

## Practice Task: One-Hot Encoding

In one-hot encoding, each item in a sequence (e.g. `list`) of discrete items is **replaced by a vector where exactly one value is 1 and all other values are 0**.

If an item occurs **multiple times**, it should be encoded to **the same one-hot vector** every time. **Different items** should be encoded to **different one-hot vectors**.

In other words from [Wikipedia](#):

In natural language processing, a one-hot vector is a  $1 \times N$  matrix (vector) used to distinguish each word in a vocabulary from every other word in the vocabulary. The vector consists of 0s in all cells with the exception of a single 1 in a cell used uniquely to identify the word. One-hot encoding ensures that machine learning does not assume that higher numbers are more important. For example, the value '8' is bigger than the value '1', but that does not make '8' more important than '1'. The same is true for words: the value 'laughter' is not more important than 'laugh'.

One-hot encoding also has **applications beyond natural language processing**, e.g. when encoding categorical data in machine learning or statistics or when designing digital circuits.

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fruits = ["banana", "apple", "orange", "orange", "banana"]
one_hot_encoded_fruits = one_hot_encode(fruits)

print("one_hot_encoded_fruits", one_hot_encoded_fruits.shape, ":\n\n", one_hot_encoded_fruits, "\n")

fibs = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
one_hot_encoded_fibs = one_hot_encode(fibs)

print("one_hot_encoded_fibs", one_hot_encoded_fibs.shape, ":\n\n", one_hot_encoded_fibs, "\n")
```

one\_hot\_encoded\_fruits (5, 3) :

```
[[0 0 1]
 [0 1 0]
 [1 0 0]
 [1 0 0]
 [0 0 1]]
```

one\_hot\_encoded\_fibs (6, 5) :

```
[[1 0 0 0 0]
 [0 1 0 0 0]
 [0 1 0 0 0]
 [0 0 1 0 0]
 [0 0 0 1 0]
 [0 0 0 0 1]]
```

```
import numpy as np

def one_hot_encode(sequence):
    """ Takes an iterable sequence with arbitrary items as input and returns a one-hot encoded np.ndarray. """
    pass
```