

Fortran in Python

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Motivations

Python (dynamic)

- Pleasure
- Slow (eg. loops)
- More memory usage
- Great packages (eg. Scipy, Numpy, Matplotlib)

Static languages (e.g. Fortran, C/C++)

- Fast
- More control on memory usage
- Rich modules

Call out a fast machine-code routine (compiled C/C++/Fortran) from Python

How F2Py does that.

1. Converts Python objects to objects being used as arguments for Fortran procedures
2. Call the Fortran procedure
3. Re-converts the returned values and changed arguments

- scan signature information from Fortran sources
- create interface signatures for Fortran procedures, modules, and data collections
- generate wrapper module sources containing necessary wrapper functions
- compile C and Fortran source files
- and finally, build the Python wrapper module that can be immediately used for calling Fortran procedures from Python.

GOTO Ex. 2

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Cut to the chase: Ex. 1

Extended “Hello World” ([hw.py](#))

Find in: [src/py/mixed/hw](#)

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
"""Pure Python Scientific Hello World module."""
import math, sys

def hw1(r1, r2):
    s = math.sin(r1 + r2)
    return s

def hw2(r1, r2):
    s = math.sin(r1 + r2)
    print 'Hello, World! sin(%g+%g)=%g' % (r1,r2,s)
```

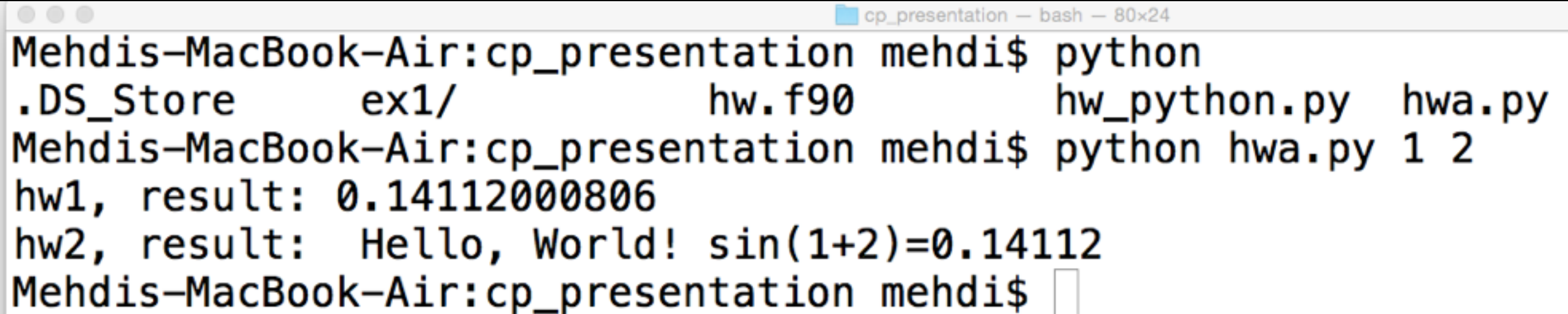
Ex. 1

Script ([hwa.py](#)) to use [hw.py](#)

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
"""Scientific Hello World script using the module hw."""
import sys
from hw import hw1, hw2
try:
    r1 = float(sys.argv[1]);  r2 = float(sys.argv[2])
except:
    print 'Usage:', sys.argv[0], 'r1 r2'; sys.exit(1)
print 'hw1, result:', hw1(r1, r2)
print 'hw2, result: ',
hw2(r1, r2)
```

Ex. 1

Output of Python

A screenshot of a macOS terminal window. The title bar at the top shows three window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left and the text 'cp_presentation — bash — 80x24' on the right. The terminal content shows a series of commands and their outputs. The first command is 'python' which produces two lines of output: '.DS_Store' and 'ex1/'. The second command is 'python hwa.py 1 2' which produces two lines of output: 'hw1, result: 0.14112000806' and 'hw2, result: Hello, World! sin(1+2)=0.14112'. The third command is an empty line, indicated by a cursor. The prompt for all commands is 'Mehdis-MacBook-Air:cp_presentation mehdi\$'.

```
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:cp_presentation mehdi$ python
.DS_Store      ex1/
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:cp_presentation mehdi$ python hwa.py 1 2
hw1, result: 0.14112000806
hw2, result: Hello, World! sin(1+2)=0.14112
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:cp_presentation mehdi$
```

Ex. 1

Fortran version ([hw.f90](#)) of [hw.py](#)

```
real*8 function hw1(r1, r2)
real*8 r1, r2
hw1 = sin(r1 + r2)
return
end

subroutine hw2(r1, r2)
real*8 r1, r2, s
s = sin(r1 + r2)
write(*,1000) 'Hello, World! sin(',r1+r2,')=',s
1000 format(A,F6.3,A,F8.6)
return
end
```

Ex. 1

Preparing `hw.f90` for our Python script by

```
F2py -m hw -c hw.f90
```

```
F2py -m <modulename> -c <fortranfile>
```

output: `hw.so`

Run:

```
python hwa.py <arg.1> <arg.2>
```


Some More

Specifying the compiler

```
-- fcompiler= 'Gnu'
```

To see available F.Compiler on your system

```
f2py -c --help-compiler
```

Dealing with sophisticated libraries

```
only: <functions> :
```

```
f2py -m hw -c --fcompiler='Gnu' hw.f90 only: hw1 hw2 :
```

EX. 2

EX. 2: Matrix multiplication using:

1. Pure Python
2. Python using Fortran routine
3. Python using "Numpy.dot"

Routines

hw_python.py

```
#!/usr/bin/python
"""Pure Python Scientific Hello World module."""
import math, sys, numpy

def mul(x,y):
    t = numpy.shape(x)
    z = numpy.zeros((t[0],t[0]))
    for i in range(t[0]):
        for j in range(t[0]):
            for k in range(t[0]):
                z[i][j] += x[i][k]*y[k][j]
    return z
```

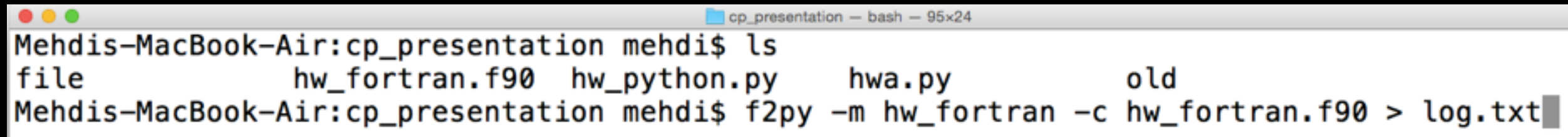
hw_fortran.f90

```
subroutine matrix (X,Y,n,C)
integer,intent(in) :: n
real(8),dimension(n,n),intent(in) :: X,Y
real(8),dimension(n,n),intent(out) :: C

integer :: i,j,k
! c_ij = x_ik y_kj

do i = 1,n
    do j = 1,n
        C(i,j) = 0.0d0
        do k = 1,n
            C(i,j) = C(i,j)+X(i,k)*Y(k,j)
        end do
    end do
end do
return
```

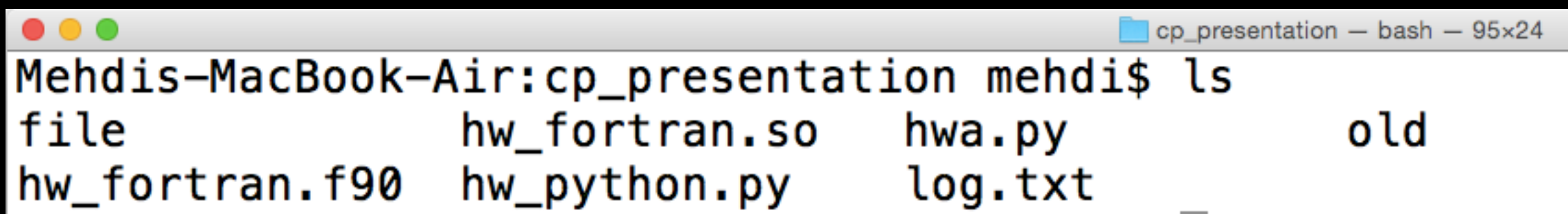
```
f2py -m hw_fortran -c hw_fortran.f90 > log.txt
```



A terminal window titled "cp_presentation — bash — 95x24" showing the execution of the f2py command. The prompt is "Mehdis-MacBook-Air:cp_presentation mehdi\$". The first command is "ls", which lists the files: "file", "hw_fortran.f90", "hw_python.py", "hwa.py", and "old". The second command is "f2py -m hw_fortran -c hw_fortran.f90 > log.txt", which has been executed.

```
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:cp_presentation mehdi$ ls
file          hw_fortran.f90  hw_python.py    hwa.py          old
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:cp_presentation mehdi$ f2py -m hw_fortran -c hw_fortran.f90 > log.txt
```

ls



A terminal window titled "cp_presentation — bash — 95x24" showing the output of the "ls" command after the compilation. The prompt is "Mehdis-MacBook-Air:cp_presentation mehdi\$". The output lists the files: "file", "hw_fortran.so", "hwa.py", and "old" on the first line, and "hw_fortran.f90", "hw_python.py", and "log.txt" on the second line.

```
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:cp_presentation mehdi$ ls
file          hw_fortran.so   hwa.py          old
hw_fortran.f90 hw_python.py    log.txt
```

`hw_fortran.so` is the compiled extension module that is going to call the fortran routine.

```
python -c 'import hw_fortran; print hw_fortran.matrix.__doc__'
```

```
c = matrix(x,y,[n])
```

Wrapper for ``matrix``.

Parameters

x : input rank-2 array('d') with bounds (n,n)

y : input rank-2 array('d') with bounds (n,n)

Other Parameters

n : input int, optional

 Default: shape(x,0)

Returns

c : rank-2 array('d') with bounds (n,n)

Numpy.dot

```
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:cp_presentation mehdi$ python -c 'import numpy; print numpy.dot.__doc__'
dot(a, b, out=None)
```

Dot product of two arrays.

For 2-D arrays it is equivalent to matrix multiplication, and for 1-D arrays to inner product of vectors (without complex conjugation). For N dimensions it is a sum product over the last axis of `a` and the second-to-last of `b`::

$$\text{dot}(a, b)[i, j, k, m] = \text{sum}(a[i, j, :] * b[k, :, m])$$

Parameters

a : array_like

First argument.

b : array_like

Second argument.

out : ndarray, optional

Output argument. This must have the exact kind that would be returned if it was not used. In particular, it must have the right type, must be C-contiguous, and its dtype must be the dtype that would be returned for `dot(a,b)`. This is a performance feature. Therefore, if these conditions are not met, an exception is raised, instead of attempting to be flexible.

Let's compare!

hwa.py is the driver script which

1. Gets one argument as the dimension ($r1 = D$)
2. Generates two random matrices ($D \times D$)
3. Multiplies two matrices using three aforementioned approaches

```
#!/usr/bin/python
"""Multiplication of two matrices"""
import sys,time
import numpy as np

try:
    r1 = int(sys.argv[1])
except IndexError:
    print 'Usage:', sys.argv[0], 'r1'; sys.exit(1)
```

```
#
#   Assigning values to two matrices X and Y
#
np.random.seed(seed=10)
x = np.random.random((r1,r1))
y = np.random.random((r1,r1))
```



```
#  
# Fortran pythonic module mul calculates the multiplications  
#  
from hw_python import mul  
start_py = time.time()  
z0 = mul(x,y)  
end_py = time.time()  
elapsed_time_python = end_py - start_py
```

```
#  
# Fortran module test  
#  
from hw_fortran import matrix  
start_f = time.time()  
z1 = matrix(x,y)  
end_f = time.time()  
elapsed_time_fortran = end_f-start_f
```

```
#  
# Python numpy.dot routine calculates the result  
#  
start_py_dot = time.time()  
z2 = np.dot(x,y)  
end_py_dot = time.time()  
elapsed_time_python_dot = end_py_dot-start_py_dot
```



```
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:ex2 mehdi$ python hwa.py 5
Dimension of the matrices are: 5 * 5
Time elapsed for this calculations (Py): 0.00092887878418
Time elapsed for this calculations (Py-dot): 7.5101852417e-05
Time elapsed for this calculations (F): 4.31537628174e-05
```

```
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:ex2 mehdi$ python hwa.py 10
Dimension of the matrices are: 10 * 10
Time elapsed for this calculations (Py): 0.00695896148682
Time elapsed for this calculations (Py-dot): 7.29560852051e-05
Time elapsed for this calculations (F): 4.10079956055e-05
```

```
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:ex2 mehdi$ python hwa.py 100
Dimension of the matrices are: 100 * 100
Time elapsed for this calculations (Py): 6.66620111465
Time elapsed for this calculations (Py-dot): 0.00420784950256
Time elapsed for this calculations (F): 0.0027220249176
```

```
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:ex2 mehdi$ python hwa.py 200
Dimension of the matrices are: 200 * 200
Time elapsed for this calculations (Py): 56.9818398952
Time elapsed for this calculations (Py-dot): 0.00166416168213
Time elapsed for this calculations (F): 0.0240910053253
```

EX. 3

EX. 3: Matrix diagonalization using:

1. Python using **Numpy.linalg.eig**
2. Python using Fortran routine **dsyev.f**

Numpy.linalg.eig

```
>>> import numpy.linalg
>>> print numpy.linalg.eig.__doc__
```

Compute the eigenvalues and right eigenvectors of a square array.

Parameters

a : (... , M, M) array

Matrices for which the eigenvalues and right eigenvectors will be computed

Returns

w : (... , M) array

The eigenvalues, each repeated according to its multiplicity. The eigenvalues are not necessarily ordered. The resulting array will be always be of complex type. When `a` is real the resulting eigenvalues will be real (0 imaginary part) or occur in conjugate pairs

v : (... , M, M) array

The normalized (unit "length") eigenvectors, such that the column ``v[:,i]`` is the eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue ``w[i]``.

test.py

```
#!/usr/bin/python
import numpy as np
```

```
def potential(x):
    return x*x
```

```
r_min, r_max, n_steps = -10.0, 10.0, 100
h = (r_max-r_min)/float(n_steps)
const1 = 2.0/(h*h)
const2 = -1.0/(h*h)
```

```
x = [r_min+i*h for i in range(n_steps+1)]
v = [potential(x[i]) for i in range(n_steps+1)]
d = [const1+v[i+1] for i in range(n_steps-1)]
e = [const2 for i in range(n_steps-1)]
```

```
for i in range(n_steps-1):
    a[i][i] += d[i]
```

```
for i in range(n_steps-2):
    a[i][i+1] += e[i]
    a[i+1][i] += e[i]
```

test.py

```
#  
#  routine python  
#  
  
eigenvalues = np.linalg.eig(a)  
print np.sort(eigenvalues[0])[0:3]  
  
#  
#  Routine Fortran dsyev is called  
#  
import dsyev  
w,work,info = dsyev.dsyev('V','U',n_steps-1,a,n_steps-1,3*n_steps-1)
```

Building signature file:

```
f2py dsyev.f -m dsyev -h dsyef.pyf -llapack
```

Revising signature file, by adding:

```
intent(in), intent(out), depend(n,n), ..
```

Building the extension module:

```
f2py -c dsyev.pyf dsyev.f -llapack
```

Bazinga! dsyev.so is ready to be imported in
Python!

200 vs. 500 steps

```
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:ex3 mehdi$ python test.py  
[ 0.99937461  2.99687147  4.99186127]  
elapsed time (np.linalg.eig) 0.0657291412354  
[ 0.99937461  2.99687147  4.99186127]  
elapsed time (dsyev) 0.0135102272034  
dsyev is called correctly, INFO is : 0
```

```
Mehdis-MacBook-Air:ex3 mehdi$ python test.py  
[ 0.99989999  2.99949991  4.99869965]  
elapsed time (np.linalg.eig) 1.08044910431  
[ 0.99989999  2.99949991  4.99869965]  
elapsed time (dsyev) 0.201083898544  
dsyev is called correctly, INFO is : 0
```

Thank you!

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F2PY Users Guide and Reference Manual

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Three ways to wrap - getting started

Wrapping Fortran or C functions to Python using F2PY consists of the following steps:

- Creating the so-called signature file that contains descriptions of wrappers to Fortran or C functions, also called as signatures of the functions. In the case of Fortran routines, F2PY can create initial signature file by scanning Fortran source codes and catching all relevant information needed to create wrapper functions.
- Optionally, F2PY created signature files can be edited to optimize wrappers functions, make them “smarter” and more “Pythonic”.
- F2PY reads a signature file and writes a Python C/API module containing Fortran/C/Python bindings.
- F2PY compiles all sources and builds an extension module containing the wrappers. In building extension modules, F2PY uses `numpy.distutils` that supports a number of Fortran 77/90/95 compilers, including Gnu, Intel, Sun Fortre, SGI MIPSpro, Absoft, NAG, Compaq etc. compilers.

Depending on a particular situation, these steps can be carried out either by just in one command or step-by-step, some steps can be omitted or combined with others.