Domain-Specific Languages to High Performance: Code Generation and Transformation in Python
Part 1: Introduction

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Setting

High-performance code is **challenging**:

- designed to push machines, models, and methods to the limits of their capabilities
- often repurposed → high demands on flexibility

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Necessary consequence:
The computation itself is now *data* that we will manipulate programmatically.

- Introduction
  - IPython
  - Python
  - `numpy`
- Building languages
  - Syntax trees
  - Expression languages
  - Operations on expression trees
  - A first glimpse of code generation
- OpenCL as a vehicle for code generation
  - Execution model
  - OpenCL + Python
  - High-performance primitives
- Case studies
  - `numpy`: `einsum`
  - UFL
- Generating C
  - Using templating engines
  - Types and hybrid code
  - Structured code generation (ASTs)
- Code generation via Loopy
  - Loop polyhedra
  - Instructions and ordering
  - Loop transformation, and data layout
  - Generating instructions from DSLs

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Getting the software

Core packages:

- Python: https://www.python.org
- numpy: https://www.numpy.org
- pymbolic: https://github.com/inducer/pymbolic
- PyOpenCL: https://github.com/pyopencl/pyopencl
- loopy: https://github.com/inducer/loopy

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