

PYTHON

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Variables

`x = 5` (Integer)
`x = "Hello"` (String)
`type(x)` → int str

Numbers

- int (integer)
- float
- complex

`x = 1` `# integer` (comment)
`x = 1.0` `# float`
`x = 1j` `# complex`
`x = 2 + 3j`

CASTING

`int()` → cast to integer

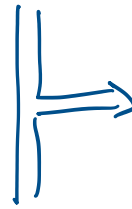
`float()` → cast to float

`complex()` → cast to complex

`x = int(1)` → x will be the integer 1

`x = int(2.8)` → x will be the integer 2

`x = int("3")` → x will be the integer 3



Same considerations hold with `float()`

`x = str(4.0)` → x will be the string "4.0"

STRING

`a = "Hello"` `print(variable)` ← print on the screen the variable

`print(a)` → on the screen you will get "Hello"

The string is like a vector

`a[0] = "H"`

`a[0:2] = "Hel"`

`a[1] = "e"`

`a[2:] = "llo"`

⋮

`a[-1] = "o"`

← is the last index

`a[-2] = "l"`

← is the second last

`len(a)` → gives the length of the string, i.e., 5

OPERATORS

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Arithmetic operators

+ addition

- subtraction

* multiplication

/ division

~~**~~ $x ** y \rightarrow x^y$

% modulus

Comparison operators

== equal

!= equal

> greater

< less than

>= greater or equal

<= less than or equal

x = "Hello"
y = " world!"

x+y → "Hello world!"

Logical operators

and, or, not

Membership operators

in, not in

ex. "e" in "Hello" returns True

PYTHON COLLECTIONS

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LIST : is a collection, ordered and changeable

TUPLE : is a collection, ordered and not changeable

```
a = ["Hello", "world!", 3.0, 2]
```

```
a[0] = "Hello"
```

```
a[2] = 3.0
```

`a[2] = 1.0` in this way a change the third element of the list.

`"Hello" in a` \Rightarrow TRUE

```
a.append("Hi")  $\rightarrow$  a = ["Hello", "world!", 1.0, 2, "Hi"]
```

\uparrow add the argument to the list (the very last position)

```
a.remove("Hi")  $\rightarrow$  this remove "Hi" from the list
```

```
del a[0]  $\rightarrow$  this removes the element at index 0 of the list
```

IF .. ELSE

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```
if condition :  
    indentation → statement  
else :  
    indentation → statement
```

EXAMPLE

```
a = 10  
b = 11  
if a > b :  
    print("Hello")  
else :  
    print("bye")
```

ONE LINE

```
print("A") if a > b else print("B")
```

Indentation is fundamental in Python
It works like { } in C

ELIF (ELSE IF)

```
if condition1 :  
    statement1  
elif condition2 :  
    statement2  
else :  
    statement3
```

WHILE LOOP

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$i = 0;$

while ($i < 6$):

print(i)

$i = i + 1$

→ equivalent to $i += 1$

FOR LOOP

↳ works with lists

for variable in list:

Statement

fruits = ["pear", "apple", "peach"]

for x in fruits:

print(x)

for-range = range(0, 10, 1)

first value
last value
step

for-range = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

for i in for-range:

print(i)

FUNCTION

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```
def myfunction_name (list of variables):  
    statement  
    return
```

example

```
def pippo(x):  
    y = x + 3;  
    return y
```

$pippo(3) \rightarrow 6$

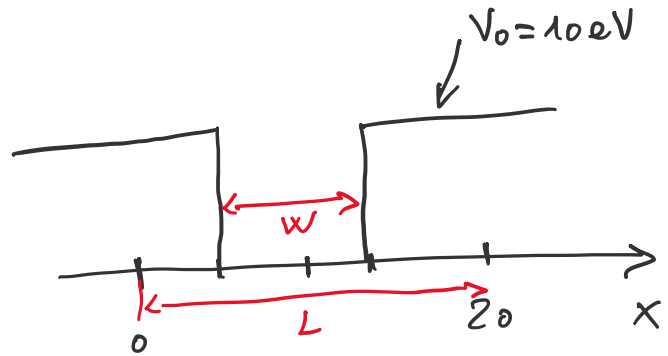
Script Python

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```
from numpy import * → numpy library
from pylab import * → matplotlib library
```

```
→ comment
# I define the parameters
```

```
Np=300 #Number of grid points
L=20 #length of the discretized domain → expressed in nm
W=10 #width of the potential well → in nm
hbar=1.05459e-34 #J/s
q=1.60219e-19 #C
m0=9.1095e-31 #Kg
```



```
# I create the grid
x=linspace(0,L,Np) # in nanometers
```

nonzero (x > 10)

you get the indexes of vector x for which x > 10

```
# I create the potential U(x) for the well
ind=nonzero(abs(x-L*0.5)>W*0.5);
U=zeros(Np); → absolute value
U[ind]=10 #The height of the barrier is 10 eV
```

creates a vector whose length is Np and equal to zero

```
# Uncomment these three lines to plot the potential and exit
plot(x,U,'o-')
#show()
#exit(0);
```

```
# I create the hopping parameter  $-\hbar^2/(2m_0 a^2)$ 
a=x[1]-x[0]
t=-hbar**2/(2*m0*(a*1e-9)**2)/q #eV
```

```
# I create the diagonal, updiagonal and lowdiagonal vectors
diago=(U-2*t)*(ones(Np));
lowdiag=t*ones(Np-1);
updiag=t*ones(Np-1);
```

```
# I create the Hamiltonian
H=diag(diago)+diag(lowdiag,-1)+diag(updiag,1)
H=array(H)
#H=mat(H)
```

```
[E,V]=eig(H)
print (hbar*pi/W*1e9)**2/2/m0/q,min(E)
# I plot the eigenvalues
for i in range(0,Np):
    plot(x,E[i]*ones(Np))
```

```
show()
```

```
# I plot the first 3 eigenfunctions
#plot(x,V[:,0])
#plot(x,V[:,1])
#plot(x,V[:,2])
```

```
show();
```