" USE THE MATPLOTLIB, LUKE "

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A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away ...

NO!

John Hunter

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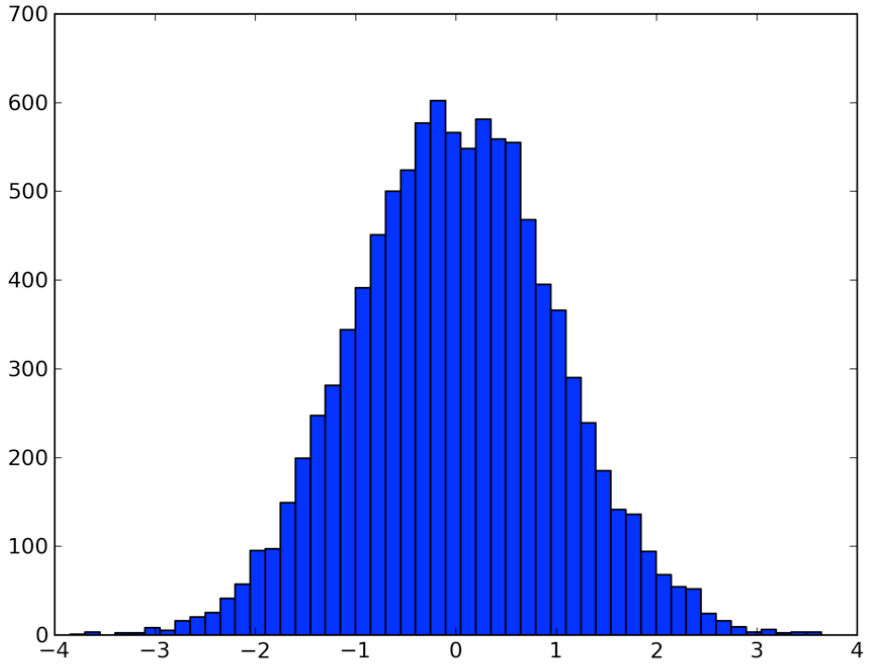
Matplotlib is a Python 2D plotting package which produces publication quality figures in a variety of hardcopy formats and interactive environments across platforms.

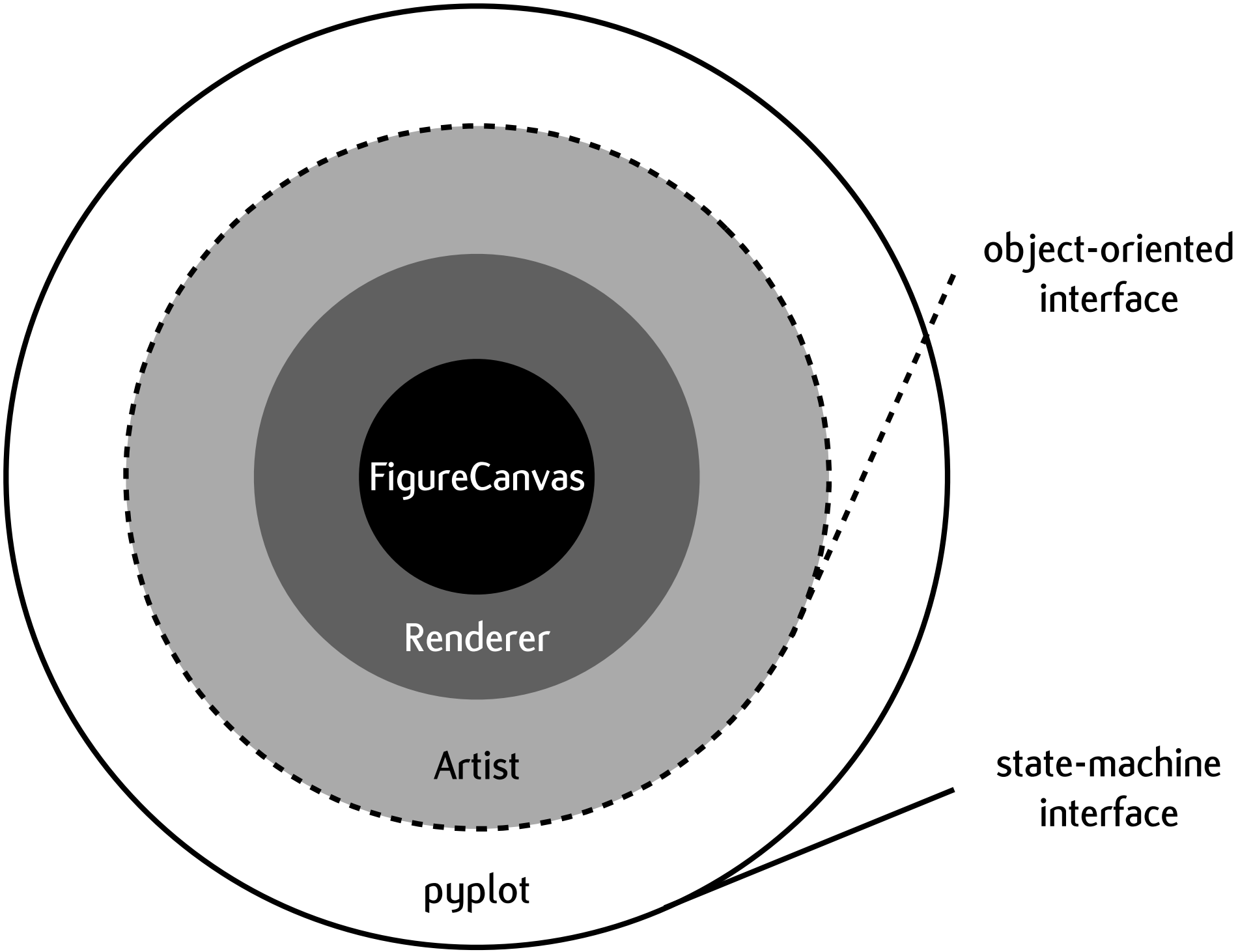
Philosophy

create simple plots with just a few commands, or just one!

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

x = np.random.randn(10000)
plt.hist(x, bins=50)
plt.show()
```




FigureCanvas
Renderer
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pyplot
object-oriented
interface
state-machine
interface

pyplot provides a MATLAB-style state-machine interface to the underlying object-oriented interface in matplotlib

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

x = np.arange(0, 10, 0.1)
y = np.sin(x)
plt.plot(x, y)
plt.show()
```

pylab lumps pyplot together with numpy in a single namespace, making that environment even more MATLAB-like

```
from pylab import *


x = arange(0, 10, 0.1)
y = sin(x)
plot(x, y)
show()
```

Explicit is better than implicit.

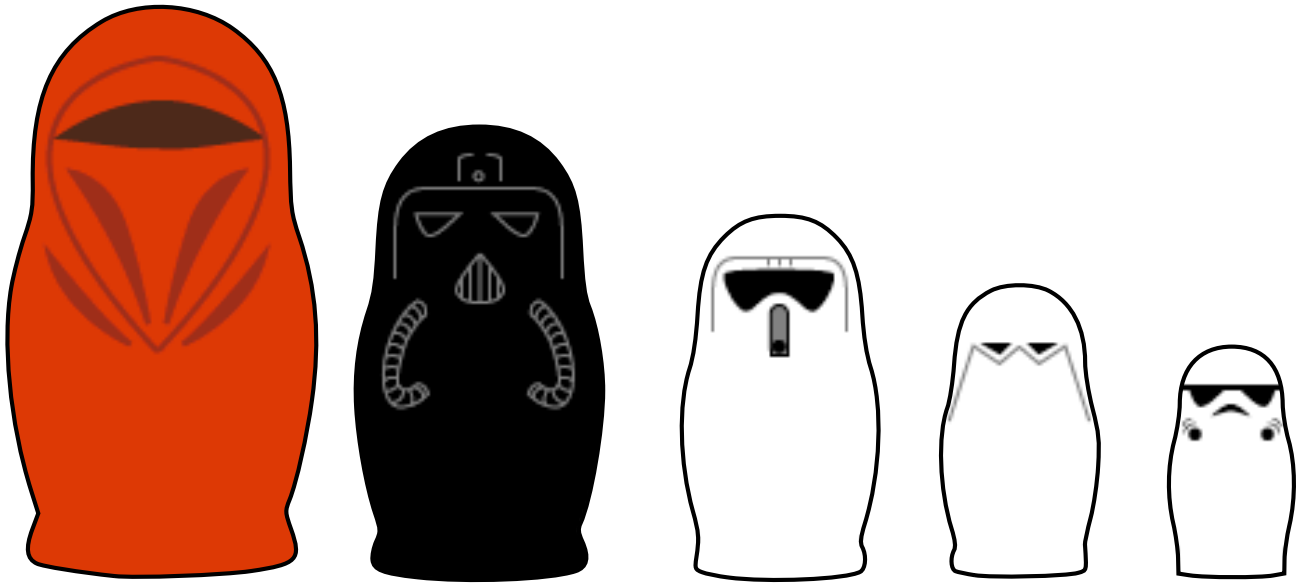
preferred style using pyplot convenience functions, but object-orientation for the rest

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

x = np.arange(0, 10, 0.1)
y = np.sin(x)
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot(x, y)
plt.show()
```

2 types of Artists

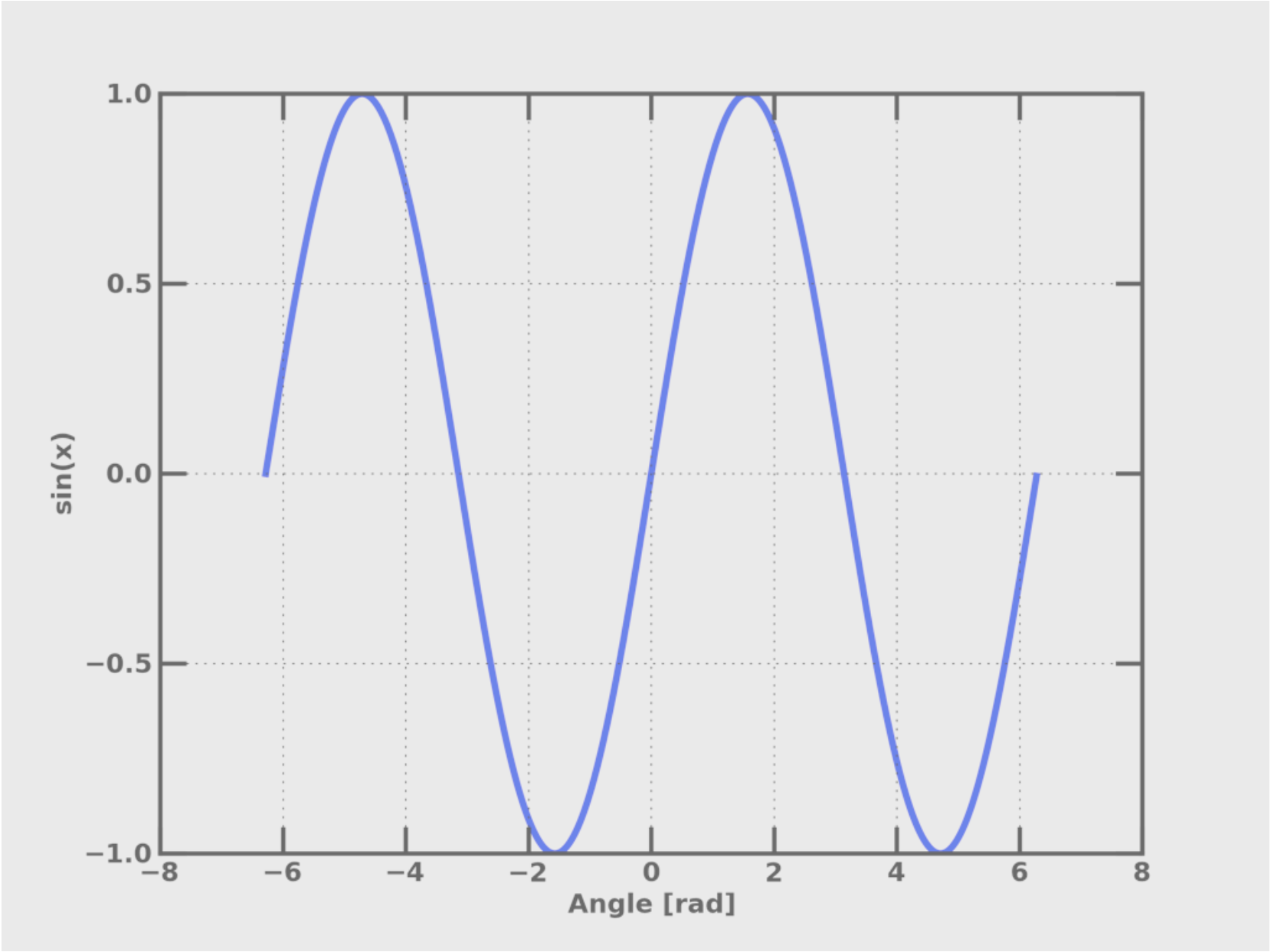
- **Primitives**: Line2D, Rectangle, Text, etc.
- **Containers**: Figure, Axes, Axis, Tick



http://sfillustration.wordpress.com/2012/02/25/star-wars

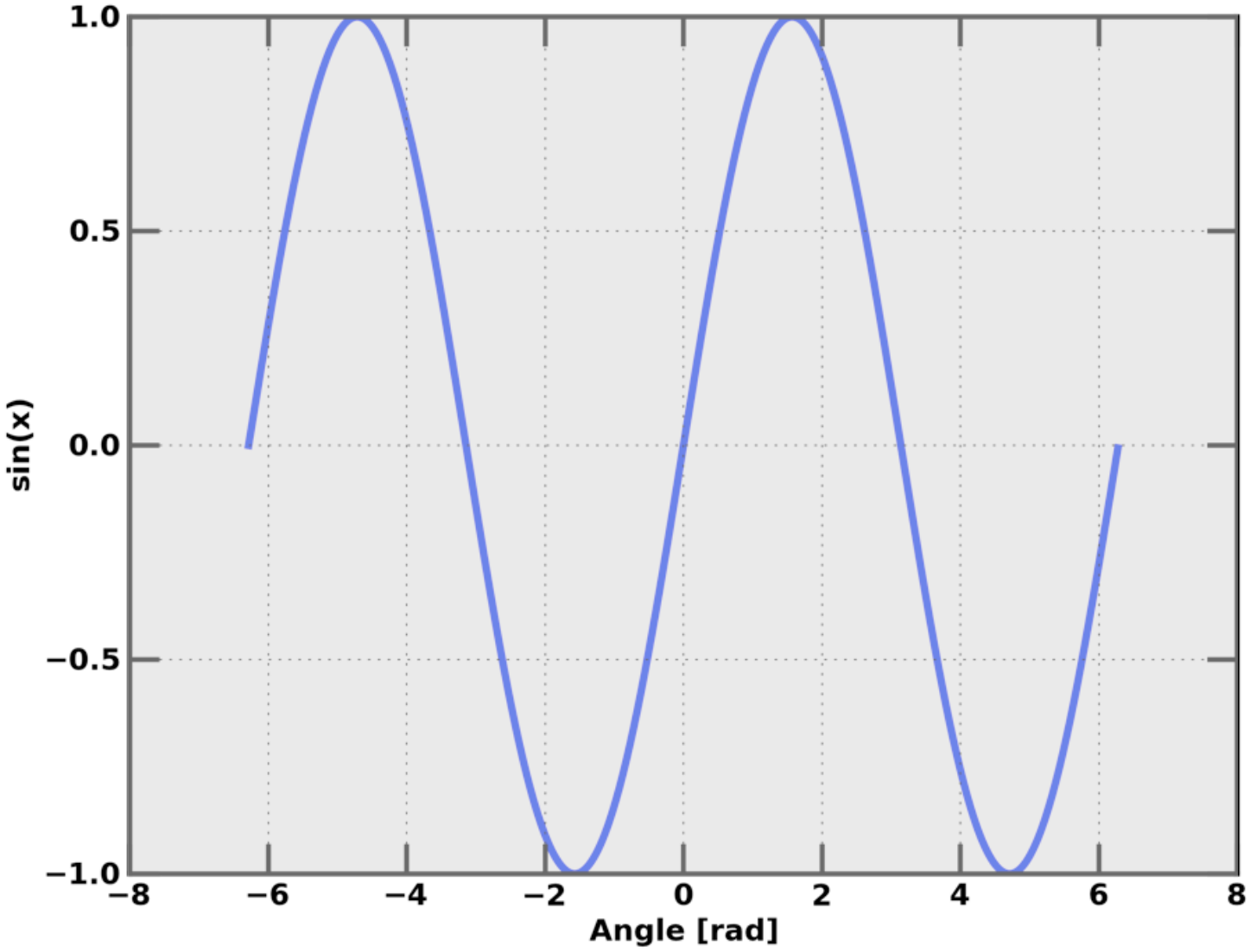
Figure Container

(matplotlib.figure.Figure)



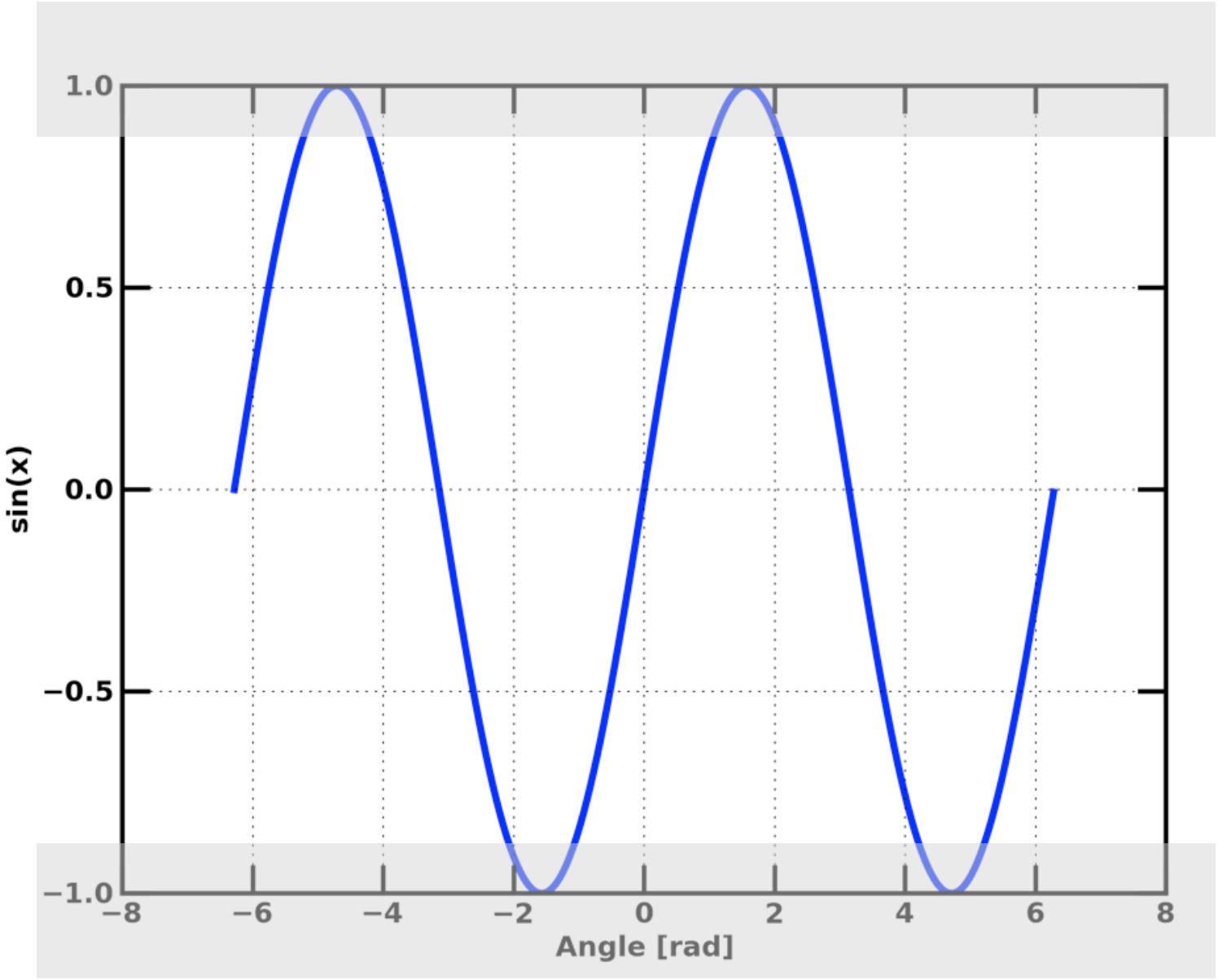
Axes Container

(matplotlib.axes.Axes)



XAxis Container

(matplotlib.axis.Axis)



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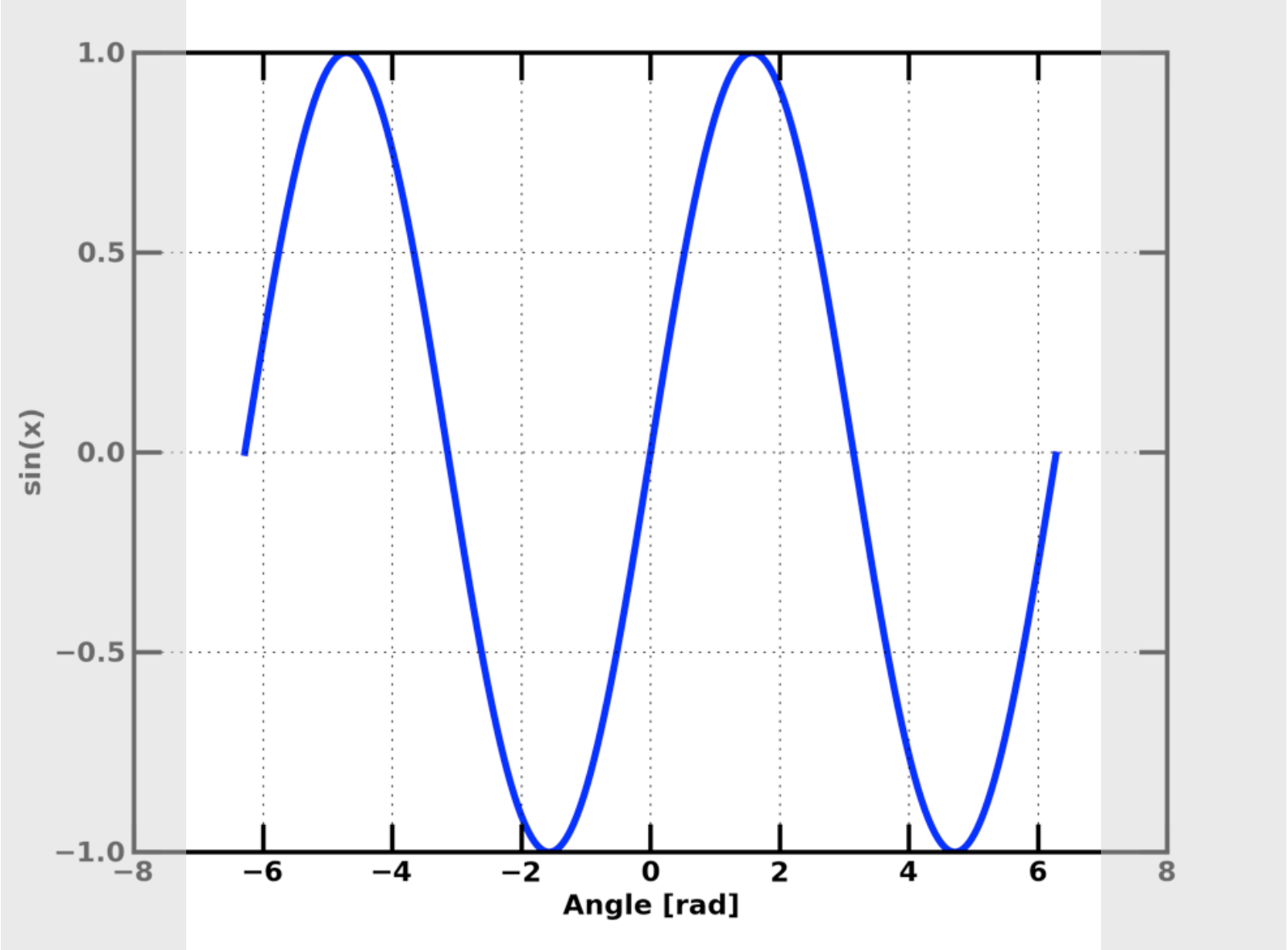
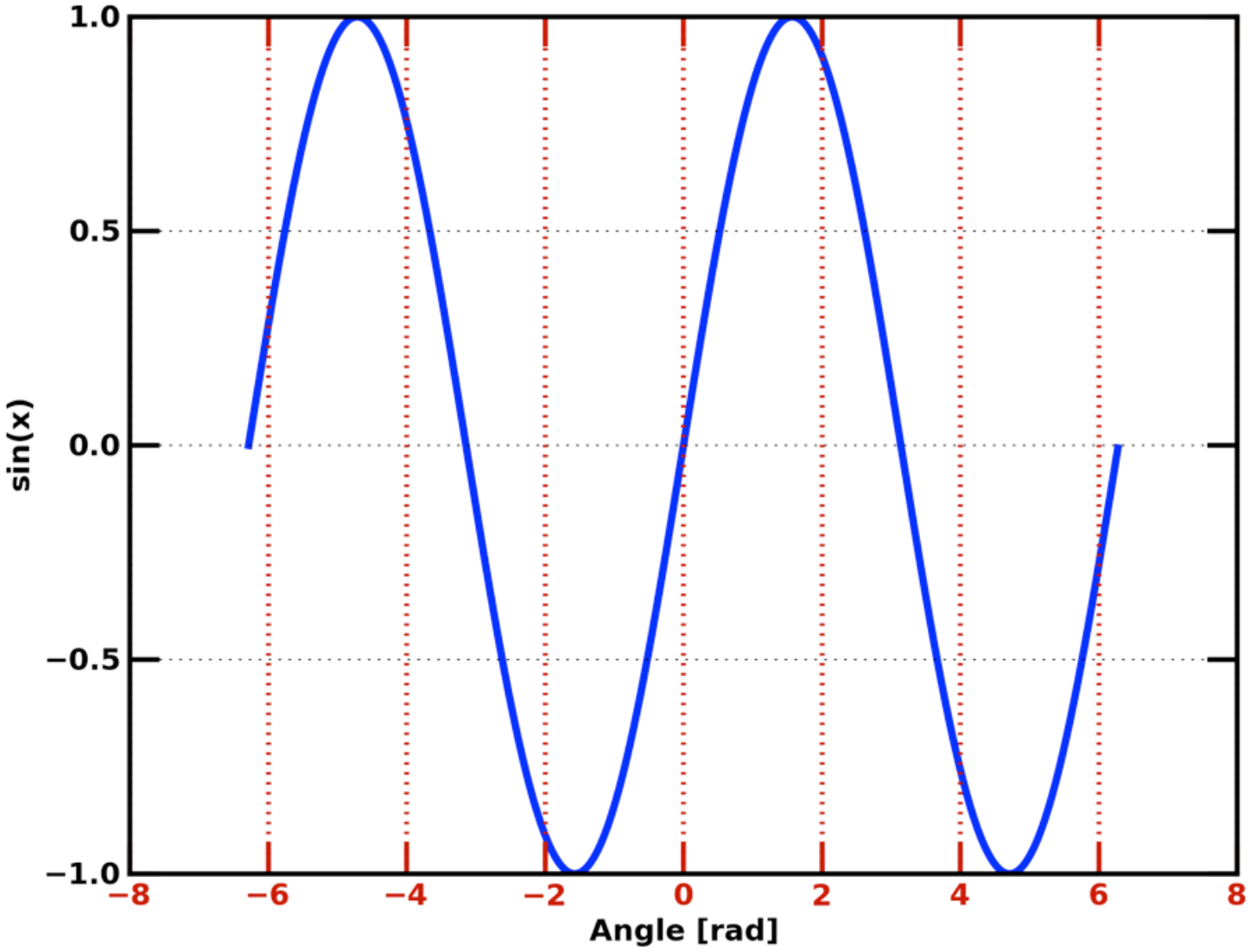


XTick Container

(matplotlib.axis.Tick)



YTick Container

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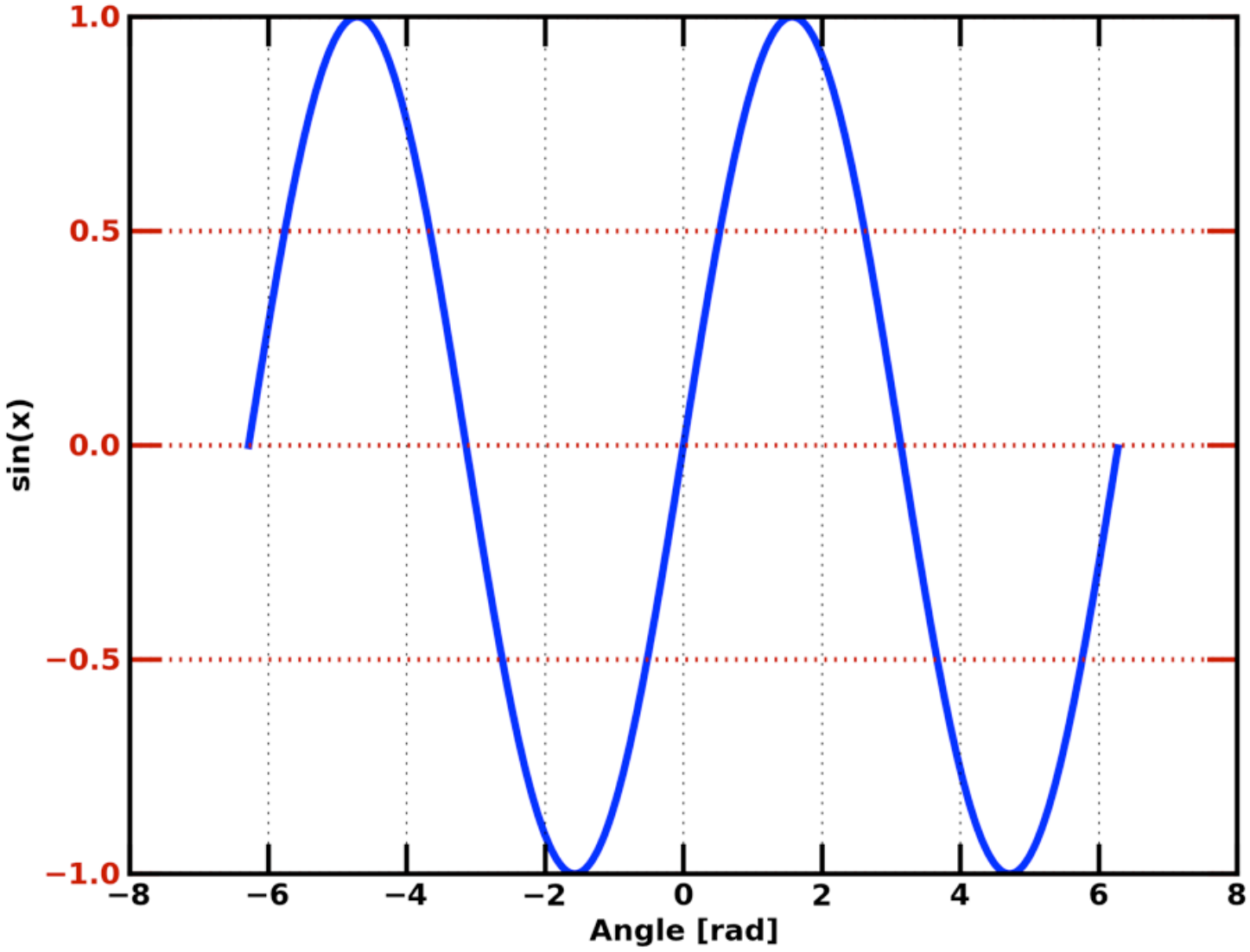


Customizing your objects

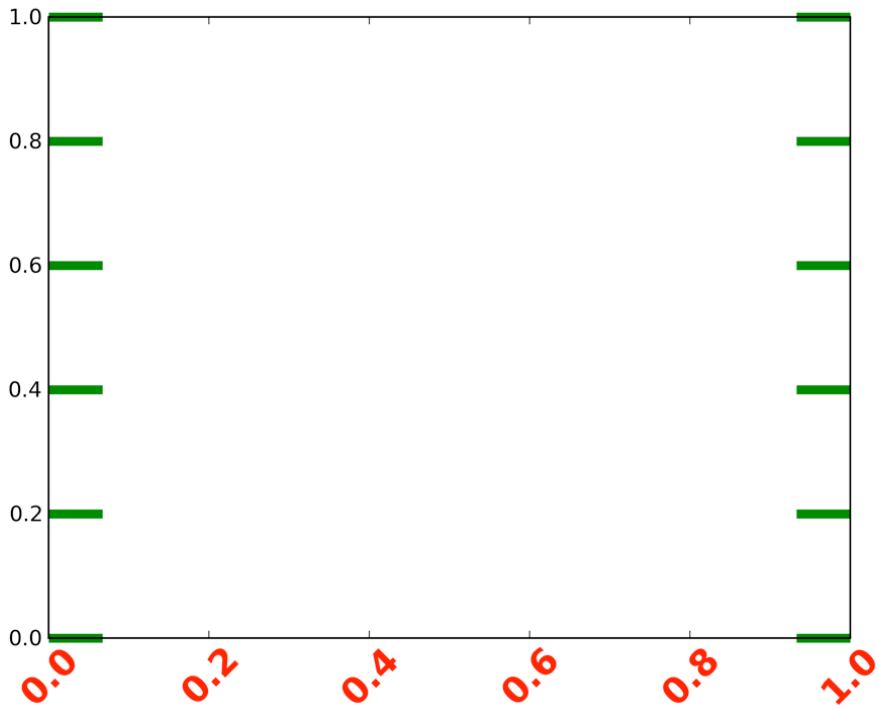
each of the properties is accessed with an old-fashioned setter or getter

```
a = o.get_alpha()
o.set_alpha(0.5*a)
```

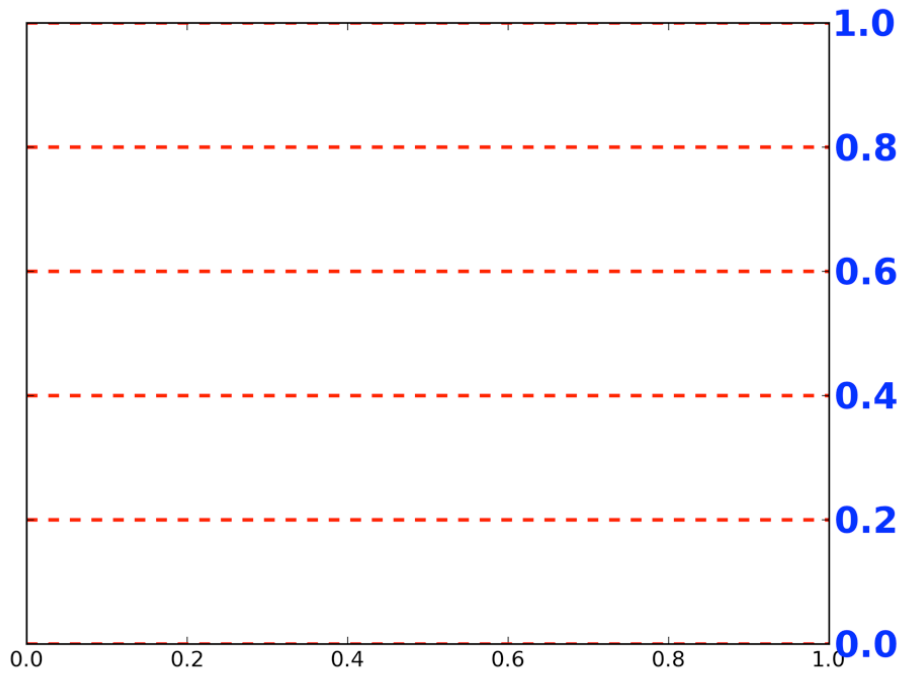
set a number of properties at once

```
o.set(alpha=0.5, zorder=2)
```

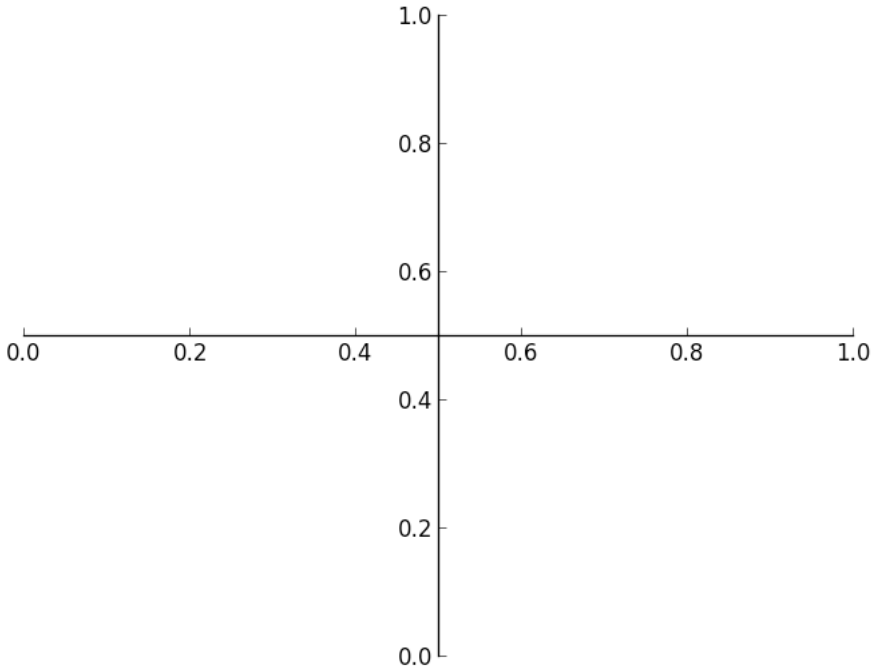
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)

for label in ax.xaxis.get_ticklabels():
    # label is a Text instance
    label.set_color('red')
    label.set_rotation(45)
    label.set_fontsize(20)
    label.set_fontweight('bold')

for line in ax.yaxis.get_ticklines():
    # line is a Line2D instance
    line.set_color('green')
    line.set_markersize(30)
    line.set_markeredgewidth(5)

plt.show()
```



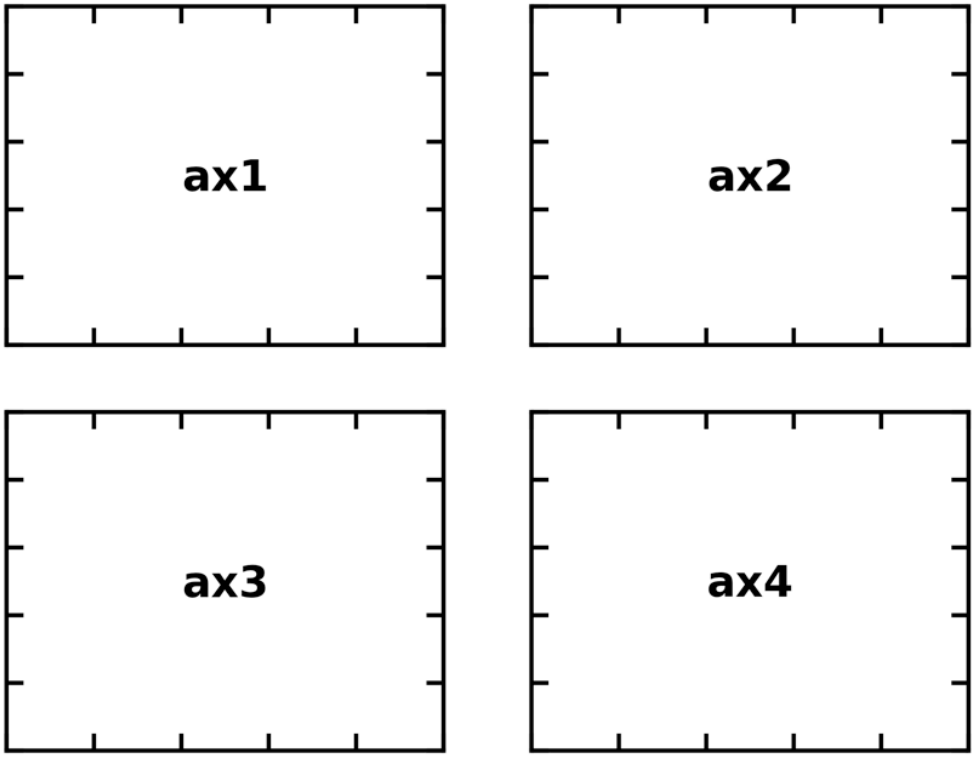
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)

for tick in ax.yaxis.get_major_ticks():
    tick.label1On = False
    tick.label2On = True
    tick.label2.set_color('blue')
    tick.label2.set_fontsize(20)
    tick.label2.set_fontweight('bold')

    tick.gridOn = True
    tick.gridline.set_color('red')
    tick.gridline.set_linewidth(2)
    tick.gridline.set_linestyle('--')

plt.show()
```



```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)

ax.spines['top'].set_visible(False)
ax.spines['right'].set_visible(False)
ax.spines['bottom'].set_position('center')
ax.spines['left'].set_position('center')

for tick in ax.xaxis.get_major_ticks():
    tick.tick2On = False

for tick in ax.yaxis.get_major_ticks():
    tick.tick2On = False

plt.show()
```



Customizing location of Axes




```
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(221)
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(222)
ax3 = fig.add_subplot(223)
ax4 = fig.add_subplot(224)
```

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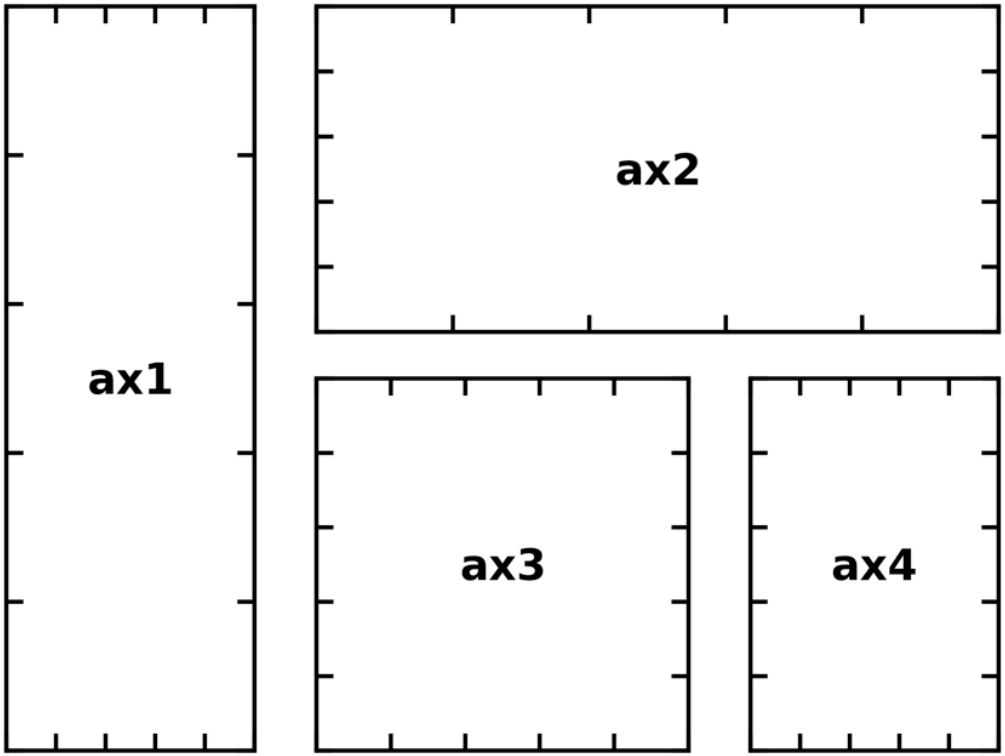


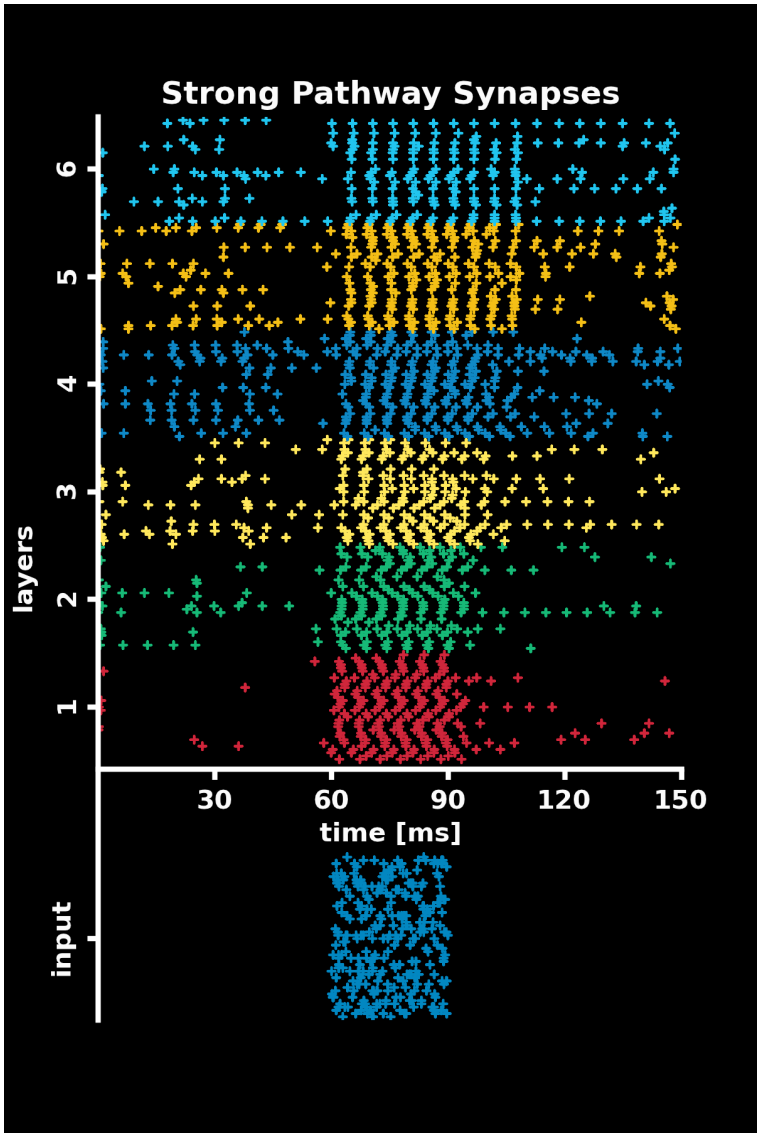

```
# add_axes((left, bottom, width, height))

ax1 = fig.add_axes((0.1, 0.1, 0.2, 0.8))
ax2 = fig.add_axes((0.35, 0.55, 0.55, 0.35))
ax3 = fig.add_axes((0.35, 0.1, 0.3, 0.4))
ax4 = fig.add_axes((0.7, 0.1, 0.2, 0.4))
```

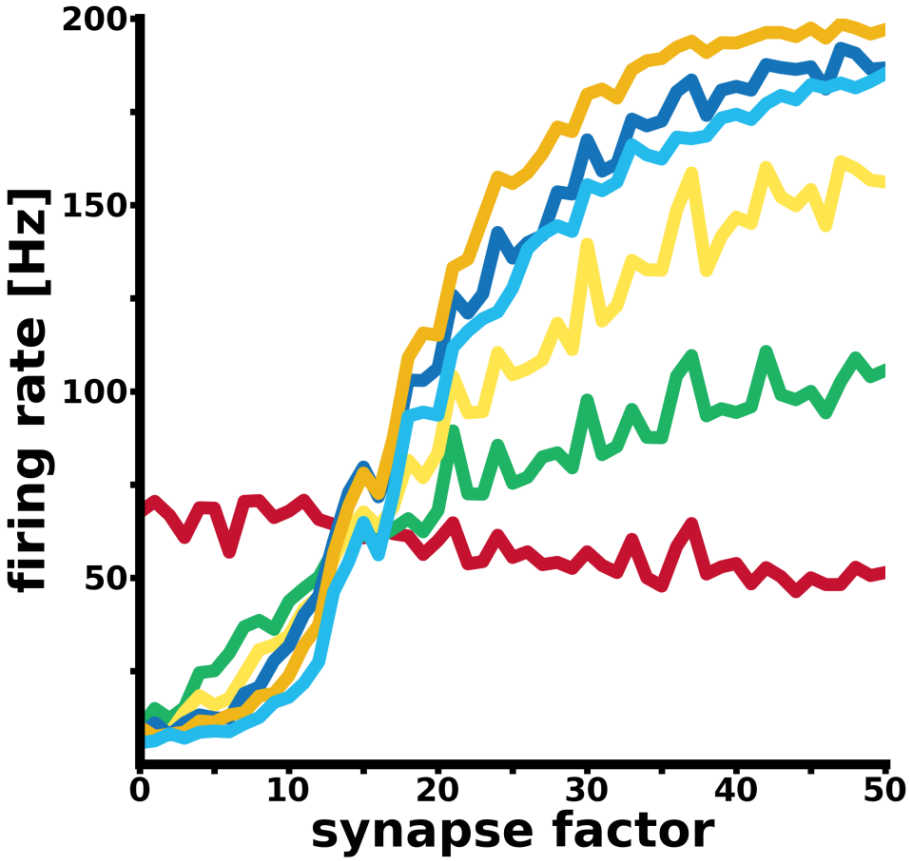

FREE!

The memory required for a figure is not completely released until the figure is explicitly closed with close().

```
import os
import glob
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

filelist = glob.glob('*.txt')
for fname in filelist:

            ...
            ...
            ...

    fig = plt.figure()
    ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
    ax.plot(x, y)
    plt.savefig(os.path.splitext(fname)[0])
    plt.close(fig)
```

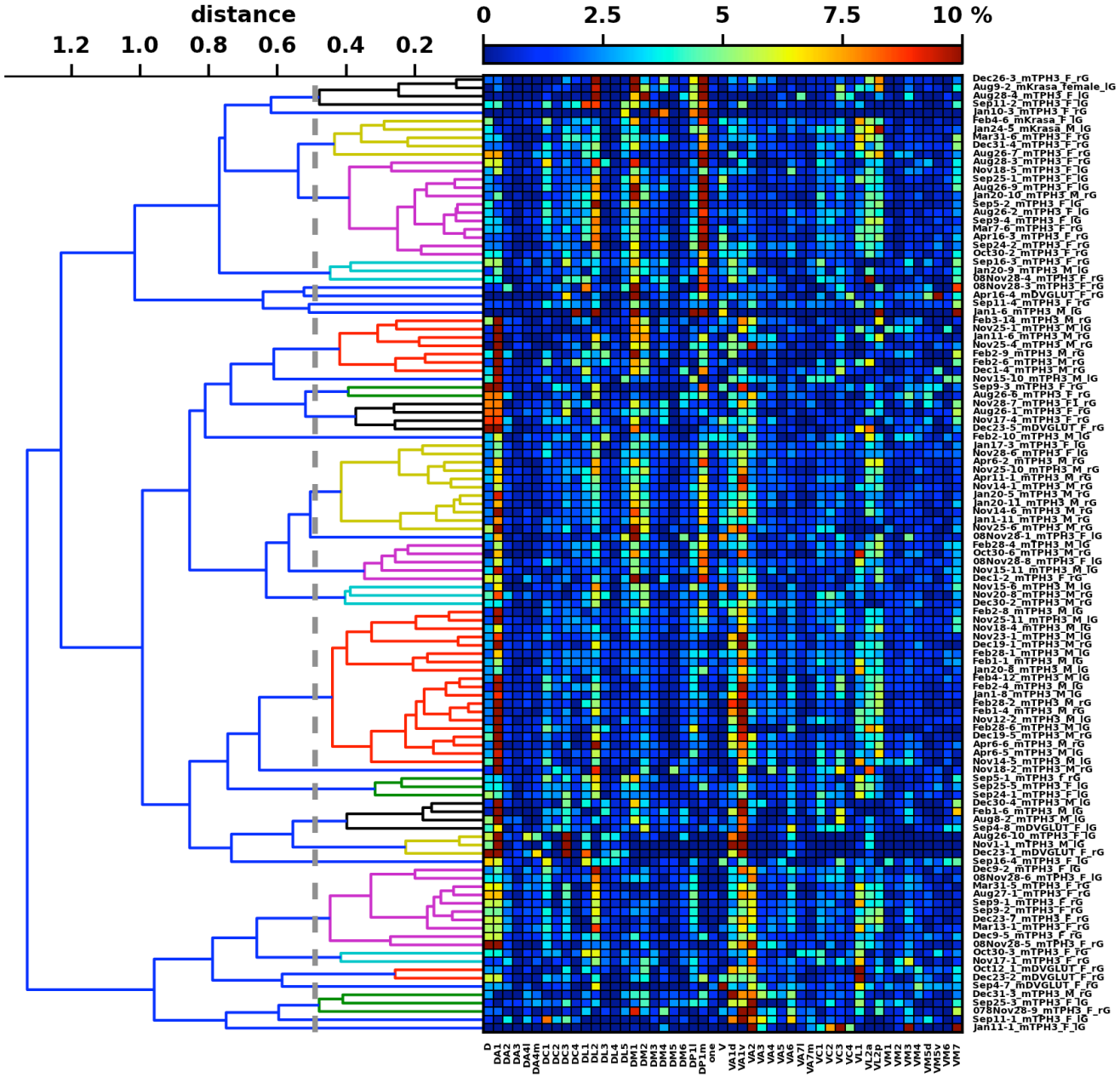
Signal propagation





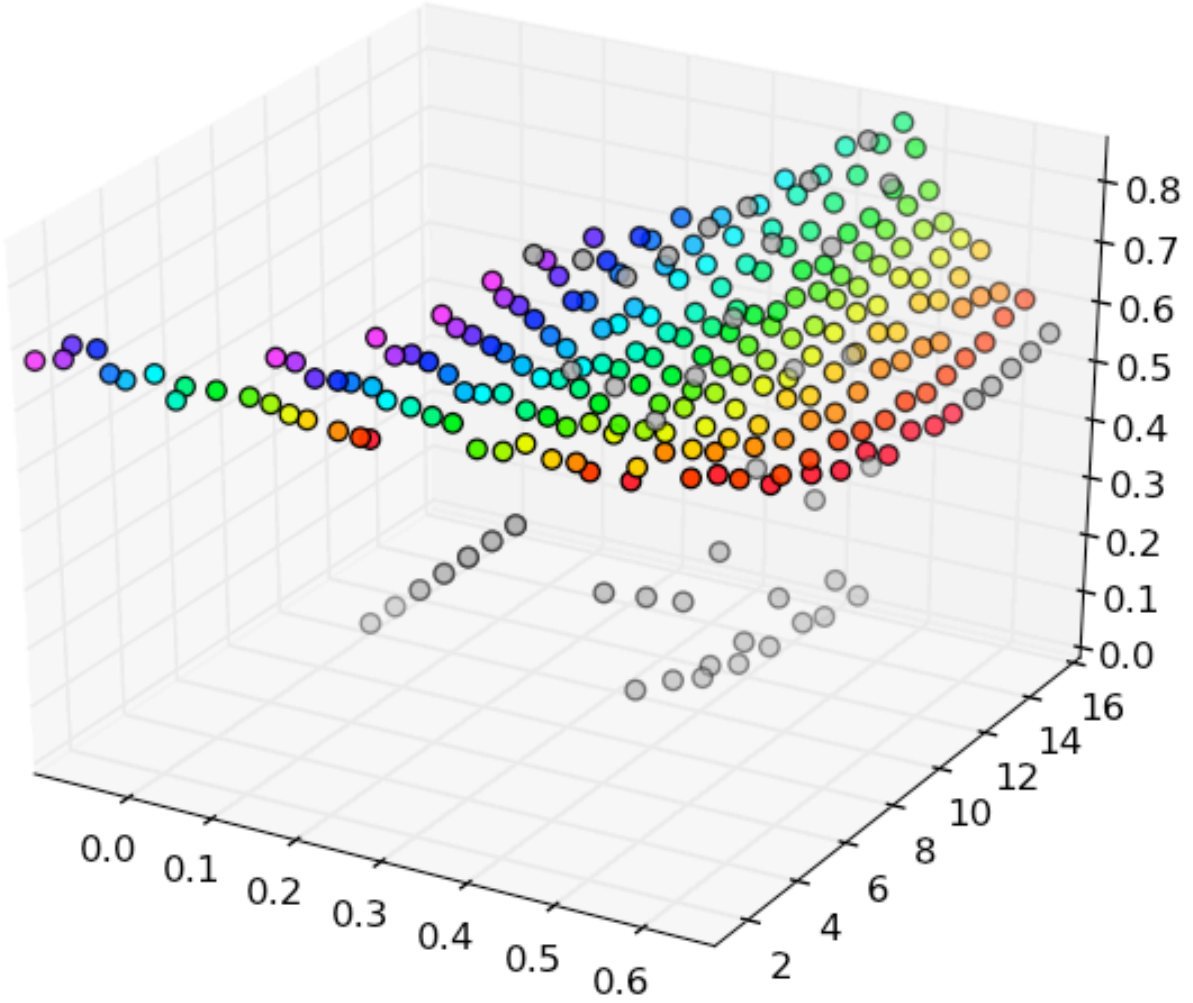
- Vogels TP, Abbott LF (2005) Signal propagation and logic gating in networks of integrate-and-fire neurons. J Neurosci 25: 10786-10795.
- Brian: a simulator for spiking neural networks in Python (http://briansimulator.org)

Hierarchical clustering



mpl_toolkits.mplot3d

provides some basic 3D plotting tools



May the Matplotlib be with You :)