

# CS 260: Foundations of Data Science

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# Admin

- **Roster** should hopefully be finalized by end of week
  - If you are #3 or higher on the waitlist, please find another class (CS260 will be offered again in the Spring!)
- **Lab 1** due Tuesday night
- Extra office hours: **3—4pm on Friday** (H110)
- Regular office hours: **10—11:30am on Tuesday** (H110)

## Note-cards from Tuesday

- **Practice problems and group work:** many people mentioned these – will try to have every class
- **Demos and videos:** several people mentioned these – I will try!
- **Access to myself and TAs:** some people mentioned this – TA hours have been posted  
– Friday 11am-1pm hours this week

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- February 25-26, 2025
- Mentoring program for undergraduate students interested in a career in AI research
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# Introductions

(if you could be a data scientist for any type of data, what would it be?)

# Python Demo

- Matplotlib
- Numpy
- Dictionaries

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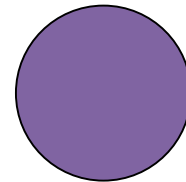
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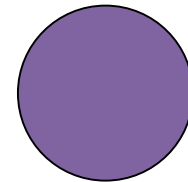
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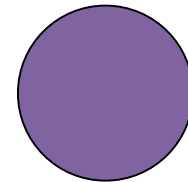
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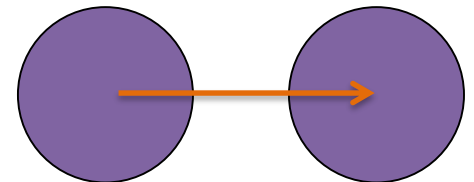


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- We can use/modify class instances using *methods*

```
dot.move(dx,dy)
```



# Motivation for classes: LOLs

- List-of-lists let us keep track of things that should be “together”, but they get cumbersome to modify:

Type of pie



Number of slices



```
>>> pie_lst = ["apple",8], ["cherry",8], ["chocolate",8]]
>>>
>>> pie_lst[2][1] -= 1
>>>
>>> pie_lst
[['apple', 8], ['cherry', 8], ['chocolate', 7]]
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Should be:  
get\_name()  
get\_year()

```
kendre = Student("Kendre", 2020)
name = kendre.get_name()
year = kendre.get_year()
```



# Advantages of encapsulation/abstraction

- Interface (how you interact with something) is consistent even if the internal details change.
  - 1) If you change the engine in your car, you still drive it the same way – don't need to know how the engine works.
  - 2) In online shopping you have a “Cart”, which is an abstract concept and is roughly the same across sites. Probably represented as a list underneath but user doesn't need to know.

# “Pie” class example

```
class Pie: # class names should be capitalized

    # must use init for the constructor
    def __init__(self, flavor):
        """Constructor for the Pie class."""
        # in the constructor, define the data (i.e. self.data)
        # data are called: attributes or instance variables
        self.flavor = flavor
        self.slices = 8

    def get_slices(self):
        """Return the number of slices left (int)."""
        return self.slices

    def get_flavor(self):
        """Return the flavor of the pie (str)."""
        return self.flavor
```

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```
def serve(self):
    """If there is at least one slice left, reduce the number of slices."""
    if self.slices > 0:
        print("Here is a slice of %s pie!" % self.flavor)
        self.slices -= 1
    else:
        print("Sorry, there is no more %s pie!" % self.flavor)

def __str__(self):
    """Return a string representation of a pie."""
    s = "%s pie has %i slices left!" % (self.flavor, self.slices)
    return s
```

# "Pie" class example

```
def main():  
    pie1 = Pie("apple")  
    print(pie1) # __str__ is automatically called when we call print(..)  
    for i in range(12):  
        pie1.serve()  
    print(pie1.get_slices())  
    print(pie1.get_flavor())  
    print(pie1)  
  
    pie2 = Pie("pumpkin")  
    print(pie2)  
    pie2.serve()  
    print(pie2)
```

```
apple pie has 8 slices left!  
Here is a slice of apple pie!  
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0
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apple  
apple pie has 0 slices left!  
pumpkin pie has 8 slices left!  
Here is a slice of pumpkin pie!  
pumpkin pie has 7 slices left!
```

# TwitterUser class

```
class TwitterUser: # only time camel case is okay!

    # constructor
    def __init__(self, name, curr_following, curr_followers):
        self.name = name
        self.following = curr_following
        self.followers = curr_followers

    def add_follower(self): # always have to use self!
        self.followers += 1
        # TODO we could make this better by creating a list of followers who
        # are themselves instances of TwitterUser

    def follow(self):
        self.following += 1

    def __str__(self):
        # must return a string, not print a string!
        return "name: %s\nnum following: %i\nnum followers: %i" % (self.name, \
            self.following, self.followers)
```

# Handout 2

- Find and work with a partner

# Recap Die class

- Defining the Constructor: builds an instance of the class (self), and initializes all instance variables (self.xxx)

```
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- Using the Constructor: assign the new object to a variable, making the “self” placeholder a concrete instance

```
def main():
    # create 8-sided dice
    die1 = Die(8)
    die2 = Die(8)
```



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- Defining Methods: always use “self” as the first argument (placeholder for the instance). Getters are a type of method that return instance variables or their derivatives.

```
def getValue(self):  
    """Getter for the die's current value."""  
    return self.value  
  
def roll(self):  
    """Choose a new random value for the die, i.e. roll it."""  
    self.value = random.randrange(1, self.sides+1)
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- Using Methods: instance.method(...), don't use self

```
# roll both until we get the same value  
same = False  
while not same:  
    die1.roll()  
    die2.roll()  
    print(die1)  
    print(die2)  
    print()  
    # check if the values are the same  
    same = (die1.getValue() == die2.getValue())
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- Using the `__str__` method: simply call `print(instance)`!

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# open(..) returns a file object (called an TextIOWrapper but think: file)  
c_file = open("colleges.txt", 'r') # 'r' for read, 'w' for write
```

```
enroll_lst = []
```

```
# one way to read a file: loop through each line of the file colleges.txt
```

```
for line in c_file:  
    # split breaks up the line on spaces, it is a method t  
    tokens = line.split()  
  
    # extract information from specific tokens  
    name = tokens[0]  
    enroll = int(tokens[1])  
    enroll_lst.append(enroll)
```

```
# always remember to close your files!  
c_file.close()
```

Amherst	1792
Bates	1792
Bowdoin	1806
BrynMawr	1709
Colby	1815
Davidson	1950
HarveyMudd	735
Haverford	1290
Middlebury	2526
Pomona	1663
Reed	1411
Smith	2600
Swarthmore	1620
Vassar	2450
Wellesley	2474
Williams	2099

## Example of reading in data

# File reading demo

```
import csv
import numpy as np

# 1) read line by line
fb_file = open("data/facebook_users.csv", 'r') # 'r' for read mode
for line in fb_file:
    tokens = line.split(",") # split on comma
    year = int(tokens[0])
    num_users = int(tokens[1])
    print(year, num_users)
fb_file.close()

# 2) csv reader
with open("data/facebook_users.csv", 'r') as fb_file:
    csv_reader = csv.reader(fb_file)
    for line in csv_reader:
        print(line)

# 3) load into numpy array
data = np.loadtxt("data/facebook_users.csv", dtype=int, delimiter=",")
print(data)
```

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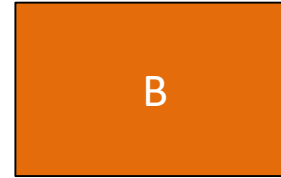
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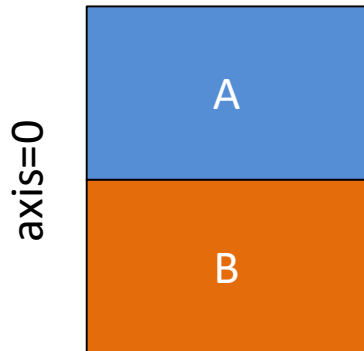
# Numpy

- Numerical Python
- Designed for fast computation on arrays
- Implemented in C underneath
- **pip3 install numpy** (on the terminal) OR **python3 -m pip install numpy**

# Numpy concatenation

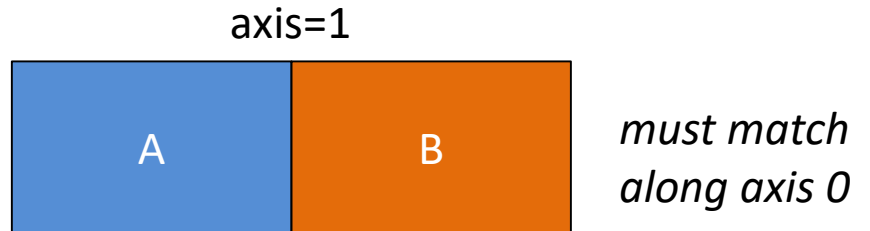


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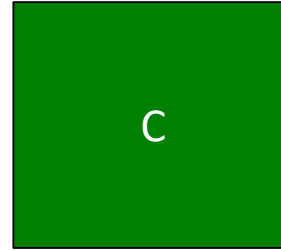
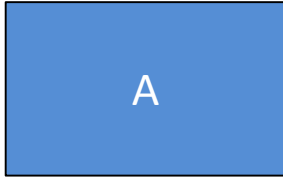


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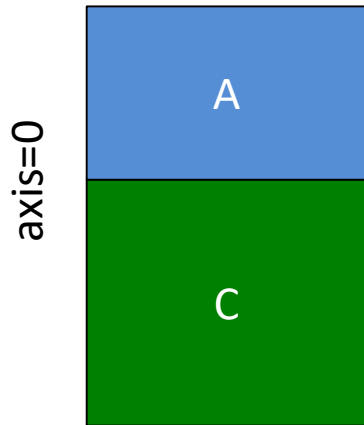
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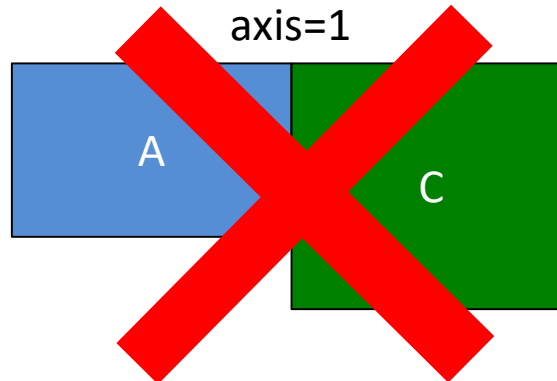


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