

## 15.2\_Matplotlib

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### 1 Introduction to Python for Open Source Geocomputation



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Content:

- What is Matplotlib?
- Options with Matplotlib
  - Different plot types
  - Styling
  - multiple plots
- Saving a plotted figure

### 2 What is Matplotlib?

- One of the most popular packages for quickly creating figures in python
- Many packages are built on top of and extending Matplotlib
  - Examples
    - \* pandas: Tabular data analysis and manipulation tool providing a `.plot()` API for Matplotlib plotting.
    - \* animatplot: Interactive animated plots.
    - \* seaborn: High-level interface for drawing attractive statistical graphics.
    - \* GeoPandas: Pandas extended to support geographical data, algorithms, and visualization
  - See a fuller list [here](#)

## 2.1 Installation of Matplotlib

From a terminal:

```
pip install matplotlib
```

or

```
conda install matplotlib
```

matplotlib is included in conda installation, so our working environment should already have matplotlib installed.

## 2.2 Support Many Different Types of Plots

- Basic plots: lines, scatter plot, bar plot
- image plots
- statistical plots: histogram, boxplot, pie
- 3D plots

```
[1]: from IPython.display import IFrame
      IFrame(src="https://matplotlib.org/stable/plot_types/index.html", width=1000, height=550)
```

```
[1]: <IPython.lib.display.IFrame at 0x7f9ec97f99a0>
```

## 2.3 Creating a simple figure in Matplotlib

Two interfaces for plotting with Matplotlib

- implicit interface:
  - procedural approach
  - inspired by and modeled on MATLAB
  - uses an global state-based interface which is encapsulated in the `pyplot` module to plot to the “current Axes”
  - use `functions`
  - See the [pyplot tutorials](#) for a more in-depth look at the `pyplot` interface.
- explicit interface:
  - object-oriented (OO) interface
  - directly utilize instances of `axes.Axes` to build up the visualization in an instance of `figure.Figure`
  - use `methods` associated with instances of classes `axes.Axes` and `figure.Figure`

```
[2]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt #import the pyplot module from matplotlib
```

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

```
[3]: ['Annotation',
      'Arrow',
      'Artist',
      'AutoLocator',
```

'Axes',  
'Button',  
'Circle',  
'Enum',  
'ExitStack',  
'Figure',  
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'FigureCanvasBase',  
'FigureManagerBase',  
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'xscale',  
'xticks',  
'ylabel',  
'ylim',  
'yscale',  
'yticks']
```

```
[4]: import numpy as np
```

```
[5]: x = np.arange(10)  
     y = x * 2
```

```
[6]: x
```

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[6]: array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
```

```
[7]: y
```

```
[7]: array([ 0,  2,  4,  6,  8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18])
```

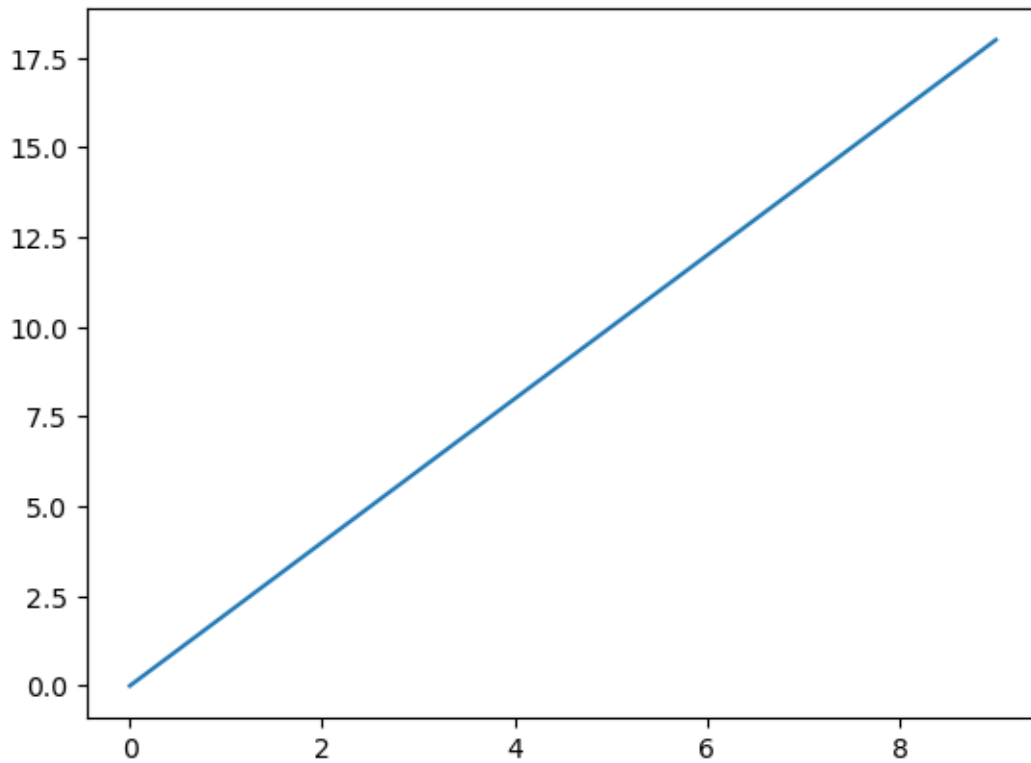
**Explicit interface** This interface works by

- instantiating an instance of a Figure class (fig below)
- using a method subplots method (or similar) on that object to create one or more Axes objects (ax below)
- then calling drawing methods on the Axes (plot in this example)

```
[8]: fig, ax = plt.subplots() # Create a figure containing a single axes.  
     ax.plot(x, y) # Plot some data on the axes.
```

```
[8]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9eb81b8280>]
```



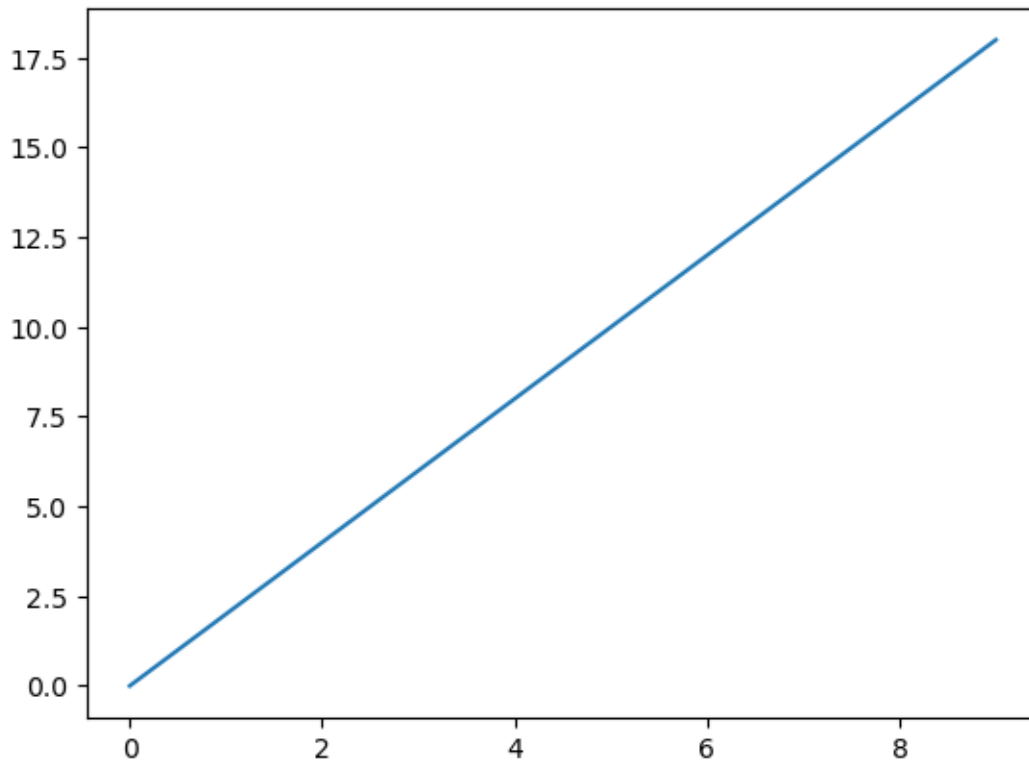


### implicit interface

- shadows most of the Axes plotting methods to give the equivalent of the above
- the creation of the Figure and Axes is done for the user

```
[9]: plt.plot(x,y)
```

```
[9]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e881b3d00>]
```



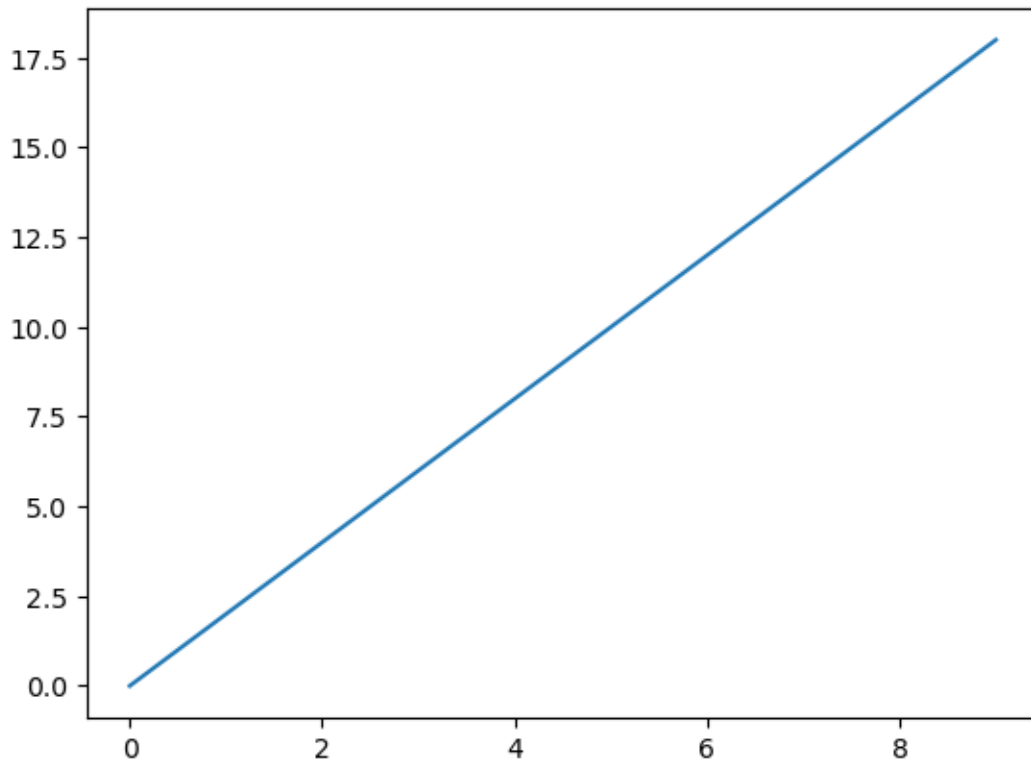
## 2.4 Anatomy of a Matplotlib Figure

### 2.4.1 Figure and Axes

- **Axes:**
  - represent an individual plot
  - different from “axis”, which refers to the x/y axis of a plot
- **Figure:** the final image that may contain 1 or more Axes
- **Syntax for creating Figure and Axes**
  - `fig = plt.figure()` # an empty figure with no Axes
  - `fig, ax = plt.subplots()` # a figure with a single Axes
  - `fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 2)` # a figure with a 2x2 grid of Axes

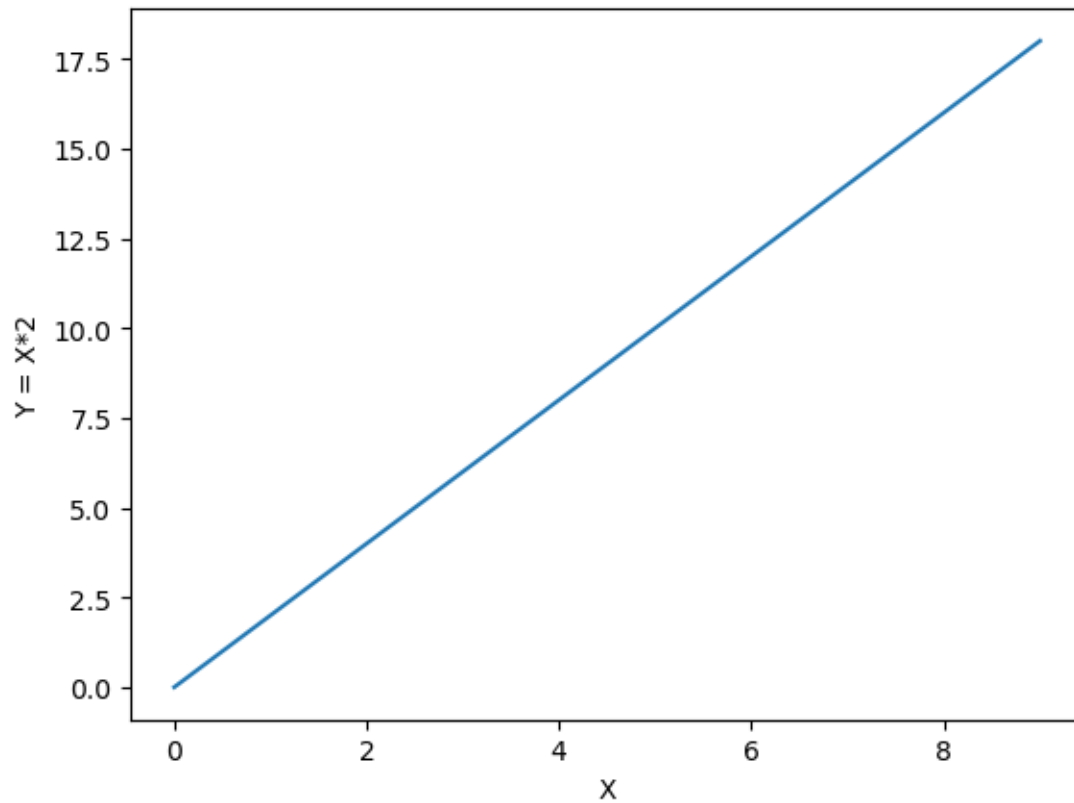
```
[10]: fig, ax = plt.subplots() # Create a figure containing a single axes.  
      ax.plot(x, y) # Plot some data on the axes.
```

```
[10]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e98c500a0>]
```



```
[11]: fig, ax = plt.subplots() # Create a figure containing a single axes.  
      ax.plot(x, y) # Plot some data on the axes.  
      ax.set_xlabel("X")  
      ax.set_ylabel("Y = X*2")
```

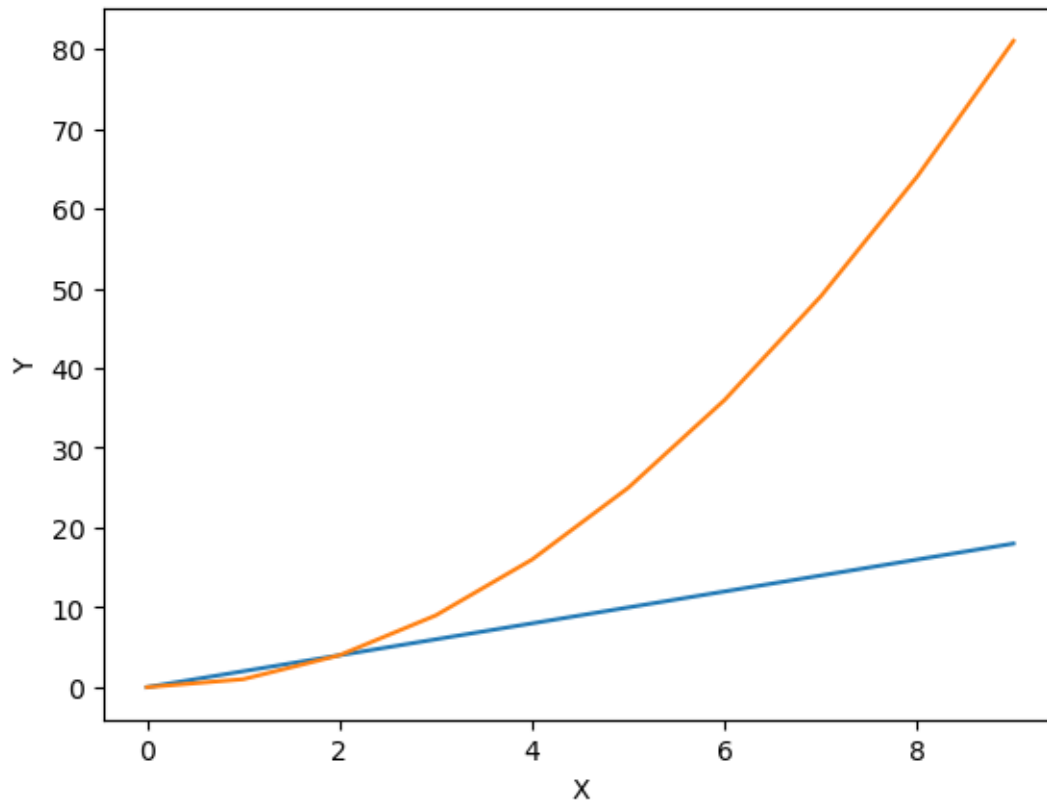
```
[11]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Y = X*2')
```



What if we want to add another line to the current plot?

```
[12]: fig, ax = plt.subplots() # Create a figure containing a single axes.  
      ax.plot(x, y) # Plot some data on the axes.  
  
      y2 = x ** 2  
      ax.plot(x, y2) # Plot some data on the axes.  
  
      ax.set_xlabel("X")  
      ax.set_ylabel("Y")
```

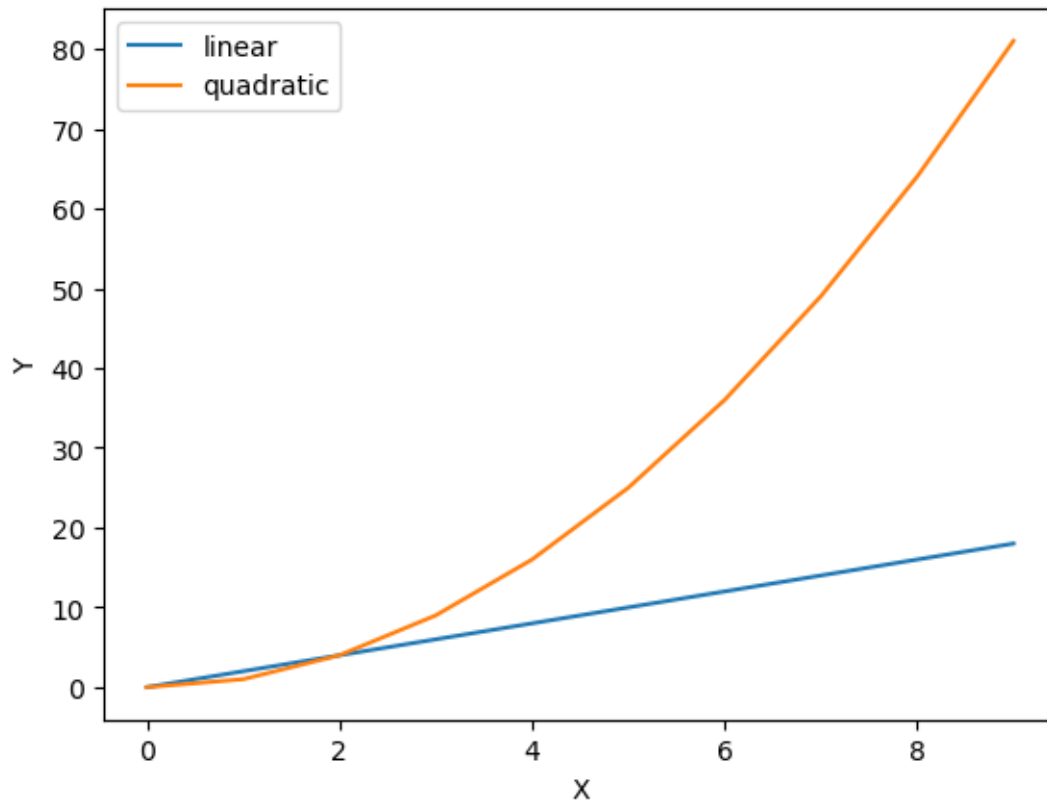
```
[12]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Y')
```



add legend to different different lines

```
[13]: fig, ax = plt.subplots() # Create a figure containing a single axes.  
x = np.arange(10)  
y = x * 2  
ax.plot(x, y, label='linear')  
  
y2 = x ** 2  
ax.plot(x, y2, label='quadratic') # Plot some data on the axes.  
  
ax.set_xlabel("X")  
ax.set_ylabel("Y")  
ax.legend()
```

```
[13]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f9e88221400>
```



add a third line

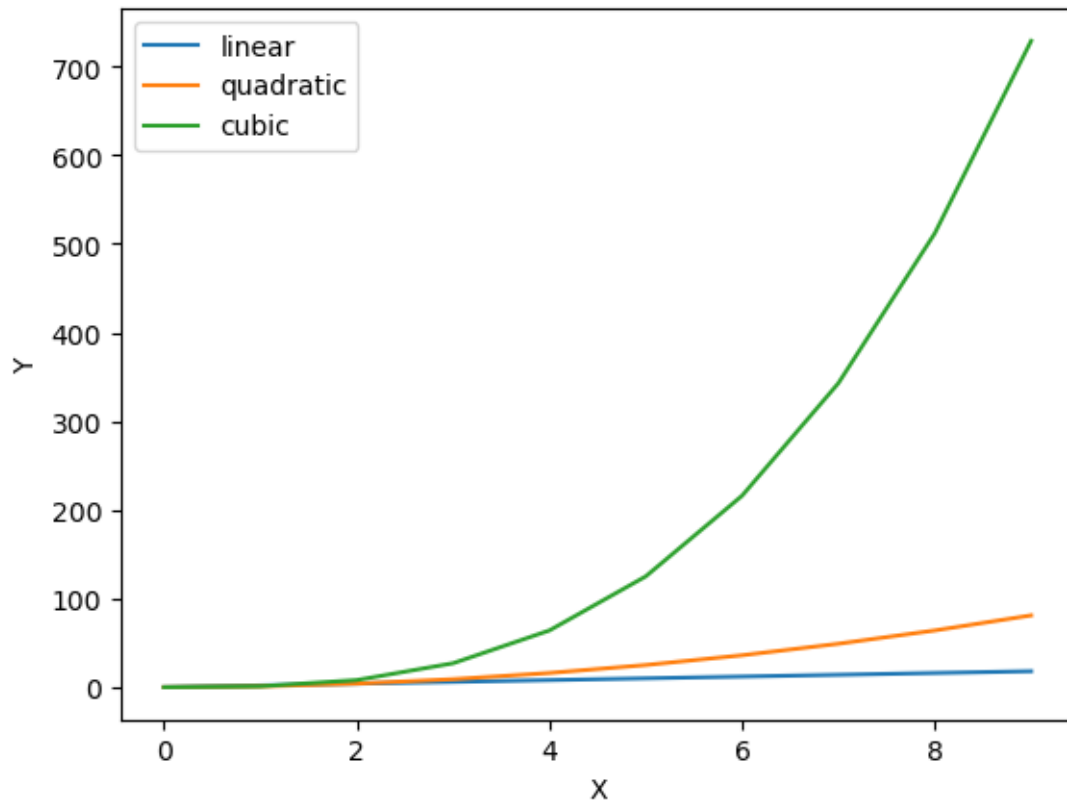
```
[14]: fig, ax = plt.subplots() # Create a figure containing a single axes.
x = np.arange(10)
y = x * 2
ax.plot(x, y, label='linear')

y2 = x ** 2
ax.plot(x, y2, label='quadratic') # Plot some data on the axes.

y3 = x ** 3
ax.plot(x, y3, label='cubic')

ax.set_xlabel("X")
ax.set_ylabel("Y")
ax.legend()
```

```
[14]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f9e98e21790>
```



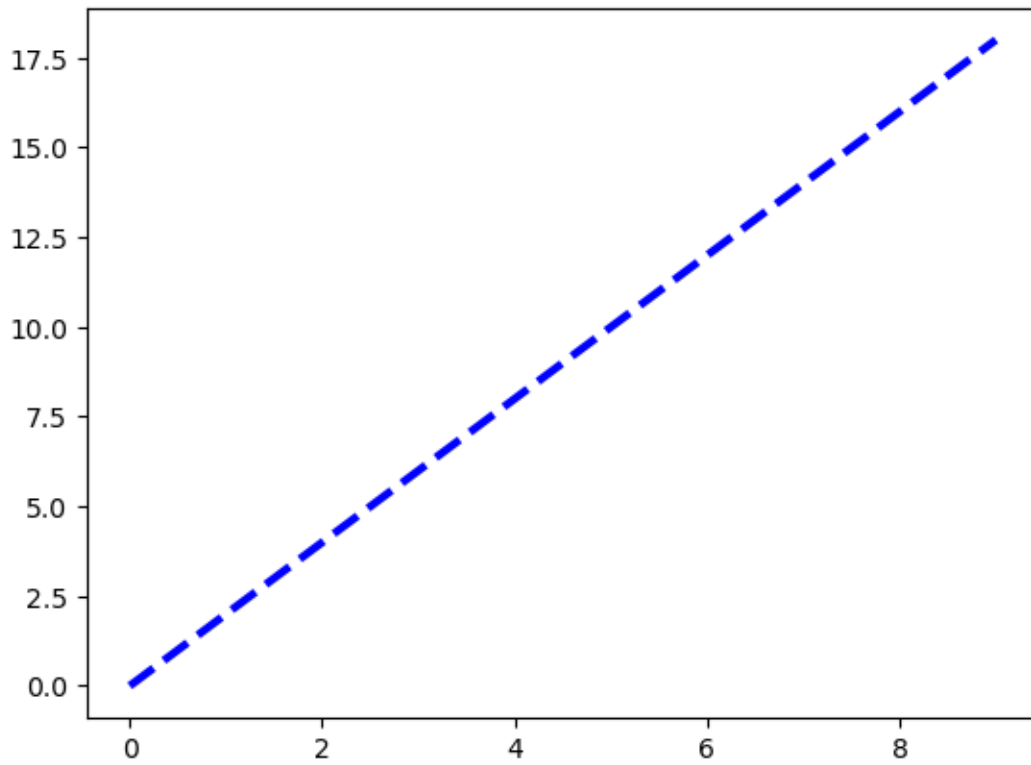
### 2.4.2 Styling Artists

Axes's plotting methods have styling options for:

- color
- linewidth
- `linestyle`

```
[15]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.plot(x, y, color='blue', linewidth=3, linestyle='--')
```

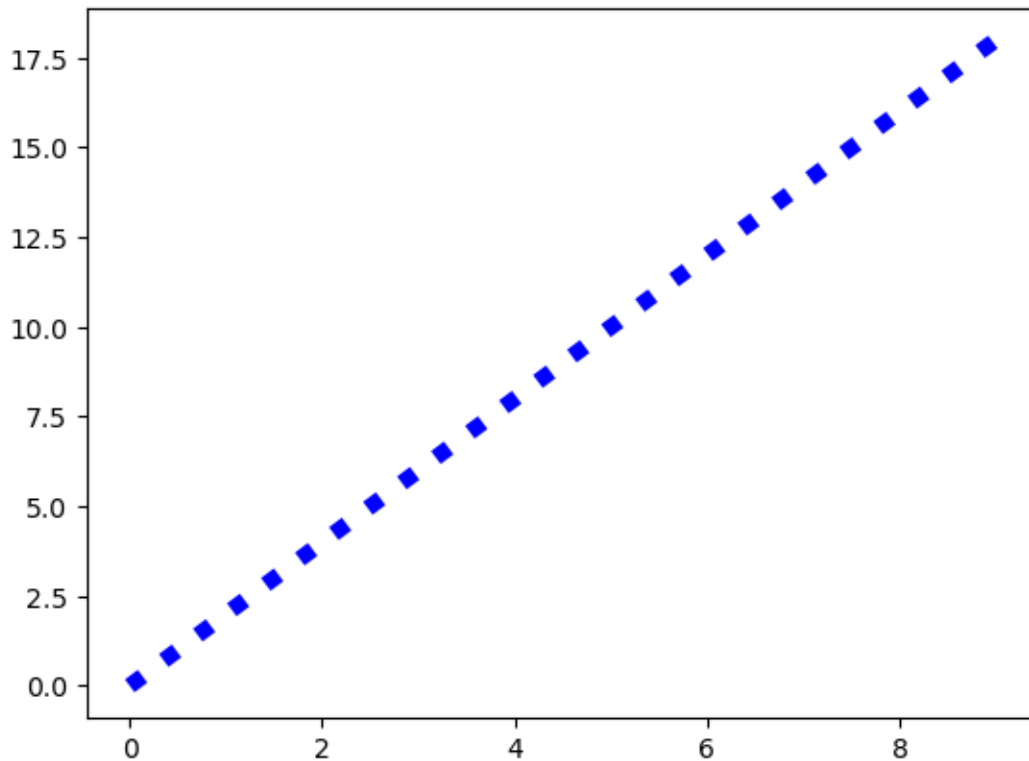
```
[15]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9ec9dc6580>]
```



```
[16]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.plot(x, y, color='blue', linewidth=6, linestyle=':')
```

```
[16]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e991742e0>]
```





### 2.4.3 Group exercise

Edit the following python program to change the style (color, linewidth, linestyle) of the three plotted lines

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
x = np.arange(10)
y = x * 2
ax.plot(x, y, label='linear')

y2 = x ** 2
ax.plot(x, y2, label='quadratic')

y3 = x ** 3
ax.plot(x, y3, label='cubic')

ax.set_xlabel("X")
ax.set_ylabel("Y")
ax.legend()
```

when you are done, raise your hand!

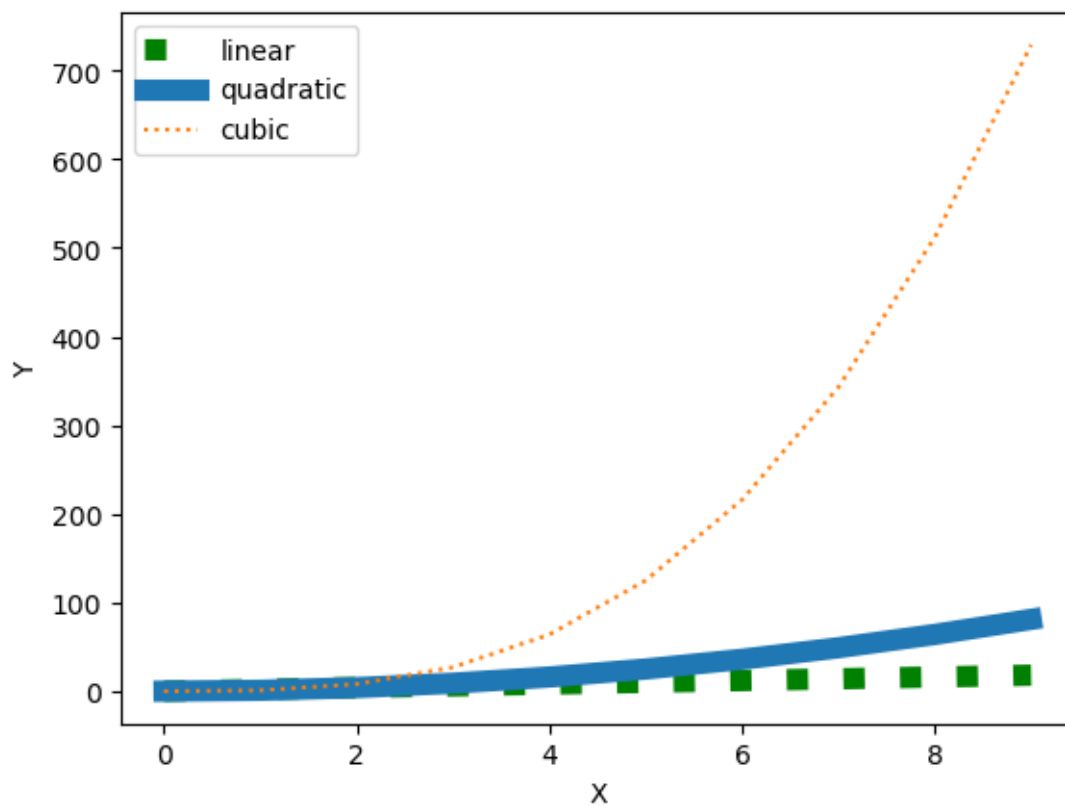
```
[17]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
x = np.arange(10)
y = x * 2
ax.plot(x, y, label='linear', color="green", linewidth = 8, linestyle = "dotted")

y2 = x ** 2
ax.plot(x, y2, label='quadratic', linewidth = 8)

y3 = x ** 3
ax.plot(x, y3, label='cubic', linestyle = "dotted")

ax.set_xlabel("X")
ax.set_ylabel("Y")
ax.legend()
```

[17]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f9ec9f10be0>



```
[18]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
x = np.arange(10)
y = x * 2
```

```

ax.plot(x, y, label='linear', color='blue', linewidth=2, linestyle=':')

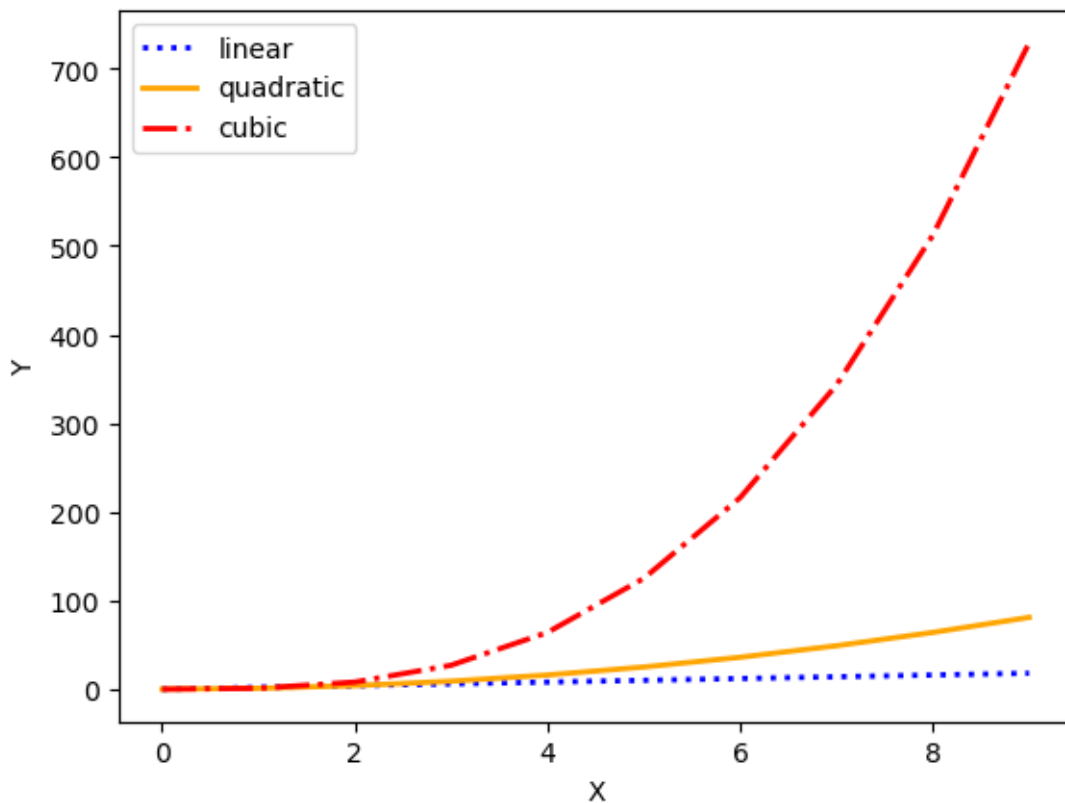
y2 = x ** 2
ax.plot(x, y2, label='quadratic',color='orange', linewidth=2, linestyle='-')

y3 = x ** 3
ax.plot(x, y3, label='cubic',color='red', linewidth=2, linestyle='dashdot')

ax.set_xlabel("X")
ax.set_ylabel("Y")
ax.legend()

```

[18]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f9ec9f5c7c0>



## 2.5 multiple plots (Axes) in one figure

When to use multiple plots instead of one

- the two plots are on different scales
  - linear: range [0,9]
  - cubic: range [0, 800]

How?

- Create a figure containing two axes.

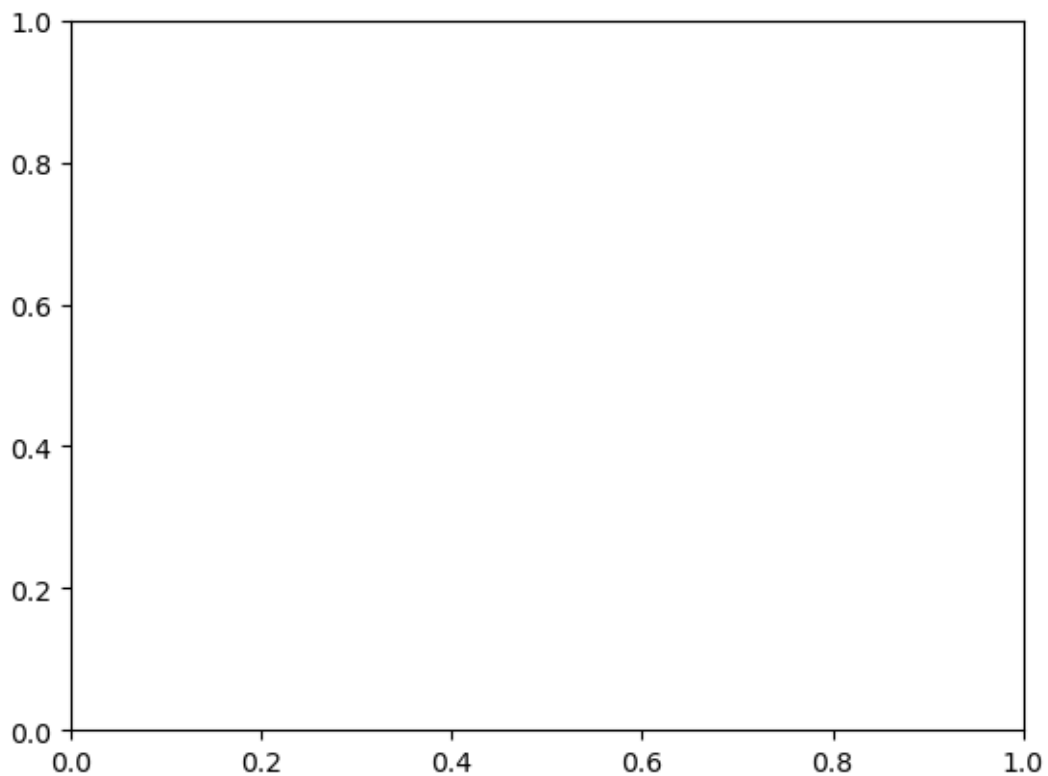
```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,2)
```

- Create a figure containing four axes.

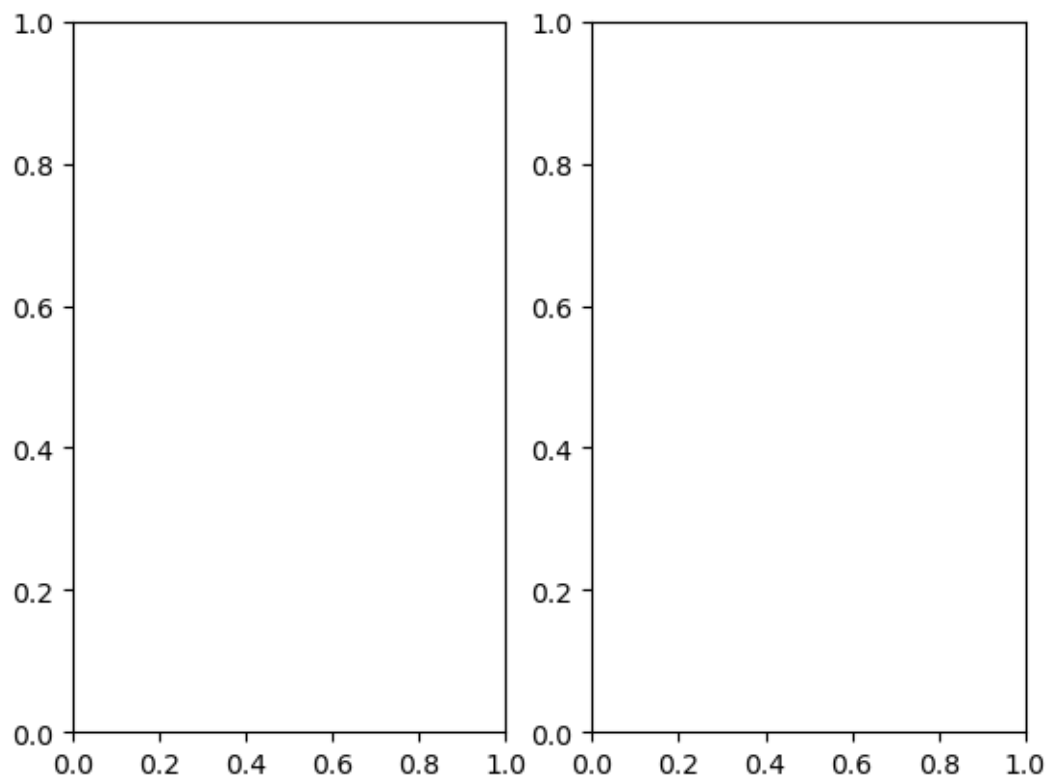
```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2,2) (2 rows and 2 columns)
```

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,4) (1 row and 4 columns)
```

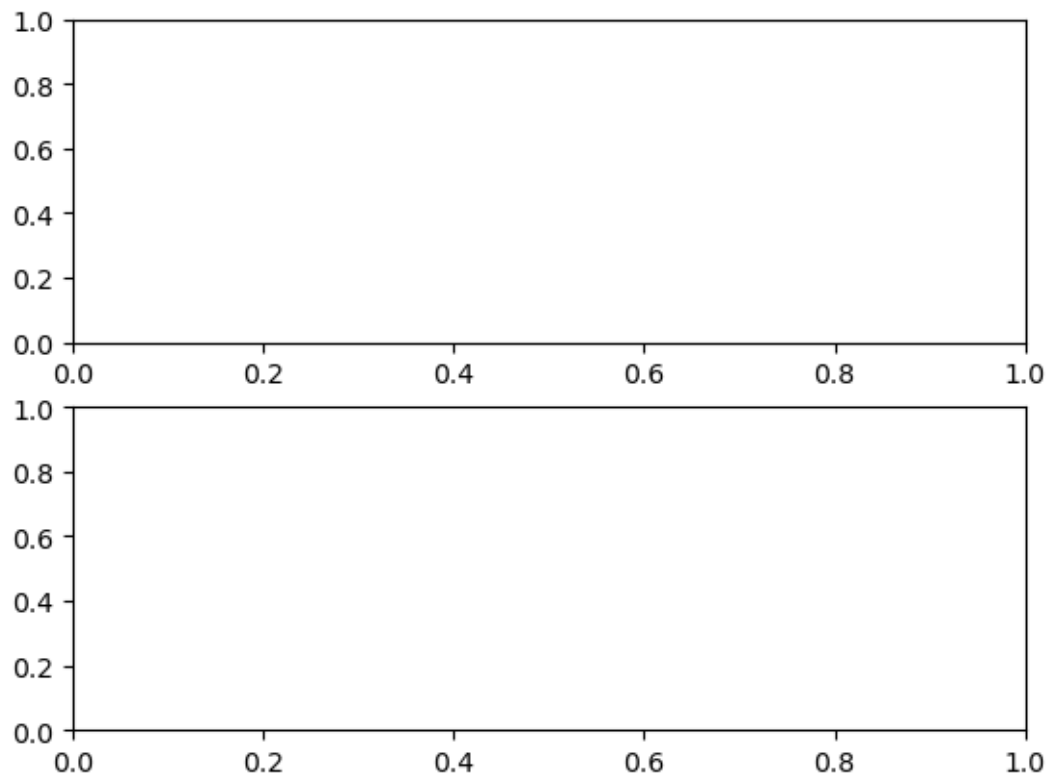
```
[19]: fig, axes = plt.subplots()
```



```
[20]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,2) # Create a figure containing two axes.
```

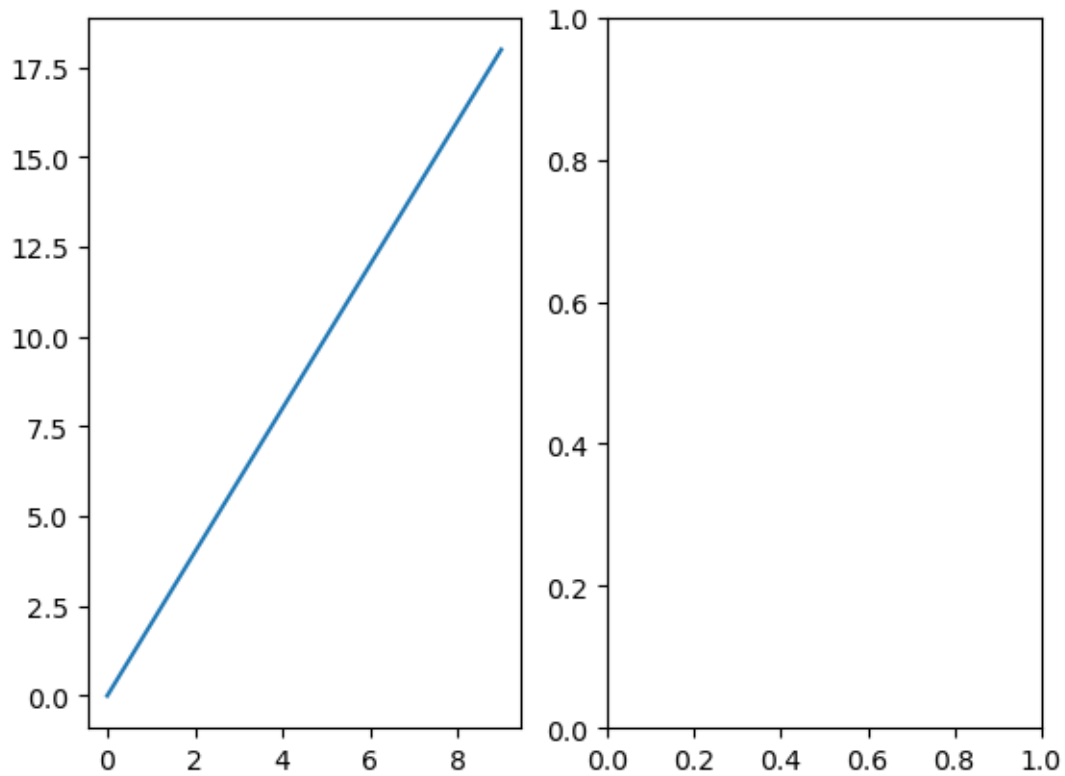


```
[21]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(2,1)
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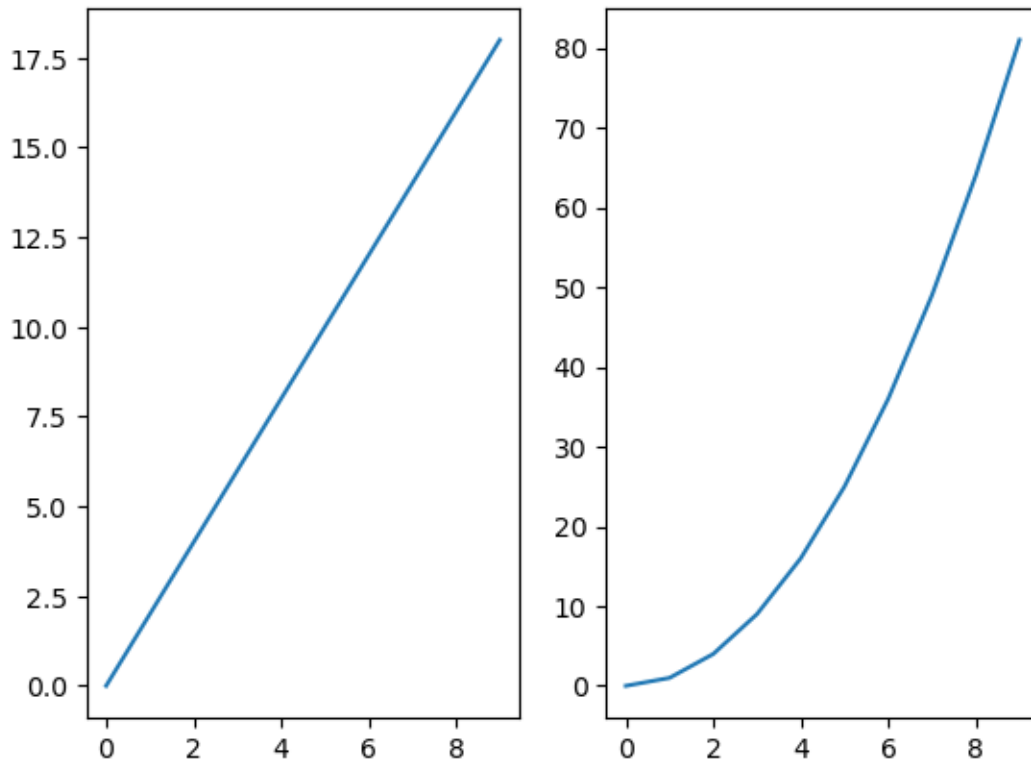
```
[22]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,2) # Create a figure containing two axes.  
      ax1 = axes[0]  
      ax1.plot(x,y)
```

```
[22]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9ec9ffb4c0>]
```



```
[23]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,2) # Create a figure containing two axes.  
      ax1 = axes[0]  
      ax1.plot(x,y)  
  
      ax2 = axes[1]  
      ax2.plot(x,x**2)
```

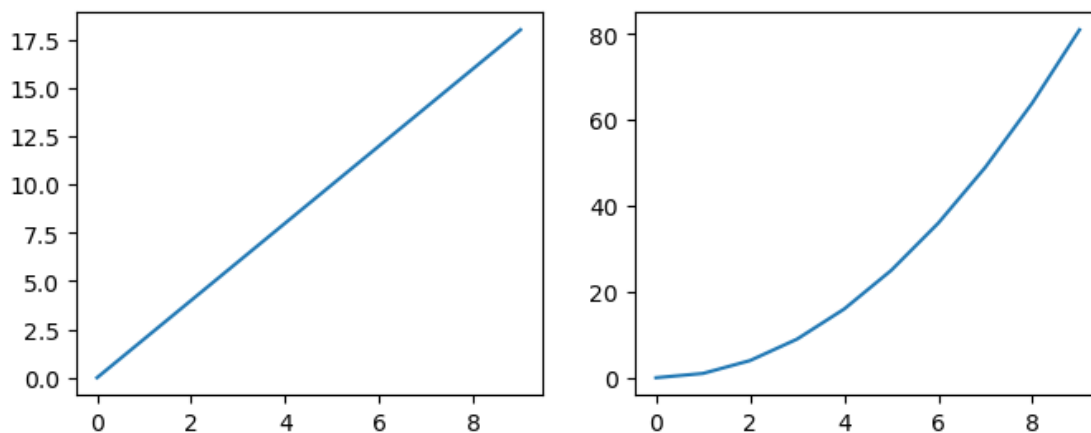
```
[23]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e993b9040>]
```



```
[24]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(8,3)) # Create a figure containing two
      ↪ axes.
      ax1 = axes[0]
      ax1.plot(x,y)

      ax2 = axes[1]
      ax2.plot(x,x**2)
```

[24]: [

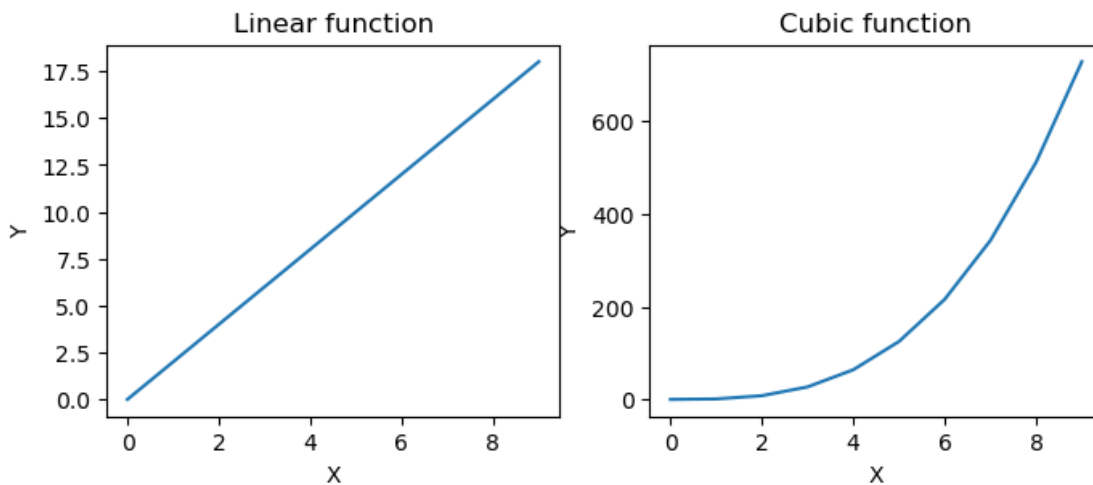




```
[25]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(8,3)) # Create a figure containing two
      ↪axes.
      ax1 = axes[0]
      ax1.plot(x,y)
      ax1.set_xlabel("X")
      ax1.set_ylabel("Y")
      ax1.set_title("Linear function")

      ax2 = axes[1]
      ax2.plot(x,x**3)
      ax2.set_xlabel("X")
      ax2.set_ylabel("Y")
      ax2.set_title("Cubic function")
```

```
[25]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Cubic function')
```

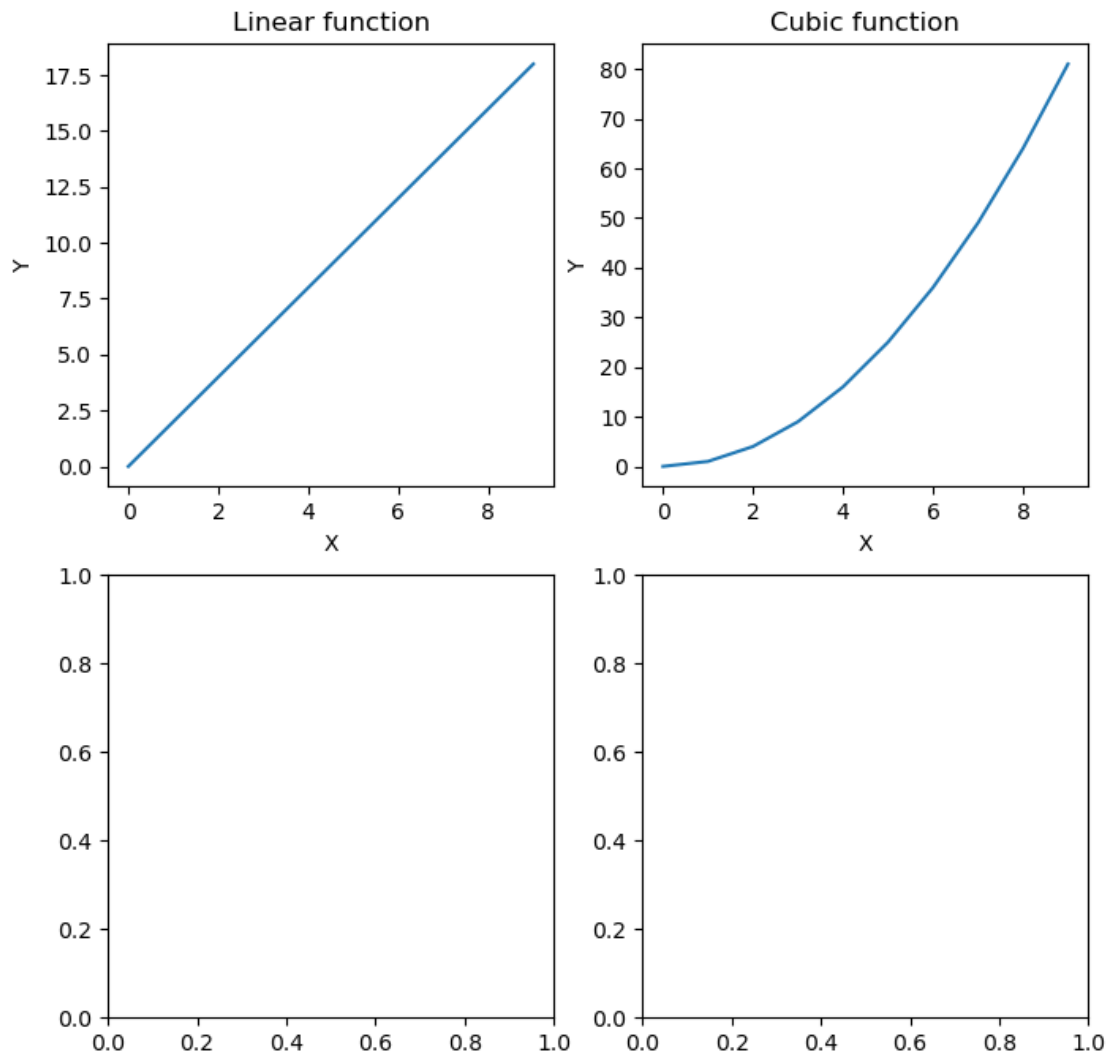


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[26]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(2,2,figsize=(8,8)) # Create a figure containing two
      ↪axes.
      ax1 = axes[0,0]
      ax1.plot(x,y)
      ax1.set_xlabel("X")
      ax1.set_ylabel("Y")
      ax1.set_title("Linear function")

      ax2 = axes[0,1]
      ax2.plot(x,x**2)
      ax2.set_xlabel("X")
```

```
ax2.set_ylabel("Y")
ax2.set_title("Cubic function")
```

```
[26]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Cubic function')
```



```
[27]: x = np.arange(10)

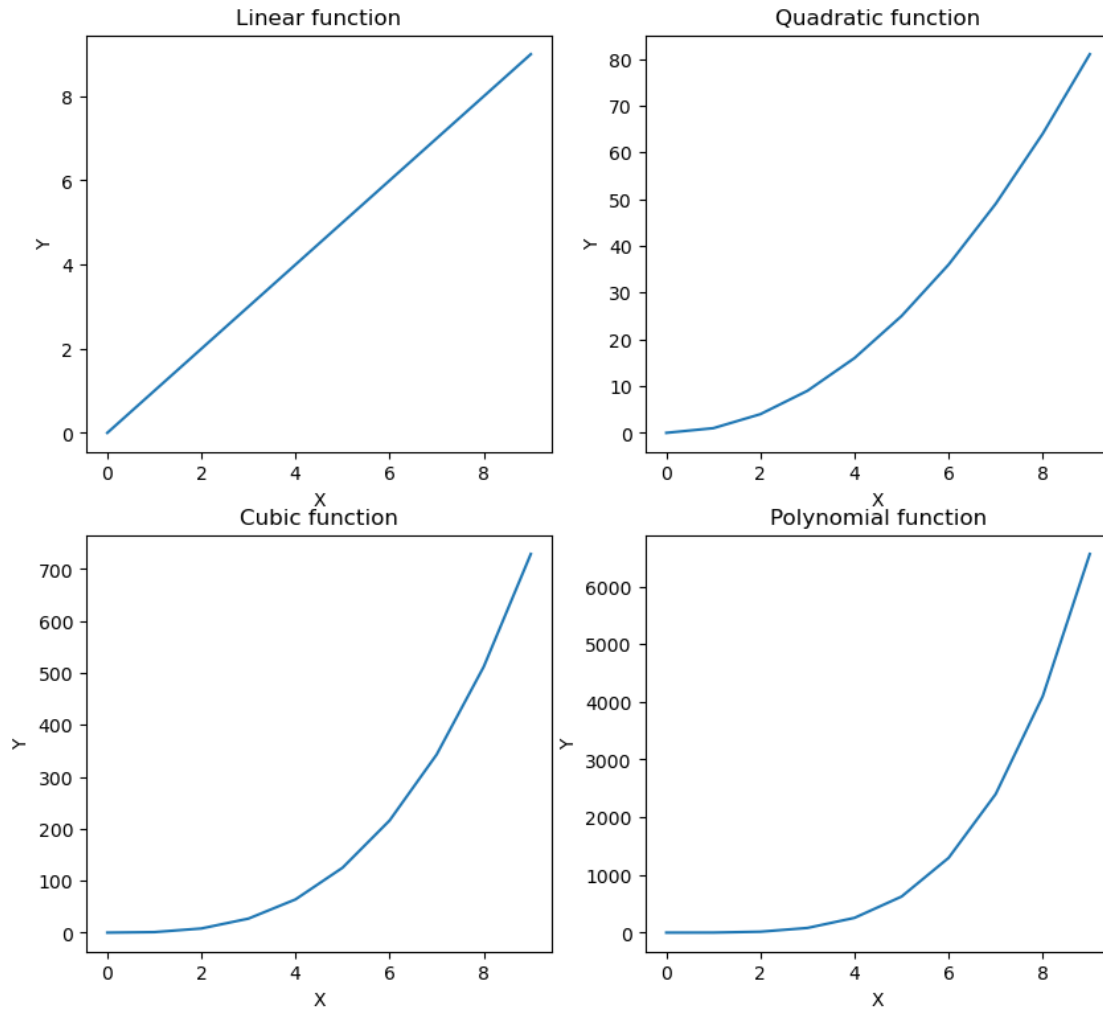
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2,2 ,figsize=(10,9)) # Create a figure containing four
↪axes.
ax1 = axes[0,0]
ax1.plot(x,x)
ax1.set_xlabel("X")
ax1.set_ylabel("Y")
ax1.set_title("Linear function")
```

```
ax2 = axes[0,1]
ax2.plot(x,x**2)
ax2.set_xlabel("X")
ax2.set_ylabel("Y")
ax2.set_title("Quadratic function")

ax3 = axes[1,0]
ax3.plot(x,x**3)
ax3.set_xlabel("X")
ax3.set_ylabel("Y")
ax3.set_title("Cubic function")

ax4 = axes[1,1]
ax4.plot(x,x**4)
ax4.set_xlabel("X")
ax4.set_ylabel("Y")
ax4.set_title("Polynomial function")
```

```
[27]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Polynomial function')
```



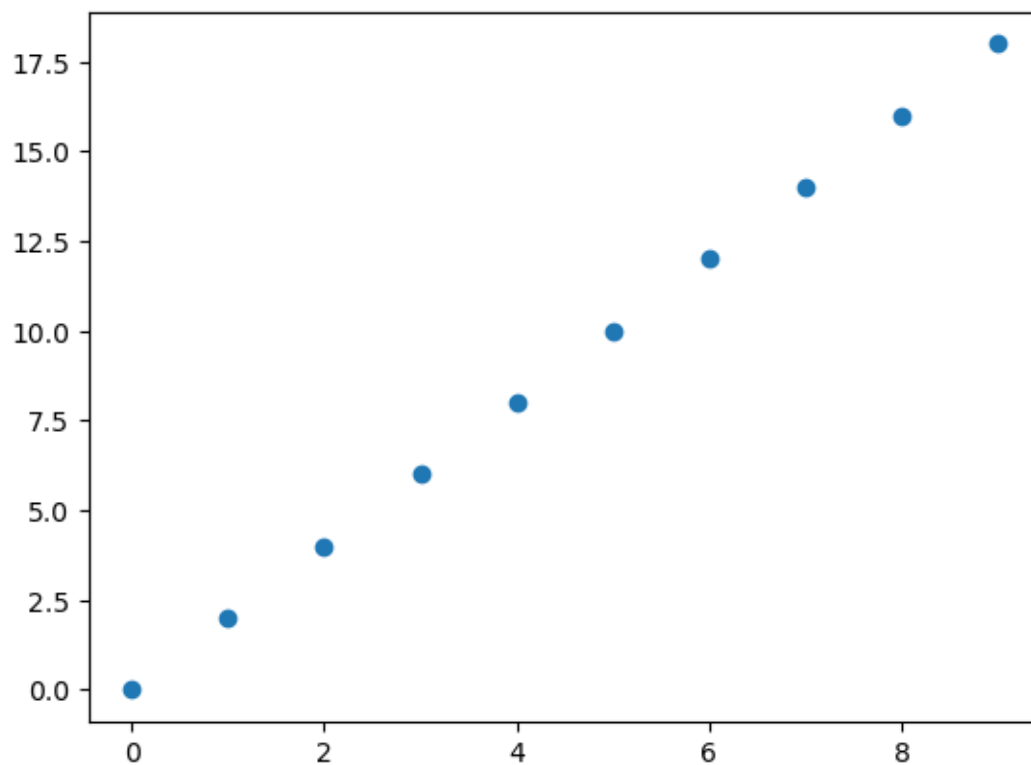
## 2.6 Scatter plot

`axes.scatter()`

- marker size `s=None`
- marker colors `c=None`
- marker style `marker=None`

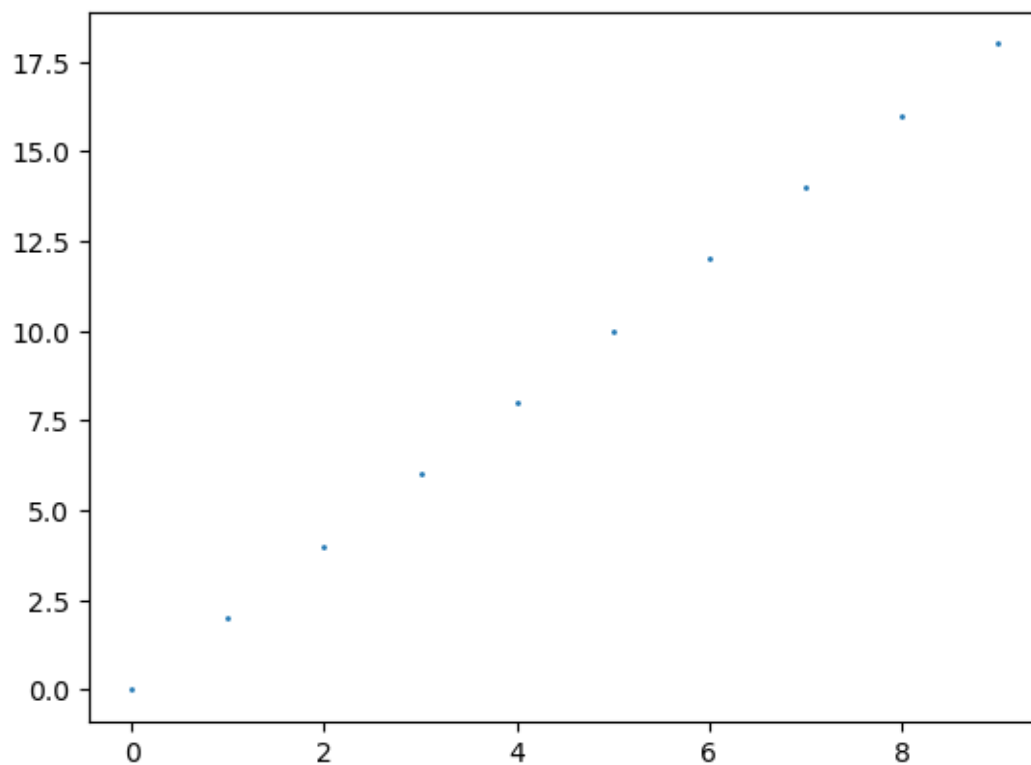
```
[28]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.scatter(x,y)
```

```
[28]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7f9ea98d5fa0>
```



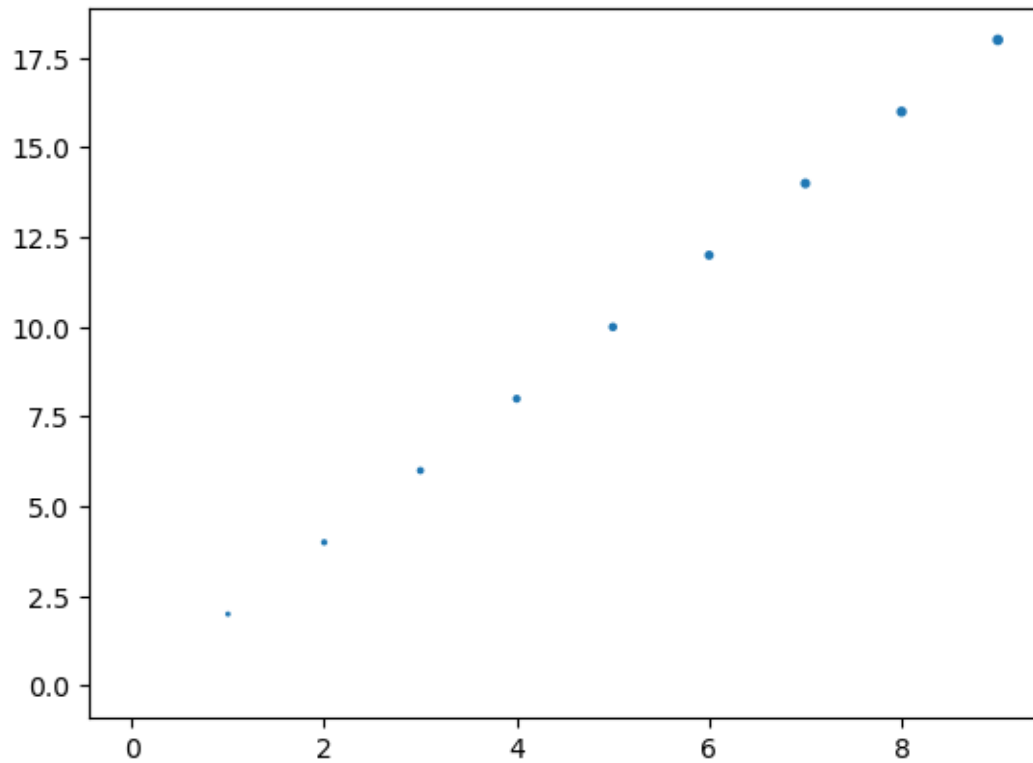
```
[29]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()  
      ax.scatter(x,y, s=1)
```

```
[29]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7f9eca4395b0>
```



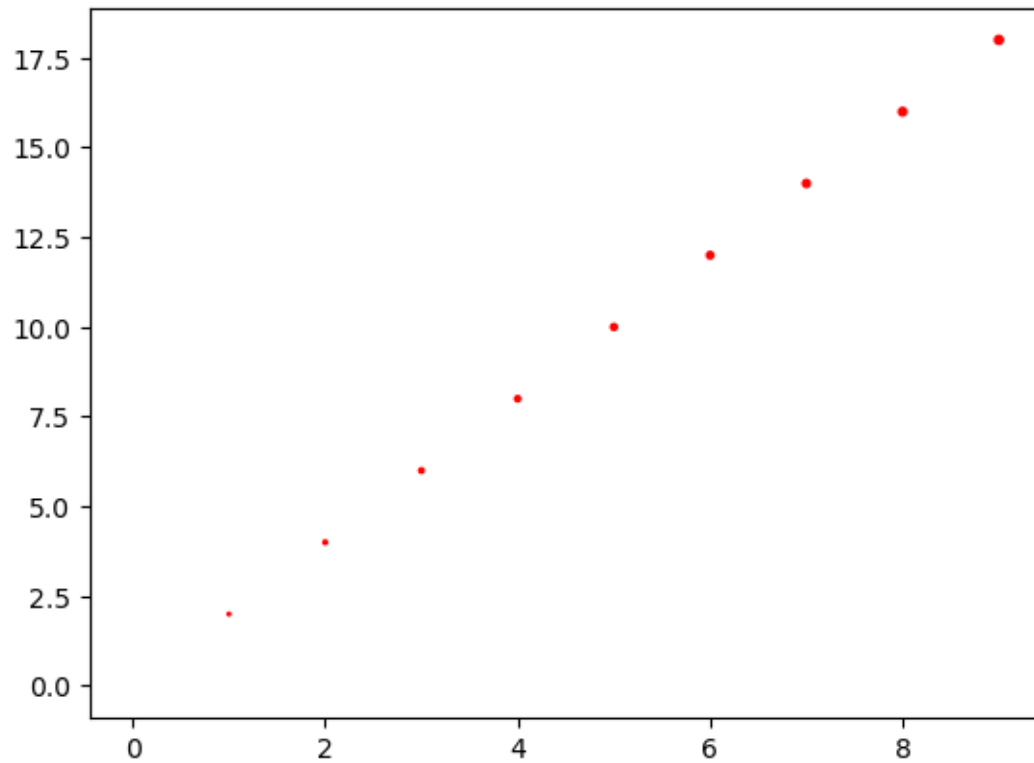
```
[30]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.scatter(x,y, s=np.arange(10))
```

```
[30]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7f9eb84faa60>
```



```
[31]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.scatter(x,y, s=np.arange(10),c="red")
```

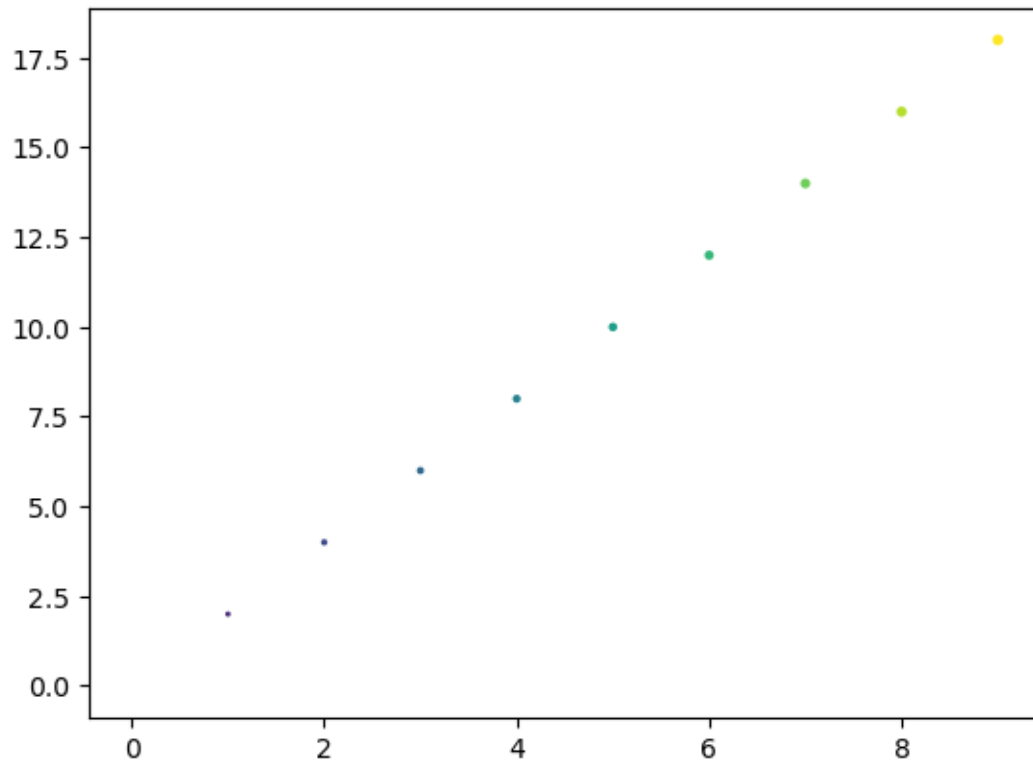
```
[31]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7f9e7830fb20>
```



```
[32]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.scatter(x,y, s=np.arange(10),c=np.arange(10))
```

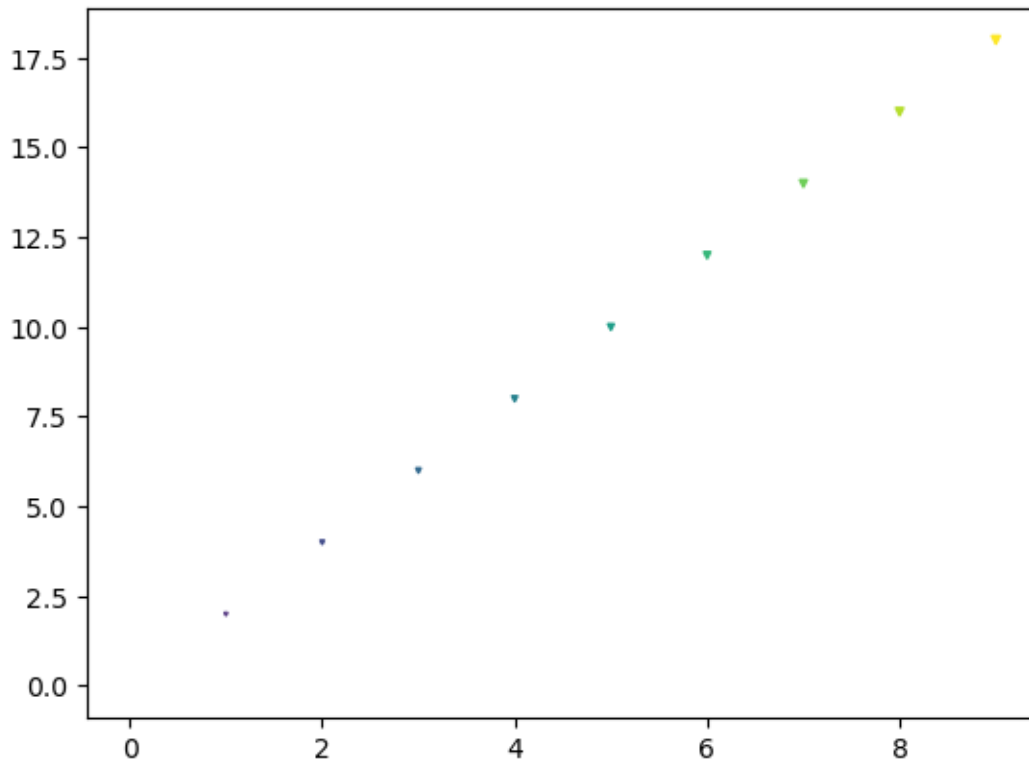
```
[32]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7f9e98eb5790>
```





```
[33]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.scatter(x,y, s=np.arange(10),c=np.arange(10), marker="v")
```

```
[33]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7f9ea9ab0fd0>
```

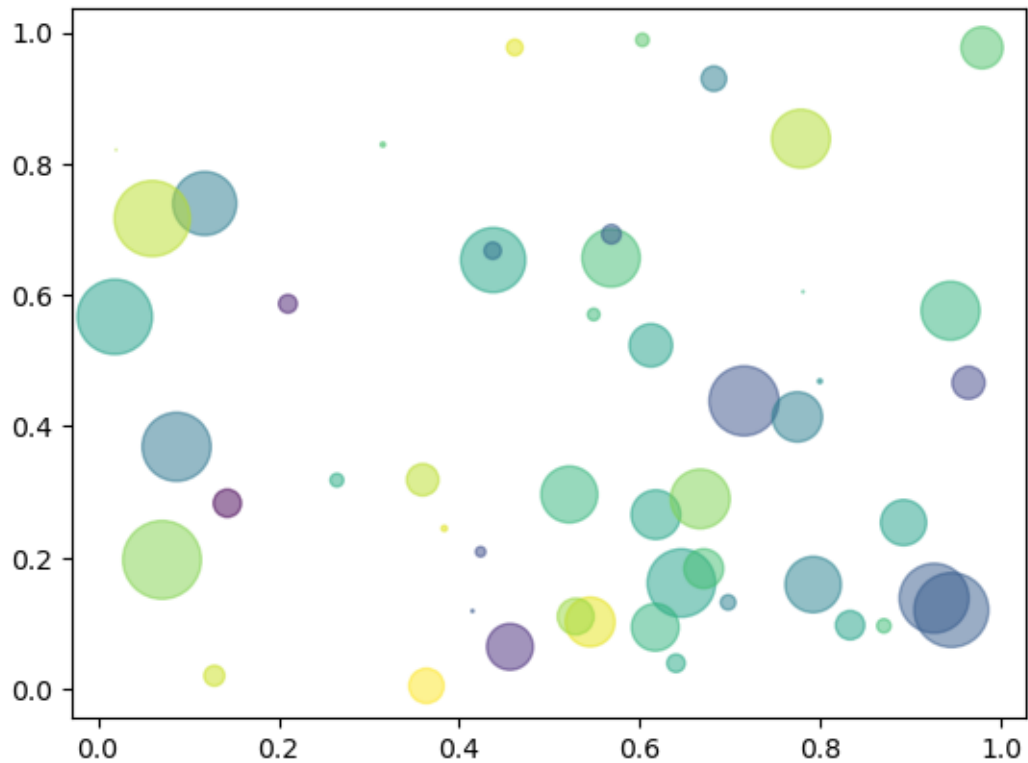


```
[34]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Fixing random state for reproducibility
np.random.seed(0)

N = 50
x = np.random.rand(N)
y = np.random.rand(N)
colors = np.random.rand(N)
area = (30 * np.random.rand(N))**2 # 0 to 15 point radii
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.scatter(x, y, s=area, c=colors, alpha=0.5)
```

```
[34]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7f9e884fd280>
```



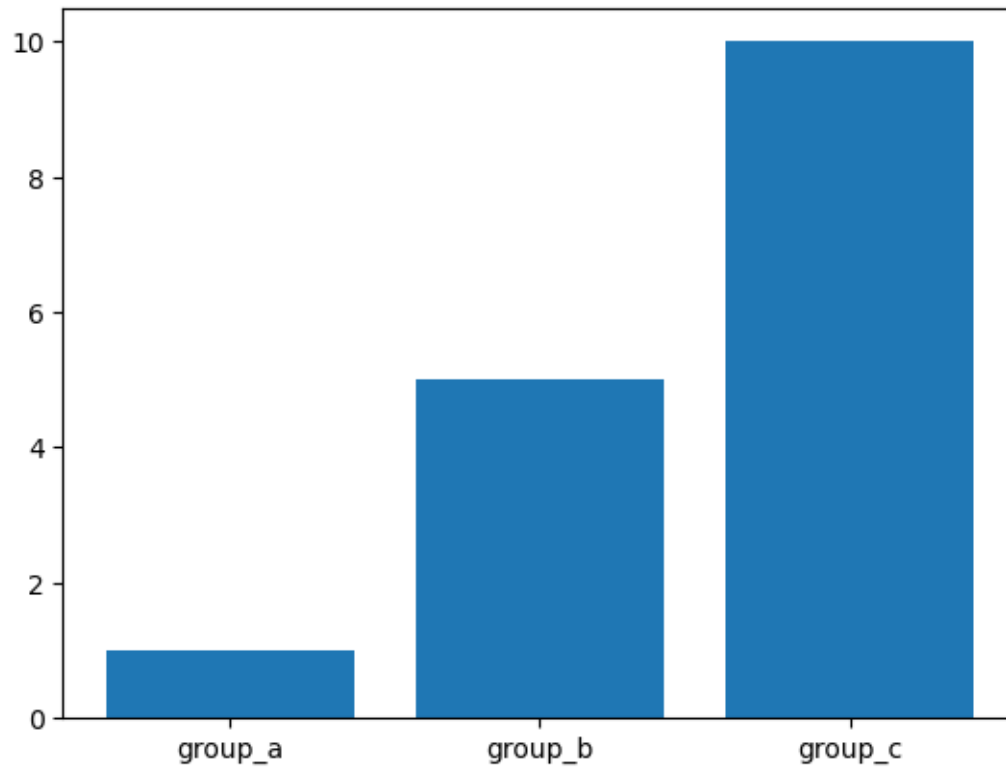
## 2.7 bar plot for categorical variables

`axes.bar()`: a vertical bar plot.

`axes.barh()`: a horizontal bar plot.

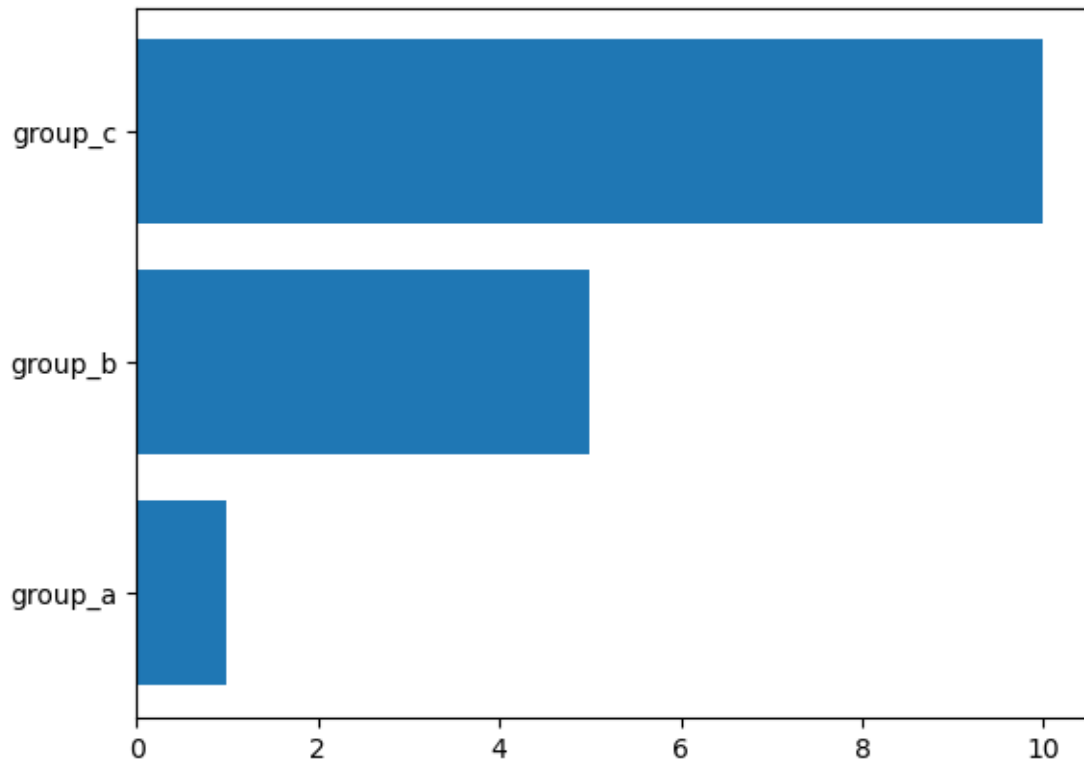
```
[35]: names = ['group_a', 'group_b', 'group_c']
      values = [1, 5, 10]
      fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.bar(names, values)
```

```
[35]: <BarContainer object of 3 artists>
```



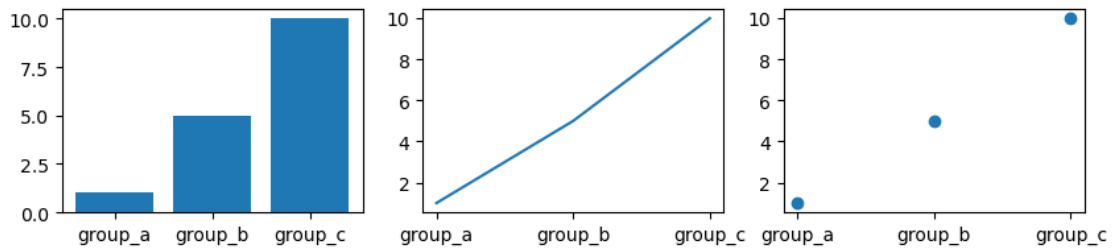
```
[36]: names = ['group_a', 'group_b', 'group_c']  
      values = [1, 5, 10]  
      fig, ax = plt.subplots()  
      ax.barh(names, values)
```

```
[36]: <BarContainer object of 3 artists>
```



```
[37]: names = ['group_a', 'group_b', 'group_c']  
      values = [1, 5, 10]  
      fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,3, figsize=(10,2))  
      axes[0].bar(names, values)  
      axes[1].plot(names, values)  
      axes[2].scatter(names, values)
```

[37]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7f9e8857ffd0>



## 2.8 Distributions and Densities

```
[38]: import numpy as np
```

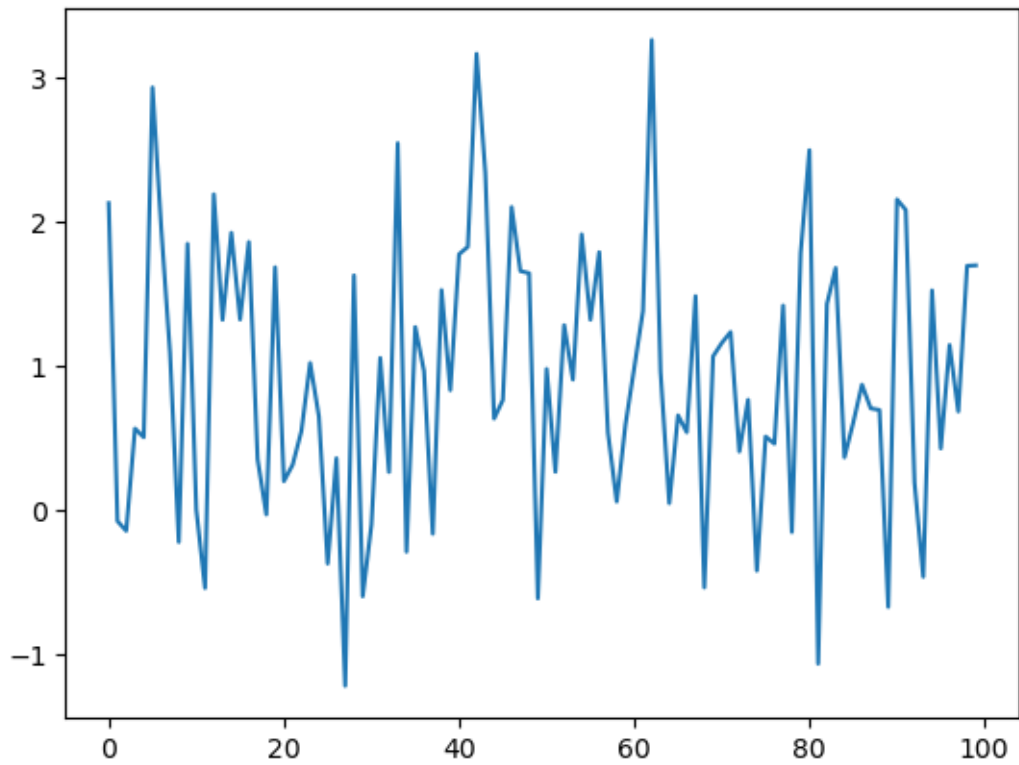
```
x = np.random.normal(1,1,100)
```

```
[39]: x
```

```
[39]: array([ 2.12663592e+00, -7.99315084e-02, -1.47468652e-01,  5.62179955e-01,
  5.01967549e-01,  2.92953205e+00,  1.94942081e+00,  1.08755124e+00,
 -2.25435519e-01,  1.84436298e+00, -2.15347390e-04, -5.44771097e-01,
  2.18802979e+00,  1.31694261e+00,  1.92085882e+00,  1.31872765e+00,
  1.85683061e+00,  3.48974407e-01, -3.42428418e-02,  1.68159452e+00,
  1.96590336e-01,  3.10450222e-01,  5.44467496e-01,  1.01747916e+00,
  6.46006089e-01, -3.74951293e-01,  3.56381597e-01, -1.22340315e+00,
  1.62523145e+00, -6.02057656e-01, -1.04383339e-01,  1.05216508e+00,
  2.60437004e-01,  2.54301460e+00, -2.92856910e-01,  1.26705087e+00,
  9.60717182e-01, -1.68093498e-01,  1.52327666e+00,  8.28453669e-01,
  1.77179055e+00,  1.82350415e+00,  3.16323595e+00,  2.33652795e+00,
  6.30818162e-01,  7.60620822e-01,  2.09965960e+00,  1.65526373e+00,
  1.64013153e+00, -6.16956044e-01,  9.75673876e-01,  2.61969091e-01,
  1.27992460e+00,  9.01849610e-01,  1.91017891e+00,  1.31721822e+00,
  1.78632796e+00,  5.33580903e-01,  5.5537441e-02,  5.89950307e-01,
  9.82979586e-01,  1.37915174e+00,  3.25930895e+00,  9.57742848e-01,
  4.40549995e-02,  6.54018224e-01,  5.36404025e-01,  1.48148147e+00,
 -5.40797014e-01,  1.06326199e+00,  1.15650654e+00,  1.23218104e+00,
  4.02683931e-01,  7.62078270e-01, -4.24060909e-01,  5.06680117e-01,
  4.57138524e-01,  1.41605005e+00, -1.56182432e-01,  1.78119810e+00,
  2.49448454e+00, -1.06998503e+00,  1.42625873e+00,  1.67690804e+00,
  3.62562974e-01,  6.02728186e-01,  8.67119422e-01,  7.02209121e-01,
  6.90987031e-01, -6.76003806e-01,  2.15233156e+00,  2.07961859e+00,
  1.86635741e-01, -4.66424328e-01,  1.52106488e+00,  4.24212030e-01,
  1.14195316e+00,  6.80671583e-01,  1.69153875e+00,  1.69474914e+00])
```

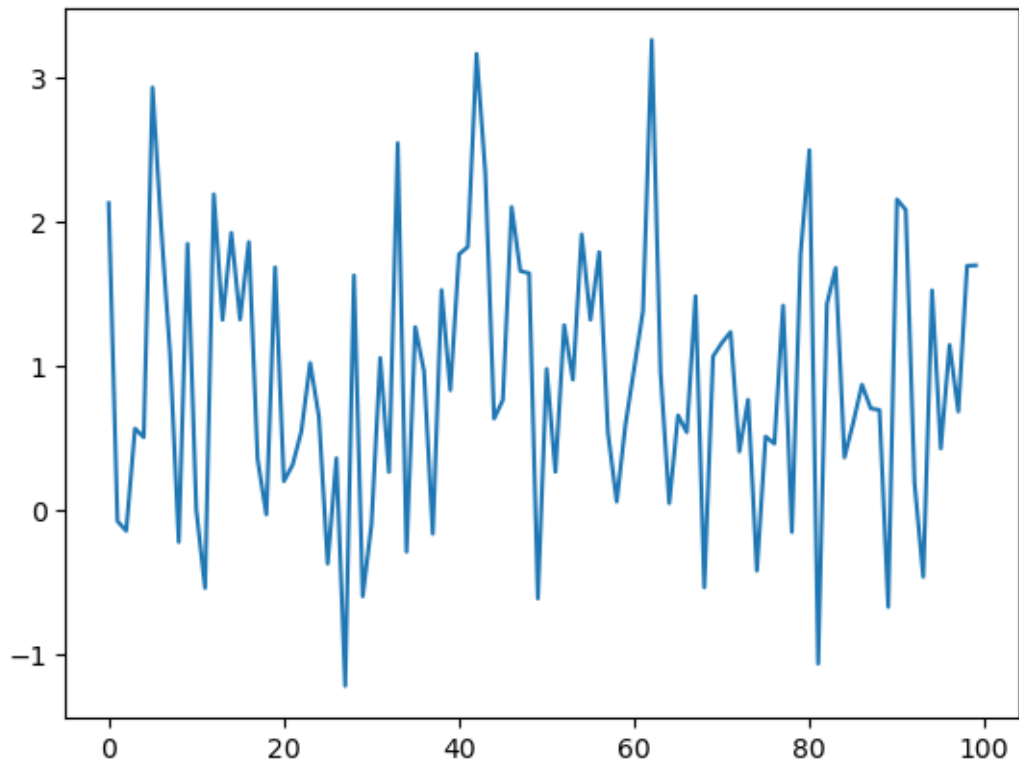
```
[40]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.plot(x)
```

```
[40]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9e99354ca0>]
```



```
[41]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()  
      ax.plot(np.arange(100),x)
```

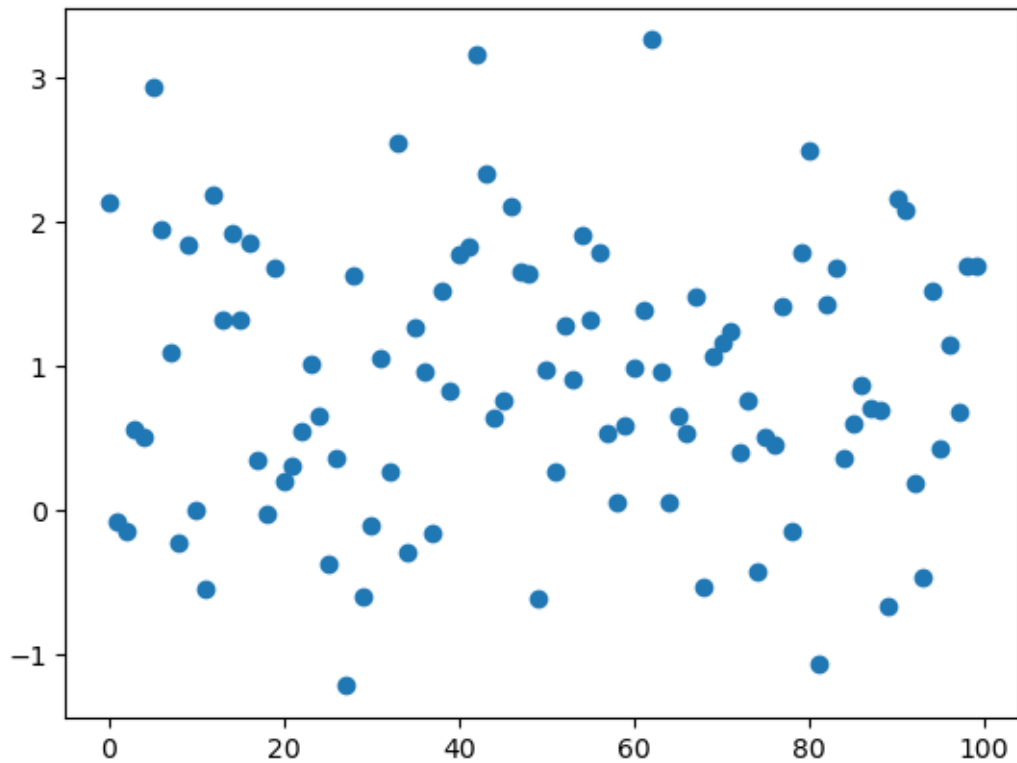
```
[41]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9eb831d9d0>]
```



```
[42]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.scatter(np.arange(100),x)
```

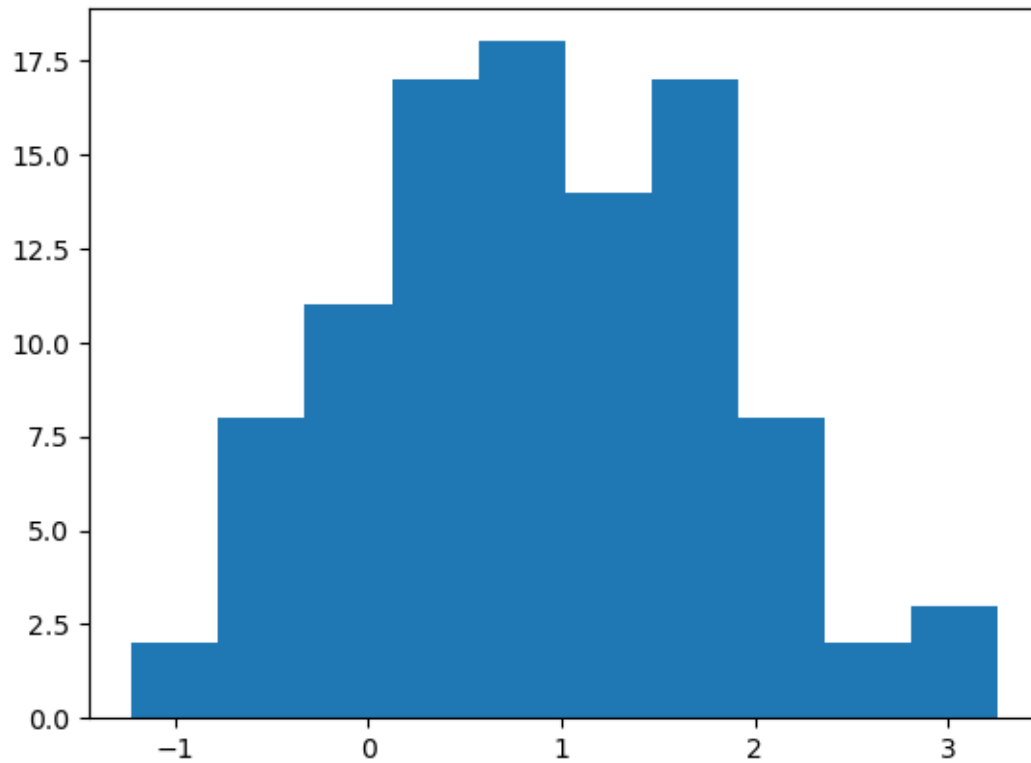
```
[42]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7f9eca38d9a0>
```





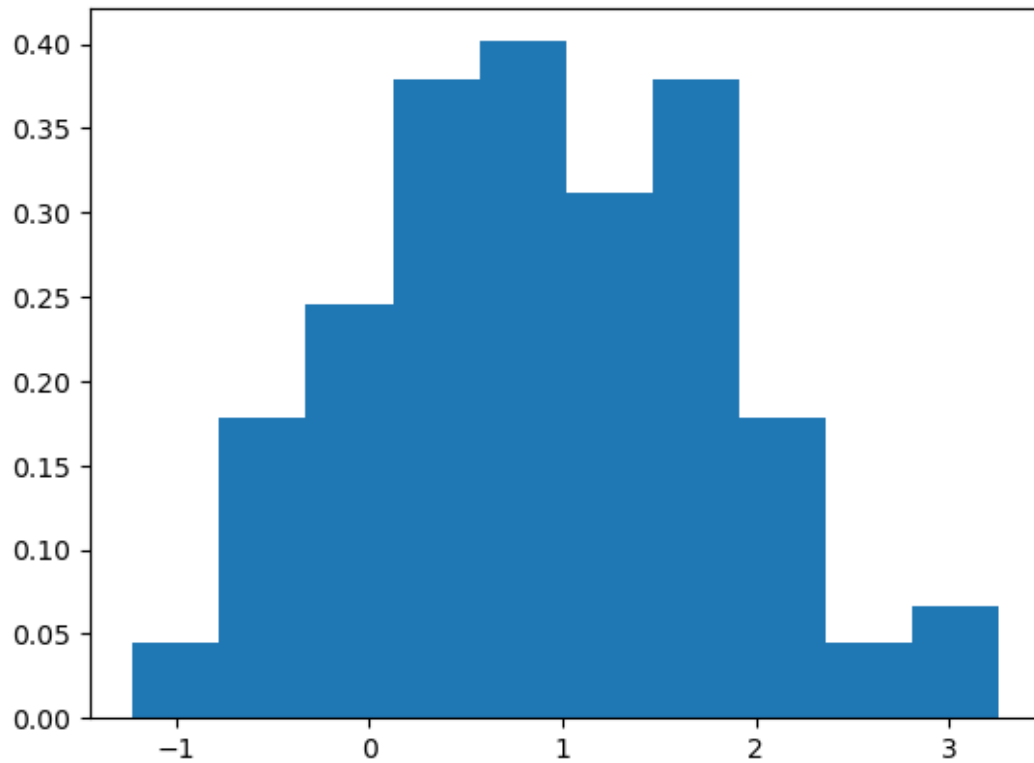
```
[43]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.hist(x)
```

```
[43]: (array([ 2.,  8., 11., 17., 18., 14., 17.,  8.,  2.,  3.]),
      array([-1.22340315, -0.77513194, -0.32686073,  0.12141048,  0.56968169,
             1.0179529 ,  1.46622411,  1.91449532,  2.36276653,  2.81103774,
             3.25930895]),
      <BarContainer object of 10 artists>)
```



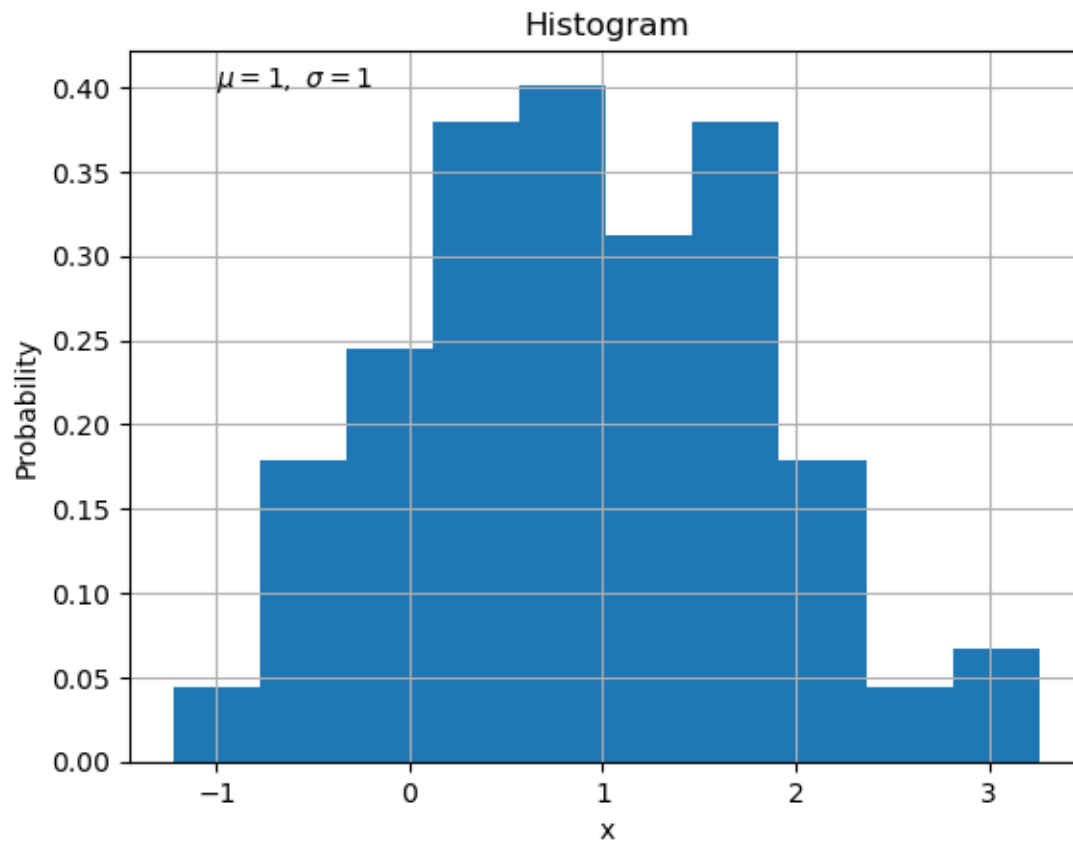
```
[44]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.hist(x, density=True)
```

```
[44]: (array([0.04461585, 0.17846339, 0.24538716, 0.3792347 , 0.40154263,
              0.31231093, 0.3792347 , 0.17846339, 0.04461585, 0.06692377]),
      array([-1.22340315, -0.77513194, -0.32686073,  0.12141048,  0.56968169,
              1.0179529 ,  1.46622411,  1.91449532,  2.36276653,  2.81103774,
              3.25930895]),
      <BarContainer object of 10 artists>)
```



```
[45]: ax.hist?
```

```
[46]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.hist(x, density=True)
ax.set_xlabel('x')
ax.set_ylabel('Probability')
ax.set_title('Histogram')
ax.text(-1, .4, r'$\mu=1, \sigma=1$')
ax.grid(True)
```



## 2.9 Image plotting

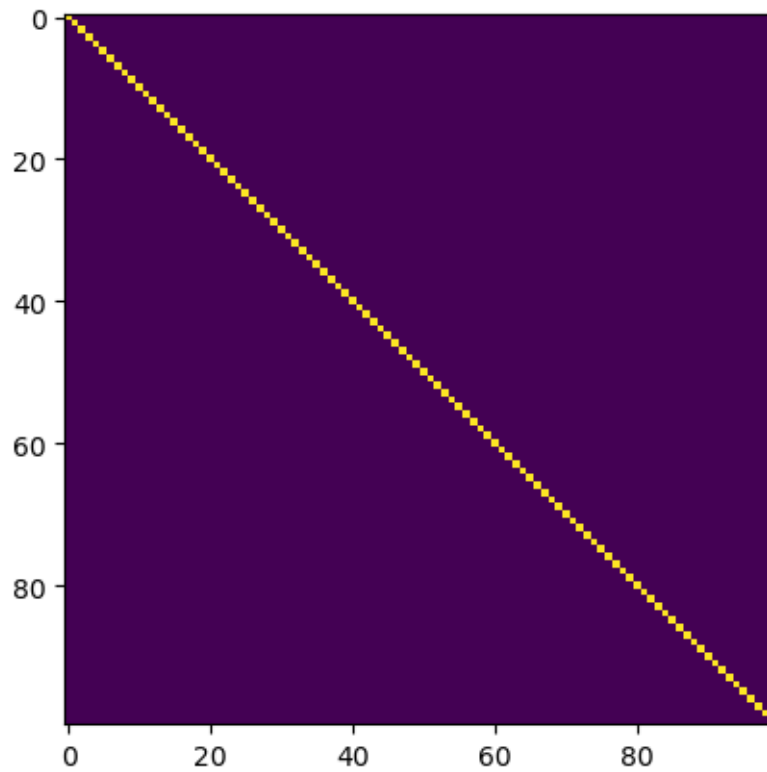
`ax.imshow`

```
[47]: image = np.eye(100)
      image
```

```
[47]: array([[1., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.],
            [0., 1., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.],
            [0., 0., 1., ..., 0., 0., 0.],
            ...,
            [0., 0., 0., ..., 1., 0., 0.],
            [0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 1., 0.],
            [0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 1.]])
```

```
[48]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.imshow(image)
```

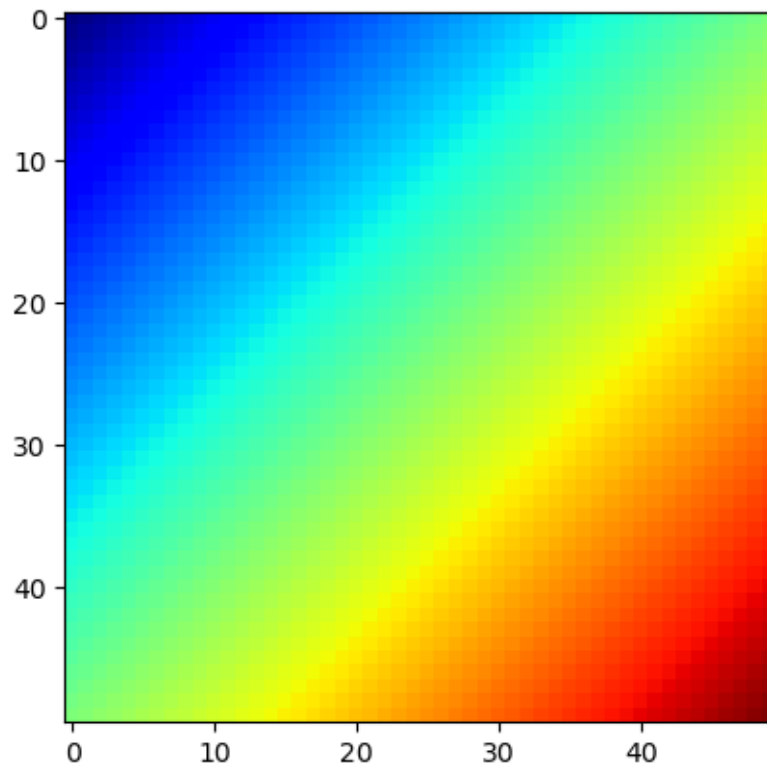
```
[48]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f9eaa1acac0>
```



```
[49]: dim = 50
x_coords, y_coords = np.meshgrid(range(dim), range(dim), indexing='ij')
beta_low = np.zeros((dim,dim))
for i in range(x_coords.shape[0]):
    for j in range(x_coords.shape[1]):
        x = x_coords[i,j]
        y = y_coords[i,j]
        beta_low[i,j] = 1 + 1/24*(i+j)
```

```
[50]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.imshow(beta_low, cmap="jet")
```

```
[50]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f9e8867e220>
```

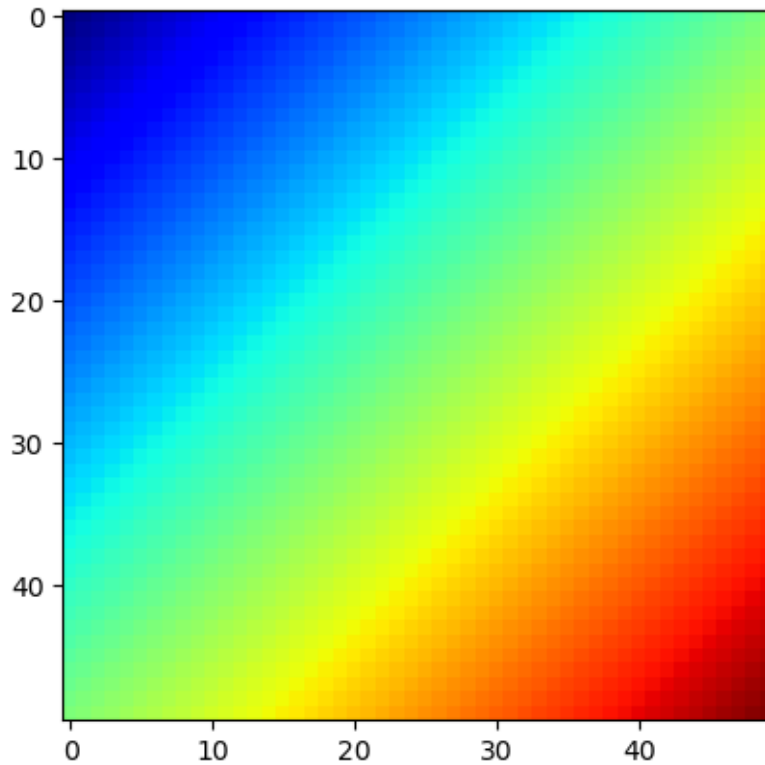


## 2.10 Saving a figure

`plt.savefig()`

Save the current figure.

```
[51]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      ax.imshow(beta_low, cmap='jet')
      plt.savefig("image.png")
```



```
[52]: x = np.arange(10)

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2,2,figsize=(10,9)) # Create a figure containing four
↪axes.
ax1 = axes[0,0]
ax1.plot(x,x)
ax1.set_xlabel("X")
ax1.set_ylabel("Y")
ax1.set_title("Linear function")

ax2 = axes[0,1]
ax2.plot(x,x**2)
ax2.set_xlabel("X")
ax2.set_ylabel("Y")
ax2.set_title("Quadratic function")

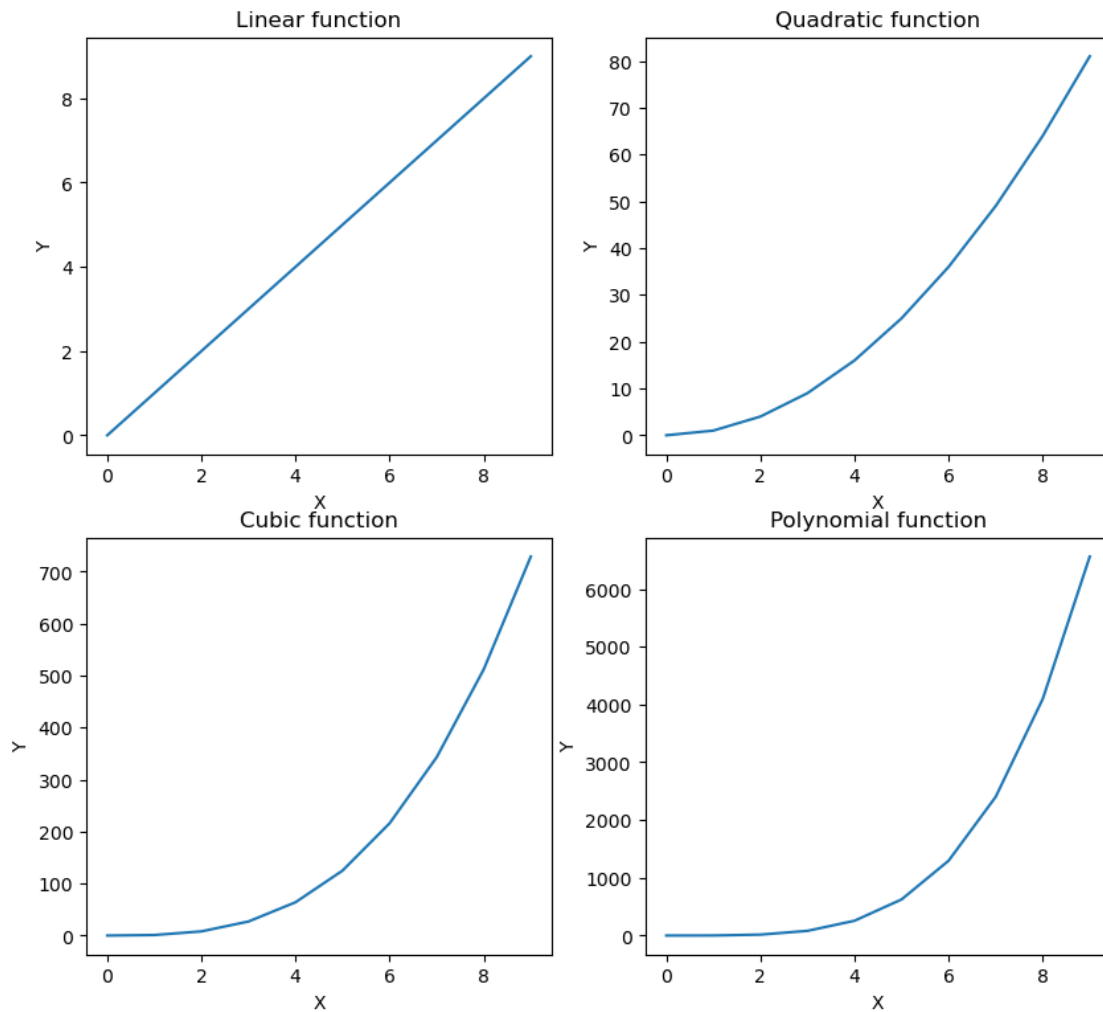
ax3 = axes[1,0]
ax3.plot(x,x**3)
ax3.set_xlabel("X")
ax3.set_ylabel("Y")
ax3.set_title("Cubic function")
```

```

ax4 = axes[1,1]
ax4.plot(x,x**4)
ax4.set_xlabel("X")
ax4.set_ylabel("Y")
ax4.set_title("Polynomial function")

plt.savefig("functions_4.png",dpi=500)

```



There is a lot more to matplotlib. One can visit the [gallery](#) and pull examples in to get a sense of what is possible, and how to adapt examples for your own purposes.