This Python tutorial is a relatively superficial introduction to the following Python topics:

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— Anaconda Python 3.6 installation; Jupyter notebooks
— The numpy library; basic mathematical calculations
— Reading / writing of text files
— The matplotlib library; scatter plots; line plots (connecting points ordered by abscissa value)
— Boolean variables/arrays; selecting a subset of the full data set
— Looping through the elements of an array

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Most of the above material is covered in the context on a paper that Claire Dorman published in the Astrophysical Journal in February 2015. The astronomy topics covered by the tutorial include (topics in parenthesis will require some deeper digging by the student):

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— Color-magnitude diagrams (phases of stellar evolution)
— Spectra; Doppler shift (cross-correlation based measurement of radial velocity)
— Galaxy disk kinematics; toy models
— Evidence of continuous heating of M31's stellar disk (heating of disks by satellite accretion)

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