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Class

Introduction

The session began with a motivational note encouraging students to develop an appreciation for the subject of Software Engineering. This mindset will aid in long-term learning and application of the concepts【4:0†transcript.txt】.

Concepts Covered

Arrays and Their Manipulations

1. **Array Flattening and Reshaping:**
   - **Flattening:** The process of converting an n-dimensional array into a one-dimensional array. This is useful in data transmission and when needing to convert files for broadcasting, such as in streaming video content as a sequence of numbers【4:2†transcript.txt】【4:3†transcript.txt】.
   - **Reshaping:** Reverts a flattened array back into its original multidimensional form or any shape that aligns with the number of elements. This process is crucial when data is needed in a specific structure for processing【4:2†transcript.txt】.
2. **Slicing:**
   - Slicing involves extracting a portion of an array, using indices to select rows or columns of interest. This technique is vital when dealing with large datasets and needing specific data points【4:18†transcript.txt】.
3. **Indexing and Transposing:**
   - **Indexing:** Accessing specific elements of an array using their positions. This is a foundational skill in manipulating datasets【4:2†transcript.txt】.
   - **Transposing:** This operation switches the rows and columns of a 2D array. Transposition is different from rotation, as it doesn't change the orientation of an image but merely flips data along the major diagonal【4:8†transcript.txt】.

Practical Applications and Use Cases

how images are sent over networks. Images, represented as 2D arrays, must be flattened to be transmitted efficiently as a stream of numerical data【4:7†transcript.txt】.

- **Filtering Data:**
  - Students learned how to filter arrays based on conditions, such as determining which students passed an exam using a dataset of scores. Filtering is an essential operation that allows analysts to focus on relevant data【4:14†transcript.txt】.

Additional Concepts

1. **Difference Between Functions and Methods:**
   - A method is a function that is associated with an object. In programming, `object.method()` signifies a method, where `object` calls the function【4:9†transcript.txt】.
2. **Handling Open-ended Problems:**
   - The instructor emphasized breaking down complex problems into smaller parts to effectively solve and understand large issues 【4:19†transcript.txt】.
3. **Use of Third-party Libraries:**
   - The session included hands-on activities requiring the use of numpy (a library for numerical operations) and matplotlib (for plotting), demonstrating practical uses of third-party Python libraries 【4:17†transcript.txt】.

Conclusion

The class covered fundamental array operations within the broader context of practical applications like data streaming and filtering, providing students with a robust set of tools to handle real-world data tasks.

Practical Assignment

The students were encouraged to attempt reshaping experiments and data filtering quizzes in their Jupyter notebooks or Colab to

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