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.

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
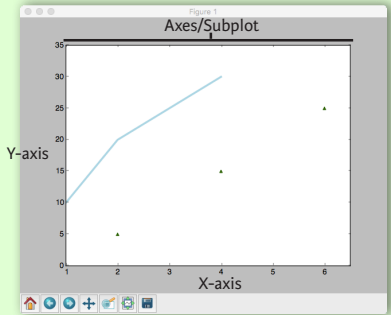
Plot Anatomy

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]            Step 1
>>> y = [10,20,25,30]
>>> fig = plt.figure()       Step 2
>>> ax = fig.add_subplot(111)  Step 3
>>> ax.plot(x, y, color='lightblue', linewidth=3)  Step 3, 4
>>> ax.scatter([2,4,6],
              [5,15,25],
              color='darkgreen',
              marker='^')
>>> ax.set_xlim(1, 6.5)
>>> plt.savefig('foo.png')
>>> plt.show()               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',   Set a title and x-and y-axis labels
          ylabel='Y-Axis',
          xlabel='X-Axis')
>>> ax.legend(loc='best')            No overlapping plot elements
```
Ticks
```
>>> ax.xaxis.set(ticks=range(1,5),    Manually set x-ticks
                ticklabels=[3,100,-12,"foo"])
>>> ax.tick_params(axis='y',          Make y-ticks longer and go in and out
                  direction='inout',
                  length=10)
```
Subplot Spacing
```
>>> fig3.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.5,  Adjust the spacing between subplots
                        hspace=0.3,
                        left=0.125,
                        right=0.9,
                        top=0.9,
                        bottom=0.1)
>>> 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

```
>>> 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 horizontal 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
```

2D Data or Images

```
>>> fig, ax = plt.subplots()
>>> im = ax.imshow(img,             Colormapped or RGB arrays
                  cmap='gist_earth',
                  interpolation='nearest',
                  vmin=-2,
                  vmax=2)
```

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 2D vector fields
```

Data Distributions

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

```
>>> 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
```