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numpy.meshgrid

[numpy.meshgrid\(*xi, **kwargs\)](http://github.com/numpy) (<http://github.com/numpy> [source] /[numpy/blob/v1.15.0/numpy/lib/function_base.py#L3930-L4062](https://github.com/numpy/numpy/blob/v1.15.0/numpy/lib/function_base.py#L3930-L4062))

Return coordinate matrices from coordinate vectors.

Make N-D coordinate arrays for vectorized evaluations of N-D scalar/vector fields over N-D grids, given one-dimensional coordinate arrays x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .

Changed in version 1.9: 1-D and 0-D cases are allowed.

Parameters: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n : *array_like*

1-D arrays representing the coordinates of a grid.

indexing : {'xy', 'ij'}, *optional*

Cartesian ('xy', default) or matrix ('ij') indexing of output. See Notes for more details.

New in version 1.7.0.

sparse : *bool, optional*

If True a sparse grid is returned in order to conserve memory. Default is False.

New in version 1.7.0.

copy : *bool, optional*

If False, a view into the original arrays are returned in order to conserve memory. Default is True. Please note that `sparse=False, copy=False` will likely return non-contiguous arrays. Furthermore, more than one element of a broadcast array may refer to a single memory location. If you need to write to the arrays, make copies first.

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Returns: X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N : *ndarray*

For vectors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n with lengths $N_i = \text{len}(x_i)$, return $(N_1, N_2, N_3, \dots, N_n)$ shaped arrays if `indexing='ij'` or $(N_2, N_1, N_3, \dots, N_n)$ shaped arrays if `indexing='xy'` with the elements of x_i repeated to fill the matrix along the first dimension for x_1 , the second for x_2 and so on.

See also:

`index_tricks.mgrid` Construct a multi-dimensional "meshgrid" using indexing notation.

`index_tricks.ogrid` Construct an open multi-dimensional "meshgrid" using indexing notation.

Notes

This function supports both indexing conventions through the `indexing` keyword argument. Giving the string `'ij'` returns a meshgrid with matrix indexing, while `'xy'` returns a meshgrid with Cartesian indexing. In the 2-D case with inputs of length M and N , the outputs are of shape (N, M) for `'xy'` indexing and (M, N) for `'ij'` indexing. In the 3-D case with inputs of length M, N and P , outputs are of shape (N, M, P) for `'xy'` indexing and (M, N, P) for `'ij'` indexing. The difference is illustrated by the following code snippet:

```
xv, yv = np.meshgrid(x, y, sparse=False, indexing='ij')
for i in range(nx):
    for j in range(ny):
        # treat xv[i,j], yv[i,j]

xv, yv = np.meshgrid(x, y, sparse=False, indexing='xy')
for i in range(nx):
    for j in range(ny):
        # treat xv[j,i], yv[j,i]
```

In the 1-D and 0-D case, the `indexing` and `sparse` keywords have no effect.

Examples

```
>>>
```

```
>>> nx, ny = (3, 2)
>>> x = np.linspace(0, 1, nx)
>>> y = np.linspace(0, 1, ny)
>>> xv, yv = np.meshgrid(x, y)
>>> xv
array([[ 0. ,  0.5,  1. ],
       [ 0. ,  0.5,  1.]])
>>> yv
array([[ 0.,  0.,  0.],
       [ 1.,  1.,  1.]])
>>> xv, yv = np.meshgrid(x, y, sparse=True) # make sparse output arrays
>>> xv
array([[ 0. ,  0.5,  1. ]])
>>> yv
array([[ 0.],
       [ 1.]])
```

meshgrid is very useful to evaluate functions on a grid.

```
>>> x = np.arange(-5, 5, 0.1)
>>> y = np.arange(-5, 5, 0.1)
>>> xx, yy = np.meshgrid(x, y, sparse=True)
>>> z = np.sin(xx**2 + yy**2) / (xx**2 + yy**2)
>>> h = plt.contourf(x, y, z)
```