

Quick Start wrapnumpy3

Prerequisites

This is a Python 3.x program, so you do need to have Python 3.2 or higher, though the module would probably work ok with Python 3.1. This is a wrapper for numpy, so it expects numpy to be installed with Python 3.x.

At the time of writing, on Linux platforms numpy needs to be installed from a source tar ball, which can be downloaded from pypi: <http://pypi.python.org/pypi>. Currently the package is for numpy 1.6.1. It includes installation instructions. The supporting programs for LAPACK and/or BLAS can be installed from your favourite distribution's binaries. If the installation of Numpy is a problem for you, consider using Matalg. a pure Python 3.x package, which is much slower than Numpy, but is quite usable for small sets of equations, say up to a few dozen equations.

Check Installation

The installation command:

```
sudo setup.py install
```

will probably put wrapnumpy3.py and testMat.py in the following directory on your PC - that's where it was installed on my kubuntu "natty" PC:

```
/usr/local/lib/python3.2/dist-packages/wrapnumpy3/wrapnumpy3.py
```

To check the installation, start python3.2 or higher as follows:

```
python3
```

Check that you have Python3.2 or higher and then quit the Python shell by pressing ctrl+D. Now change to the directory where the test program **testwrap3.py** is (look at wrapnp3-tst subidrectory) and start the program as follows:

```
ak@supremo:/dat/work/py3/wrapnumpy3/wrapnp3-tst$ ./testwrap3.py
This works, if no failures reported...
```

If you see only the messages **This works, if no failures reported...** then **You are indeed ready for the journey**

Try Matrix multiplication

Let us create two smallest matrices, **amat** and **bmat**:

```
>>> from wrapnumpy3 import wrapnumpy3 as _m
>>> Matrix = _m.Matrix
>>> amat = Matrix(2, 2)
>>> bmat = Matrix(2, 2)
```

The two (2 x 2) matrices have zero terms. We can put any numerical values in the terms. For instance

```
>>> amat[0, 0] = 7
```

will make the first term equal to 7. Verify it:

```
>>> print(amat)
[7, 0.0]
[0.0, 0.0]
>>>
```

That does not look nice, so let us print it in a neater format:

```
>>> amat.neatprint()
A matrix of dimensions (m x n), where m, n, LineLen = 2 2 5
  7.00000E+00  0.00000E+00
  0.00000E+00  0.00000E+00
```

We can similarly fill all the terms with non zero values, either the same way as we just did for `amat[0, 0]` or using a function **enterdata** as follows:

```
>>> utils = _m.Utilities()
>>> amat = utils.enterdata(2, 2, [[7, 6], [5, 3]], False)
>>> bmat = utils.enterdata(2, 2, [[1, 2], [3, 4]], False)
```

We have recreated `amat` and `bmat` and put some values in it. **False** simply signals to `enterdata` *not* to echo the data. Let us check that the data is entered correctly.

```
>>> amat.neatprint()
A matrix of dimensions (m x n), where m, n, LineLen = 2 2 5
  7.00000E+00  6.00000E+00
  5.00000E+00  3.00000E+00
>>> bmat.neatprint()
A matrix of dimensions (m x n), where m, n, LineLen = 2 2 5
  1.00000E+00  2.00000E+00
  3.00000E+00  4.00000E+00
```

To multiply the two matrices and store the result in `cmat`, write:

```
>>> cmat = amat * bmat
```

Let us check the results:

```
>>> cmat.neatprint()
A matrix of dimensions (m x n), where m, n, LineLen = 2 2 5
  2.50000E+01  3.80000E+01
  1.40000E+01  2.20000E+01
```

Even if we trust `numpy` and its wrapper `wrapnumpy3`, we should verify the matrix multiplication on a piece of paper...

Let us now multiply a matrix by a scalar:

```
>>> xscl = 2.1
>>> amat = xscl * amat
>>> amat.neatprint()
A matrix of dimensions (m x n), where m, n, LineLen = 2 2 5
  1.47000E+01  1.26000E+01
```

```
1.05000E+01    6.30000E+00
```

Mental arithmetic will show that the matrix `amat` has been correctly scaled. Post multiplication has exactly the same effect.

Usually matrices are scaled in situ, so to multiply `bmat` by the same scalar we can write in shorthand:

```
>>> xscl * bmat
[[2.1, 4.2], [6.3000000000000001, 8.4]]
>>> bmat.neatprint()
A matrix of dimensions (m x n), where m, n, LineLen =  2 2 5
  2.10000E+00    4.20000E+00
  6.30000E+00    8.40000E+00
```

Other Matrix Operations

I have used the terminal to enter these commands, but they can be tested in the IDLE Python Shell just as easily and actually a little more conveniently.

Let us recreate the `amat` and `bmat` before they were scaled by scalar multiplication:

```
>>> amat = utils.enterdata(2, 2, [[7, 6], [5, 3]])
Echo check of enterdata
A matrix of dimensions (m x n), where m, n, LineLen =  2 2 5
  7.00000E+00    6.00000E+00
  5.00000E+00    3.00000E+00
>>> bmat = utils.enterdata(2, 2, [[1, 2], [3, 4]])
Echo check of enterdata
A matrix of dimensions (m x n), where m, n, LineLen =  2 2 5
  1.00000E+00    2.00000E+00
  3.00000E+00    4.00000E+00
```

By default, the last parameter is **True** and signals to the `enterdata` method to echo print the data.

Matrix Addition

To add the two `amat` and the `bmat` matrices, write:

```
>>> cmat = amat + bmat
>>> cmat.neatprint()
A matrix of dimensions (m x n), where m, n, LineLen =  2 2 5
  8.00000E+00    8.00000E+00
  8.00000E+00    7.00000E+00
```

OK, now see what happens if we try an operation that is not defined in matrix algebra - try to add a scalar and a matrix, an illegal operation in matrix algebra:

```
>>> cmat = amat + xscl
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'Matrix' and 'float'
```

So Python has saved us from doing something illegal!

Matrix Subtraction

Subtraction is very similar to addition:

```
>>> cmat = amat - bmat
>>> cmat.neatprint()
A matrix of dimensions (m x n), where m, n, LineLen = 2 2 5
  6.00000E+00  4.00000E+00
  2.00000E+00 -1.00000E+00
>>>
```

Solution of Simultaneous Equations

This is probably the most important matrix operation of all. To signal the solution of simultaneous equations, we borrowed the two stars, which in scalar arithmetic would signal raising to a power. So if we define **rhs** as the right hand matrix and specify it as

```
>>> rhs = utils.enterdata(2, 1, [[10], [1]])
Echo check of enterdata
[10]
[1]
```

we can solve the equation:

```
cmat * sol = rhs
```

as follows:

```
>>> sol = cmat ** rhs
>>> sol.neatprint()
A matrix of dimensions (m x n), where m, n, LineLen = 2 1 5
  1.00000E+00
  1.00000E+00
```

Happy computing!

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