

Quick start

API

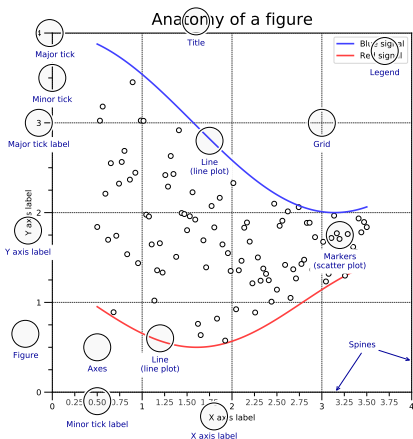
```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib as mpl
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
X = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 100)
Y = np.cos(X)
```

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(X,Y,color='C1')
```

```
fig.savefig("figure.pdf")
fig.show()
```

Anatomy of a figure



Subplots layout

API



```
subplot[s](rows,cols,...) API
fig, axs = plt.subplots(3,3)
```



```
G = gridspec(rows,cols,...) API
ax = G[0,:]
```



```
ax.inset_axes(extent) API
```



```
d=make_axes_locatable(ax) API
ax=d.new_horizontal('10%')
```

Getting help

matplotlib.org
github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib/issues
discourse.matplotlib.org
stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/matplotlib
gitter.im/matplotlib
twitter.com/matplotlib
[Matplotlib users mailing list](https://matplotlib.org/users/)

Basic plots



```
plot([X],Y,[fmt],...) API
X, Y, fmt, color, marker, linestyle
```



```
scatter(X,Y,...) API
X, Y, [s]izes, [c]olors, marker, cmap
```



```
bar[h](x,height,...) API
x, height, width, bottom, align, color
```



```
imshow(Z,[cmap],...) API
Z, cmap, interpolation, extent, origin
```



```
contour[f]([X],[Y],Z,...) API
X, Y, Z, levels, colors, extent, origin
```



```
quiver([X],[Y],U,V,...) API
X, Y, U, V, C, units, angles
```



```
pie(X,[explode],...) API
Z, explode, labels, colors, radius
```



```
text(x,y,text,...) API
x, y, text, va, ha, size, weight, transform
```



```
fill[_between][x]( ... ) API
X, Y1, Y2, color, where
```

Advanced plots



```
step(X,Y,[fmt],...) API
X, Y, fmt, color, marker, where
```



```
boxplot(X,...) API
X, notch, sym, bootstrap, widths
```



```
errorbar(X,Y,xerr,yerr,...) API
X, Y, xerr, yerr, fmt
```



```
hist(X, bins, ...) API
X, bins, range, density, weights
```



```
violinplot(D,...) API
D, positions, widths, vert
```



```
barbs([X],[Y], U, V, ...) API
X, Y, U, V, C, length, pivot, sizes
```



```
eventplot(positions,...) API
positions, orientation, lineoffsets
```



```
hexbin(X,Y,C,...) API
X, Y, C, gridsize, bins
```



```
xcorr(X,Y,...) API
X, Y, normed, detrend
```