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Introduction to Scripting Languages

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Goal of this session:



“Advocate the use of scripting languages and help you choose the most suitable for your needs”

Agenda



1. Interpreters vs compilers
2. Octave, R, Python
3. GUIs & Literate programming
4. Packages/Libraries/Modules
5. When it is too slow
6. Bridges

Interpreters vs Compilers



- A **compiler** reads the whole code and produces a separate binary file that can be executed by the CPU.

C/C++, Fortran, Java, Go, Haskell, ...

- An **interpreter** reads each line of code and executes it by calling the corresponding functionalities in its own code.

Bash, Python, PHP, Javascript, Ruby, ...

Interpreters vs Compilers



- The ugly truth...
 - Many interpreters will pre-compile the code
 - Some compilers compile not to CPU-specific machine instructions but to bytecode
 - The bytecode interpreters sometimes re-compile the bytecode just before execution (JIT compiling)
 - Interpreters exist for C and C++
 - Compilers exist for Python
 - The interpreter can be compiled or himself interpreted

Interpreters vs Compilers



Compilers

- can apply code-wise powerful optimization
- practically have no run-time overhead

→ Speed

Interpreters

- allow easy code introspection
- offer high-level language constructs and tools

→ Ease of use

Interpreted languages



- Easier to **learn**
 - Many implementation details hidden
 - Can try and test code portions rapidly and easily
- Easier to **exchange/reuse**
 - The scripts are cross-platform by design
 - Often built-in package management
- Faster development
 - More **convenient programming** and shorter programs
 - Offers many simplifications and shortcuts – no need to micromanage memory
 - Built-in support for mundane tasks (handle files, dates, plots, NAs, NaNs, ...)
 - **Easier to debug** and profile
 - GUI

Ex.1: argument parsing in Fortran



Parsing Command-Line Options in Fortran 2003

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For programs with only a few simple command-line options, it isn't too difficult to parse them yourself, especially given Fortran 2003's new intrinsic functions `command_argument_count` and `get_command_argument`. Below is a simple example program which, by default, prints the current date and exits. It also accepts options to print the version, usage, or the current time. An error message is displayed if an invalid option is given.

```
! cmdline.f90 -- simple command-line argument parsing example
```

```
program cmdline
  implicit none

  character(len=*), parameter :: version = '1.0'
  character(len=32) :: arg
  character(len=8) :: date
  character(len=10) :: time
  character(len=5) :: zone
  logical :: do_time = .false.
  integer :: i

  do i = 1, command_argument_count()
    call get_command_argument(i, arg)

    select case (arg)
    case ('-v', '--version')
```

Ex.1: argument parsing in Fortran



```
call get_command_argument(i, arg)

select case (arg)
case ('-v', '--version')
    print '(2a)', 'cmdline version ', version
    stop
case ('-h', '--help')
    call print_help()
    stop
case ('-t', '--time')
    do_time = .true.
case default
    print '(a,a,/)', 'Unrecognized command-line option: ', arg
    call print_help()
    stop
end select
end do

! Print the date and, optionally, the time
call date_and_time(DATE=date, TIME=time, ZONE=zone)
write (*, '(a,"-",a,"-",a)', advance='no') date(1:4), date(5:6), date(7:8)
if (do_time) then
    write (*, '(x,a,":",a,x,a)') time(1:2), time(3:4), zone
else
    write (*, '(a)') ''
end if
```

Ex.1: argument parsing in Fortran



contains

```
subroutine print_help()
  print '(a)', 'usage: cmdline [OPTIONS]'
  print '(a)', ''
  print '(a)', 'Without further options, cmdline prints the date and exits'
  print '(a)', ''
  print '(a)', 'cmdline options:'
  print '(a)', ''
  print '(a)', ' -v, --version      print version information and exit'
  print '(a)', ' -h, --help        print usage information and exit'
  print '(a)', ' -t, --time        print time'
end subroutine print_help
```

end program cmdline

Ex.1: argument parsing in Python



```
import argparse

parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description='Process some integers.')
parser.add_argument('integers', metavar='N', type=int, nargs='+',
                    help='an integer for the accumulator')
parser.add_argument('--sum', dest='accumulate', action='store_const',
                    const=sum, default=max,
                    help='sum the integers (default: find the max)')

args = parser.parse_args()
print(args.accumulate(args.integers))
```

Assuming the Python code above is saved into a file called `prog.py`, it can be run at the command line and provides useful help messages:

```
$ python prog.py -h
usage: prog.py [-h] [--sum] N [N ...]

Process some integers.

positional arguments:
  N                an integer for the accumulator

optional arguments:
  -h, --help      show this help message and exit
  --sum           sum the integers (default: find the max)
```

Ex.2: Use XLS file in C

```
88     break;
89     case 't':
90         sheetName = strdup(optarg);
91         break;
92     case 'q':
93         stringSeparator = optarg[0];
94         break;
95     case 'f':
96         fieldSeparator = strdup(optarg);
97         break;
98     default:
99         Usage(argv[0]);
100        break;
101    }
102 }
103
104 struct st_row_data* row;
105 WORD cellRow, cellCol;
106
107 // open workbook, choose standard conversion
108 pWB = xls_open(argv[1], encoding);
109 if (!pWB) {
110     fprintf(stderr, "File not found");
111     fprintf(stderr, "\n");
112     return EXIT_FAILURE;
113 }
114
115 // check if the requested sheet (if any) exists
116 if (sheetName[0]) {
117     for (i = 0; i < pWB->sheets.count; i++) {
118         if (strcmp(sheetName, (char *)pWB->sheets.sheet[i].name) == 0)
119             break;
120     }
121
122     if (i == pWB->sheets.count) {
123         fprintf(stderr, "Sheet \"%s\" not found", sheetName);
124         fprintf(stderr, "\n");
125         return EXIT_FAILURE;
126     }
127 }
128
129 // process all sheets
130 for (i = 0; i < pWB->sheets.count; i++) {
131     int isFirstLine = 1;
132
133     // just looking for sheet names
134     if (justList) {
135         printf("%s\n", pWB->sheets.sheet[i].name);
136         continue;
137     }
138
139     // check if this the sheet we want
140     if (sheetName[0]) {
141         if (strcmp(sheetName, (char *)pWB->sheets.sheet[i].name) != 0)
142             continue;
143     }
144
145     // open and parse the sheet
146     pWS = xls_getWorkSheet(pWB, i);
147     xls_parseWorkSheet(pWS);
148
149     // process all rows of the sheet
150     for (cellRow = 0; cellRow <= pWS->rows.lastrow; cellRow++) {
151         int isFirstCol = 1;
152         row = xls_row(pWS, cellRow);
153
154         // process cells
155         if (!isFirstLine) {
156             printf("%s", lineSeparator);
157         } else {
158             isFirstLine = 0;
159         }
160
161         for (cellCol = 0; cellCol <= pWS->rows.lastcol; cellCol++) {
162             //printf("Processing row=%d col=%d\n", cellRow+1, cellCol+1);
163
164             xlsCell *cell = xls_cell(pWS, cellRow, cellCol);
```

```
167
168         if (!cell || (cell->isHidden)) {
169             continue;
170         }
171
172         if (!isFirstCol) {
173             printf("%s", fieldSeparator);
174         } else {
175             isFirstCol = 0;
176         }
177
178         // display the colspan as only one cell, but reject
179         if (cell->rowspan > 1) {
180             fprintf(stderr, "Warning: %d rows spanned at",
181
182
183             // display the value of the cell (either numeric or
184             if (cell->id == 0x27e || cell->id == 0x0bd || cell->
185                 OutputNumber(cell->d);
186             } else if (cell->id == 0x06) {
187                 // formula
188                 if (cell->l == 0) // its a number
189                 {
190                     OutputNumber(cell->d);
191                 } else {
192                     if (!strcmp((char *)cell->str, "bool")
193                         {
194                         OutputString((int) cell->d ?
195                         } else if (!strcmp((char *)cell->str
196                         {
197                         OutputString("error*");
198                         } else // ... cell->str is valid as
199                         {
200                         OutputString((char *)cell->s
201                         }
202                     }
203                 } else if (cell->str != NULL) {
204                     OutputString((char *)cell->str);
205                 } else {
206                     OutputString("");
207                 }
208             }
209         }
210         xls_close_WS(pWS);
211     }
212
213     xls_close(pWB);
214     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
215 }
216
217 // Output a CSV String (between double quotes)
218 // Escapes (doubles)" and \ characters
219 static void OutputString(const char *string) {
220     const char *str;
221
222     printf("%c", stringSeparator);
223     for (str = string; *str; str++) {
224         if (*str == stringSeparator) {
225             printf("%c%c", stringSeparator, stringSeparator);
226         } else if (*str == '\\') {
227             printf("\\\\");
228         } else {
229             printf("%c", *str);
230         }
231     }
232     printf("%c", stringSeparator);
233 }
234
235 // Output a CSV Number
236 static void OutputNumber(const double number) {
237     printf("%.15g", number);
238 }
```


Ex.2: Use XLS file in R



```
> mydata = read.xls("mydata.xls") # read from first sheet  
> write.csv(MyData, file = "MyData.csv")
```

Ex.3: default args in Java

```
class DisplayOverloading
{
    public void disp(char c)
    {
        System.out.println(c);
    }
    public void disp(char c, int num)
    {
        System.out.println(c + " "+num);
    }
}
class Sample
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        DisplayOverloading obj = new DisplayOverloading();
        obj.disp('a');
        obj.disp('a',10);
    }
}
```

Ex.3: default args in Octave



```
function hello (who = "World")  
    printf ("Hello, %s!\n", who);  
endfunction
```

When called without an input argument the function prints the following

```
hello ();  
-| Hello, World!
```

and when it's called with an input argument it prints the following

```
hello ("Beautiful World of Free Software");  
-| Hello, Beautiful World of Free Software!
```

1.



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- All very much used in scientific applications
 - R (S/SPplus): strong for statistics
 - Octave (Matlab): strong for engineering
 - Python Scipy/Numpy (Canopy,Anaconda): strong for data science
- All free and free.
- Fun fact: All started as wrappers for Fortran code!

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S was designed by John Chambers (Bell Labs) as an interactive interface to a Fortran-callable library, ca 1976.

MATLAB was built by Cleve Moler (University of New Mexico) to give students access to LINPACK and EISPACK without them having to learn Fortran

Python **Numpy** (Travis Oliphant, Brigham Young University) originates from f2py, a tool to easily extend Python with Fortran code.

Why those three?



Octave: Fortran optimized routines made easy to use. Easily handle (multi-dimensional) matrices, Nans, Infs, no need to worry about memory allocation, etc.

R: Easily handle matrices, strings, dates, and categories and missing values

Python: Full programming language, can handle custom objects

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Some Julia in here...

2.



TripleQuickstart

Operators and assignment



```
a=1; b=2;  
a + b  
a - b  
a * b  
a / b  
a .^ b
```

```
rem(a,b)
```

```
a(:,1) = 99  
a(:,1) = [99 98 97]'  
a(a>90) = 90;
```



```
a=1; b=1  
a + b or add(a,b)  
a - b or subtract(a,b)  
a * b or multiply(a,b)  
a / b or divide(a,b)  
a ** b  
power(a,b)  
pow(a,b)  
a % b  
remainder(a,b)  
fmod(a,b)
```

```
a[:,0] = 99  
a[:,0] = array([99,98,97])  
(a>90).choose(a,90)  
a.clip(min=None, max=90)  
  
a.clip(min=2, max=5)
```



```
a<-1; b<-2  
a + b  
a - b  
a * b  
a / b  
a ^ b
```

```
a %% b
```

```
a[,1] <- 99  
a[,1] <- c(99,98,97)  
a[a>90] <- 90
```

Building arrays/matrices



```
a=[2 3 4 5];  
adash=[2 3 4 5]';
```

```
1:10  
0:9  
1:3:10  
10:-1:1  
10:-3:1  
linspace(1,10,7)  
reverse(a)  
a(:) = 3
```



```
a=array([2,3,4,5])  
array([2,3,4,5])[:,NewAxis]  
array([2,3,4,5]).reshape(-1,1)  
r_[1:10,'c']
```

```
arange(1,11, dtype=Float)  
range(1,11)  
arange(10.)  
arange(1,11,3)  
arange(10,0,-1)  
arange(10,0,-3)  
linspace(1,10,7)  
a[::-1] or  
a.fill(3), a[:] = 3
```



```
a <- c(2,3,4,5)  
adash <- t(c(2,3,4,5))
```

```
seq(10) or 1:10  
seq(0,length=10)  
seq(1,10,by=3)  
seq(10,1) or 10:1  
seq(from=10,to=1,by=-3)  
seq(1,10,length=7)  
rev(a)
```

Indexing/slicing



```
a(2,3)
a(1,:)

a(:,1)

a([1 3],[1 4]);

a(2:end,:)

a(end-1:end,:)

a(1:2:end,:)

a(:, [1 3 4])
```



```
a[1,2]
a[0,]

a[:,0]

a.take([0,2]).take([0,3], axis=1)

a[1:,]

a[-2:,]

a[:,2,:]
a[...,2]

a.take([0,2,3],axis=1)

a.diagonal(offset=0)
```



```
a[2,3]
a[1,]

a[,1]

a[-1,]

a[-2,-3]

a[, -2]
```

Searching arrays/matrices



```
find(a)

[i j] = find(a)

[i j v] = find(a)

find(a>5.5)

a .* (a>5.5)
```



```
a.ravel().nonzero()

(i,j) = a.nonzero()
(i,j) = where(a!=0)

v = a.compress((a!=0).flat)
v = extract(a!=0,a)

(a>5.5).nonzero()

a.compress((a>5.5).flat)

where(a>5.5,0,a) or a * (a>5.5)
a.put(2,indices)
```



```
which(a != 0)

which(a != 0, arr.ind=T)

ij <- which(a != 0, arr.ind=T); v <- a[ij]

which(a>5.5)

ij <- which(a>5.5, arr.ind=T); v <- a[ij]
```

Control structures



```
for i=1:5; disp(i); end
for i=1:5
    disp(i)
    disp(i*2)
end
```

MATLAB/Octave

```
if 1>0 a=100; end
if 1>0 a=100; else a=0; end
```



```
for i in range(1,6): print(i)
for i in range(1,6):
    print(i)
    print(i*2)
```

Python

```
if 1>0: a=100
```



```
for(i in 1:5) print(i)
for(i in 1:5) {
    print(i)
    print(i*2)
}
```

R

```
if (1>0) a <- 100

ifelse(a>0,a,0)
```


More complete list



Hyperpolyglot

Numerical Analysis & Statistics: MATLAB, R, NumPy, Julia

a side-by-side reference sheet

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	matlab	r	numpy	julia
version used	MATLAB 8.3 Octave 3.8	3.1	Python 2.7 NumPy 1.7 SciPy 0.13 Pandas 0.12 Matplotlib 1.3	0.4
show version	\$ matlab -nojvm -nodisplay -r 'exit' \$ octave --version	\$ R --version	sys.version np.__version__ sp.__version__ mpl.__version__	\$ julia --version
implicit prologue	none	install.packages('ggplot2') library('ggplot2')	import sys, os, re, math import numpy as np import scipy as sp import scipy.stats as stats import pandas as pd import matplotlib as mpl import matplotlib.pyplot as plt	
	matlab	r	numpy	julia
interpreter	\$ cat >>foo.m 1 + 1 exit \$ matlab -nojvm -nodisplay -r "run('foo.m')" \$ octave foo.m	\$ cat >>foo.r 1 + 1 \$ Rscript foo.r \$ R -f foo.r	\$ cat >>foo.py print(1 + 1) \$ python foo.py	\$ cat >>foo.jl println(1 + 1) \$ julia foo.jl
repl	\$ matlab -nojvm -nodisplay \$ octave	\$ R	\$ python	\$ julia
command line program	\$ matlab -nojvm -nodisplay -r 'disp(1 + 1); exit' \$ octave --silent --eval '1 + 1'	\$ Rscript -e 'print("hi")'	python -c 'print("hi")'	\$ julia -e 'println("hi")'
block delimiters	function end if elseif else end while end for end	{ }	offside rule	

Linear regression



```
z = polyval(polyfit(x,y,1),x)
plot(x,y,'o', x,z ,'-')

a = x\y
```



```
(a,b) = polyfit(x,y,1)
plot(x,y,'o', x,a*x+b,'-')

linalg.lstsq(x,y)
```



```
z <- lm(y~x)
plot(x,y)
abline(z)
solve(a,b)
```

Linear regression



```
SUBROUTINE MR (X, Y, N, K, DWORK, IWORK)
  IMPLICIT NONE
  INTEGER K, N, IWORK
  DOUBLE PRECISION X, Y, DWORK
  DIMENSION X(N,K), Y(N), DWORK(3*K), IWORK(K)

  *      local variables
  INTEGER I, J
  DOUBLE PRECISION TAU, TOT

  *      maximum of all column sums of magnitudes
  TAU = 0.
  DO J = 1, K
    TOT = 0.
    DO I = 1, N
      TOT = TOT + ABS(X(I,J))
    END DO
    IF (TOT > TAU) TAU = TOT
  END DO
  TAU = TAU * EPSILON(TAU)      ! tolerance argument

  *      call function
  CALL DHFTI (X, N, N, K, Y, N, 1, TAU,
$ J, DWORK(1), DWORK(K+1), DWORK(2*K+1), IWORK)
  IF (J < K) PRINT *, 'mr: solution is rank deficient!'
  RETURN
END      ! of MR

-----
PROGRAM t_mr      ! polynomial regression example
  IMPLICIT NONE
  INTEGER N, K
  PARAMETER (N=15, K=3)
  INTEGER IWORK(K), I, J
  DOUBLE PRECISION XIN(N), X(N,K), Y(N), DWORK(3*K)

  DATA XIN / 1.47, 1.50, 1.52, 1.55, 1.57, 1.60, 1.63, 1.65, 1.68,
$          1.70, 1.73, 1.75, 1.78, 1.80, 1.83 /
  DATA Y / 52.21, 53.12, 54.48, 55.84, 57.20, 58.57, 59.93, 61.29,
$          63.11, 64.47, 66.28, 68.10, 69.92, 72.19, 74.46 /

  *      make coefficient matrix
  DO J = 1, K
    DO I = 1, N
      X(I,J) = XIN(I) ** (J-1)
    END DO
  END DO

  *      solve
  CALL MR (X, Y, N, K, DWORK, IWORK)

  *      print result
10  FORMAT ('beta: ', $)
20  FORMAT (F12.4, $)
30  FORMAT ()
  PRINT 10
  DO J = 1, K
    PRINT 20, Y(J)
  END DO
  PRINT 30
  STOP 'program complete'
END
```

Fortran

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <gsl/gsl_matrix.h>
#include <gsl/gsl_math.h>
#include <gsl/gsl_multifit.h>

double w[] = { 52.21, 53.12, 54.48, 55.84, 57.20,
               58.57, 59.93, 61.29, 63.11, 64.47,
               66.28, 68.10, 69.92, 72.19, 74.46 };
double h[] = { 1.47, 1.50, 1.52, 1.55, 1.57,
               1.60, 1.63, 1.65, 1.68, 1.70,
               1.73, 1.75, 1.78, 1.80, 1.83 };

int main()
{
  int n = sizeof(h)/sizeof(double);
  gsl_matrix *X = gsl_matrix_calloc(n, 3);
  gsl_vector *Y = gsl_vector_alloc(n);
  gsl_vector *beta = gsl_vector_alloc(3);

  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    gsl_vector_set(Y, i, w[i]);

    gsl_matrix_set(X, i, 0, 1);
    gsl_matrix_set(X, i, 1, h[i]);
    gsl_matrix_set(X, i, 2, h[i] * h[i]);
  }

  double chisq;
  gsl_matrix *cov = gsl_matrix_alloc(3, 3);
  gsl_multifit_linear_workspace *wspc = gsl_multifit_linear_alloc(n, 3);
  gsl_multifit_linear(X, Y, beta, cov, &chisq, wspc);

  printf("Beta:");
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    printf(" %g", gsl_vector_get(beta, i));
  printf("\n");

  gsl_matrix_free(X);
  gsl_matrix_free(cov);
  gsl_vector_free(Y);
  gsl_vector_free(beta);
  gsl_multifit_linear_free(wspc);
}
```

C

So..



Fast to learn
Fast to code

Challenge.. Write 'sabin.[m|R|py]'



```
dfr@hmem00 — bash
dfr@hmem00:~/scripting $ octave -q sabin.m 5 3
#
#@#
#@##@
##@##@#
#@###@##@#
```

```
dfr@hmem00:~/scripting $ octave -q sabin.m 10 3
#
#@#
#@##@
##@##@#
#@###@##@#
#@####@###@#
##@####@###@##@#
#@#####@####@##@#
#@#####@#####@###@#
##@#####@#####@####@#
```

```
dfr@hmem00 — bash
dfr@hmem00:~/scripting $ octave -q sabin.m 10 6
#
###
#@###
##@####
#@#####@#
#####@#####@#
#####@#####@##@#
#####@#####@####@#
#@#####@#####@####@#
##@#####@#####@####@#
```

```
dfr@hmem00:~/scripting $
```

Challenge.. Write 'sapin.[m|R|py]'



```
dfr@hmem00 — bash
dfr@hmem00:~/scripting $ Rscript sapin.R
#
###
#@###
##@####
#@#####@#
#####@#####@#
#####@#####@#
#####@#####@#####
#@#####@#####@#####
##@#####@#####@#####
#@#####@#####@#####@#
dfr@hmem00:~/scripting $
```

```
dfr@hmem00 — bash
dfr@hmem00:~/scripting $ python sapin.py
#
###
#@###
##@####
#@#####@#
#####@#####@#
#####@#####@#
#####@#####@#####
#@#####@#####@#####
##@#####@#####@#####
dfr@hmem00:~/scripting $
```

You will need for-loops, if-conditionals, variable assignment, and printing which you can find in the slides

Other resources:

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Octave_Programming_Tutorial/Getting_started

<https://cran.r-project.org/doc/manuals/R-intro.html>

http://wiki.scipy.org/Tentative_NumPy_Tutorial

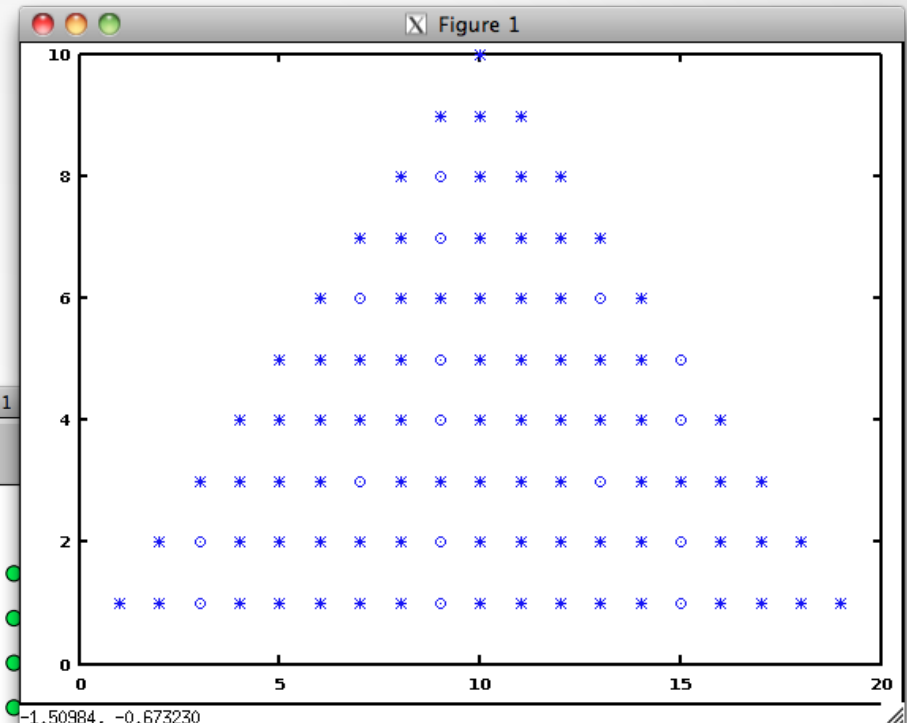
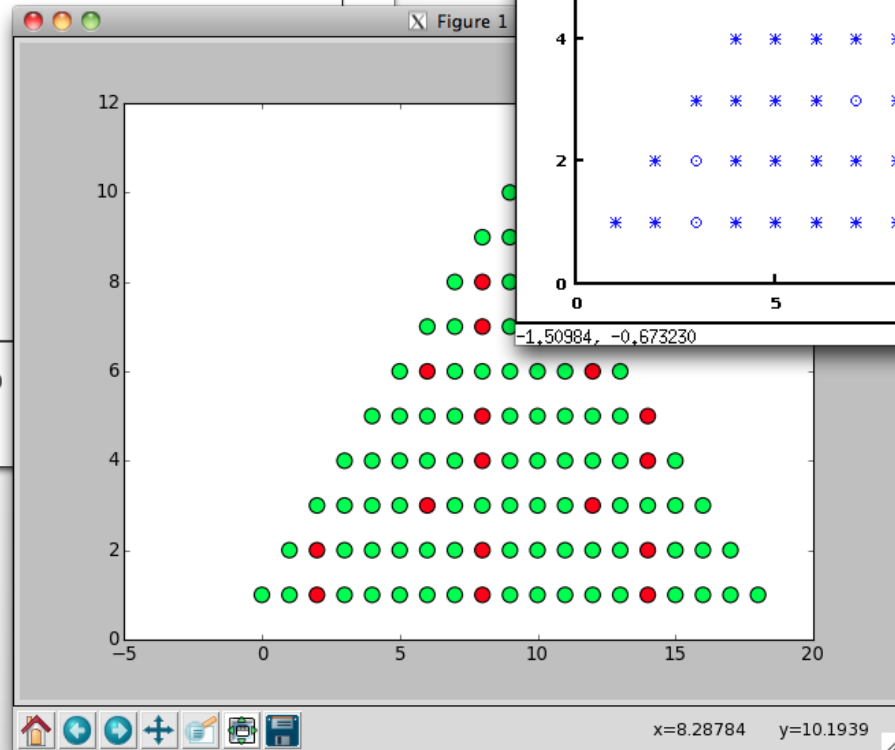
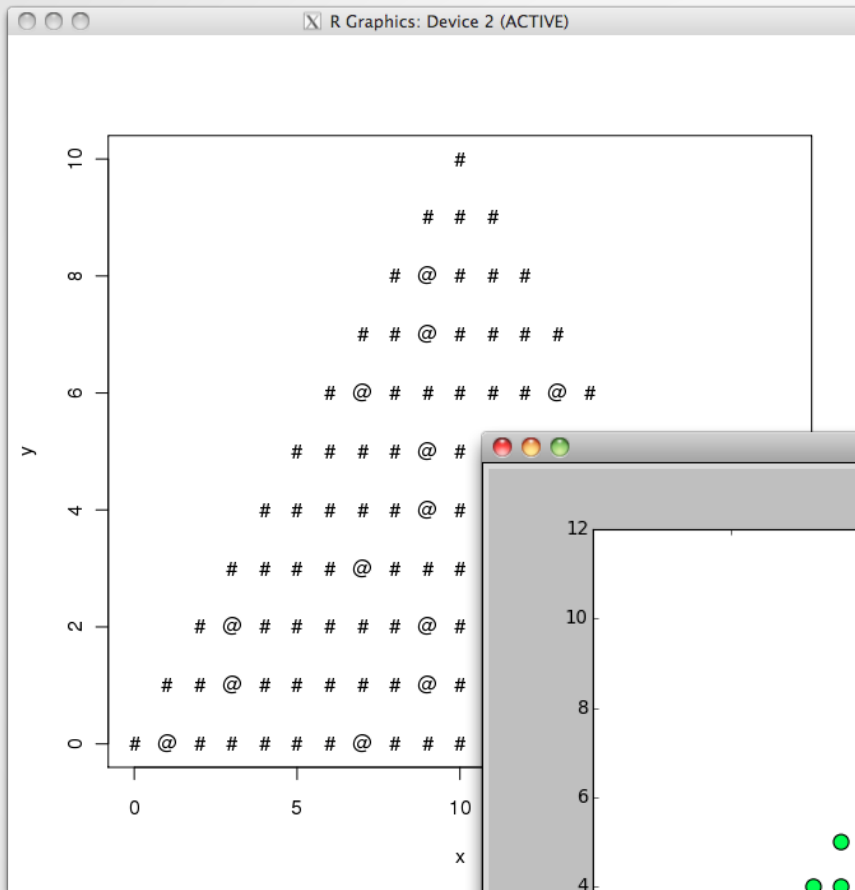


<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/14395569/how-to-output-text-in-the-r-console-without-creating-new-lines>

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/493386/how-to-print-in-python-without-newline-or-space>

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1012597/displaying-information-from-matlab-without-a-line-feed>

If you are that quick... Try this:



Possible solution (C)

dfr@hmem00 — bash

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <string.h>
4
5 int h=10;
6 int p=6;
7
8 int i, j, c=0;
9 char pat[] = "#@";
10
11 void usage()
12 {
13     printf("usage: sapin.m [-h] [n [p]]\n"
14           "\n"
15           "Prints a christmas tree\n"
16           "\n"
17           "optional arguments:\n"
18           "  -h show this help message and exit\n"
19           "  n  Tree height\n"
20           "  p  Decoration period\n");
21     exit(1);
22 }
23
24
25 int main(int argc, char **argv)
26 {
27     if (argc == 2 && !strcmp(argv[1], "-h"))
28         usage();
29 }
```

Possible solution (C, cont'd)

```
dfir@hmem00 ~ — bash
17     "optional arguments:\n"
18     "  -h show this help message and exit\n"
19     "  n  Tree height\n"
20     "  p  Decoration period\n");
21     exit(1);
22 }
23
24
25 int main(int argc, char **argv)
26 {
27     if (argc == 2 && !strcmp(argv[1], "-h"))
28         usage();
29
30     if (argc>1)
31         h = atoi(argv[1]);
32
33     if (argc>2)
34         p = atoi(argv[2]);
35
36     for (i=1; i<=h; i++)
37     {
38         for (j=0; j<h-i; j++)
39             printf(" ");
40         for (j=0; j< 2*i-1; j++)
41             printf("%c", pat[!(++c%p)]);
42         printf("\n");
43     }
44     return 0;
45 }
```

Possible solution (Octave)

dfr@hmem00 — bash

```
1 if nargin ==1 && argv(){1} == '-h'
2     disp('usage: sapin.m [-h] [n [p]]')
3     disp('')
4     disp('Prints a christmas tree')
5     disp('')
6     disp('optional arguments:')
7     disp(' -h show this help message and exit')
8     disp('  n  Tree height')
9     disp('  p  Decoration period')
10    exit
11 end
12
13 if nargin > 0
14     h=str2num(argv(){1});
15 else
16     h=10;
17 end
18
19 if nargin > 1
20     p=str2num(argv(){2});
21 else
22     p=6;
23 end
24
25 for i = 0:h
26     line = repmat('#', 1, 2*i + 1);
27     line(p-mod((i)^2, p):p:end)='@';
28     printf('%s%s\n', repmat(' ', 1, h-i), line)
29 end
```

Possible solution (R)

dfr@hmem00 — bash

```
1 opts <- commandArgs(trailingOnly=TRUE)
2 if (length(opts) == 1 & opts[1] == '-h') {
3   cat('usage: sapin.m [-h] [n [p]]\n\n')
4   cat('Prints a christmas tree\n\n')
5   cat('optional arguments:\n')
6   cat('  -h show this help message and exit\n')
7   cat('  n  Tree height\n')
8   cat('  p  Decoration period\n')
9   q()
10 }
11
12 if (length(opts) > 0) {
13   h <- as.numeric(opts[1])
14 } else {
15   h <- 10
16 }
17 if (length(opts) > 1) {
18   p <- as.numeric(opts[2])
19 } else {
20   p <- 6
21 }
22
23 lst <- rep(c(rep('#', p-1), '@'), (h*h+1))
24
25 for (i in 0:h) {
26   top <- head(lst, 2*i+1)
27   lst <- tail(lst, -(2*i+1))
28   cat(paste(c(rep(' ', h - i), top), sep="", collapse=""), '\n')
29 }
```

"sapin.R" 29L, 671C written

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All

Possible solution (Python)

dfr@hmem00 — bash

```
1 #!/bin/env python
2
3 from argparse import ArgumentParser
4 from itertools import cycle, islice
5
6 argparser = ArgumentParser(description='Prints a christmas tree')
7 argparser.add_argument('-n', dest='h', help='Tree height', default=10,
8 type=int)
9 argparser.add_argument('-p', dest='p', help='Decoration period', default=6,
10 type=int)
11
12 args = argparser.parse_args()
13
14 c = cycle('#' * (args.p - 1) + '@')
15
16 for i in xrange(args.h):
17     print ' ' * (args.h - i - 1) + ''.join(list(islice(c, i * 2 + 1)))
18
19 ~
20 ~
21 ~
22 ~
23 ~
24 ~
25 ~
26 ~
27 ~
28 ~
29 ~
30 ~
```

:set wrap

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All

Possible solution (Julia)

```
9 - sapin
Using ArgParse
using Parameters

s = ArgParseSettings()

@add_arg_table s begin
    "-n"
        help = "Tree height"
        arg_type = Int
        default = 10
    "-p"
        help = "Decoration period"
        arg_type = Int
        default = 6
end

@unpack n, p = parse_args(s)

function print_tree(height, count=0)
    height == 0 && return count
    count = print_tree(height-1, count)
    width = 2*height - 1
    offset = p-mod(count, p)-1
    print(' ' ^ (n-height))
    println("#" ^ offset * ('@' * '#' ^ (p-1)) ^ (1+div(width,p)) [1:width])
    return count += width
end

print_tree(n)
~
N... sapin.jl jul... 3% 1: 1
```


Second challenge

```
dfr@lemaitre2:/CECI/home/ucl/pan/dfr/scripting/resmerge $ ls *txt
res-10.txt  res-24.txt  res-38.txt  res-51.txt  res-65.txt  res-79.txt  res-92.txt
res-11.txt  res-25.txt  res-39.txt  res-52.txt  res-66.txt  res-7.txt   res-93.txt
res-12.txt  res-26.txt  res-3.txt   res-53.txt  res-67.txt  res-80.txt  res-94.txt
res-13.txt  res-27.txt  res-40.txt  res-54.txt  res-68.txt  res-81.txt  res-95.txt
res-14.txt  res-28.txt  res-41.txt  res-55.txt  res-69.txt  res-82.txt  res-96.txt
res-15.txt  res-29.txt  res-42.txt  res-56.txt  res-6.txt   res-83.txt  res-97.txt
res-16.txt  res-2.txt   res-43.txt  res-57.txt  res-70.txt  res-84.txt  res-98.txt
res-17.txt  res-30.txt  res-44.txt  res-58.txt  res-71.txt  res-85.txt  res-99.txt
res-18.txt  res-31.txt  res-45.txt  res-59.txt  res-72.txt  res-86.txt  res-9.txt
res-19.txt  res-32.txt  res-46.txt  res-5.txt   res-73.txt  res-87.txt
res-1.txt   res-33.txt  res-47.txt  res-60.txt  res-74.txt  res-88.txt
res-20.txt  res-34.txt  res-48.txt  res-61.txt  res-75.txt  res-89.txt
res-21.txt  res-35.txt  res-49.txt  res-62.txt  res-76.txt  res-8.txt
res-22.txt  res-36.txt  res-4.txt   res-63.txt  res-77.txt  res-90.txt
res-23.txt  res-37.txt  res-50.txt  res-64.txt  res-78.txt  res-91.txt
dfr@lemaitre2:/CECI/home/ucl/pan/dfr/scripting/resmerge $ cat res-1.txt
# Result file for experiment
[main]

parameter=0.01
result=0.15492

[meta]
time=531244
```

Second challenge



- Find for which value of 'parameter' is 'result' the lowest.
- Course of action:
 - Read all files and parse them (you might need to install additional packages/libraries/modules)
 - Build two arrays one of parameter values and the other one for result values
 - Remove problematic values (plotting might help here)
 - Find minimum

Possible solution



```
nb_res=99;
p=zeros(nb_res,1);
r=zeros(nb_res,1);

for i = 1:nb_res;
    res = ini2struct(sprintf("res-%d.txt", i));
    p(i)=str2double(res.main.parameter);
    r(i)=str2double(res.main.result);
end
r(diff(r)>0.1)=nan;
plot(p,r)
[i, j]=min(r);
i, p(j)
~
~
~
~
```

```
library(ini)
nb_res <- 99

p <- numeric(nb_res)
r <- numeric(nb_res)

for (i in 1:nb_res) {
    f <- read.ini(sprintf('res-%d.txt', i))
    p[i] <- as.numeric(f$main$parameter)
    r[i] <- as.numeric(f$main$result)
}

plot(p,r, 'l')
r[diff(r) > 0.1] <- NA
print(min(r, na.rm=T))
print(p[which.min(r)])
```

```
import configparser
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

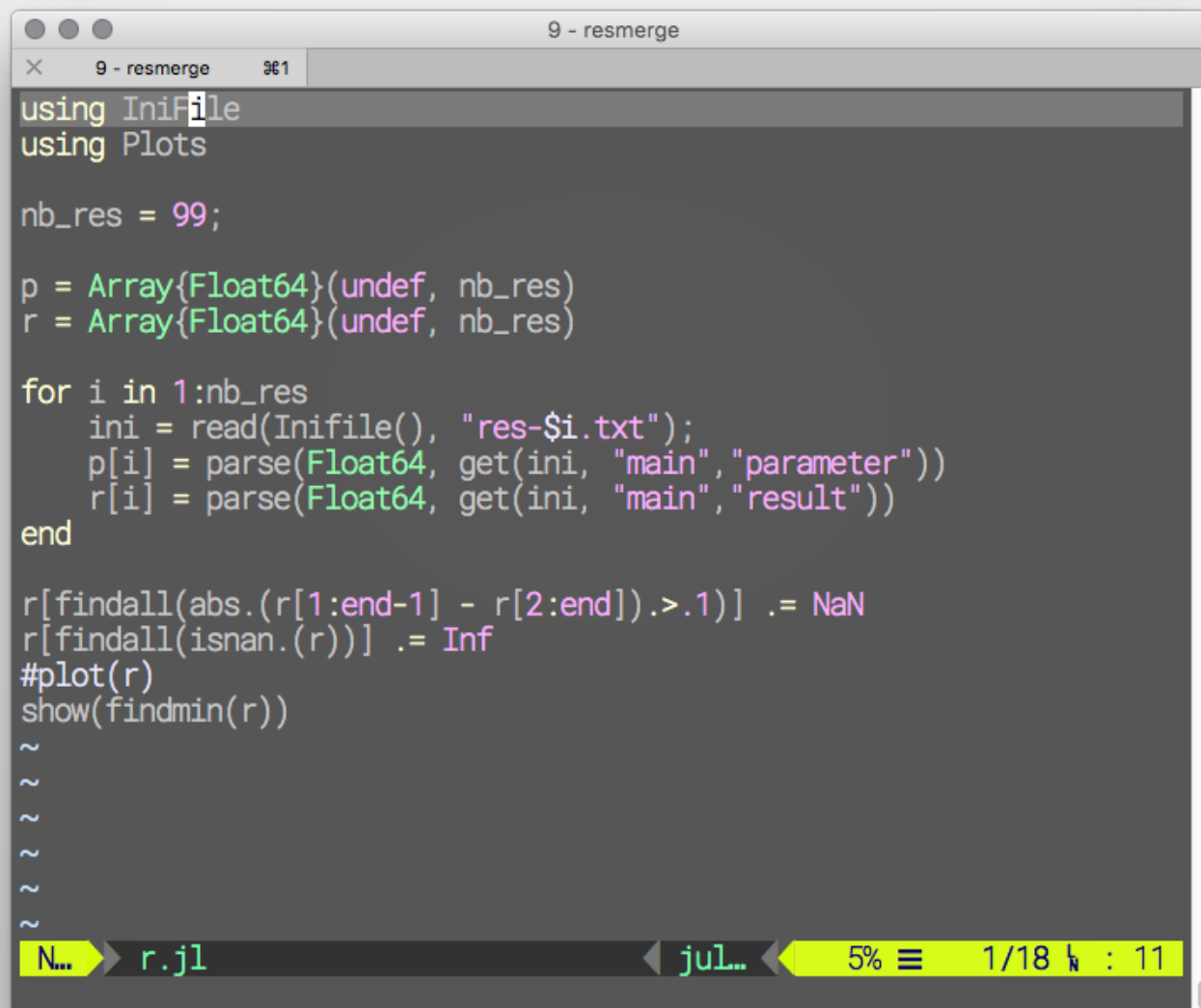
nb_res = 99

p = np.zeros(nb_res)
r = np.zeros(nb_res)

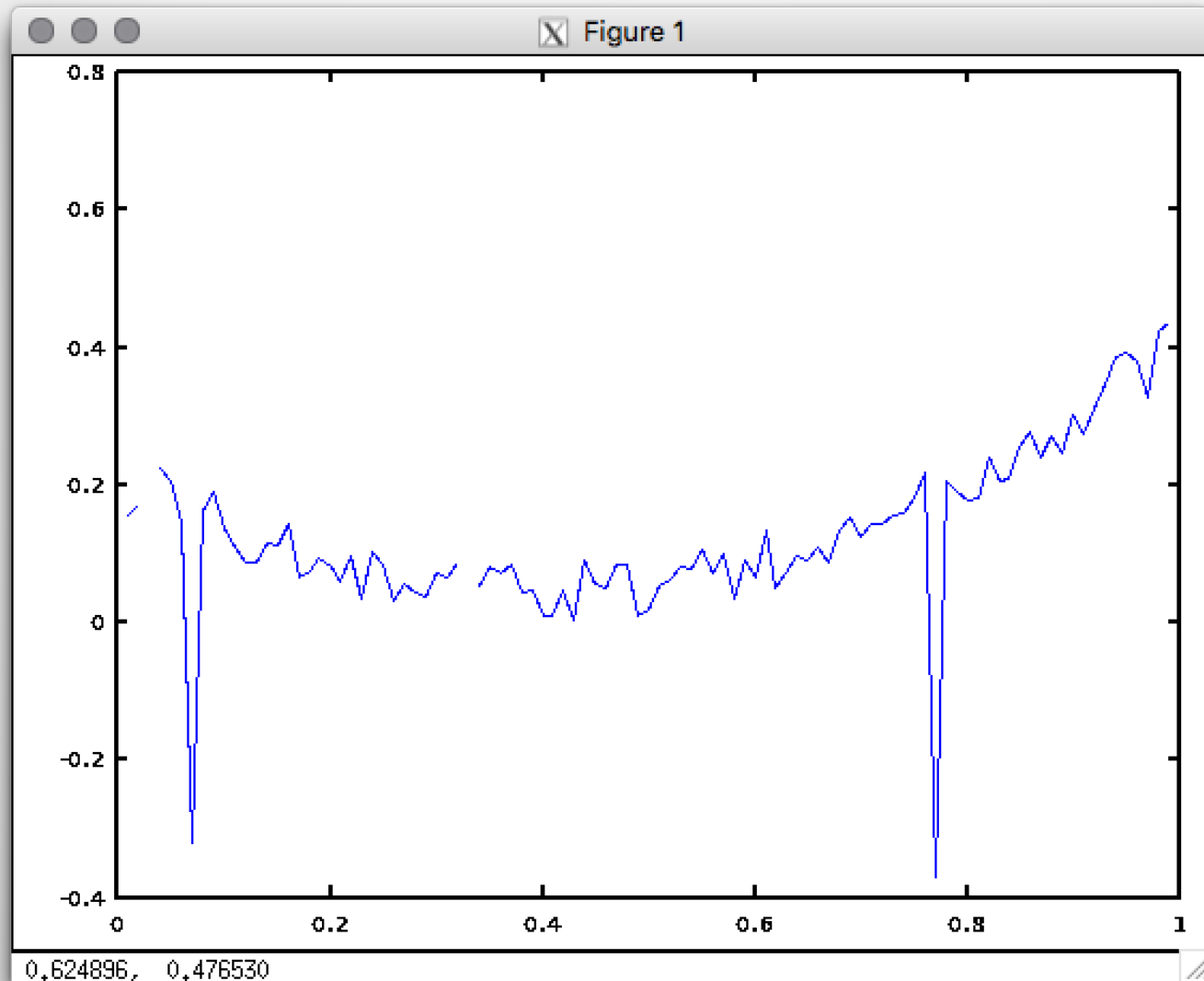
for i in range(nb_res):
    f = configparser.RawConfigParser()
    f.read("res-{i}.txt".format(i=i+1))
    p[i] = float(f.get('main', 'parameter'))
    r[i] = float(f.get('main', 'result'))

plt.plot(p, r, '-')
r[np.where(np.diff(r) > .1)] = np.nan
print(np.nanmin(r))
print(p[np.nanargmin(r)])
```

- <https://nl.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/17177-ini2struct>
- <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/ini/index.html>
- <https://docs.python.org/3/library/configparser.html>



Second challenge



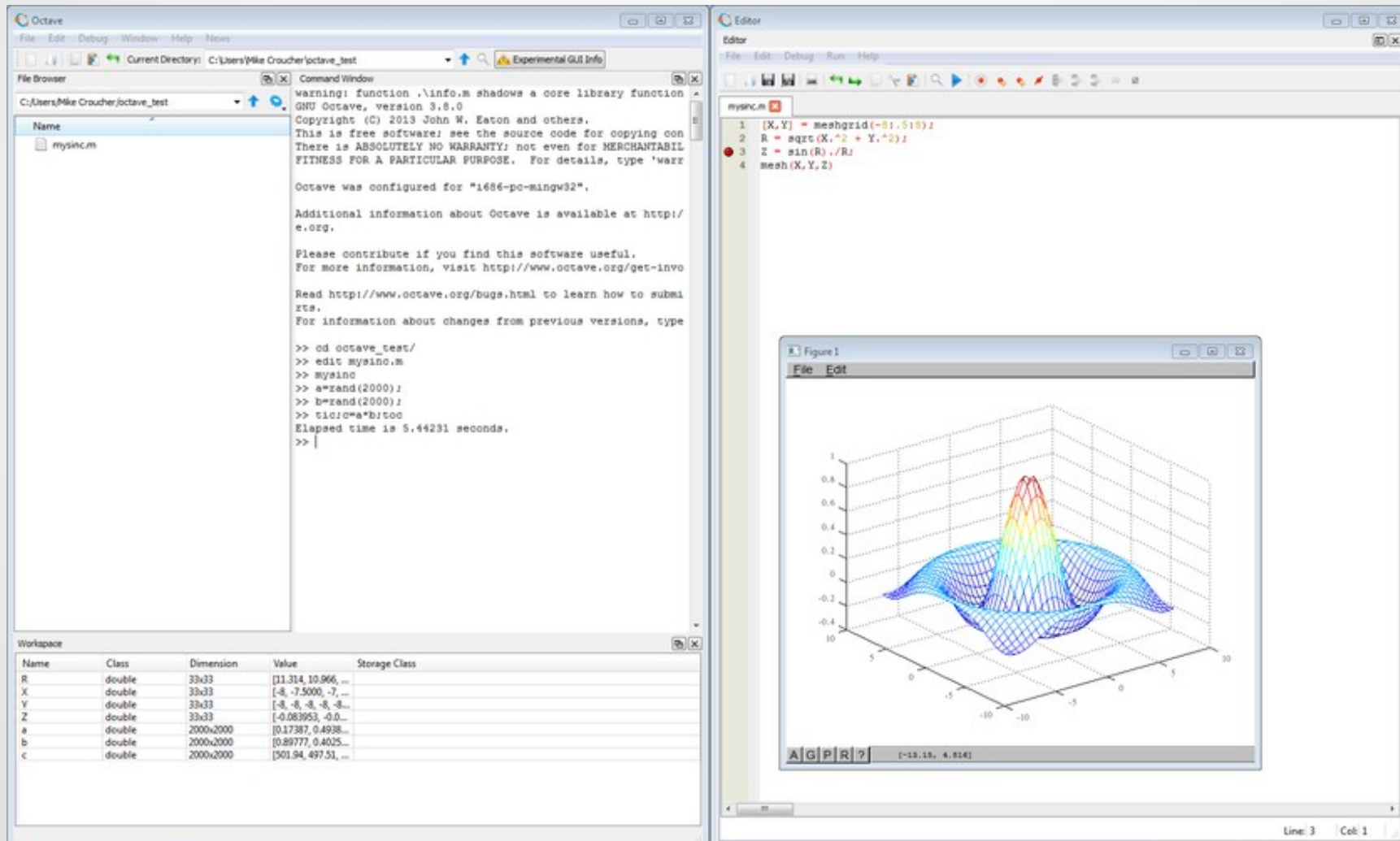
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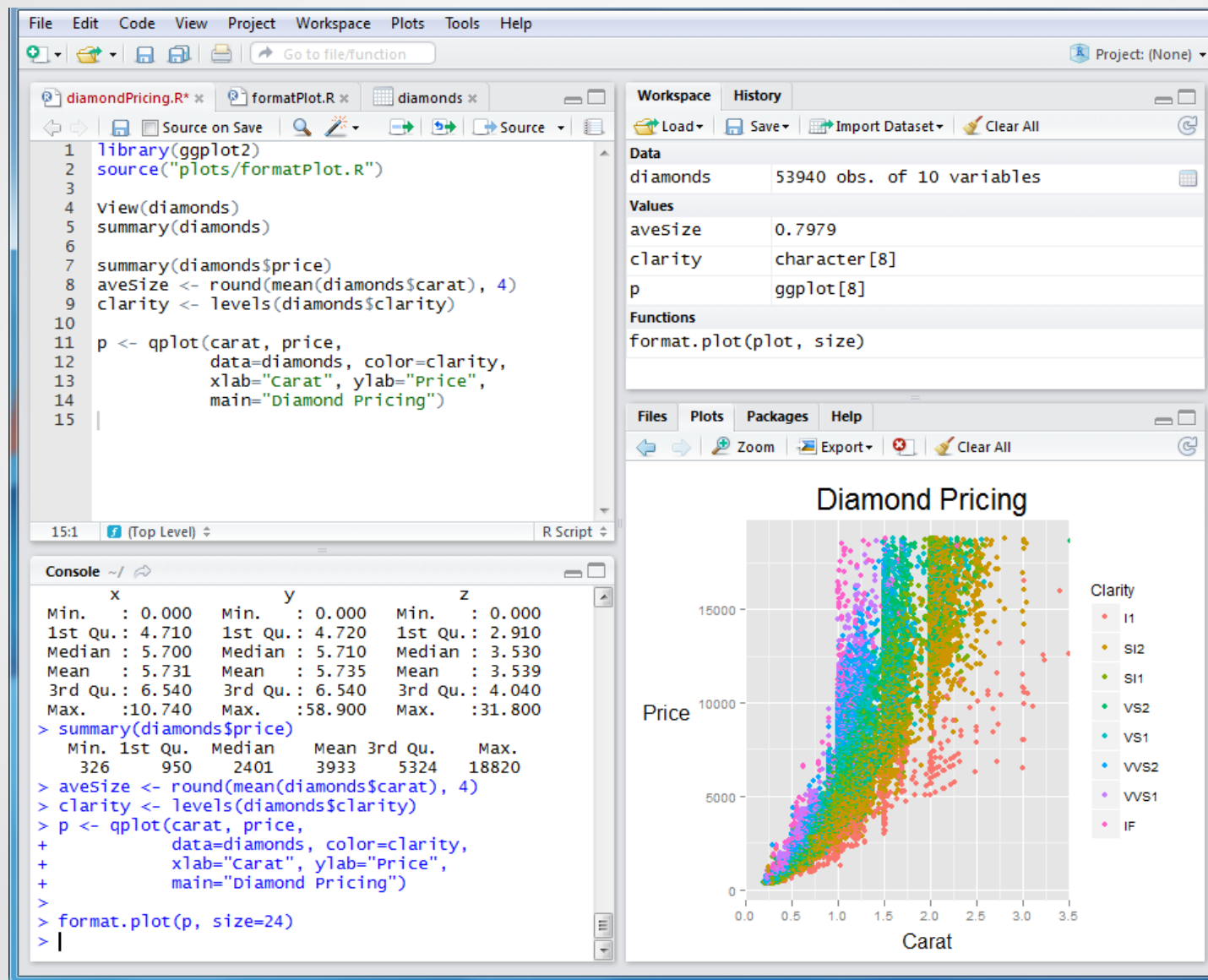
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Spyder



The screenshot displays the Spyder IDE interface. The main editor window shows a Python script named `special2.py` with the following content:

```
1 #-*- coding: utf-8 -*-
2 """
3 Spyder Editor
4
5 This temporary script file is located here:
6 C:\Users\Nick\Documents\School\spyder\special2.py
7 """
8
9 from numpy import *
10 from scipy import *
11 from scipy import eye
12 from scipy.integrate import odeint
13 import pylab
14
15 #load data file
16 free_response = loadtxt("free_response.lvm")
17
18 #delete first few lines, adjust time vector back to zero
19 free_response = delete(free_response, linspace(0,20,20),0)
20 free_response[:,0]=free_response[:,0]-min(free_response[:,0])
21
22 #take numerical derivative
23 time = free_response[:,0]
24 pos = free_response[:,1]
25 vel = diff(pos)/diff(time)
26 time = delete(time,-1)
27 accel = diff(vel)/diff(time)
28
29 #resize vectors so they match up nicely
30 time = delete(time,-1)
31 vel = delete(vel,-1)
32 pos = delete(pos, [pos.size-1, pos.size-2], None)
33
34 #least-squares fit to find parameters
35 #A is matrix with velocity and position
36 #b is vector of acceleration
37 A = vstack((vel,pos))
```

The Object Inspector panel on the right shows the `delete(arr, obj, axis=None)` function from the `numpy.lib.function_base` module. It includes a description: "Return a new array with sub-arrays along an axis deleted." and lists parameters: `arr` (array_like), `obj` (slice, int or array of ints), and `axis` (int, optional). The Returns section indicates the output is an `ndarray`.

The IPython console at the bottom shows the Python 2.6.6 environment and the IPython 0.10.1 prompt. The console output includes the IPython welcome message and the prompt `In [1]:`.

At the bottom of the interface, the status bar shows: Permissions: RW, End-of-lines: CRLF, Encoding: UTF-8, Line: 19, Column: 1.

The screenshot displays the Juno IDE interface with the following components:

- Project Explorer:** A sidebar on the left showing a list of projects including ASTInterpreter2, atom-ink, atom-julia-client, atom-indent-detective, DiffEqUncertainty, DiffEqDevTools, Gadfly, Atom, junowebiste, and PlotThemes.
- Code Editor:** The central area contains a Julia script named 'untitled'. The script defines a function 'profile_test(n)' that generates random data, performs FFTW operations, and calculates a maximum value. It also includes a call to 'profile_test(1)' and '@profiler profile_test(10)'.
- Workspace:** A panel on the right showing the execution results of the script. It displays the output of 'profile_test(1)' as 'Float64[5]' and 'ans' as '3.75...'. Below this, a 'Plots' section shows a line graph with three data series (y1, y2, y3) plotted against an x-axis from 0 to 10. The y-axis ranges from 0.00 to 1.00.
- Terminal:** A panel at the bottom right showing the output of the Julia REPL. It displays the results of 'dct(A [, dims])' and 'sum(ans)', along with a progress bar indicating the execution time of the Julia process.

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Chunks

```
1 R Code Chunks
2 =====
3
4 With R Markdown, you can insert R code
5 chunks including plots:
6
7 ```{r qplot, fig.width=4, fig.height=3,
8   message=FALSE}
9 # quick summary and plot
10 library(ggplot2)
11 summary(cars)
12 qplot(speed, dist, data=cars) +
13   geom_smooth()
```

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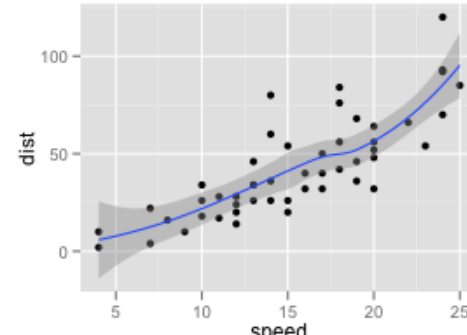
R Code Chunks

With R Markdown, you can insert R code chunks including plots:

```
# quick summary and plot
library(ggplot2)
summary(cars)
```

##	speed	dist
##	Min. : 4.0	Min. : 2
##	1st Qu.:12.0	1st Qu.: 26
##	Median :15.0	Median : 36
##	Mean :15.4	Mean : 43
##	3rd Qu.:19.0	3rd Qu.: 56
##	Max. :25.0	Max. :120

```
qplot(speed, dist, data = cars) + geom_smooth()
```



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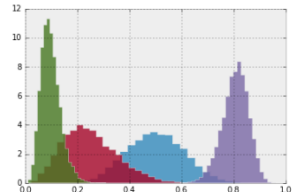
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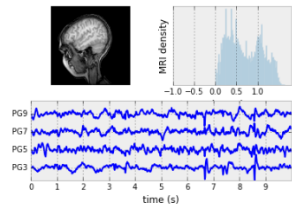
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```
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%quickref -> Quick reference.  
help -> Python's own help system.  
object? -> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra  
details.
```

```
In [1]: %matplotlib inline  
from numpy.random import beta  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
plt.style.use('bmh')  
  
def plot_beta_hist(a, b):  
    plt.hist(beta(a, b, size=10000), histtype='stepfilled',  
             bins=25, alpha=0.8, normed=True)  
    return  
  
plot_beta_hist(10, 10)  
plot_beta_hist(4, 12)  
plot_beta_hist(50, 12)  
plot_beta_hist(6, 55)
```



```
In [2]: %run ~/Downloads/mri_with_eeg.py  
  
loading eeg /Users/fperez/usr/conda/lib/python3.5/site-packages/mat  
plotlib/mpl-data/sample_data/eeg.dat
```



```
1 #!/usr/bin/env python  
2  
3 """  
4 This now uses the imshow command instead of pcolor which *is much  
5 faster*  
6 """  
7 from __future__ import division, print_function  
8  
9 import numpy as np  
10  
11 from matplotlib.pyplot import *  
12 from matplotlib.collections import LineCollection  
13 import matplotlib.cbook as cbook  
14 # I use if 1 to break up the different regions of code visually  
15  
16 if 1: # load the data  
17     # data are 256x256 16 bit integers  
18     dfile = cbook.get_sample_data('s1045.ima.gz')  
19     im = np.fromstring(dfile.read(), np.uint16).astype(float)  
20     im.shape = 256, 256  
21  
22 if 1: # plot the MRI in pcolor  
23     subplot(221)  
24     imshow(im, cmap=cm.gray)  
25     axis('off')  
26  
27 if 1: # plot the histogram of MRI intensity  
28     subplot(222)  
29     im = np.ravel(im)  
30     im = im[np.nonzero(im)] # ignore the background  
31     im = im/(2.0*15) # normalize  
32     hist(im, 100)  
33     xticks([-1, -.5, 0, .5, 1])  
34     yticks([])  
35     xlabel('intensity')  
36     ylabel('MRI density')  
37  
38 if 1: # plot the EEG  
39     # load the data  
40  
41     numSamples, numRows = 800, 4  
42     eegfile = cbook.get_sample_data('eeg.dat', asfileobj=False)  
43     print('loading eeg %s' % eegfile)  
44     data = np.fromstring(open(eegfile, 'rb').read(), float)  
45     data.shape = numSamples, numRows  
46     t = 10.0 * np.arange(numSamples, dtype=float)/numSamples  
47     ticklocs = []  
48     ax = subplot(212)  
49     xlim(0, 10)  
50     xticks(np.arange(10))  
51     dmin = data.min()  
52     dmax = data.max()  
53     dr = (dmax - dmin)*0.7 # Crowd them a bit.  
54     y0 = dmin  
55     y1 = (numRows - 1) * dr + dmax  
56     ylim(y0, y1)  
57  
58     segs = []  
59     for i in range(numRows):  
60
```

Shiny



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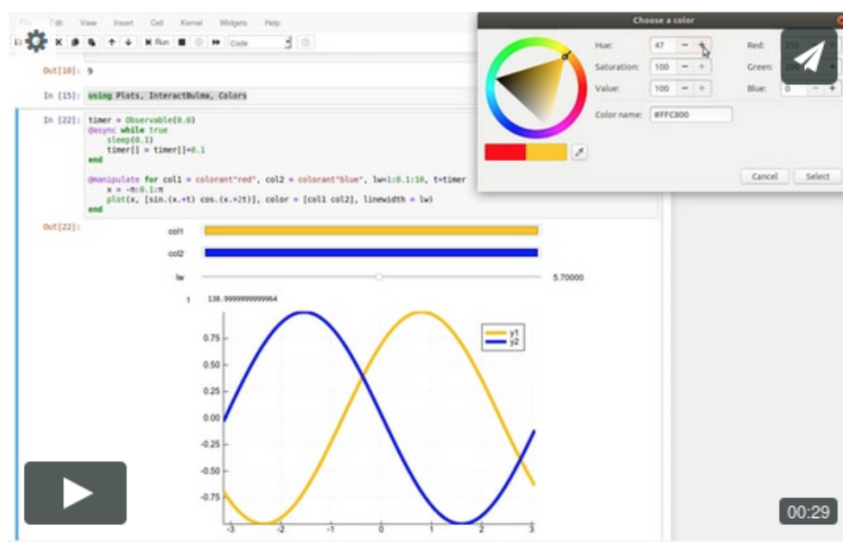
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Interact

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Interact.jl allows you to use interactive widgets such as sliders, dropdowns and checkboxes to play with your Julia code:



Getting Started

To install Interact, run the following command in the Julia REPL:

```
Pkg.add("Interact")
```

4.



Extensions

Packages – Libraries – Modules

Octave Forge



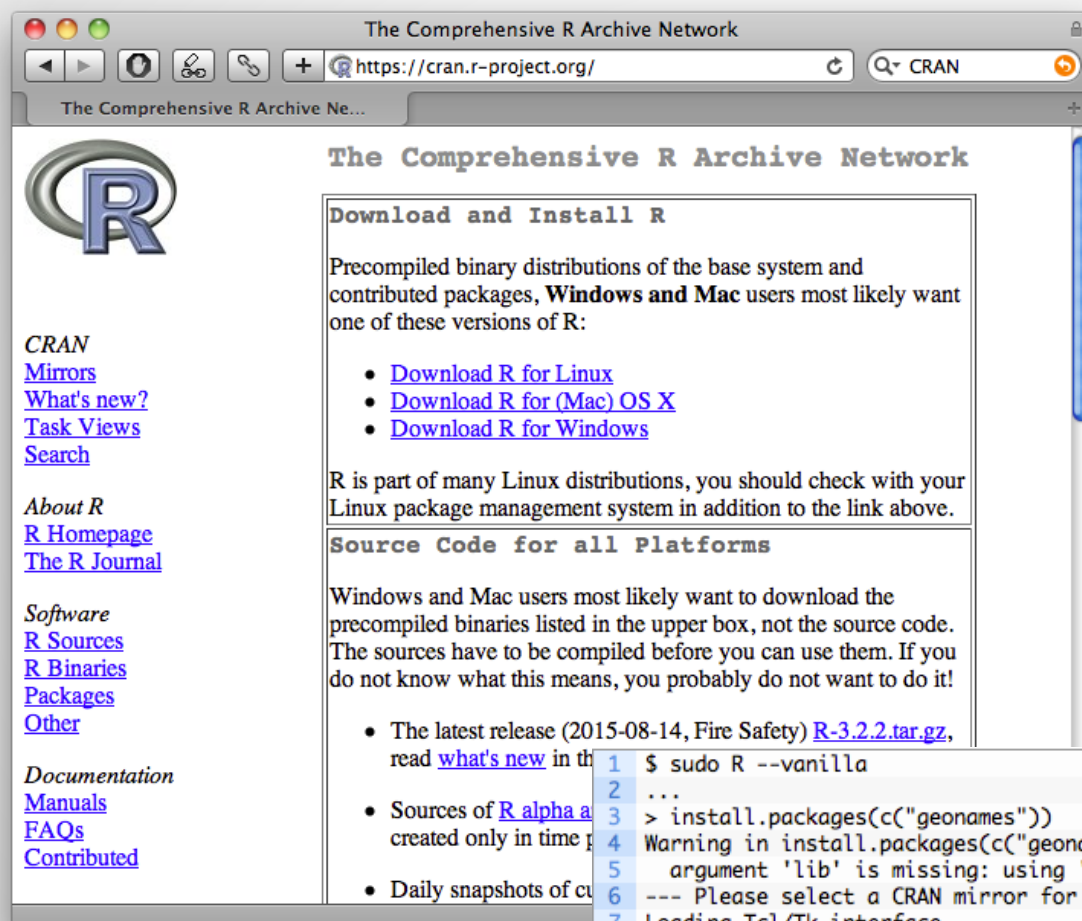
Installing packages

You can find the list of packages by clicking on the *Packages* link at the top. To install a package, use the `pkg` command from the Octave prompt by typing:

```
pkg install -forge package_name
```

where *package_name* is the name of the package you want to install.

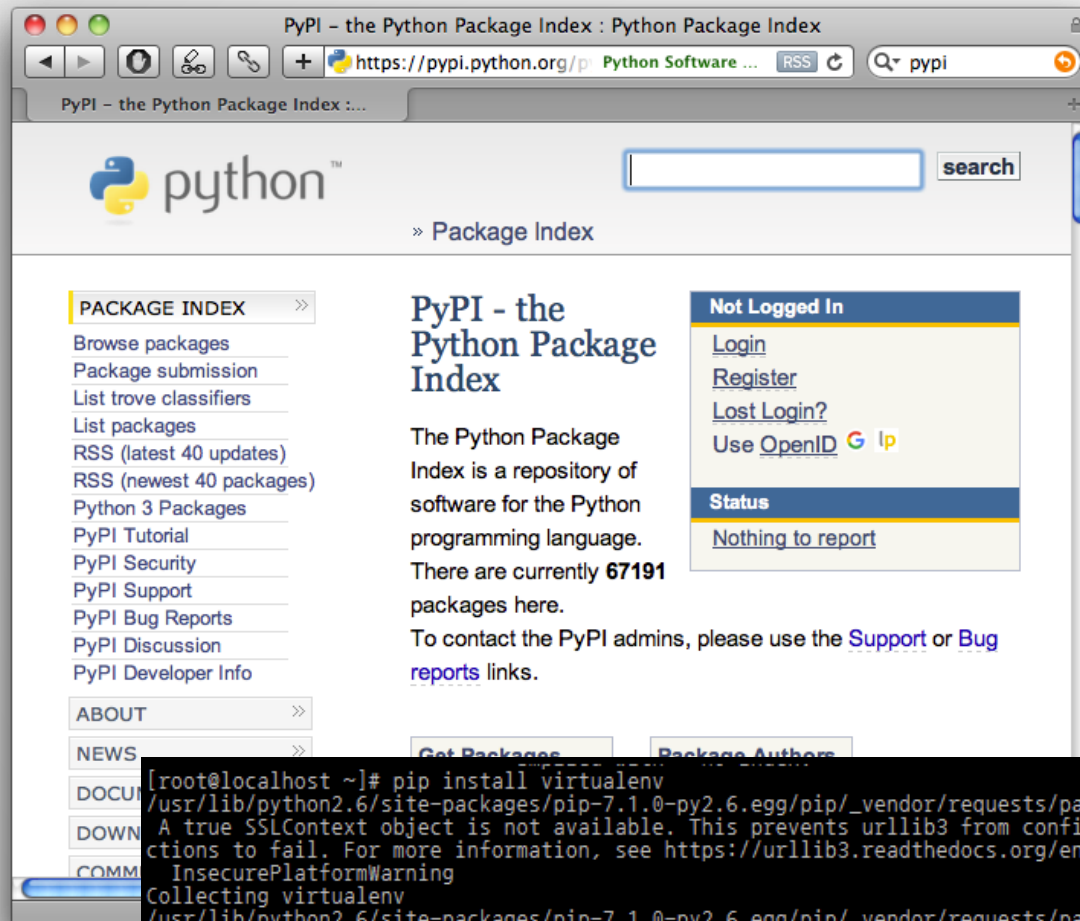
```
>> pkg install -forge image
warning: creating installation directory C:\Octave\Octave-4.0.0\share\octave
warning: called from
  install at line 30 column 5
  pkg at line 405 column 9
For information about changes from previous versions of the image package, r
>> pkg list
Package Name | Version | Installation directory
-----+-----+-----
image | 2.4.0 | C:\Octave\Octave-4.0.0\share\octave\packages\image
```

```

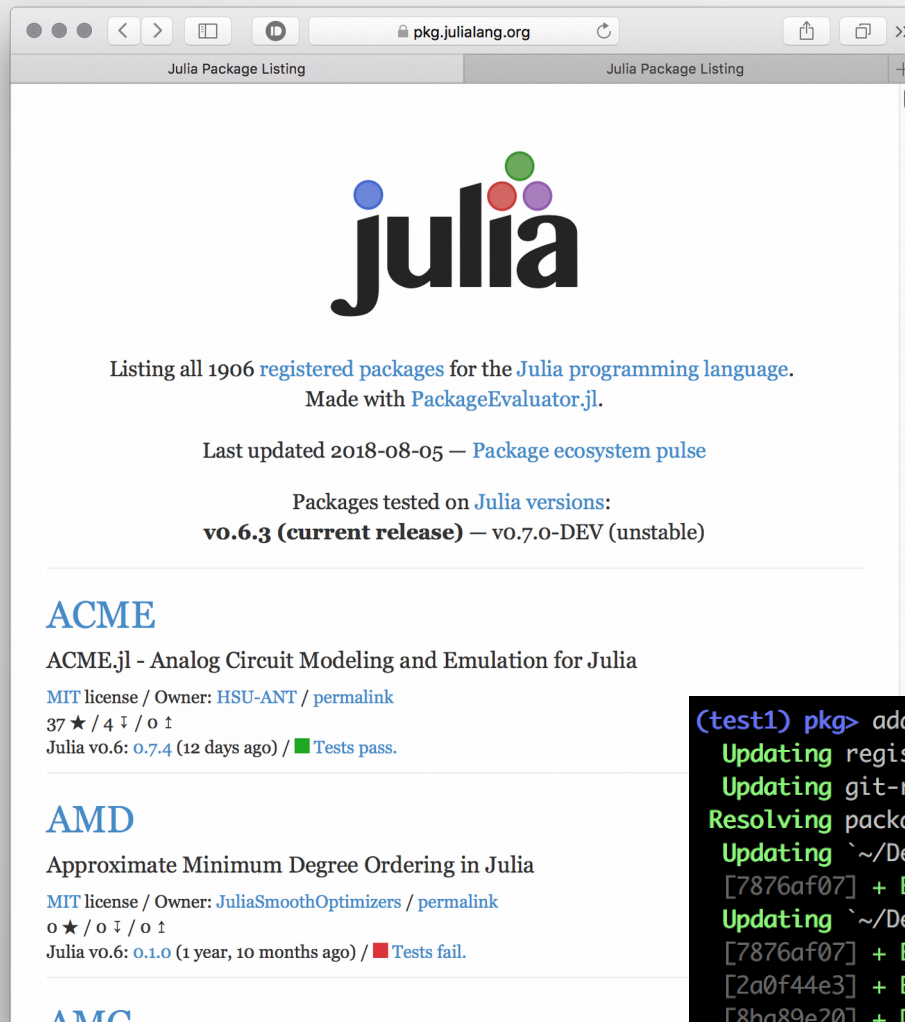
1 $ sudo R --vanilla
2 ...
3 > install.packages(c("geonames"))
4 Warning in install.packages(c("geonames")) :
5   argument 'lib' is missing: using '/usr/local/lib/R/site-library'
6 --- Please select a CRAN mirror for use in this session ---
7 Loading Tcl/Tk interface ...
8 ...
9 * DONE (geonames)
10
11 The downloaded packages are in
12 /tmp/Rtmp3FziH3/downloaded_packages
    
```

PyPI



```
[root@localhost ~]# pip install virtualenv
/usr/lib/python2.6/site-packages/pip-7.1.0-py2.6.egg/pip/_vendor/requests/packages/urllib3/util/ssl_.py:90: InsecurePlatformWarning:
A true SSLContext object is not available. This prevents urllib3 from configuring SSL appropriately and may cause certain SSL connections to fail. For more information, see https://urllib3.readthedocs.org/en/latest/security.html#insecureplatformwarning.
InsecurePlatformWarning
Collecting virtualenv
/usr/lib/python2.6/site-packages/pip-7.1.0-py2.6.egg/pip/_vendor/requests/packages/urllib3/util/ssl_.py:90: InsecurePlatformWarning:
A true SSLContext object is not available. This prevents urllib3 from configuring SSL appropriately and may cause certain SSL connections to fail. For more information, see https://urllib3.readthedocs.org/en/latest/security.html#insecureplatformwarning.
InsecurePlatformWarning
Downloading virtualenv-13.1.0-py2.py3-none-any.whl (1.7MB)
100% |#####| 1.7MB 201kB/s
Installing collected packages: virtualenv
Successfully installed virtualenv-13.1.0
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Julia package ecosystem



```
(test1) pkg> add Example
Updating registry at `~/.julia/registries/General`
Updating git-repo `https://github.com/JuliaRegistries/General.git`
Resolving package versions...
Updating `~/Desktop/hobby/julia/test/test1/Project.toml`
[7876af07] + Example v0.5.1
Updating `~/Desktop/hobby/julia/test/test1/Manifest.toml`
[7876af07] + Example v0.5.1
[2a0f44e3] + Base64
[8ba89e20] + Distributed
[b77e0a4c] + InteractiveUtils
[8f399da3] + Libdl
```

5. General tips when it is slow



- Program thoughtfully:
 - Use vectorized functions
 - Avoid loops
 - Preallocate
 - Force type
 - Avoid copy-on-write
- Link to fast libraries (C/C++, Fortran, Java)
- Write low-level parts in C or Fortran
- Compile – jit
- Go parallel

6. Bridges



Python	→ R	http://rpython.r-forge.r-project.org/
Octave	→ Python	https://pypi.python.org/pypi/oct2py
R	→ Python	http://rpy.sourceforge.net/
Octave	→ R	https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/RcppOctave
Python	→ Octave	https://github.com/daniel-e/pyoctave
R	→ Octave	http://www.omegahat.org/ROctave/
R	→ Julia	https://github.com/Non-Contradiction/JuliaCall
Julia	→ R	https://github.com/JuliaInterop/RCall.jl
Python	→ Julia	https://github.com/JuliaPy/pyjulia
Julia	→ Python	https://github.com/JuliaPy/PyCall.jl

Summary



Octave, R, Python (and Julia)

Much more programmer-friendly than C/C++/Fortran

Still able to use fast compiled code

Focus on the unsolved problems

Try all and choose one