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Python

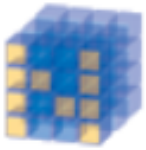
- Interpreted high-level general-purpose programming language
- It is open source !
- Object Oriented programming model
- Current stable version is 3.12
  - There are relevant changes from Python 2.x to 3.x
  - For this course we'll use Python 3.x

Resources:

- Website: http://www.python.org
- Documentation: http://www.python.org/doc/

Modules: SciPy ecosystem

SciPy (pronounced "Sigh Pie") is a Python-based ecosystem of open-source software for mathematics, science, and engineering. In particular, these are some of the core packages:



NumPy
Base N-dimensional array package

SciPy library
Fundamental library for scientific computing

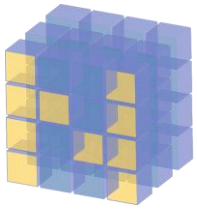
Matplotlib
Comprehensive 2D Plotting

IP[y]: IPython

IPython
Enhanced Interactive Console

Sympy
Symbolic mathematics

pandas
Data structures & analysis



NumPy

- Scientific computation capabilities within Python
  - Similar to Matlab functionalities
- Fast array operations
- 2D arrays, multi-D arrays, linear algebra, etc…

Modules: scikit-learn

- Machine Learning library in Python
- Based on numpy and scipy
- Open source
- We'll use this library for the labs !!
- Includes linear ML models, SVM, Neural Networks, clustering tools, …
- Documentation: http://scikit-learn.org/stable/documentation.html
- Reference Manual: http://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/classes.html

Setup: Your Home PC or Laptop

For your PC:

- ❑ Install ***Miniconda*** (with Python 3)
- ❑ Install ***scikit-learn***
  - Install scikit-learn with anaconda: `conda install scikit-learn`
  - It requires: Python, NumPy and SciPy
- ❑ Install ***jupyter notebook***
  - ❑ With miniconda it is installed by default
  - ❑ Can be launched with : `jupyter notebook` or `jupyter-lab`

Setup Labs PCs

- Start the computer under linux
- To login you can use your DEI account or the temporary account provided by the instructor if you do not have a DEI account
- Setup Anaconda 3 environment with Python 3:

```
source /nfsd/opt/anaconda352/anaconda352.sh
```

- Launch jupyter notebook or lab

```
jupyter notebook   or   jupyter-lab
```

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How to use: Jupyter notebook / lab

- Run with : `jupyter notebook` or `jupyter-lab`
  - Jupyter lab has some extra features
- Interactive environment inside the web browser
- You can run each block of code and see the output
- Can combine code and text (comments / description)
- ***We'll use jupyter notebooks for the lab deliveries***

If you need a tutorial:

- See the provided *python_intro_labs* script
- Jupyter notebook tutorial at:
  https://github.com/kuleshov/cs228-material/blob/master/tutorials/python/cs228-python-tutorial.ipynb

Basics: Operators and Variables

- Assignment uses = and comparison uses ==

- For numbers: + - * / % work as expected
  - Special use of + for string concatenation
  - Special use of % for string formatting (similar to `printf` in C)
  - Logical operators are words (and, or, not) *not symbols*

- The basic printing command is print
  - For strings can use " " or ' ' to specify : "abc" 'abc' are the same

- The first assignment to a variable creates it
- Variable types don't need to be declared (weakly typed)
- Python figures out the variable types on its own

Assignments

- Binding a variable in Python means setting a name to hold a reference to some object
- Assignment creates references, not copies

- Names in Python do not have an intrinsic type
  - Objects have types !
  - Python determines the type of the reference automatically based on the data object assigned to it

- You create a name the first time it appears on the left side of an assignment expression: (e.g., x = 3)
- A reference is deleted via garbage collection after any names bound to it have passed out of scope

Numpy: Arrays

- Arrays are handled through the numpy library
- A numpy array is a grid of values, all of the same type
- It is indexed by a tuple of non-negative integers
- The *shape* of an array is a tuple of integers giving the size of the array along each dimension
  - Be careful about the difference between a 1D array and a 1 x n matrix !

Examples:

```
import numpy as np
a = np.array([1, 2, 3])   # Create a rank 1 array
print(type(a))            # Prints "<class 'numpy.ndarray'>"
print(a.shape)            # Prints "(3,)"
print(a[0], a[1], a[2])   # Prints "1 2 3"
a[0] = 5                  # Change an element of the array
print(a)                  # Prints "[5, 2, 3]"

b = np.array([[1,2,3],[4,5,6]])    # Create a rank 2 array
print(b.shape)                     # Prints "(2, 3)"
print(b[0, 0], b[0, 1], b[1, 0])   # Prints "1 2 4"
```

Whitespaces and Functions

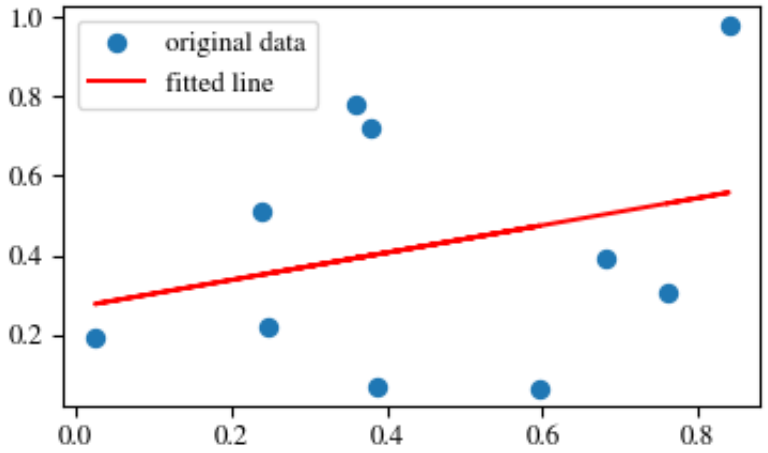
- Whitespace is meaningful in Python (especially indentation)
  - No braces { } to mark blocks of code in Python, … use consistent indentation instead !
  - The first line with more indentation starts a nested block, the first line with less indentation is outside of the block
- Functions:
  - *def* creates a function and assigns it a name, *return* sends a result back to the caller
  - Arguments are passed by assignment
  - Arguments and return types are not declared
  - If no *return* statement is present, the function returns a None instance

Example:

```
def <name>(arg1, arg2, ..., argN):
    <statements>
    return <value>

def times(x,y):
    return x*y
```

Plot Data with matplotlib



Example: Plot the data along with the fitted line using matplotlib

```
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
plt.plot(x, y, 'o', label='original data')
plt.plot(x, intercept + slope*x, 'r', label='fitted line')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

Your First Program in Python

Develop a simple application in the last part of the lab:

1. Load the provided .csv file with the used car data
2. Use a linear regression to estimate the car prices from the year, kilometers or engine power
   - You can make a simple 1D regression from each one of the parameters independently
   - *(optional) If you like to experiment try a 2D or 3D regression combining multiple cues*
3. Firstly use the scipy *linregress* function
   - Alternatively you can use the sklearn.linear_model.LinearRegression class
4. Have a look at the correlation coefficient to see which of the 3 features works better
5. *(optional) T*ry to manually implement the least square algorithm
   - You should get exactly the same solution of *linregress* !
   - If never used least squares you can do it later after the lecture of Tuesday!
6. Plot the data and the lines representing the output of the *linregress* and least square algorithms

Linear Regression with scikit-learn

scipy.stats.linregress

- The function calculates a linear least-squares regression for two sets of measurements
- scipy.stats.linregress(x, y=None)[source]

Parameters:

- x, y : *array_like* Two sets of measurements. Both arrays should have the same length. If only x is given (and y=None), then it must be a two-dimensional array where one dimension has length 2. The two sets of measurements are then found by splitting the array along the length-2 dimension

Returns:

- slope : *float* slope of the regression line
- intercept : *float* intercept of the regression line
- rvalue : *float* *correlation coefficient (see box, ± 1 : total correlation, 0 no correlation)*
- pvalue : *float* two-sided p-value for a hypothesis test whose null hypothesis is that the slope is zero, using Wald Test with t-distribution of the test statistic
- stderr : *float* Standard error of the estimated gradient

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})^2}\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

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Task for Lab 0

1. Load a dataset with used car data
2. Use a linear regression to estimate the car prices from the year, kilometers or engine power
3. Understand which of the 3 features works better and visualize your results

For lab 0 there is no homework, it is just to get used with Python

For help ask to the instructor or to the TAs

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Manually implement Least Squares (optional, presented later)

- Compute gradient of MSE on training set and set to 0

$$L_s = \frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m}(< \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{x}_i > - y_i)^2 \rightarrow \frac{\partial L_s}{\partial \boldsymbol{w}} = \frac{2}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m}(< \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{x}_i > - y_i)\boldsymbol{x}_i = 0$$

- Set

$$A = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} \boldsymbol{x_i}\boldsymbol{x_i^T}\right) \quad \boldsymbol{b} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} y_i \boldsymbol{x}_i$$

- The solution is:

$$\boldsymbol{w} = A^{-1}\boldsymbol{b}$$

- *w[0]: intercept* *w[1]: slope*
- The computation is done using homogeneous coordinates
- Python: 1D array and *m x 1* 2D array are different objects
- Inverse of a matrix: np.linalg.inv(M)