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Programming in Python¹

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Lecture XVII: NumPy arrays



Don't remove, select

In general you don't remove elements but select them. Be careful: if you don't make an explicit `copy` you get a “view” and possibly side-effects.

```
>>> a = np.ones((2,3))
>>> a
array([[1., 1., 1.],
       [1., 1., 1.]])
>>> x = a[:, 1]
>>> x
array([1., 1.])
>>> x[0] = 0
>>> x
array([0., 1.])
>>> a
array([[1., 0., 1.],
       [1., 1., 1.]])
```

```
>>> x = a[:, 1].copy()
>>> x[1] = 100
>>> x
array([ 0., 100.])
>>> a
array([[1., 0., 1.],
       [1., 1., 1.]])
```

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`a = np.arange(1, 6)`

1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4

`a[1]`

2

`a[2:4]`

3	4
---	---

`a[-2:]`

4	5
---	---

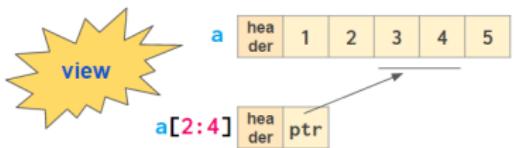
`a[::-2]`

1	3	5
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`a[[1,3,4]]`

2	4	5
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"fancy indexing"



`a[2:4] = 0`



Picture from "NumPy Illustrated: The Visual Guide to NumPy", highly recommended



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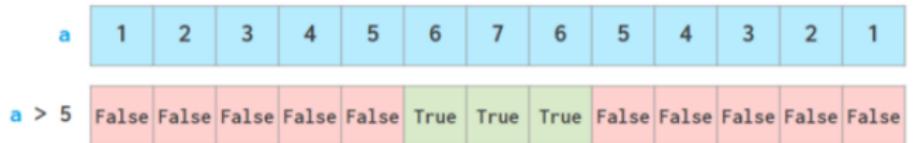
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`np.any(a > 5)`

True

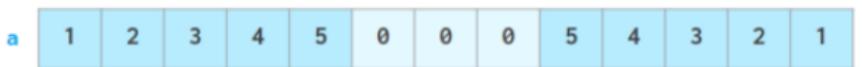
`a[a > 5]`

6	7	6
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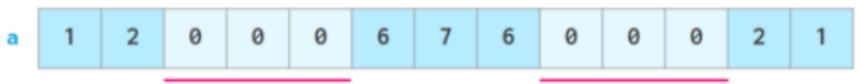
`np.all(a > 5)`

False

`a[a > 5] = 0`



`a[(a >= 3) & (a <= 5)] = 0`



& and
| or
^ xor
~ not

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Warning! Assignment works differently from lists

```
>>> np = np.array([1,2,3,4,5])
>>> lst = [1,2,3,4,5]
>>> np[2:4] = 0
>>> np
array([1, 2, 0, 0, 5])
>>> lst[2:4] = 0 # Error!
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: can only assign an iterable
>>> lst[2:4] = [0,0]
>>> lst
[1, 2, 0, 0, 5]
>>> lst[2:4] = [0,0,0]
>>> lst
[1, 2, 0, 0, 0, 5]
>>> np[2:4] = [0,0]
>>> np[2:4] = [0,0,0] # Error!
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ValueError: could not broadcast input array from shape (3,) into
→ shape (2,)
```

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The highest power: vectorization

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Most of the basic mathematical function are **vectorized**: no need for loops! This is both convenient and faster!

```
>>> a = np.array([1,2,3,4])
>>> a + 1
array([2, 3, 4, 5])
>>> a ** 2
array([ 1,  4,  9, 16])
>>> np.exp(a)
array([ 2.71828183,  7.3890561 , 20.08553692,
       54.59815003])
```



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On arrays you have many “aggregate” operations.

```
>>> a  
array([1, 2, 3, 4])  
>>> a.sum()  
10  
>>> a.max()  
4  
>>> a.argmin()  
0  
>>> a.mean()  
2.5
```

Remember to look at `dir` or the online documentation.