

NumPy Cheat Sheet with One-Line Comments



Import

import numpy as np # Standard way to import NumPy



Creating Arrays

np.array([1, 2, 3]) # Create an array from a list

Create an array filled with zeros np.zeros((2, 3))

np.ones((2, 2))# Create an array filled with ones

np.full((2, 2), 7)# Create an array filled with the number 7

Create a 3x3 identity matrix np.eye(3)

np.arange(0, 10, 2) # Create array from 0 to 10 with step of 2

np.linspace(0, 1, 5) # Create 5 evenly spaced values from 0 to 1

np.random.rand(2, 3) # Create 2x3 array of random floats (0-1)

np.random.randn(2, 3) # Create 2x3 array from standard normal distribution

np.random.randint(1, 10, (2, 3)) # Random integers from 1 to 9 in 2x3 shape



Array Attributes

a.shape # Shape of the array (rows, cols)

Number of dimensions a.ndim

Total number of elements a.size

a.dtype # Data type of elements

a.itemsize # Byte size of one element

Total memory consumed (bytes) a.nbytes

a.T # Transpose of array

Reshape & Resize

a.reshape(3, 2) # Reshape without changing data
a.ravel() # Flatten array (returns view)
a.flatten() # Flatten array (returns copy)
a.resize((3, 3)) # Resize array in-place
np.expand_dims(a, axis=0) # Add a dimension at axis
np.squeeze(a) # Remove single-dimensional entries

Math Operations

a + b, a - b, a * b # Element-wise operations
a / b, a ** 2 # Element-wise divide, power
np.add(a, b) # Element-wise addition
np.exp(a), np.log(a) # Exponential and logarithmic
np.sqrt(a) # Square root
np.abs(a), np.round(a) # Absolute and round

🙀 Statistics & Aggregation

np.sum(a) # Sum of all elements

np.mean(a) # Mean value

np.std(a), np.var(a) # Standard deviation, variance

np.min(a), np.max(a) # Minimum and maximum

np.argmin(a), np.argmax(a) # Index of min and max

np.median(a) # Median value

np.percentile(a, 75) # 75th percentile

Indexing & Slicing

a[0], a[-1] # Access first/last element a[1:3], a[:, 0] # Slice rows/columns # Every second element a[::2] a[a > 5]# Boolean masking np.where(a > 5) # Return indices where condition is True

np.argwhere(a == 3) # Indices where elements are equal to 3

np.extract(a % 2 == 0, a) # Extract even numbers

Modify Arrays

np.append(a, [10, 11]) # Append values np.insert(a, 2, [5, 6]) # Insert at position np.delete(a, [1, 2]) # Delete by index np.put(a, [0, 3], [99, 100]) # Replace by index np.clip(a, 0, 10) # Limit values between 0 and 10

🔆 Concatenate & Split

np.concatenate([a, b], axis=0) # Join along rows

np.stack([a, b], axis=0) # Stack with new axis

np.hstack([a, b]) # Horizontal stack

np.vstack([a, b]) # Vertical stack

np.split(a, 2) # Split into 2 equal parts

np.array split(a, 3) # Split into 3 parts (not necessarily equal)

6 Sorting & Searching

np.sort(a) # Sort elements

np.argsort(a) # Indices of sorted elements

np.searchsorted(a, 5) # Index to insert to maintain order

np.where(a == 10) # Indices where element is 10

np.isin(a, [2, 4, 6]) # Check if elements exist

Set Operations

np.unique(a) # Unique sorted elements

np.intersect1d(a, b) # Common elements

np.union1d(a, b) # Union of both arrays

np.setdiff1d(a, b) # Elements in a not in b

np.setxor1d(a, b) # Elements in either, not both

np.in1d(a, b) # Check if elements of a in b

📝 Broadcasting

a + 5 # Scalar automatically broadcasts

a + b # Arrays of different shapes can still work

✓ Use when array shapes differ but still compatible by rules.

Random Functions

np.random.seed(0) # Fix random seed for reproducibility

np.random.rand(2, 3) # Uniform [0, 1)

np.random.randn(2, 3) # Standard normal distribution

np.random.randint(1, 10, (2, 3)) # Random ints in shape

np.random.choice([1, 2, 3], 5) # Random samples from list

np.random.permutation(10) # Random permutation of range

Linear Algebra (np.linalg)

np.dot(a, b) # Matrix multiplication

np.matmul(a, b) # Matrix multiplication (preferred)

np.linalg.inv(a) # Matrix inverse

np.linalg.det(a) # Determinant

np.linalg.eig(a) # Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

np.linalg.norm(a) # Vector/matrix norm

np.linalg.solve(A, b) # Solve system of linear equations



File I/O

np.save("arr.npy", a) # Save array in binary format

np.load("arr.npy") # Load .npy file

np.savetxt("arr.csv", a, delimiter=",") # Save to CSV

np.loadtxt("arr.csv", delimiter=",") # Load from CSV



Utility Functions

np.isnan(a), np.isinf(a) # Check for NaN or Inf

np.allclose(a, b) # Compare with tolerance

np.array_equal(a, b) # Compare arrays for equality

np.meshgrid(x, y) # Create coordinate matrices

np.tile(a, (2, 3)) # Repeat array in grid

np.repeat(a, 3) # Repeat elements

np.flip(a), np.roll(a, 2) # Reverse or rotate array



Advanced NumPy Methods Cheat Sheet (With One-Line Descriptions)

Array Creation (Advanced)

np.fromfunction(func, shape) # Create array from function over indices

np.fromiter(iterable, dtype) # Create array from iterable

np.fromstring(string, dtype) # Convert string to array

Uninitialized array (faster) np.empty((3, 3))

Empty array with same shape as `a` np.empty like(a)

Create coordinate matrix from vectors np.meshgrid(x, y)

np.ogrid[:3, :4] # Open grid (memory efficient)

np.mgrid[:3, :4] # Dense grid

Iteration & Custom Application

Efficient multidimensional iterator np.nditer(a)

Iterator with index and value np.ndenumerate(a)

np.vectorize(func) # Vectorize scalar function over arrays

np.apply along axis(func, axis, arr)# Apply func to 1D slices of 2D array

np.apply over axes(func, arr, axes) # Apply func across specified axes

Performance & Memory

np.copy(a, order='C') # Copy array with memory layout

np.ascontiguousarray(a) # Ensure C-style contiguous layout

np.asfortranarray(a) # Ensure Fortran-style layout

np.array equal(a, b) # Check if arrays are exactly equal

np.allclose(a, b) # Check if arrays are equal within tolerance

a.flags # Show memory layout (C/F-contiguous)



Advanced Mathematical Functions

np.isfinite(a), np.isinf(a), np.isnan(a) # Detect special values

np.nan to num(a) # Replace NaN, inf with numbers

1D linear interpolation np.interp(x, xp, fp)

np.gradient(a) # Numerical gradient

np.diff(a) # Discrete difference along axis

np.cov(m) # Covariance matrix

np.corrcoef(m) # Correlation coefficients

np.histogram(a, bins=10) # Histogram of array



Set & Logic (Advanced)

Boolean mask where elements of a are in b np.in1d(a, b)

np.setdiff1d(a, b) # Elements in a not in b

np.setxor1d(a, b) # Symmetric difference

np.intersect1d(a, b, assume unique=True) # Common elements

np.union1d(a, b) # Union of unique elements

np.unique(a, return counts=True) # Unique values with counts



Matrix & Linear Algebra

np.dot(a, b) # Matrix multiplication

np.matmul(a, b) # Preferred matrix multiply (broadcast-aware)

np.einsum('ij,jk->ik', a, b) # Einstein summation (optimized math)

np.linalg.inv(a) # Matrix inverse

Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse np.linalg.pinv(a)

np.linalg.det(a) # Determinant

np.linalg.matrix rank(a) # Matrix rank

np.linalg.eig(a) # Eigenvalues/vectors np.linalg.qr(a) # QR decomposition

np.linalg.svd(a) # Singular value decomposition

np.linalg.solve(A, b) # Solve system Ax = b

np.linalg.norm(a, ord=2) # Matrix/vector norm



Handling Missing Data (NaN-safe methods)

np.isnan(a) # Detect NaNs

np.nanmean(a), np.nanstd(a) # Ignore NaNs in mean/std

np.nanmin(a), np.nanmax(a) # Ignore NaNs in min/max

np.nanargmin(a), np.nanargmax(a) # Ignore NaNs for index of min/max

Repetition, Tiling & Stacking

np.repeat(a, repeats) # Repeat each element

np.tile(a, reps) # Repeat array like a grid

np.column stack([a, b]) # Stack 1D as columns

np.row stack([a, b]) # Stack arrays as rows

np.hstack([a, b]), np.vstack([a, b]) # Horizontal / vertical stack

np.dstack([a, b]) # Stack along depth (3D)



Array Structure Manipulation

np.roll(a, shift) # Roll elements cyclically

np.flip(a) # Reverse array along axis

np.rot90(a, k=1) # Rotate 90 degrees (2D)

np.swapaxes(a, 0, 1) # Swap two axes

np.moveaxis(a, source, destination) # Move one axis to new position

Index Tricks

np.r_[1:5, 10:15] # Concatenate ranges

np.c_[a, b] # Combine as columns

np.diag(a) # Extract or create diagonal

np.tril(a), np.triu(a) # Lower/Upper triangle

np.fill_diagonal(a, value) # Set diagonal values

Advanced File I/O

np.genfromtxt('data.csv', delimiter=',') # Load data with missing values np.loadtxt('data.csv', skiprows=1) # Load text skipping headers np.memmap('data.dat', dtype='float32', mode='r', shape=(1000,1000))

np.memmap: Handle huge files that don't fit in memory.