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 - numpy arrays
- and often its easier to use numpy arrays

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- csv csv.reader(filehandle)
- pandas pd.read_csv(filename)
- data np.array(panda_data)

Numpy can store and load data as well with np.save() and np.load()

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Dicts and Sets

- · dicts are like lists but with keys instead of indices
- sets are like lists but without duplicates

Sets are very useful for counting unique elements

- set(list) gives you a set of all elements in list
- · len(set(list)) gives you the number of unique elements

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Functions

You can store the handle to a function in a variable.

- func = np.mean
- func(data)

This is useful if you want to use a function as an argument for another function. Or if you want a abstract function.

Lambda

Lambda functions are a way to create functions on the fly.

- func = lambda x: x**2
- func(2)

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