

INF 110 **Discovering Informatics**

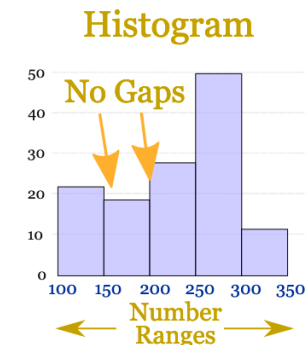
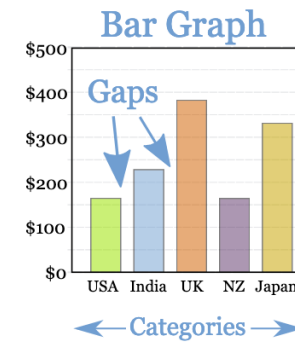
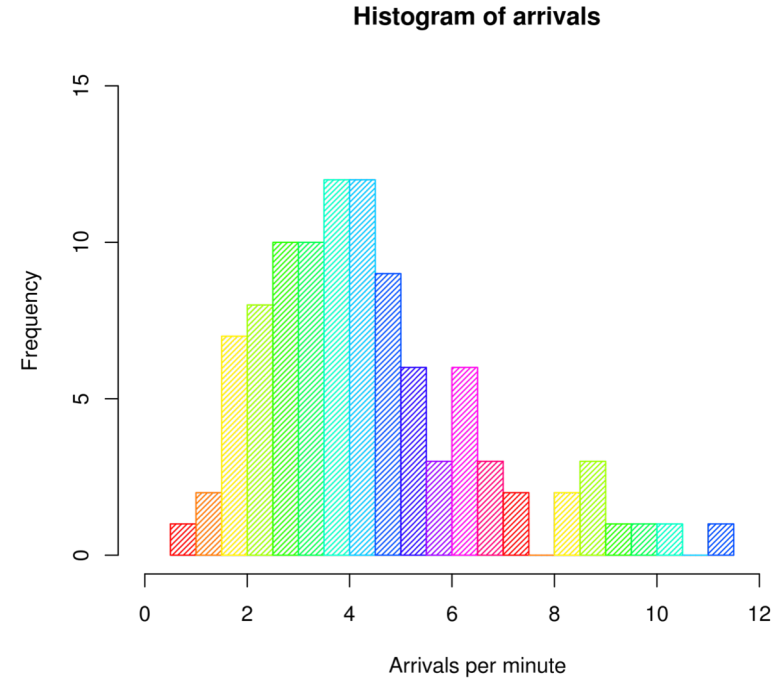
# More Charts

# Histograms

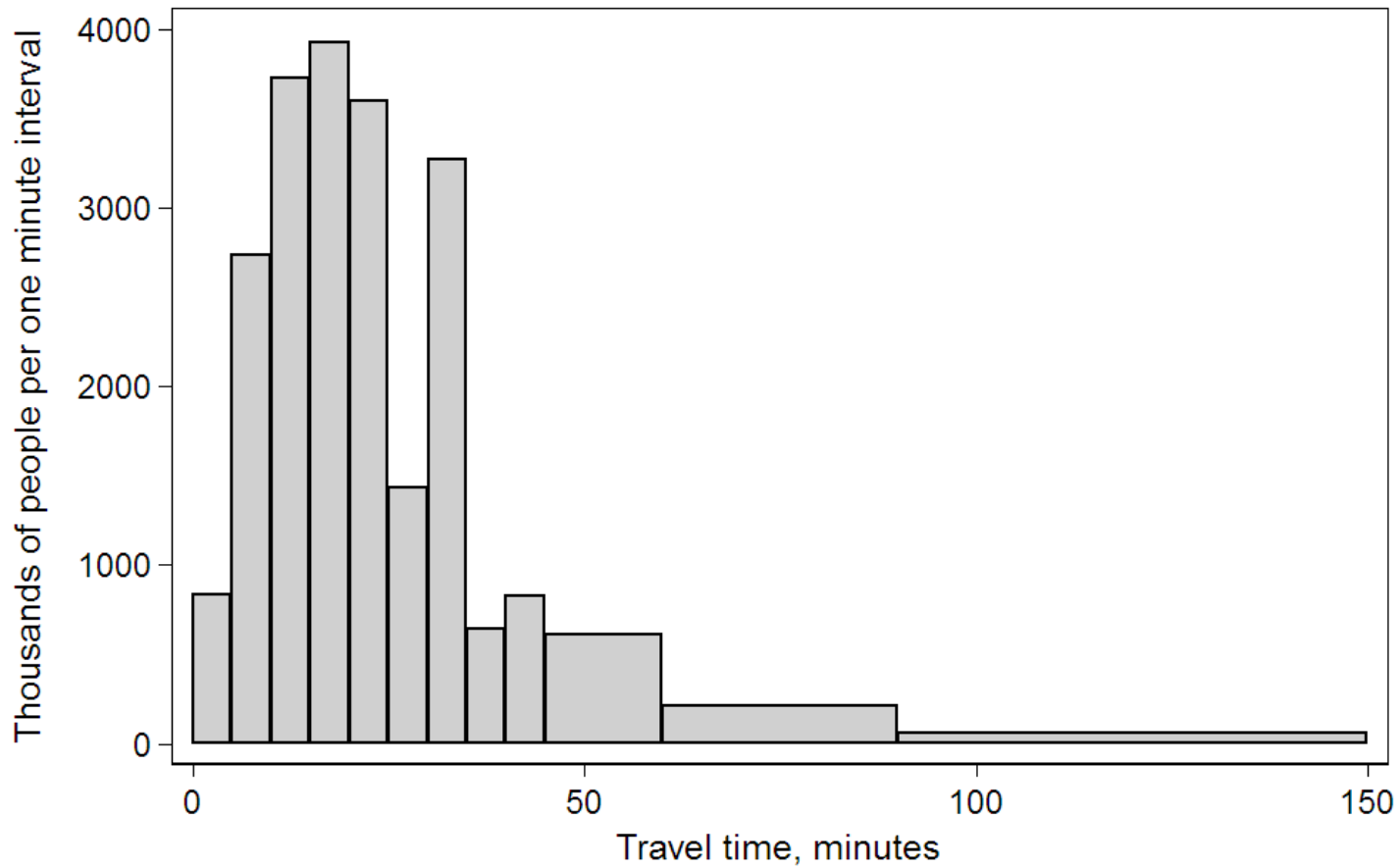
- Represents the distribution of numerical data
- Uses "bins" or ranges of data
- Supports "density estimation"
- No space between bars to distinguish between bar charts

## Variations

- Non-uniform bin size



# U.S. Census Example



# Histograms in Python

```
t.hist('column')
```

Optional arguments:

- bins
- units
- normed

# Live Code Histogram of Movie Earnings

Tasks: Modify the top movies table to:

- Include gross rounded / truncated to millions
- Only the movie title
- display the results with a histogram
- Set the bins from 300 to 2000 stepped by 100
- Try `normed=False`

## Learning Outcomes

- Creating new columns programmatically
- Create a histogram

# Overlaid Charts

- It's often useful to look at multiple variables in a single chart.
- The code to do this looks like:

```
t.chart_method(column_label_of_common_axis,  
               array_of_labels_of_variables_to_plot)
```

- But the datascience module can usually figure out the variables from the table automatically (omit the last argument).

# Live Code Multi-variable Scatter Charts

Tasks: Use the Galton data set to plot heights with the mother and father's height

## Learning Outcomes

- Using multiple variables in a scatter chart

# Live Code Multi-variable Line Chart

Tasks: Plot the populations in 2010 and 2014.

## Learning Outcomes

- Creating a multi-variable line chart



# Live Code Multi-variable Bar Chart

Tasks: Bar chart the ethnicities in the CA 2014 data set.

## Learning Outcomes

- Creating a multi-variable bar chart

# Matplotlib

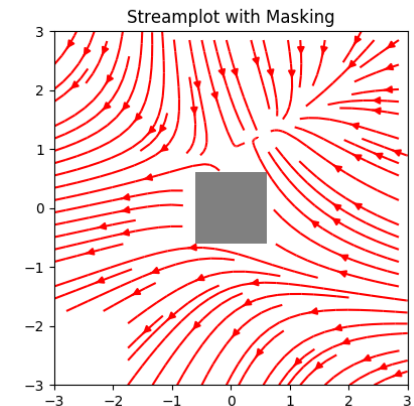
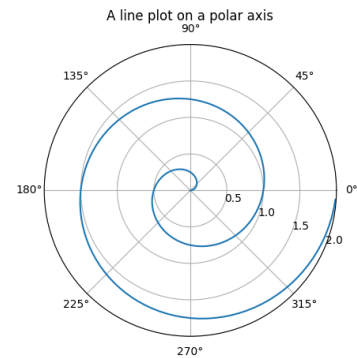
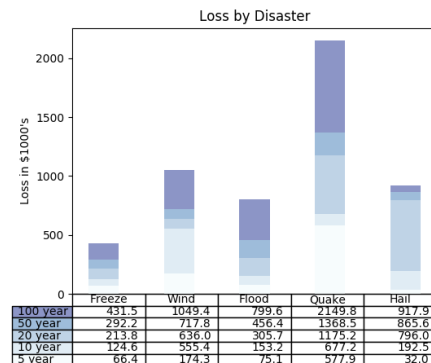
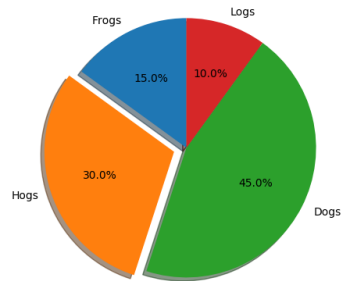
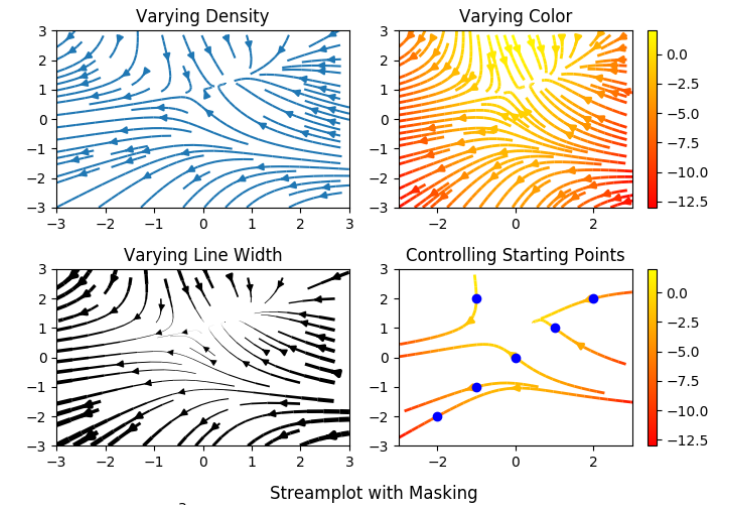
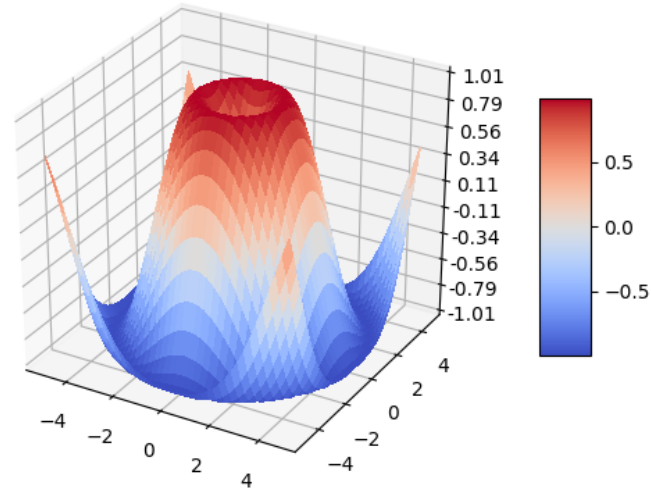
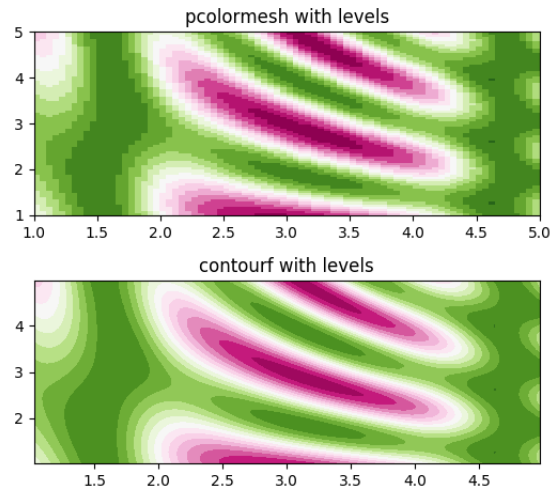
- The datascience module provides a wrapper around matplotlib designed to make it easier to use:

<https://matplotlib.org>



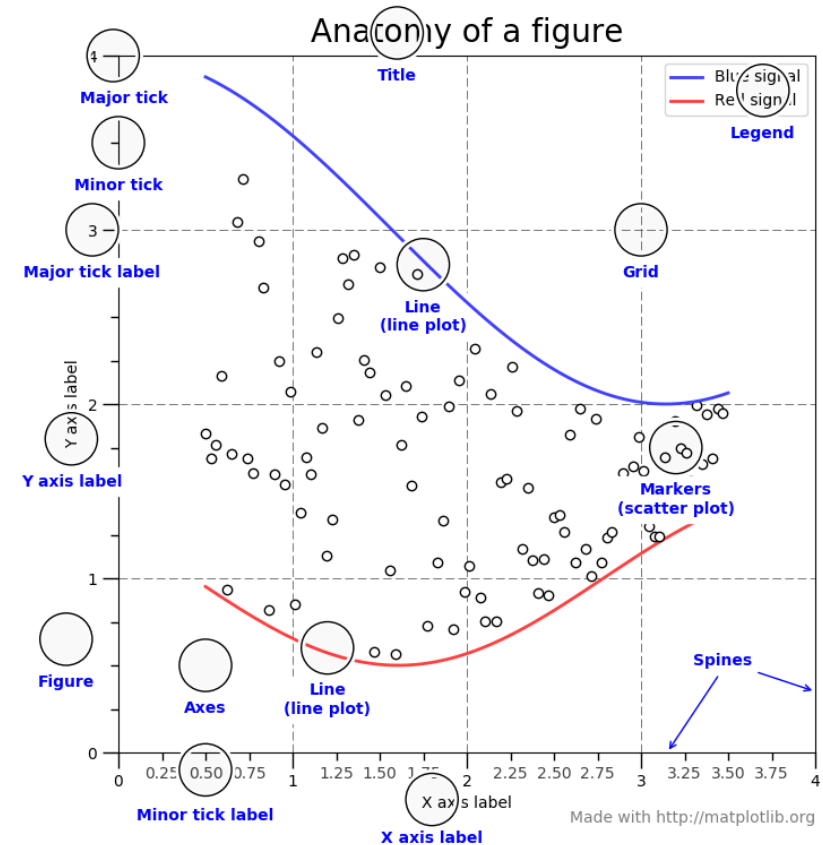
- We won't cover matplotlib or other plotting libraries in depth but our new scientific visualization class will..

# Matplotlib Examples



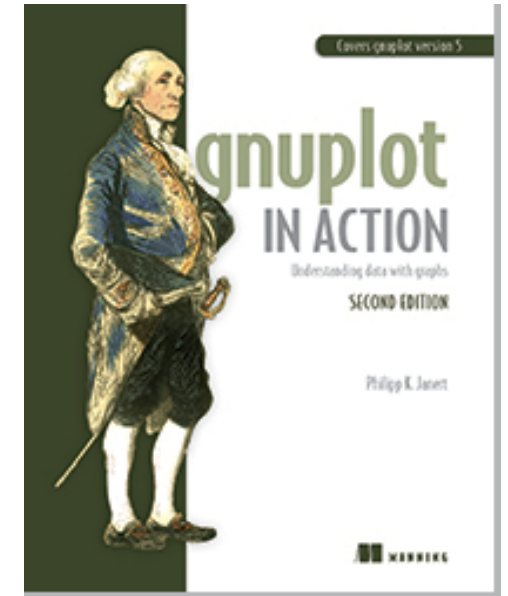
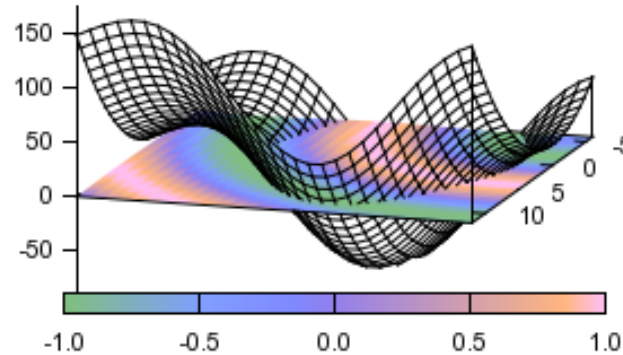
# Matplotlib Customization

- Almost everything can be customized!
- Output can be set to PDF, SVG, PNG, etc.
- Great for generating figures for scientific publications



# gnuplot

- Older (30+ years)
- Faster
- More stable
- Uses graphing "language"



Easier for quick command line graphs (if you know how)

<http://www.gnuplot.info/>

**BUT:** matplotlib is being developed more actively, Python is easier to use.

# Live Code Using Google Trends

Tasks: Using Google Trends, which is more popular, gnuplot or matplotlib?

## Learning Outcomes

- Using Google Trends to get and plot data

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