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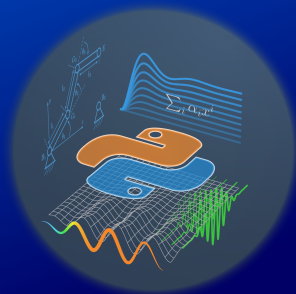
# Python for Engineers

## Pythonkurs für Ingenieur:innen

Data Processing and Analysis  
Numerische Datenauswertung

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Learning objectives:

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- productive handling of Numpy arrays
- overview, which algorithms are already implemented
- overview on Pandas

# Loading / Saving Data

```
import numpy as np

# ... do important calculations then save the result
result_array = np.arange(21).reshape(7, 3)

# same array but with automatic determination of column number
result_array2 = np.arange(21).reshape(7, -1)

np.save("result.npy", result_array) # binary format
np.savetxt("result.dat", result_array) # txt format

# ... in another file ...

array1 = np.load("result.npy") # binary format
array2 = np.loadtxt("result.dat") # txt format
```

∃ other possibilities (e.g. for \*.wav files or Matlab format: see `scipy.io.*`).

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Advanced indexing option 2: `boolean` arrays

- length must be the same as indexed array ( `x` )
- can only contain values `True` and `False`
- length of result equals number of `True`

```
ids = np.array([True, False, False, True])
x[ids] # -> [10, 13] (only first and last value were selected)

# negate all values that are less than 12:
x[x<12]*=-1 # -> [-10, -11, 12, 13]
```

# Numerical Differentiation

- reminder:  $\frac{df(x)}{dx} \approx \frac{f(x+\Delta x)-f(x)}{\delta x}$  ("difference quotient")
- `numpy.diff` for each array element: calc *successor minus predecessor*.
- for approximation of the first derivative of a function: **you** have divide by  $\Delta x$ .
- `numpy.diff(x)` → result is one element shorter than input data `x`

```
import numpy as np
x = np.arange(20) # array([0, 1, 2, 3,...])
xd = np.diff(x) # array([1, 1, 1, ...])
```

- higher derivative orders also possible, see [doc](#)
- opposite operation: `np.cumsum(x)` (cumulative sum  $\hat{=}$  discrete integral).



# Useful Engineering Tools: Filter and FFT

- filtering (low pass, moving average, ...).

→ package: `scipy.signal`

- Representation of the frequency spectrum

→ package: `numpy.fft` (Fast Fourier Transform)

“most important algorithm” of the information age

both require quite some background knowledge (therefore not covered here)

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Listing: example-code/01\_interpolation.py

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import numpy as np
import scipy.interpolate as ip
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# original data
x = [1, 2, 3, 4]
y = [2, 0, 1, 3]

plt.plot(x, y, "bx") # blue crosses
plt.savefig("interpolation0.pdf")

# create linear interpolator function
fnc1 = ip.interpld(x, y)

# achieve higher x-resolution by evaluation of fnc1
xx = np.linspace(1, 4, 20)
plt.plot(xx, fnc1(xx), "r.-") # red solid line and dots
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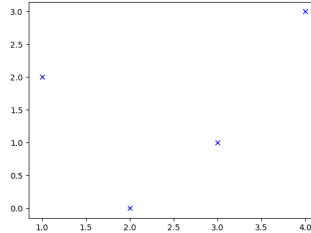
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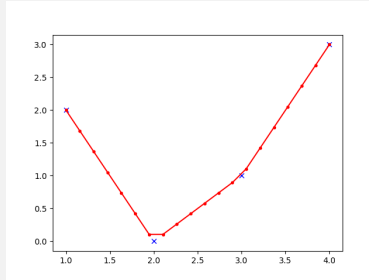
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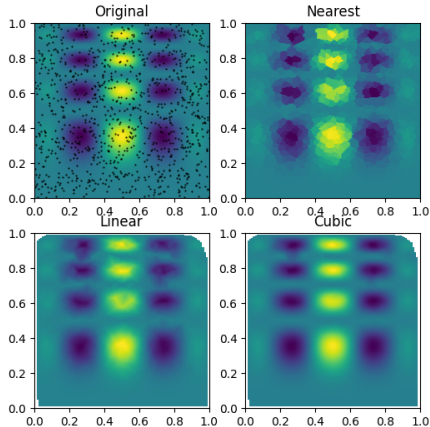
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# Interpolation (2)

- Works also in higher dimensions with irregularly distributed input data (see `example_code/01b_griddata.py`, taken from [docs.scipy.org/...](https://docs.scipy.org/))



# Regression (or “Fitting”)

→ `numpy.polyfit` and `numpy.polyval`

Listing: example-code/02\_regression.py

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

N = 25
xx = np.linspace(0, 5, N)

# cool trick: two assignments in one line
m, n = 2, -1

# evaluate equation of straight line:  $y = m \cdot x + n$ 
yy = np.polyval([m, n], xx)
yy_noisy = yy + np.random.randn(N) # add some random noise

# create linear fit (regression 1st order polynomial)
mr, nr = np.polyfit(xx, yy_noisy, 1) # calculate fit
yyr = np.polyval([mr, nr], xx) # evaluate the function

plt.plot(xx, yy, 'go--', label="original")
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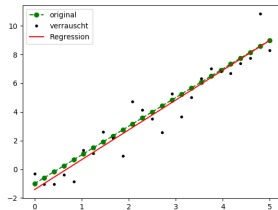
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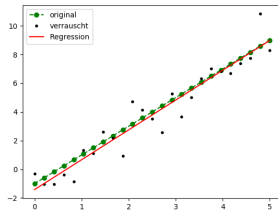
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# “Machine Learning” (ML)

- widely used since 2010's; very successful on some tasks
- can also be understood as **function approximation**
- three important subareas
  - **supervised learning**
    - classification (dog or cat? Mozart or Helene Fischer?)
    - regression (How well will movie X please person Y?)
  - **unsupervised learning** (= automatic cluster detection)
  - **Reinforcing learning** (agent adapts responses to environment to maximize reward)

Python is (arguably) the most important languages in ML:

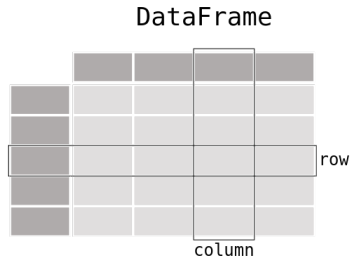
Subjective Link Selection:

- <https://scikit-learn.org> (neural networks, Gaussian processes, and many more).
- <https://pytorch.org> (neural networks)

# The Pandas Package

→ **"spreadsheet processing with Python"**

- most important package for "Data Science"
- based on Numpy
- most important data type: `pandas.DataFrame`
  - models a table
  - columns can have names
  - columns can have different data types
- second most important data type: `pandas.Series`
  - models row or column



extensive documentation: <https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/>

# Pandas: Create Data Frames

Listing: 03\_pandas.py

```
1 import pandas as pd
2 import numpy as np
3
4 # create df from a numpy array:
5 arr = np.random.randn(6, 4)
6 df1 = pd.DataFrame(arr, columns=list("ABCD"))
7
8 # create df from a dict
9 shop_articles = {
10     "weight": [10.1, 5.0, 8.3, 7.2],
11     "color": ["red", "green", "blue", "transparent"],
12     "availability": [False, True, True, False],
13     "price": 8.99 # all have the same price
14 }
15 article_numbers = ["A107", "A108", "A109", "A110"]
16 df2 = pd.DataFrame(shop_articles, index=article_numbers)
17
18 # each has its own data type
19 print("column types:\n", df2.dtypes)showspaces
```

# Pandas: Save and Load Data

Listing: 03\_pandas.py

```
25  fname = "things.csv"
26
27  # save the data frame as CSV file (Comma Separated Values )
28  # csv file will also contain header information (column labels)
29  df2.to_csv(fname)
30
31
32
33  # Pandas function to load csv-data into DataFrame
34  # (Detects column names automatically)
35  df2_new = pd.read_csv(fname)
36
37  # display(df2_new)  # Jupyter-Notebook-specific
```

# Pandas: Read/Write Access to Cells

Listing: 03\_pandas.py

```
42
43 # access individual values (by verbose index and column):
44 print(df2.loc["A108", "weight"])
45 df2.loc["A108", "weight"] = 3.4 # set new value
46 df2.loc["A108", "weight"] += 2 # increase by two
47
48 # access by numerical indices
49 print(df2.iloc[1, 0]) # row index: 1, column index: 0
50
51 # use slices to change multiple values
52 df2.loc["A108":"A109", "price"] *= 0.30 # 30% discount
53
54 # access multiple columns (-> new df object)
55 print(df2[["price", "weight"]])
56
57 # new column (-> provide a height value for every article)
58 df2["height"] = [10, 20, 30, 40]
59
60 # new row (-> provide a value for every column (weight, color, ...))
61 df2.loc["X400"] = [15, "purple", True, 25.00, 50]
```

# Pandas: Select Data by Boolean Indexing

Listing: 03\_pandas.py

```
65 # create Series-object with bool-entries
66 idcs = df2["weight"] > 8
67
68 # use this Series-object for indexing
69 print(df2[idcs])
70
71 # similar statement without intermediate variable:
72 print(df2[df2["weight"] < 8])
```

# Pandas: Apply Functions

Listing: 03\_pandas.py

```
75 df2.describe()
76 df2["price"].mean()
77 df2["weight"].median()
78 df2["weight"].max()
79
80 print("shorthand notation (if column label is valid python name)")
81 print(df2.weight == df2["weight"])
82 print(all(df2.weight == df2["weight"]))
83
84 # combine function application with boolean indexing
85 df2[df2.weight>8].weight.mean()
86
87 # apply an arbitrary function (here np.diff) to each (selected) column
88 print(df2[["price", "weight"]].apply(np.diff))
```

# Summary

- access to data ( `np.load` , `pd.read_csv` )
- selection (integer indexing, boolean indexing of both arrays and data frames)
- interpolation
- regression
- see docs for more details