

Language Fundamentals

Logit Academy



DAY 1

Schedule



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	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Morning	Course Introduction	Introduction to Python	Matplotlib, Numpy	Statistics, Pandas	Introduction to SQL
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Morning	Course Overview	Introduction to Python	Numpy	Pandas, Seaborn	SQLAlchemy
Lunch					
Afternoon	IPython, Slack	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises
Break					
Afternoon	Introduction to Python	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises

What Is Python?



ONE LINER

Python is an interpreted programming language that is easy to learn, easy to use, and comprehensive in terms of data science tools (data munging, stats, machine learning, NLP, etc.) and programming styles (from exploratory analysis to repeatable science to software engineering for production deployment).

PYTHON HIGHLIGHTS

- Interpreted and interactive
- Automatic garbage collection
- Dynamic typing
- Object-oriented

- Free
- Portable / Cross-Platform
- Easy to Learn and Use
- "Batteries Included"



Python data analytics platform and environment



IPython

An enhanced interactive Python shell

IPython



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STANDARD PYTHON COMMANDS WITH NUMBERED In/Out

```
In [1]: a = 1
In [2]: a + 2
Out[2]: 3
```

TIMING YOUR CODE

Function Info in IPython



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HELP USING?

Follow a command with '?' to print its documentation.

In [5]: len?

Type: builtin function or method

String form: <built-in function len>

Namespace: Python builtin

Docstring:

len(object) -> integer

Return the number of items of a sequence or mapping.

Function Info in IPython



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SHOW SOURCE CODE USING ??

```
In [6]: import numpy as np
In [7]: np.squeeze??
def squeeze(a):
    """Remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of a.
    Examples
    >>> x = array([[[1,1,1],[2,2,2],[3,3,3]]])
    >>> x.shape
    (1, 3, 3)
    >>> squeeze(x).shape
    (3, 3)
    11 11 11
                                               ?? can't show the source
    try:
                                              code for "extension" functions
                                              that are implemented in C.
         squeeze = a.squeeze
    except AttributeError:
         return wrapit(a, 'squeeze')
    return squeeze()
```

Directory Navigation in IPython



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```
# Change directory (note Unix style forward slashes!)
In [8]: cd c:/python_class/Demos/speed_of_light
c:\python_class\Demos\speed_of_light
```

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Tab completion helps you find and type directory and file names.

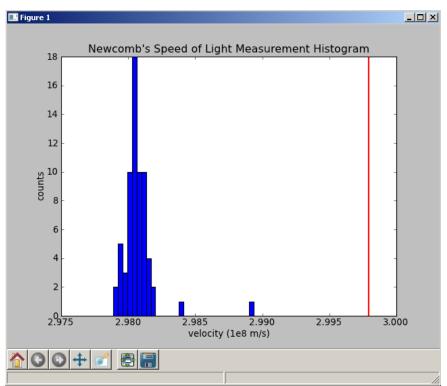
```
# List directory contents (Unix style, not "dir").
In [9]: ls
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 5417-593D
Directory of c:\python class\Demos\speed of light
09/01/2008 02:53 PM <DIR>
09/01/2008 02:53 PM <DIR>
09/01/2008 02:48 PM
                           1,188 exercise speed of light.txt
09/01/2008 02:48 PM 2,682,023 measurement description.pdf
          02:48 PM
09/01/2008
                         187,087 newcomb experiment.pdf
09/01/2008 02:48 PM
                           1,312 newcomb histogram.dat
          02:48 PM
                           1,436 newcomb histogram.py
09/01/2008
09/01/2008
          02:48 PM
                    1,232 newcomb histogram2.py
              6 File(s) 2,874,278 bytes
              2 Dir(s) 11,997,437,952 bytes free
```

Running Scripts in IPython



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```
# tab completion
In [10]: %run newcomb_hi
newcomb_histogram.dat newcomb_histogram.py
# execute a python file
In [11]: %run newcomb_histogram.py
```



IPython History



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HISTORY COMMAND

```
# list previous commands. Use
# 'magic' % because 'hist' is
# histogram function in pylab
In [3]: %hist
a=1
a
```

INPUT HISTORY

```
# list string from prompt[2]
In [4]: _i2
Out[4]: 'a\n'
```

OUTPUT HISTORY

```
# grab previous result
In [5]: _
Out[5]: 'a\n'

# grab result from prompt[2]
In [6]: _2
Out[6]: 1
```



The up and down arrows scroll through your ipython input history.

Reading Simple Tracebacks



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ERROR ADDING AN INTEGER TO A STRING

The "type" of error that occurred.

Short message about why it occurred.

ERROR TRYING TO ADD A NON-EXISTENT VARIABLE

```
# Again we fail when adding two variables, but note that the
# traceback tells us we have a completely different problem.
# In this case, our variable doesn't exist, so the operation fails.
In [10]: undefined_var + 1
...
NameError: name 'undefined var' is not defined
```

IPython Notebook: Share your results



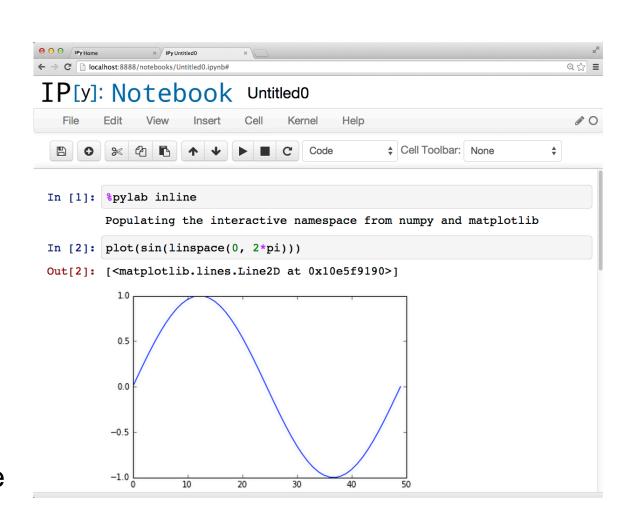
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One .ipynb file with:

- code
- results
- inline figures
- formatted text (including equations)
- titles
- etc

Easy to share results:

- results inline with code
- code is executable



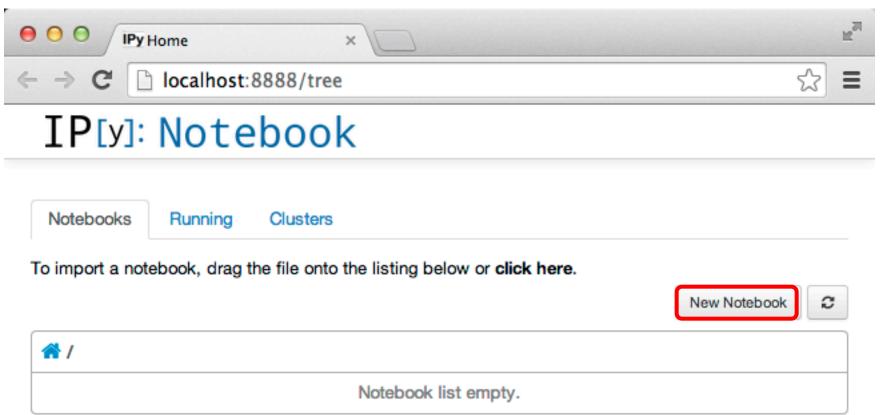
Creating a notebook from terminal log



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From a terminal/command prompt, start a notebook server that is viewed in your default web browser:

\$ ipython notebook



IPython notebook features



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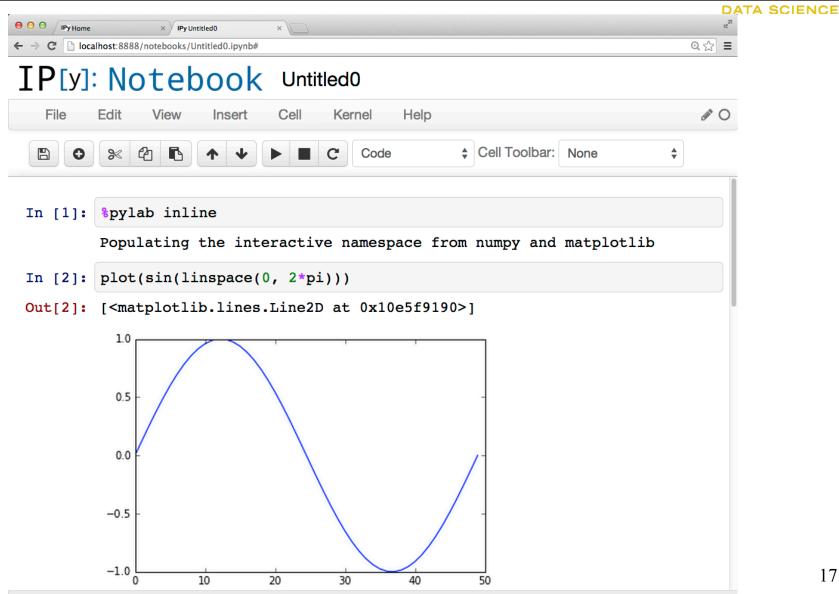
- Cells can group multiple commands. Execute cells with SHIFT-ENTER.
- 2. Make a cell a "Markdown" cell to create titles, control the font, ...
- Cells can be deleted, moved around, inserted AND executed in random order.
- 4. Insert images, webpages, LaTeX formulas, YouTube videos, ... using IPython.display objects or functions:

```
In [2]: from IPython.display import Latex Latex("\frac{a}^b f(x) dx")

Out[2]: \int_a^b f(x) dx
```

Inline figures in the notebook







Introduction to Python Software Craftsmanship

Software Engineering Quotes



Programs should be written for people to read, and only incidentally for machines to execute.

Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs
Harold Abelson and Gerald Sussman

Software Engineering Quotes



You need to have empathy not just for your users, but for your readers. It's in your interest, because you'll be one of them. Many a hacker has written a program only to find on returning to it six months later that he has no idea how it works.

Hackers and Painters
Paul Graham

Software Engineering Quotes



Debugging is twice as hard as writing the code in the first place. Therefore, if you write the code as cleverly as possible, you are, by definition, not smart enough to debug it.

Brian Kernighan co-author of "The C Programming Language"

Software Carpentry



Greg Wilson et. al., "Best Practices for Scientific Computing". http://arxiv.org/abs/1210.0530

An 11-page paper giving recommendations for improving productivity and software reliability for those developing scientific software.

Coding Modes



Python developers code in two modes:

Interactive Mode: Quick Iteration

Interactive Prompt and exploratory development.

Production Mode: Building for the Ages

Creating code that will be re-used by you or others.



Naming Variables

Goal: Read the code and understand without having to think

Typical Scientific Naming Convention Lo



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STRAIGHT FROM FFTPACK

```
SUBROUTINE CFFTB1 (N,C,CH,WA,IFAC)
     DIMENSION
                  CH(*), C(*), WA(*), IFAC(*)
     NF = IFAC(2)
     NA = 0
     T.1 = 1
     IW = 1
     DO 116 K1=1,NF
         IP = IFAC(K1+2)
        L2 = IP*L1
         IDO = N/L2
         IDOT = IDO+IDO
         IDL1 = IDOT*L1
         IF (IP .NE. 4) GO TO 103
         IX2 = IW + IDOT
         IX3 = IX2 + IDOT
         IF (NA .NE. 0) GO TO 101
        CALL PASSB4 (IDOT, L1, C, CH, WA(IW), WA(IX2), WA(IX3))
        GO TO 102
     <and on and on for 368 lines...>
```

Primary Naming Consideration



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A variable name should fully and accurately describe the entity and variable it represents.

POOR NAME CHOICES

```
# Update Cash Balance after stock trade.
c1 = n * ip
c2 = c1 + compute_tc(ins, n)
b -= c2
```

DESCRIPTIVE NAME CHOICES

Using extremely short names



LOOP INDICES I, J, and K

```
# This is ok.
for i in xrange(10):
    scores[i] = 0

# But this is better.
events = xrange(10)
for event in events:
    decathalon scores[event] = 0
```

Using *extremely* short names



INDUSTRY STANDARD VARIABLES IN "SMALL" CONTEXT

```
# Quick, what does each variable stand for?
y = a * sin(w*t + phi)
```

Using extremely short names



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INDUSTRY STANDARD VARIABLES IN "SMALL" CONTEXT

```
def sin wave(t, a=1, w=2*pi, phi=0):
    11 11 11
    Return a sin wave form for time t.
    Inputs
    t: time in seconds
    a: amplitude scale factor
    w: frequency in radians/second
    phi: phase shift in radians
    Returns
    y: sin wave output
    11 11 11
    y = a * sin(w*t + phi)
    return y
```

Bad Code Comments



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REPEATING THE CODE

Comments that just repeat what's in the code are pretty much useless.

```
# Check if the printer is ready.
if printer_status == 'ready':
    document.print()
```

INCORRECT COMMENTS

This comment is not even accurate. It likely got out of sync with the code when the bank implemented a minimum balance policy and the comment wasn't updated.

```
# Flag withdrawals that cause
# customer balance to become
# negative.
new_balance = balance - withdrawal
if new_balance < min_allowed_balance:
    success = False</pre>
```

Better Code Comments



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SUMMARY COMMENTS

Summarizing a few lines with a description of the code's intent is useful.

```
# Solve the dense linear system
# ZI=V for the currents I, given
# the impedance matrix Z and the
# driving voltage V.
lu_matrix, pivot = lu_factor(Z)
I = lu_solve((lu_matrix, pivot), V)
```

FIXME COMMENTS

Flag design decisions and trade-offs that others should be aware of when editing code in the future.

```
# FIXME: Sales tax hard coded to
# 8.25%. This should be passed in
# or looked up with a function
# call.
price_total = price * (1.0825)
```

Comments in production Python code



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PERCENTAGE OF PYTHON SOURCE LINES THAT ARE COMMENT LINES

<u>Project</u>	<u>Comments</u>
numpy	40.4%
scipy	37.2%
pandas	20.5%
matplotlib	27.8%
ipython	32.1%
traits	39.2%
chaco	27.4%

^{*} As determined by cloc: http://cloc.sourceforge.net on master versions as of 2014-12-17.

Python Coding Standard



The Python Coding Standard is defined in Python Enhancement Proposal 8* (PEP-8).

^{* &}lt;a href="http://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/">http://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/



Testing Code

Test Driven Development



Overarching Concept:

Write tests as you write your code

Test Driven Development



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TEST

```
# test_fancy_math.py
from nose.tools import assert_almost_equal
from fancy_math import slope

def test_slope():
    pt1 = [0.0, 0.0]
    pt2 = [1.0, 2.0]
    s = slope(pt1, pt2)
    assert_almost_equal(s, 2)
pt_(x2, y2)

pt2 (x2, y2)

dy

slope = dy/dx
```

FANCY_MATH

```
# Simplest function that passes, tests...
def slope(pt1, pt2):
    return 2
```

TDD Rationale



Build only the features you need. (YAGNI Principle – you ain't gonna need it)

All the features are tested.

You are the first consumer of your API. (Helps in design process)

Discovering tests: nosetests



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FROM THE TERMINAL

```
$ 1s fancy package/
fancy math.py fancy physics.py tests/
$ ls fancy package/tests/
test fancy math.py test fancy physics.py
$ nosetests -v
test fancy math solution.test slope float ... ok
Integer division has the potential to break the slope function. ...
ok
Test for infinite slope function. ... ok
Ran 3 tests in 0.095s
OK
```

Using Unittest Framework



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TESTS EMBEDDED IN CLASSES

```
# Test cases:
    - each method is a unit test
#
    - found by nosetests as well
from unittest import TestCase
from fancy_math import slope
class TestModule(TestCase):
    def test slope(self):
        pt1 = [0.0, 0.0]
        pt2 = [1.0, 2.0]
        s = slope(pt1, pt2)
        self.assertAlmostEqual(s, 2)
```



Timing and Profiling Code

Ways to time execution



Timing inside the code (Good)

- the time module from std lib
- Timing in ipython (Better):
- %timeit "magic command"
- t option of 'run' (optionally –N also)
- Profiling the code (Best):
- cProfile or line_profiler package

Timing in Python



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USE TIME PACKAGE

```
import time
from numpy.random import randn
from numpy import linspace, pi, exp, sin
from scipy.optimize import leastsq
def func(x,A,a,f,phi):
    return A*exp(-a*sin(f*x+phi))
def errfunc(params, x, data):
    return func(x, *params) - data
start = time.time()
params0 = [1,1,1,1]
x = linspace(0, 2*pi, 25)
ptrue = [3,2,1,pi/4]
true = func(x, *ptrue)
noisy = true + 0.3*randn(len(x))
pmin,ierr = leastsq(errfunc, params0,
                    args=(x, noisy))
print('Total: %f s' %(time.time()-start))
```

USE IPYTHON TOOLS

```
# For a script
>>> run -t [-N10] test.py
IPython CPU timings (estimated):
  User : 1.10 s.
  System: 0.00 \text{ s}.
Wall time:
                1.11 s.
# For operations/function call
>>> import numpy as np
>>> a = np.arange(1000)
>>> %timeit a**2
100000 loops, best of 3: 3.26 µs
per loop
>>> %timeit a**2.1
10000 loops, best of 3: 66.7 µs
per loop
>>> %timeit a*a
100000 loops, best of 3: 2.29 µs
per loop
                               42
```

Profiling with cProfile



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cProfile (and its pure python version, profile) are profiling tools in the standard library.

WORKFLOW

The cProfile workflow has two main steps:

- 1. Run the code to be profiled via the cProfile's run() (or runctx()) function. This counts and times function calls, and generates a profiling dataset.
- 2. Process and display the profile data. In the simplest case (e.g. cProfile.run('foo()')), a predefined report is generated and printed. For finer control, you can save the raw data to a file and process it using the pstats module.

These 2 steps can be executed automatically using the IPython %run -p magic command.

Automatic method



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The most convenient way to profile a script execution at the function level is to use the -p option of %run from within IPython:

>>> %run -p solve-sudoku.py easy-sudoku.txt

```
5752950 function calls (3568633 primitive calls) in 4.022 seconds
```

Ordered by: internal time

ncalls	tottime	percall	cumtime	<pre>percall filename:lineno(function)</pre>
1006113/52612	2.336	0.000	3.762	0.000 solve-sudoku.py:94(eliminate)
964245/255618	0.542	0.000	3.218	0.000 solve-sudoku.py:102(<genexpr>)</genexpr>
206977/14262	0.247	0.000	3.850	0.000 {all}
2575327	0.242	0.000	0.242	0.000 {len}
151887/12264	0.186	0.000	3.850	0.000 solve-sudoku.py:87(assign)
457535	0.175	0.000	0.175	0.000 {method 'replace' of 'str' objects}
246847/64876	0.149	0.000	3.812	0.000 solve-sudoku.py:89(<genexpr>)</genexpr>
75832	0.054	0.000	0.072	0.000 solve-sudoku.py:158(<genexpr>)</genexpr>
1633	0.020	0.000	0.092	0.000 {min}
366	0.014	0.000	2.199	0.006 solve-sudoku.py:129(initialize)
41810	0.013	0.000	0.016	0.000 solve-sudoku.py:117(<genexpr>)</genexpr>
4496/793	0.008	0.000	1.781	0.002 solve-sudoku.py:159(<genexpr>)</genexpr>
[]				

time in this function only

time in this function

+ all called functions

Controlled method



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EXAMPLE

```
>>> import time
>>> def func(n):
       if n < 0:
           return
      time.sleep(0.1*n)
       func(n-1)
       return
>>> import cProfile
>>> cProfile.run('func(3)')
        11 function calls (7 primitive calls) in 0.601 seconds
  Ordered by: standard name
  ncalls
                           cumtime
                                   percall filename: lineno (function)
         tottime
                  percall
                 0.000
     5/1
         0.000
                             0.601
                                     0.601 <stdin>:1(func)
         0.000 0.000 0.601
                                     0.601 <string>:1(<module>)
       1 0.000 0.000 0.000
                                     0.000 {method 'disable' of ...
       4
            0.600 0.150 0.600
                                     0.150 {time.sleep}
```

Profiling with cProfile



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OUTPUT TABLE COLUMNS

ncalls The number of calls. Counts of the form N/M indicate N actual calls

(including recursive calls), and M 'primitive' (nonrecursive) calls.

tottime The total time spent in the given function (and excluding time made in

calls to sub-functions).

percall The quotient of tottime divided by ncalls.

cumtime The total time spent in this and all subfunctions (from invocation until

exit). This figure is accurate even for recursive functions.

percall The quotient of **cumtime** divided by primitive calls.

filename:lineno(function)

Provides the respective data of each function.

line_profiler and kernprof



line profiler and kernprof are profiling tools developed by Robert Kern.

- line_profiler is a module for doing line-by-line profiling of functions.
- kernprof is a convenient script for running either line_profiler or the standard library's cProfile module.

INSTALLATION

\$ easy_install line_profiler

TYPICAL WORKFLOW

- 1. Decorate the functions to be profiled with @profile.
- 2. Run your script using **kernprof.py** with the **-1** option. For example,
 - \$ kernprof.py -l script_to_profile.py
- 3. Run the line profiler module to display the results. For example,
 - \$ python -m line profiler script.to profile.py.lprof
- 4. Adjust your code, and repeat steps 2-4.
- 5. Remove the @profile decorators.

line_profiler example



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http_search.py

```
import re
PATTERN = r''https?: ///[/w/-]+(/.[/w/-]+)+([/w/-]+)
\., @?^=%&:/~\+#]*[\w\-\@?^=%&/~\+#])?"
@profile
def scan for http(f):
    addresses = []
    for line in f:
        result = re.search(PATTERN, line)
        if result:
            addresses.append(result.group(0))
    return addresses
if name == " main ":
    import sys
    f = open(sys.argv[1], 'r')
    addresses = scan for http(f)
    for address in addresses:
       print(address)
```

See demo/profiling directory for code.

line profiler example



Run kernprof.py and line_profiler

```
$ kernprof.py -1 http search.py sample.html
http://sphinx.pocoo.org/
Wrote profile results to http search.py.lprof
$ python -m line profiler http search.py.lprof
Timer unit: 1e-06 s
```

File: http search.py

Function: scan for http at line 6

Total time: 0.016079 s

Line	#	Hits 	Time	Per	Hit	% Time	Line Contents
	6						@profile
	7						<pre>def scan_for_http(f):</pre>
	8	1	3		3.0	0.0	addresses = []
	9	1350	2080	_	1.5	12.9	for line in f:
1	L O	1349	12417		9.2	77.2	result = re.search(PATTERN, line)
1	1	1349	1513	_	1.1	9.4	if result:
1	. 2	39	65		1.7	0.4	<pre>addresses.append(result.group(0))</pre>
1	L3	1	1		1.0	0.0	return addresses

line_profiler example



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http_search2.py

```
import re
PATTERN = r''https?: ///[/w/-]+(/.[/w/-]+)+([/w/-]+)
\., @?^=%&:/~\+#]*[\w\-\@?^=%&/~\+#])?"
@profile
def scan for http(f):
    addresses = []
   pat = re.compile(PATTERN)
    for line in f:
        result = pat.search(line)
        if result:
            addresses.append(result.group(0))
    return addresses
if
  name == " main ":
    import sys
    f = open(sys.argv[1], 'r')
    addresses = scan for http(f)
    for address in addresses:
       print(address)
```

line_profiler example



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RUN kernprof.py AND line_profiler ON THE MODIFIED FILE

```
$ kernprof.py -l http_search2.py sample.html
...
Wrote profile results to http_search2.py.lprof
$ python -m line_profiler http_search2.py.lprof
```

Timer unit: 1e-06 s

File: http_search2.py

Function: scan_for_http at line 6

Total time: 0.00911 s

Line	#	Hits	Time	Per Hit	% Time	Line Contents
	6 6					@profile
	7					<pre>def scan_for_http(f):</pre>
	8	1	3	3.0	0.0	addresses = []
	9	1	3117	3117.0	34.2	<pre>pat = re.compile(PATTERN)</pre>
1	10	1350	1995	1.5	21.9	for line in f:
1	11	1349	2507	1.9	27.5	result = pat.search(line)
1	12	1349	1415	1.0	15.5	if result:
1	13	39	72	1.8	0.8	<pre>addresses.append(result.group(0))</pre>
1	14	1	1	1.0	0.0	return addresses



pdb The Python debugger

What is pdb?



pdb is part of the standard library.

pdb, like Python, is interactive and interpreted, allowing for the execution of arbitrary Python code in the context of any stack frame.

pdb can debug a "post-mortem" condition, and can also be called under program control.

ipdb (not in std lib) is similar but includes tab completion and syntax highlighting.

Starting pdb



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- Run the script from the command line under debugger control
 C:\> python -m pdb script.py [arg ...]
- Call a function from the pdb module in an IPython session:

```
>>> pdb.run(statement)
Execute the statement (given as a string) under debugger control
>>> pdb.runcall(function[, argument, ...])
Call the function (not a string) with the given arguments under debugger control
>>> pdb.pm()
Start the debugger at the point of the last exception
```

 Hard-code a breakpoint inside a script or a module: import pdb; pdb.set trace()

pdb commands



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- pdb runs as an interactive session having a specific set of commands.
- Some of the more common pdb commands:

(Pdb) h(help)[command]

One of the most important! Lists all the commands available, or help on a specific command.

(Pdb) u(p) / d(own)

Pop up or push down the execution stack.

(Pdb) b(reak)[[filename:]lineno | function[, condition]]

Set a breakpoint at a specific file/line or function and optionally if a specific condition is met. If no args are given, list all the breakpoints & their numbers.

(Pdb) s(tep) / n(ext)

Execute the current line only. **step** will push into a function call and **next** will execute the function call and move to the next statement in the current function.

(Pdb) a(rgs)

Print the args for the current function.

pdb commands



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(Pdb) I(ist) [first[, last]]

List the source code at the point of execution. Args **first** and **last** set a range for the number of lines printed. No args prints 11 lines around the current line, if only **first**, prints 11 lines around that line.

(Pdb) j(ump) lineno

Jump to a line in the bottom-most frame only and execute from there. Not all jumps are possible!

(Pdb) p / pp [expression]

Print or "pretty print" **expression** in the context of the current frame.

(Pdb) a(lias) [name [command]]

Create an alias for **command** named **name**, or list all aliases.

Here are two useful aliases (especially when placed in a .pdbrc file):

```
#print all instance variables (usage "pi classInst")
alias pi for k in %1.__dict__.keys(): print "%1.",k,"=",%1.__dict__[k]
#print instance variables in self
alias ps pi self
```

IPython and pdb



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ipython can call pdb automatically upon error

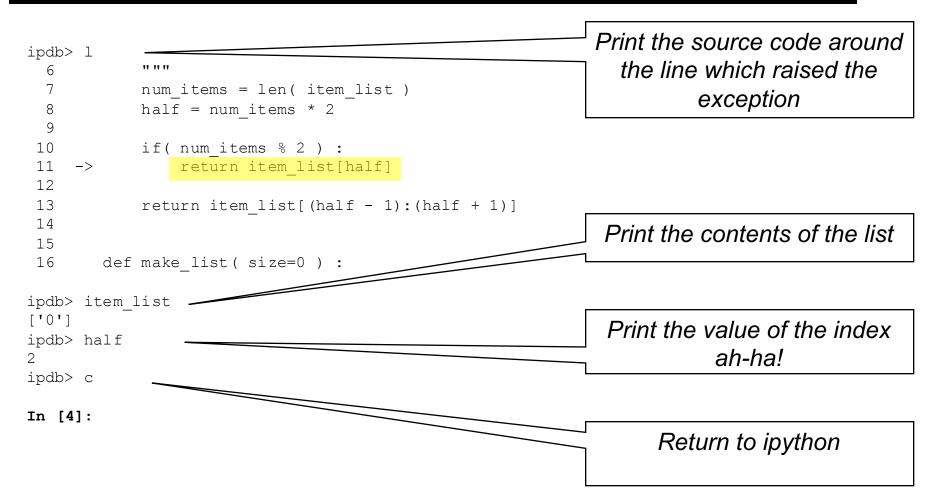
```
In [1]: pdb
Automatic pdb calling has been turned ON
In [2]: import middle
In [3]: middle.run()
IndexError
                                           Traceback (most recent call last)
Z:\projects\Training\pdb\<console>
Z:\projects\Training\pdb\middle.py in run()
     31
     32
            for i in range( 1, 11 ):
     33
                l = make list( i )
                print "The middle item(s) in %s\n\tis/are %s\n" % (1, get middle( 1 ))
---> 34
     35
Z:\projects\Training\pdb\middle.py in get middle(item list)
            if ( num items % 2 ):
     10
                return item list[half]
---> 11
     12
     13
            return item list[(half - 1):(half + 1)]
IndexError: list index out of range
> z:\projects\training\pdb\middle.py(11)get middle()
-> return item list[half]
```

Example session



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DEBUGGING FROM ORIGIN OF EXCEPTION



Example session



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DEBUGGING MIDDLE.PY FROM THE START

```
>>> import pdb
>>> import middle
>>> pdb.runcall( middle.run )
                                                               We know make_list is ok, so
> z:\projects\pgtraining\pdb\middle.py(32)run()
-> for i in range (1, 11):
                                                                   skip over it with "next"
(Pdb) s
> z:\projects\pgtraining\pdb\middle.pv/
-> l = make list( i )
(Pdb) n
> z:\projects\pgtraining\pdb\middle.py(34)run()
-> print "The middle item(s) in %s\n\tis/are %s\n" % (1, get middle( 1 ))
(Pdb) s
--Call--
                                                                 Continue to execute lines
> z:\projects\pgtraining\pdb\middle.py(2) get middle()
-> def get middle ( item list ) :
                                                                  until we see something
(Pdb) s _____
                                                                         suspicious
> z:\projects\pgtraining\pdb\middle.py(11)get middle()
-> return item list[half]
(Pdb) item list
['0']
(Pdb) half
```

Print the contents of the list

Print the value of the index ah-ha!

Other debugging tools



- ipdb (not in std lib) offers the same functionalities as pdb (set_trace allowing to march through execution) but allow more interactive exploration thanks to the tab completion like in ipython. BUT still only allow 1 line evaluations.
- To do more exploration at a given point in an application, IPython can be invoked, with its embed function:

```
from IPython import embed; embed()
```

It starts a normal ipython session with the namespace populated from the namespace of your application at the break point. To exit, ctrl-d.



DAY 2



Introduction to Python Data types

Outline



- Data types:
 - Numerical types: int, long, float, complex
 - Booleans
 - Strings
 - Lists and tuples
 - Dictionaries and sets
 - Things to know about efficiency

Interactive Calculator



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```
# adding two values
>>> 1 + 1
# setting a variable
>>> a = 1
>>> a
# checking a variable's type
>>> type(a)
<type 'int'>
# an arbitrarily long integer
>>> a = 12345678901234567890
>>> a
12345678901234567890L
>>> type(a)
<type 'long'>
# Remove 'a' from the 'namespace'
>>> del a
>>> a
NameError: name 'a' is not
defined
```

The four numeric types in Python on 64-bit architectures are:



The NumPy library, which we will see later, supports a larger number of numeric types_{6.4}

More Interactive Calculation



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ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS

```
>>> 1+2-(3*4/6)**5+(7%5)
-27
```

SIMPLE MATH FUNCTIONS

```
>>> abs(-3)
3
>>> max(0, min(10, -1, 4, 3))
0
>>> round(2.718281828)
3.0
```

OVERWRITING FUNCTIONS

```
# don't do this
>>> max = 100

# ...some time later...
>>> x = max(4, 5)
TypeError: 'int' object is not
callable
```

TYPE CONVERSION

```
>>> int(2.718281828)
2
>>> float(2)
2.0
>>> 1+2.0
3.0
```

IN-PLACE OPERATIONS

```
>>> b = 2.5
>>> b += 0.5  # b = b + 0.5
>>> b
3.0
# Also -=, *=, /=, etc.
```

Logical expressions, bool data type logit

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COMPARISON OPERATORS

```
# <, >, <=, >=, !=
>>> 1 >= 2
False
>>> 1 + 1 == 2
True
>>> 2**3 != 3**2
True
# Chained comparisons
>>> 1 < 10 < 100
True</pre>
```

bool DATA TYPE

```
>>> q = 1 > 0
>>> q
True
>>> type(q)
<type 'bool'>
```

and OPERATOR

```
>>> 1 > 0 and 5 == 5
True
# If first operand is false,
# the second is not evaluated.
>>> 1 < 0 and max(0,1,2) > 1
False
```

or **OPERATOR**

```
>>> a = 50
>>> a < 10 or a > 90
False
# If first operand is true,
# the second is not evaluated.
>>> a = 0
>>> a < 10 or a > 90
True
```

not OPERATOR

```
>>> not 10 <= a <= 90 True
```

Strings



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CREATING STRINGS

```
# using double quotes
>>> s = "hello world"
>>> print s
hello world
# single quotes also work
>>> s = 'hello world'
>>> print s
hello world
```

STRING OPERATIONS

```
# concatenating two strings
>>> "hello " + "world"
'hello world'

# repeating a string
>>> "hello " * 3
'hello hello hello '
```

STRING LENGTH

```
>>> s = "12345"
>>> len(s)
```

SPLIT/JOIN STRINGS

```
# split space-delimited words
>>> s = "hello world"
>>> wrd_lst = s.split()
>>> print wrd_lst
['hello', 'world']

# join words back together
# with a space in between
>>> space = ' '
>>> space.join(wrd_lst)
'hello world'
```

Multi-line Strings



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TRIPLE QUOTES

```
# Strings in triple quotes retain line breaks
>>> a = """hello
... world"""
>>> print a
hello
world
```

NEW LINE CHARACTER

```
# Including a newline character
>>> a = "hello\nworld"
>>> print a
hello
world
```

A few string methods and functions



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REPLACING TEXT

```
>>> s = "hello world"
>>> s.replace('world','logit')
'hello logit'
```

CONVERT TO UPPER CASE

```
>>> s.upper()
'HELLO WORLD'
```

REMOVE WHITESPACE

```
>>> s = "\t hello \n"
>>> s.strip()
'hello'
```

NUMBERS TO STRINGS

STRINGS TO NUMBERS

```
>>> int('23')
23
>>> int('FF', 16)
255
>>> float('23')
23.0
```

String Formatting



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The format() method replaces any *replacement fields* in the string with the values given as arguments.

String Formatting – Format spec logit

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The optional format specification is used to control how the values are displayed. (See Appendix for details.)

String Formatting – Format spec logit



>>> 'price: \${0:=-7.2f}'.format(3.4)

'price: \$ 3.40'

The *format spec* is a sequence of characters including:

- the *alignment* option,
- the *sign* option,
- the width (and .precision) option
- the *type code*.

ALIGNMENT OPTION

Char Meaning

- Left aligned. <
- Rightaligned. >
- (For numeric types only.) Pad after the sign but before the digits (e.g. +000000120).
- Center within the available space. Λ

If an alignment character is given, it may be preceded by a fill character.

SIGN OPTION

For numbers only.

Char Meaning

- Include a sign for positive and negative number.
- Indicate sign for negative numbers only (default)

Include a leading space for positive numbers. space

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STRING TYPE CODES

Type Meaning

String. This is the default, and may be omitted.

INTEGER TYPE CODES

Type Meaning

- Binary format. b
- Character: converts int to unicode char. С
- Decimal integer (base 10). d
- Octal (base 8). 0
- Hex (base 16), lower case. Χ
- Χ Hex (base 16), upper case.
- Number; same as 'd', but uses current locale.

None Same as 'd'.

FLOATING POINT TYPE CODES

Type Meaning

- Scientific notation.
- Scientific notation, with upper case 'E'.
- Fixed point.
- Fixed point; same as 'f'. F
- General format. g
- G General format; same as 'g', with upper case 'E' when necessary.
- Number; same as 'g', but uses current locale. n
- Percentage. Multiplies by 100 and displays with 'f', followed by a percent sign.

None Same as 'g'.

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String Formatting with %



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FORMAT OPERATOR %

```
# the % operator formats values
# to strings using C conventions.
>>> s = "some numbers:"
>>> x = 1.34
>>> y = 2
>>> t = "%s %f, %d" % (s,x,y)
>>> print t
some numbers: 1.340000, 2
>>> y = -2.1
>>> print "%f\n%f" % (x,y)
1.340000
-2.100000
>>> print "% f\n% f" % (x,y)
 1.340000
-2.100000
>>> print "%4.2f" % x
1.34
```

CONVERSION CODES

Conversion	Meaning
d or i	Signed integer decimal
0	Unsigned octal
u	Unsigned decimal
X	Unsigned hexadecimal (lowercase)
X	Unsigned hexadecimal (uppercase)
е	Floating point exponential format (lowercase)
E	Floating point exponential format (uppercase
Forf	Floating point decimal format
G or g	Floating point format or exponential
С	Single character
r	Converts object using repr()
S	Converts object using str()

CONVERSION FLAGS

Maaning

ııay	Meaning						
0	The conversion will be zero padded for						
numeric values.							
_	The converted value is left adjusted (overrides						

the "0" conversion if both are given).
<space> (a space) A blank should be left before a positive number (or empty string) produced by

a signed conversion.

Flag

+ A sign character ("+" or "-") will precede the conversion (overrides a "space" flag).

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List objects



LIST CREATION WITH BRACKETS

```
>>> a = [10,11,12,13,14]
>>> print a
[10, 11, 12, 13, 14]
```

CONCATENATING LIST

```
# simply use the + operator
>>> [10, 11] + [12, 13]
[10, 11, 12, 13]
```

REPEATING ELEMENTS IN LISTS

```
# the multiply operator
# does the trick
>>> [10, 11] * 3
[10, 11, 10, 11, 10, 11]
```

range(start, stop, step)

```
# the range function is helpful
# for creating a sequence
>>> range(5)
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]

>>> range(2,7)
[2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

>>> range(2,7,2)
[2, 4, 6]
```

Indexing



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RETRIEVING AN ELEMENT

```
# list
# indices: 0 1 2 3 4
>>> a = [10,11,12,13,14]
>>> a[0]
10
```

SETTING AN ELEMENT

```
>>> a[1] = 21
>>> print a
[10, 21, 12, 13, 14]
```

OUT OF BOUNDS

```
>>> a[10]
Traceback (innermost last):
File "<interactive input>",line 1,in ?
IndexError: list index out of range
```

NEGATIVE INDICES



The first element in an array has index=0 as in C. *Take note Matlab and Fortran programmers!*

More on list objects



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LIST CONTAINING MULTIPLE TYPES

```
# list containing integer,
# string, and another list
>>> a = [10,'eleven',[12,13]]
>>> a[1]
'eleven'
>>> a[2]
[12, 13]
# use multiple indices to
# retrieve elements from
# nested lists
>>> a[2][0]
12
```

LENGTH OF A LIST

>>> len(a)

DELETING OBJECT FROM LIST

```
# use the <u>del</u> keyword
>>> del a[2]
>>> a
[10,'eleven']
```

DOES THE LIST CONTAIN x?

```
# use <u>in</u> or <u>not in</u>
>>> a = [10,11,12,13,14]
>>> 13 in a
True
>>> 13 not in a
False
```

Common methods for lists



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some_list.append(x)

Add the element x to the end of the list some_list.

some_list.count(x)

Count the number of times x occurs in the list.

some_list.extend(sequence)

Concatenate sequence onto this list.

some_list.index(x)

Return the index of the first occurrence of x in the list.

some_list.insert(index, x)

Insert x before the specified index.

some_list.pop(index)

Return the element at the specified index. Also, remove it from the list.

some_list.remove(x)

Delete the first occurrence of x from the list.

some_list.reverse()

Reverse the order of elements in the list.

some_list.sort(key)

By default, sort the elements in ascending order. If a key function is given, apply it to each element to determine the value for sorting.

Slicing



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var[lower:upper:step]

Extracts a portion of a sequence by specifying a lower and upper bound. The lower-bound element is included, but the upper-bound element is not included. Mathematically: [lower, upper). The step value specifies the stride between elements.

SLICING LISTS

```
# indices:
    -5 -4 -3 -2 -1
    0 1 2 3 4
>>> a = [10, 11, 12, 13, 14]
# [10,11,12,13,14]
>>> a[1:3]
[11, 12]
# negative indices work also
>>> a[1:-2]
[11, 12]
>>> a[-4:3]
[11, 12]
```

OMITTING INDICES

```
# omitted boundaries are
# assumed to be the beginning
# (or end) of the list
# grab first three elements
>>> a[:3]
[10, 11, 12]
# grab last two elements
>>> a[-2:1
[13, 14]
# every other element
>>> a[::2]
[10, 12, 14]
```

Lists in action

>>> a = [10,21,23,11,24]



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```
# add an element to the list
>>> a.append(11)
>>> print a
[10, 21, 23, 11, 24, 11]
# how many 11s are there?
>>> a.count(11)
# extend with another list
>>> a.extend([5,4])
>>> print a
[10, 21, 23, 11, 24, 11, 5, 4]
# where does 11 first occur?
>>> a.index(11)
3
# insert 100 at index 2?
>>> a.insert(2, 100)
>>> print a
[10, 21, 100, 23, 11, 24, 11, 5, 4]
```

```
# pop the item at index=3
>>> a.pop(3)
2.3
# remove the first 11
>>> a.remove(11)
>>> print a
[10, 21, 100, 24, 11, 5, 4]
# sort the list (in-place)
# Note: use sorted(a) to
        return a new list.
>>> a.sort()
>>> print a
[4,5,10,11,21,24,100]
# reverse the list
>>> a.reverse()
>>> print a
[100,24,21,11,10,5,4]
```

Mutable vs. Immutable



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MUTABLE OBJECTS

```
# Mutable objects, such as
# lists, can be changed
# in place.

# insert new values into list
>>> a = [10,11,12,13,14]
>>> a[1:3] = [5,6]
>>> print a
[10, 5, 6, 13, 14]
```

IMMUTABLE OBJECTS

```
# Immutable objects, such as
# integers and strings,
# cannot be changed in place.
# try inserting values into
# a string
>>> s = 'abcde'
>>> s[1:3] = 'xy'
Traceback (innermost last):
File "<interactive input>", line 1, in ?
TypeError: object doesn't support
         slice assignment
# here's how to do it
>>> s = s[:1] + 'xy' + s[3:]
>>> print s
'axyde'
```

Tuple – Immutable Sequence



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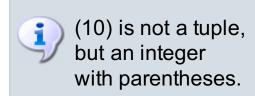
TUPLE CREATION

```
>>> a = (10,11,12,13,14)
>>> print a
(10, 11, 12, 13, 14)
```

PARENTHESES ARE OPTIONAL

```
>>> a = 10,11,12,13,14
>>> print a
(10, 11, 12, 13, 14)
```

LENGTH-1 TUPLE



TUPLES ARE IMMUTABLE

```
# create a list
>>> a = range(10,15)
[10, 11, 12, 13, 14]

# cast the list to a tuple
>>> b = tuple(a)
>>> print b
(10, 11, 12, 13, 14)

# try inserting a value
>>> b[3] = 23
TypeError: 'tuple' object doesn't
support item assignment

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```

Tuple (un)packing



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(UN)PACKING TUPLES

```
# Creating a tuple without ()
>>> d = 1, 2, 3
>>> d
(1, 2, 3)
# Multiple assignments from a
# tuple
>>> a, b, c = d
>>> print b
# Multiple assignments
>>> a, b, c = 1, 2, 3
>>> print b
```

WHY IS IT USEFUL?

We will see later on that this feature is very common in Python code, e.g.:

Dictionaries



Dictionaries store *key/value* pairs. Indexing a dictionary by a *key* returns the *value* associated with it. The *key* must be immutable.

DICTIONARY EXAMPLE

```
# Create an empty dictionary using curly brackets.
>>> record = {}
# Each indexed assignment creates a new key/value pair.
>>> record['first'] = 'Ralf'
>>> record['last'] = 'Emmerson'
>>> record['born'] = 1803
>>> print record
{'first': 'Ralf', 'born': 1803, 'last': 'Emmerson'}
# Create another dictionary with initial entries.
>>> new record = {'first': 'Ralph', 'middle':'Waldo'}
# Now update the first dictionary with values from the new one.
>>> record.update(new record)
>>> print record
{'first': 'Ralph', 'middle': 'Waldo', 'last': 'Emmerson',
'born': 1803}
                                                               83
```

Accessing and deleting keys and values



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ACCESS USING INDEX NOTATION

```
>>> print record['first']
Ralph
```

ACCESS WITH get(key, default)

The get() method returns the value associated with a key; the optional second argument is the return value if the key is not in the dictionary.

```
>>> record.get('born',0)
1803
>>> record.get('home', 'TBD')
'TBD'
>>> record['home']
KeyError: ...
```

REMOVE AN ENTRY WITH DEL

```
>>> del record['middle']
>>> record
{'born': 1803, 'first':
'Ralph', 'last': 'Emmerson'}
```

REMOVE WITH pop(key, default)

pop() removes the key from the dictionary and returns the value; the optional second argument is the return value if the key is not in the dictionary.

```
>>> record.pop('born', 0)
1803
>>> record
{'first': 'Ralph', 'last':
'Emmerson'}
>>> record.pop('born', 0)
0
```

Dictionaries in action



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```
# dict of animals:count pairs
>>> cargo = { 'cows': 1,
             'dogs': 5,
             'cats': 3}
# test for chickens
>>> 'chickens' in cargo
False
# get a list of all keys
>>> cargo.keys()
['cats','dogs','cows']
# get a list of all values
>>> cargo.values()
[3, 5, 1]
```

```
# return key/value tuples
>>> cargo.items()
[('cats', 3), ('dogs', 5),
 ('cows', 1)]
# How many cats?
>>> cargo['cats']
3
# Change the number of cats.
>>> cargo['cats'] = 10
>>> cargo['cats']
10
# Add some horses.
>>> cargo['horses'] = 5
>>> cargo['horses']
5
```

Common methods for dictionaries lo



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some_dict.clear()

Remove all key/value pairs from the dictionary, some_dict.

some_dict.copy()

Create a copy of the dictionary

x in some_dict

Test whether the dictionary contains the key x.

some_dict.keys()

Return a list of all the keys in the dictionary.

some_dict.values()

Return a list of all the values in the dictionary.

some_dict.items()

Return a list of all the key/value pairs in the dictionary.

Set objects



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DEFINITION

A set is an *unordered* collection of *unique*, *immutable* objects.

CONSTRUCTION

```
# an empty set
>>> s = set()
# convert a sequence to set
>>> t = set([1,2,3,1])
# note removal of duplicates
>>> t
set([1, 2, 3])
```

ADD/REMOVE ELEMENTS

```
>>> t.add(5)
>>> t
set([1, 2, 3, 5])
>>> t.update([5,6,7])
>>> t
set([1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7])
```

REMOVE ELEMENTS

>>> t.remove(1) set([2, 3, 5, 6, 7])

SET OPERATIONS

>>> a = set([1,2,3,4]) A B
>>> b = set([3,4,5,6])

>>> a.union(b)
set([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6])

>>> a.intersection(b)
set([3, 4])



>>> a.difference(b)
set([1, 2])



>>> a.symmetric_difference(b)

set([1, 2, 5, 6])



Selecting a data type



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Selecting the appropriate data type is important

	insert	remove	find	ordered
list	linear	linear	linear	√
set	constant	constant	constant	X
dict	constant	constant	constant	Х

Typical usages for each data type:

- Lists: Represent ordered collections of items, stacks, and queues [1]
- Sets: Represent collections of unique, unordered items
- Dicts: Represent registries, caches, mappings in general



Introduction to Python Control statements

Outline



- If statements
- While loops
- For loops
 - List comprehensions
 - Looping patterns

If statements



if/elif/else provides conditional execution of code blocks.

IF STATEMENT FORMAT

```
if <condition>:
    <statement 1>
    <statement 2>
elif <condition>:
    <statements>
else:
    <statements>
```

IF EXAMPLE

```
# a simple if statement
>>> x = 10
>>> if x > 0:
... Print 'Foo!'
\dots print 'x > 0'
\dots elif x == 0:
... print 'x is 0'
... else:
       print 'x is negative'
... < hit return >
Foo!
x > 0
```

Test Values



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- zero, None, "", and empty objects are treated as False.
- All other objects are treated as True.

EMPTY OBJECTS

```
# empty objects test as false
>>> x = []
>>> if x:
... print 1
... else:
... print 0
... < hit return >
0
```

It often pays to be explicit. If you are testing for an empty list, then test for:

if len(x):

This is clearer to future readers of your code. It also can avoid bugs where x==None may be passed in and unexpectedly go down this path.

While loops



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while loops iterate until a condition is met

```
while <condition>:
     <statements>
```

WHILE LOOP

```
# the condition tested is
# whether lst is empty
>>> lst = range(3)
>>> while lst:
... print lst
... lst = lst[1:]
... < hit return >
[0, 1, 2]
[1, 2]
[2]
```

BREAKING OUT OF A LOOP

```
# breaking from an infinite
# loop
>>> i = 0
>>> while True:
... if i < 3:
... print i,
... else:
... break
... i = i + 1
... < hit return >
0 1 2
```

For loops



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for loops iterate over a sequence of objects

```
for <loop_var> in <sequence>:
     <statements>
```

TYPICAL SCENARIO

```
>>> for item in range(5):
...    print item,
... < hit return >
0 1 2 3 4

# For a large range, xrange()
# is faster and more memory
# efficient.
>>> for item in xrange(10**6):
...    print item,
... < hit return >
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 ...
```

LOOPING OVER A STRING

```
>>> for item in 'abcde':
... print item,
... < hit return >
a b c d e
```

LOOPING OVER A SEQUENCE

```
>>> animals=('dogs','cats')
>>> accum = ''
>>> for animal in animals:
... accum += animal + ' '
... < hit return >
>>> print accum
dogs cats
```

List Comprehension



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LIST TRANSFORM WITH LOOP

```
# element by element transform of
# a list by applying an
# expression to each element
>>> a = [10,21,23,11,24]
>>> results=[]
>>> for val in a:
... results.append(val+1)
>>> results
[11, 22, 24, 12, 25]
```

FILTER-TRANSFORM WITH LOOP

```
# transform only elements that
# meet a criteria
>>> a = [10,21,23,11,24]
>>> results=[]
>>> for val in a:
... if val>15:
... results.append(val+1)
>>> results
[22, 24, 25]
```

LIST COMPREHENSION

```
# list comprehensions provide
# a concise syntax for this sort
# of element by element
# transformation
>>> a = [10,21,23,11,24]
>>> [val+1 for val in a]
[11, 22, 24, 12, 25]
```

LIST COMPREHENSION WITH FILTER

```
>>> a = [10,21,23,11,24]
>>> [val+1 for val in a if val>15]
[22, 24, 25]
```



Consider using a list comprehension whenever you need to transform one sequence to another.

Looping Patterns



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MULTIPLE LOOP VARIABLES

```
# Looping through a sequence of
# tuples allows multiple
# variables to be assigned.
>>> pairs = [(0,'a'),(1,'b'),
... (2,'c')]
>>> for index, value in pairs:
... print index, value
0 a
1 b
2 c
```

ENUMERATE

```
# enumerate -> index, item.
>>> y = ['a', 'b', 'c']
>>> for index, value in enumerate(y):
... print index, value
0 a
1 b
2 c
```

ZIP

```
# zip 2 or more sequences
# into a list of tuples
>>> x = [0, 1, 2]
>>> y = ['a', 'b', 'c']
>>> zip(x,y)
[(0,'a'), (1,'b'), (2,'c')]
>>> for index, value in zip(x,y):
... print index, value
0 a
1 b
2 c
```

REVERSED

Looping over a dictionary



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```
>>> d = \{'a':1, 'b':2, 'c':3\}
```

DEFAULT LOOPING (KEYS)

```
>>> for key in d:
... print key, d[key]
a 1
c 3
b 2
```

LOOPING OVER KEYS (EXPLICIT)

```
>>> for key in d.keys():
... print key, d[key]
a 1
c 3
b 2
```

LOOPING OVER VALUES

```
>>> for val in d.values():
... print val
1
3
2
```

LOOPING OVER ITEMS

```
>>> for key, val in d.items():
... print key, val
a 1
c 3
b 2
```



Introduction to Python Organizing code

Outline



- Functions
- Modules
- Packages

Functions



Functions are reusable snippets of code.

- Definition
- Positional and keyword arguments

Anatomy of a function



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The keyword **def** indicates the start of a function.

Function arguments are listed, separated by commas. They are passed by assignment.

def add(x, y):
 """Add two numbers

A colon (:) terminates the function signature.

Indentation is used to indicate the contents of the function. It is *not* optional, but a part of the syntax.

An optional **return** statement specifies the value returned from the function. If return is omitted, the function returns the special value **None**.

return x + y

An optional **docstring** documents the function in a standard way for tools like ipython.

Our new function in action



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```
# We'll create our function
# on the fly in the
# interpreter.
>>> def add(x,y):
... return x + y

# Test it out with numbers.
>>> val_1 = 2
>>> val_2 = 3
>>> add(val_1,val_2)
5
```

```
# How about strings?
>>> val_1 = 'foo'
>>> val_2 = 'bar'
>>> add(val_1,val_2)
'foobar'

# Functions can be assigned
# to variables.
>>> func = add
>>> func(val_1, val_2)
'foobar'
```

```
# How about numbers and strings?
>>> add('abc',1)
Traceback (innermost last):
File "<interactive input>", line 1, in ?
File "<interactive input>", line 2, in add
TypeError: cannot add type "int" to string
```

Function Calling Conventions



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POSITIONAL ARGUMENTS

```
# The "standard" calling
# convention we know and love.
>>> def add(x, y):
... return x + y
>>> add(2, 3)
```

KEYWORD ARGUMENTS

```
# specify argument names
>>> add(x=2, y=3)
5
# or even a mixture if you are
# careful with order
>>> add(2, y=3)
5
```

DEFAULT VALUES

```
# Arguments can be
# assigned default values.
>>> def quad(x,a=1,b=1,c=0):
      return a*x**2 + b*x + c
# Use defaults for a, b and c.
>>> quad(2.0)
6.0
# Set b=3. Defaults for a & c.
>>> quad(2.0, b=3)
10.0
# Keyword arguments can be
# passed in out of order.
>>> quad(2.0, c=1, a=3, b=2)
17.0
```

Function Calling Conventions



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VARIABLE NUMBER OF ARGS

```
# Pass in any number of
# arguments. Extra arguments
# are put in the tuple args.
>>> def foo(x, y, *args):
... print x, y, args
>>> foo(2, 3, 'hello', 4)
2 3 ('hello', 4)
```

VARIABLE KEYWORD ARGS

Function Calling Conventions



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THE 'ANYTHING' SIGNATURE

```
# This signature takes any
# number of positional and
# keyword arguments.
>>> def foo(*args, **kw):
... print args, kw

>>> foo(2, 3, x='hello', y=4)
(2, 3) {'x': 'hello', 'y': 4}
```

MULTIPLE FUNCTION RETURNS

```
# To return multiple values
# from a function, we return
# a tuple containing those
# values. This is a common
# use of multiple (tuple)
# assignment.
>>> def functions(x):
... y1 = x**2 + x
... y2 = x**3 + x**2 + 2*x
... return y1, y2
>>> a, b = functions(c)
```

Expanding Function Arguments



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POSITIONAL ARGUMENT EXPANSION

```
>>> def add(x, y):
... return x + y

# '*' in a function call
# converts a sequence into the
# arguments to a function.
>>> vars = [1,2]
>>> add(*vars)
3
```

KEYWORD ARGUMENT EXPANSION

```
>>> def bar(x, y=1, **kw):
... print x, y, kw

# '**' expands a
# dictionary into keyword
# arguments for a function.
vars = {'y':3, 'z':4}
>>> bar(1, **vars)
1, 3, {'z': 4}
```

Evolution of a script



Useful software often starts its life as a script.

EXPLORATORY SCRIPT

```
# Read data files into some structure.
for file in files:
    ...
# Check for errors in data.
if data > bad_value:
    raise ValueError
...
# Execute one or more algorithms on the data.
important_number = data * 2 + blah...
...
# Create a report about the results.
print important_number
...
```

To A Function



Evolves to a function...

ONE MEGA-FUNCTION

```
def display data report(files):
    # Read data files into some structure.
    for file in files:
    # Check for errors in data.
    if data > bad value:
        raise ValueError
    # Execute one or more algorithms on the data.
    important number = data * 2 + blah
    # Create a report about the results.
    print important number
```

Evolution Stops



And Stops...

There are some short term benefits to this.

MEGA-FUNCTION BENEFITS

- Easy (quick) to create from original script.
- Easy to read and modify during construction.
 - All the code is "in one place."
 - Access to all variables at any time.
 (Global namespaces are nice that way.)
- Achieves some very minimal re-use.

Evolution to a library



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Long term benefits come from continuing to "refactor" this function until there is "one idea per function."

LOW LEVEL FUNCTION LIBRARY

```
def data from files (files):
    # Read data files into a structure.
    for file in files:
        . . .
def check for errors(data):
    # Check for errors in data.
    if data > bad value:
        raise ValueError
    . . .
def calc important number (data):
    # Execute one or more algorithms.
    important number = data * 2
    . . .
def create report(data, calc data):
    # Create a report about results.
    print important number
```

DRIVER FUNCTIONS

```
def display_data_report(files):
    """

"Driver" function that calls
    the low level library functions.
    """

data = data_from_files(files)
    check_for_errors(data)
    res = calc_important_number(data)
    create report(data, res)
```

Smaller, less complex snippets of code

- are easier for others (and you) to read in the future,
- have more potential for reuse,
- make it easier to modify behavior (decoupling!), and
- are easier to test.

Don't Repeat Yourself



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DUPLICATED CODE

```
instrument1_prices = lookup_price(instrument1, start_date, stop_date)
instrument1_price_avg = mean(instrument1_prices)
print_summary(instrument1, instrument1_prices, instrument1_price_avg)
instrument2_prices = lookup_price(instrument2, start_date, stop_date)
instrument2_price_avg = mean(instrument2_prices)
print_summary(instrument2, instrument2_prices, instrument2_price_avg)
```

DON'T REPEAT YOURSELF

```
# Refactor code so duplicated lines are in a function.
def summarize_price_info(instrument, start_date, stop_date):
    instrument_prices = lookup_price(instrument, start_date, stop_date)
    instrument_price_avg = mean(instrument_prices)
    print_summary(instrument, instrument_prices, instrument_price_avg)

# Now call the function for the two different instruments.
summarize_price_info(instrument1, start_date, stop_date)
summarize_price_info(instrument2, start_date, stop_date)

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```



Modules

Modules and packages



Modules and packages are Python's "libraries", i.e. a collection of constants, functions, and classes.

Importing a module



BASIC IMPORTS

```
# The most basic import
>>> import numpy
>>> numpy.pi
3.141592653589793
# Use an 'alias'
>>> import numpy as np
>>> np.pi
3.141592653589793
```

IMPORTING SPECIFIC SYMBOLS

```
# Select specific names to
# bring into the local
# namespace.
>>> from numpy import add, pi
>>> pi
3.141592653589793
>>> add(2, 3)
```

IMPORTING *EVERYTHING*

```
# Pull *everything* into the
# local namespace.
>>> from numpy import *
>>> pi
3.141592653589793
>>> add(3, 4.5)
7.5
```

MODULES ARE .PY FILES

Modules are just .py files.

```
# my_tools.py
def greetings():
    return "Hello everyone"
```

```
>>> import my_tools
>>> my_tools.greetings()
'Hello everyone'
```

Modules



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A Python file can be used as a script, or as a module, or both.

EX.PY

```
# An example module that can
# be run as a script.
PI = 3.1416

def sum(lst):
    """ Sum the values in a
        list.
    """
    tot = 0
    for value in lst:
        tot = tot + value
    return tot
```

```
def add(x,y):
    " Add two values."
    a = x + y
    return a
def test():
    w = [0,1,2,3]
    assert(sum(w) == 6)
    print 'test passed'
# This code runs only if this
# module is the main program.
if name == ' main ':
    test()
```

Packages



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PACKAGES

Often a library will contain several modules. These are organized as a hierarchical directory structure, and imported using "dotted module names". The first and the intermediate names (if any) are called "packages".

PACKAGES ARE DIRECTORIES

```
foo/
__init__.py
bar.py (defines func)
baz.py (defines zap)
```

The file __init__.py indicates that foo is a package. It often is an empty file.

Example:

```
>>> from email.utils import parseaddr
>>> from email import utils
>>> utils.parseaddr('John Doe <jdoe@company.com>')
('John Doe', 'jdoe@company.com')
```

utils is a module in the package email .

Setting up PYTHONPATH



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PYTHONPATH is an environment variable (or set of registry entries on Windows) that lists the directories Python searches for modules.

WINDOWS

- Right-click on My Computer
- Click Properties
- Click Advanced Tab
- Click Environment Variables Button at the bottom of the Advanced Tab
 - Click New to create
 PYTHONPATH or
 - Click Edit to change existing PYTHONPATH
- Changes take effect in the next Command Prompt or IPython session.

UNIX: .cshrc

```
!! NOTE: The following should !!
!! all be on one line !!
```

```
setenv PYTHONPATH
    $PYTHONPATH:$HOME/your modules
```

UNIX: .bashrc

```
PYTHONPATH=$PYTHONPATH:$HOME/your
_modules
export PYTHONPATH
```

Naming Packages and Modules lo



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MODULE NAMES

```
# Module names should be lower case
# with underscores.

# Yes
foo_bar.py

# No
FooBar.py
```

PACKAGE NAMES

```
# Package directories should be all
# lower case alpha-numeric characters.
# Avoid underscores unless absolutely
# necessary.

# Yes
packagename

# No
PackageName
package name
```

Common Directory Structure



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PACKAGE/MODULE/TESTS LAYOUT

Example directory structure for Python libraries.

```
python_library/
yourpackage/
__init__.py
some_module.py
another_module.py
tests/
test_some_module.py
test_another_module.py
```

The tests for module have are named similarly (test_prefix) but live "one level below" in a tests directory.

Standard Modules



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Python has a large library of standard modules ("batteries included"):

re - regular expressions **copy** – shallow and deep copy operations datetime - time and date objects math, cmath - real and complex math decimal, fractions - arbitrary precision decimal and rational number objects os, os.path, shutil - filesystem operations sqlite3 - internal SQLite database gzip, bz2, zipfile, tarfile - compression and archiving formats csv, netrc - file format handling **xml** – various modules for handling XML htmllib – an HTML parser httplib, ftplib, poplib, socket, etc. modules for standard internet protocols

cmd – support for command interpreters **pdb** – Python interactive debugger **profile, cProfile, timeit** – Python profilers collections, heapq, bisect – standard CS algorithms and data structures **mmap** – memory-mapped files threading, Queue – threading support multiprocessing – process based 'threading' **subprocess** – executing external commands **pickle**, **cPickle** – object serialization **struct** – interpret bytes as packed binary data urllib2 – open and read from URLs

and many more... To see the content of one:
>>> dir(module_name)



Selections from the Python Standard Library

datetime - Dates and Times



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>>> from datetime import date, time

DATE OBJECT

```
# date(year, month, day)
# date in Gregorian calendar,
# assuming its permanence
>>> d1 = date(2007, 9, 25)
>>> d2 = date(2008, 9, 25)
>>> d1.strftime('%A %m/%d/%y')
'Tuesday 09/25/07'
# difference is timedelta
>>> print d2 - d1
366 days, 0:00:00
>>> (d2-d1).days
366
>>> print date.today()
2008-09-24
```

TIME OBJECT

```
# time(hour, min, sec, us)
# local time of day
# always 24 hrs per day
>>> t1 = time(15, 38)
>>> t2 = time(18)
>>> t1.strftime('%I:%M %p')
'03:38 PM'
# difference is not supported
>>> print t2 - t1
Traceback ...
TypeError: unsupported operand ...
# use datetime objects for
# difference operation.
```

datetime - Dates and Times



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>>> from datetime import datetime, timedelta

DATETIME OBJECT

```
# datetime(year, month, day,
           hr, min, sec, us)
# combination of date and time
>>> d1 = datetime.now()
>>> print d1
2008-09-24 14:20:30.978207
>>> d2 = d1 + timedelta(30)
>>> d2.strftime('%A %m/%d/%y')
'Friday 10/24/08'
# creating datetime from
# a format string
>>> datetime.strptime('2/10/01',
                     '%m/%d/%y')
datetime.datetime(2001, 2, 10, 0, 0)
```

DATETIME FORMAT STRING

Directive	Meaning		
%a (%A)	Abbrev. (full) weekday name.		
%W	Weekday number [0(Sun),6]		
%b (%B)	Abbrev. (full) month name		
%d	Day of month [01,31]		
%H (%I)	Hour [00,23] ([01,12])		
%j	Day of the year [001,366]		
%m	Month [01,12]		
%M	Minute [0,59]		
%p	AM or PM		
%S	Second [00,61]		
%U (%W)	Week number of the year [00,53] Sunday (Monday) as first day of week.		
%y (%Y)	Year without (with) century [00,99] 1		

sys module



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>>> import sys

Some frequently used attributes and functions—see the reference manual for complete details.

Command Line Arguments

sys.argv

List of command line arguments.

sys.argv[0] is the name of the python script.

Example:

```
# File: print_args.py
import sys
print sys.argv
```

\$ python print_args.py 1 foo
['print_args.py', '1', 'foo']

Exception Information

sys.exc info()

```
Returns a tuple (type, value, traceback)

sys.exc_clear()

Clear all exception information.

>>> try:
... x = 1/0
... except Exception:
... print sys.exc info()
```

sys module



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Standard File Objects

sys.stdin
sys.stdout
sys.stderr

The interpreter's standard input, output and error streams.

```
sys.__stdin__
sys.__stdout__
sys. stderr
```

The original values of sys.stdin, sys.stdout and sys.stderr at the start of the program.

Exit

sys.exit(arg)

Exit from Python. arg is optional. It can be an integer giving the exit status (defaults to zero). If not an integer, None is equivalent to passing 0, and any other argument is printed to sys.stderr and the exit status is 1.

Python's module search path

sys.path

A list of strings that specifies the interpreter's search path for modules.

A program is free to modify this list dynamically.

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Platform Information

sys.platform

A string containing the platform identifier.

Windows: 'win32'

Mac OSX: 'darwin'

Linux: 'linux2'

sys.getwindowsversion()

Return a tuple that describes the version of Windows currently running: *major, minor, build, platform,* and *service_pack.* (More is included in Python 2.7.)

```
>>> sys.platform
'win32'
>>> sys.getwindowsversion()
(5, 1, 2600, 2, 'Service Pack 3')
```

See also the platform module in the standard library.

Python Version

sys.version

A string containing information about the Python version.

sys.version info

A tuple containing information about the Python version: major, minor, micro, releaselevel and serial.

>>> sys.version

```
'2.6.5 | EPD 6.2-2 (32-bit) | (r265:79063, May 7 2010, 13:28:19) [MSC v.1500 32 bit (Intel)] ' >>> sys.version_info
```

(2, 6, 5, 'final', 0)

os module



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>>> import os

Path Operations

os.remove (path) os.unlink (path)
Remove a file from disk (file can be
either the full path or a file from the
current working directory will be
removed.

os.chdir(path)

Change the current working directory to the provided path.

os.getcwd()

Return the current working directory.

os.listdir(path)

Return a list of strings containing all the files in the given path (does not include '.' or '..' in the listing).

Separation Constants

os.linesep (e.g. \n' n' or \n' n') Line separator in text mode.

os.sep (e.g. '/' or '\')
Path separator on file system.

os.pathsep (e.g. ':' or ';')

Search path separator (*i.e.* in environment variables).

Others

os.environ

Dictionary of all environment variables

os.urandom(len)

String of random bytes

os.error

Error object

os.path



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os.path - tests

```
os.path.isfile(path)
```

Test whether a path is a regular file.

```
os.path.isdir(path)
```

Test whether a path refers to an existing directory.

```
os.path.exists(path)
```

Test whether a path exists.

os.path.isabs(path)

Test whether a path is absolute.

os.path – split and join

```
os.path.split(path)
```

Split a pathname. Returns the tuple (head, tail).

```
os.path.join(a, *p)
```

Join two or more path components.

Others

os.path.abspath(path)

Return an absolute path.

os.path.dirname(path)

Return the directory component of a pathname.

os.path.basename(path)

Return the final component of a pathname.

os.path.splitext(path)

Split the extension from a pathname.

Returns (root, ext).

os.path.expanduser(path)

Expand ~ and ~user. If user or \$HOME is unknown, do nothing.



DAY 3



Core libraries for data processing

Outline



- NumPy
- matplotlib
- SciPy
- Pandas

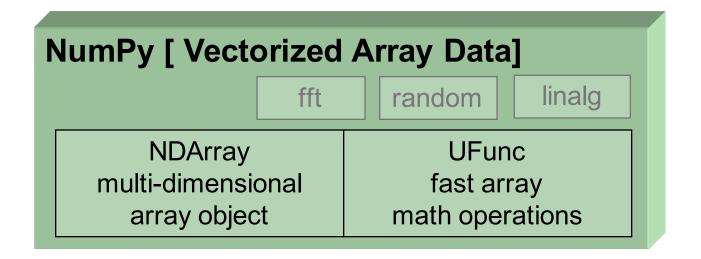


NumPy The standard numerical library for Python

NumPy: array and array functions lo



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NumPy arrays



- The array data structure
- Defining arrays
- Indexing and slicing
- Creating arrays
- Array calculations
- Advanced NumPy

Getting Started



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IMPORT NUMPY

```
In [1]: from numpy import *
In [2]: __version__
Out[2]: 1.8.1
          or
In [1]: from numpy import \
          array, ...
```

USING IPYTHON -PYLAB

```
C:\> ipython --pylab _____
In [1]: array([1,2,3])
Out[1]: array([1, 2, 3])
```



While IPython is used for all the demos, '>>>' is used on future slides instead of 'In [1]:' to save space.

Often at the command line, it is handy to import everything from NumPy into the command shell.

However, if you are writing scripts, it is easier for others to read and debug in the future if you use explicit imports.

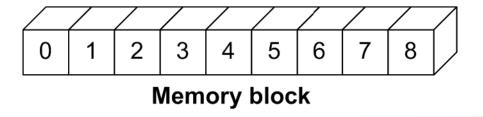
IPython has a 'pylab' mode where it imports all of NumPy and Matplotlib, into the namespace for you as a convenience. It also enables threading for showing plots.



The array data structure

Array Data Structure





Python View:

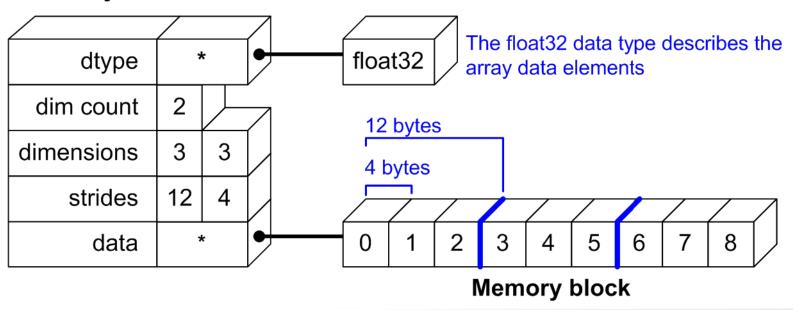
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0	1	2	
3	4	5	
6	7	8	

Array Data Structure



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NDArray Data Structure



Python View:

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0	1	2	И
3	4	5	
6	7	8	

Operations on the array structure logit



Operations that only affect the array structure, not the data, can be executed without copying memory.

Transpose



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TRANSPOSE

TRANSPOSE RETURNS VIEWS

```
# Transpose does not move
# values around in memory. It
# only changes the order of
# "strides" in the array
>>> a.strides
(12, 4)
>>> a.T.strides
(4, 12)
```

Reshaping Arrays



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RESHAPE

```
>>> a = array([[0,1,2],
               [3,4,5]]
# Return a new array with a
# different shape (a view
# where possible)
>>> a.reshape(3,2)
array([[0, 1],
       [2, 3],
       [4, 5]])
# Reshape cannot change the
# number of elements in an
# array
>>> a.reshape(4,2)
ValueError: total size of new
array must be unchanged
```

SHAPE

```
>>> a = arange(6)
>>> a
array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
>>> a.shape
(6,)
# Reshape array in-place to
\# 2x3
>>> a.shape = (2,3)
>>> a
array([[0, 1, 2],
       [3, 4, 5]])
```

Flattening Arrays



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FLATTEN (SAFE)

a.flatten() converts a multidimensional array into a 1-D array. The new array is a *copy* of the original data.

```
# Create a 2D array
>>> a = array([[0,1],
                [2,3]])
# Flatten out elements to 1D
>>> b = a.flatten()
>>> b
array([0,1,2,3])
# Changing b does not change a
>>> b[0] = 10
>>> b
array([10, 1, 2, 3])
>>> a _____ no change
array([[0, 1],
       [2, 311)
```

RAVEL (EFFICIENT)

a.ravel() is the same as a.flatten(), but returns a reference (or view) of the array if possible (i.e., the memory is contiguous). Otherwise the new array copies the data.



Matplotlib Basics

http://matplotlib.org/



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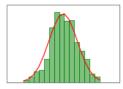
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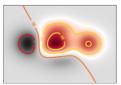
modules | index

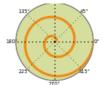
intro

matplotlib is a python 2D plotting library which produces publication quality figures in a variety of hardcopy formats and interactive environments across platforms. matplotlib can be used in python scripts, the python and <u>ipython</u> shell (ala MATLAB or Mathematica t), web application servers, and six graphical user interface toolkits.

matplotlib tries to make easy things easy and hard things possible. You can generate plots, histograms, power spectra, bar charts, errorcharts, scatterplots, etc, with just a few lines of code. For a sampling, see the <u>screenshots</u>, <u>thumbnail</u> gallery, and <u>examples</u> directory







For example, using "ipython –pylab" to provide an interactive environment, to generate 10,000 gaussian random numbers and plot a histogram with 100 bins, you simply need to type

x = randn(10000)hist(x, 100)

For the power user, you have full control of line styles, font properties, axes properties, etc, via an object oriented interface or via a set of functions familiar to MATLAB users. The pylab mode provides all of the <u>pyplot</u> plotting functions listed below, as well as non-plotting functions from <u>numpy</u> and <u>matplotlib.mlab</u>.

plotting commands

Function	Description
acorr	plot the autocorrelation function

New

Please donate to support matplotlib development.

matplotlib 1.0.1 is available for download. See what's new and tips on installing

Sandro Tosi has a new book Matplotlib for python developers also at amazon.

Build websites like matplotlib's, with sphinx and extensions for mpl plots, math, inheritance diagrams — try the sampledoc tutorial.

Video

Watch the SciPy 2009 intro and advanced matplotlib tutorials

Watch a talk about matplotlib presented at NIPS 08 Workshop *MLOSS* and one presented at ChiPy.

Toolkit

There are several matplotlib addon toolkits, including the projection and mapping toolkit

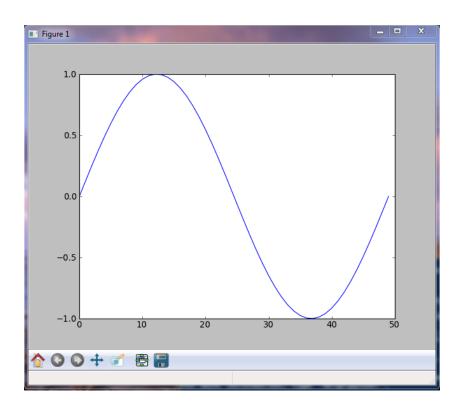
Line Plots



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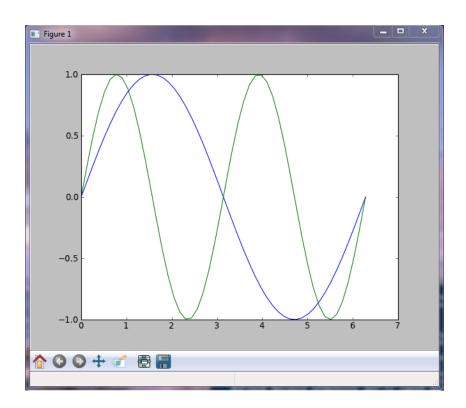
PLOT AGAINST INDICES

>>> x = linspace(0,2*pi,50) >>> plot(sin(x))



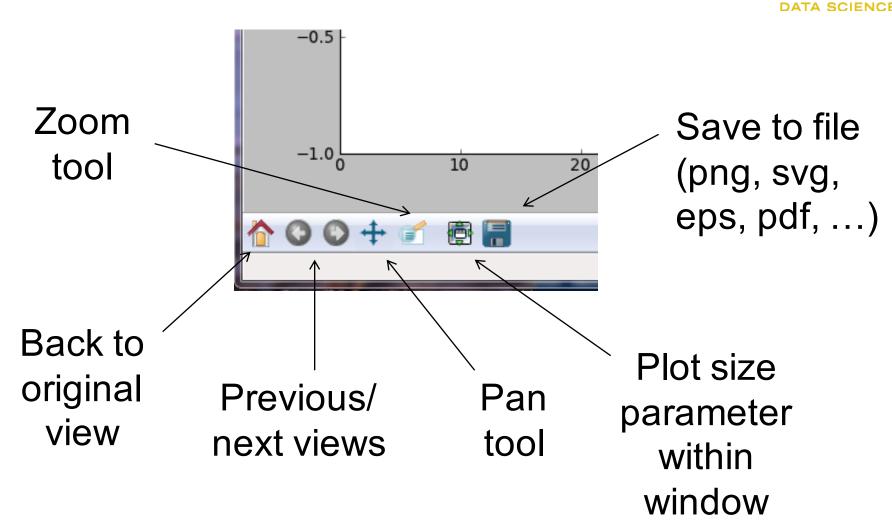
MULTIPLE DATA SETS

>>> plot(x, sin(x), ... x, sin(2*x))



Matplotlib Menu Bar





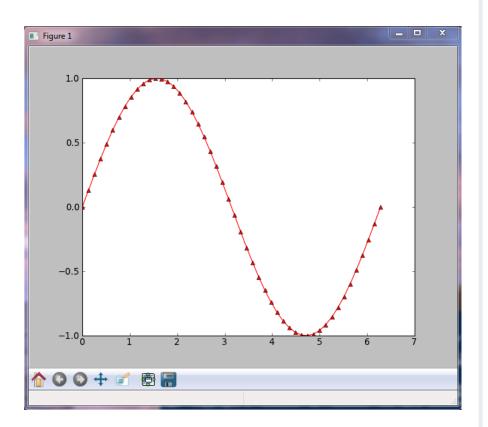
Line Plots



DATA SCIENCE

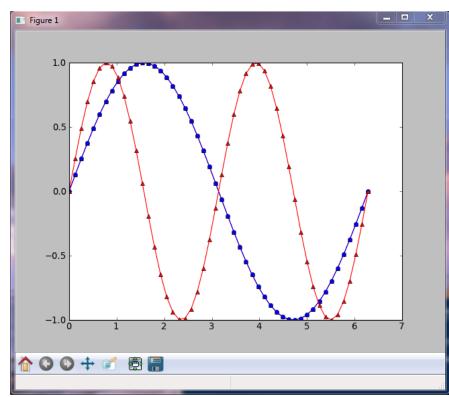
LINE FORMATTING

red, dot-dash, triangles
>>> plot(x, sin(x), 'r-^')



MULTIPLE PLOT GROUPS

>>> plot(x, sin(x), 'b-o', ... x, sin(2*x), 'r-^')



Scatter Plots

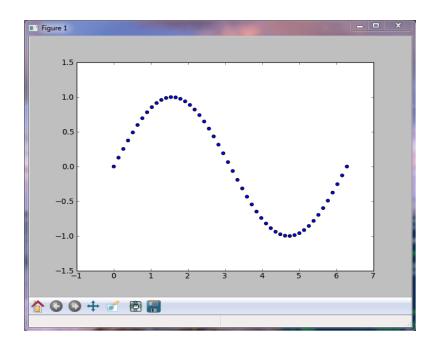


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SIMPLE SCATTER PLOT

>>> x = linspace(0,2*pi,50) >>> y = sin(x)

>>> scatter(x, y)



COLORMAPPED SCATTER

marker size/color set with data

>>> x = rand(200)

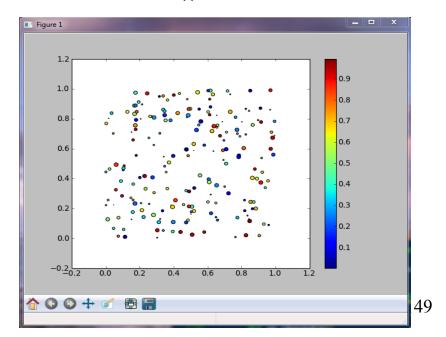
>>> y = rand(200)

>>> size = rand(200)*30

>>> color = rand(200)

>>> scatter(x, y, size, color)

>>> colorbar()



Multiple Figures

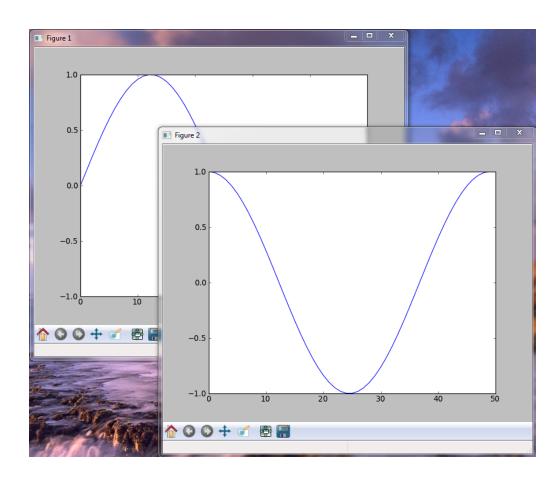


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```
>>> t = linspace(0,2*pi,50)
>>> x = sin(t)
>>> y = cos(t)

# Now create a figure
>>> figure()
>>> plot(x)

# Now create a new figure.
>>> figure()
>>> plot(y)
```

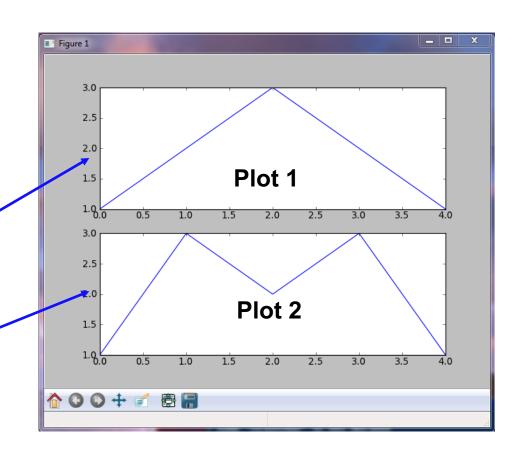


Multiple Plots Using subplot



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```
>>> x = array([1,2,3,2,1])
>>> y = array([1,3,2,3,1])
 To divide the plotting area
             columns
>>> subplot(2, 1, 1)
>>> plot(x)
           rows active plot
# Now activate a new plot
# area.
>>> subplot(2, 1, 2)
>>> plot(y)
```





If this is used in a python script, a call to the function show() is required.

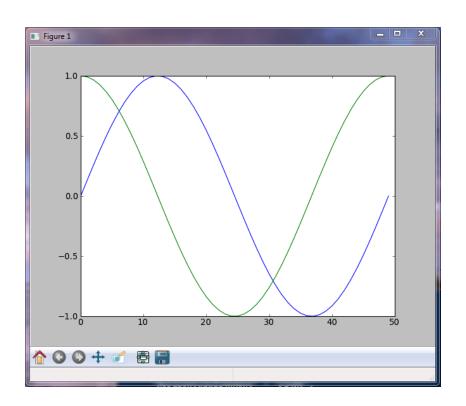
Adding Lines to a Plot



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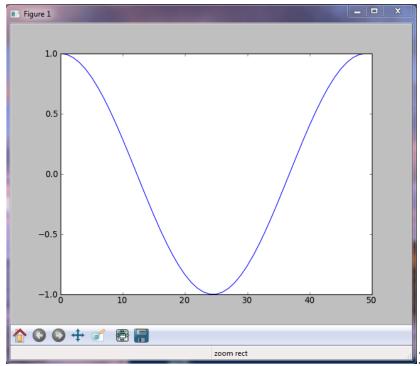
MULTIPLE PLOTS

```
# By default, previous lines
# are "held" on a plot.
>>> plot(sin(x))
>>> plot(cos(x))
```



ERASING OLD PLOTS

```
# Set hold(False) to erase
# old lines
>>> plot(sin(x))
>>> hold(False)
>>> plot(cos(x))
```



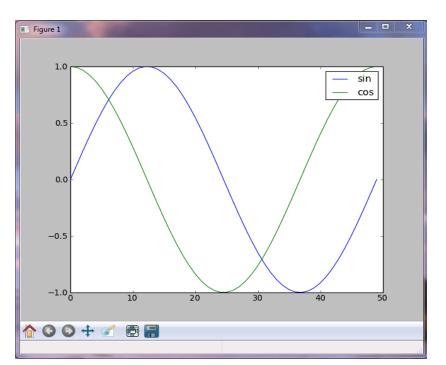
Legend



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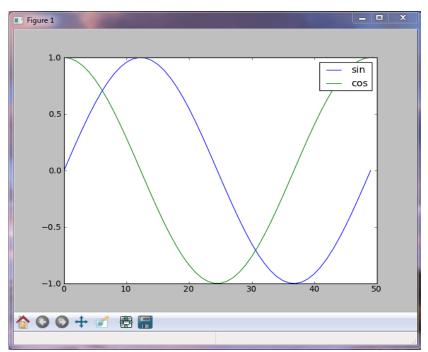
LEGEND LABELS WITH PLOT

```
# Add labels in plot command.
>>> plot(sin(x), label='sin')
>>> plot(cos(x), label='cos')
>>> legend()
```



LABELING WITH LEGEND

```
# Or as a list in legend().
>>> plot(sin(x))
>>> plot(cos(x))
>>> legend(['sin', 'cos'])
```



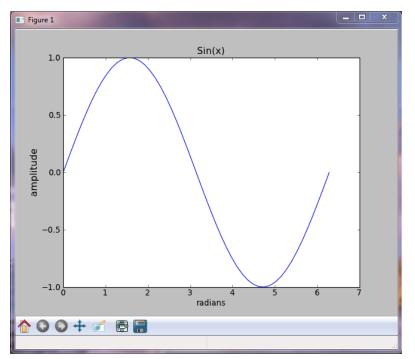
Titles and Grid



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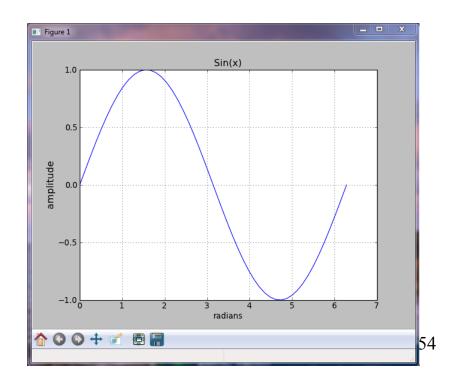
TITLES AND AXIS LABELS

```
>>> plot(x, sin(x))
>>> xlabel('radians')
# Keywords set text properties.
>>> ylabel('amplitude',
... fontsize='large')
>>> title('Sin(x)')
```



PLOT GRID

```
# Display gridlines in plot
>>> grid()
```



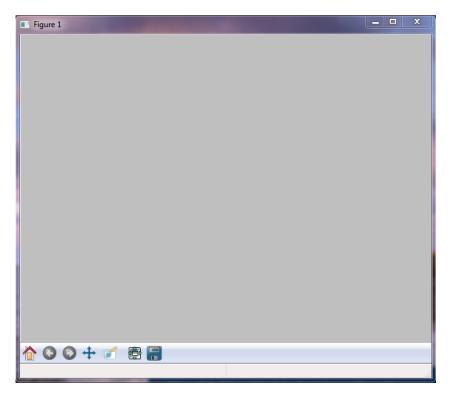
Clearing and Closing Plots



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CLEARING A FIGURE

```
>>> plot(x, sin(x))
# clf will clear the current
# plot (figure).
>>> clf()
```



CLOSING PLOT WINDOWS

```
# close() will close the
# currently active plot window.
>>> close()

# close('all') closes all the
# plot windows.
>>> close('all')
```

Display Images (or plot surface)

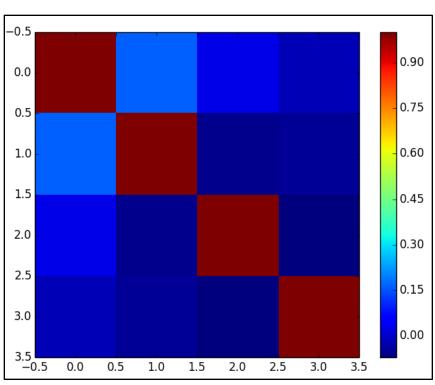


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IMAGE PLOTS

>>> colorbar()

```
>>> # Create some data
>>> e1 = rand(100)
>>> e2 = rand(100)*2
>>> e3 = rand(100)*10
>>> e4 = rand(100)*100
>>> corrmatrix = \
      corrcoef([e1, e2, e3, e4])
>>> # Plot corr matrix as image
>>> imshow(corrmatrix,
    interpolation='nearest')
```



Plotting from Scripts



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INTERACTIVE MODE

```
# In IPython, plots show up
# as soon as a plot command
# is called.
>>> figure()
>>> plot(sin(x))
>>> figure()
>>> plot(cos(x))
```

NON-INTERACTIVE MODE

```
# script.py
# In a script, you must call
# the show() command to display
# plots. Call it at the end of
# all your plot commands for
# best performance.
figure()
plot(sin(x))
figure()
plot(cos(x))
# Plots will not appear until
# this command is issued.
show()
```

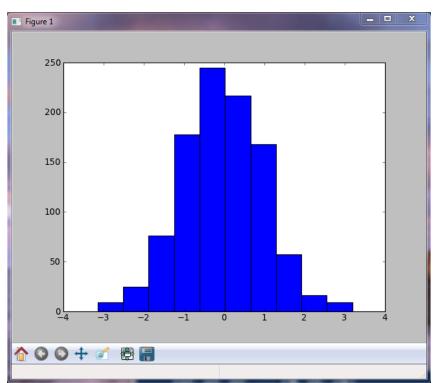
Histograms



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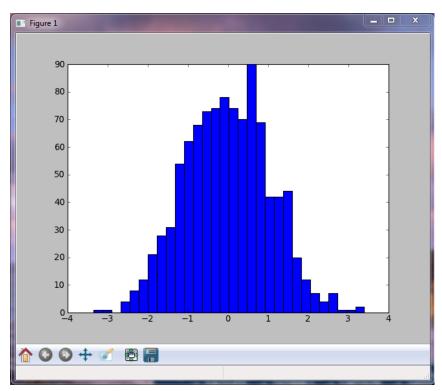
HISTOGRAM

plot histogram
defaults to 10 bins
>>> hist(randn(1000))



HISTOGRAM 2

change the number of bins
>>> hist(randn(1000), 30)

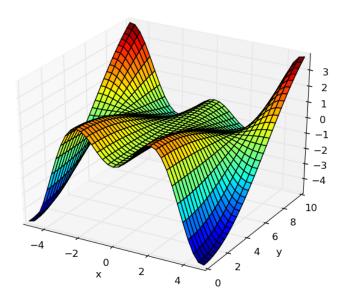


3D Plots with Matplotlib



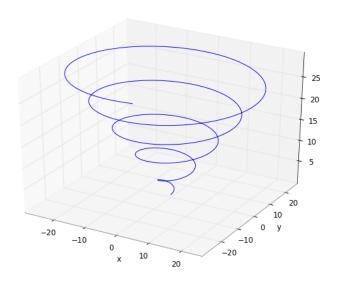
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SURFACE PLOT



PARAMETRIC CURVE

```
>>> from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import
Axes3D
>>> t = linspace(0, 30, 1000)
>>> x, y, z = [t*cos(t), t*sin(t), t]
>>> fig = figure()
>>> ax = fig.gca(projection='3d')
>>> x.plot(x, y, z)
>>> xlabel('x')
>>> ylabel('y')
```





Numpy (continued)

Introducing NumPy Arrays



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SIMPLE ARRAY CREATION

```
>>> a = array([0,1,2,3])
>>> a
array([0, 1, 2, 3])
```

CHECKING THE TYPE

>>> type(a)
numpy.ndarray

NUMERIC 'TYPE' OF ELEMENTS

>>> a.dtype
dtype('int32')

NUMBER OF DIMENSIONS

```
>>> a.ndim
1
```

ARRAY SHAPE

```
# Shape returns a tuple
# listing the length of the
# array along each dimension.
>>> a.shape
(4,)
```

BYTES PER ELEMENT

```
>>> a.itemsize
4
```

BYTES OF MEMORY USED

```
# Return the number of bytes
# used by the data portion of
# the array.
>>> a.nbytes
16
```

Array Operations



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SIMPLE ARRAY MATH

```
>>> a = array([1,2,3,4])
>>> b = array([2,3,4,5])
>>> a + b
array([3, 5, 7, 9])
>>> a * b
array([ 2, 6, 12, 20])
>>> a ** b
array([ 1, 8, 81, 1024])
```

NumPy defines these constants:

MATH FUNCTIONS

```
# create array from 0 to 10
>>> x = arange(11.)
# multiply entire array by
# scalar value
>>> c = (2*pi)/10.
>>> c
0.62831853071795862
>>> c*x
array([ 0., 0.628, ..., 6.283])
# in-place operations
>>> x *= c
>>> x
array([ 0.,0.628,...,6.283])
# apply functions to array
>>> y = sin(x)
```

Setting Array Elements



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ARRAY INDEXING

```
>>> a[0]
0
>>> a[0] = 10
>>> a
array([10, 1, 2, 3])
```

BEWARE OF TYPECOERCION

```
>>> a.dtype
dtype('int32')
# assigning a float into
# an int32 array truncates
# the decimal part
>>> a[0] = 10.6
>>> a
array([10, 1, 2, 3])
# fill has the same behavior
>>> a.fill(-4.8)
>>> a
array([-4, -4, -4, -4])
```

Multi-Dimensional Arrays



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MULTI-DIMENSIONAL ARRAYS

SHAPE = (ROWS, COLUMNS)

```
>>> a.shape (2, 4)
```

ELEMENT COUNT

```
>>> a.size
```

NUMBER OF DIMENSIONS

```
>>> a.ndim
```

GET/SET ELEMENTS

ADDRESS SECOND (ONETH) ROW USING SINGLE INDEX

```
>>> a[1]
array([10, 11, 12, -1])
```

Slicing



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var[lower:upper:step]

Extracts a portion of a sequence by specifying a lower and upper bound.

The lower-bound element is included, but the upper-bound element is **not** included.

Mathematically: [lower, upper). The step value specifies the stride between elements.

SLICING ARRAYS

```
# indices: 0 1 2 3 4
>>> a = array([10,11,12,13,14])
# [10,11,12,13,14]
>>> a[1:3]
array([11, 12])

# negative indices work also
>>> a[1:-2]
array([11, 12])
>>> a[-4:3]
array([11, 12])
```

OMITTING INDICES

```
# omitted boundaries are
# assumed to be the beginning
# (or end) of the list
# grab first three elements
>>> a[:3]
array([10, 11, 12])
# grab last two elements
>>> a[-2:1
array([13, 14])
# every other element
>>> a[::2]
array([10, 12, 14])
                            165
```

Array Slicing



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SLICING WORKS MUCH LIKE STANDARD PYTHON SLICING

STRIDES ARE ALSO POSSIBLE

>>> a[2::2,	::2]	
array([[20,	22,	24],
[40,	42,	44]])

0	1	2	3	4	5	
10	11	12	13	14	15	
20	21	22	23	24	25	
30	31	32	33	34	35	
40	41	42	43	44	45	
50	51	52	53	54	55	

Slices Are References



Slices are references to memory in the original array.

Changing values in a slice also changes the original array.

```
>>> a = array((0,1,2,3,4))
# create a slice containing only the
# last element of a
>>> b = a[2:4]
>>> b
array([2, 3])
>>> b[0] = 10
# changing b changed a!
>>> a
array([ 0, 1, 10, 3, 4])
```

Where



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1 DIMENSION

n DIMENSIONS

```
# In general, the tuple
# returned is the index of the
# element satisfying the
# condition in each dimension.
>>> a = array([[0, 12, 5, 20]],
           [1, 2, 11, 15]])
>>> loc = where (a > 10)
>>> loc
(array([0, 0, 1, 1]),
array([1, 3, 2, 3]))
# Result can be used in
# various ways:
>>> a[loc]
array([12, 20, 11, 15])
```

Fancy Indexing



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INDEXING BY POSITION

```
>>> a = arange(0,80,10)

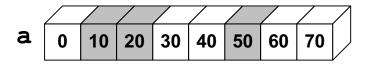
# fancy indexing
>>> indices = [1, 2, -3]
>>> y = a[indices]
>>> print(y)
[10 20 50]
```

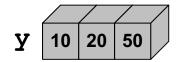
INDEXING WITH BOOLEANS

```
# manual creation of masks
>>> mask = array([0,1,1,0,0,1,0,0],
... dtype=bool)

# conditional creation of masks
>>> mask2 = a < 30

# fancy indexing
>>> y = a[mask]
>>> print(y)
[10 20 50]
```

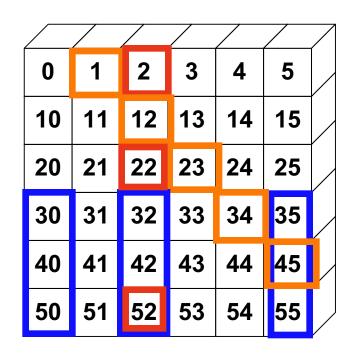




Fancy Indexing in 2-D



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Unlike slicing, fancy indexing creates copies instead of a view into original array.

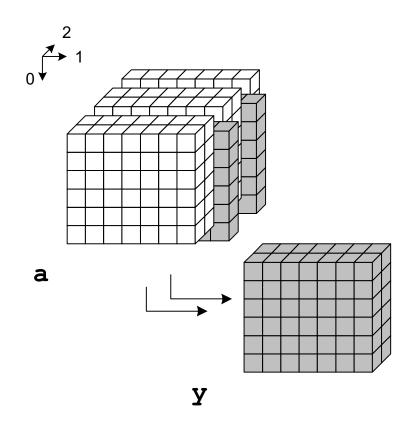
3D Example



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MULTIDIMENSIONAL

```
# retrieve two slices from a
# 3D cube via indexing
>>> y = a[:,:,[2,-2]]
```





Creating arrays

Array Constructor Examples



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FLOATING POINT ARRAYS

```
# Default to double precision
>>> a = array([0,1.0,2,3])
>>> a.dtype
dtype('float64')
>>> a.nbytes
32
```

REDUCING PRECISION

```
>>> a = array([0,1.,2,3],
... dtype=float32)
>>> a.dtype
dtype('float32')
>>> a.nbytes
16
```

UNSIGNED INTEGER BYTE

```
>>> a = array([0,1,2,3],
... dtype=uint8)
>>> a.dtype
dtype('uint8')
>>> a.nbytes
4
```

Array Creation Functions



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ARANGE

Nearly identical to Python's range ().

Creates an array of values in the range [start,stop) with the specified step value.

Allows non-integer values for start, stop, and step. Default dtype is derived from the start, stop, and step values.

```
>>> arange(4)
array([0, 1, 2, 3])
>>> arange(0, 2*pi, pi/4)
array([ 0.000, 0.785, 1.571,
2.356, 3.142, 3.927, 4.712,
5.497])
# Be careful...
```

>>> arange(1.5, 2.1, 0.3)

array([1.5, 1.8, 2.1])

ONES, ZEROS

ones(shape, dtype=float64)
zeros(shape, dtype=float64)

shape is a number or sequence specifying the dimensions of the array. If **dtype** is not specified, it defaults to **float64**.

```
>>> ones((2,3),dtype=float32)
array([[ 1.,  1.,  1.],
       [ 1.,  1.,  1.]],
       dtype=float32)
>>> zeros(3)
array([ 0.,  0.,  0.])
```

Array Creation Functions (cont.)



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IDENTITY

```
# Generate an n by n identity
# array. The default dtype is
# float64.
>>> a = identity(4)
>>> a
array([[ 1., 0., 0., 0.],
      [0., 1., 0., 0.],
       [0., 0., 1., 0.],
       [0., 0., 0., 1.]]
>>> a.dtype
dtype('float64')
>>> identity(4, dtype=int)
array([[ 1, 0, 0, 0],
      [0, 1, 0, 0],
       [0, 0, 1, 0],
       [0, 0, 0, 1]
```

EMPTY AND FILL

```
# empty(shape, dtype=float64,
        order='C')
>>> a = empty(2)
>>> a
array([1.78021120e-306,
 6.95357225e-3081)
# fill array with 5.0
>>> a.fill(5.0)
array([5., 5.])
# alternative approach
# (slightly slower)
>>> a[:] = 4.0
array([4., 4.])
```

Array Creation Functions (cont.)



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LINSPACE

```
# Generate N evenly spaced
# elements between (and
# including) start and
# stop values.
>>> linspace(0,1,5)
array([0.,0.25.,0.5,0.75, 1.0])
```

LOGSPACE

ARRAYS FROM/TO TXT FILES

Data.txt

```
-- BEGINNING OF THE FILE
% Day, Month, Year, Skip, Avg Power
01, 01, 2000, x876, 13 % crazy day!
% we don't have Jan 03rd
04, 01, 2000, xfed, 55
```

```
# loadtxt() automatically generates
# an array from the txt file
arr = loadtxt('Data.txt', skiprows=1,
    dtype=int, delimiter=",",
    usecols = (0,1,2,4),
    comments = "%")
# Save an array into a txt file
savetxt('filename', arr)
```

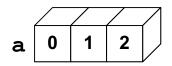
Indexing with newaxis



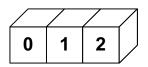
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newaxis is a special index that inserts a new axis in the array at the specified location.

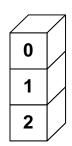
Each **newaxis** increases the array's dimensionality by 1.



1 X 3

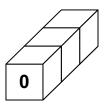


3 X 1



1 X 1 X 3

> y = a[newaxis,newaxis,:]
> shape(y)
(1, 1, 3)



"Flattening" Arrays



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a.flatten()

a.flatten() converts a multidimensional array into a 1-D array. The new array is a *copy* of the original data.

```
# Create a 2D array
>>> a = array([[0,1],
                [2,3]])
# Flatten out elements to 1D
>>> b = a.flatten()
>>> b
array([0,1,2,3])
# Changing b does not change a
>>> b[0] = 10
>>> b
array([10,1,2,3])
                  no change
>>> a
array([[0, 1],
       [2, 3]])
```

a.flat

a.flat is an attribute that returns an iterator object that accesses the data in the multi-dimensional array data as a 1-D array. It references the original memory.

"(Un)raveling" Arrays



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a.ravel()

```
a.ravel() is the same as a.flatten(), but returns a reference (or view) of the array if possible (i.e., the memory is contiguous). Otherwise the new array copies the data.
```

[2, 311)

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

a.ravel() MAKES A COPY

```
# create a 2-D array
>>> a = array([[0,1],
                [2,311)
# transpose array so memory
# layout is no longer contiguous
>>> aa = a.transpose()
>>> aa
array([[0, 2],
       [1, 3]])
# ravel creates a copy of data
>>> b = aa.ravel()
array([0,2,1,3])
# changing b doesn't change a
>>> b[0] = 10
>>> b
array([10,1,2,3])
>>> a
array([[0, 1],
                                179
       [2, 311)
```

Reshaping Arrays



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SHAPE

```
>>> a = arange(6)
>>> a
array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
>>> a.shape
(6,)
# reshape array in-place to
# 2x3
>>> a.shape = (2,3)
>>> a
array([[0, 1, 2],
       [3, 4, 5]]
```

RESHAPE

```
# return a new array with a
# different shape
>>> a.reshape(3,2)
array([[0, 1],
       [2, 3],
       [4, 5]])
# reshape cannot change the
# number of elements in an
# array
>>> a.reshape(4,2)
ValueError: total size of new
array must be unchanged
```

Type Casting



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ASARRAY

```
>>> a = array([1.5, -3],
            dtype=float32)
. . .
>>> a
array([1.5, -3.], dtype=float32)
# upcast
>>> asarray(a, dtype=float64)
array([1.5, -3.])
# downcast
>>> asarray(a, dtype=uint8)
array([ 1, 253], dtype=uint8)
# asarray is efficient.
# It does not make a copy if the
# type is the same.
>>> b = asarray(a, dtype=float32)
>>> b[0] = 2.0
>>> a
array([2., -3.], dtype=float32)
```

ASTYPE

```
>>> a = array([1.5, -3],
... dtype=float64)
>>> a.astype(float32)
array([ 1.5, -3.], dtype=float32)
>>> a.astype(uint8)
array([ 1, 253],dtype=uint8)
```

```
# astype is safe.
# It always returns a copy of
# the array.
>>> b = a.astype(float64)
>>> b[0] = 2.0
>>> a
array([1.5, -3.])
```

NumPy dtypes



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Type	Available NumPy types	Code	Comments
Boolean	bool	b	Elements are 1 byte in size.
Integer	int8, int16, int32, int64, int128, int	i	int defaults to the size of long in C for the platform.
Unsigned Integer	uint8, uint16, uint32, uint64, uint128, uint	u	uint defaults to the size of unsigned long in C for the platform.
Float	float16, float32, float64, float,longfloat	f	float is always a double precision floating point value (64 bits). longfloat represents large precision floats. Its size is platform dependent.
Complex	complex64, complex128, complex, longcomplex	С	The real and imaginary elements of a complex64 are each represented by a single precision (32 bit) value for a total size of 64 bits.
Strings	str, unicode	S or a, U	For example, dtype='S4' would be used for an array of 4-character strings.
DateTime	datetime64, timedelta64	None	Allow operations between dates and/or times. New in 1.7.
Object	object	0	Represent items in array as Python objects.
Records	void	V	Used for arbitrary data structures.

Concatenate

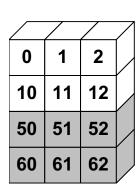


concatenate((a0,a1,...,aN),axis=0)

The input arrays (a0,a1,...,aN) are concatenated along the given axis. They must have the same shape along every axis except the one given.

0	1	2	
10	11	12	

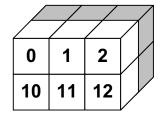
			$\overline{}$
50	51	52	
60	61	62	



>>> concatenate((x,y)) >>> concatenate((x,y),1)

						/
0	1	2	50	51	52	/
10	11	12	60	61	62	

>>> array((x,y))

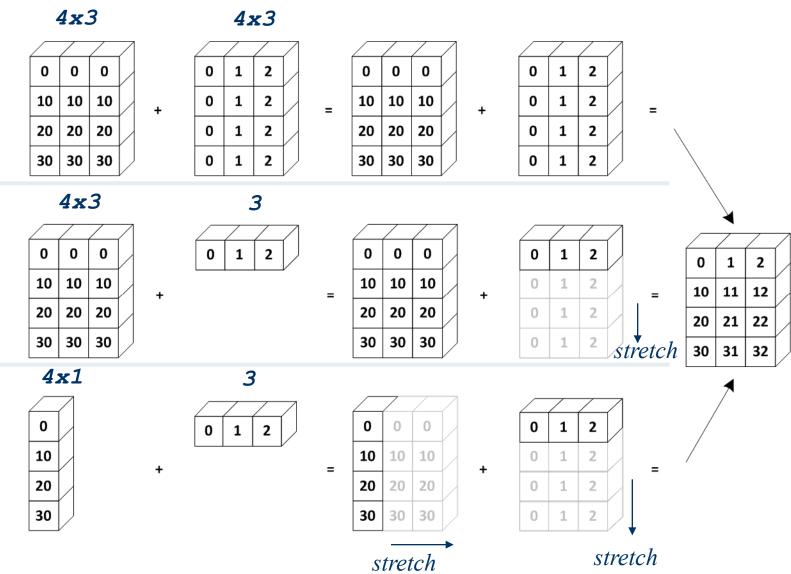




Array Broadcasting



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Array calculation methods

Array Calculation Methods



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SUM FUNCTION

```
>>> a = array([[1,2,3],
                [4,5,611)
# sum() defaults to adding up
# all the values in an array.
>>> sum(a)
21
# supply the keyword axis to
# sum along the 0th axis
>>> sum(a, axis=0)
array([5, 7, 9])
# supply the keyword axis to
# sum along the last axis
>>> sum(a, axis=-1)
array([ 6, 15])
```

SUM ARRAY METHOD

```
# a.sum() defaults to adding
# up all values in an array.
>>> a.sum()
21

# supply an axis argument to
# sum along a specific axis
>>> a.sum(axis=0)
array([5, 7, 9])
```

PRODUCT

```
# product along columns
>>> a.prod(axis=0)
array([ 4, 10, 18])

# as a function
>>> prod(a, axis=0)
array([ 4, 10, 18])
```

Min/Max



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```
MIN
```

```
>>> a = array([2.,3.,0.,1.])
>>> a.min(axis=0)
0.0
# Use NumPy's amin() instead
# of Python's built-in min()
# for speedy operations on
# multi-dimensional arrays.
>>> amin(a, axis=0)
0.0
```

ARGMIN

```
# Find index of minimum value.
>>> a.argmin(axis=0)
2
# as a function
>>> argmin(a, axis=0)
2
```

MAX

```
>>> a = array([2.,3.,0.,1.])
>>> a.max(axis=0)
3.0
```

```
# as a function
>>> amax(a, axis=0)
3.0
```

ARGMAX

```
# Find index of maximum value.
>>> a.argmax(axis=0)
1
# as a function
>>> argmax(a, axis=0)
1
```

Statistics Array Methods



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MEAN

```
>>> a = array([[1,2,3],
               [4,5,6]]
# mean value of each column
>>> a.mean(axis=0)
array([2.5, 3.5, 4.5])
>>> mean(a, axis=0)
array([ 2.5, 3.5, 4.5])
>>> average(a, axis=0)
array([2.5, 3.5, 4.5])
# average can also calculate
# a weighted average
>>> average(a, weights=[1,2],
          axis=0)
array([ 3., 4., 5.])
```

STANDARD DEV./VARIANCE

```
# Standard Deviation
>>> a.std(axis=0)
array([ 1.5,  1.5,  1.5])

# variance
>>> a.var(axis=0)
array([2.25,  2.25,  2.25])
>>> var(a, axis=0)
array([2.25,  2.25,  2.25])
```

Trig and math Functions



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TRIGONOMETRIC

sin(x)	sinh(x)
cos(x)	cosh(x)

arccos(x) arccosh(x)

arctan(x) arctanh(x) arcsin(x)

arctan2(x,y)

VECTOR OPERATIONS

dot(x,y) vdot(x,y)
inner(x,y) outer(x,y)
cross(x,y) kron(x,y)
tensordot(x,y[,axis])

OTHERS

exp(x) log(x)
log10(x) sqrt(x)
absolute(x) conjugate(x)
negative(x) ceil(x)
floor(x) fabs(x)
hypot(x,y) fmod(x,y)
maximum(x,y) minimum(x,y)

hypot(x,y)

Element by element distance calculation using $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

Other array functions



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TYPE HANDLING

iscomplexobj real if close isnan

iscomplex isscalar nan to num

isrealobj isneginf common type

isreal isposinf typename

imag isinf

real isfinite

SHAPE MANIPULATION

atleast_1d hstack hsplit

atleast_2d vstack vsplit

atleast 3d dstack dsplit

expand dims column stack split

apply over axes squeeze

apply along axis

OTHER USEFUL FUNCTIONS

fix unwrap roots

mod sort complex poly

amax trim zeros any

amin fliplr all

ptp flipud disp

sum rot90 unique

cumsum eye nansum

prod diag nanmax

cumprod select nanargmax

diff extract nanargmin

angle insert nanmin

Vectorizing Functions



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SCALAR SINC FUNCTION

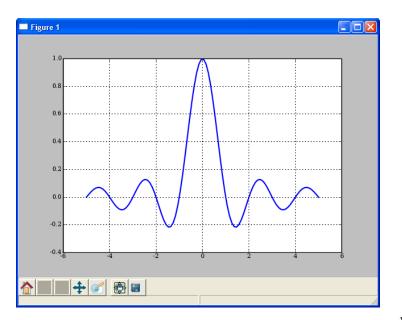
```
# special.sinc already available
# This is just for show.
def sinc(x):
    if x == 0.0:
        return 1.0
    else:
        w = pi*x
        return sin(w) / w
```

```
# attempt
>>> x = array((1.3, 1.5))
>>> sinc(x)
ValueError: The truth value of
an array with more than one
element is ambiguous. Use
a.any() or a.all()
```

SOLUTION

```
>>> from numpy import vectorize
>>> vsinc = vectorize(sinc)
>>> vsinc(x)
array([-0.1981, -0.2122])

>>> x2 = linspace(-5, 5, 101)
>>> plot(x2, vsinc(x2))
```





"Advanced" NumPy

Advanced NumPy overview



NumPy is the low-level core of most Python Data Science libraries.

There are a couple of advanced NumPy topics that it's worth being aware of:

- structured arrays
- memmap'ed arrays

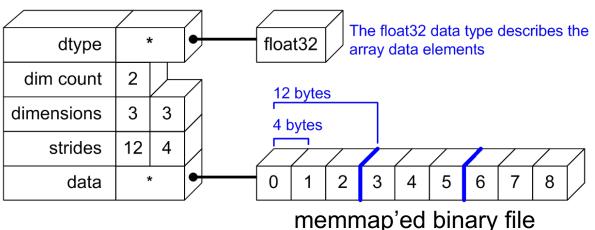
memmap'ed arrays



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The array data can come from any buffer-like storage, including memmap'ed files. Users can use the array object transparently, and the OS creates memory pages as needed.

NDArray Data Structure





Python View:

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0	1	2	
3	4	5	
6	7	8	

Memory Mapped Arrays



Methods for Creating:

- memmap: subclass of ndarray that manages the memory mapping details.
- frombuffer: Create an array from a memory mapped buffer object.
- ndarray constructor: Use the buffer keyword to pass in a memory mapped buffer.

Limitations:

- Files must be < 2GB on Python 2.4 and before.
- Files must be < 2GB on 32-bit machines.
- Python 2.5 and higher on 64 bit machines is theoretically "limited" to 17.2 billion GB (17 Exabytes).

Memory Mapped Example



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```
# Create a "memory mapped" array where
# the array data is stored in a file on
# disk instead of in main memory.
>>> from numpy import memmap
>>> image = memmap('some file.dat',
                   dtype=uint16,
                   mode='r+',
                   shape=(5,5),
                   offset=header size)
# Standard array methods work.
>>> mean value = image.mean()
# Standard math operations work.
# The resulting scaled image *is*
# stored in main memory. It is a
# standard numpy array.
>>> scaled image = image * .5
```

image:

2D NumPy array shape: 5, 5 dtype: uint16

some_file.dat

memmap



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The memmap subclass of array handles opening and closing files as well as synchronizing memory with the underlying file system.

filename Name of the underlying file. For all modes, except for 'w+', the file must already exist and contain at least the number of bytes used by the array.

dtype The numpy data type used for the array. This can be a "structured" dtype as well as the standard simple data types.

offset Byte offset within the file to the memory used as data within the array.

mode <see next slide>

shape Tuple specifying the dimensions and size of each dimension in the array. shape=(5,10) would create a 2D array with 5 rows and 10 columns.

order 'C' for row major memory ordering (standard in the C programming language) and 'F' for column major memory ordering (standard in Fortran).

memmap -- mode



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The mode setting for memmap arrays is used to set the access flag when opening the specified file using the standard mmap module.

mode A string indicating how the underlying file should be opened.

'r' or 'readonly': Open an existing file as an array for reading.

'c' or 'copyonwrite': "Copy on write" arrays are "writable" as Python arrays, but they *never* modify the underlying file.

'r+' or 'readwrite': Create a read/write array from an existing file. The file will have "write through" behavior where changes to the array are written to the underlying file. Use the flush() method to ensure the array is synchronized with the file.

'w+' or 'write': Create the file or overwrite if it exists. The array is filled with zeros and has "write through" behavior similar to 'r+'.

Working with file headers



File Format:

header

data

```
rows (int32)
              cols (int32)
```

64 bit floating point data...

```
# Create a dtype to represent the header.
header dtype = dtype([('rows', int32), ('cols', int32)])
# Create a memory mapped array using this dtype. Note the shape is empty.
header = memmap(file name, mode='r', dtype=header dtype, shape=())
# Read the row and column sizes from using this structured array.
rows = header['rows']
cols = header['cols']
# Create a memory map to the data segment, using rows, cols for shape
# information and the header size to determine the correct offset.
data = memmap(file name, mode='r+', dtype=float64,
              shape=(rows, cols), offset=header dtype.itemsize)
```

Structured arrays



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Structured arrays allow interpreting the array elements as fields of multiple types. Combined with memmaps, it increases the opportunities for creating disk-backed arrays from binary files.

Elements of an array can be any fixed-size data structure!

name char[10]
age int
weight double

Brad	Jane	John	Fred
33	25	47	54
135.0	105.0	225.0	140.0
Henry	George	Brian	Amy
29	61	32	27
154.0	202.0	137.0	187.0
Ron	Susan	Jennifer	Jill
19	33	18	54
188.0	135.0	88.0	145.0

EXAMPLE

Structured Arrays



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```
# "Data structure" (dtype) that describes the fields and
# type of the items in each array element.
>>> particle dtype = dtype([('mass','float32'), ('velocity', 'float32')])
# This must be a list of tuples.
>>> particles = array([(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (1,3)],
                      dtype=particle dtype)
>>> print particles
[(1.0, 1.0) (1.0, 2.0) (2.0, 1.0) (1.0, 3.0)]
# Retrieve the mass for all particles through indexing.
>>> print particles['mass']
[ 1. 1. 2. 1.]
# Retrieve particle 0 through indexing.
>>> particles[0]
(1.0, 1.0)
# Sort particles in place, with velocity as the primary field and
# mass as the secondary field.
>>> particles.sort(order=('velocity','mass'))
>>> print particles
[(1.0, 1.0) (2.0, 1.0) (1.0, 2.0) (1.0, 3.0)]
```

Nested Datatype



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nested.dat

Time	Size		Position			Gain	Samples (204	18)		
		Az	El	Туре	ID					
1172581077060	4108	0.715594	-0.148407	1	4	40	561	1467	997	-30
1172581077091	4108	0.706876	-0.148407	1	4	40	7	591	423	
1172581077123	4108	0.698157	-0.148407	1	4	40	49	-367	-565	-35
1172581077153	4108	0.689423	-0.148407	1	4	40	-55	-953	-1151	-30
1172581077184	4108	0.680683	-0.148407	1	4	40	-719	-1149	-491	38
1172581077215	4108	0.671956	-0.148407	1	4	40	-1503	-683	661	149
1172581077245	4108	0.663232	-0.148407	1	4	40	-2731	-281	2327	29
1172581077276	4108	0.654511	-0.148407	1	4	40	-3493	-159	3277	380
1172581077306	4108	0.645787	-0.148407	1	4	40	-3255	-247	3145	385
1172581077339	4108	0.637058	-0.148407	1	4	40	-2303	-101	2079	247
1172581077370	4108	0.628321	-0.148407	1	4	40	-1495	-553	571	107
1172581077402	4108	0.619599	-0.148407	1	4	40	-955	-1491	-1207	-25
1172581077432	4108	0.61087	-0.148407	1	4	40	-875	-3009	-2987	-93
1172581077463	4108	0.602148	-0.148407	1	4	40	-491	-3681	-4193	-175
1172581077497	4108	0.593438	-0.148407	1	4	40	167	-3501	-4573	-250
1172581077547	4108	0.584696	-0.148407	1	4	40	1007	-2613	-4463	-303
1172581077599	4108	0.575972	-0.148407	1	4	40	1261	-2155	-4299	-339
1172581077650	4108	0.567244	-0.148407	1	4	40	1537	-2633	-4945	-367
1172591077702	4109	A 559511	0 149407	- 1	4	40	1105	2701	6120	400

Nested Datatype (cont'd)



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The data file can be extracted with the following code:

```
>>> dt = dtype([('time', uint64),
               ('size', uint32),
               ('position', [('az', float32),
                              ('el', float32),
                              ('region type', uint8),
                              ('region ID', uint16)]),
               ('gain', uint8),
               ('samples', int16, 2048)])
>>> data = loadtxt('nested.dat', dtype=dt, skiprows = 2)
>>> data['position']['az']
array([ 0.71559399, 0.70687598, 0.69815701, 0.68942302,
        0.68068302, ... ], dtype=float32)
```