CMM201 Week 11: Plotting Images in Python

1 Plotting Data in Python

1.1 Aims of the Lecture

Learn how to do basic plots using numpy arrays and the matplotlib package

1.2 Additional Reading

- Matplotlib documentation
- Matplotlib tutorial
- Matplotlib pie chart tutorial

1.3 Using Artificial Data

• First, we will install the *matplotlib* package. Maybe you already have it from the "images" lecture (week 9)

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!pip install matplotlib
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kiwisolver>=1.0.1->matplotlib) (40.8.0)
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• The function that we will use from *matplotlib* is called **pyplot**.

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

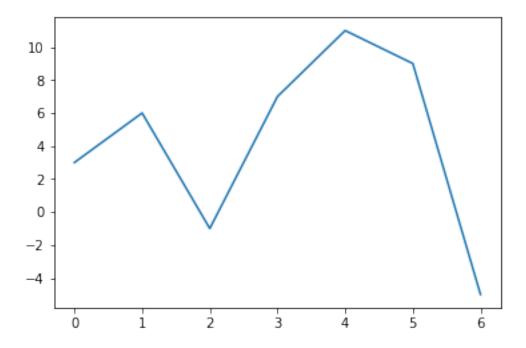
1.3.1 Line Plots

- You can create a line plot by defining a list
- By default, the *x*-axis will have integer values starting in 0.

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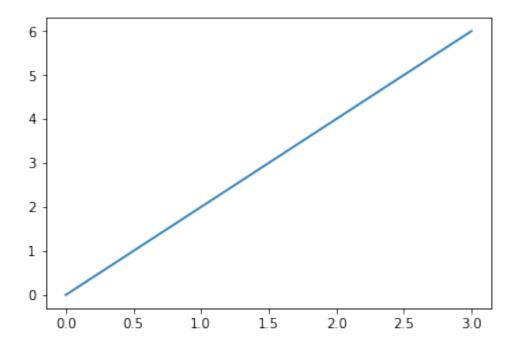
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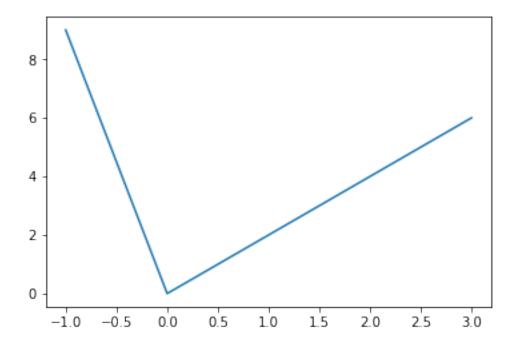


• You can define two lists and then plot them (both have to be the same size).

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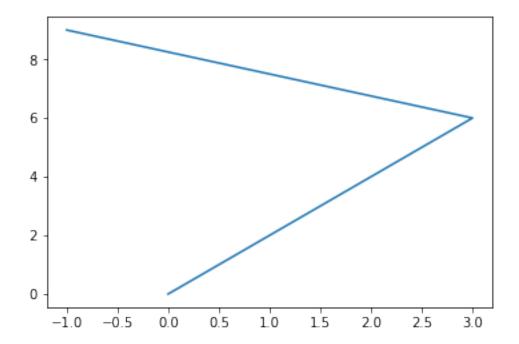
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# Inverting the order draws the line differently
plt.plot([0,1,2,3,-1],[0,2,4,6,9])
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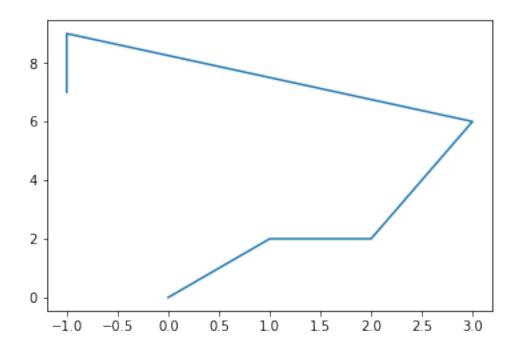


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# You can repeat values for x and y plt.plot([0,1,2,3,-1,-1],[0,2,2,6,9,7])
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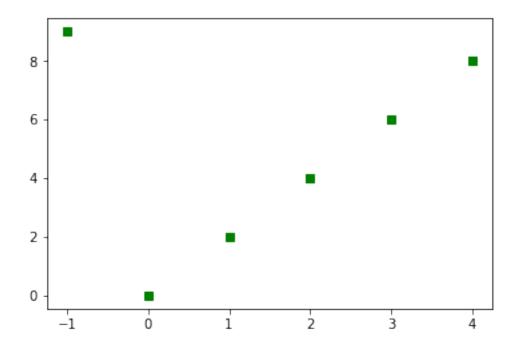
• By default plots are made with a blue solid line, but this can be changed:

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# You can use the following:
# blue (b), red (r), green (g)...
# line (-), square (s), dash (--), triangle (^)..
plt.plot([-1,0,1,2,3,4,],[9,0,2,4,6,8],'gs')
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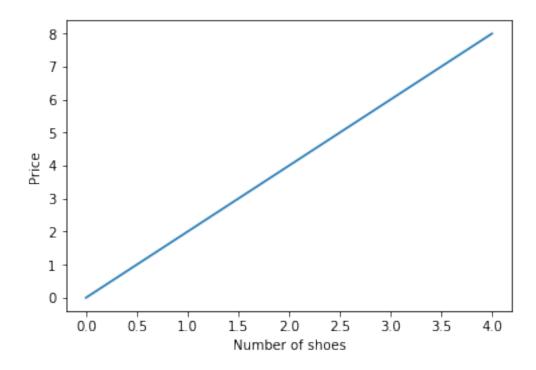


• Adding *x*- and *y*-axis labels

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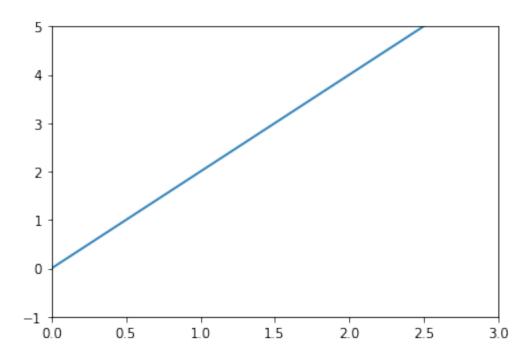
```
plt.plot([0,1,2,3,4],[0,2,4,6,8])
plt.xlabel('Number of shoes')
plt.ylabel('Price')
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Text(0, 0.5, 'Price')
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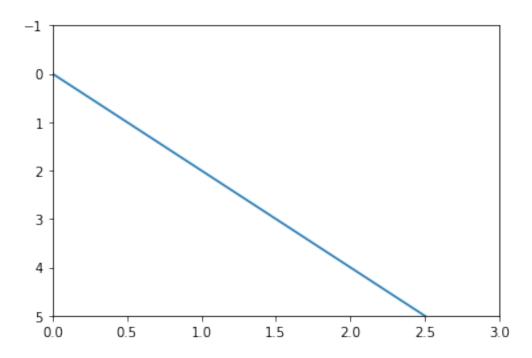


• By using *plt.axis*(), you can set the minimum and maximum values of the *x*- and *y*-axis:

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plt.plot([0,1,2,3,4],[0,2,4,6,8])
# If you pùt the third number larger than the fourth
# Then the graph inverts
plt.axis([0,3,5,-1])
```



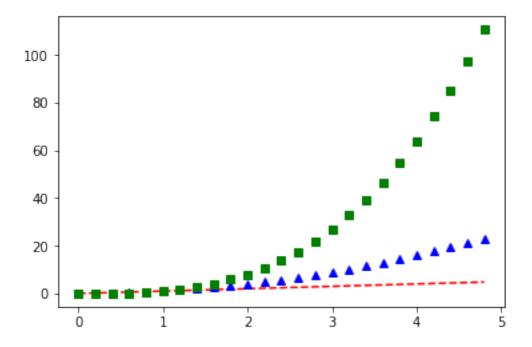
• You can also use *numpy* arrays to plot values.

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• This is better than using lists, as you can do calculations with the values.

```
import numpy as np
t=np.arange(0,5,0.2)
#print(t)
plt.plot(t,t,'r--',t,t**2,'b^',t,t**3,'gs')

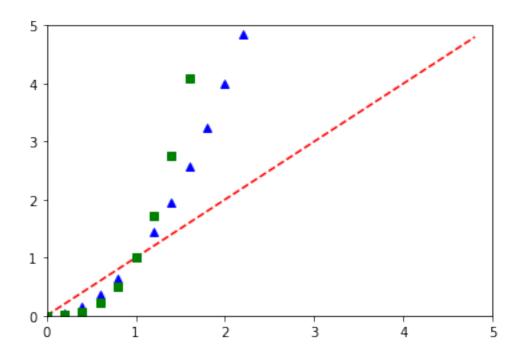
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```
# Adding axis specification to "zoom in"
import numpy as np
t=np.arange(0,5,0.2)
#print(t)
plt.plot(t,t,'r--',t,t**2,'b^',t,t**3,'gs')
plt.axis([0,5,0,5])
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1.3.2 Scatter Plots

- Scatter plots are used to plot data along the coordinate plane.
- These are really useful when you want to analyse data trends.
- To test scatterplots, we will create a dictionary with four ranges of numbers by using *numpy* and the *random* function.

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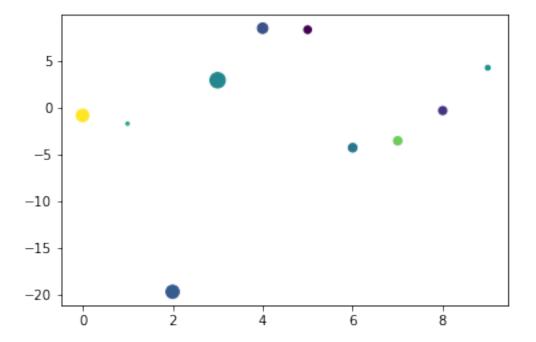
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data={'a':np.arange(10),
'b':10*np.random.randn(10),
'c':np.random.randint(0,100,10),
'd':np.abs(np.random.randn(10))*100}
print(data)
{'a': array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]), 'b': array([ -0.85027867,
                            2.91261581,
-1.73238981, -19.70246247,
        8.47249125,
                      8.31288618,
                                   -4.30196017, -3.56844447,
                      4.24613285]), 'c': array([95, 58, 28, 44, 25, 1, 37, 74,
       -0.33327018,
15, 49]), 'd': array([ 85.21847445, 5.5768126 , 96.20911555, 129.7786845 ,
       59.77628552, 31.2037584, 40.19301022, 38.6570193,
       36.82334713, 12.43878839])}
```

Now we can plot the data using

- *a* as the x-axis values
- *b* as the y-axis values
- *c* as different colours for the data (these colours are random according to the number)
- *d* as different sizes/weights

```
plt.scatter(data['a'],data['b'],c=data['c'],s=data['d'])
```

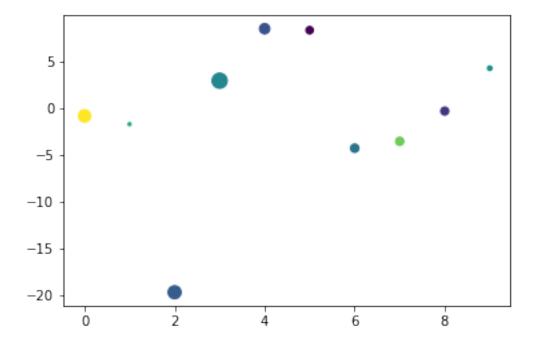
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# Another option is to use only the keys
# and specify the dictionary as the data to be used
plt.scatter('a','b',c='c',s='d',data=data)
```

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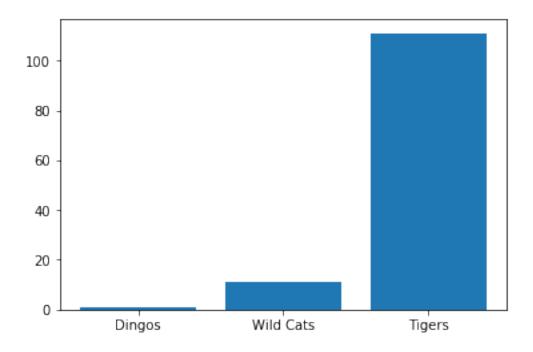
Can you think of any "real life" example of data where you can use this?

Fig 1. An example of a scatter plot

1.3.3 Categorical Data

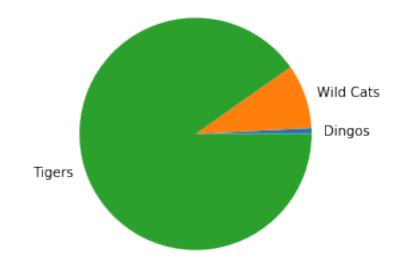
• Using two lists, you can produce charts with categorical data

```
names=["Dingos","Wild Cats","Tigers"]
values=[1,11,111]
#plt.figure()
plt.bar(names,values) # Create a bar chart
plt.show() # show the figure
```

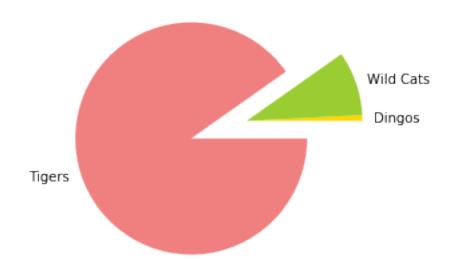


• Pie chart

```
plt.pie(values,labels=names)
plt.show()
```



```
c = ['gold', 'yellowgreen', 'lightcoral']
e = (0, 0, 0.5)  # separate third slice
plt.pie(values,labels=names,explode=e,colors=c)
plt.show()
```



1.4 Plotting the IRIS Dataset

- Once again, we will load the IRIS dataset and save all the contents in different variables:
- The IRIS dataset has four value columns (sepal/petal-length/width) and a class/target.

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## Load iris dataset
from sklearn import datasets
iris = datasets.load_iris()
data = iris['data']
header = iris['feature_names']
target = iris['target']
target_names = iris['target_names']
```

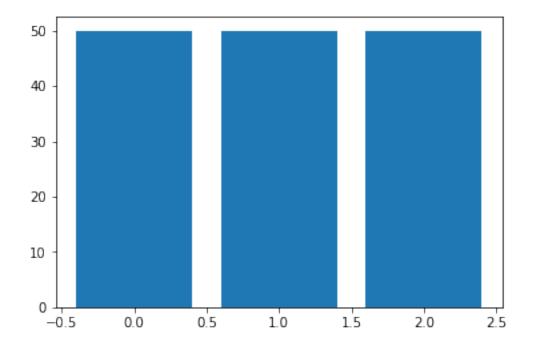
Tally the target/class to see how many samples of each plant

```
unique_elements, counts_elements = np.unique(target, return_counts=True)
print(unique_elements, counts_elements)
```

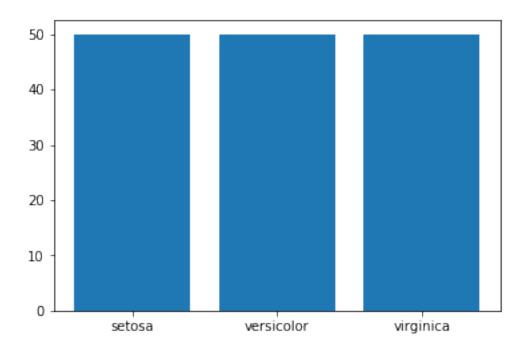
[0 1 2] [50 50 50]

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# Plot a bar chart with the tally
plt.bar(unique_elements,counts_elements)
plt.show()
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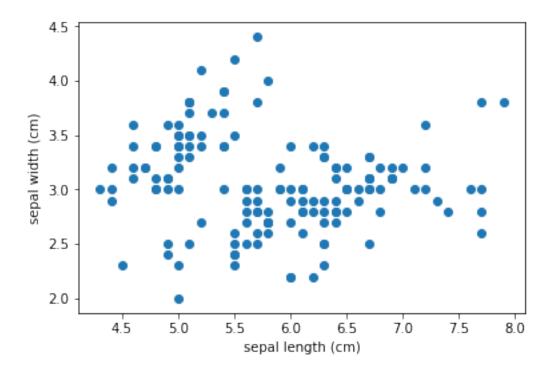


```
# Using the target names instead
plt.bar(target_names,counts_elements)
plt.show()
```



• Plotting variables against each other (scatter)

```
plt.scatter(data[:,0],data[:,1])
plt.xlabel(header[0])
plt.ylabel(header[1])
plt.show()
```



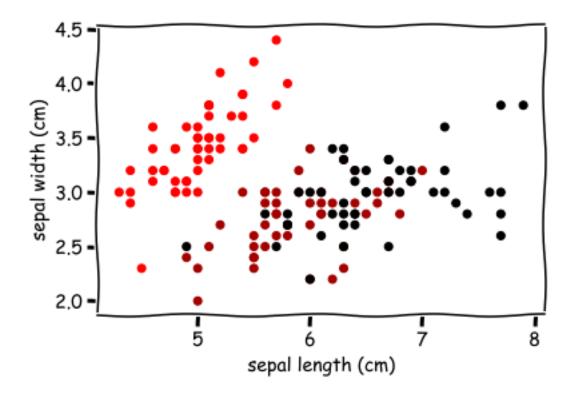
• Using the target as a colour differentiator

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```
plt.scatter(data[:,0],data[:,1],c=target,cmap='flag')
plt.xlabel(header[0])
plt.ylabel(header[1])
plt.xkcd() ## This creates you rplots with the pencil-like format
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• Using a third variable as a size differentiator

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## This is the data of the third column.
## Notice values are not too different from each other!
print(data[:,2])

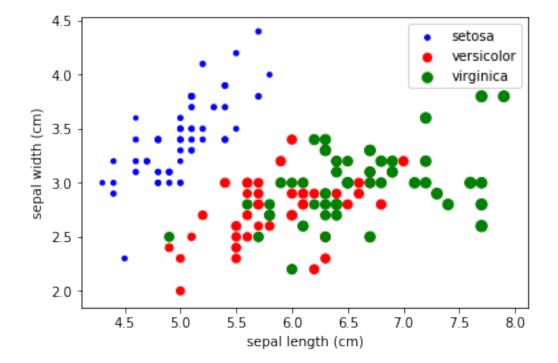
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```
## Plotting a scatterplot with a legend
## Notice that we multiply s*10 to make sizes difference larger
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## You need to create one scatterplot per category
setosa = plt.scatter(data[0:50][:,0],data[0:50][:,1],c='b',s=data[0:50][:,2]*10)
versicolor = plt.scatter(data[50:100][:,0],data[50:100][:,1],c='r',s=data[50:100][:,2]*10)
virginica = plt.scatter(data[100:150][:,0],data[100:150][:,1],c='g',s=data[100:150][:,2]*10)

# Then you create the legend
plt.legend((setosa,versicolor,virginica),target_names,loc='upper right')

# Finally you put labels to the axis and show
plt.xlabel(header[0])
plt.ylabel(header[1])
plt.show()
```



• 3D Plots

