# intro\_Matplotlib

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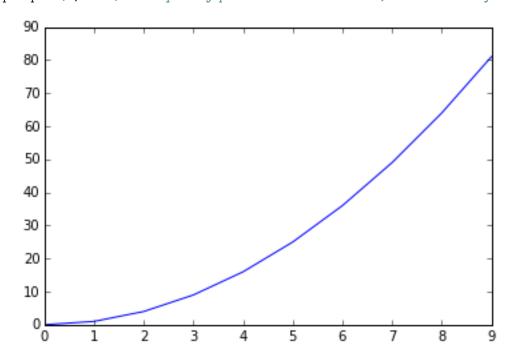
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## 1 D: How to make plots, images, 3D, etc, using Matplotlib

Very well done tutorials on the mail Matplotlib web page: http://matplotlib.org/

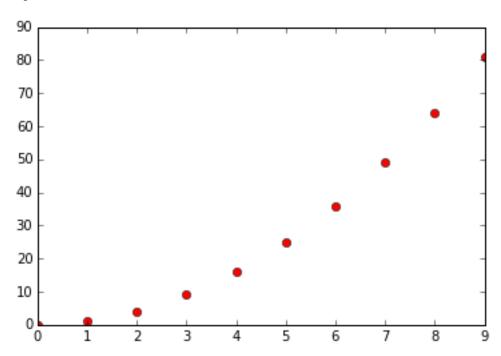
Simple plot In the following cell, we plot a function

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In [7]: # Just to convince that things are easy:
    x = np.arange(10) # define an array
    plt.plot(x, x**2) # so quickly plotted... Notice the ";" at the end of the line ->;
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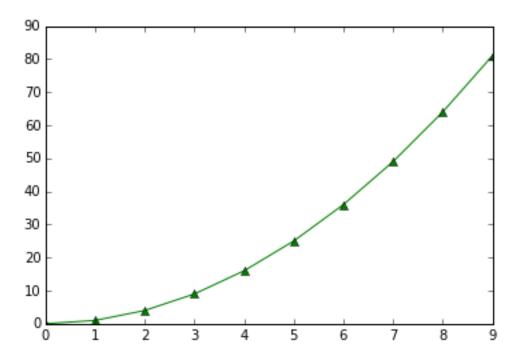


## Controling colors and symbols

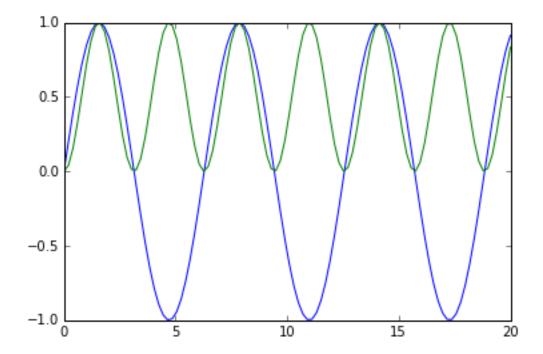
In [9]: plt.plot(x, x\*\*2, 'or');



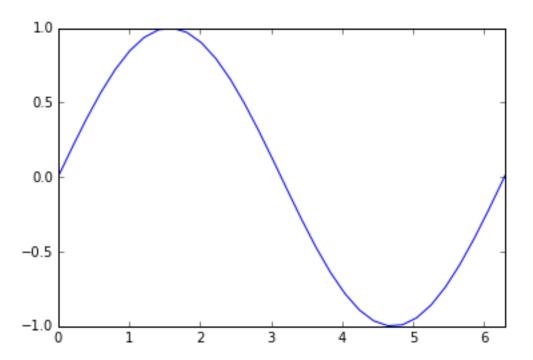
In [10]: plt.plot(x, x\*\*2, c='green', marker='^');



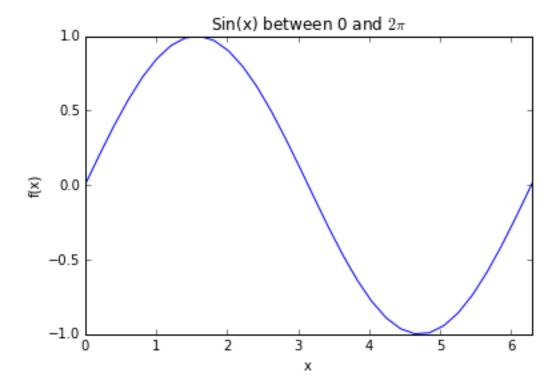
## Overplot



## Fixing axes limits



## Labels, titles



#### plot method documentation

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In [23]: help(plt.plot)
Help on function plot in module matplotlib.pyplot:
plot(*args, **kwargs)
    Plot lines and/or markers to the
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:class:'~matplotlib.axes.Axes'. \*args\* is a variable length argument, allowing for multiple \*x\*, \*y\* pairs with an optional format string. For example, each of the following is legal::

If \*x\* and/or \*y\* is 2-dimensional, then the corresponding columns will be plotted.

An arbitrary number of \*x\*, \*y\*, \*fmt\* groups can be specified, as in::

Return value is a list of lines that were added.

By default, each line is assigned a different color specified by a 'color cycle'. To change this behavior, you can edit the axes.color\_cycle rcParam.

The following format string characters are accepted to control the line style or marker:

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character	description
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((,_,(	solid line style
(())((	dashed line style
(())((	dash-dot line style
(().)((	dotted line style
((),)((	point marker
((),)((	pixel marker
((,0),((	circle marker
· · · <sub>V</sub> · · ·	triangle_down marker
(()~)((	triangle_up marker
"''<'"	triangle_left marker
"''>'"	triangle_right marker
'''1'''	tri_down marker
",2,"	tri_up marker
((,3,(,	tri_left marker
((,4,(,	tri_right marker
"''s'"	square marker
'''p'''	pentagon marker
(()*)((	star marker
'''h'''	hexagon1 marker
'''H'''	hexagon2 marker
((',+,((	plus marker
((,X),((	x marker
· · · D · · ·	diamond marker
'''d'''	thin_diamond marker
(() )((	vline marker
((),)((	hline marker

The following color abbreviations are supported:

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character	color
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'b'	blue
'g'	green
r',	red
,c,	cyan
'm'	magenta
<b>,</b> y,	yellow
'k'	black
'w'	white
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In addition, you can specify colors in many weird and wonderful ways, including full names ('''green'''), hex strings ('''#008000'''), RGB or RGBA tuples (''(0,1,0,1)'') or grayscale intensities as a string ('''0.8'''). Of these, the string specifications can be used in place of a ''fmt'' group, but the tuple forms can be used only as ''kwargs''.

Line styles and colors are combined in a single format string, as in "'bo'' for blue circles.

The \*kwargs\* can be used to set line properties (any property that has a ''set\_\*'' method). You can use this to set a line label (for auto legends), linewidth, anitialising, marker face color, etc. Here is an example::

```
plot([1,2,3], [1,2,3], 'go-', label='line 1', linewidth=2)
plot([1,2,3], [1,4,9], 'rs', label='line 2')
axis([0, 4, 0, 10])
legend()
```

If you make multiple lines with one plot command, the kwargs apply to all those lines, e.g.::

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plot(x1, y1, x2, y2, antialised=False)
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Neither line will be antialiased.

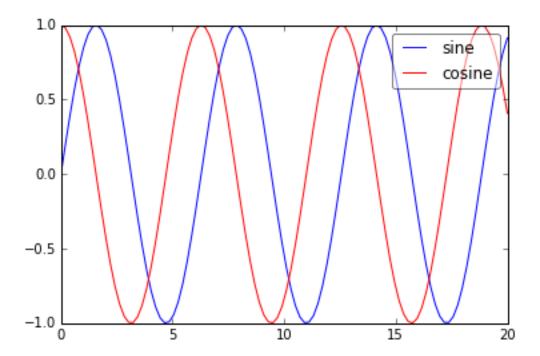
You do not need to use format strings, which are just abbreviations. All of the line properties can be controlled by keyword arguments. For example, you can set the color, marker, linestyle, and markercolor with::

See :class:'~matplotlib.lines.Line2D' for details.

The kwargs are :class: "matplotlib.lines.Line2D' properties:

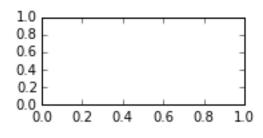
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agg_filter: unknown
alpha: float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated: [True | False]
antialiased or aa: [True | False]
axes: an :class:'~matplotlib.axes.Axes' instance
clip_box: a :class:'matplotlib.transforms.Bbox' instance
clip_on: [True | False]
clip_path: [ (:class:'~matplotlib.path.Path',
                                                     :class: '~matplotlib.transforms.Transform')
color or c: any matplotlib color
contains: a callable function
dash_capstyle: ['butt' | 'round' | 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle: ['miter' | 'round' | 'bevel']
dashes: sequence of on/off ink in points
drawstyle: ['default' | 'steps' | 'steps-pre' | 'steps-mid' |
                                                                                'steps-post']
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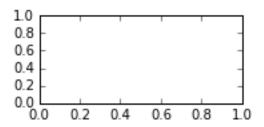
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figure: a :class:'matplotlib.figure.Figure' instance
      fillstyle: ['full' | 'left' | 'right' | 'bottom' | 'top' | 'none']
     gid: an id string
      label: string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
      linestyle or ls: ['''-''' | '''--''' | ''''-.''' | '''':''' | '''None''' |
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     linewidth or lw: float value in points
      lod: [True | False]
     marker: unknown
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     markeredgewidth or mew: float value in points
     markerfacecolor or mfc: any matplotlib color
     markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt: any matplotlib color
     markersize or ms: float
     markevery: unknown
     path_effects: unknown
     picker: float distance in points or callable pick function "'fn(artist, event)"
     pickradius: float distance in points
     rasterized: [True | False | None]
     sketch_params: unknown
      snap: unknown
      solid_capstyle: ['butt' | 'round' | 'projecting']
      solid_joinstyle: ['miter' | 'round' | 'bevel']
      transform: a :class:'matplotlib.transforms.Transform' instance
      url: a url string
     visible: [True | False]
     xdata: 1D array
     ydata: 1D array
     zorder: any number
   kwargs *scalex* and *scaley*, if defined, are passed on to
    :meth: "matplotlib.axes.Axes.autoscale_view" to determine
    whether the *x* and *y* axes are autoscaled; the default is
    *True*.
   Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state
Legends
In [26]: x = np.linspace(0, 20, 100)
        y1 = np.sin(x)
        y2 = np.cos(x)
        plt.plot(x, y1, '-b', label='sine')
        plt.plot(x, y2, '-r', label='cosine')
        plt.legend(loc='upper right', fancybox=True, framealpha=0.5)
         #plt.ylim((-1.5, 2.0));
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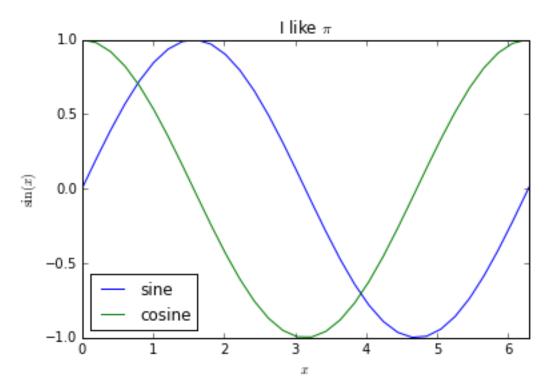


## Object oriented way

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In [30]: fig = plt.figure() # a new figure window
    ax = fig.add_subplot(3, 2, 1) # specify (nrows, ncols, axnum)
    ax2 = fig.add_subplot(3, 2, 6) # specify (nrows, ncols, axnum)
    # same as ax = fig.add_subplot()
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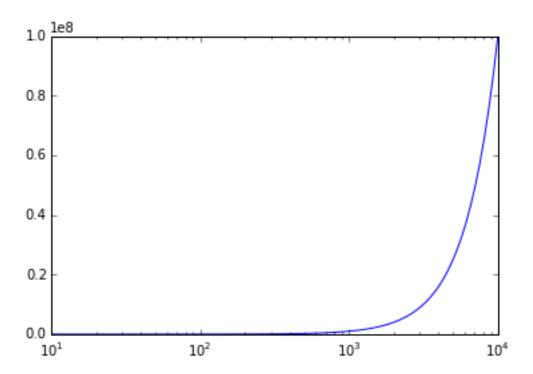


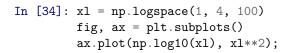


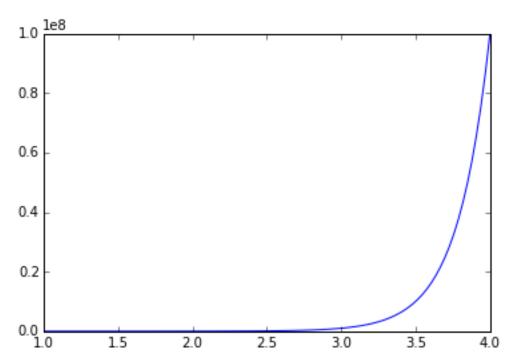


In [15]: # The following outputs a HUGE quantity of information! I comment it for now #help(ax)

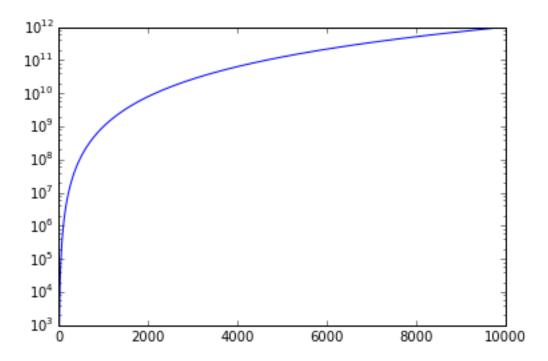
## log plots

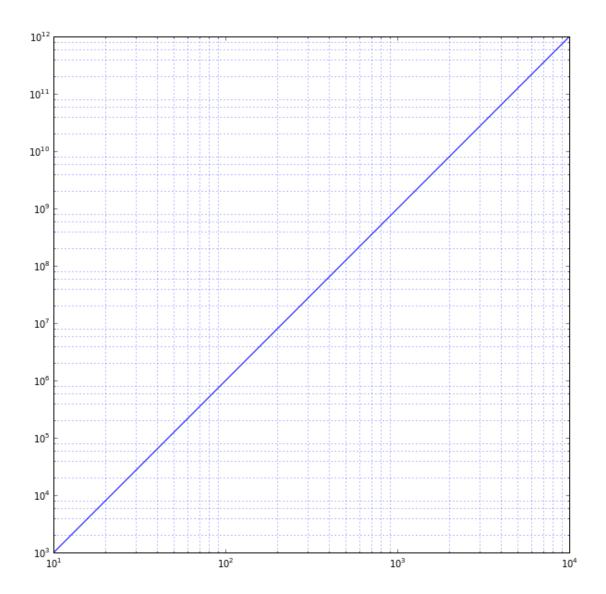






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In [35]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
         ax.semilogy(xl, xl**3);
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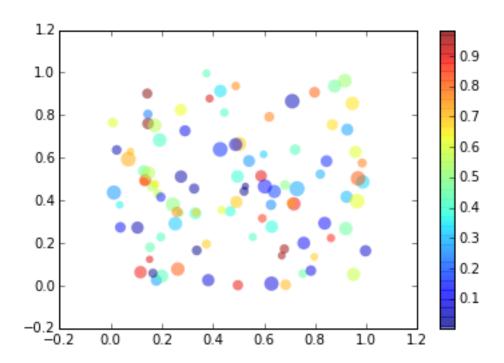


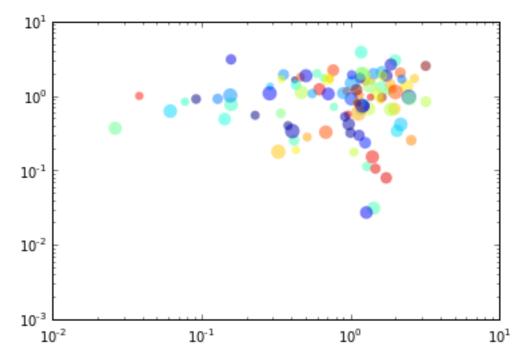


## Scatter

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In [40]: xr = np.random.rand(100)
    yr = np.random.rand(100)
    cr = np.random.rand(100)
    sr = np.random.rand(100)

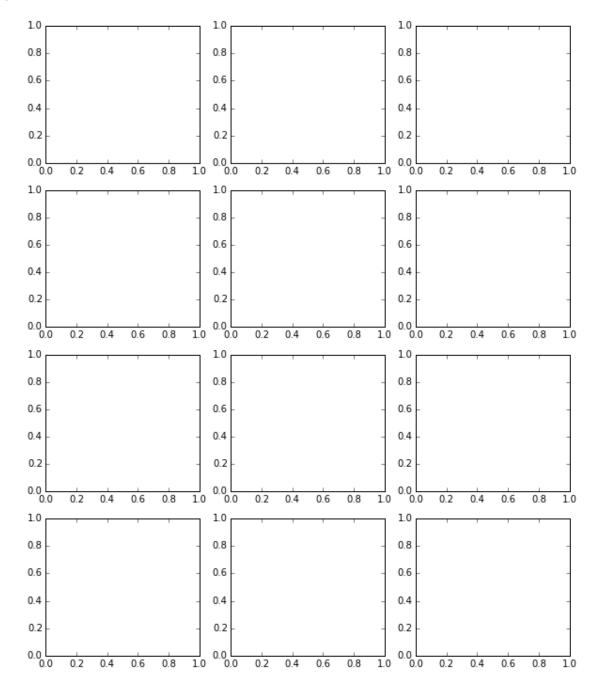
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    sc = ax.scatter(xr, yr, c=cr, s=30+sr*100, edgecolor='none', alpha=0.5); # Sizes and colors defig.colorbar(sc);
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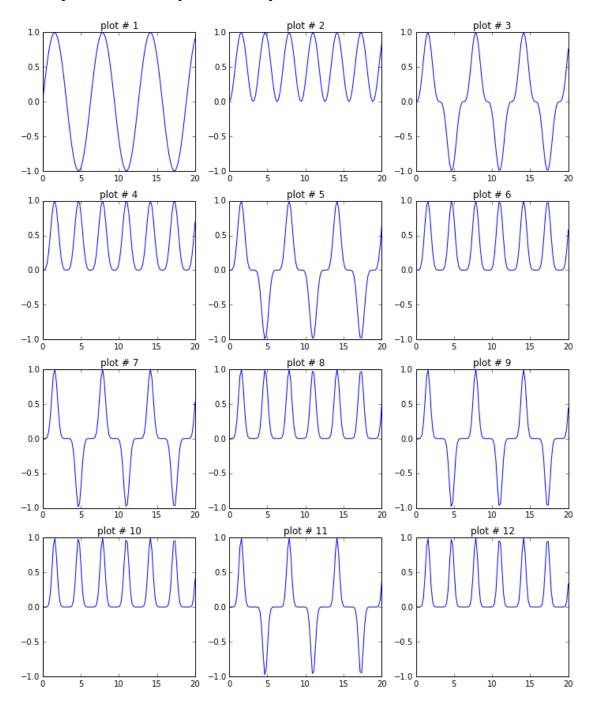
## multiple plots

(4, 3)



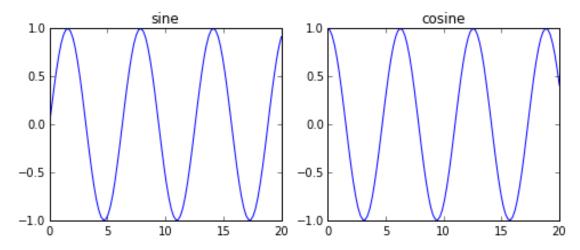
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In [54]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(4, 3, figsize=(10,12))
    for i, ax in enumerate(axes.ravel()): # axes is a 2D array. Need to ravel it to run over ever
        ax.set_title('plot # {}'.format(i+1))
        ax.plot(x, y1**(i+1))
        ax.set_ylim((-1, 1))
    fig.tight_layout() # Better output
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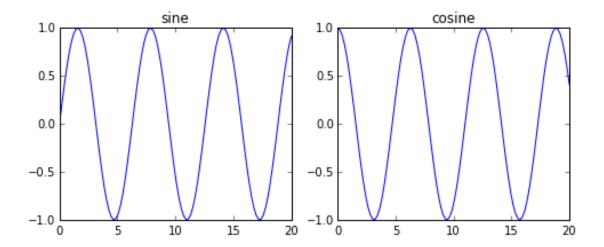
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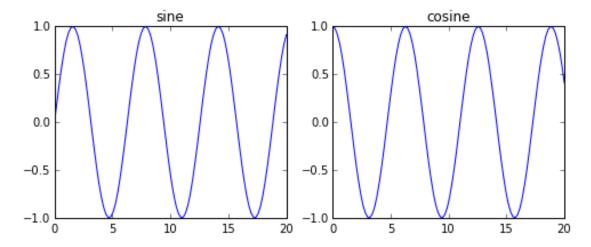


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In [57]: fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
         gs = plt.GridSpec(3, 3)
         ax1 = fig.add_subplot(gs[0, :])
         ax2 = fig.add_subplot(gs[1, :2])
         ax3 = fig.add_subplot(gs[1:, 2])
         ax4 = fig.add_subplot(gs[2, 0])
         ax5 = fig.add_subplot(gs[2, 1])
         ax1.plot(x, y1)
         ax1.set_title('AX1')
         ax2.plot(x, y2)
         ax2.set_title('AX2')
         ax3.scatter(xr, yr, c=cr, s=30+sr*100, edgecolor='none', alpha=0.5)
         ax3.set_title('AX3')
         ax4.set_title('AX4')
         ax5.set_title('AX5')
         fig.tight_layout()
         #etc...
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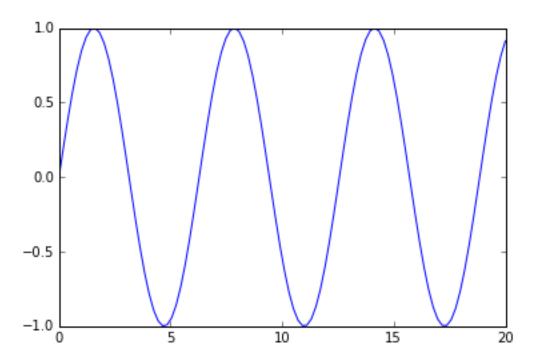
#### Order of the commands



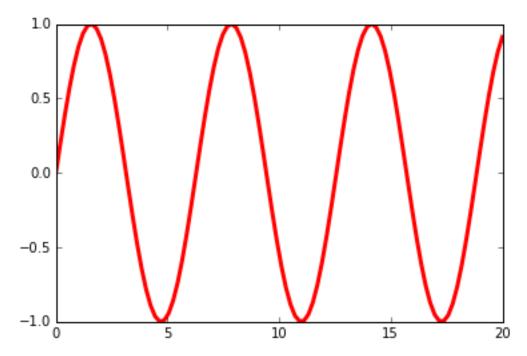




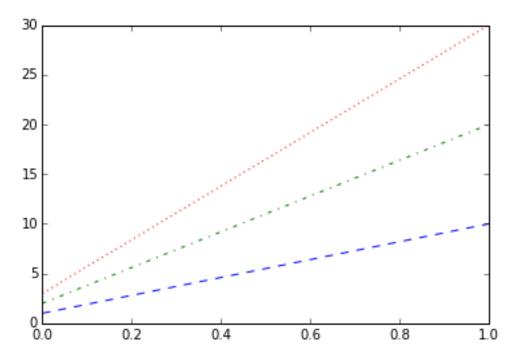
## Everything is object

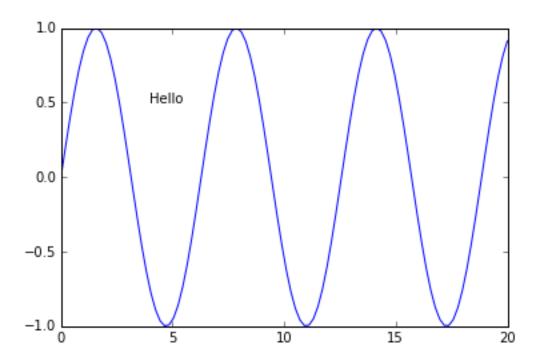


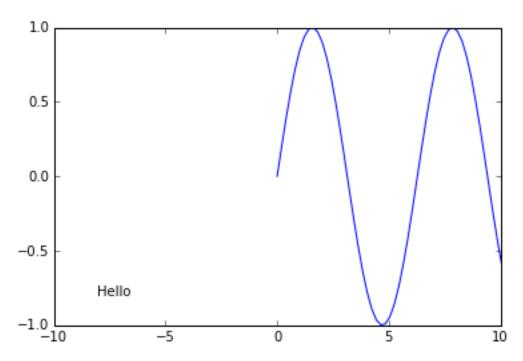
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In [63]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    lines = ax.plot(x, np.sin(x))
    line = lines[0]
    #help(line) # HUGE quantity of information
    line.set_color('red')
    line.set_linewidth(3)
    fig.canvas.draw() # this is not necessary in notebook, but in scripts it is.
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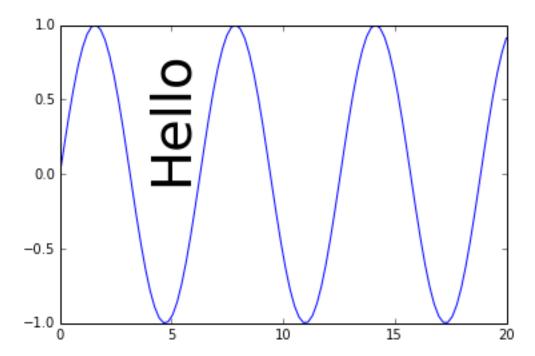


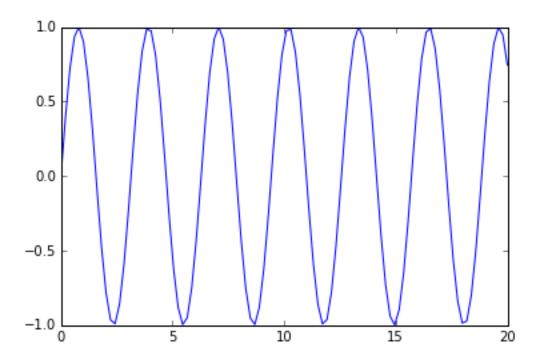
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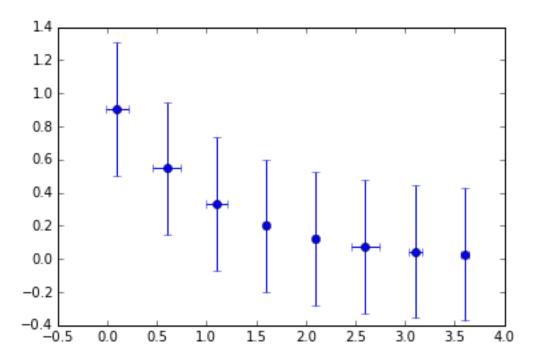








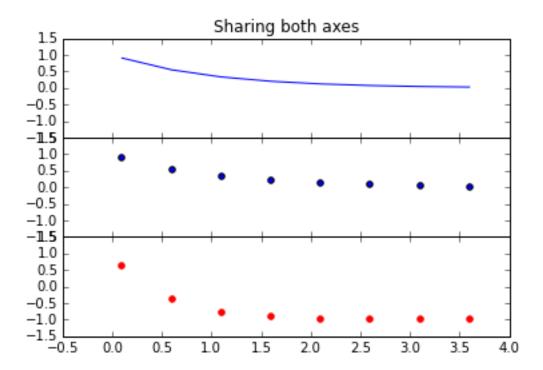
## Error bars



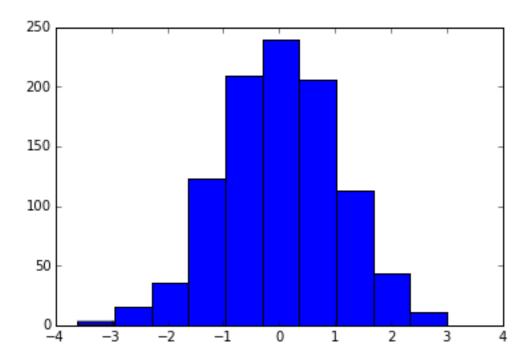
#### Sharing axes

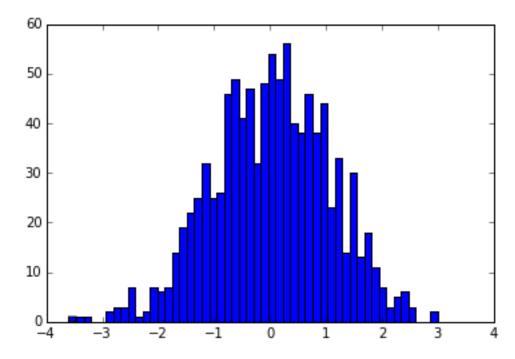
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In [77]: %matplotlib tk
         fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, sharex=True)
         axes[0].plot(x, y)
         axes[0].set_title('Sharing X axis')
         axes[1].scatter(x, y);
In [78]: f, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, sharey=True) # Unpacking the axes
         ax1.plot(x, y)
         f.suptitle('Main TITLE')
         ax1.set_title('Sharing Y axis')
         ax2.scatter(x, y)
Out[78]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x115d20190>
In [82]: fig, (ax1, ax2, ax3) = plt.subplots(3, sharex=True, sharey=True)
         ax1.plot(x, y)
         ax1.set_title('Sharing both axes')
         ax2.scatter(x, y)
         ax3.scatter(x, 2 * y ** 2 - 1, color='r')
         # Fine-tune figure; make subplots close to each other
         fig.subplots_adjust(hspace=0)
In [83]: %matplotlib inline
In [85]: fig, (ax1, ax2, ax3) = plt.subplots(3, sharex=True, sharey=True)
         ax1.plot(x, y)
         ax1.set_title('Sharing both axes')
         ax2.scatter(x, y)
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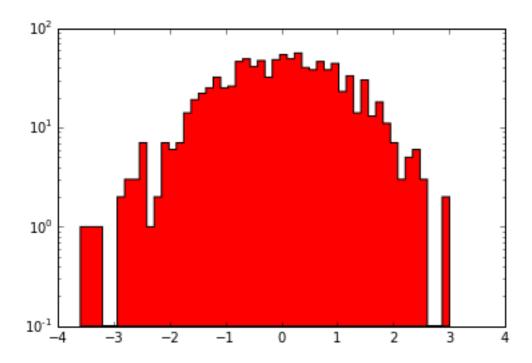
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ax3.scatter(x, 2 * y ** 2 - 1, color='r')
# Fine-tune figure; make subplots close to each other
fig.subplots_adjust(hspace=0)
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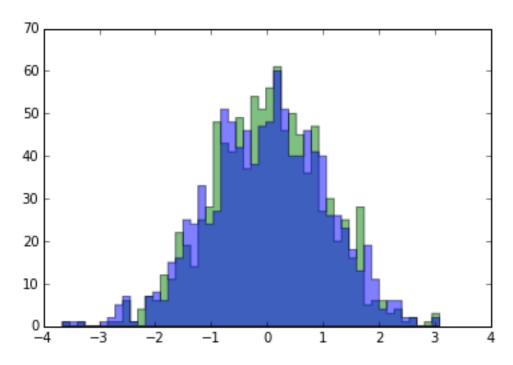


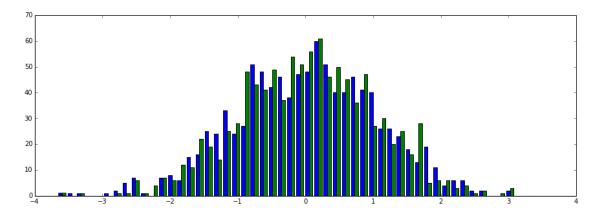
## Histograms

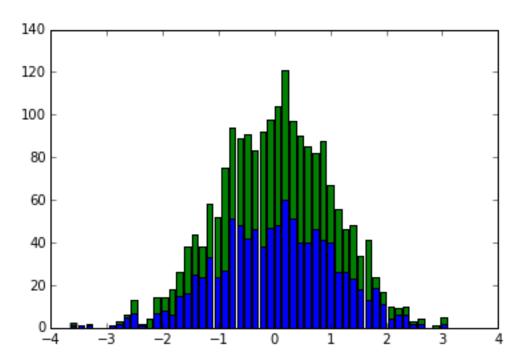


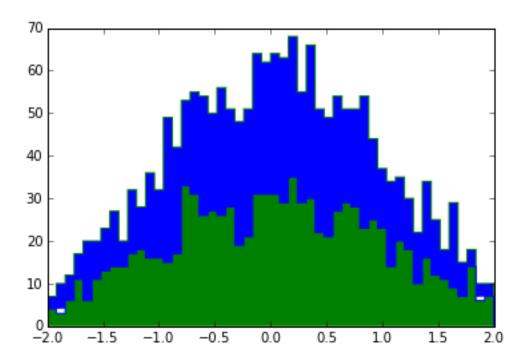


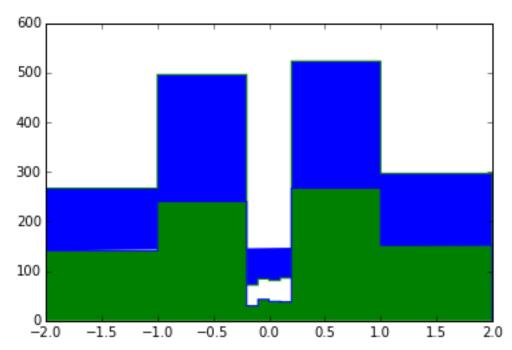


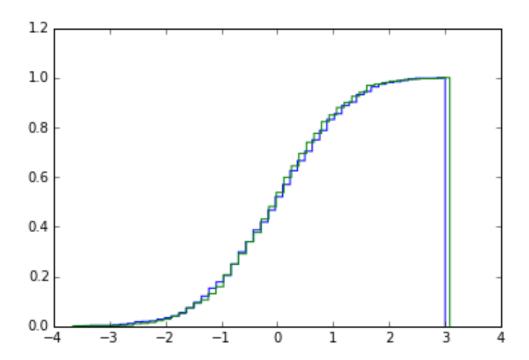






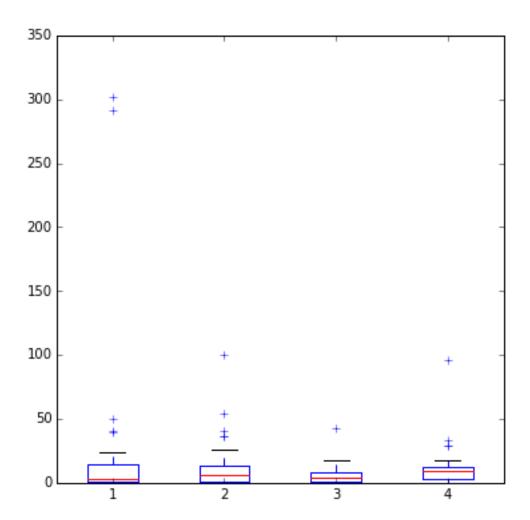




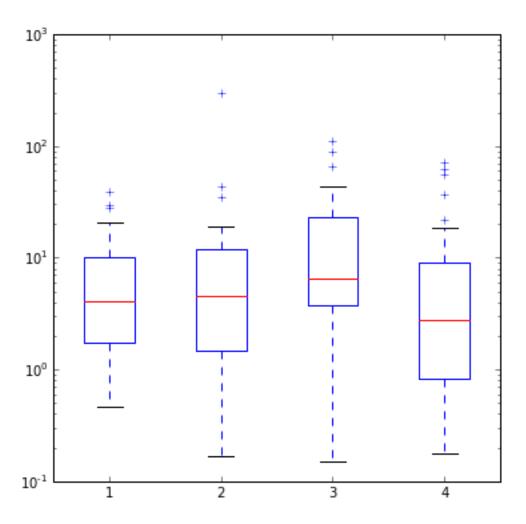


## boxplots

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In [104]: data = np.random.lognormal(size=(37, 4), mean=1.5, sigma=1.75)
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6,6))
    bp = ax.boxplot(data) # Nothing to see !
```



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In [105]: data = np.random.lognormal(size=(37, 4), mean=1.5, sigma=1.75)
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6,6))
    bp = ax.boxplot(data)
    ax.set_yscale('log')
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## Ticks, axes and spines

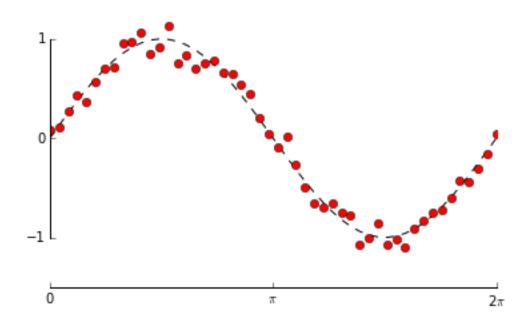
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In [106]: x = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 50)
    y = np.sin(x)
    y2 = y + 0.1 * np.random.normal(size=x.shape) # add noise to the data

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    ax.plot(x, y, 'k--')
    ax.plot(x, y2, 'ro')

# set ticks and tick labels
    ax.set_xlim((0, 2*np.pi))
    ax.set_xticks([0, np.pi, 2*np.pi])
    ax.set_xticklabels(['0', '$\pi$','2$\pi$'])
    ax.set_ylim((-1.5, 1.5))
    ax.set_yticks([-1, 0, 1])

# Only draw spine between the y-ticks
    ax.spines['left'].set_bounds(-1, 1)
    # Hide the right and top spines
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ax.spines['right'].set_visible(False)
ax.spines['top'].set_visible(False)
# Only show ticks on the left and bottom spines
ax.yaxis.set_ticks_position('left')
ax.xaxis.set_ticks_position('bottom')
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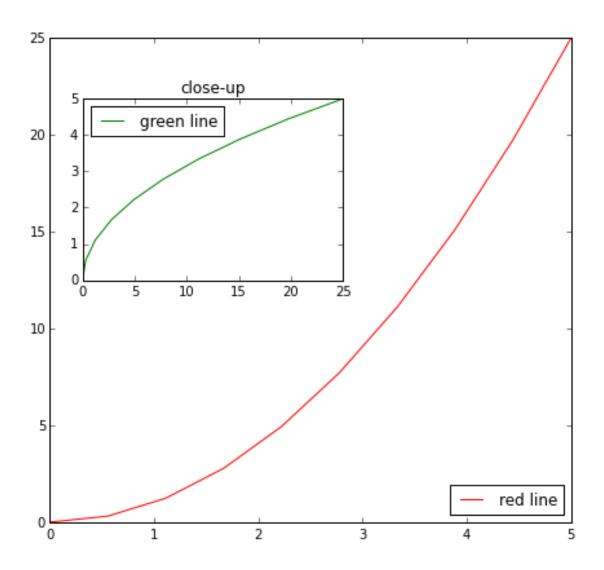
## A plot inside a plot

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In [110]: x = np.linspace(0, 5, 10)
    y = x ** 2

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(7,6.5))

ax1 = fig.add_axes([0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.8]) # main axes
ax2 = fig.add_axes([0.15, 0.5, 0.4, 0.3]) # inset axes

# main figure
ax1.plot(x, y, 'r', label='red line')
ax1.legend(loc=4)
# insert
ax2.plot(y, x, 'g', label = 'green line')
ax2.set_title('close-up')
ax2.legend(loc='best');
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In [112]: # The classical way

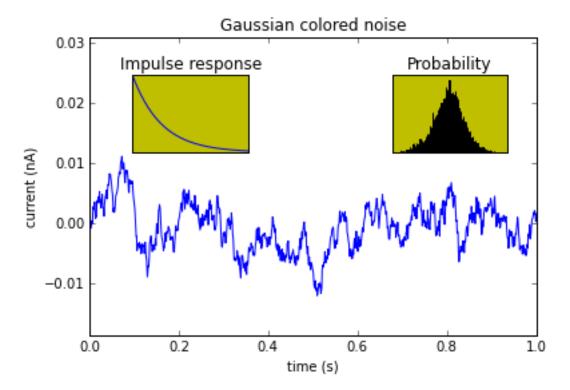
# create some data to use for the plot
dt = 0.001
 t = np.arange(0.0, 10.0, dt)
 r = np.exp(-t[:1000]/0.05) # impulse response
 x = np.random.randn(len(t))
 s = np.convolve(x,r)[:len(x)]\*dt # colored noise

# the main axes is subplot(111) by default
plt.plot(t, s)
plt.axis([0, 1, 1.1\*np.amin(s), 2\*np.amax(s)])
plt.xlabel('time (s)')
plt.ylabel('current (nA)')
plt.title('Gaussian colored noise')

# this is an inset axes over the main axes
a = plt.axes([.65, .6, .2, .2], axisbg='y')

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n, bins, patches = plt.hist(s, 400, normed=1)
plt.title('Probability')
plt.setp(a, xticks=[], yticks=[])

# this is another inset axes over the main axes
b = plt.axes([0.2, 0.6, .2, .2], axisbg='y')
plt.plot(t[:len(r)], r)
plt.title('Impulse response')
plt.setp(b, xlim=(0,.2), xticks=[], yticks=[]);
```



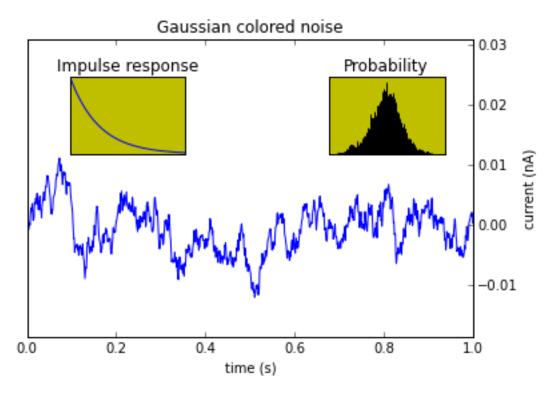
```
In [113]: # The Object oriented way

# the main axes is subplot(111) by default
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(t, s)
ax.axis([0, 1, 1.1*np.amin(s), 2*np.amax(s)])
# The previous command is equivalent to:
#ax.set_xlim((0., 1))
#ax.set_ylim((1.1*np.amin(s), 2*np.amax(s)))
ax.set_xlabel('time (s)')
ax.set_ylabel('current (nA)')
ax.set_title('Gaussian colored noise')
ax.yaxis.tick_right()
ax.yaxis.set_label_position("right")

# this is an inset axes over the main axes
ax2 = plt.axes([.65, .6, .2, .2], axisbg='y')
```

```
n, bins, patches = ax2.hist(s, 400, normed=1)
ax2.set_title('Probability')
ax2.xaxis.set_ticks([])
ax2.yaxis.set_ticks([])

# this is another inset axes over the main axes
ax3 = plt.axes([0.2, 0.6, .2, .2], axisbg='y')
ax3.plot(t[:len(r)], r)
ax3.set_title('Impulse response')
ax3.set_xlim((0., .2))
ax3.xaxis.set_ticks([])
ax3.yaxis.set_ticks([]);
```



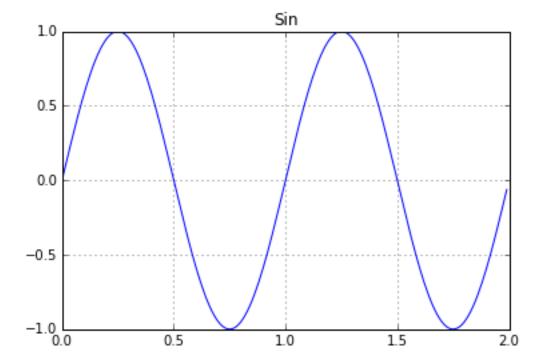
## Play with all the objects of a plot

```
In [118]: # Define some data
    t = np.arange(0.0, 2.0, 0.01)
    s = np.sin(2*np.pi*t)
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()

# Plot the data and keep the data-line into an object
    datalines = ax.plot(t, s)
    # Plot grids on the figure
    ax.grid(True)
    tit = ax.set_title('Sin')

# Put all the lines and labels into lists of objects
```

```
ticklines = ax.spines.itervalues()
gridlines = ax.get_xgridlines()
gridlines.extend( ax.get_ygridlines() )
labels = ax.get_xticklabels()
labels.extend( ax.get_yticklabels() )
labels.append(tit)
```



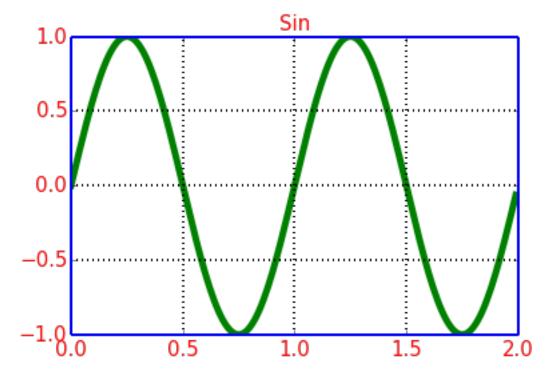
```
In [55]: # Define some data
         t = np.arange(0.0, 2.0, 0.01)
         s = np.sin(2*np.pi*t)
         fig, ax = plt.subplots()
         # Plot the data and keep the data-line into an object
         datalines = ax.plot(t, s)
         # Plot grids on the figure
         ax.grid(True)
         tit = ax.set_title('Sin')
         # Put all the lines and labels into lists of objects
         ticklines = ax.spines.itervalues()
         gridlines = ax.get_xgridlines()
         gridlines.extend( ax.get_ygridlines() )
         labels = ax.get_xticklabels()
         labels.extend( ax.get_yticklabels() )
         labels.append(tit) # Loop on the lists of lines to change properties
         for line in ticklines:
             line.set_linewidth(2)
```

```
line.set_color('blue')

for line in datalines:
    line.set_linewidth(5)
    line.set_color('green')

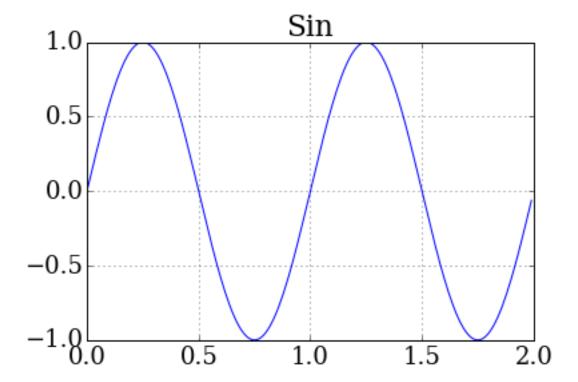
for line in gridlines:
    line.set_linestyle(':')
    line.set_linewidth(2)

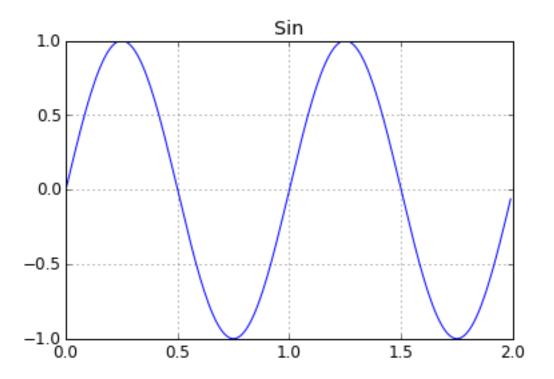
# loop on the labels to change properties
for label in labels:
    label.set_color('r')
    label.set_fontsize(15)
```



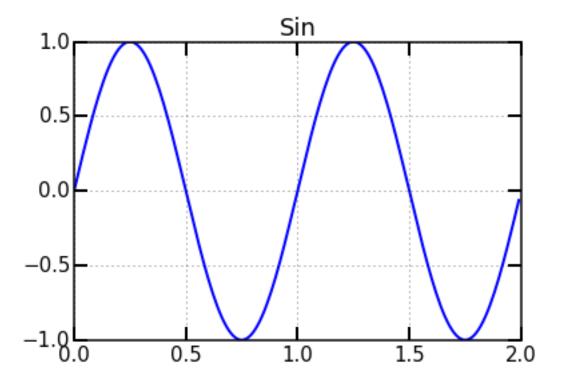
# Changing font etc for all the plots:

```
ax.grid(True)
tit = ax.set_title('Sin')
```





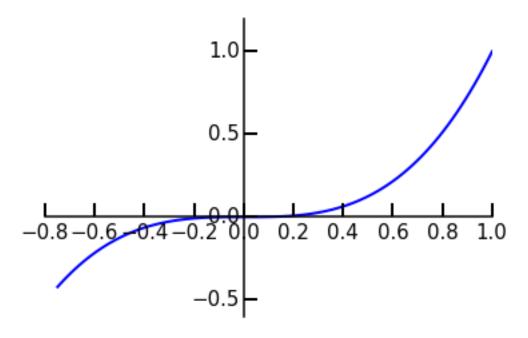
```
In [126]: matplotlib.rc('axes', linewidth=1.5)
          matplotlib.rc('lines', linewidth=2)
          matplotlib.rc('font', size=15)
          matplotlib.rc('xtick.major', width=2, size=10)
          matplotlib.rc('xtick.minor', width=2, size=5)
          matplotlib.rc('ytick.major', width=2, size=10)
          matplotlib.rc('ytick.minor', width=2, size=5)
          # Define some data
          t = np.arange(0.0, 2.0, 0.01)
          s = np.sin(2*np.pi*t)
          fig, ax = plt.subplots()
          # Plot the data and keep the data-line into an object
          datalines = ax.plot(t, s)
          # Plot grids on the figure
          ax.grid(True)
          tit = ax.set_title('Sin')
```



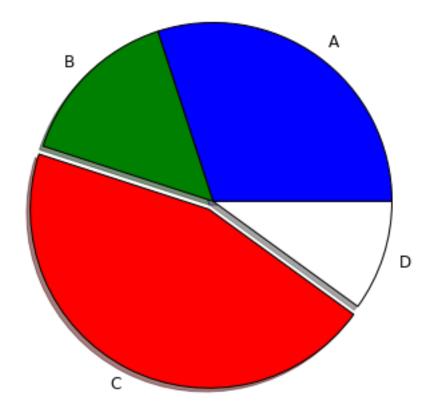
#### Twin axes

```
In []: x = np.linspace(0, 4, 100)
      fig, ax1 = plt.subplots()
      ax1.plot(x, x**2, lw=2, color="blue")
      ax1.set_ylabel(r"area $(m^2)$", fontsize=18, color="blue")
      for label in ax1.get_yticklabels():
           label.set_color("blue")
      ax2 = ax1.twinx()
       ax2.plot(x, x**3, lw=2, color="red")
      ax2.set_ylabel(r"volume $(m^3)$", fontsize=18, color="red")
      for label in ax2.get_yticklabels():
           label.set_color("red")
Axis crossing at 0
In [127]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
          ax.spines['right'].set_color('none')
          ax.spines['top'].set_color('none')
          ax.xaxis.set_ticks_position('bottom')
          ax.spines['bottom'].set_position(('data',0)) # set position of x spine to x=0
          ax.yaxis.set_ticks_position('left')
          ax.spines['left'].set_position(('data',0)) # set position of y spine to y=0
```

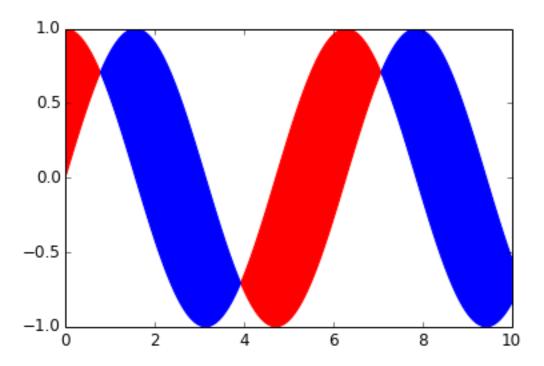
xx = np.linspace(-0.75, 1., 100)
ax.plot(xx, xx\*\*3);



# Pie plots



## Filled regions

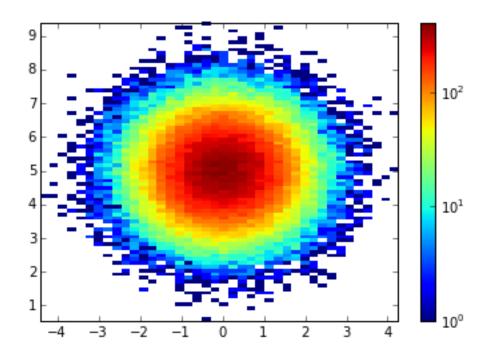


## 2D-histograms and hexagon plots

```
In [2]: from matplotlib.colors import LogNorm
```

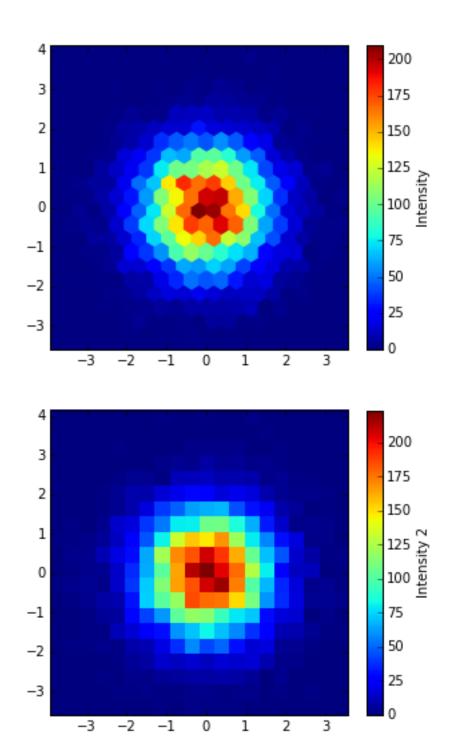
```
#normal distribution center at x=0 and y=5
x = np.random.randn(100000)
y = np.random.randn(100000)+5

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
counts, xedges, yedges, Image = ax.hist2d(x, y, bins=(40, 80), norm=LogNorm())
cb = fig.colorbar(Image)
```



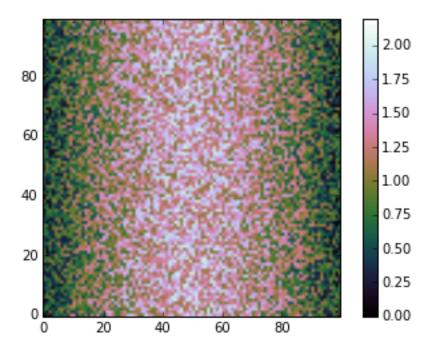
```
In [7]: x, y = np.random.normal(size=(2, 10000))
    fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(2, figsize=(5, 9))
    im = ax1.hexbin(x, y, gridsize=20)
    cb = fig.colorbar(im, ax=ax1)
    cb.set_label('Intensity')

H = ax2.hist2d(x, y, bins=20)
    cb = fig.colorbar(H[3], ax=ax2)
    cb.set_label('Intensity 2')
```

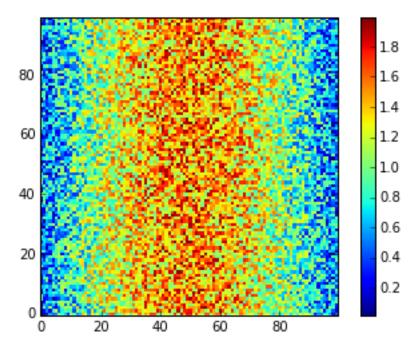


## ${\bf 2D}$ data sets and Images

im = ax.imshow(I, cmap=plt.cm.cubehelix, vmin=0, vmax=2.2) # draw the image
cb = fig.colorbar(im) # put the colorbar



In [5]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
 im = ax.imshow(I, cmap=plt.cm.jet, interpolation='none') # draw the image, no interpolations, r
 cb = fig.colorbar(im, ax=ax) # put the colorbar



#### In [68]: help(plt.imshow)

Help on function imshow in module matplotlib.pyplot:

imshow(X, cmap=None, norm=None, aspect=None, interpolation=None, alpha=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, orig Display an image on the axes.

#### Parameters

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- X : array\_like, shape (n, m) or (n, m, 3) or (n, m, 4)
  Display the image in 'X' to current axes. 'X' may be a float array, a uint8 array or a PIL image. If 'X' is an array, it can have the following shapes:
  - MxN -- luminance (grayscale, float array only)
  - MxNx3 -- RGB (float or uint8 array)
  - MxNx4 -- RGBA (float or uint8 array)

The value for each component of MxNx3 and MxNx4 float arrays should be in the range 0.0 to 1.0; MxN float arrays may be normalised.

- cmap : '~matplotlib.colors.Colormap', optional, default: None
   If None, default to rc 'image.cmap' value. 'cmap' is ignored when
   'X' has RGB(A) information
- aspect : ['auto' | 'equal' | scalar], optional, default: None
   If 'auto', changes the image aspect ratio to match that of the
   axes.
  - If 'equal', and 'extent' is None, changes the axes aspect ratio to match that of the image. If 'extent' is not 'None', the axes aspect ratio is changed to match that of the extent.
  - If None, default to rc 'image.aspect' value.
- interpolation : string, optional, default: None
   Acceptable values are 'none', 'nearest', 'bilinear', 'bicubic',
   'spline16', 'spline36', 'hanning', 'hamming', 'hermite', 'kaiser',
   'quadric', 'catrom', 'gaussian', 'bessel', 'mitchell', 'sinc',
   'lanczos'
  - If 'interpolation' is None, default to rc 'image.interpolation'. See also the 'filternorm' and 'filterrad' parameters. If 'interpolation' is 'none', then no interpolation is performed on the Agg, ps and pdf backends. Other backends will fall back to 'nearest'.
- norm : '~matplotlib.colors.Normalize', optional, default: None
  A '~matplotlib.colors.Normalize' instance is used to scale
  luminance data to 0, 1. If 'None', use the default
  func:'normalize'. 'norm' is only used if 'X' is an array of
  floats.

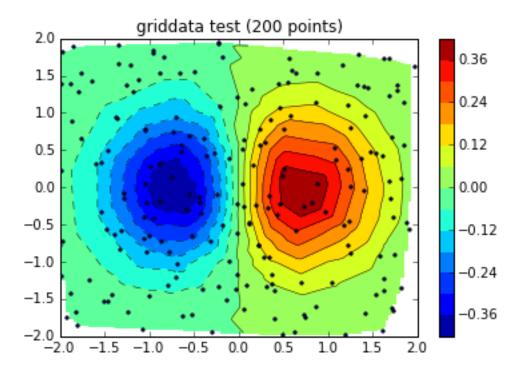
```
vmin, vmax : scalar, optional, default: None
    'vmin' and 'vmax' are used in conjunction with norm to normalize
    luminance data. Note if you pass a 'norm' instance, your
    settings for 'vmin' and 'vmax' will be ignored.
alpha: scalar, optional, default: None
    The alpha blending value, between 0 (transparent) and 1 (opaque)
origin : ['upper' | 'lower'], optional, default: None
    Place the [0,0] index of the array in the upper left or lower left
    corner of the axes. If None, default to rc 'image.origin'.
extent : scalars (left, right, bottom, top), optional, default: None
    Data limits for the axes. The default assigns zero-based row,
    column indices to the 'x', 'y' centers of the pixels.
shape : scalars (columns, rows), optional, default: None
    For raw buffer images
filternorm : scalar, optional, default: 1
    A parameter for the antigrain image resize filter. From the
    antigrain documentation, if 'filternorm' = 1, the filter
   normalizes integer values and corrects the rounding errors. It
    doesn't do anything with the source floating point values, it
    corrects only integers according to the rule of 1.0 which means
    that any sum of pixel weights must be equal to 1.0. So, the
    filter function must produce a graph of the proper shape.
filterrad : scalar, optional, default: 4.0
    The filter radius for filters that have a radius parameter, i.e.
    when interpolation is one of: 'sinc', 'lanczos' or 'blackman'
Returns
image : '~matplotlib.image.AxesImage'
Other parameters
kwargs : '~matplotlib.artist.Artist' properties.
See also
matshow: Plot a matrix or an array as an image.
Examples
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```

.. plot:: mpl\_examples/pylab\_examples/image\_demo.py

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

### Contour

```
In [10]: from matplotlib.mlab import griddata
         fig, ax = plt.subplots()
         # make up data.
         #npts = int(raw_input('enter # of random points to plot:'))
         npts = 200
         x = np.random.uniform(-2, 2, npts)
         y = np.random.uniform(-2, 2, npts)
         z = x*np.exp(-x**2 - y**2)
         # define grid.
         xi = np.linspace(-2.1, 2.1, 100)
         yi = np.linspace(-2.1, 2.1, 200)
         # grid the data.
         zi = griddata(x, y, z, xi, yi, interp='linear')
         # contour the gridded data, plotting dots at the nonuniform data points.
         ax.contour(xi, yi, zi, 15, linewidths=0.5, colors='k')
         CF = ax.contourf(xi, yi, zi, 15,
                           vmax=abs(zi).max(), vmin=-abs(zi).max())
         cb = fig.colorbar(CF) # draw colorbar
         # plot data points.
         ax.scatter(x, y, marker='o', c='b', s=5, zorder=10)
         ax.set_xlim(-2, 2)
         ax.set_ylim(-2, 2)
         ax.set_title('griddata test (%d points)' % npts);
```



#### 3D scatter plots

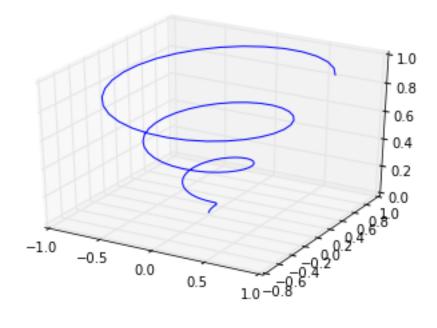
```
ax = plt.axes(projection='3d')

z = np.linspace(0, 1, 100)
x = z * np.sin(20 * z)
y = z * np.cos(20 * z)

c = x + y

ax.scatter(x, y, z, c=c);
# ax.set_zscale('log')

Out[17]: <mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.Path3DCollection at 0x10891b450>
In [12]: fig = plt.figure()
ax = plt.axes(projection='3d')
ax.plot(x, y, z, '-b')
Out[12]: [<mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.Line3D at 0x109090dd0>]
```

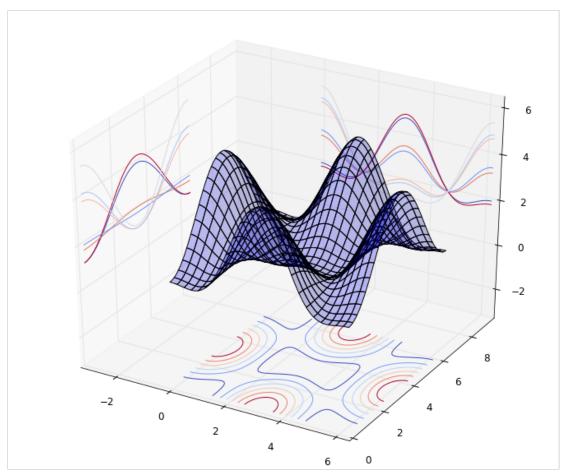


```
In [21]: alpha = 0.7
    phi_ext = 2 * np.pi * 0.5

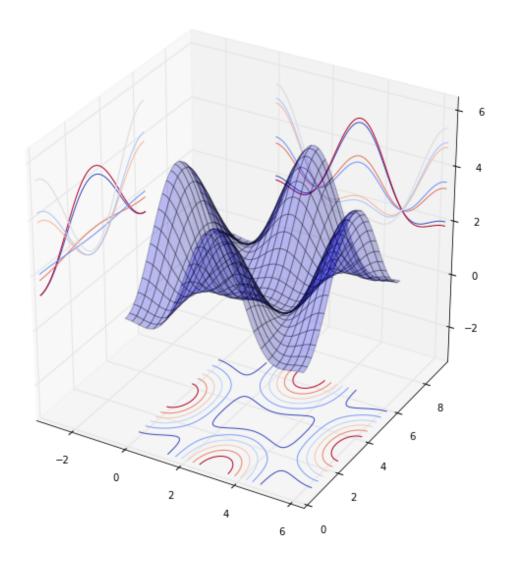
def flux_qubit_potential(phi_m, phi_p):
        return 2 + alpha - 2 * np.cos(phi_p)*np.cos(phi_m) - alpha * np.cos(phi_ext - 2*phi_p)

phi_m = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 100)
    phi_p = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 100)
    X,Y = np.meshgrid(phi_p, phi_m)
    Z = flux_qubit_potential(X, Y).T
    fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,6))
```

```
# 'ax' is a 3D-aware axis instance, because of the projection='3d' keyword argument to add_sub
         ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1, projection='3d')
        p = ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, rstride=4, cstride=4, linewidth=0)
         # surface_plot with color grading and color bar
        ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2, projection='3d')
         p = ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, rstride=1, cstride=1, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm, linewidth=0, antialia
        cb = fig.colorbar(p, shrink=0.5)
In [73]: pi = np.pi
        fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,10))
        ax = fig.add_subplot(1,1,1, projection='3d')
        ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, rstride=4, cstride=4, alpha=0.25)
         cset = ax.contour(X, Y, Z, zdir='z', offset=-pi, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm)
         cset = ax.contour(X, Y, Z, zdir='x', offset=-pi, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm)
         cset = ax.contour(X, Y, Z, zdir='y', offset=3*pi, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm)
         ax.set_xlim3d(-pi, 2*pi);
         ax.set_ylim3d(0, 3*pi);
         ax.set_zlim3d(-pi, 2*pi);
```



```
In [22]: # Interactive turning the plot
         %matplotlib tk
         fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,10))
         ax = fig.add_subplot(1,1,1, projection='3d')
         ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, rstride=4, cstride=4, alpha=0.25)
         cset = ax.contour(X, Y, Z, zdir='z', offset=-pi, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm)
         cset = ax.contour(X, Y, Z, zdir='x', offset=-pi, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm)
         cset = ax.contour(X, Y, Z, zdir='y', offset=3*pi, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm)
         ax.set_xlim3d(-pi, 2*pi);
         ax.set_ylim3d(0, 3*pi);
         ax.set_zlim3d(-pi, 2*pi);
Saving plots
In [25]: %matplotlib inline
         fig = plt.figure()
         ax = fig.add_subplot(1,1,1, projection='3d')
         ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, rstride=4, cstride=4, alpha=0.25)
         cset = ax.contour(X, Y, Z, zdir='z', offset=-pi, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm)
         cset = ax.contour(X, Y, Z, zdir='x', offset=-pi, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm)
         cset = ax.contour(X, Y, Z, zdir='y', offset=3*pi, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm)
         ax.set_xlim3d(-pi, 2*pi);
         ax.set_ylim3d(0, 3*pi);
         ax.set_zlim3d(-pi, 2*pi);
         fig.set_size_inches(10,10)
         fig.savefig('Fig1.pdf')
```



In [24]: ls \*pdf

BPT1.pdf Intro\_1.pdf intro\_Python.pdf intro\_Python\_3.pdf

Fig1.pdf MySQL.pdf intro\_Python\_2.pdf

Other tutorials: http://matplotlib.org/mpl\_toolkits/mplot3d/tutorial.html

### Access and clear the current figure and axe

```
In [77]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    print plt.gca() is ax # You can get the current axes with gca
    print plt.gcf() is fig # The same for the current axes.
    # But it's preferable to store them in a variable when creating
    plt.clf() # clear the current figure
    plt.cla() # clear the current axes
    fig.clf() # clear a given figure
    ax.cla() # clear a given axes
```

True True

<matplotlib.figure.Figure at 0xac46c90>

What's happen when not in a Notebook? plt.show() and plt.ion() commands We are here in a Notebook, but most of the time, you will execute programs from a script or using the command line in a terminal.

When using plot, scatter or any other plotting tool, the figure will not appear when typing the command, you need to send the *plt.show()* command to pop-up it (or them if you did more than one figure). And you will loose the interactivity with the command line! You will recover it once the figure windows are closed.

The way to change this behaviour is to call the *plt.ion()* command (interactive On).

If you are working within an ipython session created with the -pylab option, it is done by default.