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# NumPy String-Indexed Documentation

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NumPy String-Indexed is a [NumPy](#) extension that allows arrays to be indexed using descriptive string labels, rather than conventional zero-indexing. When an `ndarray` (AKA a friendly matrix) instance is initialized, labels are assigned to each array index and each dimension, and they stick to the array after NumPy-style operations such as transposing, concatenating, and aggregating. This prevents Python programmers from having to keep track mentally of what each axis and each index represents, instead making each reference to the array in code naturally self-documenting.

NumPy String-Indexed is especially useful for applications like machine learning, scientific computing, and data science, where there is heavy use of multidimensional arrays.

The friendly matrix object is implemented as a lightweight wrapper around a NumPy `ndarray`. It's easy to add to a new or existing project to make it easier to maintain code, and has negligible memory and performance overhead compared to the size of array ( $O(x + y + z)$  vs.  $O(xyz)$ ).



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## BASIC FUNCTIONALITY

It's recommended to import NumPy String-Indexed idiomatically as `fm`:

```
import friendly_matrix as fm
```

Labels are provided during object construction and can optionally be used in place of numerical indices for slicing and indexing.

The example below shows how to construct a friendly matrix containing an image with three color channels:

```
image = fm.ndarray(  
    numpy_ndarray_image, # np.ndarray with shape (3, 100, 100)  
    dim_names=['color_channel', 'top_to_bottom', 'left_to_right'],  
    color_channel=['R', 'G', 'B'])
```

The array can then be sliced like this:

```
# friendly matrix with shape (100, 100)  
r_channel = image(color_channel='R')  
  
# an integer  
g_top_left_pixel_value = image('G', 0, 0)  
  
# friendly matrix with shape (2, 100, 50)  
br_channel_left_half = image(  
    color_channel=['B', 'R'],  
    left_to_right=range(image.dim_length('left_to_right') // 2))
```



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## **INSTALLATION**

```
pip install numpy-string-indexed
```

NumPy String-Indexed is listed in [PyPI](#) and can be installed with pip.

**Prerequisites:** NumPy String-Indexed 0.0.3 requires Python 3 and a compatible installation of the [NumPy](#) Python package.



## DOCUMENTATION

### 3.1 User's guide

Below is an overview of the extensions NumPy String-Indexed offers. Functionality can be categorized into: array operations, computing arrays, and formatting arrays.

The examples below build on those from Index.

#### 3.1.1 Array operations

Friendly matrix objects can be operated on just like NumPy ndarray s with minimal overhead. The package contains separate implementations of most of the relevant NumPy ndarray operations, taking advantage of labels. For example:

```
side_by_side = fm.concatenate((image1, image2), axis='left_to_right')
```

An optimized alternative is to perform label-less operations, by adding "\_A" (for "array") to the operation name:

```
side_by_side_arr = fm.concatenate_A((image1, image2), axis='left_to_right')
```

If it becomes important to optimize within a particular scope, it's recommended to shed labels before operating:

```
for image in huge_list:  
    image_processor(image.A)
```

#### 3.1.2 Computing arrays

A friendly matrix is an ideal structure for storing and retrieving the results of computations over multiple variables. The `compute_ndarray()` function executes computations over all values of the input arrays and stores them in a new friendly matrix `ndarray` instance in a single step:

```
"Collect samples from a variety of normal distributions"  
  
import numpy as np  
  
n_samples_list = [1, 10, 100, 1000]  
mean_list = list(range(-21, 21))  
var_list = [1E1, 1E0, 1E-1, 1E-2, 1E-3]  
  
results = fm.compute_ndarray(
```

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```
[ '# Samples', 'Mean', 'Variance']
n_samples_list,
mean_list,
var_list,
normal_sampling_function,
dtype=np.float32)

# friendly matrices can be sliced using dicts
print(results({
    '# Samples': 100,
    'Mean': 0,
    'Variance': 1,
}))
```

### 3.1.3 Formatting arrays

The `formatted()` function displays a friendly matrix as a nested list. This is useful for displaying the labels and values of smaller arrays or slice results:

```
mean_0_results = results({
    '# Samples': (1, 1000),
    'Mean': 0,
    'Variance': (10, 1, 0.1),
})
formatted = fm.formatted(
    mean_0_results,
    formatter=lambda n: round(n, 1))

print(formatted)

"""

Example output:

# Samples = 1:
    Variance = 10:
        2.2
    Variance = 1:
        -0.9
    Variance = 0.1:
        0.1
# Samples = 1000:
    Variance = 10:
        -0.2
    Variance = 1:
        -0.0
    Variance = 0.1:
        0.0
""
```

## 3.2 Array initialization and slicing

### 3.2.1 friendly\_matrix.ndarray methods

```
class friendly_matrix.ndarray(array[, dim_names=None[, *args_dim_arrays[, **kwargs_dim_arrays]]])
```

A structure for matrix-like data, which stores the data as a classic NumPy ndarray, and provides the option to reference by human-readable values.

This class, plus the other functions exposed in the friendly\_matrix package, are designed as substitutes for the NumPy ndarray, with comparable performance benchmarks and familiar, NumPy-style usage patterns.

Labels do not need to be specified for every dimension and index. There are four ways to initialize a friendly\_matrix.ndarray instance using the constructor, all of which involve assigning new labels to an existing NumPy ndarray. The other main way to create a new friendly\_matrix.ndarray is by calling `friendly_matrix.compute_ndarray()`. The four ways are demonstrated below. In the examples, we assume the array `array` consists of two dimensions, for `size` and `n_passengers`. Dimension `size` has length 3, for `small`, `medium`, and `large`, and dimension `n_passengers` goes from 0 to 4.

#### 1. Casting:

```
rockets = friendly_matrix.ndarray(array)
```

Note: This creates an unlabeled friendly\_matrix.ndarray instance.

#### 2. Dimension arrays as arguments:

```
rockets = friendly_matrix.ndarray(
    array,
    ['size', 'n_passengers'],
    ['small', 'medium', 'large'])
```

#### 3. Dimension arrays as dict:

```
dim_arrays = {
    'size': ['small', 'medium', 'large']}
rockets = friendly_matrix.ndarray(
    array,
    ['size', 'n_passengers'],
    dim_arrays)
```

#### 4. Dimension arrays as keyword arguments:

```
rockets = friendly_matrix.ndarray(
    array,
    ['size', 'n_passengers'],
    size=['small', 'medium', 'large'])
```

#### Parameters

- `array` – NumPy array to wrap
- `dim_names` – label for each dimension
- `*args_dim_arrays` – index labels for each dimension, or single dict mapping each dimension label to its corresponding index labels

- **\*\*kwargs\_dim\_arrays** – index labels for each dimension (only if specified dimensions are argument- and keyword-friendly)

**property ndim****Type** int

Number of dimensions

**property shape****Type** tuple

Length of each dimension

**property size****Type** int

Total number of elements in the array

**property dtype****Type** type

Data type of the array

**property itemsize****Type** int

Length of one element of the array in bytes

**dim\_length(dim) → int****Parameters** dim – dimension label or index**Returns** length of that dimension**take(\*args, \*\*kwargs) → friendly\_matrix.ndarray**

Takes a slice of the array according to the specified labels.

**Parameters**

- **\*args** – index labels to select for each dimension, or single dict mapping each dimension label to its corresponding index labels
- **\*\*kwargs** – index labels for each dimension (only if specified dimensions are argument- and keyword-friendly)

If no labels are specified for a dimension, the entire dimension is selected. If a single label not wrapped in a list is specified for a dimension, that dimension is dropped in the result. If all labels specified are single labels, the result is equivalent to calling `get()`.

A take operation can also be performed by calling a `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance directly. It's recommended to use this shorthand for style.

The three ways of using `take()` are demonstrated below. In the examples, we assume the array `rockets` consists of two dimensions, `size` and `n_passengers`. Dimension `size` has indices named `small`, `medium`, and `large`, and dimension `n_passengers` goes from 0 to 4.

**1. Dimension arrays as arguments:**

```
rockets('large', [2, 3])
```

The value `None` can be passed in as a shorthand for selecting all indices in a dimension.

## 2. Dimension arrays as dict:

```
rockets({
    'size': 'large',
    'n_passengers': [2, 3]
})
```

## 3. Dimension arrays as keyword arguments:

```
rockets(size='large', n_passengers=[2, 3])
```

**Note:** In the above examples, the shape of the result is `(2,)`, because passing in the single value `'large'` for the first dimension causes the dimension to be dropped from the result. Passing in `['large']` instead would result in a shape of `(1, 2)`.

**Returns** A new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance containing the filtered array

`take_A(*args, **kwargs) → numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.take()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

`get(*args, **kwargs) → object`

Gets the single element by its labels.

### Parameters

- `*args` – index labels to select for each dimension, or single dict mapping each dimension label to its corresponding index labels
- `**kwargs` – index labels for each dimension (only if specified dimensions are argument- and keyword-friendly)

A get operation can also be performed by calling a `friendly_matrix.ndarray` directly.

**Returns** The element

`set(val, *args, **kwargs) → None`

Sets the single element by its labels.

### Parameters

- `val` – the updated value
- `*args` – index labels to select for each dimension, or single dict mapping each dimension label to its corresponding index labels
- `**kwargs` – index labels for each dimension (only if specified dimensions are argument- and keyword-friendly)

`copy() → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Creates a deep copy of the current object.

## 3.2.2 Module functions

`friendly_matrix.take(friendly, *args, **kwargs) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.take(*args, **kwargs)`.

See `friendly_matrix.ndarray.take()`.

`friendly_matrix.take_A(friendly, *args, *kwargs) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.take_A(*args, **kwargs)`.

See `friendly_matrix.ndarray.take_A()`.

`friendly_matrix.get(friendly, *args, *kwargs) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.get(*args, **kwargs)`.

See `friendly_matrix.ndarray.get()`.

`friendly_matrix.set(friendly, *args, *kwargs) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.set(*args, **kwargs)`.

See `friendly_matrix.ndarray.set()`.

`friendly_matrix.copy(friendly) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.copy()`.

See `friendly_matrix.ndarray.copy()`.

## 3.3 Array operations

### 3.3.1 friendly\_matrix.ndarray methods

`class friendly_matrix.ndarray`

`moveaxis(dim, new_dim) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Performs a NumPy-style moveaxis operation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. The ordering of dimensions is changed by moving one dimension to the position of another dimension.

#### Parameters

- `dim` – the dimension to move
- `new_dim` – the dimension whose place `dim` will take

`Returns` The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

`moveaxis_A(dim, new_dim) → numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.moveaxis()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

`swapaxes(dim1, dim2) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Performs a NumPy-style swapaxes operation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. The ordering of dimensions is changed by swapping the positions of two dimensions.

#### Parameters

- `dim1` – dimension
- `dim2` – dimension

`Returns` The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

**swapaxes\_A**(dim1, dim2) → numpy.ndarray

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.swapaxis()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

**transpose()** → `friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Performs a NumPy-style transpose operation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. The ordering of the first two dimensions are swapped.

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

**transpose\_A()** → numpy.ndarray

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.transpose()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

**friendly\_matrix.ndarray.T** → `friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.transpose()`.

**friendly\_matrix.ndarray.T\_A** → `numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.transpose_A()`.

**mean(axis)** → `friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Performs a NumPy-style mean computation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Aggregates over a given dimension by calculating the mean(s) along that dimension.

**Parameters axis** – dimension

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

**mean\_A(axis)** → numpy.ndarray

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.mean()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

**std(axis)** → `friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Performs a NumPy-style std computation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Aggregates over a given dimension by calculating the standard deviation(s) along that dimension.

**Parameters axis** – dimension

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

**std\_A(axis)** → numpy.ndarray

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.std()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

**var(axis)** → `friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Performs a NumPy-style var computation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Aggregates over a given dimension by calculating the variance(s) along that dimension.

**Parameters axis** – dimension

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

**var\_A(axis)** → numpy.ndarray

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.var()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

**sum(axis)** → `friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Performs a NumPy-style sum computation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Aggregates over a given dimension by calculating the sum(s) along that dimension.

**Parameters axis** – dimension

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

**sum\_A(axis)** → numpy.ndarray

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.sum()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

**prod**(axis) → *friendly\_matrix.ndarray*

Performs a NumPy-style prod computation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Aggregates over a given dimension by calculating the product(s) along that dimension.

**Parameters** `axis` – dimension

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

**prod\_A**(axis) → `numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.prod()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

**min**(axis) → *friendly\_matrix.ndarray*

Performs a NumPy-style min computation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Aggregates over a given dimension by calculating minimum value(s) along that dimension.

**Parameters** `axis` – dimension

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

**min\_A**(axis) → `numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.min()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

**argmin**(axis) → *friendly\_matrix.ndarray*

Performs a NumPy-style argmin computation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Aggregates over a given dimension by calculating the index or indices of the minimum value along that dimension.

**Parameters** `axis` – dimension

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

**argmin\_A**(axis) → `numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.argmin()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

**all**(axis) → *friendly\_matrix.ndarray*

Performs a NumPy-style all computation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Aggregates over a given dimension by calculating whether all the values along that dimension are truthy.

**Parameters** `axis` – dimension

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

**all\_A**(axis) → `numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.all()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

**any**(axis) → *friendly\_matrix.ndarray*

Performs a NumPy-style any computation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Aggregates over a given dimension by calculating the any of the values along that dimension are truthy.

**Parameters** `axis` – dimension

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

**any\_A**(axis) → `numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.ndarray.any()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

**cumsum**(axis) → *friendly\_matrix.ndarray*

Performs a NumPy-style cumsum computation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Aggregates over a given dimension by calculating the cumulative sum along that dimension.

**Parameters** `axis` – dimension

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance (with the same shape as the original)

**cumsum\_A**(axis) → numpy.ndarraySame as [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.cumsum\(\)`](#), except returns only the NumPy array.**cumprod\_A**(axis) → [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray`](#)Performs a NumPy-style cumprod computation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Aggregates over a given dimension by calculating the cumulative product along that dimension.**Parameters** **axis** – dimension**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance (with the same shape as the original)**cumprod\_A**(axis) → numpy.ndarraySame as [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.cumprod\(\)`](#), except returns only the NumPy array.**squeeze**() → [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray`](#)Removes any length 1 dimensions in the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance by aggregating over them.**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance**squeeze\_A**() → numpy.ndarraySame as [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.squeeze\(\)`](#), except returns only the NumPy array.

### 3.3.2 Module functions

**friendly\_matrix.concatenate**(friendlies, axis=0) → [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray`](#)Performs a NumPy-style concatenate operation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance. Concatenates the provided `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instances along the specified dimension.**Parameters**

- **friendlies** – `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instances
- **axis** – the dimension along which to concatenate *friendlies*

**Returns** The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance**friendly\_matrix.concatenate\_A**(friendlies, axis=0) → numpy.ndarraySame as [`friendly\_matrix.concatenate\(\)`](#), except returns only the NumPy array.**friendly\_matrix.stack**(friendlies, axis\_name, axis\_array, axis=0) → [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray`](#)Performs a NumPy-style stack operation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instances. Stacks the provided `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instances along a new dimension.**Parameters**

- **friendlies** – `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instances
- **axis\_name** – label for the new dimension
- **axis\_array** – index labels for the new dimension
- **axis** – the dimension where the new dimension will be inserted

The `axis_array` argument should have the same length as `friendlies`.**friendly\_matrix.stack\_A**(friendlies, axis\_name=None, axis\_array=None, axis=None) → [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray`](#)Same as [`friendly\_matrix.stack\(\)`](#), except returns only the NumPy array.

`friendly_matrix.vstack(friendlies) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `concatenate(friendlies, axis=0)`. Can't be performed on one-dimensional arrays`.

See `friendly_matrix.concatenate()`.

`friendly_matrix.vstack_A(friendlies) → numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.vstack()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

`friendly_matrix.hstack(friendlies) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `concatenate(friendlies, axis=1)`.

See `friendly_matrix.concatenate()`.

`friendly_matrix.hstack_A(friendlies) → numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.hstack()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

`friendly_matrix.flip(friendly, axis=None) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Performs a NumPy-style flip operation on the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instances. Reverses the order of elements along the provided dimension(s).

#### Parameters

- **friendly** – `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance
- **axis** – dimension(s) along which to flip elements

The default value for `axis` of `None` results in a flip along all dimensions.

`friendly_matrix.flip_A(friendly, axis=None) → numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.flip()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

`friendly_matrix.fliplr(friendly) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly_matrix.flip(friendly, axis=0)`.

See `friendly_matrix.flip()`.

`friendly_matrix.fliplr_A(friendly) → numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.fliplr()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

`friendly_matrix.flipud(friendly) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly_matrix.flip(friendly, axis=1)`.

See `friendly_matrix.flip()`.

`friendly_matrix.flipud_A(friendly) → numpy.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.flipud()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

`friendly_matrix.moveaxis(friendly, dim, new_dim) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.moveaxis(axis)`.

See `friendly_matrix.ndarray.moveaxis()`.

`friendly_matrix.moveaxis_A(friendly, dim, new_dim) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.moveaxis_A(axis)`.

See `friendly_matrix.ndarray.moveaxis_A()`.

`friendly_matrix.swapaxes(friendly, dim1, dim2) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.swapaxes(dim1, dim2)`.

See `friendly_matrix.ndarray.swapaxes()`.

`friendly_matrix.swapaxes_A(friendly, dim1, dim2) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.swapaxes_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.swapaxes\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.transpose(friendly) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.transpose(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.transpose\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.transpose_A(friendly) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.transpose_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.transpose\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.mean(axis) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.mean(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.mean\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.mean_A(friendly, axis) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.mean_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.mean\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.std(friendly, axis) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.std(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.std\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.std_A(friendly, axis) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.std_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.std\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.var(friendly, axis) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.var(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.var\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.var_A(friendly, axis) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.var_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.var\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.sum(friendly, axis) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.sum(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.sum\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.sum_A(friendly, axis) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.sum_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.sum\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.prod(friendly, axis) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.prod(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.prod\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.prod_A(friendly, axis) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.prod_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.prod\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.min(friendly, axis) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.min(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.min\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.min_A(friendly, axis) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.min_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.min\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.argmax(friendly, axis) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.argmax(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.argmax\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.argmax_A(friendly, axis) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.argmax_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.argmax\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.all(friendly, axis) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.all(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.all\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.all_A(friendly, axis) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.all_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.all\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.any(friendly, axis) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.any(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.any\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.any_A(friendly, axis) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.any_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.any\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.cumsum(friendly, axis) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.cumsum(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.cumsum\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.cumsum_A(friendly, axis) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.cumsum_A(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.cumsum\_A\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.cumprod(friendly, axis) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.cumprod(axis)`.

See [`friendly\_matrix.ndarray.cumprod\(\)`](#).

`friendly_matrix.cumprod_A(friendly, axis) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.cumprod_A(axis)`.

See `friendly_matrix.ndarray.cumprod_A()`.

`friendly_matrix.squeeze(friendly) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.squeeze()`.

See `friendly_matrix.ndarray.squeeze()`.

`friendly_matrix.squeeze_A(friendly) → numpy.ndarray`

Equivalent to `friendly.squeeze_A()`.

See `friendly_matrix.ndarray.squeeze_A()`.

## 3.4 Computing arrays

`friendly_matrix.compute_ndarray(dim_names, *args[, dtype=numpy.float32]) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Generates a `friendly_matrix.ndarray` object by computing it and having it indexable the same way it's computed: using embedded loops over human-readable lists of values.

A friendly matrix is an ideal structure for storing and retrieving the results of computations over multiple variables. The `compute_ndarray()` function executes computations over all values of the input arrays and stores them in a new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance in a single step.

### Parameters

- `dim_names` – the name of each dimension
- `*args` – iterables or callables specifying how to calculate results
- `dtype` – the data type of the computed results

The `args` arguments should contain iterables or callables, which constitute a complete set of instructions for computing the result. The first argument must be an iterable, and the last argument must be a callable. A group of one or more consecutive iterable arguments are iterated over via their Cartesian product. The next argument, which is a callable, takes the values from the current iteration as arguments to run some user-defined code, which can optionally yield precomputations for use in subsequent callables further up the stack.

Any intermediate callables should assemble precomputations in a dictionary, which is returned, in order to make them available to subsequent callables. For subsequent callables to access these precomputations, these callables should accept them as keyword arguments.

The final callable should return a value, which gets stored at a location in the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` specified by the values from the current iteration.

The `dim_names` argument should match the order of `args`.

The dim index labels in the result are set as the values of each iterable provided in `args`.

Below is a bare-bones example of how `compute_ndarray()` can be used:

```
iterable_a = [1, 2, 3]
iterable_b = [40, 50, 60]
iterable_c = [.7, .8, .9]

def callable_1(val_a, val_b):
    precomputations = {
```

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```

        'intermediate_sum': val_a + val_b
    }
    return precomputations

def callable_2(val_a, val_b, val_c, **precomputations):
    final_result = precomputations['intermediate_sum'] * val_c
    return final_result

result_friendly_matrix = friendly_matrix.compute_ndarray(
    ['a', 'b', 'c'],
    iterable_a,
    iterable_b,
    callable_1,
    iterable_c,
    callable_2) # shape is (3, 3, 3)

```

`friendly_matrix.compute_ndarray_A(dim_names, *args[, dtype=numpy.float32])` → `friendly_matrix.ndarray`  
 Same as `compute_ndarray()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

## 3.5 Formatting arrays for output

### 3.5.1 `friendly_matrix.ndarray` methods

`class friendly_matrix.ndarray`

`formatted([topological_order=None[, formatter=None[, display_dim_names=True]]])` → str

Formats the `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance as a nested list. All elements in the array are listed linearly under their dim index labels. The order in which dimensions are traversed can be set, as well as whether dim names are displayed alongside dim index labels, and how elements should be formatted before being appended to the result.

This is useful for displaying the labels and values of smaller matrices or slice results.

#### Parameters

- **topological\_order** – iterable representing the order in which dimensions should be traversed for output
- **formatter** – callable that formats an element for output
- **display\_dim\_names** – whether to display dim names alongside dim array labels

Example usage:

```

prices.formatted(topological_order=["Year", "Size"],
                 formatter=price_formatter,
                 display_dim_names=True)

"""

Example output:

Year = 2010:
Size = small:

```

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```
$1.99
Size = large:
$2.99
Year = 2020:
    Size = small:
        $2.99
    Size = large:
        $3.99
""
```

### 3.5.2 Module functions

`friendly_matrix.formatted(friendly[, topological_order=None[, formatter=None[, display_dim_names=True]]]) → str`

Equivalent to `friendly.formatted(topological_order, formatter, display_dim_names)`.

`friendly_matrix.from_formatted(formatted_friendly[, dtype=numpy.str]) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Deserializes a string representation of a `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance back into a new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance.

#### Parameters

- **formatted\_friendly** – the formatted `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance
- **dtype** – the data type of the result `friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Assumes a valid string is provided.

#### Returns

The new `friendly_matrix.ndarray` instance

`friendly_matrix.from_formatted_A(formatted_friendly[, dtype=numpy.str]) → friendly_matrix.ndarray`

Same as `friendly_matrix.from_formatted()`, except returns only the NumPy array.

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