

Scientific Python Cheatsheet

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Pure Python

Types

```
a = 2          # integer
b = 5.0        # float
c = 8.3e5      # exponential
d = 1.5 + 0.5j # complex
e = 4 > 5      # boolean
f = 'word'     # string
```

Dictionaries

```
a = {'red': 'rouge', 'blue': 'bleu'} # dictionary
b = a['red']                         # translate item
'red' in a                           # true if dictionary a contains key 'red'
c = [value for key, value in a.items()] # loop through contents
d = a.get('yellow', 'no translation found') # return default
a.setdefault('extra', []).append('cyan') # init key with default
a.update({'green': 'vert', 'brown': 'brun'}) # update dictionary by data from another dict
a.keys()                                # get list of keys
a.values()                             # get list of values
```

Lists

```
a = ['red', 'blue', 'green'] # manually initialization
b = list(range(5))           # initialize from iterable
c = [nu**2 for nu in b]       # list comprehension
d = [nu**2 for nu in b if nu < 3] # conditioned list comprehension
e = c[0]                     # access element
f = c[1:2]                   # access a slice of the list
g = c[-1]                    # access last element
h = ['re', 'bl'] + ['gr']    # list concatenation
i = ['re'] * 5                # repeat a list
['re', 'bl'].index('re')      # returns index of 're'
a.append('yellow')            # add new element to end of list
a.extend(b)                   # add elements from list 'b' to end of list 'a'
a.insert(1, 'yellow')         # insert element in specified position
're' in ['re', 'bl']          # true if 're' in list
'fi' not in ['re', 'bl']      # true if 'fi' not in list
sorted([3, 2, 1])             # returns sorted list
a.pop(2)                      # remove and return item at index (default last)
```

Sets

```
a = {1, 2, 3}                # initialize manually
b = set(range(5))            # initialize from iterable
a.add(13)                    # add new element to set
a.discard(13)                 # discard element from set
a.update([21, 22, 23])        # update set with elements from iterable
a.pop()                       # remove and return an arbitrary set element
2 in {1, 2, 3}                # true if 2 in set
5 not in {1, 2, 3}            # true if 5 not in set
a.issubset(b)                  # test whether every element in a is in b
a <= b                         # issubset in operator form
a.issuperset(b)                # test whether every element in b is in a
a >= b                         # issuperset in operator form
a.intersection(b)              # return the intersection of two sets
a.difference(b)                # return the difference of two or more sets
a - b                         # difference in operator form
```

```

a.items()
del a['red']
a.pop('blue')

```

get list of key-value pairs
delete key and associated with it value
remove specified key and return the value

```

a ^ b
a.symmetric_difference(b)
a.union(b)
c = frozenset()

```

symmetric difference of two sets
return the symmetric difference of two sets
return the union of sets as a new set
the same as set but immutable

Operators

```

a = 2
a += 1 (*=, /=)
3 + 2
3 / 2
3 // 2
3 * 2
3 ** 2
3 % 2
abs(a)
1 == 1
2 > 1
2 < 1
1 != 2
1 != 2 and 2 < 3
1 != 2 or 2 < 3
not 1 == 2
'a' in b
a is b

```

assignment
change and assign
addition
integer (python2) or float (python3) division
integer division
multiplication
exponent
remainder
absolute value
equal
larger
smaller
not equal
logical AND
logical OR
logical NOT
test if a is in b
test if objects point to the same memory (id)

Strings

```

a = 'red'
char = a[2]
'red ' + 'blue'
'1, 2, three'.split(',')
'.'.join(['1', '2', 'three'])

```

assignment
access individual characters
string concatenation
split string into list
concatenate list into string

Control Flow

```

# if/elif/else
a, b = 1, 2
if a + b == 3:
    print('True')
elif a + b == 1:
    print('False')
else:
    print('?')

# for
a = ['red', 'blue', 'green']
for color in a:
    print(color)

# while
number = 1
while number < 10:
    print(number)
    number += 1

# break
number = 1
while True:
    print(number)
    number += 1
    if number > 10:
        break

# continue
for i in range(20):
    if i % 2 == 0:
        continue
    print(i)

```

Functions, Classes, Generators, Decorators

```

# Function groups code statements and possibly
# returns a derived value
def myfunc(a1, a2):
    return a1 + a2

```

```

x = myfunc(a1, a2)

```

```

# Class groups attributes (data)
# and associated methods (functions)

```

```

class Point(object):
    def __init__(self, x):
        self.x = x
    def __call__(self):
        print(self.x)

```

```

x = Point(3)

```

```

# Generator iterates without
# creating all values at once

```

```

def firstn(n):
    num = 0
    while num < n:
        yield num
        num += 1

```

```

x = [i for i in firstn(10)]

```

```

# Decorator can be used to modify
# the behaviour of a function

```

```

class myDecorator(object):
    def __init__(self, f):
        self.f = f
    def __call__(self):
        print("call")
        self.f()

```

```

@myDecorator
def my_func():
    print('func')

my_func()

```

IPython

console

```
<object>?          # Information about the object
<object>.<TAB>      # tab completion

# run scripts / profile / debug
%run myscript.py

%timeit range(1000)  # measure runtime of statement
%run -t myscript.py  # measure script execution time

%prun <statement>    # run statement with profiler
%prun -s <key> <statement> # sort by key, e.g. "cumulative" or "calls"
%run -p myfile.py    # profile script

%run -d myscript.py  # run script in debug mode
%debug              # jumps to the debugger after an exception
%pdb               # run debugger automatically on exception

# examine history
%history
%history ~1/1-5 # lines 1-5 of last session

# run shell commands
!make # prefix command with "!"

# clean namespace
%reset

# run code from clipboard
%paste
```

debugger

```
n          # execute next line
b 42       # set breakpoint in the main file at line 42
b myfile.py:42 # set breakpoint in 'myfile.py' at line 42
c          # continue execution
l          # show current position in the code
p data     # print the 'data' variable
pp data    # pretty print the 'data' variable
s          # step into subroutine
a          # print arguments that a function received
pp locals() # show all variables in local scope
pp globals() # show all variables in global scope
```

command line

```
ipython --pdb -- myscript.py argument1 --option1 # debug after exception
ipython -i -- myscript.py argument1 --option1    # console after finish
```

NumPy (import numpy as np)

array initialization

```
np.array([2, 3, 4])      # direct initialization
np.empty(20, dtype=np.float32) # single precision array of size 20
np.zeros(200)           # initialize 200 zeros
np.ones((3,3), dtype=np.int32) # 3 x 3 integer matrix with ones
np.eye(200)             # ones on the diagonal
np.zeros_like(a)        # array with zeros and the shape of a
np.linspace(0., 10., 100) # 100 points from 0 to 10
np.arange(0, 100, 2)     # points from 0 to <100 with step 2
np.logspace(-5, 2, 100)  # 100 log-spaced from 1e-5 -> 1e2
np.copy(a)              # copy array to new memory
```

indexing

```
a = np.arange(100)      # initialization with 0 - 99
a[:3] = 0               # set the first three indices to zero
a[2:5] = 1              # set indices 2-4 to 1
a[:-3] = 2              # set all but last three elements to 2
a[start:stop:step]      # general form of indexing/slicing
a[None, :]              # transform to column vector
a[[1, 1, 3, 8]]         # return array with values of the indices
a = a.reshape(10, 10)   # transform to 10 x 10 matrix
a.T                     # return transposed view
b = np.transpose(a, (1, 0)) # transpose array to new axis order
a[a < 2]                # values with elementwise condition
```

array properties and operations

```
a.shape                # a tuple with the lengths of each axis
len(a)                 # length of axis 0
a.ndim                # number of dimensions (axes)
a.sort(axis=1)         # sort array along axis
a.flatten()            # collapse array to one dimension
a.conj()               # return complex conjugate
a.astype(np.int16)     # cast to integer
a.tolist()             # convert (possibly multidimensional) array to list
np.argmax(a, axis=1)   # return index of maximum along a given axis
np.cumsum(a)           # return cumulative sum
np.any(a)              # True if any element is True
np.all(a)              # True if all elements are True
np.argsort(a, axis=1)  # return sorted index array along axis
np.where(cond)         # return indices where cond is True
np.where(cond, x, y)   # return elements from x or y depending on cond
```

boolean arrays

```
a < 2                  # returns array with boolean values
(a < 2) & (b > 10)      # elementwise logical and
(a < 2) | (b > 10)      # elementwise logical or
~a                     # invert boolean array
```

elementwise operations and math functions

```
a * 5                 # multiplication with scalar
a + 5                 # addition with scalar
a + b                 # addition with array b
a / b                 # division with b (np.NaN for division by zero)
np.exp(a)             # exponential (complex and real)
np.power(a, b)        # a to the power b
np.sin(a)             # sine
np.cos(a)             # cosine
np.arctan2(a, b)      # arctan(a/b)
np.arcsin(a)          # arcsin
np.radians(a)          # degrees to radians
np.degrees(a)         # radians to degrees
np.var(a)             # variance of array
np.std(a, axis=1)     # standard deviation
```

inner/ outer products

```
np.dot(a, b)          # inner product: a_mi b_in
np.einsum('ij,kj->ik', a, b) # einstein summation convention
np.sum(a, axis=1)      # sum over axis 1
np.abs(a)              # return absolute values
a[None, :] + b[:, None] # outer sum
a[None, :] * b[:, None] # outer product
np.outer(a, b)         # outer product
np.sum(a * a.T)        # matrix norm
```

linear algebra/ matrix math

```
evals, evecs = np.linalg.eig(a)      # Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors
evals, evecs = np.linalg.eigh(a)      # np.linalg.eig for hermitian matrix
```

reading/ writing files

```
np.loadtxt(fname/fobject, skiprows=2, delimiter=',') # ascii data from file
np.savetxt(fname/fobject, array, fmt='%5f')          # write ascii data
np.fromfile(fname/fobject, dtype=np.float32, count=5) # binary data from file
np.tofile(fname/fobject)                             # write (C) binary data
np.save(fname/fobject, array)                         # save as numpy binary (.npy)
np.load(fname/fobject, mmap_mode='c')                 # load .npy file (memory map)
```

fft

```
np.fft.fft(a)          # complex fourier transform of a
f = np.fft.fftfreq(len(a)) # fft frequencies
np.fft.fftshift(f)      # shifts zero frequency to the middle
np.fft.rfft(a)          # real fourier transform of a
np.fft.rfftfreq(len(a)) # real fft frequencies
```

random variables

```
from np.random import normal, seed, rand, uniform, randint
normal(loc=0, scale=2, size=100) # 100 normal distributed
seed(23032)                      # resets the seed value
rand(200)                        # 200 random numbers in [0, 1)
uniform(1, 30, 200)              # 200 random numbers in [1, 30)
randint(1, 16, 300)              # 300 random integers in [1, 16)
```

interpolation, integration, optimization

```
np.trapz(a, x=x, axis=1) # integrate along axis 1
np.interp(x, xp, yp)     # interpolate function xp, yp at points x
np.linalg.lstsq(a, b)    # solve a x = b in least square sense
```

rounding

```
np.ceil(a) # rounds to nearest upper int
np.floor(a) # rounds to nearest lower int
np.round(a) # rounds to nearest int
```

Matplotlib (`import matplotlib.pyplot as plt`)

figures and axes

```
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(5, 2)) # initialize figure
fig.savefig('out.png') # save png image
fig, axes = plt.subplots(5, 2, figsize=(5, 5)) # fig and 5 x 2 ndarray of axes
ax = fig.add_subplot(3, 2, 2) # add second subplot in a 3 x 2 grid
ax = plt.subplot2grid((2, 2), (0, 0), colspan=2) # multi column/row axis
ax = fig.add_axes([left, bottom, width, height]) # add custom axis
```

plotting routines

```
ax.plot(x, y, '-o', c='red', lw=2, label='bla') # plots a line
ax.scatter(x, y, s=20, c=color) # scatter plot
ax.pcolormesh(xx, yy, zz, shading='gouraud') # fast colormesh
ax.colormesh(xx, yy, zz, norm=norm) # slower colormesh
ax.contour(xx, yy, zz, cmap='jet') # contour lines
ax.contourf(xx, yy, zz, vmin=2, vmax=4) # filled contours
n, bins, patch = ax.hist(x, 50) # histogram
ax.imshow(matrix, origin='lower', # show image
           extent=(x1, x2, y1, y2))
ax.spectrogram(y, FS=0.1, noverlap=128, # plot a spectrogram
               scale='linear')
ax.text(x, y, string, fontsize=12, color='m') # write text
```

figures and axes properties

```
fig.suptitle('title') # big figure title
fig.subplots_adjust(bottom=0.1, right=0.8, top=0.9, wspace=0.2, # adjust subplot positions
                    hspace=0.5)
fig.tight_layout(pad=0.1, h_pad=0.5, w_pad=0.5, # adjust subplots to fit into fig
                 rect=None)
ax.set_xlabel('xbla') # set xlabel
ax.set_ylabel('ybla') # set ylabel
ax.set_xlim(1, 2) # sets x limits
ax.set_ylim(3, 4) # sets y limits
ax.set_title('bla bla') # sets the axis title
ax.set(xlabel='bla') # set multiple parameters at once
ax.legend(loc='upper center') # activate legend
ax.grid(True, which='both') # activate grid
bbox = ax.get_position() # returns the axes bounding box
bbox.x0 + bbox.width # bounding box parameters
```

Scipy (import scipy as sci)

interpolation

```
# interpolate data at index positions:
from scipy.ndimage import map_coordinates
pts_new = map_coordinates(data, float_indices, order=3)

# simple 1d interpolator with axis argument:
from scipy.interpolate import interp1d
interpolator = interp1d(x, y, axis=2, fill_value=0., bounds_error=False)
y_new = interpolator(x_new)
```

Integration

```
from scipy.integrate import quad # definite integral of python
value = quad(func, low_lim, up_lim) # function/method
```

linear algebra

```
from scipy import linalg
evals, evecs = linalg.eig(a) # Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors
evals, evecs = linalg.eigh(a) # linalg.eig for hermitian matrix
b = linalg.expm(a) # Matrix exponential
c = linalg.logm(a) # Matrix logarithm
```

Pandas (import pandas as pd)

DataFrame

```
df = pd.read_csv("filename.csv") # read and load CSV file in a DataFrame
raw = df.values                  # get raw data out of DataFrame object
cols = df.columns                # get list of columns headers
df.dtypes                        # get data types of all columns
df.head(5)                       # get first 5 rows
df.describe()                    # get basic statistics for all columns
df.index                         # get index column range

#column slicing
# (.loc[] and .ix[] are inclusive of the range of values selected)
df.col_name                      # select column values as a series by column name
df[['col_name']]                 # select column values as a dataframe by column name
df.loc[:, 'col_name']            # select column values as a series by column name
df.loc[:, ['col_name']]          # select column values as a dataframe by column name
df.iloc[:, 0]                    # select by column index
df.iloc[:, [0]]                  # select by column index, but as a dataframe
df.ix[:, 'col_name']             # hybrid approach with column name
df.ix[:, 0]                      # hybrid approach with column index

# row slicing
print(df[:2])                    # print first 2 rows of the dataframe
df.iloc[0:2, :]                  # select first 2 rows of the dataframe
df.loc[0:2, 'col_name']          # select first 3 rows of the dataframe
df.loc[0:2, ['col_name1', 'col_name3', 'col_name6']] # select first 3 rows of the dataframe
df.iloc[0:2, 0:2]                # select first 3 rows and first 3 columns
# Again, .loc[] and .ix[] are inclusive

# Dicing
df[df.col_name < 7]               # select all rows where col_name < 7
df[(df.col_name1 < 7) & (df.col_name2 == 0)] # combine multiple boolean indexing
# Regular Python boolean operators
df[df.recency < 7] = -100        # Be sure to encapsulate each condition
# writing to slice
```

Data structures

```
s = pd.Series(np.random.rand(1000), index=range(1000)) # series
index = pd.date_range("13/06/2016", periods=1000)    # time index
df = pd.DataFrame(np.zeros((1000, 3)), index=index,    # DataFrame
                  columns=["A", "B", "C"])
```

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