

Lecture 2: Introduction to Python

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What you need for the course

Basic python knowledge

Possibly a linux working environment



What to expect from lecture 1

Python installation and environment management

Matplotlib & Numpy intro and basics

3D data handling for lecture 1 & 2



CrossPlatform programming language

Very High Level Language - VHLL

Object Oriented and easy to split into packages

Interactive interpreter, i.e. it is easy to experiment

Easily extensible through C

Named after "Monty Python's Flying Circus" not the reptile!



British surreal sketch comedy TV show

1969 - 1974

Essentially

There are no; at the end of a line

is the start of a comment line

Code looks always good, indentation is mandatory

Extensive libraries and build in features, e.g. these are the same:

```
myList = []
for i in range(10):
    myList.append(i)
```

range(10)

[i for i in range(10)]

Numbers

```
Python 3.8.11 (default, Aug 6 2021, 08:56:27)
[Clang 10.0.0] :: Anaconda, Inc. on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> # this is a comment
>>> # We start with numbers
>>> # define and assign variables a and b
>>> a = 17
>>> b = 3
>>> # a and b are defined as int values
>>> c = a / b # c is now a float 5.6666666666666667
>>> d = a // b \# floor division
>>> print(d)
>>> e = a % b # remainder of the division
>>> print(e)
>>> # floored quotient * divisor + remainder
>>> print( d * b + e )
17
```

Numbers and strings

```
>>> # simple power format
>>> a = 8**2
>>> print(a)
64
>>> # strings are arrays of characters
>>> s = "Python"
>>> print(s[2])
>>> print(s[-4])
>>> # Strings can be concatenated
>>> s = "hello " + s
>>> print(s)
hello Python
>>>
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Python
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Indices may be positive or negative integers.

0 being the first value,

1 the second and

-1 the last ...

```
+---+---+
| P | y | t | h | o | n |
| +---+---+
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6
| -6 | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1
```

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Lists

```
>>> # Python list is an array of values, like strings
>>> myList = range(10)
>>> print(myList)
[0, 1, ..., 9]
>>> # now we define a list of cube values through a for cycle
>>> cubes = [] # empty list
>>> for i in myList: # loop through myList
        cubes.append(i**2) # append cube values to cubes
>>> print(cubes)
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
>>> # the same result can be achieved simply by
>>> cubes = [i**2 for i in myList]
                                                      Same outcome
>>> print(cubes)
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
>>> # this one line python list definition
>>> # makes code run faster an easier to read
```

User defined functions

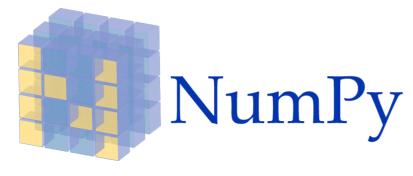
```
>>> # definition of a function that returns a python list
>>> # of cube values in a range Xmin to Xmax
>>> # by defaul Xmin = 0
>>> def CubesList(Xmax, Xmin=0):
       # check if Xmax > Xmin
       if Xmax < Xmin:
            # if Xmax < Xmin we return an error message
            # and exit the function
            print("Error Xmax < Xmin")</pre>
            return 1
        # check if values are integers
        if not isinstance(Xmax,int) or not isinstance(Xmin,int):
            # if not int we return an error message
            # and exit the function
            print("Error Xmax or Xmin are not integers")
            return 2
        # now we define the list
        return [ i**2 for I in range(Xmin, Xmax)]
```

User defined functions

```
>>> # Use the function
>>> print(CubesList(-2))
Error Xmax < Xmin
>>> print(CubesList(2.4))
Error Xmax or Xmin are not integers
2
                                   M
>>> print(CubesList(4,12))
Error Xmax < Xmin
>>> print(CubesList(12,4))
[16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100, 121]
>>> print(CubesList(12))
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100, 121]
```



Notebook environment with comment and scripting block



Scientific computing tool



comprehensive library for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations

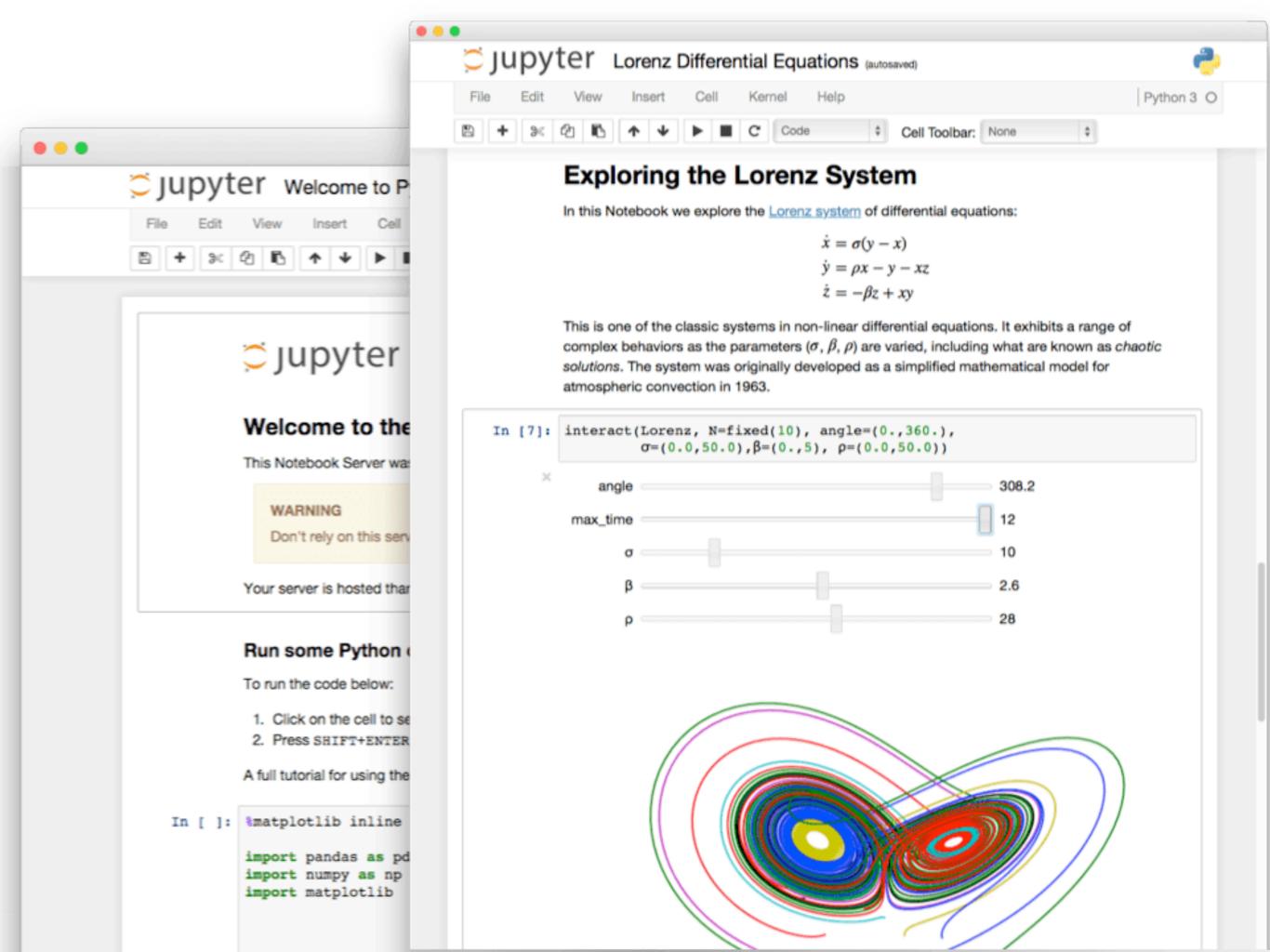


Notebook environment with comment and scripting block

Cross platform and OpenSource

Language independent

Live Code for fast scientific coding





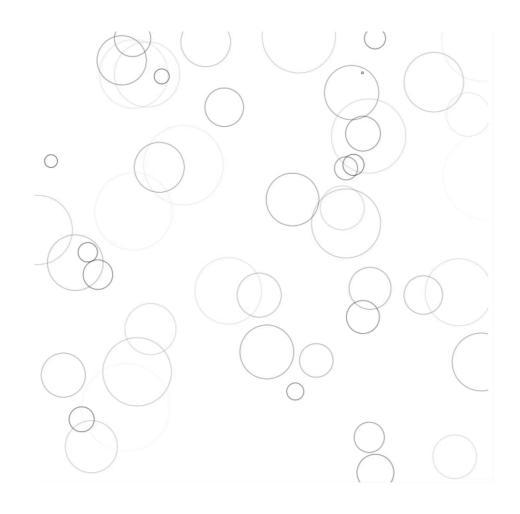
```
>>> # The standard way to import NumPy:
>>> import numpy as np
>>> # Create a 2-D array, set every second element in
>>> # some rows and find max per row:
>>> x = np.arange(15, dtype=np.int64).reshape(3, 5)
>>> x[1:, ::2] = -99
>>> X
array([[ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4],
      [-99, 6, -99, 8, -99],
      [-99, 11, -99, 13, -99]])
>>> x.max(axis=1)
array([ 4, 8, 13])
>>> # Generate normally distributed random numbers:
>>> rng = np.random.default_rng()
   samples = rng.normal(size=2500)
```

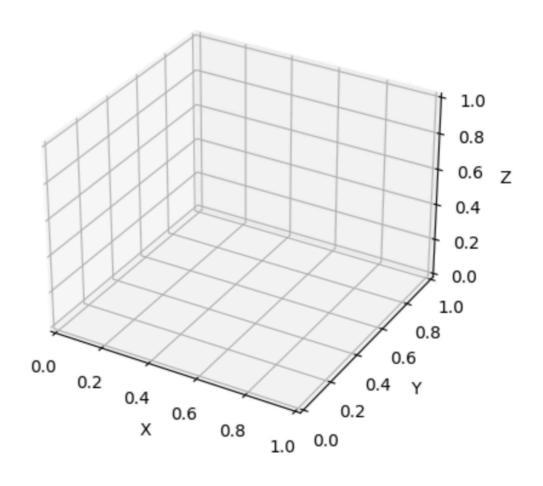
Written in C = FAST
OpenSource

The standard for:

Scientific Domains
Array Libraries
Data Science
Machine Learning
Visualisation







Package Manager: anaconda or miniconda https://docs.conda.io/en/latest/miniconda.html

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Conda manages environments this feature helps with package version control and encapsulation

This command creates the python lecture environment with python version 3.8

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Download & install miniconda

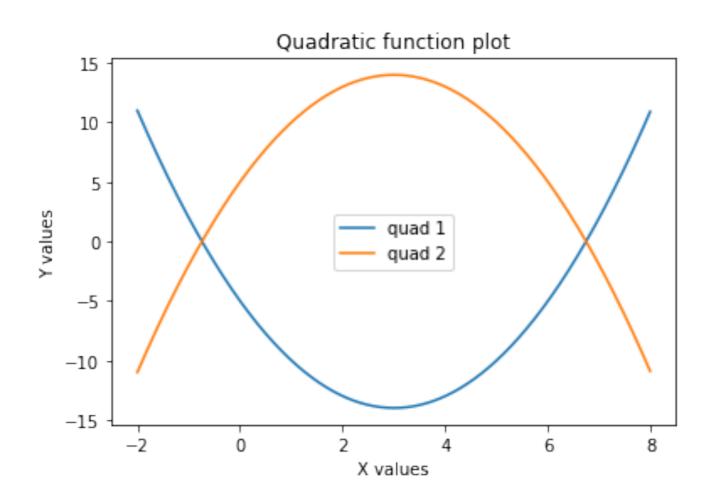
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And try to execute the code lines in

Lab0_pythonIntro.py

10 minutes - please tell me if the installation proceeded well

MatPlotLib - simple plot



MatPlotLib - import module

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

As in C or C++ you start by uploading the necessary python modules. In this case we load the pyplot module of the matplotlib package. For simplicity we can define an alias, which in this case is defined as plt. So instead of using the module name matplotlib.pyplot we may use the module by calling plt.

MatPlotLib - data

Let us now prepare the data. For this example we define a quadratic function from which we will define the x and y axes. instead of using a for loop we will use the python list feature [i for i in range(10)]. But first we will define a function.

```
def quad(x,a,b,c):
return a*x**2 + b*x + c
```

In python you define a function by starting the line with deffollowed by the function name and parameters quad(x,a,b,c). In a function you may define many variables and algorithms. In this case we return the values of a quadratic functions. In the following line we will define the a list of x and y values.

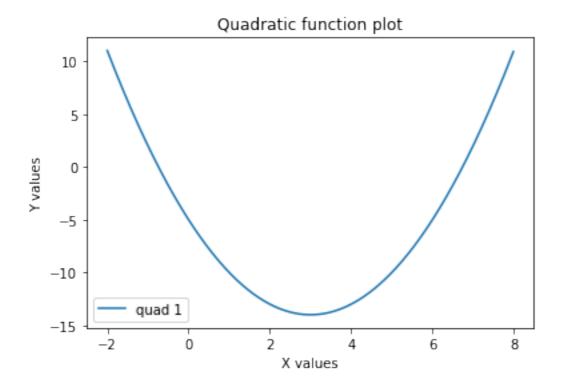
MatPlotLib - data

```
x = [ i/100 - 2 for i in range(1000)]
y = [ quad(i,1,-6,-5) for i in x]
```

Once the x and y values are defined we may plot the outcome. Simply by usig the plot function of the plt module. The first twor arguments of the plot function are the x and y lists respectively. The following arguments must be anticipated by the argument name, for example we use the label argument. Other than plot we use other methods such as: title, xlabel, ylabel, legend, show and close.

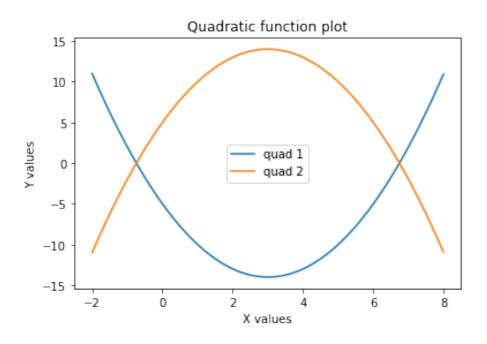
MatPlotLib - plot

```
plt.title("Quadratic function plot")
plt.plot(x,y,label="quad 1")
plt.xlabel("X values")
plt.ylabel("Y values")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
plt.close()
```



MatPlotLib - plot

```
x2 = [ i/100 - 2 for i in range(1000)]
y2 = [ quad(i,-1,6,5) for i in x]
plt.title("Quadratic function plot")
plt.plot(x,y,label="quad 1")
plt.plot(x2,y2,label="quad 2")
plt.xlabel("X values")
plt.ylabel("Y values")
plt.legend()
plt.legend()
plt.close()
```



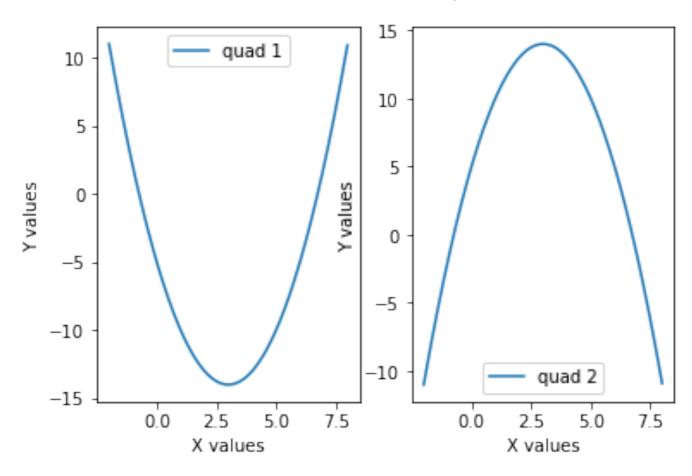
MatPlotLib - double plot

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,2)
fig.suptitle("Quadratic function plots")
ax[0].plot(x,y,label="quad 1")
ax[1].plot(x2,y2,label="quad 2")
for a in ax:
    a.set_xlabel("X values")
    a.set_ylabel("Y values")
    a.legend()
plt.show()
plt.close()
```

To set more than one plot on a canvas (eg. 2) the <u>subplots</u> is the method to call. It separates the canvas in rows and columns, the first argument is the number of rows while the second argument is the number of columns. It returns two variables, a Figure object and an axes object. Now lets try to see how to plot the previous curves side by side

MatPlotLib - double plot

Quadratic function plots



For this example we will load a jpg image with the build in function imread of the matplotlib.image module. The method returns an RGB array containing the pixel data of the image.

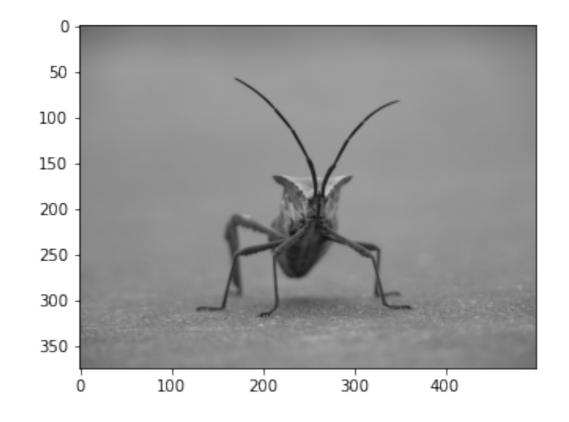
```
import matplotlib.image as mpimg
img = mpimg.imread('stinkbug.png')
print(img.shape)
```

(375, 500, 3)

Which is the shape of the uploaded image, 375 pixels high, 500 pixels long and 3 channels for the red, green and blue.

Image plotting is performed with the imshow() function of the matplotlib.pyplot module

```
plt.imshow(img)
plt.show()
plt.close()
```



With the pixel information we can extract the mean intensity and its standard deviation, by using the functions in the math package. Another interesting thing is to plot the histogram hist() function of the matplotlib.pyplot module

```
import math as m
r_{channel} = img[:,:,0]
mean = 0
for i in r_channel.ravel():
    mean += i
mean /= len(r_channel.ravel())
std = 0
for i in r_channel.ravel():
    std += (i-mean)**2
std /= len(r_channel.ravel()) - 1
std = m.sqrt(std)
      "{:1.4f} +- {:1.4f}".format(mean, std))
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    std += (i-mean)**2
                                              0.5511 + -0.0787
std /= len(r_channel.ravel()) - 1
std = m.sqrt(std)
      "{:1.4f} +- {:1.4f}".format(mean,std))
```

MatPlotLib - image plot

```
plt.imshow(r_channel)
plt.axis("off")
plt.show()
plt.close()
```



MatPlotLib - Exercise

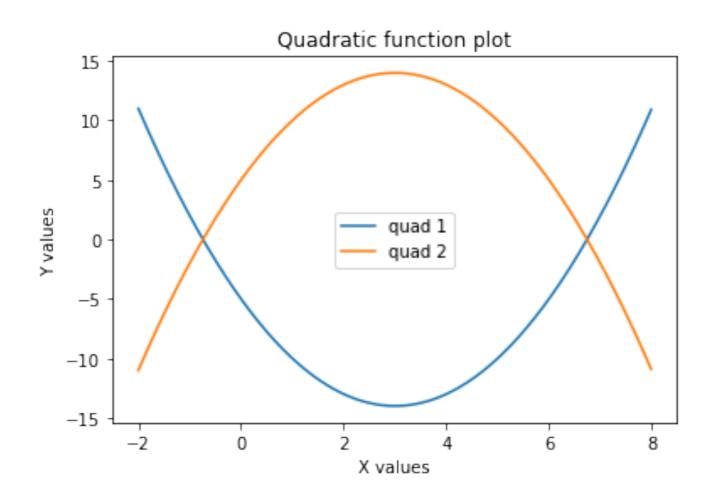
Plot blue filter image and histogram side by side

Set image and histogram title and take away the axes ticks from the image

Extra: calculate average intensity and set a vertical line in the histogram plot

TIP: search examples online -> https://matplotlib.org/
stable/api/ as gen/matplotlib.pyplot.subplots
highlight=subplots#matplotlib.pyplot.subplots

Numpy - intro



Numpy - import module

As for the pyplot module of the matplotlib package, we import the numpy package by assigning the np alias.

import numpy as np

Why using numpy instead of a python list?

Numpy arrays are homogeneous, i.e. they can contain one type of data at the time; while python lists may contain more than one data type.

This makes numpy mathematical operations more efficient.

Numpy is faster and less memory greedy.

Numpy - array

Arrays are grid of values, everything rotates around this data structure of the numpy library. The array contains raw data, methods to locate and element and to interpret data. The elements are all of the same type, referred to as the array dtype

An array can be initialised from a python list

```
a = np.array([[1, 2, 3, 4], [5, 6, 7, 8], [9, 10, 11, 12]])
print(a[1])
print(a[1,3])
```

[5 6 7 8]

Numpy - array

ndim: will tell you the number of axes, or dimensions, of the array.

size: will tell you the total number of elements of the array. This is the product of the elements of the array's shape.

shape: will display a tuple of integers that indicate the number of elements stored along each dimension of the array. If, for example, you have a 2-D array with 2 rows and 3 columns, the shape of your array is (2, 3).

As shown, arrays can be created from python lists but also through numpy functions such as:

```
np.zeros(2)
np.ones(2)
np.arange(4)
np.arange(2, 9, 2)
np.linspace(0, 10, num=5)
np.random.random(2)
np.ones(2, dtype=np.int64)
array([0., 0.])
array([1., 1.])
array([0., 0.])
array([0., 1.])
array([0., 0.])
array([0., 0.])
array([0., 0.])
array([0., 1.])
array([1., 1])
```

Functions zeros and ones will create an array with specified dimensions filled with zeros or ones respectively.

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array([0. 0.])
array([1. 1.])
array([0. 1, 2, 3])
array([2, 4, 6, 8])
array([0. 21183343, 0.84038339])
array([1. 1])
```

The arange function creates an array with a range of elements. And even an array that contains a range of evenly spaced intervals. To do this, you will specify the **first number**, **last number**, and the **step size**.

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array([0., 1., 2., 3])
array([0., 1., 2., 3])
array([0., 1., 2., 3])
array([0., 1., 2., 3])
array([0., 0.])
ar
```

You can also use np.linspace to create an array with values that are spaced linearly in a specified interval.

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np.ones(2, dtype=np.int64)
array([0. 0.])
array([1. 1.])
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array([1. 1])
```

By calling np.random.random it creates and array with the specified shape containing uniformly distributed random variables between 0 and 1.

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np.ones(2, dtype=np.int64)
array([0., 0.])
array([1., 1.])
array([0., 1.])
array([0., 2.])
array([0., 2.])
array([0., 2.])
array([1., 1])
array([1., 1])
```

While the default data type is floating point np.float64, you can explicitly specify which data type you want using the dtype keyword.

Numpy - reshape

Using arr.reshape will give a new shape to an array without changing the data. Just remember that when you use the reshape method, the array you want to produce needs to have the same size as the original array. If you start with an array with 12 elements, you'll need to make sure that your new array also has a total of 12 elements.

```
>>> a = np.arange(12)
>>> print(a)
[ 0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11]

>>> b = a.reshape((2,2,3))
>>> print(b)
[[[ 0  1  2]
      [ 3  4  5]]

[[ 6  7  8]
  [ 9  10 11]]]
```

Numpy - shallow copy

NumPy functions, as well as operations like indexing and slicing, will return views (a shallow copy) whenever possible. This saves memory and is faster (no copy of the data has to be made). Modifying data in a view also modifies the original array!

```
b1 = a[0, :]

b1[0] = 99

print(b1)

print("")

print(a)

[99 2 3 4]

[99 2 3 4]

[90 2 3 4]

[90 2 3 4]

[90 2 3 4]

[90 2 3 4]

[90 2 3 4]
```

Using the copy method will make a complete copy of the array and its data (a deep copy).

```
a = np.arange(1,5,1).reshape((2,2))
print(a)
b = np.ones((2,2))
print(b)
                                                             [[1 \ 2]]
c = np.ones((2))
                                                              [3 4]]
print(c)
                                                             [[1. 1.]
                                                              [1. 1.]]
                                                             [1. 1.]
```

```
print(a+b)
```

```
  \begin{bmatrix}
    \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} & - & \begin{bmatrix}    \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\    \end{bmatrix} & - & \begin{bmatrix}    \end{bmatrix} & - & \begin{bmatrix}    \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\    \end{bmatrix} & - & \begin{bmatrix}    \end{bmatrix} & - & \begin{bmatrix}    \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\    \end{bmatrix} & - & \begin{bmatrix}    
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      [2. 3.]]
print(a-b)
```

```
[[1 2] * [[1. 1.]
                                   [1. 1.]]
                         [3 4]]
print(a*b)
```

```
print(a/b)
```

```
[12 16]]
                                       Broadcasting
print(a*4)
```

```
+, -, * /
```

broadcasting

```
[[ 11 11]
                           [ 11 11]]
                         Broadcasting
                                   * ([1. 1.] + 10) =
                                     Broadcasting
                                            10]
print(a*(c+10))
```

```
print(a)

print(a.min())

print(a.max())

print(a.max())

print(a.max(axis=0))

print(a.max(axis=0))

print(a.max(axis=0))
```

```
print(a)

print(a.min())
print(a.max())
print(a.sum())
print(a.sum())
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```

```
print(a)

print(a.min())
print(a.max())
print(a.sum())
print(a.mean())
print(a.std())

print(a.max(axis=0))
print(a.max(axis=1))
```

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```

Numpy - flatten

There are two popular ways to flatten an array: .flatten() and .ravel(). The primary difference between the two is that the new array created using ravel() is actually a reference to the parent array (i.e., a "view"). This means that any changes to the new array will affect the parent array as well. Since ravel does not create a copy, it's memory efficient.

```
[[[1 2 3]

a = np.arange(1,13,1).reshape((2,2,3))  [4 5 6]]

print(a)  [10 11 12]]]

print(a.ravel())  [1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12]
```

Numpy - math functions

Defining mathematical formulas with NumPy arrays is easier than with python lists. Generally with NumPy one can avoid using python loops, instead one can use predefined function and operations

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
def quad(x,a,b,c):
     return a*x**2 + b*x + c
 = np.linspace(-2,8, num=1000)
= quad(x,1,-6,-5)
```

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```
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                                                       Quadratic function plot
  = np.linspace(-2,8, num=1000)
                                              5
 = quad(x,1,-6,-5)
plt.title("Quadratic function plot")
plt.plot(x,y,label="quad 1")
                                             -10
plt.xlabel("X values")
                                                  quad 1
plt.ylabel("Y values")
                                                           X values
plt.legend()
plt.show()
  t.close()
```

NumPy - Exercise

Plot separately Red, Green and Blue channels of the baozi.jpg" image together with its histogram one on top of the other

Set image and histogram title and take away the axes ticks from the image

With NumPy: calculate average intensity and set a vertical line in the histogram plot

TIP: use what you have done in the previous exercise

NumPy - image masks

Masks are just arrays of bool values that are used as indexes to define which part of an image one wants to act upon. With masks we can open an image and select those pixels that have an intensity greater or smaller than a certain value.

```
import matplotlib.image as mpimg
img = mpimg.imread('stinkbug.png')
mask = np.zeros(img.shape)
mask[img < 0.4] = 1

plt.imshow(mask)
plt.axis("off")
plt.show()
plt.close()</pre>
```



NumPy - Exercise

Plot Red, Green and Blue channels of the "baozi.jpg" image

Below each channel plot the mask for intensities greater than 150, 125 and 100 respectively for each channel

Extra: in the third row of plots, plot the filtered image, i.e. the mask over the image

TIP: use what you have done in the previous exercise