Computational Mathematics with Sagemath
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Lecture – 03
Python as an Advanced Calculator

Hello and welcome to the 2nd lecture on Computational Mathematics with Sagemath. In the previous lecture, we started exploring Python programming language. We used Python to do basic mathematical operations such as addition multiplication division finding quotient remainder and also raising powers. And using these operations we also found out compound interest, simple interest and things like that.

In this lecture, we are going to see how we can make use of Python as an advanced scientific calculator. We will be making use of two built-in modules or libraries namely math module and cmath modules. These modules contains functions such as finding square root, exponential, logarithmic, trigonometrical functions, finding GCD, finding factorial functions and things like that.

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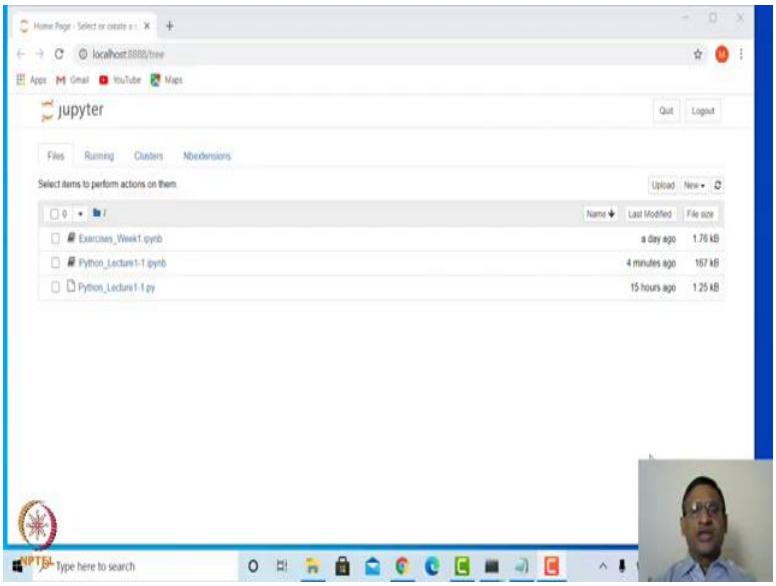

So, let us get started. We will start Jupyter Notebook by going to Anaconda Prompt and typing Jupyter space Notebook. I have already done that and I have opened this Jupyter Notebook kernel and these are the files in this directory. Let me open this first lecture.

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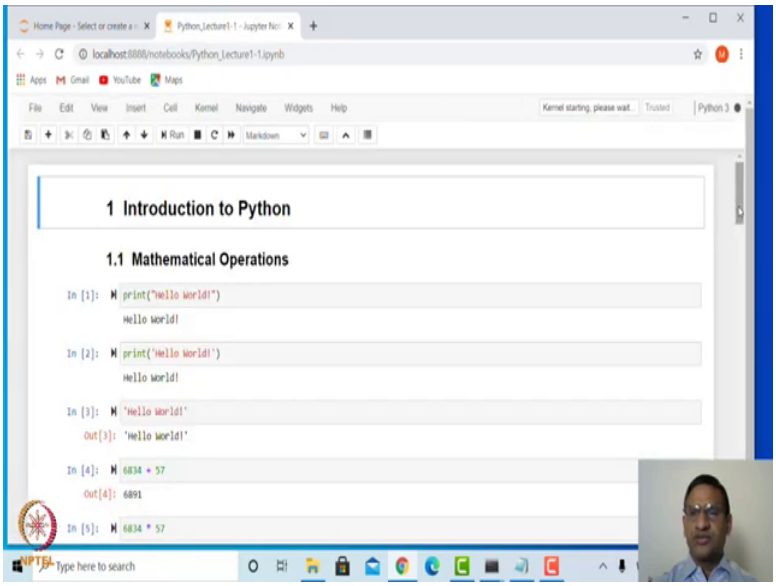

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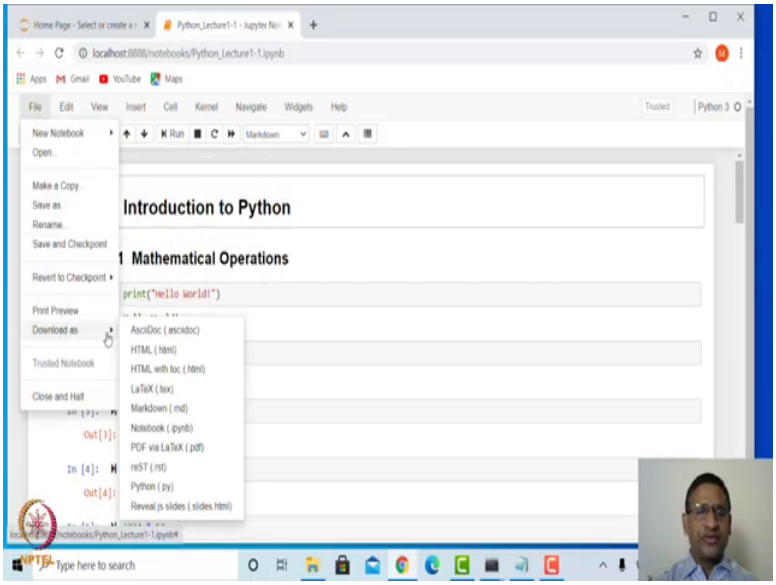

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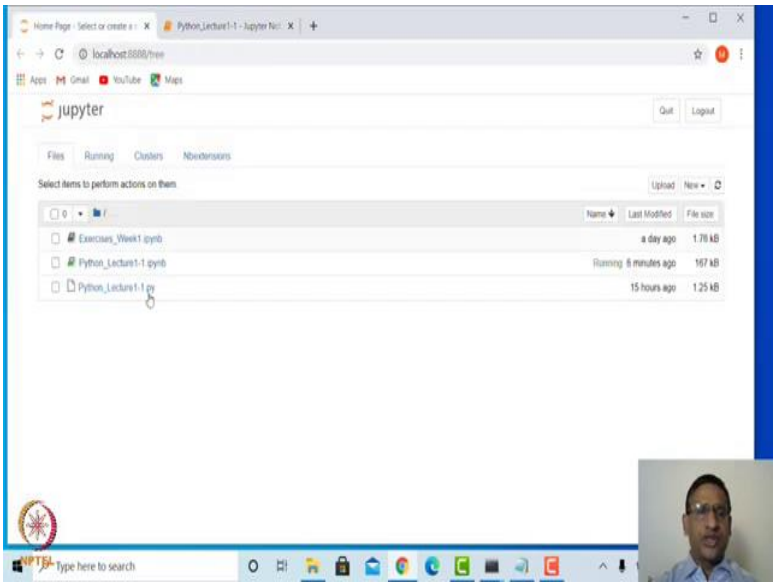

This is what you saw in this directory. So, we have Python underscore Lecture1 hyphen 1 dot py. Now, suppose you want to run this file using Python command line, then what you can do is this.

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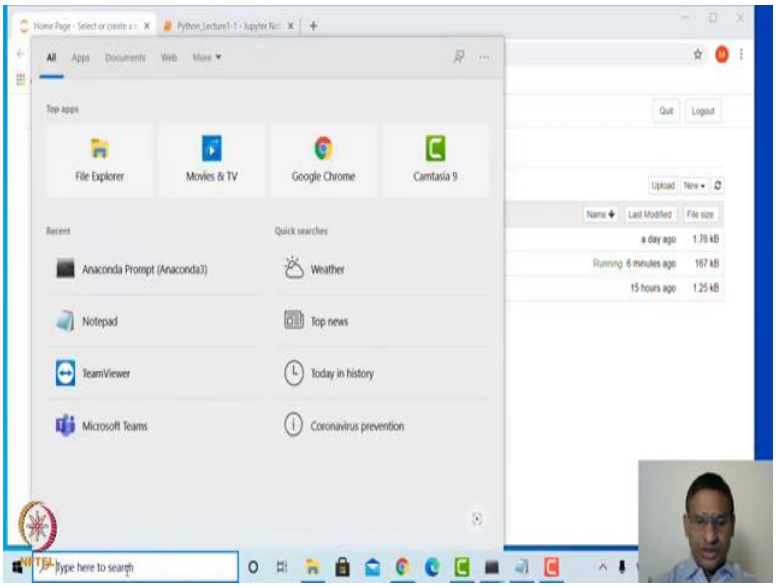

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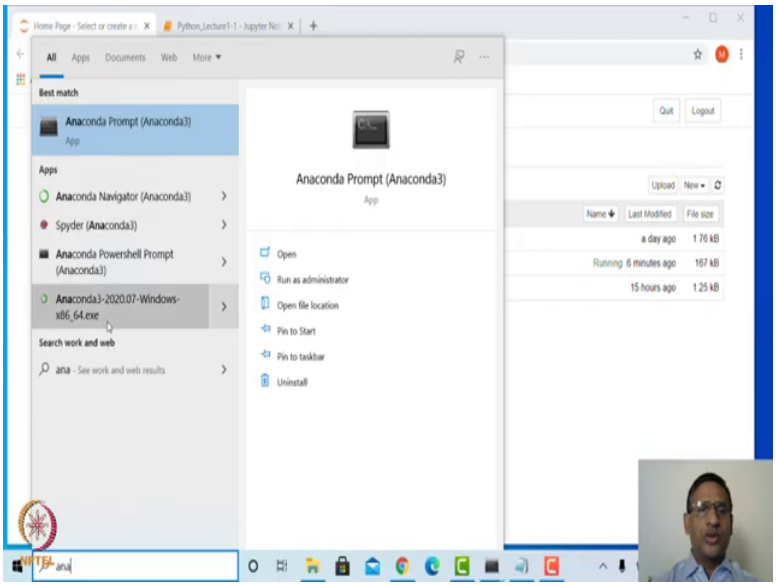

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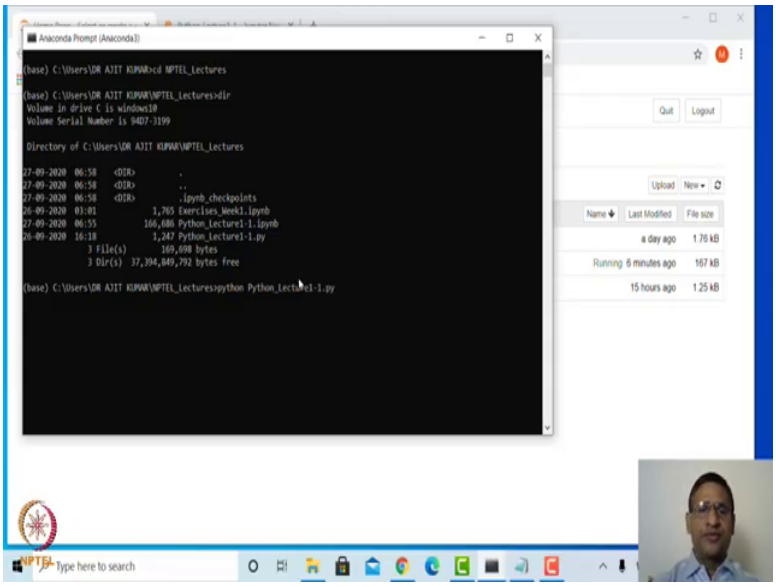

and inside this I created a directory, the directory is called NPTEL_Lectures-1 and inside that you have the file Python underscore Lecture hyphen 1 dot py. Now, how do I run this file or execute this file? We can simply say python space lecture the name of the file, that is, Python_Lecture1-1 dot py.

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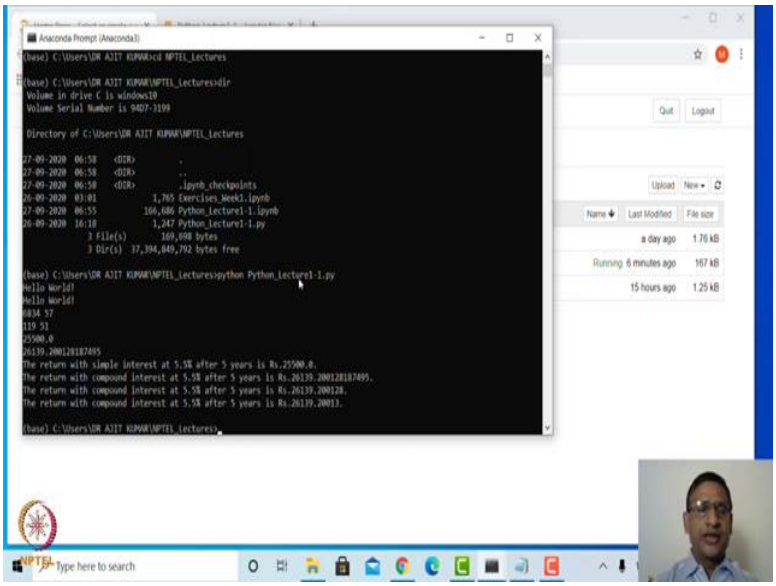

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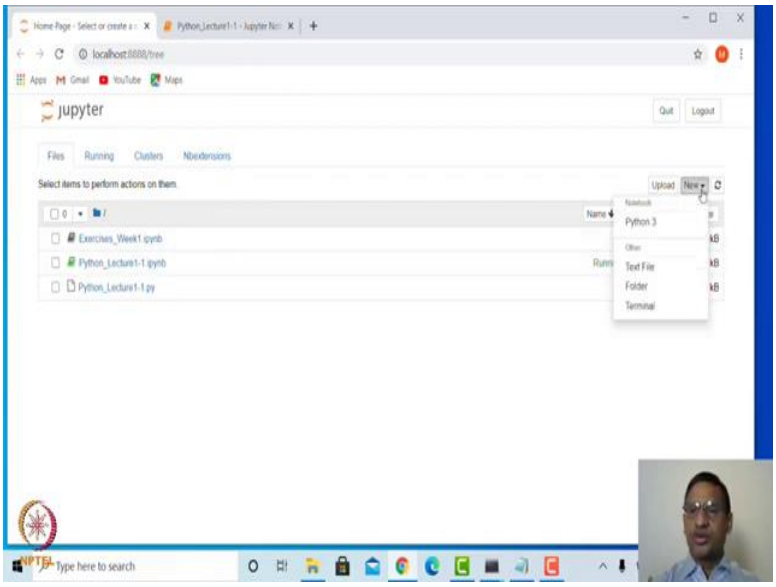

Now let us start exploring python as an advanced scientific calculator. So, let us start a new notebook. So, let us go to New, click on Python 3.

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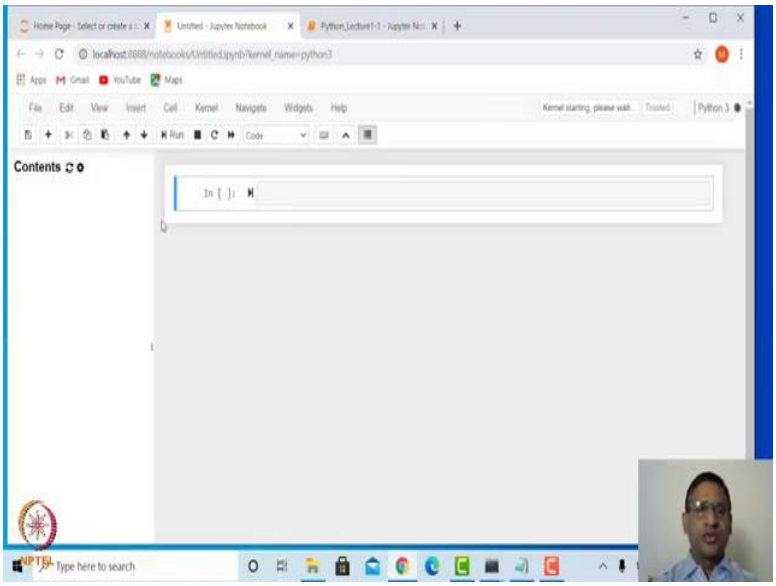

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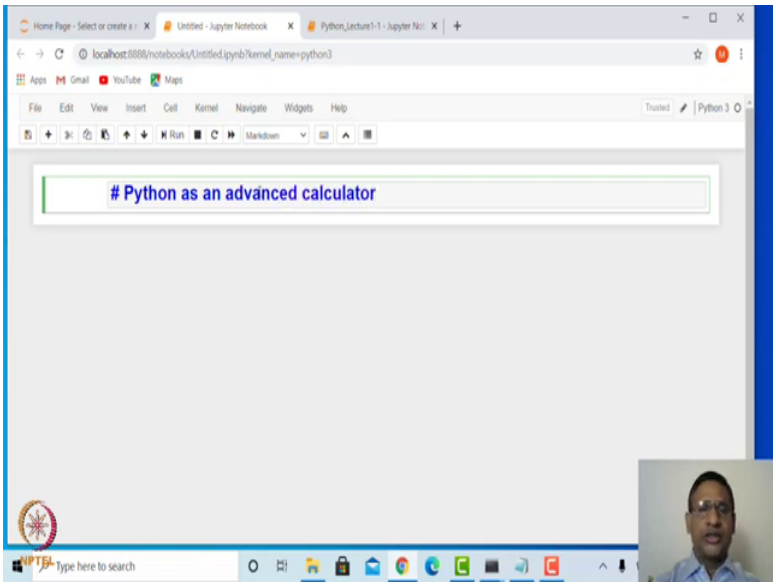

Let us give a heading. So, let us go to Markdown and type one hash followed by let us say Python as an advanced calculator and execute this, that is Shift and Enter.

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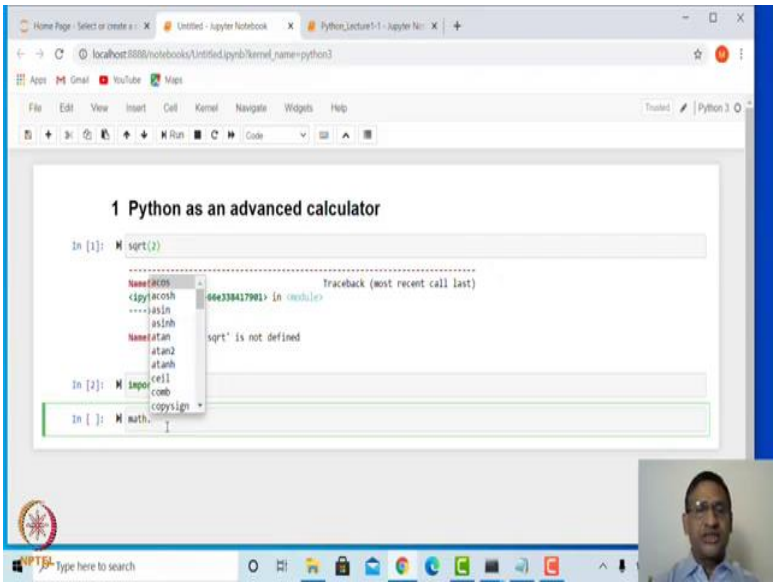

So, now let us see, suppose we want to use a square root function, sqrt of 2, then it will give you an error because, it is not at present in the standard library. So, we need to import these functions from math module. How do I import a module? You can say **import math.**

Now, all the functions, methods which are available in math module can be accessed by typing math dot and then press tab, this is advantage of using editors such as Jupyter Notebook or even Spyder all these functions you can get it by dot tab.

You can go to this down menu. You can see here, there are so many functions available including pi, log10, log2, square root and many other functions.

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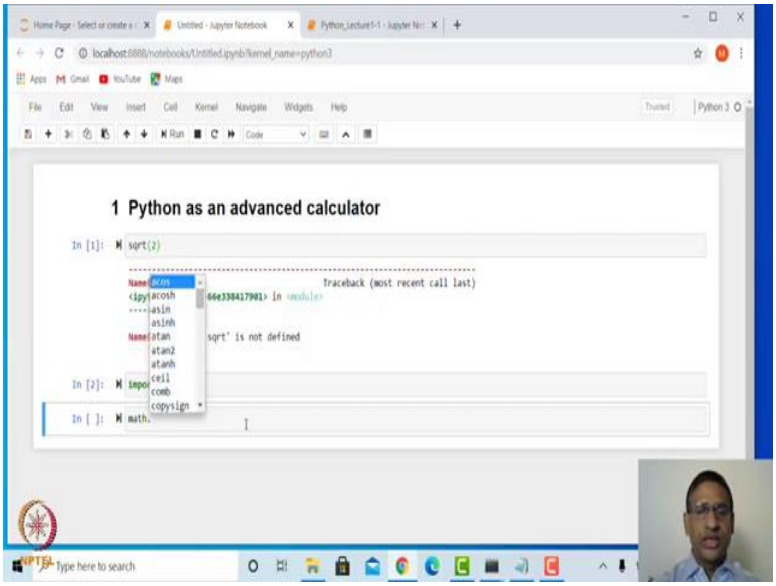

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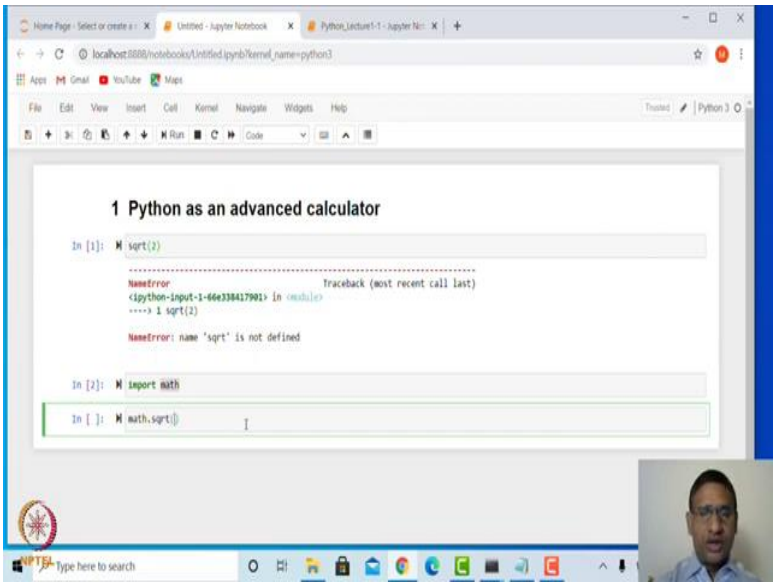

So, for example, if I want to find square root, I have to say, **math.sqrt(2)**. It will give you the answer.

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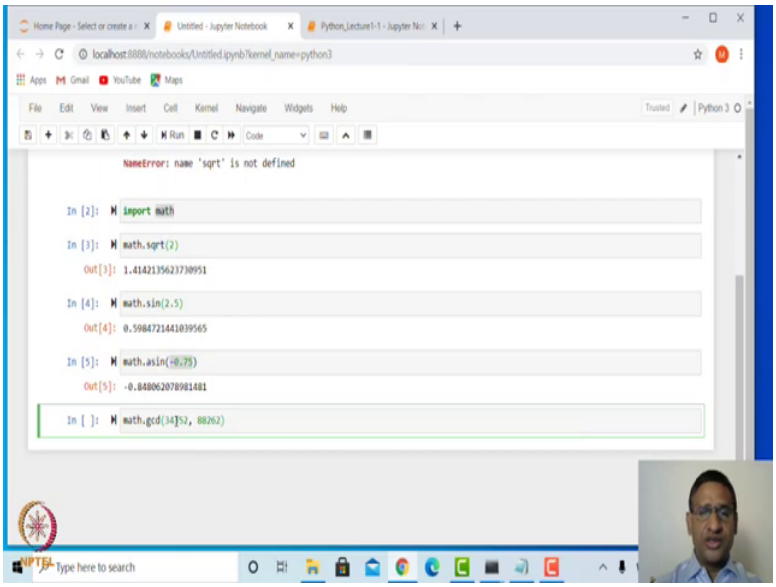

Similarly, if I want to make use of sine function, I have to say **math.sin(2.5). T**his is gives you the answer. 2.5 here is taken in radian. If you want in degree you can convert this into degree and then find out the value.

You can say math dot sin inverse. So, we will say asin that is, arc sin or sin inverse of let us say minus 0.75. Since sin values lies between minus 1 and 1, the argument has to be always between minus 1 and 1.

Similarly if you want to find, let us say, GCD, you can say, math dot gcd of two integers, let us say one integer is this, another integer is this, then we get the gcd of these two integers.

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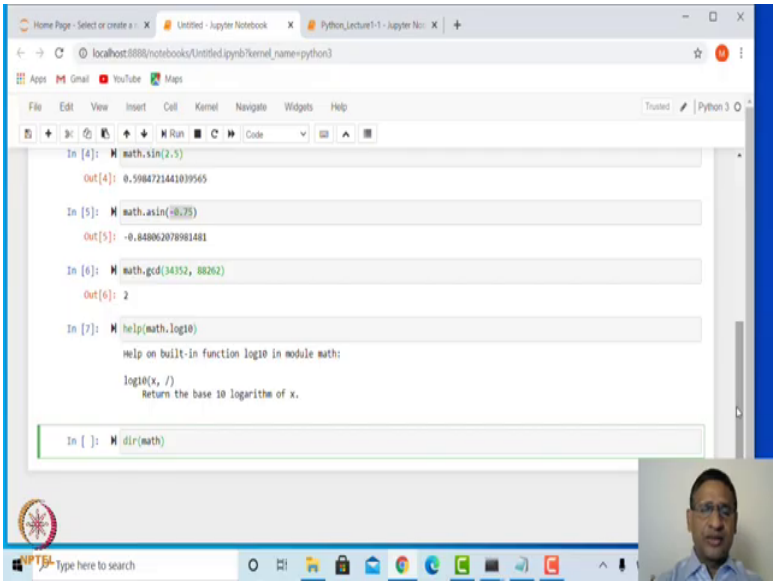

If you want to take help on any of these functions, you can say help and I can say, math dot for example, we saw something called log10. So, let us explore this. What does it say? It says that help on built in function log 10 in the module math and how it is used?

Log10 in the bracket you write the value of x and it returns the base 10 of log of x. You can explore all the functions, which are there in math module.You can even list by typing **dir(math)**. You will get the list of all the functions.

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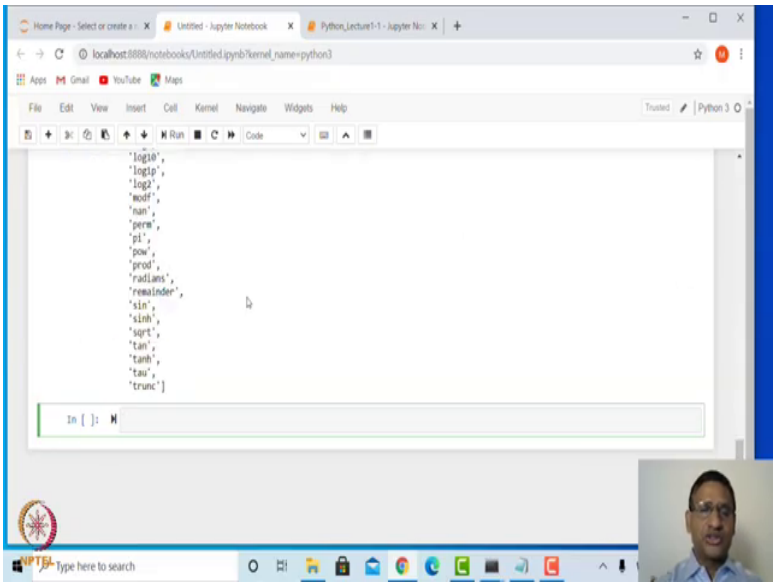

For example, there is something for permutation, **perm** and things like.

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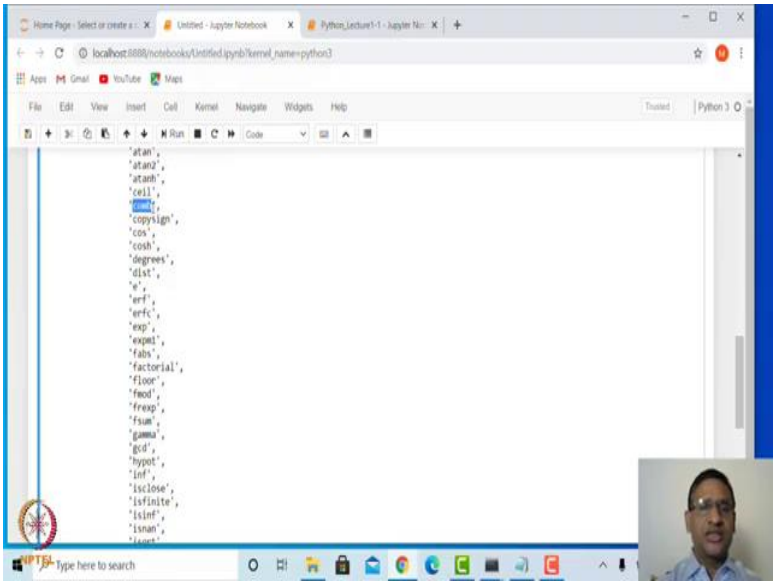

Suppose, we want to explore this function permutation. You will also see something called combination. Thus we have permutation and combination function. Let us say, we want to explore permutation and combination. How do we do?

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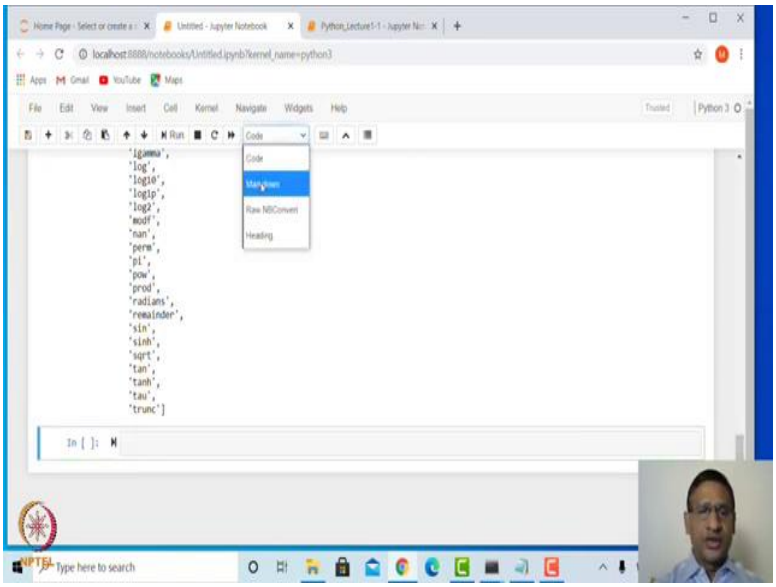

First let me create a sub heading called permutation and combination. So, I will get double hash Permutation and combinations. Let me run this.

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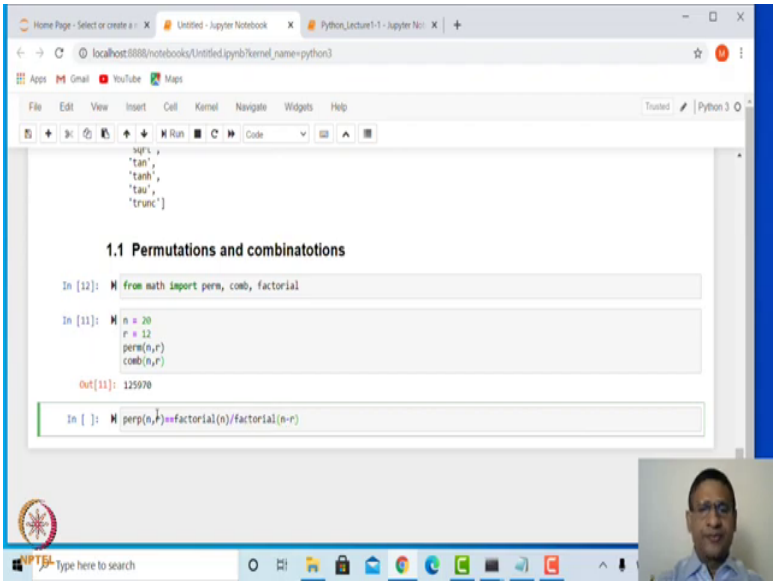

We want to make use of the two functions, namely, perm and comb repeatedly. I do not want always keep on typing math dot perm, math dot comb. There is a way to import these functions alone and how do we that? We can say from math import perm and comma comb and then run this.

Now perm and comb functions are available, we do not have to type math dot perm, we can simply say perm and it will work. So, let us take a number, let us say, n is equal to, for example, 20 and r is equal to, let us say 12. Then we can say **perm(n,r)** and it gives you this value. This is permutation of any 12 objects out of 20 objects. That is choose any 12 objects out of 20 objects and then permute them. This is what you get. Similarly you can find **comb(n,r),** that is choose any r objects out of n objects.

You must have already seen what are the formulas for permutations and combinations. So, combination when, say n C r, this is equal to n factorial, divided by r factorial, divided by n minus r factorial. And permutation n P r, is equal to n factorial divided by n minus r factorial.

Let us try to verify this. How do I verify this? So, let me also go back and also add factorial function. So, factorial function execute this again.

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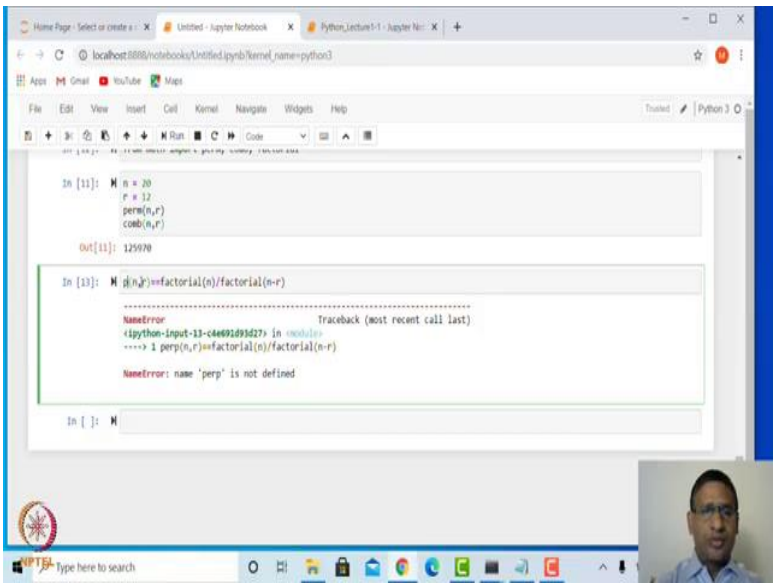

Then we can say, perm(n,r) double equal to factorial of n divided by factorial of n minus r. The answer is True.

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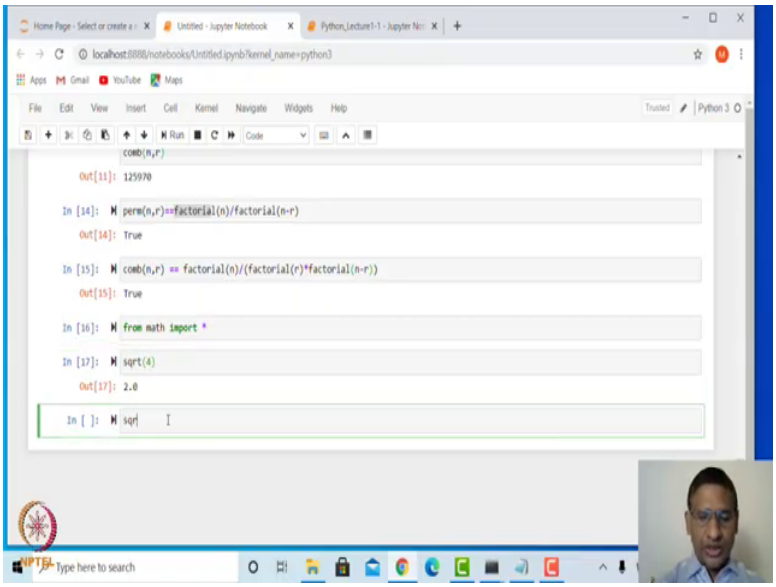

Similarly, we can say, combination that is **comb(n,r)**, n choose r, this is equal to, is equal to factorial of n divided by factorial of r, into factorial of n minus r and the answer is True. So, we are able to verify this function.

Now, suppose we want to find square root of some number. We have not imported square root function therefore, we need to say math dot sqrt, but one can also import all the functions which are available in math module. How do we do that? Instead of giving listing all the functions that you have inside math module, what you can say is, **from math import *.** Now, all the functions inside math module will be available, * means everything.

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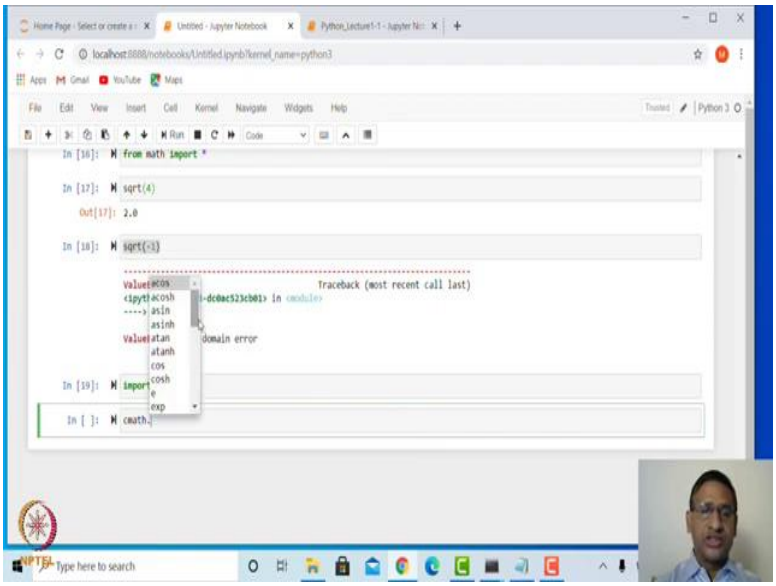

So, let us see, if I say sqrt of let us say 4, you get the answer. If I say sqrt of negative of 1, this is math domain error, because this sqrt in math module takes only the non-negative argument. If you want to find square root of negative number you have to make use of **cmath** module, that we will look at.

So, how do I how do I import? Let us say, I will say **import cmath.** Inside this, for example, if you look at cmath dot and then press tab, you will see all the functions which are there in math module and some more. So, for example, you can also find square root of minus 1 using this.

Now, let us say cmath dot sqrt of minus 1, you will get the answer. This j stands for I, that is, imaginary number, square root of minus 1.

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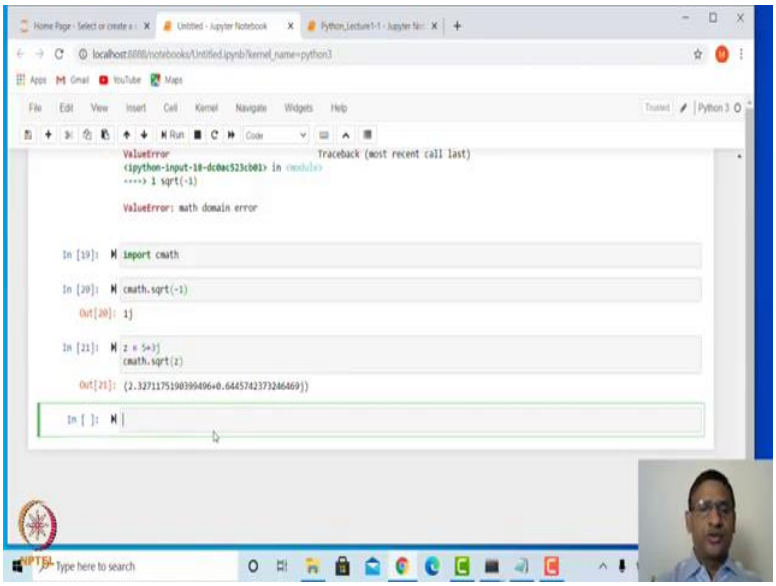

Similarly, suppose I have a complex number z is equal to let us say 5 plus 3j, this is, 5 plus 3i and we want to find out square root of this, then we can simply say cmath.sqrt(z), you will get square root of a complex number z.

Similarly, you can find out exponential of a complex number, trigonometrical function of complex number and all the functions which are there inside cmath module. Now, let us make use of these modules, math module and cmath module to find, let us say roots of a quadratic.

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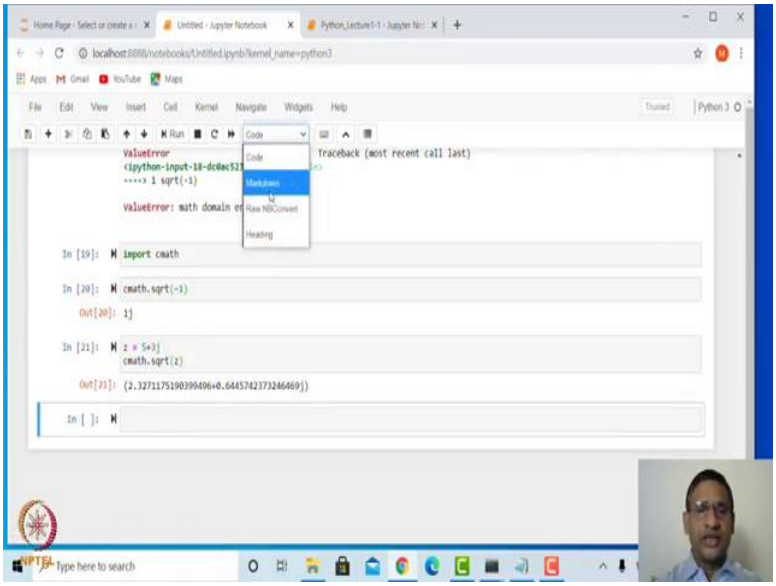

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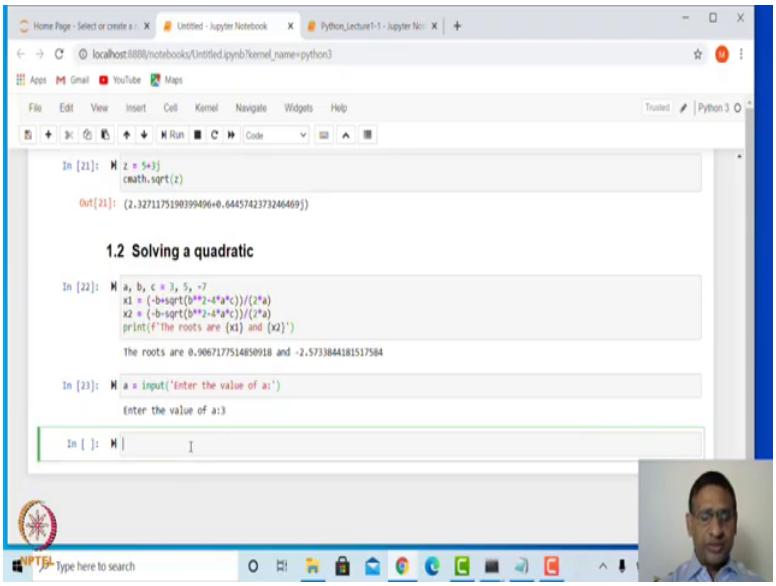

So, let us take a quadratic ax square plus bx plus c for various values of a, b and c. So, one way is, we can define a comma b comma c is equal to some number, let us say 3 comma 5 comma minus 7. So, we are looking at 3x square plus 5x minus 7 is equal to 0 and we want to find roots of this.

So, let us say the first root, I call as x1, we know the roots of a quadratic ax square plus bx plus c are minus b plus minus square root b square minus 4ac upon 2a. So, let us write x1 as minus b plus sqrt square root of b double star 2 minus 4 star a star c, whole thing divided by 2 into a.

Similarly, x2 is equal to minus b minus this. Let us print what are the roots. Let me again use f string, f inside single quote the roots are are x1 and x2, close the single quote. So these are the roots of this this quadratic function.

Now, of course, if you want to keep changing this 3, 5, minus 7 etc, the value of a and b and c one can do that. Another way of doing the same thing, is you can actually ask user to input this from the keyboard. How do I do that? I can say a equal to input and you can give some message here. So, let us say the value of a. It will give you an input box and where you can type the value suppose a as 3. Now press enter, the value of a is 3.

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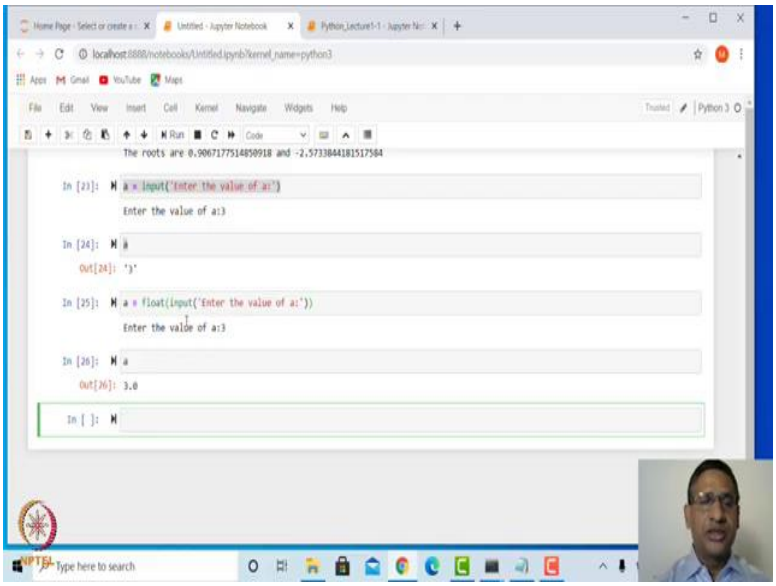

Now, let me see what is a? So, a is actually a character, but we do not want character, we want a real number. So, you need to convert this into floating point number or if you want integer, then you can do that. So, how do I do that? Let me let me, copy this fellow and say input and then we will have to say float and in the bracket you type the value. Now, let us say this is equal to 3. Now if you ask what is a? This is a real number. So, like this you can read a, b, c. Let us let us read all of these in a single cell.

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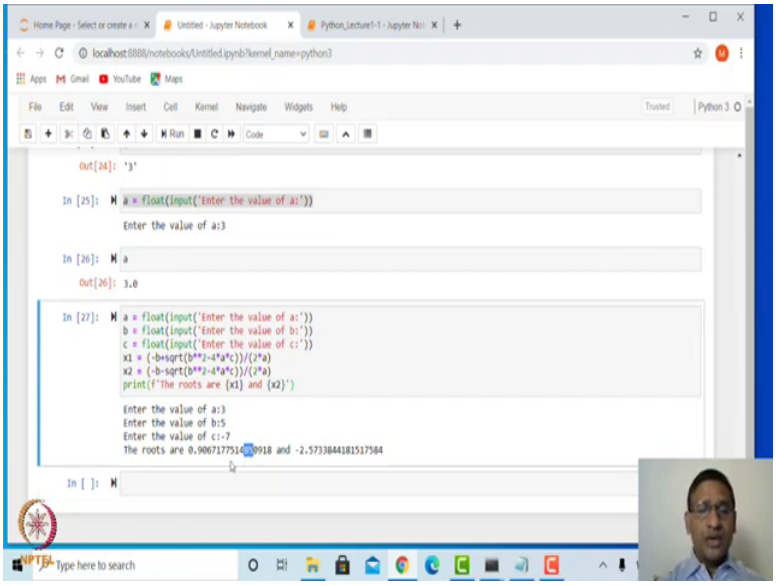

This is a, this is b and this is c. So, here also it will be a, it will b, and this is c. Once you have read this, then let us find out value of this x1, x2. So, let me paste it here, print and then let me execute this. Let us say value of a is 3, value of b is 5 and value of c is minus 7, then you will get the roots. So, this is how you can read the value of a variable using input.

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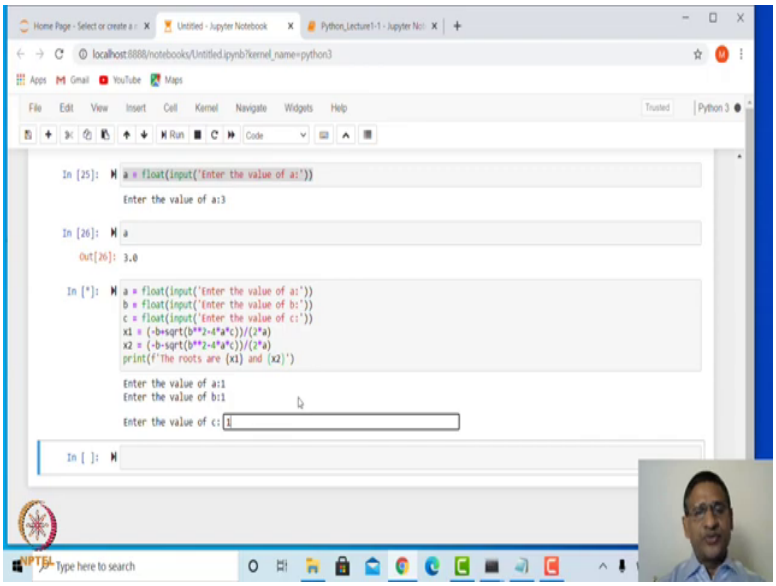

Let us let us go and run this again. Value of a is let us say 1, value of b is also 1, value of c is also 1 and let us see what we get. So, this is x square plus x plus 1 equal to 0 and in this case if you look at the value of b square minus 4ac will be negative. So, square root from math module will not be able to find. So, let us see what you get?

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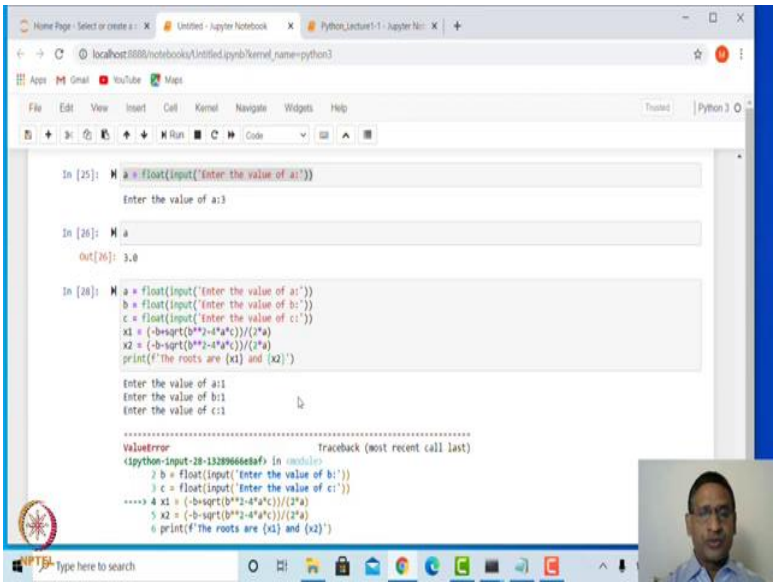

Again you can see here you get an error and it says the domain error, that domain error because this is finding square root from math module which takes only the non-negative real number.

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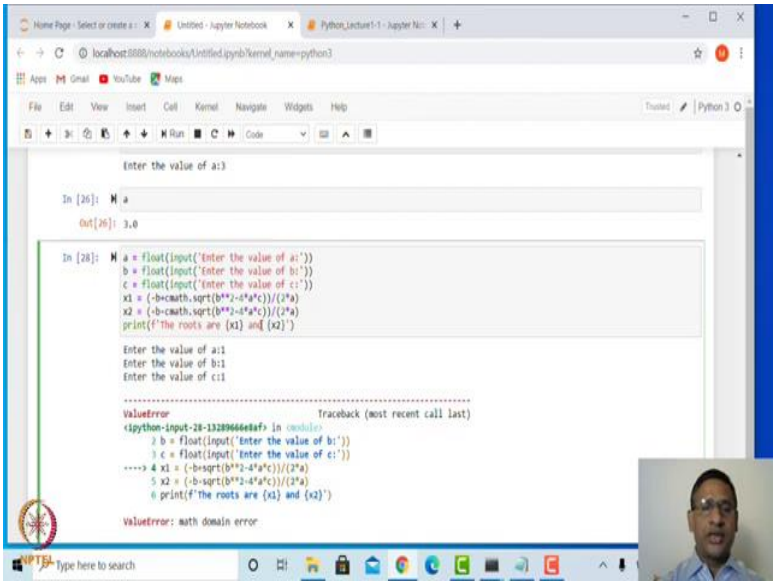

Instead of this let me let me go back and change this square root from cmath dot sqrt and here also you can say cmath dot square root and now it will be not a problem.

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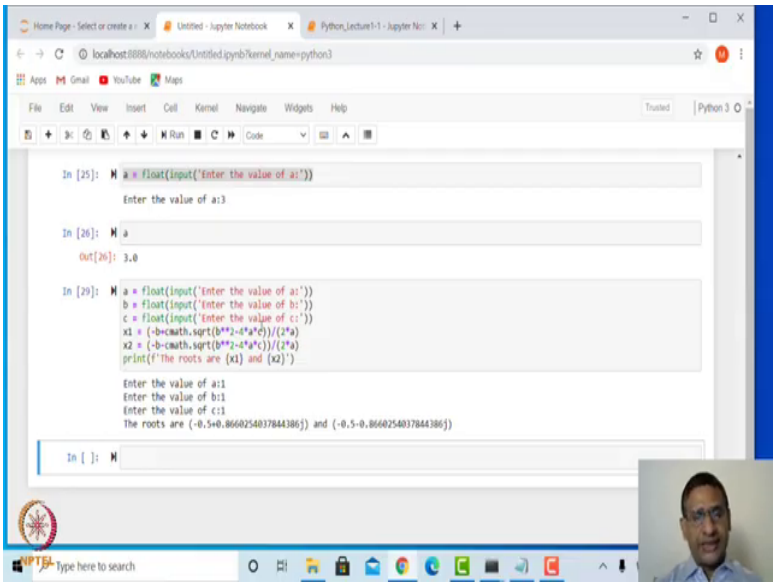

So, 1, 1, 1 and you can see here it will give you the roots, even if the discriminant is negative. Later on we will write our own program to print all the roots of a quadratic. It may involve checking whether discriminant is non-negative or negative and things like that.

Similarly suppose you want to find the area of a triangle using Heron's formula, let us say if a, b, c are sides of a triangle, and we know that area of this triangle is given by square root of s into s minus a into s minus b into s minus c, where s is the semi perimeter.

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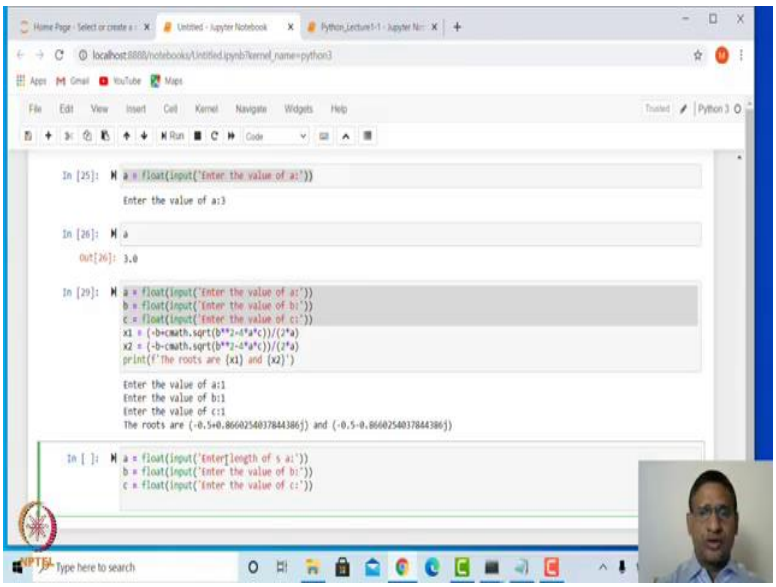

So, how we can do that? We can again copy these input a, b, c. So, let me say enter a, the length of a, similarly enter b, enter c.

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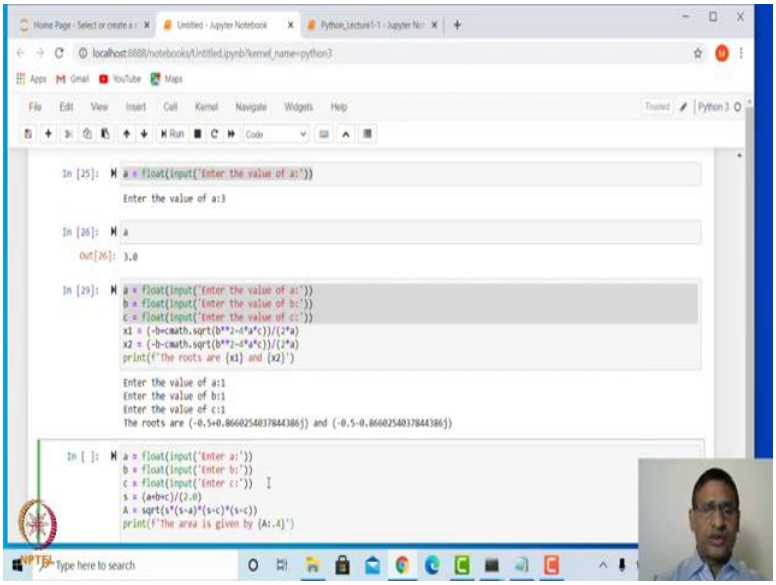

After that you calculate the semi perimeter that is, s equals to a plus b plus c, the whole thing divided by 2.0.

The area, the capital A is equal to sqrt s of s minus a into s minus c, the star is important in between, if you do not put star it will give you an error. Let us print that. Ww will say f single quote the area is given by, let us say this is A and colon, let me put 0.4, so, it will print 4 decimal places, close the single quote and that is it.

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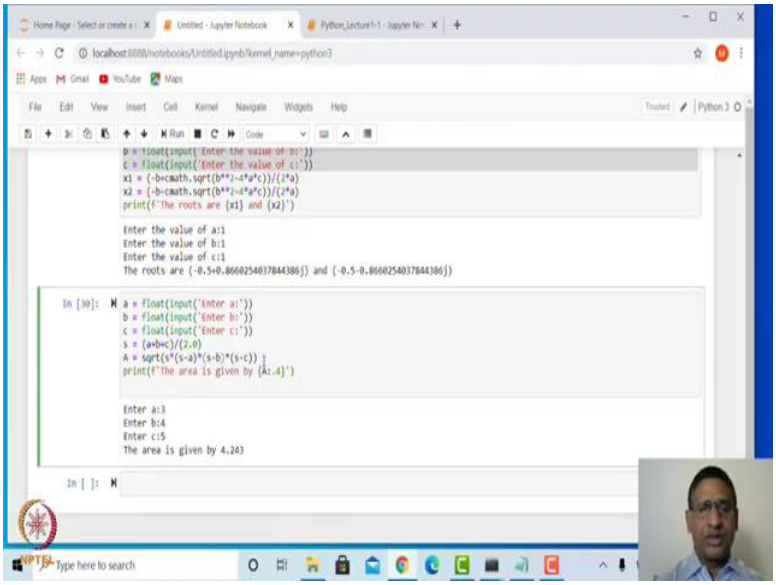

So, it will ask for so, a is let us say 3, b is 4, and c is 5, and the area is.. I think there is some problem square root s is a plus b plus c by 2. s into s minus a into s minus b into s minus c.

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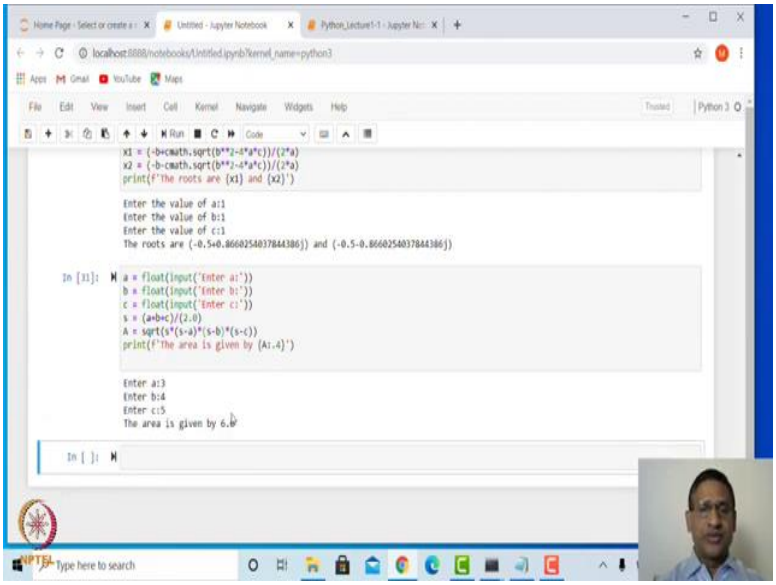

Let us say 3, 4, 5 and the area is this. If I run this again and input let us say 7, let us say 7 and this is let us say 9 and this is the area.

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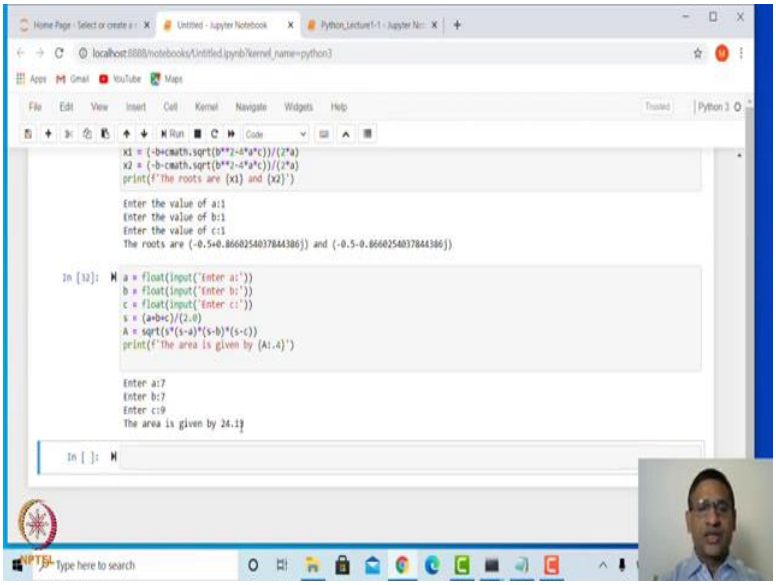

If I run this again and input let us say 7; let us say 7 and this is let us say 9 and this is the area, right. So, this actually when you write 0.4 this gives you the four significant digits.

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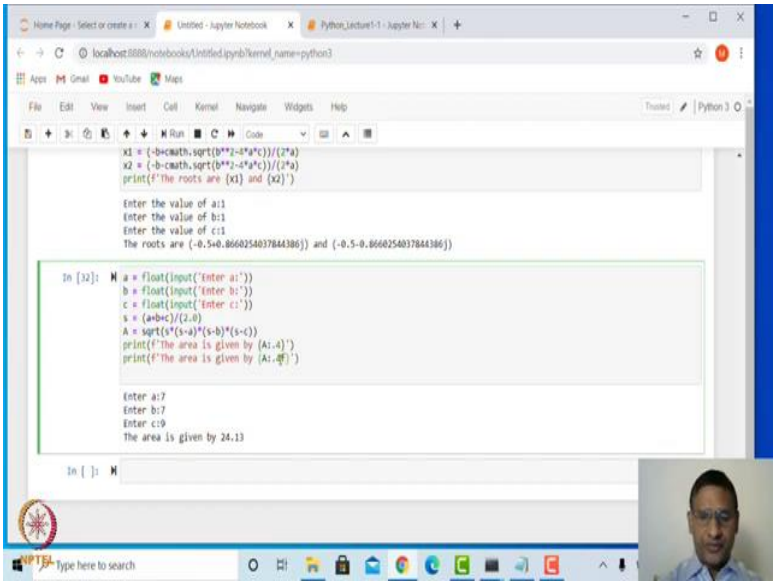

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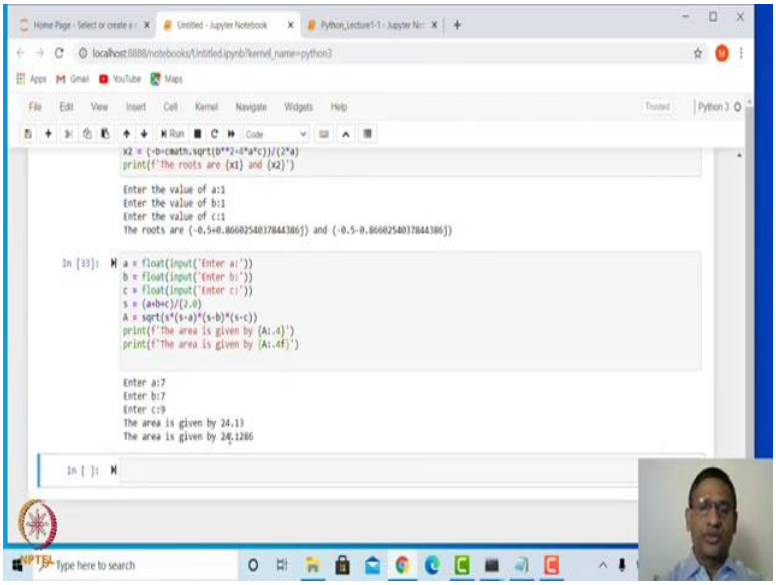

Now, let us run this again this is let us say 7, 7, 9 you get this four decimal places. This f string formatting provides you all these options. Try to explore all these functions available inside math module and cmath module. Go through one by one and see how we can make use of these functions to do various scientific calculations.

If you have seen the scientific calculator, you must have seen other functionality, that it has and of course, Python will have much better capability than the scientific calculator.

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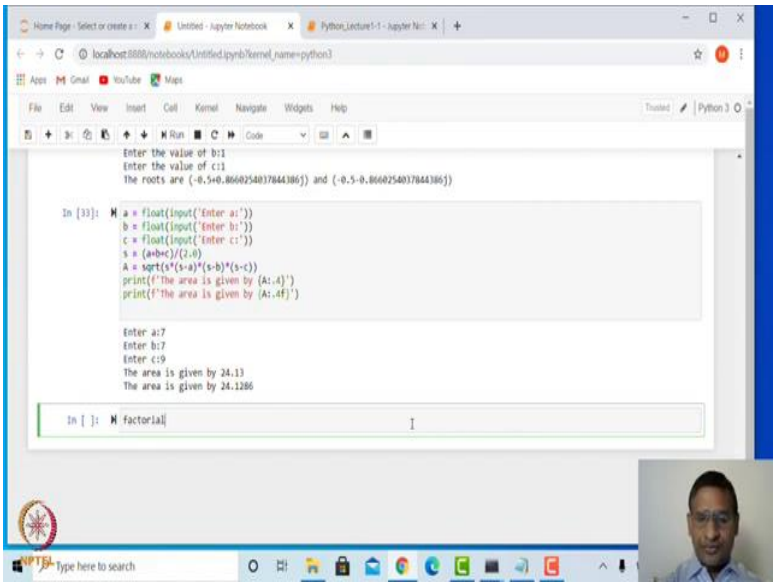

For example, if I say factorial of a large number let us say factorial of 100, it computes.

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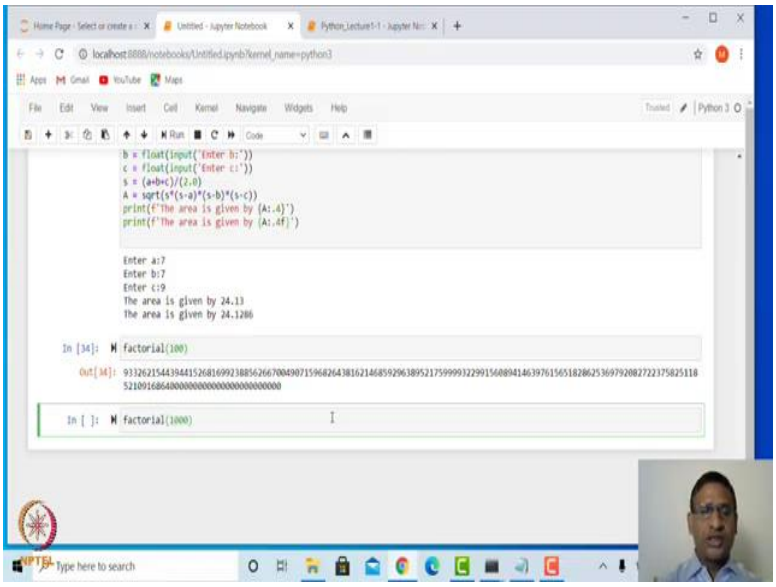

If I say factorial of even let us say 1000, then also it gives you the value, whereas, in calculator you may not be able to find factorial of 1000.

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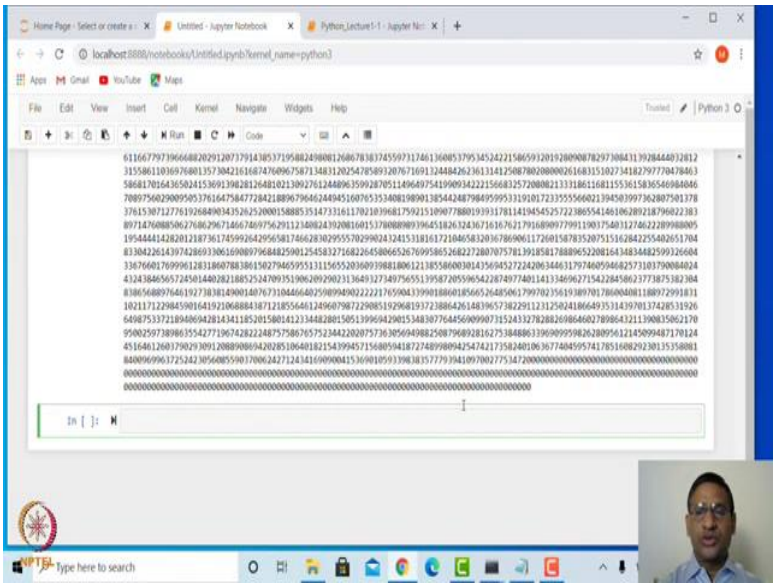

You can explore all the functions which are available inside math module and cmath module.

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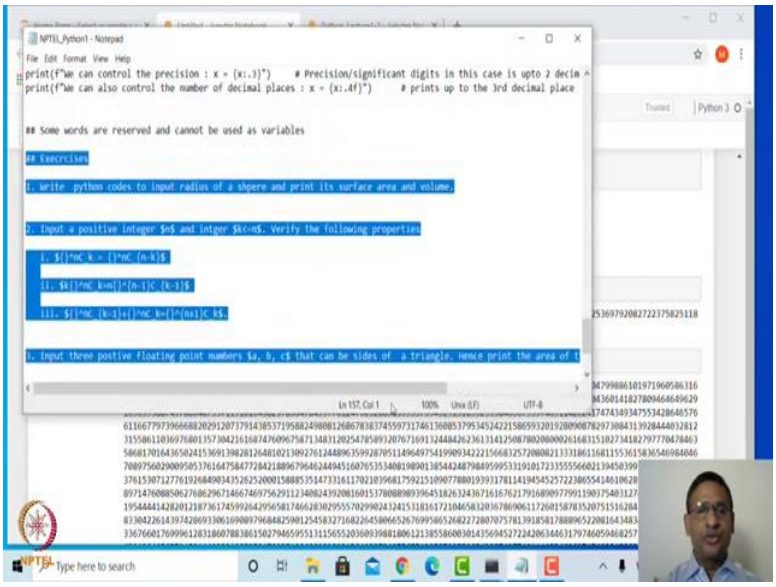

Before I end this lecture, let me let me leave you with some exercises. Let me enter these exercises.

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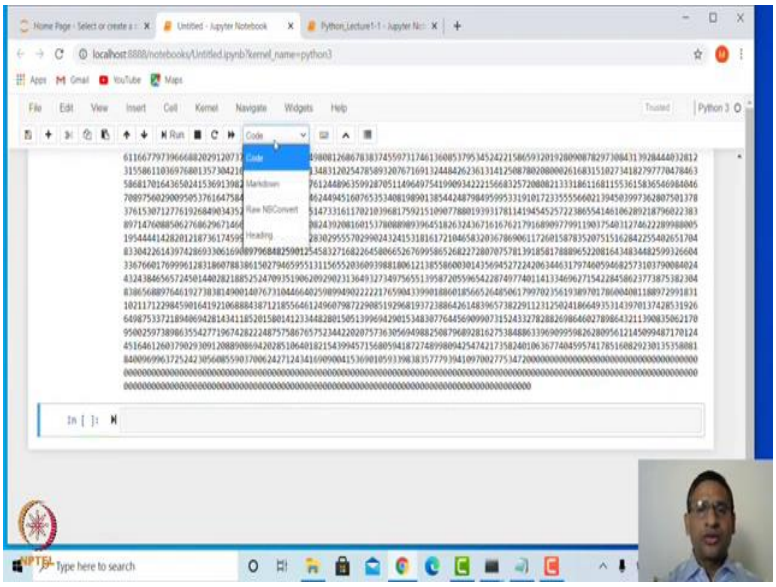

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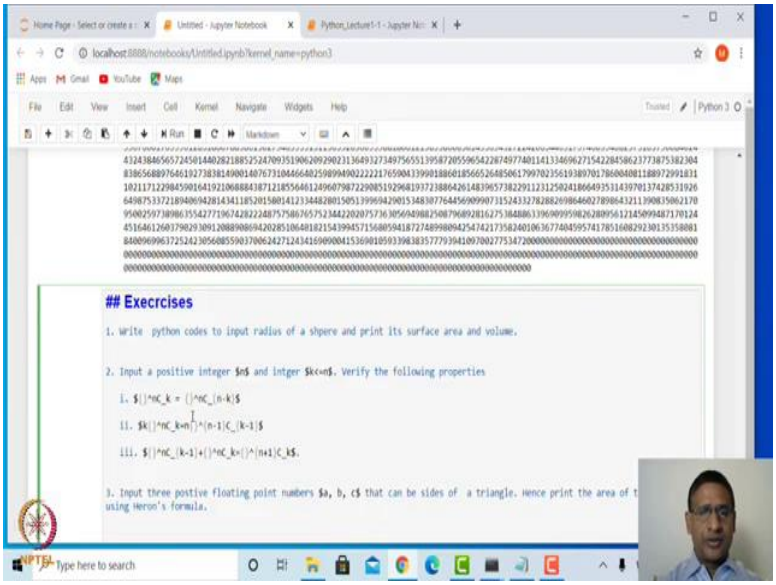

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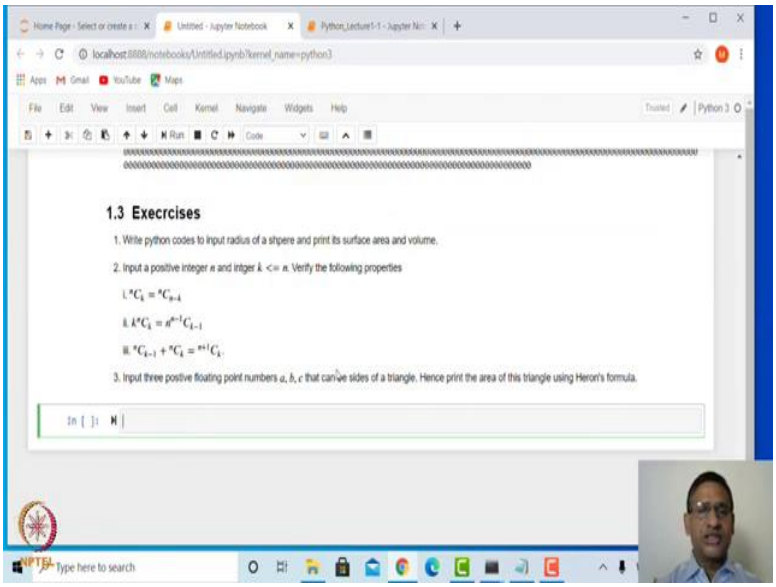

These are the exercises. 1st - write python code to input a radius of a sphere and print it is surface area and volume. Input a positive integer n and integer k less than equal to n and verify the following properties, n C k is equal to n C n minus k and, the other things. The 3rd one is input three positive floating point numbers a, b, c that can be sides of a triangle and hence print the area of this triangle using herons formula. This we have already actually done.

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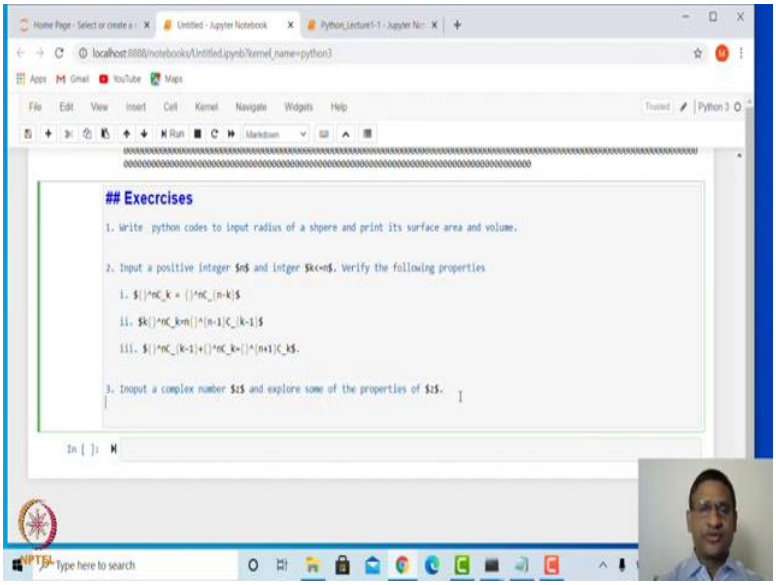

So let me change this. I will say input a complex number z and verify some of the properties of z. So, input a complex number z, and verify some of the properties of z or instead of verify let me say explore. You have to make use of **cmath** module in this case. These are some simple exercises and you can explore some other computations as well.

Let me end it here. So, thank you very much. In the next lecture, we will look at more on python programming, especially we will look at how to make use of another built-in data structure like creating a list, creating a tuple and dictionary.

Thank you.