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Multi-dimensional NumPy arrays, dictionaries, and datetime

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What we'll cover in this lesson

1. Multi-dimensional arrays
2. More array functions
3. Dictionaries
4. Datetime

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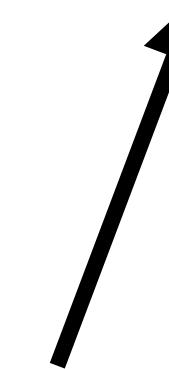
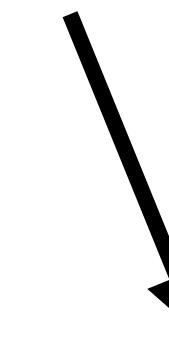
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Loading NumPy (“Numeric Python”)

Makes this package available to Python

```
import numpy as np
```

Package names are
usually all lowercase

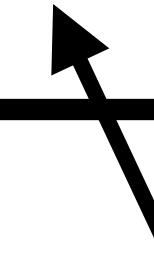


This is a shortcut;
you can choose any name
but `np` is most common



This part is
technically optional

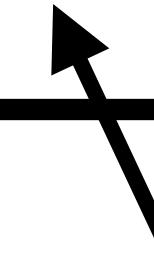
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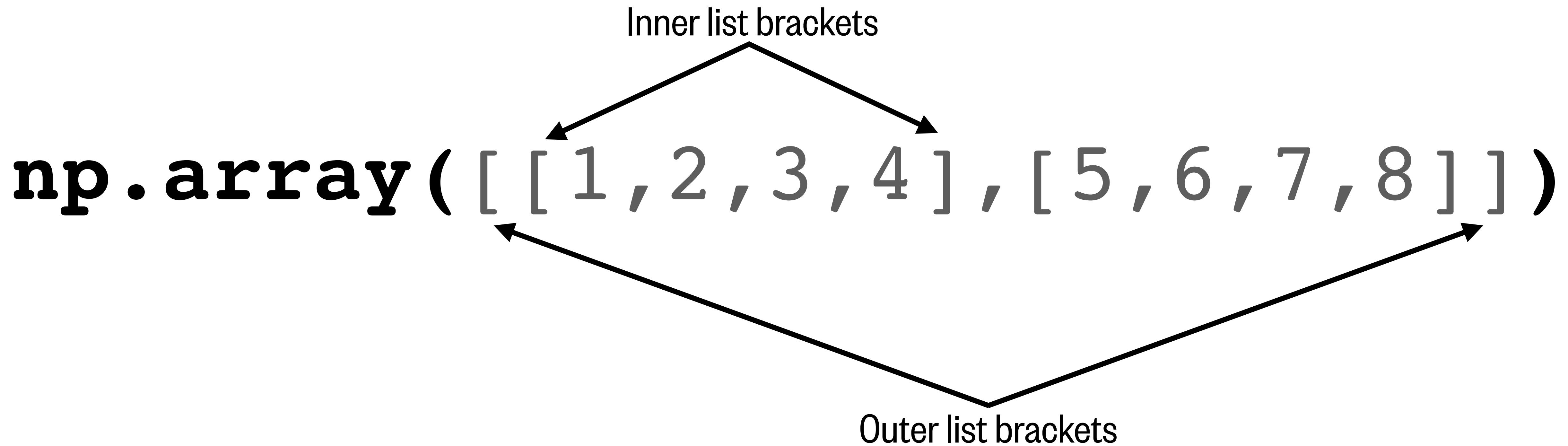


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Slicing and indexing N-dimensional arrays

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2 print(a)
```

```
[[1 2 3 4]  
 [5 6 7 8]]
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```

| | |
|---------------|---|
| [[1 2 3 4] | 0 |
| [5 6 7 8]] | 1 |

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| | | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |

A single number index gives the **items** of the outer list.

```
1 print(a[0])  
2
```

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Select specific items using the row and column index values

```
1 print(a[0,0])  
2 print(a[1,0])  
3 print(a[0,1])  
4 print(a[0,3])
```

1
5
2
4

[row, column]

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| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |

Arrays can also be sliced
with rows and columns

```
1 print(a[0,:2])  
2 print(a[:,1])
```

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| [| 1 | 2 |] |
| [| 2 | 6 |] |

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gives the **items** of the
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```
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2
```

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|

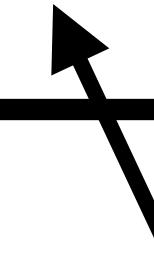
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| |
|---|
| 1 |
| 5 |
| 2 |
| 4 |

[**row, column**]

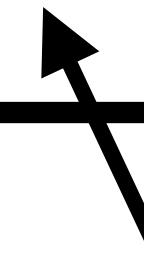
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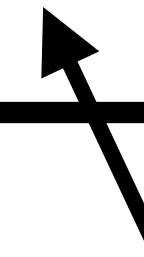
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```
1 b = np.array([[[1,2,3,4],[5,6,7,8]],
2                 [[9,10,11,12],[13,14,15,16]]])
3 print(b)
4
```

```
[[[ 1  2  3  4 ]
  [ 5  6  7  8 ]]
 [[ 9 10 11 12]
  [13 14 15 16]]]
```

2 layers with 2 rows and 4 columns each

[layer, row, column]

```
1 print(b[0,1,3])
```

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Multi-dimensional NumPy arrays have more than just a length

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```

len()

Gives the number of items in the outer list dimension

Example

```
1 print(len(d1))
2 print(len(d2))
3 print(len(d3))
```

4
2
3

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```

Example

```
1 print(d1.size)
2 print(d2.size)
3 print(d3.size)
```

4
8
24

len()

Gives the number of items in the outer list dimension

size

Gives the total number of items in the array

Notice there are no parentheses at the end of this. This is because size is not a function, but an attribute of the array.

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```

Example

```
1 print(d1.ndim)
2 print(d2.ndim)
3 print(d3.ndim)
```

1
2
3

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Gives the number of items in the outer list dimension

size

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ndim

Gives the number of dimensions in an array

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```

Example

```
1 print(d1.shape)
2 print(d2.shape)
3 print(d3.shape)
```

(4,)
(2, 4)
(3, 2, 4)

len()

Gives the number of items in the outer list dimension

size

Gives the total number of items in the array

ndim

Gives the number of dimensions in an array

shape

Gives the number of items in each dimension of an array

Notice these are given as tuples

You can change the shape of a NumPy array

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1 d1 = np.array([1,2,3,4])
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```

reshape()

Changes the shape of
the array into a given
shape

Example

```
1 d1_to_d2 = d1.reshape((2,2))
2 print(d1_to_d2)
3 print()
4
5 d3_to_d2 = d3.reshape((2,12))
6 print(d3_to_d2)
```

```
[[1 2]
 [3 4]]
```

```
[[ 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12]
 [13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24]]
```

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flatten()

Creates a copy of an
array as a 1-D array

Example

```
1 print(d3)
2 print()
3 print(d3.flatten())
```

```
[[[ 1  2  3  4]
 [ 5  6  7  8]]]
```

```
[[ 9 10 11 12]
 [13 14 15 16]]]
```

```
[[17 18 19 20]
 [21 22 23 24]]]
```

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```

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```

Example

```
1 print(d2)
2 print()
3 print(d2.transpose())
```

```
[[1 2 3 4]
 [5 6 7 8]]
```

```
[[1 5]
 [2 6]
 [3 7]
 [4 8]]
```

reshape()

Changes the shape of the array into a given shape

flatten()

Creates a copy of an array as a 1-D array

transpose()

Permutes (e.g. rotates) the axes of an array

Arithmetic operations with arrays

Arithmetic operators

| | |
|----|----------------|
| + | Addition |
| - | Subtraction |
| * | Multiplication |
| / | Division |
| ** | Exponential |
| % | Remainder |
| // | Floor |

Element-wise arithmetic between two or more arrays

```
1 a = np.array([1,2,3,4])
2 b = np.array([5,6,7,8])
3
4 print('a + b =',a + b)
5 print('a - b =',a - b)
6 print('a * b =',a * b)
```

```
a + b = [ 6  8 10 12]
a - b = [-4 -4 -4 -4]
a * b = [ 5 12 21 32]
```

Element-wise arithmetic with an array and a number

```
1 print('a + 10 =',a + 10)
2 print('10 * a =',10 * a)
3 print('a / 10 =',a / 10)
4 print('a**2 =',a**2)
```

```
a + 10 = [11 12 13 14]
10 * a = [10 20 30 40]
a / 10 = [0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4]
a**2 = [ 1  4   9 16]
```

Element-wise operations require arrays to be the same dimensions

```
1 x = np.array([1,2,3])
2 y = np.array([11,12,13,14,15])
3
4 print(x + y)
```



```
-----  
ValueError                                     Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-97-d5d99ad6233b> in <module>()  
      2 y = np.array([11,12,13,14,15])  
      3  
----> 4 print(x + y)
```

ValueError: operands could not be broadcast together with shapes (3,) (5,)

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```

Example

```
1 print(d2)
2 print()
3 print(d1)
4 print()
5
6 print(d2+d1)
```

| | |
|--|--|
| | $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| | $[1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4]$ |
| | $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 6 & 8 & 10 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$ |

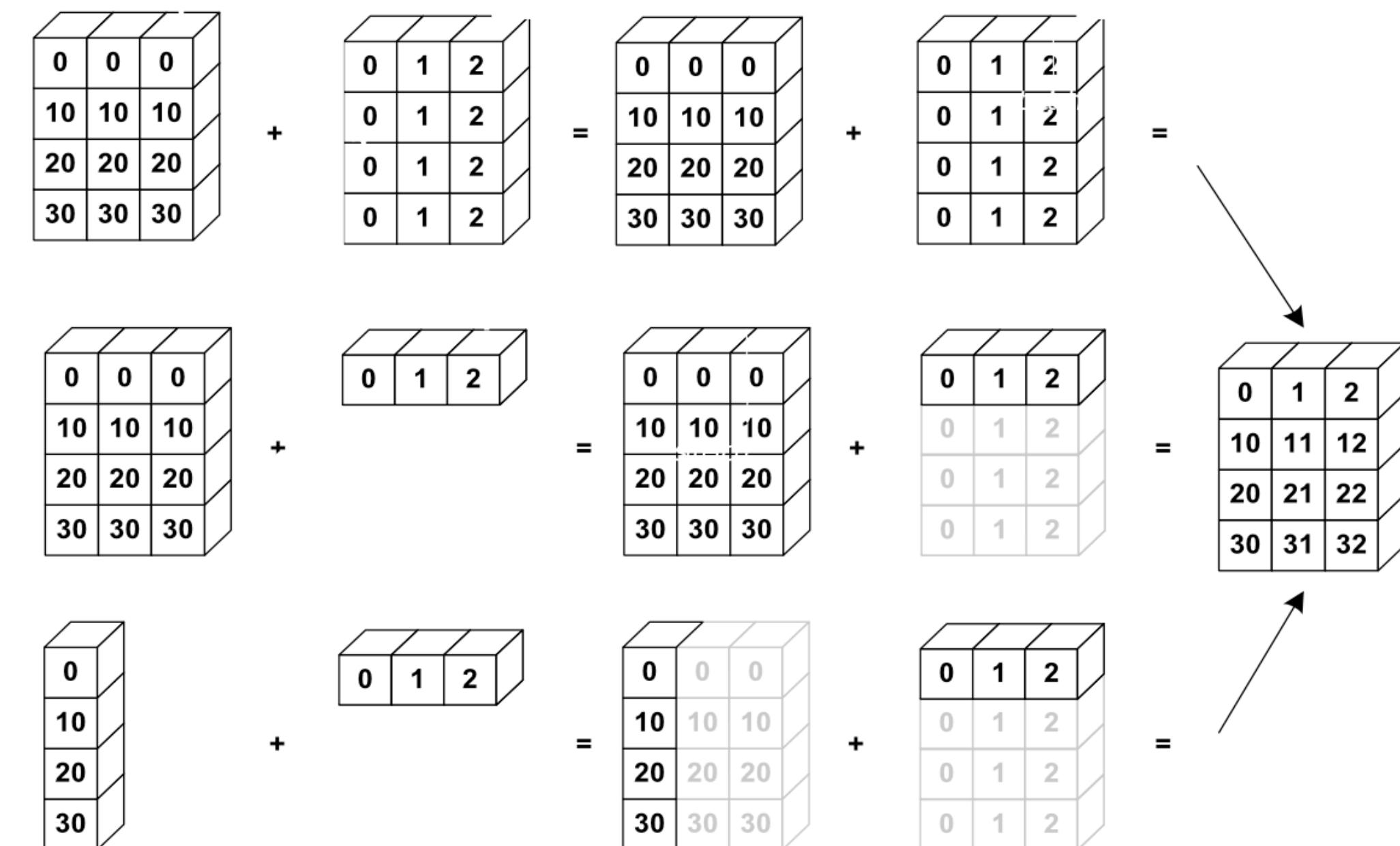


Image: http://scipy-lectures.org/_images/numpy_broadcasting.png

You can combine NumPy arrays

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```

vstack()

Stacks arrays on top
of each other
vertically

Example

```
1 print(d1)
2 print()
3 print(d2)
4 print()
5
6 print(np.vstack((d1,d2)))
```

```
[1 2 3 4]
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```

Example

```
1 d1_vert = np.array([[1],[2],[3],[4]])
2 print(d1_vert)
3 print()
4 print(d2.transpose())
5 print()
6
7 print(np.hstack((d1_vert,d2.transpose())))
```

vstack()

Stacks arrays on top
of each other
vertically

hstack()

Stacks arrays
horizontally

```
[[1]
 [2]
 [3]
 [4]]
```

```
[[1 5]
 [2 6]
 [3 7]
 [4 8]]
```

```
[[1 1 5]
 [2 2 6]
 [3 3 7]
 [4 4 8]]
```

Mathematical reductions (array → number)

```
x = np.array([10, 11, 12, 13])
```

| Function: | Purpose: | Evaluates to: |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| np.sum(x) | Sum | 46 |
| np.mean(x) | Mean (average) | 11.5 |
| np.median(x) | Median | 11.5 |
| np.max(x) | Maximum value | 13 |
| np.min(x) | Minimum value | 10 |
| np.std(x) | Standard deviation | 1.11803... |

Mathematical reductions (array → number)

```
x = np.array( [[11,22,33,44], [5,4,3,2]] )
```

| | Function: | Evaluates to: |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| [[11 22 33 44] [5 4 3 2]] | np.sum(x, axis=0) | [16 26 36 46] |
| | np.mean(x, axis=1) | [27.5 3.5] |
| | np.median(x, axis=0) | [8. 13. 18. 23.] |
| | np.max(x) | 44 |
| | np.min(x, axis=1) | [11 2] |
| | np.std(x) | 14.84082... |

Mathematical reductions (array → number)

```
x = np.array( [ [ 11, 22, 33, 44 ], [ 5, 4, 3, 2 ] ] )
```

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| [[11 22 33 44] | axis = 1 |
| [5 4 3 2]] | |
| | |
| | axis = 0 |

Function:

`np.sum(x, axis=0)`

Evaluates to:

[16 26 36 46]

`np.mean(x, axis=1)`

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`np.median(x, axis=0)`

[8. 13. 18. 23.]

`np.max(x)`

44

`np.min(x, axis=1)`

[11 2]

`np.std(x)`

14.84082...

Functions to create new arrays

Function:

`np.zeros(4)`

`np.ones(4)`

`np.full(4 , 2)`

`np.arange(4)`

`np.arange(0 , 1 , 0.25)`

`np.linspace(0 , 1 , 5)`

Purpose:

Array of given length
filled with zeros

Array of given length
filled with ones

Array of given length
filled with given value

Same as `range()`...

...except floats and fractional
increments are allowed

Returns the given number of
evenly spaced values from
start to end (both are inclusive)

Evaluates to arrays:

[0. , 0. , 0. , 0.]

[1. , 1. , 1. , 1.]

[2 , 2 , 2 , 2]

[0 , 1 , 2 , 3]

[0. , 0.25 , 0.5 , 0.75]

[0. , 0.25 , 0.5 , 0.75 , 1.]

Functions to create new arrays

Function:

```
np.zeros( (4, 3) )
```

Purpose:

Array of given length
filled with zeros

Evaluates to arrays:

```
[[0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0.]]
```

```
np.ones( (4, ) )
```

Array of given length
filled with ones

```
[1. 1. 1. 1.]
```

```
np.full( (2, 3, 4), 2 )
```

Array of given length
filled with given value

```
[[[2 2 2 2]
 [2 2 2 2]
 [2 2 2 2]]]
```

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```

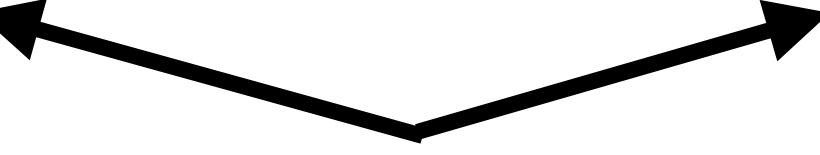
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Python dictionaries

A dictionary is a collection of items, each with a key/value pair.

```
my_dict = { 'Name' : 'Katy', 'Email' : 'katyc4@uw.edu',  
            'Office' : 'OSB331A' }
```



{ Key : Value }

A diagram consisting of a horizontal double-headed arrow pointing from 'Key' to 'Value', with curly braces {} enclosing the entire pair.

To call a dictionary item, use its key!

```
print(my_dict['Name'])          'Katy'
```

Python dictionaries

```
1 hockey_teams = { 'Pennsylvania' : 'Flyers', 'Arizona' : 'Coyotes', 'Colorado' : 'Avalanche'}
2
3 print(hockey_teams)
```

```
{'Pennsylvania': 'Flyers', 'Arizona': 'Coyotes', 'Colorado': 'Avalanche'}
```

Get the keys and values from a dictionary...

```
1 print(hockey_teams.keys())
2 print(hockey_teams.values())
3
```

```
dict_keys(['Pennsylvania', 'Arizona', 'Colorado'])
dict_values(['Flyers', 'Coyotes', 'Avalanche'])
```

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Replace values using the key name.

```
1 hockey_teams[ 'Pennsylvania' ] = 'Penguins'  
2  
3 print(hockey_teams)
```

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```

Create new keys/values by using square brackets to append them.

```
1 hockey_teams[ 'Washington' ] = 'Kraken'
2
3 print(hockey_teams)
```

```
{'Pennsylvania': 'Penguins', 'Arizona': 'Coyotes', 'Colorado': 'Avalanche', 'Washington': 'Kraken'}
```

Python dictionaries

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2
3 print(hockey_teams)
```

```
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```

Remove keys (and their values) using `pop()`.

```
1 third_place = hockey_teams.pop('Pennsylvania')
2
3 print('Third place:', third_place)
4
5 print('Remaining teams:', hockey_teams)
```

```
Third place: Flyers
Remaining teams: {'Arizona': 'Coyotes', 'Colorado': 'Avalanche'}
```

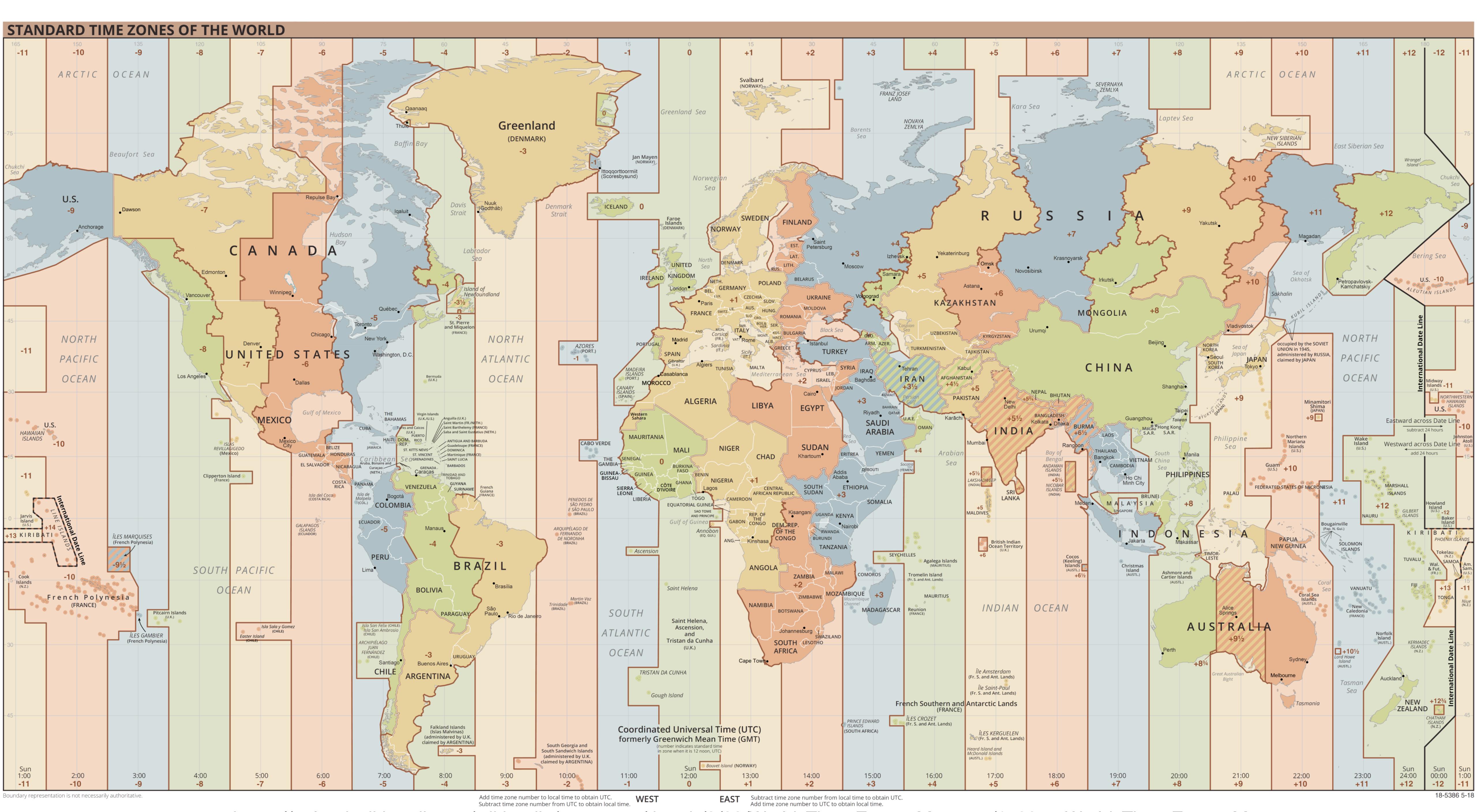
Or `del`

```
1 del hockey_teams['Pennsylvania']
2
3 print(hockey_teams)
```

```
{'Arizona': 'Coyotes', 'Colorado': 'Avalanche'}
```

What we'll cover in this lesson

1. Multi-dimensional arrays
2. More array functions
3. Dictionaries
4. Datetime



Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.

Add time zone number to local time to obtain UTC.
Subtract time zone number from local time to obtain UTC.
WEST EAST Subtract time zone number from local time to obtain UTC.
Add time zone number to UTC to obtain local time.

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Loading datetime

```
from datetime import datetime
```

This is the module

This is the class within the module

Pseudocode:

From the datetime module, I am importing the datetime class which will allow me to use the functions stored there.

Class datetime objects

Get the current date and time

`datetime.now()`

```
1 from datetime import datetime  
2 t_now = datetime.now()  
3 print(t_now)  
4
```

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Retrieve the individual values from the datetime object

```
1 print(t_now.year)      2020  
2 print(t_now.month)    10  
3 print(t_now.day)      19  
4 print(t_now.hour)     12  
5 print(t_now.minute)   41  
6 print(t_now.second)   5  
7 print(t_now.microsecond) 636254
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```

Create a datetime object for any time

```
datetime(year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond)
```

```
1 t_other = datetime(2020,3,8,8,0,0,0)  
2 print(t_other)
```

```
2020-03-08 08:00:00
```

Retrieve the individual values from the datetime object

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```

This part is optional

Datetime objects to/from strings

```
1 from datetime import datetime  
2 t_now = datetime.now()  
3 print(t_now)  
4
```

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Change into string

`datetime.strftime()`

```
1 datestring = datetime.strftime(t_now, '%Y/%m/%d %H.%M.%S')  
2  
3 print(datestring)  
4 print(type(datestring))
```

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<class 'str'>

Change from a string

`datetime.strptime()`

```
1 t_now_back = datetime.strptime(datestring, '%Y/%m/%d %H.%M.%S')  
2  
3 print(t_now_back)  
4 print(type(t_now_back))
```

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<class 'datetime.datetime'>

String datetime formatting

| Directive | Meaning |
|-----------|---|
| %a | Weekday as locale's abbreviated name. |
| %A | Weekday as locale's full name. |
| %w | Weekday as a decimal number, where 0 is Sunday and 6 is Saturday. |
| %d | Day of the month as a zero-padded decimal number. |
| %b | Month as locale's abbreviated name. |
| %B | Month as locale's full name. |
| %m | Month as a zero-padded decimal number. |
| %y | Year without century as a zero-padded decimal number. |
| %Y | Year with century as a decimal number. |
| %H | Hour (24-hour clock) as a zero-padded decimal number. |
| %I | Hour (12-hour clock) as a zero-padded decimal number. |
| %p | Locale's equivalent of either AM or PM. |
| %M | Minute as a zero-padded decimal number. |
| %S | Second as a zero-padded decimal number. |

| | |
|----|--|
| %f | Microsecond as a decimal number, zero-padded on the left. |
| %z | UTC offset in the form +HHMM or -HHMM (empty string if the object is naive). |
| %Z | Time zone name (empty string if the object is naive). |
| %j | Day of the year as a zero-padded decimal number. |
| %U | Week number of the year (Sunday as the first day of the week) as a zero padded decimal number. All days in a new year preceding the first Sunday are considered to be in week 0. |
| %W | Week number of the year (Monday as the first day of the week) as a decimal number. All days in a new year preceding the first Monday are considered to be in week 0. |
| %c | Locale's appropriate date and time representation. |
| %x | Locale's appropriate date representation. |
| %X | Locale's appropriate time representation. |
| %% | A literal '%' character. |

How to deal with time passing

**datetime objects are
snapshots of a specific time**

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**To reflect time passing, use
timedelta objects**

```
1 t1 = datetime(2020,3,8)
2 t2 = datetime(2020,10,21)
3
4 time_diff = t2 - t1
5 print(time_diff)
6 print(type(time_diff))
```

227 days, 0:00:00
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Retrieve the individual values from the timedelta object

```
1 print(time_diff.days)  
2 print(time_diff.seconds)  
3 print()  
4  
5 every_sec = time_diff.total_seconds()  
6 print(every_sec)
```

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A timedelta object can alter a datetime object

```
1 from datetime import datetime  
2 from datetime import timedelta  
3  
4 time1 = datetime(1991,7,8)  
5 time1_future = time1 + timedelta(days=365)  
6  
7 print(time1)  
8 print(time1_future)
```

Retrieve the individual values from the timedelta object

```
1 print(time_diff.days)  
2 print(time_diff.seconds)  
3 print()  
4  
5 every_sec = time_diff.total_seconds()  
6 print(every_sec)
```

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Datetime resource

<https://docs.python.org/3.4/library/datetime.html>



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8.1. [datetime — Basic date and time types](#)

The [datetime](#) module supplies classes for manipulating dates and times in both simple supported, the focus of the implementation is on efficient attribute extraction for output see also the [time](#) and [calendar](#) modules.