

Building a 2D Vector Class in Python

This tutorial is designed to guide you through the process of building a comprehensive 2D Vector class in Python, focusing on the implementation of various dunder (double underscore) methods and properties. This exercise will help reinforce your understanding of Python's object-oriented programming features.

In class we have built the following class Vector:

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1 class Vector:
2     '''This is the class Vector to manipulate vectors in 2d'''
3
4     @staticmethod
5     def from_polar(rho,theta):
6         return Vector(rho * math.cos(theta), rho * math.sin(theta))
7
8     def __init__(self, x, y):
9
10        if not (isinstance(x,(int,float)) and isinstance(y,(int,float))):
11            raise TypeError('No way, I want numbers')
12
13        # set the coordinates
14
15        self.x = x
16        self.y = y
17
18    def __repr__(self):
19        return f'Vector({self.x},{self.y})'
20
21    def __str__(self):
22        return f'This is Vector({self.x},{self.y})'
23
24    def __add__(self, other_vector):
25        if not isinstance(other_vector, Vector):
26            raise TypeError('Please add a vector to a vector')
27        return Vector(self.x + other_vector.x, self.y + other_vector.y)
28
29    def __eq__(self, other_vector):
30        if not isinstance(other_vector, Vector):
31            raise TypeError('Please add a vector to a vector')
32        return (self.x == other_vector.x) and (self.y == other_vector.y)
33
34    @property
35    def norm(self):
36        return math.sqrt(self.x**2 + self.y**2)
37
38    def normalized(self, inplace = False):
39        '''This method normalizes the vector. By convention, (0,0) is normalized to (0,0)
40        ,,,
41        norm_of_the_vector = self.norm
42
43        if inplace:
44            if norm_of_the_vector == 0.:
45                self.x = 0.
46                self.y = 0.
47            else:
48                self.x /= norm_of_the_vector
49                self.y /= norm_of_the_vector
50            return None
51        else:
52            return Vector(self.x/norm_of_the_vector, self.y/norm_of_the_vector) if
norm_of_the_vector != 0. else Vector(0.,0.)
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1. Recall what is a static method? a property? a dunder method?
2. Implement two properties `rho` and `theta` for the polar coordinates.
3. Implement the `__sub__` method for vector subtraction.
4. Implement the `__neg__` method for vector negation.
5. Implement the `__mul__` method for scalar multiplication. Also, implement `__rmul__` to handle multiplication when the `Vector` instance is on the right side of the `*` operator.
6. Implement the `__bool__` method to return `False` if the vector is the zero vector.
7. Write a method to compute the inner product with another vector.
8. Write a method to rotate the vector by an angle θ . It should have a keyword parameter `inplace`.
9. Write a method to plot the vector using `matplotlib`.
10. Improve the previous method so that it takes an `Axes` object. The goal is to be able to add a vector on a given graph or to plot several vectors on the same graph.

Congratulations on completing the tutorial! You have now built a fully functional 2D `Vector` class that supports a variety of operations, deepening your understanding of Python's special methods and some of the object-oriented programming principles.