

Introduction to NumPy: Takeaways

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Syntax

SELECTING ROWS, COLUMNS, AND ITEMS FROM A NDARRAY

- Convert a list of lists into a ndarray:

```
import numpy as np
f = open("nyc_taxis.csv", "r")
taxi_list = list(csv.reader(f))
taxi = np.array(taxi_list)
```

- Selecting a row from a ndarray:

```
second_row = taxi[1]
```

- Selecting multiple rows from a ndarray:

```
all_but_first_row = taxi[1:]
```

- Selecting a specific item from a ndarray:

```
fifth_row_second_column = taxi[4,1]
```

SLICING VALUES FROM AN NDARRAY

- Selecting a single column:

```
second_column = taxi[:,1]
```

- Selecting multiple columns:

```
second_third_columns = taxi[:,1:3]
cols = [1,3,5]
second_fourth_sixth_columns = taxi[:, cols]
```

- Selecting a 2D slice:

```
twod_slice = taxi[1:4, :3]
```

VECTOR MATH

- `vector_a + vector_b` : addition
- `vector_a - vector_b` : subtraction
- `vector_a * vector_b` : multiplication (this is unrelated to the vector multiplication used in linear algebra).
- `vector_a / vector_b` : division

CALCULATING STATISTICS FOR 1D NDARRAYS

- `ndarray.min()` to calculate the minimum value

- `ndarray.max()` to calculate the maximum value
- `ndarray.mean()` to calculate the mean average value
- `ndarray.sum()` to calculate the sum of the values

CALCULATING STATISTICS FOR 2D NDARRAYS

- Max value for an entire 2D Narray:

```
taxi.max()
```

- Max value for each row in a 2D Narray (returns a 1D Narray):

```
taxi.max(axis=1)
```

- Max value for each column in a 2D Narray (returns a 1D Narray):

```
taxi.max(axis=0)
```

Concepts

- Python is a high-level language because we don't have to manually allocate memory or specify how the CPU performs certain operations. A low-level language like C gives us this control and lets us improve specific code performance, but it involves a tradeoff in programmer productivity. The NumPy library lets us write code in Python but take advantage of the performance that C offers. One way NumPy makes our code run quickly is **vectorization**, which takes advantage of **Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD)** to process data more quickly.
- We call a list in NumPy a 1D ndarray, and we call a list of lists a 2D ndarray. NumPy ndarrays use indices along both rows and columns, and they are the primary way we select and slice values.

Resources

- [Arithmetic functions from the NumPy documentation.](#)
- [NumPy ndarray documentation](#)