

# Lecture 8 Matplotlib and Image Processing

## Matplotlib

Matplotlib (<https://matplotlib.org/>) serves as the package to produce publication-quality figures in Python, and provides [interface closely resembling to matlab](https://matplotlib.org/tutorials/introductory/pyplot.html) (<https://matplotlib.org/tutorials/introductory/pyplot.html>).

```
In [ ]: import matplotlib as mpl # import whole package
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # or just import submodule pyplot, providing matlab-like functions
# these are "standard shorthands", though some people use other nicknames
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```
In [ ]: dir(mpl)
```

```
In [ ]: dir(plt)
```

Of course you can explore the [Github](https://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib/tree/master/lib/matplotlib) (<https://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib/tree/master/lib/matplotlib>) to see the source codes if you like.

```
In [ ]: help(plt.plot)
```

Basic usage of pyplot: Very similiar to Matlab

```
In [ ]: import numpy as np
x = np.linspace(0, 10, 100)
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6)) # create the figure, just like figure() in matlab
plt.plot(x, np.sin(x), linestyle = '-', color = 'b', label='sin') # label is used for legend
plt.plot(x, np.cos(x), '--g', label = 'cos')
plt.xlim(-1, 11)
plt.title("A Sine Curve")
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel("sin(x)")
plt.legend()
```

Of course there is some object-oriented feature.

```
In [ ]: type(fig)
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In [ ]: dir(fig)
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```
In [ ]: fig.savefig('myfigure.png') # savefig is just a method of instance fig!
```

The object-oriented feature is more evident in making subplots. [Explore more usages here](https://matplotlib.org/3.1.0/gallery/subplots_axes_and_figures/subplots_demo.html) ([https://matplotlib.org/3.1.0/gallery/subplots\\_axes\\_and\\_figures/subplots\\_demo.html](https://matplotlib.org/3.1.0/gallery/subplots_axes_and_figures/subplots_demo.html)).

```
In [ ]: # subplots
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2, dpi = 100)
ax[0].plot(x, np.sin(x)) # plot and set_title are the methods of ax[0] -axes
ax[0].set_title('sin')
ax[1].plot(x, np.cos(x))
ax[1].set_title('cos')
```

[Distinguish the concept of axes and axis in Matplotlib \(https://matplotlib.org/faq/usage\\_faq.html\)](https://matplotlib.org/faq/usage_faq.html)

```
In [ ]: type(ax)
```

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In [ ]: type(ax[0])
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```
In [ ]: fig
```

## Image Processing

There are many great packages available to handle the image data in Python, such as [Pillow](https://pillow.readthedocs.io/en/stable/handbook/tutorial.html#using-the-image-class) (<https://pillow.readthedocs.io/en/stable/handbook/tutorial.html#using-the-image-class>), [Scikit-Image](https://scikit-image.org/) (<https://scikit-image.org/>) and [opencv-python](https://github.com/skvarok/opencv-python) (<https://github.com/skvarok/opencv-python>).

Here we import images from Scikit-Image which is [well-compatible with Numpy](https://scikit-image.org/docs/dev/user_guide/numpy_images.html) ([https://scikit-image.org/docs/dev/user\\_guide/numpy\\_images.html](https://scikit-image.org/docs/dev/user_guide/numpy_images.html)), and use Numpy to manipulate images.

```
In [ ]: from skimage import data
        image_astro = data.astronaut() # read the image as numpy array
        image_rock = data.rocket()
        fig = plt.figure(dpi=100)
        plt.imshow(image_astro)
```

```
In [ ]: fig = plt.figure(dpi=100)
        plt.imshow(image_rock)
```

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In [ ]: image_astro.shape
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In [ ]: image_rock.shape
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```
In [ ]: [np.max(image_astro), np.min(image_astro)]
```

Even with simple Numpy expressions, you can do some image processing like in Photoshop!

- Crop the images

```
In [ ]: image_astro_split = image_astro[:427, :, :]
        image_rock_split = image_rock[:, :512, :]
```

```
In [ ]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(ncols=2, dpi = 100)
        ax[0].imshow(image_astro_split) # plot and set_title are the methods of ax[0] -axes
        ax[1].imshow(image_rock_split)
```

- Invert the colors

```
In [ ]: fig = plt.figure(dpi=100)
        plt.imshow(255-image_rock)
```

- Exchange RGB channels

```
In [ ]: fig = plt.figure(dpi=100)
plt.imshow(image_rock[:, :, [2, 1, 0]])
```

- Binarize the image

```
In [ ]: image = image_rock
image_bi = np.empty_like(image)

thresh = 90
maxval = 255

for i in range(3):
    image_bi[:, :, i] = (image[:, :, i] > thresh) * maxval

fig = plt.figure(dpi=100)
plt.imshow(image_bi[:, :, [2, 1, 0]])
```

```
In [ ]: image_bi
```

- Blending

```
In [ ]: image_combine = 0.4*image_astro_split+0.6*image_rock_split
fig = plt.figure(dpi=100)
plt.imshow(image_combine.astype('uint8'))
plt.axis('off')
```