(Brief) Intro to (Scientific) Python!

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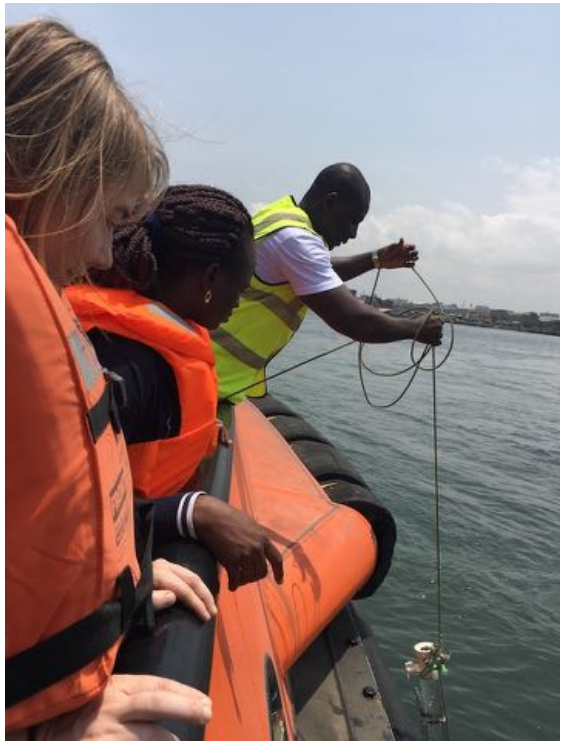

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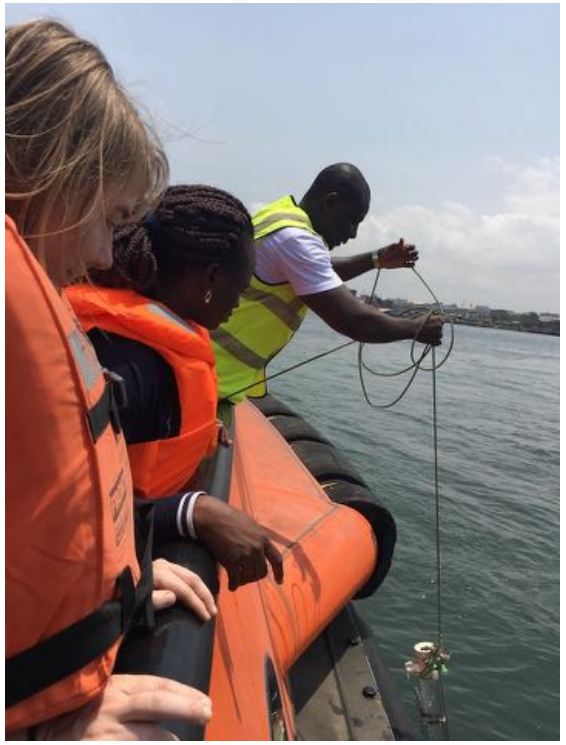

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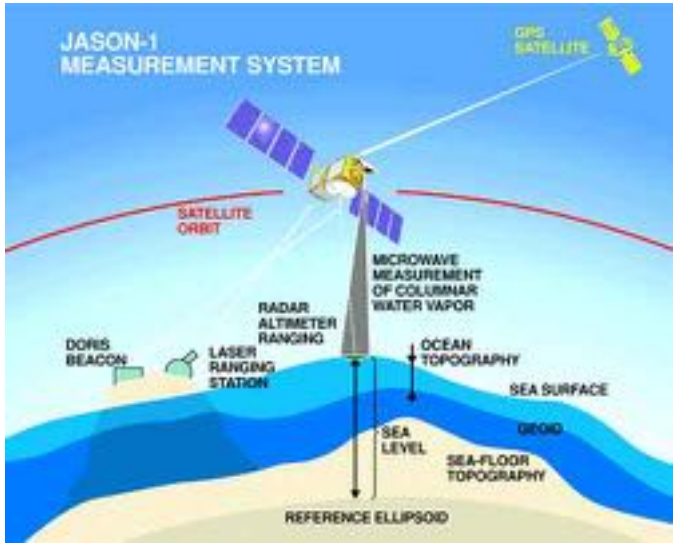

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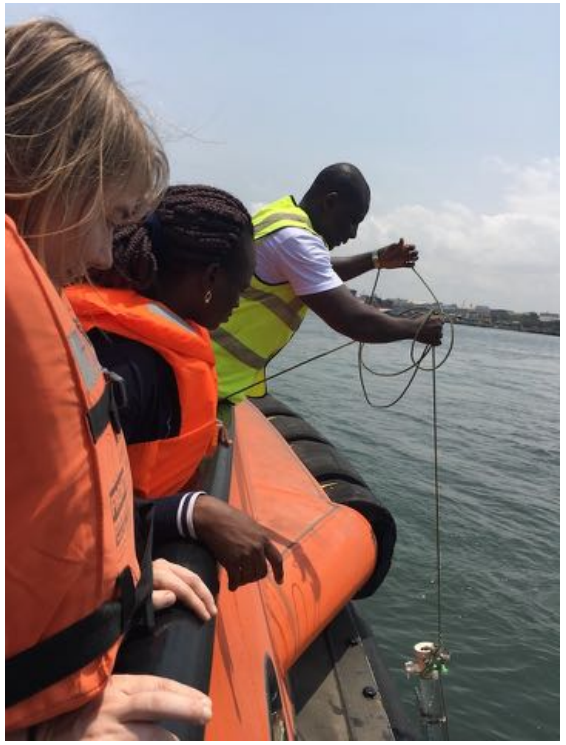

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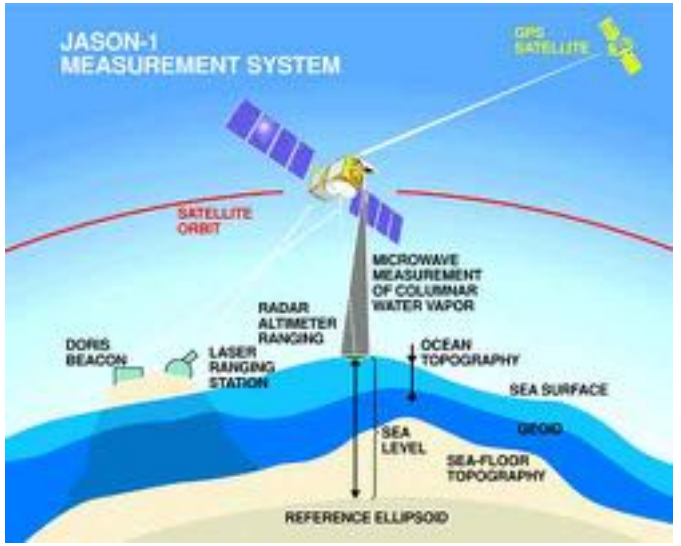

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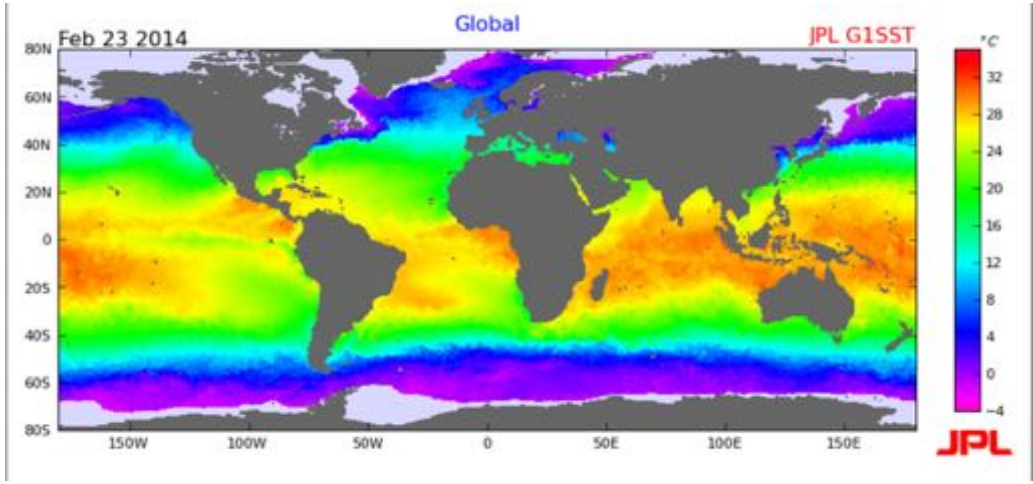

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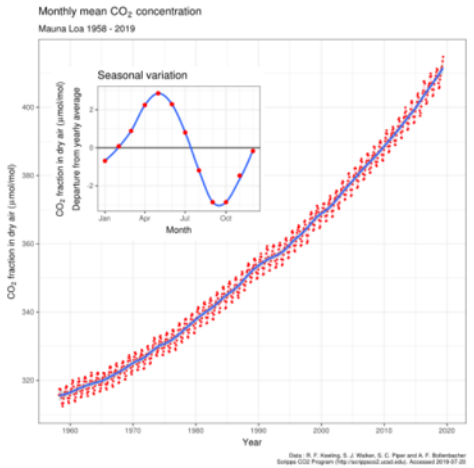

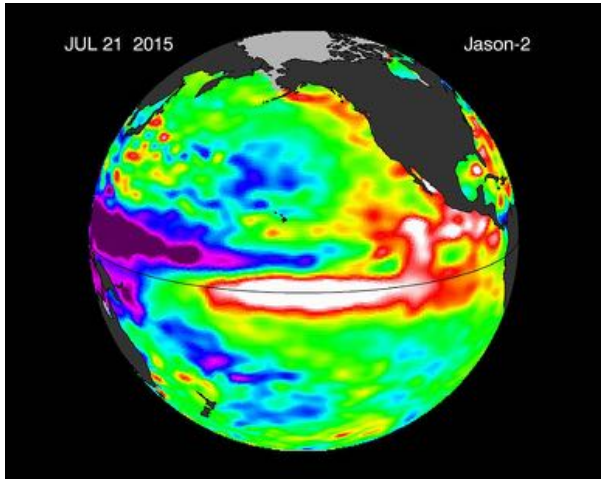

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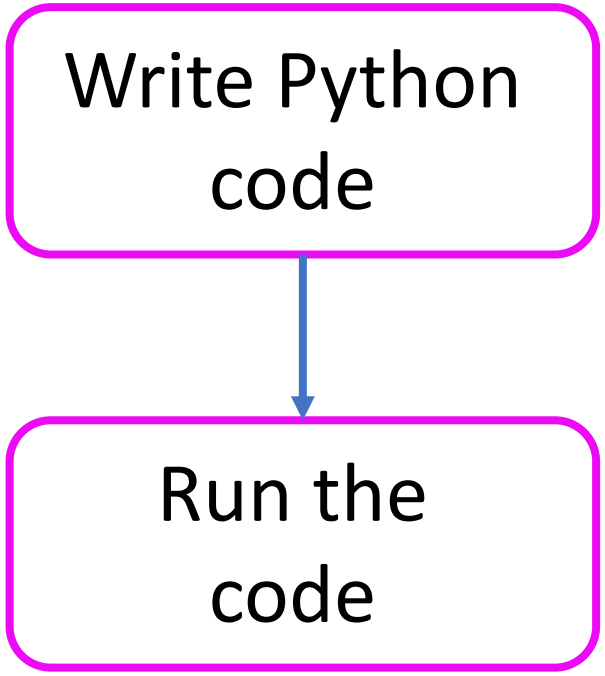

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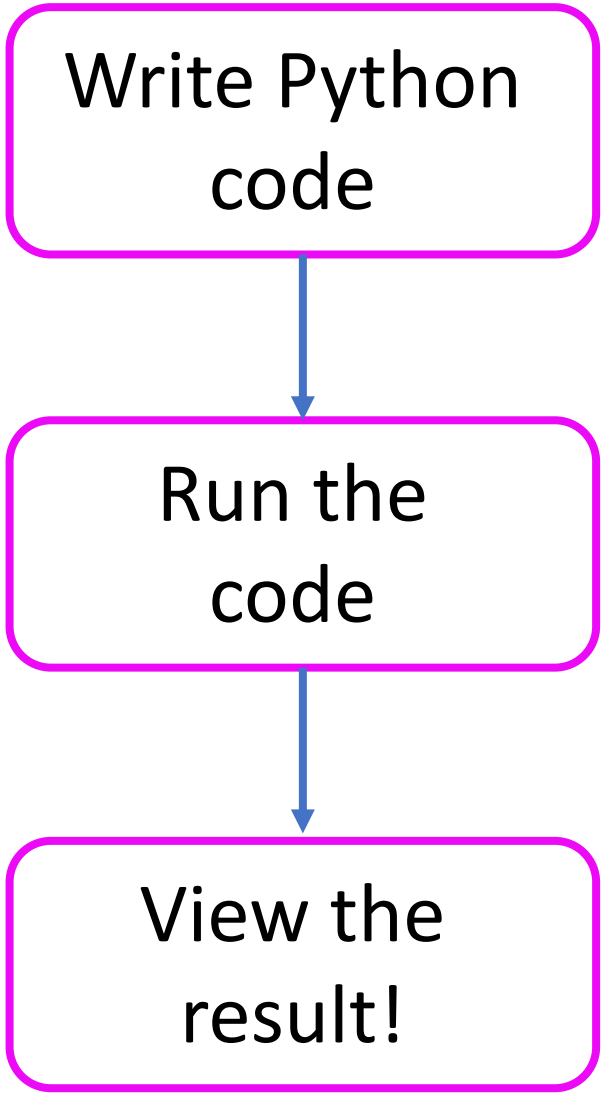

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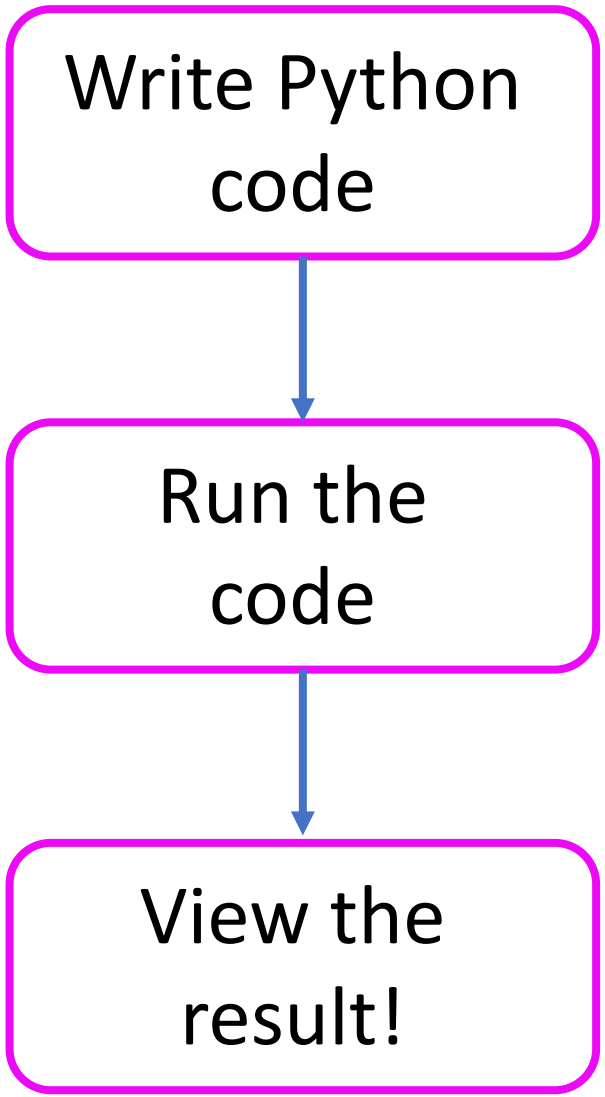


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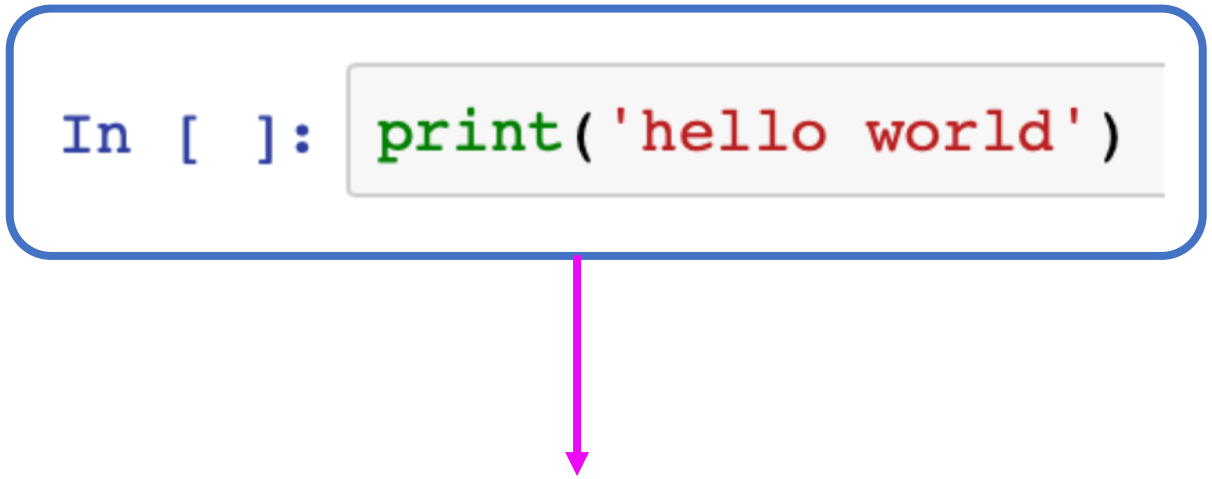

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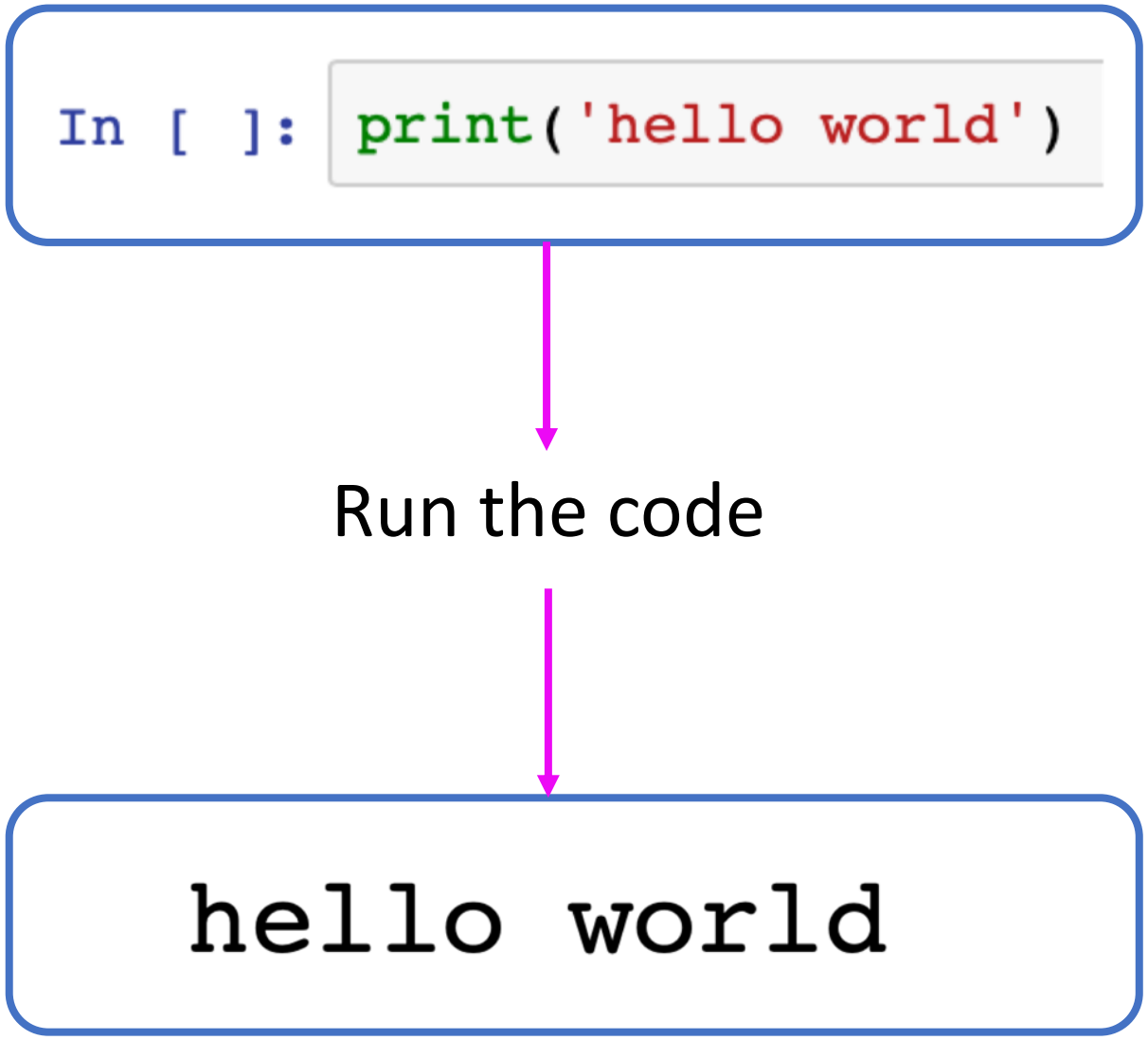

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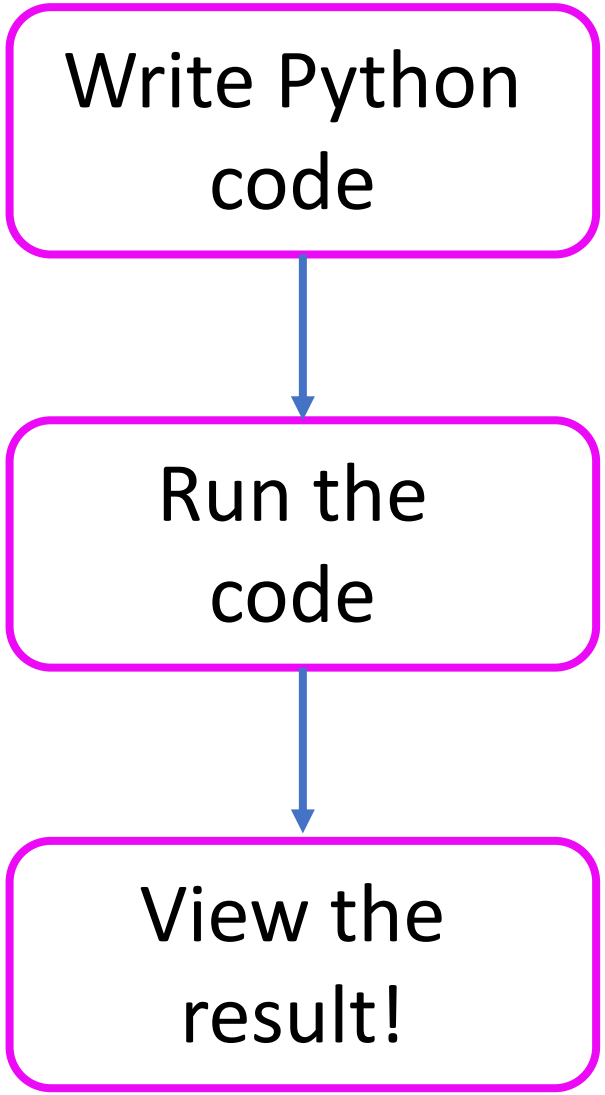

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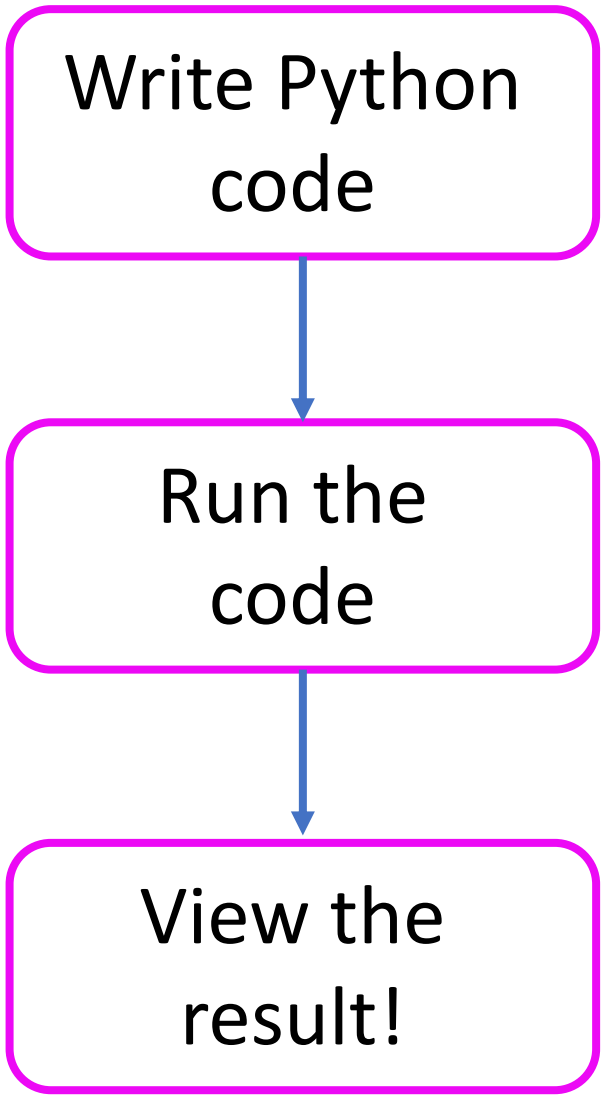


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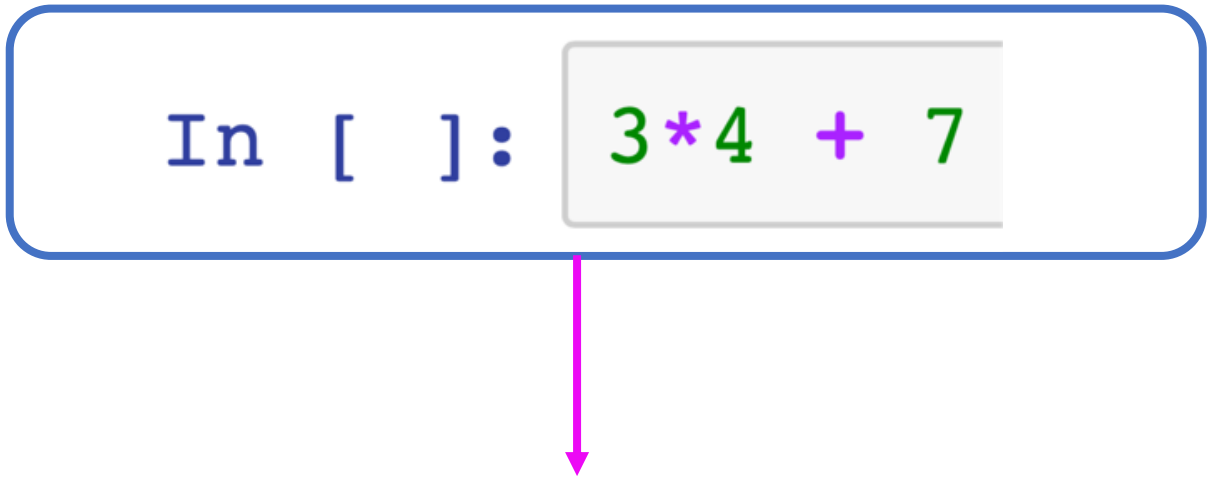

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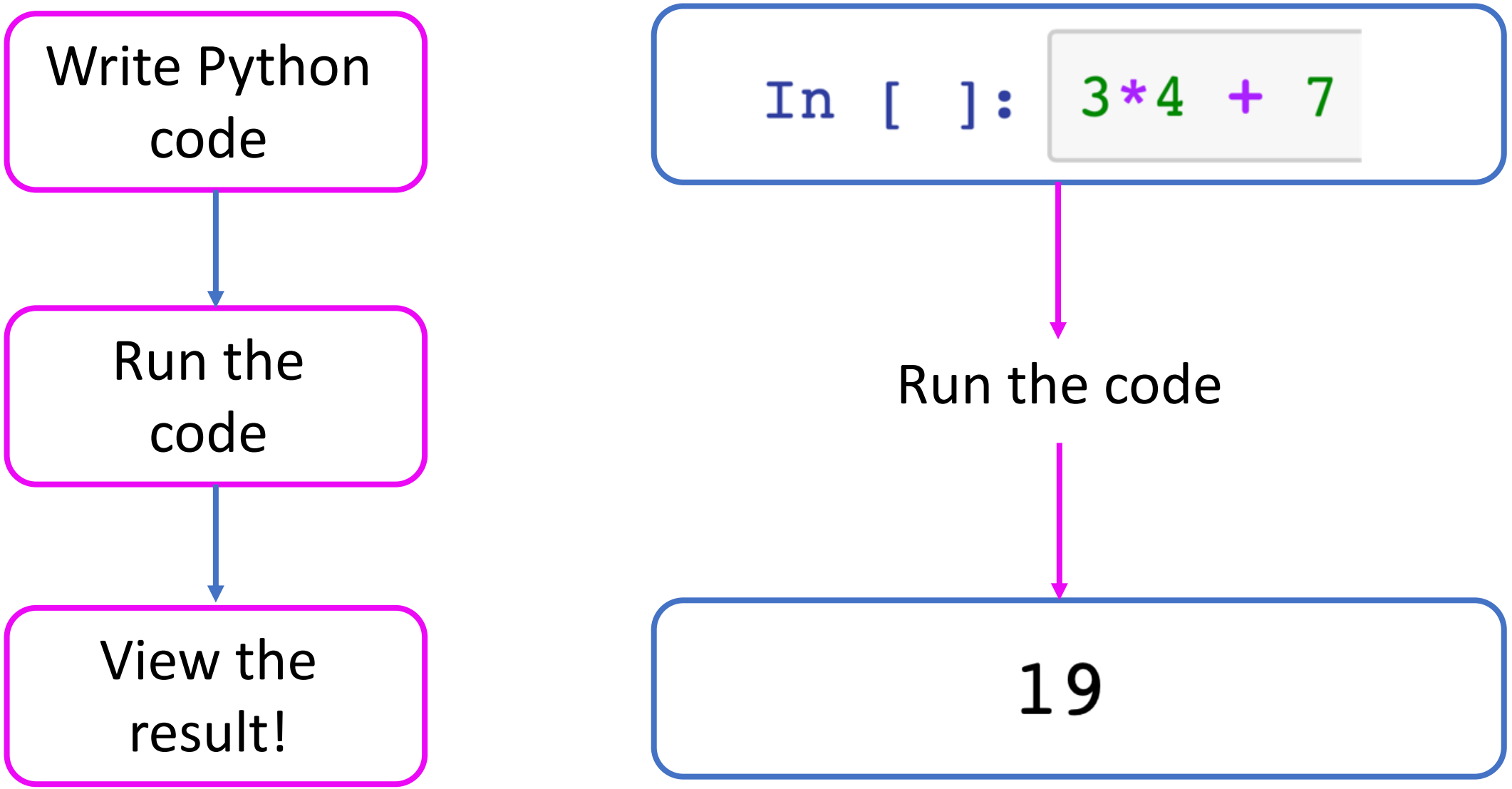

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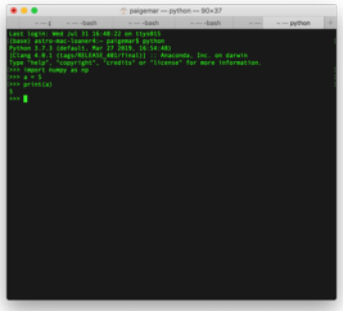

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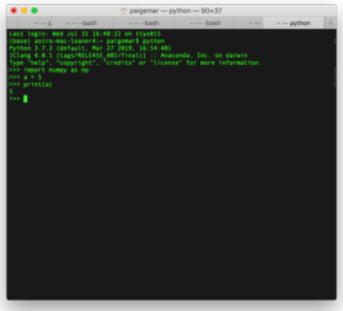

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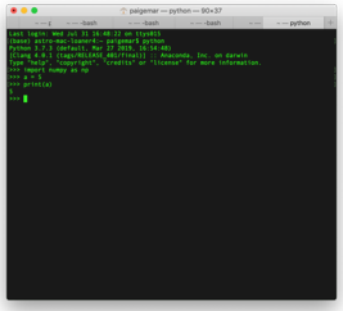

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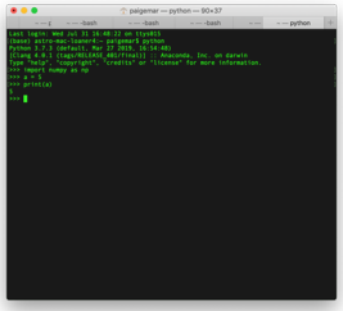

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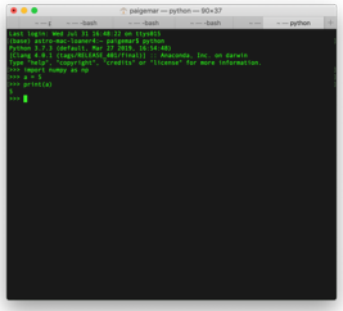

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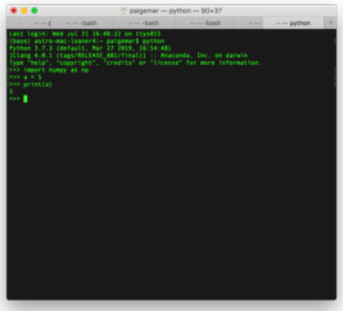

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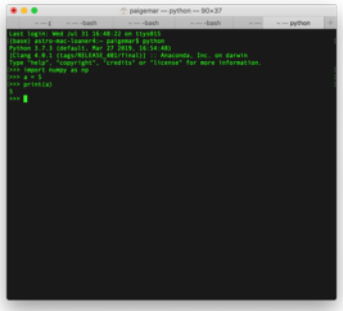

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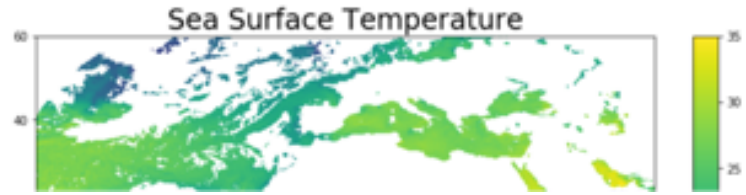

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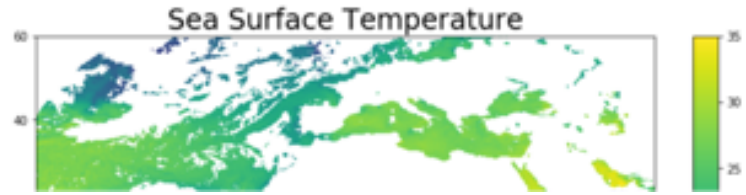

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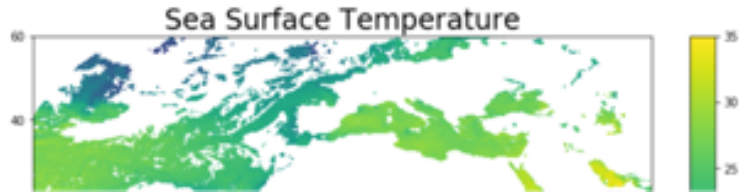

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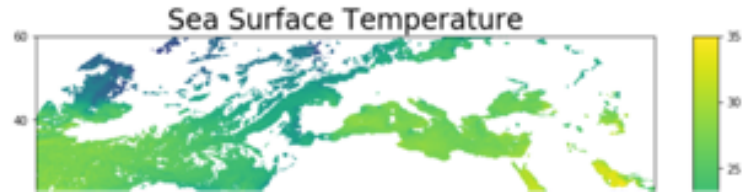

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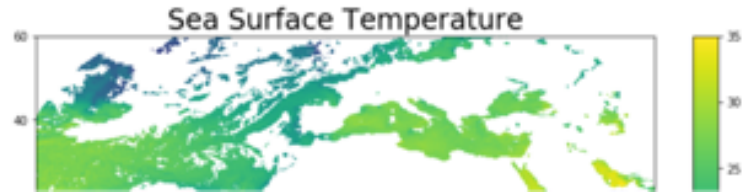

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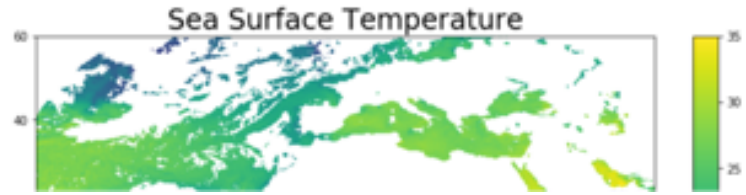

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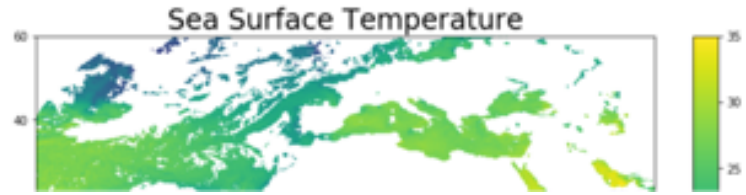

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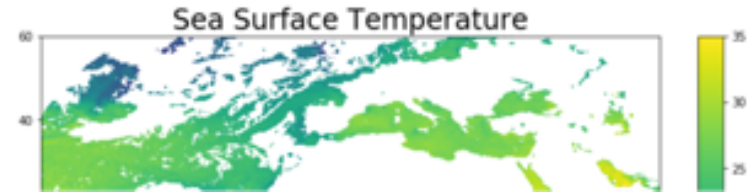

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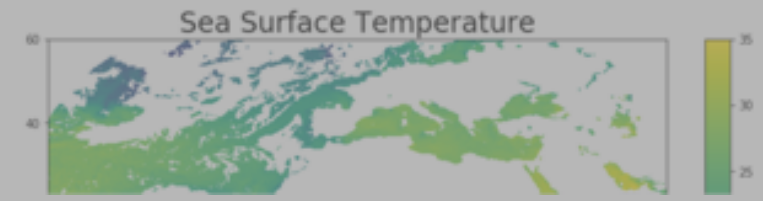

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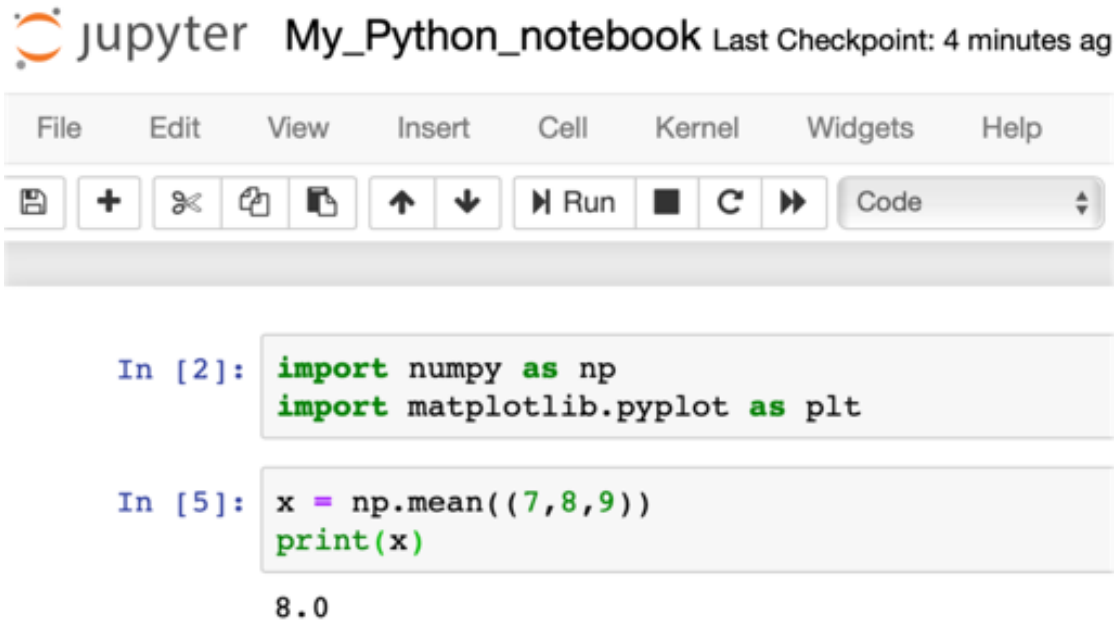

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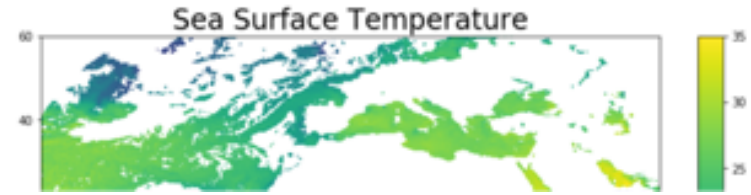

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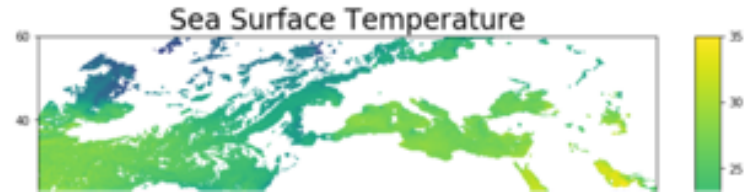

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        print(a,b)
```

```
7.3 bananas
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         b = 3.2
         c = 234.5
         print(a+b+c)
         print(np.sum((a,b,c)))
```

```
242.7
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         print(a)
```

```
1.0
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```
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print('The middle three elements of a are',a[1:4])

food_list = ['banana','mango','plantain','rice','chicken']
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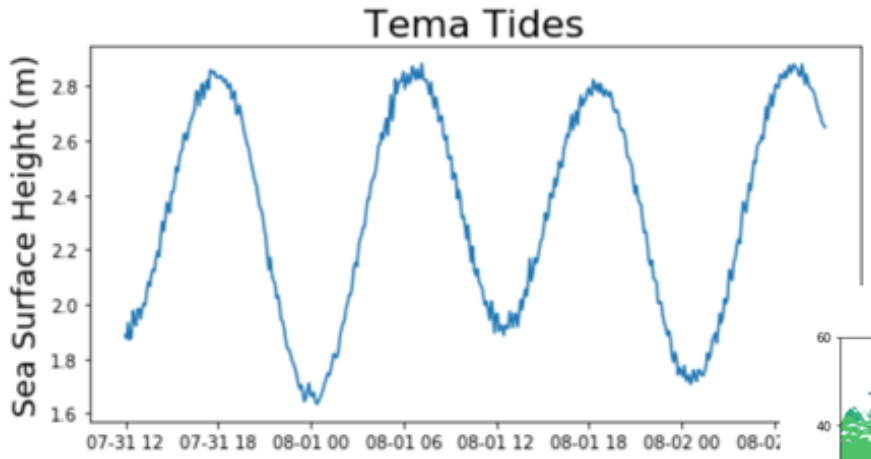

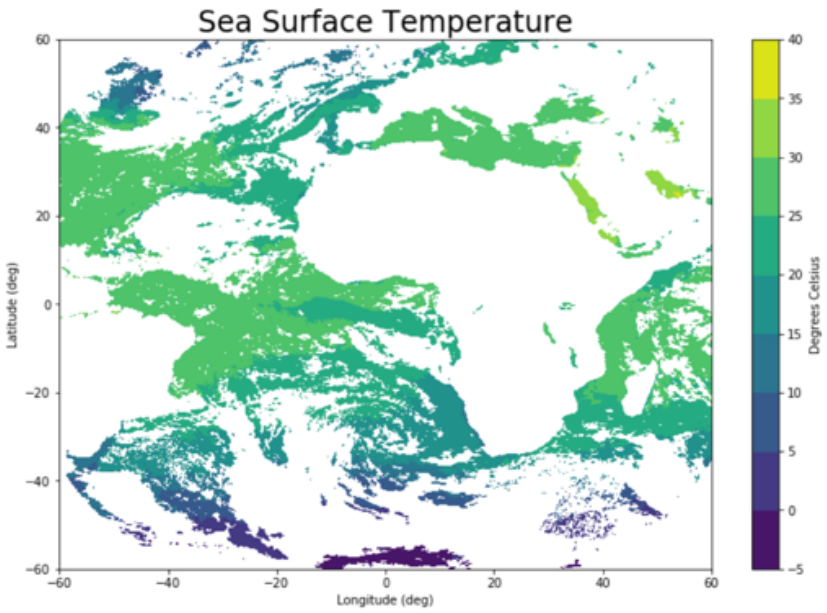

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        # Latitude
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```

```
In [13]: print(lon)
```

```
       0
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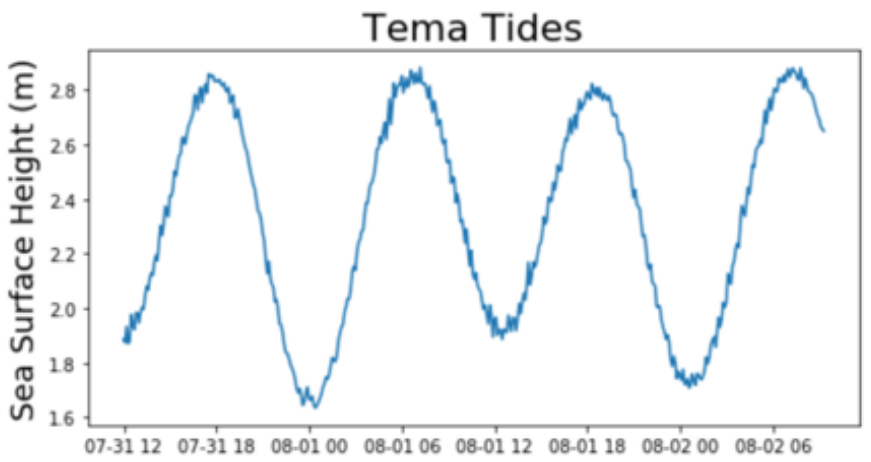

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- Tomorrow afternoon, Python lab in the RMU computer lab!

Let’s open Jupyter notebook!