Exercise Set 4

More Python

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Note: These exercises are not mandatory. You don't have to put your work into your Github repository.

Exercise 1: Making images

Images in Python can be represented as 3D-arrays with shape (H, W, C) where H is the number of rows, W the number of columns, and C the number of channels (3 in the case of RGB images).

Create a grayscale image where every pixel value is generated randomly (either floats between 0 or 1, or integers between 0 and 255). Look at your image (for instance using matplotlib.pyplot.imshow())

Take your image, and split the values into three groups, e.g. with values in (0, 0.33), [0.33, 0.66) and [0.66, 1]. Color each of these groups by different colors. You should be able to do this purely in Numpy. Loops should be avoided, as they are slower.

Exercise 2: Decorators

Assume that ${\tt f}$ is a Python function. Because functions are objects in Python, we can pass functions to other functions. It turns out that writing

```
f = some_func(f)
```

Is quite common. There is a shorthand for this. When writing the definition of f, we can say

```
@some_func
def f():
    # Whatever f does
```

We have applied a decorator to **f**. An example of a decorator is one that prints the output of f before it is returned. It can be implemented in the following way:

```
def print_output(f):
    def wrapper(x):
        output = f(x)
        print(output)
        return output
    return wrapper
```

Using this decorator does not change the behaviour of f, except that the output is always printed when f is called.

Exercise: Make a decorator that tracks the time a function uses to execute

Decorators can be (and usually are) implemented as classes, where the class' __call__ method is used as the wrapper. This can be useful if we want to keep some information between calls. We are going to try this next.

Exercise: Create a decorator that caches output from f. i.e., before calling f, check if we already know what the return value is, and return this if this is the case. This is useful if f takes a long time to execute.