L02_NumPy

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www.archer.ac.uk support@archer.ac.uk [NumPy] Introducing NumPy

- Core Python provides lists
- Lists are slow for many numerical algorithms
- NumPy provides fast precompiled functions for numerical routines:
- multidimensional arrays : faster than lists
- matrices and linear algebra operations
- random number generation
- Fourier transforms and much more...
- https://www.numpy.org/

[NumPy] Calculating π

If we know the area A of square length R, and the area Q of the quarter circle with radius R, we can calculate π : $Q/A = \pi R^2/4R^2$, so

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\ \pi = 4, Q/A
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[NumPy] Calculating π : monte carlo method

We can use the monte carlo method to determine areas A and Q and approximate π . For N iterations

- 1. randomly generate the coordinates (x, y), where $0 \le x, y < R$
- 2. Calculate distance $r = \hat{x} 2 + \hat{y} 2$. Checkif (x,y) lies within radius of circle
- 3. Check if \$ r \$ lies within radius R of circle i.e. if $r \leq R$
- 4. if yes, add to count for approximating area of circle

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The numerical approximation of \pi is then : 4 * (count/N) [NumPy] Calculating \pi : a solution
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In [ ]: # calculate pi
        import numpy as np
        \# N: number of iterations
       def calc_pi(N):
           x = np.random.ranf(N);
           y = np.random.ranf(N);
            r = np.sqrt(x*x + y*y);
            c=r[ r <= 1.0 ]
            return 4*float((c.size))/float(N)
        # time the results
       pts = 6; N = np.logspace(1,8,num=pts);
       result = np.zeros(pts); count = 0;
       for n in N:
            result = %timeit -o -n1 calc_pi(n)
            result[count] = result.best
            count += 1
        # and save results to file
       np.savetxt('calcpi_timings.txt', np.c_[N,results],
                   fmt='%1.4e %1.6e');
  [NumPy] Creating arrays I
In [ ]: # import numpy as alias np
        import numpy as np
In [ ]: # create a 1d array with a list
        a = np.array([-1,0,1]); a
  [NumPy] Creating arrays II
In [ ]: # use arrays to create arrays
       b = np.array( a ); b
In []: # use numpy functions to create arrays
        # arange for arrays, range for lists!
       a = np.arange(-2, 6, 2); a
  [NumPy] Creating arrays III
In [ ]: # between start, stop, sample step points
       a = np.linspace(-10, 10, 5);
       a;
In [ ]: # Ex: can you guess these functions do?
       b = np.zeros(3); print b
       c = np.ones(3); print c
In [ ]: # Ex++: what does this do? Check documentation!
       h = np.hstack( (a, a, a), 0 ); print h
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[NumPy] Array characteristics

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In [ ]: # array characteristics such as:
       print a
       print a.ndim # dimensions
       print a.shape # shape
       print a.size # size
       print a.dtype # data type
In [ ]: # can choose data type
       a = np.array( [1,2,3], np.int16 ); a.dtype
  [NumPy] Multi-dimensional arrays I
In [ ]: # multi-dimensional arrays e.g. 2d array or matrix
        # e.q. list of lists
       mat = np.array([[1,2,3], [4,5,6]]);
       print mat; print mat.size; mat.shape
In [ ]: # join arrays along first axis (0)
       d = np.r_[np.array([1,2,3]), 0, 0, [4,5,6]];
       print d; d.shape
  [NumPy] Multi-dimensional arrays II
In []: # join arrays along second axis (1)
       d = np.c_{[np.array([1,2,3]), [4,5,6]];}
       print d; d.shape
In []: \# Ex: use r_, c_ with nd (n>1) arrays
In []: # Ex: can you guess the shape of these arrays?
       h = np.array([1,2,3,4,5,6]);
        i = np.array([[1,1],[2,2],[3,3],[4,4],[5,5],[6,6]]);
        j = np.array( [[[1],[2],[3],[4],[5],[6]]] );
       k = np.array([[[[1],[2],[3],[4],[5],[6]]]);
  [NumPy] Reshaping arrays I
In [ ]: # reshape 1d arrays into nd arrays original matrix unaffected
       mat = np.arange(6); print mat
       print mat.reshape((3, 2))
       print mat; print mat.size;
       print mat.shape
In [ ]: # can also use the shape, this modifies the original array
       a = np.zeros(10); print a
       a.shape = (2,5)
       print a; print a.shape;
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[NumPy] Reshaping arrays II
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In [ ]: # Ex: what do flatten() and ravel()?
        # use online documentation, or '?'
        mat2 = mat.flatten()
       mat2 = mat.ravel()
In [ ]: # Ex: split a martix? Change the cuts and axis values
        # need help?: np.split?
        cuts=2;
        np.split(mat, cuts, axis=0)
  [NumPy] Functions for you to explore
In [ ]: # Ex: can you guess what these functions do?
        # np.copyto(b, a);
        \# v = np.vstack((arr2d, arr2d)); print v; v.ndim;
        # c0 = np.concatenate( (arr2d, arr2d), axis=0); c0;
        # c1 = np.concatenate(( mat, mat ), axis=1); print "c1:", c1;
In [ ]: # Ex++: other functions to explore
        # stack(arrays[, axis])
        # tile(A, reps)
        # repeat(a, repeats[, axis])
        # unique(ar[, return_index, return_inverse, ...])
        # trim_zeros(filt[, trim]), fill(scalar)
        # xv, yv = meshgrid(x,y)
  [NumPy] Accessing arrays I
In [ ]: # basic indexing and slicing we know from lists
        a = np.arange(8); print a
        a[3]
In [ ]: # a[start:stop:step] --> [start, stop every step)
        print a[0:7:2]
       print a[0::2]
In [ ]: # negative indices are valid!
        # last element index is -1
       print a[2:-3:2]
  [NumPy] Accessing arrays II
In [ ]: # basic indexing of a 2d array : take care of each dimension
        nd = np.arange(12).reshape((4,3)); print nd;
        print nd[2,2];
       print nd[2][2];
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In []: # get corner elements 0,2,9,11
       print nd[0:4:3, 0:3:2]
In []: # Ex: qet elements 7,8,10,11 that make up the bottom right corner
       nd = np.arange(12).reshape((4,3));
       print nd; nd[2:4, 1:3]
  [NumPy] Slices and copies I
In [ ]: # slices are views (like references)
        # on an array, can change elements
       nd[2:4, 1:3] = -1; nd
In []: # assign slice to a variable to prevent this
       s = nd[2:4, 1:3]; print nd;
       s = -1; nd
  [NumPy] Slices and copies II
In [ ]: # Care - simple assignment between arrays
        # creates references!
       nd = np.arange(12).reshape((4,3))
       md = nd
       md[3] = 1000
       print nd
In []: # avoid this by creating distinct copies
        # using copy()
       nd = np.arange(12).reshape((4,3))
       md = nd.copy()
       md[3] = 999
       print nd
  [NumPy] Fancy indexing I
In []: # advanced or fancy indexing lets you do more
       p = np.array([[0,1,2], [3,4,5], [6,7,8], [9,10,11]]);
       print p
In []: rows = [0,0,3,3]; cols = [0,2,0,2];
       print p[rows, cols]
In [ ]: # Ex: what will this slice look like?
       m = np.array([[0,-1,4,20,99], [-3,-5,6,7,-10]]);
       print m[[0,1,1,1], [1,0,1,4]];
  [NumPy] Fancy indexing II
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In []: # can use conditionals in indexing
        \# m = np.array([[0,-1,4,20,99],[-3,-5,6,7,-10]]);
       m[m < 0]
In []: # Ex: can you guess what this does? query: np.sum?
       y = np.array([[0, 1], [1, 1], [2, 2]]);
       rowsum = y.sum(1);
       y[rowsum <= 2, :]
In [ ]: # Ex: and this?
       a = np.arange(10);
       mask = np.ones(len(a), dtype = bool);
       mask[[0,2,4]] = False; print mask
       result = a[mask]; result
In []: # Ex: r=np.array([[0,1,2],[3,4,5]]);
       xp = np.array([[[1,11],[2,22],[3,33]],[[4,44],[5,55],[6,66]]]);
       xp[slice(1), slice(1,3,None), slice(1)]; xp[:1, 1:3:, :1];
       print xp[[1,1,1],[1,2,1],[0,1,0]]
  [NumPy] Manipulating arrays
In []: # add an element with insert
       a = np.arange(6).reshape([2,3]); print a
       np.append(a, np.ones([2,3]), axis=0)
In [ ]: # inserting an array of elements
       np.insert(a, 1, -10, axis=0)
In []: # can use delete, or a boolean mask, to delete array elements
       a = np.arange(10)
       np.delete(a, [0,2,4], axis=0)
  [NumPy] Vectorization I
In [ ]: # vectorization allows element-wise operations (no for loop!)
       a = np.arange(10).reshape([2,5]); b = np.arange(10).reshape([2,5]);
In []: -0.1*a
In []: a*b
In [ ]: a/(b+1) #.astype(float)
  [NumPy] Random number generation
In [ ]: # random floats
       a = np.random.ranf(10); a
In []: # create random 2d int array
       a = np.random.randint(0, high=5, size=25).reshape(5,5);
       print a;
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In []: # generate sample from normal distribution
         # (mean=0, standard deviation=1)
         s = np.random.standard_normal((5,5)); s;
In []: # Ex: what other ways are there to generate random numbers?
         # What other distributions can you sample?
   [NumPy] File IO
In []: # easy way to save data to text file
         pts = 5; x = np.arange(pts); y = np.random.random(pts);
In []: # format specifiers: d = int, f = float, e = scientific
         np.savetxt('savedata.txt', np.c_[x,y], header = 'DATA', footer = 'END',
                     fmt = '%d %1.4f')
In [ ]: !cat savedata.txt
         # One could do ...
         # p = np.loadtxt('savedata.txt')
In []: # ...but much more flexibility with qenfromtext
         p = np.genfromtxt('savedata.txt', skip_header=2, skip_footer=1); p
In []: # Ex++: what do numpy.save, numpy.load do ?
   [NumPy] Polynomials I
   Can represent polynomials with the numpy class Polynomial from numpy polynomial.
   Polynomial([a, b, c, d, e]) is equivalent to p(x) = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 + ex^4. For example:
   • Polynomial([1,2,3]) is equivalent to p(x) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2
   • Polynomial([0,1,0,2,0,3]) is equivalent to p(x) = x + 2x^3 + 3x^5
   [NumPy] Polynomials II
   Can carry out arithmetic operations on polynomials, as well integrate and differentiate them.
   Can also use the polynomial package to find a least-squares fit to data.
   [NumPy] Polynomials : calculating \pi I
   The Taylor series expansion for the trigonometric function arctan(y) is:
  \arctan(y) = y - \frac{y^3}{3} + \frac{y^5}{5} - \frac{y^7}{7} + \dots
Now, \arctan(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}, so ...
\$ \pi = 4, \left( -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots \right) \$
   We can represent the series expansion using a numpy Polynomial, with coefficients: p(x) = [0, 1, 0,
-1/3, 0, 1/5, 0, -1/7,...], and use it to approximate \pi.
   [NumPy] Polynomials : calculating \pi II
In []: # calculate pi using polynomials
         # import Polynomial class
         from numpy.polynomial import Polynomial as poly;
         num = 100000;
         denominator = np.arange(num);
         denominator[3::4] *= -1 # every other odd coefficient is -ve
         numerator = np.ones(denominator.size);
         # avoid dividing by zero, drop first element denominator
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almost = numerator[1:]/denominator[1:];
# make even coefficients zero
almost[1::2] = 0
# add back zero coefficient
coeffs = np.r_[0,almost];
p = poly(coeffs);
4*p(1) # pi approximation
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[NumPy] Performance I Python has a convenient timing function called timeit.

- Can use this to measure the execution time of small code snippets.
- To use timeit function
- import module timeit and use timeit.timeit or
- use magic command %timeit in an IPython shell

[NumPy] Performance II By default, timeit:

- Takes the best time out of 3 repeat tests (-r)
- takes the average time for a number of iterations (-n) per repeat

In an IPython shell:

- %timeit -n<iterations> -r<repeats> <code>
- query %timeit? for more information
- https://docs.python.org/2/library/timeit.html

[NumPy] Performance: experiments I Here are some timeit experiments for you to run.

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In []: import numpy as np
    # Ex: range functions and iterating in for loops
    size = int(1E6);

    %timeit for x in range(size): x ** 2

    # faster than range for very large arrays?
    %timeit for x in xrange(size): x ** 2

    %timeit for x in np.arange(size): x ** 2

    %timeit np.arange(size) ** 2

In [3]: # Ex: look at the calculating pi code
    # Make sure you understand it. Time the code.
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[NumPy] Summary

- NumPy introduces multi-dimensional arrays to Python, which is crucial for efficient scientific computing
- \bullet It also provides fast numerical routines for scientific computation
- Next up: Matplotlib