

# STATS 507

## Data Analysis in Python

Lecture 9: `numpy`, `scipy` and `matplotlib`  
Some examples adapted from A. Tewari

# Reminder!

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Make sure you can ssh to Cavium: <https://arc-ts.umich.edu/cavium/user-guide/>

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<https://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/latest.html>

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<http://its.umich.edu/enterprise/wifi-networks/vpn>

# Numerical computing in Python: `numpy`

One of a few increasingly-popular, free competitors to MATLAB

Numpy quickstart guide: <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-dev/user/quickstart.html>

For MATLAB fans:

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-dev/user/numpy-for-matlab-users.html>

Closely related package `scipy` is for optimization

See <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/>

# Installing packages

So far, we have only used built-in modules

But there are many modules/packages that do not come preinstalled

Ways to install packages:

At the conda prompt or in terminal: `conda install numpy`

<https://conda.io/docs/user-guide/tasks/manage-pkgs.html>

Using pip (recommended): `pip install numpy`


<https://pip.pypa.io/en/stable/>

Using UNIX/Linux package manager (not recommended)

From source (not recommended)

# Installing packages with `pip`

If you have both Python 2 and Python 3 installed, make sure you specify which one you want to install in!



```
keith@Steinhaus:~$ pip3 install beautifulsoup4
Collecting beautifulsoup4
  Downloading beautifulsoup4-4.6.0-py3-none-any.whl (86kB)
    100% |██████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████| 92kB 1.4MB/s
Installing collected packages: beautifulsoup4
Successfully installed beautifulsoup4-4.6.0
```

The above command installs the package `beautifulsoup4`. We will use that later in the semester. To install `numpy`, type the same command, but use `numpy` in place of `beautifulsoup4`.

# numpy data types

`import ... as ...` lets us import a package and give it a shorter name.

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 x = np.float32(3.1415)
4 type(x)
```

`numpy.float32`

Five basic numerical data types:

boolean (`bool`)

integer (`int`)

unsigned integer (`uint`)

floating point (`float`)

complex (`complex`)

Note that this is not the same as a Python `int`.

```
1 x
```

3.1415

```
1 x = np.int(8675309)
2 x
```

8675309

Many more complicated data types are available

e.g., each of the numerical types can vary in how many bits it uses

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/user/basics.types.html>

# numpy data types

```
1 x = np.float64(3.1415)
2 x
3.1415
```

```
1 y = np.float32(3.1415)
2 type(y)
numpy.float32
```

```
1 x==y
False
```

```
1 x==np.float64(y)
False
```

```
1 x = np.int_(8675309)
2 type(x)
numpy.int64
```

32-bit and 64-bit representations are distinct!

Data type followed by underscore uses the default number of bits. This default varies by system.

As a rule, it's best never to check for equality of floats. Instead, check whether they are within some error tolerance of one another.

`numpy.array`: `numpy`'s version of Python array (i.e., list)

Can be created from a Python list...

```
1 np.array([1, 2, 3], dtype='uint')  
array([1, 2, 3], dtype=uint64)
```

...by “shaping” an array...

```
1 np.zeros((2,3))  
array([[ 0.,  0.,  0.],  
       [ 0.,  0.,  0.]])
```

`np.zeros` and `np.ones` generate arrays of 0s or 1s, respectively. Shape parameter (2,3) means to create a 2-D array with two rows and three columns.

...by “ranges”...

```
1 np.arange(2, 3, 0.1, dtype='float')  
array([ 2. ,  2.1,  2.2,  2.3,  2.4,  2.5,  2.6,  2.7,  2.8,  2.9])
```

...or reading directly from a file

see <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/user/basics.creation.html>



# numpy allows arrays of arbitrary dimension (tensors)

1-dimensional arrays:

```
1 x = np.arange(12) # x=[1,2,...,12]
2 x
```

```
array([ 0,  1,  2,  3,  4,  5,  6,  7,  8,  9, 10, 11])
```

2-dimensional arrays (matrices):

```
1 x.shape = (3,4) # now x is a 3-by-4 matrix
2 x # observe that shape fills the new matrix by row.
```

```
array([[ 0,  1,  2,  3],
       [ 4,  5,  6,  7],
       [ 8,  9, 10, 11]])
```

3-dimensional arrays ("3-tensor"):

```
1 x.shape = (2,3,2)
2 x # now x is a 2-by-3-by-2 "cube" of numbers
```

```
array([[[ 0,  1],
        [ 2,  3],
        [ 4,  5]],
       [[ 6,  7],
        [ 8,  9],
        [10, 11]])])
```

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```

Every numpy array has a `shape` attribute specifying its dimensions. For example, an array with shape (3,4) has two rows and three columns. An array with shape (2,3,2) is a 2-by-3-by-2 “box” of numbers.

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        [ 4,  5]],
       [[ 6,  7],
        [ 8,  9],
        [10, 11]]])
```

Think of the shape of an array as specifying how many indices we need to pick out an entry of the array. For example, to pick out a number from a 3-by-4 matrix, we must specify a row and a column.

# More on `numpy.arange` creation

`np.arange(x)`: array version of Python's `range(x)`, like `[0, 1, 2, ..., x-1]`

`np.arange(x, y)`: array version of `range(x, y)`, like `[x, x+1, ..., y-1]`

`np.arange(x, y, z)`: array of elements `[x, y)` in `z`-size increments.

```
1 np.arange(10)
```

```
array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
```

```
1 np.arange(5, 10)
```

```
array([5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
```

```
1 np.arange(0, 1, 0.1)
```

```
array([ 0. ,  0.1,  0.2,  0.3,  0.4,  0.5,  0.6,  0.7,  0.8,  0.9])
```

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Related useful functions, that give better/clearer control of start/endpoints and allow for multidimensional arrays:

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/generated/numpy.linspace.html>

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/generated/numpy.ogrid.html>

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/generated/numpy.mgrid.html>

# numpy array indexing is highly expressive

```
1 x = np.arange(10)
2 x[2:5]
```

```
array([2, 3, 4])
```

```
1 x[:-7]
```

```
array([0, 1, 2])
```

```
1 x[1:7:2]
```

```
array([1, 3, 5])
```

```
1 x[::2]
```

```
array([0, 2, 4, 6, 8])
```

Slices, strides, indexing from the end, etc.  
Just like with Python lists.

Not very relevant to us right now...

...but this will come up again in a few weeks when we cover TensorFlow

# More array indexing

```
1 x = np.reshape(np.arange(1,13), (3,4))
2 x
```

```
array([[ 1,  2,  3,  4],
       [ 5,  6,  7,  8],
       [ 9, 10, 11, 12]])
```

If we specify fewer than the number of indices, `numpy` assumes we mean `:` in the remaining indices.

```
1 x[1]
```

```
array([5, 6, 7, 8])
```

```
1 x[:,(1,3)]
```

```
array([[ 2,  4],
       [ 6,  8],
       [10, 12]])
```

**Warning:** if you're used to MATLAB or R, this behavior will seem weird to you.

```
1 x[(0,2),(1,3)]
```

```
array([ 2, 12])
```

**From the documentation:** When the index consists of as many integer arrays as the array being indexed has dimensions, the indexing is straight forward, but different from slicing. Advanced indexes always are [broadcast](https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/arrays.indexing.html#integer-array-indexing) and iterated as *one*.  
<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/arrays.indexing.html#integer-array-indexing>

# More array indexing

Numpy allows MATLAB/R-like indexing by Booleans

```
1 x = np.arange(10)
2 x[x>7]
```

```
array([8, 9])
```

```
1 x[(x>7) or (x<2)]
```

```
-----
ValueError
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last)
```

```
<ipython-input-373-6b519499a034> in <module>()
```

```
----> 1 x[(x>7) or (x<2)]
```

```
ValueError: The truth value of an array with more than one element is ambiguous. Use a.any() or a.all()
```

Believe it or not, this error is by design! The designers of `numpy` were concerned about ambiguities in Boolean vector operations. In essence, should `(x>7) or (x<2)` be a vector of Booleans or a single Boolean?

# Boolean operations: `np.any()`, `np.all()`

```
1 x = np.arange(10)
2 np.all(x>7)
```

False

Just like the `any` and `all` functions in Python proper.

```
1 np.any(x>7)
```

True

```
1 np.any([x>7,x<2])
```

True

```
1 np.any([x>7,x<2], axis=1)
```

```
array([ True,  True], dtype=bool)
```

```
1 np.any([x>7,x<2], axis=0)
```

```
array([ True,  True, False, False, False, False, False, False,  True,  True], dtype=bool)
```

`axis` argument picks which axis along which to perform the Boolean operation. If left unspecified, it treats the array as a single vector.

Setting `axis` to be the first (i.e., 0-th) axis yields the entrywise behavior we wanted.



# Boolean operations: `np.logical_and()`

`numpy` also has built-in Boolean vector operations, which are simpler/clearer at the cost of the expressiveness of `np.any()`, `np.all()`.

```
1 x = np.arange(10)
2 x[np.logical_and(x>3,x<7)]
```

```
array([4, 5, 6])
```

```
1 np.logical_or(x<3,x>7)
```

```
array([ True,  True,  True, False, False, False, False, False,  True,  True], dtype=bool)
```

```
1 x[np.logical_xor(x>3,x<7)]
```

```
array([0, 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9])
```

```
1 x[np.logical_not(x>3)]
```

```
array([0, 1, 2, 3])
```

This is an example of a numpy “universal function” (ufunc), which we’ll discuss more in a few slides.

# Random numbers in numpy

`np.random` contains methods for generating random numbers

```
1 np.random.random((2,3))
```

```
array([[ 0.61420793,  0.46363275,  0.22880783],  
       [ 0.24268979,  0.13462754,  0.6026283 ]])
```

```
1 np.random.normal(0,1,20)
```

```
array([ 1.31323138,  0.76807767,  1.92180038, -0.34121468,  0.72572401,  
        1.0273551 , -0.78435871,  0.42732636,  1.05947171,  0.23042635,  
        0.3951938 ,  0.3595342 ,  0.14710555,  0.42279814,  0.84381846,  
        1.06495165, -1.51074354, -0.16419861,  2.89275956, -1.18501386])
```

```
1 np.random.uniform(0,1,(2,4))
```

```
array([[ 0.08399452,  0.03934797,  0.3603464 ,  0.66361677],  
       [ 0.33499095,  0.29427732,  0.14963153,  0.87892145]])
```

Lots more distributions:

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/routines.random.html#distributions>

# `np.random.choice()`: random samples from data

`np.random.choice(x, [size, replace, p])`

Generates a sample of `size` elements from the array `x`, drawn with (`replace=True`) or without (`replace=False`) replacement, with element probabilities given by vector `p`.

```
1 x = np.arange(1,11)
2 for i in range(5):
3     print np.random.choice(x,5,False,x/float(sum(x)))
```

```
[ 1  5 10  7  6]
[8 5 9 2 6]
[ 9  6  3  8 10]
[ 7  9 10  5  6]
[8 5 6 9 1]
```

# shuffle() VS permutation()

`np.random.shuffle(x)`

randomly permutes entries of `x` in place  
so `x` itself is changed by this operation!

`np.random.permutation(x)`

returns a random permutation of `x`  
and `x` remains unchanged.

Compare with the Python `list.sort()`  
and `sorted()` functions.

```
1 x = np.arange(10)
2 print x
```

```
[0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9]
```

```
1 np.random.shuffle(x)
2 print x # x is different, now.
```

```
[1 5 0 3 2 7 6 8 9 4]
```

```
1 print np.random.permutation(x)
```

```
[5 2 8 7 0 3 9 6 1 4]
```

```
1 print x # x is unchanged by permutation()
```

```
[1 5 0 3 2 7 6 8 9 4]
```

# Statistics in `numpy`

`numpy` implements all the standard statistics functions you've come to expect

```
1 x = np.random.normal(0,1,100)
2 np.mean(x), np.median(x), np.std(x)
```

```
(-0.062724875643358866, -0.05261873350441526, 1.0556291754262765)
```

```
1 np.min(x), np.max(x), np.ptp(x) # ptp gets max-min
```

```
(-3.1029568746428113, 1.9628924810049164, 5.0658493556477282)
```

```
1 np.std(x), np.var(x)
```

```
(1.0556291754262765, 1.1143529560111607)
```

# Statistics in `numpy` (cont'd)

NaN is short for “not a number”. NaNs typically arise either because of improper mathematical operations (e.g., dividing by zero) or to represent missing data.

Numpy deals with NaNs more gracefully than MATLAB/R:

```
1 x[5] = np.nan
2 np.mean(x)
```

nan

```
1 np.nanmin(x), np.nanmax(x), np.nanstd(x), np.nanvar(x)
```

```
(-3.1029568746428113,  
 1.9628924810049164,  
 1.0439479158102707,  
 1.0898272509246081)
```

For more statistical functions, see:

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-1.8.1/reference/routines.statistics.html>

# Probability and statistics in `scipy`

`scipy` is a distinct Python package, part of the `numpy` ecosystem.

(Almost) all the distributions you could possibly ever want:

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/stats.html#continuous-distributions>

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/stats.html#multivariate-distributions>

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/stats.html#discrete-distributions>

More statistical functions (moments, kurtosis, statistical tests):

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/stats.html#statistical-functions>

```
1 import scipy.stats
2 x = np.random.normal(0,1,20)
3 scipy.stats.kstest(x, 'norm')
```

Second argument is the name of a distribution in `scipy.stats`

```
KstestResult(statistic=0.23182037538316391, pvalue=0.19897055187485568)
```

[Kolmogorov-Smirnov test](#)

# Matrix-vector operations in `numpy`

```
1 A = np.reshape(np.arange(1,13), (3,4))
2 x = np.ones(4)
3 A*x
```

```
array([[ 1.,  2.,  3.,  4.],
       [ 5.,  6.,  7.,  8.],
       [ 9., 10., 11., 12.]])
```

Trying to multiply two arrays, and you get **broadcast** behavior, *not* a matrix-vector product.

```
1 y = np.ones(3)
2 A*y
```

```
-----
ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-83-86c92ad89b88> in <module>()
      1 y = np.ones(3)
----> 2 A*y
```

```
ValueError: operands could not be broadcast together with shapes (3,4) (3,)
```

```
1 np.reshape(y, (3,1))*A
```

```
array([[ 1.,  2.,  3.,  4.],
       [ 5.,  6.,  7.,  8.],
       [ 9., 10., 11., 12.]])
```

Broadcast multiplication still requires that dimensions agree and all that.



# Matrix-vector operations in `numpy`

```
1 A = np.matrix(np.reshape(np.arange(1,13),(3,4)))
```

```
2 A
```

```
matrix([[ 1,  2,  3,  4],  
        [ 5,  6,  7,  8],  
        [ 9, 10, 11, 12]])
```

Create a numpy matrix from a numpy array. We can also create matrices from strings with MATLAB-like syntax. See documentation.

```
1 x = np.ones((4,1))
```

```
2 A*x
```

```
matrix([[10.],  
        [26.],  
        [42.]])
```

Now matrix-vector and vector-matrix multiplication work as we want.

```
1 y = np.ones((1,3))
```

```
2 y*A
```

```
matrix([[15., 18., 21., 24.]])
```

Numpy matrices support a whole bunch of useful methods. See documentation: <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/generated/numpy.matrix.html>

# numpy/scipy universal functions (ufuncs)

From the documentation:

A universal function (or ufunc for short) is a function that operates on ndarrays in an element-by-element fashion, supporting array broadcasting, type casting, and several other standard features. That is, a ufunc is a “vectorized” wrapper for a function that takes a fixed number of scalar inputs and produces a fixed number of scalar outputs.

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/ufuncs.html>

So ufuncs are vectorized operations, just like in R and MATLAB

# ufuncs in action

List comprehensions are great, but they're not well-suited to numerical computing

```
1 x = range(10)
2 x**2
```

```
-----
TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-466-84f8296342ab> in <module>()
      1 x = range(10)
----> 2 x**2
```

**TypeError:** unsupported operand type(s) for \*\* or pow(): 'list' and 'int'

```
1 [x**2 for x in np.arange(10)]
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

```
1 x = np.arange(10)
2 x**2
array([ 0,  1,  4,  9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81])
```

Unlike Python lists, `numpy` arrays support vectorized operations.

# Sorting with numpy/scipy

ASCII rears its head-- capital letters are “earlier” than all lower-case by default.

```
1 chararray = np.array([c for c in 'Michigan']).reshape((2, 4))
2 print chararray

[['M' 'i' 'c' 'h']
 ['i' 'g' 'a' 'n']]
```

```
1 np.sort(chararray)

array([[ 'M', 'c', 'h', 'i'],
       [ 'a', 'g', 'i', 'n']],
      dtype='<S1')
```

Sorting is along the “last” axis by default. Note contrast with `np.any()`. To treat the array as a single vector, `axis` must be set to `None`.

```
1 np.sort(chararray, axis=1)

array([[ 'M', 'c', 'h', 'i'],
       [ 'a', 'g', 'i', 'n']],
      dtype='<S1')
```

```
1 np.sort(chararray, axis=0)

array([[ 'M', 'g', 'a', 'h'],
       [ 'i', 'i', 'c', 'n']],
      dtype='<S1')
```

Original array is unchanged by use of `np.sort()`, like Python’s built-in `sorted()`

```
1 np.sort(chararray, axis=None)

array([ 'M', 'a', 'c', 'g', 'h', 'i', 'i', 'n'],
      dtype='<S1')
```

```
1 print chararray

[['M' 'i' 'c' 'h']
 ['i' 'g' 'a' 'n']]
```

# A cautionary note

`numpy/scipy` have several similarly-named functions with different behaviors!

Example: `np.amax`, `np.ndarray.max`, `np.maximum`

The best way to avoid these confusions is to

- 1) Read the documentation carefully
- 2) Test your code!

# Plotting with `matplotlib`

`matplotlib` is a plotting library for use in Python

Similar to R's `ggplot2` and MATLAB's plotting functions

For MATLAB fans, `matplotlib.pyplot` implements MATLAB-like plotting:

[http://matplotlib.org/users/pyplot\\_tutorial.html](http://matplotlib.org/users/pyplot_tutorial.html)

Sample plots with code:

[http://matplotlib.org/tutorials/introductory/sample\\_plots.html](http://matplotlib.org/tutorials/introductory/sample_plots.html)

# Basic plotting: `matplotlib.pyplot.plot`

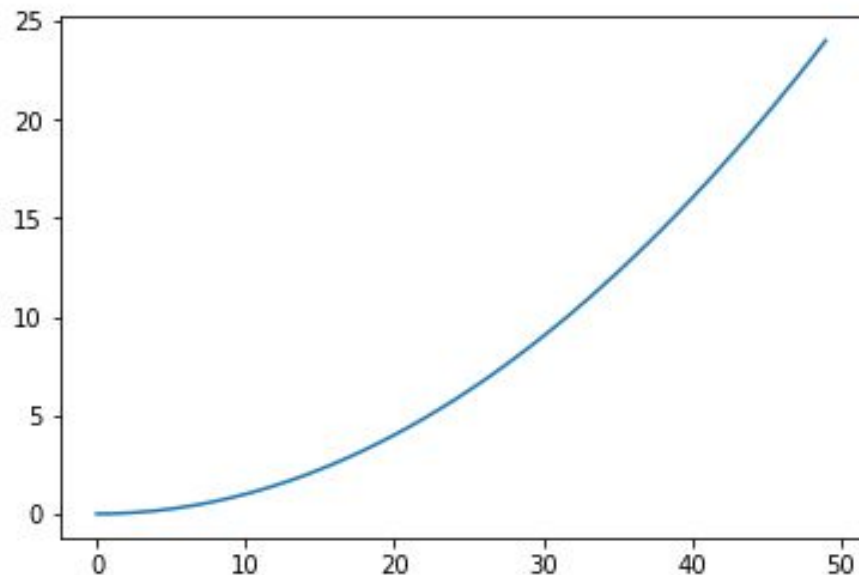
`matplotlib.pyplot.plot(x, y)`

plots `y` as a function of `x`.

`matplotlib.pyplot(t)`

sets x-axis to `np.arange(len(t))`

```
1 import matplotlib as mp
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 %matplotlib inline
4 x = np.arange(0,5,0.1, dtype='float')
5 _ = plt.plot(x**2)
```

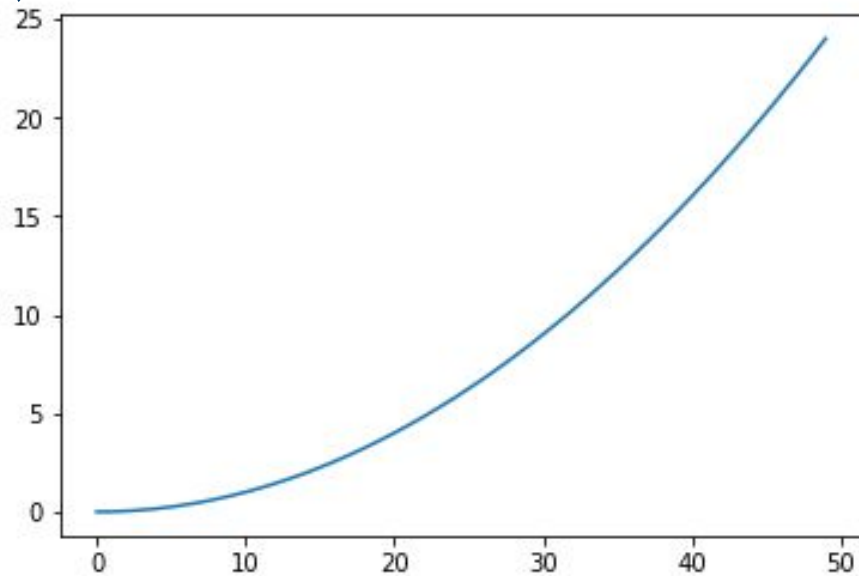


# Basic plotting: `matplotlib.pyplot.plot`

Jupyter “magic” command to make images appear in-line.

Reminder: Python `\_` is a placeholder, similar to MATLAB `\~`. Tells Python to treat this like variable assignment, but don't store result anywhere.

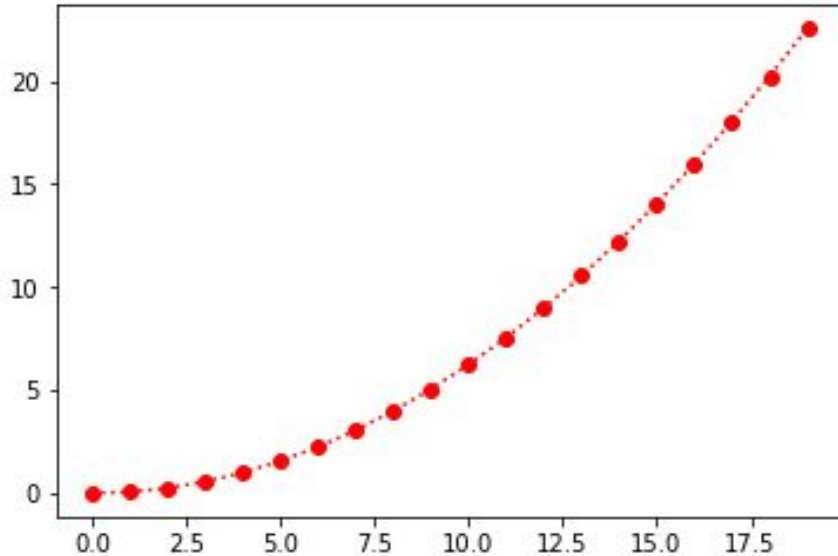
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```





# Customizing plots

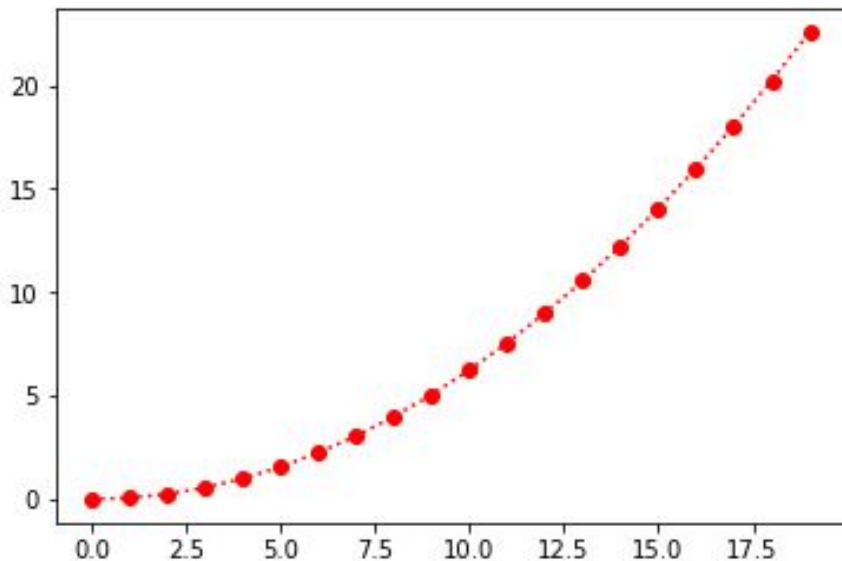
```
1 x = np.arange(0,5,0.25, dtype='float')  
2 _ = plt.plot(x**2, ':ro')
```



Second argument to `pyplot.plot` specifies line type, line color, and marker type.

# Customizing plots

```
1 x = np.arange(0,5,0.25, dtype='float')
2 _ = plt.plot(x**2, color='red', linestyle=':', marker='o')
```

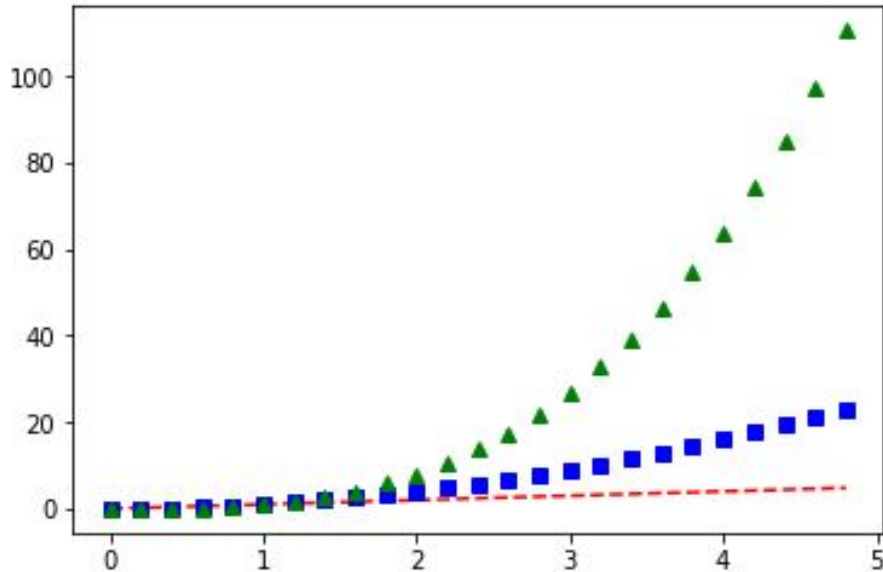


Long form of the command on the previous slide. Same plot!

A full list of the long-form arguments available to `pyplot.plot` are available in the table titled “Here are the available Line2D properties.”: [http://matplotlib.org/users/pyplot\\_tutorial.html](http://matplotlib.org/users/pyplot_tutorial.html)

# Multiple lines in a single plot

```
1 t = np.arange(0., 5., 0.2)
2 # plt.plot(xvals, y1vals, traits1, y2vals, traits2, ... )
3 _ = plt.plot(t, t, 'r--', t, t**2, 'bs', t, t**3, 'g^')
```

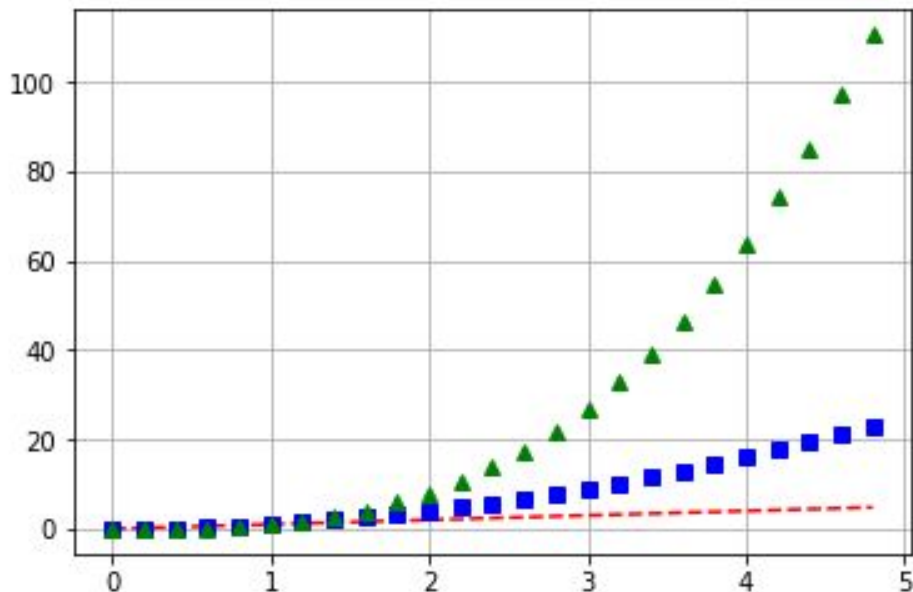


**Note:** more complicated specification of individual lines can be achieved by adding them to the plot one at a time.

# Multiple lines in a single plot: long form

```
1 t = np.arange(0., 5., 0.2)
2 plt.grid()
3 plt.plot(t, t, 'r--')
4 plt.plot(t, t**2, 'bs')
5 plt.plot(t, t**3, 'g^')
6 _ = plt.show()
```

plt.grid turns grid lines on/off.

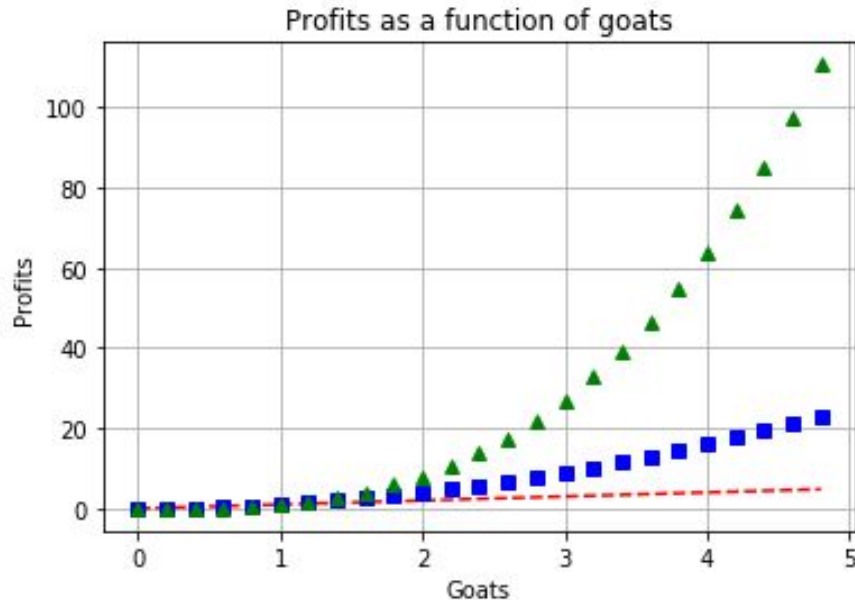


**Note:** same plot as previous slide, but specifying one line at a time so we could, if we wanted, use more complicated line attributes.

# Titles and axis labels

```
1 t = np.arange(0., 5., 0.2)
2 plt.grid()
3 plt.plot(t, t, 'r--', t, t**2, 'bs', t, t**3, 'g^')
4 plt.title('Profits as a function of goats')
5 plt.xlabel('Goats')
6 plt.ylabel('Profits')
7 _ = plt.show()
```

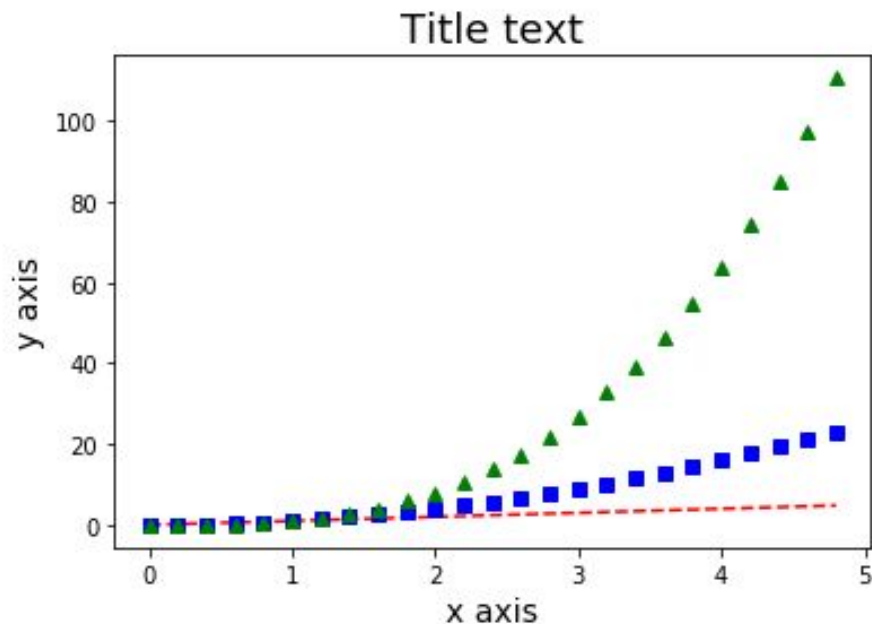
Specifying titles and axis labels couldn't be more straight-forward.



# Titles and axis labels

```
1 t = np.arange(0., 5., 0.2)
2 plt.title('Title text', fontsize=18)
3 plt.xlabel('x axis', fontsize=14)
4 plt.ylabel('y axis', fontsize=14)
5 _ = plt.plot(t, t, 'r--', t, t**2, 'bs', t, t**3, 'g^')
```

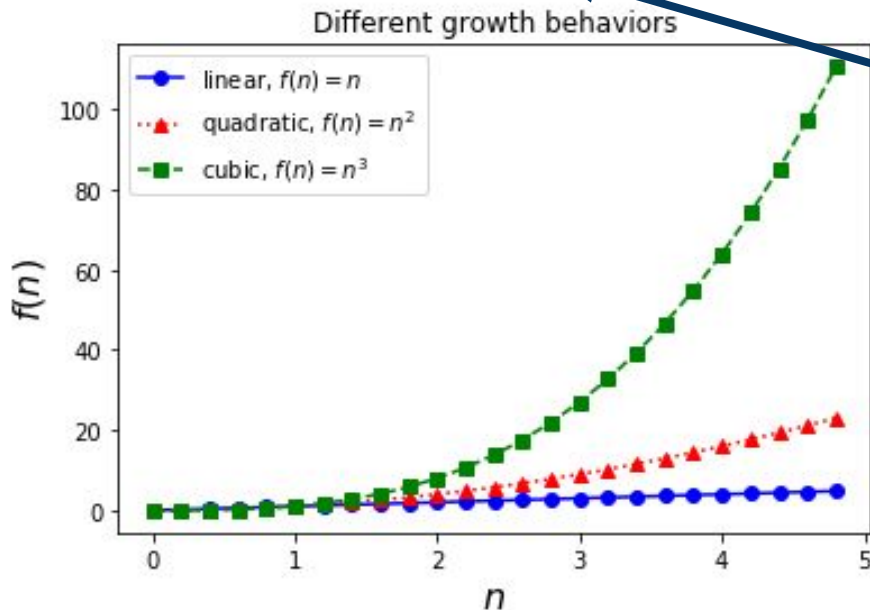
Change font sizes



# Legends

```
1 plt.xlabel("$n$", fontsize=16) # set the axes labels
2 plt.ylabel("$f(n)$", fontsize=16)
3 plt.title("Different growth behaviors") # set the plot title
4 plt.plot(t, t, '-ob', label='linear, $f(n)=n$')
5 plt.plot(t, t**2, ':^r', label='quadratic, $f(n)=n^2$')
6 plt.plot(t, t**3, '--sg', label='cubic, $f(n)=n^3$')
7 _ = plt.legend(loc='best') # places legend at best location
```

Can use LaTeX in labels, titles, etc.

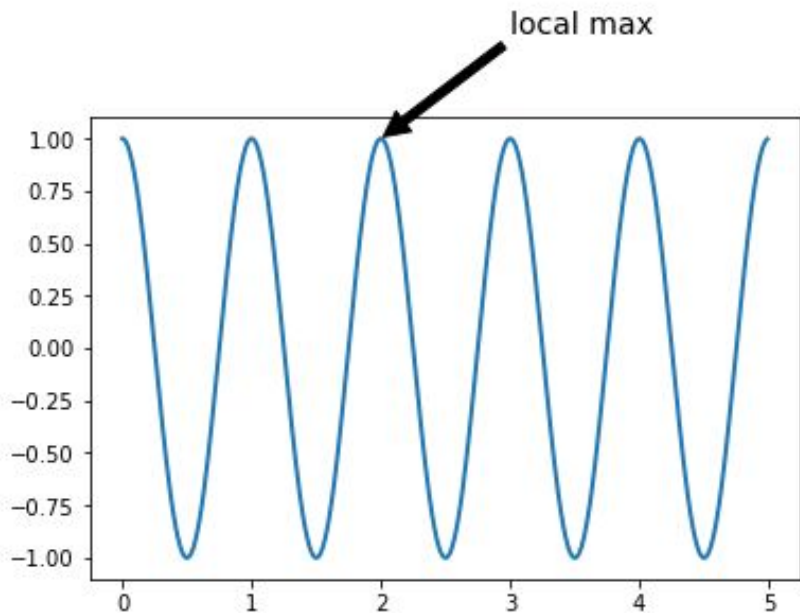


`pyplot.legend` generates legend based on label arguments passed to `pyplot.plot`. `loc='best'` tells `pyplot` to place the legend where it thinks is best.

# Annotating figures

```
1 t = np.arange(0.0, 5.0, 0.01)
2 s = np.cos(2*np.pi*t) #np.pi==3.14159...
3 plt.plot(t, s, lw=2) # plot the cosine.
4 # Annotate the figure with an arrow and text.
5 _ = plt.annotate('local max', xy=(2, 1), xytext=(3, 1.5),
6                  fontsize=14,
7                  arrowprops=dict(facecolor='black', shrink=0.02) )
```

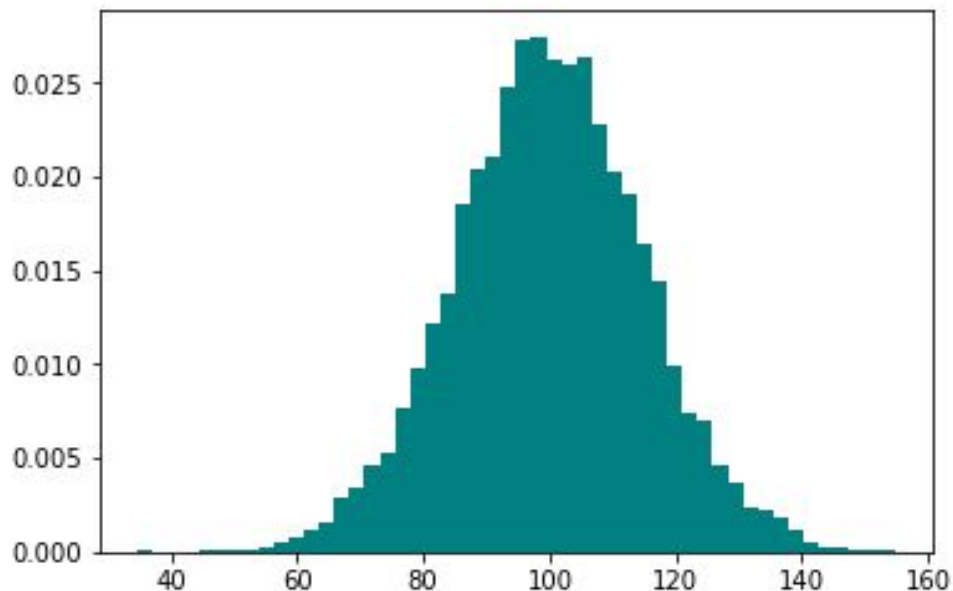
Specify text coordinates and coordinates of the arrowhead using the *coordinates of the plot itself*. This is pleasantly different from many other plotting packages, which require specifying coordinates in pixels!





# Plotting histograms: `pyplot.hist()`

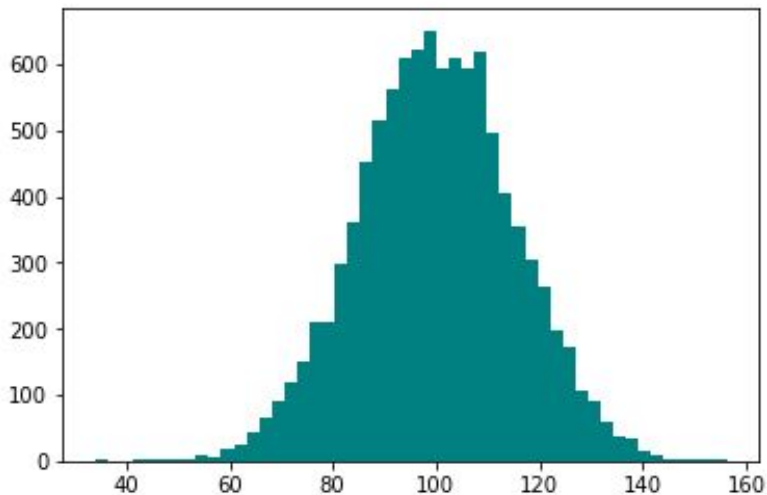
```
1 mu, sigma = 100, 15
2 x = np.random.normal(mu, sigma, 10000)
3 # hist( data, nbins, ...)
4 (n, bins, patches) = plt.hist(x, 50, normed=1, facecolor='teal')
```



# Plotting histograms: `pyplot.hist()`

```
1 (n,bins,patches) = plt.hist(x, 50, normed=0, facecolor='teal')
2 n
```

```
array([[ 1.,  0.,  0.,  1.,  1.,  1.,  3.,  3.,  9.,
        7., 17., 24., 43., 65., 89., 120., 149., 210.,
       211., 298., 362., 452., 515., 563., 609., 622., 651.,
       594., 608., 593., 620., 496., 406., 355., 304., 264.,
       197., 172., 105., 90., 60., 38., 34., 16., 8.,
        3.,  3.,  4.,  3.,  1.]])
```

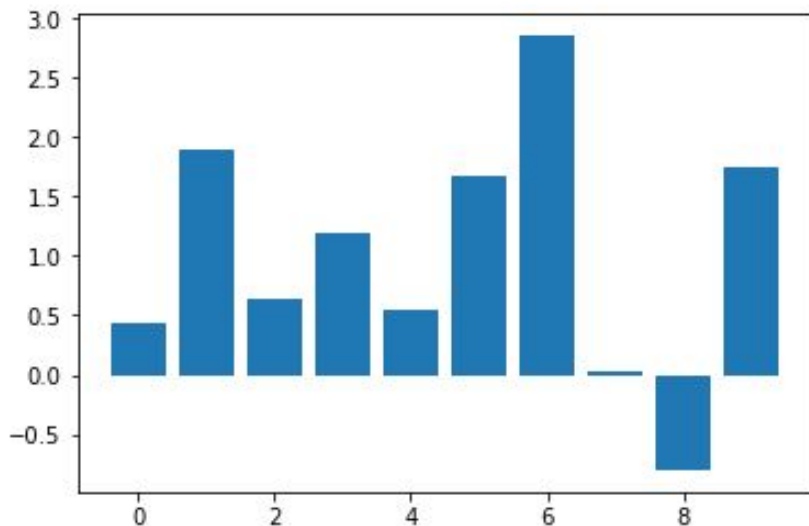


Bin counts. Note that if `normed=1`, then these will be proportions between 0 and 1 instead of counts.

# Bar plots

```
bar(x, height, *, align='center', **kwargs)
```

```
1 t = np.arange(10)
2 s = np.random.normal(1,1,10)
3 _ = plt.bar(t, s, align='center')
```



Full set of available arguments to

`bar(...)` can be found at

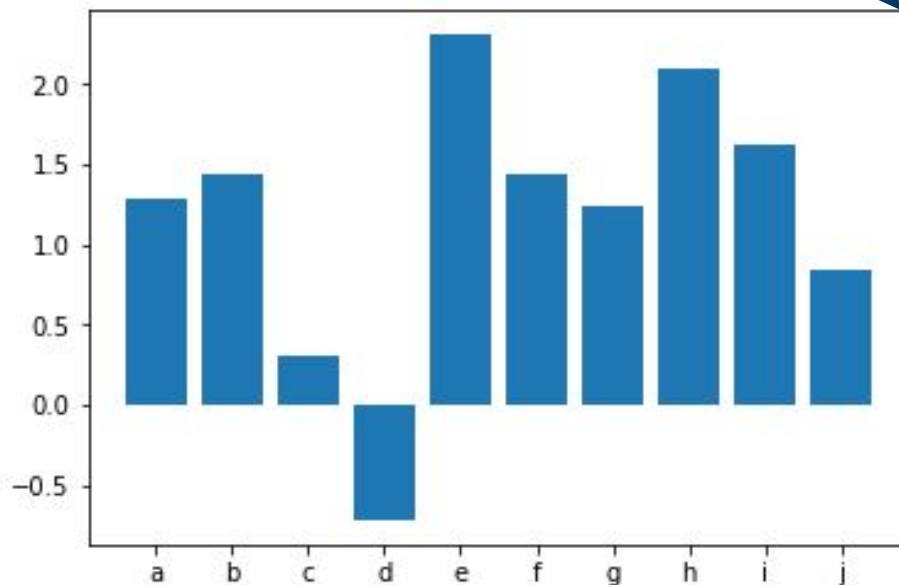
[http://matplotlib.org/api/\\_as\\_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.bar.html#matplotlib.pyplot.bar](http://matplotlib.org/api/_as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.bar.html#matplotlib.pyplot.bar)

Horizontal analogue given by `barh`

[http://matplotlib.org/api/\\_as\\_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.barh.html#matplotlib.pyplot.barh](http://matplotlib.org/api/_as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.barh.html#matplotlib.pyplot.barh)

# Tick labels

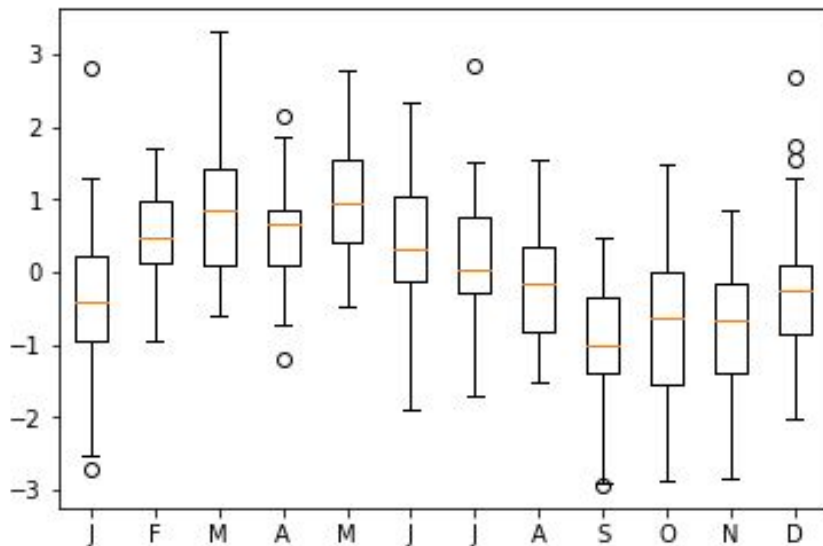
```
1 import string
2 t = np.arange(10)
3 s = np.random.normal(1,1,10)
4 mylabels = list(string.ascii_lowercase[0:len(t)])
5 _ = plt.bar(t, s, tick_label=mylabels, align='center')
```



Can specify what the x-axis tick labels should be by using the `tick_label` argument to plot functions.

# Box & whisker plots

```
1 K=12; n=25
2 draws = np.zeros((n,K))
3 means = np.zeros((n,1))
4 for k in range(K):
5     mu = np.sin(2*np.pi*k/K)
6     draws[:,k] = np.random.normal(mu,1,n)
7
8 _ = plt.boxplot(draws, labels=list('JFMAMJJASOND'))
```



`plt.boxplot(x, ...)` : `x` is the data.  
Many more optional arguments are available,  
most to do with how to compute medians,  
confidence intervals, whiskers, etc. See  
[http://matplotlib.org/api/as\\_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.boxplot.html#matplotlib.pyplot.boxplot](http://matplotlib.org/api/as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.boxplot.html#matplotlib.pyplot.boxplot)

# Pie Charts

Don't use pie charts!

A table is nearly always better than a dumb pie chart; the only worse design than a pie chart is several of them, for then the viewer is asked to compare quantities located in spatial disarray both within and between charts [...]  
Given their low [information] density and failure to order numbers along a visual dimension, pie charts should never be used.

Edward Tufte

*The Visual Display of Quantitative Information*

But if you must...

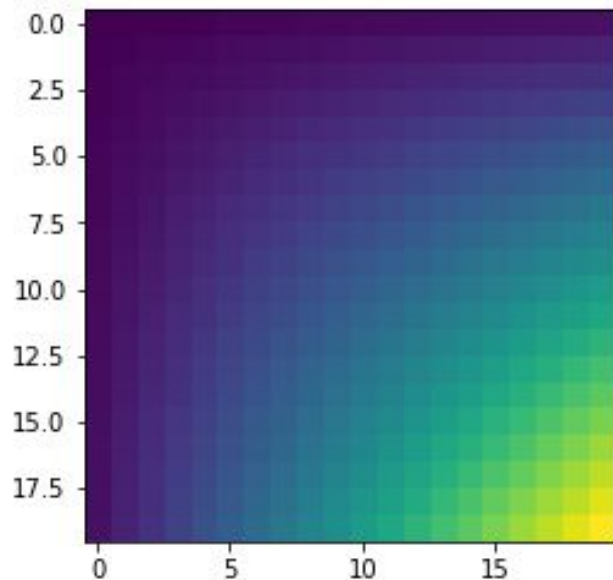
```
pyplot.pie(x, ... )
```

[http://matplotlib.org/api/\\_as\\_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.pie.html#matplotlib.pyplot.pie](http://matplotlib.org/api/_as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.pie.html#matplotlib.pyplot.pie)



# Heatmaps and tiling

```
1 n=20
2 x = np.arange(1,n+1)
3 M = x*np.reshape(x, (n,1))
4 _ = plt.imshow(M)
```

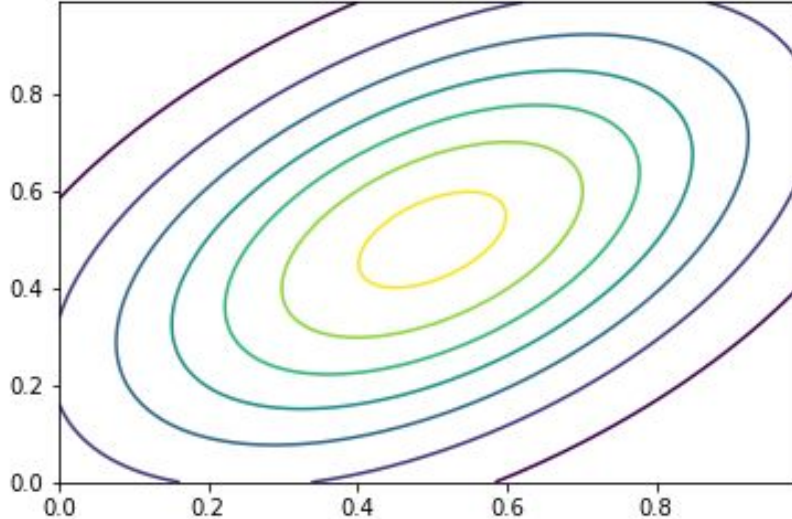


`imshow` is matplotlib analogue of MATLAB's `imagesc`, R's `image`. Lots of optional extra arguments for changing scale, color scheme, etc. See documentation: [https://matplotlib.org/api/pyplot\\_api.html#matplotlib.pyplot.imshow](https://matplotlib.org/api/pyplot_api.html#matplotlib.pyplot.imshow)

# Drawing contours

```
1 mu=np.array([0.5,0.5])
2 Sigma=np.array([[0.1,0.05],[0.05,0.1]])
3 mvn1 = scipy.stats.multivariate_normal(mu,Sigma)
4
5 x, y = np.mgrid[0:1:.01, 0:1:.01]
6 pos = np.empty(x.shape + (2,))
7 pos[:, :, 0] = x; pos[:, :, 1] = y
8
9 _ = plt.contour(x, y, mvn1.pdf(pos))
```

These three lines create an object, `mvn1`, representing a multivariate normal distribution.

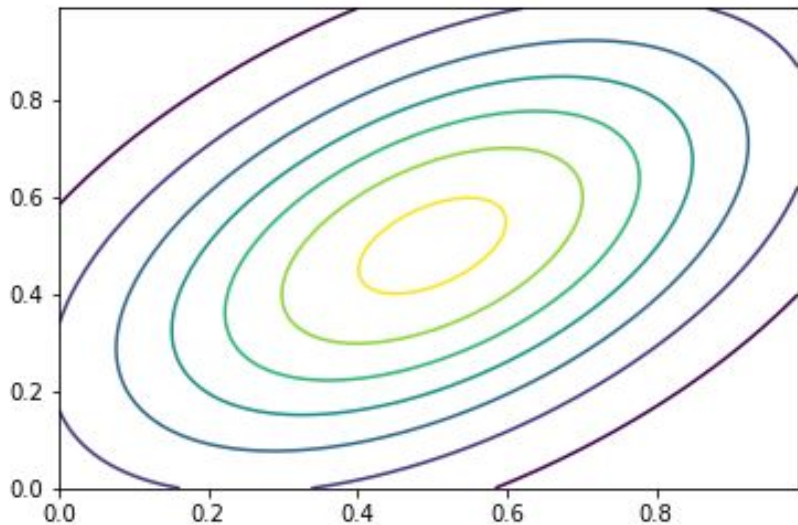




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```

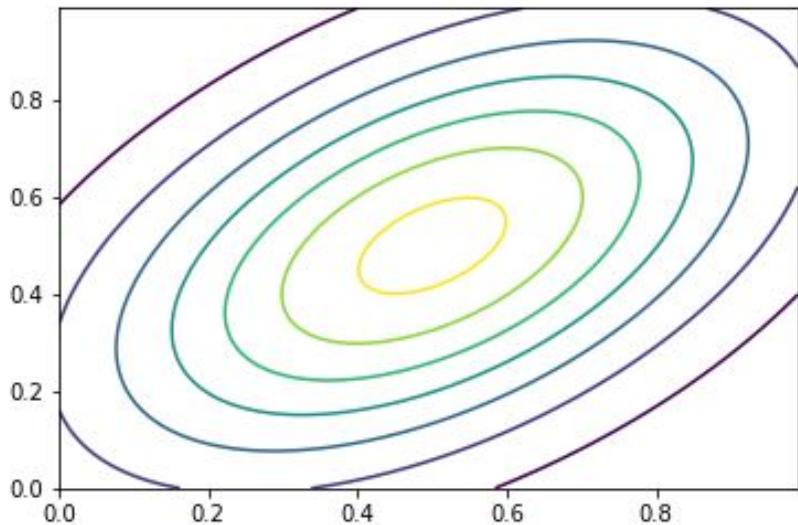
`mgrid` is short for “mesh grid”. Note the syntax: square brackets instead of parentheses. `mgrid` is an object, not a function!



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```

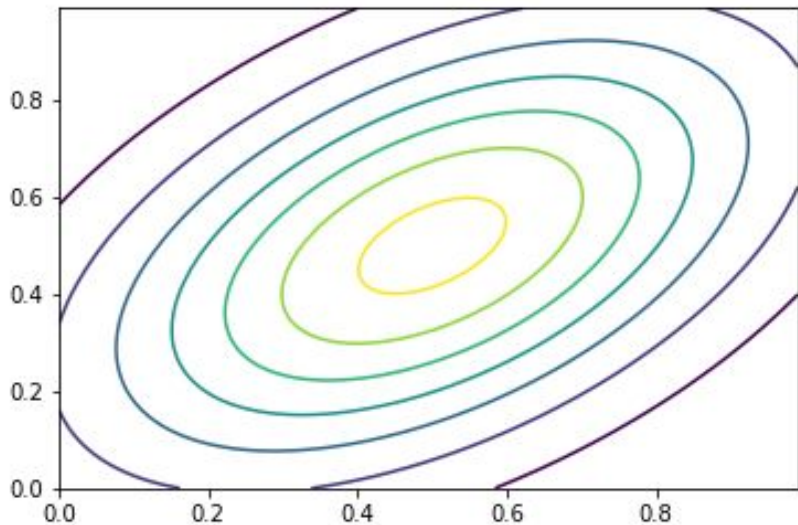
Here, `mgrid` generates a grid of (x,y) pairs, so this line actually generates a 100-by-100 grid of (x,y) coordinates, hence the tuple assignment.



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```

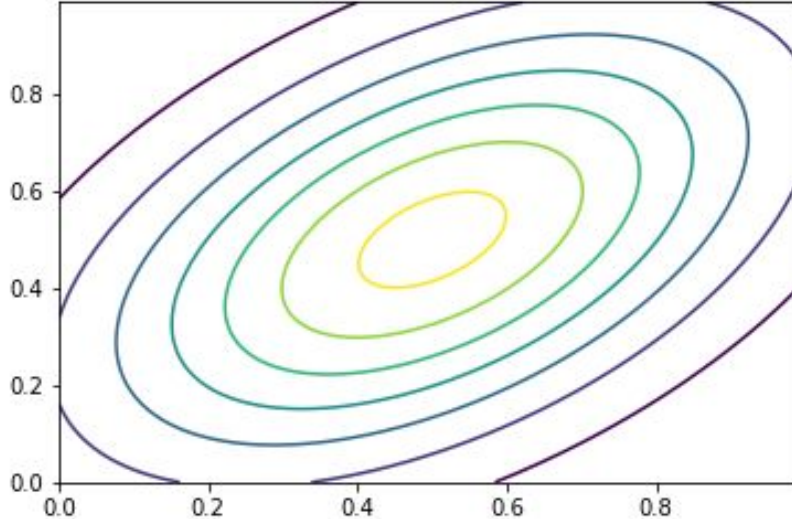
`pos` is a 3-dimensional array. Like a box of numbers. We're going to plot a surface, but at each (x,y) coordinate, the surface value depends on both x and y.



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5 x, y = np.mgrid[0:1:.01, 0:1:.01]
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```

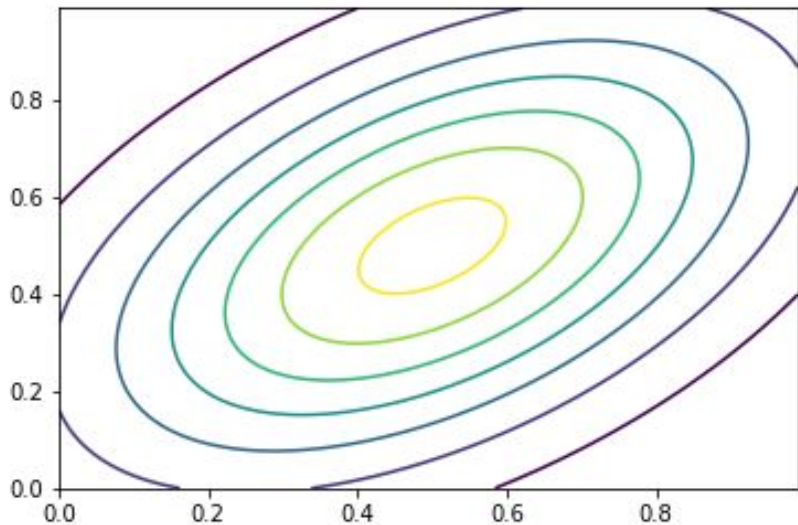
The reason for building `pos` the way we did is apparent if we read the documentation for `scipy.stats.(dist).pdf`.



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4
5 x, y = np.mgrid[0:1:.01, 0:1:.01]
6 pos = np.empty(x.shape + (2,))
7 pos[:, :, 0] = x; pos[:, :, 1] = y
8
9 _ = plt.contour(x, y, mvn1.pdf(pos))
```

`matplotlib.contour` takes a set of x coordinates, a set of y coordinates, and an array of their corresponding values.



`matplotlib.contour` offers plenty of optional arguments for changing color schemes, spacing of contour lines, etc.  
[https://matplotlib.org/api/contour\\_api.html](https://matplotlib.org/api/contour_api.html)



# Subplots

`subplot(nrows, ncols, plot_number)`

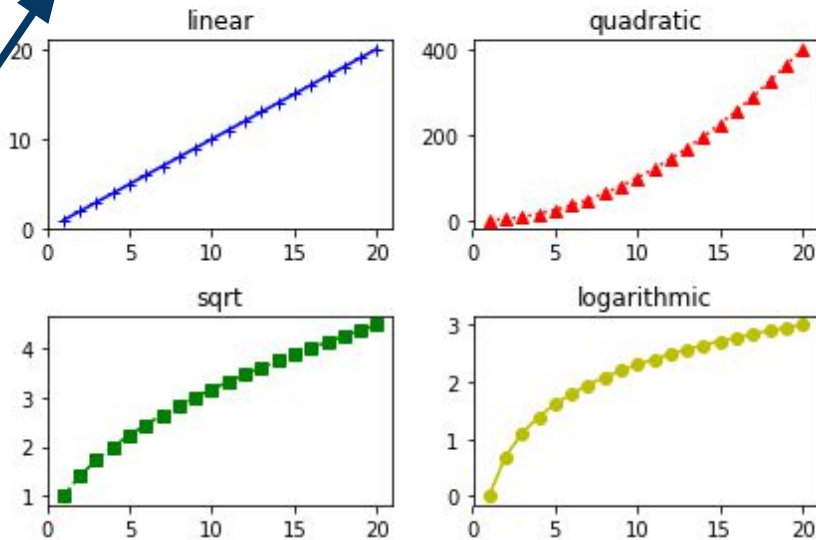
Shorthand: `subplot(XYZ)`

Makes an X-by-Y plot

Picks out the Z-th plot

Counting in row-major order

```
1 t=np.arange(20)+1
2 plt.subplot(221)
3 plt.plot(t,t,'-+b')
4 plt.title('linear')
5 plt.subplot(222)
6 plt.title('quadratic')
7 plt.plot(t, t**2, ':-^r')
8 plt.subplot(223)
9 plt.title('sqrt')
10 plt.plot(t,np.sqrt(t), '--sg')
11 plt.subplot(224)
12 plt.title('logarithmic')
13 plt.plot(t,np.log(t), '-oy')
14 _ = plt.tight_layout()
```



`tight_layout()` automatically tries to clean things up so that subplots don't overlap. Without this command in this example, the labels "sqrt" and "logarithmic" overlap with the x-axis tick labels in the first row.

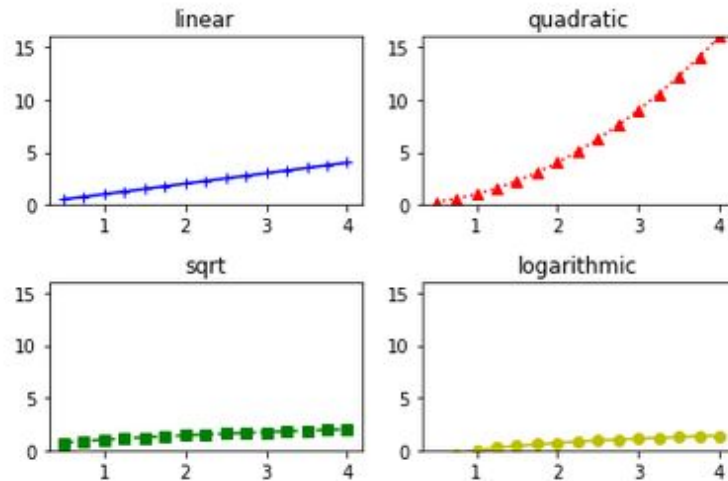
# Specifying axis ranges

`plt.ylim([lower, upper])` sets y-axis limits

`plt.xlim([lower, upper])` for x-axis

For-loop goes through all of the subplots and sets their y-axis limits

```
1 t = np.arange(0.5, 4.25, 0.25)
2 ymax = np.max(t**2)
3 plt.subplot(221)
4 plt.plot(t, t, '-+b')
5 plt.title('linear')
6 plt.subplot(222)
7 plt.title('quadratic')
8 plt.plot(t, t**2, '^r')
9 plt.subplot(223)
10 plt.title('sqrt')
11 plt.plot(t, np.sqrt(t), '--sg')
12 plt.subplot(224)
13 plt.title('logarithmic')
14 plt.plot(t, np.log(t), '-oy')
15 for subplt in range(221, 225):
16     plt.subplot(subplt)
17     plt.ylim([0, ymax])
18 _ = plt.tight_layout()
```



# Nonlinear axes

Scale the axes with `plt.xscale` and `plt.yscale`

Built-in scales:

Linear (`'linear'`)

Log (`'log'`)

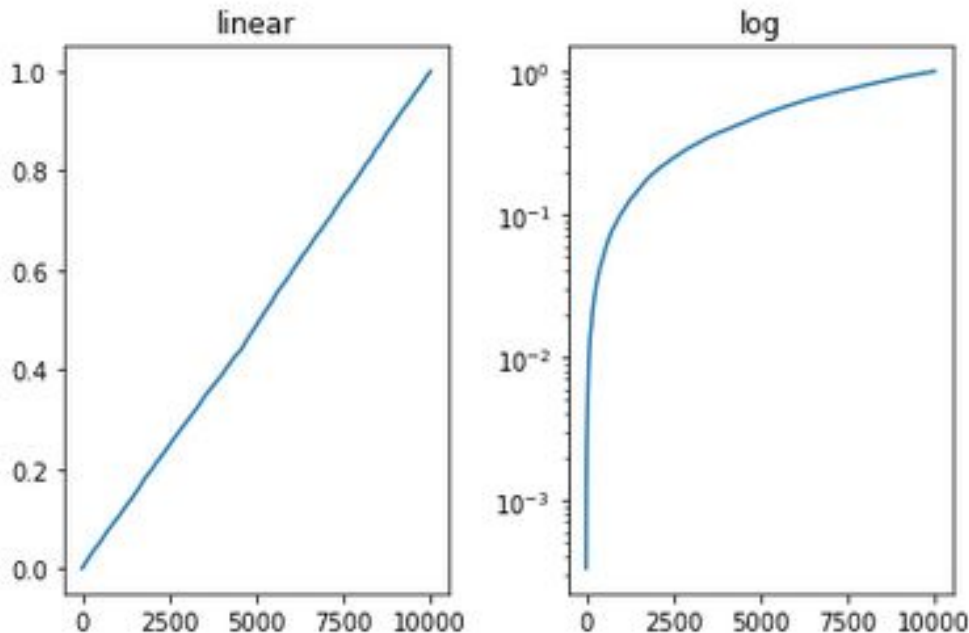
Symmetric log (`'symlog'`)

Logit (`'logit'`)

Can also specify customized scales:

[https://matplotlib.org/devel/add\\_new\\_projection.html#adding-new-scales](https://matplotlib.org/devel/add_new_projection.html#adding-new-scales)

```
1 y = np.random.uniform(0,1,10000); y.sort()
2 x = np.arange(len(y))
3 plt.subplot(121)
4 plt.plot(x,y)
5 plt.yscale('linear'); plt.title('linear')
6 plt.subplot(122)
7 plt.plot(x, y)
8 plt.yscale('log'); plt.title('log')
9 _ = plt.tight_layout()
```





# Saving images

`plt.savefig(filename)` will try to automatically figure out what file type you want based on the file extension.

Can make it explicit using

```
plt.savefig('filename',  
           format='fmt')
```

Options for specifying resolution, padding, etc:

[https://matplotlib.org/api/\\_as\\_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.savefig.html](https://matplotlib.org/api/_as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.savefig.html)

```
1 random_signs = np.sign(np.random.rand(1000)-0.5)  
2 plt.grid(True)  
3 plt.title('Random walk of 1000 steps')  
4 # cumsum() returns cumulative sums  
5 _ = plt.plot(np.cumsum(random_signs))  
6 plt.savefig('random_walk.svg')
```



# Animations

`matplotlib.animate` package generates animations

I won't require you to make any, but they're fun to play around with (and they can be a great visualization tool)

The details are a bit tricky, so I recommend starting by looking at some of the example animations here: [http://matplotlib.org/api/animation\\_api.html#examples](http://matplotlib.org/api/animation_api.html#examples)