

# Introduction to computational thinking and programming for CFD (13251)

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## Goals

- Matrices, 2-D arrays, and  $n$ -D arrays
- Structured grids and algebraic grid generation
- Data output and data input
- Interpolation on structured and unstructured meshes

## Basic recipes for $n$ -D array

Declare a 3-D ( $N_1 \times N_2 \times N_3$ ) array and initialize it with zeros

```
matrix = np.zeros((N1, N2, N3))
```

Read a specific element from the matrix, here  $i = 2$ ,  $j = 3$ ,  $k = 1$

```
element = matrix[2,3,1]
```

Read a 1-D slice along the  $i$  direction for fixed  $j = 0$  and  $k = 0$

```
slice = matrix[:,0,0]
```

Overwrite a single element (here  $i = 2$ ,  $j = 3$ ,  $k = 1$ ) of the 3-D array with the value 99

```
matrix[2,3,1] = 99.
```

Overwrite a 1-D slice along  $i$  ( $j = 0$ ,  $k = 0$ ) with linearly increasing values from  $-\pi$  to  $+\pi$

```
matrix[:,0,0] = np.linspace(-np.pi, np.pi, len(matrix[:,0,0]))
```

Reshape a 1-D vector to a 2-D ( $3 \times 9$ ) matrix

```
vector = np.arange(3*9)
matrix = vector.reshape((3, 9))
```

## Tasks

1. Consider the  $2 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 12 & 13 \\ 21 & 22 & 23 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) Store  $\mathbf{A}$  in a 2-D array. Confirm the storage scheme by printing  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) Overwrite the element  $a_{23}$  with the value 99. Confirm the result by printing  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) What happens if you try to print the (nonexisting) element  $a_{55}$ ?

2. Algebraic grid generation. A mesh is needed for a 2-D channel.

- Domain size (in meters):  $0 \leq x \leq 4 \quad -1 \leq y \leq 1$  (walls at  $y = \pm 1$ )
- Number of cells:  $N_x = 50 \quad N_y = 30$

- (a) Generate an **equidistant 2-D grid** for the  $(x, y)$  plane.

*Hint:* Consider using the `meshgrid` command from the `numpy` module.

<https://numpy.org/doc/stable/reference/generated/numpy.meshgrid.html>

- (b) Visualize the grid by plotting all grid vertices  $\mathbf{x}_{ij} = (x_{ij}, y_{ij})$  as 2-D scatter plot.

[https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/\\_as\\_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.scatter.html](https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/_as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.scatter.html)

- (c) Modify your program so that the number of cells can be provided as input on runtime.
- (d) Store the grid into a *comma separated variables* (CSV) file using `savetxt`.

```
np.savetxt('grid_x.csv', X, delimiter=',') # all X coordinates
np.savetxt('grid_y.csv', Y, delimiter=',') # all Y coordinates
```

3. Grid stretching. Vinokur (NASA Contractor Report 3313, 1980, p. 14 and Appendix A – see moodle) developed an analytical 1-D stretching. By application to the  $y$  coordinate of the 2-D channel, as shown in the lecture, clustering of grid points toward  $y = +1$  and  $y = -1$  is readily achieved with the following **stretching function**,

$$y(\xi) = \frac{\tanh(b \cdot (\xi - 1/2))}{\tanh(b/2)},$$

where

$$b = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1+a}{1-a} \right), \quad a = 0.99, \quad \xi_j = \frac{j}{N_y} \quad \text{for } j = 0, 1, \dots, N_y.$$

- (a) Implement grid stretching for the  $y$  coordinate in your grid generator.

*Hint:* Implementations of `tanh` and `ln` (named `log`) are available in `numpy`.

- (b) Visualize the stretched grid by a 2-D scatter plot.

- (c) Now read the equidistant grid from file using `loadtxt` and plot it together with the stretched grid.

<https://www.sharpsightlabs.com/blog/numpy-loadtxt/>

4. Interpolation and gridded data. Consider the 2-D spatial distribution of a scalar property that is described by the function  $z = f(x, y)$  over the unit square  $(x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ .

- $f(x, y) = \sin(2\pi x) \cos(8\pi y) \exp(-4y^2)$
- High-resolution Cartesian grid with 40,000 vertices ( $N_x = 200, N_y = 200$ )
- Low-resolution unstructured mesh with 100 randomly distributed nodes

```
from numpy import random as rnd
points = rnd.random_sample((100, 2)) # sample 100 pairs (x,y)
```

- (a) Implement  $f(x, y)$  in a Python function.
- (b) Generate the high-resolution equidistant Cartesian grid.
- (c) Evaluate  $z = f(x, y)$  on the high-resolution grid. Visualize the 2-D distribution by filled contours using 256 levels.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.contourf( X, Y, Z, 256 )
```

- (d) Plot the points of the low-resolution mesh as scatter plot of black bullets (●) on top of the contours.
- (e) Now evaluate  $z = f(x, y)$  for the low-resolution grid.
- (f) Interpolate the low-resolution data to the high-resolution grid and plot the interpolated data. Plot the interpolated data in another figure. Also use filled contours.

```
from scipy.interpolate import griddata
Z_interp = griddata( (X_low, Y_low), Z_low, (X, Y))
```

- (g) Select another **interpolation method** by adding the keyword argument `method=...` to the function call. See the link for available alternatives.

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.interpolate.griddata.html>