matplotlib.pyplot.xticks(*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get or set the *x*-limits of the current tick locations and labels.

*# return locs, labels where locs is an array of tick locations and*

*# labels is an array of tick labels.*

locs, labels = xticks()

*# set the locations of the xticks*

xticks( arange(6) )

*# set the locations and labels of the xticks*

xticks( arange(5), ('Tom', 'Dick', 'Harry', 'Sally', 'Sue') )

The keyword args, if any, are [Text](http://matplotlib.org/api/text_api.html#matplotlib.text.Text) properties. For example, to rotate long labels:

xticks( arange(12), calendar.month\_name[1:13], rotation=17 )