

YData: Introduction to Data Science



Lecture 13: Iteration

Overview

Quick review of Comparisons

Conditional statements

Appending arrays

Randomly selecting elements

If there is time: for loops

Announcements

Homework 4 has been posted

- Due Sunday February 27th at 11pm

Project 1 has been posted

- Due Friday March 4th
- You are allowed to work with one other person on the project
 - You can not discuss the project with anyone else part from the TAs
 - If you do not have a partner to work on the project with, you can sign up using this link:
<https://bit.ly/YPartner>



Comparisons

Comparisons

We can use mathematical operators to compare numbers and strings

- Results return Boolean values **True** and **False**

Comparison	Operator	True example	False Example
Less than	<	2 < 3	2 < 2
Greater than	>	3 > 2	3 > 3
Less than or equal	<=	2 <= 2	3 <= 2
Greater or equal	>=	3 >= 3	2 >= 3
Equal	==	3 == 3	3 == 2
Not equal	!=	3 != 2	2 != 2

We can also make comparisons across elements in an array

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Conditional statements

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Conditional statements control the sequence of computations that are performed in a program

We use the keyword **if** to begin a conditional statement to only execute lines of code if a particular condition is met.

We can use **elif** to test additional conditions

We can use an **else** statement to run code if none of the if or elif conditions have been met.

```
num = 5
if num == 1:
    print("Monday")
elif num == 2:
    print("Tuesday")
elif num == 3:
    print("Wednesday")
elif num == 4:
    print("Thursday")
elif num == 5:
    print("Friday")
elif num == 6:
    print("Saturday")
elif num == 7:
    print("Sunday")
else:
    print("Invalid input")
```

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Appending arrays

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We can append values or another array onto an existing array

`np.append(array1, value)`

- value appended to array1
- the value has to be of the same type as the elements of array1

`np.append(array1, array2)`

- array2 appended to array1
- array2 elements must have the same type as array1 elements

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Randomly selecting elements

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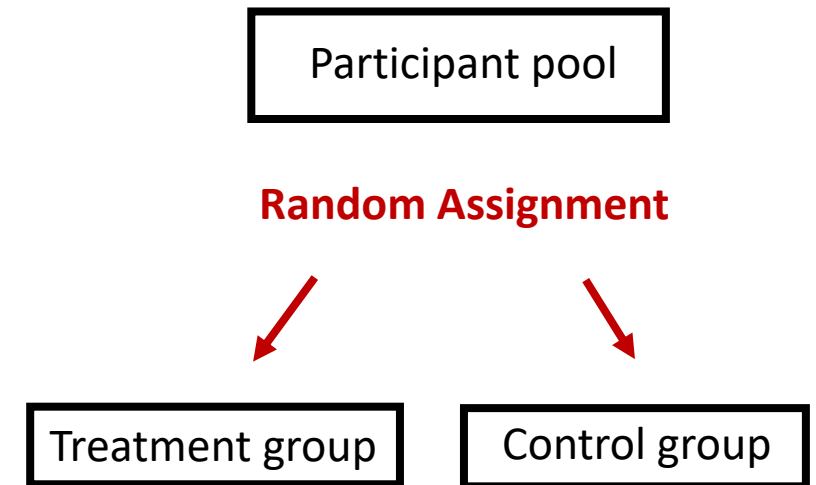
We can randomly select elements from an array using `np.random.choice()`

`np.random.choice(array, size)`

- `array`: an array to select random elements from
 - Elements selected uniformly random ***with replacement***
- `size`: number of elements to randomly select

Have we seen any examples of randomly choosing items in this class?

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For loops

For loops

For loops repeat a process many times, iterating over a sequence of items

- Often we are iterating over an array of sequential numbers

```
animals = make_array("cat", "dog", "bat")
```

```
for creature in animals:
```

```
    print(creature)
```

```
for i in np.arange(4):
```

```
    print(i**2)
```

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