

Python For Data Science Cheat Sheet

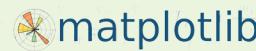
Matplotlib

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Matplotlib

Matplotlib is a Python 2D plotting library which produces publication-quality figures in a variety of hardcopy formats and interactive environments across platforms.



1 Prepare The Data

Also see [Lists & NumPy](#)

1D Data

```
>>> import numpy as np  
>>> x = np.linspace(0, 10, 100)  
>>> y = np.cos(x)  
>>> z = np.sin(x)
```

2D Data or Images

```
>>> data = 2 * np.random.random((10, 10))  
>>> data2 = 3 * np.random.random((10, 10))  
>>> Y, X = np.mgrid[-3:3:100j, -3:3:100j]  
>>> U = -1 - X**2 + Y  
>>> V = 1 + X - Y**2  
>>> from matplotlib.cbook import get_sample_data  
>>> img = np.load(get_sample_data('axes_grid/bivariate_normal.npy'))
```

2 Create Plot

```
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Figure

```
>>> fig = plt.figure()  
>>> fig2 = plt.figure(figsize=plt.figaspect(2.0))
```

Axes

All plotting is done with respect to an Axes. In most cases, a subplot will fit your needs. A subplot is an axes on a grid system.

```
>>> fig.add_axes()  
>>> ax1 = fig.add_subplot(221) # row-col-num  
>>> ax3 = fig.add_subplot(212)  
>>> fig3, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=2, ncols=2)  
>>> fig4, axes2 = plt.subplots(ncols=3)
```

3 Plotting Routines

1D Data

```
>>> lines = ax.plot(x,y)  
>>> ax.scatter(x,y)  
>>> axes[0,0].bar([1,2,3],[3,4,5])  
>>> axes[1,0].barh([0.5,1,2.5],[0,1,2])  
>>> axes[1,1].axhline(0.45)  
>>> axes[0,1].axvline(0.65)  
>>> ax.fill(x,y,color='blue')  
>>> ax.fill_between(x,y,color='yellow')
```

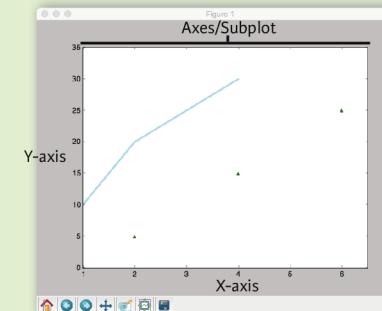
2D Data or Images

```
>>> fig, ax = plt.subplots()  
>>> im = ax.imshow(img,  
                  cmap='gist_earth',  
                  interpolation='nearest',  
                  vmin=-2,  
                  vmax=2)
```

Colormapped or RGB arrays

Plot Anatomy & Workflow

Plot Anatomy



Figure

Workflow

The basic steps to creating plots with matplotlib are:

- 1 Prepare data
- 2 Create plot
- 3 Plot
- 4 Customize plot
- 5 Save plot
- 6 Show plot

```
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
>>> x = [1,2,3,4]  
>>> y = [10,20,25,30] Step 1  
>>> fig = plt.figure() Step 2  
>>> ax = fig.add_subplot(111) Step 3  
>>> ax.plot(x, y, color='lightblue', linewidth=3) Step 3.4  
>>> ax.scatter([2,4,6],  
             [5,15,25],  
             color='darkgreen',  
             marker='^')  
>>> ax.set_xlim(1, 6.5)  
>>> plt.savefig('foo.png')  
>>> plt.show() Step 6
```

4 Customize Plot

Colors, Color Bars & Color Maps

```
>>> plt.plot(x, x, x, x**2, x, x**3)  
>>> ax.plot(x, y, alpha = 0.4)  
>>> ax.plot(x, y, c='k')  
>>> fig.colorbar(im, orientation='horizontal')  
>>> im = ax.imshow(img,  
                  cmap='seismic')
```

Markers

```
>>> fig, ax = plt.subplots()  
>>> ax.scatter(x,y,marker=".")  
>>> ax.plot(x,y,marker="o")
```

Linestyles

```
>>> plt.plot(x,y,linewidth=4.0)  
>>> plt.plot(x,y,ls='solid')  
>>> plt.plot(x,y,ls='--')  
>>> plt.plot(x,y,'-.',x**2,y**2,'-.')  
>>> plt.setp(lines,color='r',linewidth=4.0)
```

Text & Annotations

```
>>> ax.text(1,-2.1,  
           'Example Graph',  
           style='italic')  
>>> ax.annotate("Sine",  
               xy=(8, 0),  
               xycoords='data',  
               xytext=(10.5, 0),  
               textcoords='data',  
               arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle="->",  
                               connectionstyle="arc3"),)
```

Vector Fields

```
>>> axes[0,1].arrow(0,0,0.5,0.5)  
>>> axes[1,1].quiver(y,z)  
>>> axes[0,1].streamplot(X,Y,U,V)
```

Add an arrow to the axes
Plot a 2D field of arrows
Plot 2D vector fields

Data Distributions

```
>>> ax1.hist(y)  
>>> ax3.boxplot(y)  
>>> ax3.violinplot(z)
```

Plot a histogram
Make a box and whisker plot
Make a violin plot

Mathtext

```
>>> plt.title(r'$\sigma_i=15$', fontsize=20)
```

Limits, Legends & Layouts

```
>>> ax.margins(x=0.0,y=0.1)  
>>> ax.axis('equal')  
>>> ax.set(xlim=[0,10.5], ylim=[-1.5,1.5])  
>>> ax.set_xlim(0,10.5)
```

Legends

```
>>> ax.set(title='An Example Axes',  
           ylabel='Y-Axis',  
           xlabel='X-Axis')  
>>> ax.legend(loc='best')
```

Ticks

```
>>> ax.xaxis.set(ticks=range(1,5),  
                  ticklabels=[3,100,-12,"foo"])  
>>> ax.tick_params(axis='y',  
                           direction='inout',  
                           length=10)
```

Subplot Spacing

```
>>> fig3.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.5,  
                           hspace=0.3,  
                           left=0.125,  
                           right=0.9,  
                           top=0.9,  
                           bottom=0.1)
```

```
>>> fig.tight_layout()
```

Axis Spines

```
>>> ax1.spines['top'].set_visible(False)  
>>> ax1.spines['bottom'].set_position(('outward',10))
```

Add padding to a plot
Set the aspect ratio of the plot to 1
Set limits for x-and y-axis
Set limits for x-axis

Set a title and x-and y-axis labels

No overlapping plot elements

Manually set x-ticks

Make y-ticks longer and go in and out

Adjust the spacing between subplots

Fit subplot(s) in to the figure area

Make the top axis line for a plot invisible

Move the bottom axis line outward

5 Save Plot

Save figures

```
>>> plt.savefig('foo.png')
```

Save transparent figures

```
>>> plt.savefig('foo.png', transparent=True)
```

6 Show Plot

```
>>> plt.show()
```

Close & Clear

```
>>> plt.clf()  
>>> plt.close()
```

Clear an axis
Clear the entire figure
Close a window



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Seaborn

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Statistical Data Visualization With Seaborn

The Python visualization library **Seaborn** is based on `matplotlib` and provides a high-level interface for drawing attractive statistical graphics.

Make use of the following aliases to import the libraries:

```
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
>>> import seaborn as sns
```

The basic steps to creating plots with Seaborn are:

1. Prepare some data
2. Control figure aesthetics
3. Plot with Seaborn
4. Further customize your plot

```
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
>>> import seaborn as sns  
>>> tips = sns.load_dataset("tips")  
>>> sns.set_style("whitegrid")  
Step 1  
>>> g = sns.lmplot(x="tip",  
y="total_bill",  
data=tips,  
aspect=2)  
Step 2  
>>> g.set_axis_labels("Tip", "Total bill (USD)")  
set(xlim=(0,10), ylim=(0,100))  
Step 3  
>>> plt.title("title")  
Step 4  
>>> plt.show(g)  
Step 5
```

1) Data

Also see [Lists, NumPy & Pandas](#)

```
>>> import pandas as pd  
>>> import numpy as np  
>>> uniform_data = np.random.rand(10, 12)  
>>> data = pd.DataFrame({'x':np.arange(1,101),  
y':np.random.normal(0,4,100)})
```

Seaborn also offers built-in data sets:

```
>>> titanic = sns.load_dataset("titanic")  
>>> iris = sns.load_dataset("iris")
```

2) Figure Aesthetics

```
>>> f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(5, 6))
```

Create a figure and one subplot

Seaborn styles

```
>>> sns.set()  
>>> sns.set_style("whitegrid")  
>>> sns.set_style("ticks",  
{"xtick.major.size":8,  
"ytick.major.size":8})  
>>> sns.axes_style("whitegrid")
```

(Re)set the seaborn default
Set the matplotlib parameters
Set the matplotlib parameters

Return a dict of params or use with
with to temporarily set the style

Context Functions

```
>>> sns.set_context("talk")  
>>> sns.set_context("notebook",  
font_scale=1.5,  
rc={"lines.linewidth":2.5})
```

Color Palette

```
>>> sns.set_palette("husl",3)  
>>> sns.color_palette("husl")  
>>> flatui = ["#9b59b6", "#3498db", "#95a5e6", "#e74c3c", "#3449e6", "#2ecc71"]  
>>> sns.set_palette(flatui)
```

Set context to "talk"
Set context to "notebook",
scale font elements and
override param mapping

Define the color palette
Use with `with` to temporarily set palette
Set your own color palette

Categorical Plots

Scatterplot

```
>>> sns.stripplot(x="species",  
y="petal_length",  
data=iris)  
>>> sns.swarmplot(x="species",  
y="petal_length",  
data=iris)
```

Bar Chart

```
>>> sns.barplot(x="sex",  
y="survived",  
hue="class",  
data=titanic)
```

Count Plot

```
>>> sns.countplot(x="deck",  
data=titanic,  
palette="Greens_d")
```

Point Plot

```
>>> sns.pointplot(x="class",  
y="survived",  
hue="sex",  
data=titanic,  
palette={"male":"g",  
"female":"m"},  
markers=["^", "o"],  
linestyles=["-", "--"])
```

Boxplot

```
>>> sns.boxplot(x="alive",  
y="age",  
hue="adult_male",  
data=titanic)
```

Violinplot

```
>>> sns.violinplot(x="age",  
y="sex",  
hue="survived",  
data=titanic)
```

Subplot grid for plotting conditional
relationships

Draw a categorical plot onto a
Facetgrid

Plot data and regression model fits
across a FacetGrid

Scatterplot with one
categorical variable

Categorical scatterplot with
non-overlapping points

Show point estimates and
confidence intervals with
scatterplot glyphs

Show count of observations

Show point estimates and
confidence intervals as
rectangular bars

Boxplot

Boxplot with wide-form data

Violin plot

```
>>> h = sns.PairGrid(iris)  
>>> h = h.map(plt.scatter)  
>>> sns.pairplot(iris)  
>>> i = sns.JointGrid(x="x",  
y="y",  
data=data)  
>>> i = i.plot(sns.regplot,  
sns.distplot)  
>>> sns.jointplot("sepal_length",  
"sepal_width",  
data=iris,  
kind='kde')
```

Subplot grid for plotting pairwise
relationships
Plot pairwise bivariate distributions
Grid for bivariate plot with marginal
univariate plots

Plot bivariate distribution

Regression Plots

```
>>> sns.regplot(x="sepal_width",  
y="sepal_length",  
data=iris,  
ax=ax)
```

Plot data and a linear regression
model fit

Distribution Plots

```
>>> plot = sns.distplot(data.y,  
kde=False,  
color="b")
```

Plot univariate distribution

Matrix Plots

```
>>> sns.heatmap(uniform_data, vmin=0, vmax=1)
```

Heatmap

4) Further Customizations

Also see [Matplotlib](#)

Axisgrid Objects

```
>>> g.despine(left=True)  
>>> g.set_ylabels("Survived")  
>>> g.set_xticklabels(rotation=45)  
>>> g.set_axis_labels("Survived",  
"Sex")  
>>> h.set(xlim=(0,5),  
ylim=(0,5),  
xticks=[0,2.5,5],  
yticks=[0,2.5,5])
```

Remove left spine
Set the labels of the y-axis
Set the tick labels for x
Set the axis labels

Set the limit and ticks of the
x-and y-axis

Plot

```
>>> plt.title("A Title")  
>>> plt.ylabel("Survived")  
>>> plt.xlabel("Sex")  
>>> plt.ylim(0,100)  
>>> plt.xlim(0,10)  
>>> plt.setp(ax, yticks=[0,5])  
>>> plt.tight_layout()
```

Add plot title
Adjust the label of the y-axis
Adjust the label of the x-axis
Adjust the limits of the y-axis
Adjust the limits of the x-axis
Adjust a plot property
Adjust subplot params

5) Show or Save Plot

Also see [Matplotlib](#)

```
>>> plt.show()  
>>> plt.savefig("foo.png")  
>>> plt.savefig("foo.png",  
transparent=True)
```

Show the plot
Save the plot as a figure
Save transparent figure

Close & Clear

```
>>> plt.cla()  
>>> plt.clf()  
>>> plt.close()
```

Clear an axis
Clear an entire figure
Close a window



matplotlib

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Quick start

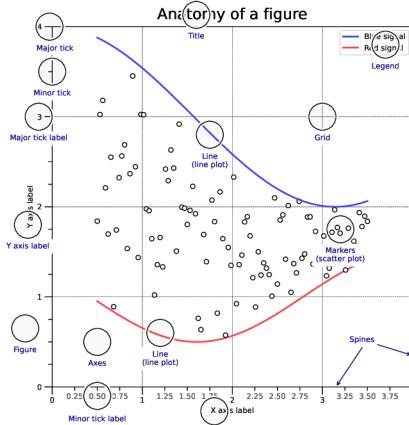
```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib as mpl
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

X = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 100)
Y = np.cos(X)

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(X, Y, color='green')

fig.savefig("figure.pdf")
plt.show()
```

Anatomy of a figure



Subplots layout

```
subplot[s](rows, cols, ...)
fig, axs = plt.subplots(3, 3)

G = gridspec(rows,cols, ...)
ax = G[0, :]

ax.inset_axes(extent)

d=make_axes_locatable(ax)
ax = d.new_horizontal('10%')
```

Getting help

matplotlib.org
github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib/issues
discourse.matplotlib.org
[stack overflow.com/questions/tagged/matplotlib](https://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/matplotlib)
<https://gitter.im/matplotlib/matplotlib>
twitter.com/matplotlib
Matplotlib users mailing list

Basic plots

plot(*X*, *Y*, [*fmt*], ...)
X, *Y*, *fmt*, *color*, *marker*, *linestyle*

scatter(*X*, *Y*, ...)
X, *Y*, [*sizes*, *ccolors*, *marker*, *cmap*]

bar[*h*](*x*, *height*, ...)
x, *height*, *width*, *bottom*, *align*, *color*

imshow(*Z*, ...)
Z, *cmap*, *interpolation*, *extent*, *origin*

contour[*f*](*[X]*, *[Y]*, *Z*, ...)
X, *Y*, *Z*, *levels*, *colors*, *extent*, *origin*

pcolormesh(*[X]*, *[Y]*, *Z*, ...)
X, *Y*, *Z*, *vmin*, *vmax*, *cmap*

quiver(*[X]*, *[Y]*, *U*, *V*, ...)
X, *Y*, *U*, *V*, *C*, *units*, *angles*

pie(*X*, ...)
Z, *explode*, *labels*, *colors*, *radius*

text(*x*, *y*, *text*, ...)
x, *y*, *text*, *va*, *ha*, *size*, *weight*, *transform*

fill_between[*x*](...)
X, *Y1*, *Y2*, *color*, *where*

Advanced plots

step(*X*, *Y*, [*fmt*], ...)
X, *Y*, *fmt*, *color*, *marker*, *where*

boxplot(*X*, ...)
X, *notch*, *sym*, *bootstrap*, *widths*

errorbar(*X*, *Y*, *xerr*, *yerr*, ...)
X, *Y*, *xerr*, *yerr*, *fmt*

hist(*X*, *bins*, ...)
X, *bins*, *range*, *density*, *weights*

violinplot(*D*, ...)
D, *positions*, *widths*, *vert*

barbs(*[X]*, *[Y]*, *U*, *V*, ...)
X, *Y*, *U*, *V*, *C*, *length*, *pivot*, *sizes*

eventplot(*positions*, ...)
positions, *orientation*, *lineoffsets*

hexbin(*X*, *Y*, *C*, ...)
X, *Y*, *C*, *gridsize*, *bins*

Scales

ax.set_xy[*scale*](*scale*, ...)
any values

linear
any values

log
values > 0

Projections

subplot(... , *projection=p*)
p='polar'

p='3d'

p=ccrs.Orthographic()
import cartopy.crs as ccrs

Tick locators

```
from matplotlib import ticker
ax.[xy]axis.set_[minor|major]_locator(locator)
```

ticker.NullLocator()

ticker.MultipleLocator(0.5)

ticker.FixedLocator([0, 1, 2, 5])

ticker.LinearLocator(numticks=3)

ticker.IndexLocator(base=0.5, offset=0.25)

ticker.AutoLocator()

ticker.MaxLocator(n=4)

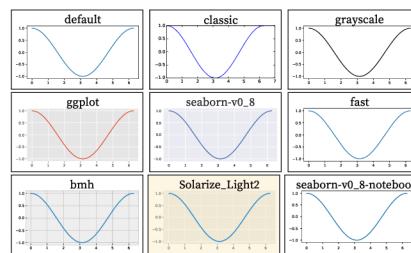
ticker.LogLocator(base=10, numticks=15)

Animation

```
import matplotlib.animation as mpla
T = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 100)
S = np.sin(T)
line, = plt.plot(T, S)
def animate(i):
    line.set_ydata(np.sin(T+i/50))
anim = mpla.FuncAnimation(
    plt.gcf(), animate, interval=5)
plt.show()
```

Styles

plt.style.use(style)



Tick formatters

```
from matplotlib import ticker
ax.[xy]axis.set_[minor|major]_formatter(formatter)
```

ticker.NullFormatter()

ticker.FixedFormatter(['zero', 'one', 'two', ..., 'five'])

ticker.FuncFormatter(lambda x, pos: "[%.2f]" % x)

ticker.FormatStrMethodFormatter('>%<%d')

ticker.ScalarFormatter()

ticker.StrMethodFormatter('{x}')

ticker.PercentFormatter(xmax=5)

Quick reminder

ax.grid()
ax.set_xy[*lim*(*vmin*, *vmax*)
ax.set_xy[*label*(*label*)
ax.set_xy[*ticks*(*ticks*, [*labels*])
ax.set_xy[*ticklabels*(*labels*)
ax.set_title(*title*)
ax.tick_params(*width=10*, ...)
ax.set_axis[*on|off*())

fig.suptitle(*title*)
fig.tight_layout()
plt.gcf(), **plt.gca()**
mpl.rc('axes', linewidth=1, ...)
[fig|ax].patch.set_alpha(0)
text=r'\$\frac{e^i}{\pi^j}\$'

Keyboard shortcuts

ctrl+s	Save	ctrl+w	Close plot
r	Reset view	f	Fullscreen 0/1
f	View forward	b	View back
p	Pan view	o	Zoom to rect
x	X pan/zoom	y	Y pan/zoom
g	Minor grid 0/1	G	Major grid 0/1
l	X axis log/linear	L	Y axis log/linear

Ten simple rules

1. Know your audience
2. Identify your message
3. Adapt the figure
4. Captions are not optional
5. Do not trust the defaults
6. Use color effectively
7. Do not mislead the reader
8. Avoid "chartjunk"
9. Message trumps beauty
10. Get the right tool

READ

Colors

plt.get_cmap(name)

C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9
b	g	r	c	m	y	k	w	x	'x'
DarkRed	Firebrick	Crimson	IndianRed	Salmon					'name'
(1,0,0)	(1,0,0,0.75)	(1,0,0,0.5)	(1,0,0,0.25)	(R,G,B,[A])	#FF0000	#FF0000B8	#FF000088	#FF000044	#RRGGBB[AA]'

Uniform
viridis
magma
plasma

Sequential
Greys
YlOrBr
Wistia

Diverging
Spectral
coolwarm
RdGy

Qualitative
tab10
tab20

Cyclic
twilight

Event handling

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
def on_click(event):
    print(event)
fig.canvas.mpl_connect('button_press_event', on_click)
```


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Pandas Basics

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Pandas

The Pandas library is built on NumPy and provides easy-to-use data structures and data analysis tools for the Python programming language.



Use the following import convention:

```
>>> import pandas as pd
```

Pandas Data Structures

Series

A one-dimensional labeled array capable of holding any data type



```
>>> s = pd.Series([1, -5, 7, 4], index=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'])
```

DataFrame

Columns

	Country	Capital	Population
Index	Belgium	Brussels	11000000
	India	New Delhi	1383171135
	Brazil	Brasilia	2079475000

```
>>> data = {'Country': ['Belgium', 'India', 'Brazil'],
   'Capital': ['Brussels', 'New Delhi', 'Brasilia'],
   'Population': [11000000, 1383171135, 2079475000]}
```

```
>>> df = pd.DataFrame(data,
   columns=['Country', 'Capital', 'Population'])
```

I/O

Read and Write to CSV

```
>>> pd.read_csv('file.csv', header=None, squeeze=True)
>>> df.to_csv('myDataFrame.csv')
```

Read and Write to Excel

```
>>> pd.read_excel('file.xlsx')
>>> pd.to_excel('dir/mydataframe.xlsx', sheet_name='Sheet1')
```

Read multiple sheets from the same file

```
>>> xlxs = pd.ExcelFile('file.xls')
>>> df = pd.read_excel(xlxs, 'Sheet1')
```

Asking For Help

```
>>> help(pd.Series.loc)
```

Selection

Getting

```
>>> s[1]
->
>>> df[1]
   Country    Capital  Population
1  India      New Delhi     1383171135
2  Brazil     Brasilia     2079475000
```

Also see NumPy Arrays

Get one element

Get subset of a DataFrame

Selecting, Boolean Indexing & Setting

By Position

```
>>> df.iloc[[0], [0]]
   Belgium
>>> df.iat[[0], [0]]
   Belgium
```

By Label

```
>>> df.loc[[0], ['Country']]
   Belgium
>>> df.at[[0], ['Country']]
   Belgium
```

By Label/Position

```
>>> df.iat[2]
   Country    Brazil
   Capital   Brasilia
   Population 2079475000
>>> df[[1, 'Capital']]
   0  Belgium
   1  New Delhi
   2  Brasilia
```

Boolean Indexing

```
>>> m[(m > 1)]
   a [a < 1] | (a > 2)
>>> df[df['Population'] > 12995000000]
   Setting
```

Setting

```
>>> m['a'] = 6
```

Select single value by row & column

Select single value by row & column labels

Select single row or subset of rows

Select a single column or subset of columns

Select rows and columns

Series a where value is not >= 6
a: where value is <= 1 or >= 2
Use filter to adjust DataFrame

Set index a of Series a to 6

Dropping

```
>>> s.drop(['a', 'c'])
>>> df.drop('Country', axis=1)
```

Drop values from rows (axis=0)
Drop values from columns (axis=1)

Sort & Rank

```
>>> df.sort_index()
>>> df.sort_values(by='Country')
>>> df.rank()
```

Sort by labels along an axis
Sort by the values along an axis
Assign ranks to entries

Retrieving Series/DataFrame Information

Basic Information

```
>>> df.shape
>>> df.index
>>> df.columns
>>> df.info()
>>> df.count()
```

(rows,columns)
Describe index
Describe DataFrame columns
Info on DataFrame
Number of non-NaN values

Summary

```
>>> df.sum()
>>> df.cumsum()
>>> df.min() / df.max()
>>> df.Identify(0) / df.Identify(1)
>>> df.describe()
>>> df.mean()
>>> df.median()
```

Sum of values
Cumulative sum of values
Minimum/maximum values
Minimum/Maximum Index value
Summary statistics
Mean of values
Median of values

Applying Functions

```
>>> f = lambda x: x*2
>>> df.apply(f)
>>> df.applymap(f)
```

Apply function
Apply function element-wise

Data Alignment

Internal Data Alignment

NaN values are introduced in the indices that don't overlap:

```
>>> a1 = pd.Series([7, -2, 3], index=['a', 'c', 'd'])
>>> a = a1
   a
   7.0
   -2.0
   3.0
   d
```

Arithmetic Operations with Fill Methods

You can also do the internal data alignment yourself with the help of the fill methods:

```
>>> a.add(b, fill_value=0)
   a
   10.0
   -8.0
   5.0
   7.0
>>> a.sub(b, fill_value=2)
   a
   8.0
   -10.0
   3.0
   5.0
>>> a.div(b, fill_value=4)
   a
   2.5
   -0.5
   1.25
   1.75
>>> a.mul(b, fill_value=3)
```





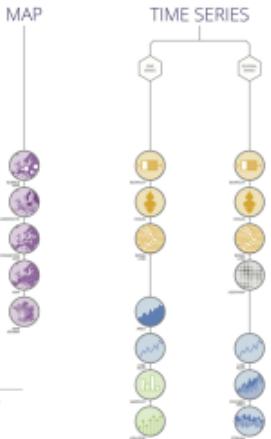
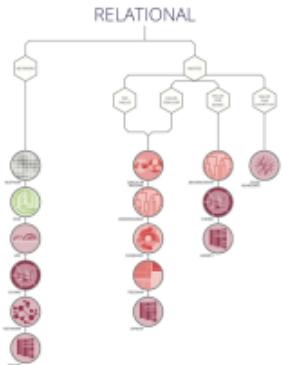
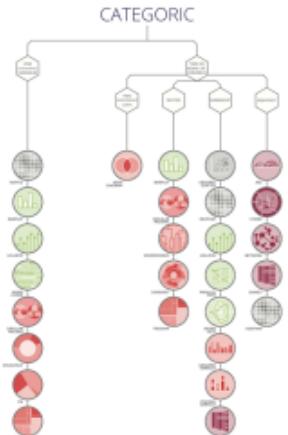
from Data to Viz

"From Data to Viz" is a classification of chart types based on input data format. It will help you find the perfect chart in three simple steps:

- 1 Identify what type of data you have.
- 2 Go to the corresponding decision tree and follow it down to a set of possible charts.
- 3 Choose the chart from the set that will suit your data and your needs best.

Data is a weird word with endless possibilities and this project does not claim to be exhaustive. However it includes a lot of common cases and some outliers. For an interactive version and much more, visit:

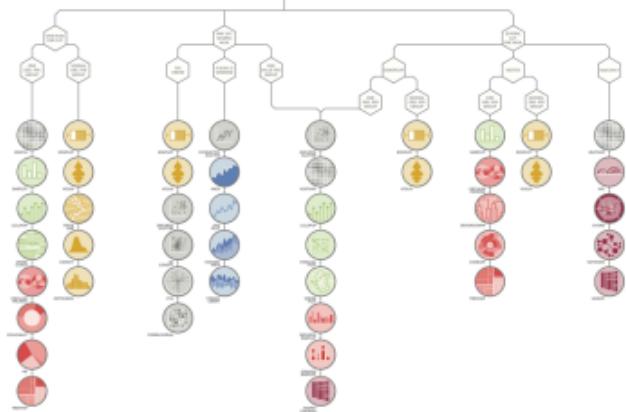
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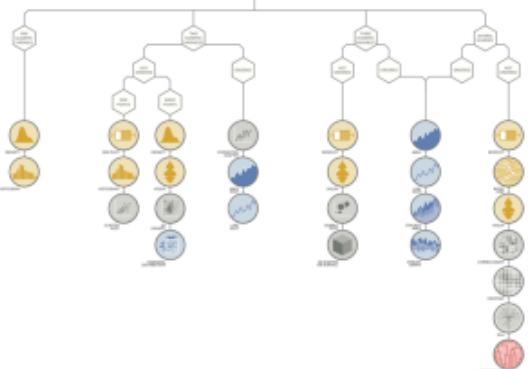
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SHOW ?

- Distribution
- Comparison
- Map
- Flow

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NUMERIC



Matplotlib for beginners

Matplotlib is a library for making 2D plots in Python. It is designed with the philosophy that you should be able to create simple plots with just a few commands:

1 Initialize

```
import numpy as np  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

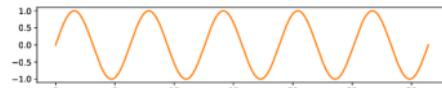
2 Prepare

```
X = np.linspace(0, 10*np.pi, 1000)  
Y = np.sin(X)
```

3 Render

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()  
ax.plot(X, Y)  
plt.show()
```

4 Observe



Choose

Matplotlib offers several kind of plots (see Gallery):

```
X = np.random.uniform(0, 1, 100)  
Y = np.random.uniform(0, 1, 100)  
ax.scatter(X, Y)
```



```
X = np.arange(10)  
Y = np.random.uniform(1, 10, 10)  
ax.bar(X, Y)
```



```
Z = np.random.uniform(0, 1, (8, 8))  
ax.imshow(Z)
```



```
Z = np.random.uniform(0, 1, (8, 8))
```

```
ax.contourf(Z)
```



```
Z = np.random.uniform(0, 1, 4)
```

```
ax.pie(Z)
```



```
Z = np.random.normal(0, 1, 100)
```

```
ax.hist(Z)
```



```
X = np.arange(5)
```

```
Y = np.random.uniform(0, 1, 5)  
ax.errorbar(X, Y, Y/4)
```



```
Z = np.random.normal(0, 1, (100, 3))
```

```
ax.boxplot(Z)
```



Tweak

You can modify pretty much anything in a plot, including limits, colors, markers, line width and styles, ticks and ticks labels, titles, etc.

```
X = np.linspace(0, 10, 100)  
Y = np.sin(X)  
ax.plot(X, Y, color="black")
```



```
X = np.linspace(0, 10, 100)  
Y = np.sin(X)  
ax.plot(X, Y, linestyle="--")
```



```
X = np.linspace(0, 10, 100)  
Y = np.sin(X)  
ax.plot(X, Y, linewidth=5)
```



```
X = np.linspace(0, 10, 100)  
Y = np.sin(X)  
ax.plot(X, Y, marker="o")
```



Organize

You can plot several data on the same figure, but you can also split a figure in several subplots (named Axes):

```
X = np.linspace(0, 10, 100)  
Y1, Y2 = np.sin(X), np.cos(X)  
ax.plot(X, Y1, color="C1")  
ax.plot(X, Y2, color="C0")
```



```
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(2, 1)  
ax1.plot(Y1, X, color="C1")  
ax2.plot(Y2, X, color="C0")
```



```
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2)  
ax1.plot(Y1, X, color="C1")  
ax2.plot(Y2, X, color="C0")
```



Label (everything)

```
ax.plot(X, Y)  
fig.suptitle(None)  
ax.set_title("A Sine wave")
```



```
ax.plot(X, Y)  
ax.set_ylabel(None)  
ax.set_xlabel("Time")
```



Explore

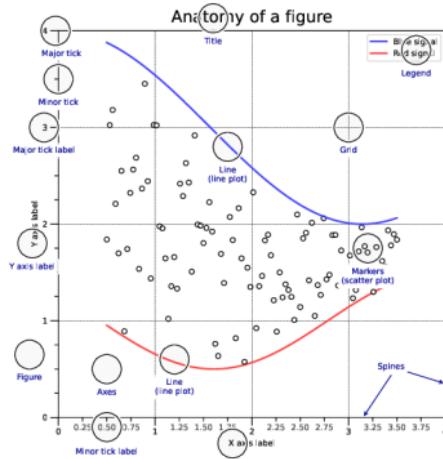
Figures are shown with a graphical user interface that allows to zoom and pan the figure, to navigate between the different views and to show the value under the mouse.

Save (bitmap or vector format)

```
fig.savefig("my-first-figure.png", dpi=300)  
fig.savefig("my-first-figure.pdf")
```

Matplotlib for intermediate users

A matplotlib figure is composed of a hierarchy of elements that forms the actual figure. Each element can be modified.



Figure, axes & spines

```
fig, axs = plt.subplots(3, 3)
axs[0, 0].set_facecolor("#ddffff")
axs[2, 2].set_facecolor("#ffffdd")
```



```
gs = fig.add_gridspec(3, 3)
ax = fig.add_subplot(gs[0, :])
ax.set_facecolor("#ddffff")
```

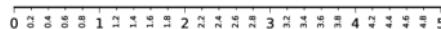


```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.spines["top"].set_color("None")
ax.spines["right"].set_color("None")
```



Ticks & labels

```
from mpl.ticker import MultipleLocator as ML
from mpl.ticker import ScalarFormatter as SF
ax.xaxis.set_minor_locator(ML(0.2))
ax.xaxis.set_minor_formatter(SF())
ax.tick_params(axis='x', which='minor', rotation=90)
```



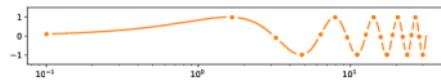
Lines & markers

```
X = np.linspace(0.1, 10*np.pi, 1000)
Y = np.sin(X)
ax.plot(X, Y, "C1o:", markevery=50, mec="1.0")
```



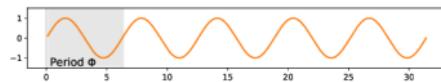
Scales & projections

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.set_xscale("log")
ax.plot(X, Y, "C1o-", markevery=50, mec="1.0")
```



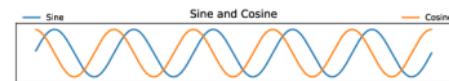
Text & ornaments

```
ax.fill_between([-1, 1], [0], [2*np.pi])
ax.text(0, -1, r"Period $\Phi$")
```



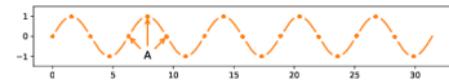
Legend

```
ax.plot(X, np.sin(X), "C0", label="Sine")
ax.plot(X, np.cos(X), "C1", label="Cosine")
ax.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(0,1,1,1), ncol=2,
          mode="expand", loc="lower left")
```



Annotation

```
ax.annotate("A", (X[250],Y[250]), (X[250],-1),
           ha="center", va="center", arrowprops={
               "arrowstyle": "->", "color": "C1"})
```



Colors

Any color can be used, but Matplotlib offers sets of colors:

C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	
0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0

Size & DPI

Consider a square figure to be included in a two-column A4 paper with 2 cm margins on each side and a column separation of 1 cm. The width of a figure is $(21 - 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 - 1)/2 = 8$ cm. One inch being 2.54 cm, figure size should be 3.15x3.15 in.

```
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(3.15, 3.15), dpi=50)
plt.savefig("figure.pdf", dpi=600)
```

Matplotlib tips & tricks

Transparency

Scatter plots can be enhanced by using transparency (alpha) in order to show area with higher density. Multiple scatter plots can be used to delineate a frontier.

```
X = np.random.normal(-1, 1, 500)
Y = np.random.normal(-1, 1, 500)
ax.scatter(X, Y, 50, "0.0", lw=2) # optional
ax.scatter(X, Y, 50, "1.0", lw=0) # optional
ax.scatter(X, Y, 40, "C1", lw=0, alpha=0.1)
```



Rasterization

If your figure has many graphical elements, such as a huge scatter, you can rasterize them to save memory and keep other elements in vector format.

```
X = np.random.normal(-1, 1, 10_000)
Y = np.random.normal(-1, 1, 10_000)
ax.scatter(X, Y, rasterized=True)
fig.savefig("rasterized-figure.pdf", dpi=600)
```

Offline rendering

Use the Agg backend to render a figure directly in an array.

```
from matplotlib.backends.backend_agg import FigureCanvas
canvas = FigureCanvas(Figure())
... # draw some stuff
canvas.draw()
Z = np.array(canvas.renderer.buffer_rgba())
```

Range of continuous colors

You can use colormap to pick from a range of continuous colors.

```
X = np.random.randn(1000, 4)
cmap = plt.get_cmap("Oranges")
colors = cmap([0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8])

ax.hist(X, 2, histtype='bar', color=colors)
```



Text outline

Use text outline to make text more visible.

```
import matplotlib.path_effects as fx
text = ax.text(0.5, 0.1, "Label")
text.set_path_effects([
    fx.Stroke(linewidth=3, foreground='1.0'),
    fx.Normal()])
```



Multiline plot

You can plot several lines at once using None as separator.

```
X, Y = [], []
for x in np.linspace(0, 10*np.pi, 100):
    X.extend([x, x, None]), Y.extend([0, np.sin(x), None])
ax.plot(X, Y, "black")
```



Dotted lines

To have rounded dotted lines, use a custom linestyle and modify dash_capstyle.

```
ax.plot([0, 1], [0, 0], "C1",
        linestyle=(0, (0.01, 1)), dash_capstyle="round")
ax.plot([0, 1], [1, 1], "C1",
        linestyle=(0, (0.01, 2)), dash_capstyle="round")
```



Combining axes

You can use overlaid axes with different projections.

```
ax1 = fig.add_axes([0, 0, 1, 1],
                   label="cartesian")
ax2 = fig.add_axes([0, 0, 1, 1],
                   label="polar",
                   projection="polar")
```



Colorbar adjustment

You can adjust a colorbar's size when adding it.

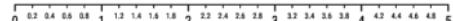
```
im = ax.imshow(Z)
cb = plt.colorbar(im,
                  fraction=0.046, pad=0.04)
cb.set_ticks([])
```



Taking advantage of typography

You can use a condensed font such as Roboto Condensed to save space on tick labels.

```
for tick in ax.get_xticklabels(which='both'):
    tick.set_fontname("Roboto Condensed")
```



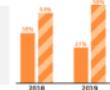
Getting rid of margins

Once your figure is finished, you can call `tight_layout()` to remove white margins. If there are remaining margins, you can use the `pdfcrop` utility (comes with TeX live).

Hatching

You can achieve a nice visual effect with thick hatch patterns.

```
cmap = plt.get_cmap("Oranges")
plt.rcParams['hatch.color'] = cmap(0.2)
plt.rcParams['hatch.linewidth'] = 8
ax.bar(X, Y, color=cmap(0.6), hatch="/")
```



Read the documentation

Matplotlib comes with an extensive documentation explaining the details of each command and is generally accompanied by examples. Together with the huge online gallery, this documentation is a gold-mine.