

## Chapter 7. NumPy Arrays: 1D

```
import numpy as np

me = 9.11e-31      # mass of electron
c  = 299792458    # speed of light

u  = 0.1 * c       # particle velocity

gamma = 1 / np.sqrt(1-(u/c)**2)    # gamma factor

KE = (gamma-1) * me * c**2        # relativistic kinetic energy
```

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## Create NumPy Array from Python List

Use the `np.array` function:

```
A = np.array([10, 20, 30, 40, 50])
```

Copy NumPy arrays

```
B = A.copy()
```

Fetching and Slicing works the same way as Python Lists

```
A[0]      # selects first element (index = 0)
A[1]      # selects 2nd element (index = 1)
A[-1]     # selects last element
A[1:4]    # selects elements 1,2,3
```

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## Vectorized Operations

Vectorized functions act on all elements of the array

```
A = np.array([3, 6, 9, 12])      # define a NumPy array from a list
A2 = A**2                      # square each element
print("square of A = ",A2)       # display the result
```

```
square of A = [9, 36, 81, 144]
```

```
##### Python loop: each element squared "by hand". SLOWER
for i in range(len(A)):
    A[i] = A[i]**2
print("method 2: A^2 = ",A)
```

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## Vectorized Operations

Numpy Arrays can be used like variables in an equation if the arrays have the same length

```
x = np.array([1,2,4,8]) # NumPy array (length 4)
y = np.array([3,0,1,1]) # NumPy array (length 4)

z = x*y                  # element-wise product of x and y
print("x*y = ",z)        # result is also length 4
```

```
x*y =  [3 0 4 8]
```

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## Example

```
theta_deg = np.array([0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50])      # angles in degrees
theta_rad = np.deg2rad(theta_deg)                  # convert the angles
to radians
y_val = np.sin(theta_rad)                         # take the sine of
each angle

for th,y in zip(theta_deg,y_val):                  # print results
    print(f"sin({th:2.0f}) = {y:6.4f}")
```

```
sin( 0) = 0.0000
sin(10) = 0.1736
sin(20) = 0.3420
sin(30) = 0.5000
sin(40) = 0.6428
sin(50) = 0.7660
```

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## NumPy Statistics

```
A = np.array([1,9,2,8,3,7,4,6,5])

##### Attributes do not take parentheses
A.size      # number of elements
A.dtype      # data type of the array

##### Methods require parentheses
A.sum()      # sum of the elements
A.prod()     # product of the elements
A.mean()     # mean of the elements
A.std()      # standard deviation
A.var()      # variance
A.min()      # minimum value
A.max()      # maximum value
A.cumsum()   # cumulative sum (result will have same length as A)
A.cumprod()  # cumulative product (result will have same length as A)
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## Creating NumPy Arrays - Linearly Spaced Arrays

Create a linearly spaced array with N elements equally spaced from start to stop inclusive

```
np.linspace(start,stop,N)
```

```
my_array = np.linspace(100,1000,10)
print("my_array is",my_array)
```

```
my_array is [ 100.  200.  300.  400.  500.  600.  700.  800.  900. 1000.]
```

## Creating NumPy Arrays - Linearly Spaced Arrays

Create a linearly spaced array with N elements equally spaced from start to stop exclusive with step size = interval

```
np.arange(start,stop,interval)
```

```
my_array = np.arange(0,5.5,0.5)
print("my_array is",my_array)
```

```
my_array is [ 0.  0.5  1.  1.5  2.  2.5  3.  3.5  4.  4.5  5. ]
```

## Creating NumPy Arrays - Constant Values

To create a NumPy array with length N and filled with **zeros**, use `np.zeros(N)`

```
my_array = np.zeros(5)
print("my_array is",my_array)
```

```
my_array is [ 0.  0.  0.  0.  0. ]
```

To create a NumPy array with length N and filled with **ones**, use `np.ones(N)`

```
my_array = np.ones(5)
print("my_array is",my_array)
```

```
my_array is [ 1.  1.  1.  1.  1. ]
```

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## Creating NumPy Arrays - Constant Values

How would you create a NumPy array of 10 elements filled with 4's?

```
my_array = 4 * np.ones(10)
print("my_array is",my_array)
```

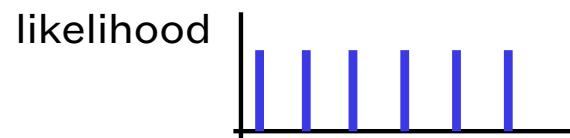
```
my_array is [4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. ]
```

# Random Numbers

A **random number** is a value generated in such a way that it cannot be predicted in advance and is chosen according to some **probability distribution**.

A probability distribution tells us how likely a given outcome arises on average.

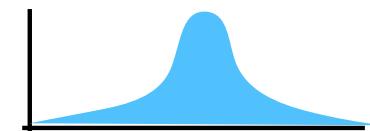
Probability distributions can be classified by their shape and whether they are discrete or continuous.



discrete  
flat



continuous  
flat



continuous  
normal (bell curve)

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## Generating Random Numbers in NumPy

The NumPy library has its own functions to generate arrays of random numbers.

- In order to use these random number generators, an "instance" of the random number generator object must first be created. To do this we use the command:

```
rng = np.random.default_rng()
```

- Once the `rng` object is created, we can use it to produce a variety of random numbers drawn from different distributions.
- Here are just a few of the many functions available:

```
rng.integers()      # random integers drawn from flat distribution
rng.choice()        # random elements of a list drawn from flat distribution
rng.uniform()        # random floats drawn from a flat distribution
rng.normal()        # random floats drawn from normal distribution
```

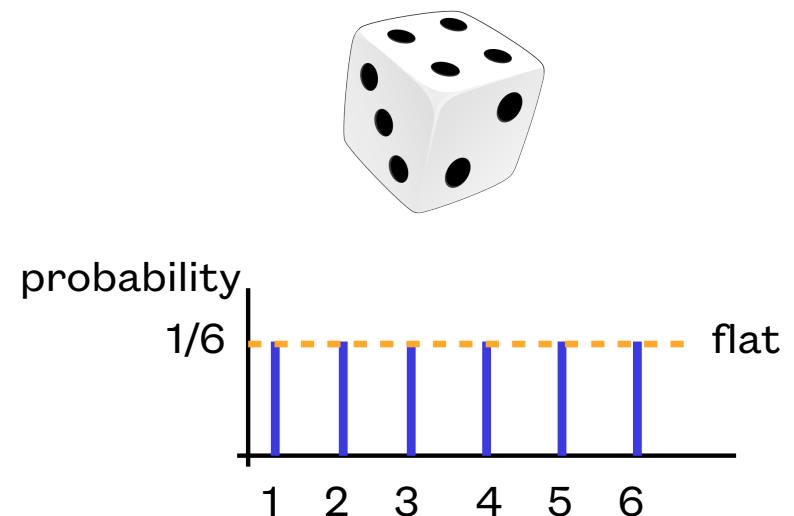
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## Random Integers drawn from a Flat Probability Distribution

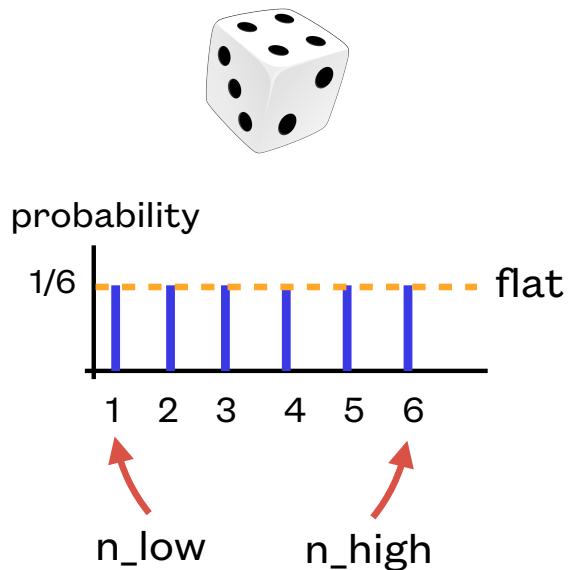
**Example:** 6-sided die

- Assuming the die is “fair”, each side will a  $1/6$  chance of being rolled, i.e.  $P_i = 1/6$ .
- Probability distributions that are **flat** have equal chances for every outcome.
- For discrete distributions, the sum of the probabilities of all outcomes must be unity

$$\sum_i P_i = 1$$



## Random Integers drawn from a Flat Probability Distribution



The command for generating  $N$  random integers  $y_i$  drawn from a flat probability distribution on  $n_{low} \leq y \leq n_{high}$  is:

```
z = rng.integers(n_low, n_high, size=N, endpoint=True)
```

Example function call to produce 10 random rolls of a 6-sided die:

```
y = rng.integers(1, 6, size=10, endpoint=True)  
print("dice rolls = ",y)
```

```
dice rolls = [4, 5, 1, 1, 3, 4, 6, 3, 1, 3]
```

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## Random Integers drawn from a Flat Probability Distribution

The `endpoint=True` option tells Python to include `n_high` in the generated random integers. Without this option, `n_high` is by default an exclusive upper limit, meaning that it is not included

Examples:

```
# Generates 10 random numbers from 1 to 6 inclusive
y = rng.integers(1, 6, size=10, endpoint=True)
```

```
# Generates 10 random numbers from 1 to 6 exclusive (does not include 6)
y = rng.integers(1, 6, size=10)
```

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## **rng.choice() gives more flexibility over rng.integers()**

`rng.integers()` is best if you want to sample a flat distribution of integers.

`rng.choice()` is best if you need more flexibility, including:

- drawing from a list of items or non-concurrent integers, i.e. `["cat", "dog", "mouse"]` or `[1, 3, 5]`
- drawing from a non-flat distribution. `rng.choice()` allows you to weight each outcome
- ensuring that the random items do not repeat (i.e. no duplicates)

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## **rng.choice() gives more flexibility over rng.integers()**

Examples:

```
# pick a random element from a list
rng.choice(["dog", "cat", "mouse"])
```

```
# pick a 2 random elements from a list (may get same result twice)
rng.choice(["dog", "cat", "mouse"], size=2)
```

```
# pick a 2 unique random elements from a list (no repeats)
rng.choice(["dog", "cat", "mouse"], size=2, replace=False)
```

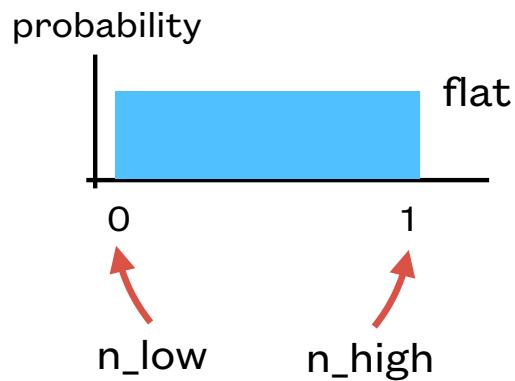
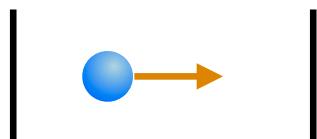
```
# pick a 2 random elements with sampling weights given by p
rng.choice(["dog", "cat", "mouse"], size=2, p=[0.7, 0.2, 0.1])
```

```
# pick a 2 unique random numbers from the the range 0-4 (does not include 5)
rng.choice(5, size=2, replace=False)
```

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## Random Floats drawn from a Flat Probability Distribution

Example: ball with constant speed bouncing between 2 walls



The command for generating a random float  $y_i$  drawn from a flat probability distribution on  $n_{low} \leq y < n_{high}$  is (note:  $n_{high}$  is not included):

```
z = rng.uniform(n_low, n_high, size=N)
```

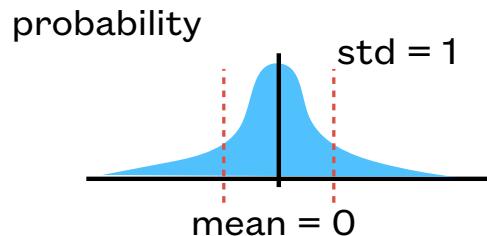
Example function call to produce 4 random values between 0 and 1:

```
y = rng.uniform(0, 1, size=4)  
print("random positions = ", y)
```

```
random positions = [0.4586, 0.1994, 0.9443, 0.6753]
```

## Random Floats drawn from a Normal Distribution

Normal Distribution



The command for generating  $N$  random floats  $y_i$  drawn from a Normal probability distribution (i.e. a Bell curve) with mean = 0 and standard deviation = 1 is:

```
z = rng.normal(size=N)
```

Example function call to produce 4 random values:

```
y = rng.normal(size=4)  
print("random positions = ",y)
```

```
random positions = [-0.342, 0.1554, 1.454, -0.4567]
```