MECG11503/MEME19803 Programming for Data Analytics Topic 2: Array Data Structures

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Revision & Overview

Course Outcomes of this Subject:

- CO1: Demonstrate programming development to turn data into a format suitable for a data science pipeline. (Topic 1)
 - Topic 1: Read data from data sources and store them in Python in appropriate data structure. It is important to be familiar with .dtype
- CO2: Interpret data using exploratory data analysis. (This Topic 2)
 - Numpy array provides functions for numerical statistics which we will explore in this topic.
- CO3: Manipulate data by creating new features, reducing dimensionality, and by handling outliers in the data. (Topics 3&5)
- CO4: Create graphical representations of data. (Topic 4)

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Array Objects

Most of the time, we read in a tabular data using Pandas library and the object being created is a DataFrame.

Converting from DataFrame df to array arr:

- arr = df.to_numpy() if all columns are numeric
- np.array(df.select_dtypes(include='number')) if some columns are non-numeric

Note that the Numpy array objects that we are discussing here is 'standard' in Python. There a new array objects such as the xarray (https://xarray.pydata.org/en/stable/) which can handle 'arrays with labels'.

Example:

```
import pandas as pd
# https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Concrete+Compres
df = pd.read_csv('Concrete_Data.csv')
print(df.columns)
arr = df.to_numpy()
print(arr)
```

For scientists, data analysists, programmers, etc., there are a lot of situations where 'specific' numeric array needs to be constructed for computation / testing / verification purposes.

import numpy as np (mentioned in Topic 1)

Creating 1-D arrays:

- np.array([1,2,3,4],dtype='double')
- np.arange(1,5), np.arange(50,1,-2)
- np.r_[1:5], np.r_[1:50:2]
- np.linspace(start,stop,num=50, endpoint=True,retstep=False,dtype=None)
- Special functions: np.zeros, np.ones

Creating 2-D arrays:

- Using list: np.array([[1,3],[4,5]],dtype=np.double)
- Reshaping from 1-D array: np.arange(1, 10).reshape((3,3))
- Stacking from 1-D array: np.vstack(([1,3,4,2],[4,2,3,1]))
- Stacking from 2-D arrays:
 np.hstack(([[1,2],[3,4]], [[4,3],[2,1]])),
 np.vstack(([[1,2],[3,4]], [[4,3],[2,1]]))
- Special functions: np.zeros, np.ones, to be introduced later

Creating "special" 2-D arrays:

- Empty array: np.empty((3,4)) (random floating point number of shape 3 × 4)
- Array of zeros: np.zeros((2,4))
- Array of ones: np.ones
- Array of value v: np.full((m1,···,mk),v)

np.zeros(10) gives a 1-D array:

```
array([0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0.])
```

np.zeros((6,6)) gives a 2-D array:

np.ones(10) gives a 1-D array:

```
array([1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1.])
```

np.ones((6,3)) gives a 2-D array:

np.full(10, -1.0) gives a 1-D array:

np.full((6,3), 100) or np.empty((6,3)).fill(100) gives a 2-D array:

Creating "special" 2-D arrays:

• $n \times n$ identity matrixnp.eye(n). E.g.

$$np.eye(4) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, np.eye(3,2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• np.diag(D) is used to construct an $n \times n$ matrix with diagonal elements from 1-D array D. E.g.

np.diag(np.arange(5,8)) =
$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Special matrices (cont)

We can create special type of 'shifted' diagonal matrices:

```
[[1, 0, 0, 0, 0],
                        [[0, 1, 0, 0, 0],
                                               [[0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
 [0, 3, 0, 0, 0],
                         [0, 0, 3, 0, 0],
                                               [0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
 [0, 0, 5, 0, 0].
                         [0, 0, 0, 5, 0],
                                             [8, 0, 0, 0, 0],
 [0, 0, 0, 7, 0].
                       [0, 0, 0, 0, 7],
                                             [0, 5, 0, 0, 0],
 [0. 0. 0. 0. 9]]
                         [0, 0, 0, 0, 0]]
                                              [0, 0, 2, 0, 0]]
np.diag(np.r [1:10:2]) np.diag([1.3.5.7].1) np.diag([8.5.2].-2)
```

Array of Integers

Numpy usually creates array of 64-bit integers when the entries are all integers. Numpy supports 8, 16, 32 and 64-bit integers usually used in other programming environment (e.g. C, C++):

- np.array(1, dtype='int8').dtype
- np.array(2, dtype='int16').dtype
- np.array(3, dtype='int32').dtype
- np.array(4, dtype='int64').dtype
- 1 byte = 8 bit
- b.nbytes gives the numbers of bytes used in memory



Array of Floats

Numpy supports both double (64-bit floating point numbers) and floats (32-bit floating point numbers)

- Numpy website: https://numpy.org/
- import numpy as np
- Double float example: np.array(3, dtype='double').dtype
- Single float example: np.array(3, dtype='single').dtype
- Load 'real (floating) number' library: import math
- Special 'numbers': Nan (np.nan), ∞ (np.inf).
- Information about the floating point number capability: np.finfo('double'), np.finfo('single')

Array of Booleans

Array of Booleans are usually created when we are comparing values. For example, to check whether all values in an array is in the range 0 to 100:

Remark: In the array methods to be discussed next, there is a method clip which can 'restrict' original array to the given range:

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Array Methods

Array methods are functions that are associated with Python Numpy arrays. They can be classified into:

- Array relational methods: $=, \neq, <, \leq, >, \geq$
- Array arithmetic methods: +, -, *, /, dot, round, ...
- Array 'index'/'shape' related methods: argmax, argmin, argsort, choose, clip, copy, diagonal, flat, flatten, item, itemset, ndim, nonzero, put, ravel, repeat, reshape, resize, shape, size, sort, strides, swapaxes, take, transpose
- Array datatype methods: .astype, .data.hex(), .dtype
- Array statistics methods: cumprod, cumsum, max, mean, min, nbytes, , ptp, prod, std, sum, var

Array Datatype Methods

These methods are usually not needed but we can use .dtype to check the type of the array.

E.g.
$$np.r_{[1:4].dtype}$$

Very occationally, we may need to convert an array of Booleans to an array of integers. This can be accomplished by

```
A = A.astype("int")
```

Array 'Index'/'Shape' Related Methods

These methods are used for complex array programming. What we usually used are:

- Get array information: ndim, shape, size, sort
- diagonal, transpose
- ravel (and flatten): convert n-D array to 1-D array
- reshape: reshape 1-D / 2-D array to other dimension
- resize: Change the 'size' of the array (make it larger / smaller)

Array Statistics Methods

- nbytes: Get how many bytes of memory are used.
 Note: 1M memory = 10⁶ bytes.
- max, min, ptp, mean
- std, var (population statistics by default, we can change it to sample statistics using ddof=1)
- prod, sum
- cumprod, cumsum
- diagonal, trace (sum of the diagonal)

Array Statistics Methods (cont)

For the array statistics methods, there is an option axis which can be used to calculate the statistics along the axis. E.g. axis=0 calculates the statistics along each column while axis=1 calculates the statistics along each row.

E.g. For the matrix
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -4 & -3 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$
,

 $A.sum() \Rightarrow 9$

 $A.sum(axis=0) \Rightarrow [-3,3,9]$

 $A.sum(1) \Rightarrow [-12, -3, 6, 18]$

Note: Array statistics methods reduces dimension by default. To keep the dimension, use keepdims=True.

Array Relational Methods

- A==B, A~=B
- A<B, A<=B, A>B, A>=B

Consider
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Array Arithmetic Methods

- A.round(4)
- A+B, A−B
- A*B, A/B
- A+=B, A-=B, A*=B, A/=B
- A.dot(B): for matrix multiplication. The newer notation is A @ B.

They work for n-D arrays, i.e. both A and B need to be n-D arrays, where n = 1 and n = 2.

Consider

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 9 & 9 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 8 & 7 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can generate them using the Python commands:

- $A = np.vstack((np.r_[1:9].reshape((2,4)),[9]*4))$
 - B = np.vstack((np.r_[9:1:-1].reshape((2,4)),[1]*4))

Now, we can explore the elementwise operations:

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Elementwise multiplication and elementwise division: The former is different from matrix multiplication, the later is defined but matrix does not has a proper division operation.

The following syntax are taken from C language:

- \bullet A+=B: A = A+B
- \bullet A-=B: A = A-B
- A*=B: A = A*B
- \bullet A/=B: A = A/B

They are useful in some programming problems.

The operations we commonly use are the **scalar multiplication** and the **matrix multiplication**:

$$cA = [ca_{ij}], \quad AB = \left[\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij}b_{jk}\right].$$

E.g.
$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \end{bmatrix}, B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 \\ 10 & 11 \\ 12 & 13 \\ 14 & 15 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix multiplication A_1B_1 , A_2B_2 are

$$A_1B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 28 & 34 \\ 76 & 98 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 428 & 466 \\ 604 & 658 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix multiplication in Numpy is handle by the command np.matmul(A, B) or A @ B.

Note that if A and B are 1-D, then A @ B works as dot product $a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + ... + a_nb_n$.

When A and B are 2-D (and 1-D), the following *n*-D array arithmetic operation is the same in function:

• np.dot(A, B): Dot product of two arrays, giving $z[I, J, j] = \sum_k A[I, k]B[J, k, j]$.

But for 3-D and above, they are different.

In Python, we can use the following commands to do the calculation for the A_1B_1 , A_2B_2 multiplication example.

```
A1 = np.r_[0:8].reshape((2,4))
B1 = np.r_[0:8].reshape((4,2))
A2 = np.r_[8:16].reshape((2,4))
B2 = np.r_[8:16].reshape((4,2))
Product1 = A1 @ B1 # Same as np.matmul(A1,B1)
Product2 = A2 @ B2 # Same as np.matmul(A2,B2)
```

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Application of 'element-wise' operations: We can use it to generate the results of multiplication tables for 2 to 9 (or any integers).

The -1 in reshape is used to ask Python to count how many elements are there in the 1-D array, which is convenient.

Let us end the matrix arithmetics with two scaling techniques we may encounter in data analysis:

- Min-max scaling
- Standard scaling / standardisation

Consider the following matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -4 & -3 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

For min-max scaling, it transforms the each column of A to

(column i – min of column i)/(range of column i).

If you still remember the concept of 'range' from statistics (numpy's ptp), then you will be able to write down:

	col 1	col 2	col 3
max	3	6	9
min	-5	-4	-3
range = max-min	8	10	12

Performing min-max scaling is similar to

$$\begin{pmatrix}
-5 & -4 & -3 \\
-2 & -1 & 0 \\
1 & 2 & 3 \\
3 & 6 & 9
\end{pmatrix} -
\begin{pmatrix}
-5 & -4 & -3 \\
-5 & -4 & -3 \\
-5 & -4 & -3 \\
-5 & -4 & -3
\end{pmatrix})./
\begin{bmatrix}
8 & 10 & 12 \\
8 & 10 & 12 \\
8 & 10 & 12 \\
8 & 10 & 12
\end{bmatrix}$$



Note the ./ stands for 'elementwise division'. The final result of min-max scaling is

It can be obtained using what we have learned:

```
A = np.vstack((np.r_[-5:4].reshape((3,3)), [3,6,9]))

AColumnMin = np.ones((4,1)) @ np.array([-5,-4,-3]).reshape((1,3))

ARange = np.ones((4,1)) @ np.array([8,10,12]).reshape((1,3))

scaleA = (A - AColumnMin) / ARange
```

Array Arithmetic Methods (cont)

It would be too painful if we were to write like this!

There is a simplify form as follows:

$$scaleA = (A - [-5, -4, -3]) / [8, 10, 12]$$

But how can this be???

A is 4×3 matrix while [-5, -4, -3] is 1-D array with 3 elements?

Answer: Numpy will treat A as **three** 4×1 matrix when [-5,-4,-3] has **three** elements.

This won't work when we try A - [1,2,3,4].



Array Arithmetic Methods (cont)

Question: If we want to scale the rows instead of the columns? What can we do?

We can use the tedious method:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
-5 & -4 & -3 \\
-2 & -1 & 0 \\
1 & 2 & 3 \\
3 & 6 & 9
\end{pmatrix} -
\begin{pmatrix}
-5 & -5 & -5 \\
-2 & -2 & -2 \\
1 & 1 & 1 \\
3 & 3 & 3
\end{pmatrix})./
\begin{bmatrix}
2 & 2 & 2 \\
2 & 2 & 2 \\
6 & 6 & 6
\end{bmatrix}$$

```
A = np.vstack((np.r_[-5:4].reshape((3,3)), [3,6,9]))

ARowMin = np.array([-5,-2,1,3]).reshape((4,1)) @ np.ones((1,3))

ARowRange = np.array([2,2,2,6]).reshape((4,1)) @ np.ones((1,3))

scaleARow = (A - ARowMin) / ARowRange
```

Array Arithmetic Methods (cont)

Or we can use "transpose" to do it:

```
scaleARow = ((A.T - [-5, -2, 1, 3]) / [2, 2, 2, 6]).T
```

Or we can transform [-5,-2,1,3] and [2,2,2,6] to 1×4 matrices. The Numpy will automatically match 3×4 to 1×4 and now turn A to **four** 3×1 row vector to subtract each element from the 1×4 column vector.

```
scaleARow = (A - np.array([-5, -2, 1, 3]).reshape((4, 1))) / 
                 np.array([2,2,2,6]).reshape((4,1))
```

All of them gives us the final answer: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Combining Array Methods

We can **combine** the array statistics methods and arithmetic methods to perform (1) the 'min-max scaling' on the columns: simply as

```
scaleA = (A - A.min(0)) / A.ptp(0)
```

(2) Standard scaling / standardisation:

```
\frac{\text{column } i - \text{mean of column } i}{\text{standard deviation of column } i}.
```

It is not difficult to derive the Python command as

Combining Array Methods (cont)

If you expand (A - A.mean(0)) / A.std(0), you will find that Python is actually performing the elementwise operations below:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -4 & -3 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -0.75 & 0.75 & 2.25 \\ -0.75 & 0.75 & 2.25 \\ -0.75 & 0.75 & 2.25 \\ -0.75 & 0.75 & 2.25 \\ \end{bmatrix}). / \begin{bmatrix} 3.0311 & 3.6997 & 4.4371 \\ 3.0311 & 3.6997 & 4.4371 \\ 3.0311 & 3.6997 & 4.4371 \\ 3.0311 & 3.6997 & 4.4371 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

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Data Processing using Arrays

In addition to the array methods mentioned earlier, we need the 'Functions for Arrays' for data processing:

- Elementwise function operations: They take an n-D array and returns an n-D array $[f(a_{i,j,\dots,k})]$. E.g. the A.round(4) mentioned earlier.
- Linear Algebra functions: For solving Ax = b problems.
- Matrix functions (skipped: useful in scientific computing and engineering but rarely used in data processing).

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Practical: Use Arrays to Solve Problems

Arrays can be used to solve the following problems:

- Understanding 1-D functions such as sine, cosine, etc. from calculus and statistics;
- Performing transformation: E.g. standardisation mentioned earlier or performing non-linear transformation such as taking logarithmics;
- Solving linear algebra problems.

Practical: 1-D functions

When we want to visualise a function (more in Topic 6), we need to create a table with x_i and $y_i = f(x_i)$ and then join the points by lines.

E.g. Let us create a table with two rows, one row is x_i and one row is y_i with only 5 points $(0, \sin(0))$, $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}))$, $(\pi, \sin(\pi))$, $(\frac{3\pi}{2}, \sin(\frac{3\pi}{2}))$, $(2\pi, \sin(2\pi))$.

- import numpy as np (mentioned in Topic 1)
- x = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 5)
- \bullet y = np.sin(x)
- import matplotlib.pylab as plt (mentioned in Topic 1)
- plt.plot(x,y,'ko-'); plt.show()

Practical: 1-D functions (cont)

Let us increase the number of points from 5 to 101, this means that we are cutting the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ to 100 pieces:

$$x_i = 2\pi \times \frac{i}{100}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \cdots, 100.$$

- x = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 101)
- \bullet y = np.sin(x)
- plt.plot(x,y,'ko-')
- plt.show()

We can see that with enough points, the drawn graph will look like a smooth function!

Practical: 1-D functions (cont)

Numpy library provides us most of the functions from Calculus such as np.sin, np.cos, np.tan, np.sinh, np.cosh, np.tanh, np.exp, np.log, np.arcsin, np.arccos, np.arctan, np.arcsinh, np.arccosh, np.arctanh.

The statistical functions are provided by Scipy library.

- from scipy import stats
- x = np.linspace(-4, 4, 101)
- y = stats.norm.pdf(x)
- plt.plot(x,y,'ko-')
- plt.show()



Practical: transformation (cont)

In physics and engineering problems, when the changes in a variable is too large, they will be scaled. One of the famous example is the 'decibel' which measures the 'loudness' of sound:

decibel = np.log10(sound)

In data analysis, we can use the functions from scipy.stats to perform transformations to check whether the data follows certain distributions (QQ-plot \Rightarrow stats.probplot).

Practical: Linear Algebra

According https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/ reference/tutorial/linalg.html. Scipv is normally built using the optimised LAPACK and BLAS libraries and it has very fast linear algebra capabilities and contains all the functions in numpy.linalg. Therefore, we will be using Scipy instead of Numpy if we want to solve the square matrix problem:

$$AX = B. (1)$$

from scipy import linalg



scipy.linalg linear algebra solvers and inverses:

- linalg.solve(A, B): Solves AX = B.
- linalg.inv(A): Compute the (multiplicative) inverse of a matrix A. It is the same as solving AX = B with B being the identity matrix.
- linalg.lstsq(A, B): Return the least-squares solution X to $\min_X ||AX B||_2$.
- linalg.pinv(A): Compute the (Moore-Penrose) pseudo-inverse of a matrix.
- Solves special matrices: linalg.solve_circulant(C,B), linalg.solve_toeplitz(T,B), linalg.solve_triangular(U,B).

Example: Given the linear system

$$3x_1 + 7x_2 - 2x_3 + 3x_4 - x_5 = 37$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_5 = 40$$

$$5x_3 - 4x_4 + x_5 = 12$$

$$2x_1 + 9x_3 + 4x_4 + 3x_5 = 14$$

$$5x_4 + 8x_5 = 20$$

Write down the Python commands to solve the linear system. (8 marks)



Sample Answer:

```
import numpy as np
A = np.array([[3,7,-2,3,-1], [4,0,0,0,3],
      [0.0.5.-4.1]. [2.0.9.4.3]. [0.0.0.5.8]
from scipy import linalg
x = linalq.solve(A, [37,40,12,14,20])
print("x = \n", x)
x =
array([7.01975851, 3.77512937, -0.28100988,
       -2.35784852, 3.973655321)
```

Example (SPM Forecast Question): It is given that matrix M is a 2 \times 2 matrix such that

$$M\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Use Python to

- o find matrix M;
- calculate the value of x and of y for the following simultaneous linear equations

$$-2x + y = 10,$$

 $x + 3y = 9.$



Practical: Least Square Problem

In SPM, we sometimes need to fit data using linear regression which leads to a least square problem. Consider the data below for linear regression:

Χ	У
1.2	3.9
7.2	-14.8
0.1	6.0
1.4	4.3
5.2	-9.1
2.1	-0.9

Practical: Least Square (cont)

Trying to find a solution to the following is impossible:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3.9 \\ -14.8 \\ 6.0 \\ 4.3 \\ -9.1 \\ -0.9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 & 1 \\ 7.2 & 1 \\ 0.1 & 1 \\ 1.4 & 1 \\ 5.2 & 1 \\ 2.1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

because there is no consistent solution.

Practical: Least Square (cont)

Mathematicians came up with the concept of least square solution, i.e. try to find *a* and *b* so that the SSE (sum of square error) or RSS (residue sum of square) is minimum!

$$\min_{a,b} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 3.9 \\ -14.8 \\ 6.0 \\ 4.3 \\ -9.1 \\ -0.9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 & 1 \\ 7.2 & 1 \\ 0.1 & 1 \\ 1.4 & 1 \\ 5.2 & 1 \\ 2.1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \right\|_{2}^{2}$$

This problem can be solved and we will mention two solutions using Python.

Practical: Least Square (cont)

Method 1: Using linalg.lstsq

```
import numpy as np
from scipy import linalg
A = np.array([[1.2,7.2,0.1,1.4,5.2,2.1],np.ones(6)]).T
B = [3.9, -14.8, 6.0, 4.3, -9.1, -0.9]
coeffs, _, _, _ = linalg.lstsq(A, B)
print(coeffs, linalg.lstsq(A, B))
```

$$a = -3.05090034$$
, $b = 6.97924764$, $y = ax + b$
Method 2: Using linalg.solve

```
coeffs = linalg.solve(A.T@A, A.T@B)
```

This corresponds to solving $A^TAx = A^Tb$.



Example: Given that three 3×3 matrices

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & 8 \\ 6 & -9 & -8 \\ 6 & -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 7 & 8 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -8 & 8 \\ -8 & -5 & 8 \\ 6 & -9 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(i) Write down the Python command to find the inverse matrix of Q, Q^{-1} . (0.5 mark)

Answer (Assuming linalg is imported from scipy)

```
The Python command to find Q^{-1} is linalg.inv(Q) or linalg.solve(Q,np.eye(Q.shape[0])) (i.e. Solving QX = I for X).
```

The output is[0.5 mark]

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1.25 & 0.5 & -0.75 \\ 0.875 & -0.25 & 0.625 \\ -0.875 & 0.25 & -0.125 \end{bmatrix}$$

(ii) Write down the Python command to find matrix L if $P^3LQ = R$. Write down the **matrix** L. (1 mark)

Answer

$$L = (P^3)^{-1}RQ^{-1}$$
[0.7 mark]

```
L = linalg.inv(P@P@P) @ R @ linalg.inv(Q)
L = linalg.solve(np.linalg.matrix_power(P,3),R)@linalg.inv(Q)
```

The matrix L is

(iii) Suppose the 3×3 matrices E, F, G, H satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} P & Q \\ Q & R \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix}$$

First, find the matrix H by writing down the appropriate Python commands. Then, write down the appropriate Python command(s) to show that

$$(R - QP^{-1}Q)^{-1} = H.$$
 (1 mark)



Answer

np.hstack((np.vstack((P,Q)),np.vstack((Q,R)))) is used to obtain

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0.26819736 & -0.15480007 & -0.07891041 \\ 0.69421553 & -0.3532685 & -0.42828374 \\ 1.00692917 & -0.48176952 & -0.51330189 \end{bmatrix} \quad [0.6 \text{ mark}]$$

The Python command is linalg.inv(R - Q@linalg.inv(P)@Q).....[0.4 mark] In general,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \left(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{-1} & -\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \left(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \right)^{-1} \\ - \left(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{-1} & \left(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \right)^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Statistical Tests

- Normality Tests: check if your data has a Gaussian distribution.
- Correlation Tests: check if two samples are related.
- Stationary Tests: check if a time series is stationary or not.
- Parametric Statistical Hypothesis Tests: use to compare data samples which follows normal distribution.
- Nonparametric Statistical Hypothesis Tests: determine whether two data samples (which are not normal) have the same or different distributions.

The following are three famous statistical tests to check if the data follows normal distribution:

- Shapiro-Wilk Test
- D'Agostino's K² Test: calculates summary statistics from the data, namely kurtosis and skewness, to determine if the data distribution departs from the normal distribution.
- Anderson-Darling Test

Assumptions: Observations in each sample are independent and identically distributed (iid).

Interpretation:

- H0: the sample has a Gaussian distribution.
- H1: the sample does not have a Gaussian distribution.

```
# https://machinelearningmastery.com/statistical-hypothesis-tests-in-pyth
# Test for Normality
from scipy import stats
data = [0.873, 2.817, 0.121, -0.945, -0.055, -1.436, 0.360, -1.478, -1.637, -1.869]
def stest(name, method, data):
    stat, p = method(data)
    print(name + ' (stat=%.3f. p=%.3f): ' % (stat. p). end="")
    s = 'Gaussian' if p > 0.05 else 'not Gaussian'
    print('Probably ' + s)
stest("Shapiro-Wilk", stats.shapiro, data)
stest("D'Agostino's $K^2$", stats.normaltest, data)
result = stats.anderson(data)
print("Anderson-Darling" + ' (stat=%.3f): ' % (result.statistic))
for i in range(len(result.critical_values)):
    sl, cv = result.significance_level[i], result.critical_values[i]
    if result statistic < cv:
        print('Probably Gaussian at the %.1f%% level' % (sl))
    else:
        print('Probably not Gaussian at the %.1f%% level' % (sl))
```

The following are famous statistical tests to check if two data are related:

- Pearson's Correlation Coefficient
- Spearman's Rank Correlation
- Kendall's Rank Correlation
- Chi-Squared Test

Pearson's Correlation Coefficient tests whether two samples have a linear relationship.

Assumptions: Observations in each sample are iid, **normally distributed**, and have the same variance. Interpretation:

- H0: the two samples are independent.
- H1: there is a dependency between the samples.

```
# https://machinelearningmastery.com/statistical-hypothesis-tests-in-pyth from scipy import stats d1 = [0.873,2.817,0.121,-0.945,-0.055,-1.436,0.360,-1.478,-1.637,-1.869] d2 = [0.353,3.517,0.125,-7.545,-0.555,-1.536,3.350,-1.578,-3.537,-1.579] stat, p = stats.pearsonr(d1, d2) print('stat=%.3f, p=%.3f' % (stat, p)) s = 'independent' if p > 0.05 else 'dependent' print('Probably ' + s + " according to Pearson's test.")
```

Spearman's and Kendall's Rank Correlation test whether two samples have a monotonic relationship.

Assumptions: Observations in each sample are iid and can be ranked.

Interpretation:

- H0: the two samples are independent.
- H1: there is a dependency between the samples.

```
from scipy import stats
d1 = [0.873,2.817,0.121,-0.945,-0.055,-1.436,0.360,-1.478,-1.637,-1.869]
d2 = [0.353,3.517,0.125,-7.545,-0.555,-1.536,3.350,-1.578,-3.537,-1.579]
def dotest(name, method, d1, d2):
    stat, p = method(d1, d2)
    print(f'{name:9s}: ' + 'stat=%.3f, p=%.3f' % (stat, p))
    s = 'independent' if p > 0.05 else 'dependent'
    print('Probably ' + s + 'according to ' + name + "'s test.")
dotest("Spearman", stats.spearmanr, d1, d2)
dotest("Kendal", stats.kendalltau, d1, d2)
```

 χ^2 test checks whether two categorical variables are related or independent.

Assumptions: Observations used in the calculation of the contingency table are independent. 25 or more examples in each cell of the contingency table are required for a good confidence.

Interpretation:

- H0: the two samples are independent.
- H1: there is a dependency between the samples.

```
# https://machinelearningmastery.com/statistical-hypothesis-tests-in-py
from scipy import stats
table = [[10, 20, 30],[6, 9, 17]]
stat, p, dof, expected = stats.chi2_contingency(table)
print('stat=%.3f, p=%.3f' % (stat, p))
s = 'independent' if p > 0.05 else 'dependent'
print('Probably ' + s + ' according to Chi^2 test')
```

The following are statistical tests to check if a time series is stationary or not:

- Augmented Dickey-Fuller
- Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin

Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test checks whether a time series has a unit root, e.g. has a trend or more generally is autoregressive.

Assumptions: Observations in are temporally ordered. Interpretation:

- H0: a unit root is present (series is non-stationary).
- H1: a unit root is not present (series is stationary).

```
# https://machinelearningmastery.com/statistical-hypothesis-tests-in-pyth
# Example of the Augmented Dickey-Fuller unit root test
import numpy as np
from statsmodels.tsa.stattools import adfuller
data = np.r_[0:10]
stat, p, lags, obs, crit, t = adfuller(data)
print('stat=%.3f, p=%.3f' % (stat, p))
s = 'not Stationary' if p > 0.05 else 'Stationary'
print('Probably ' + s)
```

Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin Test checks whether a time series is trend stationary or not.

Assumptions: Observations in are temporally ordered.

Interpretation:

- H0: the time series is trend-stationary.
- H1: the time series is not trend-stationary.

```
# https://machinelearningmastery.com/statistical-hypothesis-tests-in-pyth
# Example of the Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin test
import numpy as np
from statsmodels.tsa.stattools import kpss
data = np.r_[0:10]
stat, p, lags, crit = kpss(data)
print('stat=%.3f, p=%.3f' % (stat, p))
s = 'not Stationary' if p > 0.05 else 'Stationary'
print('Probably ' + s)
```

The Parametric Statistical Hypothesis Tests used to compare data samples are

- Student's t-test
- Paired Student's t-test
- Analysis of Variance Test (ANOVA)

The p-value can be interpreted in the context of a chosen significance level called α . A common value for α is 0.05. If the p-value is below the significance level, then the test says there is enough evidence to reject the null hypothesis and that the samples were likely drawn from populations with differing distributions.

- $p \le \alpha$: reject H0, different distribution.
- $p > \alpha$: fail to reject H0, **most likely** the same distribution.

Student's / Paired Student's t-test checks whether the means of two independent / paired samples are significantly different.

Assumptions: Observations in each sample are iid, **normally distributed** and have the same variance. For paired Student's t-test, observations across each sample are paired.

Interpretation:

- H0: the means of the samples are equal.
- H1: the means of the samples are unequal.

```
from scipy.stats import ttest_ind, ttest_rel
d1 = [0.873,2.817,0.121,-0.945,-0.055,-1.436,0.360,-1.478,-1.637,-1.869]
d2 = [1.142,-0.432,-0.938,-0.729,-0.846,-0.157,0.500,1.183,-1.075,-0.169]
def dotest(name, method, data1, data2):
    stat, p = method(data1, data2)
    print(name + '(stat=%.3f, p=%.3f): ' % (stat, p), end="")
    s = "the same" if p > 0.05 else "different"
    print('The two data are probably', s, 'distribution')
dotest("t-Test", ttest_ind, d1, d2)
dotest("Paired t-Test", ttest_rel, d1, d2)
```

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) tests whether the means of two or more independent samples are significantly different.

Assumptions: Observations in each sample are iid, **normally distributed** and have the same variance.

Interpretation:

- H0: the means of the samples are equal.
- H1: one or more of the means of the samples are unequal.

```
from scipy.stats import f_oneway d1 = [0.873,2.817,0.121,-0.945,-0.055,-1.436,0.360,-1.478,-1.637,-1.869] d2 = [1.142,-0.432,-0.938,-0.729,-0.846,-0.157,0.500,1.183,-1.075,-0.169] d3 = [-0.208,0.696,0.928,-1.148,-0.213,0.229,0.137,0.269,-0.870,-1.204] stat,p = f_oneway(d1,d2,d3) print('ANOVA (stat=%.3f, p=%.3f): ' % (stat, p), end="") s = "the same" if p > 0.05 else "different" print('The two data are probably', s, 'distribution')
```

Nonparametric Statistical Hypothesis Tests that check whether two data samples (which may not be normal) have the same or different distribution are:

- Mann-Whitney U Test
- Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test
- Kruskal-Wallis H Test
- Friedman Test

They were developed for use with ordinal or interval data, but in practice can also be used with a ranking of real-valued observations in a data sample rather than on the observation values themselves.

Mann-Whitney U Test checks whether the distributions of two **independent samples** are equal or not.

Assumptions: Observations in each sample are iid and can be ranked.

Interpretation:

- H0: the distributions of both samples are equal.
- H1: the distributions of both samples are not equal.

```
from scipy.stats import mannwhitneyu
d1 = [0.873, 2.817, 0.121, -0.945, -0.055, -1.436, 0.360, -1.478, -1.637, -1.869]
d2 = [1.142, -0.432, -0.938, -0.729, -0.846, -0.157, 0.500, 1.183, -1.075, -0.169]
# Mann-Whitney U Test (nonparametric version of Student t-test)
stat,p = mannwhitneyu(d1, d2)
print('stat=%.3f, p=%.3f' % (stat, p))
s = "the same" if p > 0.05 else "different"
print('The 2 data are probably', s, 'distribution')
```

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Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test checks whether the distributions of two **paired samples** are equal or not.

Assumptions: Observations in each sample are iid, can be ranked and they are paired.

Interpretation:

- H0: the distributions of both samples are equal.
- H1: the distributions of both samples are not equal.

```
from scipy.stats import wilcoxon
d1 = [0.873,2.817,0.121,-0.945,-0.055,-1.436,0.360,-1.478,-1.637,-1.869]
d2 = [1.142,-0.432,-0.938,-0.729,-0.846,-0.157,0.500,1.183,-1.075,-0.169]
# Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test (nonparametric version of paired Student t-
stat,p = wilcoxon(d1, d2)
print('stat=%.3f, p=%.3f' % (stat, p))
s = "the same" if p > 0.05 else "different"
print('The 2 data are probably', s, 'distribution')
```

Kruskal-Wallis H Test check whether the distributions of two or more independent samples are equal or not.

Assumptions: Observations in each sample are iid and can be ranked.

Interpretation:

- H0: the distributions of all samples are equal.
- H1: the distributions of one or more samples are not equal.

```
from scipy.stats import kruskal
d1 = [0.873,2.817,0.121,-0.945,-0.055,-1.436,0.360,-1.478,-1.637,-1.869]
d2 = [1.142,-0.432,-0.938,-0.729,-0.846,-0.157,0.500,1.183,-1.075,-0.169]
# Kruskal-Wallis H Test (nonparametric version of ANOVA tests)
stat,p = kruskal(d1, d2)
print('stat=%.3f, p=%.3f' % (stat, p))
s = "the same" if p > 0.05 else "different"
print('The 2 data are probably', s, 'distribution')
```

Friedman Test checks whether the distributions of two or more paired samples are equal or not.

Assumptions: Observations in each sample are idd, can be ranked and they are paired.

Interpretation:

- H0: the distributions of all samples are equal.
- H1: the distributions of one or more samples are not equal.

```
from scipy.stats import friedmanchisquare
d1 = [0.873,2.817,0.121,-0.945,-0.055,-1.436,0.360,-1.478,-1.637,-1.869]
d2 = [1.142,-0.432,-0.938,-0.729,-0.846,-0.157,0.500,1.183,-1.075,-0.169]
d3 = [-0.208,0.696,0.928,-1.148,-0.213,0.229,0.137,0.269,-0.870,-1.204]
# Friedman Test (nonparametric version of repeated measures ANOVA tests)
stat,p = friedmanchisquare(d1, d2, d3)
print('stat=%.3f, p=%.3f' % (stat, p))
s = "the same" if p > 0.05 else "different"
print('The 3 data are probably', s, 'distribution')
```

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Relational & Logical ...

Consider the following data

$$x = [-1, -2, 3, 5, 10, 101]$$

Can we 'remove' the negative numbers 'nicely' using array methods?

• We can use relational operations:

$$negs = x < 0 = [-1 < 0, -2 < 0, 3 < 0, 5 < 0, 10 < 0, 101 < 0]$$

= $[T, T, F, F, F, F]$

 The non-negative numbers can be obtained by 'removing' the negative numbers

$$nonnegx = x[\sim negs] = x[[F, F, T, T, T, T]] = [3, 5, 10, 101]$$



Relational & Logical ... (cont)

We can compare the Python programming to database SQL:

```
-- Creating an array in SQL is complex
create table dataarray (x float);
insert into dataarray values(-1);
...
insert into dataarray values(101);
-- Filtering in SQL is rather easy:
select * from dataarray where not (x < 0);</pre>
```

Note that the command to select non-negative values in Python can be as simple as (by combining expressions together):

```
x[~(x<0)]
```

Relational Operations

When A and B are arrays of same shape (or compatible shapes), we can extend the relational operations of numbers in an elementwise manner to arrays by the definitions below.

	$[a_{i,j,\ldots,k}=b_{i,j,\ldots,k}]$		
A <b< td=""><td>$[a_{i,j,\ldots,k} < b_{i,j,\ldots,k}]$</td><td>A<=B</td><td>$\left[a_{i,j,\ldots,k} \leq b_{i,j,\ldots,k}\right]$</td></b<>	$[a_{i,j,\ldots,k} < b_{i,j,\ldots,k}]$	A<=B	$\left[a_{i,j,\ldots,k} \leq b_{i,j,\ldots,k}\right]$
A>B	$[a_{i,j,\ldots,k}>b_{i,j,\ldots,k}]$	A>=B	$[a_{i,j,\ldots,k}\geq b_{i,j,\ldots,k}]$

Note that the above relational operations can extended to an array and a number.

Relational Operations (cont)

An example is given in "Array of Booleans".

Example: If *c* is a real number, then by 'compatibility of shapes':

- A<c: $[a_{i,j,...,k} < c]$, etc.
- A is shape 5, B is shape 1 × 5, then 5 and 1 are compatible and A<B is a Boolean matrix of shape 5 × 5.

Relational Operations (cont)

An important use of the elementwise relational operations is to perform counting. A typical scenario would be "count how many students in a school is taller than 170cm". Tall students are usually encouraged to participate in sports, etc.

The testing of level antigen are used to detect virus. It is important to count the level of antigen. The Python command can be something like

```
(Level > threshold).sum()
```

Note that Python will convert True to 1 and False to 0, so sum() will give the correct count!

Logical Operations

In Boolean algebra, we have "not True = False", "True and False = False", "True or False = True", etc.

The elementwise Logical operations for n-D array of the same shape are defined as

- Negation: \sim A which means [not $a_{i,j,...,k}$]
- Conjunction: A&B which means $[a_{i,j,...,k}]$ and $b_{i,j,...,k}$
- Disjunction: A | B which means $[a_{i,j,...,k}$ or $b_{i,j,...,k}]$

An application: making sure that values (e.g. exam results) are within range:

- ~ ((A<0) | (A>100))
- (0<=A) & (A<=100)



Boolean Indexing

The "Boolean" array for an array A generated with the use of relational operations can be used as a kind of fancy indexing called Boolean indexing for A.

This kind of indexing is widely used in statistics, image processing, signal processing, etc. because it allows us to "filter" out wanted or unwanted data in an array as demonstrated earlier.

Note that 'Boolean indexing' has variation in SQL and other programming languages as 'select' in C#'s LINQ, Scheme's 'filter', etc.

Boolean Indexing Example 1

The test 2 results of UECM3033 Numerical Methods for the Jan 2018 semester are

```
11.5, 15.1, 10.8, 14.1, 5.8, 4.1, 15.7, 13.3, 14.6, 5.2, 13.1, 8.6, 8.8, 16.3, 11.7, 13.9, 13.6, 14.5, 11, 14, 13.7, 16.1, 12.1, 9.7, 14.9, 12, 10.5, 12.8, 15.3, 4.8, 13.1, 0, 12.5, 8.8, 14.4, 12.7, 8.8, 11.9, 13.1, 14.4, 7.3, 17.1, 9.3, 11, 13.5, 9, 7.9, 4.7, 13.8, 15.5, 13.2, 8.8, 10.1, 13.3, 9.5, 10.5, 12.6, 14.6, 12.8, 11, 2.7, 6.2, 10.6, 14.5, 13.4, 10.5, 11.3, 14.8, 9.9, 8.8, 14.2, 9.7, 9.4, 9, 13.5, 10.3
```

The full mark for test 2 is 20 marks and the passing mark is 10. Find all those marks which is below 10. How many students fail?

Answer:

```
M=np.array([11.5,...])
below10 = M[M<10]
fails = (M<10).sum() # below10.shape[0]</pre>
```

Boolean Indexing Example 2

Write a Python script to perform the following actions:

- Generate a 2-by-3 array of random numbers using rand command and,
- Move through the array, element by element, and set any value that is less than 0.2 to 0 and any value that is greater than or equal to 0.2 to 1.

Analysis

The intention of the lecturer who set the question is to ask you to express this in for loop but in reality, but everyone just use the array functions to achieve the stated requirements.

Boolean Indexing Example 2 (cont)

Sample answer:

```
M = np.random.rand(6).reshape((2,3)) # item 1
M[M<0.2] = 0  # item 2
M[M>=0.2] = 1  # item 2
```

The previous lecturer wanted the following answer using loop:

```
M = np.random.rand(6).reshape((2,3)) # item 1
for i in range(2):
    for j in range(3):
        M[i,j] = 0 if M[i,j] < 0.2 else 1</pre>
```

Boolean Indexing Example 3

Suppose you have keyed in an array of the following exam data (out of 30 marks):

10 24 NaN 22 25 17 23

The "NaN" indicates that a student is absent. Find the average and standard deviation by filtering "NaN".

This question is a bit challenging because the following answers are WRONG!!!

```
a = np.array([10,24,np.nan,22,25,17,23])
np.mean(a); np.std(a)
np.mean(a[a!=np.nan]); np.std(a[a!=np.nan])
```

The correct answer is

```
np.mean(a[~np.isnan(a)]);np.std(a[~np.isnan(a)])
```

Boolean Indexing Example 4

```
Extract from the array B= np.array([3,4,6,10,24,89,45,43,46,99,100]) those numbers
```

- which are not divisible by 3;
- which are divisible by 5;
- which are divisible by 3 and 5;
- which are divisible by 3 and set them to 42.

Boolean Indexing Example 4 (cont)

To answer this question, one needs to know number theory: A number a is divisible by b is a = bq where a, b and q are all integers. (Are they taught in SPM???)

If a is **not** divisible by b, then a = bq + r where r is some **non-zero integer**.

Recall the symbol % from Topic 1: a % b gives r! So numbers not divisible by 3 means: a % 3 \neq 0

Boolean Indexing Example 4 (cont)

Sample Answer:

```
B = np.array([3,4,6,10,24,89,45,43,46,99,100])
B[B % 3 != 0]
B[B % 5 == 0]
B[(B % 3 == 0) & (B % 5 == 0)]
B[B % 3 == 0] = 42
```

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File Input and Output with Arrays

When we are trying to store (output) the arrays into a file, we are faced with two options:

- Saving the arrays into a text file or multiple text files (can be opened and read by a text editor such as notepad or VSCode)
- Saving the arrays into a binary file which usually stores the arrays similar to the memory binary representations.

When we are trying to read (input) the arrays from a file, we need to check:

- is the file a text file with proper number formats?
- is the file a binary file of known binary formats?

File Output with Arrays

The Python commands to store arrays in text file formats:

 .tofile: stores arrays into a flatten array in text format

```
arr.tofile("arr.txt", sep=",", format="%5d")
```

.savetxt: only supports 1D and 2D arrays

```
np.savetxt('data.csv', arr) # delimiter=' '
```

File Output with Arrays (cont)

The Python commands to store arrays in binary file formats:

- Raw binary format:
 - A terrible format because there are no additional information (e.g. a 3 × 3 matrix will be stored as a 1-D array with 9 elements; lack of validity check).
 - This kind of format is **not portable**, i.e. copying from Windows PC to MacOS/X may lead to data error.
 - Option 1: Same thing as Option 2

```
arr.tofile("data.bin") #Default: sep=""
```

Option 2:

```
file = open("data.bin", "wb")
file.write(arr.tobytes())
file.close()
```

File Output with Arrays (cont)

Recommended output formats:

Numpy array format:

```
# Save ONE array data without compression
np.save("data.npy", arr)
# Save ONE array data with Python objects which cannot be handled
# by Numpy array format
np.save("data.npy", arr, allow_pickle=True, fix_imports=True)
# Save MULTIPLE array data without compression
np.savez("data.npz", arr1=arr1, arr2=arr2)
# Save MULTIPLE array data WITH COMPRESSION
np.savez_compressed("data.npz", arr1=arr1, arr2=arr2)
```

 Zarr: A format for the storage of chunked, compressed, N-dimensional arrays. See https://zarr.readthedocs.io/en/stable/

File Output with Arrays (cont)

Recommended output formats (cont):

 HDF5 format: Requires the h5py or PyTables library and software from

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https://www.hdfgroup.org/solutions/hdf5/.
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 NetCDF format: Requires scipy.io.netcdf_file and the software from https://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/.

Binary formats that are still occationally used for convinience but no longer recommended:

- Pickle format: It is dangerous against erroneous or maliciously constructed data.
- Joblib serialisation format: joblib.dump() and joblib.load() are based on Pickle.

File Input with Arrays

Reading text array data with no missing values:

```
# Skip the data's first two rows of comments
arr = np.loadtxt("f.dat", skiprows=2)
```

Reading text array data with missing values:

File Input with Arrays (cont)

Reading array data from varous types of binary files:

- numpy.fromfile (associated with .tofile) loses information on endianness and precision and so are unsuitable for anything but scratch storage.
- numpy.load: reads .npy and .npz files we saved.
- pandas.DataFrame.to_numpy: Convert from Python's DataFrame.