

# CSCI 1010 Class 1

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```
1 data = np.array([1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0])  
2 math.sqrt(np.sum(np.power(data - np.mean(data), 2))/(len(data) - 1))
```

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$$\frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 \\ 2.5 \\ 2.5 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.5 \\ -0.5 \\ 0.5 \\ 1.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2.25 + 0.25 + 0.25 + 2.25 = 5$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{5}{4-1}}$$



## Slide 1 Notes

This code performs the following operations:

1. Creates a 1-D array from a list.
2. Performs a “reduction”, computing the mean, to produce the scalar 2.5.
3. Performs an element-wise subtraction to compute the difference from the mean. Note that the scalar argument, the mean, is “broadcasted” to be the same size as the vector.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0 \\ 2.0 \\ 3.0 \\ 4.0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 \\ 2.5 \\ 2.5 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Performs an element-wise “squaring” via the `**` operator.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1.5^2 \\ -0.5^2 \\ 0.5^2 \\ 1.5^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Performs a sum reduction of the intermediate vector, producing the scalar 5.

$$2.25 + 0.25 + 0.25 + 2.25$$

6. Performs the division and square root operations over scalar values.

$$\sqrt{\frac{5}{4-1}}$$

```
1 import numpy as np
2 a = np.array([1, 2, 3])
3 b = np.array([4, 5, 6])
4 x = 3 * b + a
```

After above the code executes what is the value of `x`?

- a. 13
- b. np.array([13, 17, 21])**
- c. np.array([15, 21, 27])
- d. np.array([7, 7, 9])



## Slide 2 Notes

Answer: B

$3*b$  is `np.array([12, 15, 18])` and the addition is element-wise so the result is `np.array([13, 17, 21])`

```
1 import numpy as np
2 a = np.array([1, 2, 3])
3 b = np.array([4, 5, 6])
4 x = np.sum(np.power(b-a, 2))
```

13 3 37

After above the code executes what is the value of `x`?

- a. 13
- b. 21
- c. 27
- d. `np.array([27, 27, 27])`



### Slide 3 Notes

Answer: C

$b-a$  is `np.array([3, 3, 3]) thus the element-wise power operation produces np.array([9, 9, 9]). The resulting sum of that vector is the scalar 27.`

```
1 returns = np.cumprod(np.random.laplace(mean, scale, 240))
```

Which of the following snippets are equivalent to the above NumPy code?

Assume there is a `laplace` function that has the mean and scale as arguments and returns a single sample.

a.

```
1 returns = []
2 for i in range(240):
3     sample = laplace(mean, scale)
4     returns.append(sample)
```

b.

```
1 returns = []
2 prod = 1.0
3 for i in range(240):
4     sample = laplace(mean, scale)
5     prod = prod * sample
6     returns.append(prod)
```

c.

```
1 returns = []
2 prod = 1.0
3 for i in range(240):
4     sample = laplace(mean, scale)
5     returns.append(sample)
6     prod = prod * sample
```

d.

```
1 returns = []
2 prod = 1.0
3 for i in range(240):
4     sample = laplace(mean, scale)
5     returns.append(prod)
6     prod = prod * sample
```



## Slide 4 Notes

Answer: B

The `cumprod` function computes a *cumulative* product. Answers A and C only record the samples. Answer D has a “off by one”, that is starts with the initial values and doesn’t record the final product.

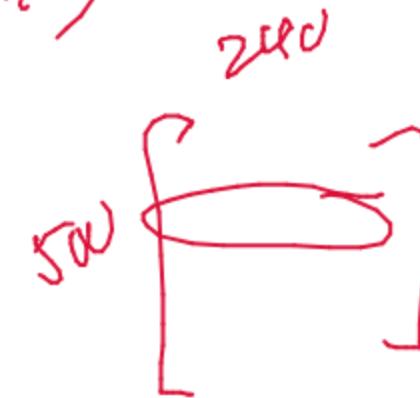
$$P_{240} = \sum_{m=1}^{240} \$100 \prod_{i=m}^{240} r_i$$

$$100 \sum \prod$$

$$100 \left( \prod_{1}^{240} r_1 + \prod_{2}^{240} r_2 + \dots + r_{240} \right)$$

$$100 (r_1 + r_1 \cdot r_2 + \dots + \prod_{1}^{240} r_1)$$

cur prod



## Slide 5 Notes

Our first instinct might be to convert the product ( $\prod$ ) and sum ( $\sum$ ) operations into `for` loops, as they are iterative computations over our 240 month time period. As we saw already, we can implement the product operation as a vectorized operation across a 2-D array. Could we do so with the sum as well?

$$\begin{aligned} P_{240} &= \sum_{m=1}^{240} \$100 \prod_{i=m}^{240} r_i \\ &= \$100 \sum_{m=1}^{240} \prod_{i=m}^{240} r_i \\ &= \$100 \left( \prod_{i=1}^{240} r_i + \prod_{i=2}^{240} r_i + \dots + r_{240} \right) \\ &= \$100 (r_{240} + (r_{240} \cdot r_{239}) + \dots \prod_{i=1}^{240} r_i) \\ &= \$100 (r_1 + (r_1 \cdot r_2) + \dots \prod_{i=1}^{240} r_i) \end{aligned}$$

The sequence  $r_1, (r_1 \cdot r_2), \dots, \prod_{i=1}^{240} r_i$  is the cumulative product! That is the right hand side of the last expression is the sum of the cumulative product of the monthly returns!