# A Brief Introduction to Python Part II: Numpy

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- Native Python does not provide an appropriate class for manipulating higher-dimensional arrays, e.g. matrices, This is an elementary needs in scientific computing and many other application areas.
- A powerful third-party Python package called Numpy filled this blank. Thanks to the great effort of open source community, poor people like us do not need to pirate Matlab anymore.
- In this tutorial, we are going to learn the ndarray class along with many useful functions provided by Numpy.

# A first example

## Let us begin with the simplest example as always:

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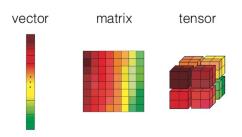
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Let us begin with the simplest example as always:

Note that <code>np.array()</code> accepts a <code>list</code> or <code>tuple</code> object as input. The following code does not work:

```
>>> b = np.array(1, 2, 3)
Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ValueError: only 2 non-keyword arguments accepted
```

The class name ndarray is an abbreviation for "n-dimensional array". So what is exactly an "n-dimensional array"? Basically,



- Vector is 1-dimensional, i.e.  $\mathbf{v} = (v_i) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- Matrix is 2-dimensional, i.e.  $\mathbf{M} = (M_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}$
- Tensor is 3-dimensional or higher, i.e.  $\mathcal{T} = (T_{iik}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ .

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$$\mathcal{T} = (T_{i_1,i_2,\ldots,i_m}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \cdots \times n_m}.$$

## Exercise 1.1

How many elements does  $\mathcal T$  have as described above?

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To conclude, a general *m*-dimensional array looks like:

$$\mathcal{T} = (T_{i_1,i_2,\ldots,i_m}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \cdots \times n_m}.$$

## Exercise 1.1

How many elements does  $\mathcal T$  have as described above?

**Solution:** Since each index  $i_p$  varies from 1 to  $n_p$ , array  $\mathcal{T}$  must have  $n_1 \times n_2 \times \cdots \times n_m$  elements.

Note that in most programming languages such as C and Python, the convention is that each index  $i_p$  varies from 0 to  $n_p-1$  instead.

It creates a 1-dimensional array from a list:

```
>>> a1 = [1, 2, 3]
>>> array1 = np.array(a1)
>>> array1
array([1, 2, 3])
```

It creates a 2-dimensional array from a list of lists:

 It creates a 3-dimensional array from a list of lists of lists:

```
>>> b2 = [[7, 8, 9], [10,11,12]]
>>> a3 = [a2, b2] # a2 and b2 are lists of lists
>>> a3
[[[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6]], [[7, 8, 9], [10, 11, 12]]]
>>> array3 = np.array(a3)
>>> array3
```

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Below are some of the most important attributes of the ndarray class:

ndarray.ndim: the number of axes (dimensions) of the array, also known as the **rank**. It is the number n in the *n*-dimensional array.

```
>>> array1.ndim # vector has rank 1
>>> array2.ndim # matrix has rank 2
>>> array3.ndim # higher-dimensional matrix has rank 3 or above
```

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```
>>> array1.ndim # vector has rank 1
1
>>> array2.ndim # matrix has rank 2
2
>>> array3.ndim # higher-dimensional matrix has rank 3 or above
3
```

ndarray. shape: the dimensions of the array. For a matrix with n rows and m columns, its shape will be (n,m).

```
>>> array1.shape
(3,)
>>> array2.shape
(2, 3)
>>> array3.shape
(2, 2, 3)
```

Note that we always have arr.ndim == len(arr.shape)

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# **Attributes**

ndarray.size: the total number of elements in the array.

```
>>> array1.size
3
>>> array2.size
6
>>> array3.size
12
```

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```
>>> array1.size
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>>> array2.size
6
>>> array3.size
```

 ndarray.dtype: describing the type of the elements in the array. One can create or specify dtype's using standard Python types such as float or types provided by Numpy, e.g. numpy.int32.

```
>>> array1.dtype
dtype('int32')
>>> array4 = np.array([1.0, 2.5])
>>> array4.dtype
dtype('float64')
```

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Typically, np.array() use the dtype of the input for the output array. For instance:

```
>>> a = np.array([1,2,3])
>>> a # an array of integers by default
array([1, 2, 3])
>>> b = np.array([1.1, 2.5, 3.3])
>>> b # an array of floating points by default
array([1.1, 2.5, 3.3])
```

But we can also specify the dtype argument when calling np.array() to force the type conversion.

```
>>> a = np.array([1,2,3], dtype=float)
>>> a # an array of floating points
array([1., 2., 3.])
>>> b = np.array([1.1, 2.5, 3.3], dtype=int)
>>> b # an array of integers
array([1, 2, 3])
```

Numpy also provides function np.zeros() to create an array full of 0 and np.ones() to create an array full of 1.

```
>>> a = np.zeros(shape=(2, 5))
>>> a
array([[ 0., 0., 0., 0., 0.],
      Γ 0.. 0.. 0.. 0.. 0.11)
>>> b = np.ones(shape=(3, 4))
>>> b
array([[ 1., 1., 1., 1.],
      [ 1., 1., 1., 1.],
      [ 1., 1., 1., 1.]])
```

We observe that an array of floating points is returned by default. To create an integer array, we must specify dtype argument:

```
>>> a=np.zeros((2, 5), dtvpe=int)
>>> a
array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
       [0, 0, 0, 0, 0]])
>>> b=np.ones((3, 4), dtype=int)
>>> b
array([[1, 1, 1, 1],
      [1, 1, 1, 1],
       [1, 1, 1, 1]])
```

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Notice that we must specify the shape argument when calling np.zeros() and np.ones(). The shape argument accepts a tuple (preferred) or list object as input.

```
>>> a = np.zeros((2, 5)) # OK, preferred
>>> a = np.zeros([2, 5]) # OK
>>> a = np.zeros(2, 5) # Error
```

One special case is that when creating a 1-dimensional array, shape parameter also accept int value:

```
>>> a = np.zeros(3) # it works although 3 is not a tuple
>>> a
array([ 0.,  0.,  0.])
>>> b = np.ones(3)
>>> b
array([ 1.,  1.,  1.])
```

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To create sequences of numbers, Numpy provides two useful functions: np.arange() and np.linspace().

Function np.arange() accepts 3 arguments: start,stop and step:

```
>>> np.arange(start=10, stop=30, step=5)
array([10, 15, 20, 25])
>>> np.arange(0, 2, 0.3)  # it accepts float arguments
array([ 0. , 0.3, 0.6, 0.9, 1.2, 1.5, 1.8])
```

 Function np.linspace() allows the users to specify the number num of elements to be created instead of the step size step:

```
>>> np.linspace(start=0, stop=2, num=9) # 9 numbers from 0 to 2 array([0., 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1., 1.25, 1.5, 1.75, 2.])
```

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Just like accessing element of a list, the index always starts from 0 and ends at n-1.

```
>>> A = arrav2
>>> A
array([[1, 2, 3],
      [4, 5, 6]])
>>> A[0,0]
>>> A[0,1]
>>> A[0,2]
>>> A[1,0]
>>> A[1,1]
>>> A[1,2]
>>> A[1,-1] # index can be negative, -1 means the last index
>>> A[1,-2]
>>> A[1,-3]
```

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Let us now talk about how to extract a subarray from a given array. First, we generate an array with 10 rows and 8 columns.

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## Exercise

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| 1 | 9           | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16  |
| 2 | 17          | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24  |
| 3 | 25          | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32  |
| 4 | 33          | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40  |
| 5 | 41          | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48  |
| 6 | 49          | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56  |
| 7 | 57          | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64  |
| 8 | 65          | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72  |
| 9 | <b>\</b> 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80  |

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How to obtain the subarray covering the blue area? **Solution:** 

```
>>> C = np.array(np.arange(1,21))
>>> C
array([ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,
      18, 19, 20])
>>> C[0:15] # equivalent to C[:15]
array([ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15])
>>> C[3:15]
array([ 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15])
>>> C[0:15:2]
array([ 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15])
>>> C[0:15:3]
arrav([ 1. 4. 7. 10. 13])
>>> C[10::3]
array([11, 14, 17, 20])
>>> C[::3] # equivalent to C[0::3]
array([ 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19])
```

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array([ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,
      18, 19, 20])
>>> C[0:15] # equivalent to C[:15]
array([ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15])
>>> C[3:15]
array([ 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15])
>>> C[0:15:2]
array([ 1. 3. 5. 7. 9. 11. 13. 15])
>>> C[0:15:3]
arrav([ 1. 4. 7. 10. 13])
>>> C[10::37
array([11, 14, 17, 20])
>>> C[::3] # equivalent to C[0::3]
array([ 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19])
```

### We can see that

- if start is omitted, then it means "starts from the beginning", i.e. start=0;
- if stop is omitted, then it means "to (and include) the last element";
- if step is omitted, then it means step=1.

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A=np.arange(1,101).reshape((10,10)). This gives

```
>>> A
array([[ 1.
                                          9. 107.
      [ 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20],
     [ 21, 22, 23, 24,
                       25, 26, 27, 28,
       31. 32. 33. 34.
                       35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40],
                       45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50],
     [ 41, 42, 43, 44,
     [ 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60],
     Γ 61. 62. 63. 64. 65.
                                67. 68. 69. 701.
                            66.
     [ 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80],
                                87, 88, 89, 90],
     [ 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86,
                                97. 98.
     Г 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96.
                                         99. 10077)
```

1 Using slicing to create  $5 \times 5$  matrices  $A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{21}, A_{22}$  such that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- 2 Using slicing to create matrices  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  such that
  - *B*<sub>1</sub> consists of odd rows of *A*;
  - *B*<sub>2</sub> consists of even columns of *A*.

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```
>>> A11=A[0:5.0:5]
>>> A12=A [0:5.5:10]
>>> A21=A[5:10,0:5]
>>> A22=A[5:10,5:10]
array([[ 56, 57, 58, 59, 60],
      [ 66, 67, 68, 69, 70],
      [ 76, 77, 78, 79, 80],
      Г 86. 87. 88. 89. 901.
      Г 96. 97. 98. 99. 10011)
>>>
>>> B1=A[::2.:7
>>> B1
array([[ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10],
      [21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30],
      [41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50],
      [61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70],
      [81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90]])
>>> B2=A[:,1::2]
>>> B2
array([[ 2, 4, 6, 8, 10],
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      [ 62, 64, 66, 68,
                          70],
      [ 72, 74, 76, 78, 80],
      Г 82. 84. 86. 88. 901.
      [ 92, 94, 96, 98, 100]])
```

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# Methods

The ndarray class contains a various methods. Below are some of them:

max()
argmax()
dot(y)
sum()
mean()
var()
ravel()
transpose()
reshape()

return maximum element
return the index of the maximum element
return the matrix multiplication with y
return the sum
return the mean
return the variance
return the flattened array
return the transposed array
return the reshaped array

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• max()

```
>>> x=np.array([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6]])
>>> x.max()
6
>>> x.max(axis=0)
array([4, 5, 6])
>>> x.max(axis=1)
array([3, 6])
```

argmax()

```
>>> x.argmax()
5
>>> x.argmax(axis=0)
array([1, 1, 1], dtype=int64)
>>> x.argmax(axis=1)
array([2, 2], dtype=int64)
```

• dot()

## mean()

```
>>> x.mean()
3.5
>>> x.mean(axis=1)
array([ 2., 5.])
>>> x.mean(axis=0)
array([ 2.5, 3.5, 4.5])
```

## • var()

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# Deep and shallow copies of array

We stress that in Numpy assignment gives shallow copy:

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We stress that in Numpy assignment gives shallow copy:

To obtain a deep copy, we have to use the <code>copy()</code> method:

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Recall that ravel(), transpose() and reshape() method produce a new array of a different shape.

```
>>> x=np.array([[1,2,3],[4,5,6]])
>>> v1=x.ravel()
>>> v1
array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6])
>>> y2=x.transpose()
>>> y2
array([[1, 4],
       Γ2, 5],
       [3, 6]])
>>> v3=x.reshape((6.1))
>>> v3
array([[1],
       Γ21.
       Г37.
       [4],
       [5],
       [6]1)
```

In Numpy, those produced arrays share the same data as the original array in computer memory. In fact they only provide a **view** of the original data by providing different descriptive information such as a new shape.

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We can see that when the data of x is changed, so does all arrays that depend on the same piece of data.

As a rule of thumb, in Numpy the data of an array rarely get deep copied. If you want a deep copy, you have to do this explicitly, e.g. by using ndarray class' copy() method.

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The ndarray class has also defined its own version of operator + - \* and /. Basically, these are usual mathematical addition subtraction multiplication and division that operates **component-wise** on array elements.

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① Create the following array without using np.array().

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#### Solution:

```
>>> t = np.arange(1,25)
>>> t2 = t*t
>>> A = t2.reshape((4, 6))
>>> m = A.mean(axis=1)
>>> m = m.reshape((4, 1))
>>> B = A - m
>>> var1 = A2.mean(axis=1)
>>> var1
array([ 149.13888889, 1059.13888889, 2809.13888889, 5399.13888889])
```

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Note that if you use math.log() on a Numpy array, you will get an error. This is because math.log() only accepts scalar argument.

```
>>> import math
>>> math.log(x)
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: only length-1 arrays can be converted to Python scalars
```

From the examples above, we see that we would have naming conflict should we use from numpy import \* and from math import \*.

## Linear algebra: matrix multiplication

To compute the product of two matrix A and B, we can use either  $\mathsf{np.dot}(A, B)$  or  $\mathsf{A.dot}(B)$ . They produce the same result.

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Care must be taken when do matrix-vector multiplication.

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### Linear algebra

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|---------|--------------------------------------------|
| inv()   | Inverse of a square matrix                 |
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Depending on the way you import the module, there is a difference on how to use these functions. Take the example of norm():

- If import numpy as np, then use np.linalg.norm();
- If from numpy import linalg, then use linalg.norm();
- If from numpy import \*, then use linalg.norm();
- If from numpy.linalg import \*, then use norm().

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```
>>> from numpy.linalg import *
>>> A=np.array([[1,2],[3,4]])
>>> x=np.arrav([5.6])
>>> norm(A) # return Frobenius norm by default for matrix
5.4772255750516612
>>> norm(x) # return Euclidean norm by default for vector
7 810249675906654
>>> inv(A)
array([[-2. , 1. ],
       Γ 1.5. -0.5]])
>>> solve(A,x) # solve equation Ax=b
array([-4., 4.5])
>>> det(A)
-2.000000000000000004
>>> v=eig(A)
>>> v # v[0] is the array of eigenvalues, v[1] is that of eigenvectors
(array([-0.37228132, 5.37228132]), array([[-0.82456484, -0.41597356],
       [ 0.56576746, -0.90937671]]))
```

To get more details of these functions, press ctrl then left-click on the function name from your PyCharm IDE. By doing so, you will be redirected to the original function definition script.

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```
import numpy as np
import time
def mydot(A, B): # naive matrix multiplication
    C = np.zeros((A.shape[0], B.shape[1]))
    for i in range(A.shape[0]):
        for j in range(B.shape[1]):
            s = 0
            for k in range(A.shape[1]):
                s += A[i, k] * B[k, j]
                C\Gamma i. il = s
    return C
A = np.random.randn(100.100)
B = np.random.randn(100.100)
last_time = time.time()
mvdot(A, B)
print(time.time() - last_time)
last_time = time.time()
np.dot(A, B)
print(time.time() - last time)
```

In my computer, the result is

0.6555566787719727 0.00850987434387207

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