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```
statistics as stat
statistics as stats
2,4,6,8,10,12
an = stats.mean(x)
(mean: , x_mean)
median = stats.median(x)
('median: ', x_median)
mode = stats.mode(x)
('mode: ', x_mode)
sd = stats.stdev(x)
('sd: ', x_sd)

a = 'Python is fun.' # string
b = 21 # integer
c = 21.9 # float
d = 2j # complex
e = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday']
f = ('Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday')
g = range(7) # range
h = {'Year':2020, 'Month':'January', 'Day':'Monday'}
i = {'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday'}
j = frozenset({'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday'})
k = True # boolean
l = bytes(3) # bytes
m = bytearray(3) # bytearray
n = memoryview(bytes(3))

print(type(a), type(b), type(c), type(d), type(e), type(f), type(g), type(h), type(i), type(j), type(k), type(l), type(m), type(n)))
```

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To my tech wizards across Europe.

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Preface

Digital data has been growing exponentially over the past decades. We have seen tremendous digital transformation that have created numerous incredible opportunities for our economies and societies. Digital data has become the major key to innovations, especially unprecedentedly accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, in both social and scientific domains, ranging from healthcare, e-Commerce, bioinformatics, logistics, education, telecommunications, *etc.*

It is no doubt, therefore, that digital skills, especially that of data science, is one of the most in-demand skill sets of the 21st century!

Inspired and trained by physicists and computer scientists across Europe during the time of my PhD, I felt compelled to share the wonderful world of (Python) programming with my colleagues, students and the wider society so as to increase the overall digital literacy and revolutionise the way data and analysis are managed and used. This book is intended for absolute beginners or programmers who are new to the Python language.

The book provides a brief introduction on Python programming with an emphasis on its versatility and capabilities that not only makes it the perfect programming language for beginners, but that it can also be used in various fields of work. The book also provides several easy and advanced ways to install the Python interpreter on your computers, and the various platforms on which you can use Python on. The main content of this book discusses the fundamentals of Python that can hopefully help you get started and familiarised with Python or programming in general.

This book is primarily written for academics and university students who are just starting to or thinking about taking the leap into the world of programming to revolutionise and enhance their work, especially when dealing with the ever growing research data, or to future-proof their skill sets in this digital age. In particular, this book serves as the “go-to” book for quick (offline) reference.

The book is also useful for hobbyists or practically anyone who wants to learn to code. Learning to code or doing programming is a great exercise for your brain. It can teach you to understand the world and solve the problems that we encounter in our everyday life. As Python is a versatile and beginner-friendly programming language, it can be used in many projects such as in photography, gaming or web development like I do for myself.

Whether you’re a total beginner to programming, or a seasoned programmer who wants to learn about Python, I sincerely hope that this book can help you get started, warmed up to and familiarise with the Python language and/or programming.

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