# Using Python for Model Analysis and more...

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# Why is MATLAB<sup>TM</sup> so cool?

- High level language
- Simple, fast numerics
- Interactive or scriptable
- Flexible
- NetCDF support
- Geospatial plotting

Basic MATLAB<sup>™</sup>

### User contributed

All of these things are also true for Python...

# What is Python?

- **Python** (core language) High level object oriented scripting language.
- **numpy** Numerical array objects and standard mathematical tools (e.g., eig & fft)
- **scipy** Expanded math libraries (e.g., optimization & interpolation)
- **matplotlib** 2D plotting based on MATLAB<sup>TM</sup>

One stop shoppping at scipy.org

## Python

### $\mathbf{MATLAB^{\mathsf{TM}}}$

Advantages

**Disadvantages** 

Free/Open source

Powerfull

Obj. oriented language

Linking to other languages

Existing code

Existing knowledge

Rapid development

Non-trivial installation

\$\$\$/Licensing
Inflexibility



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## Comparing Python and MATLAB<sup>TM</sup>

# python from matplotlib.matlab import \* dt = 0.01t = arange(0, 10, dt)nse = randn(len(t)) $r = \exp(-t / 0.05)$ cnse = conv(nse, r) \* dtcnse = cnse [:len(t)] $s = 0.1 * \sin(2 * pi * t) + cnse$ subplot (211) plot(t,s) subplot(212)psd(s, 512, 1/dt)

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% matlab
% no import necessary
dt = 0.01;
t = [0: dt: 10];
nse = randn(size(t));
r = \exp(-t / 0.05);
cnse = conv(nse, r) * dt;
cnse = cnse(1: length(t));
s = 0.1 * sin(2 * pi * t) + cnse;
subplot (211)
plot(t,s)
subplot (212)
psd(s, 512, 1/dt)
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(from the matplotlib users guide)



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from numpy import *
import pylab as pl
from matplotlib.toolkits.basemap \
    import Basemap
import netCDF4
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nc = netCDF4.Dataset('mrp_grd4.nc')
lon = nc.variables['lon_rho'][:]
lat = nc.variables['lat_rho'][:]
h = nc.variables['h'][:]
mask = nc.variables['mask_rho'][:]
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h = ma.masked\_where(mask==0, h)

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m = Basemap(projection='merc', \
    lat_ts=0.0, lon_0=lon[0].mean(), \
    resolution='h', \
    urcrnrlon=-87.5, urcrnrlat=31.3, \
    llcrnrlon=-95.5, llcrnrlat=27.5)
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fig = pl.figure(figsize=(8, 4))
ax = fig.add_axes([0.1, 0.05, 0.9, 0.9])
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m.drawcoastlines()
m.fillcontinents(color=(0.2, 0.8, 0.2))
m.drawrivers(color='b')
m.drawparallels(arange(27.0, 32.0), labels=[1,0,0,0])
m.drawmeridians(arange(-95.0, -87.0, 2.0), labels=[0,0,0,1])
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x, y = m(lon, lat)
pch = ax.pcolor(x, y, h, cmap=pl.cm.gist_ncar, shading='flat')
cbh = pl.colorbar(pch)
cbh.set_label('Depth (m)')
ax.set_title('Mechanisms Controlling Hypoxia model grid')
ax.axis([m.xmin, m.xmax, m.ymin, m.ymax])
pl.show()
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- NetCDF I/O
- Geospatial plotting
- MATLAB<sup>TM</sup>ish syntax
- Object oriented



Sample grid made with gridgen



http://www.marine.csiro.au/~sakov/









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