lab03 student solutions

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1 Lab 3: Data Types and Arrays

Welcome to Lab 3!

So far, we've used Python to manipulate numbers and work with tables. But we need to discuss data types to deepen our understanding of how to work with data in Python.

In this lab, you'll first see how to represent and manipulate another fundamental type of data: text. A piece of text is called a *string* in Python. You'll also see how to work with *arrays* of data, such as all the numbers between 0 and 100 or all the words in the chapter of a book. Lastly, you'll create tables and practice analyzing them with your knowledge of table operations.

Deadline: If you are not attending lab physically, you have to complete this lab and submit by Sunday, June 30th before 11:59 P.M. in order to receive lab credit. Otherwise, please attend the lab you are enrolled in, get checked off with your (u)GSI or learning assistant **AND** submit this assignment by the end of the lab section (with whatever progress you've made) to receive lab credit.

Submission: Once you're finished, select "Save and Checkpoint" in the File menu and then execute the submit cell below (or at the end). The result will contain a link that you can use to check that your assignment has been submitted successfully.

Set up the tests and imports by running the cell below.

2 1. Text

Programming doesn't just concern numbers. Text is one of the most common data types used in programs.

Text is represented by a **string value** in Python. The word "string" is a programming term for a sequence of characters. A string might contain a single character, a word, a sentence, or a whole book.

To distinguish text data from actual code, we demarcate strings by putting quotation marks around them. Single quotes (') and double quotes (") are both valid, but the types of opening and closing quotation marks must match. The contents can be any sequence of characters, including numbers and symbols.

We've seen strings before in **print** statements. Below, two different strings are passed as arguments to the **print** function.

```
[41]: print("I <3", 'Data Science')
```

I <3 Data Science

Just as names can be given to numbers, names can be given to string values. The names and strings aren't required to be similar in any way. Any name can be assigned to any string.

```
[42]: one = 'two'
plus = '*'
print(one, plus, one)
```

two * two

Question 1.1. Yuri Gagarin was the first person to travel through outer space. When he emerged from his capsule upon landing on Earth, he reportedly had the following conversation with a woman and girl who saw the landing:

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The woman asked: "Can it be that you have come from outer space?" Gagarin replied: "As a matter of fact, I have!"
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The cell below contains unfinished code. Fill in the ...s so that it prints out this conversation exactly as it appears above.

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BEGIN QUESTION name: q11
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[5]: woman_asking = 'The woman asked:' #SOLUTION
woman_quote = '"Can it be that you have come from outer space?"'
gagarin_reply = 'Gagarin replied:'
gagarin_quote = '"As a matter of fact, I have!"' #SOLUTION

print(woman_asking, woman_quote)
print(gagarin_reply, gagarin_quote)
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```
The woman asked: "Can it be that you have come from outer space?" Gagarin replied: "As a matter of fact, I have!"
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2.1 1.1. String Methods

Strings can be transformed using **methods**. Recall that methods and functions are not technically the same thing, but we'll be using them interchangeably for the purposes of this course.

Here's a sketch of how to call methods on a string:

```
<expression that evaluates to a string>.<method name>(<argument>, <argument>, ...)
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One example of a string method is **replace**, which replaces all instances of some part of the original string (or a *substring*) with a new string.

```
<original string>.replace(<old substring>, <new substring>)
```

replace returns (evaluates to) a new string, leaving the original string unchanged.

Try to predict the output of this example, then run the cell!

```
[8]: # Replace one letter

'Hello'.replace('o', 'a')
```

[8]: 'Hella'

You can call functions on the results of other functions. For example, max(abs(-5), abs(3)) evaluates to 5. Similarly, you can call methods on the results of other method or function calls.

You may have already noticed one difference between functions and methods - a function like max does not require a . before it's called, but a string method like replace does. Here's a handy Python reference on the Data 8 website. It's a good idea to refer to this whenever you're unsure of how to call a function or method.

```
[9]: # Calling replace on the output of another call to replace 'train'.replace('t', 'ing').replace('in', 'de')
```

[9]: 'degrade'

Here's a picture of how Python evaluates a "chained" method call like that:

Question 1.1.1. Use replace to transform the string 'hitchhiker' into 'matchmaker'. Assign your result to new_word.

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BEGIN QUESTION name: q111
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```
[10]: new_word = 'hitchhiker'.replace('hi', 'ma') #SOLUTION
    new_word
```

[10]: 'matchmaker'

There are many more string methods in Python, but most programmers don't memorize their names or how to use them. In the "real world," people usually just search the internet for documentation and examples. A complete list of string methods appears in the Python language documentation. Stack Overflow has a huge database of answered questions that often demonstrate how to use these methods to achieve various ends.

2.2 1.2. Converting to and from Strings

Strings and numbers are different *types* of values, even when a string contains the digits of a number. For example, evaluating the following cell causes an error because an integer cannot be added to a string.

However, there are built-in functions to convert numbers to strings and strings to numbers. Some of these built-in functions have restrictions on the type of argument they take:

$Funct \textbf{\textit{Des}} cription$	
int	Converts
	a
	string
	of
	dig-
	its
	or
	a
	float
	to
	an
	in-
	te-
	ger ("int") value

Funct Description **float**Converts string of digits (perhaps with a decimal point) or an int to a decimal ("float")

value
str Converts
any
value
to
a
string

Try to predict what data type and value example evaluates to, then run the cell.

```
[12]: example = 8 + int("10") + float("8")

print(example)
print("This example returned a " + str(type(example)) + "!")
```

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This example returned a <class 'float'>!

Suppose you're writing a program that looks for dates in a text, and you want your program to find the amount of time that elapsed between two years it has identified. It doesn't make sense to subtract two texts, but you can first convert the text containing the years into numbers.

Question 1.2.1. Finish the code below to compute the number of years that elapsed between one_year and another_year. Don't just write the numbers 1618 and 1648 (or 30); use a conversion

function to turn the given text data into numbers.

BEGIN QUESTION name: q121

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[13]: # Some text data:
    one_year = "1618"
    another_year = "1648"

# Complete the next line. Note that we can't just write:
    # another_year - one_year
    # If you don't see why, try seeing what happens when you
    # write that here.
    difference = int(another_year) - int(one_year) #SOLUTION
    difference
```

[13]: 30

2.3 1.3. Passing strings to functions

String values, like numbers, can be arguments to functions and can be returned by functions.

The function len (derived from the word "length") takes a single string as its argument and returns the number of characters (including spaces) in the string.

Note that it doesn't count words. len("one small step for man") evaluates to 22, not 5.

Question 1.3.1. Use len to find the number of characters in the long string in the next cell. Characters include things like spaces and punctuation. Assign sentence_length to that number.

(The string is the first sentence of the English translation of the French Declaration of the Rights of Man.)

BEGIN QUESTION name: q131

a_very_long_sentence = "The representatives of the French people, organized as_\infty a National Assembly, believing that the ignorance, neglect, or contempt of_\infty the rights of man are the sole cause of public calamities and of the_\infty corruption of governments, have determined to set forth in a solemn_\infty declaration the natural, unalienable, and sacred rights of man, in order_\infty that this declaration, being constantly before all the members of the Social_\infty body, shall remind them continually of their rights and duties; in order_\infty that the acts of the legislative power, as well as those of the executive_\infty power, may be compared at any moment with the objects and purposes of all_\infty political institutions and may thus be more respected, and, lastly, in order_\infty that the grievances of the citizens, based hereafter upon simple and_\infty incontestable principles, shall tend to the maintenance of the constitution_\infty and redound to the happiness of all."

sentence_length = len(a_very_long_sentence) #SOLUTION

sentence_length

[15]: 896

3 2. Arrays

Computers are most useful when you can use a small amount of code to do the same action to many different things.

For example, in the time it takes you to calculate the 18% tip on a restaurant bill, a laptop can calculate 18% tips for every restaurant bill paid by every human on Earth that day. (That's if you're pretty fast at doing arithmetic in your head!)

Arrays are how we put many values in one place so that we can operate on them as a group. For example, if billions_of_numbers is an array of numbers, the expression

```
.18 * billions_of_numbers
```

gives a new array of numbers that contains the result of multiplying each number in billions_of_numbers by .18. Arrays are not limited to numbers; we can also put all the words in a book into an array of strings.

Concretely, an array is a collection of values of the same type.

3.1 2.1. Making arrays

First, let's learn how to manually input values into an array. This typically isn't how programs work. Normally, we create arrays by loading them from an external source, like a data file.

To create an array by hand, call the function make_array. Each argument you pass to make_array will be in the array it returns. Run this cell to see an example:

```
[56]: make_array(0.125, 4.75, -1.3)
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```
[56]: array([ 0.125, 4.75 , -1.3 ])
```

Each value in an array (in the above case, the numbers 0.125, 4.75, and -1.3) is called an *element* of that array.

Arrays themselves are also values, just like numbers and strings. That means you can assign them to names or use them as arguments to functions. For example, len(<some_array>) returns the number of elements in some_array.

Question 2.1.1. Make an array containing the numbers $0, 1, -1, \pi$, and e, in that order. Name it interesting_numbers.

Hint: How did you get the values π and e in lab 1? You can refer to them in exactly the same way here.

BEGIN QUESTION

name: q211

```
[17]: interesting_numbers = make_array(0, 1, -1, math.pi, math.e) #SOLUTION interesting_numbers
```

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[17]: array([ 0. , 1. , -1. , 3.14159265, 2.71828183])
```

Question 2.1.2. Make an array containing the five strings "Hello", ",", " ", "world", and "!". (The third one is a single space inside quotes.) Name it hello_world_components.

Note: If you evaluate hello_world_components, you'll notice some extra information in addition to its contents: dtype='<U5'. That's just NumPy's extremely cryptic way of saying that the data types in the array are strings.

BEGIN QUESTION name: q212

```
[23]: hello_world_components = make_array("Hello", ",", " ", "world", "!") #SOLUTION hello_world_components
```

```
[23]: array(['Hello', ',', ' ', 'world', '!'], dtype='<U5')
```

3.1.1 np.arange

Arrays are provided by a package called NumPy (pronounced "NUM-pie"). The package is called numpy, but it's standard to rename it np for brevity. You can do that with:

```
import numpy as np
```

Very often in data science, we want to work with many numbers that are evenly spaced within some range. NumPy provides a special function for this called arange. The line of code np.arange(start, stop, step) evaluates to an array with all the numbers starting at start and counting up by step, stopping before stop is reached.

Run the following cells to see some examples!

```
[27]: # This array starts at 1 and counts up by 2
# and then stops before 6
np.arange(1, 6, 2)
```

[27]: array([1, 3, 5])

```
[28]: # This array doesn't contain 9
# because np.arange stops *before* the stop value is reached
np.arange(4, 9, 1)
```

```
[28]: array([4, 5, 6, 7, 8])
```

Question 2.1.3. Import numpy as np and then use np. arange to create an array with the multiples of 99 from 0 up to (and including) 9999. (So its elements are 0, 99, 198, 297, etc.)

BEGIN QUESTION name: q213

```
[29]: import numpy as np # SOLUTION
multiples_of_99 = np.arange(0, 9999+99, 99) # SOLUTION
multiples_of_99
```

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[29]: array([
                     99, 198,
                               297,
                                      396,
                                            495, 594,
                                                        693,
                                                              792,
             1089, 1188, 1287, 1386, 1485, 1584, 1683, 1782, 1881, 1980, 2079,
             2178, 2277, 2376, 2475, 2574, 2673, 2772, 2871, 2970, 3069, 3168,
             3267, 3366, 3465, 3564, 3663, 3762, 3861, 3960, 4059, 4158, 4257,
             4356, 4455, 4554, 4653, 4752, 4851, 4950, 5049, 5148, 5247, 5346,
             5445, 5544, 5643, 5742, 5841, 5940, 6039, 6138, 6237, 6336, 6435,
             6534, 6633, 6732, 6831, 6930, 7029, 7128, 7227, 7326, 7425, 7524,
             7623, 7722, 7821, 7920, 8019, 8118, 8217, 8316, 8415, 8514, 8613,
             8712, 8811, 8910, 9009, 9108, 9207, 9306, 9405, 9504, 9603, 9702,
             9801, 9900, 9999])
```

Temperature readings NOAA (the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) operates weather stations that measure surface temperatures at different sites around the United States. The hourly readings are publicly available.

Suppose we download all the hourly data from the Oakland, California site for the month of December 2015. To analyze the data, we want to know when each reading was taken, but we find that the data don't include the timestamps of the readings (the time at which each one was taken).

However, we know the first reading was taken at the first instant of December 2015 (midnight on December 1st) and each subsequent reading was taken exactly 1 hour after the last.

Question 2.1.4. Create an array of the time, in seconds, since the start of the month at which each hourly reading was taken. Name it collection_times.

Hint 1: There were 31 days in December, which is equivalent to (31×24) hours or $(31 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60)$ seconds. So your array should have 31×24 elements in it.

Hint 2: The len function works on arrays, too! If your collection_times isn't passing the tests, check its length and make sure it has 31×24 elements.

BEGIN QUESTION name: q214

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[33]: collection_times = np.arange(0, 31*24*60*60, 60*60) #SOLUTION collection_times
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[33]: array([
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```

3.2 2.2. Working with single elements of arrays ("indexing")

Let's work with a more interesting dataset. The next cell creates an array called population_amounts that includes estimated world populations in every year from 1950 to roughly the present. (The estimates come from the US Census Bureau website.)

Rather than type in the data manually, we've loaded them from a file on your computer called world_population.csv. You'll learn how to do that later in this lab!

```
[37]: population_amounts = Table.read_table("world_population.csv").

→column("Population")

population_amounts
```

```
[37]: array([2557628654, 2594939877, 2636772306, 2682053389, 2730228104, 2782098943, 2835299673, 2891349717, 2948137248, 3000716593, 3043001508, 3083966929, 3140093217, 3209827882, 3281201306, 3350425793, 3420677923, 3490333715, 3562313822, 3637159050, 3712697742, 3790326948, 3866568653, 3942096442, 4016608813, 4089083233, 4160185010, 4232084578, 4304105753, 4379013942, 4451362735, 4534410125, 4614566561, 4695736743, 4774569391, 4856462699, 4940571232, 5027200492, 5114557167, 5201440110, 5288955934, 5371585922, 5456136278, 5538268316, 5618682132, 5699202985, 5779440593, 5857972543, 5935213248, 6012074922, 6088571383, 6165219247, 6242016348, 6318590956, 6395699509, 6473044732, 6551263534, 6629913759, 6709049780, 6788214394, 6866332358, 6944055583, 7022349283, 7101027895, 7178722893, 7256490011], dtype=int64)
```

Here's how we get the first element of population_amounts, which is the world population in the first year in the dataset, 1950.

```
[38]: population_amounts.item(0)
```

[38]: 2557628654

The value of that expression is the number 2557628654 (around 2.5 billion), because that's the first

thing in the array population_amounts.

Notice that we wrote .item(0), not .item(1), to get the first element. This is a weird convention in computer science. 0 is called the *index* of the first item. It's the number of elements that appear before that item. So 3 is the index of the 4th item.

Here are some more examples. In the examples, we've given names to the things we get out of population_amounts. Read and run each cell.

```
[39]: # The 13th element in the array is the population
      # in 1962 (which is 1950 + 12).
      population_1962 = population_amounts.item(12)
      population_1962
[39]: 3140093217
[40]: # The 66th element is the population in 2015.
      population_2015 = population_amounts.item(65)
      population_2015
[40]: 7256490011
[41]: # The array has only 66 elements, so this doesn't work.
      # (There's no element with 66 other elements before it.)
      population_2016 = population_amounts.item(66)
      population 2016
             IndexError
                                                        Traceback (most recent call_
      →last)
             <ipython-input-41-20d13c231c2b> in <module>
               1 # The array has only 66 elements, so this doesn't work.
               2 # (There's no element with 66 other elements before it.)
         ---> 3 population_2016 = population_amounts.item(66)
               4 population_2016
             IndexError: index 66 is out of bounds for axis 0 with size 66
```

Since make_array returns an array, we can call .item(3) on its output to get its 4th element, just like we "chained" together calls to the method replace earlier.

```
[42]: make_array(-1, -3, 4, -2).item(3)
```

[42]: -2

Question 2.2.1. Set population_1973 to the world population in 1973, by getting the appropriate element from population_amounts using item.

BEGIN QUESTION
name: q221

[43]: population_1973 = population_amounts.item(23) #SOLUTION
population_1973

[43]: 3942096442

[44]: # TEST
population_1973

[44]: 3942096442

3.3 2.3. Doing something to every element of an array

Arrays are primarily useful for doing the same operation many times, so we don't often have to use .item and work with single elements.

Logarithms Here is one simple question we might ask about world population:

How big was the population in *orders of magnitude* in each year?

Orders of magnitude quantify how big a number is by representing it as the power of another number (for example, representing 104 as $10^{2.017033}$). One way to do this is by using the logarithm function. The logarithm (base 10) of a number increases by 1 every time we multiply the number by 10. It's like a measure of how many decimal digits the number has, or how big it is in orders of magnitude.

We could try to answer our question like this, using the log10 function from the math module and the item method you just saw:

```
[45]: population_1950_magnitude = math.log10(population_amounts.item(0))
population_1951_magnitude = math.log10(population_amounts.item(1))
population_1952_magnitude = math.log10(population_amounts.item(2))
population_1953_magnitude = math.log10(population_amounts.item(3))
...
```

[45]: Ellipsis

But this is tedious and doesn't really take advantage of the fact that we are using a computer.

Instead, NumPy provides its own version of log10 that takes the logarithm of each element of an array. It takes a single array of numbers as its argument. It returns an array of the same length,

where the first element of the result is the logarithm of the first element of the argument, and so on.

Question 2.3.1. Use np.log10 to compute the logarithms of the world population in every year. Give the result (an array of 66 numbers) the name population_magnitudes. Your code should be very short.

```
BEGIN QUESTION name: q231
```

```
[46]: population_magnitudes = np.log10(population_amounts) #SOLUTION population_magnitudes
```

```
[46]: array([9.40783749, 9.4141273 , 9.42107263, 9.42846742, 9.43619893, 9.44437257, 9.45259897, 9.46110062, 9.4695477 , 9.47722498, 9.48330217, 9.48910971, 9.49694254, 9.50648175, 9.51603288, 9.5251 , 9.53411218, 9.54286695, 9.55173218, 9.56076229, 9.56968959, 9.57867667, 9.58732573, 9.59572724, 9.60385954, 9.61162595, 9.61911264, 9.62655434, 9.63388293, 9.64137633, 9.64849299, 9.6565208 , 9.66413091, 9.67170374, 9.67893421, 9.68632006, 9.69377717, 9.70132621, 9.70880804, 9.7161236 , 9.72336995, 9.73010253, 9.73688521, 9.74337399, 9.74963446, 9.75581413, 9.7618858 , 9.76774733, 9.77343633, 9.77902438, 9.7845154 , 9.78994853, 9.7953249 , 9.80062024, 9.80588805, 9.81110861, 9.81632507, 9.82150788, 9.82666101, 9.83175555, 9.83672482, 9.84161319, 9.84648243, 9.85132122, 9.85604719, 9.8607266 ])
```

What you just did is called *elementwise* application of np.log10, since np.log10 operates separately on each element of the array that it's called on. Here's a picture of what's going on:

The textbook's section on arrays has a useful list of NumPy functions that are designed to work elementwise, like np.log10.

Arithmetic Arithmetic also works elementwise on arrays, meaning that if you perform an arithmetic operation (like subtraction, division, etc) on an array, Python will do the operation to every element of the array individually and return an array of all of the results. For example, you can divide all the population numbers by 1 billion to get numbers in billions:

```
[49]: population_in_billions = population_amounts / 1000000000 population_in_billions
```

```
[49]: array([2.55762865, 2.59493988, 2.63677231, 2.68205339, 2.7302281, 2.78209894, 2.83529967, 2.89134972, 2.94813725, 3.00071659, 3.04300151, 3.08396693, 3.14009322, 3.20982788, 3.28120131, 3.35042579, 3.42067792, 3.49033371, 3.56231382, 3.63715905, 3.71269774, 3.79032695, 3.86656865, 3.94209644, 4.01660881, 4.08908323, 4.16018501, 4.23208458, 4.30410575, 4.37901394, 4.45136274, 4.53441012, 4.61456656, 4.69573674, 4.77456939,
```

```
4.8564627 , 4.94057123, 5.02720049, 5.11455717, 5.20144011, 5.28895593, 5.37158592, 5.45613628, 5.53826832, 5.61868213, 5.69920299, 5.77944059, 5.85797254, 5.93521325, 6.01207492, 6.08857138, 6.16521925, 6.24201635, 6.31859096, 6.39569951, 6.47304473, 6.55126353, 6.62991376, 6.70904978, 6.78821439, 6.86633236, 6.94405558, 7.02234928, 7.10102789, 7.17872289, 7.25649001])
```

You can do the same with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and exponentiation (**). For example, you can calculate a tip on several restaurant bills at once (in this case just 3):

```
[50]: restaurant_bills = make_array(20.12, 39.90, 31.01)
print("Restaurant bills:\t", restaurant_bills)

# Array multiplication
tips = .2 * restaurant_bills
print("Tips:\t\t\t", tips)
```

Restaurant bills: [20.12 39.9 31.01] Tips: [4.024 7.98 6.202]

Question 2.3.2. Suppose the total charge at a restaurant is the original bill plus the tip. If the tip is 20%, that means we can multiply the original bill by 1.2 to get the total charge. Compute the total charge for each bill in restaurant_bills, and assign the resulting array to total_charges.

```
BEGIN QUESTION name: q232
```

```
[51]: total_charges = 1.2 * restaurant_bills #SOLUTION total_charges
```

[51]: array([24.144, 47.88, 37.212])

Question 2.3.3. The array more_restaurant_bills contains 100,000 bills! Compute the total charge for each one. How is your code different?

```
BEGIN QUESTION name: q233
```

```
[54]: more_restaurant_bills = Table.read_table("more_restaurant_bills.csv").

→column("Bill")

more_total_charges = 1.2 * more_restaurant_bills #SOLUTION

more_total_charges
```

```
[54]: array([20.244, 20.892, 12.216, ..., 19.308, 18.336, 35.664])
```

The function sum takes a single array of numbers as its argument. It returns the sum of all the numbers in that array (so it returns a single number, not an array).

Question 2.3.4. What was the sum of all the bills in more_restaurant_bills, including tips?

BEGIN QUESTION name: q234

```
[57]: sum_of_bills = sum(more_total_charges) #SOLUTION sum_of_bills
```

[57]: 1795730.0640000193

Question 2.3.5. The powers of 2 ($2^0 = 1$, $2^1 = 2$, $2^2 = 4$, etc) arise frequently in computer science. (For example, you may have noticed that storage on smartphones or USBs come in powers of 2, like 16 GB, 32 GB, or 64 GB.) Use np.arange and the exponentiation operator ** to compute the first 30 powers of 2, starting from 2^0 .

Hint 1: np.arange(1, 2**30, 1) creates an array with 2³⁰ elements and will crash your kernel.

Hint 2: Part of your solution will involve np.arange, but your array shouldn't have more than 30 elements.

BEGIN QUESTION name: q235

```
[60]: powers_of_2 = 2 ** np.arange(30) #SOLUTION
powers_of_2
```

```
[60]: array([
                       1,
                                    2,
                                                4,
                                                             8,
                                                                        16,
                                                                                     32,
                                              256,
                      64,
                                 128,
                                                          512,
                                                                      1024,
                                                                                  2048,
                    4096,
                                8192,
                                            16384,
                                                        32768,
                                                                     65536,
                                                                                131072,
                  262144,
                              524288,
                                          1048576,
                                                      2097152,
                                                                  4194304,
                                                                               8388608,
                16777216,
                            33554432,
                                        67108864, 134217728, 268435456, 536870912],
             dtype=int32)
```

3.4 3. Creating Tables

An array is useful for describing a single attribute of each element in a collection. For example, let's say our collection is all US States. Then an array could describe the land area of each state.

Tables extend this idea by containing multiple arrays, each one describing a different attribute for every element of a collection. In this way, tables allow us to not only store data about many entities but to also contain several kinds of data about each entity.

For example, in the cell below we have two arrays. The first one, population_amounts, was defined above in section 2.2 and contains the world population in each year (estimated by the US Census Bureau). The second array, years, contains the years themselves. These elements are in order, so the year and the world population for that year have the same index in their corresponding arrays.

```
[62]: # Just run this cell

years = np.arange(1950, 2015+1)
print("Population column:", population_amounts)
print("Years column:", years)
```

```
Population column: [2557628654 2594939877 2636772306 2682053389 2730228104
2782098943
 2835299673 2891349717 2948137248 3000716593 3043001508 3083966929
 3140093217 3209827882 3281201306 3350425793 3420677923 3490333715
 3562313822 3637159050 3712697742 3790326948 3866568653 3942096442
 4016608813 4089083233 4160185010 4232084578 4304105753 4379013942
 4451362735 4534410125 4614566561 4695736743 4774569391 4856462699
 4940571232 5027200492 5114557167 5201440110 5288955934 5371585922
 5456136278 5538268316 5618682132 5699202985 5779440593 5857972543
 5935213248 6012074922 6088571383 6165219247 6242016348 6318590956
 6395699509 6473044732 6551263534 6629913759 6709049780 6788214394
 6866332358 6944055583 7022349283 7101027895 7178722893 7256490011]
Years column: [1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962
1963
 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977
 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991
 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005
 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015]
```

Suppose we want to answer this question:

In which year did the world's population cross 6 billion?

You could technically answer this question just from staring at the arrays, but it's a bit convoluted, since you would have to count the position where the population first crossed 6 billion, then find the corresponding element in the years array. In cases like these, it might be easier to put the data into a *Table*, a 2-dimensional type of dataset.

The expression below:

- creates an empty table using the expression Table(),
- adds two columns by calling with_columns with four arguments,
- assigns the result to the name population, and finally
- evaluates population so that we can see the table.

The strings "Year" and "Population" are column labels that we have chosen. The names population_amounts and years were assigned above to two arrays of the same length. The function with_columns (you can find the documentation here) takes in alternating strings (to represent column labels) and arrays (representing the data in those columns). The strings and arrays are separated by commas.

```
[63]: Population | Year
2557628654 | 1950
2594939877 | 1951
```

```
2636772306 | 1952

2682053389 | 1953

2730228104 | 1954

2782098943 | 1955

2835299673 | 1956

2891349717 | 1957

2948137248 | 1958

3000716593 | 1959

... (56 rows omitted)
```

Now the data is combined into a single table! It's much easier to parse this data. If you need to know what the population was in 1959, for example, you can tell from a single glance.

Question 3.1. In the cell below, we've created 2 arrays. Using the steps above, assign top_10_movies to a table that has two columns called "Rating" and "Name", which hold top_10_movie_ratings and top_10_movie_names respectively.

```
BEGIN QUESTION name: q31
```

```
top_10_movie_names = make_array(
            'The Shawshank Redemption (1994)',
            'The Godfather (1972)',
            'The Godfather: Part II (1974)',
            'Pulp Fiction (1994)',
            "Schindler's List (1993)",
            'The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003)',
            '12 Angry Men (1957)',
            'The Dark Knight (2008)',
            'Il buono, il brutto, il cattivo (1966)',
            'The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001)')
     top_10_movies = Table().with_columns("Rating", top_10_movie_ratings, "Name", __
      →top_10_movie_names) #SOLUTION
     # We've put this next line here
     # so your table will get printed out
     # when you run this cell.
     top_10_movies
```

```
[64]: Rating | Name
9.2 | The Shawshank Redemption (1994)
9.2 | The Godfather (1972)
9 | The Godfather: Part II (1974)
8.9 | Pulp Fiction (1994)
8.9 | Schindler's List (1993)
```

```
8.9 | The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003)
8.9 | 12 Angry Men (1957)
8.9 | The Dark Knight (2008)
8.9 | Il buono, il brutto, il cattivo (1966)
8.8 | The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001)
```

Loading a table from a file In most cases, we aren't going to go through the trouble of typing in all the data manually. Instead, we load them in from an external source, like a data file. There are many formats for data files, but CSV ("comma-separated values") is the most common.

Table.read_table(...) takes one argument (a path to a data file in string format) and returns a table.

Question 3.2. imdb.csv contains a table of information about the 250 highest-rated movies on IMDb. Load it as a table called imdb.

(You may remember working with this table in Lab 2!)

```
BEGIN QUESTION name: q32
```

```
[69]: imdb = Table.read_table('imdb.csv') #SOLUTION
imdb
```

```
[69]: Votes
            | Rating | Title
                                                | Year | Decade
             18.4
                                                | 1931 | 1930
      88355
                      l M
      132823 | 8.3
                       | Singin' in the Rain
                                                | 1952 | 1950
                      | All About Eve
      74178 | 8.3
                                                | 1950 | 1950
      635139 | 8.6
                      l Léon
                                                | 1994 | 1990
      145514 | 8.2
                      | The Elephant Man
                                                | 1980 | 1980
      425461 | 8.3
                      | Full Metal Jacket
                                                | 1987 | 1980
      441174 | 8.1
                      | Gone Girl
                                                | 2014 | 2010
      850601 | 8.3
                       | Batman Begins
                                                | 2005 | 2000
      37664 | 8.2
                       | Judgment at Nuremberg | 1961 | 1960
      46987 | 8
                       | Relatos salvajes
                                                | 2014 | 2010
      ... (240 rows omitted)
```

Where did imdb.csv come from? Take a look at this lab's folder. You should see a file called imdb.csv.

Open up the imdb.csv file in that folder and look at the format. What do you notice? The .csv filename ending says that this file is in the CSV (comma-separated value) format.

3.5 4. More Table Operations!

Now that you've worked with arrays, let's add a few more methods to the list of table operations that you saw in Lab 2.

3.5.1 column

column takes the column name of a table (in string format) as its argument and returns the values in that column as an **array**.

```
[73]: # Returns an array of movie names top_10_movies.column('Name')
```

3.5.2 take

The table method take takes as its argument an array of numbers. Each number should be the index of a row in the table. It returns a **new table** with only those rows.

You'll usually want to use take in conjunction with np. arange to take the first few rows of a table.

```
[74]: # Take first 5 movies of top_10_movies top_10_movies.take(np.arange(0, 5, 1))
```

```
[74]: Rating | Name
9.2 | The Shawshank Redemption (1994)
9.2 | The Godfather (1972)
9 | The Godfather: Part II (1974)
8.9 | Pulp Fiction (1994)
8.9 | Schindler's List (1993)
```

The next three questions will give you practice with combining the operations you've learned in this lab and the previous one to answer questions about the population and imdb tables. First, check out the population table from section 2.

```
[75]: # Run this cell to display the population table.
population
```

```
[75]: Population | Year

2557628654 | 1950

2594939877 | 1951

2636772306 | 1952

2682053389 | 1953

2730228104 | 1954

2782098943 | 1955
```

```
2835299673 | 1956
2891349717 | 1957
2948137248 | 1958
3000716593 | 1959
... (56 rows omitted)
```

Question 4.1. Check out the population table from section 2 of this lab. Compute the year when the world population first went above 6 billion. Assign the year to year_population_crossed_6_billion.

```
BEGIN QUESTION

name: q41

[76]: year_population_crossed_6_billion = population.where('Population', are.

-above_or_equal_to(6*10**9)).column('Year').item(0) #SOLUTION

year_population_crossed_6_billion
```

[76]: 1999

Question 4.2. Find the average rating for movies released before the year 2000 and the average rating for movies released in the year 2000 or after for the movies in imdb.

Hint: Think of the steps you need to do (take the average, find the ratings, find movies released in 20th/21st centuries), and try to put them in an order that makes sense.

```
BEGIN QUESTION name: q42
```

```
[79]: before_2000 = np.mean(imdb.where('Year', are.below(2000)).column('Rating'))

→#SOLUTION

after_or_in_2000 = np.mean(imdb.where('Year', are.above_or_equal_to(2000)).

→column('Rating')) #SOLUTION

print("Average before 2000 rating:", before_2000)

print("Average after or in 2000 rating:", after_or_in_2000)
```

Average before 2000 rating: 8.278362573099415 Average after or in 2000 rating: 8.237974683544303

Question 4.3. Here's a challenge: Find the number of movies that came out in even years.

Hint: The operator % computes the remainder when dividing by a number. So 5 % 2 is 1 and 6 % 2 is 0. A number is even if the remainder is 0 when you divide by 2.

Hint 2: % can be used on arrays, operating elementwise like + or *. So make_array(5, 6, 7) % 2 is array([1, 0, 1]).

Hint 3: Create a column called "Year Remainder" that's the remainder when each movie's release year is divided by 2. Make a copy of imdb that includes that column (imdb.with_column(...) returns a new table). Then use where to find rows where that new column is equal to 0. Then use num rows to count the number of such rows.

Note: These steps can be chained in one single statement, or broken up across several lines with intermediate names assigned. You're always welcome to break down problems however you wish!

BEGIN QUESTION name: q43

```
[82]: # BEGIN SOLUTION NO PROMPT

# You could first create a new table with the "Year Remainder" column and then
→reduce its size and find its number of rows on a new line.

# You could also use the "Year" column as an array and apply the % operator on
→it, and then compare the array with 0 and finally count the number of Trues
→that result from the comparison.

# END SOLUTION

num_even_year_movies = imdb.with_column("Year Remainder", imdb.column("Year") %
→2).where("Year Remainder", are.equal_to(0)).num_rows # SOLUTION

num_even_year_movies
```

[82]: 127

Congratulations, you're done with lab 3! Be sure to - run all the tests (the next cell has a shortcut for that), - Save and Checkpoint from the File menu, - run the last cell to submit your work, - and ask one of the staff members to check you off.

```
[]: # For your convenience, you can run this cell to run all the tests at once!
import os
_ = [ok.grade(q[:-3]) for q in os.listdir("tests") if q.startswith('q')]
_ = ok.submit()
```

```
[ ]: _ = ok.submit()
```