



Arrays

- The core data structure in `numpy` is the array. Moving forward, "array" will always refer to a `numpy` array.
- One way to instantiate an array is to pass a list as an argument to the function `np.array`.

```
In [14]: 1 np.array(4, 9, 1, 2)
```

```
-----  
TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
Cell In[14], line 1  
----> 1 np.array(4, 9, 1, 2)  
  
TypeError: array() takes from 1 to 2 positional arguments but 4 were given
```

most important
parts are
at the
bottom!

```
In [13]: 1 np.array([4, 9, 1, 2])
```

```
Out[13]: array([4, 9, 1, 2])
```



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```

- Arrays, unlike lists, must be **homogenous** – all elements must be of the

```
In [16]: 1 np.array(['hello', 'hi', 'michigan'])
```

```
Out[16]: array(['hello', 'hi', 'michigan'], dtype='<U8')
```

strings up to
length 8

```
In [17]: 1 np.array(['hi'])
```

```
Out[17]: array(['hi'], dtype='<U2')
```

strings up to
length 2

```
In [15]: 1 # All elements are converted to strings!  
2 np.array(['hello', 2025])
```

```
Out[15]: array(['hello', '2025'], dtype='<U21')
```

also often say these operations are **vectorized**.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} * 1.6 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1.6 \\ 1.6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.6 \\ 3.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
In [18]: 1 temps = [68, 72, 65, 64, 62, 61, 59, 64, 64, 63, 65, 62]
          2 temps
```

```
Out[18]: [68, 72, 65, 64, 62, 61, 59, 64, 64, 63, 65, 62]
```

```
In [ ]: 1 temp_array = np.array(temps)
```

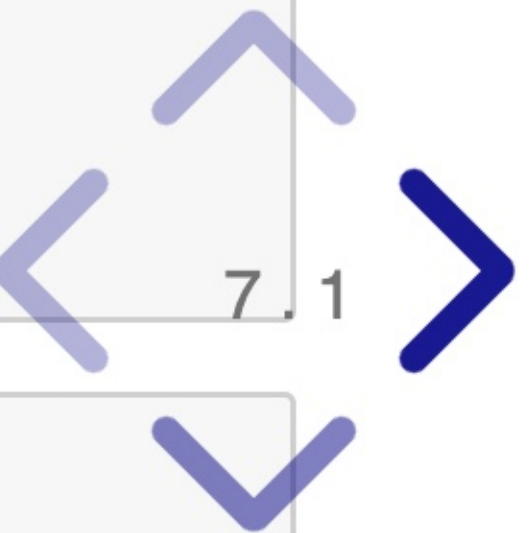
no [] !

```
In [ ]: 1 # Increase all temperatures by 3 degrees.
          2 ...
```

temps is
already a
list.

```
In [ ]: 1 # Halve all temperatures.
          2 ...
```

```
In [ ]: 1 # Convert all temperatures to Celsius
```



operations are much quicker than if we used a vanilla Python `for`-loop.

Also, the fact that arrays must be homogenous lend themselves to more efficient representations in memory.

- We can time code in a Jupyter Notebook. Let's try and square a long sequence of integers and see how long it takes with a Python loop:

In [36]:

```
1 %%timeit
2 squares = []
3 for i in range(1_000_000):
4     squares.append(i * i)
```

31.3 ms ± 639 µs per loop (mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 10 loops each)

- In vanilla Python, this takes about 0.03 seconds per loop.

In `numpy`:

30x speedup!

In [37]:

```
1 %%timeit
2 squares = np.arange(1_000_000) ** 2
```

1.2 ms ± 28.6 µs per loop (mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 1,000 loops each)

- We can apply arithmetic operations to multiple arrays, provided they have the same length.
- The result is computed **element-wise**, which means that the arithmetic operation is applied to one pair of elements from each array at a time.

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array} - \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array} * \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array} / \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

```
In [38]: 1 a = np.array([4, 5, -1])
         2 b = np.array([2, 3, 2])
```

```
In [39]: 1 a + b
```

```
Out[39]: array([6, 8, 1])
```

```
In [40]: 1 a / b
```

```
Out[40]: array([ 2.  ,  1.67, -0.5 ])
```

```
In [41]: 1 a ** 2 + b ** 2
```

```
Out[41]: array([20, 34,  5])
```



Array methods

- Arrays come equipped with several handy methods; some examples are below, but you can read about them all [here](#).

```
In [44]: 1 arr = np.array([3, 8, 4, -3.2])
```

```
In [45]: 1 arr.mean()
```

```
Out[45]: 2.95
```

```
In [46]: 1 arr.sum()
```

```
Out[46]: 11.8
```

```
In [47]: 1 arr.max()
```

```
Out[47]: 8.0
```

```
In [48]: 1 arr.argmax()
```

```
Out[48]: 1
```

```
In [ ]: 1 ...
```

```
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2 ...
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```

```
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```

```
In [55]: 1 (arr ** 2 + 2 * arr + np.log1p(arr ** 2)).min()
```

```
Out[55]: 6.259478844465547
```

one array.

```
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2 ...
```



Activity

🎉 Congrats! 🎉 You won the lottery 💰. Here's how your payout works: on the first day of September, you are paid \$0.01. Every day thereafter, your pay doubles, so on the second day you're paid \$0.02, on the third day you're paid \$0.04, on the fourth day you're paid \$0.08, and so on.

September has 30 days.

Write a **one-line expression** that uses the numbers `2` and `30`, along with the function `np.arange` and at least one array method, that computes the total amount **in dollars** you will be paid in September. No `for`-loops or list comprehensions allowed!

We have a [walkthrough video](#) of this problem (also posted on the course website under "🎥 videos" for Lecture 3), but don't watch it until you've tried it yourself!

```
In [62]: 1 np.arange(30)
```

```
Out[62]: array([ 0,  1,  2, ..., 27, 28, 29])
```

```
In [ ]: 1
```

```
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```

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```

```
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```

$$2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4 + \dots + 2^{29}$$



Boolean filtering

- Comparisons with arrays yield **Boolean** arrays! These can be used to answer questions about the values in an array.

```
In [67]: 1 temp_array
```

```
Out[67]: array([20.  , 22.22, 18.33, 17.78, 16.67, 16.11, 15.  , 17.78, 17.78,
               17.22, 18.33, 16.67])
```

```
In [69]: 1 temp_array >= 18
```

```
Out[69]: array([ True,  True,  True, False, False, False, False, False, False,
               False,  True, False])
```

- How many values are greater than or equal to 18?

```
In [70]: 1 (temp_array >= 18).sum()
```

```
Out[70]: 4
```

```
In [ ]: 1 ...
```



```
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```
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```

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```

- What fraction of values are greater than or equal to 18?

```
In [72]: 1 (temp_array >= 18).mean()
```

```
Out[72]: 0.3333333333333333
```

$$\text{mean} = \frac{\text{sum}}{n} = \frac{\# \text{ true}}{\# \text{ total}}$$

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```
In [74]: 1 temp_array
```

Out[74]: array([20. , 22.22, 18.33, 17.78, 16.67, 16.11, 15. , 17.78, 17.78,
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Out[75]: array([True, True, True, False, False, False, False, False, False,
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```
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```

Out[73]: array([20. , 22.22, 18.33, 18.33])

treats boolean array
as mask

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Note: & and | vs. and and or

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True True False

```
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```

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- But, when taking the **element-wise** and/or of two arrays, the standard operators don't work. Instead, use the **bitwise** operators: `&` for "and", `|` for "or".

```
In [81]: 1 temp_array
```

```
Out[81]: array([20.  , 22.22, 18.33, 17.78, 16.67, 16.11, 15.  , 17.78, 17.78,  
              17.22, 18.33, 16.67])
```

```
In [82]: 1 # Don't forget parentheses when using multiple conditions!  
        2 temp_array[(temp_array % 2 == 0) | (temp_array == temp_array.min())]
```

```
Out[82]: array([20., 15.])
```

or .

Out[83]: array([[5, 1, 9, 7],
[9, 8, 2, 3],
[2, 5, 0, 4]])

In [84]: 1 # *nums* has 3 rows and 4 columns.
2 `nums.shape`

Out[84]: (3, 4)

- In addition to creating 2D arrays from scratch, we can also create 2D arrays by *reshaping* other arrays.

In [87]: 1 `nums`

Out[87]: array([[5, 1, 9, 7],
[9, 8, 2, 3],
[2, 5, 0, 4]])

In [86]: 1 `nums.reshape((2, 6))`

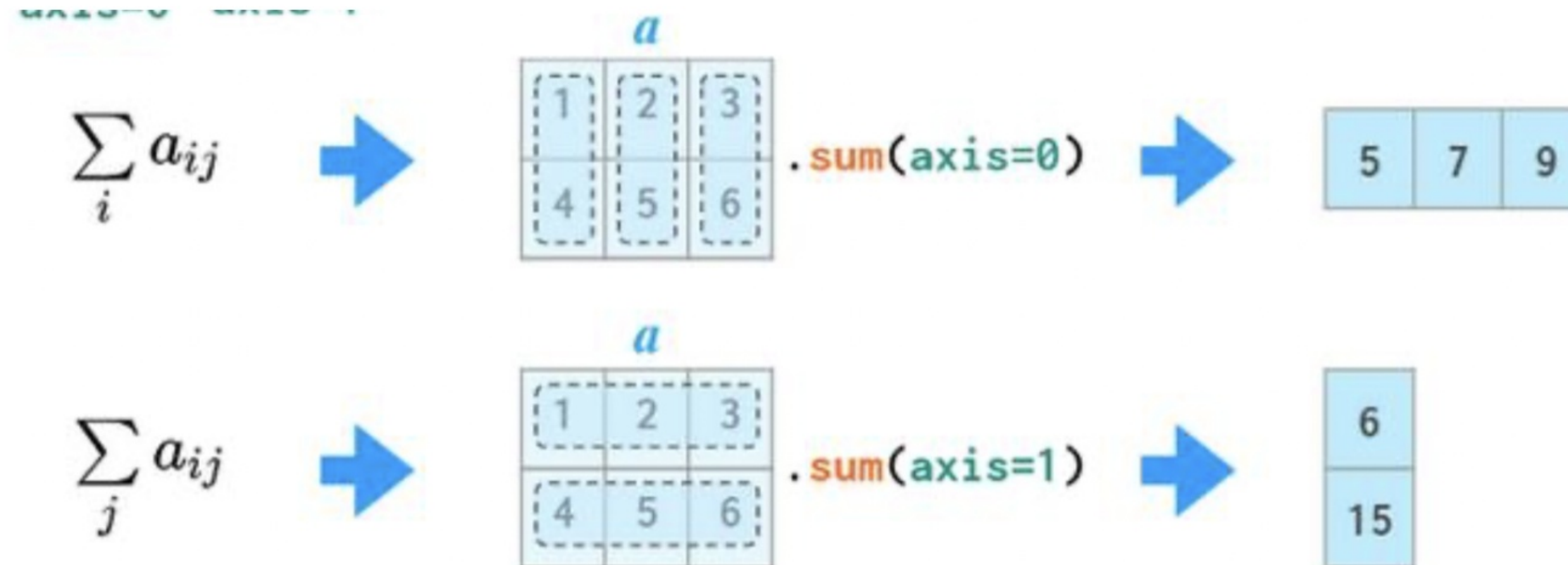
Out[86]: array([[5, 1, 9, 7, 9, 8],
[2, 3, 2, 5, 0, 4]])

reshape to 2 rows,
6 columns.

In []: 1

In []: 1

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```
In [89]: 1 a = np.arange(1, 7).reshape((2, 3))
         2 a
```

```
Out[89]: array([[1, 2, 3],
               [4, 5, 6]])
```

- If we specify `axis=0`, `a.sum` will "compress" along axis 0.

```
In [90]: 1 a.sum(axis=0)
```

```
Out[90]: array([5, 7, 9])
```

sum of columns

- If we specify `axis=1`, `a.sum` will "compress" along axis 1.

```
In [91]: 1 a.sum(axis=1)
```

```
Out[91]: array([ 6, 15])
```

sum of rows

- You can use `[ square brackets ]` to **slice** rows and columns out of an array, too.

- The general convention is:

`array[<row positions>, <column positions>]`

In [94]:

```
1 a
```

Out[94]: `array([[1, 2, 3],
[4, 5, 6]])`

In [95]:

```
1 # Accesses row 0 and all columns.  
2 a[0, 1]
```

Out[95]: `2`

In [98]:

```
1 a[0, :]
```

Out[98]: `array([1, 2, 3])`

In [99]:

```
1 a[0]
```

Out[99]: `array([1, 2, 3])`

In [100]:

```
1 a[:, 1]
```

Out[100]: `array([2, 5])`





Activity

Suppose we run the cell below.

```
s = (5, 3)
grid = np.ones(s) * 2 * np.arange(1, 16).reshape(s)
grid[-1, 1:].sum()
```

5 rows,
3 columns

58

What is the output of the cell? Try and answer without writing any code. See the annotated slides for the solution.

In []: 1

In []: 1

grid = 2 x

2 x [14, 15] → [28 30]
→ [58]

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15

row -1,
cols 1, 2

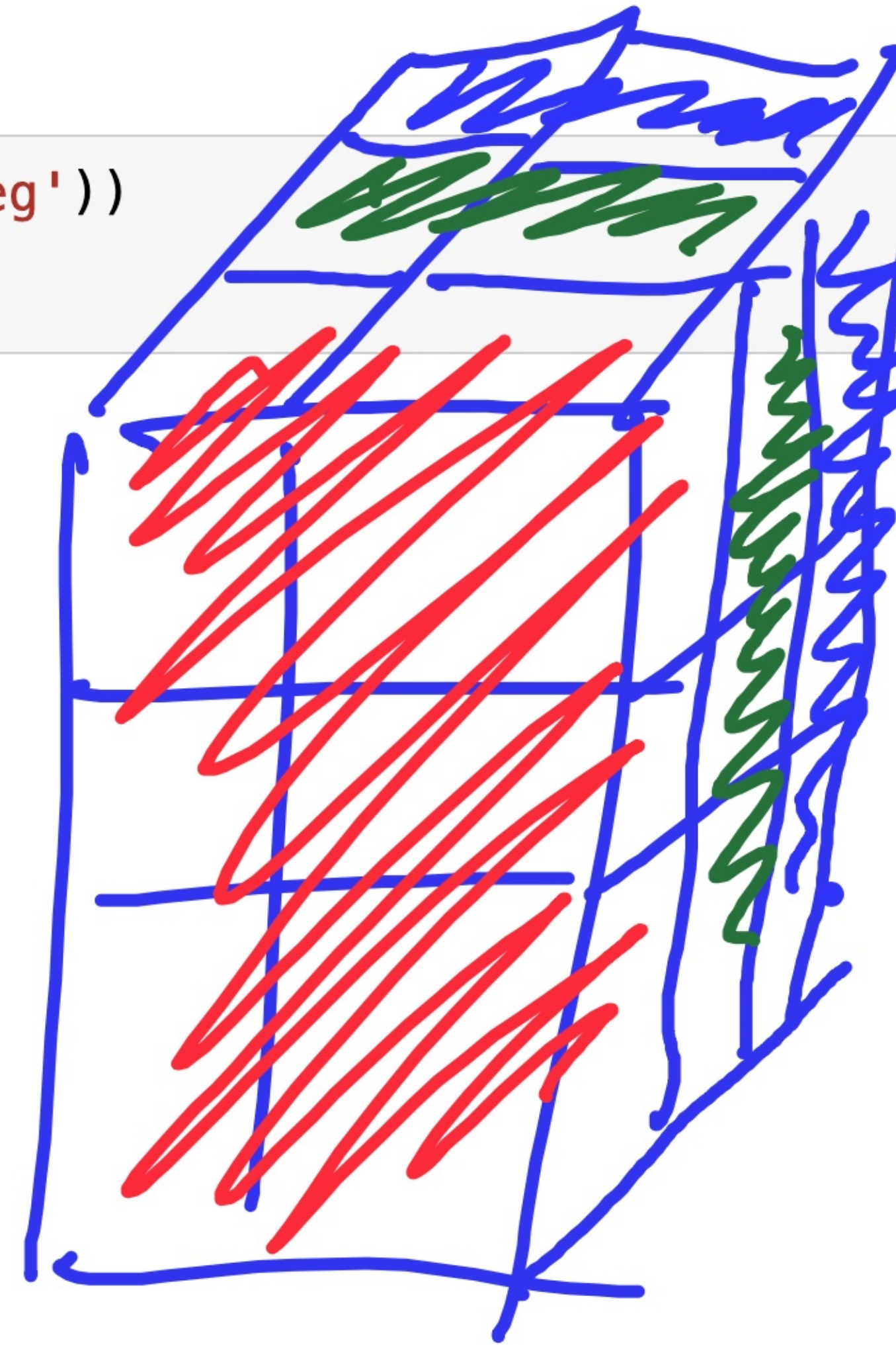


value, green value, and blue value. Each of these can vary from 0 (least intensity) to 255 (most intensity).

Experiment with RGB colors [here](#).

```
In [102]: 1 img = np.asarray(Image.open('imgs/junior.jpeg'))  
          2 img
```

```
Out[102]: array([[ 98,  62,  46],  
                 [ 89,  56,  39],  
                 [ 88,  56,  41],  
                 ...,  
                 [123,  78,  59],  
                 [125,  78,  60],  
                 [128,  81,  63]],  
               [[ 96,  60,  44],  
                 [ 89,  56,  39],  
                 [ 89,  57,  42],  
                 ...,  
                 [124,  79,  60],  
                 [125,  78,  60],  
                 [127,  80,  62]],  
               [[ 94,  58,  42],  
                 [ 89,  56,  39],  
                 [ 89,  57,  42],  
                 ...,  
                 [125,  78,  60],  
                 [125,  78,  60],  
                 [126,  79,  61]],  
               ...,  
               [[ 89,  50,  11],  
                 [ 85,  46,   7],  
                 [ 81,  42,   3],
```



Matrix multiplication

- In the coming weeks, we'll start to rely more and more on tools from linear algebra.

You'll need this in Homework 2!

- Suppose the matrix A and vectors $\vec{x}$ and $\vec{y}$ are defined as follows:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} \quad \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 1}$$

```
In [ ]: 1 A = np.array([[2, -5, 1],  
2               [0, 3, 2]])  
3 x = np.array([[1],  
4               [-1],  
5               [4]])  
6 y = np.array([[3],  
7               [-2]])
```

$[1, -1, 4]$

$(3, 1)$

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```
In [115]: 1 A = np.array([[2, -5, 1],
2               [0, 3, 2]])
3 x = np.array([[1],
4               [-1],
5               [4]])
6 y = np.array([[3],
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```

- We can use `numpy` to compute various quantities involving A , $\vec{x}$, and $\vec{y}$.

For instance, what is the result of the product $A\vec{x}$?

See the annotated slides for the math worked out.

$$(2)(1) + (-5)(-1) + 1(4) = 2 + 5 + 4 = 11$$

```
In [116]: 1 A @ x
Out[116]: array([[11],
                [ 5]])
```

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```
In [115]: 1 A = np.array([[2, -5, 1],
2               [0, 3, 2]])
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4               [-1],
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```
In [118]: 1 A * y
```

```
Out[118]: array([[ 6, -15,  3],
                 [ 0, -6, -4]])
```

not matrix multiplication!

- The sequence of Fibonacci numbers,

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, ...

can be computed using matrix multiplication!

- It can be shown (with induction!) that if $f_1 = 1, f_2 = 1$, and $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}, n \geq 2$, then:

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{n+1} & f_n \\ f_n & f_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n$$

```
In [125]: 1 fib = np.array([[1, 1],  
2                        [1, 0]])
```

```
In [128]: 1 fib ** 8
```

```
Out[128]: array([[1, 1],  
                [1, 0]])
```

```
In [127]: 1 np.linalg.matrix_power(fib, 8)
```

```
Out[127]: array([[34, 21],  
                [21, 13]])
```

not the same!



Random sampling

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By default, this is done **with** replacement, but it can be done without replacement, too.

```
In [227]: 1 unique_names = np.unique(np.load('data/sp25-names.npy', allow_pickle=True))  
          2 unique_names
```

```
Out[227]: array(['Abhinav', 'Alvin', 'Andrew', ..., 'Toby', 'Trent', 'Yu'],  
               dtype=object)
```

```
In [233]: 1 (unique_names == 'Suraj').sum()
```

```
Out[233]: 1
```

```
In [232]: 1 np.random.choice(unique_names, 5)
```

```
Out[232]: array(['Suraj', 'Suraj', 'Andrew', 'Andrew', 'Abhinav'], dtype=object)
```

```
In [ ]: 1 ...
```

by default,
sample WITH
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```

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```

```
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```

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Example: Coin flipping

- **Question:** What is the probability that I see between 40 and 50 heads, inclusive, when I flip a fair coin 100 times?
- To estimate this probability, we need to:
 - Flip 100 fair coins and write down the number of heads,
 - and repeat that process many, many times.

```
In [291]: 1 np.random.multinomial(100, [0.5, 0.5])
```

```
Out[291]: array([50, 50])
```

```
In [292]: 1 np.random.multinomial(100, [0.5, 0.5], 100_000)
```

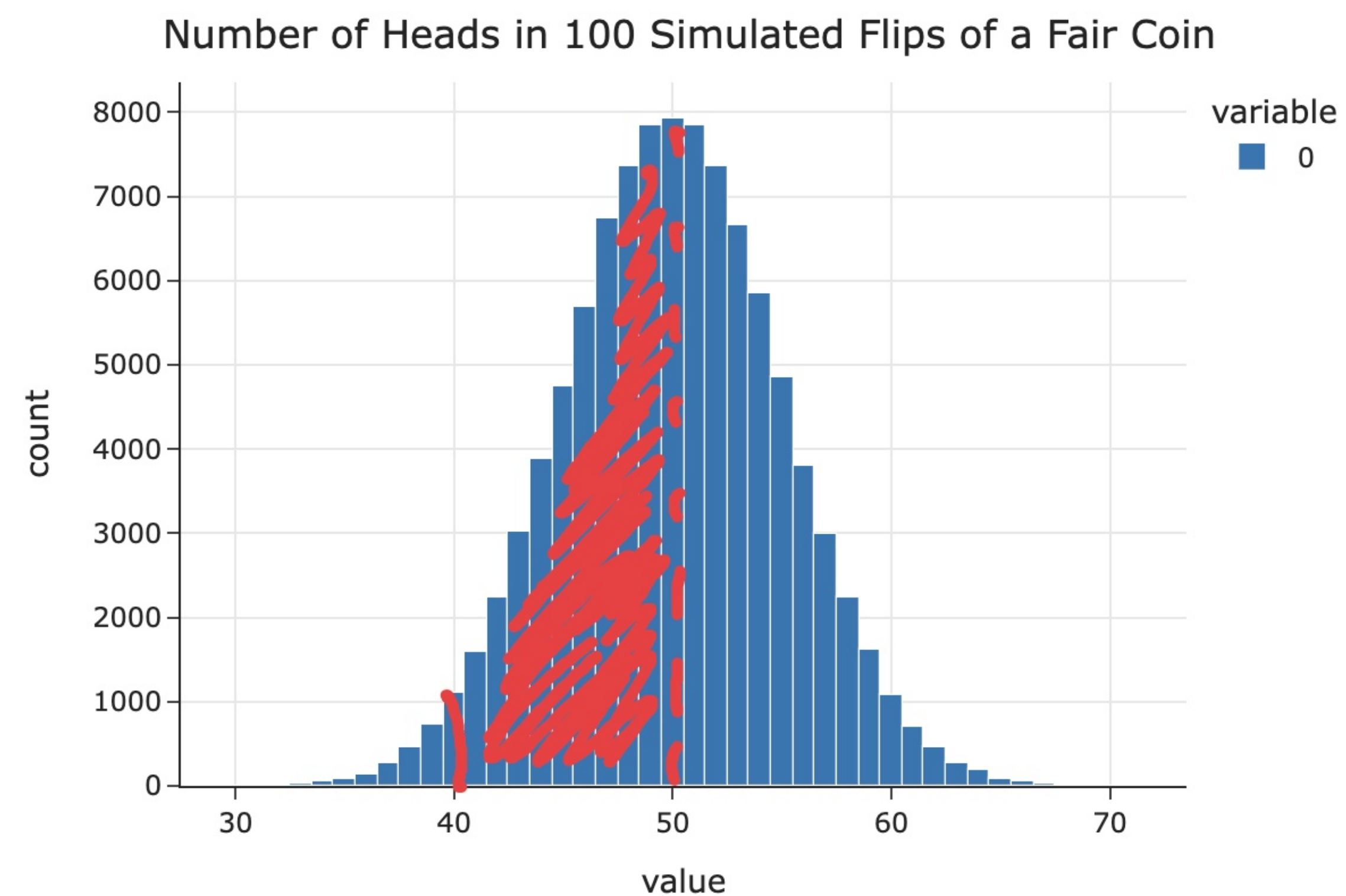
```
Out[292]: array([[43, 57],  
                [50, 50],  
                [53, 47],  
                ...,  
                [54, 46],  
                [55, 45],  
                [55, 45]])
```

10 million coins flipped!!!

```
In [ ]: 1 # outcomes is an array with 100,000 elements,  
        2 # each of which is the number of heads in 100 simulated flips of a fair coin.  
        3 outcomes = ...  
        4 outcomes
```

Estimating a probability from empirical results

```
In [301]: 1 px.histogram(outcomes, title='Number of Heads in 100 Simulated Flips of a Fair Coin')
```

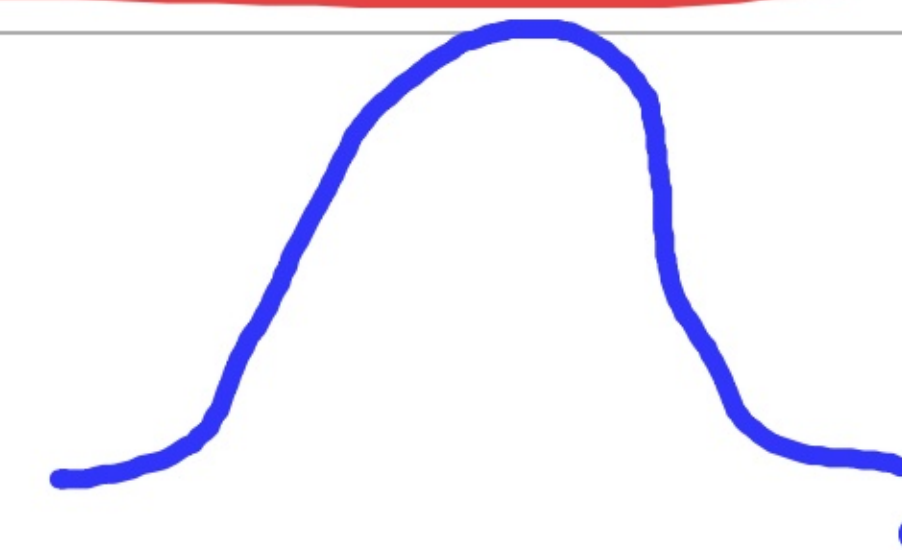


$$P(40 \leq \text{heads} \leq 50)$$

area



area





Example: Airplane seats ✈️

- A **permutation** of a sequence is a reshuffling of its elements.
`np.random.permutation` returns a permutation of the specified sequence.
- Suppose a flight on Wolverine Airlines is scheduled for n passengers, all of whom have an assigned seat.
- The airline loses track of seat assignments and everyone sits in a random seat.
What is the probability that *nobody* is in their originally assigned seat?

$$\frac{1}{e}.$$