A book of notes on Python



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Python



I strongly suggest to learn the proposed Jupyter Notebook as coding platform (see the slides provided: *O-JupyterNotebookIntro-IFPU-Brescia.pdf*).

Then, copy code examples shown hereafter and paste them into your jupyter notebook blank project to interactively execute and play with them.



Python



Data Science is the most hyped-up topic of the modern programming era. Mastering Python turns out to be one of the significant aspects of becoming a successful Data Scientist. A simple programming language like Python can be useful for mastering crucial coding areas of Data Science problems and solving complex computations.



- General purpose interpreted programming language
- Widely used by scientists and programmers of all stripes
- Supported by many 3rd-party libraries (currently 21,054 on the main python package website)
- Free!



Why is it well-suited to science?



Numpy

- Numerical library for python
- Written in C, wrapped by python
- Fast
- Scipy
 - Built on top of numpy (i.e. Also fast!)
 - Common maths, science, engineering routines
- Matplotlib
 - Hugely flexible plotting library
 - Similar syntax to Matlab
 - Produces publication-quality output
- Pyfits
 - Handle fits files
- Scikit-learn
 - Several machine learning methods

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Python is an object-oriented, high-level programming language that was released way back in 1991. Python is highly interpretable and efficient, highly versatile, and thanks to its resourcefulness, it is a suitable fit for data exploration.

Python is the best way for anyone, even people with no prior experience with programming or coding languages, to get started with machine/deep learning.

Despite having some flaws, like being considered a "slow" language, Python is still one of the best languages for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning. Although there are a variety of other languages such as Julia, Golang, etc., which might be quite competitive against Python in the future years, the latter remains still now the better choice.



What is not Python?



- An integrated graphical environment like Matlab (although there are tools which put it in one e.g. Spyder)
- Specifically designed for scientists/mathematicians (but the 3rd-party libraries for plotting/numerical work are some of the best around)
- High performance (but it is very easy to wrap C/Fortran libraries in Python code)



Who uses Python?



- Netflix
- Yahoo Maps/Groups
- Google
- NASA
- ESRI
- Linux distros
- Multiplayer.it
- CIA
- Civilization 4



Something cool that Python can do.



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 - Easy file manipulation
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 - Write papers for you



How can I get Python?



- Windows [www.python.org]
- This is the general distribution site of python. It includes everything you need to get started
- Linux it's already there! Unless you're running a very unusual distribution (in which case you probably already know what you're doing)
- Mac it's already there on OS X, but it's old. Get a more up-to-date one [www.python.org]



How can I learn Python?



- The official python tutorial: http://docs.python.org/tutorial/
- Software Carpentry:
 http://software-carpentry.org/
- Learn Python the Hard Way:
 http://learnpythonthehardway.org/
- A Byte of Python: http://www.ibiblio.org/g2swap/byteofpython/read/
- Pensare da informatico:
 http://www.python.it/doc/Howtothink/HowToThink ITA.pdf



Scientific Python?



- Extra features required:
 - fast, multidimensional arrays
 - libraries of reliable, tested scientific functions
 - plotting tools
- NumPy is at the core of nearly every scientific Python application or module since it provides a fast N-d array datatype that can be manipulated in a vectorized form.





Understanding the basics of the Python programming language is undoubtedly the most important aspect to master Python. There are many key concepts like keywords and identifiers, variables, iterative statements like "for" loop, "while" loop, the comment lines, control statements, and so much more.

Strings can be defined in single quotes "' or double quotes "".

Strings are an immutable sequence of characters. Computers do not deal with characters. Instead, they deal with numbers, especially in binary. Even though you may see characters on your screen, internally it is stored and manipulated as a combination of 0's and 1's.

This conversion from a character to a number is called encoding, and the reverse process is decoding. American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) and Unicode are some of the popular encoding used. In Python, the string is a sequence of Unicode characters. The usual formatting technique that is used by strings for the encoding is the UTF-8 standard which is represented with bytes.

Functions are a block of code written in a program so that they can be recalled multiple times.

Functions are defined using the keyword '**def**,' which can be called with defined or undefined parameters. When you call the particular function, then, whatever the value is to be returned, it is interpreted by the python compiler.





Data Structures are a collection of data elements that are structured in some way. There are many built-in data structures in python. Let us explore each of these individually. Let us quickly go through some of the data structures offered by Python.

A **list** is a mutable ordered sequence of elements. Mutable means that the list can be modified or changed. Lists are enclosed within Square Brackets '[]'.

A **dictionary** is an unordered collection of items. Unlike lists and other data structures like tuples or sets, the dictionary data structure has a pair of elements referred to as key and value. The **dict()** function can be used to assign a dictionary to a variable.

The **tuple** data structure is similar to the list data structure where you can define a tuple with a fixed number of elements. The only difference is that tuples are immutable. This prevents any modification of the elements within a tuple as more elements can't be appended or removed from the specific tuple that is created.

A **set** is a collection of unordered elements. These elements are not indexed as well. Sets can be defined by using the set function or by using the curly braces '{}' with only one element.





Now that you have a basic idea of the working of the various important aspects of Python as discussed in the previous sections of the article, it is equally significant to understand some slightly advanced topics in Python and conceptualize these essential concepts.

In particular, **List comprehensions** provide a concise way to create lists. Common applications are to make new lists where each element is the result of some operations applied to each member of another sequence or iterable, or to create a subsequence of those elements that satisfy a certain condition.

To understand the concept of list comprehensions with the help of a simple example, let us consider the below code block.

```
squares = []
for x in range(10):
    squares.append(x**2)
squares

[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

In the above code block, the list with the name "squares" was created. Using an iterative "for" loop and the append function, we were able to calculate the squares of the numbers ranging from one to ten.





The same problem can be solved in a single line with the help of list comprehensions as shown below.

```
squares = [i**2 for i in range(10)]
print(squares)

[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

The above code block shows the representation of how a list comprehension can simplify a code of a few lines to just a single line while getting the exact same output faster. The only issue with list comprehensions is that sometimes it could be hard for the reader to understand the code.

While learning any programming language, **consistency** in coding should be maintained. It becomes an extremely essential factor to keep in touch with the language and learn new things. The more mistakes you make, the more you can learn, thanks to the wonderful resources available on the internet.

Python is a remarkable programming language. It is simple to use and provides efficient results. There is a wide range of options available for the integrated development environments (IDE) such as Pycharm, visual studio code, Jupyter notebooks, etc. Even the simple Python IDLE is a phenomenal interpretable environment for beginners.





Now that we have had a brief understanding of the Python language and the power it has to create various new projects, it is extremely important to incorporate these coding skills to the next level by practical implementations of many cool projects.

The best way to gain a better understanding of any programming language, especially a language like Python, is to keep coding and make sure you utilize your newly learned skills in the form of the project.

The main advantage of using python to solve data science problems and perform visualizations is due to the abundance and availability of fantastic libraries and frameworks to solve tasks related to Data Science and Machine Learning.

In this part, we will discuss four of these significant library modules that are used in python for solving Data Science tasks. There are tons of frameworks available in python, but these five mentioned in this section, will cover the basic requirements to get started.



Understanding basics - pandas



The **Pandas** module is an open-source library in python to create data frames, which is extremely useful for organizing the data. Pandas is used extensively in the field of data science, machine learning, and deep learning for the structured arrangement of the data.

The data frame created in pandas is a 2-dimensional representation of the data. After importing the Pandas library as pd, you can visualize the tabular data of your liking. An example of this is as shown below. The file "a.csv" is provided within the material delivered with these slides.

```
import pandas as pd
data = pd.read_csv("a.csv")
data.head()
```

	#id	var1	var2	var3
0	ciccio	1	2	3.0
1	paolo	4	5	6.0
2	gabriele	7	8	9.5
3	alex	10	11a	12.0
4	etc	13	14	15.0

Overall, the Pandas module is a fantastic library for systematic viewing of the data, and it also allows a wide variety of operations that can be performed.



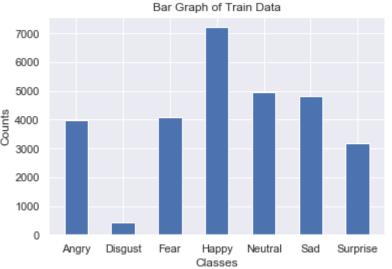
Understanding basics - matplotlib



The **matplotlib** module is one of the best tools for the visualization of the data frames or any other form of data. Matplotlib is used to visualize the data for exploratory data analysis in data science. It is extremely useful to understand the kind of data we are dealing with and to determine what is the next action that must be performed.

The library offers an extensive variety of visualization functions such as scatter plot, bar plot, histograms, pie chart, and many other similar functions. Import matplotlib.pyplot module as plt for performing visualization tasks using matplotlib. An example of these can be seen below.





The scatter plots and bar graph plotted using matplotlib is shown in the figures. An advantage of the module is that it is very simple to use and efficient at providing visualizations. It can also be combined with the **seaborn** library for a more visual and aesthetic appeal.



Understanding basics - numpy



The **numpy** library stands for Numerical Python. The numpy library is one of the best options for performing computations on matrix operations. It supports multi-dimensional arrays. An extensive amount of mathematical and logical operations can be performed on arrays. By converting lists into numpy arrays, we can perform computations like addition, subtraction, dot product, among many others.

The use cases of numpy are applicable in both computer vision and natural language processing projects. In computer vision, you can use numpy arrays for visualizing the RGB or grayscale images in a numpy array and converting them accordingly. In natural language processing projects, you usually prefer to convert the text data into the form of vectors and numbers for optimized computation. Import numpy as np, and you can convert the text data into categorical data, as shown below:

```
import numpy as np
X = np.array(X)
y = np.array(y)

y = to categorical(y, num classes=vocab size)
```



Understanding basics – scikit-learn



The **scikit-learn** module is one of the best tools for machine learning and predictive data analysis. It offers a wide range of pre-built algorithms such as logistic regression, support vector machines (SVM's), classification algorithms like K-means clustering, and a ton more operations. This is the best way for beginners to get started with machine learning algorithms because of the simple and efficient tools that this module grants access to.

It is open-source and commercially usable while granting accessibility to almost anyone. It is reusable and supported by libraries such as numpy, scipy, and matplotlib. import the sklearn module to run the scikit-learn code. Below is a code example for splitting the dataset we have into the form of train and test or validation data. This is useful for training and evaluation of the models.

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(questions, response, test_size=0.20)
```





Hereafter, slides are related to further examples of using Python



Arrays – Numerical Python (Numpy)



• Lists ok for storing small amounts of one-dimensional data

```
>>> a = [1,3,5,7,9]
>>> print(a[2:4])
[5, 7]
>>> b = [[1, 3, 5, 7, 9], [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]]
>>> print(b[0])
[1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
>>> print(b[1][2:4])
[6, 8]
```

```
>>> a = [1,3,5,7,9]

>>> b = [3,5,6,7,9]

>>> c = a + b

>>> print c

[1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9]
```

- But, can't use directly with arithmetical operators (+, -, *, /, ...)
- Need efficient arrays with arithmetic and better multidimensional tools
- Numpy >>> import numpy
- Similar to lists, but much more capable, except fixed size



Numpy – N-dimensional Array manipulations



The fundamental library needed for scientific computing with Python is called NumPy. This Open Source library contains:

- a powerful N-dimensional array object
- advanced array slicing methods (to select array elements)
- convenient array reshaping methods

and it even contains 3 libraries with numerical routines:

- basic linear algebra functions
- basic Fourier transforms
- sophisticated random number capabilities

NumPy can be extended with C-code for functions where performance is highly time critical. In addition, tools are provided for integrating existing Fortran code. NumPy is a hybrid of the older NumArray and Numeric packages, and is meant to replace them both.



Numpy – Creating arrays



- There are a number of ways to initialize new numpy arrays, for example from
 - a Python list or tuples
 - using functions that are dedicated to generating numpy arrays, such as arange, linspace, etc.
 - reading data from files



Numpy – Creating vectors



• From lists

numpy.array

```
# as vectors from lists
>>> a = numpy.array([1,3,5,7,9])
>>> b = numpy.array([3,5,6,7,9])
>>> c = a + b
>>> print c
[4, 8, 11, 14, 18]

>>> type(c)
(<type 'numpy.ndarray'>)

>>> c.shape
(5,)
```



Numpy – Creating matrices



```
>>> 1 = [[1, 2, 3], [3, 6, 9], [2, 4, 6]] # create a list
>>> a = numpy.array(l) # convert a list to an array
>>>print(a)
[[1 2 3]
 [3 6 9]
 [2 4 6]]
>>> a.shape
(3, 3)
>>> print(a.dtype) # get type of an array
int64
# or directly as matrix
>>> M = array([[1, 2], [3, 4]])
>>> M.shape
(2, 2)
>>> M.dtype
dtype('int64')
```



Numpy – Creating matrices



```
>>> 1 = [[1, 2, 3], [3, 6, 9], [2, 4, 6]] # create a list
>>> a = numpy.array(l) # convert a list to an array
>>>print(a)
[[1 2 3]
                       #only one type
 [3 6 9]
                       >>> M[0,0] = "hello"
 [2 4 6]]
                        Traceback (most recent call last):
>>> a.shape
                        File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
(3, 3)
                        ValueError: invalid literal for long() with base 10: 'hello'
>>> print(a.dtype) # ge
int64
                        >>> M = numpy.array([[1, 2], [3, 4]], dtype=complex)
                        >>> M
# or directly as matrix | array([[ 1.+0.j, 2.+0.j],
>>> M = array([[1, 2], [
                         [3.+0.j, 4.+0.j]
>>> M.shape
(2, 2)
>>> M.dtype
dtype('int64')
```



Numpy – Matrices use



```
>>> print(a)
[[1 2 3]
 [3 6 9]
[2 4 6]]
>>> print(a[0]) # this is just like a list of lists
[1 2 3]
>>> print(a[1, 2]) # arrays can be given comma separated indices
>>> print(a[1, 1:3]) # and slices
[6 9]
>>> print(a[:,1])
[2 6 4]
>>> a[1, 2] = 7
>>> print(a)
[[1 2 3]
[3 6 7]
[2 4 6]]
>>> a[:, 0] = [0, 9, 8]
>>> print(a)
[[0 2 3]
 [9 6 7]
 [8 4 6]]
```



Numpy – Creating arrays



Generation functions

```
>>> x = arange(0, 10, 1) # arguments: start, stop, step
>>> x
array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
>>> numpy.linspace(0, 10, 25)
array([ 0. , 0.41666667, 0.83333333, 1.25 ,
       1.66666667, 2.08333333, 2.5 , 2.91666667,
       3.33333333, 3.75 , 4.16666667, 4.58333333,
       5. , 5.41666667, 5.83333333, 6.25 ,
       6.66666667, 7.083333333, 7.5 , 7.91666667,
       8.33333333, 8.75 , 9.16666667, 9.58333333, 10.
>>> numpy.logspace(0, 10, 10, base=numpy.e)
array([ 1.00000000e+00, 3.03773178e+00, 9.22781435e+00,
       2.80316249e+01, 8.51525577e+01, 2.58670631e+02,
       7.85771994e+02, 2.38696456e+03, 7.25095809e+03,
       2.20264658e+04])
```



Numpy – Creating arrays



```
# a diagonal matrix
>>> numpy.diag([1,2,3])
array([[1, 0, 0],
      [0, 2, 0],
      [0, 0, 3]])
>>> b = numpy.zeros(5)
>>> print(b)
[ 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.]
>>> b.dtype
dtype('float64')
>>> n = 1000
>>> my int array = numpy.zeros(n, dtype=numpy.int)
>>> my int array.dtype
dtype('int32')
>>> c = numpy.ones((3,3))
>>> c
array([[ 1., 1., 1.],
      [ 1., 1., 1.],
       [ 1., 1., 1.]])
```



Numpy – array creation and use



```
>>> d = numpy.arange(5) # just like range()
>>> print(d)
[0 1 2 3 4]
>>> d[1] = 9.7
>>> print(d) # arrays keep their type even if elements changed
[0 9 2 3 4]
>>> print(d*0.4) # operations create a new array, with new type
[ 0. 3.6 0.8 1.2 1.6]
>>> d = numpy.arange(5, dtype=numpy.float)
>>> print(d)
[ 0. 1. 2. 3. 4.]
>>> numpy.arange(3, 7, 0.5) # arbitrary start, stop and step
array([ 3. , 3.5, 4. , 4.5, 5. , 5.5, 6. , 6.5])
```



Numpy – array creation and use





Numpy – Creating arrays



```
>>> M = numpy.random.rand(3,3)
>>> M
array([[ 0.84188778, 0.70928643, 0.87321035],
      [ 0.81885553, 0.92208501, 0.873464 ],
      [0.27111984, 0.82213106, 0.55987325]])
>>>
>>> numpy.save('saved-matrix.npy', M)
>>> numpy.load('saved-matrix.npy')
array([[ 0.84188778, 0.70928643, 0.87321035],
      [ 0.81885553, 0.92208501, 0.873464 ],
      [ 0.27111984, 0.82213106, 0.55987325]])
>>>
>>> os.system('head saved-matrix.npy')
NUMPYF{'descr': '<f8', 'fortran order': False, 'shape': (3, 3), }</pre>
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>>>
```



Numpy - ndarray



- NumPy's main object is the homogeneous multidimensional array called ndarray.
 - This is a table of elements (usually numbers), all of the same type, indexed by a tuple of positive integers. Typical examples of multidimensional arrays include vectors, matrices, images and spreadsheets.
 - Dimensions usually called axes, number of axes is the rank

$$[7, 5, -1]$$

An array of rank 1 i.e. It has 1 axis of length 3

An array of rank 2 i.e. It has 2 axes, the first length 3, the second of length 3 (a matrix with 2 rows and 3 columns



Numpy – ndarray attributes



ndarray.ndim

• the number of axes (dimensions) of the array i.e. the rank.

ndarray.shape

• the dimensions of the array. This is a tuple of integers indicating the size of the array in each dimension. For a matrix with n rows and m columns, shape will be (n,m). The length of the shape tuple is therefore the rank, or number of dimensions, ndim.

ndarray.size

• the total number of elements of the array, equal to the product of the elements of shape.

ndarray.dtype

 an object describing the type of the elements in the array. One can create or specify dtype's using standard Python types. NumPy provides many, for example bool_, character, int_, int8, int16, int32, int64, float_, float8, float16, float32, float64, complex_, complex64, object_.

ndarray.itemsize

• the size in bytes of each element of the array. E.g. for elements of type float64, itemsize is 8 (=64/8), while complex32 has itemsize 4 (=32/8) (equivalent to ndarray.dtype.itemsize).

ndarray.data

• the buffer containing the actual elements of the array. Normally, we won't need to use this attribute because we will access the elements in an array using indexing facilities.



Numpy – array creation and use



Two ndarrays are mutable and may be views to the same memory:

```
>>> x = np.array([1,2,3,4])
>>> y = x
>>> x is y
True
>>> id(x), id(y)
(139814289111920, 139814289111920)
>>> x[0] = 9
>>> ∨
array([9, 2, 3, 4])
>>> x[0] = 1
>>> z = x[:]
>>> x is z
False
>>> id(x), id(z)
(139814289111920, 139814289112080)
>>> x[0] = 8
>>> z
array([8, 2, 3, 4])
```

```
>>> x = np.array([1,2,3,4])
>>> y = x.copy()
>>> x is y
False
>>> id(x), id(y)
(139814289111920, 139814289111840)
>>> x[0] = 9
>>> x
array([9, 2, 3, 4])
>>> y
array([1, 2, 3, 4])
```



Numpy – Creating arrays



```
>>> a = numpy.arange(4.0)
>>> b = a * 23.4
>>> c = b/(a+1)
>>> c += 10
>>> print c
[ 10. 21.7 25.6 27.55]
>>> arr = numpy.arange(100, 200)
>>> select = [5, 25, 50, 75, -5]
>>> print(arr[select]) # can use integer lists as indices
[105, 125, 150, 175, 195]
>>> arr = numpy.arange(10, 20)
>>> div by 3 = arr%3 == 0 # comparison produces boolean array
>>> print(div by 3)
[ False False True False False True False]
>>> print(arr[div by 3]) # can use boolean lists as indices
[12 15 18]
>>> arr = numpy.arange(10, 20) . reshape((2,5))
[[10 11 12 13 14]
 [15 16 17 18 19]]
```



Numpy – array methods



```
>>> arr.sum()
145
>>> arr.mean()
14.5
>>> arr.std()
2.8722813232690143
>>> arr.max()
19
>>> arr.min()
>>> div by 3.all()
False
>>> div_by_3.any()
True
>>> div by 3.sum()
>>> div_by_3.nonzero()
(array([2, 5, 8]),)
```



Numpy – array methods - sorting



```
>>> arr = numpy.array([4.5, 2.3, 6.7, 1.2, 1.8, 5.5])
>>> arr.sort() # acts on array itself
>>> print(arr)
[ 1.2 1.8 2.3 4.5 5.5 6.7]
>>> x = numpy.array([4.5, 2.3, 6.7, 1.2, 1.8, 5.5])
>>> numpy.sort(x)
array([ 1.2, 1.8, 2.3, 4.5, 5.5, 6.7])
>>> print(x)
[ 4.5 2.3 6.7 1.2 1.8 5.5]
>>> s = x.argsort()
>>> s
array([3, 4, 1, 0, 5, 2])
>>> x[s]
array([ 1.2, 1.8, 2.3, 4.5, 5.5, 6.7])
>>> y[s]
array([ 6.2, 7.8, 2.3, 1.5, 8.5, 4.7])
```



Numpy – array functions



Most array methods have equivalent functions

```
>>> arr.sum()
45
>>> numpy.sum(arr)
45
```

- Ufuncs provide many element-by-element math, trig., etc. operations
 - e.g., add(x1, x2), absolute(x), log10(x), sin(x), logical_and(x1, x2)



Numpy – array operations



```
>>> a = array([[1.0, 2.0], [4.0, 3.0]])
>>> print a
[[ 1. 2.]
 [ 3. 4.]]
>>> a.transpose()
array([[ 1., 3.],
      [ 2., 4.]])
>>> inv(a)
array([[-2. , 1. ],
      [1.5, -0.5]]
>>> u = eye(2) # unit 2x2 matrix; "eye" represents "I"
>>> u
array([[ 1., 0.],
      [ 0., 1.]])
>>> j = array([[0.0, -1.0], [1.0, 0.0]])
>>> dot (j, j) # matrix product
array([[-1., 0.],
       [0., -1.]]
```



Numpy – statistics



In addition to the mean, var, and std functions, NumPy supplies several other methods for returning statistical features of arrays. The median can be found:

```
>>> a = np.array([1, 4, 3, 8, 9, 2, 3], float)
>>> np.median(a)
3.0
```

The correlation coefficient for multiple variables observed at multiple instances can be found for arrays of the form [[x1, x2, ...], [y1, y2, ...], [z1, z2, ...], ...] where x, y, z are different observables and the numbers indicate the observation times:

Here the return array c[i,j] gives the correlation coefficient for the ith and jth observables. Similarly, the covariance for data can be found::



Using arrays wisely



- Array operations are implemented in C or Fortran
- Optimised algorithms i.e. fast!
- Python loops (i.e. for i in a:...) are much slower
- Prefer array operations over loops, especially when speed important
- Also produces shorter code, often more readable



Numpy – arrays, matrices



For **two dimensional** arrays NumPy defined a special matrix class in module matrix. Objects are created either with matrix() or mat() or converted from an array with method asmatrix().

```
>>> import numpy
>>> m = numpy.mat([[1,2],[3,4]])
or
>>> a = numpy.array([[1,2],[3,4]])
>>> m = numpy.mat(a)
or
>>> a = numpy.array([[1,2],[3,4]])
>>> m = numpy.array([[1,2],[3,4]])
```

Note that the statement m = mat(a) creates a copy of array 'a'.

Changing values in 'a' will not affect 'm'.

On the other hand, method m = asmatrix(a) returns a new reference to the same data. Changing values in 'a' will affect matrix 'm'.

...like use of pointers in C!!



Numpy – matrices



Array and matrix operations may be quite different!

```
>>> a = array([[1,2],[3,4]])
>>> m = mat(a) # convert 2-d array to matrix
>>> m = matrix([[1, 2], [3, 4]])
>>> a[0] # result is 1-dimensional
array([1, 2])
>>> m[0] # result is 2-dimensional
matrix([[1, 2]])
>>> a*a  # element-by-element multiplication
array([[ 1, 4], [ 9, 16]])
>>> m*m  # (algebraic) matrix multiplication
matrix([[ 7, 10], [15, 22]])
>>> a**3 # element-wise power
array([[ 1, 8], [27, 64]])
>>> m**3  # matrix multiplication m*m*m
matrix([[ 37, 54], [ 81, 118]])
>>> m.T # transpose of the matrix
matrix([[1, 3], [2, 4]])
>>> m.H # conjugate transpose (differs from .T for complex matrices)
matrix([[1, 3], [2, 4]])
>>> m.I # inverse matrix
matrix([[-2., 1.], [ 1.5, -0.5]])
```



Numpy – matrices



- Operator *, dot(), and multiply():
 - For array, '*' **means element-wise multiplication**, and the dot() function is used for matrix multiplication.
 - For matrix, '*'means matrix multiplication, and the multiply() function is used for elementwise multiplication.
- Handling of vectors (rank-1 arrays)
 - For array, the vector shapes 1xN, Nx1, and N are all different things. Operations like A[:,1] return a rank-1 array of shape N, not a rank-2 of shape Nx1. Transpose on a rank-1 array does nothing.
 - For matrix, rank-1 arrays are always upgraded to 1xN or Nx1 matrices (row or column vectors). A[:,1] returns a rank-2 matrix of shape Nx1.
- Handling of higher-rank arrays (rank > 2)
 - array objects can have rank > 2.
 - matrix objects always have exactly rank 2.
- Convenience attributes
 - array has a .T attribute, which returns the transpose of the data.
 - matrix also has .H, .I, and .A attributes, which return the conjugate transpose, inverse, and asarray() of the matrix, respectively.
- Convenience constructor
 - The array constructor takes (nested) Python sequences as initializers. As in array([[1,2,3],[4,5,6]]).
 - The matrix constructor additionally takes a convenient string initializer. As in matrix("[1 2 3; 4 5 6]")





```
>>> a = np.array([1,2,3], float)
>>> b = np.array([5,2,6], float)
>>> a + b
array([6., 4., 9.])
>>> a - b
array([-4., 0., -3.])
>>> a * b
array([5., 4., 18.])
>>> b / a
array([5., 1., 2.])
>>> a % b
array([1., 0., 3.])
>>> b**a
array([5., 4., 216.])
>>> a = np.array([[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6]], float)
>>> b = np.array([-1, 3], float)
>>> a
array([[ 1., 2.],
       [ 3., 4.],
       [ 5., 6.]])
>>> b
array([-1., 3.])
>>> a + b
array([[ 0., 5.],
       [ 2., 7.],
       [ 4., 9.]])
```





```
>>> a = np.array([1,2,3], float)
>>> b = np.array([5,2,6], float)
                                 >>> a = np.array([[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6]], float)
>>> a + b
                                 >>> b = np.array([-1, 3], float)
array([6., 4., 9.])
>>> a - b
                                 >>> a * a
array([-4., 0., -3.])
                                 array([[ 1., 4.],
>>> a * b
                                       [ 9., 16.],
array([5., 4., 18.])
                                      [ 25., 36.]])
>>> b / a
                                 >>> b * b
array([5., 1., 2.])
                                 array([ 1., 9.])
>>> a % b
                                 >>> a * b
array([1., 0., 3.])
                                 array([[ -1., 6.],
>>> b**a
                                        [-3., 12.],
array([5., 4., 216.])
                                        [ -5., 18.]])
                                 >>>
>>> a = np.array([[1, 2], [3, 4],
>>> b = np.array([-1, 3], float)
>>> a
array([[ 1., 2.],
      [ 3., 4.],
      [ 5., 6.]])
>>> b
array([-1., 3.])
>>> a + b
array([[ 0., 5.],
       [ 2., 7.],
      [ 4., 9.]])
```





```
>>> A = np.array([[n+m*10 for n in range(5)] for m in range(5)])
>>> v1 = arange(0, 5)
>>> A
array([[ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4],
[10, 11, 12, 13, 14],
[20, 21, 22, 23, 24],
[30, 31, 32, 33, 34],
[40, 41, 42, 43, 44]])
>>> v1
array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> np.dot(A, A)
array([[ 300, 310, 320, 330, 340],
       [1300, 1360, 1420, 1480, 1540],
       [2300, 2410, 2520, 2630, 2740],
       [3300, 3460, 3620, 3780, 3940],
       [4300, 4510, 4720, 4930, 5140]])
>>>
>>> np.dot(A,v1)
array([ 30, 130, 230, 330, 430])
>>> np.dot(v1,v1)
30
>>>
```





```
>>> A = np.array( Alternatively, we can cast the array objects to the type matrix. This changes
>>> v1 = arange(0, the behavior of the standard arithmetic operators +, -, * to use matrix
>>> A
                 algebra.
array([[ 0, 1, 2, ] >>> M = np.matrix(A)
[10, 11, 12, 13, 1] >>> v = np.matrix(v1).T
[20, 21, 22, 23, 2 >>> v
[30, 31, 32, 33, 3 matrix([[0],
[40, 41, 42, 43, 4
                         [1],
>>> v1
                         [2],
array([0, 1, 2, 3,
                        [3],
>>> np.dot(A,A)
                        [4]])
array([[ 300, 310 >>> M*v
      [1300, 1360 matrix([[ 30],
      [2300, 2410
                        [130],
      [3300, 3460
                       [230],
      [4300, 4510
                       [330],
>>>
                        [430]])
array([ 30, 130, 2 matrix([[30]])
>>> np.dot(v1,v1)  # standard matrix algebra applies
30
                 >>> v + M*v
                 matrix([[ 30],
>>>
                         [131],
                         [232],
                         [333],
                         [434]])
```



Plotting - matplotlib



- User friendly, but powerful, plotting capabilites for python
- http://matplotlib.sourceforge.net/



Once installed (default at Observatory)

>>> import pylab

- Settings can be customised by editing ~/.matplotlib/matplotlibrc
 - default font, colours, layout, etc.
- Helpful website
 - many examples



Pyplot and pylab



Pylab is a module in matplotlib that gets installed alongside matplotlib; and matplotlib.pyplot is a module in matplotlib.

- **Pyplot** provides the state-machine interface to the underlying plotting library in matplotlib. This means that figures and axes are implicitly and automatically created to achieve the desired plot. Setting a title will then automatically set that title to the current axes object.
- **Pylab** combines the pyplot functionality (for plotting) with the numpy functionality (for mathematics and for working with arrays) in a single namespace, For example, one can call the sin and cos functions just like you could in MATLAB, as well as having all the features of pyplot.
- The pyplot interface is generally preferred for non-interactive plotting (i.e., scripting). The pylab interface is convenient for interactive calculations and plotting, as it minimizes typing. Note that this is what you get if you use the ipython shell with the --pylab option, which imports everything from pylab and makes plotting fully interactive.



Pyplot and pylab



```
$ python
Python 2.7.3 (default, Aug 9 2012, 17:23:57)
[GCC 4.7.1 20120720 (Red Hat 4.7.1-5)] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> plt.plot([1,2,3,4])
[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x1fe53d0>]
>>> plt.ylabel('some numbers')
<matplotlib.text.Texy object at 0x1d6ad90>
>>> plt.show()
```





Function	Description Function	Description Fu	unction Description
<u>acorr</u>	plot the autocorrelation function gca	return the current axes go	return the current axes
<u>annotate</u>	annotate something in the figure gcf	return the current figure go	return the current figure
arrow	add an arrow to the axes gci	get the current image, or Nongo	get the current image, or None
<u>axes</u>	create a new axes getp	get a graphics property ge	get a graphics property
<u>axhline</u>	draw a horizontal line across axegrid	set whether gridding is on gri	id set whether gridding is on
<u>axvline</u>	draw a vertical line across axes <u>hexbin</u>	make a 2D hexagonal binnin _{(he}	make a 2D hexagonal binning plot
<u>axhspan</u>	draw a horizontal bar across axeshist	make a histogram his	make a histogram
<u>axvspan</u>	draw a vertical bar across axes <u>hold</u>	set the axes hold state ho	set the axes hold state
<u>axis</u>	set or return the current axis limit:ioff	turn interaction mode off iof	turn interaction mode off
<u>barbs</u>	a (wind) barb plot <u>ion</u>	turn interaction mode on ion	turn interaction mode on
<u>bar</u>	make a bar chart <u>isinteractive</u>	return True if interaction modisi	nteractive return True if interaction mode is on
<u>barh</u>	a horizontal bar chart <u>imread</u>	load image file into array im	read load image file into array
broken_barh	a set of horizontal bars with gaps imsave	save array as an image file im	save array as an image file
<u>box</u>	set the axes frame on/off state <u>imshow</u>	plot image data <u>im</u>	show plot image data
<u>boxplot</u>	make a box and whisker plot <u>ishold</u>	return the hold state of the cuist	nold return the hold state of the current axes
<u>cla</u>	clear current axes <u>legend</u>	make an axes legend <u>leg</u>	gend make an axes legend
<u>clabel</u>	label a contour plot	ns adjust parameters used in locloc	cator_params adjust parameters used in locating axis ticks
<u>clf</u>	clear a figure window	aujust parameters used in lociot	adjust parameters used in locating axis ticks
<u>clim</u>	adjust the color limits of the curreloglog	a log log plot	glog a log log plot
<u>close</u>	close a figure window matshow	display a matrix in a new figuma	atshow display a matrix in a new figure preserving aspect
<u>colorbar</u>	add a colorbar to the current figur	•	
<u>cohere</u>	make a plot of coherence <u>margins</u>	set margins used in autoscalima	argins set margins used in autoscaling
<u>contour</u>	make a contour plot <u>pcolor</u>	make a pseudocolor plot pc	color make a pseudocolor plot
<u>contourf</u>	make a filled contour plot pcolormesh	make a pseudocolor plot usinpo	colormesh make a pseudocolor plot using a quadrilateral mesh
<u>csd</u>	make a plot of cross spectral den		
<u>delaxes</u>	delete an axes from the current fipie	make a pie chart <u>pie</u>	
<u>draw</u>	Force a redraw of the current figuplot	make a line plot <u>plo</u>	ot make a line plot
<u>errorbar</u>	make an errorbar graph <u>plot_date</u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u>ot_date</u> plot dates
figlegend	make legend on the figure rather plotfile	plot column data from an ASC plot file	plot column data from an ASCII tab/space/comma delimited file
<u>figimage</u>	make a figure image <u>pie</u>	pie charts <u>pie</u>	e pie charts
figtext	add text in figure coords polar	make a polar plot on a Polar/po	make a polar plot on a PolarAxes
figure	create or change active figure psd	make a plot of power spectraps	make a plot of power spectral density
<u>fill</u>	make filled polygons <u>quiver</u>	make a direction field (arrowsqu	make a direction field (arrows) plot
fill between	make filled polygons between twcrc	control the default params rc	control the default params

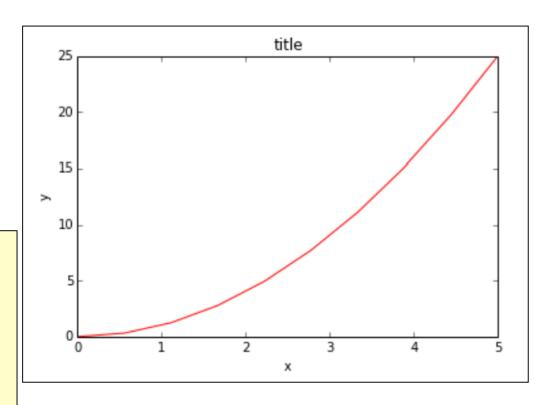




The easiest way to get started with plotting using matplotlib is often to use the MATLAB-like API provided by matplotlib.

```
>>> import matplotlib.pylab as plt
>>> x = plt.linspace(0, 5, 10)
>>> y = x ** 2

>>> figure()
>>> plot(x, y, 'r')
>>> xlabel('x')
>>> ylabel('y')
>>> title('title')
>>> show()
```

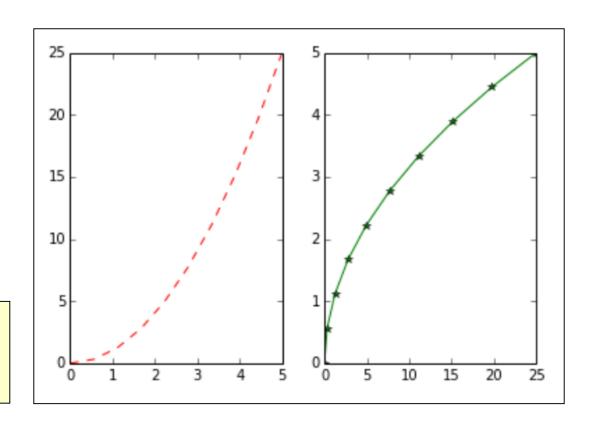






Most of the plotting related functions in MATLAB are covered by the pylab module. For example, subplot and color/symbol selection

```
>>> plt.subplot(1,2,1)
>>> plt.plot(x, y, 'r--')
>>> plt.subplot(1,2,2)
>>> plt.plot(y, x, 'g*-');
```







Working with multiple figures and axes. The subplot() command specifies numrows, numcols, fignum, where fignum ranges from 1 to numrows*numcols.

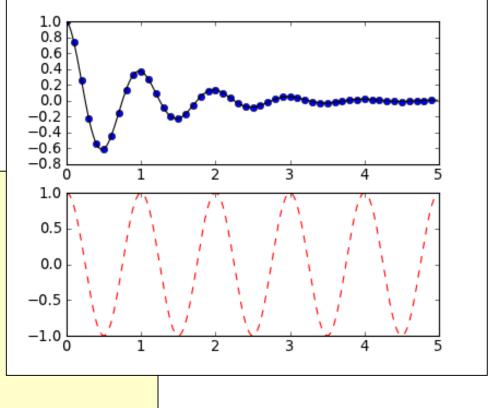
```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def f(t):
    return np.exp(-t) * np.cos(2*np.pi*t)

t1 = np.arange(0.0, 5.0, 0.1)
t2 = np.arange(0.0, 5.0, 0.02)

plt.figure(1)
plt.subplot(211)
plt.plot(t1, f(t1), 'bo', t2, f(t2), 'k')

plt.subplot(212)
plt.plot(t2, np.cos(2*np.pi*t2), 'r--')
```

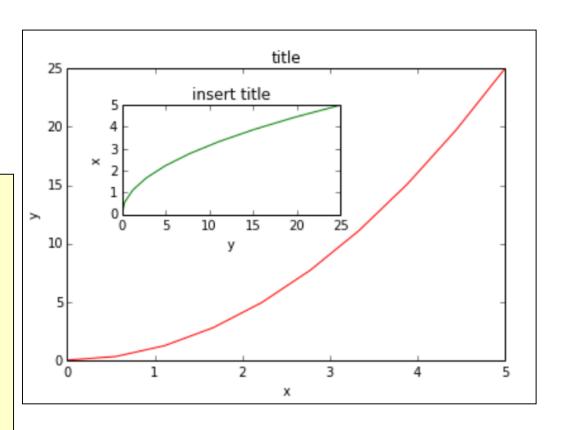






Matplotlib can be used in object oriented approach which is particularly useful when we deal with subplots

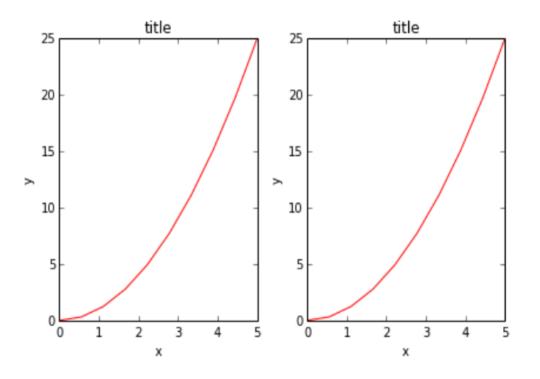
```
fig = plt.figure()
axes1 = fig.add_axes([0.1, 0.1,
0.8, 0.8]) # main axes
axes2 = fig.add_axes([0.2, 0.5,
0.4, 0.3]) # inset axes
# main figure
axes1.plot(x, y, 'r')
axes1.set_xlabel('x')
axes1.set_ylabel('y')
axes1.set_title('title')
# insert
axes2.plot(y, x, 'g')
axes2.set_xlabel('y')
axes2.set_title('insert title');
```







With multiple plots on one screen sometimes the labels are getting in the way. Solve this with tight_layout







Labels and legends and titles

These figure decrations are essential for presenting your data to others (in papers and in oral presentations).

```
>>> ax.set_title("title");
>>> ax.set_xlabel("x")
>>> ax.set_ylabel("y");
>>> ax.legend(["curve1", "curve2", "curve3"]);

>>> ax.plot(x, x**2, label="curve1")
>>> ax.plot(x, x**3, label="curve2")
>>> ax.legend()

>>> ax.legend(loc=0) # let matplotlib decide
>>> ax.legend(loc=1) # upper right corner
>>> ax.legend(loc=2) # upper left corner
>>> ax.legend(loc=3) # lower left corner
>>> ax.legend(loc=4) # lower right corner
```





Labels and legends and titles

These figure decrations are essential

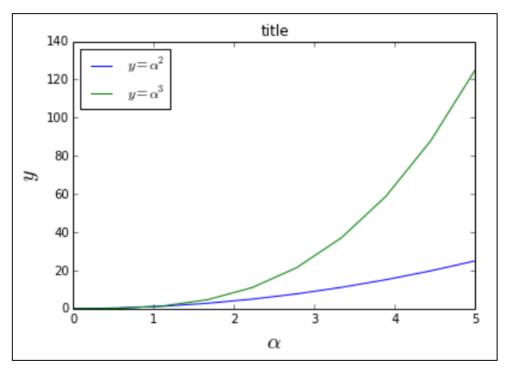
```
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>>> fig, ax = plt.subplots()
                                                 100
>>> ax.plot(x, x^{**2}, label="y = x^{**2}")
>>> ax.plot(x, x^{**}3, label="y = x^{**}3")
                                                  80
>>> ax.legend(loc=2); # upper left corner
                                                  60
>>> ax.set xlabel('x')
>>> ax.set ylabel('y')
                                                  40
>>> ax.set title('title');
                                                  20
>>> ax.plot(x, x**2, label="curve1")
>>> ax.plot(x, x**3, label="curve2")
>>> ax.legend()
>>> ax.legend(loc=0) # let matplotlib decide
>>> ax.legend(loc=1) # upper right corner
>>> ax.legend(loc=2) # upper left corner
>>> ax.legend(loc=3) # lower left corner
>>> ax.legend(loc=4) # lower right corner
```

```
title
v = x**2
y = x**3
```





Changing the font size and family and using LaTeX formatted tekst.

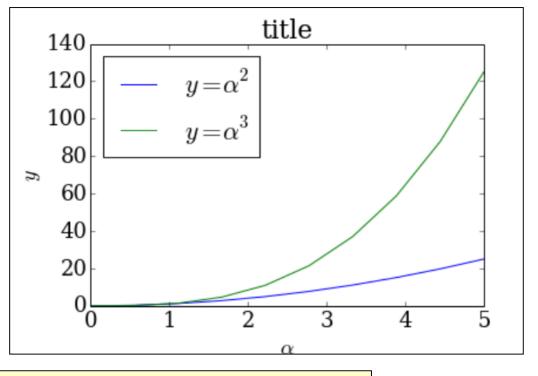


```
>>> fig, ax = plt.subplots()
>>> ax.plot(x, x**2, label=r"$y = \alpha^2$")
>>> ax.plot(x, x**3, label=r"$y = \alpha^3$")
>>> ax.legend(loc=2) # upper left corner
>>> ax.set_xlabel(r'$\alpha$', fontsize=18)
>>> ax.set_ylabel(r'$y$', fontsize=18)
>>> ax.set_title('title');
```





Changing the font size and family and using LaTeX formatted tekst.



```
matplotlib.rcParams.update({'font.size': 18, 'font.family': 'serif'})
```

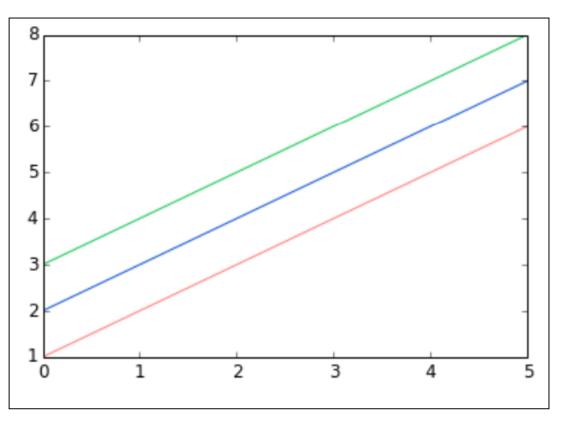
```
>>> fig, ax = plt.subplots()
>>> ax.plot(x, x**2, label=r"$y = \alpha^2$")
>>> ax.plot(x, x**3, label=r"$y = \alpha^3$")
>>> ax.legend(loc=2) # upper left corner
>>> ax.set_xlabel(r'$\alpha$', fontsize=18)
>>> ax.set_ylabel(r'$y$', fontsize=18)
>>> ax.set_title('title');
```





You have full control over colors, linewidths and linetypes.

For colors one can use simple syntax like 'b' for blue, 'g' for green, etc. or RGB hex codes with transparency alpha code:



```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(x, x+1, color="red", alpha=0.5) # half-transparant red
ax.plot(x, x+2, color="#1155dd") # RGB hex code for a bluish color
ax.plot(x, x+3, color="#15cc55") # RGB hex code for a greenish color
```





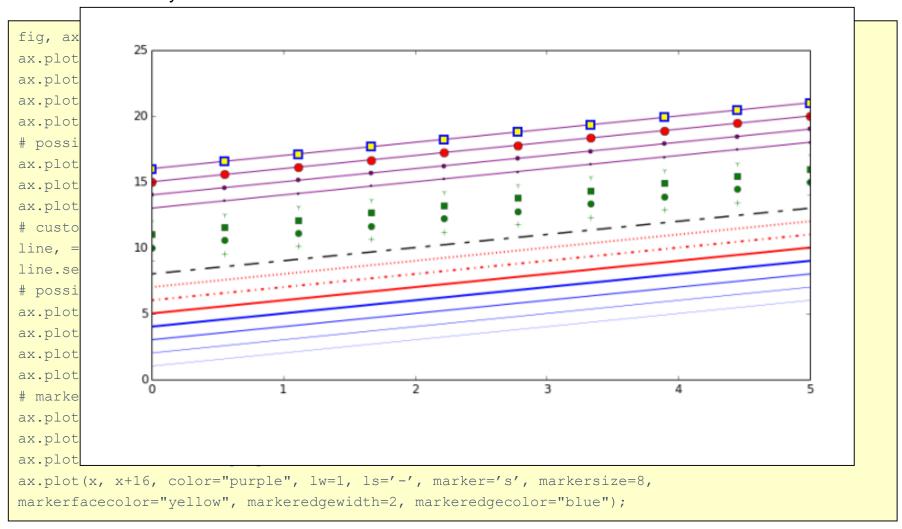
Line and marker styles are coded:

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 6))
ax.plot(x, x+1, color="blue", linewidth=0.25)
ax.plot(x, x+2, color="blue", linewidth=0.50)
ax.plot(x, x+3, color="blue", linewidth=1.00)
ax.plot(x, x+4, color="blue", linewidth=2.00)
# possible linestype options '-', '{', '-.', ':', 'steps'
ax.plot(x, x+5, color="red", lw=2, linestyle='-')
ax.plot(x, x+6, color="red", lw=2, ls='-.')
ax.plot(x, x+7, color="red", lw=2, ls=':')
# custom dash
line, = ax.plot(x, x+8, color="black", lw=1.50)
line.set dashes([5, 10, 15, 10]) # format: line length, space length, ...
# possible marker symbols: marker = '+', 'o', '*', 's', ',', '.', '1', '2', '3', '4', ...
ax.plot(x, x+ 9, color="green", lw=2, ls='*', marker='+')
ax.plot(x, x+10, color="green", lw=2, ls='*', marker='o')
ax.plot(x, x+11, color="green", lw=2, ls='*', marker='s')
ax.plot(x, x+12, color="green", lw=2, ls='*', marker='1')
# marker size and color
ax.plot(x, x+13, color="purple", lw=1, ls='-', marker='o', markersize=2)
ax.plot(x, x+14, color="purple", lw=1, ls='-', marker='o', markersize=4)
ax.plot(x, x+15, color="purple", lw=1, ls='-', marker='o', markersize=8, markerfacecolor="red")
ax.plot(x, x+16, color="purple", lw=1, ls='-', marker='s', markersize=8,
markerfacecolor="yellow", markeredgewidth=2, markeredgecolor="blue");
```





Line and marker styles are coded:







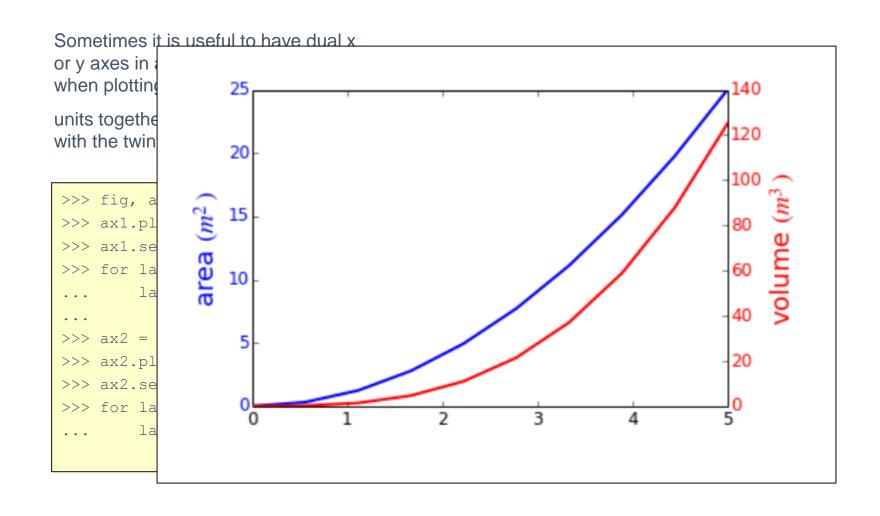
Sometimes it is useful to have dual x or y axes in a figure; for example, when plotting curves with different

units together. Matplotlib supports this with the twinx and twiny functions:

```
>>> fig, ax1 = plt.subplots()
>>> ax1.plot(x, x**2, lw=2, color="blue")
>>> ax1.set_ylabel(r"area $(m^2)$", fontsize=18, color="blue")
>>> for label in ax1.get_yticklabels():
... label.set_color("blue")
...
>>> ax2 = ax1.twinx()
>>> ax2.plot(x, x**3, lw=2, color="red")
>>> ax2.set_ylabel(r"volume $(m^3)$", fontsize=18, color="red")
>>> for label in ax2.get_yticklabels():
... label.set_color("red")
```











Other 2D plt styles

```
>>> n = array([0,1,2,3,4,5])
>>> fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 4, figsize=(12,3))
>>> axes[0].scatter(xx, xx + 0.25*randn(len(xx)))
>>> axes[0].set_title("scatter")

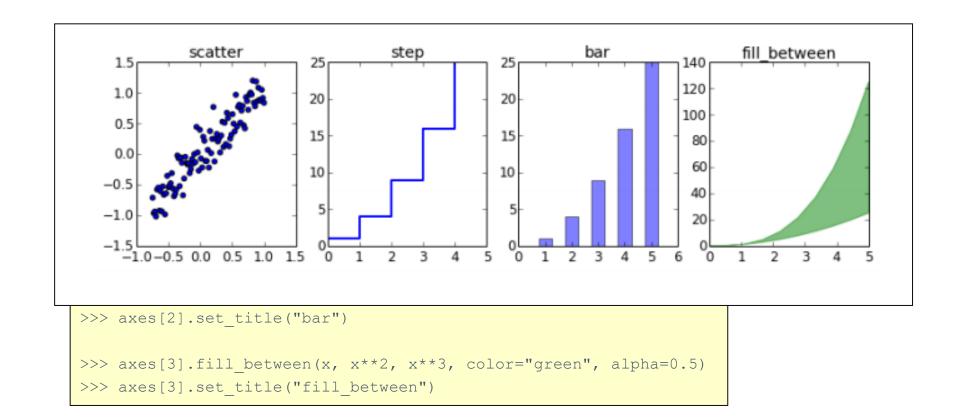
>>> axes[1].step(n, n**2, lw=2)
>>> axes[1].set_title("step")

>>> axes[2].bar(n, n**2, align="center", width=0.5, alpha=0.5)
>>> axes[2].set_title("bar")

>>> axes[3].fill_between(x, x**2, x**3, color="green", alpha=0.5)
>>> axes[3].set_title("fill_between")
```









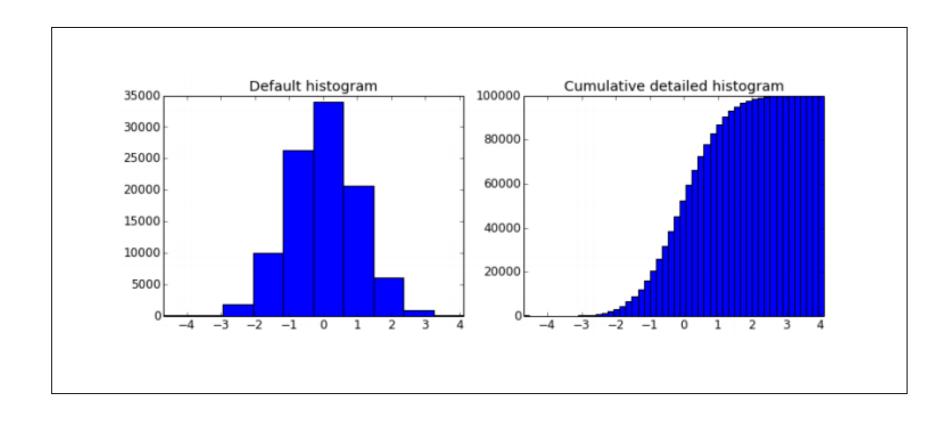


Histograms are also a very useful visualisation tool

```
>>> n = np.random.randn(100000)
>>> fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12,4))
>>> axes[0].hist(n)
>>> axes[0].set_title("Default histogram")
>>> axes[0].set_xlim((min(n), max(n)))
>>> axes[1].hist(n, cumulative=True, bins=50)
>>> axes[1].set_title("Cumulative detailed histogram")
>>> axes[1].set_xlim((min(n), max(n)));
```











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

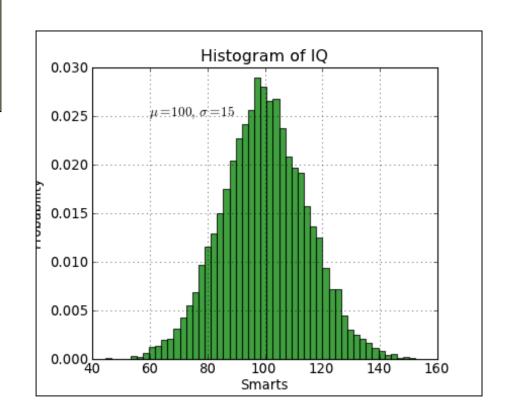
mu, sigma = 100, 15
x = mu + sigma * np.random.randn(10000)

# the histogram of the data
n, bins, patches = plt.hist(x, 50, normed=1, facecolor='g', alpha=0.75)

plt.xlabel('Smarts')
plt.ylabel('Probability')
plt.title('Histogram of IQ')
plt.title('Histogram of IQ')
plt.text(60, .025, r'$\mu=100, \ \sigma=15$')
plt.axis([40, 160, 0, 0.03])
plt.grid(True)
```

Working with text.

The text() command can be used to add text in an arbitrary location, and the xlabel(), ylabel() and title() are used to add text in the indicated locations.







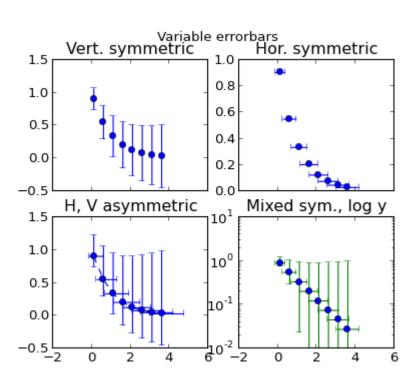






Error bars.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig, axs = plt.subplots(nrows=2, ncols=2, sharex=True)
ax = axs[0,0]
ax.errorbar(x, y, yerr=yerr, fmt='o')
ax.set title('Vert. symmetric')
# With 4 subplots, reduce the number
# of axis ticks to avoid crowding.
ax.locator params(nbins=4)
ax = axs[0,1]
ax.errorbar(x, y, xerr=xerr, fmt='o')
ax.set title('Hor. symmetric')
ax = axs[1,0]
ax.errorbar(x, y, yerr=[yerr, 2*yerr], xerr=[xerr, 2*xerr], fmt='--o')
ax.set title('H, V asymmetric')
ax = axs[1,1]
ax.set yscale('log')
# Here we have to be careful to keep all y values positive:
ylower = np.maximum(1e-2, y - yerr)
yerr lower = y - ylower
ax.errorbar(x, y, yerr=[yerr lower, 2*yerr], xerr=xerr,
                            fmt='o', ecolor='a')
ax.set title('Mixed sym., log y')
fig.suptitle('Variable errorbars')
plt.show()
```







Scatter plots

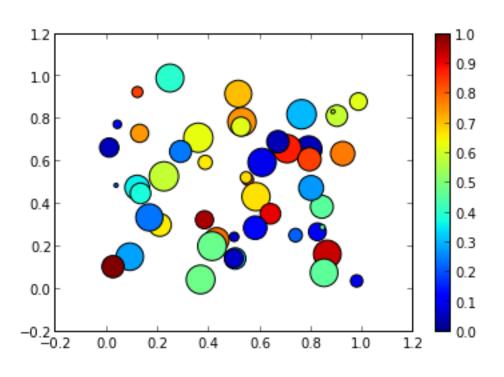
```
import numpy as np
import pylab as plt

x = np.random.random(50)
y = np.random.random(50)
c = np.random.random(50) # color of points
s = 500 * np.random.random(50) # size of points

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
im = ax.scatter(x, y, c=c, s=s, cmap=plt.cm.jet)

# Add a colorbar
fig.colorbar(im, ax=ax)

# set the color limits - not necessary here, but good to know how.
im.set_clim(0.0, 1.0)
```

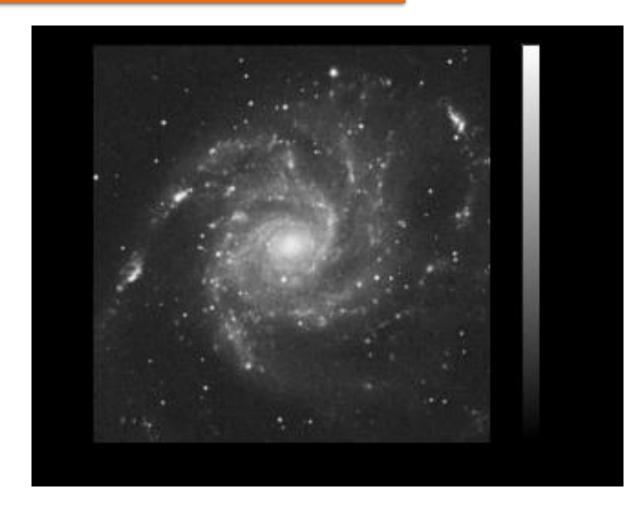






Colormaps and contour figures are useful for plotting functions of two variables. In most of these functions we will use a colormap to encode one dimension of the data. There are a number of predefined colormaps.

```
>>> import pyfits
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> data = pyfits.getdata('m101.fits')
>>> plt.imshow(data, cmap='gray')
>>> plt.colorbar()
>>> plt.show()
```







3D plots.

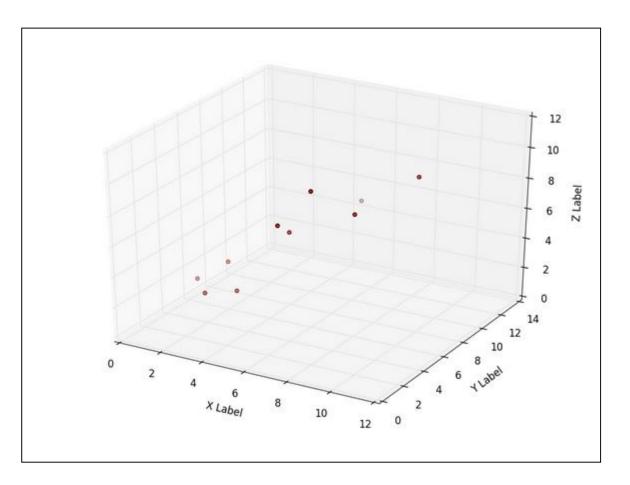
```
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')

x = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
y = [5,6,2,3,13,4,1,2,4,8]
z = [2,3,3,3,5,7,9,11,9,10]

ax.scatter(x, y, z, c='r', marker='o')

ax.set_xlabel('X Label')
ax.set_ylabel('Y Label')
ax.set_zlabel('Z Label')
plt.show()
```







3D plots.

```
from numpy import *
import pylab as p
import mpl toolkits.mplot3d.axes3d as p3
# u and v are parametric variables.
# u is an array from 0 to 2*pi, with 100 elements
u=r [0:2*pi:100j]
# v is an array from 0 to 2*pi, with 100 elements
v=r [0:pi:100j]
# x, y, and z are the coordinates of the points for plotting
# each is arranged in a 100x100 array
x=10*outer(cos(u), sin(v))
y=10*outer(sin(u), sin(v))
z=10*outer (ones (size (u)), cos (v)
fig=p.figure()
ax = p3.Axes3D(fig)
ax.plot wireframe(x,y,z)
ax.set xlabel('X')
ax.set ylabel('Y')
ax.set zlabel('Z')
p.show()
```

