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1 Doing More with Data: numpy

1.1 Introduction to Python

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3.1 What is numpy?

numpy is a Python package for scientific computing. It gives us homogenous multidimensional arrays -- a way of representing grids of elements where all elements are the same data type -- and functions to work efficiently with them. numpy both underpins and complements other data science libraries, including pandas, matplotlib, and scikit-learn.

3.2 Arrays vs lists

numpy arrays	Python list
all elements must be the same type	elements can be different types
fixed size	can change size
n-dimensional	1-dimensional
faster to process	slower to process
consumes less memory	consumes more memory

3.3 Loading numpy

We can import numpy like any other module. For convenience, numpy is typically loaded as np -- an alias that makes referencing it easier.

```
[]: import numpy as np
```

3.4 numpy arrays

The main object in numpy is the ndarray, also referred to as the array. Dimensions in an array are called *axes*. Most arrays we'll work with will be one-dimensional *vectors* and two-dimensional *matrices*.

We can create an array by calling np.array() and passing in data as a single value, like a list. Below is a matrix. The first axis has a length of two, and the second axis has a length of 3.

```
[]: array([[1, 2, 3], [3, 2, 1]])
```

An array has an ndim attribute indicating the number of its axes, a size indicating the number of values it has, and a shape indicating its size in each dimension. It also has a dtype describing what data type all of the elements in the array are.

```
[]: # number of dimensions
print(a.ndim)

# notice that the shape is rows x columns
print(a.shape)

# notice that the size is rows * columns
print(a.size)

# int32 is a numpy-provided dtype
print(a.dtype)
```

```
2
(2, 3)
int64
```

We can create arrays with placeholder content in several ways. This is useful when we know how many elements will be in an array, but not their values, as numpy arrays have fixed size. The full list is in numpy's documentation.

```
[]: | # create an 2x3x2 array of zeros. notice the double parentheses
     np.zeros((2, 3, 2))
[]: array([[[0., 0.],
             [0., 0.],
             [0., 0.]],
            [[0., 0.],
             [0., 0.],
              [0., 0.]]])
[]: # create an array of ones based on the earlier a array
     np.ones_like(a)
[]: array([[1, 1, 1],
            [1, 1, 1]
    We can also create arrays by specifying a range of values through arange() or generating random
    ones through functions like random.randint() and random.random().
[]: # create a 1D array from 1 til 10 in steps of 2
     np.arange(1, 10, 2)
```

```
[]: array([1, 3, 5, 7, 9])
```

```
[]: # create a 1D array from 0 to 1 in steps of 0.1
     np.arange(0, 1, 0.1)
```

```
[]: array([0., 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9])
```

```
[]: # seed is used to create a reproducible random example
     np.random.seed(1)
     # create a 3x4 array of random integers between 1 and 10
     np.random.randint(1, 10, (3, 4))
```

```
[]: array([[6, 9, 6, 1],
            [1, 2, 8, 7],
            [3, 5, 6, 3]])
```

We can repeat values and arrays to create bigger ones with repeat() and tile().

```
[]: # create a 1D array through repetition
     np.repeat(10, 5)
[]: array([10, 10, 10, 10, 10])
[]: # create a 2D array through repetition
     onedim arr = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
     multidim_arr = np.tile(onedim_arr, (5,1))
     multidim_arr
[]: array([[1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
            [1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
            [1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
            [1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
            [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]])
[]: # repeat onedim_arr in multiple directions
     another_arr = np.tile(onedim_arr, (3,3))
     another_arr
[]: array([[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
            [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
            [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]])
```

3.4.1 Simulating data

Sometimes, it can be useful to simulate data to make sure an analysis works as expected. numpy's random submodule provides support for drawing random samples from a variety of distributions. To generate random samples, we first call default_rng() to create a sample Generator. Then, we use the Generator's various distribution methods, like normal(), to create sample arrays.

```
[]: # using the same Generator to draw a random sample from a Poisson distribution poissoning = rng.poisson(1, (5, 6)) poissoning
```

```
[]: array([[1, 3, 1, 0, 3, 1], [0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2], [0, 1, 0, 0, 3, 1], [0, 0, 1, 2, 1, 0], [0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0]])
```

3.5 Reshaping arrays

We can change the shape of an array in various ways, leaving the elements the same.

```
[]: # change dimensions
b.reshape(4, 3)
```

```
[]: # collapse an array to one dimension
b.flatten()
```

```
[]: array([5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 0])
```

If two arrays share the same size along an axis, we can stack them with np.hstack() and np.vstack(). Notice that we pass the arrays to stack as a tuple.

```
[]: # stack a and b horizontally np.hstack((b, a))
```

```
[]: array([[5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, 1, 2, 3], [10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 0, 3, 2, 1]])
```

3.6 Basic operations

numpy arrays let us perform vector operations, manipulating all the elements in an axis without writing loops.

```
[]: arr1 = np.array([5, 10, 15, 20])
arr1

[]: array([ 5, 10, 15, 20])

[]: arr2 = np.arange(5, 9)
arr2

[]: array([5, 6, 7, 8])

[]: np.sin(np.arange(0, 360, 45) * np.pi/180)
```

```
[]: array([0.00000000e+00, 7.07106781e-01, 1.00000000e+00, 7.07106781e-01, 1.22464680e-16, -7.07106781e-01, -1.00000000e+00, -7.07106781e-01])
```

We can perform operations when arrays are the same length along the axis in use, or when values can be *broadcast*, or repeated, along an axis.

```
[]: # arr1 and arr2 are the same length
arr1 - arr2

[]: array([ 0,  4,  8,  12])

[]: results = []
for i, j in zip(arr1, arr2):
    results.append(i - j)

results
```

[]: [0, 4, 8, 12]

```
[]: # multiple each element in arr1 by 2
     arr1 * 2
[]: array([10, 20, 30, 40])
[]: # incompatible shapes
     arr2 + np.array([1, 2])
            ValueError
                                                         Traceback (most recent call_
     →last)
             <ipython-input-25-f38d1fa8d077> in <module>
               1 # incompatible shapes
        ----> 2 arr2 + np.array([1, 2])
             ValueError: operands could not be broadcast together with shapes (4,) ∪
     \hookrightarrow (2,)
[]: short_output = []
     for i, j in zip(arr2, np.array([1, 2])):
         short_output.append(i + j)
     short_output
[]: [6, 8]
    We can also summarize the values in an array.
[]: print(f'''arr1 sums to {arr1.sum()}.
     Its max value is {arr1.max()}, and its mean is {arr1.mean()}.''')
    arr1 sums to 50.
    Its max value is 20, and its mean is 12.5.
    Some descriptive statistics are only numpy functions, and are not available as array methods like
    we saw above.
[]: np.median(arr1)
[]: 12.5
[]: arr1.median()
```

3.7 Operations in multiple dimensions

In a multi-dimensional array like a matrix, elements of same-sized arrays will be paired up for operations, just as with vectors. If we perform an operation with a matrix and a vector of the same size in one dimension, the vector can be *broadcast* to repeat along the other dimension.

```
[]: tens = np.arange(0, 120, 10).reshape(3, 4)
    tens
[]: array([[ 0, 10, 20, 30],
            [40, 50, 60, 70],
                  90, 100, 110]])
            [ 80,
[]: horizontal = np.array([-5, -10, -15, -20])
    tens + horizontal
[]: array([[-5, 0, 5, 10],
            [35, 40, 45, 50],
            [75, 80, 85, 90]])
[]: vertical = np.array([[100],
                          [200],
                          [300]])
    tens + vertical
[]: array([[100, 110, 120, 130],
            [240, 250, 260, 270],
            [380, 390, 400, 410]])
```

We can still calculate statistics for multidimensional arrays, but we must specify the axis to calculate over. To calculate values for each column, we use axis=0. To calculate for each row, we use axis=1.

```
[]: tens.mean(axis=0)
[]: array([40., 50., 60., 70.])
[]: tens.mean(axis=1)
[]: array([15., 55., 95.])
         Indexing, slicing, and iterating
    We can index and slice arrays like we would a list.
[]: arr1
[]: array([5, 10, 15, 20])
[]: arr1[1]
[]: 10
[]: arr1[1:3]
[]: array([10, 15])
    We can iterate over arrays as well, though vectorized numpy operations are preferred when possible.
[]: for i in arr1:
         print(i)
    5
    10
    15
    20
    Multidimensional arrays like matrices have one index per axis. We can pass in more than one index
    within the square brackets.
[]: tens
[]: array([[ 0,
                    10,
                         20,
                              30],
             [ 40,
                    50, 60, 70],
             [ 80,
                   90, 100, 110]])
```

[]: # indexing goes row, column

tens[1, 2]

[]: 60

3.9 Mutations and copies

We can also update individual elements in an array. Note that any variables that refer to that array will also change, just like with mutating lists. To make an independent copy of an array, use the .copy() method.

```
[]: # create a 3x4 array of random integers
    matrix = np.random.randint(1, 11, 12).reshape(3, 4)
    matrix2 = matrix
    #make a copy
    matrix3 = matrix.copy()
    matrix
[]: array([[5, 3, 5, 8],
           [8, 10, 2, 8],
           [ 1, 7, 10, 10]])
[]: # replace the second row
    matrix2[1] = [0, 0, 0, 0]
    matrix2
[]: array([[5, 3, 5, 8],
           [0, 0, 0, 0],
           [ 1, 7, 10, 10]])
[]: # the original also changed
    matrix
```

3.10 Logic and filtering

numpy arrays work with boolean expressions. Each element is checked, and the result is an array of True/False values. They resulting arrays sometimes called *masks* because they are used to mask, or filter, data.

```
[]: tens
[]: array([[ 0, 10, 20, 30],
            [40, 50, 60, 70],
            [80, 90, 100, 110]])
[]: # evaluate whether each element is divisible by 3
    tens % 3 == 0
[]: array([[ True, False, False, True],
            [False, False, True, False],
            [False, True, False, False]])
[]: # the same thing with for loops
    masked = \prod
    for row in tens:
        masked_row = []
        for col in row:
            masked_row.append(col % 3 == 0)
        masked.append(masked row)
    masked
[]: [[True, False, False, True],
      [False, False, True, False],
      [False, True, False, False]]
```

To filter use a boolean expression as a mask, pass it into square brackets after the array to mask.

```
[]: tens[tens % 3 == 0]
[]: array([0, 30, 60, 90])
[]: # also works
     mask = tens % 3 == 0
     tens[mask]
[]: array([0, 30, 60, 90])
[]: # comparison in standard python
     filtered_data = []
     for row in tens:
         for col in row:
             if col % 3 == 0:
                  filtered_data.append(col)
     filtered_data
[]: [0, 30, 60, 90]
    We can even use masks to generate new arrays with conditionals. np.where() takes as its arguments
    a boolean expression, an expression to evaluate if True, and an expression to evaluate elsewise. This
    is analagous to creating a new array based on an old one with a for loop and if/else statements,
    but much faster.
[]: np.where(tens % 3 == 0, # condition
              tens, # return the element if True
              0) # return 0 if False
[]: array([[0, 0, 0, 30],
            [0, 0, 60, 0],
            [0, 90, 0, 0]])
[]: result = []
     for row in tens:
         result_row = []
         for col in row:
             if col % 3 == 0:
                  result_row.append(col)
             else:
                  result_row.append(0)
         result.append(result_row)
     result
```

```
[]: [[0, 0, 0, 30], [0, 0, 60, 0], [0, 90, 0, 0]]
```

3.11 Loading flat files to numpy arrays

We can also load data from files into numpy arrays. Recall the California housing csv we loaded earlier:

```
[]: with open('/content/data/california_housing_test.csv', 'r') as f:
    # print the first five lines
    for i in range(5):
        print(f.readline())
```

"longitude", "latitude", "housing_median_age", "total_rooms", "total_bedrooms", "popu lation", "households", "median_income", "median_house_value"

-122.050000,37.370000,27.000000,3885.000000,661.000000,1537.000000,606.000000,6.608500,344700.000000

-118.300000, 34.260000, 43.000000, 1510.000000, 310.000000, 809.000000, 277.000000, 3.599000, 176500.000000

-117.810000,33.780000,27.000000,3589.000000,507.000000,1484.000000,495.000000,5.793400,270500.00000

-118.360000, 33.820000, 28.000000, 67.000000, 15.000000, 49.000000, 11.000000, 6.135900, 330000.000000

We can load this data to a numpy array using genfromtxt(), which takes a path to a file as an argument. We should also include a delimiter argument, indicating how values are separated. Useful optional arguments include names, which we can use to tell numpy that the first row contains column names; skip_header, which we can use to skip the first few lines; and arguments for how to handle missing values.

There is also loadtxt(), which is simpler than genfromtxt(). The former does not have options for using header names or handling missing values. To fill missing values, we need to set the usemask parameter to True. The result will be a masked array in that case, which we can then convert to a regular array with the filled(np.nan) method. Note that this only works for float columns.

[]: (3000, 9)

If you look closely, the array we got back is not a matrix. Each row looks like a tuple with commaseparated values. If we check the shape, we see 3000 rows and what looks like no columns. The dtype attribute lists all our field names.

```
[]: housing_data.shape
```

[]: (3000,)

```
[]: housing_data.dtype
```

```
[]: dtype([('longitude', '<f8'), ('latitude', '<f8'), ('housing_median_age', '<f8'), ('total_rooms', '<f8'), ('population', '<f8'), ('households', '<f8'), ('median_income', '<f8'), ('median_house_value', '<f8')])
```

In this case, genfromtxt returned a structured array, a different type of array than the ones we have seen so far. We can refer to fields by putting the field name as a string in square brackets, similar to referencing a dictionary key. However, we will soon see a data type in another package, pandas, that is even better suited to working with columns in tabular data like this.

```
[]: np.median(housing_data['housing_median_age'])
```

```
/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/numpy/core/fromnumeric.py:755:
UserWarning: Warning: 'partition' will ignore the 'mask' of the MaskedArray.
a.partition(kth, axis=axis, kind=kind, order=order)
```

[]: 29.0

```
[]: housing_data['median_income'].mean()
```

[]: 3.8072717999999997

4 References

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