

Python Matplotlib

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Introduction

- **Matplotlib** is a Python 2D plotting library
 - Its origins was emulating the MATLAB graphics commands
 - It makes heavy use of NumPy
- Objective:
 - Create simple plots with just a few commands
 - If you want to see histogram of your data, you shouldn't need to instantiate object, call methods...



Introduction

- The **Matplotlib** is divided into three parts:
 - ***Pylab interface***
 - Allow the user to create plots with code quite similar to MATLAB
 - **Matplotlib frontend**
 - Set of classes that allow you to create figures, text, lines...
 - **Backend**
 - Renderers, transformation, window...



Firsts steps

- Three ways to use the library:

- Using **PyLab** module:

```
from pylab import *  
  
...
```

- Using **PyPlot** module:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
  
...
```

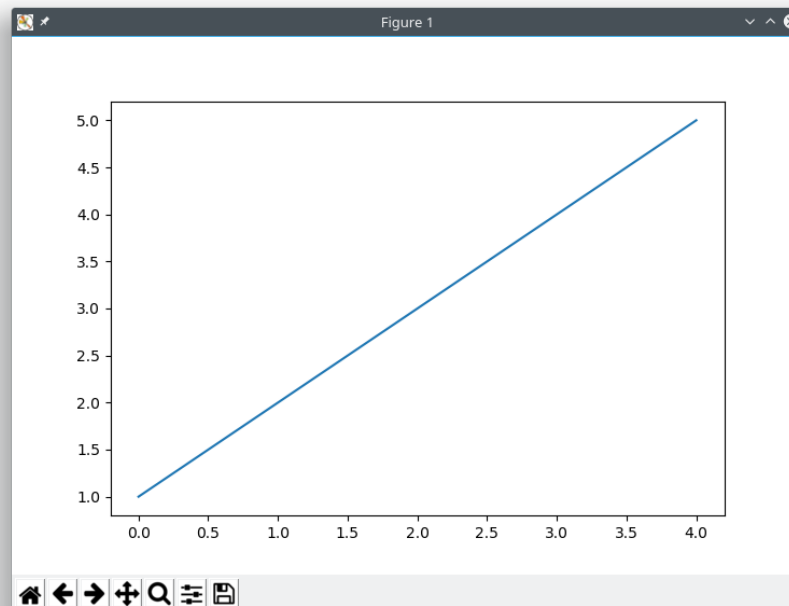
- Using **OOB interface**:

- It allow to get a more control of the code but... it is **most difficult way**



First steps

- There are two main zones where you will ‘draw’:
 - **Figure:** Contains all the plot elements.
 - **Axis:** Contains most of the figure elements and sets the coordinate system.





First Steps



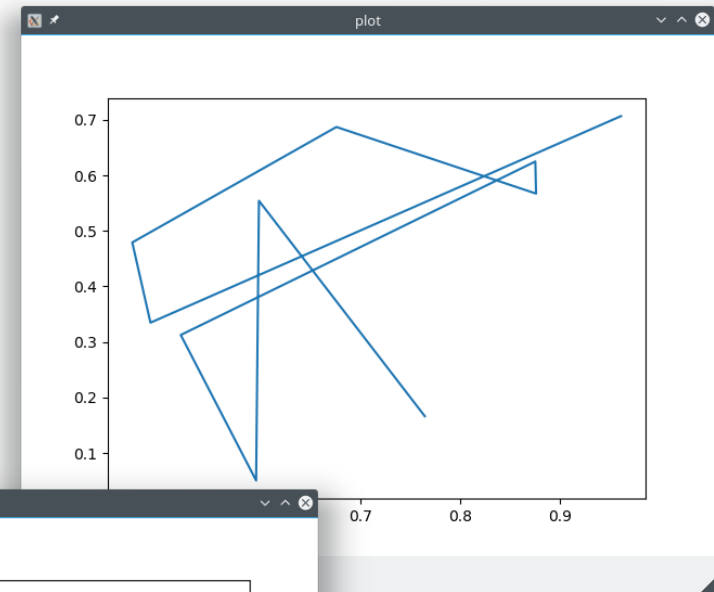
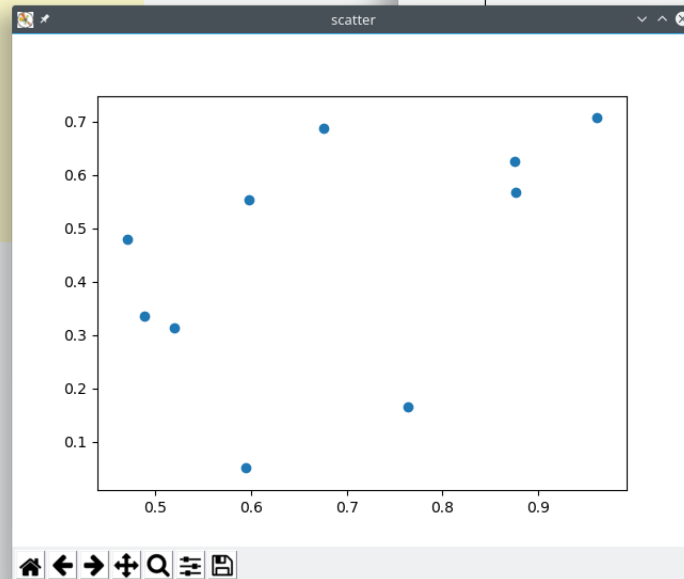
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
```

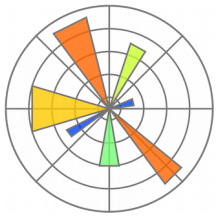
```
plt.figure('scatter')
plt.figure('plot')
```

```
a = np.random.rand(10)
b = np.random.rand(10)
```

```
plt.figure('scatter')
plt.scatter(a,b)
```

```
plt.figure('plot')
plt.plot(a,b)
plt.show()
```





Interactive Mode

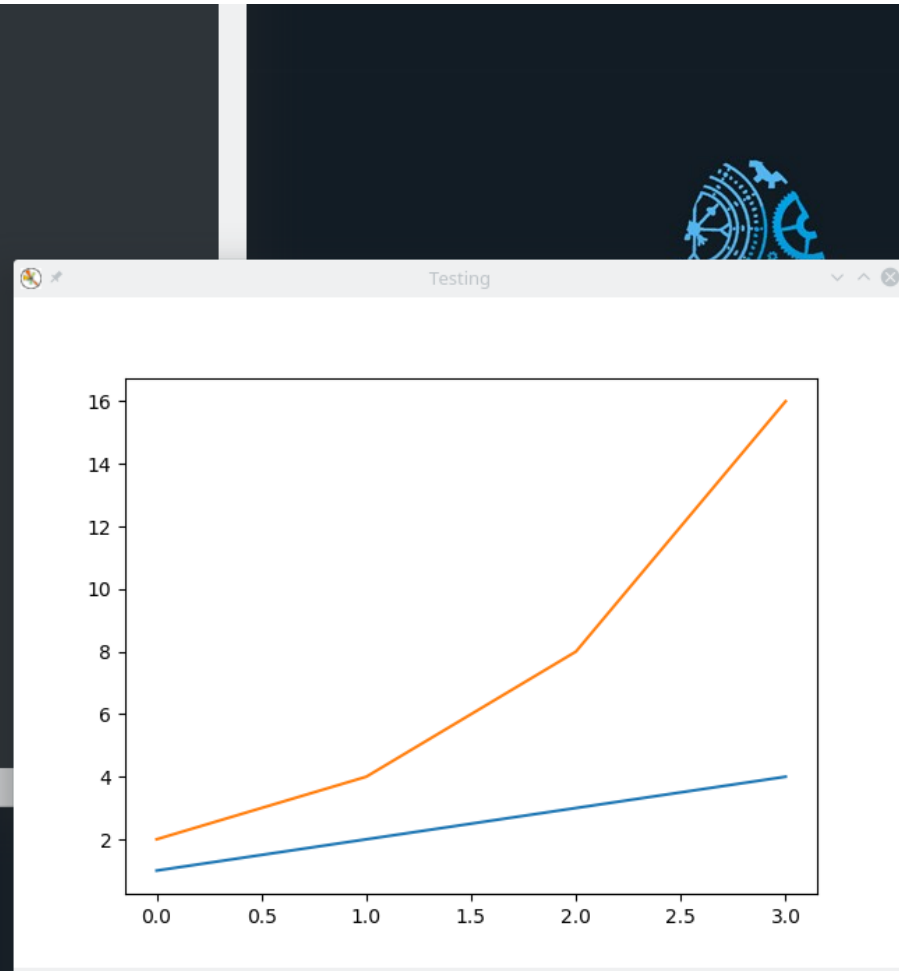
- Allow you to add data in any moment
- By default, plots are non-interactive
 - You can switch that property using **plt.ion()** and **plt.ioff()**
 - **plt.isInteractive()** is used in order to check if interactive mode is activated
- In interactive mode, you **don't need to call plt.show()**

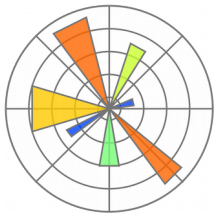


Interactive Mode



```
>>> plt.figure("Testing")
<matplotlib.figure.Figure object at 0x7f8a5b5fb3d0>
>>> plt.plot([1,2,3,4])
[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x7f8a2735d890>]
>>> print("I'm doing other stuff...")
I'm doing other stuff...
>>> i = 12831213124
>>> a = np.array([2,4,8,16])
>>> plt.plot(a)
[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x7f8a263633d0>]
>>> []
```

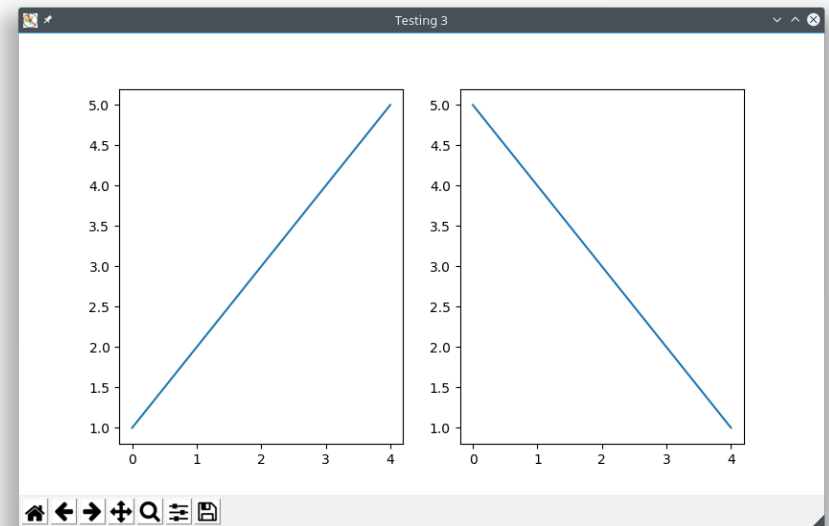




Subplot

- With `plt.subplot()` you can configurate the figure in order to use various axis
 - Indicating the Layout

```
plt.figure("Testing 3")  
plt.subplot(1,2,1) #1 row, 2 columns, index 1  
plt.plot([1,2,3,4,5])  
plt.subplot(1,2,2) #1 row, 2 columns, index 2  
plt.plot([5,4,3,2,1])  
plt.show()
```

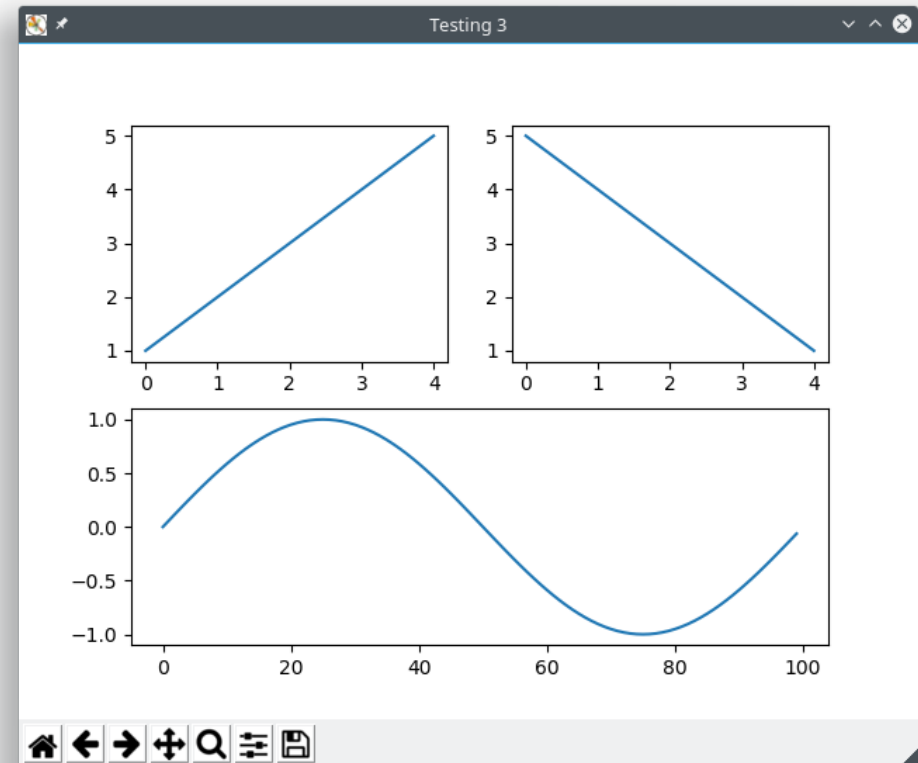




Subplot Exercise

- Try to replicate the layout of the following image:

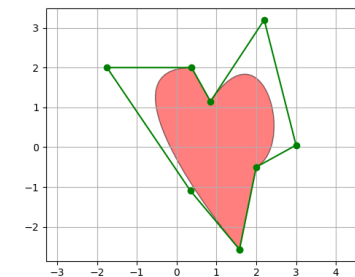
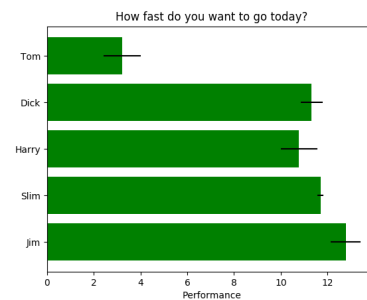
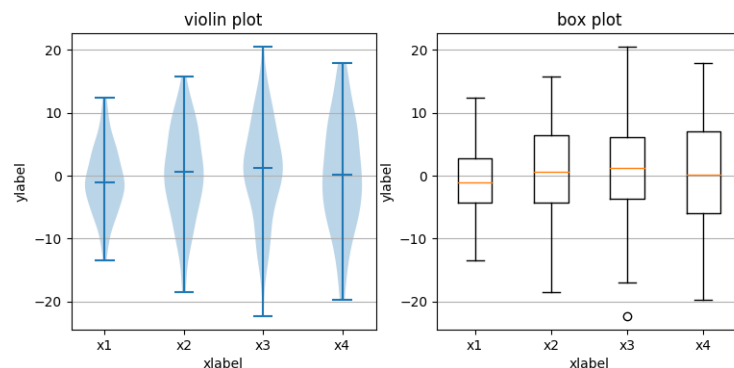
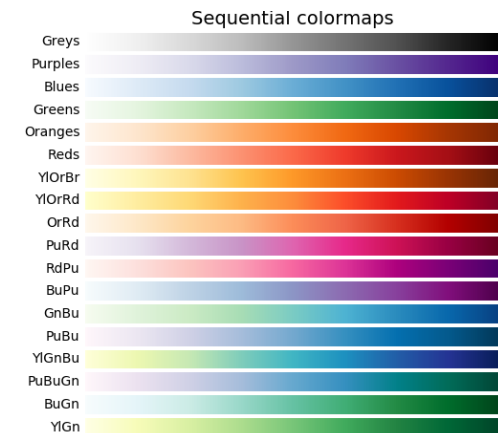
```
plt.figure("Testing 3")  
[Subplot layout]  
plt.plot([1,2,3,4,5])  
[Subplot layout]  
plt.plot([5,4,3,2,1])  
[Subplot layout]  
t = np.arange(0, 1, 0.01)  
plt.plot(np.sin(2*np.pi*t))  
plt.show()
```





Type of plots

- Matplotlib can apply multiple type of plots:
 - Lines, bars and markers
 - Shapes and collections
 - Statistical plots
 - Images, contours and fields
 - Color...



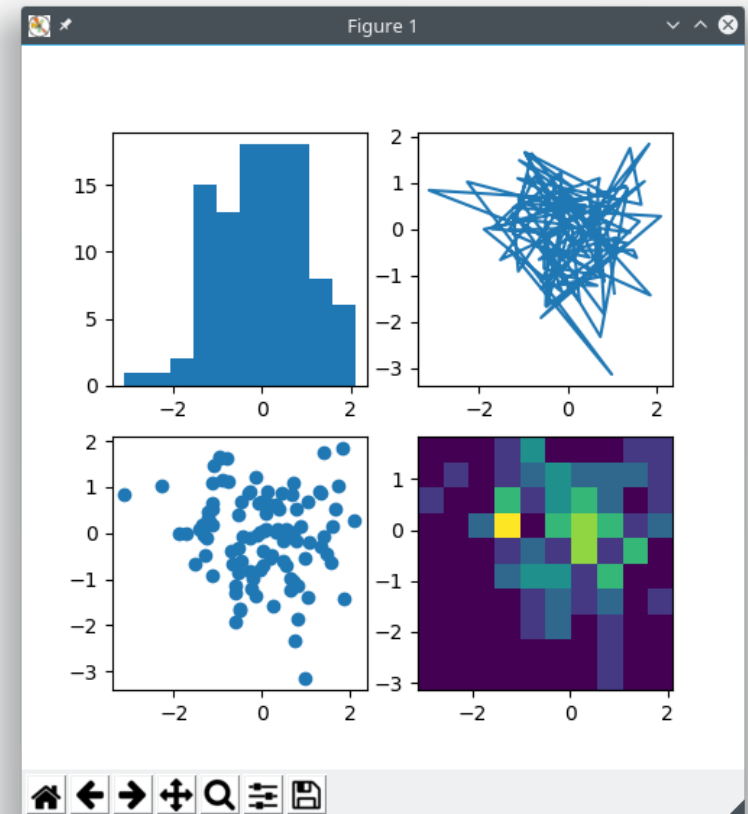
Reference: <https://matplotlib.org/gallery.html>



Type of plots

- ... and you can combine in the same figure

```
np.random.seed(19680801)
data = np.random.randn(2, 100)
fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(5, 5))
axs[0, 0].hist(data[0])
axs[1, 0].scatter(data[0], data[1])
axs[0, 1].plot(data[0], data[1])
axs[1, 1].hist2d(data[0], data[1])
plt.show()
```





Legend



- Matplotlib allows you to assign labels to plots in different ways:

```
...  
plt.plot([1,2,3,4,5], label='Line 1')  
plt.legend()  
  
...  
Line2 = plt.plot([2,4,8,16,32])  
plt.legend(Line2, ["Line2"])
```

- `plt.legend()` contains multiple parameters:
 - **loc**
 - **bbox_to_anchor**
 - **ncol**
 - **fontsize**



Miscellaneous

- Assign labels to axis:

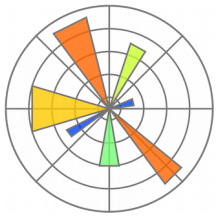
```
...  
plt.xlabel("X label example")  
plt.ylabel("Y label example")  
...
```

- Set a title to the plot:

```
...  
plt.title("Title, but...")  
...
```

- Set a “real title” to the plot:

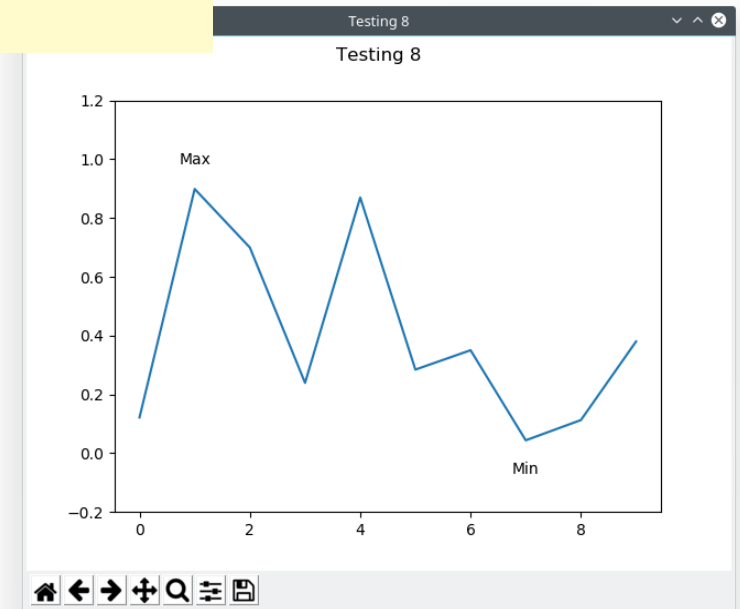
```
...  
plt.suptitle("Real title")  
plt.title("It is a subtitle")  
...
```



Miscellaneous

- Write down a text in the plot:

```
y = np.random.rand(10)
plt.plot(y)
plt.ylim(-0.2, 1.2) #define values range in Y axis
plt.text(np.argmin(y), np.min(y) - 0.1, u'Min', fontsize = 10,
         horizontalalignment='center', verticalalignment='center')
plt.text(np.argmax(y), np.max(y) + 0.1, u'Max', fontsize = 10,
         horizontalalignment='center', verticalalignment='center')
plt.show()
```

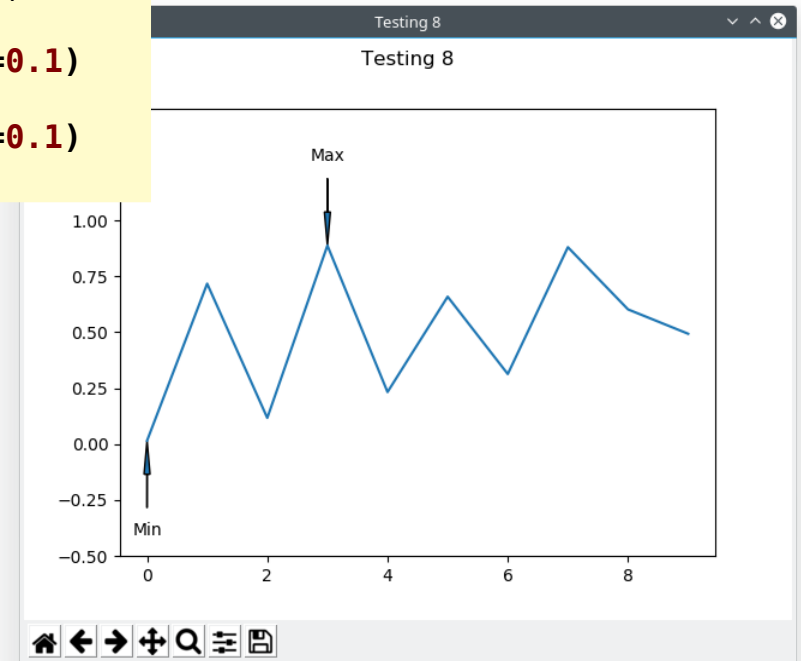


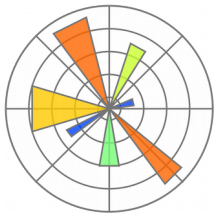


Miscellaneous

- To include a arrow to relate the text and plot:

```
y = np.random.rand(10)
plt.plot(y)
plt.ylim(-0.5, 1.5)
plt.text(np.argmax(y), np.max(y) - 0.4, u'Min', fontsize = 10,
         horizontalalignment='center', verticalalignment='center')
plt.text(np.argmin(y), np.min(y) + 0.4, u'Max', fontsize = 10,
         horizontalalignment='center', verticalalignment='center')
plt.arrow(np.argmax(y), np.max(y) - 0.3, 0, 0.3,
          length_includes_head="True", shape = "full", head_width=0.1)
plt.arrow(np.argmin(y), np.min(y) + 0.3, 0, -0.3,
          length_includes_head="True", shape = "full", head_width=0.1)
plt.show()
```

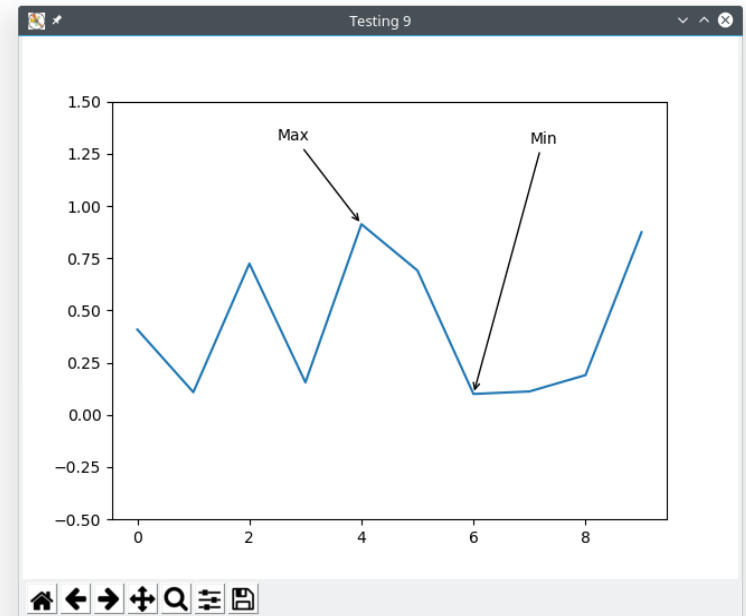




Miscellaneous

- With `plt.annotate`, we can replicate what we have done with `plt.text` and `plt.arrow`:

```
...  
plt.annotate(u'Max', xy = (np.argmax(y), np.max(y)),  
            xycoords = 'data',  
            xytext = (np.argmax(y) - 1.5, np.max(y) + 0.4),  
            textcoords = 'data',  
            arrowprops = dict(arrowstyle = "->"))  
plt.annotate(u'Min', xy = (np.argmin(y), np.min(y)),  
            xycoords = 'data',  
            xytext = (np.argmin(y) + 1, np.min(y) + 1.2),  
            textcoords = 'data',  
            arrowprops = dict(arrowstyle = "→"))  
...
```





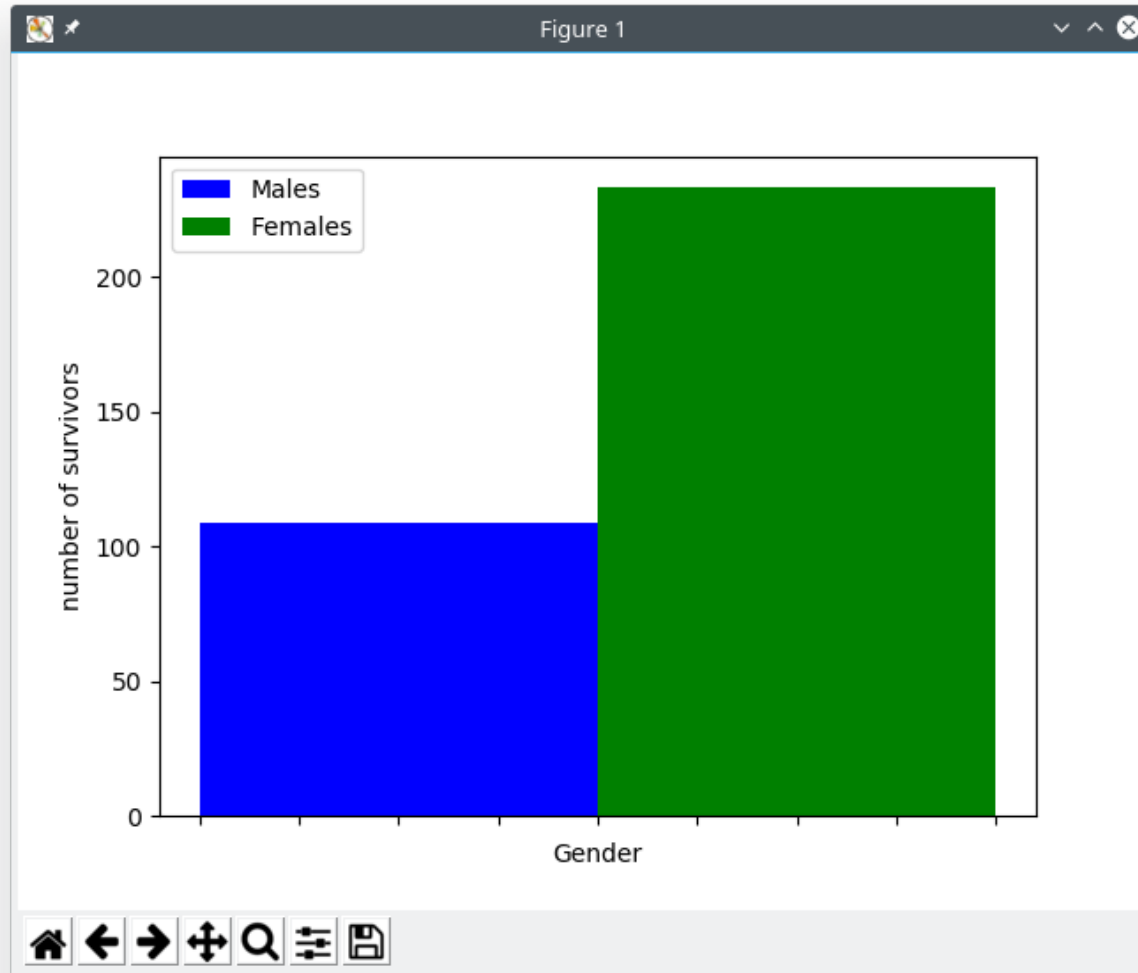
Exercise



- Using Titanic disaster dataset:
 - Plotting a histogram with the number of males and females survivor
- Complete the unfinished code:
 - Remember **NumPy Indexing**
 - Generates the histogram generating **two bar plots** (take a look to attribute width... and the x coordinate in the scale)
 - Assign a label to both plots and show a legend



Exercise



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