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# Linear Algebra

## Google Colab Tutorial

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# Introduction

Colaboratory, or "Colab" for short, allows you to write and execute Python in your browser, with

- Zero configuration required
- Easy sharing
  - The main reasons to use Colab in this course.
- Free access to GPUs
  - You will find it useful if you learn machine learning in the future.
- Maintained by Google → handy Google APIs

# Introduction

In this [demo](#), you will learn the following :

- Basics about Colab (how to use it)
- Connect google colab with your google drive

Modified from the ML 2021 version:

[https://speech.ee.ntu.edu.tw/~hylee/ml/ml2021-course-data/hw/Colab/Google\\_Colab\\_Tutorial.pdf](https://speech.ee.ntu.edu.tw/~hylee/ml/ml2021-course-data/hw/Colab/Google_Colab_Tutorial.pdf)

You can learn more about Colab from it.

# Languages in Colab

(IPython → Jupyter Notebook → Google Colab)

3 main programming languages involved in Google Colaboratory.

- Python → The **main** language (We assume you've learnt it.)
- Shell script → a script language used to control the computer a.k.a. the command line. The *bash* and *zsh* are the most common ones.
- Markdown → a *markup* language, formatting the text (and more!)

# Python - Executing Code Blocks

- Simply type your Python code into a **cell**, and press Shift(command) + Enter or click on the play button to execute it.

```
✓ [1] 1 print("Hello world!")  
0 秒
```

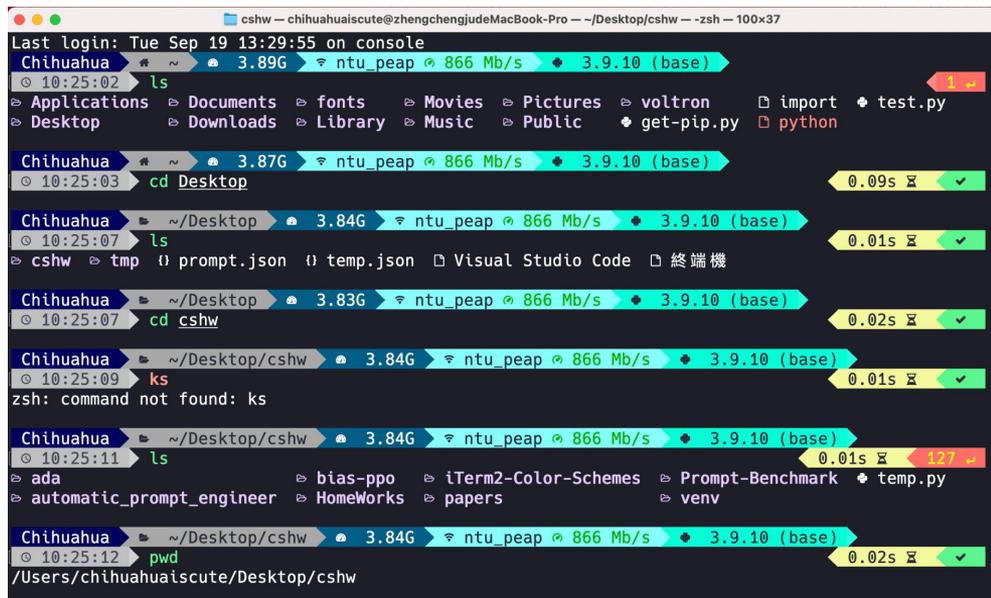
```
Hello world!
```

```
✓ [1] 1 for i in range(10):  
0 秒 2 | print(i)
```

```
↵ 0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9
```

# Shell Script

- Command Line/Terminal
  - Used in MacOS or Linux.



```
cshw — chihuahuaiscute@zhengchengjudeMacBook-Pro — ~/Desktop/cshw — zsh — 100x37
Last login: Tue Sep 19 13:29:55 on console
Chihuahua # ~ 3.89G ntu_peap 866 Mb/s 3.9.10 (base)
10:25:02 ls 1
Applications Documents fonts Movies Pictures voltron import test.py
Desktop Downloads Library Music Public get-pip.py python

Chihuahua # ~ 3.87G ntu_peap 866 Mb/s 3.9.10 (base)
10:25:03 cd Desktop 0.09s ✓

Chihuahua # ~/Desktop 3.84G ntu_peap 866 Mb/s 3.9.10 (base)
10:25:07 ls 0.01s ✓
cshw tmp () prompt.json () temp.json Visual Studio Code 終端機

Chihuahua # ~/Desktop 3.83G ntu_peap 866 Mb/s 3.9.10 (base)
10:25:07 cd cshw 0.02s ✓

Chihuahua # ~/Desktop/cshw 3.84G ntu_peap 866 Mb/s 3.9.10 (base)
10:25:09 ks 0.01s ✓
zsh: command not found: ks

Chihuahua # ~/Desktop/cshw 3.84G ntu_peap 866 Mb/s 3.9.10 (base)
10:25:11 ls 0.01s 127
ada bias-ppo iTerm2-Color-Schemes Prompt-Benchmark temp.py
automatic_prompt_engineer HomeWorks papers venv

Chihuahua # ~/Desktop/cshw 3.84G ntu_peap 866 Mb/s 3.9.10 (base)
10:25:12 pwd 0.02s ✓
/Users/chihuahuaiscute/Desktop/cshw
```

# Common Shell Commands

ls : List all files in the current directory (“-l” for details)

pwd : Output the working directory

cd [dir] : Move into the directory named [dir] (default to the home directory) mv

oldpath newpath : Rename or move files from oldpath to newpath

cp filename dir : Copy a file named filename into a directory named dir

echo [sometext] : display “sometext” == print in Python

cat <filename> : display the contents of filename

# Common Shell Commands

touch <filename> : Create a file named <filename>

mkdir <dirname> : Create a directory named <dirname>

rm <filename> : Remove a file named <filename> (“-r” for recursively)

**Be careful when using this!**

rmdir <dirname> : Remove an **empty** directory named <dirname>

wget : Download files from the internet

python <python\_file> : Executes a python file

# Shell Script in Colab

You can use most shell script commands by prepending an exclamation mark “!”

e.g.

```
!echo
```

```
!pwd
```

```
!cp p1.py myfolder
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window in Google Colab. It displays two successful shell command executions. The first command is `!pwd`, which returns the current directory `/content/sample_data`. The second command is `!echo hi`, which outputs `hi`. Each command execution is preceded by a green checkmark, a play button icon, and a duration of 0 seconds.

```
✓ 0 秒 1 !pwd
/content/sample_data

✓ 0 秒 [14] 1 !echo hi
hi
```

# Shell Script in Colab - Advanced (Optional)

IPython magics -- Some special commands defined in the IPython language by prepending one “%” (line) or two percentage marks “%%” (cell).

e.g.

```
%cd sample_data
```

```
%pwd
```

```
%history -n
```

```
%%bash
```

```
%%time
```

```
1 %cd sample_data
/content/sample_data

[20] 1 %pwd
'/content/sample_data'

[21] 1 %history -n
1: print("Hello world!")
2:
for i in range(10):
    print(i)
3: !ls
4: %pwd
5: !pwd
6: cd content
```

# Shell Script in Colab - Note

Syntax conflicts(?) between shell and IPython magic:

Don't prepend "!" when using

```
cd
```

and

```
pwd
```

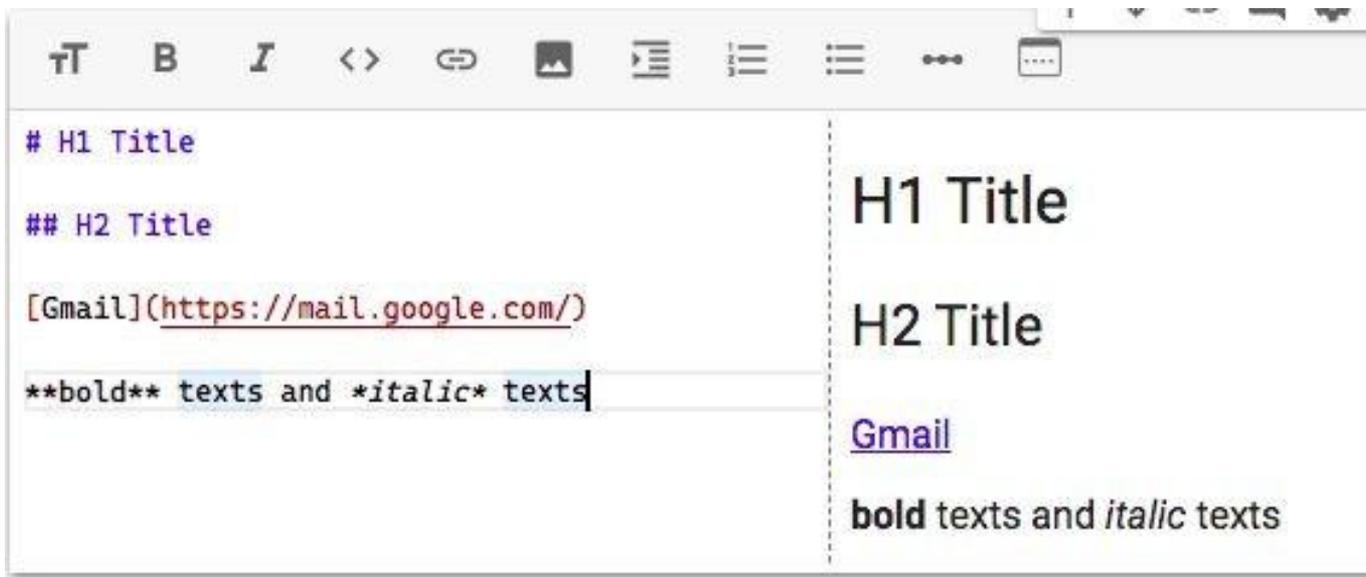
Colab will work normally if you don't.



```
✓ 0 秒 1 cd /content  
[25] 0 秒 1 pwd  
'/content'
```

# Markdown - A Brief Introduction

A markup language that can be transformed into HTML in an intuitively syntax.



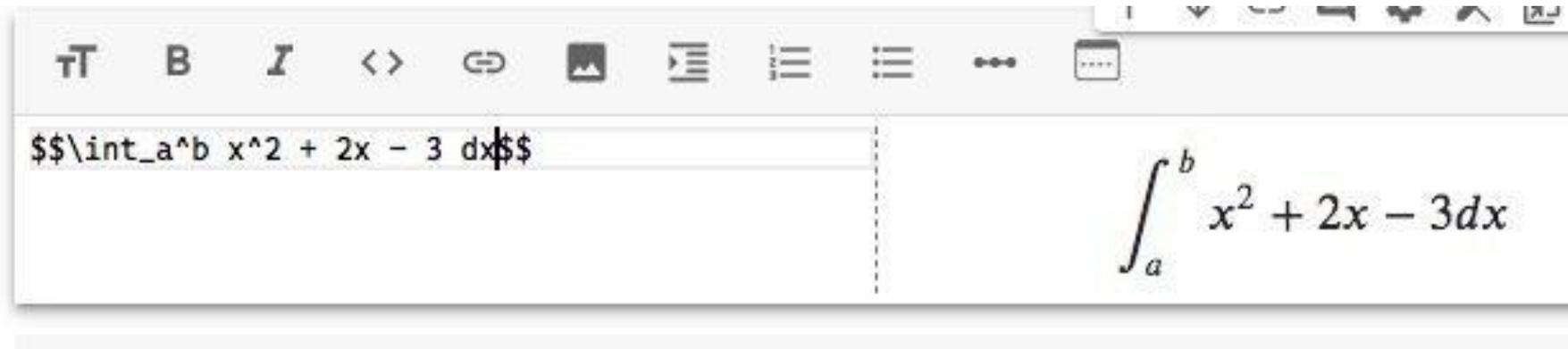
The image shows a screenshot of a Markdown editor interface. The top toolbar contains icons for text formatting (bold, italic), code, link, image, list, and other features. The main area is split into two columns by a vertical dashed line. The left column displays the raw Markdown source code, and the right column displays the rendered HTML output.

```
# H1 Title
## H2 Title
[Gmail](https://mail.google.com/)
**bold** texts and italic texts
```

H1 Title  
H2 Title  
[Gmail](https://mail.google.com/)  
**bold** texts and *italic* texts

# Markdown - A Brief Introduction

LaTeX formula supported!

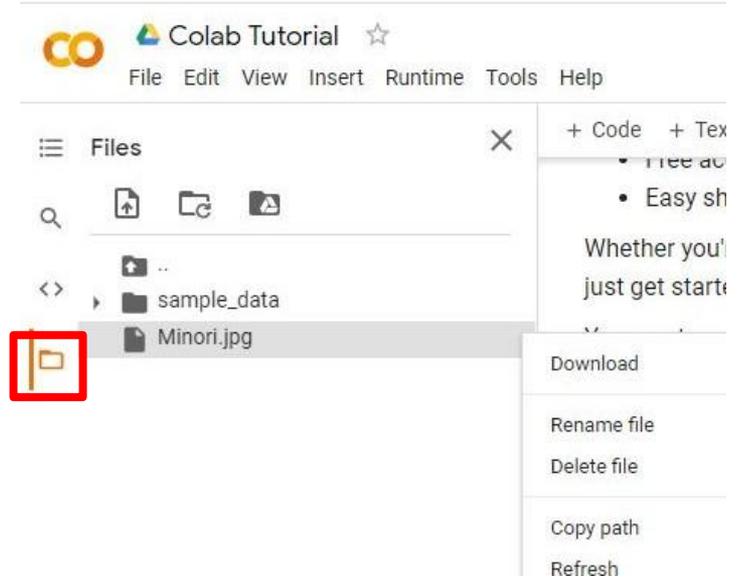


A screenshot of a Markdown editor interface. The top toolbar contains icons for text formatting (bold, italic, code), linking, image insertion, and list creation. The main editing area is split into two panes by a vertical dashed line. The left pane shows the raw LaTeX code: `$$\int_a^b x^2 + 2x - 3 dx$$`. The right pane shows the rendered mathematical expression: 
$$\int_a^b x^2 + 2x - 3 dx$$
.

# File Structure

Clicking on the folder icon will give you the visualization of the file structure

The file is temporarily stored, and will be removed once you end your session. You can download the file to your local directory.



# Mounting Google Drive

Execute the code block with `drive.mount('/content/drive')`

or click on the Google Drive icon, a code block will appear



The screenshot shows the Google Colab interface. In the top left, the Google Colab logo and the text "Google Colab Tutorial" are visible. Below this is a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "View", "Insert", "Runtime", "Tools", and "Help". On the left side, there is a "Files" panel with a search icon and a file explorer showing a directory structure: "..", "ML2021", "drive", and "sample\_data". A red box highlights the Google Drive icon in the file explorer, and a red arrow points from it to a code block in the main editor area. The code block contains the following Python code:

```
[1] # Import a library named google.colab
from google.colab import drive
# mount the content to the directory '/content/drive'
drive.mount('/content/drive', force_remount=True)
```

Below the code block, the output shows "Mounted at /content/drive". At the bottom of the code block, there is a red box highlighting the code again, and a play button icon is visible on the left side of the code block.

# Mounting Google Drive

Sign in to your google account to get the authorization code. Enter the authorization code in the box below.



```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

... Go to this URL in a browser: [https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth?client\\_id=947318989803-6bn6qk8qdf4n4s3pfee6491hc0brc4i.apps.googleusercontent.com&redirect\\_uri=urn%3aietf%3awg%3aoauth%3a2.0%3aob&scope=email](https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth?client_id=947318989803-6bn6qk8qdf4n4s3pfee6491hc0brc4i.apps.googleusercontent.com&redirect_uri=urn%3aietf%3awg%3aoauth%3a2.0%3aob&scope=email)

Enter your authorization code:

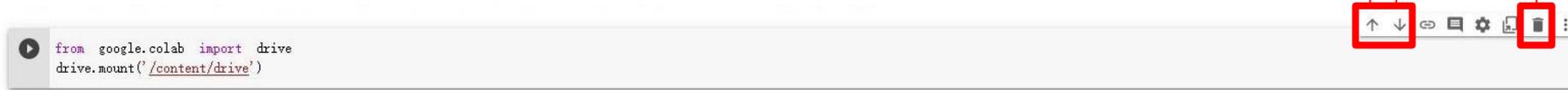
# Moving and Creating a New Code Block

You can create a new code block by clicking on +Code(程式碼) on the top

Move cell up

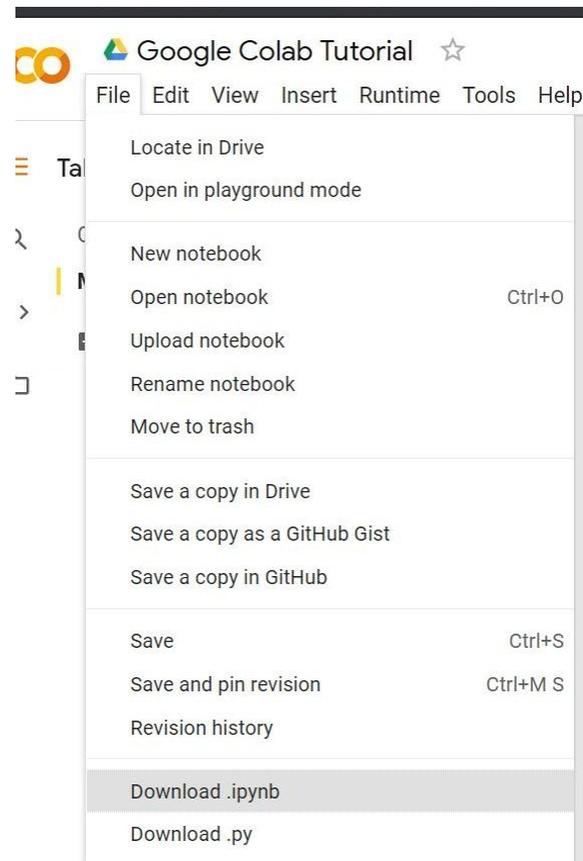
Move cell down

Delete cell



# Saving Colab

You can download the ipynb file to your local device ( File > Download .ipynb), or save the colab notebook to your google drive (File > Save a copy in Drive).



Q & A