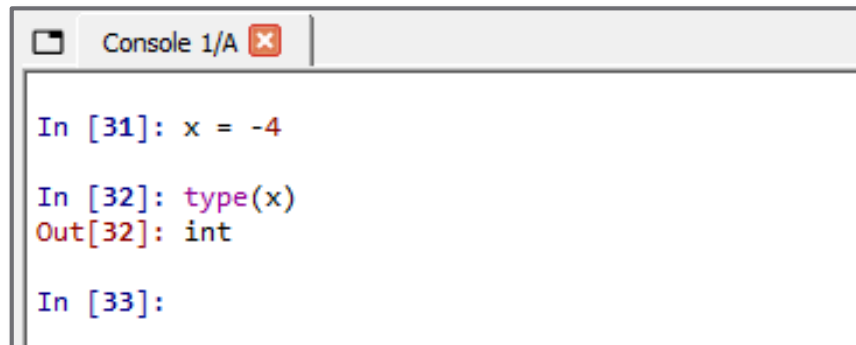
- Zero, positive, and negative *whole numbers*

```
>>> a = 7
```

```
>>> x = -4
```

```
>>> N = 0
```

- If you assign a whole-number value to a variable, it will automatically be cast as an `int`



```
Console 1/A ✕  
  
In [31]: x = -4  
  
In [32]: type(x)  
Out[32]: int  
  
In [33]:
```

# Data Types – float

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- ***Floating point numbers***

- Positive, and negative ***non-whole numbers***

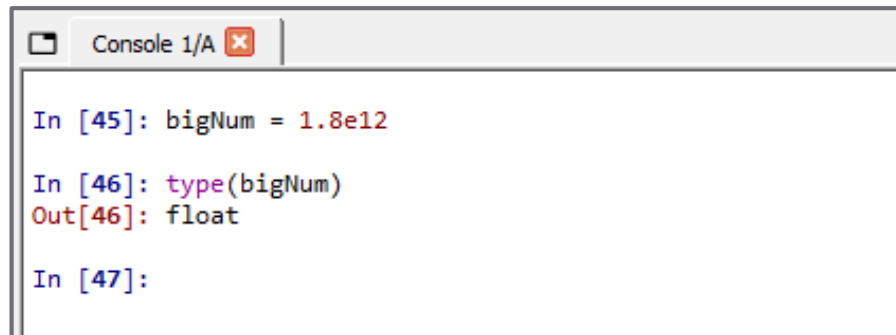
```
>>> a = 2.71
```

```
>>> x = -4.5
```

```
>>> bigNum = 1.8e12
```

```
>>> smallNum = 6.4E-9
```

- If you assign a non-whole-number value to a variable, it will automatically be cast as a float



```
Console 1/A [x]  
  
In [45]: bigNum = 1.8e12  
  
In [46]: type(bigNum)  
Out[46]: float  
  
In [47]:
```

# Scientific Notation

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- Use ***scientific notation*** to represent very large or very small floating-point numbers, e.g.:

$$1.58 \times 10^{-9}$$

- Very bad practice to type a lot of zeros – ***never do this***:

$$0.00000000158$$

- Difficult to read, and much too easy to miscount zeros

- In Python use e or E for  $\times 10^x$ , e.g.:

$$x = 1.58e-9$$

$$x = 1.58E-9$$

- Don't confuse with the exponential function  $e^x$  (i.e.  $2.718^x$ )

# Data Types – complex

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## □ **Complex numbers**

- Numbers with *real* and *imaginary parts*

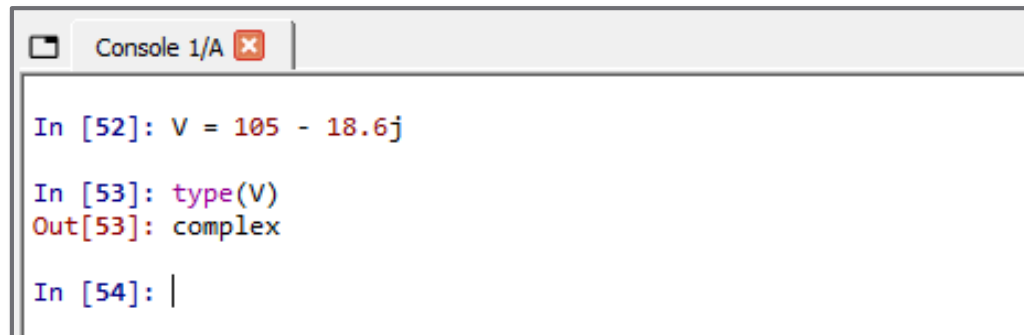
```
>>> z = 3 + 2j
```

```
>>> b = -4.5 + 6j
```

```
>>> V = 105 - 18.6j
```

- $j$  is the imaginary unit

- $j = \sqrt{-1}$



```
Console 1/A x  
In [52]: V = 105 - 18.6j  
In [53]: type(V)  
Out[53]: complex  
In [54]: |
```

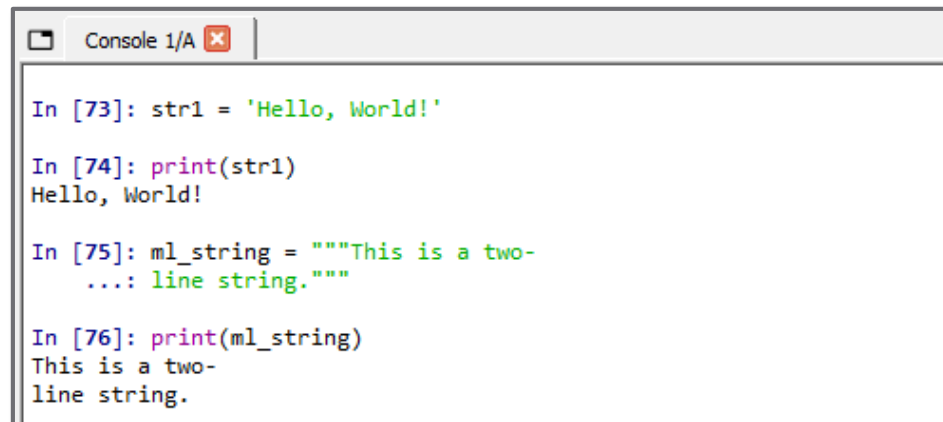
# Data Types – str

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## □ **Strings**

- Sequences of ***alpha-numeric characters***
- Enclosed in single, double, or triple quotes

```
>>> str_1 = 'Hello, World!'
>>> Name = "John Doe"
>>> ml_string = '''Multi-line strings
are enclosed in
triple quotes.'''
```



```
Console 1/A x
In [73]: str1 = 'Hello, World!'
In [74]: print(str1)
Hello, World!
In [75]: ml_string = """This is a two-
...: line string."""
In [76]: print(ml_string)
This is a two-
line string.
```



# Data Types – str – Escape Characters

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## □ *Escape characters*

- Allows you to insert special characters in strings
- Backslash, \, followed by a special character

Escape Character	Result
\'	Single quote
\"	Double quote
\\	Backslash
\n	New line
\t	Tab

```
Console 1/A x
In [403]: print('He said, \'hello!\')
He said, 'hello!'

In [404]: print("He said, \"hello!\"")
He said, "hello!"

In [405]: print('C:\\Program Files\\Microsoft')
C:\Program Files\Microsoft

In [406]: print('Put this on one line\nand this on another.')
Put this on one line
and this on another.

In [407]: print('Separate\twith\ttabs.')
Separate    with    tabs.

In [408]:
```

# Data Types – list

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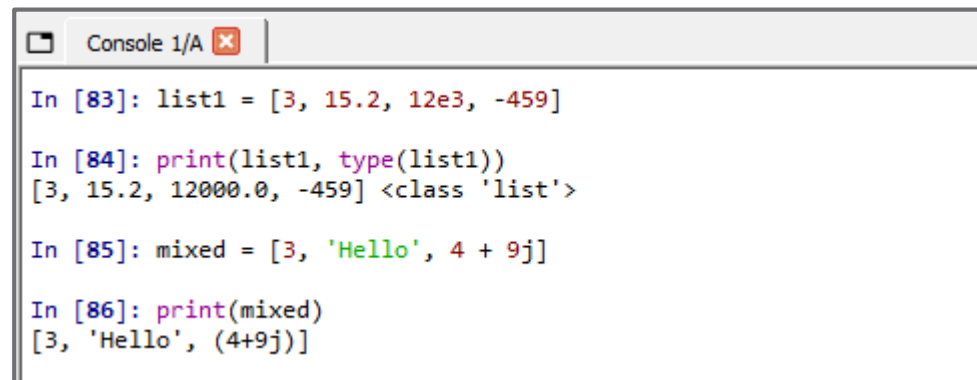
## □ Lists

- Ordered, mutable collections of one or more different data types
- Enclosed in square brackets, [ ], separated by commas

```
>>> list1 = [3, 15.2, 12e3, -459]
```

```
>>> names = ['Jane', 'Bob', 'Sally']
```

```
>>> mixed = [3, 'Hello', 4 + 9j]
```



```
Console 1/A x  
In [83]: list1 = [3, 15.2, 12e3, -459]  
In [84]: print(list1, type(list1))  
[3, 15.2, 12000.0, -459] <class 'list'>  
In [85]: mixed = [3, 'Hello', 4 + 9j]  
In [86]: print(mixed)  
[3, 'Hello', (4+9j)]
```

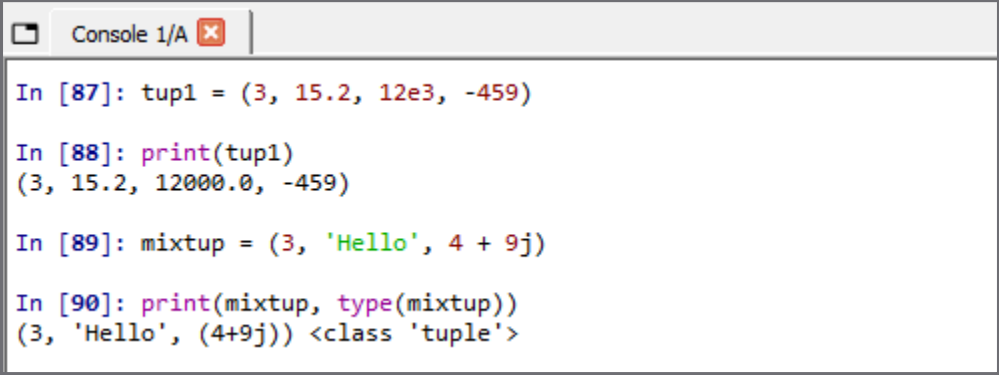
# Data Types – tuple

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## □ *Tuples*

- ▣ Ordered, immutable collections of one or more different data types
- ▣ Like a list, but immutable
- ▣ Enclosed in square parentheses, ( ), separated by commas

```
>>> tup1 = (3, 15.2, 12e3, -459)
>>> names = ('Jane', 'Bob', 'Sally')
>>> mixtup = (3, 'Hello', 4 + 9j)
```



```
Console 1/A x
In [87]: tup1 = (3, 15.2, 12e3, -459)
In [88]: print(tup1)
(3, 15.2, 12000.0, -459)
In [89]: mixtup = (3, 'Hello', 4 + 9j)
In [90]: print(mixtup, type(mixtup))
(3, 'Hello', (4+9j)) <class 'tuple'>
```

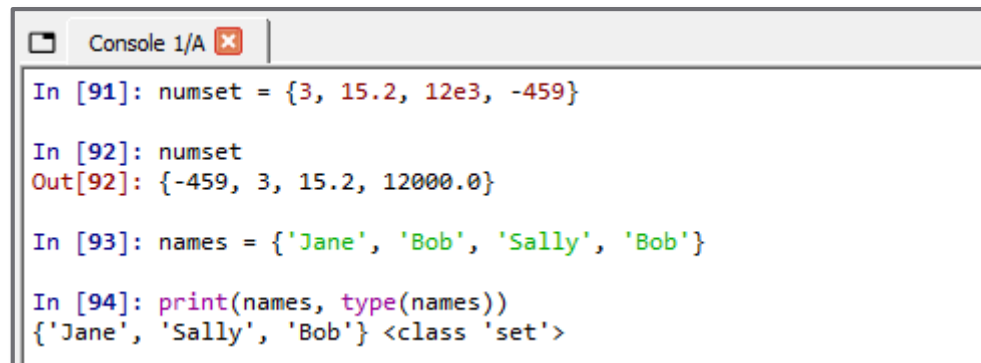
# Data Types – set

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## □ Sets

- Unordered, mutable collections of one or more different data types
- Enclosed in square curly brackets, { }, separated by commas
- Sets do not store duplicate objects
- Suitable for mathematical set operations, e.g., union, intersection, difference, etc.

```
>>> numset = {3, 15.2, 12e3, -459}
>>> names = {'Jane', 'Bob', 'Sally'}
>>> set3 = {3, 'Hello', 4 + 9j}
```



```
Console 1/A x
In [91]: numset = {3, 15.2, 12e3, -459}
In [92]: numset
Out[92]: {-459, 3, 15.2, 12000.0}
In [93]: names = {'Jane', 'Bob', 'Sally', 'Bob'}
In [94]: print(names, type(names))
{'Jane', 'Sally', 'Bob'} <class 'set'>
```

# Data Types – dict

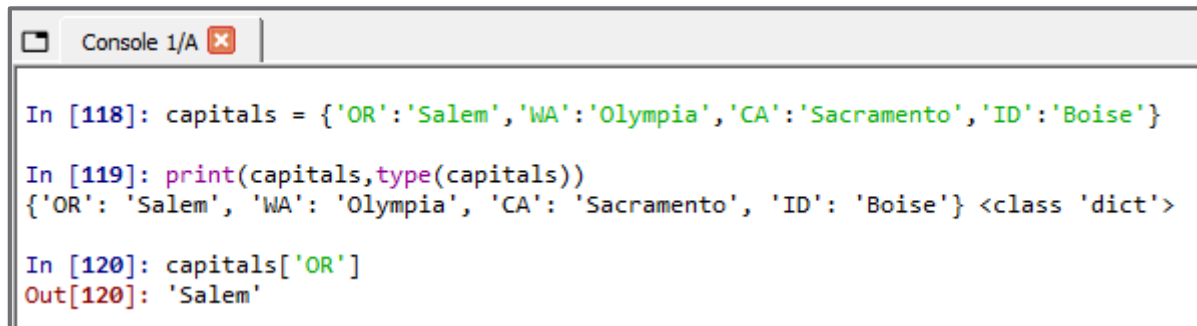
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## □ **Dictionaries**

- Ordered, mutable collections of data stored as **key:value** pairs
- Enclosed in square curly brackets, { }
- Keys and values separated by colons
- Key:value pairs separated by commas
- Duplicate keys are not allowed

```
>>> person1 = {'Name':, 'Joe', 'Age':, 32, 'Hair':, 'brown', 'Eyes':, 'green'}
```

```
>>> capitals = {'OR':, 'Salem', 'WA':, 'Olympia', 'CA':, 'Sacramento', 'ID':, 'Boise'}
```



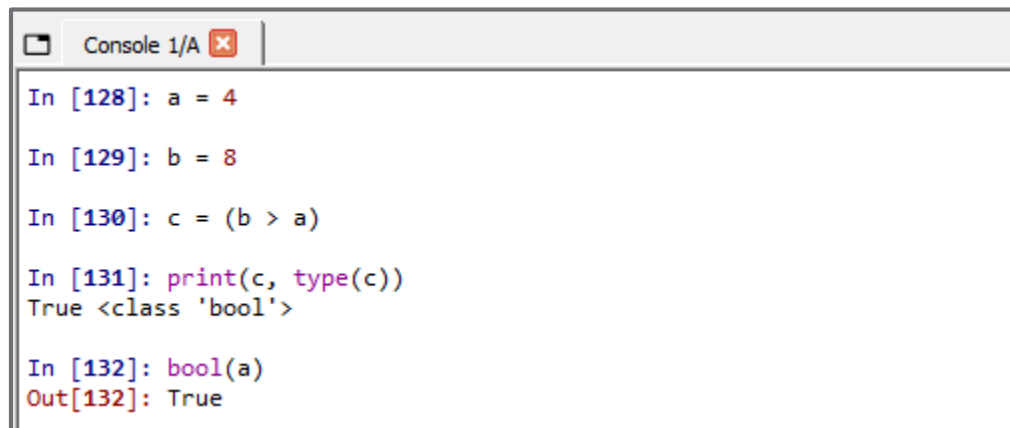
```
Console 1/A x  
  
In [118]: capitals = {'OR': 'Salem', 'WA': 'Olympia', 'CA': 'Sacramento', 'ID': 'Boise'}  
  
In [119]: print(capitals, type(capitals))  
{'OR': 'Salem', 'WA': 'Olympia', 'CA': 'Sacramento', 'ID': 'Boise'} <class 'dict'>  
  
In [120]: capitals['OR']  
Out[120]: 'Salem'
```

# Data Types – bool

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## □ **Booleans**

- One of two *logical* values: **True** or **False**
- Often the result of a *logical expression*, e.g.,  $a > b$
- Any value can be cast as a Boolean using the `bool()` function
  - True:
    - Non-zero numbers
    - Non-empty strings, lists, tuples, sets, or dictionaries
  - False:
    - Zero
    - Empty strings, lists, tuples, sets, or dictionaries



```
Console 1/A x
In [128]: a = 4
In [129]: b = 8
In [130]: c = (b > a)
In [131]: print(c, type(c))
True <class 'bool'>
In [132]: bool(a)
Out[132]: True
```

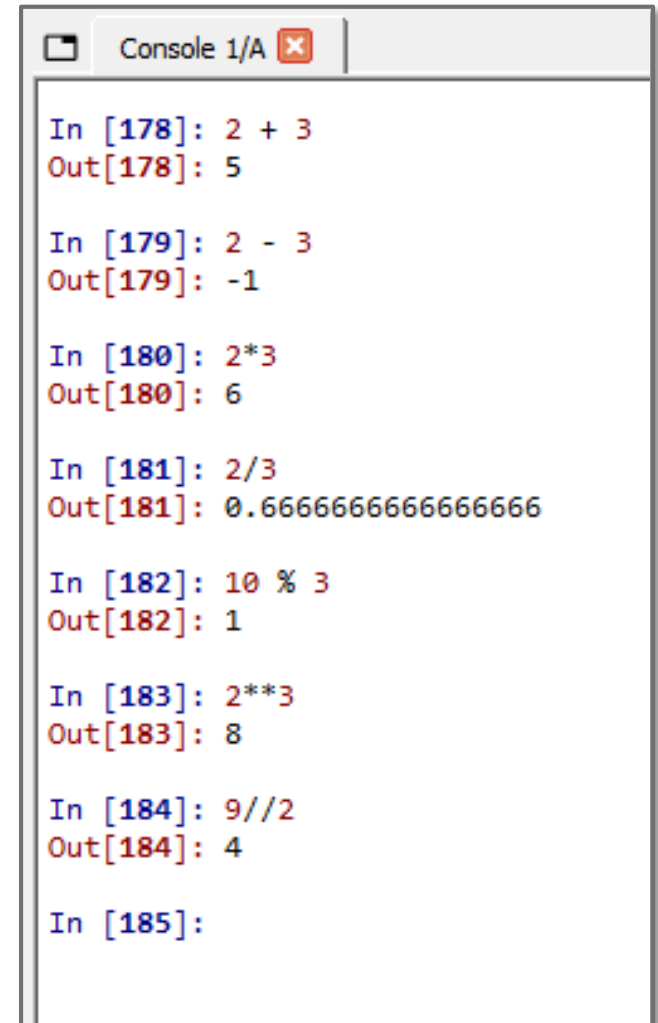
# Mathematical Operations

Python includes the most basic mathematical operations. Other math functions will be accessed by importing the NumPy package

# Basic Mathematical Operations

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- Python itself includes only seven mathematical operators
  - ▣ Addition: +
  - ▣ Subtraction: -
  - ▣ Multiplication: \*
  - ▣ Division: /
  - ▣ Modulus: %
  - ▣ Exponentiation: \*\*
  - ▣ Floor division: //



```
Console 1/A x
In [178]: 2 + 3
Out[178]: 5

In [179]: 2 - 3
Out[179]: -1

In [180]: 2*3
Out[180]: 6

In [181]: 2/3
Out[181]: 0.6666666666666666

In [182]: 10 % 3
Out[182]: 1

In [183]: 2**3
Out[183]: 8

In [184]: 9//2
Out[184]: 4

In [185]:
```

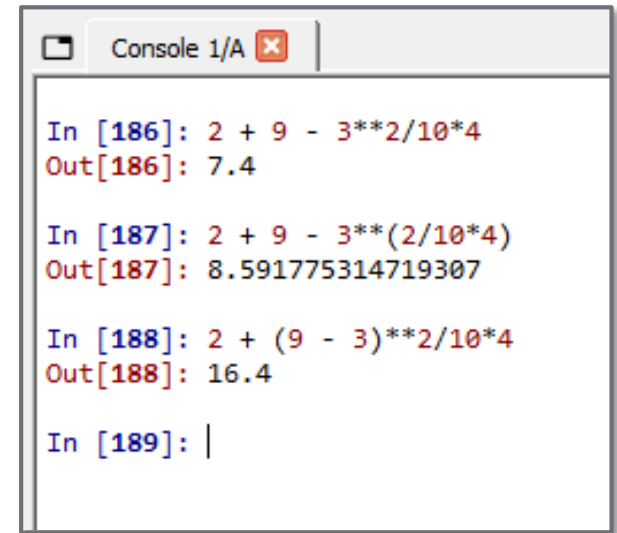


# Order of Operations

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## □ Python order of operations:

- 1) ( ) parentheses
- 2) ^ exponentiation
- 3) - negation
- 4) \*, / multiplication, division
- 5) +, - addition, subtraction



```
Console 1/A x  
In [186]: 2 + 9 - 3**2/10*4  
Out[186]: 7.4  
In [187]: 2 + 9 - 3**(2/10*4)  
Out[187]: 8.591775314719307  
In [188]: 2 + (9 - 3)**2/10*4  
Out[188]: 16.4  
In [189]: |
```

- ## □ Expressions are evaluated left to right within each level of the precedence hierarchy

# Other Built-In Python Functions

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- A few other math-related built-in Python functions:

- ▣ `abs(x)`: absolute value

```
>>> a = abs(-1.76)
```

```
1.76
```

```
>>> z = abs(2 - 2j)
```

```
2.828
```

- ▣ `len(x)`: returns the length of an object

```
>>> len([2, 4, 5, 3, 1])
```

```
5
```

```
>>> len('Hello, World!')
```

```
13
```

# Other Built-In Python Functions

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- A few other math-related built-in Python functions:

- `max(x)`: maximum value in a sequence

```
>>> x_max = max([2, 4, 5, 3, 1])
```

```
5
```

- `min(x)`: minimum value in a sequence

```
>>> x_min = min([2, 4, 5, 3, 1])
```

```
1
```

- `type(x)`: returns the type of an object

```
>>> type([2, 4, 5, 3, 1])
```

```
list
```

```
>>> type('Hello, World!')
```

```
str
```

# NumPy

Here we will introduce the concept of *packages*, and will look specifically at the package we will use most for mathematical operations, *NumPy*.

# Packages

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- ***Python packages***
  - Libraries consisting of multiple ***modules***, or individual Python files
  - Modules within a package define
    - Data types
    - Functions
  - Must install a package before we can use it
    - Anaconda distribution includes all the packages we will need
  - Must import a package in our code before we can use it
    - Use the `import` function
  
- Packages available for
  - Array processing and mathematics
  - Plotting
  - Data analysis
  - GUI development
  - Much, much more ...

# NumPy

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- We will use the NumPy (**N**umerical **P**ython) package extensively
- Fundamental data type:
  - ▣ Multi-dimensional array object – ndarray
    - Useful for engineering computation
- Many built-in functions
  - ▣ Mathematical operations, e.g.:
    - Trigonometric functions
    - Exponents and logarithms
    - Complex number operations
  - ▣ Array creation and manipulation routines
  - ▣ Polynomial creation, manipulation, fitting, etc.
  - ▣ Much more ...



# Using NumPy

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- To use NumPy functions and data types, we must first ***import*** it:

```
>>> import numpy as np
```

- ▣ We can assign it a shortened name, np, to keep our code clean
- To call functions defined in NumPy, ***precede the function name with np.***

```
>>> N = np.log2(1024)
```

```
>>> x = 3*np.sin(np.pi/2)
```

- We'll now introduce a small sample of NumPy functions

# NumPy – Trigonometric Functions

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- `sin(x)`, `cos(x)`, `tan(x)`

- ▣ Input in radians

```
>>> y = np.sin(x)
```

```
>>> y = np.sin(np.radians(x))
```

- `arcsin(x)`, `arccos(x)`, `arctan(x)`

- ▣ Inverse trig functions

- ▣ Output in radians

```
>>> theta = np.arcsin(0.6)
```



# NumPy – Trigonometric Functions

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- `arctan2(x)` – quadrant-aware inverse tangent
  - ▣ Accounts for the difference between, e.g. ,  $45^\circ$  and  $225^\circ$
  - ▣ Output in radians

```
>>> phi = np.arctan2(-4, 3)
```

```
>>> phi_deg = np.degrees(np.arctan2(-4, 3))
```

- `degrees(x)` – converts from radians to degrees

```
>>> ang45 = np.degrees(np.pi/4)
```

- `radians(x)` – converts from degrees to radians

```
>>> angPi = np.radians(180)
```

# NumPy – Rounding

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- `around(x, decimals=0)` – round to the specified number of decimals (default, 0)

```
>>> xint = np.around(1.6)
2.0
```

```
>>> xrnd = np.around(np.pi, decimals=2)
3.14
```

- Numbers exactly halfway between rounded decimal values round to the nearest ***even value***

```
>>> x0 = np.around(2.5)
2.0
```

```
>>> x1 = np.around(1.65, decimals=1)
1.6
```

```
>>> y1 = np.around(1.55, decimals=1)
1.6
```

# NumPy – Rounding

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- `fix(x)` – round to the nearest integer ***toward zero***

```
>>> xfix = np.fix(1.2)
```

```
1.0
```

```
>>> yfix = np.fix(-2.8)
```

```
-2.0
```

- `floor(x)` – round to the nearest integer ***toward negative infinity***

```
>>> xfloor = np.floor(1.6)
```

```
1.0
```

```
>>> xflr = np.floor(-1.2)
```

```
-2.0
```

- `ceil(x)` – round to the nearest integer ***toward positive infinity***

```
>>> xceil = np.fix(1.2)
```

```
2.0
```

```
>>> yceil = np.fix(-2.8)
```

```
-2.0
```

# NumPy – Exponents

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- `exp(x)` – exponential:  $e^x$

```
>>> y = np.exp(4.1)
60.3403
```

```
>>> e = np.exp(1)
2.71828
```

- `exp2(x)` – power of 2:  $2^x$

```
>>> x = np.exp2(3)
8.0
```

```
>>> N = np.exp2(10)
1024.0
```

# NumPy – Logarithms

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- $\log(x)$  – natural log

```
>>> y = np.log(5)
1.609
```

- $\log_{10}(x)$  – base-10 logarithm

```
>>> x = np.log10(1e4)
4.0
```

- $\log_2(x)$  – base-2 logarithm

```
>>> x = np.log2(256)
8.0
```

# NumPy – Complex Numbers

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- `real(z)` – real part of a complex number

```
>>> y = np.log(5)
1.609
```

- `imag(z)` – imaginary part of a complex number

```
>>> x = np.log10(1e4)
4.0
```

- `angle(z)` – angle of complex number in radians

```
>>> x = np.log2(256)
8.0
```

- `conj(z)` – complex conjugate

```
>>> x = np.log2(256)
8.0
```

# NumPy – Miscellaneous

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- `sqrt(x)` – square root

```
>>> y = np.sqrt(2)
1.4142
```

- `sum(x)` – sum of all elements in a sequence

```
>>> total = np.sum([2, 4, 5, 3, 1])
15
```

- `sign(x)` – returns: -1 if  $x < 0$ , 0 if  $x == 0$ , 1 if  $x > 0$

```
>>> np.sign([-12, 4, 6, 0, -3])
array([-1, 1, 1, 0, -1])
```

# NumPy – Element-Wise Operations

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- Numpy functions operate element-by-element on array (or other sequence) inputs

- ▣ Return **array** outputs (more later)

```
>>> np.log10([1e4, 0.001, 10, 1e-6])  
array([ 4., -3.,  1., -6.] )
```

```
>>> np.sqrt([4, 9, 25, 1e4])  
array([ 2.,  3.,  5., 100.] )
```

- ▣ Eliminates the need to explicitly perform the operation on each element in an array

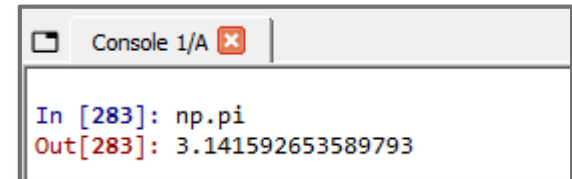


# Built-In Constants

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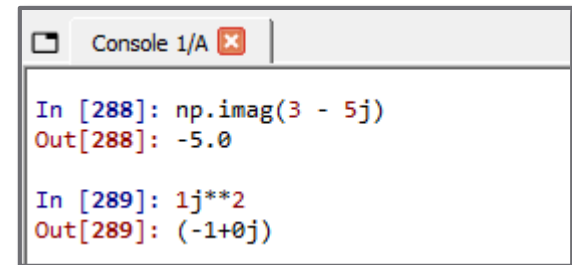
## □ Some built-in Python and Numpy constants:

□  $\pi$ : `np.pi`



```
Console 1/A ✕  
In [283]: np.pi  
Out[283]: 3.141592653589793
```

□ Imaginary unit ( $\sqrt{-1}$ ): `i` or `j`



```
Console 1/A ✕  
In [288]: np.imag(3 - 5j)  
Out[288]: -5.0  
In [289]: 1j**2  
Out[289]: (-1+0j)
```

□ Infinity ( $\infty$ ): `inf`

□ Not-a-number: `NaN` or `nan`

■ Both `inf` and `nan` often result from algorithmic errors

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# Python Scripts - Modules

# Spyder Console

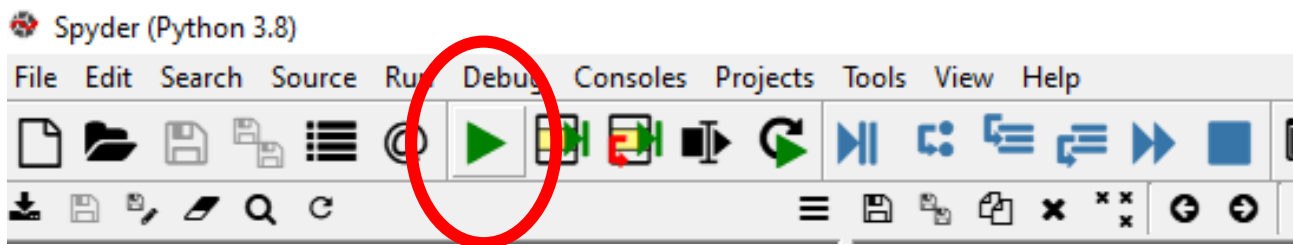
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- As we've seen, we can execute Python commands through the **console**
  - ▣ Useful for quick calculations, debugging, etc.
  - ▣ Enter one expression at a time
  - ▣ To execute a sequence of commands repeatedly, must re-enter all commands each time
  - ▣ Command history is only record of executed commands
- Better practice is to write all commands to be executed in a single file, **script**, or **module**

# Python Scripts

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- ***Scripts*** or ***modules*** or ***programs*** are files containing a series of Python commands
  - .py filename extension
  - Quickly and easily re-run at any time – no need to re-type all commands in the command window
  - Execute in Spyder by clicking the ***Run*** button (or ***F5***)



- Our primary mode of executing Python code

# Scripts vs. Programs vs. Modules

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- We'll use the terms *scripts* or *programs* interchangeably when referring to Python files
- Technically, they are scripts, but this distinction is not important for our purposes.
- **Programs**
  - Written (possibly) in a high-level language – *source code*
  - ***Compiled*** (once) by a ***compiler*** into a ***machine language*** executable file – ***object code***
  - Fast, because compilation performed once, ahead of runtime
- **Scripts**
  - High-level source code is ***interpreted*** and executed line-by-line by an ***interpreter*** at runtime
  - Slower than compiled programs
- **Modules**
  - Python ***scripts*** that are intended to be ***imported*** into other scripts or modules

# Python Scripts – Best Practices

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Start scripts with a comment listing the file name.

Additional comments with a brief overall script description and other details is useful.

Define variables to be used in equations. Parameters can be changed in a single place.

- Keep your code **DRY**:  
**Don't Repeat Yourself**

```
1  # rc_resp_ex.py
2  # kwebb 07/06/21
3  # plot the transient response of an RC circuit
4
5  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
6  import numpy as np
7
8  # define circuit parameters
9  R = 1e3      # resistor [ohms]
10 C = 10e-9   # capacitor [F]
11 tau = R*C   # time constant
12 Vi = -1     # initial voltage
13 Vf = 2      # final voltage
14
15 # create time vector spanning 10 time constants
16 t = np.linspace(0, 10*tau, 1000)
17
18 # calculate response
19 vo = Vf + (Vi - Vf)*np.exp(-t/tau)
20
21 # plot the output voltage
22 plt.figure(1)
23 plt.plot(t/1e-6, vo, label='$v_o(t)$')
24 plt.xlabel('time    [$\mu$ sec]')
25 plt.ylabel('$v_o(t)$    [V]')
26 plt.grid()
27 plt.xlim((0, 100))
28 plt.title('RC Circuit Response')
29
```

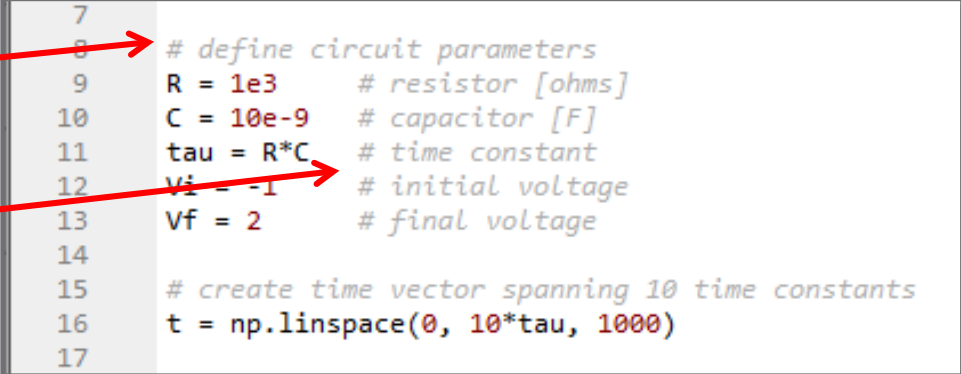
Thoroughly comment your code.

# Comments

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- Comments are explanatory or descriptive text added to your code
  - ▣ Not executed commands
- In Python, comments are preceded by the hash mark: #

- Comments may occupy an entire line
- Or, may be inserted at the end of a line, after uncommented expressions



```
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8 # define circuit parameters
9 R = 1e3 # resistor [ohms]
10 C = 10e-9 # capacitor [F]
11 tau = R*C # time constant
12 Vi = -1 # initial voltage
13 Vf = 2 # final voltage
14
15 # create time vector spanning 10 time constants
16 t = np.linspace(0, 10*tau, 1000)
17
```

- Ctrl+1 comments and uncomments a line of text in the Spyder editor
- Commenting is useful for temporarily removing instructions from a script

# Cells

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- Can divide Spyder scripts into **cells**
  - ▣ Code blocks that can be executed at once, without running the entire script
- Cells are defined with a special comment line:
  - ▣ Follow the hash mark, #, with two percent signs, %%
  - ▣ Can also include comment text
    - # %% start of a cell
  - ▣ Cell ends at the start of the next cell
- To run a cell:
  - ▣ Place the cursor in the cell to be run
  - ▣ Ctrl-Enter, or click 'Run current cell'

```
# %% example 2: counter-based using range()

rng = np.random.default_rng()

print('\n')

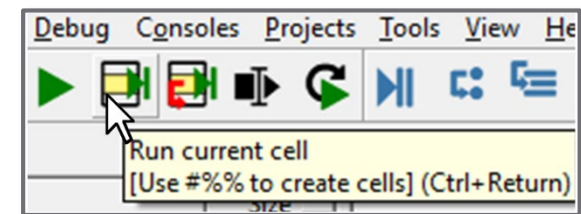
for i in range(10):
    x = rng.uniform(low=0, high=1)
    print('x = {:.4f}'.format(x))

# %% example 3: find max value in an array, use enumerate()

x = rng.integers(0, 100, 10)
xmax = x[0]
imax = 0

for i, xval in enumerate(x[1:]):
    if xval > xmax:
        xmax = xval
        imax = i

print('\nx = ', x)
print('\nxmax: x[{:d}] = {:d}'.format(imax, xmax))
```





# Pseudocode

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- The most important part of the process of writing computer code is ***planning***
  - ▣ Determine exactly what the program should do
  - ▣ And, how it will do it
- Before writing any code, write a ***step-by-step description*** of the program
  - ▣ ***Natural language***
  - ▣ ***Graphical*** – flow chart (more later)
- This may be referred to as ***pseudocode***

# Programming Process

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## □ Programming process:

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### □ ***Define the problem***

- Ensure you have a complete understanding of the problem
- Determine exactly what the program should do
  - Inputs and outputs
  - Relevant equations

### □ ***Design the program***

- ***Pseudocode*** – language-independent

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### □ ***Write the program***

- Simple translation from pseudocode

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### □ ***Validate the program***

- Do the outputs make sense
- Test with inputs that yield known outputs
- Test thoroughly – try to break it

# Pseudocode

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- Comments can serve as pseudocode
  - Write the comments first
  - Then insert code to do what the comments say
- For example:

```
1 # max_pow_ex.py
2 #
3 # This script calculates the theoretical maximum
4 # power generated by a hydropower facility with
5 # a user-specified head and flow rate
6
7 # define physical constants
8     # density of water
9     # gravitational acceleration
10
11 # prompt user to enter the amount of head [m]
12
13 # prompt user to enter the flow rate [m^3/s]
14
15 # calculate the maximum power
16
17 # display the result
18
19
```

```
1 # max_pow_ex.py
2 #
3 # This script calculates the theoretical maximum
4 # power generated by a hydropower facility with
5 # a user-specified head and flow rate
6
7 # define physical constants
8 rho = 1000 # density of water
9 g = 9.81 # gravitational acceleration
10
11 # prompt user to enter the amount of head [m]
12 h = input('Enter the head [m]: ')
13 h = float(h)
14
15 # prompt user to enter the flow rate [m^3/s]
16 Q = input('Enter the flow rate [m^3/s]: ')
17 Q = float(Q)
18
19 # calculate the maximum power
20 pmax = rho*g*h*Q
21
22 # display the result
23 print('\nMax. Power = {} MW'.format(pmax/1e6))
24
```

# Sequential Code Execution

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- In general code is executed line-by-line ***sequentially*** from the top of an m-file down
- There are, however, very important ***non-sequential code structures***:
  - ***Conditional statements*** – code that is executed only if certain conditions are met
    - if
    - if ... else
    - if ... elif ... else
  - ***Loops*** – code that is repeated a specified number of times or while certain conditions are met
    - for
    - while

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# Inputs & Outputs

# Inputs to Scripts

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- Inputs to a script:
  - ▣ Assignments of variable values
  
- Several input methods:
  - ▣ Within the script
  - ▣ From external files (.csv, Excel, etc.) – more later
  - ▣ Specified by user during execution – `input()`

# User-Specified Input – `input()`

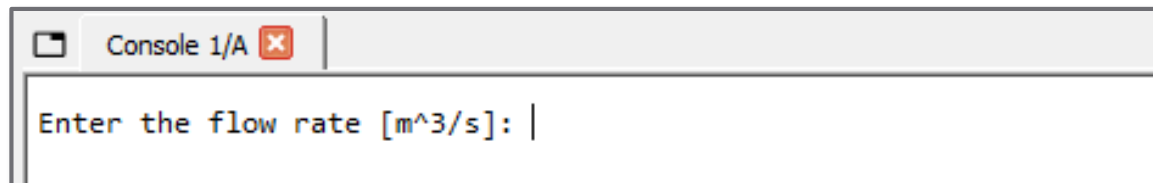
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- Prompt user for value to be assigned to a variable

```
var = input(Prompt)
```

- *Prompt*: a *string* that will be displayed in the console, prompting the user for an input
- *var*: **string** variable to which the user-specified input is stored
  - Re-cast for different data types (e.g. float)
- For example:

```
15 # prompt user to enter the flow rate [m^3/s]
16 Q = input('Enter the flow rate [m^3/s]: ')
17 Q = float(Q)
```



Console 1/A

```
Enter the flow rate [m^3/s]: |
```

# Outputs from Scripts

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- Outputs from scripts:
  - Display of values calculated by the script
- Several output methods
  - Plotting (more later)
  - In the console
    - `print()`
  - Writing data to files (more later)



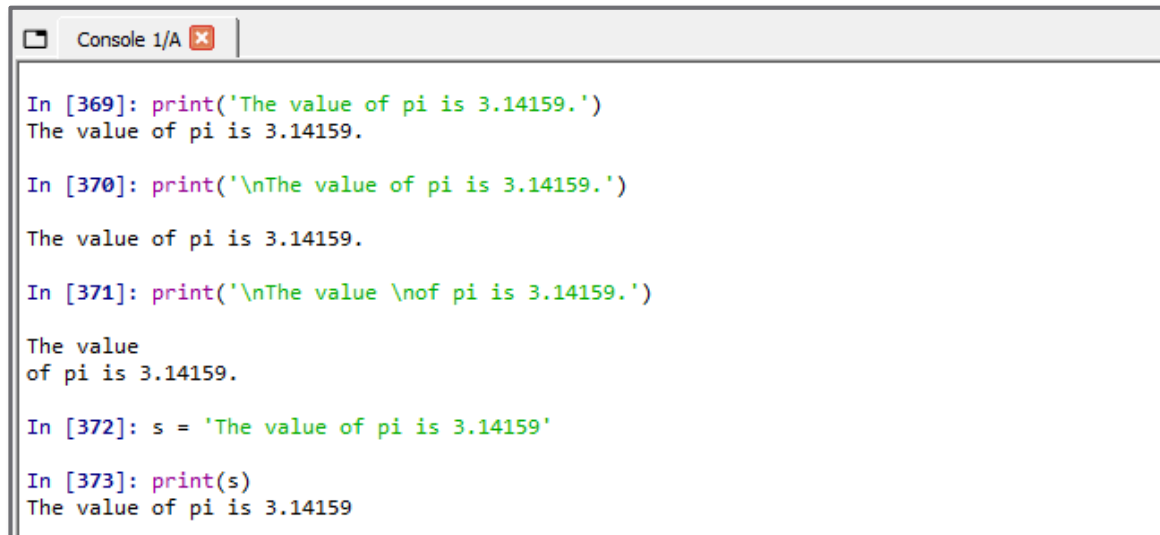
# print()

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- Output a string to the console

```
print(string)
```

- *string*: a *string* – may contain **formatting sequences** for insertion of variable values
- For example:



```
Console 1/A x  
In [369]: print('The value of pi is 3.14159.')  
The value of pi is 3.14159.  
  
In [370]: print('\nThe value of pi is 3.14159.')  
  
The value of pi is 3.14159.  
  
In [371]: print('\nThe value \nof pi is 3.14159.')  
  
The value  
of pi is 3.14159.  
  
In [372]: s = 'The value of pi is 3.14159'  
  
In [373]: print(s)  
The value of pi is 3.14159
```

# Formatting Strings – .format()

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- Insert formatted numbers and strings into a string

```
<template>.format(args)
```

- `<template>`: a *string* containing **replacement fields** for insertion of variable values
  - Replacement fields may include **formatting specifications**
- `args`: objects to be inserted into the `<template>` string
  - Strings or numeric values
- For example:

```
Console 1/A x
In [379]: s = 'The value of {} is {}'.format('pi', 3.14159)
In [380]: print(s)
The value of pi is 3.14159
In [381]: s = 'The value of {} is {}'.format('pi', np.pi)
In [382]: print(s)
The value of pi is 3.141592653589793
```

# .format() – Syntax & Terminology

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```
<template>.format(args)
```

- .format() is a **method** applied to the **object**, <template>, which is an **instance** of the **class** str
  - **Class**: a template for creating **objects**
    - For now, think of this as the **data type**
    - Here, the class is **string**, str
    - Classes have **attributes** and **methods** associated with them
  - **Object**: an instance of a class
    - On the previous page, s is an object of type str
  - **Method**: a function associated with a specific class
    - Here, format() is a method that operates on str objects
- These **object-oriented programming** concepts will be covered in detail later in the course

# Formatting Strings – Replacement Fields

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- Replacement fields:
  - ▣ Enclosed in curly brackets, {}

```
In [379]: s = 'The value of {} is {}'.format('pi', 3.14159)
```

- ▣ Arguments in `format()` are inserted *in order*
- ▣ May include a **formatting specification**, `format_spec`  
`{:format_spec}`
- ▣ `format_spec`: specifies how to format numeric values

```
In [389]: s = 'The value of {} is {:0.3f}'.format('pi', np.pi)
```

```
In [390]: print(s)  
The value of pi is 3.142
```

# Formatting Strings – `format_spec`

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## □ `format_spec`:

- Specify how numeric values are formatted

`: [width][group][.prec][type]`

- Always start `format_spec` with a colon, `:`
- **width**: minimum width of the field into which the argument is inserted – may result in white space
- **group**: grouping character for each three digits to the left of the decimal point (e.g. `,` or `_`)
- **.prec**: number of digits after the decimal point for floating point numbers, or maximum field width for strings
- **type**: presentation type, e.g. floating point, integer, string, etc.

# format\_spec – type

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- Type characters specify how to format variable values within a string

Presentation Type	Type Character
Decimal integer	d
Binary integer	b
Hexadecimal integer	x
Floating point	f or F
Exponential notation (e.g., 1.6e-19 or 1.6E-19)	e or E
More compact of %e or %f	g
More compact of %E or %F	G
Single character	c
String	s
Percentage	%

# format\_spec – Examples

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□ Fixed-point notation

□ Field-width control

□ Exponential notation

□ Compact format

- Note that .prec specifies number of significant figures for g or G type

```
Console 1/A x
In [468]: x = 10e4 * np.pi/2
In [469]: print('\n\tx = {:.2f}'.format(x))
           x = 157079.63
In [470]: print('\n\tx = {:15.2f}'.format(x))
           x =          157079.63
In [471]: print('\n\tx = {:.2e}'.format(x))
           x = 1.57e+05
In [472]: print('\n\tx = {:.2E}'.format(x))
           x = 1.57E+05
In [473]: print('\n\tx = {:.2g}'.format(x))
           x = 1.6e+05
In [474]: print('\n\tx = {:.2G}'.format(x))
           x = 1.6E+05
```