

Python for Data Scientists

CHAPTER 2: NUMPY ESSENTIALS: ARRAYS AND VECTORIZED COMPUTATION

Chapter Objectives

In this chapter, we will introduce:

- → Universal functions: fast element-wise array functions
- → Data processing using arrays
- → File input and output with arrays
- → Linear algebra
- → Random number generation

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NumPy ndarray

- → ndarray is a N-dimensional array object
 - Fast, flexible container for large data sets in Python
- → Easiest way to create an array is to use the array function
 - Accepts any sequence-like object and produces ndarray

```
import numpy as np
data = [1,2,3,4]

array1 = np.array(data)

array1
array1
array([1, 2, 3, 4])
Create numpy array
```

NumPy ndarray (continued)

→ Nested sequences, e.g., list of lists are converted to a multi-dimensional array

- → Data type is inferred from array data used
 - Stored in property dtype

```
array2.dtype
dtype('int64')
```

Other Functions for Creating Arrays

- ◆ Other functions are provided for creating arrays
 - zeros creates array of 0's
 - ones creates array of 1's
 - empty creates uninitialized array

No guarantee elements will be 0 so do this to guarantee it

Data Types for ndarrays

- → dtype is a special object that defines type of data in array
 - Can be set when creating array
- → Full set of data types can be found at
 - https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/user/basics.types.html

```
array1 = np.array([1,2,3,4,5], dtype=np.float64)

array1
array([1., 2., 3., 4., 5.])

array1.dtype
dtype('float64')
Specify type of data
```

Exercise 2.1: Array Creation



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Operations Between Arrays

- → Arrays allow operations on elements without writing loops
 - Usually called vectorization
- → Arithmetic operations between equal sized arrays applies the operation element to element

Operations Between Arrays and Scalars

→ Operations on arrays with scalars propagate the value to each element

```
array1 = np.array([[1.,2.,3.],[4.,5.,6.]])
array1
array([[ 1., 2., 3.],
      [ 4., 5., 6.]])
                            Operation with scalar
1/array1
array([[ 1. , 0.5 , 0.33333333],
      [ 0.25 , 0.2 , 0.16666667]])
array1*3
array([[ 3., 6., 9.],
      [ 12., 15., 18.]])
```

Indexing and Slicing

- → One-dimensional arrays are similar to Python lists
- → Values applied to a slice are propagated (broadcasted) to the entire selection

Higher Dimensional Arrays

- → In multi-dimensional arrays, elements can be accessed
 - Recursively
 - Comma-separated lists

```
array2d = np.array([[1,2],[3,4],[5,6]])
array2d[1]
array([3, 4])

Recursive index access

array2d[1][0]
3

comma-separated access
3
```

Higher Dimensional Arrays (continued)

- → In multi-dimensional arrays, if later indices are omitted, returned objects are lower-dimensional arrays
- → Consider the following 2 x 2 x 4 array

Transposing Arrays

- → Transposing returns a view of underlying data without copying data
- → Reshape function will change dimensionality of array

```
array = np.arange(20).reshape((4,5))
array

array([[ 0,  1,  2,  3,  4],
       [ 5,  6,  7,  8,  9],
       [10,  11,  12,  13,  14],
       [15,  16,  17,  18,  19]])
Reshape to a 4 x 5 array
```

Transposing Arrays (continued)

- → Arrays have the transpose method and the T attribute
- → T can be used to transpose axis

```
array
array([[ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4],
      [5, 6, 7, 8, 9],
       [10, 11, 12, 13, 14],
       [15, 16, 17, 18, 19]])
array.T
array([[ 0, 5, 10, 15],
       [ 1, 6, 11, 16],
       [ 2, 7, 12, 17],
       [ 3, 8, 13, 18],
       [ 4, 9, 14, 19]])
```

Transpose array

Mathematical and Statistical Methods

- → A number of mathematical functions that compute statistics about a complete array along an axis are available
- → Can be called on the array or calling top-level NumPy functions

```
array = np.random.randn(2,4)
array
array([[-0.25417597, 0.34146309, 2.52982769, 1.45988811],
       [1.50491216, -0.49649801, 0.72392736, -0.24452797]])
array.mean()
0.69560205905268047
np.mean(array)
0.69560205905268047
                              Can specify axis
                              for computation
array.mean(axis=0)
array([ 0.62536809, -0.07751746, 1.62687753, 0.60768007])
```

Exercise 2.2: Array Basic Operations



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File Input and Output with Arrays

- → NumPy can load and save data from disk in text or binary format
 - By default, files are written in an uncompressed binary format
 - → File extension .npy

```
array1 = np.arange(10)

np.save('array1.npy', array1)

array2 = np.load('array1.npy')

array2
array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
Extension added if not provided explicitly
```

File Archives

- → Multiple arrays can be saved to an archive file using np.savez()
 - np.load() will return dictionary style object
 - Each array is loaded lazily

```
array1 = np.arange(10)
array2 = 2 * array1
np.savez('array archive.npz', data set 1=array1,
data set 2=array2)
archive = np.load('array archive.npz')
                                        Data loaded lazily
archive['data set 1']
array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
archive['data set 2']
array([ 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18])
```

Saving and Loading Text Files

→ NumPy provides loadtxt() and savetxt() to read and write text files

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- → With NumPy, multiplying two two-dimensional arrays with * is an elementwise product, not a matrix dot product
- → The function dot provides matrix dot product

Linear Algebra (continued)

numpy.linalg

- → Has a standard set of matrix decompositions
 - E.g., inv(), dot(), solve() etc.
- → Documentation found at:
 - https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/routines.linalg.html

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Random Number Generation

- → numpy.random provides functions for generating arrays
 - From many kinds of probability distributions
 - Normal
 - → Uniform
 - → Poisson
 - Many more

```
print (np.random.normal(5, 2, 9)) # mean = 5, std = 2
array([6.81532146, 3.64397936, 6.68626991, 6.24245039,
2.74427372, 6.35545999, 3.19515877, 1.83536618, 2.59710754])

print (np.random.uniform(1, 100, 8)) # low = 1, high = 100
array([88.54188937, 21.03845531, 12.20124916, 64.99097202,
49.20289727, 33.33857889, 46.44605034, 31.57050879])

print (np.random.poisson(10, 10)) # 10 numbers averaging to 10
array([3, 8, 8, 12, 13, 14, 11, 10, 14, 11])
```

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