

Creating Weather Animation Part 1 - Introduction to Tools and Techniques

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In [1]: # Enable inline plotting for animations and interactive visualizations in Jupyter Notebook
%matplotlib inline

# Import essential libraries for numerical operations and plotting.
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Import the animation module from matplotlib to create dynamic visualizations and
from matplotlib import animation
from IPython.display import HTML

# Create a figure and a single subplot with axes. This will be the canvas for our animation
fig, ax = plt.subplots()

# Set the x and y axis limits of the plot. These limits provide the range of data to be plotted
ax.set_xlim((0, 2)) # x-axis from 0 to 2
ax.set_ylim((-2, 2)) # y-axis from -2 to 2, useful for showing full amplitude of sine wave

# Initialize an empty line object with line width 2. This line will be updated in each frame of the animation
line, = ax.plot([], [], lw=2)

# Define the initialization function for the animation. This function clears previous data from the plot
def init():
    line.set_data([], []) # Clear line data
    return (line,)

# Define the animation function which updates the content of the plot. This function generates data for each frame
def animate(i):
    x = np.linspace(0, 2, 1000) # Generate x values evenly spaced between 0 and 2
    y = np.sin(2 * np.pi * (x - 0.01 * i)) # Generate sine wave y values, creating a wave that moves to the left
    line.set_data(x, y) # Update the line's data for the new frame
    return (line,)

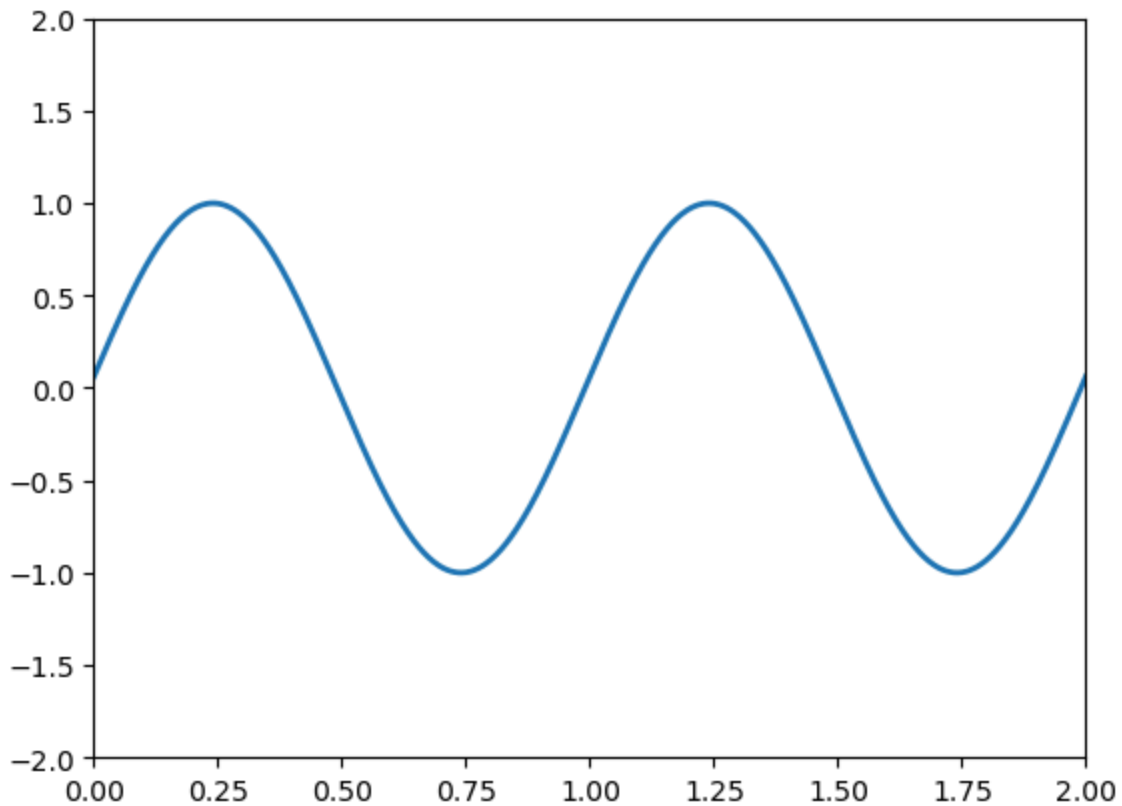
# Create an animation object. This object manages the dynamic redrawing of the plot
anim = animation.FuncAnimation(fig, animate, init_func=init,
                              frames=100, interval=20, blit=True) # 100 frames, 20ms interval

# Display the animation in HTML format within the Jupyter Notebook to ensure it plays correctly
HTML(anim.to_jshtml())
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In [2]: # Import necessary libraries for numerical computations and visualizations.
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.animation as animation
from IPython.display import HTML

# Create a matplotlib figure object. This figure will serve as the container for our animation.
fig = plt.figure()

# Define a function 'f' that takes x and y arrays as input and returns the sum of the function values.
# This function generates a dynamic pattern by combining two periodic functions, which we will animate.
def f(x, y):
    return np.sin(x) + np.cos(y)

# Generate arrays of x and y values that range from 0 to 2*pi.
# These arrays will be used as inputs to the function 'f' to create our visualization.
x = np.linspace(0, 2 * np.pi, 120) # 120 points along the x-axis
y = np.linspace(0, 2 * np.pi, 100).reshape(-1, 1) # 100 points along the y-axis, reshaped to a 2D array

# Initialize a list to store each frame of the animation.
# Each frame will be an image created by plotting the function 'f'.
ims = []

# Loop through 60 iterations to generate 60 frames for the animation.
# In each iteration, slightly shift x and y to create a moving effect in the result.
for i in range(60):
    x += np.pi / 15. # Increment x slightly to shift the sine function horizontally
    y += np.pi / 20. # Increment y slightly to shift the cosine function vertically
    # Calculate the function 'f' using the updated x and y, and create an image from the result.
    im = plt.imshow(f(x, y), animated=True) # 'imshow' plots the 2D array returned by the function 'f'
    ims.append(im)
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ims.append([im]) # Add the resulting image to the list of frames.  
  
# Close the plot to prevent it from showing statically in the output.  
plt.close()  
  
# Create an animation object using ArtistAnimation. This object will compile our li  
# 'interval' sets the speed of the animation (50 ms between frames), and 'blit=True  
ani = animation.ArtistAnimation(fig, ims, interval=50, blit=True, repeat_delay=1000  
  
# Display the animation within the Jupyter Notebook as an HTML5 video.  
# This method allows the animation to be played interactively in the notebook.  
HTML(ani.to_jshtml())
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