

# Computational Physics

## Objects : Lists & Arrays

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# Announcements

Read chapter 3  
Graphics and visualization

[No turn in questions]

# *while* loop

...

```
C = -20  
deltaC = 5
```

```
print("C\tF")  
while C <= 40:  
    F = (9/5)*C + 32  
    print(C, F, sep='\t')  
    C += deltaC
```

the tab character



```
physics 654% cel2fah.py  
C      F  
-20    -4.0  
-15     5.0  
-10    14.0  
-5     23.0  
0      32.0  
5      41.0  
10     50.0  
15     59.0  
20     68.0  
25     77.0  
30     86.0  
35     95.0  
40    104.0
```

# *Object* list

- ◆ A list is a basic container for storing data elements

```
>>> C = [-10, 0, 10, 20, 30, 40]
>>> print(C)
[-10, 0, 10, 20, 30, 40]
```

- ◆ A list can contain different types

```
>>> M = [-10, 14.0, "cold"]
>>> print(M)
[-10, 14.0, 'cold']
```

# The *list* container

## ◆ Adding elements to a list

```
>>> A = [10, 20]
>>> A += [30]           # same as A.append(30)
>>> A = A + [40, 30]
>>> print(A)
[10, 20, 30, 40, 30]
```

## ◆ Functions operating on lists

```
>>> mean = sum(A)/len(A)
>>> print(mean)
26
>>> print(range(0, 10))
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

# More on *range()*

- ◆ `range()` creates a list of a given length

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

```
>>> range(2, 8)
[2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]
```

```
>>> range(2, 20, 3)
[2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17]
```


```
>>> range(20, 2, -3)
[20, 17, 14, 11, 8, 5]
```

- ◆ Often used with a `for` loop

# *for* loop with a list

```
..  
C = [-10, 0, 10, 20, 30, 40]  
print("C\t\tF\t\tFw\t\tFs")  
for tempC in C:  
    F = (9/5)*tempC + 32  
    Fw = 2*C + 30  
    Fs = 2*C + 25  
    print(C, F, Fw, Fs, sep='\t\t')
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C	F	Fw	Fs
-10	14.0	10	5
0	32.0	30	25
10	50.0	50	45
20	68.0	70	65
30	86.0	90	85
40	104.0	110	105

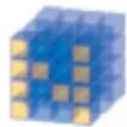
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# SciPy.org

SciPy is a Python-based ecosystem of open-source software for mathematics, science, and engineering. In particular, these are some of the core packages:



**NumPy**

Base N-dimensional  
array package



**SciPy library**

Fundamental  
library for scientific  
computing



**Matplotlib**

Comprehensive 2D  
Plotting

**IP[y]:**  
IPython

**IPython**

Enhanced  
Interactive Console



**Sympy**

Symbolic  
mathematics



**pandas**

Data structures &  
analysis

## NumPy [numpy.org]

NumPy is the fundamental package for scientific computing with Python. It contains among other things:

- a powerful N-dimensional array object
- sophisticated (broadcasting) functions
- tools for integrating C/C++ and Fortran code
- useful linear algebra, Fourier transform, and random number capabilities

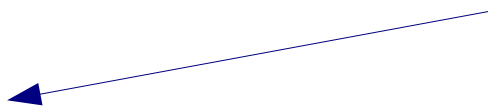
Besides its obvious scientific uses, NumPy can also be used as an efficient multi-dimensional container of generic data. Arbitrary data-types can be defined. This allows NumPy to seamlessly and speedily integrate with a wide variety of databases.

# The `numpy` *array* container

- ◆ The number of elements in an array is fixed
  - ◆ no resize of array
- ◆ Array elements must be of the same type
  - ◆ must be all floats, all ints, all complex, ...
- ◆ Arrays can be multidimensional
  - ◆ like matrices in algebra
- ◆ Arrays behave like vectors or matrices
  - ◆ you can do arithmetic with them

# numpy *array*

*size can (actually is) a list of sizes*



- ◆ `zeros(size, type)`

- ◆ create an array with all elements zero

- ◆ `empty(size, type)`

- ◆ create an array without initializing elements

- ◆ `array(list, type)`

- ◆ create an array using a list of values

# numpy *array*

## Python interactively

```
hpc-login 674% python
```

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

```
>>>
```

```
>>> np.zeros(2)
```

```
array([ 0.,  0.])
```

```
>>> np.zeros([2,2], int)
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array([[ 0,  0],  
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```

```
hpc-login 675% chmod +x testArrays.py
hpc-login 676% testArrays.py
```

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

```
[[ 0  0]
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```

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The module ***cmath*** has more functions that handle complex numbers

```
>>> import cmath
>>> cmath.sin(2 + 3j)
(9.154499-4.168906j)
```

# Pauli matrices

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>>> pauliY = np.array( [[0, -1j], [1j, 0]], complex )
>>> pauliZ = np.array( [[1, 0], [0, -1]], complex )

>>> pauliX
array([[ 0.+0.j,  1.+0.j],
       [ 1.+0.j,  0.+0.j]])

>>> pauliY
array([[ 0.+0.j,  0.-1.j],
       [ 0.+1.j,  0.+0.j]])

>>> pauliZ
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array([[ 1.+0.j,  0.+0.j],
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```

```
>>> np.dot( pauliX, pauliX )
array([[ 1.+0.j,  0.+0.j],
       [ 0.+0.j,  1.+0.j]])
```

```
>>> pauliY.dot( pauliY )
array([[ 1.+0.j,  0.+0.j],
       [ 0.+0.j,  1.+0.j]])
```

```
>>> pauliZ.dot( pauliZ )
array([[ 1.+0.j,  0.+0.j],
       [ 0.+0.j,  1.+0.j]])
```

```
>>> -1j*pauliX.dot( pauliY ).dot( pauliZ )
array([[ 1.+0.j,  0.+0.j],
       [ 0.+0.j,  1.+0.j]])
```

`pauliX.dot( pauliX )`

*Object-oriented  
equivalent*



# Solving Systems of Linear Equations

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline a_1 \\ \hline \\ \hline a_2 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|cc|} \hline c_{11} & c_{12} \\ \hline \\ \hline c_{21} & c_{22} \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x_1 \\ \hline \\ \hline x_2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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# matrixInversion.py
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import numpy as np
import scipy.linalg as sla

a = np.array( [-1, 3] )
c = np.array( [ [1, 3], [2, 4] ] )
x = np.dot( sla.inv(c), a ) # or use x = sla.inv(c).dot(a)
print("Results: x =", x[0], "and y =", x[1] )
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```
hpc-login 672% matrixInversion.py
Results: x = 6.5 and y = -2.5
```

# Slicing lists and arrays

- ◆ One can create a sub list(or array) from a list(or array)

if **r** is a list then **r[m,n]** is a sub list starting with element **m** going up to but not including element **n**

```
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    0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
r = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15]

s = r[2:5]
print(s)           # prints [5, 7, 9]
print(r[:3])       # prints [1, 3, 5]
print(r[3:])       # prints [7, 9, 11, 13, 15]
```

# Recursive Functions

*A function which calls itself*

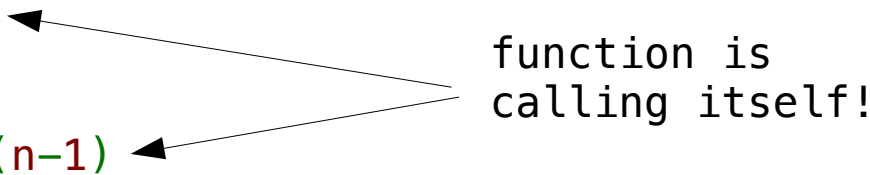
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```
hpc-login 672% recursive.py
5
4
3
2
1
0
```



# Recursive Functions

Counting up via **return**

```
#!/usr/bin/env python

# recursiveUp.py Recursive Function: counts up
#
from __future__ import division, print_function

# Recursively count up
def recursionUp(n):
    if n >= 0 :
        print(1 + recursionUp(n-1))
    return n

recursionUp(5)
```

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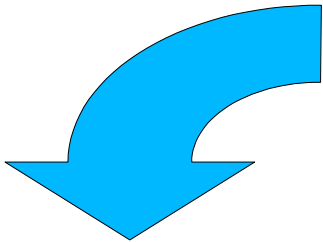
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**Let's get working**