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Joining means putting contents of two or more arrays in a single array.

In SQL we join tables based on a key, whereas in NumPy we join arrays by axes.

We pass a sequence of arrays that we want to join to the concatenate() function, along with the axis. If axis is not explicitly passed, it is taken as 0.

Example

Join two arrays

```
import numpy as np

arr1 = np.array([1, 2, 3])

arr2 = np.array([4, 5, 6])

arr = np.concatenate((arr1, arr2))

print(arr)
```

Example

Join two 2-D arrays along rows (axis=1):

```
import numpy as np

arr1 = np.array([[1, 2], [3, 4]])

arr2 = np.array([[5, 6], [7, 8]])

arr = np.concatenate((arr1, arr2), axis=1)

print(arr)
```

Joining Arrays Using Stack Functions

Stacking is same as concatenation, the only difference is that stacking is done along a new axis.

We can concatenate two 1-D arrays along the second axis which would result in putting them one over the other, ie. stacking.

We pass a sequence of arrays that we want to join to the stack() method along with the axis. If axis is not explicitly passed it is taken as 0.

Example

```
import numpy as np

arr1 = np.array([1, 2, 3])

arr2 = np.array([4, 5, 6])

arr = np.stack((arr1, arr2), axis=1)

print(arr)
```

Stacking Along Rows

NumPy provides a helper function: hstack() to stack along rows.

Example

```
import numpy as np

arr1 = np.array([1, 2, 3])

arr2 = np.array([4, 5, 6])

arr = np.hstack((arr1, arr2))

print(arr)
```

Stacking Along Columns

NumPy provides a helper function: vstack() to stack along columns.

Example

```
import numpy as np

arr1 = np.array([1, 2, 3])

arr2 = np.array([4, 5, 6])

arr = np.vstack((arr1, arr2))

print(arr)
```

Stacking Along Height (depth)

NumPy provides a helper function: dstack() to stack along height, which is the same as depth.

Example

```
import numpy as np

arr1 = np.array([1, 2, 3])

arr2 = np.array([4, 5, 6])

arr = np.dstack((arr1, arr2))

print(arr)
```

NumPy Splitting Array

Splitting NumPy Arrays

Splitting is reverse operation of Joining.

Joining merges multiple arrays into one and Splitting breaks one array into multiple.

We use array_split() for splitting arrays, we pass it the array we want to split and the number of splits.

Example

Split the array in 3 parts:

```
import numpy as np

arr = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6])

newarr = np.array_split(arr, 3)

print(newarr)
```

Note: The return value is a list containing three arrays.

If the array has less elements than required, it will adjust from the end accordingly.

Example

Split the array in 4 parts:

```
import numpy as np

arr = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6])

newarr = np.array_split(arr, 4)

print(newarr)
```

Note: We also have the method split() available but it will not adjust the elements when elements are less in source array for splitting like in example above, array_split() worked properly but split() would fail.

Split Into Arrays

The return value of the array_split() method is an array containing each of the split as an array.

If you split an array into 3 arrays, you can access them from the result just like any array element:

Example

Access the splitted arrays:

```
import numpy as np

arr = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6])

newarr = np.array_split(arr, 3)

print(newarr[0])

print(newarr[1])

print(newarr[2])
```

Splitting 2-D Arrays

Use the same syntax when splitting 2-D arrays.

Use the array_split() method, pass in the array you want to split and the number of splits you want to do.

Example

Split the 2-D array into three 2-D arrays.

```
import numpy as np

arr = np.array([[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6], [7, 8], [9, 10], [11, 12]])

newarr = np.array_split(arr, 3)

print(newarr)
```

The example above returns three 2-D arrays.

Let's look at another example, this time each element in the 2-D arrays contains 3 elements.

Example

Split the 2-D array into three 2-D arrays.

```
import numpy as np

arr = np.array([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9], [10, 11, 12], [13, 14, 15], [16, 17, 18]])

newarr = np.array_split(arr, 3)

print(newarr)
```

The example above returns three 2-D arrays.

In addition, you can specify which axis you want to do the split around.

The example below also returns three 2-D arrays, but they are split along the row (axis=1).

Example

Split the 2-D array into three 2-D arrays along rows.

```
import numpy as np

arr = np.array([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9], [10, 11, 12], [13, 14, 15], [16, 17, 18]])
```

```
newarr = np.array_split(arr, 3, axis=1)


print(newarr)
```

An alternate solution is using hsplit() opposite of hstack()

Example

Use the hsplit() method to split the 2-D array into three 2-D arrays along rows.

```
import numpy as np

arr = np.array([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9], [10, 11, 12], [13, 14, 15], [16, 17, 18]])

newarr = np.hsplit(arr, 3)

print(newarr)
```

Note: Similar alternates to vstack() and dstack() are available as vsplit() and dsplit().