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Initiation to NumPy, Pandas & scikit-learn

In this practical work, you will install the Anaconda framework and the *PyCharm IDE* and then you will go through a few tutorials about fundamental packages for scientific computing with Python: *NumPy* and *Pandas*. Finally, you will use *scikit-learn* to implement a basic ML solution.

You do not have to hand back this practical work. However, the installation and hands-on will prepare you for the practical work that takes place next weeks.

Note:

1. *We tested all the operations on Windows, although it should also work on Mac and Linux OS, we have not tested it!*
2. *For the installation, we are using the Anaconda framework and PyCharm, you are free to adopt any other solutions (e.g. pip for Python, Atom as IDE, **Jupyter Lab**, etc.)*
3. *However, Python 3.6+ is required*

Installation & setup

1. Programs installation

- Download and Install the Anaconda framework (Python 3.7+) on your machine
 - <https://www.anaconda.com/distribution/>
- Download and Install PyCharm Community Edition IDE on your machine
 - <https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/>
 - Since 2019 you can install PyCharm with an Anaconda plugin. More info: <https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/promo/anaconda/>
 - If you are interested - You can obtain a license with @hefr or @edu.hefr.ch mail for the professional version (the free version is enough for this course)
 - See <https://www.jetbrains.com/student/>

2. Configure PyCharm and test installing new packages

- Now that the IDE and dev framework are installed, you must instruct PyCharm to use anaconda's python interpreter:
 - You can have a look at the following link if you are lost:
<https://medium.com/@GalarnykMichael/setting-up-pycharm-with-anaconda-plus-installing-packages-windows-mac-db2b158bd8c>

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- You should be able to install new package with the pip commands in a terminal (note that you can also install new packages from pyCharm directly)
 - `pip3 freeze`: show all installed packages
 - `pip3 install pandas`: install Pandas (& NumPy as bonus dependence)
 - `pip3 install matplotlib`
 - `pip3 install scipy`
 - `pip3 install scikit-learn`: install scikit-learn

Hands-on

This practical section will demand you to work with three technologies:

- NumPy
- Pandas
- scikit-learn

2.1 Numpy

Guided by the examples here (<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/user/quickstart.html>), solve the following questions.

- Create an n-dimensional (2 x 3) array of random [0-1] floats (optionally, use the `reshape` method)
- Create the following matrix, called *a*:

```
[ 0,  1,  2,  3  
 4,  5,  6,  7  
 8,  9, 10, 11 ]
```

(optionally use the `reshape` method)
- Select the second element of the third column, and set his value to zero
- Print the first row (do not use a loop)
- Print the second column (do not use a loop)
- Save in a matrix *b*: the first 2 elements of the first 2 columns of matrix *a*. Modify the first element of *b* (e.g. set it to 9), then print *a*. What do you notice?
- Returns the indices of the maximum value i) of the whole the matrix *a*, along ii) the horizontal axe iii) the vertical axe

2.2 Pandas

2.2.1 PANDAS Series

- What is a Pandas `series`, what are the differences with a NumPy `ndarray` and a Pandas `dataframes`?
- Show how to create a Pandas `series`,
 - from a one-dimensional Numpy `ndarray`; use chars as indexes
 - From a Python dictionary

2.2.2 PANDAS DataFrames

Download the dataset US - 500 records from <https://www.briandunning.com/sample-data> (or from the Moodle) and load it in a Pandas `DataFrame` (`data = pd.read_csv(...)`)

2.2.1 Single selections using *iloc* and *DataFrame*

- Select the first row of the data frame (e.g. row with name *James Butt*) - GOAL: as output we want a `Series` data type (to check: `print(type(data.iloc(...)))`)
- Select the first row of data frame (*James Butt*) BUT this time we want a `DataFrame` data type output.
- Select the last row of data frame (*Chauncey Motley*)

d) Select the first column of data frame (first_name)

e) Select the second column of data frame (last_name)

f) Select the last column of data frame (web)

2.2.2 Multiple columns and rows selections using the *iloc* indexer

a) Select the first five rows of the dataframe

b) Select the first two columns of data frame with all rows

c) Select the 1st, 4th, 7th, 25th row + 1st 6th 7th columns.

d) Select the first 5 rows and 5th, 6th, 7th columns of data frame (county -> phone1).

2.2.3 Selecting data using *loc*

a) Before starting, set the column "last_name" as index (inplace=True)

b) ... then analyze the results of the following instruction:

```
df.loc[['Rim', 'Perin'], ['first_name', 'address', 'email']]
```

c) Select rows with index values 'Antonio' and 'Veness', with all columns between 'city' and 'email'

d) Select same rows, with just 'first_name', 'address' and 'city' columns

e) Analyze the results of the following instruction:

```
data.loc[data['first_name'] == 'Erick']
```

f) Compare the following instructions, which is the difference?

```
data.loc[data['first_name'] == 'Erick', 'email']
```

vs

```
data.loc[data['first_name'] == 'Erick', ['email']]
```

g) Select rows with first name *Erick* and all columns between 'city' and 'email'

h) Select rows where the *email* column ends with 'hotmail.com', include all columns

i) Select rows with *first_name* equal to some values, all columns (hint: *isin*)

j) Select rows with first name *Erick* AND *aol.com* email addresses

k) Select rows where the company name has 4 words in it. A lambda function (if you are new to Python see <http://book.pythontips.com/en/latest/lambda.html>) that yields True/False values can also be used.

2.3 scikit-learn (tutorial)

It is finally time to implement your first ML solution using scikit-learn (<http://scikit-learn.org/>)

scikit-learn is a free software machine learning library for the Python programming language. It features various classification, regression and clustering algorithms.

This first tutorial ([here](#)) will guide you step by step in the implementation (and evaluation!) of a first machine learning solution. You will implement a classifier called “Random Forest” and you will use it on the well-known “[Iris dataset](#)” (this dataset is already included in scikit-learn, so you don’t need to download it).

You can find the full tutorial here:

https://chrisalbon.com/machine_learning/trees_and_forests/random_forest_classifier_example/