ENGG1811 Computing for Engineers

Week 7B: numpy elementwise arithmetic operations

Topic to be covered

• Elementwise arithmetic operations

Arithmetic operators

- You can use +, -, *, /, ** on two numpy arrays
 - They perform elementwise operations
 - See the next two slides for illustration
- The shapes of these arrays are required to be **compatible**.
- We will first consider the case where both arrays have the same shape
 - Code in numpy_arith_1.py

Elementwise multiplication

array_mul = array1 * array2 # NOT matrix multiplication

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Elementwise division

array_div = array1 / array2

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Example on using elementwise arithmetic operations (1)

- You work in a company and every day you take product samples to determine their quality. The results on Monday were:
 - 16 devices passed
 - 4 devices failed
- You can calculate the percentage of devices passing the test by



numpy_arith_1_example.py

Example on using elementwise arithmetic operations (2)

 You store the test results for Monday to Wednesday in two arrays



num_devices_passed = np.array([16, 28, 35])
num_devices_failed = np.array([4, 2, 5])

• You can compute the percentages of devices passing the tests over Mon-Wed by:



Discussion

• Observation: We can use **the same** Python expression for scalar and array computations

```
percentage_passed = \
```

num_devices_passed / (num_devices_passed + num_devices_failed)

- That's why elementwise computation is useful!
- However, some method of storing data will make using elementwise computation difficult



• Forum exercise: Use 2-D array

More on numpy arithmetic operators

- You have seen that you can use the numpy arithmetic operators on two arrays of the same shape
- You can also use the numpy arithmetic operators on two arrays when
 - One array is a scalar
 - The other is a numpy array of any shape
- Let us look at the examples in numpy_arith_2.py

Elementwise division: an array and a scalar

```
array_div_1 = array1 / 2.0
array([[-1.6 , 0.5 , 0.25, 2.9 ],
      [ 3. , -2. , 3.1 , 3.55],
      [ 1.9 , 2.5 , 1.35, 1.85]])
```

```
array_div_2 = 2.0 / array1
array([[-0.625, 2., 4., 0.345],
      [ 0.333, -0.5, 0.322, 0.282],
      [ 0.526, 0.4, 0.741, 0.541]])
```

Exercise: Obtaining an array from another array

 If you drop an object from a height of h0 and if the air resistance is small, then the height of the object at time t is

$$h0 - 0.5 * g * t^2$$

where g is the acceleration due to gravity

- Assume g = 9.81. Let h0 = 1000.
- Given: time_array = np.array([0, 2, 4, 6, 8])
- Determine the height of the objects at the time instants in time array and store the results in an array
 - Hint: Next page



Mathematical functions

- The numpy mathematical functions are documented here:
 - <u>https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/routines.math.html</u>
- Example: sin, cos, asin, log, exp, sqrt, absolute
- Notes:
 - You need to append the library name, say you import numpy as np, then np.cos etc.
 - They are different to those in the math library
 - They are elementwise operation. The output is an array of the same size as input and the operation is applied to each element (illustrated on the next slide)
- Code in numpy_math_func.py

Elementwise operation



Summary

- Numpy elementwise operations
- Main application:
 - To produce a new array from the given arrays
- Elementwise operations allow you to use the same Python expression for scalars as well as for arrays
- You used loops to create a new list from an existing list. In numpy, loops are not necessary.