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.

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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))
```

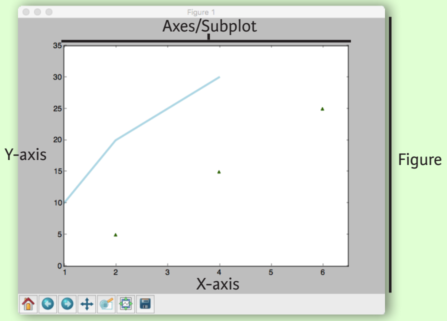
Axes

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)
```

Plot Anatomy & Workflow

Plot Anatomy



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

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 3, 4

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"),)
```

Mathtext

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

Limits, Legends & Layouts

Limits & Autoscaling

`>>> ax.margins(x=0.0,y=0.1)`	Add padding to a plot
`>>> ax.axis('equal')`	Set the aspect ratio of the plot to 1
`>>> ax.set(xlim=[0,10.5],ylim=[-1.5,1.5])`	Set limits for x-and y-axis
`>>> ax.set_xlim(0,10.5)`	Set limits for x-axis

Legends

`>>> ax.set(title='An Example Axes',`
`ylabel='Y-Axis',`
`xlabel='X-Axis')`
	Set a title and x-and y-axis labels

`>>> ax.legend(loc='best')`	No overlapping plot elements

Ticks

`>>> ax.xaxis.set(ticks=range(1,5),`
`ticklabels=[3,100,-12,"foo"])`
	Manually set x-ticks

`>>> ax.tick_params(axis='y',`
`direction='inout',`
`length=10)`
	Make y-ticks longer and go in and out

Subplot Spacing

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

`>>> fig.tight_layout()`	Fit subplot(s) in to the figure area

Axis Spines

`>>> ax1.spines['top'].set_visible(False)`	Make the top axis line for a plot invisible
`>>> ax1.spines['bottom'].set_position(('outward',10))`	Move the bottom axis line outward

3 Plotting Routines

1D Data

`>>> fig, ax = plt.subplots()`	
`>>> lines = ax.plot(x,y)`	Draw points with lines or markers connecting them
`>>> ax.scatter(x,y)`	Draw unconnected points, scaled or colored
`>>> axes[0,0].bar([1,2,3],[3,4,5])`	Plot vertical rectangles (constant width)
`>>> axes[1,0].barh([0.5,1,2.5],[0,1,2])`	Plot horiontal rectangles (constant height)
`>>> axes[1,1].axhline(0.45)`	Draw a horizontal line across axes
`>>> axes[0,1].axvline(0.65)`	Draw a vertical line across axes
`>>> ax.fill(x,y,color='blue')`	Draw filled polygons
`>>> ax.fill_between(x,y,color='yellow')`	Fill between y-values and 0

Vector Fields

`>>> axes[0,1].arrow(0,0,0.5,0.5)`	Add an arrow to the axes
`>>> axes[1,1].quiver(y,z)`	Plot a 2D field of arrows
`>>> axes[0,1].streamplot(X,Y,U,V)`	Plot a 2D field of arrows

Data Distributions

`>>> ax1.hist(y)`	Plot a histogram
`>>> ax3.boxplot(y)`	Make a box and whisker plot
`>>> ax3.violinplot(z)`	Make a violin plot

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

`>>> axes2[0].pcolor(data2)`	Pseudocolor plot of 2D array
`>>> axes2[0].pcolormesh(data)`	Pseudocolor plot of 2D array
`>>> CS = plt.contour(Y,X,U)`	Plot contours
`>>> axes2[2].contourf(data1)`	Plot filled contours
`>>> axes2[2]= ax.clabel(CS)`	Label a contour plot

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.cla()`	Clear an axis
`>>> plt.clf()`	Clear the entire figure
`>>> plt.close()`	Close a window

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