

Python Advance Course via Astronomy street



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Advance Course Outline:

- Lesson 1: Python basics (T)
- Lesson 2: Python with Numpy and Matplotlib (T)
- Lesson 3: Science modules (Scipy) (T)

Matplotlib

```
>>> import matplotlib
>>> help(matplotlib)
```

```
Help on package matplotlib:
```

NAME

```
matplotlib - This is an object-oriented plotting library.
```

FILE

```
/usr/lib/pymodules/python2.7/matplotlib/__init__.py
```

DESCRIPTION

```
A procedural interface is provided by the companion pyplot module,
which may be imported directly, e.g.:
```

```
    from matplotlib.pyplot import *
```

```
To include numpy functions too, use::
```

```
    from pylab import *
```

```
or using ipython::
```

```
    ipython -pylab
```

```
For the most part, direct use of the object-oriented library is
encouraged when programming; pyplot is primarily for working
interactively. The
exceptions are the pyplot commands :func:`~matplotlib.pyplot.figure`,
:func:`~matplotlib.pyplot.subplot`,
:func:`~matplotlib.pyplot.subplots`,
```

Using Matplotlib

Simple plot – using procedural interface (pyplot)

```
>>> import numpy as np #It will be useful to deal with data
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt #procedural interface
>>>
>>> #simple plot
...
>>> X = np.linspace(-np.pi, np.pi, 256, endpoint=True)
>>> C, S = np.cos(X), np.sin(X)
>>> plt.plot(X, C)
[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x2c4f410>]
>>> plt.plot(X, S)
[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x350d490>]
>>>
>>> plt.show()
```

numpy useful to deal with data arrays

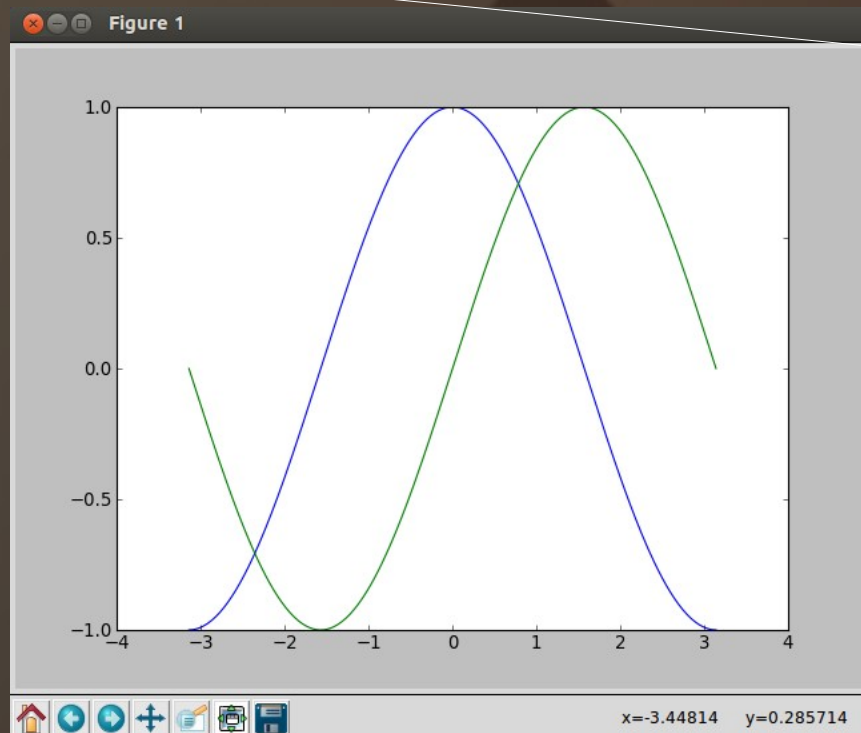
Pyplot – the module to “ignore” objects

Creation of data (x , $\cos(x)$) and (x , $\sin(x)$)

Plot each set of data

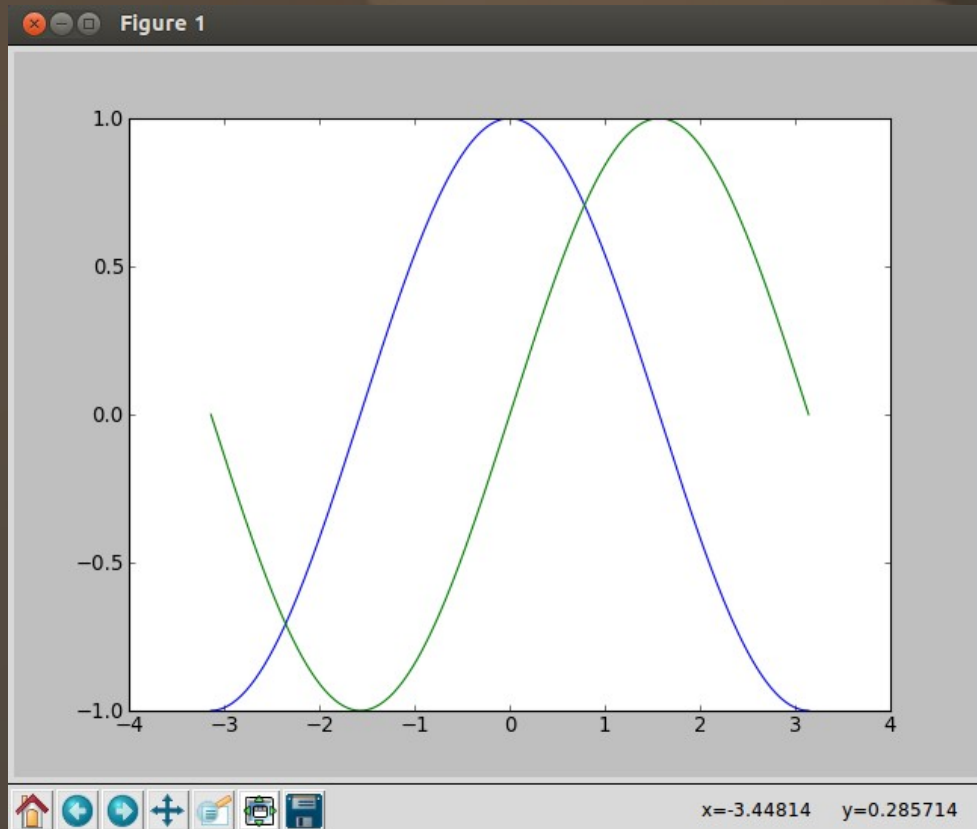
– note that objects are still created and in memory...

Show comand to open the plot window (Freezing the Python interpreter)

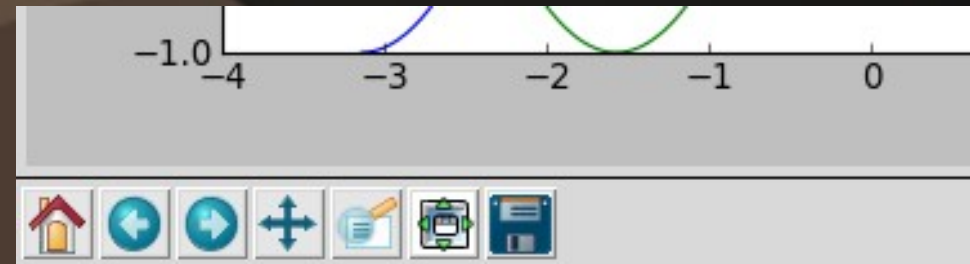


Using Matplotlib

The Plotting window - Figure



The plot window has some nice interactive features that you can easily explore



Show original plot



Undo/Redo visualization



Navigation in the plot



Zoom Rectangle



Customize Subplots



Saving/Exporting Figure

Using Matplotlib

Simple plot – changing default settings – procedural interface

```
# changing some default parameters|
```

```
# Create a figure of size 8x6 points, 80 dots per inch  
pl.figure(figsize=(8, 6), dpi=80)
```

```
# Create a new subplot from a grid of 1x1  
pl.subplot(1, 1, 1)
```

```
X = np.linspace(-np.pi, np.pi, 256, endpoint=True)  
C, S = np.cos(X), np.sin(X)
```

```
# Plot cosine with a blue continuous line of width 1 (pixels)  
pl.plot(X, C, color="blue", linewidth=1.0, linestyle="-")
```

```
# Plot sine with a green continuous line of width 1 (pixels)  
pl.plot(X, S, color="green", linewidth=1.0, linestyle="-")
```

```
# Set x limits  
pl.xlim(-4.0, 4.0)
```

```
# Set x ticks  
pl.xticks(np.linspace(-4, 4, 9, endpoint=True))
```

```
# Set y limits  
pl.ylim(-1.0, 1.0)
```

```
# Set y ticks  
pl.yticks(np.linspace(-1, 1, 5, endpoint=True))
```

```
# Save figure using 72 dots per inch  
# savefig("exercice_2.png", dpi=72)
```

```
# Show result on screen  
pl.show()
```

Defining the figure

Defining a subplot of the figure

Creation of data
(x, cos(x)) and (x, sin(x))

Plot data, setting color, linewidth and
linestyle

Defining x axis limits

Defining x axis ticks

Defining y axis limits

Defining y axis ticks

Possibility to save Figure as .png file

Show command to open the plot window
(Freezing the Python interpreter)

Using Matplotlib

Plotting lines – linestyle and markers :: >>> help(pl.plot)

The following format string characters are accepted to control the line style or marker:

character	description
'_'	solid line style
'--'	dashed line style
'-.'	dash-dot line style
':'	dotted line style
'.'	point marker
','	pixel marker
'o'	circle marker
'v'	triangle_down marker
'^'	triangle_up marker
'<'	triangle_left marker
'>'	triangle_right marker
'1'	tri_down marker
'2'	tri_up marker
'3'	tri_left marker
'4'	tri_right marker
's'	square marker
'p'	pentagon marker
'*'	star marker
'h'	hexagon1 marker
'H'	hexagon2 marker
'+'	plus marker
'x'	x marker
'D'	diamond marker
'd'	thin_diamond marker
' '	vline marker
'-'	hline marker

Using Matplotlib

Plotting lines – colors :: >>> help(pl.plot)

The following color abbreviations are supported:

character	color
'b'	blue
'g'	green
'r'	red
'c'	cyan
'm'	magenta
'y'	yellow
'k'	black
'w'	white

In addition, you can specify colors in many weird and wonderful ways, including full names (`'green'`), hex strings (`'#008000'`), RGB or RGBA tuples (`(0,1,0,1)`) or grayscale intensities as a string (`'0.8'`). Of these, the string specifications can be used in place of a `'fmt'` group, but the tuple forms can be used only as `'kwargs'`.

Example of using RGB to get a blue color:

```
>>> pl.plot(X, C, color="#0000CC", linewidth=3.0, linestyle="-.")  
[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x3537350>]  
>>> pl.show()
```


Using Matplotlib

Simple plot with legend – using procedural interface (pyplot)

```
>>> #simple plot with legend
... import numpy as np #It will be useful to deal with data
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt #procedural interface
>>>
>>> X = np.linspace(-np.pi, np.pi, 256, endpoint=True)
>>> C, S = np.cos(X), np.sin(X)
>>> plt.plot(X, C, label=r'$\cos(\theta)$')
[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x40e2690>]
>>> plt.plot(X, S, label=r'$\sin(\theta)$')
[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x3442550>]
>>> plt.legend(loc='upper left')
<matplotlib.legend.Legend object at 0x40e28d0>
>>>
>>> plt.show()
```

Simply using label in the plot.

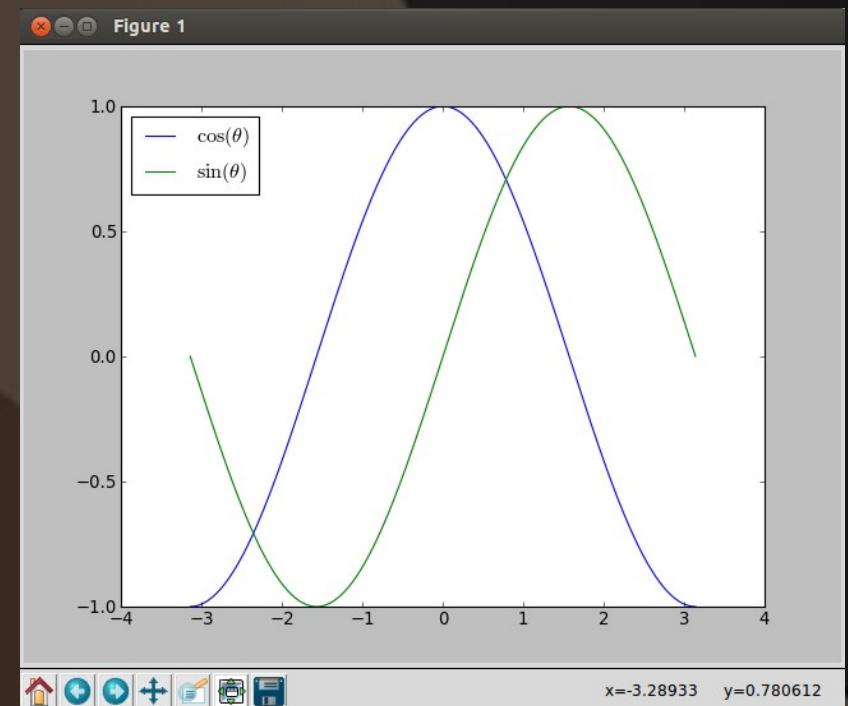
You can use latex with the sintaxe:
r' \$latex_keyword\$'

Then you simple call legend()

You can use the variable loc to set the location of the legend in the plot

The location codes are

Location String	Location Code
'best'	0
'upper right'	1
'upper left'	2
'lower left'	3
'lower right'	4
'right'	5
'center left'	6
'center right'	7
'lower center'	8
'upper center'	9
'center'	10



Using Matplotlib

Objects in Matplotlib

The awareness of the objects will allow a proper control of the plots that you want to create.

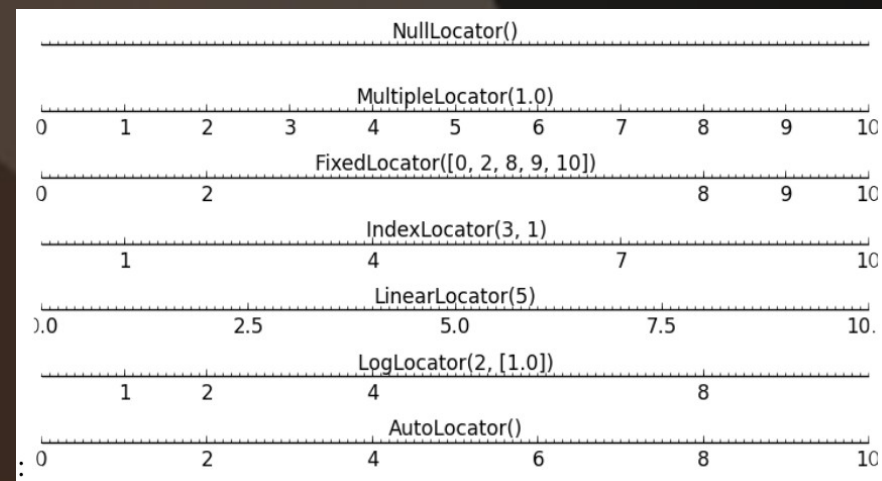
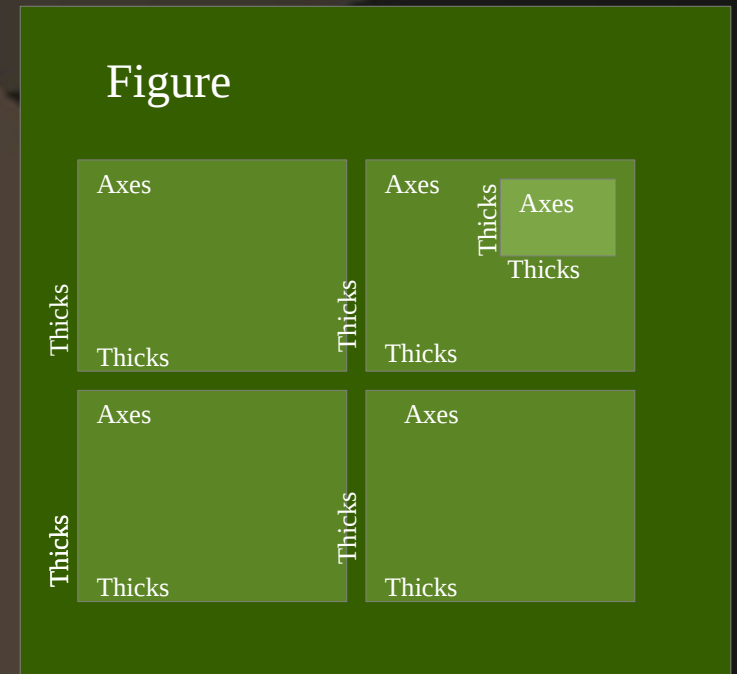
The main objects that you should know:

→ **Figure:** A Figure in matplotlib corresponds to the whole window in the user interface.

→ **Axes:** The axes is the object where you will draw your plot. You can freely control the position of the axes. Within the figure you can create/add axes.

→ **Subplot:** This are actually a specific type of axes, where the positions are fixed on the figure. Within the figure you create subplots. You can create a single subplot, or a grid of subplots within the figure.

→ **Thicks:** Are the objects that control each axe coordinate, uncluding the type of numbers, scale, intervals, etc...



Using Matplotlib

Objects in Matplotlib – An example

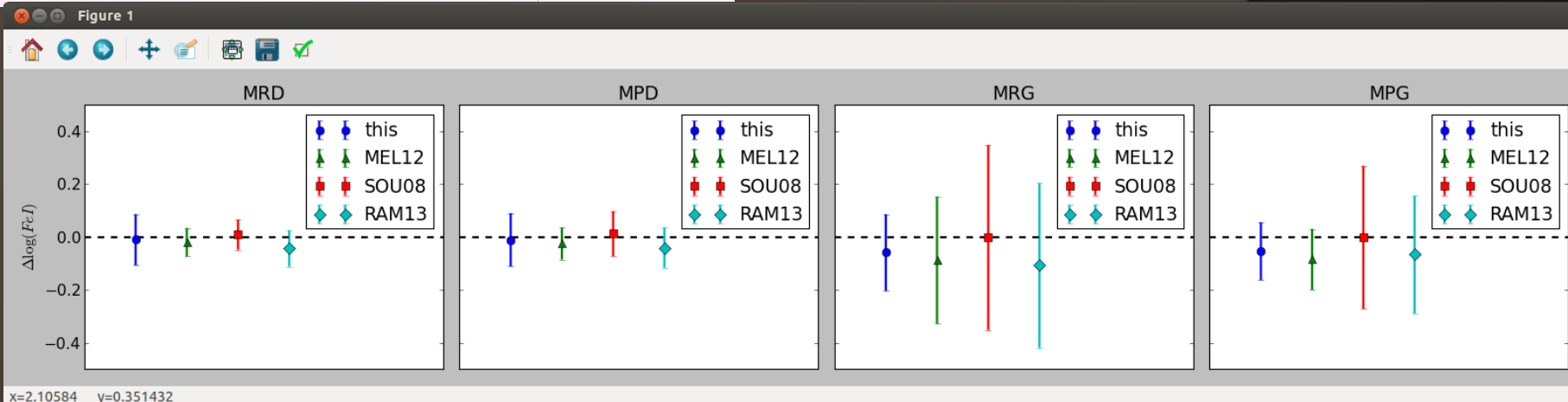
```
114 def plot_ax_star(star,result,axe):
115     linelists = [('_gesEW_mar',1,'this','o'),('_melendez_kur',2,'MEL12','^'),
116                 \('_','_mine_kur',3,'SOU08','s'),('_','_ramirez_mar',4,'RAM13','D')]
117     axe.plot([0,10],[0,0], linestyle='--', color='k', linewidth=2.0)
118     for linelist,i,labelstr,mark in linelists:
119         idstr = star+linelist+'.moog'
120         res = [ (file_r,star_r,nfei_r, dfei_r, sfei_r) \
121                 for (file_r,star_r,nfei_r, dfei_r, sfei_r) \
122                     in result if file_r == idstr]
123         (file_r,star_r,nfei_r, dfei_r, sfei_r) = res[0]
124         axe.errorbar([i], [dfei_r], yerr=sfei_r,fmt=mark, label=labelstr, linewidth=2.0, markersize=8)
125     axe.set_xlim(0,7)
126     axe.set_ylim(-0.5,0.5)
127     axe.xaxis.set_visible(False)
128     axe.set_title(star)
129     axe.legend()
130
131
132 def plot_graphs(result):
133     plt.rcParams.update({'font.size': 14})
134
135     fig = plt.figure(figsize=(20, 4))
136     ax1= fig.add_subplot(141)
137     ax1.set_ylabel(r'$\Delta\log(\text{FeI})$')
138     ax2= fig.add_subplot(142,sharey=ax1)
139     plt.setp(ax2.get_yticklabels(), visible=False)
140     ax3= fig.add_subplot(143,sharey=ax1)
141     plt.setp(ax3.get_yticklabels(), visible=False)
142     ax4= fig.add_subplot(144,sharey=ax1)
143     plt.setp(ax4.get_yticklabels(), visible=False)
144
145     plot_ax_star('MRD',result,ax1)
146     plot_ax_star('MPD',result,ax2)
147     plot_ax_star('MRG',result,ax3)
148     plot_ax_star('MPG',result,ax4)
149
150 # fig.subplots_adjust(left=None, bottom=None, right=None, top=None, wspace=None, hspace=None)
151 fig.tight_layout()
152
153 plt.show()
```

Main objects:

- 1 Figure
- 4 Axes constructed with subplots
- 8 Thicks automatically constructed

Extra stuff in this example:

- Shared axes
- Changing font size
- Making axes invisible
- Using latex in labels
- Using different symbols and automatic colors
- Automatic legends
- Using error bars



Using Matplotlib

Objects in Matplotlib – An example

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141     plt.setp(ax3.get_yticklabels(), visible=False)
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143     plt.setp(ax4.get_yticklabels(), visible=False)
144
145     plot_ax_star('MRD',result,ax1)
146     plot_ax_star('MPD',result,ax2)
147     plot_ax_star('MRG',result,ax3)
148     plot_ax_star('MPG',result,ax4)
149
150 # fig.subplots_adjust(left=None, bottom=None, right=None, top=None, wspace=None, hspace=None)
151 fig.tight_layout()
152
153 plt.show()
154
```

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Calling a specific function to create each individual plot

Using Matplotlib

Objects in Matplotlib

Only difference is the different data to be plotted

This function does the same plot for each axes.

```
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119         idstr = star+linelist+'.moog'
120         res = [ (file_r,star_r,nfei_r, dfei_r, sfei_r) \
121                 for (file_r,star_r,nfei_r, dfei_r, sfei_r) \
122                     in result if file_r == idstr]
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124         axe.errorbar([i], [dfei_r], yerr=sfei_r,fmt=mark, label=labelstr,\
125                     linewidth=2.0, markersize=8)
126     axe.set_xlim(0,7)
127     axe.set_ylim(-0.5,0.5)
128     axe.xaxis.set_visible(False)
129     axe.set_title(star)
130     axe.legend()
```

Extra stuff in this example:

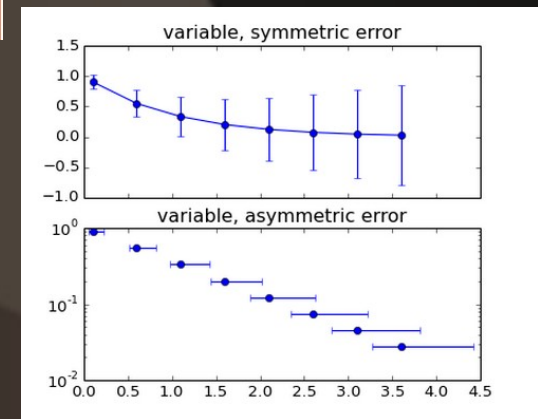
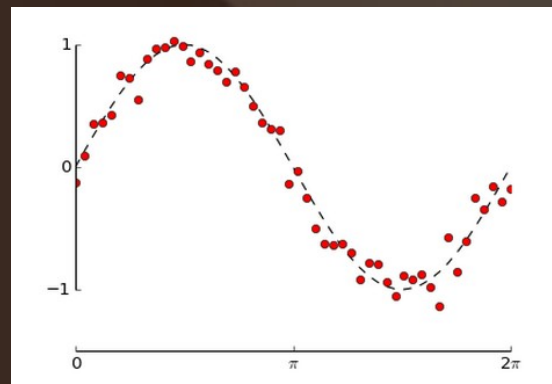
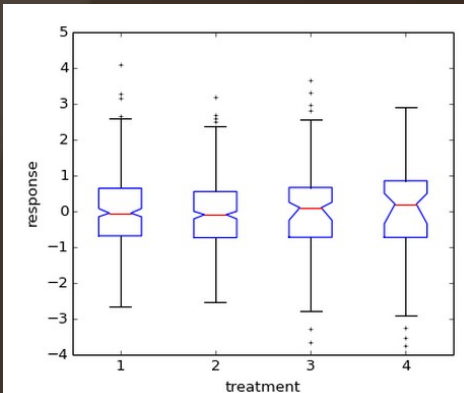
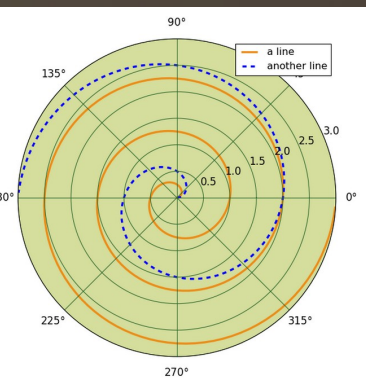
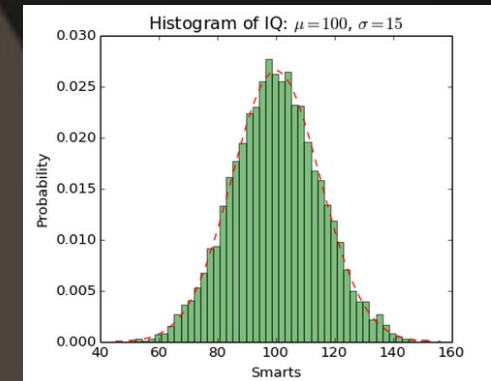
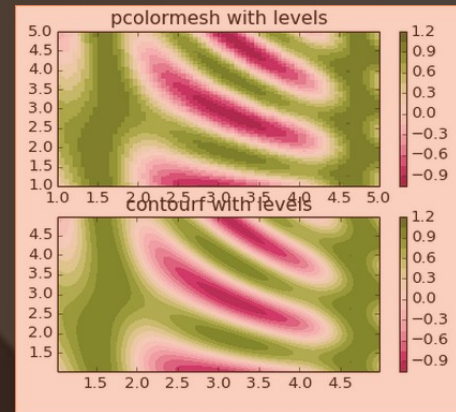
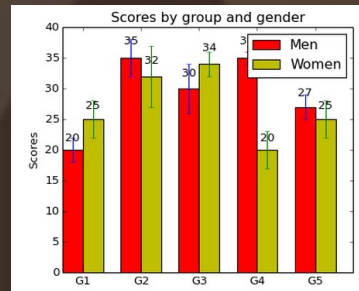
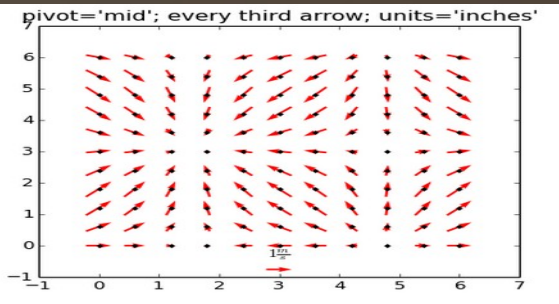
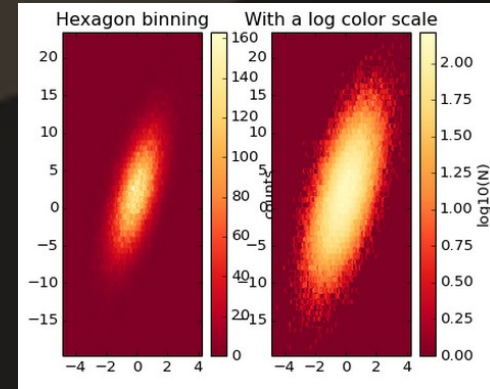
- Horizontal dashed line
- Using different symbols and automatic colors
- Automatic legends
- Using error bars

Matplotlib

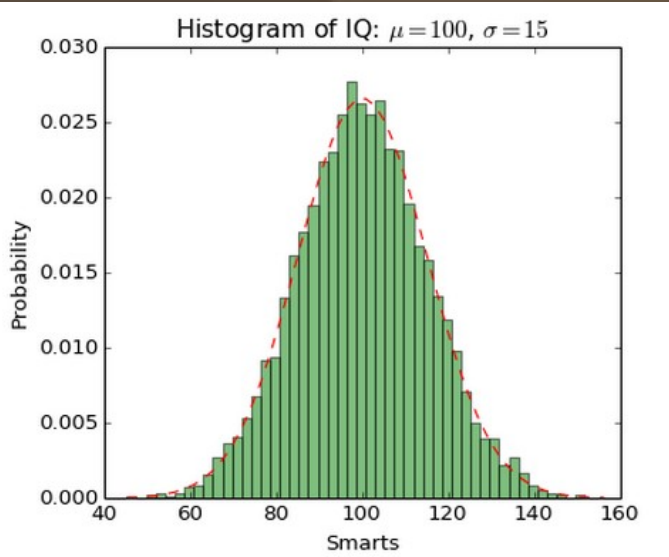
Matplotlib is a huge module which contains many features and many possibilities.

The use of Objects is benefit to control your plot easily. Experience comes with practice

There is a gallery with several examples and source code in Matplotlib:
<http://matplotlib.org/gallery.html> (You can use it for your inspiration...)



Matplotlib – Gallery Examples



Random Gaussian Data Generation

Defining number of bins

Plotting histogram

Getting a normal probability density function. `help(mlab)`

(Mlab is a module for Numerical python functions written for compatability with MATLAB commands with the same names.)

Plotting pdf

Setting titles

Adjusting subplot in Figure

```
"""
Demo of the histogram (hist) function with a few features.

In addition to the basic histogram, this demo shows a few optional features:

* Setting the number of data bins
* The ``normed`` flag, which normalizes bin heights so that the integral of
  the histogram is 1. The resulting histogram is a probability density.
* Setting the face color of the bars
* Setting the opacity (alpha value).

"""
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.mlab as mlab
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# example data
mu = 100 # mean of distribution
sigma = 15 # standard deviation of distribution
x = mu + sigma * np.random.randn(10000)

num_bins = 50
# the histogram of the data
n, bins, patches = plt.hist(x, num_bins, normed=1, facecolor='green', alpha=0.5)
# add a 'best fit' line
y = mlab.normpdf(bins, mu, sigma)
plt.plot(bins, y, 'r--')
plt.xlabel('Smarts')
plt.ylabel('Probability')
plt.title(r'Histogram of IQ: $\mu=100$, $\sigma=15$')

# Tweak spacing to prevent clipping of ylabel
plt.subplots_adjust(left=0.15)
plt.show()
```

Matplotlib – Gallery Examples

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.colors import LogNorm
import numpy as np
from matplotlib.mlab import bivariate_normal
```

```
N = 100
X, Y = np.mgrid[-3:3:complex(0, N), -2:2:complex(0, N)]

# A low hump with a spike coming out of the top right.
# Needs to have z/colour axis on a log scale so we see both hump and spike.
# linear scale only shows the spike.
Z1 = bivariate_normal(X, Y, 0.1, 0.2, 1.0, 1.0) + 0.1 * bivariate_normal(X, Y, 1.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0)
```

```
plt.subplot(2,1,1)
plt.pcolor(X, Y, Z1, norm=LogNorm(vmin=Z1.min(), vmax=Z1.max()), cmap='PuBu_r')
plt.colorbar()
```

```
plt.subplot(2,1,2)
plt.pcolor(X, Y, Z1, cmap='PuBu_r')
plt.colorbar()
```

```
plt.show()
```

Normalize a given value to the 0-1 range on a log scale

Create the parameter space grid for the surface plot

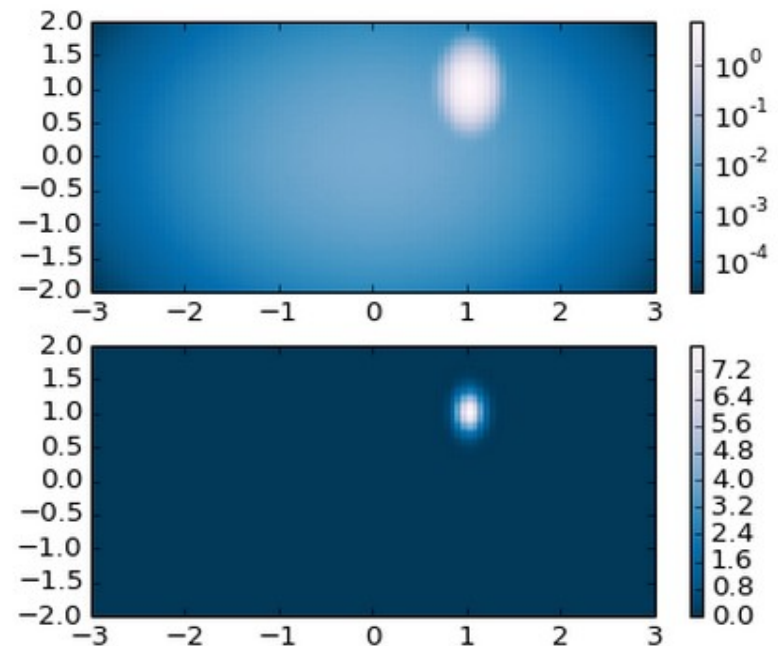
Creating data from bivariate normal distributions

This function does the same plot for each axes.

Creating the subplots – a grid of 2 rows, 1 column

Plotting a color map

Creating a color bar



Matplotlib – Gallery Examples

Necessary Imports

Changing the tick direction at the x and y axes.

Generating the random data

Creating the figure

Plotting the contours

Defining locations manually

Plotting labels on contours

Adding title

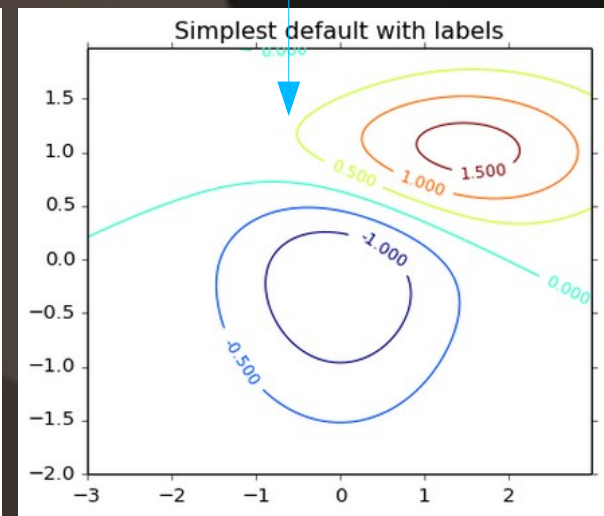
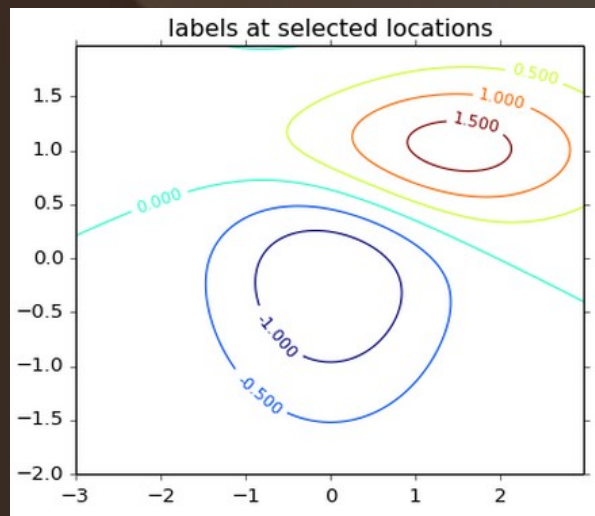
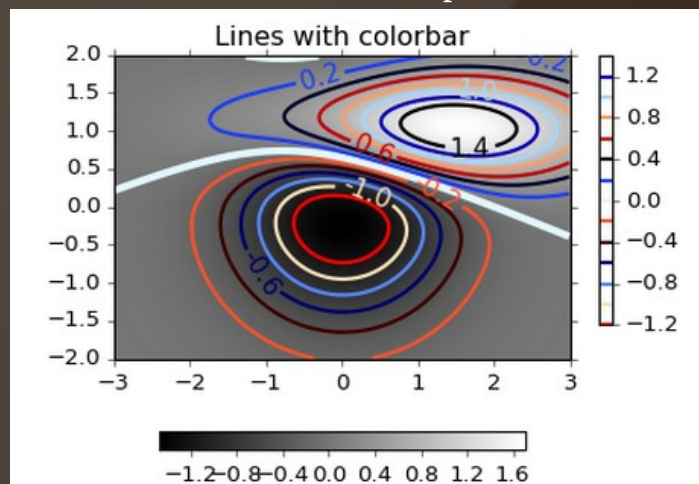
```
import matplotlib
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.cm as cm
import matplotlib.mlab as mlab
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

matplotlib.rcParams['xtick.direction'] = 'out'
matplotlib.rcParams['ytick.direction'] = 'out'

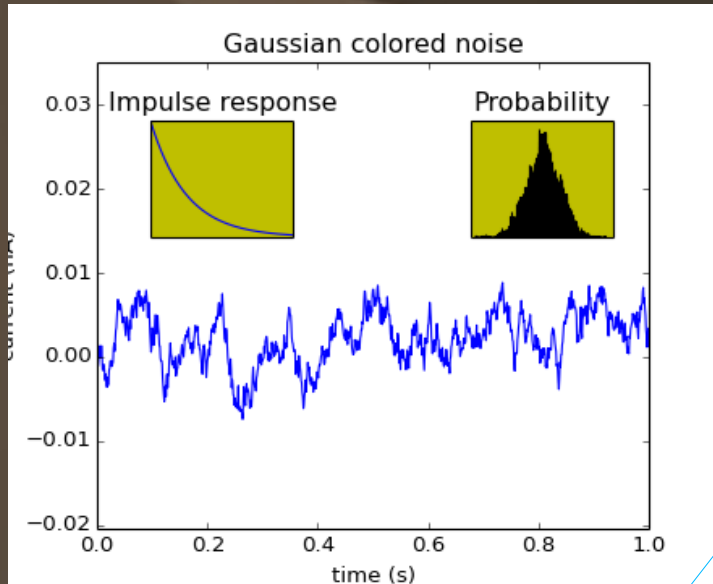
delta = 0.025
x = np.arange(-3.0, 3.0, delta)
y = np.arange(-2.0, 2.0, delta)
X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
Z1 = mlab.bivariate_normal(X, Y, 1.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0)
Z2 = mlab.bivariate_normal(X, Y, 1.5, 0.5, 1, 1)
# difference of Gaussians
Z = 10.0 * (Z2 - Z1)
# contour labels can be placed manually by providing list of positions
# (in data coordinate). See ginput_manual_clabel.py for interactive
# placement.
plt.figure()
CS = plt.contour(X, Y, Z)
manual_locations = [(-1, -1.4), (-0.62, -0.7), (-2, 0.5), (1.7, 1.2), (2.0, 1.4), (2.4, 1.7)]
plt.clabel(CS, inline=1, fontsize=10, manual=manual_locations)
plt.title('labels at selected locations')
```

Ignoring manual locations you get this plot

You have more advanced examples:



Matplotlib – Gallery Examples



Example using pylab directly:

Generating the random data

Plotting main axes.
(Figure is automatically created)

Changing limits for x & y axes(thicks)

Setting titles

Creating 1st axes inside – top right
(yellow background)

Plot Histogram

Empty thicks from axes with setp()

Creating 2nd axes inside – top left

Simple plot

Empty thicks from axes and setting x limit

```
#!/usr/bin/env python

from pylab import *

# create some data to use for the plot
dt = 0.001
t = arange(0.0, 10.0, dt)
r = exp(-t[:1000]/0.05) # impulse response
x = randn(len(t))
s = convolve(x,r)[:len(x)]*dt # colored noise

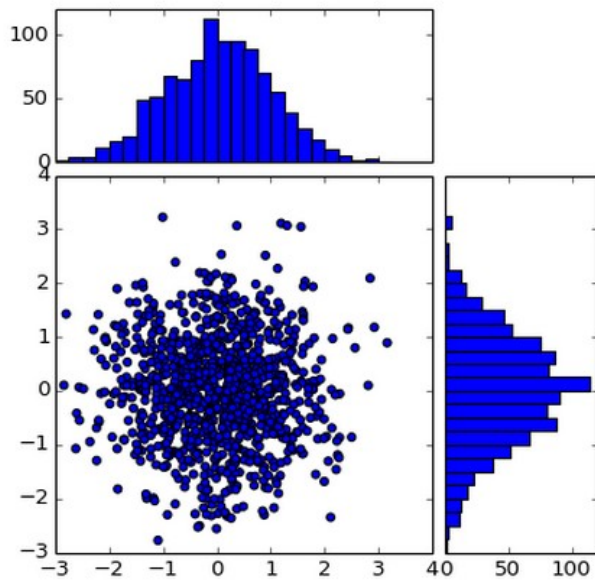
# the main axes is subplot(111) by default
plot(t, s)
axis([0, 1, 1.1*amin(s), 2*amax(s) ])
xlabel('time (s)')
ylabel('current (nA)')
title('Gaussian colored noise')

# this is an inset axes over the main axes
a = axes([.65, .6, .2, .2], axisbg='y')
n, bins, patches = hist(s, 400, normed=1)
title('Probability')
setp(a, xticks=[], yticks=[])

# this is another inset axes over the main axes
a = axes([0.2, 0.6, .2, .2], axisbg='y')
plot(t[:len(r)], r)
title('Impulse response')
setp(a, xlim=(0,.2), xticks=[], yticks=[])

show()
```


Matplotlib – Gallery Examples



Import modules
Need mpl_toolkits.axes

Random data creation

Figure and axes created
with subplot

Create a scatter plot
Set equal scale for xy

Creation of the 2 attached
axes for xy

Making x axes invisible in attached axes

Defining limits for the histograms

Defining bins

Plotting histograms in each attached axes

Adjusting thicks manually

Making invisible the default ones
And add thicks manually

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1 import make_axes_locatable

# the random data
x = np.random.randn(1000)
y = np.random.randn(1000)

fig, axScatter = plt.subplots(figsize=(5.5,5.5))

# the scatter plot:
axScatter.scatter(x, y)
axScatter.set_aspect(1.)

# create new axes on the right and on the top of the current axes
# The first argument of the new_vertical(new_horizontal) method is
# the height (width) of the axes to be created in inches.
divider = make_axes_locatable(axScatter)
axHistx = divider.append_axes("top", 1.2, pad=0.1, sharex=axScatter)
axHisty = divider.append_axes("right", 1.2, pad=0.1, sharey=axScatter)

# make some labels invisible
plt.setp(axHistx.get_xticklabels() + axHisty.get_yticklabels(),
         visible=False)

# now determine nice limits by hand:
binwidth = 0.25
xymax = np.max( [np.max(np.fabs(x)), np.max(np.fabs(y))] )
lim = ( int(xymax/binwidth) + 1 ) * binwidth

bins = np.arange(-lim, lim + binwidth, binwidth)
axHistx.hist(x, bins=bins)
axHisty.hist(y, bins=bins, orientation='horizontal')

# the xaxis of axHistx and yaxis of axHisty are shared with axScatter,
# thus there is no need to manually adjust the xlim and ylim of these
# axis.

#axHistx.axis["bottom"].major_ticklabels.set_visible(False)
for tl in axHistx.get_xticklabels():
    tl.set_visible(False)
axHistx.set_yticks([0, 50, 100])

#axHisty.axis["left"].major_ticklabels.set_visible(False)
for tl in axHisty.get_yticklabels():
    tl.set_visible(False)
axHisty.set_xticks([0, 50, 100])

plt.draw()
plt.show()
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Good Practices in Python

- Explicit variable names (no need of a comment to explain what is in the variable)
- Style: spaces after commas, around =, etc. A certain number of rules for writing “beautiful” code (and, more importantly, using the same conventions as everybody else!) are given in the Style Guide for Python Code and the Docstring Conventions page (to manage help strings).
- Except some rare cases, variable names and comments in English.
- Good indentation (forced in Python)