5. ADVANCED DATA TECHNIQUES

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SCIPY: FUNCTIONS YOU WANT, THE PACKAGE YOU NEED



The Docs: http://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/

L.J. DURSI'S FIRST RULE OF PROGRAMMING

Rule #1: Don't code!

For most common algorithms or problems that exist, there are functions and modules that have been optimized and tested by large groups of people who know what they're doing. Use these rather than programming your own.

Scipy has a lot of these functions and algorithms ready for your use. In this lesson, we'll go through a few of these useful functions.

ORGANIZATION OF PACKAGES



INTERPOLATION

Importing the Functions:

from scipy import interpolate

Basic one-dimensional interpolation:

```
funct1 = interpolate.interp1d(
xvals, yvals, kind='linear', bounds_error=False,
fill_value=np.nan)
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Linear Spline (first order)



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These functions work just as well on 2-D or 3-D arrays as they do on 1-D arrays.









Given an array:

ndimage.gaussian_filter(
arr1, sigma=3.0,
mode='reflect')

The "mode" of the filtering indicates what happens at the edges of the dataset. "Reflect" treats the edges of the domain as the inverse of the dataset.



Given an array:

ndimage.gaussian_filter(
arr1, sigma=3.0,
mode='wrap')

"Wrap" treats the data like a tiled patchwork, with the data repeating itself on either end.



Importing the Functions:

from scipy import integrate

Functions that integrate fixed samples (i.e., numpy arrays):

```
integrate.cumtrapz(...) # Composite trapezoidal
integrate.simps(...) # Simpson's Rule
integrate.romb(...) # Romberg integration
```

Functions that integrate functions:

integrate.quad(...) # General Purpose Integration
integrate.nquad(...) # Multiple Variable
integrate.quadrature(...) # Fixed Tolerance Integration

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This also works when an array isn't evenly spaced. Just make sure to pass an array of x values.

Integrating functions (using quad):

```
# Creating function to integrate:
funct1 = lambda x: x**2
```

Integrating the function over range [min, max]
total, err = integrate.quad(funct1, min, max)

Can integrate from negative infinity to positive infinity through:

total, err = integrate.quad(funct1, -np.inf, np.inf)

STATISTICS

Importing the Functions:

```
from scipy import stats
```

Provides access to a variety of useful functions:

stats.mode(arr1) # Modal Value

```
# Statistical measures
stats.skew(arr1), stats.kurtosis(arr1), ...
```

Trimmed Mean, Standard Deviation
stats.tmean(arr1, limits=[min, max]), stats.tstd(...)

```
# Percentile -> Score
stats.scoreatpercentile(arr1, percentile)
```

```
Importing the Functions:
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```
from scipy import optimize
```

Unlike the other operations, curve fitting is **quite complex**. Consequently, there are a number of different functions and algorithms available to handle any number of situations. **Be sure that the fitting method you're using is doing what you think it is.**

The basic functions you should know about:

optimize.curve_fit(...) # Fit a defined curve to data

Minimized the sum of square of an equation
optimize.leastsq(...)

optimize.minimize(...) # Minimize a function

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Assuming data in arrays named data_x and data_y:

```
# Fitting the data:
param, covar =
optimize.curve_fit(
    funct1, data_x, data_y
)
```



```
OPTIMIZE/FITTING
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We can use the "minimize" function to be more flexible for fitting, minimizing the "least-square" function:

$$\sum (data - model)^2$$

Or if there are errors that you want to weight the fitting by:

$$\sum \left(\frac{data - model}{error}\right)^2$$

Both of these functions are always positive (for real numbers), and minimizing them ensures that you have adopted the best-fit parameters

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funct2 = lambda par:
    np.sum((data_y - funct1(data_x, *par))**2)
```

Or with errors:

```
funct2 = lambda par:
    np.sum(((data_y - funct1(data_x, *par))/err)**2)
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If you have a tuple, list, or array that contains all the parameters you want to pass to a function in order, you can pass it by using the asterisk (*). t1(data_x, *par))**2)

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Notice that the minimizing functions have only one argument, which is a 1-D vector of the required parameters. t1(data_x, *par))**2)

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Piecing this into the minimize_scalar function:

result = optimize.minimize(funct2, x0=initialguess)

The initial guess is an array with the same size as the parameters you want to fit.

This function abstracts a variety of different algorithms with different possible parameters. For instance you can use the following to define bounds for the fitting:

```
result = optimize.minimize(
   funct2, x0=initialguess, method='L-BFGS-B',
   bounds=((0, 5), (0, 2), (0,3))
)
```

Once you have the result, you have lots of information provided to you as a dictionary:

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When fitting, especially this way, check to ensure convergence.

EXERCISE TIME!

Hello from the outside.