

INFO251 – Applied Machine Learning

Lab 3
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Announcements

- **Problem Set 1** grades released
 - **Problem Set 2** solutions posted
 - **Problem Set 3** released, due Monday, February 21
 - **Add/drop deadline** on Friday, February 18
 - **GSI office hours:** Hybrid, South Hall Room 6a, **3:30 - 4:30**
 - I'll be answering questions in Physics Hall 3 after lab **3:00 - 3:30**
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Today: Vectorized Computation

- Creating and manipulating matrices in Python
- Matrix operations: Addition, multiplication, dot product
- Efficient vectorized computation

Today's programming tool: `numpy`

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