

**W4995 Applied Machine Learning**

# Visualization and Matplotlib

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# Principles of Data Visualization

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# Why?

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Why?

Explore

Why?  
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Communicate

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Label stuff.  
Spend more time.

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# Visual Channels

length (1D size)



colour hue

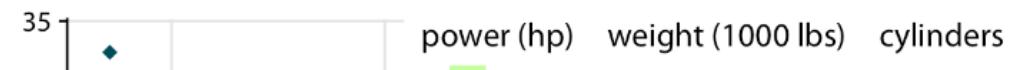


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# Picking Channels

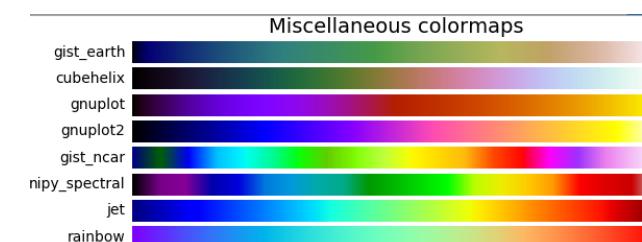
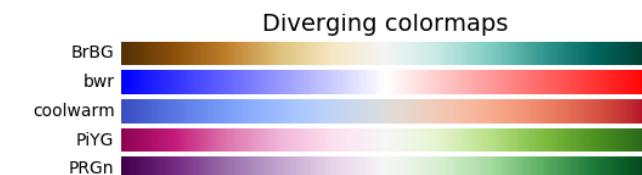
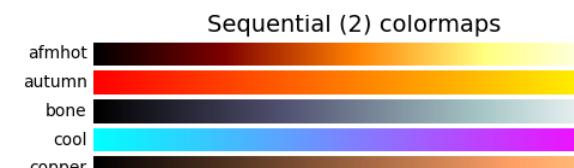
Quantitative validated  
Cleveland and McGill, 1983





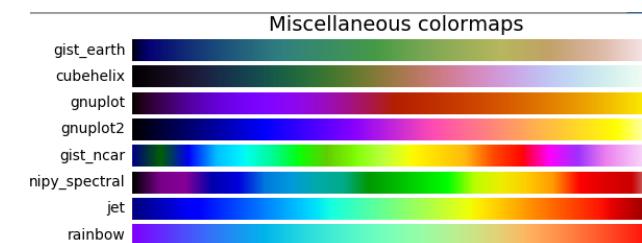
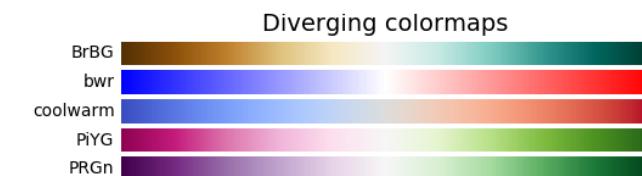
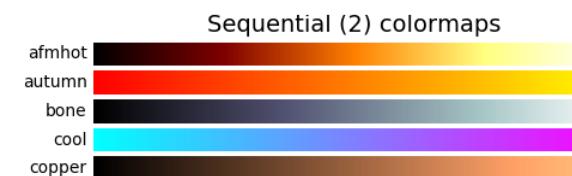
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# Colormaps

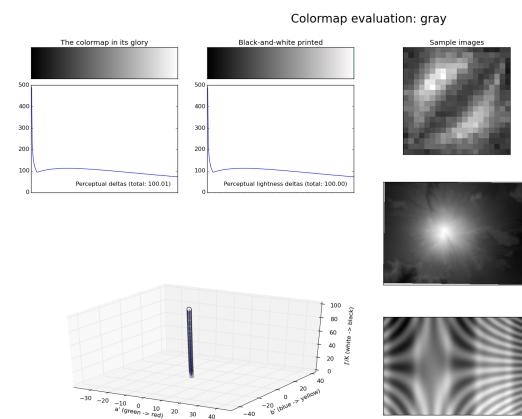


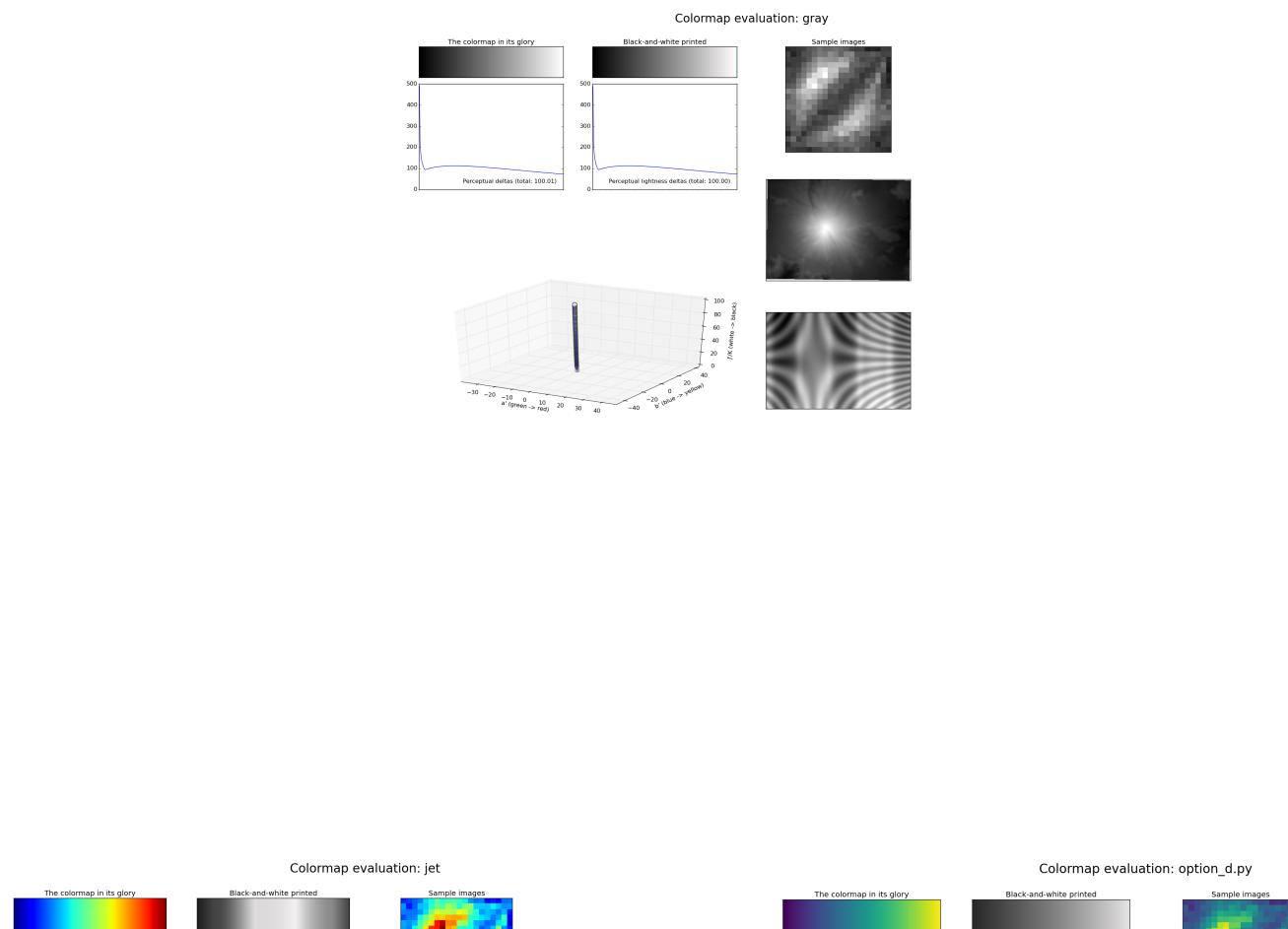
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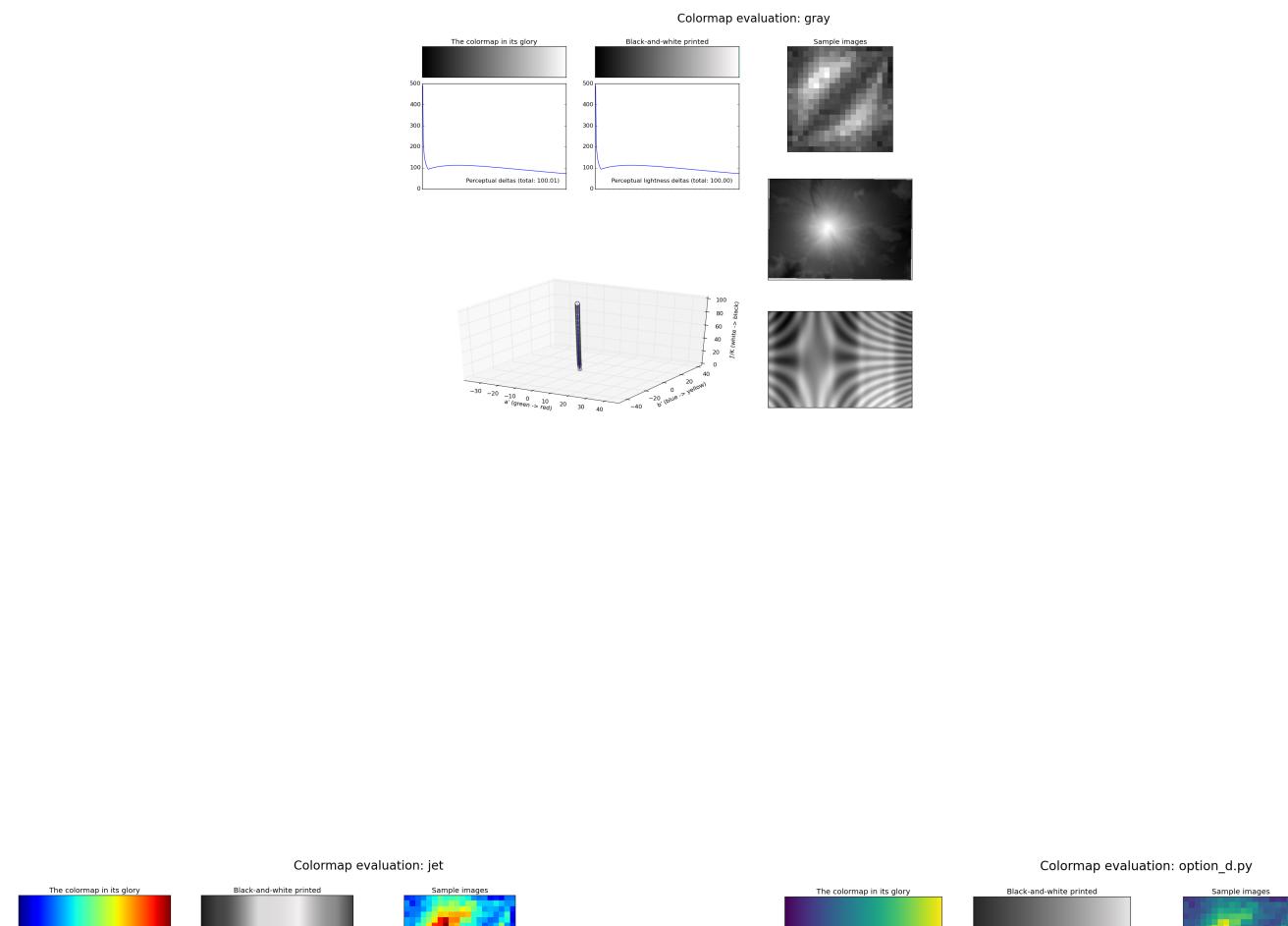


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# matplotlib

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# matplotlib v2 (also v3 now)

update now! (you can enable classic style if you really want)

# Other libs

- pandas plotting - convenience
- seaborn - ready-made stats plots
- bokeh - alternative to matplotlib for in-browser
- several ggplot translations / interfaces
- bqplot
- plotly
- altair (the cool new kid)
- yellowbrick (plotting for sklearn)

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```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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YES!

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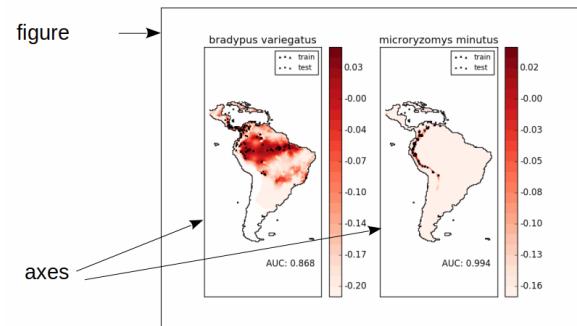
`%matplotlib widget`

- interactive widget
- all figure features
- need to create separate figures explicitly
- ability to update figures
- installation instructions: <https://github.com/matplotlib/jupyter-matplotlib>

# Figures and Axes

figure = one window or one image file

axes = drawing areas with coordinate system



by default: each figure has one axis

# Creating Figures and Axes

1st way: don't.

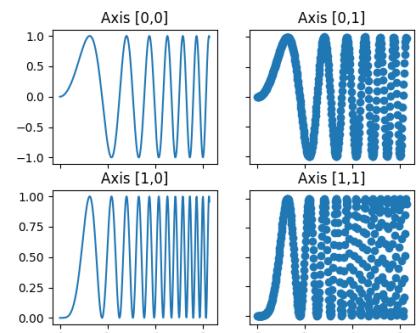
Creates figure with axes on plot command

2nd way: `fig = plt.figure()`

Creates a figure with axes, sets current figure. Can add more / different axes later.

3rd way: `fig, ax = plt.subplots(n, m)`

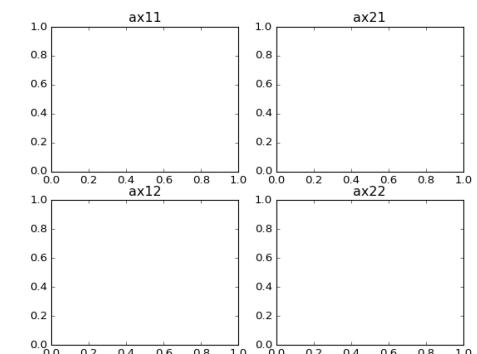
Creates a figure with a regular grid of  $n \times m$  axes.



# More axes via subplots

```
ax = plt.subplot(n, m, i) # or plt.subplot(nmi)
# places ax at position i in n x m grid
# (1-based index)

ax11 = plt.subplot(2, 2, 1)
ax21 = plt.subplot(2, 2, 2)
ax12 = plt.subplot(2, 2, 3)
ax22 = plt.subplot(2, 2, 4)
```



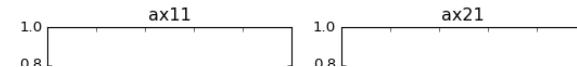
equivalent:

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2)
ax11, ax21, ax12, ax22 = axes.ravel()
```

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ax2 = plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
```



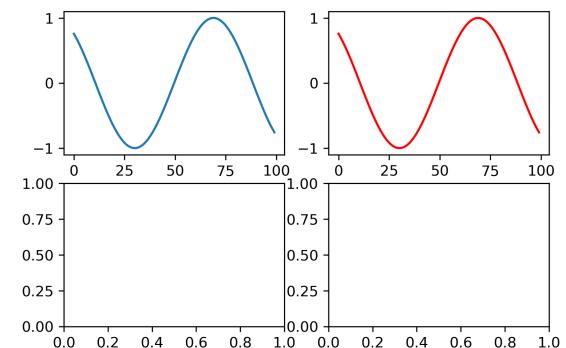
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# Two Interfaces

Stateful interface - applies to current figure and axes  
object oriented interface - explicitly use object

```
sin = np.sin(np.linspace(-4, 4, 100))
plt.subplot(2, 2, 1)
plt.plot(sin)
plt.subplot(2, 2, 2)
plt.plot(sin, c='r')

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2)
axes[0, 0].plot(sin)
axes[0, 1].plot(sin, c='r')
```



# Differences Between the Interfaces

plt.title	ax.set_title
plt.xlim, plt.ylim	ax.set_xlim, ax.set_ylim
plt.xlabel, plt.ylabel	ax.set_xlabel, ax.set_ylabel
plt.xticks, plt.yticks	ax.set_xticks, ax.set_yticks (& ax.set_xtick_labels)

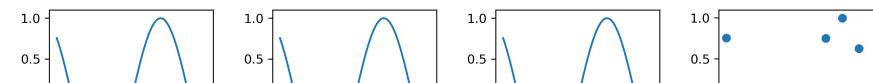
```
ax = plt.gca()    # get current axes  
fig = plt.gcf()  # get current figure
```

# Plotting commands

- Gallery: <http://matplotlib.org/gallery.html>
- Plotting commands summary:  
[http://matplotlib.org/api/pyplot\\_summary.html](http://matplotlib.org/api/pyplot_summary.html)

# plot

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2, 4, figsize=(10, 5))
ax[0, 0].plot(sin)
ax[0, 1].plot(range(100), sin) # same as above
ax[0, 2].plot(np.linspace(-4, 4, 100), sin)
ax[0, 3].plot(sin[::10], 'o')
ax[1, 0].plot(sin, c='r')
ax[1, 1].plot(sin, '--')
ax[1, 2].plot(sin, lw=3)
ax[1, 3].plot(sin[::10], '--o')
plt.tight_layout() # makes stuff fit - usually works
```



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```

why?

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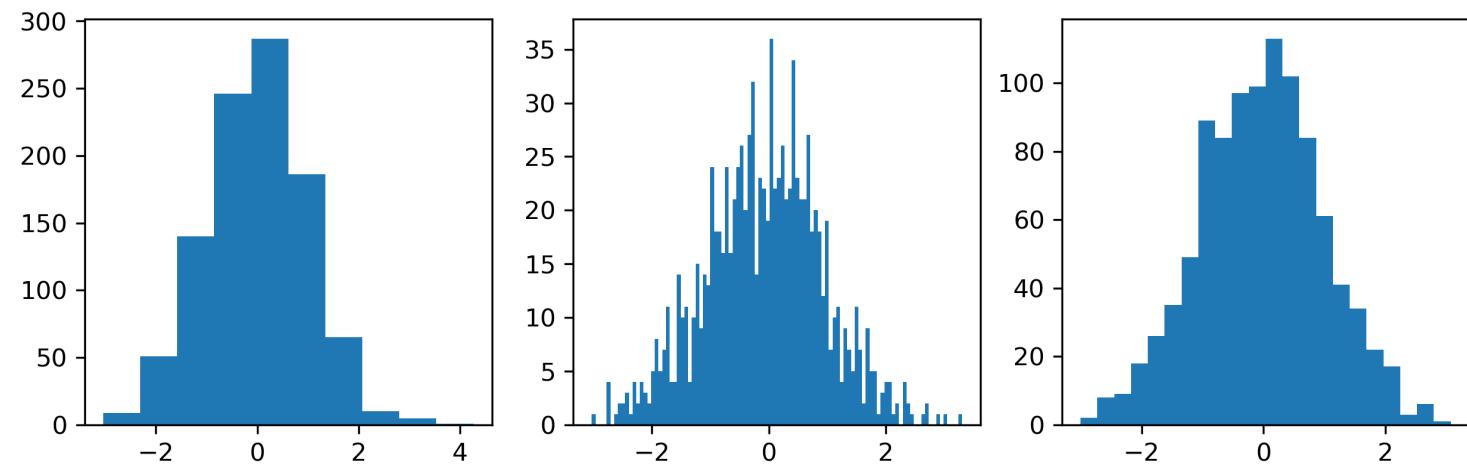
# scatter

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(5, 5),
                      subplot_kw={'xticks': (), 'yticks': ()})
ax[0, 0].scatter(x, y)
ax[0, 0].set_title("scatter")
ax[0, 1].plot(x, y, 'o')
ax[0, 1].set_title("plot")
ax[1, 0].scatter(x, y, c=x-y, cmap='bwr', edgecolor='k')
ax[1, 1].scatter(x, y, c=x-y, s=np.abs(np.random.normal(scale=20, size=50)), cmap='bwr', edgecolor='k')
```



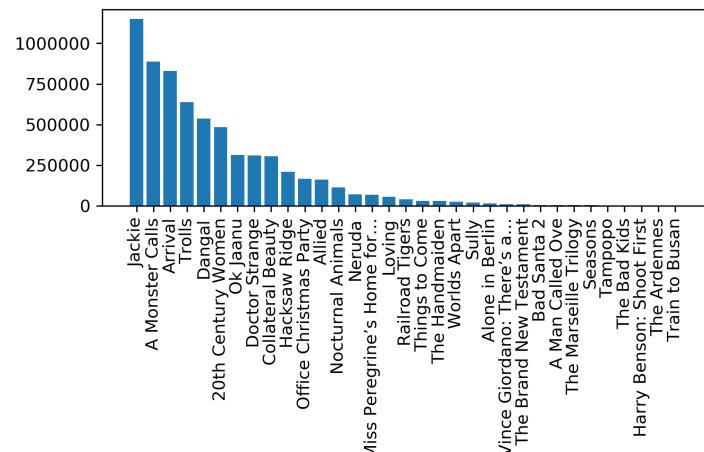
# histogram

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(10, 3))
ax[0].hist(np.random.normal(size=1000))
ax[1].hist(np.random.normal(size=1000), bins=100)
ax[2].hist(np.random.normal(size=1000), bins="auto")
```

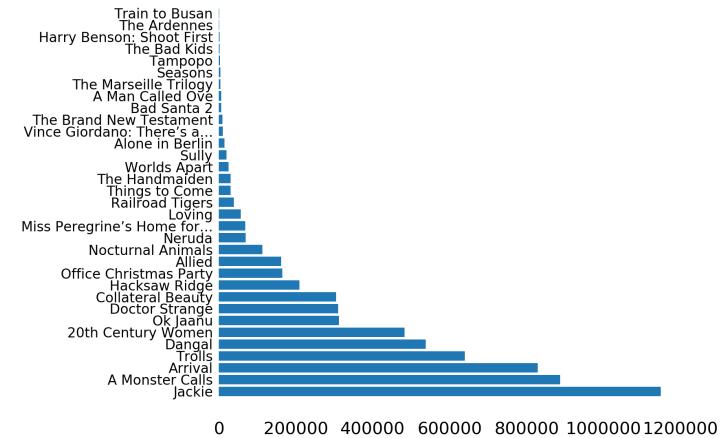


# bars

```
plt.bar(range(len(gross)), gross)
plt.xticks(range(len(gross)), movie, rotation=90)
plt.tight_layout()
```

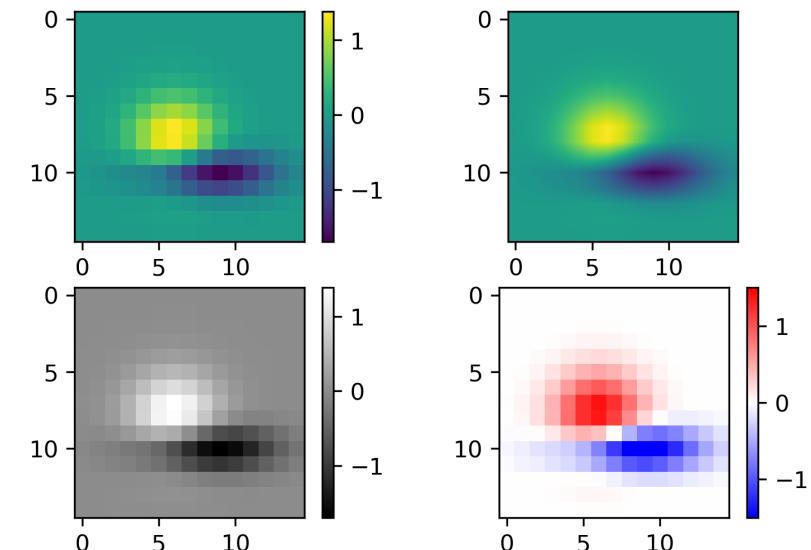


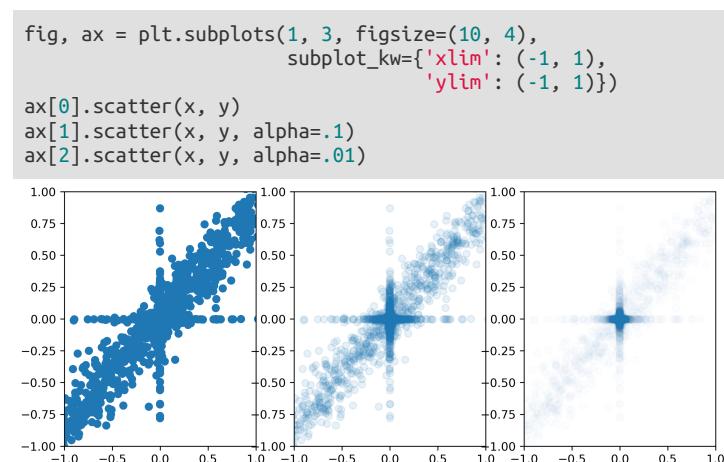
```
plt.bartoh(range(len(gross)), gross)
plt.yticks(range(len(gross)), movie, fontsize=8)
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_frame_on(False)
ax.tick_params(length=0)
```



# heatmaps

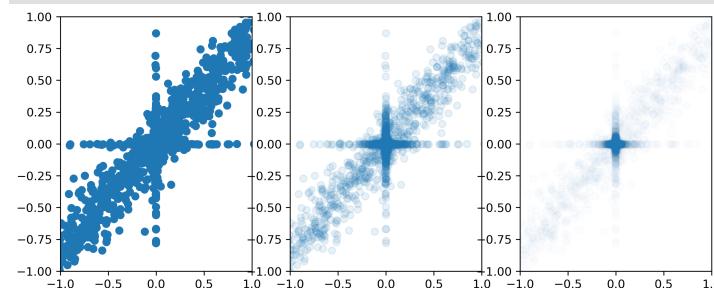
```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2, 2)
im1 = ax[0, 0].imshow(arr)
ax[0, 1].imshow(arr, interpolation='bilinear')
im3 = ax[1, 0].imshow(arr, cmap='gray')
im4 = ax[1, 1].imshow(arr, cmap='bwr',
                      vmin=-1.5, vmax=1.5)
plt.colorbar(im1, ax=ax[0, 0])
plt.colorbar(im3, ax=ax[1, 0])
plt.colorbar(im4, ax=ax[1, 1])
```



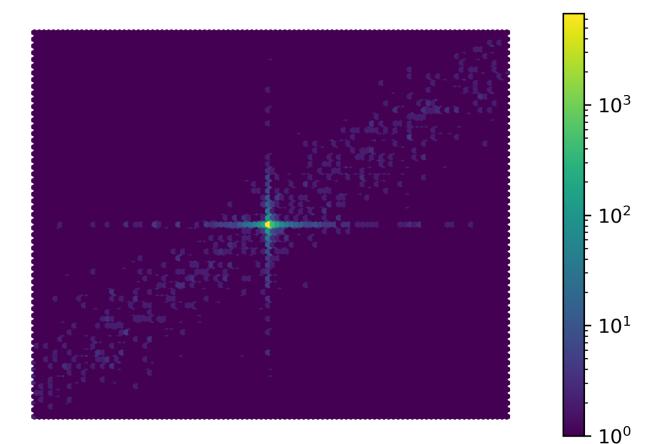


# hexgrids

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(10, 4),
                      subplot_kw={'xlim': (-1, 1),
                                  'ylim': (-1, 1)})
ax[0].scatter(x, y)
ax[1].scatter(x, y, alpha=.1)
ax[2].scatter(x, y, alpha=.01)
```

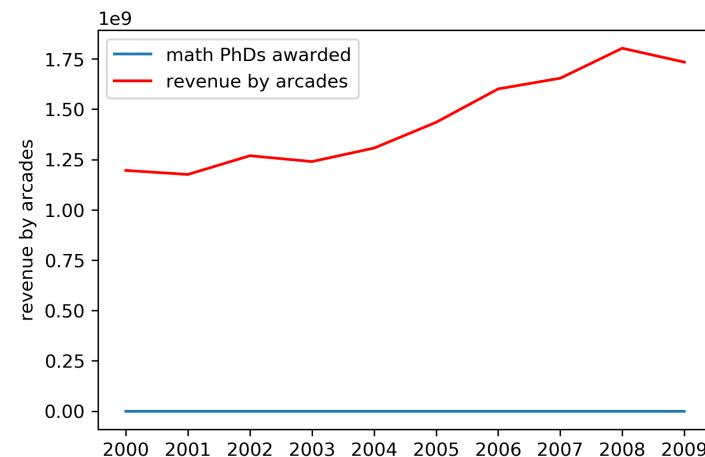


```
plt.figure()
plt.hexbin(x, y, bins='log', extent=(-1, 1, -1, 1))
plt.colorbar()
plt.axis("off")
```

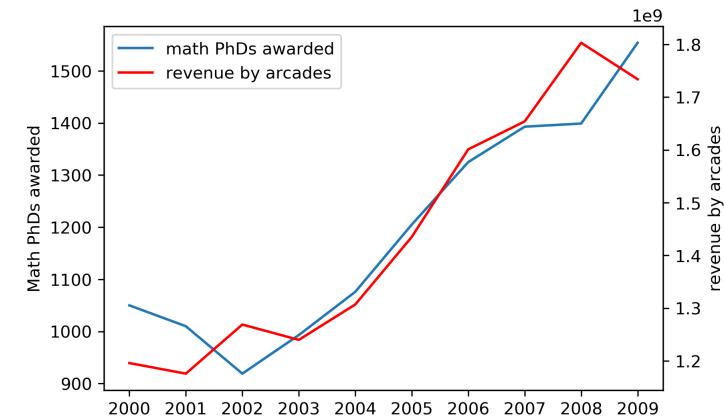


# twinx, twiny

```
ax1 = plt.gca()
ax.plot(years, phds, label="math PhDs awarded")
ax.plot(years, revenue, c='r', label="revenue by arcades")
ax.set_ylabel("Math PhDs awarded")
ax.set_ylabel("revenue by arcades")
ax.legend()
```



```
ax1 = plt.gca()
line1, = ax1.plot(years, phds)
ax2 = ax1.twinx()
line2, = ax2.plot(years, revenue, c='r')
ax1.set_ylabel("Math PhDs awarded")
ax2.set_ylabel("revenue by arcades")
ax2.legend((line1, line2),
           ("math PhDs awarded", "revenue by arcades"))
```

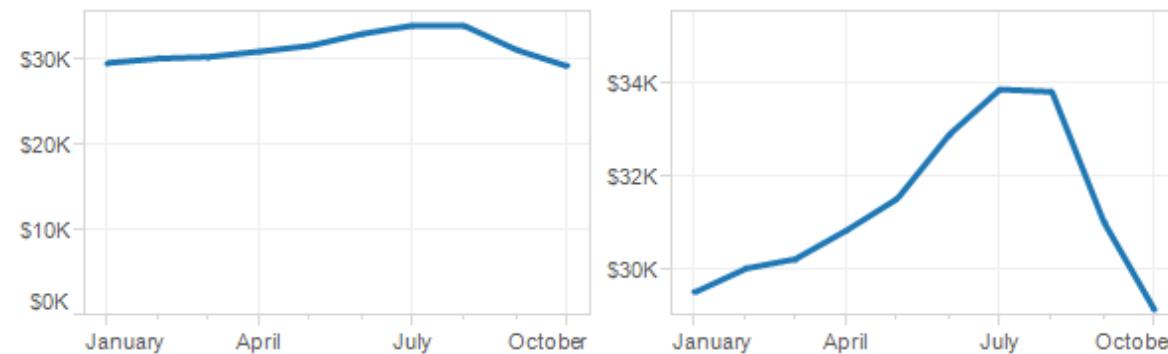


# Aspect Ratios



<https://eagereyes.org/basics/banking-45-degrees>

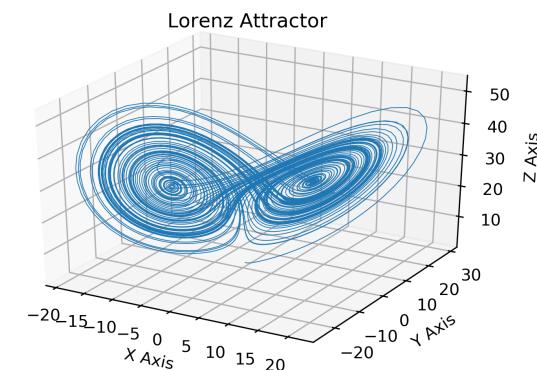
# Baselines



<https://eagereyes.org/basics/baselines>

# 3D plotting

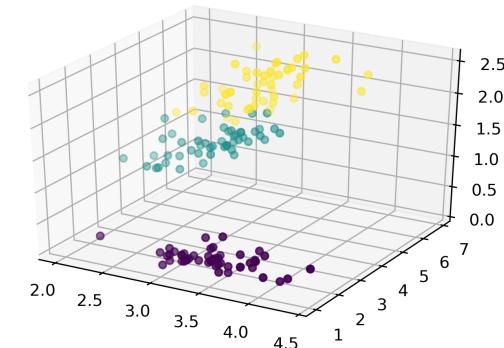
```
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D  
  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
import numpy as np  
  
fig = plt.figure()  
ax = fig.gca(projection='3d')  
  
ax.plot(xs, ys, zs, lw=0.5)
```



# 3D Scatters

```
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.datasets import load_iris

iris = load_iris()
X, y = iris.data, iris.target
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(
    111, projection='3d')
ax.scatter(X[:, 1], X[:, 2], X[:, 3],
           c=y)
```



# Just Don't

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# Do's and Don't summarized

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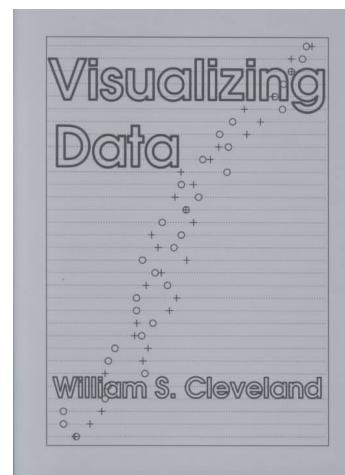
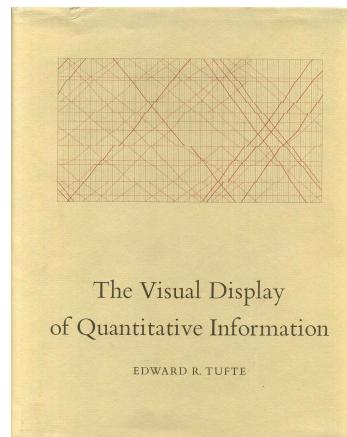
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## Don't

- Use 3D unless really necessary
- Use piecharts (usually)
- have non-varying "ink"
- Edit figure manually

# More Resources



## Fundamentals of Data Visualization

Claus O. Wilke

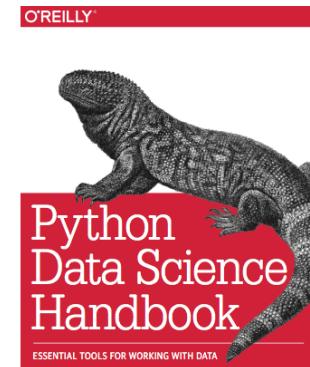
### Welcome

This is an online preview of the book "Fundamentals of Data Visualization" to be published with O'Reilly Media, Inc.

The book is meant as a guide to making visualizations that accurately reflect the data, tell a story, and look professional. It has grown out of my experience of working with students and scholars in my laboratory on thousands of data visualizations. Over the years, I have noticed that the same issues arise over and over. I have attempted to collect my accumulated knowledge from these interactions in the form of this book.

The entire book is written in R Markdown, using RStudio as my text editor and the bookdown package to turn a collection of markdown documents into a coherent whole. The book's source code is hosted on GitHub, at <https://github.com/cranbook/fundamentals-of-data-visualization>. If you notice any errors or other issues, feel free to open an issue on GitHub or send me a pull request. If you do the latter in your commit message, please add the sentence "I assign the copyright of this contribution to Claus O. Wilke." so that I can maintain the option of publishing this book in other forms.

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Also: <https://matplotlib.org/tutorials/>

# Questions ?

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