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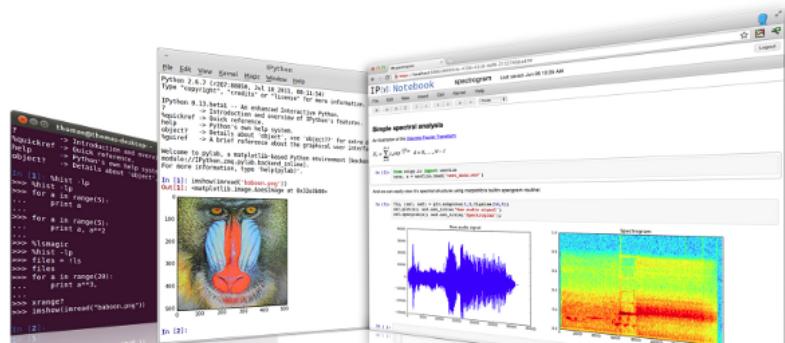
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IPython provides a rich toolkit to help you make the most out of using Python, with:

- Powerful Python shells (terminal and Qt-based).
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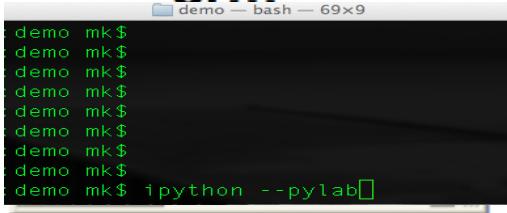
Starting PyLab



or...



or... Mac OS



ENTHOUGHT

IPython has a ' pylab' mode where it imports all of NumPy, Matplotlib, and SciPy into the namespace for you as a convenience. It also enables threading for showing plots.

A screenshot of the IPython PyLab environment. The title bar says 'PyLab'. The console output shows:

```
Python 2.5.2 |EPD 2.5.2001| <release25-maint:60919M, Feb 21 2008, 10:31:43> [MSC v.1310 32 bit (Intel)]
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

IPython 0.9.beta -- An enhanced Interactive Python.
?           -- Introduction and overview of IPython's features.
zquickref -- Quick reference.
help       -- Python's own help system.
object?    -- Details about 'object'. ?object also works. ?? prints more.

Welcome to pylab, a matplotlib-based Python environment.
For more information, type 'help(pylab)'.

In [1]: a = arange(100.)
In [2]: plot(a, sin(a*pi/50.))
Out[2]: []
In [3]:
```



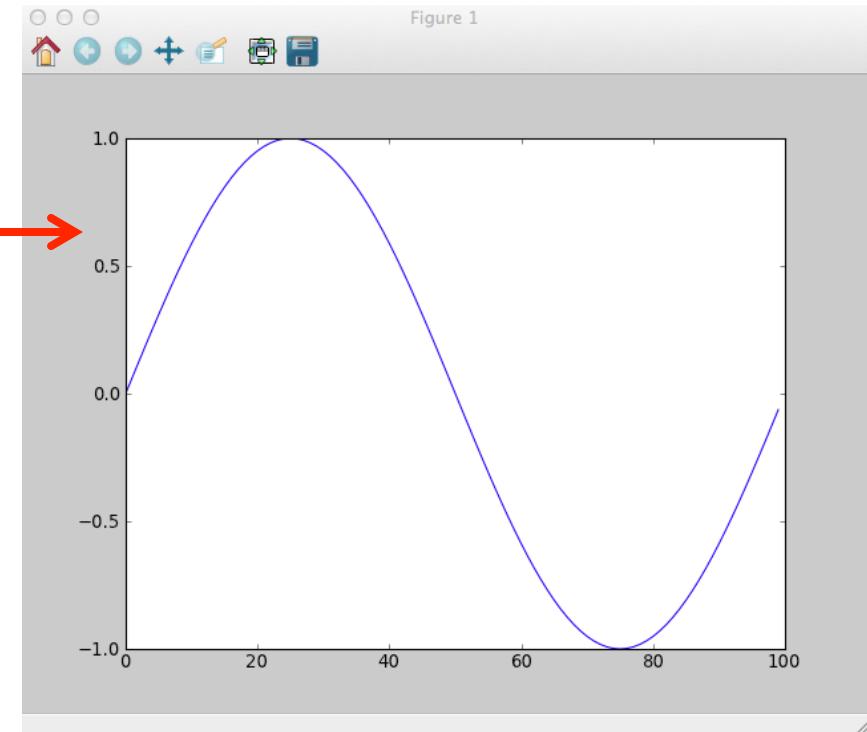
PyLab – Interactive Python Environment

```
Welcome to pylab, a matplotlib-based Python environment [backend: WXAgg].  
For more information, type 'help(pylab)'.  
  
In [1]: a = arange(100.)  
  
In [2]: plot(a*sin(pi/50))  
Out[2]: []  
  
In [3]: plot(a,a*sin(pi/50))  
Out[3]: []  
  
In [4]: plot(a,sin(a*pi/50))  
Out[4]: []  
  
In [5]:
```

```
x = arange(100.)  
y1 = sin(x*pi/50)  
y2 = cos(x*pi/50)
```

```
plot(x,y1)  
plot(x,y2)
```

```
#or  
figure(2)  
plot(x,y1,xy2)  
title('sinus and cosinus')
```



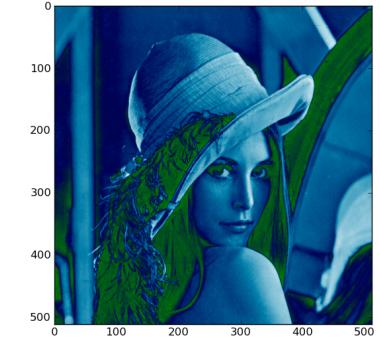
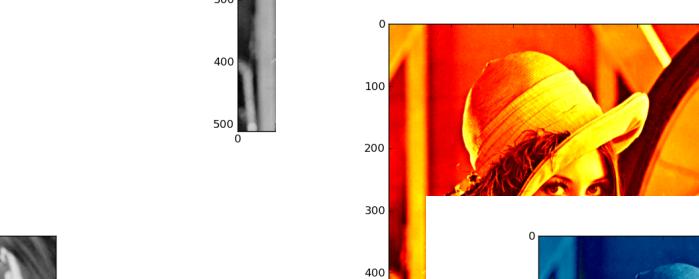
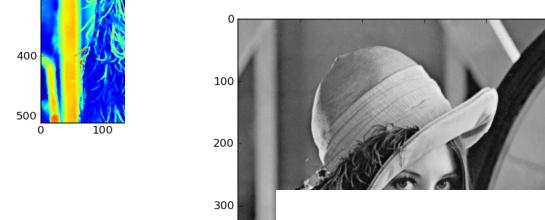
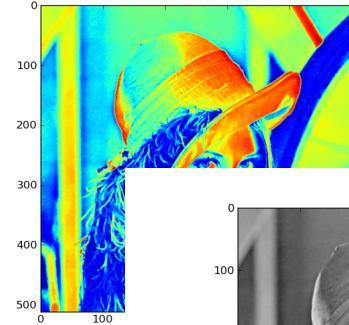
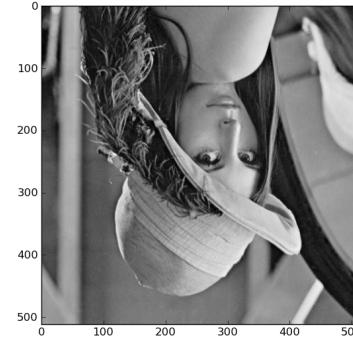
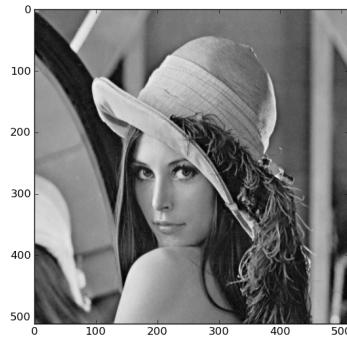


PyLab – Interactive Python Environment

```
>> from scipy.misc import lena
```

```
>> image = lena()  
>> imshow(image)  
>> imshow(image, cmap='gray')  
>> imshow(image, cmap='hot')  
>> imshow(image, cmap='ocean')
```

```
>> imshow(image[::-1,:],cmap='gray') # flip lr  
>> imshow(image[:,::-1],cmap='gray') # flip ud
```





IPython Introducion

STANDARD PYTHON

```
>>> a=1  
>>> a  
>>> 1
```

AVAILABLE VARIABLES

```
>>> b = [1,2,3]  
  
# Comments # (to the end of the line)  
# List available variables  
>>> %whos
```

| Variable | Type | Data/Info |
|----------|------|-----------|
| a | int | 1 |
| b | list | n=3 |

RESET & RELOAD

```
# Reset user defined variables
```

```
>>> %reset
```

Once deleted, variables cannot be recovered. Proceed (y/[n])? y

```
# Let's check our namespace
```

```
>>> %whos
```

Interactive namespace is empty.

WARNING: %reset also removes the names imported by PyLab.

```
>>> plot
```

NameError: name 'plot' is not defined

```
# Reload
```

```
>>> %pylab
```

Welcome to pylab, a matplotlib-based Python environment...



Directory navigation in IPython

Get path to current working directory

```
>>> pwd
```

```
>>> u'Users/mk'
```

Change directory (note Unix style forward slashes)

```
>>> cd Desktop/ (or cd Pulpit in Polish OS)
```

Tab completion helps you find and type directory and file names

Check the following commands (with *pwd* command):

- cd ..
- cd

List directory contents (Unix style, not “dir”)

In [11]: ls

| | | | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Desktop/ | Library/ | Public/ | Documents/ | Movies/ | Sites/ | Downloads/ |
| Music/ | mipav/ | Dropbox/ | | Pictures/ | mySoft/ | |



Directory navigation in IPython

```
# Go to the D: drive and create folder:  
#python_lecture_1_tests  
cd d://  
mkdir python_lecture_1_test  
  
#Go inside this directory and list its content  
cd python_lecture_1_test  
ls  
  
# edit and run (if exists) or create new script  
edit test_file_1.py
```

```
# fill the script with commands (the detailed  
# explanation will appear during next lectures)  
import pylab as pl  
import numpy as np  
  
x = np.arange(100)  
y = np.sin(x*np.pi/50.)  
pl.plot(x,y)  
  
pl.show()  
# here is end of the script !!!  
  
# in the IPython terminal write:  
plot(x,cos(x*pi/50.))  
  
# IPython is interactive!!!
```



Directory navigation in IPython

```
# Run script insight IPython(without editing it)
# Interactive mode
%run test_file_1.py
```

```
# To quit IPython use command
In [12]: quit()
```

```
# Run script from the system level (Windos, Unix, Mac OS)
# Batch mode
# Run system console and write
python test_file_1.py
```



Directory Bookmarks

```
# Bookmark the python_lecture_1_test directory
```

```
cd python_lecture_1_test
```

```
#bookmark as some name (alias)
```

```
%bookmark lect1
```

```
# bookmark 2 more folders
```

```
# lists bookmarked directories
```

```
%bookmark -l
```

```
# go easily to bookmarked directory
```

```
# go to home directory cd
```

```
# go to lect1 directory
```

```
cd lect1
```



Function Info and Help

Follow the command '?' to print its documentation

```
>>> squeeze?
```

Remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of an array.

Parameters

a : array_like

Input data.

Returns

squeezed : ndarray

The input array, but with all dimensions of length 1 removed. Whenever possible, a view on `a` is returned.



Function Info and Help

```
# Follow a command with '??' to print its source code
# compare: squeeze? And squeeze??
>>> squeeze??
def squeeze(a):
    """ Remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of an array.

Examples
>>> x = np.array([[[0], [1], [2]]])
>>> x.shape
(1, 3, 1)
>>> np.squeeze(x).shape
(3,) """
try:
    squeeze = a.squeeze
except AttributeError:
    return _wrapit(a, 'squeeze')
return squeeze()
```



Function Info and Help

History command

```
# list previous commands. Use 'magic' % because 'hist' is histogram function in pylab  
%hist
```

```
# The up and down arrows scroll through your IPython input history
```



IPython magic functions

<http://ipython.org/ipython-doc/dev/interactive/tutorial.html#magic-functions>

```
>>> %lsmagic
```

Available magic functions:

```
%alias %autocall %autoindent %automagic %bookmark %cd %colors %config %cpaste  
%debug %dhist %dirs %doctest_mode %ed %edit %env %fread %fwrite %gui %hist %history  
%inplace %install_default_config %install_profiles %load_ext %loadpy %logoff %logon  
%logstart %logstate %logstop %lsmagic %macro %magic %notebook %page %paste  
%pastebin %pdb %pdef %pdoc %pfile %pinfo %pinfo2 %pm %pop_err %pop_print %popd  
%pprint %precision %print_methods %print_traits %profile %prun %psearch %psource %pt  
%push_err %push_print %pushd %pwd %pycat %pylab %quickref %recall %rehashx  
%reload_ext %rep %replace_context %rerun %reset %reset_selective %run %run_examples  
%save %sc %store %sx %sym %tb %time %timeit %unalias %unload_ext %who %who_ls  
%whos %xdel %xmode
```



Read simple Trackbacks

```
>>> 100 + "Hello world!"
```

```
-----  
TypeError          Traceback (most recent call last)  
/Users/mk/<ipython-input-7-3d139ed9b46e> in <module>()  
----> 1 100 + "Hello world!"  
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and 'str'
```

```
>>> undevined_variable + 1
```

```
-----  
NameError          Traceback (most recent call last)  
/Users/mk/<ipython-input-8-8514a074ce6b> in <module>()  
----> 1 undevined_variable + 1  
NameError: name 'undevined_variable' is not defined
```



Interactive Calculator

```
# adding two values
```

```
>>> 5 + 10
```

```
15
```

```
# setting a variable
```

```
>>> a = 5
```

```
>>> a
```

```
5
```

```
# checking the variable's type
```

```
>>> type(a)
```

```
int
```

```
# an arbitrary long integer
```

```
>>> a = 12345678901234567890
```

```
>>> a
```

```
12345678901234567890L
```

```
>>> type(a)
```

```
long
```

```
# remove 'a' from the 'namespace'
```

```
>>> del a
```

```
>>> a
```

```
NameError Traceback (most recent call last)
```

```
/Users/mk/<ipython-input-27-60b725f10c9c>
```

```
in <module>()
```

```
----> 1 a
```

```
NameError: name 'a' is not defined
```



Interactive Calculator

```
# real numbers
```

```
>>> b = 1.4 + 2.3
```

```
>>> b
```

```
3.699999999999997
```

```
# "prettier" version
```

```
>>> print b
```

```
3.7
```

```
>>> type(b)
```

```
float
```

```
# complex numbers
```

```
c = 5+5.5j
```

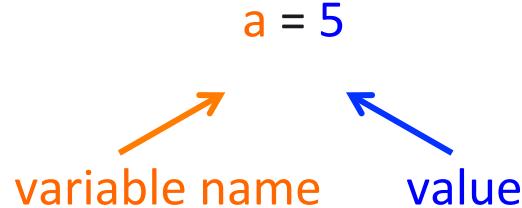
```
>>> c
```

```
(5+5.5j)
```



Variable declaration and initialization

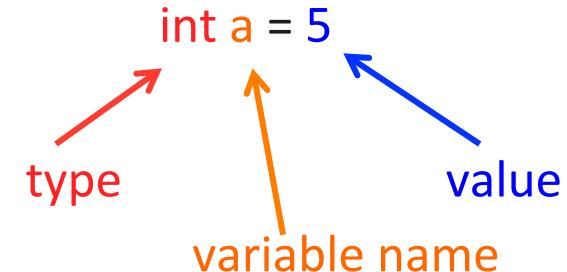
Matlab/Python



`a = 'hello world'`

`a = 5.56`

C/C++/Java



~~`a = "hello world"`~~
~~`a = 5.5`~~

`float b = 5.5`
`std::string text= "Hello world" (C++)`



Interactive Calculator

arithmetic operations

```
>>> 1+2-(3*4/6)**5+(7%2)  
-27
```

simple math functions

```
>>> abs(-6e3)  
6000.0  
  
>>> max(0, min(10, -1, 4, 3))  
0
```

```
>>> round(2.71235897456)  
3.0
```

Python math functions:

<http://docs.python.org/library/math.html>

casting

```
>>> int(2.718281828)  
2  
>>> float(2)  
2.0  
>>> 1 + 2.  
3.0  
>>> int('456')  
456  
>>> str(65)  
'65' ← string
```

in place operations +=, -=, *=, /=, etc.

```
>>> b = 2.5  
>>> b+=0.5          # b = b+5  
>>> b  
3.0
```