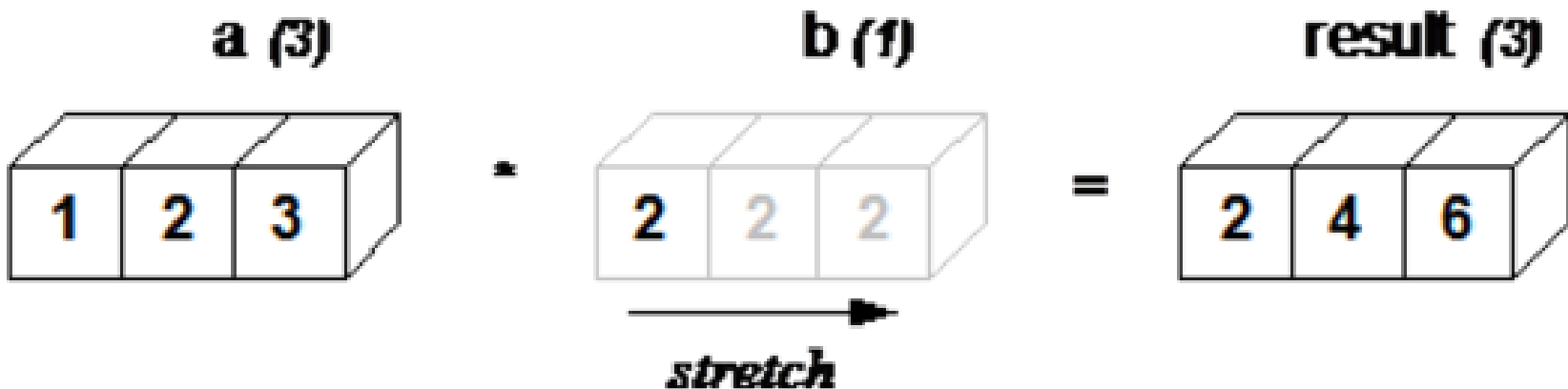


Array Broadcasting

- **Broadcasting** describes how numpy treats **arrays with different shapes** during arithmetic operations
- The smaller array is "broadcast" across the larger array so that they have compatible shapes

Array Broadcasting

```
>>> import numpy as np
>>> a = np.array([1, 2, 3])
>>> b = 2
>>> a * b
array([2, 4, 6])
```



Array Broadcasting

```
>>> a = np.array([[ 0,  0,  0],  
...               [10, 10, 10],  
...               [20, 20, 20],  
...               [30, 30, 30]])
```

```
>>> b = np.array([0, 1, 2])
```

```
>>> a + b
```

```
array([[ 0,  1,  2],  
       [10, 11, 12],  
       [20, 21, 22],  
       [30, 31, 32]])
```

a (4 x 3)

0	0	0
10	10	10
20	20	20
30	30	30

+

b (3)

0	1	2
0	1	2
0	1	2
0	1	2

stretch
↓

=

result (4 x 3)

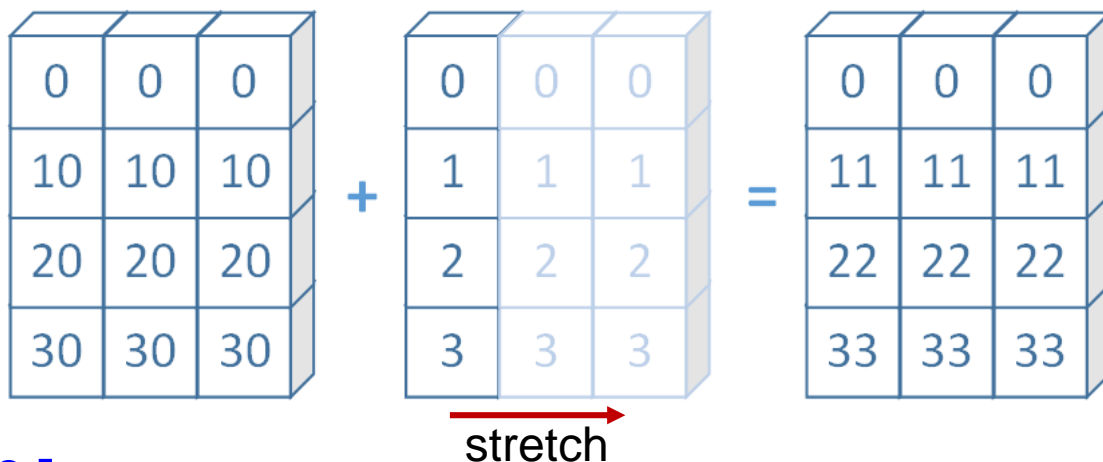
0	1	2
10	11	12
20	21	22
30	31	32

Array Broadcasting

```
>>> a = array([[ 0,  0,  0],
...           [10, 10, 10],
...           [20, 20, 20],
...           [30, 30, 30]])
>>> b = np.array([0,1,2,3]).reshape(4,1)
```

```
>>> b
array([[0],
       [1],
       [2],
       [3]])
```

```
>>> a + b
array([[ 0,  0,  0],
       [11, 11, 11],
       [22, 22, 22],
       [33, 33, 33]])
```



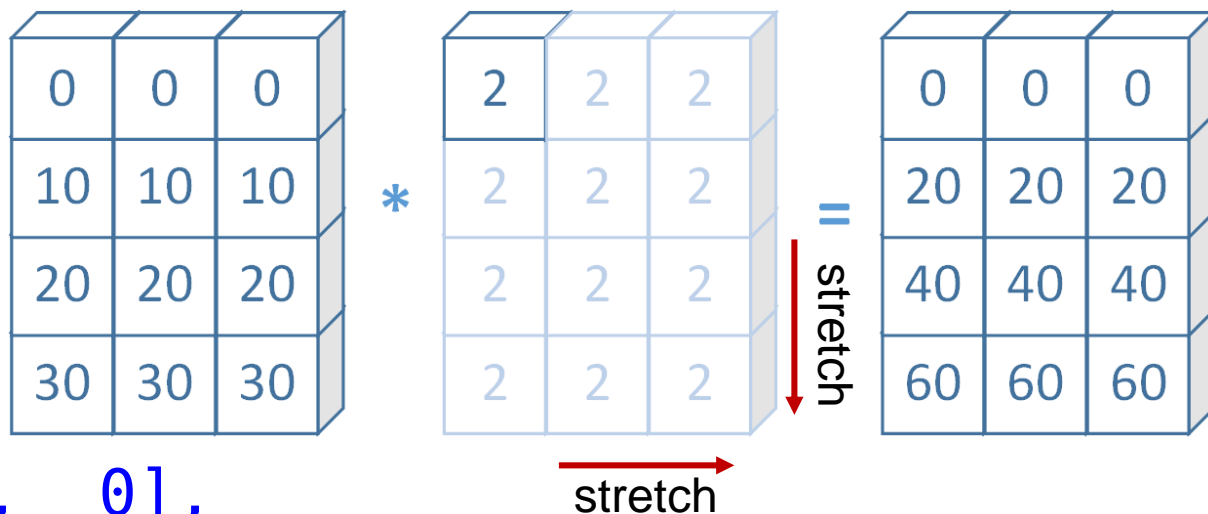
Array Broadcasting

```
>>> a = array([[ 0,  0,  0],  
...           [10, 10, 10],  
...           [20, 20, 20],  
...           [30, 30, 30]])
```

```
>>> b = 2
```

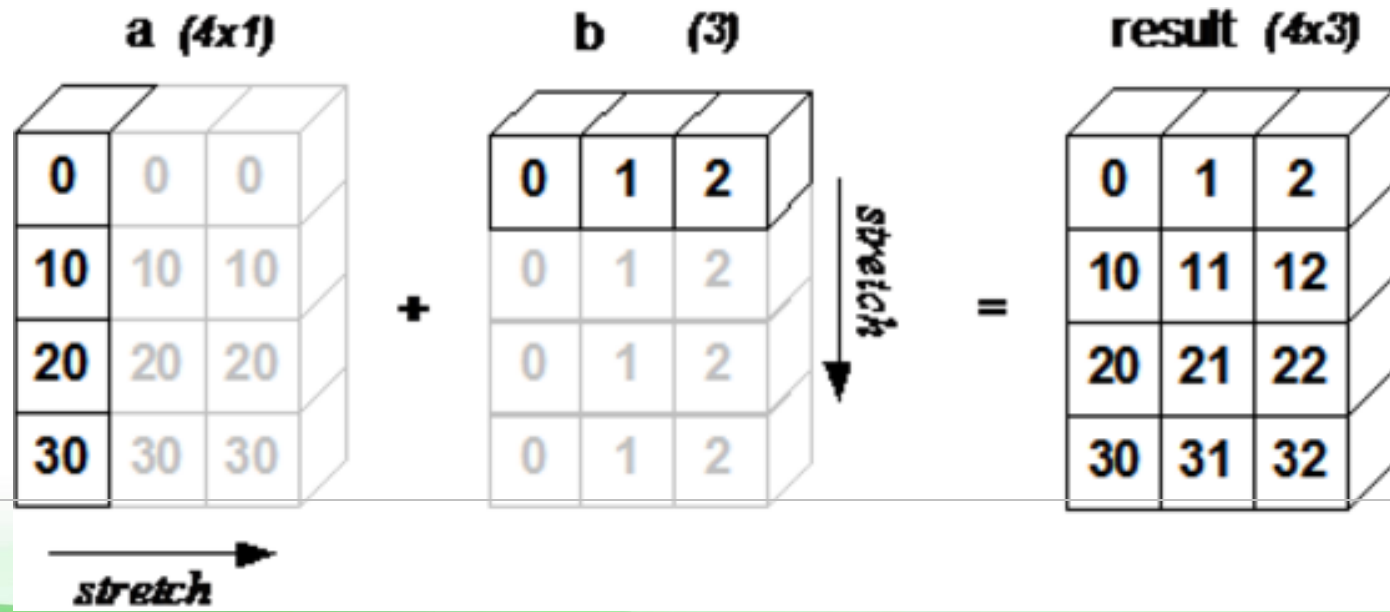
```
>>> a * b
```

```
array([[ 0,  0,  0],  
       [20, 20, 20],  
       [40, 40, 40],  
       [60, 60, 60]])
```

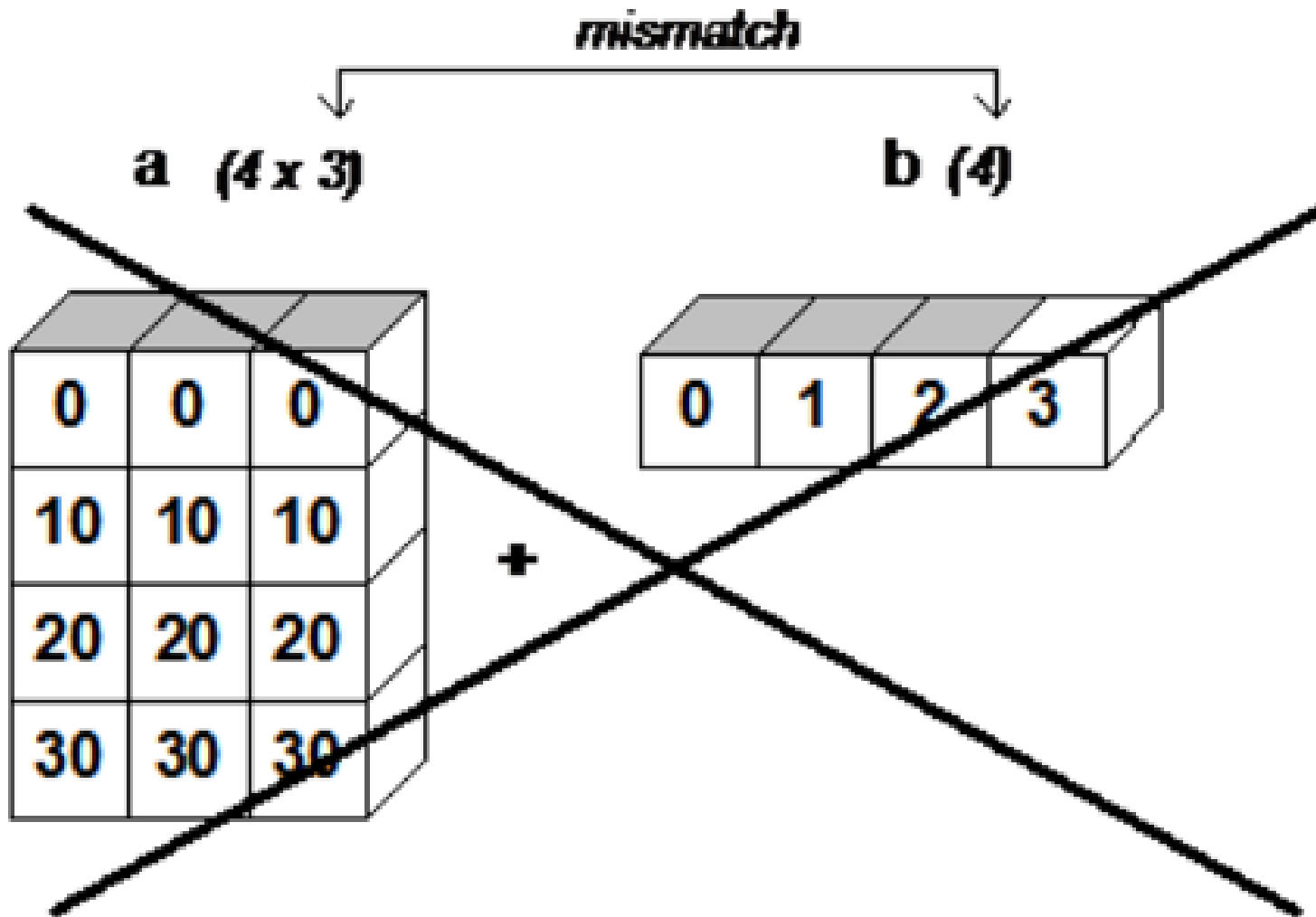


Array Broadcasting

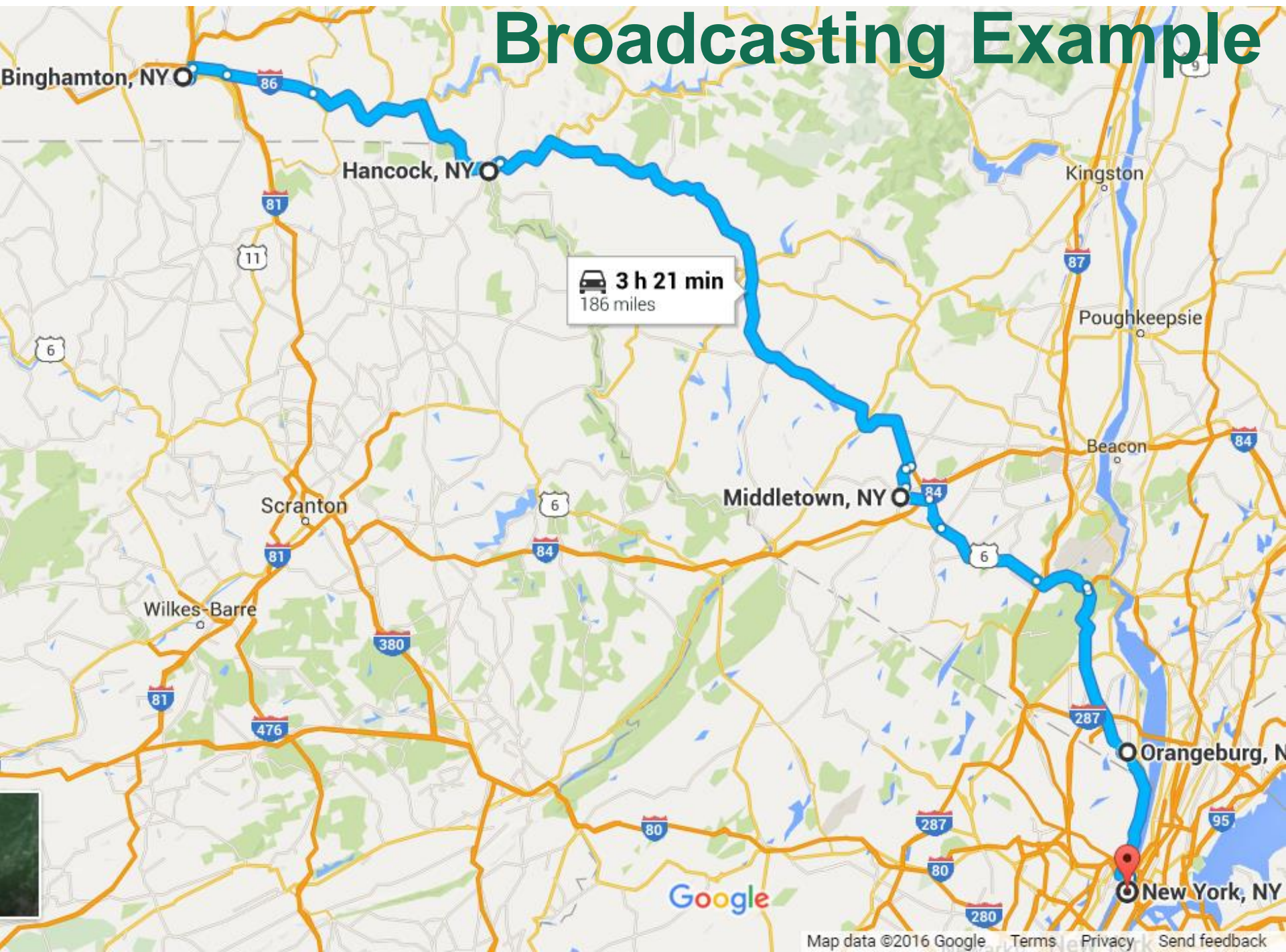
```
>>> a = np.array([0, 10, 20, 30]).reshape(4,1)
>>> b = np.array([0, 1, 2])
>>> a + b
array([[ 0,  1,  2],
       [10, 11, 12],
       [20, 21, 22],
       [30, 31, 32]])
```



Array Broadcasting



Broadcasting Example



Broadcasting Example

- Calculate the distances between any two locations
(Binghamton, Hancock, Middletown, Orangeburg, NYC)

```
>>> miles = np.array([0, 43, 120, 168, 186])
```

```
>>> miles.reshape(5,1)
```

```
array([[ 0],  
       [43],  
       [120],  
       [168],  
       [186]])
```

```
>>> dis_array = miles - miles.reshape(5,1)
```

```
>>> dis_array
```

```
array([[ 0, 43, 120, 168, 186],  
       [-43, 0, 77, 125, 143],  
       [-120, -77, 0, 48, 66],  
       [-168, -125, -48, 0, 18],  
       [-186, -143, -66, -18, 0]])
```

NumPy for Matlab Users

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Numpy for Matlab users

Introduction

MATLAB® and NumPy/SciPy have a lot in common. But there are many differences. NumPy and SciPy were created to do numerical and scientific computing in the most natural way with Python, not to be MATLAB® clones. This page is intended to be a place to collect wisdom about the differences, mostly for the purpose of helping proficient MATLAB® users become proficient NumPy and SciPy users.

Some Key Differences

In MATLAB®, the basic data type is a multidimensional array of double-precision floating-point numbers. Most expressions take such arrays and return such arrays. Operations on the 2-D instances of these arrays are designed to act more or less like matrix operations in linear algebra.

MATLAB® uses 1 (one)-based indexing. The initial element of a sequence is found using `a(1)`. [See note INDEXING](#)

MATLAB®'s scripting language was created for doing linear algebra. The syntax for basic matrix operations is nice and clean, but the API for adding GUIs and making full-fledged applications is more or less an afterthought.

In MATLAB®, arrays have pass-by-value semantics, with a lazy-copy-on-write scheme to prevent actually creating copies until they are actually needed. Slice operations copy parts of the array.

In NumPy the basic type is a multidimensional array. Operations on these arrays in all dimensionalities including 2D are element-wise operations. However, there is a special matrix type for doing linear algebra, which is just a subclass of the array class. Operations on matrix-class arrays are linear algebra operations.

Python uses 0 (zero)-based indexing. The initial element of a sequence is found using `a[0]`.

NumPy is based on Python, which was designed from the outset to be an excellent general-purpose programming language. While Matlab's syntax for some array manipulations is more compact than NumPy's, NumPy (by virtue of being an add-on to Python) can do many things that Matlab just cannot, for instance subclassing the main array type to do both array and matrix math cleanly.

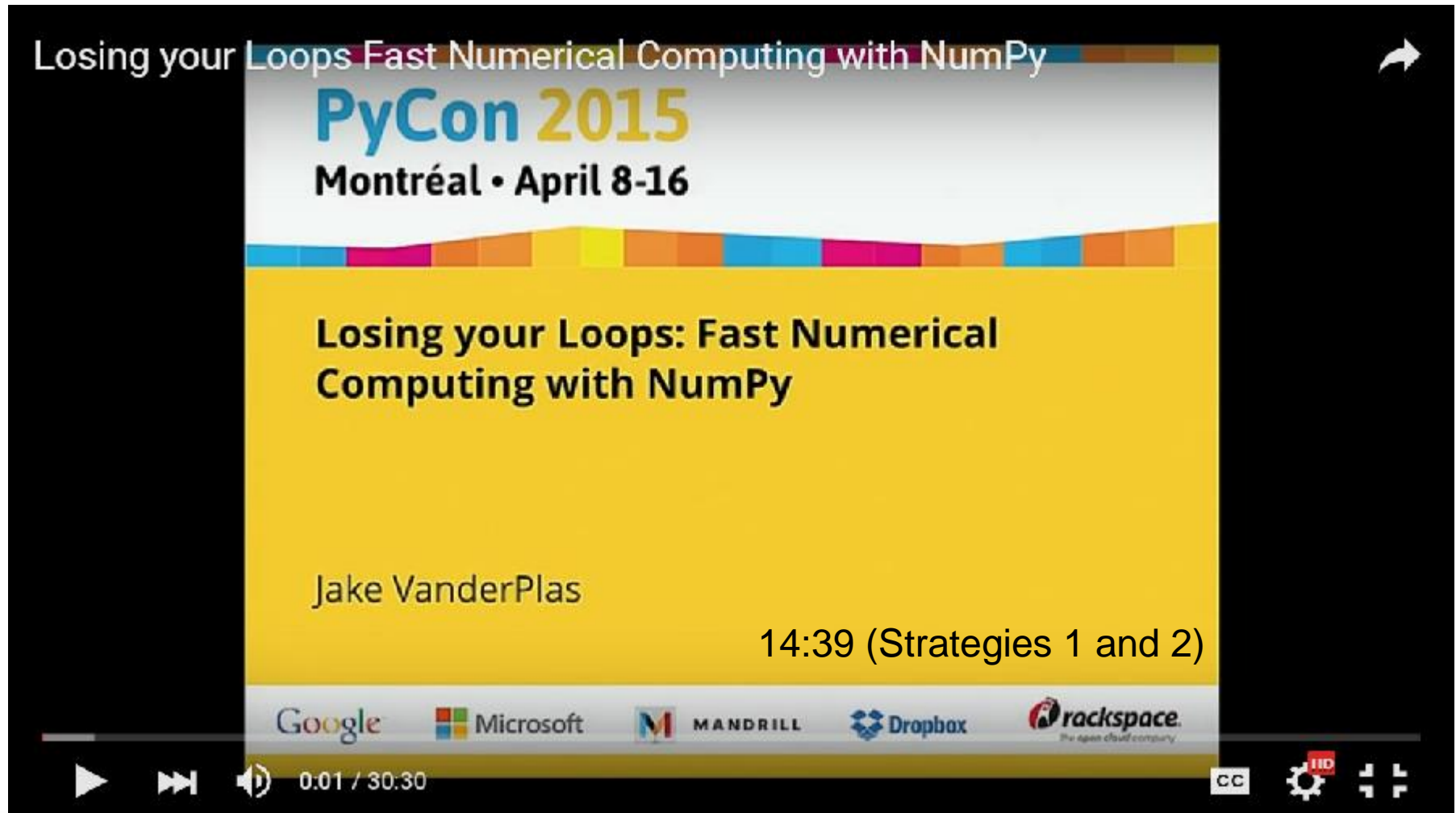
In NumPy arrays have pass-by-reference semantics. Slice operations are views into an array.

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