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NumPy Joining Array

Joining NumPy Arrays

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

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

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

Example

Join two arrays

```python
import numpy as np

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

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

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

print(arr)
```

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Example

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

```python
import numpy as np

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

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

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

print(arr)
```

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Joining Arrays Using Stack Functions

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

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

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

Example

```python
import numpy as np

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

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

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

print(arr)
```

Stacking Along Rows

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

Example

```python
import numpy as np

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

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

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

print(arr)
```

Stacking Along Columns

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

Example

```python
import numpy as np

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

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

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

```
print(arr)
```

Stacking Along Height (depth)

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

Example

```python
import numpy as np

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

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

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

print(arr)
```

Test Yourself With Exercises

Exercise:

Use a correct NumPy method to join two arrays into a single array.

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

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

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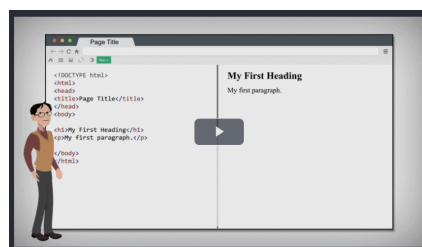
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