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# 1. Foundations for efficiencies
## A taste of things to come
```python
Print the list created using the Non-Pythonic approach
new list= []
while i < len(names):
 if len(names[i]) >= 6:
 new_list.append(names[i])
 i += 1
print(new_list)
```python
# Print the list created by using list comprehension
best_list = [name for name in names if len(name) >= 6]
print(best_list)
## Zen of Python
```python
Create a range object that goes from 0 to 5
nums = range(6)
print(type(nums))
Convert nums to a list
nums list = list(nums)
print(nums list)
Create a new list of odd numbers from 1 to 11 by unpacking a range object
nums list2 = [*range(1, 12, 2)]
print(nums_list2)
Buit-in practice: enumerate()
```python
# Rewrite the for loop to use enumerate
indexed names = []
for i, name in enumerate(names):
    index_name = (i,name)
    indexed names.append(index name)
print(indexed names)
# Rewrite the above for loop using list comprehension
indexed names comp = [(i, name) for i,name in enumerate(names)]
print(indexed names comp)
# Unpack an enumerate object with a starting index of one
indexed names unpack = [*enumerate(names, start=1)]
print(indexed names unpack)
## Built-in practice: map()
```python
Use map to apply str.upper to each element in names
names_map = map(lambda name: name.upper(), names)
Print the type of the names_map
print(type(names_map))
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Unpack names map into a list
names uppercase = [*names map]
Print the list created above
print(names_uppercase)
Practice with NumPy arrays
```python
# Print second row of nums
print(nums[1, :])
# Print all elements of nums that are greater than six
print(nums[nums > 6])
# Double every element of nums
nums dbl = nums * 2
print(nums dbl)
# Replace the third column of nums
nums[:,2] = nums[:,2] + 1
print(nums)
## Bringing it all together: Festivus!
  python
# Create a list of arrival times
arrival_times = [*range(10,60,10)]
# Convert arrival times to an array and update the times
arrival_times_np = np.array(arrival_times)
new_times = arrival_times_np - 3
# Use list comprehension and enumerate to pair guests to new times
guest_arrivals = [(names[i],time) for i,time in enumerate(new_times)]
# Map the welcome guest function to each (guest, time) pair
welcome_map = map(welcome_guest, guest_arrivals)
guest welcomes = [*welcome map]
print(*guest welcomes, sep='\n')
# 2. Timing and profiling code
## Using %timeit: your turn!
```python
In [1]: %timeit nums list comp = [num for num in range(51)]
3.05 us +- 436 ns per loop (mean +- std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000000 loops each)
In [3]: %timeit nums unpack = [*range(51)]
488 ns +- 29.6 ns per loop (mean +- std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000000 loops each)
Using %timeit: specifying number of runs and loops
```python
%%timeit -r5 -n25 set(heroes)
10.1 us +- 1.45 us per loop (mean +- std. dev. of 5 runs, 25 loops each)
## Using %timeit: formal name or literal syntax
```python
In [2]: %timeit literal list = []
20.7 ns +- 1.52 ns per loop (mean +- std. dev. of 7 runs, 10000000 loops each)
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In [3]: %timeit formal_list = list()
84.1 ns +- 6.77 ns per loop (mean +- std. dev. of 7 runs, 10000000 loops each)
Using cell magic mode (%%timeit)
```python
In [2]: %%timeit hero wts lbs = []
... for wt in wts:
       hero_wts_lbs.append(wt * 2.20462)
1.23 ms +- 212 us per loop (mean +- std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)
In [3]: %%timeit wts_np = np.array(wts)
... hero_wts_lbs_np = wts_np * 2.20462
1.12 us +- 26.8 ns per loop (mean +- std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000000 loops each)
## Using %lprun: spot bottlenecks
  python
In [1]: %load ext line profiler
In [3]: %lprun -f convert units convert units(heroes, hts, wts)
Timer unit: 1e-06 s
Total time: 0.000916 s
File: <ipython-input-1-2ae8c0194a47>
Function: convert units at line 1
Line #
           Hits
                        Time Per Hit
                                       % Time Line Contents
______
    1
                                               def convert units(heroes, heights, weights):
    2
    3
              1
                       128.0
                                128.0
                                         14.0
                                                   new hts = [ht * 0.39370 for ht in heights]
    4
              1
                       109.0
                                109.0
                                         11.9
                                                   new wts = [wt * 2.20462 for wt in weights]
    5
    6
                                                   hero data = {}
              1
                         1.0
                                  1.0
                                          0.1
    7
    8
            481
                       330.0
                                                   for i,hero in enumerate(heroes):
                                  0.7
                                         36.0
    9
            480
                       347.0
                                         37.9
                                                       hero_data[hero] = (new_hts[i], new_wts[i])
                                  0.7
   10
   11
              1
                         1.0
                                 1.0
                                          0.1
                                                   return hero_data
## Using %lprun: fix the bottleneck
  python
In [2]: %lprun -f convert units broadcast convert units broadcast(heroes, hts, wts)
Timer unit: 1e-06 s
Total time: 0.000585 s
File: <ipython-input-3-84e44a6b12f5>
Function: convert units broadcast at line 1
                        Time Per Hit
                                       % Time Line Contents
line #
           Hits
______
    1
                                               def convert units broadcast(heroes, heights,
weights):
    2
    3
                                                   # Array broadcasting instead of list
comprehension
                                                   new_hts = heights * 0.39370
    4
              1
                        30.0
                                 30.0
                                          5.1
    5
                                                   new_wts = weights * 2.20462
              1
                         3.0
                                 3.0
                                          0.5
    6
    7
              1
                         1.0
                                 1.0
                                          0.2
                                                   hero_data = {}
    8
    9
            481
                                         39.5
                       231.0
                                  0.5
                                                   for i,hero in enumerate(heroes):
   10
            480
                       319.0
                                  0.7
                                         54.5
                                                       hero data[hero] = (new hts[i], new wts[i])
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1
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1.0

1.0

0.2

return hero data

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## Code profiling for memory usage
   python
In [1]: %load ext memory profiler
In [2]: from bmi lists import calc bmi lists
In [3]: %mprun -f calc bmi lists calc bmi lists(sample indices, hts, wts)
Filename: /tmp/tmp00h_xy37/bmi_lists.py
Line #
         Mem usage
                      Increment
                                  Line Contents
_____
                                  def calc_bmi_lists(sample_indices, hts, wts):
    1
          79.3 MiB
                       79.3 MiB
    2
    3
                                      # Gather sample heights and weights as lists
    4
          79.9 MiB
                        0.3 MiB
                                      s hts = [hts[i] for i in sample indices]
    5
          80.8 MiB
                        0.3 MiB
                                      s_wts = [wts[i] for i in sample_indices]
    6
                                      # Convert heights from cm to m and square with list
comprehension
                        0.4 MiB
                                      s hts m sqr = [(ht / 100) ** 2 for ht in s hts]
    8
          81.7 MiB
    9
    10
                                      # Calculate BMIs as a list with list comprehension
   11
          82.3 MiB
                        0.3 MiB
                                      bmis = [s_wts[i] / s_hts_m_sqr[i] for i in
range(len(sample_indices))]
   12
   13
          82.3 MiB
                        0.0 MiB
                                      return bmis
## Using %mprun: Hero BMI 2.0
```python
In [1]: %load_ext memory_profiler
The memory_profiler extension is already loaded. To reload it, use:
 %reload ext memory profiler
In [2]: from bmi_arrays import calc_bmi_arrays
In [3]: %mprun -f calc bmi arrays calc bmi arrays(sample indices, hts, wts)
Filename: /tmp/tmpu3bg1r51/bmi_arrays.py
Line #
 Line Contents
 Mem usage
 Increment

 1
 78.7 MiB
 78.7 MiB
 def calc bmi arrays(sample indices, hts, wts):
 2
 3
 # Gather sample heights and weights as arrays
 4
 78.7 MiB
 0.1 MiB
 s hts = hts[sample indices]
 5
 79.0 MiB
 0.3 MiB
 s wts = wts[sample indices]
 6
 7
 # Convert heights from cm to m and square with broadcasting
 8
 79.3 MiB
 0.3 MiB
 s_hts_m_sqr = (s_hts / 100) ** 2
 9
 10
 # Calculate BMIs as an array using broadcasting
 11
 79.3 MiB
 0.0 MiB
 bmis = s wts / s hts m sqr
 12
 13
 79.3 MiB
 0.0 MiB
 return bmis
Bringing it all together: Star Wars profiling
 python
In [1]: %load_ext line_profiler
In [2]: %lprun -f get_publisher_heroes get_publisher_heroes(heroes, publishers, "George Lucas")
Timer unit: 1e-06 s
Total time: 0.000301 s
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File: <ipython-input-2-5a6bc05c1c55>
Function: get_publisher_heroes at line 1
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Time Per Hit
 % Time Line Contents
Line #
 Hits

 def get publisher heroes(heroes, publishers,
 1
desired publisher):
 2
 3
 1
 2.0
 2.0
 0.7
 desired heroes = []
 4
 5
 481
 147.0
 0.3
 48.8
 for i,pub in enumerate(publishers):
 6
 140.0
 if pub == desired publisher:
 480
 0.3
 46.5
 7
 desired_heroes.append(heroes[i])
 4
 12.0
 3.0
 4.0
 8
 9
 1
 0.0
 0.0
 0.0
 return desired heroes
In [3]: %lprun -f get_publisher_heroes_np get_publisher_heroes_np(heroes, publishers, "George Lucas")
Timer unit: 1e-06 s
Total time: 0.000215 s
File: <ipython-input-2-5a6bc05c1c55>
Function: get publisher heroes np at line 12
 Time Per Hit
 % Time Line Contents
Line #
 Hits

 def get publisher heroes np(heroes, publishers,
 12
desired publisher):
 13
 14
 143.0
 143.0
 66.5
 1
 heroes np = np.array(heroes)
 15
 1
 42.0
 42.0
 19.5
 pubs np = np.array(publishers)
 16
 desired heroes = heroes np[pubs np ==
 17
 1
 29.0
 29.0
 13.5
desired publisher]
 18
 19
 0.5
 return desired heroes
 1.0
 1.0
In [7]: from hero_funcs import get_publisher_heroes
In [8]: from hero funcs import get publisher heroes np
In [9]: %mprun -f get_publisher_heroes get_publisher_heroes(heroes, publishers, "George Lucas")
Filename: /tmp/tmpjjwz8b32/hero_funcs.py
Line #
 Mem usage
 Increment
 Line Contents

 4
 def get publisher heroes(heroes, publishers, desired publisher):
 110.4 MiB
 110.4 MiB
 5
 6
 110.4 MiB
 0.0 MiB
 desired heroes = []
 7
 8
 110.4 MiB
 0.0 MiB
 for i,pub in enumerate(publishers):
 9
 if pub == desired publisher:
 110.4 MiB
 0.0 MiB
 10
 110.4 MiB
 0.0 MiB
 desired heroes.append(heroes[i])
 11
 12
 110.4 MiB
 0.0 MiB
 return desired heroes
In [1]: %mprun -f get_publisher_heroes_np get_publisher_heroes_np(heroes, publishers, "George Lucas")
Filename: /tmp/tmpjjwz8b32/hero_funcs.py
Line #
 Mem usage
 Increment
 Line Contents

 def get_publisher_heroes_np(heroes, publishers,
 15
 110.4 MiB
 110.4 MiB
desired_publisher):
 16
 17
 110.4 MiB
 0.0 MiB
 heroes_np = np.array(heroes)
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pubs np = np.array(publishers)

desired heroes = heroes np[pubs np == desired publisher]

0.0 MiB

0.0 MiB

18

19 20 110.4 MiB

110.4 MiB

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21
 110.4 MiB
 0.0 MiB
 22
 return desired heroes
3. Gaining efficiencies
Combining Pokemon names and types
 python
Combine five items from names and three items from primary types
differing_lengths = [*zip(names[:5], primary_types[:3])]
print(*differing lengths, sep='\n')
Counting Pokemon from a sample
 `python
Collect the count of primary types
type_count = Counter(primary_types)
print(type_count, '\n')
Collect the count of generations
gen_count = Counter(generations)
print(gen count, '\n')
Use list comprehension to get each Pok mon's starting letter
starting letters = [name[:1] for name in names]
Collect the count of Pok�mon for each starting_letter
starting letters count = Counter(starting letters)
print(starting_letters_count)
Combinations of Pokemon
 python
Import combinations from itertools
from itertools import combinations
Create a combination object with pairs of Pok mon
combos obj = combinations(pokemon, 2)
print(type(combos obj), '\n')
Convert combos_obj to a list by unpacking
combos 2 = [c for c in combos obj]
print(combos_2, '\n')
Collect all possible combinations of 4 Pok@mon directly into a list
combos_4 = [c for c in combinations(pokemon, 4)]
print(combos_4)
Comparing Pokedexes
 ``python
Convert both lists to sets
ash set = set(ash pokedex)
misty set = set(misty pokedex)
Find the Pok mon that exist in both sets
both = ash set.intersection(misty set)
print(both)
Find the Pok mon that Ash has and Misty does not have
ash_only = ash_set.difference(misty_set)
print(ash only)
Find the Pok mon that are in only one set (not both)
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unique to set = ash set.symmetric difference(misty set)
print(unique_to_set)
Searching for Pokemon
```python
# Convert Brock's Pok dex to a set
brock_pokedex_set = set(brock_pokedex)
print(brock_pokedex_set)
# Check if Psyduck is in Ash's list and Brock's set
print('Psyduck' in ash_pokedex)
print('Psyduck' in brock_pokedex_set)
# Check if Machop is in Ash's list and Brock's set
print("Machop" in ash_pokedex)
print("Machop" in brock pokedex set)
## Gathering unique Pokemon
```python
Use find unique items() to collect unique Pok�mon names
uniq names func = find unique items(names)
print(len(uniq names func))
Convert the names list to a set to collect unique Pok�mon names
uniq names set = set(names)
print(len(uniq_names_set))
Check that both unique collections are equivalent
print(sorted(uniq names func) == sorted(uniq names set))
Use the best approach to collect unique primary types and generations
uniq types = set(primary types)
uniq gens = set(generations)
print(uniq_types, uniq_gens, sep='\n')
Gathering Pokemon without a loop
 python
Collect Pok mon that belong to generation 1 or generation 2
gen1 gen2 pokemon = [name for name,gen in zip(poke names, poke gens) if gen in [1, 2]]
Create a map object that stores the name lengths
name lengths map = map(len, gen1 gen2 pokemon)
Combine gen1_gen2_pokemon and name_lengths_map into a list
gen1_gen2_name_lengths = [*zip(gen1_gen2_pokemon, name_lengths_map)]
print(gen1 gen2 name lengths loop[:5])
print(gen1 gen2 name lengths[:5])
Pokemon totals and averages without a loop
 python
Create a total stats array
total stats np = stats.sum(axis=1)
Create an average stats array
avg stats np = stats.mean(axis=1)
Combine names, total_stats_np, and avg_stats_np into a list
poke_list_np = [*zip(names, total_stats_np, avg_stats_np)]
print(poke list np == poke list, '\n')
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print(poke list np[:3])
print(poke list[:3], '\n')
top 3 = sorted(poke list np, key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)[:3]
print('3 strongest Pok@mon:\n{}'.format(top 3))
One-time calculation loop
```python
# Import Counter
from collections import Counter
# Collect the count of each generation
gen_counts = Counter(generations)
# Improve for loop by moving one calculation above the loop
total count = len(generations)
for gen, count in gen counts.items():
    gen_percent = round(count / total_count * 100, 2)
    print('generation {}: count = {:3} percentage = {}'
          .format(gen, count, gen percent))
## Holistic conversion loop
  `python
# Collect all possible pairs using combinations()
possible_pairs = [*combinations(pokemon_types, 2)]
# Create an empty list called enumerated tuples
enumerated_tuples = []
# Add a line to append each enumerated_pair_tuple to the empty list above
for i,pair in enumerate(possible pairs, 1):
    enumerated_pair_tuple = (i,) + pair
    enumerated_tuples.append(enumerated_pair_tuple)
# Convert all tuples in enumerated tuples to a list
enumerated_pairs = [*map(list, enumerated_tuples)]
print(enumerated pairs)
## Bringing it all together: Pokemon z-scores
  python
# Calculate the total HP avg and total HP standard deviation
hp avg = hps.mean()
hp std = hps.std()
# Use NumPy to eliminate the previous for loop
z_scores = (hps - hp_avg)/hp_std
# Combine names, hps, and z_scores
poke zscores2 = [*zip(names, hps, z scores)]
print(*poke_zscores2[:3], sep='\n')
# Use list comprehension with the same logic as the highest_hp_pokemon code block
highest_hp_pokemon = [(name, hp, zscore) for name,hp,zscore in poke_zscores2 if zscore > 2]
print(*highest_hp_pokemon, sep='\n')
# 4. Basic pandas optimizations
## Iterating with .iterrows()
   python
# Print the row and type of each row
for row tuple in pit df.iterrows():
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print(row tuple)
   print(type(row_tuplea))
## Run differentials with .iterrows()
   python
# Create an empty list to store run differentials
run diffs = []
# Write a for loop and collect runs allowed and runs scored for each row
for i,row in giants df.iterrows():
    runs_scored = row['RS']
    runs_allowed = row['RA']
    # Use the provided function to calculate run diff for each row
    run_diff = calc_run_diff(runs_scored, runs_allowed)
    # Append each run differential to the output list
    run diffs.append(run diff)
giants df['RD'] = run diffs
print(giants_df)
## Another iterator method: .itertuples()
   python
# Loop over the DataFrame and print each row's Index, Year and Wins (W)
for row in rangers df.itertuples():
  i = row.Index
  year = row.Year
  wins = row.W
  # Check if rangers made Playoffs (1 means yes; 0 means no)
  if row.Playoffs == 1:
   print(i, year, wins)
## Run differentials with .itertuples()
  `python
run_diffs = []
# Loop over the DataFrame and calculate each row's run differential
for row in yankees df.itertuples():
    runs scored = row.RS
    runs allowed = row.RA
   run diff = calc run diff(runs scored, runs allowed)
    run diffs.append(run diff)
# Append new column
yankees df["RD"] = run diffs
print(yankees_df)
## Analyzing baseball stats with .apply()
  python
# Convert numeric playoffs to text
textual_playoffs = rays_df.apply(lambda row: text_playoffs(row["Playoffs"]), axis=1)
print(textual_playoffs)
## Settle a debate with .apply()
   python
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# Display the first five rows of the DataFrame
print(dbacks df.head())
# Create a win percentage Series
win_percs = dbacks_df.apply(lambda row: calc_win_perc(row['W'], row['G']), axis=1)
print(win percs, '\n')
# Append a new column to dbacks df
dbacks df["WP"] = win percs
print(dbacks_df, '\n')
# Display dbacks_df where WP is greater than 0.50
print(dbacks_df[dbacks_df['WP'] >= 0.50])
## Replacing .iloc with underlying arrays
```python
Use the W array and G array to calculate win percentages
win percs np = calc win perc(baseball df['W'].values, baseball df['G'].values)
Append a new column to baseball df that stores all win percentages
baseball df["WP"] = win percs np
print(baseball df.head())
Bringing it all together: Predict win percentage
 python
win_perc_preds_loop = []
Use a loop and .itertuples() to collect each row's predicted win percentage
for row in baseball_df.itertuples():
 runs scored = row.RS
 runs allowed = row.RA
 win perc pred = predict win perc(runs scored, runs allowed)
 win_perc_preds_loop.append(win_perc_pred)
Apply predict win perc to each row of the DataFrame
win_perc_preds_apply = baseball_df.apply(lambda row: predict_win_perc(row['RS'], row['RA']), axis=1)
Calculate the win percentage predictions using NumPy arrays
win perc preds np = predict win perc(baseball df["RS"].values, baseball df["RA"].values)
baseball_df['WP_preds'] = win_perc_preds_np
print(baseball df.head())
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