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Part I User's Guide

INTRODUCTION

matplotlib is a library for making 2D plots of arrays in Python. Although it has its origins in emulating the MATLAB® ¹ graphics commands, it is independent of MATLAB, and can be used in a Pythonic, object oriented way. Although matplotlib is written primarily in pure Python, it makes heavy use of NumPy and other extension code to provide good performance even for large arrays.

matplotlib is designed with the philosophy that you should be able to create simple plots with just a few commands, or just one! If you want to see a histogram of your data, you shouldn't need to instantiate objects, call methods, set properties, and so on; it should just work.

For years, I used to use MATLAB exclusively for data analysis and visualization. MATLAB excels at making nice looking plots easy. When I began working with EEG data, I found that I needed to write applications to interact with my data, and developed and EEG analysis application in MATLAB. As the application grew in complexity, interacting with databases, http servers, manipulating complex data structures, I began to strain against the limitations of MATLAB as a programming language, and decided to start over in Python. Python more than makes up for all of MATLAB's deficiencies as a programming language, but I was having difficulty finding a 2D plotting package (for 3D VTK more than exceeds all of my needs).

When I went searching for a Python plotting package, I had several requirements:

- Plots should look great publication quality. One important requirement for me is that the text looks good (antialiased, etc.)
- Postscript output for inclusion with TeX documents
- Embeddable in a graphical user interface for application development
- Code should be easy enough that I can understand it and extend it
- Making plots should be easy

Finding no package that suited me just right, I did what any self-respecting Python programmer would do: rolled up my sleeves and dived in. Not having any real experience with computer graphics, I decided to emulate MATLAB's plotting capabilities because that is something MATLAB does very well. This had the added advantage that many people have a lot of MATLAB experience, and thus they can quickly get up to steam plotting in python. From a developer's perspective, having a fixed user interface (the pylab interface) has been very useful, because the guts of the code base can be redesigned without affecting user code.

¹ MATLAB is a registered trademark of The MathWorks, Inc.

The matplotlib code is conceptually divided into three parts: the *pylab interface* is the set of functions provided by matplotlib.pylab which allow the user to create plots with code quite similar to MATLAB figure generating code (*Pyplot tutorial*). The *matplotlib frontend* or *matplotlib API* is the set of classes that do the heavy lifting, creating and managing figures, text, lines, plots and so on (*Artist tutorial*). This is an abstract interface that knows nothing about output. The *backends* are device dependent drawing devices, aka renderers, that transform the frontend representation to hardcopy or a display device (*What is a backend?*). Example backends: PS creates PostScript® hardcopy, SVG creates Scalable Vector Graphics hardcopy, Agg creates PNG output using the high quality Anti-Grain Geometry library that ships with matplotlib, GTK embeds matplotlib in a Gtk+ application, GTKAgg uses the Anti-Grain renderer to create a figure and embed it a Gtk+ application, and so on for PDF, WxWidgets, Tkinter etc.

matplotlib is used by many people in many different contexts. Some people want to automatically generate PostScript files to send to a printer or publishers. Others deploy matplotlib on a web application server to generate PNG output for inclusion in dynamically-generated web pages. Some use matplotlib interactively from the Python shell in Tkinter on WindowsTM. My primary use is to embed matplotlib in a Gtk+ EEG application that runs on Windows, Linux and Macintosh OS X.

CHAPTER

TWO

INSTALLING

There are many different ways to install matplotlib, and the best way depends on what operating system you are using, what you already have installed, and how you want to use it. To avoid wading through all the details (and potential complications) on this page, the easiest thing for you to do is use one of the prepackaged python distributions that already provide matplotlib built-in. The Enthought Python Distribution (EPD) for Windows, OS X or Redhat is an excellent choice that "just works" out of the box. Another excellent alternative for Windows users is Python (x, y) which tends to be updated a bit more frequently. Both of these packages include matplotlib and pylab, and *lots* of other useful tools. matplotlib is also packaged for almost every major Linux distribution. So if you are on Linux, your package manager will probably provide matplotlib prebuilt.

2.1 Manually installing pre-built packages

2.1.1 General instructions

For some people, the prepackaged pythons discussed above are not an option. That's OK, it's usually pretty easy to get a custom install working. You will first need to find out if you have python installed on your machine, and if not, install it. The official python builds are available for download here, but OS X users please read *Which python for OS X?*.

Once you have python up and running, you will need to install numpy. numpy provides high-performance array data structures and mathematical functions, and is a requirement for matplotlib. You can test your progress:

```
>>> import numpy
>>> print numpy.__version__
```

matplotlib requires numpy version 1.4 or later. Although it is not a requirement to use matplotlib, we strongly encourage you to install ipython, which is an interactive shell for python that is matplotlib-aware.

Next, we need to get matplotlib installed. We provide prebuilt binaries for OS X and Windows on the matplotlib download page. Click on the latest release of the "matplotlib" package, choose your python version (2.6, 2.7 or 3.2) and your platform (macosx or win32). If you have any problems, please check the *Installation*, search using Google, and/or post a question the mailing list.

If you are on Debian/Ubuntu linux, it suffices to do:

```
> sudo apt-get install python-matplotlib
```

Instructions for installing our OSX binaries are found in the FAQ Installing OSX binaries.

Once you have ipython, numpy and matplotlib installed, you can use ipython's "pylab" mode to have a MATLAB-like environment that automatically handles most of the configuration details for you, so you can get up and running quickly:

```
johnh@flag:~> ipython -pylab
Python 2.4.5 (#4, Apr 12 2008, 09:09:16)
IPython 0.9.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.

Welcome to pylab, a matplotlib-based Python environment.
  For more information, type 'help(pylab)'.

In [1]: x = randn(10000)
In [2]: hist(x, 100)
```

Note that when testing matplotlib installations from the interactive python console, there are some issues relating to user interface toolkits and interactive settings that are discussed in *Using matplotlib in a python shell*.

2.1.2 Installing on Windows

If you don't already have python installed, you may want to consider using the Enthought edition of python, which has scipy, numpy, and wxpython, plus many other useful packages, preinstalled - Enthought Python. With the Enthought edition of python + matplotlib installer, the following backends should work out of the box: agg, wx, wxagg, tkagg, ps, pdf and svg.

For standard python installations, you will also need to install numpy in addition to the matplotlib installer. On some systems you will also need to download msvcp71.dll library, which you can download from http://www.dll-files.com/dllindex/dll-files.shtml?msvcp71 or other sites. You will need to unzip the archive and drag the dll into c:windowssystem32.

All of the GUI backends run on Windows, but TkAgg is probably the best for interactive use from the standard python shell or ipython. The Windows installer (*.exe) on the download page contains all the code you need to get up and running. However, there are many examples that are not included in the Windows installer. If you want to try the many demos that come in the matplotlib source distribution, download the zip file and look in the examples subdirectory.

2.2 Installing from source

If you are interested in contributing to matplotlib development, running the latest source code, or just like to build everything yourself, it is not difficult to build matplotlib from source. Grab the latest *tar.gz* release file from the download page, or if you want to develop matplotlib or just need the latest bugfixed version, grab the latest git version *Source install from git*.

Once you have satisfied the requirements detailed below (mainly python, numpy, libpng and freetype), you can build matplotlib:

```
cd matplotlib
python setup.py build
python setup.py install
```

We provide a setup.cfg file that goes with setup.py which you can use to customize the build process. For example, which default backend to use, whether some of the optional libraries that matplotlib ships with are installed, and so on. This file will be particularly useful to those packaging matplotlib.

If you have installed prerequisites to nonstandard places and need to inform matplotlib where they are, edit setupext.py and add the base dirs to the basedir dictionary entry for your sys.platform. e.g., if the header to some required library is in /some/path/include/someheader.h, put /some/path in the basedir list for your platform.

2.3 Build requirements

These are external packages which you will need to install before installing matplotlib. Windows users only need the first two (python and numpy) since the others are built into the matplotlib Windows installers available for download at the download page ">https://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib/downloads>">. If you are building on OSX, see Building on OSX. If you are installing dependencies with a package manager on Linux, you may need to install the development packages (look for a "-dev" postfix) in addition to the libraries themselves.

Note: If you are on debian/ubuntu, you can get all the dependencies required to build matplotlib with:

```
sudo apt-get build-dep python-matplotlib
```

If you are on Fedora/RedHat, you can get all the dependencies required to build matplotlib by first installing yum-builddep and then running:

```
su -c "yum-builddep python-matplotlib"
```

This does not build matplotlib, but it does get the install the build dependencies, which will make building from source easier.

```
python 2.6, 2.7, 3.1 or 3.2 Download python.
```

```
numpy 1.4 (or later) array support for python (download)
```

libpng 1.2 (or later) library for loading and saving *PNG* files (download). libpng requires zlib. If you are a Windows user, you can ignore this because we build support into the matplotlib single-click installer

freetype **1.4 (or later)** library for reading true type font files. If you are a windows user, you can ignore this since we build support into the matplotlib single click installer.

Optional

These are optional packages which you may want to install to use matplotlib with a user interface toolkit. See *What is a backend?* for more details on the optional matplotlib backends and the capabilities they provide.

- tk 8.3 or later The TCL/Tk widgets library used by the TkAgg backend
- pyqt 3.1 or later The Qt3 widgets library python wrappers for the QtAgg backend
- pyqt 4.0 or later The Qt4 widgets library python wrappers for the Qt4Agg backend
- pygtk 2.4 or later The python wrappers for the GTK widgets library for use with the GTK or GTKAgg backend
- wxpython 2.8 or later The python wrappers for the wx widgets library for use with the WX or WXAgg backend
- pyfltk 1.0 or later The python wrappers of the FLTK widgets library for use with FLTKAgg

Required libraries that ship with matplotlib

- agg 2.4 The antigrain C++ rendering engine. matplotlib links against the agg template source statically, so it will not affect anything on your system outside of matplotlib.
- pytz 2007g or later timezone handling for python datetime objects. By default, matplotlib will install pytz if it isn't already installed on your system. To override the default, use setup.cfg to force or prevent installation of pytz.
- dateutil 1.1 or later provides extensions to python datetime handling. By default, matplotlib will install dateutil if it isn't already installed on your system. To override the default, use setup.cfg to force or prevent installation of dateutil.

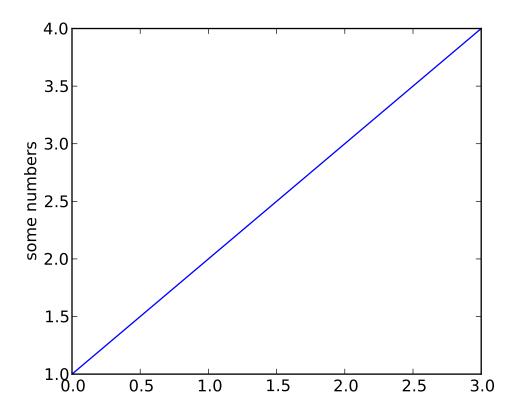
2.4 Building on OSX

The build situation on OSX is complicated by the various places one can get the libpng and freetype requirements (darwinports, fink, /usr/X11R6) and the different architectures (e.g., x86, ppc, universal) and the different OSX version (e.g., 10.4 and 10.5). We recommend that you build the way we do for the OSX release: get the source from the tarball or the git repository and follow the instruction in README.osx.

PYPLOT TUTORIAL

matplotlib.pyplot is a collection of command style functions that make matplotlib work like MATLAB. Each pyplot function makes some change to a figure: eg, create a figure, create a plotting area in a figure, plot some lines in a plotting area, decorate the plot with labels, etc.... matplotlib.pyplot is stateful, in that it keeps track of the current figure and plotting area, and the plotting functions are directed to the current axes

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot([1,2,3,4])
plt.ylabel('some numbers')
plt.show()
```



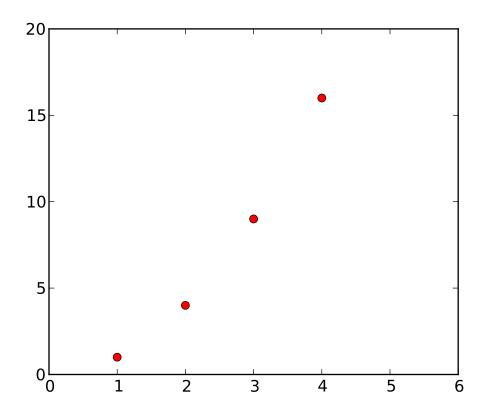
You may be wondering why the x-axis ranges from 0-3 and the y-axis from 1-4. If you provide a single list or array to the plot() command, matplotlib assumes it is a sequence of y values, and automatically generates the x values for you. Since python ranges start with 0, the default x vector has the same length as y but starts with 0. Hence the x data are [0,1,2,3].

plot() is a versatile command, and will take an arbitrary number of arguments. For example, to plot x versus y, you can issue the command:

```
plt.plot([1,2,3,4], [1,4,9,16])
```

For every x, y pair of arguments, there is an optional third argument which is the format string that indicates the color and line type of the plot. The letters and symbols of the format string are from MATLAB, and you concatenate a color string with a line style string. The default format string is 'b-', which is a solid blue line. For example, to plot the above with red circles, you would issue

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot([1,2,3,4], [1,4,9,16], 'ro')
plt.axis([0, 6, 0, 20])
```



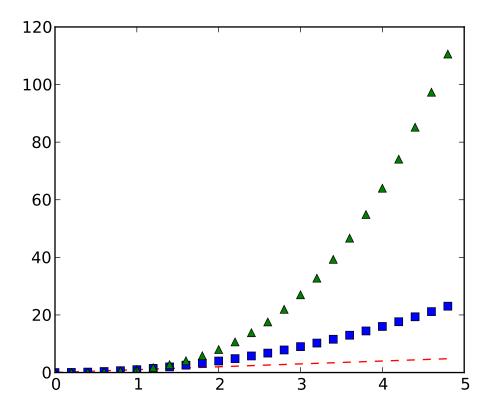
See the plot() documentation for a complete list of line styles and format strings. The axis() command in the example above takes a list of [xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax] and specifies the viewport of the axes.

If matplotlib were limited to working with lists, it would be fairly useless for numeric processing. Generally, you will use numpy arrays. In fact, all sequences are converted to numpy arrays internally. The example below illustrates a plotting several lines with different format styles in one command using arrays.

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

# evenly sampled time at 200ms intervals
t = np.arange(0., 5., 0.2)

# red dashes, blue squares and green triangles
plt.plot(t, t, 'r--', t, t**2, 'bs', t, t**3, 'g^')
```



3.1 Controlling line properties

Lines have many attributes that you can set: linewidth, dash style, antialiased, etc; see matplotlib.lines.Line2D. There are several ways to set line properties

Use keyword args:plt.plot(x, y, linewidth=2.0)

• Use the setter methods of the Line2D instance. plot returns a list of lines; eg line1, line2 = plot(x1,y1,x2,x2). Below I have only one line so it is a list of length 1. I use tuple unpacking in the line, = plot(x, y, 'o') to get the first element of the list:

```
line, = plt.plot(x, y, '-')
line.set_antialiased(False) # turn off antialising
```

• Use the setp() command. The example below uses a MATLAB-style command to set multiple properties on a list of lines. setp works transparently with a list of objects or a single object. You can either use python keyword arguments or MATLAB-style string/value pairs:

```
lines = plt.plot(x1, y1, x2, y2)
# use keyword args
plt.setp(lines, color='r', linewidth=2.0)
# or MATLAB style string value pairs
plt.setp(lines, 'color', 'r', 'linewidth', 2.0)
```

Here are the available Line2D properties.

Property	Value Type
alpha	float
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
clip_box	a matplotlib.transform.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	a Path instance and a Transform instance, a Patch
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	the hit testing function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	(np.array xdata, np.array ydata)
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
label	any string
linestyle or ls	['-' '-' '-' 'steps']
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	['+' ',' '.' '1' '2' '3' '4'
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	used in interactive line selection
pickradius	the line pick selection radius
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
visible	[True False]
xdata	np.array
ydata	np.array
	Continued on next page

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Property	Value Type
zorder	any number

To get a list of settable line properties, call the setp() function with a line or lines as argument

```
In [69]: lines = plt.plot([1,2,3])
In [70]: plt.setp(lines)
  alpha: float
  animated: [True | False]
  antialiased or aa: [True | False]
  ...snip
```

3.2 Working with multiple figures and axes

MATLAB, and pyplot, have the concept of the current figure and the current axes. All plotting commands apply to the current axes. The function gca() returns the current axes (a matplotlib.axes.Axes instance), and gcf() returns the current figure (matplotlib.figure.Figure instance). Normally, you don't have to worry about this, because it is all taken care of behind the scenes. Below is a script to create two subplots.

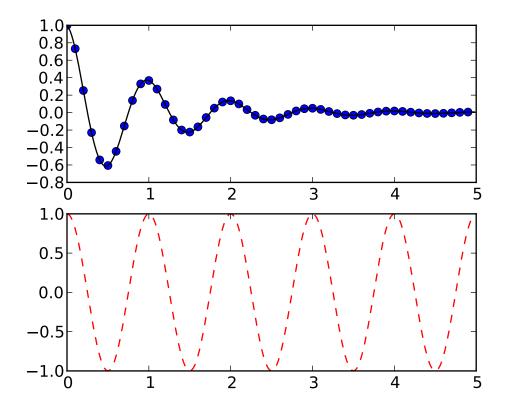
```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def f(t):
    return np.exp(-t) * np.cos(2*np.pi*t)

t1 = np.arange(0.0, 5.0, 0.1)
t2 = np.arange(0.0, 5.0, 0.02)

plt.figure(1)
plt.subplot(211)
plt.plot(t1, f(t1), 'bo', t2, f(t2), 'k')

plt.subplot(212)
plt.plot(t2, np.cos(2*np.pi*t2), 'r--')
```



The figure() command here is optional because figure(1) will be created by default, just as a subplot(111) will be created by default if you don't manually specify an axes. The subplot() command specifies numrows, numcols, fignum where fignum ranges from 1 to numrows*numcols. The commas in the subplot command are optional if numrows*numcols<10. So subplot(211) is identical to subplot(2,1,1). You can create an arbitrary number of subplots and axes. If you want to place an axes manually, ie, not on a rectangular grid, use the axes() command, which allows you to specify the location as axes([left, bottom, width, height]) where all values are in fractional (0 to 1) coordinates. See pylab_examples-axes_demo for an example of placing axes manually and pylab_examples-line_styles for an example with lots-o-subplots.

You can create multiple figures by using multiple figure() calls with an increasing figure number. Of course, each figure can contain as many axes and subplots as your heart desires:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.figure(1)  # the first figure
plt.subplot(211)  # the first subplot in the first figure
plt.plot([1,2,3])
plt.subplot(212)  # the second subplot in the first figure
plt.plot([4,5,6])

plt.figure(2)  # a second figure
plt.plot([4,5,6])  # creates a subplot(111) by default

plt.figure(1)  # figure 1 current; subplot(212) still current
```

```
plt.subplot(211)  # make subplot(211) in figure1 current
plt.title('Easy as 1,2,3')  # subplot 211 title
```

You can clear the current figure with clf() and the current axes with cla(). If you find this statefulness, annoying, don't despair, this is just a thin stateful wrapper around an object oriented API, which you can use instead (see *Artist tutorial*)

If you are making a long sequence of figures, you need to be aware of one more thing: the memory required for a figure is not completely released until the figure is explicitly closed with close(). Deleting all references to the figure, and/or using the window manager to kill the window in which the figure appears on the screen, is not enough, because pyplot maintains internal references until close() is called.

3.3 Working with text

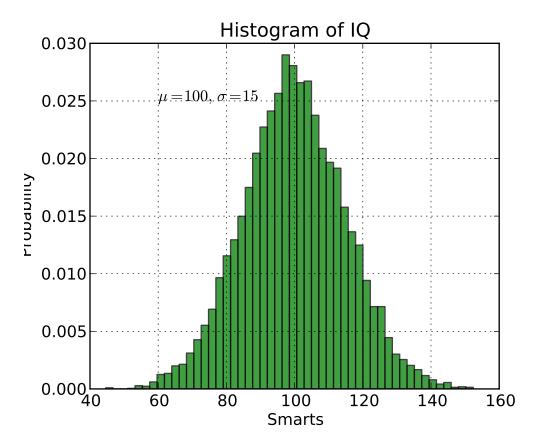
The text() command can be used to add text in an arbitrary location, and the xlabel(), ylabel() and title() are used to add text in the indicated locations (see *Text introduction* for a more detailed example)

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

mu, sigma = 100, 15
x = mu + sigma * np.random.randn(10000)

# the histogram of the data
n, bins, patches = plt.hist(x, 50, normed=1, facecolor='g', alpha=0.75)

plt.xlabel('Smarts')
plt.ylabel('Probability')
plt.title('Histogram of IQ')
plt.text(60, .025, r'$\mu=100,\\sigma=15$')
plt.axis([40, 160, 0, 0.03])
plt.grid(True)
```



All of the text() commands return an matplotlib.text.Text instance. Just as with with lines above, you can customize the properties by passing keyword arguments into the text functions or using setp():

```
t = plt.xlabel('my data', fontsize=14, color='red')
```

These properties are covered in more detail in *Text properties and layout*.

3.3.1 Using mathematical expressions in text

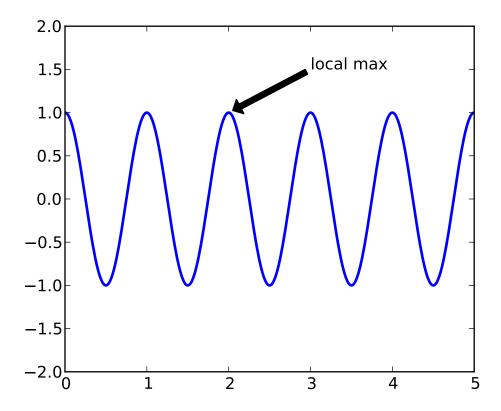
matplotlib accepts TeX equation expressions in any text expression. For example to write the expression $\sigma_i = 15$ in the title, you can write a TeX expression surrounded by dollar signs:

```
plt.title(r'$\sigma_i=15$')
```

The r preceding the title string is important – it signifies that the string is a *raw* string and not to treate backslashes and python escapes. matplotlib has a built-in TeX expression parser and layout engine, and ships its own math fonts – for details see *Writing mathematical expressions*. Thus you can use mathematical text across platforms without requiring a TeX installation. For those who have LaTeX and dvipng installed, you can also use LaTeX to format your text and incorporate the output directly into your display figures or saved postscript – see *Text rendering With LaTeX*.

3.3.2 Annotating text

The uses of the basic text() command above place text at an arbitrary position on the Axes. A common use case of text is to annotate some feature of the plot, and the annotate() method provides helper functionality to make annotations easy. In an annotation, there are two points to consider: the location being annotated represented by the argument xy and the location of the text xytext. Both of these arguments are (x,y) tuples.



In this basic example, both the xy (arrow tip) and xytext locations (text location) are in data coordinates.

There are a variety of other coordinate systems one can choose – see *Annotating text* and *Annotating Axes* for details. More examples can be found in *pylab_examples-annotation_demo*.

INTERACTIVE NAVIGATION



All figure windows come with a navigation toolbar, which can be used to navigate through the data set. Here is a description of each of the buttons at the bottom of the toolbar







The Forward and Back buttons These are akin to the web browser forward and back buttons. They are used to navigate back and forth between previously defined views. They have no meaning unless you have already navigated somewhere else using the pan and zoom buttons. This is analogous to trying to click Back on your web browser before visiting a new page —nothing happens. Home always takes you to the first, default view of your data. For Home, Forward and Back, think web browser where data views are web pages. Use the pan and zoom to rectangle to define new views.



The Pan/Zoom button This button has two modes: pan and zoom. Click the toolbar button to activate panning and zooming, then put your mouse somewhere over an axes. Press the left mouse button and hold it to pan the figure, dragging it to a new position. When you release it, the data under the point where you pressed will be moved to the point where you released. If you press 'x' or 'y' while panning the motion will be constrained to the x or y axis, respectively. Press the right mouse button to zoom, dragging it to a new position. The x axis will be zoomed in proportionate to the rightward movement and zoomed out proportionate to the leftward movement. Ditto for the y axis and up/down motions. The point under your mouse when you begin the zoom remains stationary, allowing you to zoom to an arbitrary point in the figure. You can use the modifier keys 'x', 'y' or 'CONTROL' to constrain the zoom to the x axis, the y axis, or aspect ratio preserve, respectively.

With polar plots, the pan and zoom functionality behaves differently. The radius axis labels can be dragged using the left mouse button. The radius scale can be zoomed in and out using the right mouse button.



The Zoom-to-rectangle button Click this toolbar button to activate this mode. Put your mouse somewhere over and axes and press the left mouse button. Drag the mouse while holding the button to a new location and release. The axes view limits will be zoomed to the rectangle you have defined. There is also an experimental 'zoom out to rectangle' in this mode with the right button, which will place your entire axes in the region defined by the zoom out rectangle.



The Subplot-configuration button Use this tool to configure the parameters of the subplot: the left, right, top, bottom, space between the rows and space between the columns.



The Save button Click this button to launch a file save dialog. You can save files with the following extensions: png, ps, eps, svg and pdf.

4.1 Navigation Keyboard Shortcuts

The following table holds all the default keys, which can be overwritten by use of your matplotlibre (#keymap.*).

Command	Keyboard Shortcut(s)
Home/Reset	h or r or home
Back	c or left arrow or backspace
Forward	v or right arrow
Pan/Zoom	p
Zoom-to-rect	0
Save	ctrl + s
Toggle fullscreen	ctrl + f
Close plot	ctrl + w
Constrain pan/zoom to x axis	hold x when panning/zooming with mouse
Constrain pan/zoom to y axis	hold y when panning/zooming with mouse
Preserve aspect ratio	hold CONTROL when panning/zooming with mouse
Toggle grid	g when mouse is over an axes
Toggle x axis scale (log/linear)	L or k when mouse is over an axes
Toggle y axis scale (log/linear)	I when mouse is over an axes

If you are using matplotlib.pyplot the toolbar will be created automatically for every figure. If you are

writing your own user interface code, you can add the toolbar as a widget. The exact syntax depends on your UI, but we have examples for every supported UI in the matplotlib/examples/user_interfaces directory. Here is some example code for GTK:

```
from matplotlib.figure import Figure
from matplotlib.backends.backend_gtkagg import FigureCanvasGTKAgg as FigureCanvas
from matplotlib.backends.backend_gtkagg import NavigationToolbar2GTKAgg as NavigationToolbar
win = gtk.Window()
win.connect("destroy", lambda x: gtk.main_quit())
win.set_default_size(400,300)
win.set_title("Embedding in GTK")
vbox = gtk.VBox()
win.add(vbox)
fig = Figure(figsize=(5,4), dpi=100)
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot([1,2,3])
canvas = FigureCanvas(fig) # a gtk.DrawingArea
vbox.pack_start(canvas)
toolbar = NavigationToolbar(canvas, win)
vbox.pack_start(toolbar, False, False)
win.show_all()
gtk.main()
```

CHAPTER

FIVE

CUSTOMIZING MATPLOTLIB

5.1 The matplotlibrc file

matplotlib uses matplotlibrc configuration files to customize all kinds of properties, which we call rc settings or rc parameters. You can control the defaults of almost every property in matplotlib: figure size and dpi, line width, color and style, axes, axis and grid properties, text and font properties and so on. matplotlib looks for matplotlibrc in three locations, in the following order:

- 1. matplotlibrc in the current working directory, usually used for specific customizations that you do not want to apply elsewhere.
- 2. .matplotlib/matplotlibrc, for the user's default customizations. See .matplotlib directory location.
- 3. INSTALL/matplotlib/mpl-data/matplotlibrc, where INSTALL is something like /usr/lib/python2.5/site-packages on Linux, and maybe C:\Python25\Lib\site-packages on Windows. Every time you install matplotlib, this file will be overwritten, so if you want your customizations to be saved, please move this file to your .matplotlib directory.

To display where the currently active matplotlibrc file was loaded from, one can do the following:

```
>>> import matplotlib
>>> matplotlib.matplotlib_fname()
'/home/foo/.matplotlib/matplotlibrc'
```

See below for a sample *matplotlibrc file*.

5.2 Dynamic rc settings

You can also dynamically change the default rc settings in a python script or interactively from the python shell. All of the rc settings are stored in a dictionary-like variable called matplotlib.rcParams, which is global to the matplotlib package. rcParams can be modified directly, for example:

```
import matplotlib as mp1
mpl.rcParams['lines.linewidth'] = 2
mpl.rcParams['lines.color'] = 'r'
```

Matplotlib also provides a couple of convenience functions for modifying rc settings. The matplotlib.rc() command can be used to modify multiple settings in a single group at once, using keyword arguments:

```
import matplotlib as mpl
mpl.rc('lines', linewidth=2, color='r')
```

There matplotlib.rcdefaults() command will restore the standard matplotlib default settings.

There is some degree of validation when setting the values of rcParams, see matplotlib.rcsetup for details.

5.2.1 A sample matplotlibrc file

```
### MATPLOTLIBRC FORMAT
# This is a sample matplotlib configuration file - you can find a copy
# of it on your system in
# site-packages/matplotlib/mpl-data/matplotlibrc. If you edit it
# there, please note that it will be overwritten in your next install.
# If you want to keep a permanent local copy that will not be
# overwritten, place it in HOME/.matplotlib/matplotlibrc (unix/linux
# like systems) and C:\Documents and Settings\yourname\.matplotlib
# (win32 systems).
# This file is best viewed in a editor which supports python mode
# syntax highlighting. Blank lines, or lines starting with a comment
# symbol, are ignored, as are trailing comments. Other lines must
# have the format
    key: val # optional comment
# Colors: for the color values below, you can either use - a
# matplotlib color string, such as r, k, or b - an rgb tuple, such as
# (1.0, 0.5, 0.0) - a hex string, such as ff00ff or #ff00ff - a scalar
# grayscale intensity such as 0.75 - a legal html color name, eg red,
# blue, darkslategray
#### CONFIGURATION BEGINS HERE
# the default backend; one of GTK GTKAgg GTKCairo GTK3Agg GTK3Cairo
# CocoaAgg FltkAgg MacOSX QtAgg Qt4Agg TkAgg WX WXAgg Agg Cairo GDK PS
# PDF SVG Template
# You can also deploy your own backend outside of matplotlib by
# referring to the module name (which must be in the PYTHONPATH) as
# 'module://my_backend'
backend
            : GTKAgg
# If you are using the Qt4Agg backend, you can choose here
# to use the PyQt4 bindings or the newer PySide bindings to
# the underlying Qt4 toolkit.
#backend.qt4 : PyQt4
                           # PyQt4 | PySide
```

```
# Note that this can be overridden by the environment variable
# QT_API used by Enthought Tool Suite (ETS); valid values are
# "pyqt" and "pyside". The "pyqt" setting has the side effect of
# forcing the use of Version 2 API for QString and QVariant.
# if you are running pyplot inside a GUI and your backend choice
# conflicts, we will automatically try to find a compatible one for
# you if backend_fallback is True
#backend_fallback: True
#interactive : False
#toolbar
              : toolbar2
                           # None | toolbar2 ("classic" is deprecated)
#timezone
              : UTC
                           # a pytz timezone string, eg US/Central or Europe/Paris
# Where your matplotlib data lives if you installed to a non-default
# location. This is where the matplotlib fonts, bitmaps, etc reside
#datapath : /home/jdhunter/mpldata
### LINES
# See http://matplotlib.org/api/artist_api.html#module-matplotlib.lines for more
# information on line properties.
#lines.linewidth
                 : 1.0
                            # line width in points
#lines.linestyle
                             # solid line
                  : -
                             # has no affect on plot(); see axes.color_cycle
#lines.color
                   : blue
                             # the default marker
#lines.marker
                  : None
#lines.markeredgewidth : 0.5
                                  # the line width around the marker symbol
#lines.markersize : 6
                                  # markersize, in points
                                     # miter|round|bevel
#lines.dash_joinstyle : miter
#lines.dash_capstyle : butt
                                     # butt|round|projecting
#lines.solid_joinstyle : miter
                                     # miter|round|bevel
#lines.solid_capstyle : projecting
                                     # butt|round|projecting
#lines.antialiased : True
                                  # render lines in antialised (no jaggies)
### PATCHES
# Patches are graphical objects that fill 2D space, like polygons or
# circles. See
# http://matplotlib.org/api/artist_api.html#module-matplotlib.patches
# information on patch properties
#patch.linewidth
                                  # edge width in points
                       : 1.0
#patch.facecolor
                        : blue
#patch.edgecolor
                       : black
#patch.antialiased
                       : True
                                  # render patches in antialised (no jaggies)
### FONT
# font properties used by text.Text. See
# http://matplotlib.org/api/font_manager_api.html for more
# information on font properties. The 6 font properties used for font
# matching are given below with their default values.
# The font.family property has five values: 'serif' (e.g. Times),
# 'sans-serif' (e.g. Helvetica), 'cursive' (e.g. Zapf-Chancery),
```

```
# 'fantasy' (e.g. Western), and 'monospace' (e.g. Courier). Each of
# these font families has a default list of font names in decreasing
# order of priority associated with them.
# The font.style property has three values: normal (or roman), italic
# or oblique. The oblique style will be used for italic, if it is not
# present.
# The font.variant property has two values: normal or small-caps. For
# TrueType fonts, which are scalable fonts, small-caps is equivalent
# to using a font size of 'smaller', or about 83% of the current font
# size.
# The font.weight property has effectively 13 values: normal, bold,
# bolder, lighter, 100, 200, 300, ..., 900. Normal is the same as
# 400, and bold is 700. bolder and lighter are relative values with
# respect to the current weight.
# The font.stretch property has 11 values: ultra-condensed,
# extra-condensed, condensed, semi-condensed, normal, semi-expanded,
# expanded, extra-expanded, ultra-expanded, wider, and narrower. This
# property is not currently implemented.
# The font.size property is the default font size for text, given in pts.
# 12pt is the standard value.
#font.family
                     : sans-serif
#font.style
                     : normal
#font.variant
                     : normal
#font.weight
                     : medium
#font.stretch
                     : normal
# note that font.size controls default text sizes. To configure
# special text sizes tick labels, axes, labels, title, etc, see the rc
# settings for axes and ticks. Special text sizes can be defined
# relative to font.size, using the following values: xx-small, x-small,
# small, medium, large, x-large, xx-large, larger, or smaller
#font.size
                     : 12.0
#font.serif
                     : Bitstream Vera Serif, New Century Schoolbook, Century Schoolbook L, Utopia, ITC
#font.sans-serif
                     : Bitstream Vera Sans, Lucida Grande, Verdana, Geneva, Lucid, Arial, Helvetica, Av
                     : Apple Chancery, Textile, Zapf Chancery, Sand, cursive
#font.cursive
                     : Comic Sans MS, Chicago, Charcoal, Impact, Western, fantasy
#font.fantasy
#font.monospace
                     : Bitstream Vera Sans Mono, Andale Mono, Nimbus Mono L, Courier New, Courier, Fixe
### TEXT
# text properties used by text.Text. See
# http://matplotlib.org/api/artist_api.html#module-matplotlib.text for more
# information on text properties
#text.color
                     : black
### LaTeX customizations. See http://www.scipy.org/Wiki/Cookbook/Matplotlib/UsingTex
                     : False # use latex for all text handling. The following fonts
#text.usetex
                              # are supported through the usual rc parameter settings:
```

```
# new century schoolbook, bookman, times, palatino,
                              # zapf chancery, charter, serif, sans-serif, helvetica,
                              # avant garde, courier, monospace, computer modern roman,
                              # computer modern sans serif, computer modern typewriter
                              # If another font is desired which can loaded using the
                              # LaTeX \usepackage command, please inquire at the
                              # matplotlib mailing list
#text.latex.unicode : False # use "ucs" and "inputenc" LaTeX packages for handling
                            # unicode strings.
#text.latex.preamble : # IMPROPER USE OF THIS FEATURE WILL LEAD TO LATEX FAILURES
                            # AND IS THEREFORE UNSUPPORTED. PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR HELP
                            # IF THIS FEATURE DOES NOT DO WHAT YOU EXPECT IT TO.
                            # preamble is a comma separated list of LaTeX statements
                            # that are included in the LaTeX document preamble.
                            # An example:
                            # text.latex.preamble : \usepackage{bm}, \usepackage{euler}
                            # The following packages are always loaded with usetex, so
                            # beware of package collisions: color, geometry, graphicx,
                            # type1cm, textcomp. Adobe Postscript (PSSNFS) font packages
                            # may also be loaded, depending on your font settings
#text.dvipnghack : None
                             # some versions of dvipng don't handle alpha
                             # channel properly. Use True to correct
                             # and flush ~/.matplotlib/tex.cache
                             # before testing and False to force
                             # correction off. None will try and
                             # guess based on your dvipng version
#text.hinting : 'auto' # May be one of the following:
                           'none': Perform no hinting
                           'auto': Use freetype's autohinter
                           'native': Use the hinting information in the
                                     font file, if available, and if your
                                     freetype library supports it
                       #
                           'either': Use the native hinting information,
                                     or the autohinter if none is available.
                       # For backward compatibility, this value may also be
                       # True === 'auto' or False === 'none'.
text.hinting_factor : 8 # Specifies the amount of softness for hinting in the
                         # horizontal direction. A value of 1 will hint to full
                         # pixels. A value of 2 will hint to half pixels etc.
#text.antialiased : True # If True (default), the text will be antialiased.
                         # This only affects the Agg backend.
# The following settings allow you to select the fonts in math mode.
# They map from a TeX font name to a fontconfig font pattern.
# These settings are only used if mathtext.fontset is 'custom'.
# Note that this "custom" mode is unsupported and may go away in the
# future.
#mathtext.cal : cursive
#mathtext.rm : serif
#mathtext.tt : monospace
```

```
#mathtext.it : serif:italic
#mathtext.bf : serif:bold
#mathtext.sf : sans
#mathtext.fontset : cm # Should be 'cm' (Computer Modern), 'stix',
                       # 'stixsans' or 'custom'
#mathtext.fallback_to_cm : True # When True, use symbols from the Computer Modern
                                 # fonts when a symbol can not be found in one of
                                 # the custom math fonts.
#mathtext.default : it # The default font to use for math.
                       # Can be any of the LaTeX font names, including
                       # the special name "regular" for the same font
                       # used in regular text.
### AXES
# default face and edge color, default tick sizes,
# default fontsizes for ticklabels, and so on. See
# http://matplotlib.org/api/axes_api.html#module-matplotlib.axes
                               # whether to clear the axes by default on
#axes.hold
                    : True
#axes.facecolor
                    : white # axes background color
#axes.edgecolor
                    : black # axes edge color
#axes.linewidth
                    : 1.0
                             # edge linewidth
                    : False # display grid or not
#axes.grid
#axes.titlesize : large # fontsize of the axes title
#axes.labelsize : medium # fontsize of the x any y labels
#axes.labelweight
                    : normal # weight of the x and y labels
#axes.labelcolor
                    : black
#axes.axisbelow
                     : False # whether axis gridlines and ticks are below
                              # the axes elements (lines, text, etc)
#axes.formatter.limits : -7, 7 # use scientific notation if log10
                               # of the axis range is smaller than the
                               # first or larger than the second
#axes.formatter.use_locale : False # When True, format tick labels
                                   # according to the user's locale.
                                   # For example, use ',' as a decimal
                                   # separator in the fr_FR locale.
#axes.formatter.use_mathtext : False # When True, use mathtext for scientific
                                     # notation.
                               # use unicode for the minus symbol
#axes.unicode_minus : True
                               # rather than hyphen. See
                               # http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plus_and_minus_signs#Character_codes
#axes.color_cycle
                     : b, g, r, c, m, y, k # color cycle for plot lines
                                            # as list of string colorspecs:
                                            # single letter, long name, or
                                            # web-style hex
                               # display grid on polar axes
#polaraxes.grid
                     : True
#axes3d.grid
                     : True
                               # display grid on 3d axes
### TICKS
# see http://matplotlib.org/api/axis_api.html#matplotlib.axis.Tick
#xtick.major.size : 4  # major tick size in points
#xtick.minor.size
                      : 2
                               # minor tick size in points
```

```
#xtick.major.width
                               # major tick width in points
                      : 0.5
#xtick.minor.width
                      : 0.5
                               # minor tick width in points
                               # distance to major tick label in points
#xtick.major.pad
                      : 4
#xtick.minor.pad
                      : 4
                               # distance to the minor tick label in points
                      : k
                               # color of the tick labels
#xtick.color
#xtick.labelsize
                      : medium # fontsize of the tick labels
                               # direction: in, out, or inout
#xtick.direction
                      : in
#ytick.major.size
                      : 4
                               # major tick size in points
                               # minor tick size in points
#ytick.minor.size
                      : 2
#ytick.major.width
                      : 0.5
                               # major tick width in points
#ytick.minor.width
                      : 0.5
                               # minor tick width in points
#ytick.major.pad
                      : 4
                               # distance to major tick label in points
#ytick.minor.pad
                      : 4
                               # distance to the minor tick label in points
                               # color of the tick labels
#ytick.color
                      : k
#ytick.labelsize
                      : medium # fontsize of the tick labels
#ytick.direction
                      : in
                               # direction: in, out, or inout
### GRIDS
#grid.color
                      black
                              # grid color
                  :
#grid.linestyle
                              # dotted
                  :
#grid.linewidth
                      0.5
                              # in points
                  :
                              # transparency, between 0.0 and 1.0
#grid.alpha
                      1.0
### Legend
#legend.fancybox
                      : False # if True, use a rounded box for the
                               # legend, else a rectangle
#legend.isaxes
                      : True
#legend.numpoints
                               # the number of points in the legend line
                      : 2
#legend.fontsize
                      : large
                               # deprecated; the fractional whitespace inside the legend border
#legend.pad
                      : 0.0
#legend.borderpad
                      : 0.5
                               # border whitespace in fontsize units
#legend.markerscale
                      : 1.0
                               # the relative size of legend markers vs. original
# the following dimensions are in axes coords
#legend.labelsep
                      : 0.010
                               # deprecated; the vertical space between the legend entries
#legend.labelspacing : 0.5
                               # the vertical space between the legend entries in fraction of fontsize
#legend.handlelen
                      : 0.05
                               # deprecated; the length of the legend lines
#legend.handlelength : 2.
                               # the length of the legend lines in fraction of fontsize
#legend.handleheight : 0.7
                                # the height of the legend handle in fraction of fontsize
#legend.handletextsep : 0.02
                               # deprecated; the space between the legend line and legend text
#legend.handletextpad : 0.8
                               # the space between the legend line and legend text in fraction of fonts
                               # deprecated; the border between the axes and legend edge
#legend.axespad
                      : 0.02
#legend.borderaxespad : 0.5
                              # the border between the axes and legend edge in fraction of fontsize
#legend.columnspacing : 2.
                              # the border between the axes and legend edge in fraction of fontsize
#legend.shadow
                      : False
#legend.frameon
                      : True
                               # whether or not to draw a frame around legend
### FIGURE
# See http://matplotlib.org/api/figure_api.html#matplotlib.figure.Figure
#figure.figsize
                  : 8, 6
                            # figure size in inches
#figure.dpi
                  : 80
                            # figure dots per inch
                            # figure facecolor; 0.75 is scalar gray
#figure.facecolor: 0.75
```

```
#figure.edgecolor : white
                           # figure edgecolor
#figure.autolayout : False # When True, automatically adjust subplot
                           # parameters to make the plot fit the figure
# The figure subplot parameters. All dimensions are a fraction of the
# figure width or height
#figure.subplot.left
                       : 0.125 # the left side of the subplots of the figure
#figure.subplot.right : 0.9
                                # the right side of the subplots of the figure
#figure.subplot.bottom : 0.1
                                # the bottom of the subplots of the figure
#figure.subplot.top
                       : 0.9 # the top of the subplots of the figure
#figure.subplot.wspace : 0.2  # the amount of width reserved for blank space between subplots
#figure.subplot.hspace : 0.2
                                # the amount of height reserved for white space between subplots
### IMAGES
#image.aspect : equal
                                 # equal | auto | a number
#image.interpolation : bilinear # see help(imshow) for options
#image.cmap : jet
                                 # gray | jet etc...
#image.lut
                                 # the size of the colormap lookup table
             : 256
#image.origin : upper
                                 # lower | upper
#image.resample : False
### CONTOUR PLOTS
#contour.negative_linestyle : dashed # dashed | solid
### Agg rendering
### Warning: experimental, 2008/10/10
                                 # 0 to disable; values in the range
#agg.path.chunksize : 0
                                 # 10000 to 100000 can improve speed slightly
                                 # and prevent an Agg rendering failure
                                 # when plotting very large data sets,
                                 # especially if they are very gappy.
                                 # It may cause minor artifacts, though.
                                 # A value of 20000 is probably a good
                                 # starting point.
### SAVING FIGURES
#path.simplify : True
                       # When True, simplify paths by removing "invisible"
                       # points to reduce file size and increase rendering
                       # speed
#path.simplify_threshold : 0.1 # The threshold of similarity below which
                               # vertices will be removed in the simplification
                               # process
#path.snap : True # When True, rectilinear axis-aligned paths will be snapped to
                 # the nearest pixel when certain criteria are met. When False,
                 # paths will never be snapped.
# the default savefig params can be different from the display params
# Eg, you may want a higher resolution, or to make the figure
# background white
#savefig.dpi
                   : 100
                              # figure dots per inch
#savefig.facecolor : white
                              # figure facecolor when saving
#savefig.edgecolor : white
                              # figure edgecolor when saving
#savefig.format
                              # png, ps, pdf, svg
                   : png
                   : standard # 'tight' or 'standard'.
#savefig.bbox
```

```
#savefig.pad_inches : 0.1
                              # Padding to be used when bbox is set to 'tight'
# tk backend params
#tk.window_focus
                 : False
                              # Maintain shell focus for TkAgg
# ps backend params
                              # auto, letter, legal, ledger, A0-A10, B0-B10
#ps.papersize
                  : letter
#ps.useafm
                   : False
                              # use of afm fonts, results in small files
                              # can be: None, ghostscript or xpdf
#ps.usedistiller
                  : False
                                          # Experimental: may produce smaller files.
                                          # xpdf intended for production of publication quality files,
                                          # but requires ghostscript, xpdf and ps2eps
#ps.distiller.res : 6000
                               # dpi
#ps.fonttype
                   : 3
                               # Output Type 3 (Type3) or Type 42 (TrueType)
# pdf backend params
#pdf.compression
                  : 6 # integer from 0 to 9
                       # 0 disables compression (good for debugging)
#pdf.fonttype
                                # Output Type 3 (Type3) or Type 42 (TrueType)
# svg backend params
#svg.image_inline : True
                              # write raster image data directly into the svg file
#svg.image_noscale : False
                              # suppress scaling of raster data embedded in SVG
#svg.fonttype : 'path'
                              # How to handle SVG fonts:
     'none': Assume fonts are installed on the machine where the SVG will be viewed.
     'path': Embed characters as paths -- supported by most SVG renderers
#
#
     'svgfont': Embed characters as SVG fonts -- supported only by Chrome,
               Opera and Safari
# docstring params
#docstring.hardcopy = False # set this when you want to generate hardcopy docstring
# Set the verbose flags. This controls how much information
# matplotlib gives you at runtime and where it goes. The verbosity
# levels are: silent, helpful, debug, debug-annoying. Any level is
# inclusive of all the levels below it. If your setting is "debug",
# you'll get all the debug and helpful messages. When submitting
# problems to the mailing-list, please set verbose to "helpful" or "debug"
# and paste the output into your report.
# The "fileo" gives the destination for any calls to verbose.report.
# These objects can a filename, or a filehandle like sys.stdout.
# You can override the rc default verbosity from the command line by
# giving the flags --verbose-LEVEL where LEVEL is one of the legal
# levels, eg --verbose-helpful.
# You can access the verbose instance in your code
    from matplotlib import verbose.
#verbose.level : silent
                              # one of silent, helpful, debug, debug-annoying
#verbose.fileo : sys.stdout # a log filename, sys.stdout or sys.stderr
```

Event keys to interact with figures/plots via keyboard.

```
# Customize these settings according to your needs.
# Leave the field(s) empty if you don't need a key-map. (i.e., fullscreen : '')
#keymap.fullscreen : f
                                     # toggling
#keymap.home : h, r, home
                                     # home or reset mnemonic
#keymap.back : left, c, backspace
                                     # forward / backward keys to enable
#keymap.forward : right, v
                                         left handed quick navigation
#keymap.pan : p
                                     # pan mnemonic
                                     # zoom mnemonic
#keymap.zoom : o
                                     # saving current figure
#keymap.save : s
                                     # close the current figure
#keymap.quit : ctrl+w
#keymap.grid : g
                                     # switching on/off a grid in current axes
#keymap.yscale : 1
                                     # toggle scaling of y-axes ('log'/'linear')
                                     # toggle scaling of x-axes ('log'/'linear')
#keymap.xscale : L, k
                                     # enable all axes
#keymap.all_axes : a
###ANIMATION settings
#animation.writer : ffmpeg
                                   # MovieWriter 'backend' to use
                                   # Codec to use for writing movie
#animation.codec : mp4
#animation.bitrate: -1
                                   # Controls size/quality tradeoff for movie.
                                   # -1 implies let utility auto-determine
                                   # Controls frame format used by temp files
#animation.frame_format: 'png'
#animation.ffmpeg_path: 'ffmpeg'
                                   # Path to ffmpeg binary. Without full path
                                   # $PATH is searched
#animation.ffmpeg_args: ''
                                   # Additional arugments to pass to mencoder
#animation.mencoder_path: 'ffmpeg' # Path to mencoder binary. Without full path
                                   # $PATH is searched
                                   # Additional arugments to pass to mencoder
#animation.mencoder_args: ''
```

CHAPTER

SIX

USING MATPLOTLIB IN A PYTHON SHELL

By default, matplotlib defers drawing until the end of the script because drawing can be an expensive operation, and you may not want to update the plot every time a single property is changed, only once after all the properties have changed.

But when working from the python shell, you usually do want to update the plot with every command, eg, after changing the xlabel(), or the marker style of a line. While this is simple in concept, in practice it can be tricky, because matplotlib is a graphical user interface application under the hood, and there are some tricks to make the applications work right in a python shell.

6.1 Ipython to the rescue

Fortunately, ipython, an enhanced interactive python shell, has figured out all of these tricks, and is matplotlib aware, so when you start ipython in the *pylab* mode.

```
johnh@flag:~> ipython -pylab
Python 2.4.5 (#4, Apr 12 2008, 09:09:16)
IPython 0.9.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.

Welcome to pylab, a matplotlib-based Python environment.
For more information, type 'help(pylab)'.

In [1]: x = randn(10000)
In [2]: hist(x, 100)
```

it sets everything up for you so interactive plotting works as you would expect it to. Call figure() and a figure window pops up, call plot() and your data appears in the figure window.

Note in the example above that we did not import any matplotlib names because in pylab mode, ipython will import them automatically. ipython also turns on *interactive* mode for you, which causes every pyplot command to trigger a figure update, and also provides a matplotlib aware run command to run matplotlib scripts efficiently. ipython will turn off interactive mode during a run command, and then restore the interactive state at the end of the run so you can continue tweaking the figure manually.

There has been a lot of recent work to embed ipython, with pylab support, into various GUI applications, so check on the ipython mailing list for the latest status.

6.2 Other python interpreters

If you can't use ipython, and still want to use matplotlib/pylab from an interactive python shell, e.g. the plain-ole standard python interactive interpreter, you are going to need to understand what a matplotlib backend is *What is a backend?*.

With the TkAgg backend, which uses the Tkinter user interface toolkit, you can use matplotlib from an arbitrary non-gui python shell. Just set your backend: TkAgg and interactive: True in your matplotlibre file (see *Customizing matplotlib*) and fire up python. Then:

```
>>> from pylab import *
>>> plot([1,2,3])
>>> xlabel('hi mom')
```

should work out of the box. This is also likely to work with recent versions of the qt4agg and gtkagg backends, and with the macosx backend on the Macintosh. Note, in batch mode, i.e. when making figures from scripts, interactive mode can be slow since it redraws the figure with each command. So you may want to think carefully before making this the default behavior via the matplotlibrc file instead of using the functions listed in the next section.

Gui shells are at best problematic, because they have to run a mainloop, but interactive plotting also involves a mainloop. Ipython has sorted all this out for the primary matplotlib backends. There may be other shells and IDEs that also work with matplotlib in interactive mode, but one obvious candidate does not: the python IDLE IDE is a Tkinter gui app that does not support pylab interactive mode, regardless of backend.

6.3 Controlling interactive updating

The *interactive* property of the pyplot interface controls whether a figure canvas is drawn on every pyplot command. If *interactive* is *False*, then the figure state is updated on every plot command, but will only be drawn on explicit calls to draw(). When *interactive* is *True*, then every pyplot command triggers a draw.

The pyplot interface provides 4 commands that are useful for interactive control.

```
isinteractive() returns the interactive setting True|False
ion() turns interactive mode on
ioff() turns interactive mode off
draw() forces a figure redraw
```

When working with a big figure in which drawing is expensive, you may want to turn matplotlib's interactive setting off temporarily to avoid the performance hit:

```
>>> #create big-expensive-figure
>>> ioff() # turn updates off
>>> title('now how much would you pay?')
```

```
>>> xticklabels(fontsize=20, color='green')
>>> draw()  # force a draw
>>> savefig('alldone', dpi=300)
>>> close()
>>> ion()  # turn updating back on
>>> plot(rand(20), mfc='g', mec='r', ms=40, mew=4, ls='--', lw=3)
```

WORKING WITH TEXT

7.1 Text introduction

matplotlib has excellent text support, including mathematical expressions, truetype support for raster and vector outputs, newline separated text with arbitrary rotations, and unicode support. Because we embed the fonts directly in the output documents, eg for postscript or PDF, what you see on the screen is what you get in the hardcopy. freetype2 support produces very nice, antialiased fonts, that look good even at small raster sizes. matplotlib includes its own matplotlib.font_manager, thanks to Paul Barrett, which implements a cross platform, W3C compliant font finding algorithm.

You have total control over every text property (font size, font weight, text location and color, etc) with sensible defaults set in the rc file. And significantly for those interested in mathematical or scientific figures, matplotlib implements a large number of TeX math symbols and commands, to support *mathematical expressions* anywhere in your figure.

7.2 Basic text commands

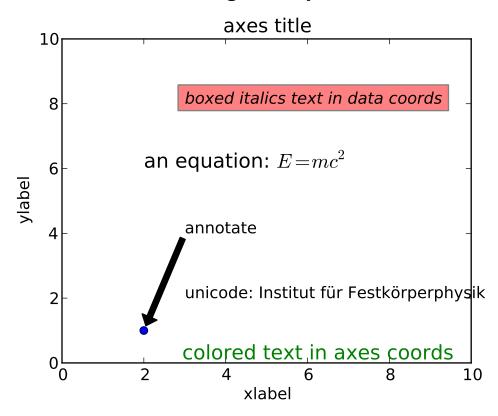
The following commands are used to create text in the pyplot interface

- text() add text at an arbitrary location to the Axes; matplotlib.axes.Axes.text() in the API.
- xlabel() add an axis label to the x-axis; matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xlabel() in the API.
- ylabel() add an axis label to the y-axis; matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_ylabel() in the API.
- title() add a title to the Axes; matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_title() in the API.
- figtext() add text at an arbitrary location to the Figure; matplotlib.figure.Figure.text() in the API.
- suptitle() add a title to the Figure; matplotlib.figure.Figure.suptitle() in the API.
- annotate() add an annotation, with optional arrow, to the Axes ; matplotlib.axes.Axes.annotate() in the API.

All of these functions create and return a matplotlib.text.Text() instance, which can bew configured with a variety of font and other properties. The example below shows all of these commands in action.

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig = plt.figure()
fig.suptitle('bold figure suptitle', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
fig.subplots_adjust(top=0.85)
ax.set_title('axes title')
ax.set_xlabel('xlabel')
ax.set_ylabel('ylabel')
ax.text(3, 8, 'boxed italics text in data coords', style='italic',
       bbox={'facecolor':'red', 'alpha':0.5, 'pad':10})
ax.text(2, 6, r'an equation: $E=mc^2$', fontsize=15)
ax.text(3, 2, unicode('unicode: Institut f\374r Festk\366rperphysik', 'latin-1'))
ax.text(0.95, 0.01, 'colored text in axes coords',
       verticalalignment='bottom', horizontalalignment='right',
       transform=ax.transAxes,
       color='green', fontsize=15)
ax.plot([2], [1], 'o')
ax.annotate('annotate', xy=(2, 1), xytext=(3, 4),
            arrowprops=dict(facecolor='black', shrink=0.05))
ax.axis([0, 10, 0, 10])
plt.show()
```

bold figure suptitle



7.3 Text properties and layout

The matplotlib.text.Text instances have a variety of properties which can be configured via keyword arguments to the text commands (eg title(), xlabel() and text()).

Property	Value Type
alpha	float
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict plus key 'pad' which is a pad in points
clip_box	a matplotlib.transform.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	a Path instance and a Transform instance, a Patch
color	any matplotlib color
family	['serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
fontproperties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	any string
linespacing	float
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
name or fontname	string eg, ['Sans' 'Courier' 'Helvetica']
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal'
size or fontsize	[size in points relative size eg 'smaller', 'x-large']
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion
transform	a matplotlib.transform transformation instance
variant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	['normal' 'bold' 'heavy' 'light' 'ultrabold' 'ultralight']
X	float
у	float
zorder	any number

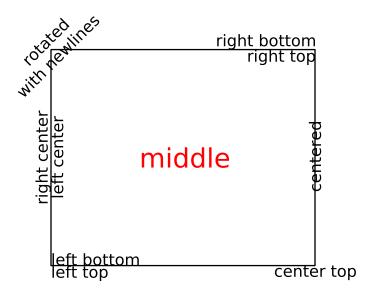
You can layout text with the alignment arguments horizontalalignment, verticalalignment, and multialignment. horizontalalignment controls whether the x positional argument for the text indicates the left, center or right side of the text bounding box. verticalalignment controls whether the y positional argument for the text indicates the bottom, center or top side of the text bounding box. multialignment, for newline separated strings only, controls whether the different lines are left, center or right justified. Here is an example which uses the text() command to show the various alignment possibilities. The use of transform=ax.transAxes throughout the code indicates that the coordinates are given relative to the axes bounding box, with 0,0 being the lower left of the axes and 1,1 the upper right.

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

# build a rectangle in axes coords
left, width = .25, .5
bottom, height = .25, .5
right = left + width
top = bottom + height

fig = plt.figure()
```

```
ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
# axes coordinates are 0,0 is bottom left and 1,1 is upper right
p = patches.Rectangle(
    (left, bottom), width, height,
    fill=False, transform=ax.transAxes, clip_on=False
ax.add_patch(p)
ax.text(left, bottom, 'left top',
        horizontalalignment='left',
        verticalalignment='top',
        transform=ax.transAxes)
ax.text(left, bottom, 'left bottom',
        horizontalalignment='left',
        verticalalignment='bottom',
        transform=ax.transAxes)
ax.text(right, top, 'right bottom',
       horizontalalignment='right',
        verticalalignment='bottom',
        transform=ax.transAxes)
ax.text(right, top, 'right top',
        horizontalalignment='right',
        verticalalignment='top',
        transform=ax.transAxes)
ax.text(right, bottom, 'center top',
       horizontalalignment='center',
        verticalalignment='top',
        transform=ax.transAxes)
ax.text(left, 0.5*(bottom+top), 'right center',
       horizontalalignment='right',
        verticalalignment='center',
        rotation='vertical',
        transform=ax.transAxes)
ax.text(left, 0.5*(bottom+top), 'left center',
       horizontalalignment='left',
        verticalalignment='center',
        rotation='vertical',
        transform=ax.transAxes)
ax.text(0.5*(left+right), 0.5*(bottom+top), 'middle',
        horizontalalignment='center',
        verticalalignment='center',
        fontsize=20, color='red',
        transform=ax.transAxes)
```



7.4 Writing mathematical expressions

You can use a subset TeX markup in any matplotlib text string by placing it inside a pair of dollar signs (\$).

Note that you do not need to have TeX installed, since matplotlib ships its own TeX expression parser, layout engine and fonts. The layout engine is a fairly direct adaptation of the layout algorithms in Donald Knuth's TeX, so the quality is quite good (matplotlib also provides a usetex option for those who do want to call out to TeX to generate their text (see *Text rendering With LaTeX*).

Any text element can use math text. You should use raw strings (preced the quotes with an 'r'), and surround the math text with dollar signs (\$), as in TeX. Regular text and mathtext can be interleaved within the same string. Mathtext can use the Computer Modern fonts (from (La)TeX), STIX fonts (with are designed to blend well with Times) or a Unicode font that you provide. The mathtext font can be selected with the customization variable mathtext.fontset (see *Customizing matplotlib*)

Note: On "narrow" builds of Python, if you use the STIX fonts you should also set ps.fonttype and pdf.fonttype to 3 (the default), not 42. Otherwise some characters will not be visible.

Here is a simple example:

```
# plain text
plt.title('alpha > beta')

produces "alpha > beta".

Whereas this:
# math text
plt.title(r'$\alpha > \beta$')

produces "α > β".
```

Note: Mathtext should be placed between a pair of dollar signs (\$). To make it easy to display monetary values, e.g. "\$100.00", if a single dollar sign is present in the entire string, it will be displayed verbatim as a dollar sign. This is a small change from regular TeX, where the dollar sign in non-math text would have to be escaped ('\$').

Note: While the syntax inside the pair of dollar signs (\$) aims to be TeX-like, the text outside does not. In particular, characters such as:

```
#$%&~_^\{}\(\)\[\]
```

have special meaning outside of math mode in TeX. Therefore, these characters will behave differently depending on the rcParam text.usetex flag. See the *usetex tutorial* for more information.

7.4.1 Subscripts and superscripts

To make subscripts and superscripts, use the '_' and '^' symbols:

$$\alpha_i > \beta_i \tag{7.1}$$

Some symbols automatically put their sub/superscripts under and over the operator. For example, to write the sum of x_i from 0 to ∞ , you could do:

r'\$\sum_{i=0}^\infty x_i\$'

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i \tag{7.2}$$

7.4.2 Fractions, binomials and stacked numbers

Fractions, binomials and stacked numbers can be created with the \frac{}{}, \binom{}{} and \stackrel{}{} commands, respectively:

r'\$\frac{3}{4} \binom{3}{4} \stackrel{3}{4}\$'

produces

$$\frac{3}{4}\binom{3}{4}\frac{3}{4}$$
 (7.3)

Fractions can be arbitrarily nested:

r'\$\frac{5 - \frac{1}{x}}{4}\$'

produces

$$\frac{5 - \frac{1}{x}}{4} \tag{7.4}$$

Note that special care needs to be taken to place parentheses and brackets around fractions. Doing things the obvious way produces brackets that are too small:

r'\$(\frac{5 - \frac{1}{x}}{4})\$'

$$\left(\frac{5-\frac{1}{x}}{4}\right) \tag{7.5}$$

The solution is to precede the bracket with \left and \right to inform the parser that those brackets encompass the entire object:

r'\$\left(\frac{5 - \frac{1}{x}}{4}\right)\$'

$$\left(\frac{5-\frac{1}{x}}{4}\right) \tag{7.6}$$

7.4.3 Radicals

Radicals can be produced with the \sqrt[]{} command. For example:

r'\$\sqrt{2}\$'

$$\sqrt{2} \tag{7.7}$$

Any base can (optionally) be provided inside square brackets. Note that the base must be a simple expression, and can not contain layout commands such as fractions or sub/superscripts:

$$\sqrt[3]{x}$$
 (7.8)

7.4.4 Fonts

The default font is *italics* for mathematical symbols.

Note: This default can be changed using the mathtext.default rcParam. This is useful, for example, to use the same font as regular non-math text for math text, by setting it to regular.

To change fonts, eg, to write "sin" in a Roman font, enclose the text in a font command:

$$r'$$
\$s(t) = \mathcal{A}\mathrm{sin}(2 \omega t)\$'

$$s(t) = \mathcal{H}\sin(2\omega t) \tag{7.9}$$

More conveniently, many commonly used function names that are typeset in a Roman font have shortcuts. So the expression above could be written as follows:

$$r'$$
\$s(t) = \mathcal{A}\sin(2 \omega t)\$'

$$s(t) = \mathcal{A}\sin(2\omega t) \tag{7.10}$$

Here "s" and "t" are variable in italics font (default), "sin" is in Roman font, and the amplitude "A" is in calligraphy font. Note in the example above the caligraphy A is squished into the sin. You can use a spacing command to add a little whitespace between them:

$$s(t) = \mathcal{A} / \sin(2 \omega t)$$

$$s(t) = \mathcal{A}\sin(2\omega t) \tag{7.11}$$

The choices available with all fonts are:

Command	Result
\mathrm{Roman}	Roman
\mathit{Italic}	Italic
\mathtt{Typewriter}	Typewriter
\mathcal{CALLIGRAPHY}	CALLIGRAPHY

When using the STIX fonts, you also have the choice of:

Command	Result
\mathbb{blackboard}	/GK ™ G⊳
<pre>\mathrm{\mathbb{blackboard}}</pre>	/GK[G⊳
\mathfrak{Fraktur}	Fraktur
sansserif	sansserif
<pre>\mathrm{sansserif}</pre>	sansserif

There are also three global "font sets" to choose from, which are selected using the mathtext.fontset parameter in *matplotlibrc*.

cm: Computer Modern (TeX)

$$\mathcal{R} \prod_{i=\alpha_{i+1}}^{\infty} a_i \sin(2\pi f x_i)$$

stix: STIX (designed to blend well with Times)

$$\mathcal{R}\prod_{i=\alpha_{i+1}}^{\infty}a_i\sin(2\pi f x_i)$$

stixsans: STIX sans-serif

$$\mathcal{R}\prod_{i=\alpha_{i+1}}^{\infty}a_{i}\sin(2\pi f x_{i})$$

Additionally, you can use \mathdefault{...} or its alias \mathregular{...} to use the font used for regular text outside of mathtext. There are a number of limitations to this approach, most notably that far fewer symbols will be available, but it can be useful to make math expressions blend well with other text in the plot.

Custom fonts

mathtext also provides a way to use custom fonts for math. This method is fairly tricky to use, and should be considered an experimental feature for patient users only. By setting the rcParam mathtext.fontset to custom, you can then set the following parameters, which control which font file to use for a particular set of math characters.

Parameter	Corresponds to
mathtext.it	or default italic
mathtext.rm	Roman (upright)
mathtext.tt	Typewriter (monospace)
mathtext.bf	bold italic
mathtext.cal	calligraphic
mathtext.sf	sans-serif

Each parameter should be set to a fontconfig font descriptor (as defined in the yet-to-be-written font chapter).

The fonts used should have a Unicode mapping in order to find any non-Latin characters, such as Greek. If you want to use a math symbol that is not contained in your custom fonts, you can set the rcParam mathtext.fallback_to_cm to True which will cause the mathtext system to use characters from the default Computer Modern fonts whenever a particular character can not be found in the custom font.

Note that the math glyphs specified in Unicode have evolved over time, and many fonts may not have glyphs in the correct place for mathtext.

7.4.5 Accents

An accent command may precede any symbol to add an accent above it. There are long and short forms for some of them.

Command	Result
\acute a or \'a	á
\bar a	ā
\breve a	ă
\ddot a or \"a	ä
\dot a or \.a	ä
\grave a or \'a	à
\hat a or \^a	â
\tilde a or \~a	ã
\vec a	ā
\overline{abc}	\overline{abc}

In addition, there are two special accents that automatically adjust to the width of the symbols below:

Command	Result
\widehat{xyz}	xŷz
\widetilde{xyz}	\widetilde{xyz}

Care should be taken when putting accents on lower-case i's and j's. Note that in the following \imath is used to avoid the extra dot over the i:

$$\hat{i} \hat{i}$$
 (7.12)

7.4.6 Symbols

You can also use a large number of the TeX symbols, as in \infty, \leftarrow, \sum, \int.

Lower-case Greek

$\alpha \setminus alpha$	β \beta	χ∖chi	$\delta \setminus delta$	<i>F</i> ∖digamma
ϵ \epsilon	η\eta	$\gamma \setminus gamma$	ι\iota	κ \kappa
$\lambda \setminus lambda$	μ\mu	ν \nu	ω∖omega	φ \phi
π\pi	ψ \psi	ρ \rho	$\sigma \setminus {\sf sigma}$	τ\tau
θ \theta	v \upsilon	arepsilon	x \varkappa	$arphi$ \varphi
<i>w</i> \varpi	<i>ϱ</i> ∖varrho	ς∖varsigma	ϑ \vartheta	ξ\xi
ζ\zeta				

Upper-case Greek

∆\Delta	Γ\Gamma	Λ\Lambda	$\Omega \setminus Omega$	Φ\Phi	П∖Рі
Ψ\Psi	$\Sigma \setminus Sigma$	Θ\Theta	Υ\Upsilon	Ξ\Xi	℧ \mho
∇ \nabla					

Hebrew

🛪 \aleph コ \beth フ \daleth] \gimel	ℵ \aleph	۵\beth	٦∖daleth]\gimel
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Delimiters

//	[[↓\Downarrow	↑\Uparrow	∥\Vert	\\backslash
↓\downarrow	⟨\langle	[\lceil	[\lfloor	∟\llcorner	∟\lrcorner
<pre>>\rangle</pre>]\rceil]\rfloor	「\ulcorner	↑\uparrow	¬∖urcorner
\vert	{ \{	\	} \}]]	

Big symbols

∩\bigcap	U \bigcup		⊕ \bigoplus	⊗ \bigotimes
⊕\biguplus	√ \bigvee	∧ \bigwedge	∐ \coprod	∫∖int
∮∖oint	∏ \prod	∑∖sum		

Standard function names

Pr \Pr	arccos \arccos	arcsin \arcsin	arctan \arctan
arg \arg	cos \cos	cosh \cosh	cot \cot
coth \coth	csc \csc	deg \deg	det \det
dim \dim	exp \exp	gcd \gcd	hom \hom
inf \inf	ker \ker	lg \lg	lim \lim
lim inf \liminf	lim sup \limsup	ln \ln	log \log
max \max	min \min	sec \sec	sin \sin
sinh \sinh	sup \sup	tan \tan	tanh \tanh

Binary operation and relation symbols

≎\Bumpeq	∩ \Cap	⊎ \Cup
⇒ \Doteq	⋈\Join	
∋\Supset	⊩ \Vdash	⊪ \Vvdash
≈ \approx	≊ \approxeq	*\ast
	∍\backepsilon	∽ \backsim
	⊼ \barwedge	∵ \because
≬\between	○ \bigcirc	▽ \bigtriangledown
△ \bigtriangleup		► \blacktriangleright
⊥\bot	⋈ \bowtie	⊡ \boxdot
⊟ \boxminus	⊞ \boxplus	⊠ \boxtimes
• \bullet	≏\bumpeq	∩ \cap
· \cdot	∘\circ	≗\circeq
:-\coloneq	≅ \cong	∪ \cup
<pre>< \curlyeqprec</pre>	<pre>> \curlyeqsucc</pre>	
∧ \curlywedge	† \dag	⊣ \dashv
‡ \ddag	♦ \diamond	÷\div
* \divideontimes	≐ \doteq	≑ \doteqdot
∔ \dotplus	⊼\doublebarwedge	= \eqcirc
-: \eqcolon	≂ \eqsim	> \eqslantgtr
<pre>< \eqslantless</pre>	≡\equiv	≒\fallingdotseq

	≥ \geq	≧ \geqq	
<pre></pre>	≫ \gg	>>> \ggg	
	≩ \gneqq	<pre>≳\gnsim</pre>	
<pre></pre>	> \gtrdot	<pre></pre>	
<pre></pre>	≷\gtrless	<pre>≳\gtrsim</pre>	
∈\in	_T \intercal	λ \leftthreetimes	
≤\leq	<u></u> ≤\leqq	<pre>< \leqslant</pre>	
≲∖lessapprox	∢\lessdot	≶\lesseqgtr	
≶\lesseqqgtr	≶∖lessgtr	≲\lesssim	
≪ \11	≪ \111	≨ \lnapprox	
≨\lneqq	≲∖lnsim	×\ltimes	
\mid	⊨ \models	∓ \mp	
⊭ \nVDash	⊮ \nVdash	<pre></pre>	
≇ \ncong	≠ \ne	≠ \neq	
≠ \neq	≢ \nequiv	≱ \ngeq	
<pre></pre>	∋∖ni	≰\nleq	
≮∖nless	∤\nmid	∉\notin	
∦\nparallel	⊀ \nprec	≁ \nsim	
⊄ \nsubset	⊈ \nsubseteq		
⊅ \nsupset	⊉ \nsupseteq	<pre></pre>	

∮ \ntrianglelefteq	<pre></pre>	<pre></pre>
⊭ \nvDash	⊬ \nvdash	⊙ \odot
⊖\ominus	⊕\oplus	⊘\oslash
⊗\otimes	∥\parallel	⊥ \perp
↑\pitchfork	± \pm	<\prec
≲\precapprox	<pre>< \preccurlyeq</pre>	<pre>≤\preceq</pre>
≨ \precnapprox	≾\precnsim	≾\precsim
∝ \propto		≓\risingdotseq
<pre></pre>	~\sim	≃\simeq
/\slash		□\sqcap
⊔ \sqcup	⊏\sqsubset	⊏\sqsubset
⊑\sqsubseteq	<pre> ¬\sqsupset</pre>	<pre>□ \sqsupset</pre>
⊒\sqsupseteq	* \star	
⊆\subseteq	⊆\subseteqq	⊊∖subsetneq
⊊∖subsetneqq	> \succ	
<pre>≽\succcurlyeq</pre>	≥ \succeq	\succnapprox
<pre>≿\succnsim</pre>	≿\succsim	⊃∖supset
⊇∖supseteq	⊇\supseteqq	⊋∖supsetneq
⊋\supsetneqq	∴\therefore	×\times
⊤\top	∢\triangleleft	⊴∖trianglelefteq
A \ +i 1	. \ +	> \ +i i - +
≜ \triangleq		⊵\trianglerighteq
⊎ \uplus	⊧ \vDash	∝ \varpropto
<pre></pre>	▷ \vartriangleright	⊦ \vdash
∨ \vee	⊻ \veebar	∧ \wedge
≀\wr		

Arrow symbols

↓\Downarrow	<pre>← \Leftarrow</pre>	
⇔ \Leftrightarrow	<pre></pre>	
$\longleftarrow \setminus Longleftarrow$	$\iff \setminus Longleftrightarrow$	
\Longrightarrow \Longrightarrow	ণ ∖Lsh	
	√ \Nwarrow	
⇒ \Rightarrow	⇒ \Rrightarrow	
r ∖Rsh		
√ \Swarrow	↑\Uparrow	
↑ Updownarrow	○\circlearrowleft	
○\circlearrowright	√\curvearrowleft	
	\dashleftarrow	
> \dashrightarrow	↓ \downarrow	
↓↓ \downdownarrows	↓ \downharpoonleft	
∖downharpoonright		
	<pre>→ \leadsto</pre>	
← \leftarrow		
← \leftharpoondown	← \leftharpoonup	
<pre></pre>	<pre>↔ \leftrightarrow</pre>	
<pre>≒ \leftrightarrows</pre>	<pre>≒ \leftrightharpoons</pre>	
√ \leftrightsquigarrow	⟨~ \leftsquigarrow	

\leftarrow \longleftarrow	$\longleftrightarrow \setminus longleftrightarrow$
$\longmapsto \setminus longmapsto$	> \longrightarrow
<pre></pre>	→ \looparrowright
→ \mapsto	⊸ \multimap
<pre> ⟨ ⟨ ⟨ ⟨ ⟨ ⟨ ⟨ ⟨ ⟨ ⟨ ⟨ ⟨ ⟨</pre>	<pre>⇔ \nLeftrightarrow</pre>
⇒ \nRightarrow	
<pre>← \nleftarrow</pre>	<pre>↔ \nleftrightarrow</pre>
→ \nrightarrow	√ \nwarrow
→ \rightarrow	→ \rightarrowtail
→ \rightharpoondown	→ \rightharpoonup
	<pre></pre>
<pre></pre>	<pre></pre>
⇒\rightrightarrows	⇒\rightrightarrows
√→ \rightsquigarrow	∖\searrow
✓\swarrow	→ \to
«-\twoheadleftarrow	→ \twoheadrightarrow
↑\uparrow	↑\updownarrow
↑\updownarrow	1 \upharpoonleft
\upharpoonright	↑ \upuparrows

Miscellaneous symbols

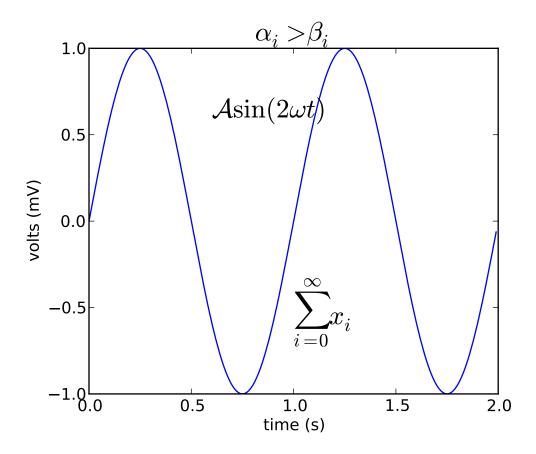
\$\\$	Å \AA	∃\Finv
∂\Game	I \Im	¶ \P
ℜ \Re	§ \S	∠ \angle
\\backprime	★ \bigstar	■ \blacksquare
▲ \blacktriangle	▼ \blacktriangledown	···\cdots
√\checkmark	<pre> \circledR </pre>	
♣\clubsuit	<pre>C \complement</pre>	©\copyright
·. \ddots	♦ \diamondsuit	ℓ\ell
∅\emptyset	ð∖eth	∃\exists
<pre>♭ \flat</pre>	∀\forall	ħ \hbar
♡\heartsuit	ħ \hslash	∭∖iiint
∬∖iint	∬∖iint	ı \imath
∞ \infty	$_{J}\setminus \mathtt{jmath}$	\ldots
∡\measuredangle	կ∖natural	¬ \neg
∄\nexists	∰ \oiiint	$\partial \setminus partial$
/\prime	#\sharp	♦\spadesuit
∢\sphericalangle	\ss	▽ \triangledown
∅ \varnothing	∆ \vartriangle	:\vdots
	¥ \yen	

If a particular symbol does not have a name (as is true of many of the more obscure symbols in the STIX fonts), Unicode characters can also be used:

```
ur'$\u23ce$'
```

7.4.7 Example

Here is an example illustrating many of these features in context.



7.5 Typesetting With XeLaTeX/LuaLaTeX

Using the pgf backend, matplotlib can export figures as pgf drawing commands that can be processed with pdflatex, xelatex or lualatex. XeLaTeX and LuaLaTeX have full unicode support and can use any font that is installed in the operating system, making use of advanced typographic features of Open-Type, AAT and Graphite. Pgf pictures created by plt.savefig('figure.pgf') can be embedded as raw commands in LaTeX documents. Figures can also be directly compiled and saved to PDF with plt.savefig('figure.pdf') by either switching to the backend

```
matplotlib.use('pgf')
```

or registering it for handling pdf output

```
from matplotlib.backends.backend_pgf import FigureCanvasPgf
matplotlib.backend_bases.register_backend('pdf', FigureCanvasPgf)
```

The second method allows you to keep using regular interactive backends and to save xelatex, lualatex or pdflatex compiled PDF files from the graphical user interface.

Matplotlib's pgf support requires a recent LaTeX installation that includes the TikZ/PGF packages (such as TeXLive), preferably with XeLaTeX or LuaLaTeX installed. If either pdftocairo or ghostscript is present on your system, figures can optionally be saved to PNG images as well. The executables for all applications must be located on your PATH.

Rc parameters that control the behavior of the pgf backend:

Parameter	Documentation
pgf.preamble	Lines to be included in the LaTeX preamble
pgf.rcfonts	Setup fonts from rc params using the fontspec package
pgf.texsystem	Either "xelatex", "lualatex" or "pdflatex"

Note: TeX defines a set of secial characters, such as:

```
# $ % & ~ _ ^ \ { }
```

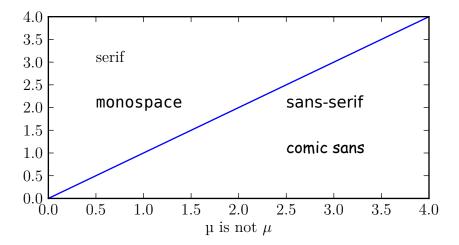
Generally, these characters must be escaped correctly. For convenience, some characters $(_,^{\wedge},\%)$ are automatically escaped outside of math environments.

7.5.1 Font specification

The fonts used for obtaining the size of text elements or when compiling figures to PDF are usually defined in the matplotlib rc parameters. You can also use the LaTeX default Computer Modern fonts by clearing the lists for font.serif, font.sans-serif or font.monospace. Please note that the glyph coverage of these fonts is very limited. If you want to keep the Computer Modern font face but require extended unicode support, consider installing the Computer Modern Unicode fonts *CMU Serif*, *CMU Sans Serif*, etc.

When saving to .pgf, the font configuration matplotlib used for the layout of the figure is included in the header of the text file.

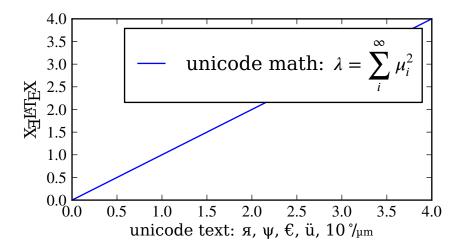
```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
import matplotlib as mpl
mpl.use("pgf")
pgf_with_rc_fonts = {
    "font.family": "serif",
                                            # use latex default serif font
    "font.serif": [],
    "font.sans-serif": ["DejaVu Sans"], # use a specific sans-serif font
mpl.rcParams.update(pgf_with_rc_fonts)
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.figure(figsize=(4.5,2.5))
plt.plot(range(5))
plt.text(0.5, 3., "serif")
plt.text(0.5, 2., "monospace", family="monospace")
plt.text(2.5, 2., "sans-serif", family="sans-serif")
plt.text(2.5, 1., "comic sans", family="Comic Sans MS")
plt.xlabel(u"µ is not $\\mu$")
plt.tight_layout(.5)
```



7.5.2 Custom preamble

Full customization is possible by adding your own commands to the preamble. Use the pgf.preamble parameter if you want to configure the math fonts or for loading additional packages. Also, if you want to do the font configuration yourself instead of using the fonts specified in the rc parameters, make sure to disable pgf.rcfonts.

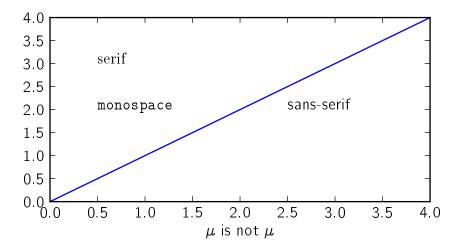
```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
import matplotlib as mpl
mpl.use("pgf")
pgf_with_custom_preamble = {
    "font.family": "serif", # use serif/main font for text elements
    "text.usetex": True,
                           # use inline math for ticks
    "pgf.rcfonts": False,
                           # don't setup fonts from rc parameters
    "pgf.preamble": [
         r"\usepackage{units}",
                                       # load additional packages
         r"\usepackage{metalogo}",
                                          # load additional packages
        r"\usepackage{unicode-math}", # unicode math setup
         r"\setmathfont{XITS Math}",
         r"\setmainfont{DejaVu Serif}", # font setup via preamble
mpl.rcParams.update(pgf_with_custom_preamble)
```



7.5.3 Choosing the TeX system

The TeX system to be used by matplotlib is chosen by the pgf.texsystem parameter. Possible values are 'xelatex' (default), 'lualatex' and 'pdflatex'. Please note that when selecting pdflatex the fonts and unicode handling must be configured in the preamble.

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
import matplotlib as mpl
mpl.use("pgf")
pgf_with_pdflatex = {
    "pgf.texsystem": "pdflatex",
    "pgf.preamble": [
         r"\usepackage[utf8x]{inputenc}",
         r"\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}",
         r"\usepackage{cmbright}",
}
mpl.rcParams.update(pgf_with_pdflatex)
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.figure(figsize=(4.5,2.5))
plt.plot(range(5))
plt.text(0.5, 3., "serif", family="serif")
plt.text(0.5, 2., "monospace", family="monospace")
plt.text(2.5, 2., "sans-serif", family="sans-serif")
plt.xlabel(u"µ is not $\\mu$")
plt.tight_layout(.5)
```



7.5.4 Troubleshooting

- Please note that the TeX packages found in some Linux distributions and MiKTeX installations are dramatically outdated. Make sure to update your package catalog and upgrade or install a recent TeX distribution.
- On Windows, the PATH environment variable may need to be modified to include the directories containing the latex, dvipng and ghostscript executables. See *Environment Variables* and *Setting environment variables in windows* for details.
- A limitation on Windows causes the backend to keep file handles that have been opened by your application open. As a result, it may not be possible to delete the corresponding files until the application closes (see #1324).
- Sometimes the font rendering in figures that are saved to png images is very bad. This happens when the pdftocairo tool is not available and ghostscript is used for the pdf to png conversion.
- Make sure what you are trying to do is possible in a LaTeX document, that your LaTeX syntax is valid and that you are using raw strings if necessary to avoid unintended escape sequences.
- The pgf.preamble rc setting provides lots of flexibility, and lots of ways to cause problems. When experiencing problems, try to minimalize or disable the custom preamble.
- If the font configuration used by matplotlib differs from the font setting in yout LaTeX document, the alignment of text elements in imported figures may be off. Check the header of your .pgf file if you are unsure about the fonts matplotlib used for the layout.
- If you still need help, please see Getting help

7.6 Text rendering With LaTeX

Matplotlib has the option to use LaTeX to manage all text layout. This option is available with the following backends:

Agg

- PS
- PDF

The LaTeX option is activated by setting text.usetex: True in your rc settings. Text handling with matplotlib's LaTeX support is slower than matplotlib's very capable *mathtext*, but is more flexible, since different LaTeX packages (font packages, math packages, etc.) can be used. The results can be striking, especially when you take care to use the same fonts in your figures as in the main document.

Matplotlib's LaTeX support requires a working LaTeX installation, dvipng (which may be included with your LaTeX installation), and Ghostscript (GPL Ghostscript 8.60 or later is recommended). The executables for these external dependencies must all be located on your PATH.

There are a couple of options to mention, which can be changed using *rc settings*. Here is an example matplotlibre file:

```
font.family : serif

font.serif : Times, Palatino, New Century Schoolbook, Bookman, Computer Modern Roman

font.sans-serif : Helvetica, Avant Garde, Computer Modern Sans serif

font.cursive : Zapf Chancery

font.monospace : Courier, Computer Modern Typewriter

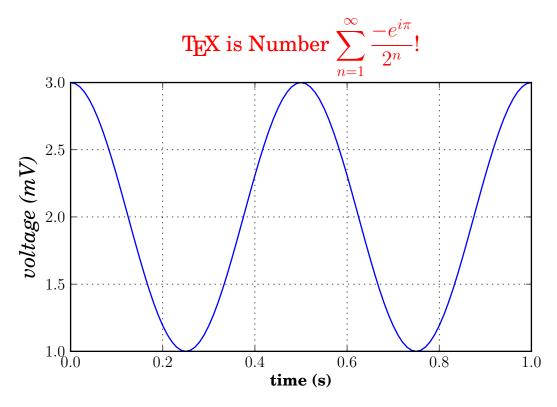
text.usetex : true
```

The first valid font in each family is the one that will be loaded. If the fonts are not specified, the Computer Modern fonts are used by default. All of the other fonts are Adobe fonts. Times and Palatino each have their own accompanying math fonts, while the other Adobe serif fonts make use of the Computer Modern math fonts. See the PSNFSS documentation for more details.

To use LaTeX and select Helvetica as the default font, without editing matplotlibrc use:

```
from matplotlib import rc
rc('font',**{'family':'sans-serif','sans-serif':['Helvetica']})
## for Palatino and other serif fonts use:
#rc('font', **{'family':'serif', 'serif':['Palatino']})
rc('text', usetex=True)
Here is the standard example, tex_demo.py:
#!/usr/bin/env python
You can use TeX to render all of your matplotlib text if the rc
parameter text.usetex is set. This works currently on the agg and ps
backends, and requires that you have tex and the other dependencies
described at http://matplotlib.sf.net/matplotlib.texmanager.html
properly installed on your system. The first time you run a script
you will see a lot of output from tex and associated tools. The next
time, the run may be silent, as a lot of the information is cached in
~/.tex.cache
from matplotlib import rc
from numpy import arange, cos, pi
from matplotlib.pyplot import figure, axes, plot, xlabel, ylabel, title, \
     grid, savefig, show
```

show()



Note that display math mode (\$\$ e=mc^2 \$\$) is not supported, but adding the command \displaystyle, as in tex_demo.py, will produce the same results.

Note: Certain characters require special escaping in TeX, such as:

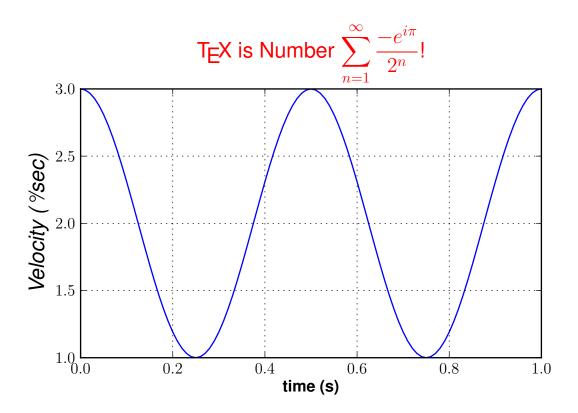
```
# $ % & ~ _ ^ \ { } \( \) \[ \]
```

Therefore, these characters will behave differently depending on the rcParam text.usetex flag.

7.6.1 usetex with unicode

It is also possible to use unicode strings with the LaTeX text manager, here is an example taken from tex_unicode_demo.py:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
This demo is tex_demo.py modified to have unicode. See that file for
more information.
from __future__ import unicode_literals
import matplotlib as mpl
mpl.rcParams['text.usetex']=True
mpl.rcParams['text.latex.unicode']=True
from numpy import arange, cos, pi
from matplotlib.pyplot import (figure, axes, plot, xlabel, ylabel, title,
                    grid, savefig, show)
figure(1, figsize=(6,4))
ax = axes([0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.7])
t = arange(0.0, 1.0+0.01, 0.01)
s = cos(2*2*pi*t)+2
plot(t, s)
xlabel(r'\textbf{time (s)}')
ylabel(r'\textit{Velocity (\u00B0/sec)}', fontsize=16)
title(r'') TeX is Number $\displaystyle \sum_{n=1}^{\inf y^{-e^{i\pi}}}{2^n} $!", frac{-e^{i\pi}}{2^n} $!", fr
                        fontsize=16, color='r')
grid(True)
show()
```



7.6.2 Postscript options

In order to produce encapsulated postscript files that can be embedded in a new LaTeX document, the default behavior of matplotlib is to distill the output, which removes some postscript operators used by LaTeX that are illegal in an eps file. This step produces results which may be unacceptable to some users, because the text is coarsely rasterized and converted to bitmaps, which are not scalable like standard postscript, and the text is not searchable. One workaround is to to set ps.distiller.res to a higher value (perhaps 6000) in your rc settings, which will produce larger files but may look better and scale reasonably. A better workaround, which requires Poppler or Xpdf, can be activated by changing the ps.usedistiller rc setting to xpdf. This alternative produces postscript without rasterizing text, so it scales properly, can be edited in Adobe Illustrator, and searched text in pdf documents.

7.6.3 Possible hangups

- On Windows, the PATH environment variable may need to be modified to include the directories containing the latex, dvipng and ghostscript executables. See *Environment Variables* and *Setting environment variables in windows* for details.
- Using MiKTeX with Computer Modern fonts, if you get odd *Agg and PNG results, go to MiK-TeX/Options and update your format files
- The fonts look terrible on screen. You are probably running Mac OS, and there is some funny business with older versions of dvipng on the mac. Set text.dvipnghack: True in your matplotlibre file.
- On Ubuntu and Gentoo, the base texlive install does not ship with the type1cm package. You may

need to install some of the extra packages to get all the goodies that come bundled with other latex distributions.

• Some progress has been made so matplotlib uses the dvi files directly for text layout. This allows latex to be used for text layout with the pdf and svg backends, as well as the *Agg and PS backends. In the future, a latex installation may be the only external dependency.

7.6.4 Troubleshooting

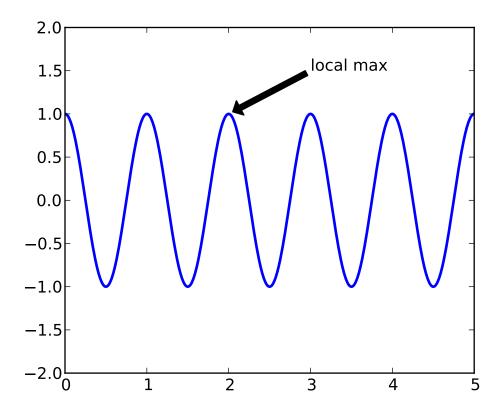
- Try deleting your .matplotlib/tex.cache directory. If you don't know where to find .matplotlib, see .matplotlib directory location.
- Make sure LaTeX, dvipng and ghostscript are each working and on your PATH.
- Make sure what you are trying to do is possible in a LaTeX document, that your LaTeX syntax is valid and that you are using raw strings if necessary to avoid unintended escape sequences.
- Most problems reported on the mailing list have been cleared up by upgrading Ghostscript. If possible, please try upgrading to the latest release before reporting problems to the list.
- The text.latex.preamble rc setting is not officially supported. This option provides lots of flexibility, and lots of ways to cause problems. Please disable this option before reporting problems to the mailing list.
- If you still need help, please see Getting help

7.7 Annotating text

For a more detailed introduction to annotations, see *Annotating Axes*.

The uses of the basic text() command above place text at an arbitrary position on the Axes. A common use case of text is to annotate some feature of the plot, and the annotate() method provides helper functionality to make annotations easy. In an annotation, there are two points to consider: the location being annotated represented by the argument xy and the location of the text xytext. Both of these arguments are (x,y) tuples.

```
ax.set_ylim(-2,2)
plt.show()
```



In this example, both the xy (arrow tip) and xytext locations (text location) are in data coordinates. There are a variety of other coordinate systems one can choose – you can specify the coordinate system of xy and xytext with one of the following strings for xycoords and textcoords (default is 'data')

argument	coordinate system
'figure points'	points from the lower left corner of the figure
'figure pixels'	pixels from the lower left corner of the figure
'figure fraction'	0,0 is lower left of figure and 1,1 is upper, right
'axes points'	points from lower left corner of axes
'axes pixels'	pixels from lower left corner of axes
'axes fraction'	0,1 is lower left of axes and 1,1 is upper right
'data'	use the axes data coordinate system

For example to place the text coordinates in fractional axes coordinates, one could do:

For physical coordinate systems (points or pixels) the origin is the (bottom, left) of the figure or axes. If

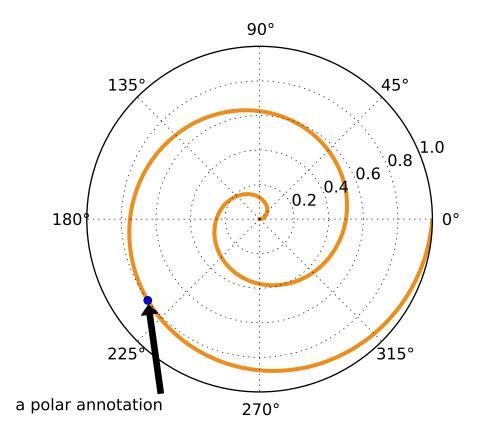
the value is negative, however, the origin is from the (right, top) of the figure or axes, analogous to negative indexing of sequences.

Optionally, you can specify arrow properties which draws an arrow from the text to the annotated point by giving a dictionary of arrow properties in the optional keyword argument arrowprops.

arrowprops key	description
width	the width of the arrow in points
frac	the fraction of the arrow length occupied by the head
headwidth	the width of the base of the arrow head in points
shrink	move the tip and base some percent away from the annotated point and text
**kwargs	any key for matplotlib.patches.Polygon, e.g. facecolor

In the example below, the xy point is in native coordinates (xycoords defaults to 'data'). For a polar axes, this is in (theta, radius) space. The text in this example is placed in the fractional figure coordinate system. matplotlib.text.Text keyword args like horizontalalignment, verticalalignment and fontsize are passed from the '~matplotlib.Axes.annotate' to the 'Text instance

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, polar=True)
r = np.arange(0,1,0.001)
theta = 2*2*np.pi*r
line, = ax.plot(theta, r, color='#ee8d18', lw=3)
ind = 800
thisr, thistheta = r[ind], theta[ind]
ax.plot([thistheta], [thisr], 'o')
ax.annotate('a polar annotation',
            xy=(thistheta, thisr), # theta, radius
            xytext=(0.05, 0.05),
                                    # fraction, fraction
            textcoords='figure fraction',
            arrowprops=dict(facecolor='black', shrink=0.05),
            horizontalalignment='left',
            verticalalignment='bottom',
plt.show()
```



For more on all the wild and wonderful things you can do with annotations, including fancy arrows, see *Annotating Axes* and *pylab_examples-annotation_demo*.

CHAPTER

EIGHT

IMAGE TUTORIAL

8.1 Startup commands

At the very least, you'll need to have access to the imshow() function. There are a couple of ways to do it. The easy way for an interactive environment:

```
$ipython -pylab
```

The imshow function is now directly accessible (it's in your namespace). See also *Pyplot tutorial*.

The more expressive, easier to understand later method (use this in your scripts to make it easier for others (including your future self) to read) is to use the matplotlib API (see *Artist tutorial*) where you use explicit namespaces and control object creation, etc...

```
In [1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
In [2]: import matplotlib.image as mpimg
In [3]: import numpy as np
```

Examples below will use the latter method, for clarity. In these examples, if you use the -pylab method, you can skip the "mpimg." and "plt." prefixes.

8.2 Importing image data into Numpy arrays

Plotting image data is supported by the Python Image Library (PIL), . Natively, matplotlib only supports PNG images. The commands shown below fall back on PIL if the native read fails.

The image used in this example is a PNG file, but keep that PIL requirement in mind for your own data.

Here's the image we're going to play with:



It's a 24-bit RGB PNG image (8 bits for each of R, G, B). Depending on where you get your data, the other kinds of image that you'll most likely encounter are RGBA images, which allow for transparency, or single-channel grayscale (luminosity) images. You can right click on it and choose "Save image as" to download it to your computer for the rest of this tutorial.

And here we go...

```
[[0.41960785, 0.41960785, 0.41960785],
[0.41568628, 0.41568628, 0.41568628],
[ 0.41568628, 0.41568628,
                           0.41568628],
[0.43137255, 0.43137255, 0.43137255],
Γ 0.43137255. 0.43137255. 0.43137255].
[0.43137255, 0.43137255, 0.43137255]],
[[0.43921569, 0.43921569, 0.43921569],
[0.43529412, 0.43529412, 0.43529412],
[0.43137255, 0.43137255, 0.43137255],
[0.45490196, 0.45490196, 0.45490196],
[0.4509804, 0.4509804, 0.4509804],
[0.4509804, 0.4509804, 0.4509804]],
[[0.44313726, 0.44313726, 0.44313726],
[0.44313726, 0.44313726, 0.44313726],
[0.43921569, 0.43921569, 0.43921569],
[ 0.4509804 , 0.4509804 , 0.4509804 ],
Γ 0.44705883. 0.44705883. 0.447058831.
[0.44705883, 0.44705883, 0.44705883]],
[[0.44313726, 0.44313726, 0.44313726],
[ 0.4509804 , 0.4509804 , 0.4509804 ],
[0.4509804, 0.4509804, 0.4509804],
[0.44705883, 0.44705883, 0.44705883],
[0.44705883, 0.44705883, 0.44705883],
[ 0.44313726, 0.44313726, 0.44313726]]], dtype=float32)
```

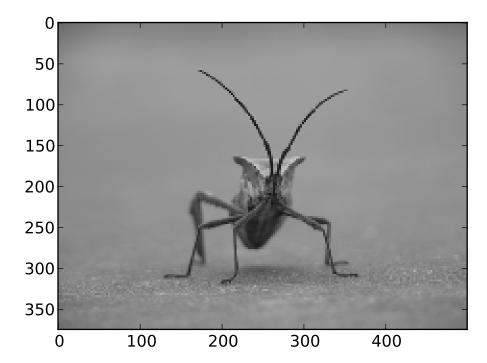
Note the dtype there - float32. Matplotlib has rescaled the 8 bit data from each channel to floating point data between 0.0 and 1.0. As a side note, the only datatype that PIL can work with is uint8. Matplotlib plotting can handle float32 and uint8, but image reading/writing for any format other than PNG is limited to uint8 data. Why 8 bits? Most displays can only render 8 bits per channel worth of color gradation. Why can they only render 8 bits/channel? Because that's about all the human eye can see. More here (from a photography standpoint): Luminous Landscape bit depth tutorial.

Each inner list represents a pixel. Here, with an RGB image, there are 3 values. Since it's a black and white image, R, G, and B are all similar. An RGBA (where A is alpha, or transparency), has 4 values per inner list, and a simple luminance image just has one value (and is thus only a 2-D array, not a 3-D array). For RGB and RGBA images, matplotlib supports float32 and uint8 data types. For grayscale, matplotlib supports only float32. If your array data does not meet one of these descriptions, you need to rescale it.

8.3 Plotting numpy arrays as images

So, you have your data in a numpy array (either by importing it, or by generating it). Let's render it. In Matplotlib, this is performed using the imshow() function. Here we'll grab the plot object. This object

gives you an easy way to manipulate the plot from the prompt.



You can also plot any numpy array - just remember that the datatype must be float 32 (and range from 0.0 to 1.0) or uint 8.

8.3.1 Applying pseudocolor schemes to image plots

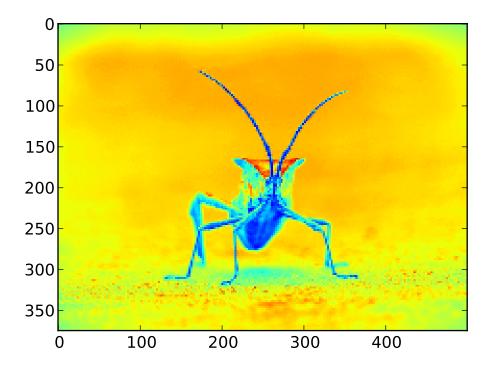
Pseudocolor can be a useful tool for enhancing contrast and visualizing your data more easily. This is especially useful when making presentations of your data using projectors - their contrast is typically quite poor.

Pseudocolor is only relevant to single-channel, grayscale, luminosity images. We currently have an RGB image. Since R, G, and B are all similar (see for yourself above or in your data), we can just pick on channel of our data:

```
In [6]: lum_img = img[:,:,0]
```

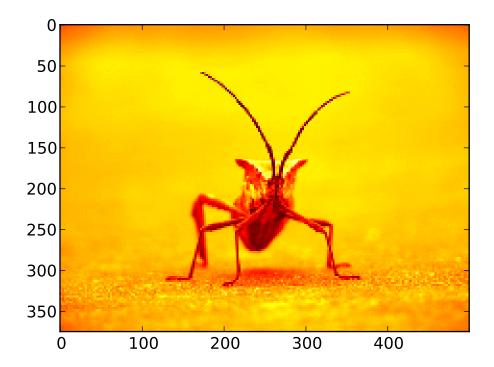
This is array slicing. You can read more in the Numpy tutorial.

```
In [7]: imgplot = plt.imshow(lum_img)
```

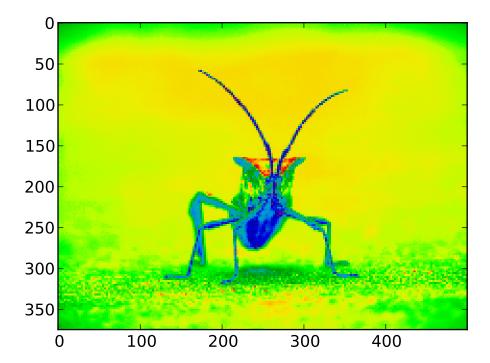


Now, with a luminosity image, the default colormap (aka lookup table, LUT), is applied. The default is called jet. There are plenty of others to choose from. Let's set some others using the set_cmap() method on our image plot object:

In [8]: imgplot.set_cmap('hot')



In [9]: imgplot.set_cmap('spectral')

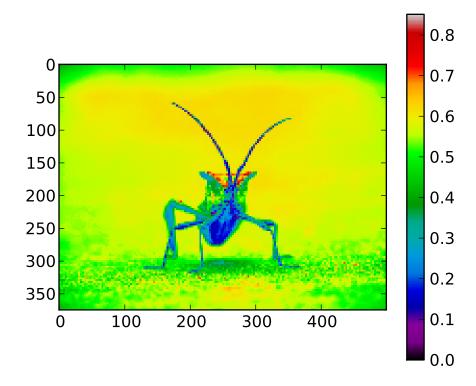


There are many other colormap schemes available. See the list and images of the colormaps.

8.3.2 Color scale reference

It's helpful to have an idea of what value a color represents. We can do that by adding color bars. It's as easy as one line:

In [10]: plt.colorbar()

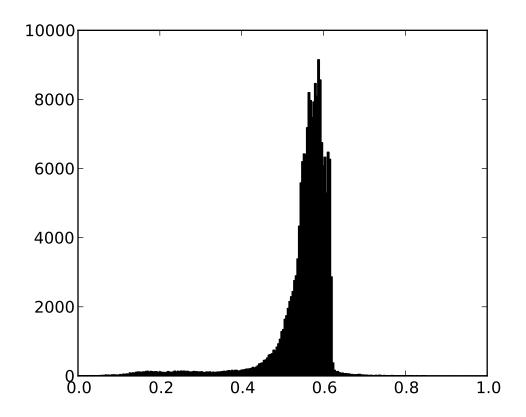


This adds a colorbar to your existing figure. This won't automatically change if you change you switch to a different colormap - you have to re-create your plot, and add in the colorbar again.

8.3.3 Examining a specific data range

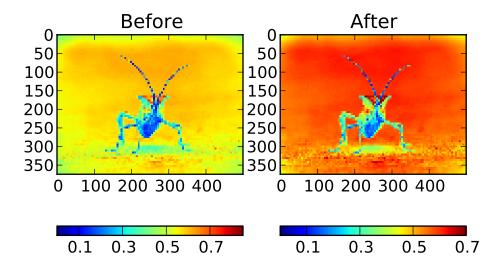
Sometimes you want to enhance the contrast in your image, or expand the contrast in a particular region while sacrificing the detail in colors that don't vary much, or don't matter. A good tool to find interesting regions is the histogram. To create a histogram of our image data, we use the hist() function.

In[10]: plt.hist(lum_img.flatten(), 256, range=(0.0,1.0), fc='k', ec='k')



Most often, the "interesting" part of the image is around the peak, and you can get extra contrast by clipping the regions above and/or below the peak. In our histogram, it looks like there's not much useful information in the high end (not many white things in the image). Let's adjust the upper limit, so that we effectively "zoom in on" part of the histogram. We do this by calling the set_clim() method of the image plot object.

In[11]: $imgplot.set_clim(0.0,0.7)$

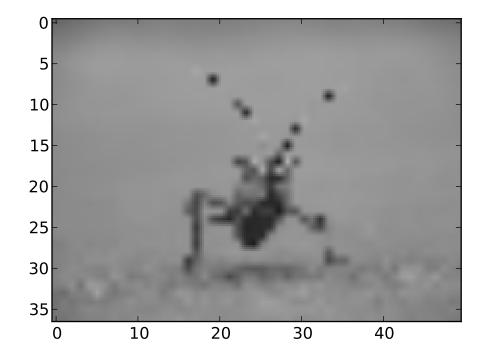


8.3.4 Array Interpolation schemes

Interpolation calculates what the color or value of a pixel "should" be, according to different mathematical schemes. One common place that this happens is when you resize an image. The number of pixels change, but you want the same information. Since pixels are discrete, there's missing space. Interpolation is how you fill that space. This is why your images sometimes come out looking pixelated when you blow them up. The effect is more pronounced when the difference between the original image and the expanded image is greater. Let's take our image and shrink it. We're effectively discarding pixels, only keeping a select few. Now when we plot it, that data gets blown up to the size on your screen. The old pixels aren't there anymore, and the computer has to draw in pixels to fill that space.

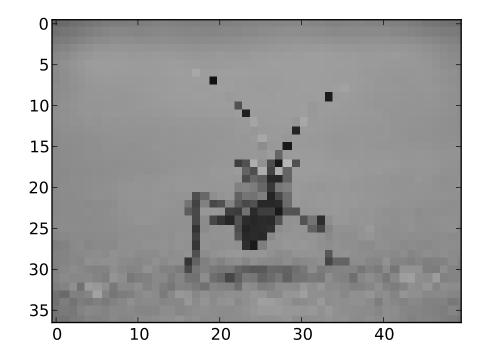
```
In [8]: import Image
In [9]: img = Image.open('stinkbug.png')  # Open image as PIL image object
In [10]: rsize = img.resize((img.size[0]/10,img.size[1]/10)) # Use PIL to resize
In [11]: rsizeArr = np.asarray(rsize) # Get array back
In [12]: imgplot = plt.imshow(rsizeArr)
```

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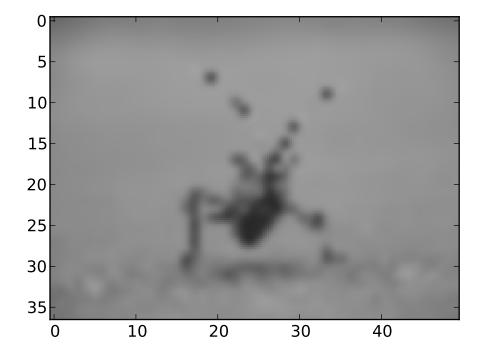


Here we have the default interpolation, bilinear, since we did not give imshow() any interpolation argument. Let's try some others:

In [10]: imgplot.set_interpolation('nearest')



In [10]: imgplot.set_interpolation('bicubic')



Bicubic interpolation is often used when blowing up photos - people tend to prefer blurry over pixelated.

CHAPTER

NINE

ARTIST TUTORIAL

There are three layers to the matplotlib API. The matplotlib.backend_bases.FigureCanvas is the area onto which the figure is drawn, the matplotlib.backend_bases.Renderer is the object which knows how to draw on the FigureCanvas, and the matplotlib.artist.Artist is the object that knows how to use a renderer to paint onto the canvas. The FigureCanvas and Renderer handle all the details of talking to user interface toolkits like wxPython or drawing languages like PostScript®, and the Artist handles all the high level constructs like representing and laying out the figure, text, and lines. The typical user will spend 95% of his time working with the Artists.

There are two types of Artists: primitives and containers. The primitives represent the standard graphical objects we want to paint onto our canvas: Line2D, Rectangle, Text, AxesImage, etc., and the containers are places to put them (Axis, Axes and Figure). The standard use is to create a Figure instance, use the Figure to create one or more Axes or Subplot instances, and use the Axes instance helper methods to create the primitives. In the example below, we create a Figure instance using matplotlib.pyplot.figure(), which is a convenience method for instantiating Figure instances and connecting them with your user interface or drawing toolkit FigureCanvas. As we will discuss below, this is not necessary – you can work directly with PostScript, PDF Gtk+, or wxPython FigureCanvas instances, instantiate your Figures directly and connect them yourselves – but since we are focusing here on the Artist API we'll let pyplot handle some of those details for us:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(2,1,1) # two rows, one column, first plot
```

The Axes is probably the most important class in the matplotlib API, and the one you will be working with most of the time. This is because the Axes is the plotting area into which most of the objects go, and the Axes has many special helper methods (plot(), text(), hist(), imshow()) to create the most common graphics primitives (Line2D, Text, Rectangle, Image, respectively). These helper methods will take your data (eg. numpy arrays and strings) and create primitive Artist instances as needed (eg. Line2D), add them to the relevant containers, and draw them when requested. Most of you are probably familiar with the Subplot, which is just a special case of an Axes that lives on a regular rows by columns grid of Subplot instances. If you want to create an Axes at an arbitrary location, simply use the add_axes() method which takes a list of [left, bottom, width, height] values in 0-1 relative figure coordinates:

```
fig2 = plt.figure()
ax2 = fig2.add_axes([0.15, 0.1, 0.7, 0.3])
```

Continuing with our example:

```
import numpy as np
t = np.arange(0.0, 1.0, 0.01)
s = np.sin(2*np.pi*t)
line, = ax.plot(t, s, color='blue', lw=2)
```

In this example, ax is the Axes instance created by the fig.add_subplot call above (remember Subplot is just a subclass of Axes) and when you call ax.plot, it creates a Line2D instance and adds it to the Axes.lines list. In the interactive ipython session below, you can see that the Axes.lines list is length one and contains the same line that was returned by the line, = ax.plot... call:

```
In [101]: ax.lines[0]
Out[101]: <matplotlib.lines.Line2D instance at 0x19a95710>
In [102]: line
Out[102]: <matplotlib.lines.Line2D instance at 0x19a95710>
```

If you make subsequent calls to ax.plot (and the hold state is "on" which is the default) then additional lines will be added to the list. You can remove lines later simply by calling the list methods; either of these will work:

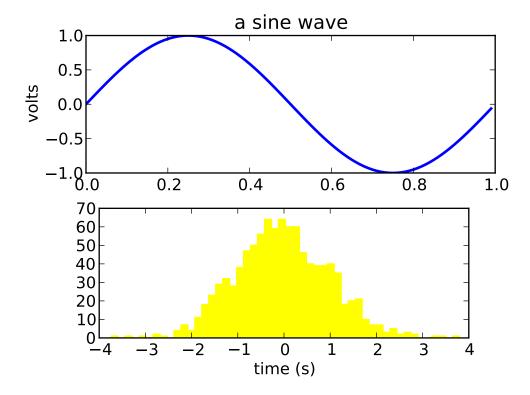
```
del ax.lines[0]
ax.lines.remove(line) # one or the other, not both!
```

The Axes also has helper methods to configure and decorate the x-axis and y-axis tick, tick labels and axis labels:

```
xtext = ax.set_xlabel('my xdata') # returns a Text instance
ytext = ax.set_ylabel('my xdata')
```

When you call ax.set_xlabel, it passes the information on the Text instance of the XAxis. Each Axes instance contains an XAxis and a YAxis instance, which handle the layout and drawing of the ticks, tick labels and axis labels.

Try creating the figure below.



9.1 Customizing your objects

Every element in the figure is represented by a matplotlib Artist, and each has an extensive list of properties to configure its appearance. The figure itself contains a Rectangle exactly the size of the figure, which you can use to set the background color and transparency of the figures. Likewise, each Axes bounding box (the standard white box with black edges in the typical matplotlib plot, has a Rectangle instance that determines the color, transparency, and other properties of the Axes. These instances are stored as member variables Figure.patch and Axes.patch ("Patch" is a name inherited from MATLAB, and is a 2D "patch" of color on the figure, eg. rectangles, circles and polygons). Every matplotlib Artist has the following properties

Property	Description
alpha	The transparency - a scalar from 0-1
animated	A boolean that is used to facilitate animated drawing
axes	The axes that the Artist lives in, possibly None
clip_box	The bounding box that clips the Artist
clip_on	Whether clipping is enabled
clip_path	The path the artist is clipped to
contains	A picking function to test whether the artist contains the pick point
figure	The figure instance the artist lives in, possibly None
label	A text label (eg. for auto-labeling)
picker	A python object that controls object picking
transform	The transformation
visible	A boolean whether the artist should be drawn
zorder	A number which determines the drawing order

Each of the properties is accessed with an old-fashioned setter or getter (yes we know this irritates Pythonistas and we plan to support direct access via properties or traits but it hasn't been done yet). For example, to multiply the current alpha by a half:

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

If you want to set a number of properties at once, you can also use the set method with keyword arguments. For example:

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

If you are working interactively at the python shell, a handy way to inspect the Artist properties is to use the matplotlib.artist.getp() function (simply getp() in pylab), which lists the properties and their values. This works for classes derived from Artist as well, eg. Figure and Rectangle. Here are the Figure rectangle properties mentioned above:

```
In [149]: matplotlib.artist.getp(fig.patch)
   alpha = 1.0
    animated = False
    antialiased or aa = True
   axes = None
   clip\_box = None
   clip_on = False
   clip_path = None
    contains = None
    edgecolor or ec = w
    facecolor or fc = 0.75
    figure = Figure(8.125x6.125)
   fill = 1
   hatch = None
   height = 1
   label =
   linewidth or lw = 1.0
   picker = None
   transform = <Affine object at 0x134cca84>
   verts = ((0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1), (1, 0))
```

```
visible = True
width = 1
window_extent = <Bbox object at 0x134acbcc>
x = 0
y = 0
zorder = 1
```

The docstrings for all of the classes also contain the Artist properties, so you can consult the interactive "help" or the *artists* for a listing of properties for a given object.

9.2 Object containers

Now that we know how to inspect and set the properties of a given object we want to configure, we need to now how to get at that object. As mentioned in the introduction, there are two kinds of objects: primitives and containers. The primitives are usually the things you want to configure (the font of a Text instance, the width of a Line2D) although the containers also have some properties as well – for example the Axes Artist is a container that contains many of the primitives in your plot, but it also has properties like the xscale to control whether the xaxis is 'linear' or 'log'. In this section we'll review where the various container objects store the Artists that you want to get at.

9.3 Figure container

The top level container Artist is the matplotlib.figure.Figure, and it contains everything in the figure. The background of the figure is a Rectangle which is stored in Figure.patch. As you add subplots (add_subplot()) and axes (add_axes()) to the figure these will be appended to the Figure.axes. These are also returned by the methods that create them:

```
In [156]: fig = plt.figure()
In [157]: ax1 = fig.add_subplot(211)
In [158]: ax2 = fig.add_axes([0.1, 0.1, 0.7, 0.3])
In [159]: ax1
Out[159]: <matplotlib.axes.Subplot instance at 0xd54b26c>
In [160]: print fig.axes
[<matplotlib.axes.Subplot instance at 0xd54b26c>, <matplotlib.axes.Axes instance at 0xd3f0b2c>]
```

Because the figure maintains the concept of the "current axes" (see Figure.gca and Figure.sca) to support the pylab/pyplot state machine, you should not insert or remove axes directly from the axes list, but rather use the add_subplot() and add_axes() methods to insert, and the delaxes() method to delete. You are free however, to iterate over the list of axes or index into it to get access to Axes instances you want to customize. Here is an example which turns all the axes grids on:

```
for ax in fig.axes:
    ax.grid(True)
```

The figure also has its own text, lines, patches and images, which you can use to add primitives directly. The default coordinate system for the Figure will simply be in pixels (which is not usually what you want) but you can control this by setting the transform property of the Artist you are adding to the figure.

More useful is "figure coordinates" where (0, 0) is the bottom-left of the figure and (1, 1) is the top-right of the figure which you can obtain by setting the Artist transform to fig.transFigure:

```
In [191]: fig = plt.figure()
In [192]: l1 = matplotlib.lines.Line2D([0, 1], [0, 1],
           transform=fig.transFigure, figure=fig)
In [193]: 12 = matplotlib.lines.Line2D([0, 1], [1, 0],
           transform=fig.transFigure, figure=fig)
In [194]: fig.lines.extend([11, 12])
In [195]: fig.canvas.draw()
```

Here is a summary of the Artists the figure contains

Figure attribute	Description
axes	A list of Axes instances (includes Subplot)
patch	The Rectangle background
images	A list of FigureImages patches - useful for raw pixel display
legends	A list of Figure Legend instances (different from Axes.legends)
lines	A list of Figure Line2D instances (rarely used, see Axes.lines)
patches	A list of Figure patches (rarely used, see Axes.patches)
texts	A list Figure Text instances

9.4 Axes container

The matplotlib.axes.Axes is the center of the matplotlib universe — it contains the vast majority of all the Artists used in a figure with many helper methods to create and add these Artists to itself, as well as helper methods to access and customize the Artists it contains. Like the Figure, it contains a Patch patch which is a Rectangle for Cartesian coordinates and a Circle for polar coordinates; this patch determines the shape, background and border of the plotting region:

```
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
rect = ax.patch # a Rectangle instance
rect.set_facecolor('green')
```

When you call a plotting method, eg. the canonical plot() and pass in arrays or lists of values, the method will create a matplotlib.lines.Line2D() instance, update the line with all the Line2D properties passed as keyword arguments, add the line to the Axes.lines container, and returns it to you:

```
In [213]: x, y = np.random.rand(2, 100)
In [214]: line, = ax.plot(x, y, '-', color='blue', linewidth=2)
```

plot returns a list of lines because you can pass in multiple x, y pairs to plot, and we are unpacking the first element of the length one list into the line variable. The line has been added to the Axes.lines list:

```
In [229]: print ax.lines
[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D instance at 0xd378b0c>]
```

Similarly, methods that create patches, like bar() creates a list of rectangles, will add the patches to the Axes.patches list:

```
In [233]: n, bins, rectangles = ax.hist(np.random.randn(1000), 50, facecolor='yellow')
In [234]: rectangles
Out[234]: <a list of 50 Patch objects>
In [235]: print len(ax.patches)
```

You should not add objects directly to the Axes.lines or Axes.patches lists unless you know exactly what you are doing, because the Axes needs to do a few things when it creates and adds an object. It sets the figure and axes property of the Artist, as well as the default Axes transformation (unless a transformation is set). It also inspects the data contained in the Artist to update the data structures controlling auto-scaling, so that the view limits can be adjusted to contain the plotted data. You can, nonetheless, create objects

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yourself and add them directly to the Axes using helper methods like add_line() and add_patch(). Here is an annotated interactive session illustrating what is going on:

```
In [261]: fig = plt.figure()
In [262]: ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
# create a rectangle instance
In [263]: rect = matplotlib.patches.Rectangle( (1,1), width=5, height=12)
# by default the axes instance is None
In [264]: print rect.get_axes()
None
# and the transformation instance is set to the "identity transform"
In [265]: print rect.get_transform()
<Affine object at 0x13695544>
# now we add the Rectangle to the Axes
In [266]: ax.add_patch(rect)
# and notice that the ax.add_patch method has set the axes
# instance
In [267]: print rect.get_axes()
Axes(0.125, 0.1; 0.775x0.8)
# and the transformation has been set too
In [268]: print rect.get_transform()
<Affine object at 0x15009ca4>
# the default axes transformation is ax.transData
In [269]: print ax.transData
<Affine object at 0x15009ca4>
# notice that the xlimits of the Axes have not been changed
In [270]: print ax.get_xlim()
(0.0, 1.0)
# but the data limits have been updated to encompass the rectangle
In [271]: print ax.dataLim.bounds
(1.0, 1.0, 5.0, 12.0)
# we can manually invoke the auto-scaling machinery
In [272]: ax.autoscale_view()
# and now the xlim are updated to encompass the rectangle
In [273]: print ax.get_xlim()
(1.0, 6.0)
# we have to manually force a figure draw
In [274]: ax.figure.canvas.draw()
```

There are many, many Axes helper methods for creating primitive Artists and adding them to their respective containers. The table below summarizes a small sampling of them, the kinds of Artist they create,

and when	e they	store	them
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Helper method	Artist	Container
ax.annotate - text annotations	Annotate	ax.texts
ax.bar - bar charts	Rectangle	ax.patches
ax.errorbar - error bar plots	Line2D and Rectangle	ax.lines and ax.patches
ax.fill - shared area	Polygon	ax.patches
ax.hist - histograms	Rectangle	ax.patches
ax.imshow - image data	AxesImage	ax.images
ax.legend - axes legends	Legend	ax.legends
ax.plot - xy plots	Line2D	ax.lines
ax.scatter - scatter charts	PolygonCollection	ax.collections
ax.text - text	Text	ax.texts

In addition to all of these Artists, the Axes contains two important Artist containers: the XAxis and YAxis, which handle the drawing of the ticks and labels. These are stored as instance variables xaxis and yaxis. The XAxis and YAxis containers will be detailed below, but note that the Axes contains many helper methods which forward calls on to the Axis instances so you often do not need to work with them directly unless you want to. For example, you can set the font size of the XAxis ticklabels using the Axes helper method:

```
for label in ax.get_xticklabels():
    label.set_color('orange')
```

Below is a summary of the Artists that the Axes contains

Axes attribute	Description
artists	A list of Artist instances
patch	Rectangle instance for Axes background
collections	A list of Collection instances
images	A list of AxesImage
legends	A list of Legend instances
lines	A list of Line2D instances
patches	A list of Patch instances
texts	A list of Text instances
xaxis	matplotlib.axis.XAxis instance
yaxis	matplotlib.axis.YAxis instance

9.5 Axis containers

The matplotlib.axis.Axis instances handle the drawing of the tick lines, the grid lines, the tick labels and the axis label. You can configure the left and right ticks separately for the y-axis, and the upper and lower ticks separately for the x-axis. The Axis also stores the data and view intervals used in auto-scaling, panning and zooming, as well as the Locator and Formatter instances which control where the ticks are placed and how they are represented as strings.

Each Axis object contains a label attribute (this is what pylab modifies in calls to xlabel() and ylabel()) as well as a list of major and minor ticks. The ticks are XTick and YTick instances, which

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contain the actual line and text primitives that render the ticks and ticklabels. Because the ticks are dynamically created as needed (eg. when panning and zooming), you should access the lists of major and minor ticks through their accessor methods get_major_ticks() and get_minor_ticks(). Although the ticks contain all the primitives and will be covered below, the Axis methods contain accessor methods to return the tick lines, tick labels, tick locations etc.:

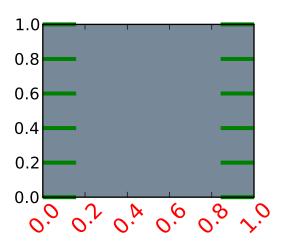
```
In [285]: axis = ax.xaxis
In [286]: axis.get_ticklocs()
Out[286]: array([ 0., 1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., 9.])
In [287]: axis.get_ticklabels()
Out[287]: <a list of 10 Text major ticklabel objects>
# note there are twice as many ticklines as labels because by
# default there are tick lines at the top and bottom but only tick
# labels below the xaxis; this can be customized
In [288]: axis.get_ticklines()
Out[288]: <a list of 20 Line2D ticklines objects>
# by default you get the major ticks back
In [291]: axis.get_ticklines()
Out[291]: <a list of 20 Line2D ticklines objects>
# but you can also ask for the minor ticks
In [292]: axis.get_ticklines(minor=True)
Out[292]: <a list of 0 Line2D ticklines objects>
```

Here is a summary of some of the useful accessor methods of the Axis (these have corresponding setters where useful, such as set_major_formatter)

Accessor method	Description
get_scale	The scale of the axis, eg 'log' or 'linear'
get_view_interval	The interval instance of the axis view limits
get_data_interval	The interval instance of the axis data limits
get_gridlines	A list of grid lines for the Axis
get_label	The axis label - a Text instance
get_ticklabels	A list of Text instances - keyword minor=True False
get_ticklines	A list of Line2D instances - keyword minor=True False
get_ticklocs	A list of Tick locations - keyword minor=True False
get_major_locator	The matplotlib.ticker.Locator instance for major ticks
get_major_formatter	The matplotlib.ticker.Formatter instance for major ticks
get_minor_locator	The matplotlib.ticker.Locator instance for minor ticks
get_minor_formatter	The matplotlib.ticker.Formatter instance for minor ticks
get_major_ticks	A list of Tick instances for major ticks
get_minor_ticks	A list of Tick instances for minor ticks
grid	Turn the grid on or off for the major or minor ticks

Here is an example, not recommended for its beauty, which customizes the axes and tick properties

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# plt.figure creates a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fig = plt.figure()
rect = fig.patch # a rectangle instance
rect.set_facecolor('lightgoldenrodyellow')
ax1 = fig.add_axes([0.1, 0.3, 0.4, 0.4])
rect = ax1.patch
rect.set_facecolor('lightslategray')
for label in ax1.xaxis.get_ticklabels():
    # label is a Text instance
    label.set_color('red')
    label.set_rotation(45)
    label.set_fontsize(16)
for line in ax1.yaxis.get_ticklines():
    # line is a Line2D instance
    line.set_color('green')
    line.set_markersize(25)
    line.set_markeredgewidth(3)
```



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9.6 Tick containers

The matplotlib.axis.Tick is the final container object in our descent from the Figure to the Axes to the Axis to the Tick. The Tick contains the tick and grid line instances, as well as the label instances for the upper and lower ticks. Each of these is accessible directly as an attribute of the Tick. In addition, there are boolean variables that determine whether the upper labels and ticks are on for the x-axis and whether the right labels and ticks are on for the y-axis.

Tick attribute	Description
tick1line	Line2D instance
tick2line	Line2D instance
gridline	Line2D instance
label1	Text instance
label2	Text instance
gridOn	boolean which determines whether to draw the tickline
tick1On	boolean which determines whether to draw the 1st tickline
tick2On	boolean which determines whether to draw the 2nd tickline
label1On	boolean which determines whether to draw tick label
label2On	boolean which determines whether to draw tick label

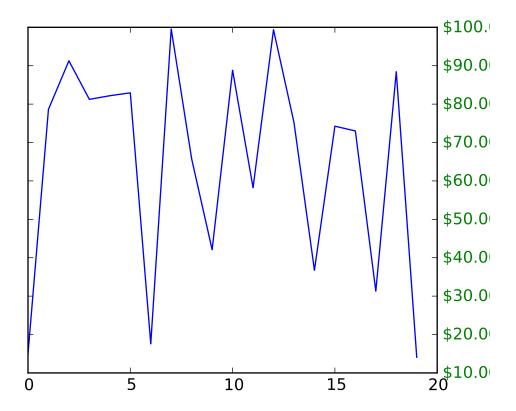
Here is an example which sets the formatter for the right side ticks with dollar signs and colors them green on the right side of the yaxis

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

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot(100*np.random.rand(20))

formatter = ticker.FormatStrFormatter('$%1.2f')
ax.yaxis.set_major_formatter(formatter)

for tick in ax.yaxis.get_major_ticks():
    tick.label10n = False
    tick.label20n = True
    tick.label2.set_color('green')
```



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CHAPTER

TEN

CUSTOMIZING LOCATION OF SUBPLOT USING GRIDSPEC

GridSpec specifies the geometry of the grid that a subplot will be placed. The number of rows and number of columns of the grid need to be set. Optionally, the subplot layout parameters (e.g., left, right, etc.) can be tuned.

SubplotSpec specifies the location of the subplot in the given *GridSpec*.

subplot2grid a helper function that is similar to "pyplot.subplot" but uses 0-based indexing and let subplot to occupy multiple cells.

10.1 Basic Example of using subplot2grid

To use subplot2grid, you provide geometry of the grid and the location of the subplot in the grid. For a simple single-cell subplot:

```
is identical to

ax = plt.subplot(2,2,1)

Note that, unlike matplotlib's subplot, the index starts from 0 in gridspec.
```

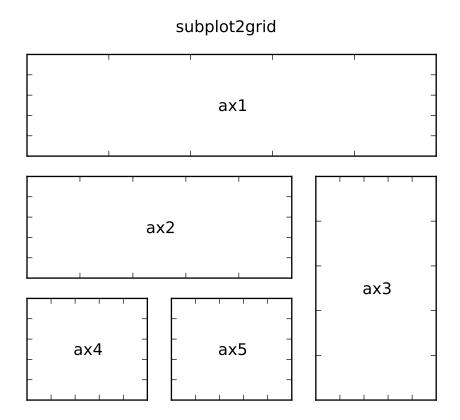
To create a subplot that spans multiple cells,

ax = plt.subplot2grid((2,2),(0, 0))

```
ax2 = plt.subplot2grid((3,3), (1, 0), colspan=2)
ax3 = plt.subplot2grid((3,3), (1, 2), rowspan=2)
For example, the following commands

ax1 = plt.subplot2grid((3,3), (0,0), colspan=3)
ax2 = plt.subplot2grid((3,3), (1,0), colspan=2)
ax3 = plt.subplot2grid((3,3), (1, 2), rowspan=2)
ax4 = plt.subplot2grid((3,3), (2, 0))
ax5 = plt.subplot2grid((3,3), (2, 1))
```

creates



10.2 GridSpec and SubplotSpec

You can create GridSpec explicitly and use them to create a Subplot.

For example,

```
ax = plt.subplot2grid((2,2),(0, 0))
is equal to
import matplotlib.gridspec as gridspec
gs = gridspec.GridSpec(2, 2)
ax = plt.subplot(gs[0, 0])
```

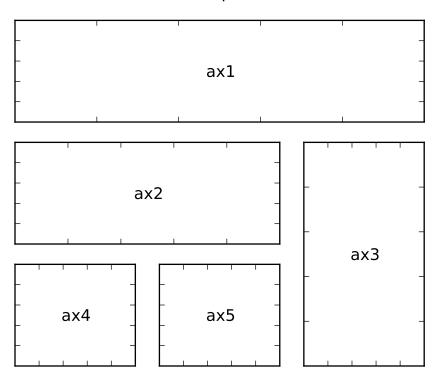
A gridspec instance provides array-like (2d or 1d) indexing that returns the SubplotSpec instance. For, SubplotSpec that spans multiple cells, use slice.

```
ax2 = plt.subplot(gs[1,:-1])
ax3 = plt.subplot(gs[1:, -1])
```

The above example becomes

```
gs = gridspec.GridSpec(3, 3)
ax1 = plt.subplot(gs[0, :])
ax2 = plt.subplot(gs[1,:-1])
ax3 = plt.subplot(gs[1:, -1])
ax4 = plt.subplot(gs[-1,0])
ax5 = plt.subplot(gs[-1,-2])
```

GridSpec



10.3 Adjust GridSpec layout

When a GridSpec is explicitly used, you can adjust the layout parameters of subplots that are created from the gridspec.

```
gs1 = gridspec.GridSpec(3, 3)
gs1.update(left=0.05, right=0.48, wspace=0.05)
```

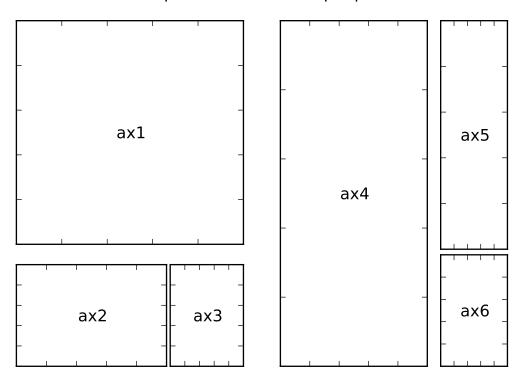
This is similar to *subplots_adjust*, but it only affects the subplots that are created from the given GridSpec.

The code below

```
gs1 = gridspec.GridSpec(3, 3)
gs1.update(left=0.05, right=0.48, wspace=0.05)
ax1 = plt.subplot(gs1[:-1, :])
ax2 = plt.subplot(gs1[-1, :-1])
ax3 = plt.subplot(gs1[-1, -1])
```

```
gs2 = gridspec.GridSpec(3, 3)
gs2.update(left=0.55, right=0.98, hspace=0.05)
ax4 = plt.subplot(gs2[:, :-1])
ax5 = plt.subplot(gs2[:-1, -1])
ax6 = plt.subplot(gs2[-1, -1])
```

GirdSpec w/ different subplotpars

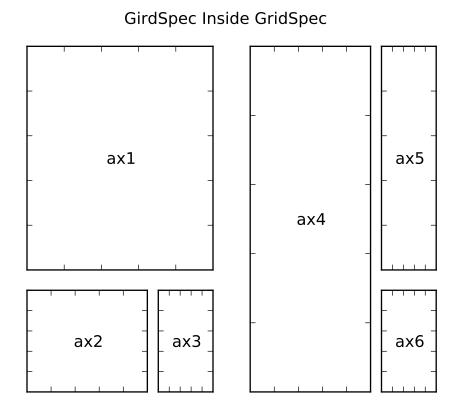


10.4 GridSpec using SubplotSpec

You can create GridSpec from the SubplotSpec, in which case its layout parameters are set to that of the location of the given SubplotSpec.

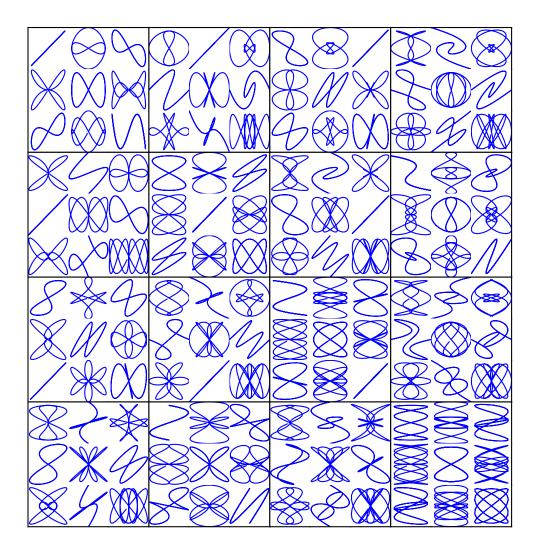
```
gs0 = gridspec.GridSpec(1, 2)

gs00 = gridspec.GridSpecFromSubplotSpec(3, 3, subplot_spec=gs0[0])
gs01 = gridspec.GridSpecFromSubplotSpec(3, 3, subplot_spec=gs0[1])
```



10.5 A Complex Nested GridSpec using SubplotSpec

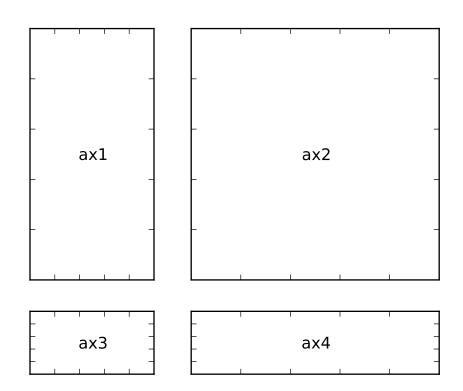
Here's a more sophisticated example of nested gridspec where we put a box around each cell of the outer 4x4 grid, by hiding appropriate spines in each of the inner 3x3 grids.



10.6 GridSpec with Varying Cell Sizes

By default, GridSpec creates cells of equal sizes. You can adjust relative heights and widths of rows and columns. Note that absolute values are meaningless, only their relative ratios matter.

```
ax2 = plt.subplot(gs[1])
ax3 = plt.subplot(gs[2])
ax4 = plt.subplot(gs[3])
```



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tight_layout automatically adjusts subplot params so that the subplot(s) fits in to the figure area. This is an experimental feature and may not work for some cases. It only checks the extents of ticklabels, axis labels, and titles.

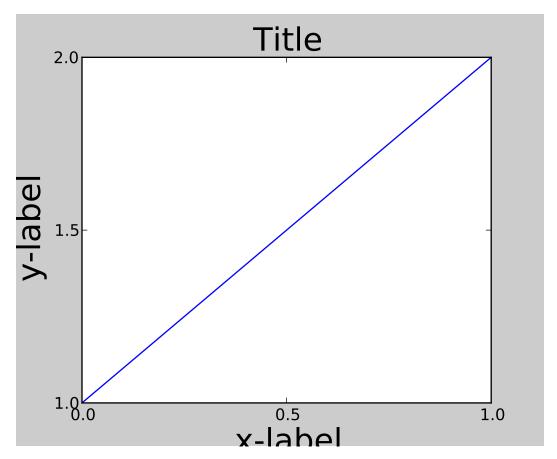
11.1 Simple Example

In matplotlib, the location of axes (including subplots) are specified in normalized figure coordinates. It can happen that your axis labels or titles (or sometimes even ticklabels) go outside the figure area, and are thus clipped.

```
plt.rcParams['savefig.facecolor'] = "0.8"

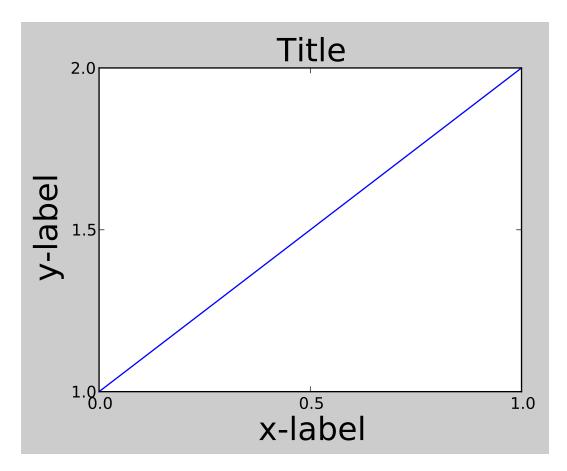
def example_plot(ax, fontsize=12):
    ax.plot([1, 2])
    ax.locator_params(nbins=3)
    ax.set_xlabel('x-label', fontsize=fontsize)
    ax.set_ylabel('y-label', fontsize=fontsize)
    ax.set_title('Title', fontsize=fontsize)

plt.close('all')
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
example_plot(ax, fontsize=24)
```



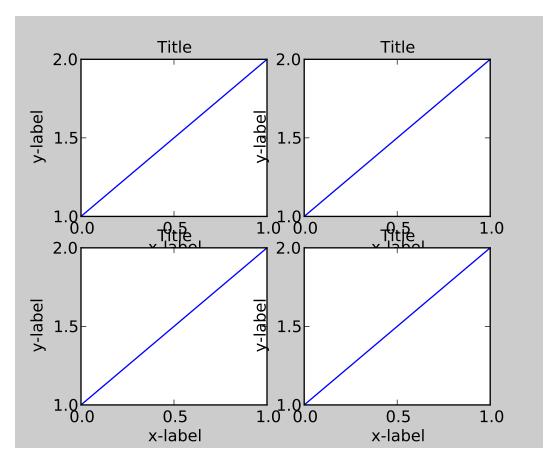
To prevent this, the location of axes needs to be adjusted. For subplots, this can be done by adjusting the subplot params (*Move the edge of an axes to make room for tick labels*). Matplotlib v1.1 introduces a new command tight_layout() that does this automatically for you.

plt.tight_layout()

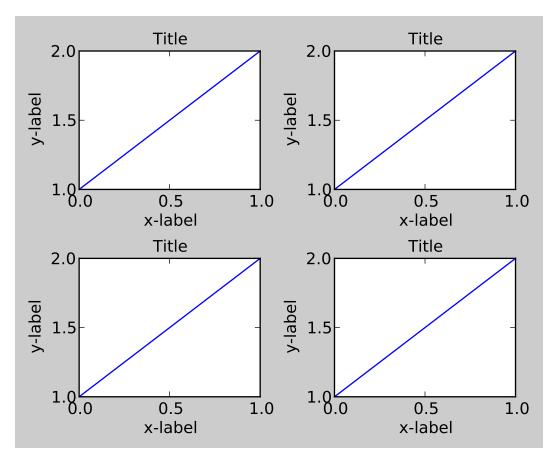


When you have multiple subplots, often you see labels of different axes overlapping each other.

```
plt.close('all')
fig, ((ax1, ax2), (ax3, ax4)) = plt.subplots(nrows=2, ncols=2)
example_plot(ax1)
example_plot(ax2)
example_plot(ax3)
example_plot(ax4)
```

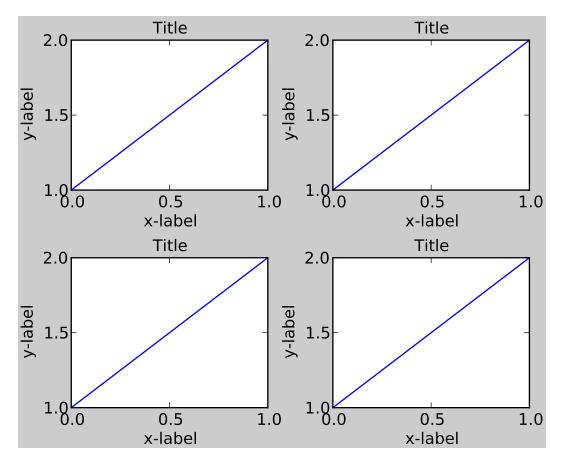


tight_layout() will also adjust spacing between subplots to minimize the overlaps.
plt.tight_layout()



tight_layout() can take keyword arguments of *pad*, *w_pad* and *h_pad*. These control the extra padding around the figure border and between subplots. The pads are specified in fraction of fontsize.

plt.tight_layout(pad=0.4, w_pad=0.5, h_pad=1.0)



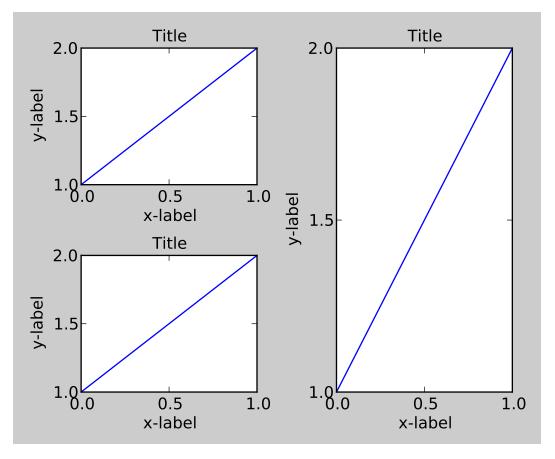
tight_layout() will work even if the sizes of subplots are different as far as their grid specification is compatible. In the example below, ax1 and ax2 are subplots of a 2x2 grid, while ax3 is of a 1x2 grid.

```
plt.close('all')
fig = plt.figure()

ax1 = plt.subplot(221)
ax2 = plt.subplot(223)
ax3 = plt.subplot(122)

example_plot(ax1)
example_plot(ax2)
example_plot(ax3)

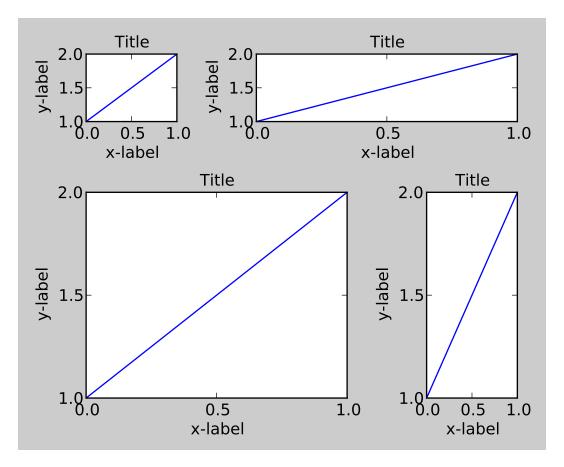
plt.tight_layout()
```



It works with subplots created with subplot2grid(). In general, subplots created from the gridspec (*Customizing Location of Subplot Using GridSpec*) will work.

```
plt.close('all')
fig = plt.figure()

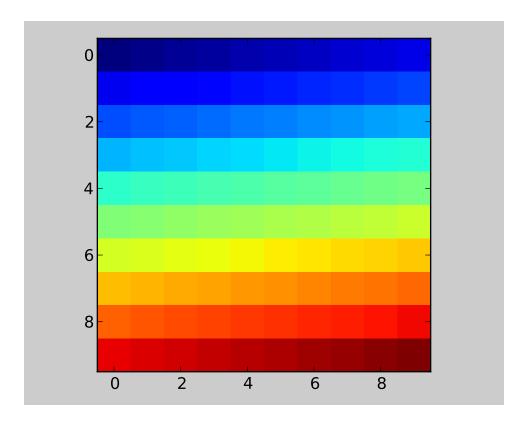
ax1 = plt.subplot2grid((3, 3), (0, 0))
ax2 = plt.subplot2grid((3, 3), (0, 1), colspan=2)
ax3 = plt.subplot2grid((3, 3), (1, 0), colspan=2, rowspan=2)
ax4 = plt.subplot2grid((3, 3), (1, 2), rowspan=2)
example_plot(ax1)
example_plot(ax2)
example_plot(ax3)
example_plot(ax4)
plt.tight_layout()
```



Although not thoroughly tested, it seems to work for subplots with aspect != "auto" (e.g., axes with images).

```
arr = np.arange(100).reshape((10,10))
plt.close('all')
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(5,4))

ax = plt.subplot(111)
im = ax.imshow(arr, interpolation="none")
plt.tight_layout()
```



11.1.1 Caveats

- tight_layout() only considers ticklabels, axis labels, and titles. Thus, other artists may be clipped and also may overlap.
- It assumes that the extra space needed for ticklabels, axis labels, and titles is independent of original location of axes. This is often true, but there are rare cases where it is not.
- pad=0 clips some of the texts by a few pixels. This may be a bug or a limitation of the current algorithm and it is not clear why it happens. Meanwhile, use of pad at least larger than 0.3 is recommended.

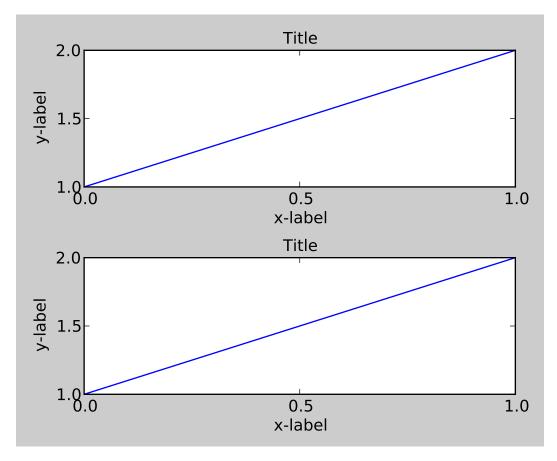
11.1.2 Use with GridSpec

```
GridSpec has its own tight_layout() method (the pyplot api tight_layout() also works).
plt.close('all')
fig = plt.figure()
import matplotlib.gridspec as gridspec

gs1 = gridspec.GridSpec(2, 1)
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(gs1[0])
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(gs1[1])
example_plot(ax1)
```

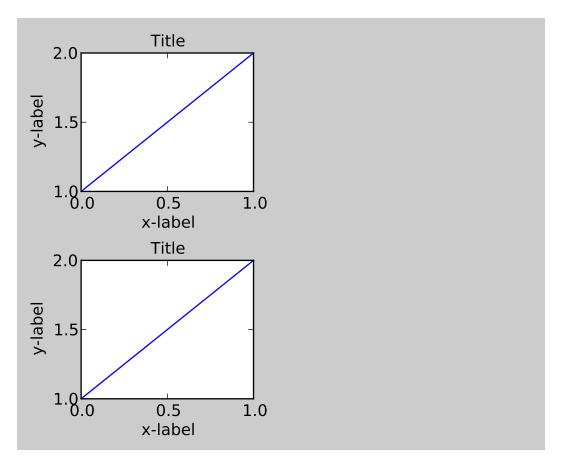
example_plot(ax2)

gs1.tight_layout(fig)



You may provide an optional *rect* parameter, which specifies the bounding box that the subplots will be fit inside. The coordinates must be in normalized figure coordinates and the default is (0, 0, 1, 1).

gs1.tight_layout(fig, rect=[0, 0, 0.5, 1])



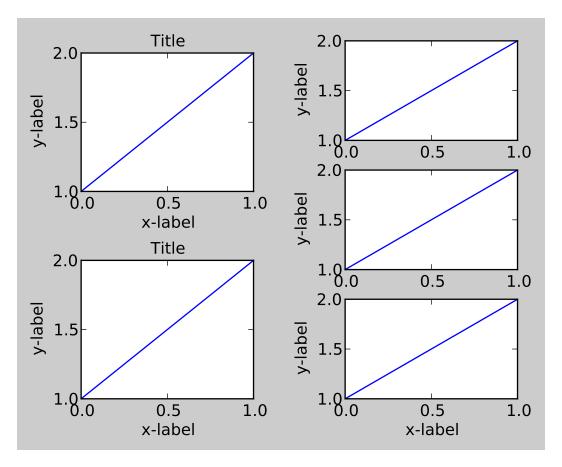
For example, this can be used for a figure with multiple gridspecs.

```
gs2 = gridspec.GridSpec(3, 1)

for ss in gs2:
    ax = fig.add_subplot(ss)
    example_plot(ax)
    ax.set_title("")
    ax.set_xlabel("")

ax.set_xlabel("x-label", fontsize=12)

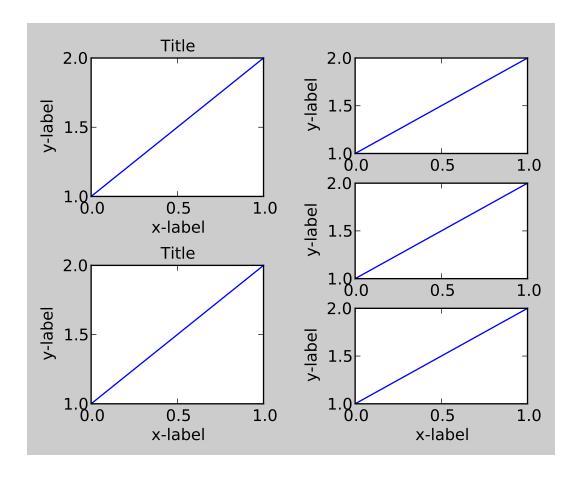
gs2.tight_layout(fig, rect=[0.5, 0, 1, 1], h_pad=0.5)
```



We may try to match the top and bottom of two grids

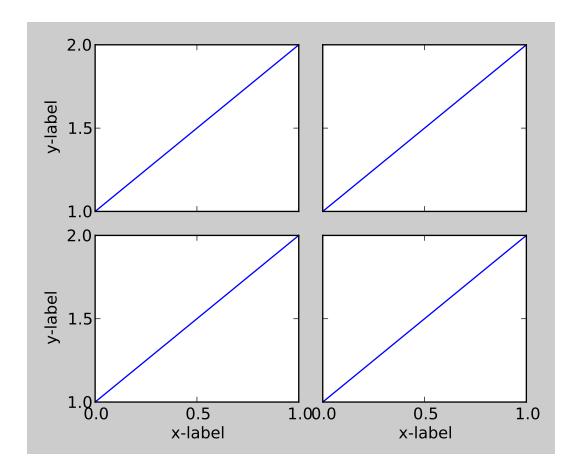
```
top = min(gs1.top, gs2.top)
bottom = max(gs1.bottom, gs2.bottom)
gs1.update(top=top, bottom=bottom)
gs2.update(top=top, bottom=bottom)
```

While this should be mostly good enough, adjusting top and bottom may require adjustment of hspace also. To update hspace & vspace, we call tight_layout() again with updated rect argument. Note that the rect argument specifies the area including the ticklabels, etc. Thus, we will increase the bottom (which is 0 for the normal case) by the difference between the *bottom* from above and the bottom of each gridspec. Same thing for the top.



11.1.3 Use with AxesGrid1

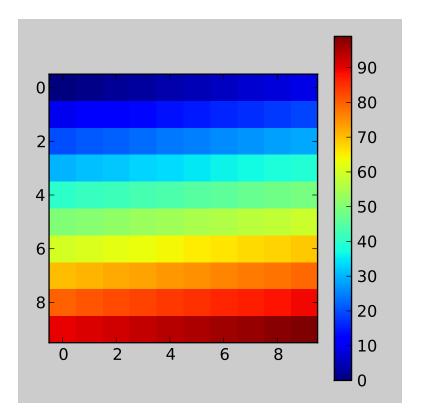
While limited, the axes_grid1 toolkit is also supported.



11.1.4 Colorbar

If you create a colorbar with the colorbar() command, the created colorbar is an instance of Axes, *not* Subplot, so tight_layout does not work. With Matplotlib v1.1, you may create a colobar as a subplot using the gridspec.

```
plt.close('all')
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(4, 4))
im = plt.imshow(arr, interpolation="none")
plt.colorbar(im, use_gridspec=True)
plt.tight_layout()
```

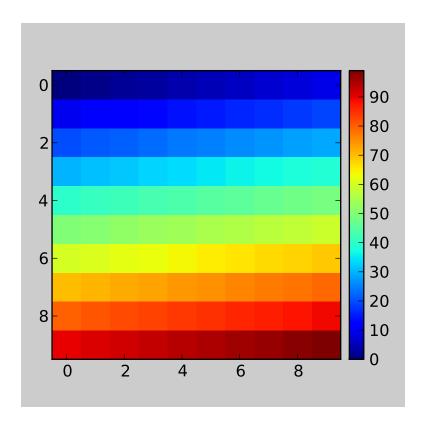


Another option is to use AxesGrid1 toolkit to explicitly create an axes for colorbar.

```
plt.close('all')
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(4, 4))
im = plt.imshow(arr, interpolation="none")

from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1 import make_axes_locatable
divider = make_axes_locatable(plt.gca())
cax = divider.append_axes("right", "5%", pad="3%")
plt.colorbar(im, cax=cax)

plt.tight_layout()
```



CHAPTER

TWELVE

LEGEND GUIDE

Do not proceed unless you already have read legend() and matplotlib.legend.Legend!

12.1 What to be displayed

The legend command has a following call signature:

```
legend(*args, **kwargs)
```

If len(args) is 2, the first argument should be a list of artist to be labeled, and the second argument should a list of string labels. If len(args) is 0, it automatically generate the legend from label properties of the child artists by calling get_legend_handles_labels() method. For example, ax.legend() is equivalent to:

```
handles, labels = ax.get_legend_handles_labels()
ax.legend(handles, labels)
```

The get_legend_handles_labels() method returns a tuple of two lists, i.e., list of artists and list of labels (python string). However, it does not return all of its child artists. It returns artists that are currently supported by matplotlib.

For matplotlib v1.0 and earlier, the supported artists are as follows.

- Line2D
- Patch
- LineCollection
- RegularPolyCollection
- CircleCollection

And, get_legend_handles_labels() returns all artists in *ax.lines*, *ax.patches* and artists in *ax.collection* which are instance of LineCollection or RegularPolyCollection. The label attributes (returned by get_label() method) of collected artists are used as text labels. If label attribute is empty string or starts with "_", those artists will be ignored.

Therefore, plots drawn by some *pyplot* commands are not supported by legend. For example, fill_between() creates PolyCollection that is not supported. Also support is limited for some commands that creat multiple artists. For example, errorbar() creates multiples Line2D instances.

Unfortunately, there is no easy workaround when you need legend for an artist not supported by matplotlib (You may use one of the supported artist as a proxy. See below)

In newer version of matplotlib (v1.1 and later), the matplotlib internals are revised to support

- complex plots that creates multiple artists (e.g., bar, errorbar, etc)
- custom legend handles

See below for details of new functionality.

12.1.1 Adjusting the Order of Legend items

When you want to customize the list of artists to be displayed in the legend, or their order of appearance. There are a two options. First, you can keep lists of artists and labels, and explicitly use these for the first two argument of the legend call.:

```
p1, = plot([1,2,3])
p2, = plot([3,2,1])
p3, = plot([2,3,1])
legend([p2, p1], ["line 2", "line 1"])
```

Or you may use get_legend_handles_labels() to retrieve list of artist and labels and manipulate them before feeding them to legend call.:

12.1.2 Using Proxy Artist

When you want to display legend for an artist not supported by matplotlib, you may use another artist as a proxy. For example, you may create a proxy artist without adding it to the axes (so the proxy artist will not be drawn in the main axes) and feed it to the legend function.:

```
p = Rectangle((0, 0), 1, 1, fc="r")
legend([p], ["Red Rectangle"])
```

12.2 Multicolumn Legend

By specifying the keyword argument *ncol*, you can have a multi-column legend. Also, mode="expand" horizontally expand the legend to fill the axes area. See legend_demo3.py for example.

12.3 Legend location

The location of the legend can be specified by the keyword argument *loc*, either by string or a integer number.

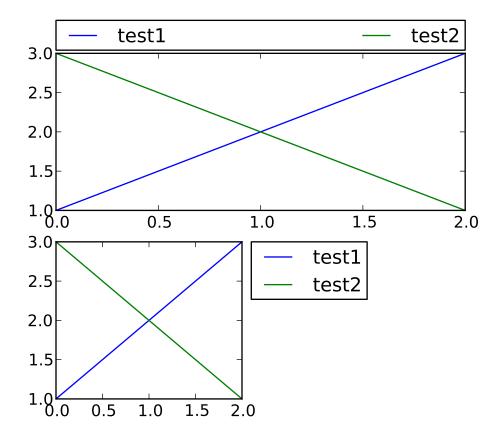
String	Number
upper right	1
upper left	2
lower left	3
lower right	4
right	5
center left	6
center right	7
lower center	8
upper center	9
center	10

By default, the legend will anchor to the bbox of the axes (for legend) or the bbox of the figure (figlegend). You can specify your own bbox using *bbox_to_anchor* argument. *bbox_to_anchor* can be an instance of BboxBase, a tuple of 4 floats (x, y, width, height of the bbox), or a tuple of 2 floats (x, y with width=height=0). Unless *bbox_transform* argument is given, the coordinates (even for the bbox instance) are considered as normalized axes coordinates.

For example, if you want your axes legend located at the figure corner (instead of the axes corner):

```
1 = legend(bbox_to_anchor=(0, 0, 1, 1), bbox_transform=gcf().transFigure)
```

Also, you can place above or outer right-hand side of the axes,



12.4 Multiple Legend

Sometime, you want to split the legend into multiple ones.:

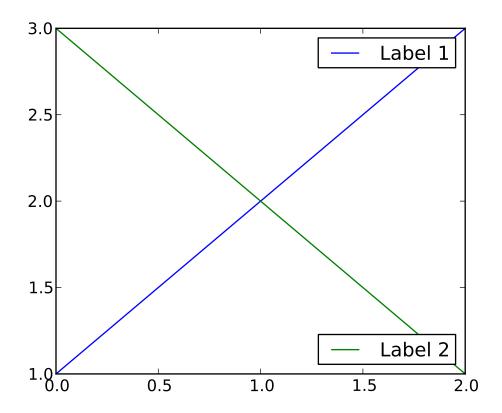
```
p1, = plot([1,2,3])
p2, = plot([3,2,1])
legend([p1], ["Test1"], loc=1)
legend([p2], ["Test2"], loc=4)
```

However, the above code only shows the second legend. When the legend command is called, a new legend instance is created and old ones are removed from the axes. Thus, you need to manually add the removed legend.

```
from matplotlib.pyplot import *

p1, = plot([1,2,3], label="test1")
p2, = plot([3,2,1], label="test2")

11 = legend([p1], ["Label 1"], loc=1)
12 = legend([p2], ["Label 2"], loc=4) # this removes 11 from the axes.
gca().add_artist(11) # add 11 as a separate artist to the axes
show()
```



12.5 Legend of Complex Plots

In matplotlib v1.1 and later, the legend is improved to support more plot commands and ease the customization.

12.5.1 Artist Container

The Artist Container is simple class (derived from tuple) that contains multiple artists. This is introduced primarily to support legends for complex plot commands that create multiple artists.

Axes instances now have a "containers" attribute (which is a list, and this is only intended to be used for generating a legend). The items in this attribute are also returned by get_legend_handles_labels().

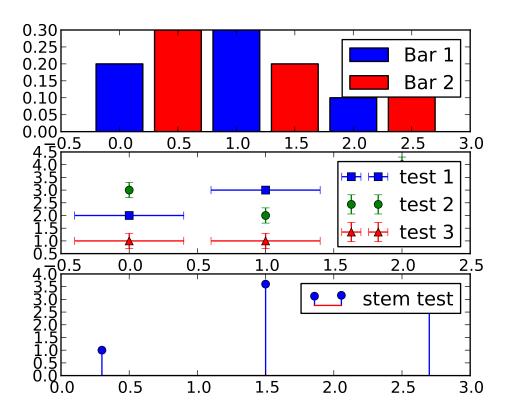
For example, "bar" command creates a series of Rectangle patches. Previously, it returned a list of these patches. With the current change, it creates a container object of these rectangle patches (and these patches are added to Axes.patches attribute as before) and return it instead. As the container class is derived from a tuple, it should be backward-compatible. Furthermore, the container object is added to the Axes.containers attributes so that legend command can properly create a legend for the bar. Thus, you may do

```
b1 = bar([0, 1, 2], [0.2, 0.3, 0.1], width=0.4,
label="Bar 1", align="center")
legend()
```

or

```
b1 = bar([0, 1, 2], [0.2, 0.3, 0.1], width=0.4, align="center") legend([b1], ["Bar 1"])
```

At this time of writing, however, only "bar", "errorbar", and "stem" are supported (hopefully the list will increase). Here is an example.



12.5.2 Legend Handler

One of the changes is that drawing of legend handles has been delegated to legend handlers. For example, Line2D instances are handled by HandlerLine2D. The mapping between the artists and their corresponding handlers are defined in a handler_map of the legend. The handler_map is a dictionary of key-handler pair, where key can be an artist instance or its class. And the handler is a Handler instance.

Let's consider the following sample code,

```
legend([p_1, p_2,..., p_i, ...], ["Test 1", "Test 2", ..., "Test i",...])
```

For each p i, matplotlib

- 1. check if p i is in the handler map
- 2. if not, iterate over type(p_i).mro() until a matching key is found in the handler_map

Unless specified, the defaul handler_map is used. Below is a partial list of key-handler pairs included in the default handler map.

- Line2D : legend_handler.HandlerLine2D()
- Patch : legend handler.HandlerPatch()
- LineCollection : legend_handler.HandlerLineCollection()
- ...

The legend() command takes an optional argument of "handler_map". When provided, the default handler map will be updated (using dict.update method) with the provided one.

```
p1, = plot(x, "ro", label="test1")
p2, = plot(y, "b+", ms=10, label="test2")
my_handler = HandlerLine2D(numpoints=1)
legend(handler_map={Line2D:my_handler})
```

The above example will use *my_handler* for any Line2D instances (p1 and p2).

```
legend(handler_map={p1:HandlerLine2D(numpoints=1)})
```

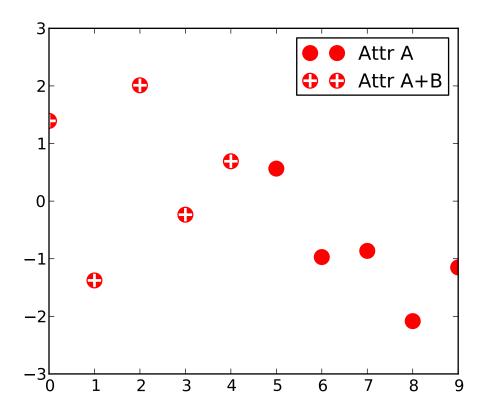
In the above example, only *p1* will be handled by *my_handler*, while others will be handled by default handlers.

The curent default handler_map has handlers for errorbar and bar plots. Also, it includes an entry for tuple which is mapped to HandlerTuple. It simply plots over all the handles for items in the given tuple. For example,

```
z = np.random.randn(10)

p1a, = plt.plot(z, "ro", ms=10, mfc="r", mew=2, mec="r") # red filled circle
p1b, = plt.plot(z[:5], "w+", ms=10, mec="w", mew=2) # white cross

plt.legend([p1a, (p1a, p1b)], ["Attr A", "Attr A+B"])
```



12.5.3 Implement a Custom Handler

Handler can be any callable object with following signature.

Where *legend* is the legend itself, *orig_handle* is the original plot (*p_i* in the above example), *fontsize* is the fontsize in pixles, and *handlebox* is a OffsetBox instance. Within the call, you create relevant artists (using relevant properties from the *legend* and/or *orig_handle*) and add them into the handlebox. The artists needs to be scaled according to the fontsize (note that the size is in pixel, i.e., this is dpi-scaled value). See legend_handler for more details.

EVENT HANDLING AND PICKING

matplotlib works with 6 user interface toolkits (wxpython, tkinter, qt, gtk, fltk and macosx) and in order to support features like interactive panning and zooming of figures, it is helpful to the developers to have an API for interacting with the figure via key presses and mouse movements that is "GUI neutral" so we don't have to repeat a lot of code across the different user interfaces. Although the event handling API is GUI neutral, it is based on the GTK model, which was the first user interface matplotlib supported. The events that are triggered are also a bit richer vis-a-vis matplotlib than standard GUI events, including information like which matplotlib.axes.Axes the event occurred in. The events also understand the matplotlib coordinate system, and report event locations in both pixel and data coordinates.

13.1 Event connections

To receive events, you need to write a callback function and then connect your function to the event manager, which is part of the FigureCanvasBase. Here is a simple example that prints the location of the mouse click and which button was pressed:

```
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot(np.random.rand(10))

def onclick(event):
    print 'button=%d, x=%d, y=%d, xdata=%f, ydata=%f'%(
        event.button, event.x, event.y, event.xdata, event.ydata)

cid = fig.canvas.mpl_connect('button_press_event', onclick)
```

The FigureCanvas method mpl_connect() returns a connection id which is simply an integer. When you want to disconnect the callback, just call:

```
fig.canvas.mpl_disconnect(cid)
```

Note: The canvas retains only weak references to the callbacks. Therefore if a callback is a method of a class instance, you need to retain a reference to that instance. Otherwise the instance will be garbage-collected and the callback will vanish.

Here are the events that you can connect to, the class instances that are sent back to you when the event occurs, and the event descriptions

Event name	Class and description
'button_press_event'	MouseEvent - mouse button is pressed
'button_release_event'	MouseEvent - mouse button is released
'draw_event'	DrawEvent - canvas draw
'key_press_event'	KeyEvent - key is pressed
'key_release_event'	KeyEvent - key is released
'motion_notify_event'	MouseEvent - mouse motion
'pick_event'	PickEvent - an object in the canvas is selected
'resize_event'	ResizeEvent - figure canvas is resized
'scroll_event'	MouseEvent - mouse scroll wheel is rolled
'figure_enter_event'	LocationEvent - mouse enters a new figure
'figure_leave_event'	LocationEvent - mouse leaves a figure
'axes_enter_event'	LocationEvent - mouse enters a new axes
'axes_leave_event'	LocationEvent - mouse leaves an axes

13.2 Event attributes

All matplotlib events inherit from the base class matplotlib.backend_bases.Event, which store the attributes:

name the event name

canvas the FigureCanvas instance generating the event

guiEvent the GUI event that triggered the matplotlib event

The most common events that are the bread and butter of event handling are key press/release events and mouse press/release and movement events. The KeyEvent and MouseEvent classes that handle these events are both derived from the LocationEvent, which has the following attributes

x x position - pixels from left of canvas

y y position - pixels from bottom of canvas

inaxes the Axes instance if mouse is over axes

xdata x coord of mouse in data coords

ydata y coord of mouse in data coords

Let's look a simple example of a canvas, where a simple line segment is created every time a mouse is pressed:

```
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

class LineBuilder:
    def __init__(self, line):
        self.line = line
        self.xs = list(line.get_xdata())
```

```
self.ys = list(line.get_ydata())
    self.cid = line.figure.canvas.mpl_connect('button_press_event', self)

def __call__(self, event):
    print 'click', event
    if event.inaxes!=self.line.axes: return
    self.xs.append(event.xdata)
    self.ys.append(event.ydata)
    self.line.set_data(self.xs, self.ys)
    self.line.figure.canvas.draw()

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.set_title('click to build line segments')
line, = ax.plot([0], [0]) # empty line
linebuilder = LineBuilder(line)

plt.show()
```

The MouseEvent that we just used is a LocationEvent, so we have access to the data and pixel coordinates in event.x and event.xdata. In addition to the LocationEvent attributes, it has

```
button button pressed None, 1, 2, 3, 'up', 'down' (up and down are used for scroll events)
```

key the key pressed: None, any character, 'shift', 'win', or 'control'

13.2.1 Draggable rectangle exercise

Write draggable rectangle class that is initialized with a Rectangle instance but will move its x,y location when dragged. Hint: you will need to store the original xy location of the rectangle which is stored as rect.xy and connect to the press, motion and release mouse events. When the mouse is pressed, check to see if the click occurs over your rectangle (see matplotlib.patches.Rectangle.contains()) and if it does, store the rectangle xy and the location of the mouse click in data coords. In the motion event callback, compute the deltax and deltay of the mouse movement, and add those deltas to the origin of the rectangle you stored. The redraw the figure. On the button release event, just reset all the button press data you stored as None.

Here is the solution:

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```
'button_release_event', self.on_release)
        self.cidmotion = self.rect.figure.canvas.mpl_connect(
            'motion_notify_event', self.on_motion)
    def on_press(self, event):
        'on button press we will see if the mouse is over us and store some data'
        if event.inaxes != self.rect.axes: return
        contains, attrd = self.rect.contains(event)
        if not contains: return
        print 'event contains', self.rect.xy
        x0, y0 = self.rect.xy
        self.press = x0, y0, event.xdata, event.ydata
    def on_motion(self, event):
        'on motion we will move the rect if the mouse is over us'
        if self.press is None: return
        if event.inaxes != self.rect.axes: return
        x0, y0, xpress, ypress = self.press
        dx = event.xdata - xpress
        dy = event.ydata - ypress
        \#print 'x0=\%f, xpress=\%f, event.xdata=\%f, dx=\%f, x0+dx=\%f'\%(x0, xpress, event.xdata, dx, x0+dx)
        self.rect.set_x(x0+dx)
        self.rect.set_y(y0+dy)
        self.rect.figure.canvas.draw()
   def on_release(self, event):
        'on release we reset the press data'
        self.press = None
        self.rect.figure.canvas.draw()
    def disconnect(self):
        'disconnect all the stored connection ids'
        self.rect.figure.canvas.mpl_disconnect(self.cidpress)
        self.rect.figure.canvas.mpl_disconnect(self.cidrelease)
        self.rect.figure.canvas.mpl_disconnect(self.cidmotion)
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
rects = ax.bar(range(10), 20*np.random.rand(10))
drs = []
for rect in rects:
   dr = DraggableRectangle(rect)
   dr.connect()
   drs.append(dr)
plt.show()
```

Extra credit: use the animation blit techniques discussed in the animations recipe to make the animated drawing faster and smoother.

Extra credit solution:

```
# draggable rectangle with the animation blit techniques; see
# http://www.scipy.org/Cookbook/Matplotlib/Animations
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
class DraggableRectangle:
    lock = None # only one can be animated at a time
   def __init__(self, rect):
        self.rect = rect
        self.press = None
        self.background = None
    def connect(self):
        'connect to all the events we need'
        self.cidpress = self.rect.figure.canvas.mpl_connect(
            'button_press_event', self.on_press)
        self.cidrelease = self.rect.figure.canvas.mpl_connect(
            'button_release_event', self.on_release)
        self.cidmotion = self.rect.figure.canvas.mpl_connect(
            'motion_notify_event', self.on_motion)
    def on_press(self, event):
        'on button press we will see if the mouse is over us and store some data'
        if event.inaxes != self.rect.axes: return
        if DraggableRectangle.lock is not None: return
        contains, attrd = self.rect.contains(event)
        if not contains: return
        print 'event contains', self.rect.xy
        x0, y0 = self.rect.xy
        self.press = x0, y0, event.xdata, event.ydata
        DraggableRectangle.lock = self
        # draw everything but the selected rectangle and store the pixel buffer
        canvas = self.rect.figure.canvas
        axes = self.rect.axes
        self.rect.set_animated(True)
        canvas.draw()
        self.background = canvas.copy_from_bbox(self.rect.axes.bbox)
        # now redraw just the rectangle
        axes.draw_artist(self.rect)
        # and blit just the redrawn area
        canvas.blit(axes.bbox)
   def on_motion(self, event):
        'on motion we will move the rect if the mouse is over us'
        if DraggableRectangle.lock is not self:
            return
        if event.inaxes != self.rect.axes: return
        x0, y0, xpress, ypress = self.press
        dx = event.xdata - xpress
```

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```
dy = event.ydata - ypress
        self.rect.set_x(x0+dx)
        self.rect.set_y(y0+dy)
        canvas = self.rect.figure.canvas
        axes = self.rect.axes
        # restore the background region
        canvas.restore_region(self.background)
        # redraw just the current rectangle
        axes.draw_artist(self.rect)
        # blit just the redrawn area
        canvas.blit(axes.bbox)
   def on_release(self, event):
        'on release we reset the press data'
        if DraggableRectangle.lock is not self:
            return
        self.press = None
        DraggableRectangle.lock = None
        # turn off the rect animation property and reset the background
        self.rect.set_animated(False)
        self.background = None
        # redraw the full figure
        self.rect.figure.canvas.draw()
   def disconnect(self):
        'disconnect all the stored connection ids'
        self.rect.figure.canvas.mpl_disconnect(self.cidpress)
        self.rect.figure.canvas.mpl_disconnect(self.cidrelease)
        self.rect.figure.canvas.mpl_disconnect(self.cidmotion)
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
rects = ax.bar(range(10), 20*np.random.rand(10))
drs = []
for rect in rects:
   dr = DraggableRectangle(rect)
   dr.connect()
   drs.append(dr)
plt.show()
```

13.3 Mouse enter and leave

If you want to be notified when the mouse enters or leaves a figure or axes, you can connect to the figure/axes enter/leave events. Here is a simple example that changes the colors of the axes and figure background that

the mouse is over: Illustrate the figure and axes enter and leave events by changing the frame colors on enter and leave import matplotlib.pyplot as plt def enter_axes(event): print 'enter_axes', event.inaxes event.inaxes.patch.set_facecolor('yellow') event.canvas.draw() def leave_axes(event): print 'leave_axes', event.inaxes event.inaxes.patch.set_facecolor('white') event.canvas.draw() def enter_figure(event): print 'enter_figure', event.canvas.figure event.canvas.figure.patch.set_facecolor('red') event.canvas.draw() def leave_figure(event): print 'leave_figure', event.canvas.figure event.canvas.figure.patch.set_facecolor('grey') event.canvas.draw() fig1 = plt.figure() fig1.suptitle('mouse hover over figure or axes to trigger events') ax1 = fig1.add_subplot(211) ax2 = fig1.add_subplot(212) fig1.canvas.mpl_connect('figure_enter_event', enter_figure) fig1.canvas.mpl_connect('figure_leave_event', leave_figure) fig1.canvas.mpl_connect('axes_enter_event', enter_axes) fig1.canvas.mpl_connect('axes_leave_event', leave_axes) fig2 = plt.figure() fig2.suptitle('mouse hover over figure or axes to trigger events') ax1 = fig2.add_subplot(211) ax2 = fig2.add_subplot(212) fig2.canvas.mpl_connect('figure_enter_event', enter_figure) fig2.canvas.mpl_connect('figure_leave_event', leave_figure) fig2.canvas.mpl_connect('axes_enter_event', enter_axes) fig2.canvas.mpl_connect('axes_leave_event', leave_axes) plt.show()

13.4 Object picking

You can enable picking by setting the picker property of an Artist (eg a matplotlib Line2D, Text, Patch, Polygon, AxesImage, etc...)

There are a variety of meanings of the picker property:

None picking is disabled for this artist (default)

boolean if True then picking will be enabled and the artist will fire a pick event if the mouse event is over the artist

float if picker is a number it is interpreted as an epsilon tolerance in points and the the artist will fire off an event if its data is within epsilon of the mouse event. For some artists like lines and patch collections, the artist may provide additional data to the pick event that is generated, eg the indices of the data within epsilon of the pick event.

function if picker is callable, it is a user supplied function which determines whether the
 artist is hit by the mouse event. The signature is hit, props = picker(artist,
 mouseevent) to determine the hit test. If the mouse event is over the artist, return
 hit=True and props is a dictionary of properties you want added to the PickEvent at tributes

After you have enabled an artist for picking by setting the picker property, you need to connect to the figure canvas pick_event to get pick callbacks on mouse press events. Eg:

```
def pick_handler(event):
    mouseevent = event.mouseevent
    artist = event.artist
    # now do something with this...
```

The PickEvent which is passed to your callback is always fired with two attributes:

mouseevent the mouse event that generate the pick event. The mouse event in turn has attributes like x and y (the coords in display space, eg pixels from left, bottom) and xdata, ydata (the coords in data space). Additionally, you can get information about which buttons were pressed, which keys were pressed, which Axes the mouse is over, etc. See matplotlib.backend_bases.MouseEvent for details.

artist the **Artist** that generated the pick event.

Additionally, certain artists like Line2D and PatchCollection may attach additional meta data like the indices into the data that meet the picker criteria (eg all the points in the line that are within the specified epsilon tolerance)

13.4.1 Simple picking example

In the example below, we set the line picker property to a scalar, so it represents a tolerance in points (72 points per inch). The onpick callback function will be called when the pick event it within the tolerance distance from the line, and has the indices of the data vertices that are within the pick distance tolerance. Our onpick callback function simply prints the data that are under the pick location. Different matplotlib Artists can attach different data to the PickEvent. For example, Line2D attaches the ind property, which are

the indices into the line data under the pick point. See pick() for details on the PickEvent properties of the line. Here is the code:

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

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.set_title('click on points')

line, = ax.plot(np.random.rand(100), 'o', picker=5) # 5 points tolerance

def onpick(event):
    thisline = event.artist
    xdata = thisline.get_xdata()
    ydata = thisline.get_ydata()
    ind = event.ind
    print 'onpick points:', zip(xdata[ind], ydata[ind])

fig.canvas.mpl_connect('pick_event', onpick)

plt.show()
```

13.4.2 Picking exercise

Create a data set of 100 arrays of 1000 Gaussian random numbers and compute the sample mean and standard deviation of each of them (hint: numpy arrays have a mean and std method) and make a xy marker plot of the 100 means vs the 100 standard deviations. Connect the line created by the plot command to the pick event, and plot the original time series of the data that generated the clicked on points. If more than one point is within the tolerance of the clicked on point, you can use multiple subplots to plot the multiple time series.

Exercise solution:

```
compute the mean and stddev of 100 data sets and plot mean vs stddev.

When you click on one of the mu, sigma points, plot the raw data from
the dataset that generated the mean and stddev

"""

import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

X = np.random.rand(100, 1000)
xs = np.mean(X, axis=1)
ys = np.std(X, axis=1)

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.set_title('click on point to plot time series')
line, = ax.plot(xs, ys, 'o', picker=5) # 5 points tolerance
```

TRANSFORMATIONS TUTORIAL

Like any graphics packages, matplotlib is built on top of a transformation framework to easily move between coordinate systems, the userland data coordinate system, the axes coordinate system, the figure coordinate system, and the display coordinate system. In 95% of your plotting, you won't need to think about this, as it happens under the hood, but as you push the limits of custom figure generation, it helps to have an understanding of these objects so you can reuse the existing transformations matplotlib makes available to you, or create your own (see matplotlib.transforms). The table below summarizes the existing coordinate systems, the transformation object you should use to work in that coordinate system, and the description of that system. In the Transformation Object column, ax is a Axes instance, and fig is a Figure instance.

Coor-	Transfor-	Description
dinate	mation	
	Object	
data	ax.transData	The userland data coordinate system, controlled by the xlim and ylim
axes	ax.transAxes	The coordinate system of the Axes; $(0,0)$ is bottom left of the axes, and $(1,1)$
		is top right of the axes
figure	fig.transFig	u Fla e coordinate system of the Figure ; (0,0) is bottom left of the figure, and
		(1,1) is top right of the figure
display	None	This is the pixel coordinate system of the display; (0,0) is the bottom left of
		the display, and (width, height) is the top right of the display in pixels

All of the transformation objects in the table above take inputs in their coordinate system, and transform the input to the display coordinate system. That is why the display coordinate system has None for the Transformation Object column – it already is in display coordinates. The transformations also know how to invert themselves, to go from display back to the native coordinate system. This is particularly useful when processing events from the user interface, which typically occur in display space, and you want to know where the mouse click or key-press occurred in your data coordinate system.

14.1 Data coordinates

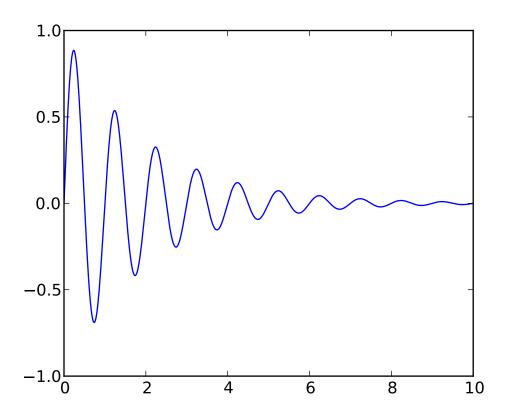
Let's start with the most commonly used coordinate, the data coordinate system. Whenever you add data to the axes, matplotlib updates the datalimits, most commonly updated with the set_xlim() and set_ylim() methods. For example, in the figure below, the data limits stretch from 0 to 10 on the x-axis, and -1 to 1 on the y-axis.

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

x = np.arange(0, 10, 0.005)
y = np.exp(-x/2.) * np.sin(2*np.pi*x)

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot(x, y)
ax.set_xlim(0, 10)
ax.set_ylim(-1, 1)

plt.show()
```



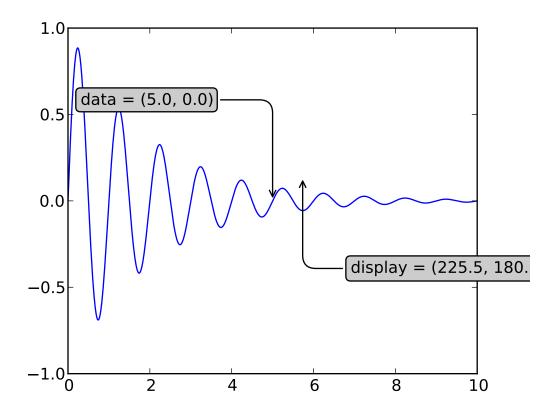
You can use the ax.transData instance to transform from your data to your display coordinate system, either a single point or a sequence of points as shown below:

```
In [14]: type(ax.transData)
Out[14]: <class 'matplotlib.transforms.CompositeGenericTransform'>
In [15]: ax.transData.transform((5, 0))
Out[15]: array([ 335.175, 247. ])
In [16]: ax.transData.transform([(5, 0), (1,2)])
Out[16]:
array([[ 335.175, 247. ],
```

```
[ 132.435, 642.2 ]])
```

You can use the inverted() method to create a transform which will take you from display to data coordinates:

If your are typing along with this tutorial, the exact values of the display coordinates may differ if you have a different window size or dpi setting. Likewise, in the figure below, the display labeled points are probably not the same as in the ipython session because the documentation figure size defaults are different.



Note: If you run the source code in the example above in a GUI backend, you may also find that the two arrows for the data and display annotations do not point to exactly the same point. This is because the display point was computed before the figure was displayed, and the GUI backend may slightly resize the figure when it is created. The effect is more pronounced if you resize the figure yourself. This is one good reason why you rarely want to work in display space, but you can connect to the 'on_draw' Event to update figure coordinates on figure draws; see *Event handling and picking*.

When you change the x or y limits of your axes, the data limits are updated so the transformation yields a new display point. Note that when we just change the ylim, only the y-display coordinate is altered, and when we change the xlim too, both are altered. More on this later when we talk about the Bbox.

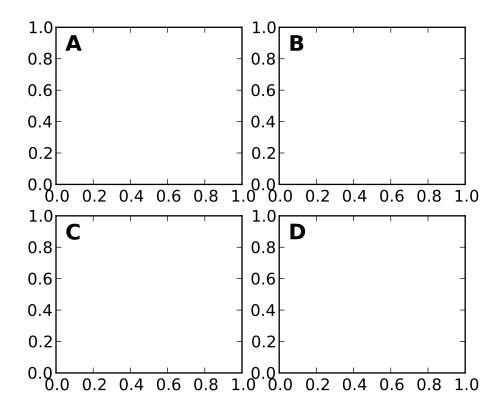
14.2 Axes coordinates

After the data coordinate system, axes is probably the second most useful coordinate system. Here the point (0,0) is the bottom left of your axes or subplot, (0.5, 0.5) is the center, and (1.0, 1.0) is the top right. You can also refer to points outside the range, so (-0.1, 1.1) is to the left and above your axes. This coordinate system is extremely useful when placing text in your axes, because you often want a text bubble in a fixed, location, eg. the upper left of the axes pane, and have that location remain fixed when you pan or zoom. Here is a simple example that creates four panels and labels them 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' as you often see in journals.

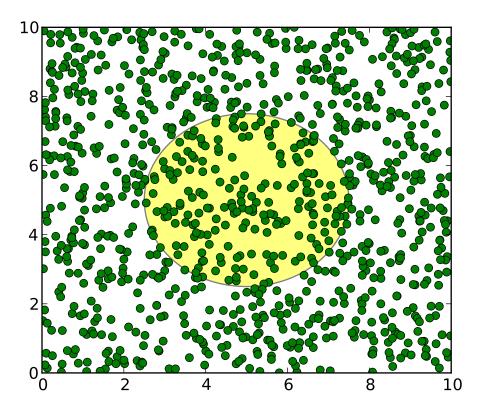
```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

fig = plt.figure()
for i, label in enumerate(('A', 'B', 'C', 'D')):
    ax = fig.add_subplot(2,2,i+1)
    ax.text(0.05, 0.95, label, transform=ax.transAxes,
    fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', va='top')

plt.show()
```



You can also make lines or patches in the axes coordinate system, but this is less useful in my experience than using ax.transAxes for placing text. Nonetheless, here is a silly example which plots some random dots in data space, and overlays a semi-transparent Circle centered in the middle of the axes with a radius one quarter of the axes – if your axes does not preserve aspect ratio (see set_aspect()), this will look like an ellipse. Use the pan/zoom tool to move around, or manually change the data xlim and ylim, and you will see the data move, but the circle will remain fixed because it is not in data coordinates and will always remain at the center of the axes.



14.3 Blended transformations

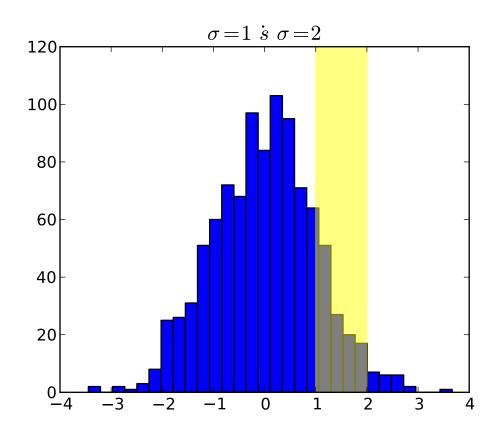
Drawing in blended coordinate spaces which mix axes with data coordinates is extremely useful, for example to create a horizontal span which highlights some region of the y-data but spans across the x-axis regardless of the data limits, pan or zoom level, etc. In fact these blended lines and spans are so useful, we have built in functions to make them easy to plot (see axhline(), axvline(), axhspan(), axvspan()) but for didactic purposes we will implement the horizontal span here using a blended transformation. This trick only works for separable transformations, like you see in normal Cartesian coordinate systems, but not on inseparable transformations like the PolarTransform.

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

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

x = np.random.randn(1000)

ax.hist(x, 30)
ax.set_title(r'$\sigma=1 \/ \dots \/ \sigma=2$', fontsize=16)
```



Note: The blended transformations where x is in data coords and y in axes coordinates is so useful that we have helper methods to return the versions mpl uses internally for drawing ticks, ticklabels, etc. The methods are matplotlib.axes.Axes.get_xaxis_transform() and matplotlib.axes.Axes.get_yaxis_transform(). So in the example above, the call to blended_transform_factory() can be replaced by get_xaxis_transform:

trans = ax.get_xaxis_transform()

14.4 Using offset transforms to create a shadow effect

One use of transformations is to create a new transformation that is offset from another transformation, eg to place one object shifted a bit relative to another object. Typically you want the shift to be in some physical dimension, like points or inches rather than in data coordinates, so that the shift effect is constant at different zoom levels and dpi settings.

One use for an offset is to create a shadow effect, where you draw one object identical to the first just to the right of it, and just below it, adjusting the zorder to make sure the shadow is drawn first and then the object it is shadowing above it. The transforms module has a helper transformation ScaledTranslation. It is instantiated with:

```
trans = ScaledTranslation(xt, yt, scale_trans)
```

where xt and yt are the translation offsets, and scale_trans is a transformation which scales xt and yt at transformation time before applying the offsets. A typical use case is to use the figure fig.dpi_scale_trans transformation for the scale_trans argument, to first scale xt and yt specified in points to display space before doing the final offset. The dpi and inches offset is a common-enough use case that we have a special helper function to create it in matplotlib.transforms.offset_copy(), which returns a new transform with an added offset. But in the example below, we'll create the offset transform ourselves. Note the use of the plus operator in:

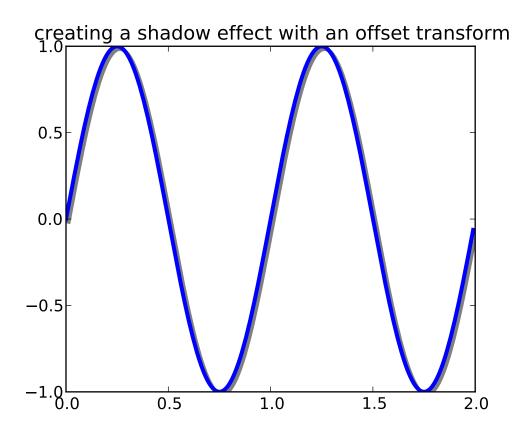
```
offset = transforms.ScaledTranslation(dx, dy,
  fig.dpi_scale_trans)
shadow_transform = ax.transData + offset
```

showing that can chain transformations using the addition operator. This code says: first apply the data transformation ax.transData and then translate the data by dx and dy points. In typography, a'point http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Point_%28typography%29 is 1/72 inches, and by specifying your offsets in points, your figure will look the same regardless of the dpi resolution it is saved in.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.patches as patches
import matplotlib.transforms as transforms
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
# make a simple sine wave
x = np.arange(0., 2., 0.01)
y = np.sin(2*np.pi*x)
line, = ax.plot(x, y, lw=3, color='blue')
# shift the object over 2 points, and down 2 points
dx, dy = 2/72., -2/72.
offset = transforms.ScaledTranslation(dx, dy,
  fig.dpi_scale_trans)
shadow_transform = ax.transData + offset
# now plot the same data with our offset transform;
# use the zorder to make sure we are below the line
```

```
ax.plot(x, y, lw=3, color='gray',
    transform=shadow_transform,
    zorder=0.5*line.get_zorder())

ax.set_title('creating a shadow effect with an offset transform')
plt.show()
```



14.5 The transformation pipeline

The ax.transData transform we have been working with in this tutorial is a composite of three different transformations that comprise the transformation pipeline from data -> display coordinates. Michael Droettboom implemented the transformations framework, taking care to provide a clean API that segregated the nonlinear projections and scales that happen in polar and logarithmic plots, from the linear affine transformations that happen when you pan and zoom. There is an efficiency here, because you can pan and zoom in your axes which affects the affine transformation, but you may not need to compute the potentially expensive nonlinear scales or projections on simple navigation events. It is also possible to multiply affine transformation matrices together, and then apply them to coordinates in one step. This is not true of all possible transformations.

Here is how the ax.transData instance is defined in the basic separable axis Axes class:

```
self.transData = self.transScale + (self.transLimits + self.transAxes)
```

We've been introduced to the transAxes instance above in Axes coordinates, which maps the (0,0), (1,1) corners of the axes or subplot bounding box to display space, so let's look at these other two pieces.

self.transLimits is the transformation that takes you from data to axes coordinates; i.e., it maps your view xlim and ylim to the unit space of the axes (and transAxes then takes that unit space to display space). We can see this in action here

```
In [80]: ax = subplot(111)
In [81]: ax.set_xlim(0, 10)
Out[81]: (0, 10)
In [82]: ax.set_ylim(-1,1)
Out[82]: (-1, 1)
In [84]: ax.transLimits.transform((0,-1))
Out[84]: array([ 0.,  0.])
In [85]: ax.transLimits.transform((10,-1))
Out[85]: array([ 1.,  0.])
In [86]: ax.transLimits.transform((10,1))
Out[86]: array([ 1.,  1.])
In [87]: ax.transLimits.transform((5,0))
Out[87]: array([ 0.5,  0.5])
```

and we can use this same inverted transformation to go from the unit axes coordinates back to data coordinates.

```
In [90]: inv.transform((0.25, 0.25))
Out[90]: array([ 2.5, -0.5])
```

The final piece is the self.transScale attribute, which is responsible for the optional non-linear scaling of the data, eg. for logarithmic axes. When an Axes is initially setup, this is just set to the identity transform, since the basic matplotlib axes has linear scale, but when you call a logarithmic scaling function like semilogx() or explicitly set the scale to logarithmic with set_xscale(), then the ax.transScale attribute is set to handle the nonlinear projection. The scales transforms are properties of the respective xaxis and yaxis Axis instances. For example, when you call ax.set_xscale('log'), the xaxis updates its scale to a matplotlib.scale.LogScale instance.

For non-separable axes the PolarAxes, there is one more piece to consider, the projection transformation. The transData matplotlib.projections.polar.PolarAxes is similar to that for the typical separable matplotlib Axes, with one additional piece transProjection:

```
self.transData = self.transScale + self.transProjection + \
    (self.transProjectionAffine + self.transAxes)
```

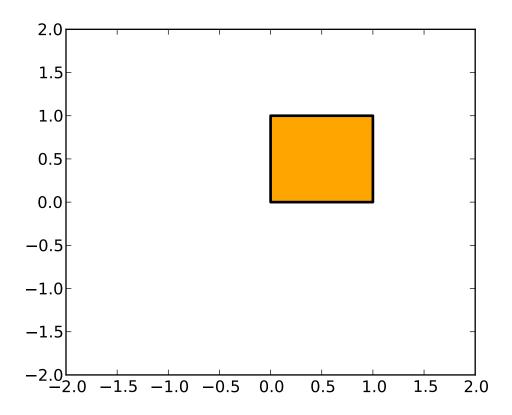
transProjection handles the projection from the space, eg. latitude and longitude for map data, or radius and theta for polar data, to a separable Cartesian coordinate system. There are several projection examples in the matplotlib.projections package, and the best way to learn more is to open the source

for those packages and see how to make your own, since matplotlib supports extensible axes and projections. Michael Droettboom has provided a nice tutorial example of creating a hammer projection axes; see *apicustom_projection_example*.

PATH TUTORIAL

The object underlying all of the matplotlib.patch objects is the Path, which supports the standard set of moveto, lineto, curveto commands to draw simple and compound outlines consisting of line segments and splines. The Path is instantiated with a (N,2) array of (x,y) vertices, and a N-length array of path codes. For example to draw the unit rectangle from (0,0) to (1,1), we could use this code

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.path import Path
import matplotlib.patches as patches
verts = [
    (0., 0.), # left, bottom
    (0., 1.), # left, top
    (1., 1.), # right, top
    (1., 0.), # right, bottom
    (0., 0.), # ignored
codes = [Path.MOVETO,
         Path.LINETO,
         Path.LINETO,
         Path.LINETO,
         Path.CLOSEPOLY,
path = Path(verts, codes)
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
patch = patches.PathPatch(path, facecolor='orange', lw=2)
ax.add_patch(patch)
ax.set_xlim(-2,2)
ax.set_ylim(-2,2)
plt.show()
```



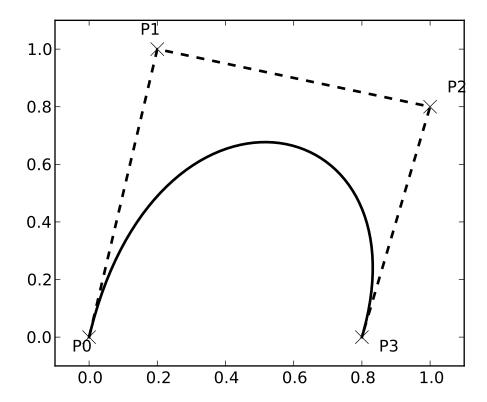
The following path codes are recognized

Code	Vertices	Description
STOP	1 (ignored)	A marker for the end of the entire path (currently not required and
		ignored)
MOVETO	1	Pick up the pen and move to the given vertex.
LINETO	1	Draw a line from the current position to the given vertex.
CURVE3	2 (1 control point, 1	Draw a quadratic Bézier curve from the current position, with the
	endpoint)	given control point, to the given end point.
CURVE4	3 (2 control points,	Draw a cubic Bézier curve from the current position, with the given
	1 endpoint)	control points, to the given end point.
CL0SEP0	LY (point itself is	Draw a line segment to the start point of the current polyline.
	ignored)	

15.1 Bézier example

Some of the path components require multiple vertices to specify them: for example CURVE 3 is a bézier curve with one control point and one end point, and CURVE4 has three vertices for the two control points and the end point. The example below shows a CURVE4 Bézier spline – the bézier curve will be contained in the convex hull of the start point, the two control points, and the end point

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.path import Path
import matplotlib.patches as patches
verts = [
    (0., 0.), #P0
    (0.2, 1.), # P1
    (1., 0.8), # P2
    (0.8, 0.), # P3
    ]
codes = [Path.MOVETO,
        Path.CURVE4,
         Path.CURVE4,
         Path.CURVE4,
         ]
path = Path(verts, codes)
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
patch = patches.PathPatch(path, facecolor='none', lw=2)
ax.add_patch(patch)
xs, ys = zip(*verts)
ax.plot(xs, ys, 'x--', lw=2, color='black', ms=10)
ax.text(-0.05, -0.05, 'P0')
ax.text(0.15, 1.05, 'P1')
ax.text(1.05, 0.85, 'P2')
ax.text(0.85, -0.05, 'P3')
ax.set_xlim(-0.1, 1.1)
ax.set_ylim(-0.1, 1.1)
plt.show()
```



15.2 Compound paths

All of the simple patch primitives in matplotlib, Rectangle, Circle, Polygon, etc, are implemented with simple path. Plotting functions like hist() and bar(), which create a number of primitives, eg a bunch of Rectangles, can usually be implemented more efficiently using a compound path. The reason bar creates a list of rectangles and not a compound path is largely historical: the Path code is comparatively new and bar predates it. While we could change it now, it would break old code, so here we will cover how to create compound paths, replacing the functionality in bar, in case you need to do so in your own code for efficiency reasons, eg you are creating an animated bar plot.

We will make the histogram chart by creating a series of rectangles for each histogram bar: the rectangle width is the bin width and the rectangle height is the number of datapoints in that bin. First we'll create some random normally distributed data and compute the histogram. Because numpy returns the bin edges and not centers, the length of bins is 1 greater than the length of n in the example below:

```
# histogram our data with numpy
data = np.random.randn(1000)
n, bins = np.histogram(data, 100)
```

We'll now extract the corners of the rectangles. Each of the left, bottom, etc, arrays below is len(n), where n is the array of counts for each histogram bar:

```
# get the corners of the rectangles for the histogram
left = np.array(bins[:-1])
right = np.array(bins[1:])
bottom = np.zeros(len(left))
top = bottom + n
```

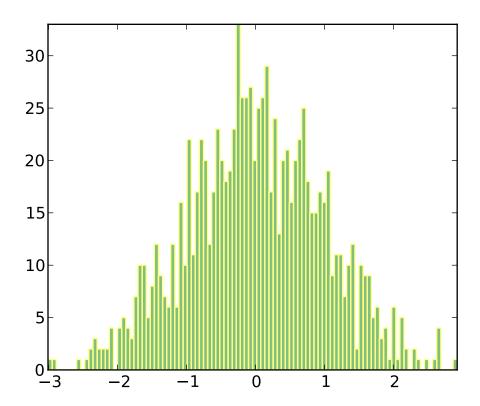
Now we have to construct our compound path, which will consist of a series of MOVETO, LINETO and CLOSEPOLY for each rectangle. For each rectangle, we need 5 vertices: 1 for the MOVETO, 3 for the LINETO, and 1 for the CLOSEPOLY. As indicated in the table above, the vertex for the closepoly is ignored but we still need it to keep the codes aligned with the vertices:

```
nverts = nrects*(1+3+1)
verts = np.zeros((nverts, 2))
codes = np.ones(nverts, int) * path.Path.LINETO
codes[0::5] = path.Path.MOVETO
codes[4::5] = path.Path.CLOSEPOLY
verts[0::5,0] = left
verts[0::5,1] = bottom
verts[1::5,0] = left
verts[1::5,0] = right
verts[2::5,1] = top
verts[2::5,1] = top
verts[3::5,0] = right
verts[3::5,0] = right
verts[3::5,1] = bottom
```

All that remains is to create the path, attach it to a PathPatch, and add it to our axes:

```
barpath = path.Path(verts, codes)
patch = patches.PathPatch(barpath, facecolor='green',
   edgecolor='yellow', alpha=0.5)
ax.add_patch(patch)
```

Here is the result

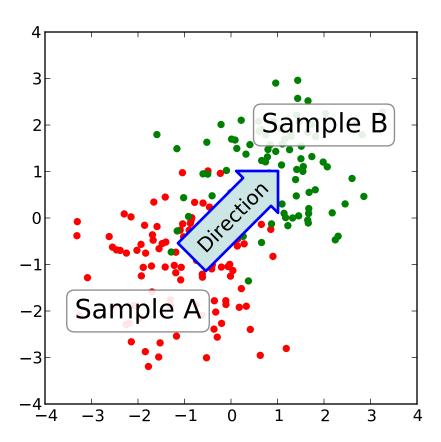


ANNOTATING AXES

Do not proceed unless you already have read *Annotating text*, text() and annotate()!

16.1 Annotating with Text with Box

Let's start with a simple example.



The text() function in the pyplot module (or text method of the Axes class) takes bbox keyword argument, and when given, a box around the text is drawn.

The patch object associated with the text can be accessed by:

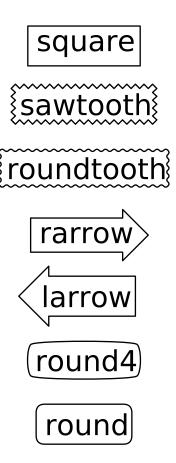
```
bb = t.get_bbox_patch()
```

The return value is an instance of FancyBboxPatch and the patch properties like facecolor, edgewidth, etc. can be accessed and modified as usual. To change the shape of the box, use *set_boxstyle* method.

```
bb.set_boxstyle("rarrow", pad=0.6)
```

The arguments are the name of the box style with its attributes as keyword arguments. Currently, following box styles are implemented.

Class	Name	Attrs
LArrow	larrow	pad=0.3
RArrow	rarrow	pad=0.3
Round	round	pad=0.3,rounding_size=None
Round4	round4	pad=0.3,rounding_size=None
Roundtooth	roundtooth	pad=0.3,tooth_size=None
Sawtooth	sawtooth	pad=0.3,tooth_size=None
Square	square	pad=0.3



Note that the attributes arguments can be specified within the style name with separating comma (this form can be used as "boxstyle" value of bbox argument when initializing the text instance)

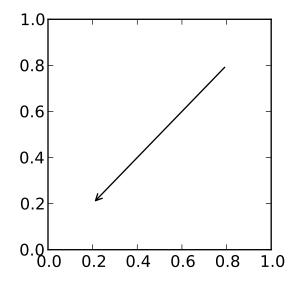
```
bb.set_boxstyle("rarrow,pad=0.6")
```

16.2 Annotating with Arrow

The annotate() function in the pyplot module (or annotate method of the Axes class) is used to draw an arrow connecting two points on the plot.

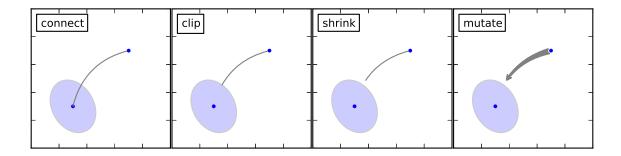
This annotates a point at xy in the given coordinate (xycoords) with the text at xytext given in textcoords. Often, the annotated point is specified in the *data* coordinate and the annotating text in *offset* points. See annotate() for available coordinate systems.

An arrow connecting two point (xy & xytext) can be optionally drawn by specifying the arrowprops argument. To draw only an arrow, use empty string as the first argument.



The arrow drawing takes a few steps.

- 1. a connecting path between two points are created. This is controlled by connectionstyle key value.
- 2. If patch object is given (patchA & patchB), the path is clipped to avoid the patch.
- 3. The path is further shrunk by given amount of pixels (*shirnkA* & *shrinkB*)
- 4. The path is transmuted to arrow patch, which is controlled by the arrowstyle key value.

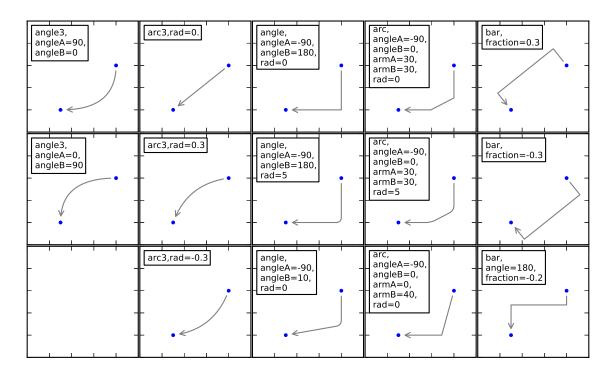


The creation of the connecting path between two points is controlled by connectionstyle key and following styles are available.

Name	Attrs
angle	angleA=90,angleB=0,rad=0.0
angle3	angleA=90,angleB=0
arc	angleA=0,angleB=0,armA=None,armB=None,rad=0.0
arc3	rad=0.0
bar	armA=0.0,armB=0.0,fraction=0.3,angle=None

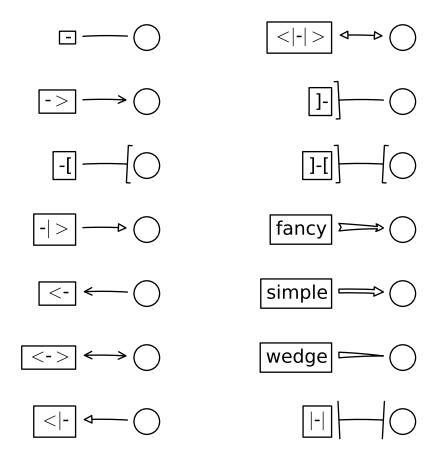
Note that "3" in angle3 and arc3 is meant to indicate that the resulting path is a quadratic spline segment (three control points). As will be discussed below, some arrow style option only can be used when the connecting path is a quadratic spline.

The behavior of each connection style is (limitedly) demonstrated in the example below. (Warning: The behavior of the bar style is currently not well defined, it may be changed in the future).



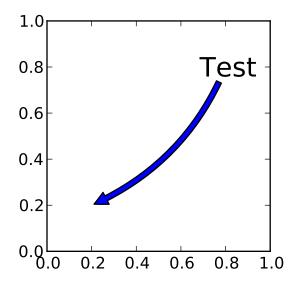
The connecting path (after clipping and shrinking) is then mutated to an arrow patch, according to the given arrowstyle.

Name	Attrs
-	None
->	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
-[widthB=1.0,lengthB=0.2,angleB=None
-	widthA=1.0,widthB=1.0
- >	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
<-	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
<->	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
< -	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
< - >	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
fancy	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.4,tail_width=0.4
simple	head_length=0.5,head_width=0.5,tail_width=0.2
wedge	tail_width=0.3,shrink_factor=0.5

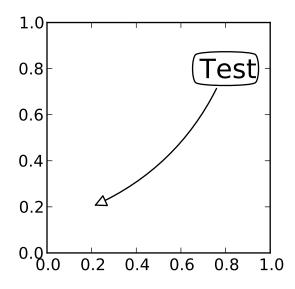


Some arrowstyles only work with connection style that generates a quadratic-spline segment. They are fancy, simple, and wedge. For these arrow styles, you must use "angle3" or "arc3" connection style.

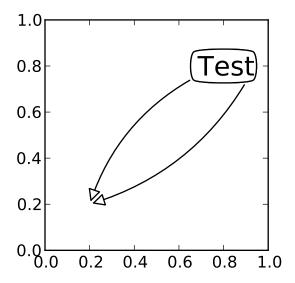
If the annotation string is given, the patchA is set to the bbox patch of the text by default.



As in the text command, a box around the text can be drawn using the bbox argument.

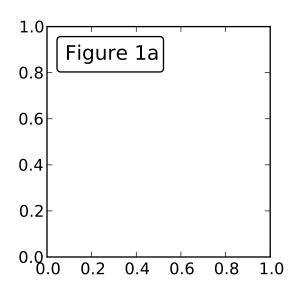


By default, the starting point is set to the center of the text extent. This can be adjusted with relpos key value. The values are normalized to the extent of the text. For example, (0,0) means lower-left corner and (1,1) means top-right.



16.3 Placing Artist at the anchored location of the Axes

There are class of artist that can be placed at the anchored location of the Axes. A common example is the legend. This type of artists can be created by using the OffsetBox class. A few predefined classes are available in mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.anchored_artists.

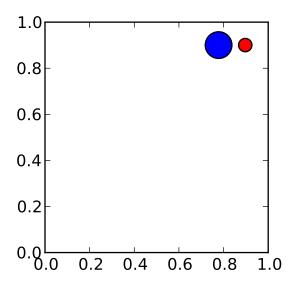


The *loc* keyword has same meaning as in the legend command.

A simple application is when the size of the artist (or collection of artists) is known in pixel size during the time of creation. For example, If you want to draw a circle with fixed size of 20 pixel x 20 pixel (radius = 10 pixel), you can utilize AnchoredDrawingArea. The instance is created with a size of the drawing area (in pixel). And user can add arbitrary artist to the drawing area. Note that the extents of the artists that are added to the drawing area has nothing to do with the placement of the drawing area itself. The initial size only matters.

from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.anchored_artists import AnchoredDrawingArea

The artists that are added to the drawing area should not have transform set (they will be overridden) and the dimension of those artists are interpreted as a pixel coordinate, i.e., the radius of the circles in above example are 10 pixel and 5 pixel, respectively.

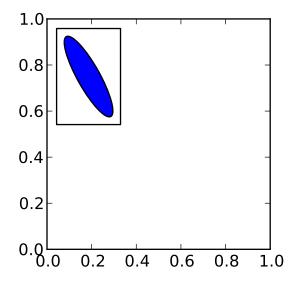


Sometimes, you want to your artists scale with data coordinate (or other coordinate than canvas pixel). You can use AnchoredAuxTransformBox class. This is similar to AnchoredDrawingArea except that the extent of the artist is determined during the drawing time respecting the specified transform.

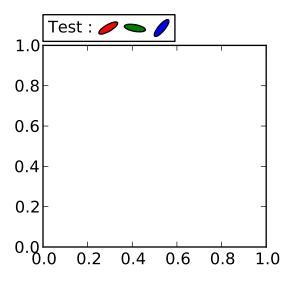
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.anchored_artists import AnchoredAuxTransformBox

```
box = AnchoredAuxTransformBox(ax.transData, loc=2)
el = Ellipse((0,0), width=0.1, height=0.4, angle=30) # in data coordinates!
box.drawing_area.add_artist(el)
```

The ellipse in the above example will have width and height corresponds to 0.1 and 0.4 in data coordinate and will be automatically scaled when the view limits of the axes change.



As in the legend, the bbox_to_anchor argument can be set. Using the HPacker and VPacker, you can have an arrangement(?) of artist as in the legend (as a matter of fact, this is how the legend is created).



Note that unlike the legend, the bbox_transform is set to IdentityTransform by default.

16.4 Using Complex Coordinate with Annotation

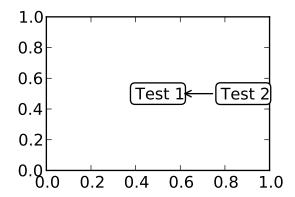
The Annotation in matplotlib support several types of coordinate as described in *Annotating text*. For an advanced user who wants more control, it supports a few other options.

```
    Transform instance. For example,
    ax.annotate("Test", xy=(0.5, 0.5), xycoords=ax.transAxes)
    is identical to
```

```
ax.annotate("Test", xy=(0.5, 0.5), xycoords="axes fraction")
```

With this, you can annotate a point in other axes.

2. Artist instance. The xy value (or xytext) is interpreted as a fractional coordinate of the bbox (return value of *get_window_extent*) of the artist.



Note that it is your responsibility that the extent of the coordinate artist (an1 in above example) is determined before an2 gets drawn. In most cases, it means that an2 needs to be drawn later than an1.

3. A callable object that returns an instance of either BboxBase or Transform. If a transform is returned, it is same as 1 and if bbox is returned, it is same as 2. The callable object should take a single argument of renderer instance. For example, following two commands give identical results

4. A tuple of two coordinate specification. The first item is for x-coordinate and the second is for y-coordinate. For example,

```
annotate("Test", xy=(0.5, 1), xycoords=("data", "axes fraction"))
```

0.5 is in data coordinate, and 1 is in normalized axes coordinate. You may use an atist or transform as with a tuple. For example,

0.0-0.0

0.2

0.4

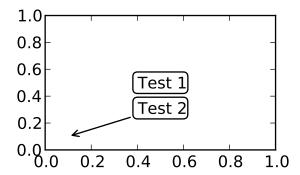
0.6

0.8

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.figure(figsize=(3,2))
ax=plt.axes([0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.7])
an1 = ax.annotate("Test 1", xy=(0.5, 0.5), xycoords="data",
                  va="center", ha="center",
                   bbox=dict(boxstyle="round", fc="w"))
an2 = ax.annotate("Test 2", xy=(0.5, 1.), xy=(0.5, 1.)), xy=(0.5, 1.)
                   xytext=(0.5,1.1), textcoords=(an1, "axes fraction"),
                   va="bottom", ha="center",
                   bbox=dict(boxstyle="round", fc="w"),
                   arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle="->"))
plt.show()
                  Test 2
1.0
8.0
0.6
                  Test 1
0.4
0.2
```

5. Sometimes, you want your annotation with some "offset points", but not from the annotated point but from other point. OffsetFrom is a helper class for such case.

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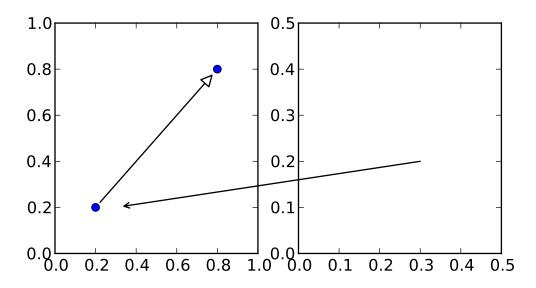


You may take a look at this example *pylab_examples-annotation_demo3*.

16.5 Using ConnectorPatch

The ConnectorPatch is like an annotation without a text. While the annotate function is recommended in most of situation, the ConnectorPatch is useful when you want to connect points in different axes.

The above code connects point xy in data coordinate of ax1 to point xy int data coordinate of ax2. Here is a simple example.

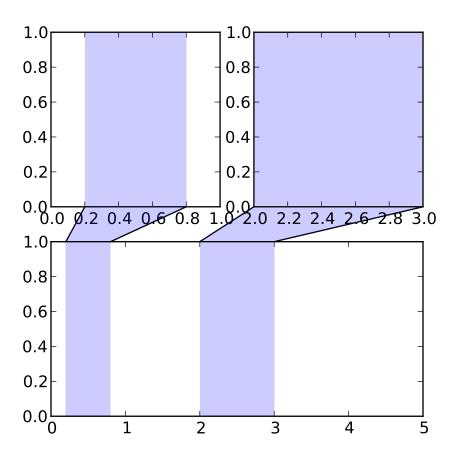


While the ConnectorPatch instance can be added to any axes, but you may want it to be added to the axes in the latter (?) of the axes drawing order to prevent overlap (?) by other axes.

16.5.1 Advanced Topics

16.6 Zoom effect between Axes

mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.inset_locator defines some patch classes useful for interconnect two axes. Understanding the code requires some knowledge of how mpl's transform works. But, utilizing it will be straight forward.

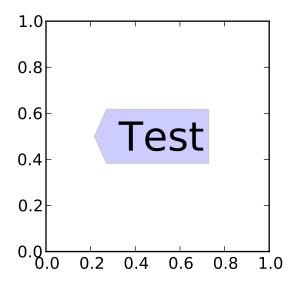


16.7 Define Custom BoxStyle

You can use a custom box style. The value for the boxstyle can be a callable object in following forms.:

```
- *mutation_size* : a reference scale for the mutation.
- *aspect_ratio* : aspect-ration for the mutation.
"""
path = ...
return path
```

Here is a complete example.



However, it is recommended that you derive from the matplotlib.patches.BoxStyle._Base as demonstrated below.

```
from matplotlib.path import Path
from matplotlib.patches import BoxStyle
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# we may derive from matplotlib.patches.BoxStyle._Base class.
# You need to overide transmute method in this case.

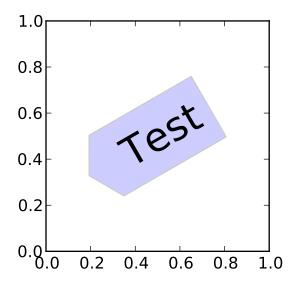
class MyStyle(BoxStyle._Base):
    """
    A simple box.
    """

    def __init__(self, pad=0.3):
        """
        The arguments need to be floating numbers and need to have default values.

        *pad*
            amount of padding
        """

    self.pad = pad
        super(MyStyle, self).__init__()
```

```
def transmute(self, x0, y0, width, height, mutation_size):
        Given the location and size of the box, return the path of
        the box around it.
         - *x0*, *y0*, *width*, *height* : location and size of the box
         - *mutation_size* : a reference scale for the mutation.
        Often, the *mutation_size* is the font size of the text.
        You don't need to worry about the rotation as it is
        automatically taken care of.
        # padding
        pad = mutation_size * self.pad
        # width and height with padding added.
        width, height = width + 2.*pad, \
                        height + 2.*pad,
        # boundary of the padded box
        x0, y0 = x0-pad, y0-pad,
        x1, y1 = x0+width, y0 + height
        cp = [(x0, y0),
              (x1, y0), (x1, y1), (x0, y1),
              (x0-pad, (y0+y1)/2.), (x0, y0),
              (x0, y0)
        com = [Path.MOVETO,
               Path.LINETO, Path.LINETO, Path.LINETO,
               Path.LINETO, Path.LINETO,
               Path.CLOSEPOLY]
       path = Path(cp, com)
       return path
# register the custom style
BoxStyle._style_list["angled"] = MyStyle
plt.figure(1, figsize=(3,3))
ax = plt.subplot(111)
ax.text(0.5, 0.5, "Test", size=30, va="center", ha="center", rotation=30,
        bbox=dict(boxstyle="angled,pad=0.5", alpha=0.2))
del BoxStyle._style_list["angled"]
plt.show()
```



Similarly, you can define custom ConnectionStyle and custom ArrowStyle. See the source code of lib/matplotlib/patches.py and check how each style class is defined.

CHAPTER

OUR FAVORITE RECIPES

Here is a collection of short tutorials, examples and code snippets that illustrate some of the useful idioms and tricks to make snazzier figures and overcome some matplotlib warts.

17.1 Sharing axis limits and views

It's common to make two or more plots which share an axis, eg two subplots with time as a common axis. When you pan and zoom around on one, you want the other to move around with you. To facilitate this, matplotlib Axes support a sharex and sharey attribute. When you create a subplot() or axes() instance, you can pass in a keyword indicating what axes you want to share with

```
In [96]: t = np.arange(0, 10, 0.01)
In [97]: ax1 = plt.subplot(211)
In [98]: ax1.plot(t, np.sin(2*np.pi*t))
Out[98]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x98719ec>]
In [99]: ax2 = plt.subplot(212, sharex=ax1)
In [100]: ax2.plot(t, np.sin(4*np.pi*t))
Out[100]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0xb7d8fec>]
```

17.2 Easily creating subplots

In early versions of matplotlib, if you wanted to use the pythonic API and create a figure instance and from that create a grid of subplots, possibly with shared axes, it involved a fair amount of boilerplate code. Eg

```
# old style
fig = plt.figure()
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(221)
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(222, sharex=ax1, sharey=ax1)
ax3 = fig.add_subplot(223, sharex=ax1, sharey=ax1)
ax3 = fig.add_subplot(224, sharex=ax1, sharey=ax1)
```

Fernando Perez has provided a nice top level method to create in subplots() (note the "s" at the end) everything at once, and turn off x and y sharing for the whole bunch. You can either unpack the axes individually:

```
# new style method 1; unpack the axes
fig, ((ax1, ax2), (ax3, ax4)) = plt.subplots(2, 2, sharex=True, sharey=True)
ax1.plot(x)
```

or get them back as a numrows x numcolumns object array which supports numpy indexing:

```
# new style method 2; use an axes array
fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 2, sharex=True, sharey=True)
axs[0,0].plot(x)
```

17.3 Fixing common date annoyances

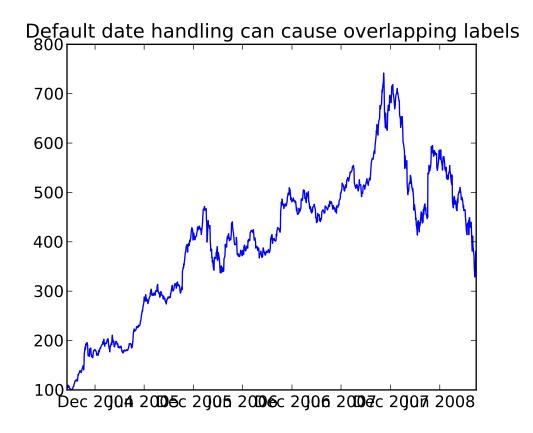
matplotlib allows you to natively plots python datetime instances, and for the most part does a good job picking tick locations and string formats. There are a couple of things it does not handle so gracefully, and here are some tricks to help you work around them. We'll load up some sample date data which contains datetime.date objects in a numpy record array:

The dtype of the numpy record array for the field date is |04 which means it is a 4-byte python object pointer; in this case the objects are datetime.date instances, which we can see when we print some samples in the ipython terminal window.

If you plot the data,

```
In [67]: plot(r.date, r.close)
Out[67]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x92a6b6c>]
```

you will see that the x tick labels are all squashed together.

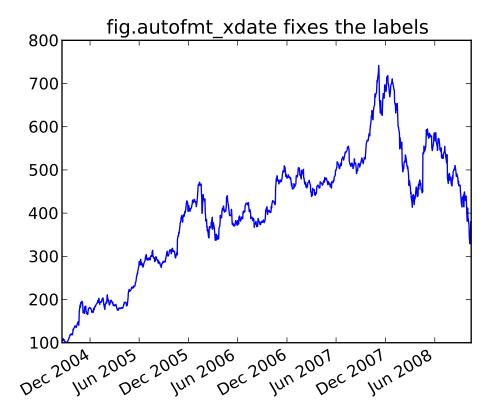


Another annoyance is that if you hover the mouse over a the window and look in the lower right corner of the matplotlib toolbar (*Interactive navigation*) at the x and y coordinates, you see that the x locations are formatted the same way the tick labels are, eg "Dec 2004". What we'd like is for the location in the toolbar to have a higher degree of precision, eg giving us the exact date out mouse is hovering over. To fix the first problem, we can use matplotlib.figure.Figure.autofmt_xdate() and to fix the second problem we can use the ax.fmt_xdata attribute which can be set to any function that takes a scalar and returns a string. matplotlib has a number of date formatters built in, so we'll use one of those.

```
plt.close('all')
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1)
ax.plot(r.date, r.close)

# rotate and align the tick labels so they look better
fig.autofmt_xdate()

# use a more precise date string for the x axis locations in the
# toolbar
import matplotlib.dates as mdates
ax.fmt_xdata = mdates.DateFormatter('%Y-%m-%d')
plt.title('fig.autofmt_xdate fixes the labels')
```



Now when you hover your mouse over the plotted data, you'll see date format strings like 2004-12-01 in the toolbar.

17.4 Fill Between and Alpha

The fill_between() function generates a shaded region between a min and max boundary that is useful for illustrating ranges. It has a very handy where argument to combine filling with logical ranges, eg to just fill in a curve over some threshold value.

At its most basic level, fill_between can be use to enhance a graphs visual appearance. Let's compare two graphs of a financial times with a simple line plot on the left and a filled line on the right.

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

import matplotlib.cbook as cbook

# load up some sample financial data
datafile = cbook.get_sample_data('goog.npy')
r = np.load(datafile).view(np.recarray)

# create two subplots with the shared x and y axes
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1,2, sharex=True, sharey=True)
```

```
pricemin = r.close.min()

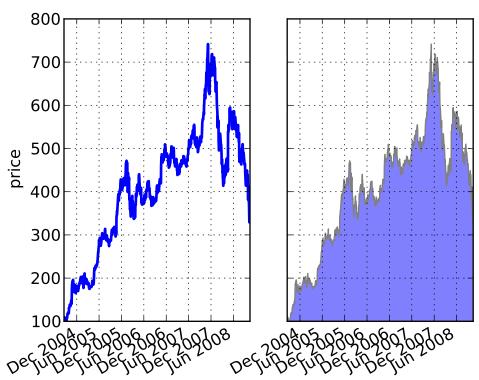
ax1.plot(r.date, r.close, lw=2)
ax2.fill_between(r.date, pricemin, r.close, facecolor='blue', alpha=0.5)

for ax in ax1, ax2:
    ax.grid(True)

ax1.set_ylabel('price')
for label in ax2.get_yticklabels():
    label.set_visible(False)

fig.suptitle('Google (GOOG) daily closing price')
fig.autofmt_xdate()
```

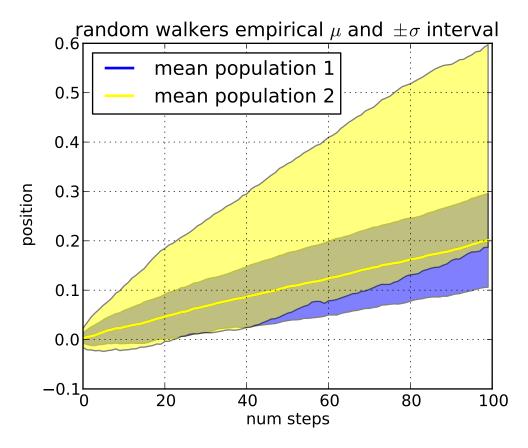
Google (GOOG) daily closing price



The alpha channel is not necessary here, but it can be used to soften colors for more visually appealing plots. In other examples, as we'll see below, the alpha channel is functionally useful as the shaded regions can overlap and alpha allows you to see both. Note that the postscript format does not support alpha (this is a postscript limitation, not a matplotlib limitation), so when using alpha save your figures in PNG, PDF or SVG.

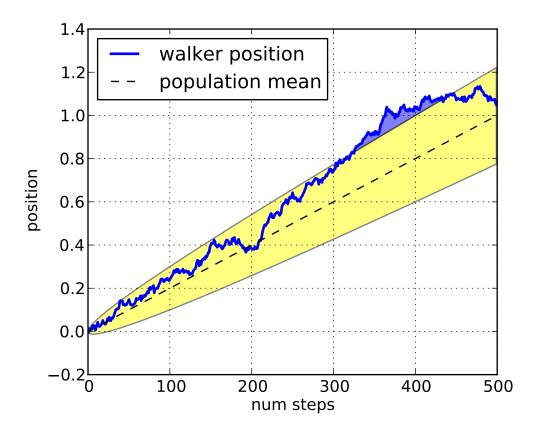
Our next example computes two populations of random walkers with a different mean and standard deviation of the normal distributions from which the steps are drawn. We use shared regions to plot +/- one standard deviation of the mean position of the population. Here the alpha channel is useful, not just aesthetic.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
Nsteps, Nwalkers = 100, 250
t = np.arange(Nsteps)
# an (Nsteps x Nwalkers) array of random walk steps
S1 = 0.002 + 0.01*np.random.randn(Nsteps, Nwalkers)
S2 = 0.004 + 0.02*np.random.randn(Nsteps, Nwalkers)
# an (Nsteps x Nwalkers) array of random walker positions
X1 = S1.cumsum(axis=0)
X2 = S2.cumsum(axis=0)
# Nsteps length arrays empirical means and standard deviations of both
# populations over time
mu1 = X1.mean(axis=1)
sigma1 = X1.std(axis=1)
mu2 = X2.mean(axis=1)
sigma2 = X2.std(axis=1)
# plot it!
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1)
ax.plot(t, mu1, lw=2, label='mean population 1', color='blue')
ax.plot(t, mu1, lw=2, label='mean population 2', color='yellow')
ax.fill_between(t, mu1+sigma1, mu1-sigma1, facecolor='blue', alpha=0.5)
ax.fill_between(t, mu2+sigma2, mu2-sigma2, facecolor='yellow', alpha=0.5)
ax.set_title('random walkers empirical $\mu$ and $\pm \sigma$ interval')
ax.legend(loc='upper left')
ax.set_xlabel('num steps')
ax.set_ylabel('position')
ax.grid()
```



The where keyword argument is very handy for highlighting certain regions of the graph. where takes a boolean mask the same length as the x, ymin and ymax arguments, and only fills in the region where the boolean mask is True. In the example below, we simulate a single random walker and compute the analytic mean and standard deviation of the population positions. The population mean is shown as the black dashed line, and the plus/minus one sigma deviation from the mean is showsn as the yellow filled region. We use the where mask X>upper_bound to find the region where the walker is above the one sigma boundary, and shade that region blue.

```
np.random.seed(1234)
Nsteps = 500
t = np.arange(Nsteps)
mu = 0.002
sigma = 0.01
# the steps and position
S = mu + sigma*np.random.randn(Nsteps)
X = S.cumsum()
# the 1 sigma upper and lower analytic population bounds
lower_bound = mu*t - sigma*np.sqrt(t)
upper_bound = mu*t + sigma*np.sqrt(t)
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1)
```



Another handy use of filled regions is to highlight horizontal or vertical spans of an axes – for that matplotlib has some helper functions axhspan() and axvspan() and example *pylab_examples-axhspan_demo*.

17.5 Transparent, fancy legends

Sometimes you know what your data looks like before you plot it, and may know for instance that there won't be much data in the upper right hand corner. Then you can safely create a legend that doesn't overlay your data:

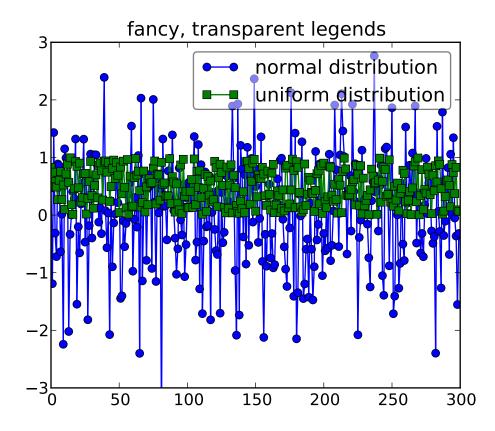
```
ax.legend(loc='upper right')
```

Other times you don't know where your data is, and loc='best' will try and place the legend:

```
ax.legend(loc='best')
```

but still, your legend may overlap your data, and in these cases it's nice to make the legend frame transparent.

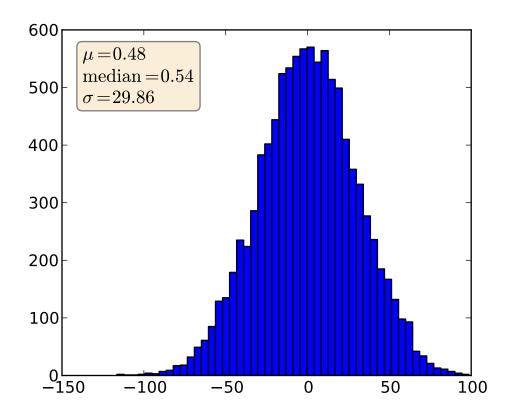
```
np.random.seed(1234)
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1)
ax.plot(np.random.randn(300), 'o-', label='normal distribution')
ax.plot(np.random.rand(300), 's-', label='uniform distribution')
ax.set_ylim(-3, 3)
leg = ax.legend(loc='best', fancybox=True)
leg.get_frame().set_alpha(0.5)
ax.set_title('fancy, transparent legends')
```



17.6 Placing text boxes

When decorating axes with text boxes, two useful tricks are to place the text in axes coordinates (see *Transformations Tutorial*), so the text doesn't move around with changes in x or y limits. You can also use the bbox property of text to surround the text with a Patch instance – the bbox keyword argument takes a

dictionary with keys that are Patch properties.

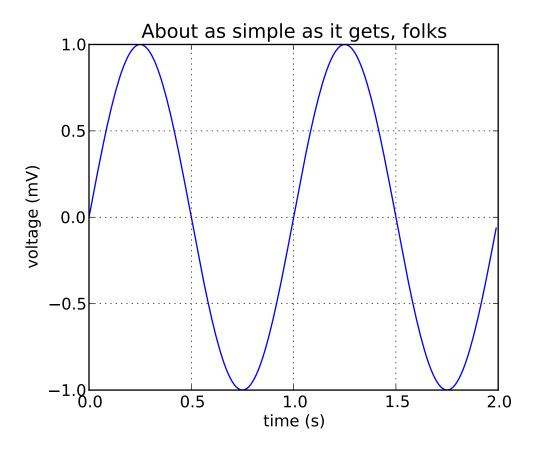


SCREENSHOTS

Here you will find a host of example figures with the code that generated them

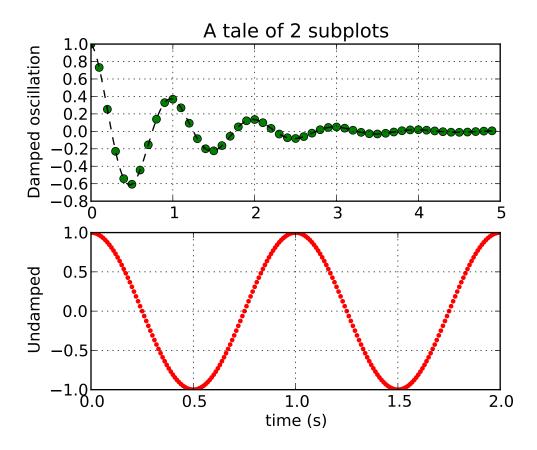
18.1 Simple Plot

The most basic plot(), with text labels



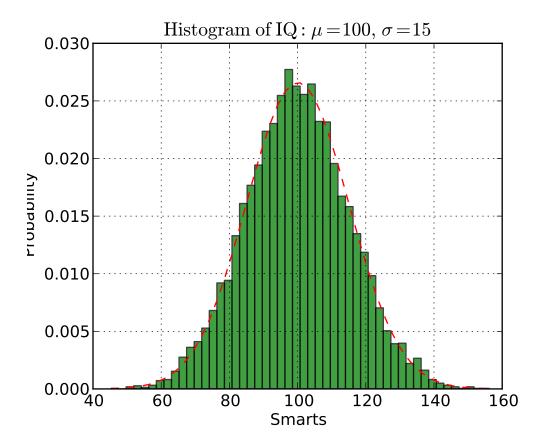
18.2 Subplot demo

Multiple regular axes (numrows by numcolumns) are created with the subplot() command.



18.3 Histograms

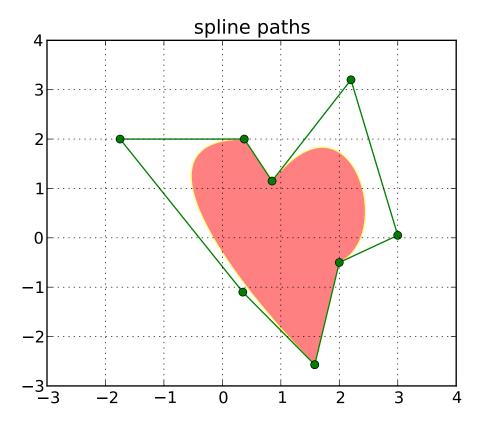
The hist() command automatically generates histograms and will return the bin counts or probabilities



18.4 Path demo

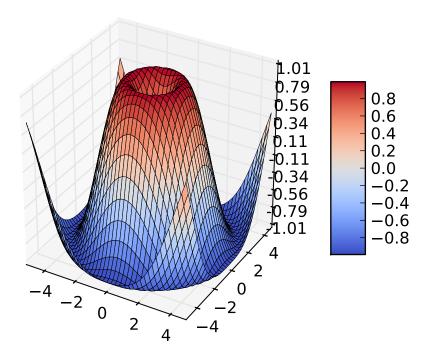
You can add aribitrary paths in matplotlib as of release 0.98. See the matplotlib.path.

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18.5 mplot3d

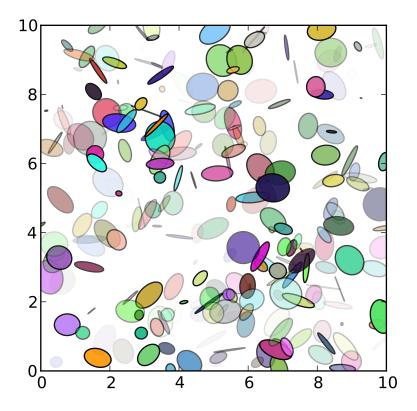
The mplot3d toolkit (see *mplot3d tutorial* and *mplot3d-examples-index*) has support for simple 3d graphs including surface, wireframe, scatter, and bar charts (added in matlpotlib-0.99). Thanks to John Porter, Jonathon Taylor and Reinier Heeres for the mplot3d toolkit. The toolkit is included with all standard matplotlib installs.



18.6 Ellipses

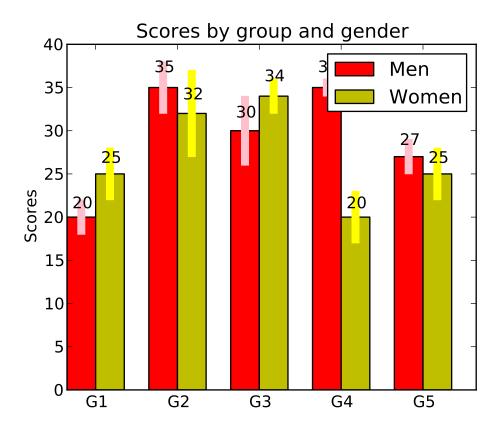
In support of the Phoenix mission to Mars, which used matplotlib in ground tracking of the spacecraft, Michael Droettboom built on work by Charlie Moad to provide an extremely accurate 8-spline approximation to elliptical arcs (see Arc) in the viewport. This provides a scale free, accurate graph of the arc regardless of zoom level

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18.7 Bar charts

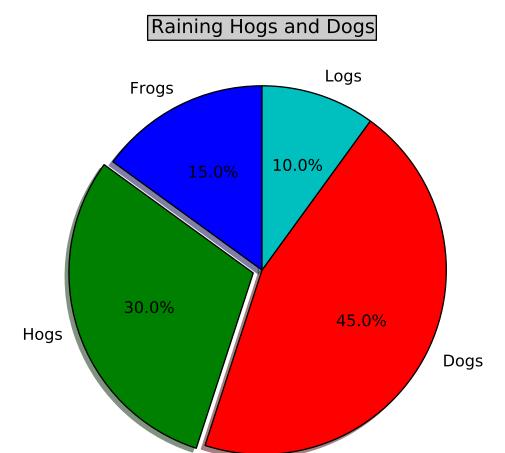
The bar() command takes error bars as an optional argument. You can also use up and down bars, stacked bars, candlestick bars, etc, ... See bar_stacked.py for another example. You can make horizontal bar charts with the barh() command.



18.8 Pie charts

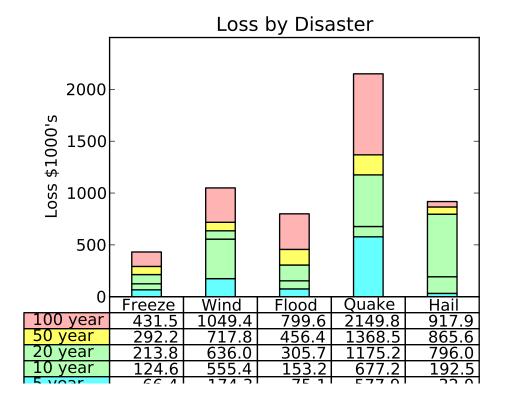
The pie() command uses a MATLAB compatible syntax to produce pie charts. Optional features include auto-labeling the percentage of area, exploding one or more wedges out from the center of the pie, and a shadow effect. Take a close look at the attached code that produced this figure; nine lines of code.

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18.9 Table demo

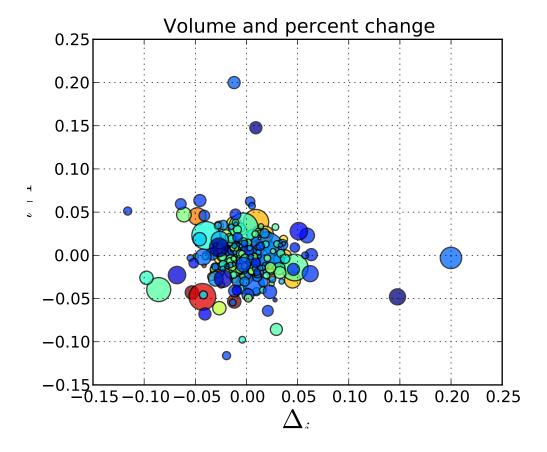
The table() command will place a text table on the axes



18.10 Scatter demo

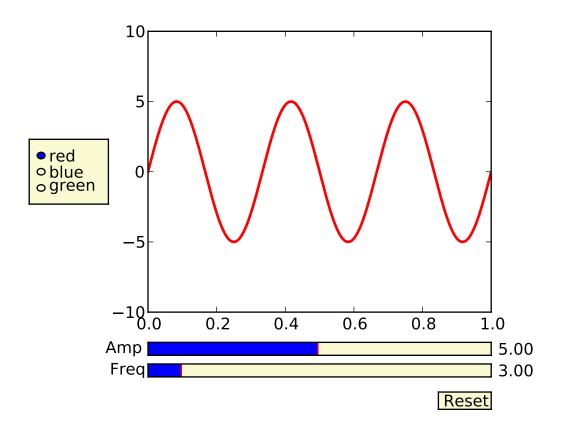
The scatter() command makes a scatter plot with (optional) size and color arguments. This example plots changes in Google stock price from one day to the next with the sizes coding trading volume and the colors coding price change in day i. Here the alpha attribute is used to make semitransparent circle markers with the Agg backend (see *What is a backend?*)

18.10. Scatter demo



18.11 Slider demo

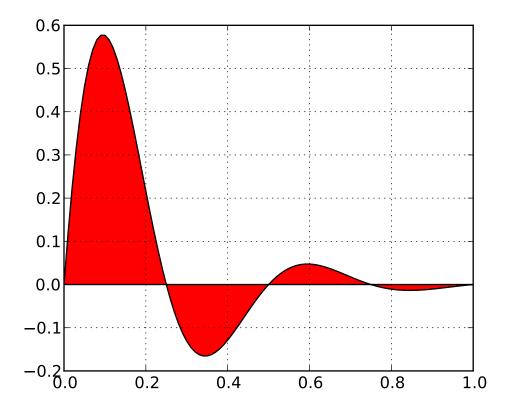
Matplotlib has basic GUI widgets that are independent of the graphical user interface you are using, allowing you to write cross GUI figures and widgets. See matplotlib.widgets and the widget examples



18.12 Fill demo

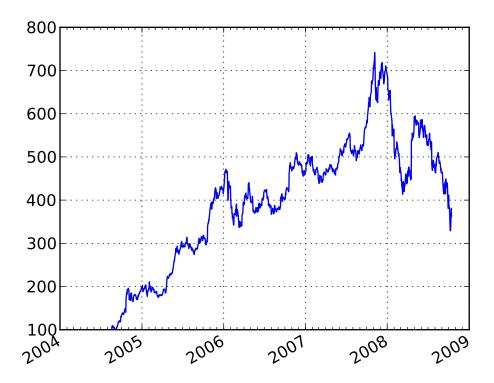
The fill() command lets you plot filled polygons. Thanks to Andrew Straw for providing this function

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18.13 Date demo

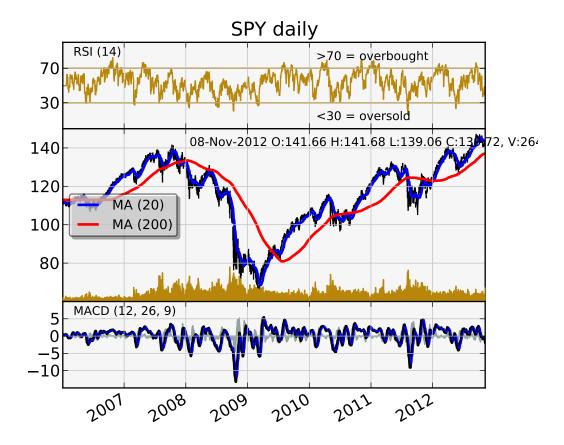
You can plot date data with major and minor ticks and custom tick formatters for both the major and minor ticks; see matplotlib.ticker and matplotlib.dates for details and usage.



18.14 Financial charts

You can make much more sophisticated financial plots. This example emulates one of the ChartDirector financial plots. Some of the data in the plot, are real financial data, some are random traces that I used since the goal was to illustrate plotting techniques, not market analysis!

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18.15 Basemap demo

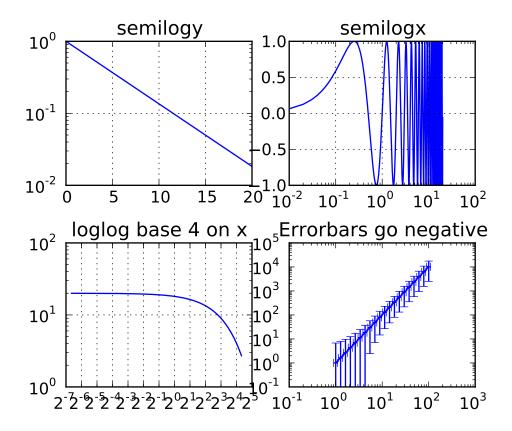
Jeff Whitaker's *Basemap* add-on toolkit makes it possible to plot data on many different map projections. This example shows how to plot contours, markers and text on an orthographic projection, with NASA's "blue marble" satellite image as a background.

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18.16 Log plots

The semilogx(), semilogy() and loglog() functions generate log scaling on the respective axes. The lower subplot uses a base 10 log on the xaxis and a base 4 log on the yaxis. Thanks to Andrew Straw, Darren Dale and Gregory Lielens for contributions to the log scaling infrastructure.

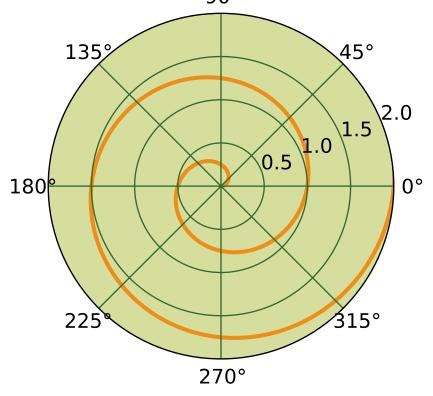
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18.17 Polar plots

The polar() command generates polar plots.

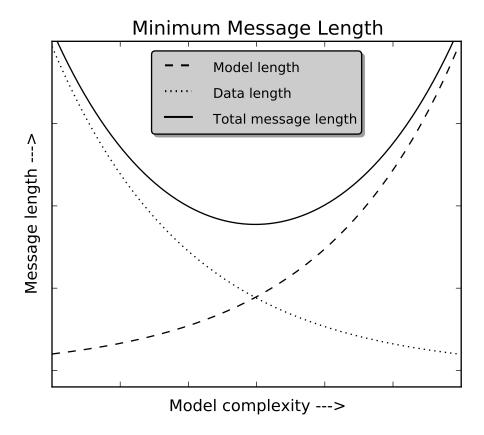
And there was much rejoicing!



18.18 Legends

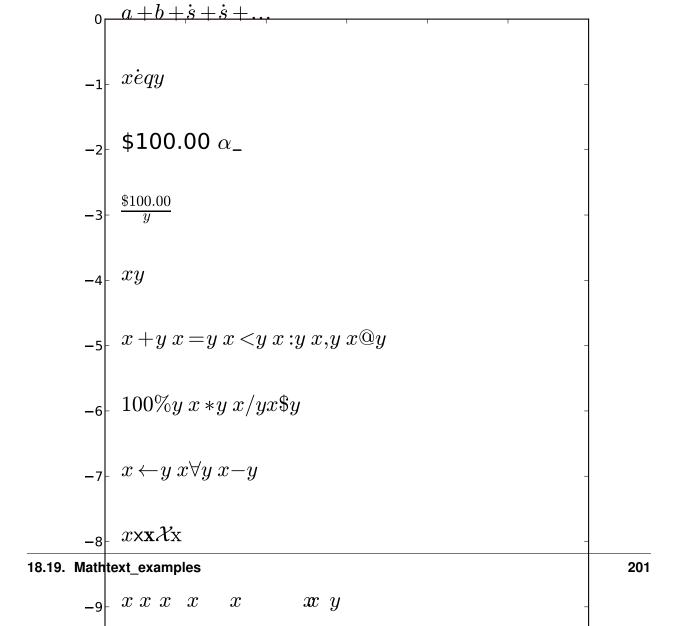
The legend() command automatically generates figure legends, with MATLAB compatible legend placement commands. Thanks to Charles Twardy for input on the legend command

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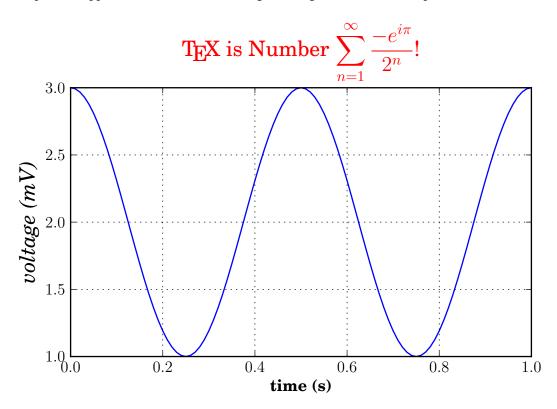
18.19 Mathtext examples

A sampling of the many TeX expressions now supported by matplotlib's internal mathtext engine. The mathtext module provides TeX style mathematical expressions using freetype2 and the BaKoMa computer modern or STIX fonts. See the matplotlib.mathtext module for additional. matplotlib mathtext is an independent implementation, and does not required TeX or any external packages installed on your computer. See the tutorial at *Writing mathematical expressions*.



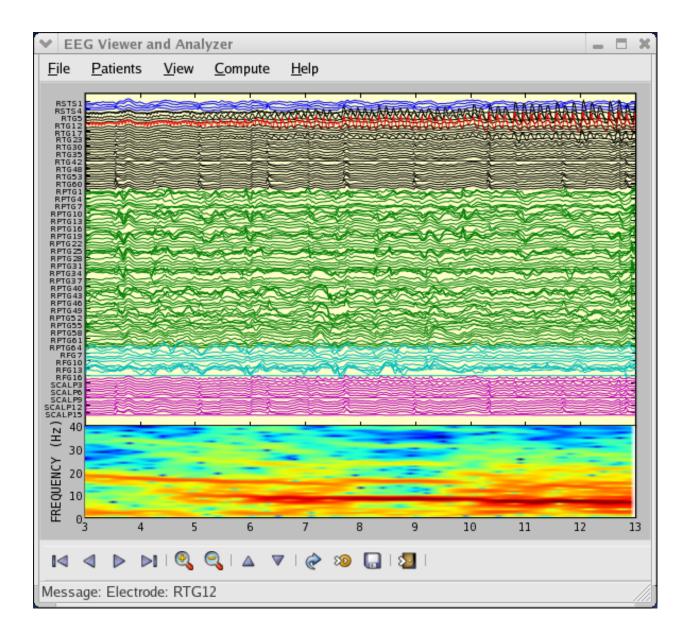
18.20 Native TeX rendering

Although matplotlib's internal math rendering engine is quite powerful, sometimes you need TeX, and matplotlib supports external TeX rendering of strings with the *usetex* option.



18.21 **EEG** demo

You can embed matplotlib into pygtk, wxpython, Tk, FLTK or Qt applications. Here is a screenshot of an eeg viewer called pbrain which is part of the NeuroImaging in Python suite NIPY. Pbrain is written in pygtk using matplotlib. The lower axes uses specgram() to plot the spectrogram of one of the EEG channels. For an example of how to use the navigation toolbar in your applications, see *user_interfaces-embedding_in_gtk2*. If you want to use matplotlib in a wx application, see *user_interfaces-embedding_in_wx2*. If you want to work with glade, see *user_interfaces-mpl_with_glade*.



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CHAPTER NINETEEN

WHAT'S NEW IN MATPLOTLIB

This page just covers the highlights – for the full story, see the CHANGELOG

For a list of all of the issues and pull requests since the last revision, see the *Github stats*.

Note: Matplotlib version 1.1 is the last major release compatible with Python versions 2.4 to 2.7. matplotlib 1.2 and later require versions 2.6, 2.7, and 3.1 and higher.

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19.1 new in matplotlib-1.2

19.1.1 Python 3.x support

Matplotlib 1.2 is the first version to support Python 3.x, specifically Python 3.1 and 3.2. To make this happen in a reasonable way, we also had to drop support for Python versions earlier than 2.6.

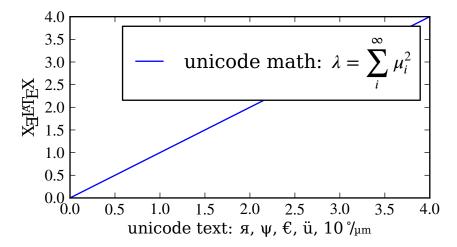
This work was done by Michael Droettboom, the Cape Town Python Users' Group, many others and supported financially in part by the SAGE project.

The following GUI backends work under Python 3.x: Gtk3Cairo, Qt4Agg, TkAgg and MacOSX. The other GUI backends do not yet have adequate bindings for Python 3.x, but continue to work on Python 2.6 and 2.7, particularly the Qt and QtAgg backends (which have been deprecated). The non-GUI backends, such as PDF, PS and SVG, work on both Python 2.x and 3.x.

Features that depend on the Python Imaging Library, such as JPEG handling, do not work, since the version of PIL for Python 3.x is not sufficiently mature.

19.1.2 PGF/TikZ backend

Peter Würtz wrote a backend that allows matplotlib to export figures as drawing commands for LaTeX. These can be processed by PdfLaTeX, XeLaTeX or LuaLaTeX using the PGF/TikZ package. Usage examples and documentation are found in *Typesetting With XeLaTeX/LuaLaTeX*.



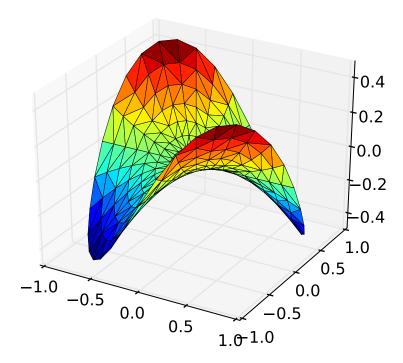
19.1.3 Locator interface

Philip Elson exposed the intelligence behind the tick Locator classes with a simple interface. For instance, to get no more than 5 sensible steps which span the values 10 and 19.5:

```
>>> import matplotlib.ticker as mticker
>>> locator = mticker.MaxNLocator(nbins=5)
>>> print(locator.tick_values(10, 19.5))
[ 10. 12. 14. 16. 18. 20.]
```

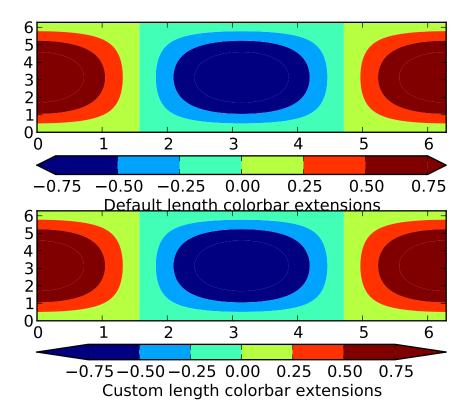
19.1.4 Tri-Surface Plots

Damon McDougall added a new plotting method for the mplot3d toolkit called plot_trisurf().



19.1.5 Control the lengths of colorbar extensions

Andrew Dawson added a new keyword argument *extendfrac* to colorbar() to control the length of minimum and maximum colorbar extensions.



19.1.6 Figures are picklable

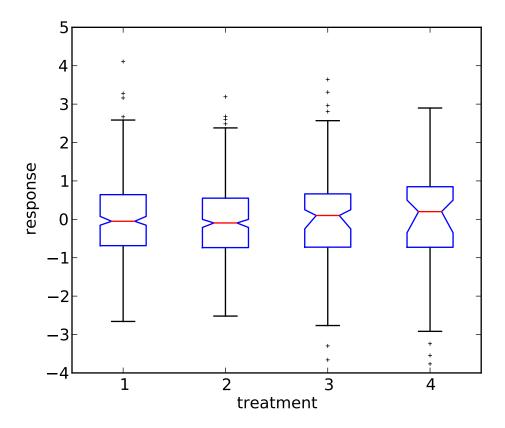
Philip Elson added an experimental feature to make figures picklable for quick and easy short-term storage of plots. Pickle files are not designed for long term storage, are unsupported when restoring a pickle saved in another matplotlib version and are insecure when restoring a pickle from an untrusted source. Having said this, they are useful for short term storage for later modification inside matplotlib.

19.1.7 Set default bounding box in matplotlibro

Two new defaults are available in the matplotlibrc configuration file: savefig.bbox, which can be set to 'standard' or 'tight', and savefig.pad_inches, which controls the bounding box padding.

19.1.8 New Boxplot Functionality

Users can now incorporate their own methods for computing the median and its confidence intervals into the boxplot() method. For every column of data passed to boxplot, the user can specify an accompanying median and confidence interval.



19.1.9 New RC parameter functionality

Matthew Emmett added a function and a context manager to help manage RC parameters: rc_file() and rc_context. To load RC parameters from a file:

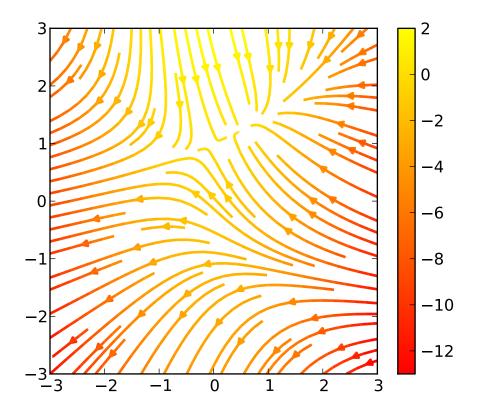
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>>> mpl.rc_file('mpl.rc')
```

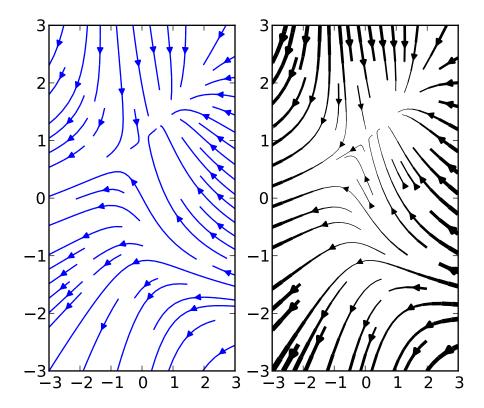
To temporarily use RC parameters:

```
>>> with mpl.rc_context(fname='mpl.rc', rc={'text.usetex': True}):
>>> ...
```

19.1.10 Streamplot

Tom Flannaghan and Tony Yu have added a new streamplot() function to plot the streamlines of a vector field. This has been a long-requested feature and complements the existing quiver() function for plotting vector fields. In addition to simply plotting the streamlines of the vector field, streamplot() allows users to map the colors and/or line widths of the streamlines to a separate parameter, such as the speed or local intensity of the vector field.





19.1.11 New hist functionality

Nic Eggert added a new stacked kwarg to hist() that allows creation of stacked histograms using any of the histogram types. Previously, this functionality was only available by using the barstacked histogram type. Now, when stacked=True is passed to the function, any of the histogram types can be stacked. The barstacked histogram type retains its previous functionality for backwards compatibility.

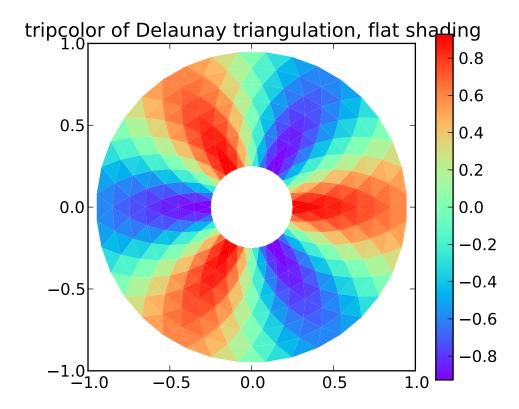
19.1.12 Updated shipped dependencies

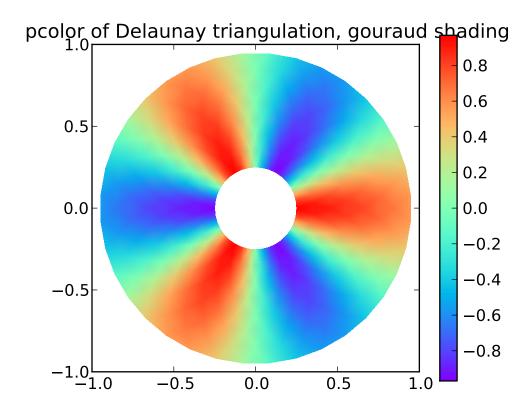
The following dependencies that ship with matplotlib and are optionally installed alongside it have been updated:

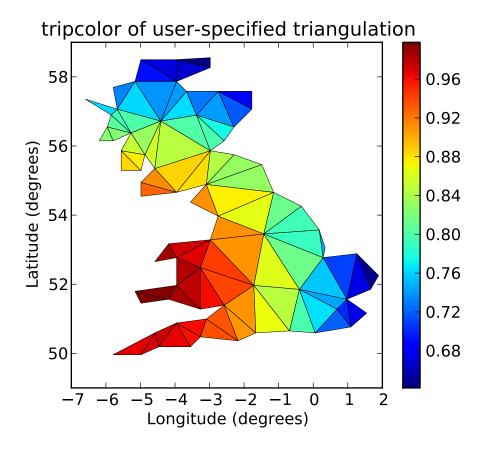
- pytz 2012d
- dateutil 1.5 on Python 2.x, and 2.1 on Python 3.x

19.1.13 Face-centred colors in tripcolor plots

Ian Thomas extended tripcolor() to allow one color value to be specified for each triangular face rather than for each point in a triangulation.

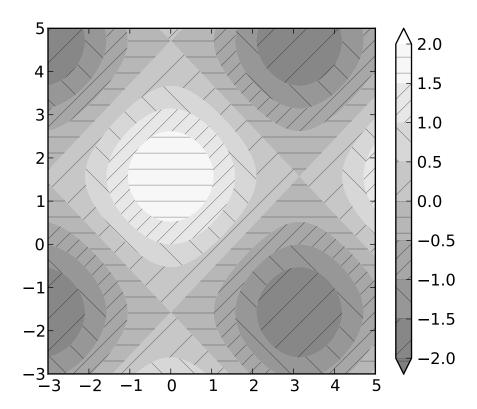


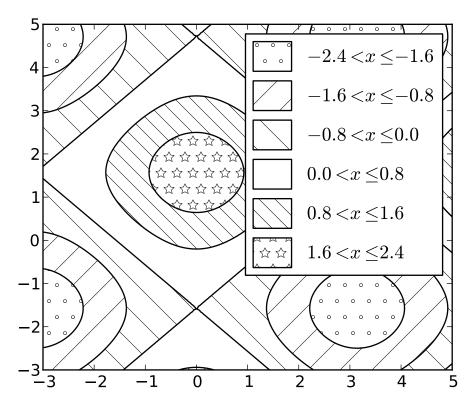




19.1.14 Hatching patterns in filled contour plots, with legends

Phil Elson added support for hatching to contourf(), together with the ability to use a legend to identify contoured ranges.





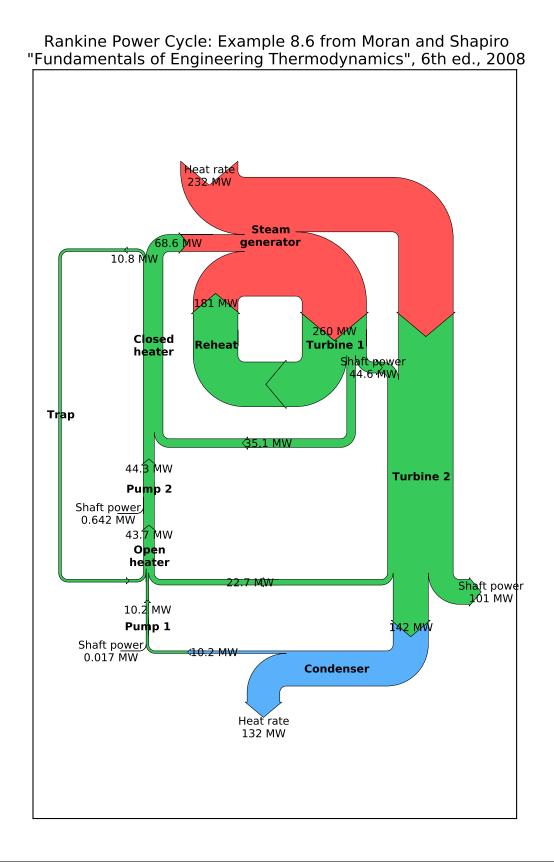
19.1.15 Known issues in the matplotlib-1.2 release

• When using the Qt4Agg backend with IPython 0.11 or later, the save dialog will not display. This should be fixed in a future version of IPython.

19.2 new in matplotlib-1.1

19.2.1 Sankey Diagrams

Kevin Davies has extended Yannick Copin's original Sankey example into a module (sankey) and provided new examples (api-sankey_demo_basics, api-sankey_demo_links, api-sankey_demo_rankine).



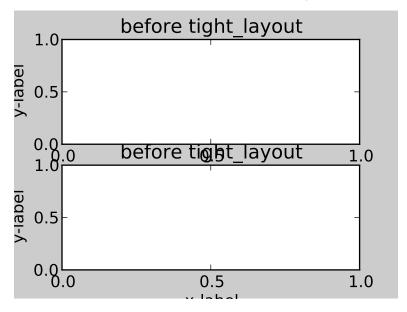
19.2.2 Animation

Ryan May has written a backend-independent framework for creating animated figures. The animation module is intended to replace the backend-specific examples formerly in the *examples-index* listings. Examples using the new framework are in *animation-examples-index*; see the entrancing *double pendulum* which uses matplotlib.animation.Animation.save() to create the movie below.

This should be considered as a beta release of the framework; please try it and provide feedback.

19.2.3 Tight Layout

A frequent issue raised by users of matplotlib is the lack of a layout engine to nicely space out elements of the plots. While matplotlib still adheres to the philosphy of giving users complete control over the placement of plot elements, Jae-Joon Lee created the tight_layout module and introduced a new command tight_layout() to address the most common layout issues.





The usage of this functionality can be as simple as

plt.tight_layout()

and it will adjust the spacing between subplots so that the axis labels do not overlap with neighboring subplots. A *Tight Layout guide* has been created to show how to use this new tool.

19.2.4 PyQT4, PySide, and IPython

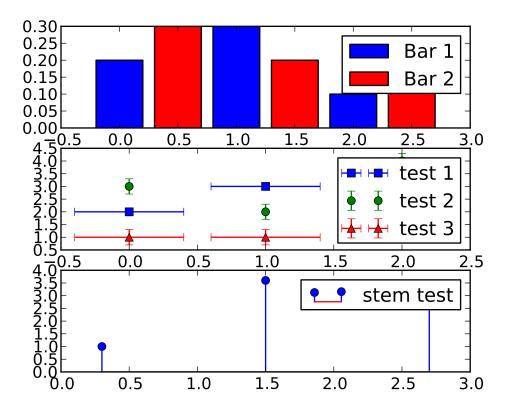
Gerald Storer made the Qt4 backend compatible with PySide as well as PyQT4. At present, however, PySide does not support the PyOS_InputHook mechanism for handling gui events while waiting for text input, so it cannot be used with the new version 0.11 of IPython. Until this feature appears in PySide, IPython users should use the PyQT4 wrapper for QT4, which remains the matplotlib default.

An rcParam entry, "backend.qt4", has been added to allow users to select PyQt4, PyQt4v2, or PySide. The latter two use the Version 2 Qt API. In most cases, users can ignore this rcParam variable; it is available to aid in testing, and to provide control for users who are embedding matplotlib in a PyQt4 or PySide app.

19.2.5 Legend

Jae-Joon Lee has improved plot legends. First, legends for complex plots such as stem() plots will now display correctly. Second, the 'best' placement of a legend has been improved in the presence of NANs.

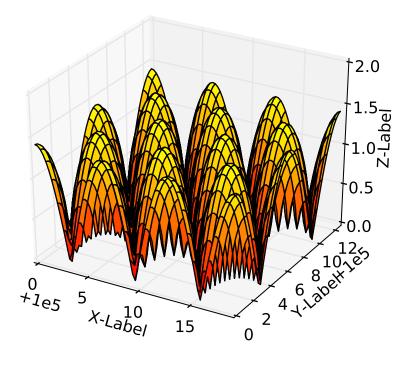
See *Legend of Complex Plots* for more detailed explanation and examples.



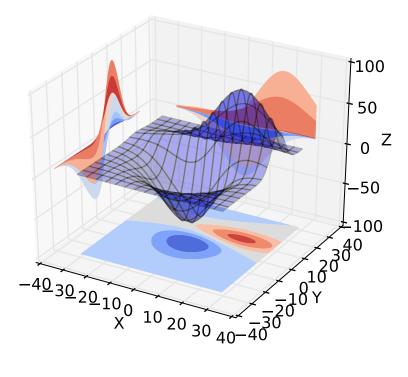
19.2.6 mplot3d

In continuing the efforts to make 3D plotting in matplotlib just as easy as 2D plotting, Ben Root has made several improvements to the mplot3d module.

- Axes 3D has been improved to bring the class towards feature-parity with regular Axes objects
- Documentation for *mplot3d* was significantly expanded
- Axis labels and orientation improved
- Most 3D plotting functions now support empty inputs
- Ticker offset display added:



• contourf() gains *zdir* and *offset* kwargs. You can now do this:



19.2.7 Numerix support removed

After more than two years of deprecation warnings, Numerix support has now been completely removed from matplotlib.

19.2.8 Markers

The list of available markers for plot() and scatter() has now been merged. While they were mostly similar, some markers existed for one function, but not the other. This merge did result in a conflict for the 'd' diamond marker. Now, 'd' will be interpreted to always mean "thin" diamond while 'D' will mean "regular" diamond.

Thanks to Michael Droettboom for this effort.

19.2.9 Other improvements

- Unit support for polar axes and arrow()
- PolarAxes gains getters and setters for "theta_direction", and "theta_offset" to allow for theta to go in either the clock-wise or counter-clockwise direction and to specify where zero degrees should be placed. set_theta_zero_location() is an added convenience function.

- Fixed error in argument handling for tri-functions such as tripcolor()
- axes.labelweight parameter added to rcParams.
- For imshow(), interpolation='nearest' will now always perform an interpolation. A "none" option has been added to indicate no interpolation at all.
- An error in the Hammer projection has been fixed.
- *clabel* for contour() now accepts a callable. Thanks to Daniel Hyams for the original patch.
- Jae-Joon Lee added the HBox and VBox classes.
- Christoph Gohlke reduced memory usage in imshow().
- scatter() now accepts empty inputs.
- The behavior for 'symlog' scale has been fixed, but this may result in some minor changes to existing plots. This work was refined by ssyr.
- Peter Butterworth added named figure support to figure().
- Michiel de Hoon has modified the MacOSX backend to make its interactive behavior consistent with the other backends.
- Pim Schellart added a new colormap called "cubehelix". Sameer Grover also added a colormap called "coolwarm". See it and all other colormaps *here*.
- Many bug fixes and documentation improvements.

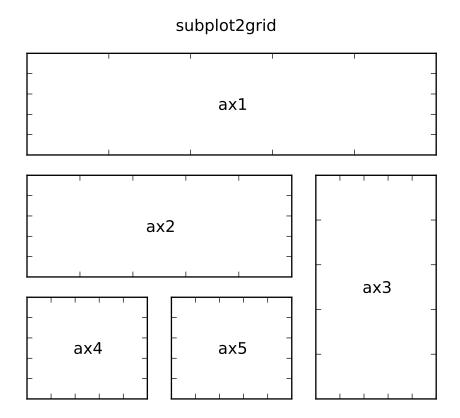
19.3 new in matplotlib-1.0

19.3.1 HTML5/Canvas backend

Simon Ratcliffe and Ludwig Schwardt have released an HTML5/Canvas backend for matplotlib. The backend is almost feature complete, and they have done a lot of work comparing their html5 rendered images with our core renderer Agg. The backend features client/server interactive navigation of matplotlib figures in an html5 compliant browser.

19.3.2 Sophisticated subplot grid layout

Jae-Joon Lee has written gridspec, a new module for doing complex subplot layouts, featuring row and column spans and more. See *Customizing Location of Subplot Using GridSpec* for a tutorial overview.



19.3.3 Easy pythonic subplots

Fernando Perez got tired of all the boilerplate code needed to create a figure and multiple subplots when using the matplotlib API, and wrote a subplots() helper function. Basic usage allows you to create the figure and an array of subplots with numpy indexing (starts with 0). Eg:

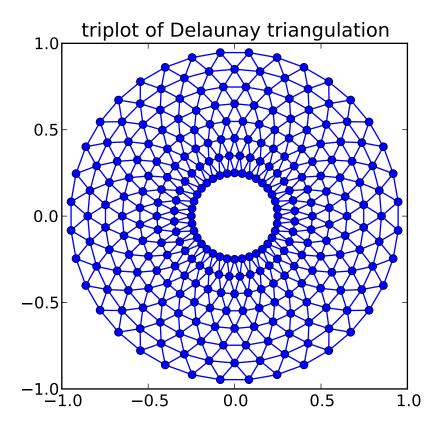
```
fig, axarr = plt.subplots(2, 2)
axarr[0,0].plot([1,2,3]) # upper, left
```

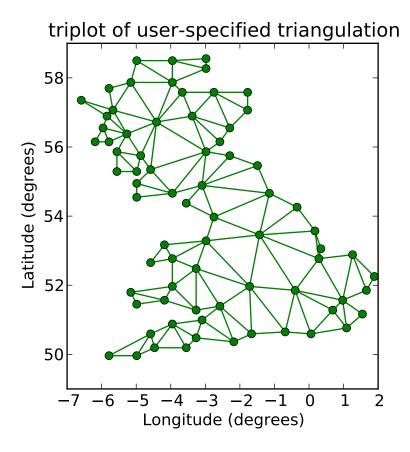
See *pylab_examples-subplots_demo* for several code examples.

19.3.4 Contour fixes and and triplot

Ian Thomas has fixed a long-standing bug that has vexed our most talented developers for years. contourf() now handles interior masked regions, and the boundaries of line and filled contours coincide.

Additionally, he has contributed a new module tri and helper function triplot() for creating and plotting unstructured triangular grids.



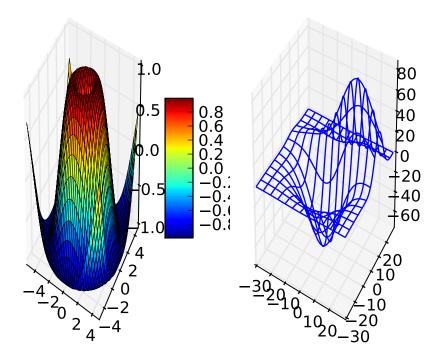


19.3.5 multiple calls to show supported

A long standing request is to support multiple calls to show(). This has been difficult because it is hard to get consistent behavior across operating systems, user interface toolkits and versions. Eric Firing has done a lot of work on rationalizing show across backends, with the desired behavior to make show raise all newly created figures and block execution until they are closed. Repeated calls to show should raise newly created figures since the last call. Eric has done a lot of testing on the user interface toolkits and versions and platforms he has access to, but it is not possible to test them all, so please report problems to the mailing list and bug tracker.

19.3.6 mplot3d graphs can be embedded in arbitrary axes

You can now place an mplot3d graph into an arbitrary axes location, supporting mixing of 2D and 3D graphs in the same figure, and/or multiple 3D graphs in a single figure, using the "projection" keyword argument to add_axes or add_subplot. Thanks Ben Root.



19.3.7 tick params

Eric Firing wrote tick_params, a convenience method for changing the appearance of ticks and tick labels. See pyplot function tick_params() and associated Axes method tick_params().

19.3.8 Lots of performance and feature enhancements

- Faster magnification of large images, and the ability to zoom in to a single pixel
- Local installs of documentation work better
- Improved "widgets" mouse grabbing is supported
- More accurate snapping of lines to pixel boundaries
- More consistent handling of color, particularly the alpha channel, throughout the API

19.3.9 Much improved software carpentry

The matplotlib trunk is probably in as good a shape as it has ever been, thanks to improved software carpentry. We now have a buildbot which runs a suite of nose regression tests on every svn commit, auto-generating a set of images and comparing them against a set of known-goods, sending emails to developers on failures

with a pixel-by-pixel image comparison. Releases and release bugfixes happen in branches, allowing active new feature development to happen in the trunk while keeping the release branches stable. Thanks to Andrew Straw, Michael Droettboom and other matplotlib developers for the heavy lifting.

19.3.10 Bugfix marathon

Eric Firing went on a bug fixing and closing marathon, closing over 100 bugs on the bug tracker with help from Jae-Joon Lee, Michael Droettboom, Christoph Gohlke and Michiel de Hoon.

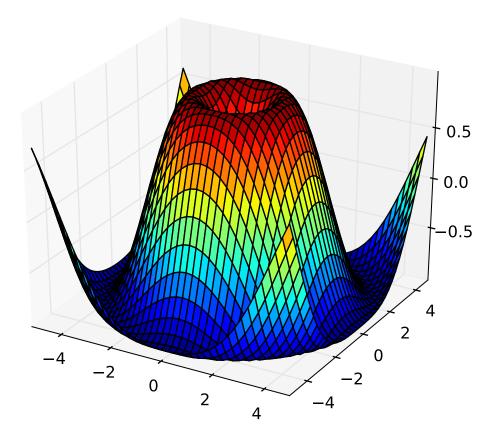
19.4 new in matplotlib-0.99

19.4.1 New documentation

Jae-Joon Lee has written two new guides *Legend guide* and *Annotating Axes*. Michael Sarahan has written *Image tutorial*. John Hunter has written two new tutorials on working with paths and transformations: *Path Tutorial* and *Transformations Tutorial*.

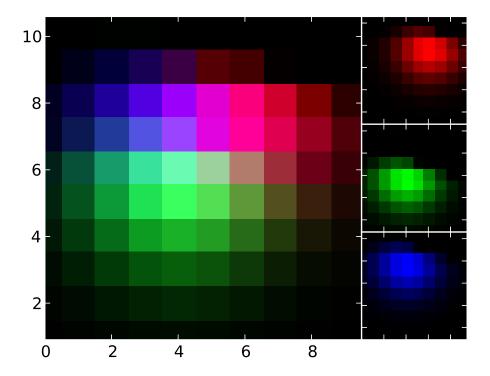
19.4.2 mplot3d

Reinier Heeres has ported John Porter's mplot3d over to the new matplotlib transformations framework, and it is now available as a toolkit mpl_toolkits.mplot3d (which now comes standard with all mpl installs). See *mplot3d-examples-index* and *mplot3d tutorial*



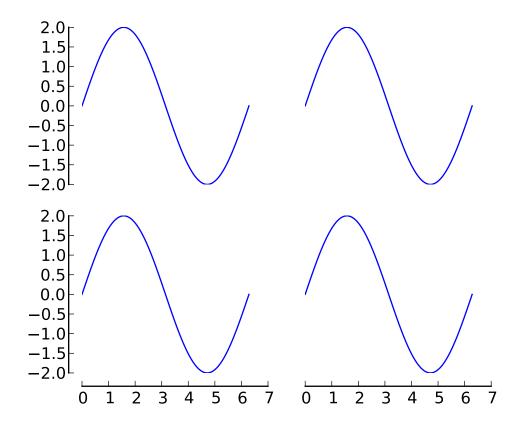
19.4.3 axes grid toolkit

Jae-Joon Lee has added a new toolkit to ease displaying multiple images in matplotlib, as well as some support for curvilinear grids to support the world coordinate system. The toolkit is included standard with all new mpl installs. See <code>axes_grid-examples-index</code> and <code>The Matplotlib AxesGrid Toolkit User's Guide</code>.



19.4.4 Axis spine placement

Andrew Straw has added the ability to place "axis spines" – the lines that denote the data limits – in various arbitrary locations. No longer are your axis lines constrained to be a simple rectangle around the figure – you can turn on or off left, bottom, right and top, as well as "detach" the spine to offset it away from the data. See <code>pylab_examples-spine_placement_demo</code> and <code>matplotlib.spines.Spine</code>.



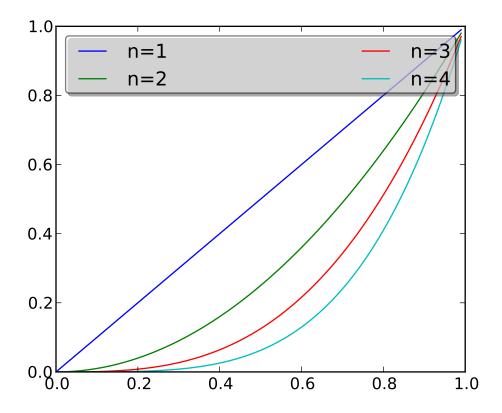
19.5 new in 0.98.4

It's been four months since the last matplotlib release, and there are a lot of new features and bug-fixes.

Thanks to Charlie Moad for testing and preparing the source release, including binaries for OS X and Windows for python 2.4 and 2.5 (2.6 and 3.0 will not be available until numpy is available on those releases). Thanks to the many developers who contributed to this release, with contributions from Jae-Joon Lee, Michael Droettboom, Ryan May, Eric Firing, Manuel Metz, Jouni K. Seppänen, Jeff Whitaker, Darren Dale, David Kaplan, Michiel de Hoon and many others who submitted patches

19.5.1 Legend enhancements

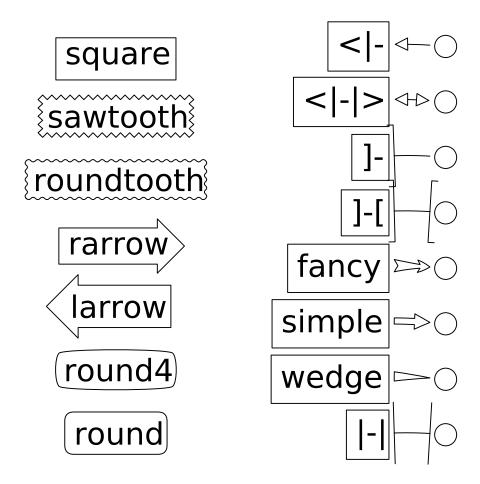
Jae-Joon has rewritten the legend class, and added support for multiple columns and rows, as well as fancy box drawing. See legend() and matplotlib.legend.Legend.



19.5.2 Fancy annotations and arrows

Jae-Joon has added lot's of support to annotations for drawing fancy boxes and connectors in annotations. See annotate() and BoxStyle, ArrowStyle, and ConnectionStyle.

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19.5.3 Native OS X backend

Michiel de Hoon has provided a native Mac OSX backend that is almost completely implemented in C. The backend can therefore use Quartz directly and, depending on the application, can be orders of magnitude faster than the existing backends. In addition, no third-party libraries are needed other than Python and NumPy. The backend is interactive from the usual terminal application on Mac using regular Python. It hasn't been tested with ipython yet, but in principle it should to work there as well. Set 'backend: macosx' in your matplotlibrc file, or run your script with:

> python myfile.py -dmacosx

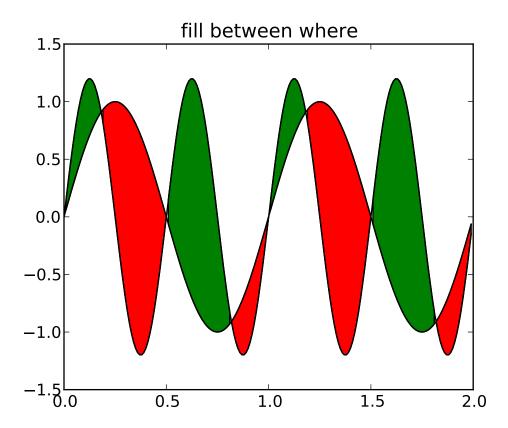
19.5.4 psd amplitude scaling

Ryan May did a lot of work to rationalize the amplitude scaling of psd() and friends. See *pylab_examples-psd_demo2*. and *pylab_examples-psd_demo3*. The changes should increase MATLAB compatability and

increase scaling options.

19.5.5 Fill between

Added a fill_between() function to make it easier to do shaded region plots in the presence of masked data. You can pass an *x* array and a *ylower* and *yupper* array to fill betweem, and an optional *where* argument which is a logical mask where you want to do the filling.



19.5.6 Lots more

Here are the 0.98.4 notes from the CHANGELOG:

Added mdehoon's native macosx backend from sf patch 2179017 - JDH

Removed the prints in the set $_*$ style commands. Return the list of pprinted strings instead - JDH

Some of the changes Michael made to improve the output of the property tables in the rest docs broke of made difficult to use some of the interactive doc helpers, eg setp and getp. Having all the rest markup in the ipython shell also confused the docstrings. I added a new rc param docstring.harcopy, to format the docstrings differently for hardcopy and other use. Ther ArtistInspector

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could use a little refactoring now since there is duplication of effort between the rest out put and the non-rest output - JDH

Updated spectral methods (psd, csd, etc.) to scale one-sided densities by a factor of 2 and, optionally, scale all densities by the sampling frequency. This gives better MATLAB compatibility. -RM

Fixed alignment of ticks in colorbars. -MGD

drop the deprecated "new" keyword of np.histogram() for numpy 1.2
or later. -JJL

Fixed a bug in svg backend that new_figure_manager() ignores keywords arguments such as figsize, etc. -JJL

Fixed a bug that the handlelength of the new legend class set too short when numpoints=1 -JJL

Added support for data with units (e.g. dates) to Axes.fill_between. -RM

Added fancybox keyword to legend. Also applied some changes for better look, including baseline adjustment of the multiline texts so that it is center aligned. -JJL

The transmuter classes in the patches.py are reorganized as subclasses of the Style classes. A few more box and arrow styles are added. -JJL

Fixed a bug in the new legend class that didn't allowed a tuple of coordinate vlaues as loc. -JJL

Improve checks for external dependencies, using subprocess
(instead of deprecated popen*) and distutils (for version
checking) - DSD

Reimplementaion of the legend which supports baseline alignement, multi-column, and expand mode. - $\mbox{\rm JJL}$

Fixed histogram autoscaling bug when bins or range are given explicitly (fixes Debian bug 503148) - MM

Added rcParam axes.unicode_minus which allows plain hypen for minus when False - JDH

Added scatterpoints support in Legend. patch by Erik Tollerud - JJL

Fix crash in log ticking. - MGD

Added static helper method BrokenHBarCollection.span_where and Axes/pyplot method fill_between. See

examples/pylab/fill_between.py - JDH

Add x_isdata and y_isdata attributes to Artist instances, and use them to determine whether either or both coordinates are used when updating dataLim. This is used to fix autoscaling problems that had been triggered by axhline, axhspan, axvline, axvspan. - EF

Update the psd(), csd(), cohere(), and specgram() methods of Axes and the csd() cohere(), and specgram() functions in mlab to be in sync with the changes to psd(). In fact, under the hood, these all call the same core to do computations. - RM

Add 'pad_to' and 'sides' parameters to mlab.psd() to allow controlling of zero padding and returning of negative frequency components, respecitively. These are added in a way that does not change the API. - RM

Fix handling of c kwarg by scatter; generalize is_string_like to accept numpy and numpy.ma string array scalars. - RM and EF

Fix a possible EINTR problem in dviread, which might help when saving pdf files from the qt backend. - JKS

Fix bug with zoom to rectangle and twin axes - MGD

Added Jae Joon's fancy arrow, box and annotation enhancements -- see examples/pylab_examples/annotation_demo2.py

Autoscaling is now supported with shared axes - EF

Fixed exception in dviread that happened with Minion - JKS

set_xlim, ylim now return a copy of the viewlim array to avoid
modify inplace surprises

Added image thumbnail generating function matplotlib.image.thumbnail. See examples/misc/image_thumbnail.py - JDH

Applied scatleg patch based on ideas and work by Erik Tollerud and Jae-Joon Lee. - MM

Fixed bug in pdf backend: if you pass a file object for output instead of a filename, e.g. in a wep app, we now flush the object at the end. - JKS

Add path simplification support to paths with gaps. - EF

Fix problem with AFM files that don't specify the font's full name or family name. - JKS

Added 'scilimits' kwarg to Axes.ticklabel_format() method, for easy access to the set_powerlimits method of the major

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ScalarFormatter. - EF

Experimental new kwarg borderpad to replace pad in legend, based on suggestion by Jae-Joon Lee. - EF

Allow spy to ignore zero values in sparse arrays, based on patch by Tony Yu. Also fixed plot to handle empty data arrays, and fixed handling of markers in figlegend. - EF

Introduce drawstyles for lines. Transparently split linestyles like 'steps--' into drawstyle 'steps' and linestyle '--'. Legends always use drawstyle 'default'. - MM

Fixed quiver and quiverkey bugs (failure to scale properly when resizing) and added additional methods for determining the arrow angles - EF

Fix polar interpolation to handle negative values of theta - MGD

Reorganized cbook and mlab methods related to numerical calculations that have little to do with the goals of those two modules into a separate module numerical_methods.py Also, added ability to select points and stop point selection with keyboard in ginput and manual contour labeling code. Finally, fixed contour labeling bug. - DMK

Fix backtick in Postscript output. - MGD

[2089958] Path simplification for vector output backends Leverage the simplification code exposed through path_to_polygons to simplify certain well-behaved paths in the vector backends (PDF, PS and SVG). "path.simplify" must be set to True in matplotlibrc for this to work. - MGD

Add "filled" kwarg to Path.intersects_path and Path.intersects_bbox. - MGD

Changed full arrows slightly to avoid an xpdf rendering problem reported by Friedrich Hagedorn. - JKS

Fix conversion of quadratic to cubic Bezier curves in PDF and PS backends. Patch by Jae-Joon Lee. - JKS

Added 5-point star marker to plot command q- EF

Fix hatching in PS backend - MGD

Fix log with base 2 - MGD

Added support for bilinear interpolation in NonUniformImage; patch by Gregory Lielens. - EF

Added support for multiple histograms with data of

different length - MM

Fix step plots with log scale - MGD

Fix masked arrays with markers in non-Agg backends - MGD

Fix clip_on kwarg so it actually works correctly - MGD

Fix locale problems in SVG backend - MGD

fix quiver so masked values are not plotted - JSW

improve interactive pan/zoom in qt4 backend on windows - DSD

Fix more bugs in NaN/inf handling. In particular, path simplification (which does not handle NaNs or infs) will be turned off automatically when infs or NaNs are present. Also masked arrays are now converted to arrays with NaNs for consistent handling of masks and NaNs - MGD and EF

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- PR #989: Animation subprocess bug

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- PR #972: Force closing PIL image files
- PR #981: Fix pathpatch3d_demo.py on Python 3
- PR #980: Fix basic_units.py on Python 3. PEP8 and PyLint cleanup.
- PR #1014: qt4: remove duplicate file save button; and remove trailing whitespace
- PR #1011: fix for bug #996 and related issues
- PR #985: support current and future FreeBSD releases
- PR #1000: Fix traceback for vlines/hlines, when an empty list or array passed in for x/y.
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- PR #851: Simple GUI interface enhancements
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23.1 Report a compilation problem

See Getting help.

23.2 matplotlib compiled fine, but nothing shows up when I use it

The first thing to try is a *clean install* and see if that helps. If not, the best way to test your install is by running a script, rather than working interactively from a python shell or an integrated development environment such as **IDLE** which add additional complexities. Open up a UNIX shell or a DOS command prompt and cd into a directory containing a minimal example in a file. Something like simple_plot.py for example:

```
from pylab import *
plot([1,2,3])
show()
and run it with:
python simple_plot.py --verbose-helpful
```

This will give you additional information about which backends matplotlib is loading, version information, and more. At this point you might want to make sure you understand matplotlib's *configuration* process, governed by the matplotlibrc configuration file which contains instructions within and the concept of the matplotlib backend.

If you are still having trouble, see Getting help.

23.3 How to completely remove matplotlib

Occasionally, problems with matplotlib can be solved with a clean installation of the package.

The process for removing an installation of matplotlib depends on how matplotlib was originally installed on your system. Follow the steps below that goes with your original installation method to cleanly remove matplotlib from your system.

23.3.1 Easy Install

- 1. Delete the caches from your .matplotlib configuration directory.
- 2. Run:

```
easy_install -m matplotlib
```

3. Delete any .egg files or directories from your *installation directory*.

23.3.2 Windows installer

- 1. Delete the caches from your .matplotlib configuration directory.
- 2. Use $Start \rightarrow Control\ Panel$ to start the **Add and Remove Software** utility.

23.3.3 Source install

Unfortunately:

```
python setup.py clean
```

does not properly clean the build directory, and does nothing to the install directory. To cleanly rebuild:

1. Delete the caches from your .matplotlib configuration directory.

- 2. Delete the build directory in the source tree.
- 3. Delete any matplotlib directories or eggs from your *installation directory*.

23.4 How to Install

23.4.1 Source install from git

```
Clone the main source using one of:
```

```
git clone git@github.com:matplotlib/matplotlib.git
```

or:

```
git clone git://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib.git
```

and build and install as usual with:

- > cd matplotlib
- > python setup.py install

Note: If you are on debian/ubuntu, you can get all the dependencies required to build matplotlib with:

```
sudo apt-get build-dep python-matplotlib
```

If you are on Fedora/RedHat, you can get all the dependencies required to build matplotlib by first installing yum-builddep and then running:

```
su -c "yum-builddep python-matplotlib"
```

This does not build matplotlib, but it does get all of the build dependencies, which will make building from source easier.

If you want to be able to follow the development branch as it changes just replace the last step with (make sure you have **setuptools** installed):

```
> python setupegg.py develop
```

This creates links in the right places and installs the command line script to the appropriate places.

Note: Mac OSX users please see the *Building on OSX* guide.

Then, if you want to update your matplotlib at any time, just do:

```
> git pull
```

When you run git pull, if the output shows that only Python files have been updated, you are all set. If C files have changed, you need to run the python setupegg.py develop command again to compile them.

There is more information on *using git* in the developer docs.

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23.5 Linux Notes

Because most Linux distributions use some sort of package manager, we do not provide a pre-built binary for the Linux platform. Instead, we recommend that you use the "Add Software" method for your system to install matplotlib. This will guarantee that everything that is needed for matplotlib will be installed as well.

If, for some reason, you can not use the package manager, Linux usually comes with at least a basic build system. Follow the *instructions* found above for how to build and install matplotlib.

23.6 OS-X Notes

23.6.1 Which python for OS X?

Apple ships with its own python, and many users have had trouble with it. There are several alternative versions of python that can be used. If it is feasible, we recommend that you use the enthought python distribution EPD for OS X (which comes with matplotlib and much more). Also available is MacPython or the official OS X version from python.org.

Note: Before installing any of the binary packages, be sure that all of the packages were compiled for the same version of python. Often, the download site for NumPy and matplotlib will display a supposed 'current' version of the package, but you may need to choose a different package from the full list that was built for your combination of python and OSX.

23.6.2 Installing OSX binaries

If you want to install matplotlib from one of the binary installers we build, you have two choices: a mpkg installer, which is a typical Installer.app, or a binary OSX egg, which you can install via setuptools' easy_install.

The "zip" installer extension, and will like will have have name matplotlib-1.2.0-py2.7-macosx10.5_mpkg.zip. The name of the installer depends on which versions of python, matplotlib, and OSX it was built for. You need to unzip this file using either the "unzip" command, or simply double clicking on the it. Then when you double-click on the resulting mpkd, which will have a name like matplotlib-1.2.0-py2.7-macosx10.5.mpkg, it will run the Installer.app, prompt you for a password if you need system-wide installation privileges, and install to a directory like /Library/Python/2.7/site-packages/ (exact path depends on your python version). This directory may not be in your python 'path' variable, so you should test your installation with:

```
> python -c 'import matplotlib; print matplotlib.__version__, matplotlib.__file__'
```

If you get an error like:

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```
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "<string>", line 1, in <module>
ImportError: No module named matplotlib
```

```
then you will need to set your PYTHONPATH, eg:
```

```
export PYTHONPATH=/Library/Python/2.7/site-packages:$PYTHONPATH
```

See also ref:environment-variables.

23.6.3 easy_install from egg

You can also use the eggs we build for OSX (see the installation instructions for easy_install if you do not have it on your system already). You can try:

```
> easy_install matplotlib
```

which should grab the latest egg from github, but sometimes the naming conventions for OSX eggs can be broken (see below). Therefore, there is no guarantee the right egg will be found. We recommend you download the latest egg from our download site directly to your harddrive, and manually install it, eg:

```
> easy_install --install-dir=~/path/to/site-packages/ matplotlib-1.2.0-py2.7-macosx-10.5-i386.egg
```

23.6.4 Building and installing from source on OSX with EPD

If you have the EPD installed (*Which python for OS X?*), it might turn out to be rather tricky to install a new version of matplotlib from source on the Mac OS 10.5. Here's a procedure that seems to work, at least sometimes:

- 0. Remove the ~/.matplotlib folder ("rm -rf ~/.matplotlib").
- 1. Edit the file (make a backup before you start, just in case): /Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/Current/lib/python2.5/config/Makefile, removing all occurrences of the string -arch ppc, changing the line MACOSX_DEPLOYMENT_TARGET=10.3 to MACOSX_DEPLOYMENT_TARGET=10.5 and changing the occurrences of MacOSX10.4u.sdk into MacOSX10.5.sdk
- 2. In /Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/Current/lib/pythonX.Y/site-packages/easy-ins-(where X.Y is the version of Python you are building against) Comment out the line containing the name of the directory in which the previous version of MPL was installed (Looks something like ./matplotlib-0.98.5.2n2-py2.5-macosx-10.3-fat.egg).
- 3. Save the following as a shell script, for example ./install-matplotlib-epd-osx.sh:

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```
fi
export CFLAGS="-0s -arch i386"
export LDFLAGS="-0s -arch i386"
export PKG_CONFIG_PATH="/usr/x11/lib/pkgconfig"
export ARCHFLAGS="-arch i386"
python setup.py build
# use --prefix if you don't want it installed in the default location:
python setup.py install #--prefix=$PREFIX
cd ..
```

Run this script (for example sh ./install-matplotlib-epd-osx.sh) in the directory in which you want the source code to be placed, or simply type the commands in the terminal command line. This script sets some local variable (CFLAGS, LDFLAGS, PKG_CONFIG_PATH, ARCHFLAGS), removes previous installations, checks out the source from github, builds and installs it. The backend should to be set to MacOSX.

23.7 Windows Notes

23.7.1 Binary installers for Windows

If you have already installed python, you can use one of the matplotlib binary installers for windows – you can get these from the download site. Choose the files that match your version of python (eg py2.7 if you installed Python 2.7) which have the exe extension. If you haven't already installed python, you can get the official version from the python web site.

There are also two packaged distributions of python that come preloaded with matplotlib and many other tools like ipython, numpy, scipy, vtk and user interface toolkits. These packages are quite large because they come with so much, but you get everything with a single click installer.

- The Enthought Python Distribution EPD
- python (x, y)

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24.1 General Concepts

matplotlib has an extensive codebase that can be daunting to many new users. However, most of matplotlib can be understood with a fairly simple conceptual framework and knowledge of a few important points.

Plotting requires action on a range of levels, from the most general (e.g., 'contour this 2-D array') to the most specific (e.g., 'color this screen pixel red'). The purpose of a plotting package is to assist you in visualizing your data as easily as possible, with all the necessary control – that is, by using relatively high-level commands most of the time, and still have the ability to use the low-level commands when needed.

Therefore, everything in matplotlib is organized in a hierarchy. At the top of the hierarchy is the matplotlib "state-machine environment" which is provided by the matplotlib.pyplot module. At this level, simple functions are used to add plot elements (lines, images, text, etc.) to the current axes in the current figure.

Note: Pyplot's state-machine environment behaves similarly to MATLAB and should be most familiar to users with MATLAB experience.

The next level down in the hierarchy is the first level of the object-oriented interface, in which pyplot is used only for a few functions such as figure creation, and the user explicitly creates and keeps track of the figure

and axes objects. At this level, the user uses pyplot to create figures, and through those figures, one or more axes objects can be created. These axes objects are then used for most plotting actions.

For even more control – which is essential for things like embedding matplotlib plots in GUI applications – the pyplot level may be dropped completely, leaving a purely object-oriented approach.

24.2 Matplotlib, pylab, and pyplot: how are they related?

Matplotlib is the whole package; pylab is a module in matplotlib that gets installed alongside matplotlib; and matplotlib.pyplot is a module in matplotlib.

Pyplot provides the state-machine interface to the underlying plotting library in matplotlib. This means that figures and axes are implicitly and automatically created to achieve the desired plot. For example, calling plot from pyplot will automatically create the necessary figure and axes to achieve the desired plot. Setting a title will then automatically set that title to the current axes object:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot(range(10), range(10))
plt.title("Simple Plot")
plt.show()
```

Pylab combines the pyplot functionality (for plotting) with the numpy functionality (for mathematics and for working with arrays) in a single namespace, making that namespace (or environment) even more MATLAB-like. For example, one can call the sin and cos functions just like you could in MATLAB, as well as having all the features of pyplot.

The pyplot interface is generally preferred for non-interactive plotting (i.e., scripting). The pylab interface is convenient for interactive calculations and plotting, as it minimizes typing. Note that this is what you get if you use the *ipython* shell with the *-pylab* option, which imports everything from pylab and makes plotting fully interactive.

24.3 Coding Styles

When viewing this documentation and examples, you will find different coding styles and usage patterns. These styles are perfectly valid and have their pros and cons. Just about all of the examples can be converted into another style and achieve the same results. The only caveat is to avoid mixing the coding styles for your own code.

Note: Developers for matplotlib have to follow a specific style and guidelines. See *The Matplotlib Developers' Guide*.

Of the different styles, there are two that are officially supported. Therefore, these are the preferred ways to use matplotlib.

For the preferred pyplot style, the imports at the top of your scripts will typically be:

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

Then one calls, for example, np.arange, np.zeros, np.pi, plt.figure, plt.plot, plt.show, etc. So, a simple example in this style would be:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
x = np.arange(0, 10, 0.2)
y = np.sin(x)
plt.plot(x, y)
plt.show()
```

Note that this example used pyplot's state-machine to automatically and implicitly create a figure and an axes. For full control of your plots and more advanced usage, use the pyplot interface for creating figures, and then use the object methods for the rest:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
x = np.arange(0, 10, 0.2)
y = np.sin(x)
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot(x, y)
plt.show()
```

Next, the same example using a pure MATLAB-style:

```
from pylab import *
x = arange(0, 10, 0.2)
y = sin(x)
plot(x, y)
show()
```

So, why all the extra typing as one moves away from the pure MATLAB-style? For very simple things like this example, the only advantage is academic: the wordier styles are more explicit, more clear as to where things come from and what is going on. For more complicated applications, this explicitness and clarity becomes increasingly valuable, and the richer and more complete object-oriented interface will likely make the program easier to write and maintain.

24.4 What is a backend?

A lot of documentation on the website and in the mailing lists refers to the "backend" and many new users are confused by this term. matplotlib targets many different use cases and output formats. Some people use matplotlib interactively from the python shell and have plotting windows pop up when they type commands. Some people embed matplotlib into graphical user interfaces like wxpython or pygtk to build rich applications. Others use matplotlib in batch scripts to generate postscript images from some numerical simulations, and still others in web application servers to dynamically serve up graphs.

To support all of these use cases, matplotlib can target different outputs, and each of these capabilities is called a backend; the "frontend" is the user facing code, ie the plotting code, whereas the "backend" does

all the hard work behind-the-scenes to make the figure. There are two types of backends: user interface backends (for use in pygtk, wxpython, tkinter, qt, macosx, or fltk; also referred to as "interactive backends") and hardcopy backends to make image files (PNG, SVG, PDF, PS; also referred to as "non-interactive backends").

There are a two primary ways to configure your backend. One is to set the backend parameter in your matplotlibrc file (see *Customizing matplotlib*):

```
backend: WXAgg # use wxpython with antigrain (agg) rendering
```

The other is to use the matplotlib use() directive:

```
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use('PS') # generate postscript output by default
```

If you use the use directive, this must be done before importing matplotlib.pyplot or matplotlib.pylab.

Note: Backend name specifications are not case-sensitive; e.g., 'GTKAgg' and 'gtkagg' are equivalent.

With a typical installation of matplotlib, such as from a binary installer or a linux distribution package, a good default backend will already be set, allowing both interactive work and plotting from scripts, with output to the screen and/or to a file, so at least initially you will not need to use either of the two methods given above.

If, however, you want to write graphical user interfaces, or a web application server (*Matplotlib in a web application server*), or need a better understanding of what is going on, read on. To make things a little more customizable for graphical user interfaces, matplotlib separates the concept of the renderer (the thing that actually does the drawing) from the canvas (the place where the drawing goes). The canonical renderer for user interfaces is Agg which uses the Anti-Grain Geometry C++ library to make a raster (pixel) image of the figure. All of the user interfaces except macosx can be used with agg rendering, eg WXAgg, GTKAgg, QT4Agg, TkAgg. In addition, some of the user interfaces support other rendering engines. For example, with GTK, you can also select GDK rendering (backend GTK) or Cairo rendering (backend GTKCairo).

For the rendering engines, one can also distinguish between vector or raster renderers. Vector graphics languages issue drawing commands like "draw a line from this point to this point" and hence are scale free, and raster backends generate a pixel representation of the line whose accuracy depends on a DPI setting.

Here is a summary of the matplotlib renderers (there is an eponymous backed for each; these are *non-interactive backends*, capable of writing to a file):

Renderer	Filetypes	Description
AGG	png	raster graphics – high quality images using the Anti-Grain Geometry engine
PS	ps eps	vector graphics – Postscript output
PDF	pdf	vector graphics – Portable Document Format
SVG	svg	vector graphics – Scalable Vector Graphics
Cairo	png ps pdf svg	vector graphics - Cairo graphics
GDK	png jpg tiff	raster graphics – the Gimp Drawing Kit

And here are the user interfaces and renderer combinations supported; these are *interactive backends*, capable of displaying to the screen and of using appropriate renderers from the table above to write to a file:

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Back-	Description	
end		
GTK-	Agg rendering to a <i>GTK</i> 2.x canvas (requires PyGTK)	
Agg		
GTK3Agg Agg rendering to a GTK 3.x canvas (requires PyGObject)		
GTK	GDK rendering to a GTK 2.x canvas (not recommended) (requires PyGTK)	
GTK-	Cairo rendering to a GTK 2.x canvas (requires PyGTK and pycairo)	
Cairo		
GTK3CairoCairo rendering to a GTK 3.x canvas (requires PyGObject and pycairo)		
WXAgg	Agg rendering to to a wxWidgets canvas (requires wxPython)	
WX	Native wxWidgets drawing to a wxWidgets Canvas (not recommended) (requires wxPython)	
TkAgg	Agg rendering to a <i>Tk</i> canvas (requires TkInter)	
QtAgg	Agg rendering to a <i>Qt</i> canvas (requires PyQt) (deprecated; use Qt4Agg)	
Qt4Agg	Agg rendering to a <i>Qt4</i> canvas (requires PyQt4)	
FLTK-	Agg rendering to a FLTK canvas (requires pyFLTK) (not widely used; consider TKAgg,	
Agg	GTKAgg, WXAgg, or QT4Agg instead)	
macosx	Cocoa rendering in OSX windows (presently lacks blocking show() behavior when	
	matplotlib is in non-interactive mode)	

24.5 What is interactive mode?

Use of an interactive backend (see *What is a backend?*) permits—but does not by itself require or ensure—plotting to the screen. Whether and when plotting to the screen occurs, and whether a script or shell session continues after a plot is drawn on the screen, depends on the functions and methods that are called, and on a state variable that determines whether matplotlib is in "interactive mode". The default Boolean value is set by the matplotlibrc file, and may be customized like any other configuration parameter (see *Customizing matplotlib*). It may also be set via matplotlib.interactive(), and its value may be queried via matplotlib.is_interactive(). Turning interactive mode on and off in the middle of a stream of plotting commands, whether in a script or in a shell, is rarely needed and potentially confusing, so in the following we will assume all plotting is done with interactive mode either on or off.

Note: Major changes related to interactivity, and in particular the role and behavior of show(), were made in the transition to matplotlib version 1.0, and bugs were fixed in 1.0.1. Here we describe the version 1.0.1 behavior for the primary interactive backends, with the partial exception of *macosx*.

Interactive mode may also be turned on via matplotlib.pyplot.ion(), and turned off via matplotlib.pyplot.ioff().

Note: Interactive mode works with suitable backends in ipython and in the ordinary python shell, but it does *not* work in the IDLE IDE.

24.5.1 Interactive example

From an ordinary python prompt, or after invoking ipython with no options, try this:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.ion()
plt.plot([1.6, 2.7])
```

Assuming you are running version 1.0.1 or higher, and you have an interactive backend installed and selected by default, you should see a plot, and your terminal prompt should also be active; you can type additional commands such as:

```
plt.title("interactive test")
plt.xlabel("index")
```

and you will see the plot being updated after each line. This is because you are in interactive mode *and* you are using pyplot functions. Now try an alternative method of modifying the plot. Get a reference to the Axes instance, and call a method of that instance:

```
ax = plt.gca()
ax.plot([3.1, 2.2])
```

Nothing changed, because the Axes methods do not include an automatic call to draw_if_interactive(); that call is added by the pyplot functions. If you are using methods, then when you want to update the plot on the screen, you need to call draw():

```
plt.draw()
```

Now you should see the new line added to the plot.

24.5.2 Non-interactive example

Start a fresh session as in the previous example, but now turn interactive mode off:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.ioff()
plt.plot([1.6, 2.7])
```

Nothing happened—or at least nothing has shown up on the screen (unless you are using *macosx* backend, which is anomalous). To make the plot appear, you need to do this:

```
plt.show()
```

Now you see the plot, but your terminal command line is unresponsive; the show() command *blocks* the input of additional commands until you manually kill the plot window.

What good is this—being forced to use a blocking function? Suppose you need a script that plots the contents of a file to the screen. You want to look at that plot, and then end the script. Without some blocking command such as show(), the script would flash up the plot and then end immediately, leaving nothing on the screen.

In addition, non-interactive mode delays all drawing until show() is called; this is more efficient than redrawing the plot each time a line in the script adds a new feature.

Prior to version 1.0, show() generally could not be called more than once in a single script (although sometimes one could get away with it); for version 1.0.1 and above, this restriction is lifted, so one can write a

script like this:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.ioff()
for i in range(3):
    plt.plot(np.random.rand(10))
    plt.show()
```

which makes three plots, one at a time.

24.5.3 Summary

In interactive mode, pyplot functions automatically draw to the screen.

When plotting interactively, if using object method calls in addition to pyplot functions, then call draw() whenever you want to refresh the plot.

Use non-interactive mode in scripts in which you want to generate one or more figures and display them before ending or generating a new set of figures. In that case, use show() to display the figure(s) and to block execution until you have manually destroyed them.

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25.1 Plotting: howto

25.1.1 Find all objects in a figure of a certain type

Every matplotlib artist (see *Artist tutorial*) has a method called findobj() that can be used to recursively search the artist for any artists it may contain that meet some criteria (eg match all Line2D instances or match some arbitrary filter function). For example, the following snippet finds every object in the figure which has a set_color property and makes the object blue:

```
def myfunc(x):
    return hasattr(x, 'set_color')
for o in fig.findobj(myfunc):
    o.set_color('blue')

You can also filter on class instances:
import matplotlib.text as text
for o in fig.findobj(text.Text):
    o.set_fontstyle('italic')
```

25.1.2 Save transparent figures

The savefig() command has a keyword argument *transparent* which, if 'True', will make the figure and axes backgrounds transparent when saving, but will not affect the displayed image on the screen.

If you need finer grained control, eg you do not want full transparency or you want to affect the screen displayed version as well, you can set the alpha properties directly. The figure has a Rectangle instance called *patch* and the axes has a Rectangle instance called *patch*. You can set any property on them directly (facecolor, edgecolor, linewidth, linestyle, alpha). Eg:

```
fig = plt.figure()
fig.patch.set_alpha(0.5)
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.patch.set_alpha(0.5)
```

If you need *all* the figure elements to be transparent, there is currently no global alpha setting, but you can set the alpha channel on individual elements, eg:

```
ax.plot(x, y, alpha=0.5)
ax.set_xlabel('volts', alpha=0.5)
```

25.1.3 Save multiple plots to one pdf file

Many image file formats can only have one image per file, but some formats support multi-page files. Currently only the pdf backend has support for this. To make a multi-page pdf file, first initialize the file:

```
from matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf import PdfPages
pp = PdfPages('multipage.pdf')
```

You can give the PdfPages object to savefig(), but you have to specify the format:

```
plt.savefig(pp, format='pdf')
An easier way is to call PdfPages.savefig:
pp.savefig()
Finally, the multipage pdf object has to be closed:
pp.close()
```

25.1.4 Move the edge of an axes to make room for tick labels

For subplots, you can control the default spacing on the left, right, bottom, and top as well as the horizontal and vertical spacing between multiple rows and columns using the matplotlib.figure.Figure.subplots_adjust() method (in pyplot it is subplots_adjust()). For example, to move the bottom of the subplots up to make room for some rotated x tick labels:

```
fig = plt.figure()
fig.subplots_adjust(bottom=0.2)
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
```

You can control the defaults for these parameters in your matplotlibre file; see *Customizing matplotlib*. For example, to make the above setting permanent, you would set:

```
figure.subplot.bottom : 0.2 # the bottom of the subplots of the figure
```

The other parameters you can configure are, with their defaults

left = 0.125 the left side of the subplots of the figure

right = 0.9 the right side of the subplots of the figure

bottom = 0.1 the bottom of the subplots of the figure

top = 0.9 the top of the subplots of the figure

wspace = 0.2 the amount of width reserved for blank space between subplots

hspace = 0.2 the amount of height reserved for white space between subplots

If you want additional control, you can create an Axes using the axes() command (or equivalently the figure add_axes() method), which allows you to specify the location explicitly:

```
ax = fig.add_axes([left, bottom, width, height])
```

where all values are in fractional (0 to 1) coordinates. See *pylab_examples-axes_demo* for an example of placing axes manually.

25.1.5 Automatically make room for tick labels

Note: This is now easier to handle than ever before. Calling tight_layout() can fix many common layout issues. See the *Tight Layout guide*.

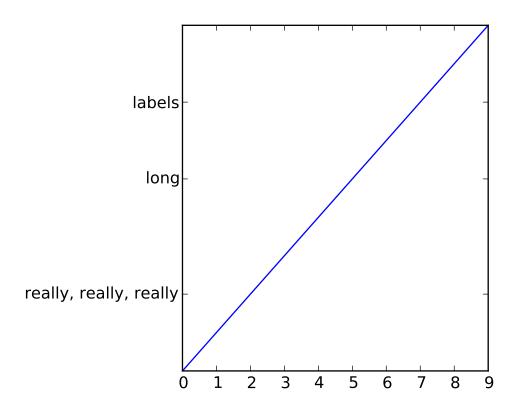
The information below is kept here in case it is useful for other purposes.

In most use cases, it is enough to simply change the subplots adjust parameters as described in *Move the edge of an axes to make room for tick labels*. But in some cases, you don't know ahead of time what your tick labels will be, or how large they will be (data and labels outside your control may be being fed into your graphing application), and you may need to automatically adjust your subplot parameters based on the size of the tick labels. Any Text instance can report its extent in window coordinates (a negative x coordinate is outside the window), but there is a rub.

The RendererBase instance, which is used to calculate the text size, is not known until the figure is drawn (draw()). After the window is drawn and the text instance knows its renderer, you can call get_window_extent(). One way to solve this chicken and egg problem is to wait until the figure is draw by connecting (mpl_connect()) to the "on_draw" signal (DrawEvent) and get the window extent there, and then do something with it, eg move the left of the canvas over; see Event handling and picking.

Here is an example that gets a bounding box in relative figure coordinates (0..1) of each of the labels and uses it to move the left of the subplots over so that the tick labels fit in the figure

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.transforms as mtransforms
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot(range(10))
ax.set_yticks((2,5,7))
labels = ax.set_yticklabels(('really, really, really', 'long', 'labels'))
def on_draw(event):
  bboxes = []
   for label in labels:
       bbox = label.get_window_extent()
       # the figure transform goes from relative coords->pixels and we
       # want the inverse of that
       bboxi = bbox.inverse_transformed(fig.transFigure)
       bboxes.append(bboxi)
   # this is the bbox that bounds all the bboxes, again in relative
   # figure coords
  bbox = mtransforms.Bbox.union(bboxes)
   if fig.subplotpars.left < bbox.width:</pre>
       # we need to move it over
       fig.subplots_adjust(left=1.1*bbox.width) # pad a little
       fig.canvas.draw()
   return False
fig.canvas.mpl_connect('draw_event', on_draw)
plt.show()
```



25.1.6 Configure the tick linewidths

In matplotlib, the ticks are *markers*. All Line2D objects support a line (solid, dashed, etc) and a marker (circle, square, tick). The tick linewidth is controlled by the "markeredgewidth" property:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot(range(10))

for line in ax.get_xticklines() + ax.get_yticklines():
    line.set_markersize(10)

plt.show()
```

The other properties that control the tick marker, and all markers, are markerfacecolor, markeredgewidth, markersize. For more information on configuring ticks, see *Axis containers* and *Tick containers*.

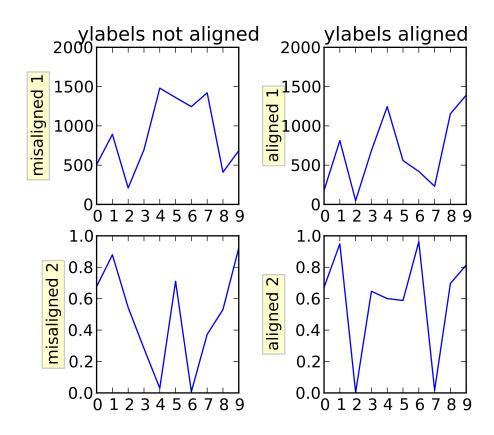
25.1.7 Align my ylabels across multiple subplots

If you have multiple subplots over one another, and the y data have different scales, you can often get ylabels that do not align vertically across the multiple subplots, which can be unattractive. By default, matplotlib

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positions the x location of the ylabel so that it does not overlap any of the y ticks. You can override this default behavior by specifying the coordinates of the label. The example below shows the default behavior in the left subplots, and the manual setting in the right subplots.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
box = dict(facecolor='yellow', pad=5, alpha=0.2)
fig = plt.figure()
fig.subplots_adjust(left=0.2, wspace=0.6)
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(221)
ax1.plot(2000*np.random.rand(10))
ax1.set_title('ylabels not aligned')
ax1.set_ylabel('misaligned 1', bbox=box)
ax1.set_ylim(0, 2000)
ax3 = fig.add_subplot(223)
ax3.set_ylabel('misaligned 2',bbox=box)
ax3.plot(np.random.rand(10))
labelx = -0.3 # axes coords
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(222)
ax2.set_title('ylabels aligned')
ax2.plot(2000*np.random.rand(10))
ax2.set_ylabel('aligned 1', bbox=box)
ax2.yaxis.set_label_coords(labelx, 0.5)
ax2.set_ylim(0, 2000)
ax4 = fig.add_subplot(224)
ax4.plot(np.random.rand(10))
ax4.set_ylabel('aligned 2', bbox=box)
ax4.yaxis.set_label_coords(labelx, 0.5)
plt.show()
```



25.1.8 Skip dates where there is no data

When plotting time series, eg financial time series, one often wants to leave out days on which there is no data, eg weekends. By passing in dates on the x-xaxis, you get large horizontal gaps on periods when there is not data. The solution is to pass in some proxy x-data, eg evenly sampled indices, and then use a custom formatter to format these as dates. The example below shows how to use an 'index formatter' to achieve the desired plot:

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

r = mlab.csv2rec('../data/aapl.csv')
r.sort()
r = r[-30:] # get the last 30 days

N = len(r)
ind = np.arange(N) # the evenly spaced plot indices

def format_date(x, pos=None):
    thisind = np.clip(int(x+0.5), 0, N-1)
    return r.date[thisind].strftime('%Y-%m-%d')
```

```
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot(ind, r.adj_close, 'o-')
ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(ticker.FuncFormatter(format_date))
fig.autofmt_xdate()
plt.show()
```

25.1.9 Test whether a point is inside a polygon

The nxutils provides two high-performance methods: for a single point use pnpoly() and for an array of points use points_inside_poly(). For a discussion of the implementation see pnpoly.

```
In [25]: import numpy as np
In [26]: import matplotlib.nxutils as nx
In [27]: verts = np.array([ [0,0], [0, 1], [1, 1], [1,0]], float)
In [28]: nx.pnpoly( 0.5, 0.5, verts)
Out[28]: 1
In [29]: nx.pnpoly( 0.5, 1.5, verts)
Out[29]: 0
In [30]: points = np.random.rand(10,2)*2
In [31]: points
Out[31]:
array([[ 1.03597426, 0.61029911],
      [ 1.94061056, 0.65233947],
      [ 1.08593748, 1.16010789],
      [ 0.9255139 , 1.79098751],
       [ 1.54564936, 1.15604046],
      [ 1.71514397, 1.26147554],
      [ 1.19133536, 0.56787764],
       [0.40939549, 0.35190339],
       [ 1.8944715 , 0.61785408],
       [0.03128518, 0.48144145]
In [32]: nx.points_inside_poly(points, verts)
Out[32]: array([False, False, False, False, False, False, True, False, True], dtype=bool)
```

25.1.10 Control the depth of plot elements

Within an axes, the order that the various lines, markers, text, collections, etc appear is determined by the set_zorder() property. The default order is patches, lines, text, with collections of lines and collections of patches appearing at the same level as regular lines and patches, respectively:

```
line, = ax.plot(x, y, zorder=10)
```

You can also use the Axes property set_axisbelow() to control whether the grid lines are placed above or below your other plot elements.

25.1.11 Make the aspect ratio for plots equal

The Axes property set_aspect() controls the aspect ratio of the axes. You can set it to be 'auto', 'equal', or some ratio which controls the ratio:

```
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, aspect='equal')
```

25.1.12 Make a movie

If you want to take an animated plot and turn it into a movie, the best approach is to save a series of image files (eg PNG) and use an external tool to convert them to a movie. You can use mencoder, which is part of the mplayer suite for this:

```
#fps (frames per second) controls the play speed
mencoder 'mf://*.png' -mf type=png:fps=10 -ovc \\
   lavc -lavcopts vcodec=wmv2 -oac copy -o animation.avi
```

The swiss army knife of image tools, ImageMagick's convert works for this as well.

Here is a simple example script that saves some PNGs, makes them into a movie, and then cleans up:

```
import os, sys
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

files = []
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
for i in range(50): # 50 frames
    ax.cla()
    ax.imshow(rand(5,5), interpolation='nearest')
    fname = '_tmp%03d.png'%i
    print 'Saving frame', fname
    fig.savefig(fname)
    files.append(fname)

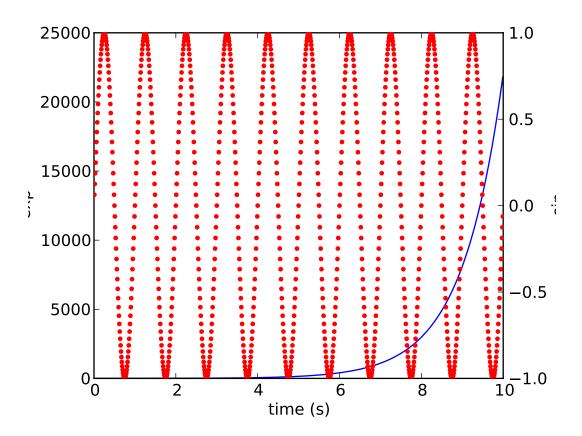
print 'Making movie animation.mpg - this make take a while'
os.system("mencoder 'mf://_tmp*.png' -mf type=png:fps=10 \\
-ovc lavc -lavcopts vcodec=wmv2 -oac copy -o animation.mpg")
```

25.1.13 Multiple y-axis scales

A frequent request is to have two scales for the left and right y-axis, which is possible using twinx() (more than two scales are not currently supported, though it is on the wish list). This works pretty well, though

there are some quirks when you are trying to interactively pan and zoom, because both scales do not get the signals.

The approach uses twinx() (and its sister twiny()) to use 2 different axes, turning the axes rectangular frame off on the 2nd axes to keep it from obscuring the first, and manually setting the tick locs and labels as desired. You can use separate matplotlib.ticker formatters and locators as desired because the two axes are independent.



25.1.14 Generate images without having a window appear

The easiest way to do this is use a non-interactive backend (see *What is a backend?*) such as Agg (for PNGs), PDF, SVG or PS. In your figure-generating script, just call the matplotlib.use() directive before importing pylab or pyplot:

```
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use('Agg')
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot([1,2,3])
plt.savefig('myfig')
```

See Also:

Matplotlib in a web application server for information about running matplotlib inside of a web application.

25.1.15 Use show()

When you want to view your plots on your display, the user interface backend will need to start the GUI mainloop. This is what show() does. It tells matplotlib to raise all of the figure windows created so far and start the mainloop. Because this mainloop is blocking by default (i.e., script execution is paused), you should only call this once per script, at the end. Script execution is resumed after the last window is closed. Therefore, if you are using matplotlib to generate only images and do not want a user interface window, you do not need to call show (see *Generate images without having a window appear* and *What is a backend?*).

Note: Because closing a figure window invokes the destruction of its plotting elements, you should call savefig() *before* calling show if you wish to save the figure as well as view it.

New in version v1.0.0: show now starts the GUI mainloop only if it isn't already running. Therefore, multiple calls to show are now allowed. Having show block further execution of the script or the python interperator depends on whether matplotlib is set for interactive mode or not. In non-interactive mode (the default setting), execution is paused until the last figure window is closed. In interactive mode, the execution is not paused, which allows you to create additional figures (but the script won't finish until the last figure window is closed).

Note: Support for interactive/non-interactive mode depends upon the backend. Until version 1.0.0 (and subsequent fixes for 1.0.1), the behavior of the interactive mode was not consistent across backends. As of v1.0.1, only the macosx backend differs from other backends because it does not support non-interactive mode.

Because it is expensive to draw, you typically will not want matplotlib to redraw a figure many times in a script such as the following:

```
plot([1,2,3])  # draw here ?
xlabel('time')  # and here ?
ylabel('volts')  # and here ?
title('a simple plot')  # and here ?
show()
```

However, it is *possible* to force matplotlib to draw after every command, which might be what you want when working interactively at the python console (see *Using matplotlib in a python shell*), but in a script you want to defer all drawing until the call to show. This is especially important for complex figures that take some time to draw. show() is designed to tell matplotlib that you're all done issuing commands and you want to draw the figure now.

Note: show() should typically only be called at most once per script and it should be the last line of your script. At that point, the GUI takes control of the interpreter. If you want to force a figure draw, use draw() instead.

Many users are frustrated by show because they want it to be a blocking call that raises the figure, pauses the script until they close the figure, and then allow the script to continue running until the next figure is created and the next show is made. Something like this:

```
# WARNING : illustrating how NOT to use show
for i in range(10):
    # make figure i
    show()
```

This is not what show does and unfortunately, because doing blocking calls across user interfaces can be tricky, is currently unsupported, though we have made significant progress towards supporting blocking events. New in version v1.0.0: As noted earlier, this restriction has been relaxed to allow multiple calls to show. In *most* backends, you can now expect to be able to create new figures and raise them in a subsequent call to show after closing the figures from a previous call to show.

25.2 Contributing: howto

25.2.1 Submit a patch

See Making patches for information on how to make a patch with git.

If you are posting a patch to fix a code bug, please explain your patch in words – what was broken before and how you fixed it. Also, even if your patch is particularly simple, just a few lines or a single function replacement, we encourage people to submit git diffs against HEAD of the branch they are patching. It just makes life easier for us, since we (fortunately) get a lot of contributions, and want to receive them in a standard format. If possible, for any non-trivial change, please include a complete, free-standing example that the developers can run unmodified which shows the undesired behavior pre-patch and the desired behavior post-patch, with a clear verbal description of what to look for. A developer may have written the function you are working on years ago, and may no longer be with the project, so it is quite possible you are the world expert on the code you are patching and we want to hear as much detail as you can offer.

When emailing your patch and examples, feel free to paste any code into the text of the message, indeed we encourage it, but also attach the patches and examples since many email clients screw up the formatting of plain text, and we spend lots of needless time trying to reformat the code to make it usable.

You should check out the guide to developing matplotlib to make sure your patch abides by our coding conventions *The Matplotlib Developers' Guide*.

25.2.2 Contribute to matplotlib documentation

matplotlib is a big library, which is used in many ways, and the documentation has only scratched the surface of everything it can do. So far, the place most people have learned all these features are through studying the examples (*Search examples*), which is a recommended and great way to learn, but it would be nice to have more official narrative documentation guiding people through all the dark corners. This is where you come in.

There is a good chance you know more about matplotlib usage in some areas, the stuff you do every day, than many of the core developers who wrote most of the documentation. Just pulled your hair out compiling matplotlib for windows? Write a FAQ or a section for the *Installation* page. Are you a digital signal processing wizard? Write a tutorial on the signal analysis plotting functions like xcorr(), psd() and specgram(). Do you use matplotlib with django or other popular web application servers? Write a FAQ or

tutorial and we'll find a place for it in the *User's Guide*. Bundle matplotlib in a py2exe app? ... I think you get the idea.

matplotlib is documented using the sphinx extensions to restructured text (ReST). sphinx is an extensible python framework for documentation projects which generates HTML and PDF, and is pretty easy to write; you can see the source for this document or any page on this site by clicking on the *Show Source* link at the end of the page in the sidebar (or here for this document).

The sphinx website is a good resource for learning sphinx, but we have put together a cheat-sheet at *Documenting matplotlib* which shows you how to get started, and outlines the matplotlib conventions and extensions, eg for including plots directly from external code in your documents.

Once your documentation contributions are working (and hopefully tested by actually *building* the docs) you can submit them as a patch against git. See *Install git* and *Submit a patch*. Looking for something to do? Search for TODO.

25.3 Matplotlib in a web application server

Many users report initial problems trying to use maptlotlib in web application servers, because by default matplotlib ships configured to work with a graphical user interface which may require an X11 connection. Since many barebones application servers do not have X11 enabled, you may get errors if you don't configure matplotlib for use in these environments. Most importantly, you need to decide what kinds of images you want to generate (PNG, PDF, SVG) and configure the appropriate default backend. For 99% of users, this will be the Agg backend, which uses the C++ antigrain rendering engine to make nice PNGs. The Agg backend is also configured to recognize requests to generate other output formats (PDF, PS, EPS, SVG). The easiest way to configure matplotlib to use Agg is to call:

```
# do this before importing pylab or pyplot
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use('Agg')
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

For more on configuring your backend, see *What is a backend?*.

Alternatively, you can avoid pylab/pyplot altogether, which will give you a little more control, by calling the API directly as shown in *api-agg_oo*.

You can either generate hardcopy on the filesystem by calling savefig:

```
# do this before importing pylab or pyplot
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use('Agg')
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot([1,2,3])
fig.savefig('test.png')
```

or by saving to a file handle:

```
import sys
fig.savefig(sys.stdout)
```

Here is an example using the Python Imaging Library (PIL). First, the figure is saved to a StringIO object which is then fed to PIL for further processing:

```
import StringIO, Image
imgdata = StringIO.StringIO()
fig.savefig(imgdata, format='png')
imgdata.seek(0) # rewind the data
im = Image.open(imgdata)
```

25.3.1 matplotlib with apache

TODO; see Contribute to matplotlib documentation.

25.3.2 matplotlib with django

TODO; see Contribute to matplotlib documentation.

25.3.3 matplotlib with zope

TODO; see Contribute to matplotlib documentation.

25.3.4 Clickable images for HTML

Andrew Dalke of Dalke Scientific has written a nice article on how to make html click maps with matplotlib agg PNGs. We would also like to add this functionality to SVG and add a SWF backend to support these kind of images. If you are interested in contributing to these efforts that would be great.

25.4 Search examples

The nearly 300 code *examples-index* included with the matplotlib source distribution are full-text searchable from the *search* page, but sometimes when you search, you get a lot of results from the *The Matplotlib API* or other documentation that you may not be interested in if you just want to find a complete, free-standing, working piece of example code. To facilitate example searches, we have tagged every code example page with the keyword codex for *code example* which shouldn't appear anywhere else on this site except in the FAQ. So if you want to search for an example that uses an ellipse, *search* for codex ellipse.

25.5 Cite Matplotlib

If you want to refer to matplotlib in a publication, you can use "Matplotlib: A 2D Graphics Environment" by J. D. Hunter In Computing in Science & Engineering, Vol. 9, No. 3. (2007), pp. 90-95 (see here):

```
@article{Hunter:2007,
        Address = {10662 LOS VAQUEROS CIRCLE, PO BOX 3014, LOS ALAMITOS, CA 90720-1314 USA},
        Author = {Hunter, John D.},
        Date-Added = \{2010-09-23\ 12:22:10\ -0700\},
        Date-Modified = \{2010-09-23\ 12:22:10\ -0700\},
        Isi = \{000245668100019\},\
        Isi-Recid = \{155389429\},\
        Journal = {Computing In Science \& Engineering},
        Month = \{May-Jun\},\
        Number = \{3\},
        Pages = \{90--95\},
        Publisher = {IEEE COMPUTER SOC},
        Times-Cited = \{21\},
        Title = {Matplotlib: A 2D graphics environment},
        Type = {Editorial Material},
        Volume = \{9\},
        Year = \{2007\},\
        Abstract = {Matplotlib is a 2D graphics package used for Python for application
                    development, interactive scripting, and publication-quality image
                    generation across user interfaces and operating systems.},
        Bdsk-Url-1 = {http://gateway.isiknowledge.com/gateway/Gateway.cgi?GWVersion=2&SrcAuth=Alerting&
```

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26.1 Obtaining matplotlib version

To find out your matplotlib version number, import it and print the __version__ attribute:

```
>>> import matplotlib
>>> matplotlib.__version__
'0.98.0'
```

26.2 matplotlib install location

You can find what directory matplotlib is installed in by importing it and printing the __file__ attribute:

```
>>> import matplotlib
>>> matplotlib.__file__
'/home/jdhunter/dev/lib64/python2.5/site-packages/matplotlib/__init__.pyc'
```

26.3 .matplotlib directory location

Each user has a .matplotlib/ directory which may contain a *matplotlibrc* file and various caches to improve matplotlib's performance. To locate your .matplotlib/ directory, use matplotlib.get_configdir():

```
>>> import matplotlib as mpl
>>> mpl.get_configdir()
'/home/darren/.matplotlib'
```

On unix-like systems, this directory is generally located in your HOME directory. On windows, it is in your documents and settings directory by default:

```
>>> import matplotlib
>>> mpl.get_configdir()
'C:\\Documents and Settings\\jdhunter\\.matplotlib'
```

If you would like to use a different configuration directory, you can do so by specifying the location in your MPLCONFIGDIR environment variable – see *Setting environment variables in Linux and OS-X*.

26.4 Getting help

There are a number of good resources for getting help with matplotlib. There is a good chance your question has already been asked:

- The mailing list.
- Github issues.
- Stackoverflow questions tagged 'matplotlib

._..

If you are unable to find an answer to your question through search, please provide the following information in your e-mail to the mailing list:

- your operating system; (Linux/UNIX users: post the output of uname -a)
- matplotlib version:

```
python -c 'import matplotlib; print matplotlib.__version__'
```

- where you obtained matplotlib (e.g. your Linux distribution's packages or the matplotlib Sourceforge site, or the enthought python distribution EPD).
- any customizations to your matplotlibrc file (see *Customizing matplotlib*).
- if the problem is reproducible, please try to provide a *minimal*, standalone Python script that demonstrates the problem. This is *the* critical step. If you can't post a piece of code that we can run and reproduce your error, the chances of getting help are significantly diminished. Very often, the mere act of trying to minimize your code to the smallest bit that produces the error will help you find a bug in *your* code that is causing the problem.
- you can get very helpful debugging output from matlotlib by running your script with a verbose-helpful or --verbose-debug flags and posting the verbose output the lists:

```
> python simple_plot.py --verbose-helpful > output.txt
```

If you compiled matplotlib yourself, please also provide

- any changes you have made to setup.py or setupext.py
- the output of:

```
rm -rf build
python setup.py build
```

The beginning of the build output contains lots of details about your platform that are useful for the matplotlib developers to diagnose your problem.

• your compiler version – eg, gcc --version

Including this information in your first e-mail to the mailing list will save a lot of time.

You will likely get a faster response writing to the mailing list than filing a bug in the bug tracker. Most developers check the bug tracker only periodically. If your problem has been determined to be a bug and can not be quickly solved, you may be asked to file a bug in the tracker so the issue doesn't get lost.

26.5 Problems with recent git versions

First make sure you have a clean build and install (see *How to completely remove matplotlib*), get the latest git update, install it and run a simple test script in debug mode:

```
rm -rf build
rm -rf /path/to/site-packages/matplotlib*
git pull
python setup.py install > build.out
python examples/pylab_examples/simple_plot.py --verbose-debug > run.out
```

and post build.out and run.out to the matplotlib-devel mailing list (please do not post git problems to the users list).

Of course, you will want to clearly describe your problem, what you are expecting and what you are getting, but often a clean build and install will help. See also *Getting help*.

ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

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HOME

The user's home directory. On linux, ~ is shorthand for HOME.

PATH

The list of directories searched to find executable programs

PYTHONPATH

The list of directories that is added to Python's standard search list when importing packages and modules

MPLCONFIGDIR

This is the directory used to store user customizations to matplotlib, as well as some caches to improve performance. If MPLCONFIGDIR is not defined, HOME/.matplotlib is used if it is writable. Otherwise, the python standard library tempfile.gettmpdir() is used to find a base directory in which the matplotlib subdirectory is created.

27.1 Setting environment variables in Linux and OS-X

To list the current value of PYTHONPATH, which may be empty, try:

echo \$PYTHONPATH

The procedure for setting environment variables in depends on what your default shell is. **BASH** seems to be the most common, but **CSH** is also common. You should be able to determine which by running at the command prompt:

echo \$SHELL

27.1.1 BASH/KSH

To create a new environment variable:

```
export PYTHONPATH=~/Python
```

To prepend to an existing environment variable:

```
export PATH=~/bin:${PATH}
```

The search order may be important to you, do you want ~/bin to be searched first or last? To append to an existing environment variable:

```
export PATH=${PATH}:~/bin
```

To make your changes available in the future, add the commands to your ~/.bashrc file.

27.1.2 CSH/TCSH

To create a new environment variable:

```
setenv PYTHONPATH ~/Python
```

To prepend to an existing environment variable:

```
setenv PATH ~/bin:${PATH}
```

The search order may be important to you, do you want ~/bin to be searched first or last? To append to an existing environment variable:

```
setenv PATH ${PATH}:~/bin
```

To make your changes available in the future, add the commands to your ~/.cshrc file.

27.2 Setting environment variables in windows

Open the **Control Panel** ($Start \rightarrow Control Panel$), start the **System** program. Click the *Advanced* tab and select the *Environment Variables* button. You can edit or add to the *User Variables*.

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CODING GUIDE

28.1 Committing changes

When committing changes to matplotlib, there are a few things to bear in mind.

- if your changes are non-trivial, please make an entry in the CHANGELOG
- if you change the API, please document it in doc/api/api_changes.rst, and consider posting to matplotlib-devel
- Are your changes python 2.6 compatible? We support python 2.6 and later
- Can you pass examples/tests/backend_driver.py? This is our poor man's unit test.
- Can you add a test to lib/matplotlib/tests to test your changes?
- If you have altered extension code, do you pass unit/memleak_hawaii3.py?
- if you have added new files or directories, or reorganized existing ones, are the new files included in the match patterns in MANIFEST.in. This file determines what goes into the source distribution of the mpl build.
- Keep the maintenance branches and master in sync where it makes sense.

28.2 Style guide

28.2.1 Importing and name spaces

```
For numpy, use:

import numpy as np
a = np.array([1,2,3])

For masked arrays, use:

import numpy.ma as ma
```

For matplotlib main module, use:

```
import matplotlib as mpl
mpl.rcParams['xtick.major.pad'] = 6

For matplotlib modules (or any other modules), use:
import matplotlib.cbook as cbook
if cbook.iterable(z):
    pass
```

We prefer this over the equivalent from matplotlib import cbook because the latter is ambiguous as to whether cbook is a module or a function. The former makes it explicit that you are importing a module or package. There are some modules with names that match commonly used local variable names, eg matplotlib.lines or matplotlib.colors. To avoid the clash, use the prefix 'm' with the import some.thing as mthing syntax, eg:

```
import matplotlib.lines as mlines
import matplotlib.transforms as transforms # OK
import matplotlib.transforms as mtransforms # OK, if you want to disambiguate
import matplotlib.transforms as mtrans # OK, if you want to abbreviate
```

28.2.2 Naming, spacing, and formatting conventions

In general, we want to hew as closely as possible to the standard coding guidelines for python written by Guido in PEP 0008, though we do not do this throughout.

- functions and class methods: lower or lower_underscore_separated
- attributes and variables: lower or lowerUpper
- classes: Upper or MixedCase

Prefer the shortest names that are still readable.

Configure your editor to use spaces, not hard tabs. The standard indentation unit is always four spaces; if there is a file with tabs or a different number of spaces it is a bug – please fix it. To detect and fix these and other whitespace errors (see below), use reindent.py as a command-line script. Unless you are sure your editor always does the right thing, please use reindent.py before committing your changes in git.

Keep docstrings uniformly indented as in the example below, with nothing to the left of the triple quotes. The matplotlib.cbook.dedent() function is needed to remove excess indentation only if something will be interpolated into the docstring, again as in the example below.

Limit line length to 80 characters. If a logical line needs to be longer, use parentheses to break it; do not use an escaped newline. It may be preferable to use a temporary variable to replace a single long line with two shorter and more readable lines.

Please do not commit lines with trailing white space, as it causes noise in git diffs. Tell your editor to strip whitespace from line ends when saving a file. If you are an emacs user, the following in your .emacs will cause emacs to strip trailing white space upon saving for python, C and C++:

28.2.3 Keyword argument processing

Matplotlib makes extensive use of **kwargs for pass-through customizations from one function to another. A typical example is in matplotlib.pylab.text(). The definition of the pylab text function is a simple pass-through to matplotlib.axes.Axes.text():

```
# in pylab.py
def text(*args, **kwargs):
   ret = gca().text(*args, **kwargs)
   draw_if_interactive()
   return ret
text() in simplified form looks like this, i.e., it just passes all args and kwargs on to
matplotlib.text.Text.__init__():
# in axes.py
def text(self, x, y, s, fontdict=None, withdash=False, **kwargs):
   t = Text(x=x, y=y, text=s, **kwargs)
and __init__() (again with liberties for illustration) just passes them on
                                                                                      the
matplotlib.artist.Artist.update() method:
# in text.py
def __init__(self, x=0, y=0, text='', **kwargs):
   Artist.__init__(self)
   self.update(kwargs)
```

update does the work looking for methods named like set_property if property is a keyword argument. I.e., no one looks at the keywords, they just get passed through the API to the artist constructor which looks for suitably named methods and calls them with the value.

As a general rule, the use of **kwargs should be reserved for pass-through keyword arguments, as in the example above. If all the keyword args are to be used in the function, and not passed on, use the key/value keyword args in the function definition rather than the **kwargs idiom.

In some cases, you may want to consume some keys in the local function, and let others pass through. You can pop the ones to be used locally and pass on the rest. For example, in plot(), scalex and scaley are local arguments and the rest are passed on as Line2D() keyword arguments:

```
# in axes.py
def plot(self, *args, **kwargs):
```

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```
scalex = kwargs.pop('scalex', True)
scaley = kwargs.pop('scaley', True)
if not self._hold: self.cla()
lines = []
for line in self._get_lines(*args, **kwargs):
    self.add_line(line)
    lines.append(line)
```

Note: there is a use case when kwargs are meant to be used locally in the function (not passed on), but you still need the **kwargs idiom. That is when you want to use *args to allow variable numbers of non-keyword args. In this case, python will not allow you to use named keyword args after the *args usage, so you will be forced to use **kwargs. An example is matplotlib.contour.ContourLabeler.clabel():

```
# in contour.py
def clabel(self, *args, **kwargs):
    fontsize = kwargs.get('fontsize', None)
    inline = kwargs.get('inline', 1)
    self.fmt = kwargs.get('fmt', '%1.3f')
    colors = kwargs.get('colors', None)
    if len(args) == 0:
        levels = self.levels
        indices = range(len(self.levels))
    elif len(args) == 1:
        ...etc...
```

28.3 Documentation and docstrings

Matplotlib uses artist introspection of docstrings to support properties. All properties that you want to support through setp and getp should have a set_property and get_property method in the Artist class. Yes, this is not ideal given python properties or enthought traits, but it is a historical legacy for now. The setter methods use the docstring with the ACCEPTS token to indicate the type of argument the method accepts. Eg. in matplotlib.lines.Line2D:

```
# in lines.py
def set_linestyle(self, linestyle):
    """
    Set the linestyle of the line
    ACCEPTS: [ '-' | '--' | '-.' | ':' | 'steps' | 'None' | ' ' | '' ]
"""
```

Since matplotlib uses a lot of pass-through kwargs, eg. in every function that creates a line (plot(), semilogx(), semilogy(), etc...), it can be difficult for the new user to know which kwargs are supported. Matplotlib uses a docstring interpolation scheme to support documentation of every function that takes a **kwargs. The requirements are:

- 1. single point of configuration so changes to the properties don't require multiple docstring edits.
- 2. as automated as possible so that as properties change, the docs are updated automagically.

The functions matplotlib.artist.kwdocd and matplotlib.artist.kwdoc() to facilitate this. They

combine python string interpolation in the docstring with the matplotlib artist introspection facility that underlies setp and getp. The kwdocd is a single dictionary that maps class name to a docstring of kwargs. Here is an example from matplotlib.lines:

```
# in lines.py
artist.kwdocd['Line2D'] = artist.kwdoc(Line2D)

Then in any function accepting Line2D pass-through kwargs, eg. matplotlib.axes.Axes.plot():
# in axes.py
def plot(self, *args, **kwargs):
    """
    Some stuff omitted

    The kwargs are Line2D properties:
    %(Line2D)s

    kwargs scalex and scaley, if defined, are passed on
    to autoscale_view to determine whether the x and y axes are
    autoscaled; default True. See Axes.autoscale_view for more
    information
    """
    pass
plot.__doc__ = cbook.dedent(plot.__doc__) % artist.kwdocd
```

Note there is a problem for Artist __init__ methods, eg. matplotlib.patches.Patch.__init__(), which supports Patch kwargs, since the artist inspector cannot work until the class is fully defined and we can't modify the Patch.__init__.__doc__ docstring outside the class definition. There are some some manual hacks in this case, violating the "single entry point" requirement above – see the artist.kwdocd['Patch'] setting in matplotlib.patches.

28.4 Developing a new backend

If you are working on a custom backend, the *backend* setting in matplotlibre (*Customizing matplotlib*) supports an external backend via the module directive. if my_backend.py is a matplotlib backend in your PYTHONPATH, you can set use it on one of several ways

• in matplotlibrc:

```
backend : module://my_backend
```

• with the use directive is your script:

```
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use('module://my_backend')
```

• from the command shell with the -d flag:

```
> python simple_plot.py -d module://my_backend
```

28.5 Writing examples

We have hundreds of examples in subdirectories of matplotlib/examples, and these are automatically generated when the website is built to show up both in the examples and gallery sections of the website. Many people find these examples from the website, and do not have ready access to the file:examples directory in which they reside. Thus any example data that is required for the example should be added to the sample_data git repository. Then in your example code you can load it into a file handle with:

```
import matplotlib.cbook as cbook
fh = cbook.get_sample_data('mydata.dat')
```

The file will be fetched from the git repo using urllib and updated when the revision number changes.

If you prefer just to get the full path to the file instead of a file object:

```
import matplotlib.cbook as cbook
datafile = cbook.get_sample_data('mydata.dat', asfileobj=False)
print 'datafile', datafile
```

28.6 Writing a new pyplot function

A large portion of the pyplot interface is automatically generated by the boilerplate.py script (in the root of the source tree). To add or remove a plotting method from pyplot, edit the appropriate list in boilerplate.py and then run the script which will update the content in lib/matplotlib/pyplot.py. Both the changes in boilerplate.py and lib/matplotlib/pyplot.py should be checked into the repository.

28.7 Testing

Matplotlib has a testing infrastructure based on nose, making it easy to write new tests. The tests are in matplotlib.tests, and customizations to the nose testing infrastructure are in matplotlib.testing. (There is other old testing cruft around, please ignore it while we consolidate our testing to these locations.)

28.7.1 Requirements

The following software is required to run the tests:

- nose, version 1.0 or later
- Ghostscript (to render PDF files)
- Inkscape (to render SVG files)

28.7.2 Running the tests

Running the tests is simple. Make sure you have nose installed and run the script tests.py in the root directory of the distribution. The script can take any of the usual nosetest arguments, such as

-v	increase verbosity
-d	detailed error messages
with-coverage	enable collecting coverage information

To run a single test from the command line, you can provide a dot-separated path to the module followed by the function separated by a colon, eg. (this is assuming the test is installed):

```
python tests.py matplotlib.tests.test_simplification:test_clipping
```

An alternative implementation that does not look at command line arguments works from within Python:

```
import matplotlib
matplotlib.test()
```

Running tests by any means other than matplotlib.test() does not load the nose "knownfailureif" (Known failing tests) plugin, causing known-failing tests to fail for real.

28.7.3 Writing a simple test

Many elements of Matplotlib can be tested using standard tests. For example, here is a test from matplotlib.tests.test_basic:

```
from nose.tools import assert_equal

def test_simple():
    '''very simple example test'''
    assert_equal(1+1,2)
```

Nose determines which functions are tests by searching for functions beginning with "test" in their name.

28.7.4 Writing an image comparison test

Writing an image based test is only slightly more difficult than a simple test. The main consideration is that you must specify the "baseline", or expected, images in the image_comparison() decorator. For example, this test generates a single image and automatically tests it:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib
from matplotlib.testing.decorators import image_comparison
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

@image_comparison(baseline_images=['spines_axes_positions'])
def test_spines_axes_positions():
    # SF bug 2852168
    fig = plt.figure()
    x = np.linspace(0,2*np.pi,100)
```

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```
y = 2*np.sin(x)
ax = fig.add_subplot(1,1,1)
ax.set_title('centered spines')
ax.plot(x,y)
ax.spines['right'].set_position(('axes',0.1))
ax.yaxis.set_ticks_position('right')
ax.spines['top'].set_position(('axes',0.25))
ax.xaxis.set_ticks_position('top')
ax.spines['left'].set_color('none')
ax.spines['bottom'].set_color('none')
```

The first time this test is run, there will he no baseline image to compare against, so the test will fail. Copy the output images (in this case result_images/test_category/spines_axes_positions.*) to the baseline_images tree in the source directory (in this case lib/matplotlib/tests/baseline_images/test_category) and put them under source code revision control (with git add). When rerunning the tests, they should now pass.

There are two optional keyword arguments to the image_comparison decorator:

- extensions: If you only wish to test some of the image formats (rather than the default png, svg and pdf formats), pass a list of the extensions to test.
- tol: This is the image matching tolerance, the default 1e-3. If some variation is expected in the image between runs, this value may be adjusted.

28.7.5 Known failing tests

If you're writing a test, you may mark it as a known failing test with the knownfailureif() decorator. This allows the test to be added to the test suite and run on the buildbots without causing undue alarm. For example, although the following test will fail, it is an expected failure:

```
from nose.tools import assert_equal
from matplotlib.testing.decorators import knownfailureif
@knownfailureif(True)
def test_simple_fail():
    '''very simple example test that should fail'''
    assert_equal(1+1,3)
```

Note that the first argument to the knownfailureif() decorator is a fail condition, which can be a value such as True, False, or 'indeterminate', or may be a dynamically evaluated expression.

28.7.6 Creating a new module in matplotlib.tests

Let's say you've added a new module named matplotlib.tests.test_whizbang_features. To add this module to the list of default tests, append its name to default_test_modules in lib/matplotlib/__init__.py.

28.7.7 Using tox

Tox is a tool for running tests against multiple Python environments, including multiple versions of Python (e.g.: 2.6, 2.7, 3.2, etc.) and even different Python implementations altogether (e.g.: CPython, PyPy, Jython, etc.)

Testing all 4 versions of Python (2.6, 2.7, 3.1, and 3.2) requires having four versions of Python installed on your system and on the PATH. Depending on your operating system, you may want to use your package manager (such as apt-get, yum or MacPorts) to do this, or use pythonbrew.

tox makes it easy to determine if your working copy introduced any regressions before submitting a pull request. Here's how to use it:

```
$ pip install tox
$ tox
```

You can also run tox on a subset of environments:

```
$ tox -e py26,py27
```

Tox processes everything serially so it can take a long time to test several environments. To speed it up, you might try using a new, parallelized version of tox called detox. Give this a try:

```
$ pip install -U -i http://pypi.testrun.org detox
$ detox
```

Tox is configured using a file called tox.ini. You may need to edit this file if you want to add new environments to test (e.g.: py33) or if you want to tweak the dependencies or the way the tests are run. For more info on the tox.ini file, see the Tox Configuration Specification.

28.7.8 Using Travis CI

Travis CI is a hosted CI system "in the cloud".

Travis is configured to receive notifications of new commits to GitHub repos (via GitHub "service hooks") and to run builds or tests when it sees these new commits. It looks for a YAML file called .travis.yml in the root of the repository to see how to test the project.

Travis CI is already enabled for the main matplotlib GitHub repository – for example, see its Travis page.

If you want to enable Travis CI for your personal matplotlib GitHub repo, simply enable the repo to use Travis CI in either the Travis CI UI or the GitHub UI (Admin | Service Hooks). For details, see the Travis CI Getting Started page.

Once this is configured, you can see the Travis CI results at http://travis-ci.org/#!/your_GitHub_user_name/matplotlib – here's an example.

28.8 Licenses

Matplotlib only uses BSD compatible code. If you bring in code from another project make sure it has a PSF, BSD, MIT or compatible license (see the Open Source Initiative licenses page for details on individual

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licenses). If it doesn't, you may consider contacting the author and asking them to relicense it. GPL and LGPL code are not acceptable in the main code base, though we are considering an alternative way of distributing L/GPL code through an separate channel, possibly a toolkit. If you include code, make sure you include a copy of that code's license in the license directory if the code's license requires you to distribute the license with it. Non-BSD compatible licenses are acceptable in matplotlib toolkits (eg basemap), but make sure you clearly state the licenses you are using.

28.8.1 Why BSD compatible?

The two dominant license variants in the wild are GPL-style and BSD-style. There are countless other licenses that place specific restrictions on code reuse, but there is an important difference to be considered in the GPL and BSD variants. The best known and perhaps most widely used license is the GPL, which in addition to granting you full rights to the source code including redistribution, carries with it an extra obligation. If you use GPL code in your own code, or link with it, your product must be released under a GPL compatible license. I.e., you are required to give the source code to other people and give them the right to redistribute it as well. Many of the most famous and widely used open source projects are released under the GPL, including linux, gcc, emacs and sage.

The second major class are the BSD-style licenses (which includes MIT and the python PSF license). These basically allow you to do whatever you want with the code: ignore it, include it in your own open source project, include it in your proprietary product, sell it, whatever. python itself is released under a BSD compatible license, in the sense that, quoting from the PSF license page:

There is no GPL-like "copyleft" restriction. Distributing binary-only versions of Python, modified or not, is allowed. There is no requirement to release any of your source code. You can also write extension modules for Python and provide them only in binary form.

Famous projects released under a BSD-style license in the permissive sense of the last paragraph are the BSD operating system, python and TeX.

There are several reasons why early matplotlib developers selected a BSD compatible license. matplotlib is a python extension, and we choose a license that was based on the python license (BSD compatible). Also, we wanted to attract as many users and developers as possible, and many software companies will not use GPL code in software they plan to distribute, even those that are highly committed to open source development, such as enthought, out of legitimate concern that use of the GPL will "infect" their code base by its viral nature. In effect, they want to retain the right to release some proprietary code. Companies and institutions who use matplotlib often make significant contributions, because they have the resources to get a job done, even a boring one. Two of the matplotlib backends (FLTK and WX) were contributed by private companies. The final reason behind the licensing choice is compatibility with the other python extensions for scientific computing: ipython, numpy, scipy, the enthought tool suite and python itself are all distributed under BSD compatible licenses.

WORKING WITH *MATPLOTLIB* SOURCE CODE

Contents:

29.1 Introduction

These pages describe a git and github workflow for the matplotlib project.

There are several different workflows here, for different ways of working with matplotlib.

This is not a comprehensive git reference, it's just a workflow for our own project. It's tailored to the github hosting service. You may well find better or quicker ways of getting stuff done with git, but these should get you started.

For general resources for learning git see git resources.

29.2 Install git

29.2.1 Overview

Debian / Ubuntu	sudo apt-get install git-core
Fedora	sudo yum install git-core
Windows	Download and install msysGit
OS X	Use the git-osx-installer

29.2.2 In detail

See the git page for the most recent information.

Have a look at the github install help pages available from github help

There are good instructions here: http://book.git-scm.com/2_installing_git.html

29.3 Following the latest source

These are the instructions if you just want to follow the latest *matplotlib* source, but you don't need to do any development for now.

The steps are:

- Install git
- get local copy of the git repository from github
- update local copy from time to time

29.3.1 Get the local copy of the code

From the command line:

```
git clone git://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib.git
```

You now have a copy of the code tree in the new matplotlib directory.

29.3.2 Updating the code

From time to time you may want to pull down the latest code. Do this with:

```
cd matplotlib
git pull
```

The tree in matplotlib will now have the latest changes from the initial repository.

29.4 Making a patch

You've discovered a bug or something else you want to change in matplotlib .. — excellent!

You've worked out a way to fix it — even better!

You want to tell us about it — best of all!

The easiest way is to make a *patch* or set of patches. Here we explain how. Making a patch is the simplest and quickest, but if you're going to be doing anything more than simple quick things, please consider following the *Git for development* model instead.

29.4.1 Making patches

Overview

```
# tell git who you are
git config --global user.email you@yourdomain.example.com
git config --global user.name "Your Name Comes Here"
# get the repository if you don't have it
git clone git://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib.git
# make a branch for your patching
cd matplotlib
git branch the-fix-im-thinking-of
git checkout the-fix-im-thinking-of
# hack, hack, hack
# Tell git about any new files you've made
git add somewhere/tests/test_my_bug.py
# commit work in progress as you go
git commit -am 'BF - added tests for Funny bug'
# hack hack, hack
git commit -am 'BF - added fix for Funny bug'
# make the patch files
git format-patch -M -C master
```

Then, send the generated patch files to the matplotlib mailing list — where we will thank you warmly.

In detail

1. Tell git who you are so it can label the commits you've made:

```
git config --global user.email you@yourdomain.example.com
git config --global user.name "Your Name Comes Here"
```

2. If you don't already have one, clone a copy of the matplotlib repository:

```
git clone git://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib.git
cd matplotlib
```

3. Make a 'feature branch'. This will be where you work on your bug fix. It's nice and safe and leaves you with access to an unmodified copy of the code in the main branch:

```
git branch the-fix-im-thinking-of
git checkout the-fix-im-thinking-of
```

4. Do some edits, and commit them as you go:

```
# hack, hack, hack
# Tell git about any new files you've made
git add somewhere/tests/test_my_bug.py
# commit work in progress as you go
git commit -am 'BF - added tests for Funny bug'
# hack hack, hack
git commit -am 'BF - added fix for Funny bug'
```

Note the -am options to commit. The m flag just signals that you're going to type a message on the command line. The a flag — you can just take on faith — or see why the -a flag?.

5. When you have finished, check you have committed all your changes:

```
git status
```

6. Finally, make your commits into patches. You want all the commits since you branched from the master branch:

```
git format-patch -M -C master
```

You will now have several files named for the commits:

```
0001-BF-added-tests-for-Funny-bug.patch
0002-BF-added-fix-for-Funny-bug.patch
```

Send these files to the matplotlib mailing list.

When you are done, to switch back to the main copy of the code, just return to the master branch:

```
git checkout master
```

29.4.2 Moving from patching to development

If you find you have done some patches, and you have one or more feature branches, you will probably want to switch to development mode. You can do this with the repository you have.

Fork the matplotlib repository on github — Making your own copy (fork) of matplotlib. Then:

```
# checkout and refresh master branch from main repo
git checkout master
git pull origin master
# rename pointer to main repository to 'upstream'
git remote rename origin upstream
# point your repo to default read / write to your fork on github
git remote add origin git@github.com:your-user-name/matplotlib.git
# push up any branches you've made and want to keep
git push origin the-fix-im-thinking-of
```

Then you can, if you want, follow the *Development workflow*.

29.5 Git for development

Contents:

29.5.1 Making your own copy (fork) of matplotlib

You need to do this only once. The instructions here are very similar to the instructions at http://help.github.com/forking/ — please see that page for more detail. We're repeating some of it here just to give the specifics for the matplotlib project, and to suggest some default names.

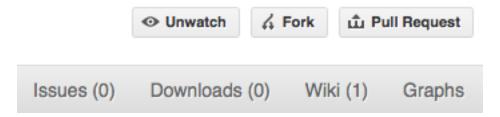
Set up and configure a github account

If you don't have a github account, go to the github page, and make one.

You then need to configure your account to allow write access — see the Generating SSH keys help on github help.

Create your own forked copy of matplotlib

- 1. Log into your github account.
- 2. Go to the matplotlib github home at matplotlib github.
- 3. Click on the *fork* button:



Now, after a short pause and some 'Hardcore forking action', you should find yourself at the home page for your own forked copy of matplotlib.

29.5.2 Set up your fork

First you follow the instructions for *Making your own copy (fork) of matplotlib*.

Overview

```
git clone git@github.com:your-user-name/matplotlib.git
cd matplotlib
git remote add upstream git://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib.git
```

In detail

Clone your fork

- 1. Clone your fork to the local computer with git clone git@github.com:your-user-name/matplotlib.git
- 2. Investigate. Change directory to your new repo: cd matplotlib. Then git branch -a to show you all branches. You'll get something like:

```
* master remotes/origin/master
```

This tells you that you are currently on the master branch, and that you also have a remote connection to origin/master. What remote repository is remote/origin? Try git remote -v to see the URLs for the remote. They will point to your github fork.

Now you want to connect to the upstream matplotlib github repository, so you can merge in changes from trunk.

Linking your repository to the upstream repo

```
cd matplotlib
git remote add upstream git://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib.git
```

upstream here is just the arbitrary name we're using to refer to the main matplotlib repository at matplotlib github.

Note that we've used git:// for the URL rather than git@. The git:// URL is read only. This means we that we can't accidentally (or deliberately) write to the upstream repo, and we are only going to use it to merge into our own code.

Note this command needs to be run on every clone of the repository that you make. It is not tracked in your personal repository on github.

Just for your own satisfaction, show yourself that you now have a new 'remote', with git remote -v show, giving you something like:

```
upstream git://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib.git (fetch)
upstream git://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib.git (push)
origin git@github.com:your-user-name/matplotlib.git (fetch)
origin git@github.com:your-user-name/matplotlib.git (push)
```

29.5.3 Configure git

Overview

Your personal git configurations are saved in the .gitconfig file in your home directory. Here is an example .gitconfig file:

```
[user]
    name = Your Name
    email = you@yourdomain.example.com

[alias]
    ci = commit -a
    co = checkout
    st = status -a
    stat = status -a
    br = branch
    wdiff = diff --color-words

[core]
```

```
editor = vim

[merge]
    summary = true

[apply]
    whitespace = fix

[core]
    autocrlf = input
```

You can edit this file directly or you can use the git config --global command:

```
git config --global user.name "Your Name"
git config --global user.email you@yourdomain.example.com
git config --global alias.ci "commit -a"
git config --global alias.co checkout
git config --global alias.st "status -a"
git config --global alias.stat "status -a"
git config --global alias.br branch
git config --global alias.wdiff "diff --color-words"
git config --global core.editor vim
git config --global merge.summary true
```

To set up on another computer, you can copy your ~/.gitconfig file, or run the commands above.

In detail

user.name and user.email

It is good practice to tell git who you are, for labeling any changes you make to the code. The simplest way to do this is from the command line:

```
git config --global user.name "Your Name"
git config --global user.email you@yourdomain.example.com
```

This will write the settings into your git configuration file, which should now contain a user section with your name and email:

```
[user]
    name = Your Name
    email = you@yourdomain.example.com
```

Of course you'll need to replace Your Name and you@yourdomain.example.com with your actual name and email address.

Aliases

You might well benefit from some aliases to common commands.

For example, you might well want to be able to shorten git checkout to git co. Or you may want to alias git diff --color-words (which gives a nicely formatted output of the diff) to git wdiff

The following git config --global commands:

```
git config --global alias.ci "commit -a"
git config --global alias.co checkout
git config --global alias.st "status -a"
git config --global alias.stat "status -a"
git config --global alias.br branch
git config --global alias.wdiff "diff --color-words"
```

will create an alias section in your .gitconfig file with contents like this:

```
[alias]
    ci = commit -a
    co = checkout
    st = status -a
    stat = status -a
    br = branch
    wdiff = diff --color-words
```

Editor

You may also want to make sure that your editor of choice is used

```
git config --global core.editor vim
```

Merging

To enforce summaries when doing merges (~/.gitconfig file again):

```
[merge]
  log = true
```

Or from the command line:

```
git config --global merge.log true
```

29.5.4 Development workflow

You already have your own forked copy of the matplotlib repository, by following *Making your own copy* (fork) of matplotlib, Set up your fork, and you have configured git by following Configure git.

Workflow summary

• Keep your master branch clean of edits that have not been merged to the main matplotlib development repo. Your master then will follow the main matplotlib repository.

- Start a new feature branch for each set of edits that you do.
- If you can avoid it, try not to merge other branches into your feature branch while you are working.
- Ask for review!

This way of working really helps to keep work well organized, and in keeping history as clear as possible.

```
See — for example — linux git workflow.
```

Making a new feature branch

```
git checkout -b my-new-feature master
```

This will create and immediately check out a feature branch based on master. To create a feature branch based on a maintenance branch, use:

```
git fetch origin
git checkout -b my-new-feature origin/v1.0.x
```

Generally, you will want to keep this also on your public github fork of matplotlib. To do this, you git push this new branch up to your github repo. Generally (if you followed the instructions in these pages, and by default), git will have a link to your github repo, called origin. You push up to your own repo on github with:

```
git push origin my-new-feature
```

You will need to use this exact command, rather than simply git push every time you want to push changes on your feature branch to your github repo. However, in git >1.7 you can set up a link by using the --set-upstream option:

```
git push --set-upstream origin my-new-feature
```

and then next time you need to push changes to your branch a simple git push will suffice. Note that git push pushes out all branches that are linked to a remote branch.

The editing workflow

Overview

```
# hack hack
git add my_new_file
git commit -am 'NF - some message'
git push
```

In more detail

1. Make some changes

2. See which files have changed with git status (see git status). You'll see a listing like this one:

```
# On branch ny-new-feature
# Changed but not updated:
# (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
# (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
#
# modified: README
#
# Untracked files:
# (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
#
# INSTALL
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
```

- 3. Check what the actual changes are with git diff (git diff).
- 4. Add any new files to version control git add new_file_name (see git add).
- 5. To commit all modified files into the local copy of your repo,, do git commit -am 'A commit message'. Note the -am options to commit. The m flag just signals that you're going to type a message on the command line. The a flag you can just take on faith or see why the -a flag? and the helpful use-case description in the tangled working copy problem. The git commit manual page might also be useful.
- 6. To push the changes up to your forked repo on github, do a git push (see git push).

Asking for code review

- 1. Go to your repo URL e.g. http://github.com/your-user-name/matplotlib.
- 2. Click on the *Branch list* button:



3. Click on the *Compare* button for your feature branch — here my-new-feature:



- 4. If asked, select the *base* and *comparison* branch names you want to compare. Usually these will be master and my-new-feature (where that is your feature branch name).
- 5. At this point you should get a nice summary of the changes. Copy the URL for this, and post it to the matplotlib mailing list, asking for review. The URL will look something like: http://github.com/your-user-name/matplotlib/compare/master...my-new-feature.

There's an example at http://github.com/matthew-brett/nipy/compare/master...find-install-data See: http://github.com/blog/612-introducing-github-compare-view for more detail.

The generated comparison, is between your feature branch my-new-feature, and the place in master from which you branched my-new-feature. In other words, you can keep updating master without interfering with the output from the comparison. More detail? Note the three dots in the URL above (master...my-new-feature) and see dot2-dot3.

Asking for your changes to be merged into the main repo

When you are ready to ask for the merge of your code:

- 1. Go to the URL of your forked repo, say http://github.com/your-user-name/matplotlib.git.
- 2. Click on the 'Pull request' button:



Enter a message; we suggest you select only matplotlib as the recipient. The message will go to the matplotlib mailing list. Please feel free to add others from the list as you like.

3. If the branch is to be merged into a maintenance branch on the main repo, make sure the "base branch" indicates the maintenance branch and not master. Github can not automatically determine the branch to merge into.

Staying up to date with changes in the central repository

This updates your working copy from the upstream matplotlib github repo.

Overview

```
# go to your master branch
git checkout master
# pull changes from github
git fetch upstream
# merge from upstream
git merge --ff-only upstream/master
```

In detail

We suggest that you do this only for your master branch, and leave your 'feature' branches unmerged, to keep their history as clean as possible. This makes code review easier:

```
git checkout master
```

Make sure you have done Linking your repository to the upstream repo.

Merge the upstream code into your current development by first pulling the upstream repo to a copy on your local machine:

```
git fetch upstream
```

then merging into your current branch:

```
git merge --ff-only upstream/master
```

The --ff-only option guarantees that if you have mistakenly committed code on your master branch, the merge fails at this point. If you were to merge upstream/master to your master, you would start to diverge from the upstream. If this command fails, see the section on accidents.

The letters 'ff' in --ff-only mean 'fast forward', which is a special case of merge where git can simply update your branch to point to the other branch and not do any actual merging of files. For master and other integration branches this is exactly what you want.

Other integration branches

Some people like to keep separate local branches corresponding to the maintenance branches on github. At the time of this writing, v1.0.x is the active maintenance branch. If you have such a local branch, treat is just as master: don't commit on it, and before starting new branches off of it, update it from upstream:

```
git checkout v1.0.x
git fetch upstream
git merge --ff-only upstream/v1.0.x
```

But you don't necessarily have to have such a branch. Instead, if you are preparing a bugfix that applies to the maintenance branch, fetch from upstream and base your bugfix on the remote branch:

```
git fetch upstream
git checkout -b my-bug-fix upstream/v1.0.x
```

Recovering from accidental commits on master

If you have accidentally committed changes on master and git merge --ff-only fails, don't panic! First find out how much you have diverged:

```
git diff upstream/master...master
```

If you find that you want simply to get rid of the changes, reset your master branch to the upstream version:

```
git reset --hard upstream/master
```

As you might surmise from the words 'reset' and 'hard', this command actually causes your changes to the current branch to be lost, so think twice.

If, on the other hand, you find that you want to preserve the changes, create a feature branch for them:

```
git checkout -b my-important-changes
```

Now my-important-changes points to the branch that has your changes, and you can safely reset master as above — but make sure to reset the correct branch:

```
git checkout master
git reset --hard upstream/master
```

Deleting a branch on github

```
git checkout master
# delete branch locally
git branch -D my-unwanted-branch
# delete branch on github
git push origin :my-unwanted-branch
```

(Note the colon: before test-branch. See also: http://github.com/guides/remove-a-remote-branch

Several people sharing a single repository

If you want to work on some stuff with other people, where you are all committing into the same repository, or even the same branch, then just share it via github.

First fork matplotlib into your account, as from Making your own copy (fork) of matplotlib.

Then, go to your forked repository github page, say http://github.com/your-user-name/matplotlib Click on the 'Admin' button, and add anyone else to the repo as a collaborator:



Now all those people can do:

```
git clone git@githhub.com:your-user-name/matplotlib.git
```

Remember that links starting with git@ use the ssh protocol and are read-write; links starting with git:// are read-only.

Your collaborators can then commit directly into that repo with the usual:

```
git commit -am 'ENH - much better code'
git push origin master # pushes directly into your repo
```

Exploring your repository

To see a graphical representation of the repository branches and commits:

```
gitk --all
```

To see a linear list of commits for this branch:

git log

You can also look at the network graph visualizer for your github repo.

29.6 git resources

29.6.1 Tutorials and summaries

- github help has an excellent series of how-to guides.
- learn.github has an excellent series of tutorials
- The pro git book is a good in-depth book on git.
- A git cheat sheet is a page giving summaries of common commands.
- The git user manual
- The git tutorial
- The git community book
- git ready a nice series of tutorials
- git casts video snippets giving git how-tos.
- git magic extended introduction with intermediate detail
- The git parable is an easy read explaining the concepts behind git.
- Our own git foundation expands on the git parable.
- Fernando Perez' git page Fernando's git page many links and tips
- A good but technical page on git concepts
- git svn crash course: git for those of us used to subversion

29.6.2 Advanced git workflow

There are many ways of working with git; here are some posts on the rules of thumb that other projects have come up with:

• Linus Torvalds on git management

• Linus Torvalds on linux git workflow. Summary; use the git tools to make the history of your edits as clean as possible; merge from upstream edits as little as possible in branches where you are doing active development.

29.6.3 Manual pages online

You can get these on your own machine with (e.g) git help push or (same thing) git push --help, but, for convenience, here are the online manual pages for some common commands:

- git add
- git branch
- git checkout
- git clone
- git commit
- git config
- git diff
- git log
- git pull
- git push
- git remote
- git status

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THIRTY

DOCUMENTING MATPLOTLIB

30.1 Getting started

The documentation for matplotlib is generated from ReStructured Text using the Sphinx documentation generation tool. Sphinx-1.0 or later is required.

The documentation sources are found in the doc/ directory in the trunk. To build the users guide in html format, cd into doc/ and do:

```
python make.py html
```

or:

./make.py html

you can also pass a latex flag to make.py to build a pdf, or pass no arguments to build everything.

The output produced by Sphinx can be configured by editing the conf.py file located in the doc/.

30.2 Organization of matplotlib's documentation

The actual ReStructured Text files are kept in doc/users, doc/devel, doc/api and doc/faq. The main entry point is doc/index.rst, which pulls in the index.rst file for the users guide, developers guide, api reference, and faqs. The documentation suite is built as a single document in order to make the most effective use of cross referencing, we want to make navigating the Matplotlib documentation as easy as possible.

Additional files can be added to the various guides by including their base file name (the .rst extension is not necessary) in the table of contents. It is also possible to include other documents through the use of an include statement, such as:

```
.. include:: ../../TODO
```

30.3 Formatting

The Sphinx website contains plenty of documentation concerning ReST markup and working with Sphinx in general. Here are a few additional things to keep in mind:

- Please familiarize yourself with the Sphinx directives for inline markup. Matplotlib's documentation
 makes heavy use of cross-referencing and other semantic markup. For example, when referring to
 external files, use the :file: directive.
- Function arguments and keywords should be referred to using the *emphasis* role. This will keep matplotlib's documentation consistant with Python's documentation:

```
Here is a description of *argument*

Please do not use the default role:

Please do not describe 'argument' like this.

nor the literal role:

Please do not describe 'argument' like this.
```

- Sphinx does not support tables with column- or row-spanning cells for latex output. Such tables can not be used when documenting matplotlib.
- Mathematical expressions can be rendered as png images in html, and in the usual way by latex. For example:

```
:math: '\sin(x_n^2) ' yields: \sin(x_n^2), and: .. math:: \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{e^{i\cdot hi}}{1+x^2\cdot frac{e^{i\cdot hi}}{1+x^2}}  yields: \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\phi}
```

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\phi}}{1 + x^2 \frac{e^{i\phi}}{1 + x^2}} \tag{30.1}$$

• Interactive IPython sessions can be illustrated in the documentation using the following directive:

```
.. sourcecode:: ipython
In [69]: lines = plot([1,2,3])
which would yield:
In [69]: lines = plot([1,2,3])
```

• Footnotes ¹ can be added using [#]_, followed later by:

```
.. rubric:: Footnotes
.. [#]
```

¹ For example.

• Use the *note* and *warning* directives, sparingly, to draw attention to important comments:

```
.. note::
   Here is a note
yields:
```

Note: here is a note

also:

Warning: here is a warning

• Use the *deprecated* directive when appropriate:

```
.. deprecated:: 0.98

This feature is obsolete, use something else.
```

yields: Deprecated since version 0.98: This feature is obsolete, use something else.

• Use the *versionadded* and *versionchanged* directives, which have similar syntax to the *deprecated* role:

```
.. versionadded:: 0.98

The transforms have been completely revamped.
```

New in version 0.98: The transforms have been completely revamped.

• Use the *seealso* directive, for example:

```
... seealso::
    Using ReST :ref:'emacs-helpers':
        One example
    A bit about :ref:'referring-to-mpl-docs':
        One more
yields:
```

See Also:

Using ResT *Emacs helpers*: One example

A bit about Referring to mpl documents: One more

- Please keep the *Glossary* in mind when writing documentation. You can create a references to a term in the glossary with the :term: role.
- The autodoc extension will handle index entries for the API, but additional entries in the index need to be explicitly added.

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30.3.1 Docstrings

In addition to the aforementioned formatting suggestions:

- Please limit the text width of docstrings to 70 characters.
- Keyword arguments should be described using a definition list.

Note: matplotlib makes extensive use of keyword arguments as pass-through arguments, there are a many cases where a table is used in place of a definition list for autogenerated sections of docstrings.

30.4 Figures

30.4.1 Dynamically generated figures

Figures can be automatically generated from scripts and included in the docs. It is not necessary to explicitly save the figure in the script, this will be done automatically at build time to ensure that the code that is included runs and produces the advertised figure.

The path should be relative to the doc directory. Any plots specific to the documentation should be added to the doc/pyplots directory and committed to git. Plots from the examples directory may be referenced through the symlink mpl_examples in the doc directory. e.g.:

```
.. plot:: mpl_examples/pylab_examples/simple_plot.py
```

The :scale: directive rescales the image to some percentage of the original size, though we don't recommend using this in most cases since it is probably better to choose the correct figure size and dpi in mpl and let it handle the scaling.

Plot directive documentation

A directive for including a matplotlib plot in a Sphinx document.

By default, in HTML output, plot will include a .png file with a link to a high-res .png and .pdf. In LaTeX output, it will include a .pdf.

The source code for the plot may be included in one of three ways:

1. A path to a source file as the argument to the directive:

```
.. plot:: path/to/plot.py
```

When a path to a source file is given, the content of the directive may optionally contain a caption for the plot:

```
.. plot:: path/to/plot.py
This is the caption for the plot
```

Additionally, one my specify the name of a function to call (with no arguments) immediately after importing the module:

```
.. plot:: path/to/plot.py plot_function1
```

2. Included as **inline content** to the directive:

```
.. plot::
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   import matplotlib.image as mpimg
   import numpy as np
   img = mpimg.imread('_static/stinkbug.png')
   imgplot = plt.imshow(img)
```

3. Using **doctest** syntax:

```
.. plot::
   A plotting example:
   >>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   >>> plt.plot([1,2,3], [4,5,6])
```

Options

The plot directive supports the following options:

```
format [{'python', 'doctest'}] Specify the format of the input
```

include-source [bool] Whether to display the source code. The default can be changed using the plot_include_source variable in conf.py

encoding [str] If this source file is in a non-UTF8 or non-ASCII encoding, the encoding must be specified using the :encoding: option. The encoding will not be inferred using the -*- coding -*- metacomment.

context [bool] If provided, the code will be run in the context of all previous plot directives for which the :context: option was specified. This only applies to inline code plot directives, not those run from files.

nofigs [bool] If specified, the code block will be run, but no figures will be inserted. This is usually useful with the :context: option.

Additionally, this directive supports all of the options of the image directive, except for target (since plot will add its own target). These include alt, height, width, scale, align and class.

Configuration options

The plot directive has the following configuration options:

```
plot_include_source Default value for the include-source option
plot_pre_code Code that should be executed before each plot.
```

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plot_basedir Base directory, to which plot:: file names are relative to. (If None or empty, file names are relative to the directory where the file containing the directive is.)

plot_formats File formats to generate. List of tuples or strings:

```
[(suffix, dpi), suffix, ...]
```

that determine the file format and the DPI. For entries whose DPI was omitted, sensible defaults are chosen.

plot_html_show_formats Whether to show links to the files in HTML.

plot_rcparams A dictionary containing any non-standard rcParams that should be applied before each plot.

plot_apply_reparams By default, rcParams are applied when **context** option is not used in a plot directive. This configuration option overrides this behaviour and applies rcParams before each plot.

plot_working_directory By default, the working directory will be changed to the directory of the example, so the code can get at its data files, if any. Also its path will be added to sys.path so it can import any helper modules sitting beside it. This configuration option can be used to specify a central directory (also added to sys.path) where data files and helper modules for all code are located.

plot_template Provide a customized template for preparing resturctured text.

30.4.2 Static figures

Any figures that rely on optional system configurations need to be handled a little differently. These figures are not to be generated during the documentation build, in order to keep the prerequisites to the documentation effort as low as possible. Please run the doc/pyplots/make.py script when adding such figures, and commit the script **and** the images to git. Please also add a line to the README in doc/pyplots for any additional requirements necessary to generate a new figure. Once these steps have been taken, these figures can be included in the usual way:

```
.. plot:: pyplots/tex_unicode_demo.py
:include-source:
```

30.4.3 Examples

The source of the files in the examples directory are automatically included in the HTML docs. An image is generated and included for all examples in the api and pylab_examples directories. To exclude the example from having an image rendered, insert the following special comment anywhere in the script:

```
# -*- noplot -*-
```

30.4.4 Animations

We have a matplotlib google/gmail account with username mplgithub which we used to setup the github account but can be used for other purposes, like hosting google docs or youtube videos. You can embed a matplotlib animation in the docs by first saving the animation as a movie using matplotlib.animation.Animation.save(), and then uploading to matplotlib's youtube channel and inserting the embedding string youtube provides like:

Contact John Hunter for the login password to upload youtube videos of google docs to the mplgithub account.

30.5 Referring to mpl documents

In the documentation, you may want to include to a document in the matplotlib src, e.g. a license file or an image file from mpl-data, refer to it via a relative path from the document where the rst file resides, eg, in users/navigation_toolbar.rst, we refer to the image icons with:

```
.. image:: ../../lib/matplotlib/mpl-data/images/subplots.png
```

In the users subdirectory, if I want to refer to a file in the mpl-data directory, I use the symlink directory. For example, from customizing.rst:

```
.. literalinclude:: ../../lib/matplotlib/mpl-data/matplotlibrc
```

One exception to this is when referring to the examples dir. Relative paths are extremely confusing in the sphinx plot extensions, so without getting into the dirty details, it is easier to simply include a symlink to the files at the top doc level directory. This way, API documents like matplotlib.pyplot.plot() can refer to the examples in a known location.

In the top level doc directory we have symlinks pointing to the mpl examples:

```
home:~/mpl/doc> ls -l mpl_*
mpl_examples -> ../examples
```

So we can include plots from the examples dir using the symlink:

```
.. plot:: mpl_examples/pylab_examples/simple_plot.py
```

We used to use a symlink for mpl-data too, but the distro becomes very large on platforms that do not support links (eg the font files are duplicated and large)

30.6 Internal section references

To maximize internal consistency in section labeling and references, use hypen separated, descriptive labels for section references, eg:

```
.. _howto-webapp:
```

and refer to it using the standard reference syntax:

```
See :ref: 'howto-webapp'
```

Keep in mind that we may want to reorganize the contents later, so let's avoid top level names in references like user or devel or faq unless necessary, because for example the FAQ "what is a backend?" could later become part of the users guide, so the label:

```
.. _what-is-a-backend
```

is better than:

.. _faq-backend

In addition, since underscores are widely used by Sphinx itself, let's prefer hyphens to separate words.

30.7 Section names, etc

For everything but top level chapters, please use Upper lower for section titles, eg Possible hangups rather than Possible Hangups

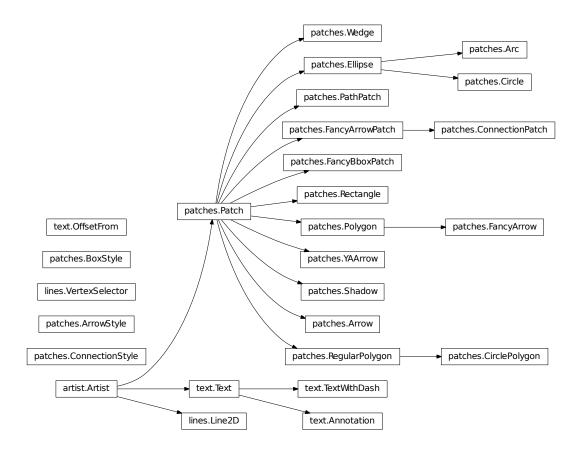
30.8 Inheritance diagrams

Class inheritance diagrams can be generated with the inheritance-diagram directive. To use it, you provide the directive with a number of class or module names (separated by whitespace). If a module name is provided, all classes in that module will be used. All of the ancestors of these classes will be included in the inheritance diagram.

A single option is available: parts controls how many of parts in the path to the class are shown. For example, if parts == 1, the class matplotlib.patches.Patch is shown as Patch. If parts == 2, it is shown as patches.Patch. If parts == 0, the full path is shown.

Example:

.. inheritance-diagram:: matplotlib.patches matplotlib.lines matplotlib.text
:parts: 2



30.9 Emacs helpers

There is an emacs mode rst.el which automates many important ReST tasks like building and updateing table-of-contents, and promoting or demoting section headings. Here is the basic .emacs configuration:

```
C-c C-u - rst-toc-update

Update the table of contents at point
C-c C-l rst-shift-region-left

Shift region to the left
C-c C-r rst-shift-region-right

Shift region to the right
```

CHAPTER

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DOING A MATPLOLIB RELEASE

A guide for developers who are doing a matplotlib release

• Edit __init__.py and bump the version number

When doing a release

31.1 Testing

- Run all of the regression tests by running the tests.py script at the root of the source tree.
- Run unit/memleak_hawaii3.py and make sure there are no memory leaks
- try some GUI examples, eg simple_plot.py with GTKAgg, TkAgg, etc...
- remove font cache and tex cache from .matplotlib and test with and without cache on some example script
- Optionally, make sure examples/tests/backend_driver.py runs without errors and check the output of the PNG, PDF, PS and SVG backends

31.2 Branching

Once all the tests are passing and you are ready to do a release, you need to create a release branch:

```
git checkout -b v1.1.x
git push git@github.com:matplotlib/matplotlib.git v1.1.x
```

On the branch, do any additional testing you want to do, and then build binaries and source distributions for testing as release candidates.

For each release candidate as well as for the final release version, please git tag the commit you will use for packaging like so:

```
git tag -a v1.1.0rc1
```

The -a flag will allow you to write a message about the tag, and affiliate your name with it. A reasonable tag message would be something like v1.1.0 Release Candidate 1 (September 24, 2011). To tag a release after the fact, just track down the commit hash, and:

```
git tag -a v1.0.1 a9f3f3a50745
```

Tags allow developers to quickly checkout different releases by name, and also provides source download via zip and tarball on github.

31.3 Packaging

- Make sure the MANIFEST.in us up to date and remove MANIFEST so it will be rebuilt by MANI-FEST.in
- run git clean in the mpl git directory before building the sdist
- unpack the sdist and make sure you can build from that directory
- Use setup.cfg to set the default backends. For windows and OSX, the default backend should be TkAgg. You should also turn on or off any platform specific build options you need. Importantly, you also need to make sure that you delete the build dir after any changes to setup.cfg before rebuilding since cruft in the build dir can get carried along.
- on windows, unix2dos the rc file
- We have a Makefile for the OS X builds in the mpl source dir release/osx, so use this to prepare the OS X releases.
- We have a Makefile for the win32 mingw builds in the mpl source dir release/win32 which you can use this to prepare the windows releases.

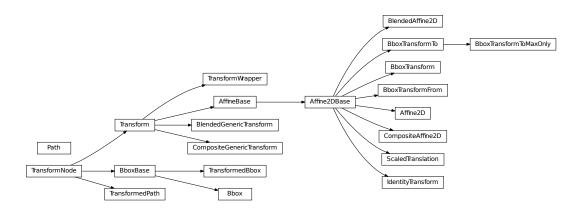
31.4 Release candidate testing

Post the release candidates tarballs to the matplotlib download page. If you have developer rights, you should see an "Upload a new file" section there.

31.5 Announcing

Announce the release on matplotlib-announce, matplotlib-users and matplotlib-devel. Include a summary of highlights from the CHANGELOG and/or post the whole CHANGELOG since the last release.

WORKING WITH TRANSFORMATIONS

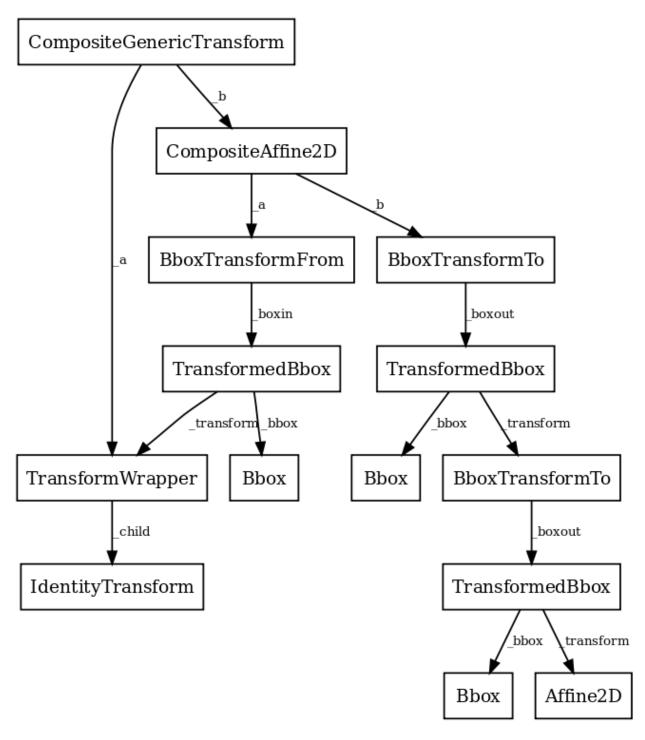


32.1 matplotlib.transforms

matplotlib includes a framework for arbitrary geometric transformations that is used determine the final position of all elements drawn on the canvas.

Transforms are composed into trees of TransformNode objects whose actual value depends on their children. When the contents of children change, their parents are automatically invalidated. The next time an invalidated transform is accessed, it is recomputed to reflect those changes. This invalidation/caching approach prevents unnecessary recomputations of transforms, and contributes to better interactive performance.

For example, here is a graph of the transform tree used to plot data to the graph:



The framework can be used for both affine and non-affine transformations. However, for speed, we want use the backend renderers to perform affine transformations whenever possible. Therefore, it is possible to perform just the affine or non-affine part of a transformation on a set of data. The affine is always assumed to occur after the non-affine. For any transform:

full transform == non-affine part + affine part

The backends are not expected to handle non-affine transformations themselves.

class matplotlib.transforms.TransformNode(shorthand_name=None)

Bases: object

TransformNode is the base class for anything that participates in the transform tree and needs to invalidate its parents or be invalidated. This includes classes that are not really transforms, such as bounding boxes, since some transforms depend on bounding boxes to compute their values.

Creates a new TransformNode.

shorthand_name - a string representing the "name" of this transform. The name carries no significance other than to improve the readability of str(transform) when DEBUG=True.

frozen()

Returns a frozen copy of this transform node. The frozen copy will not update when its children change. Useful for storing a previously known state of a transform where copy.deepcopy() might normally be used.

invalidate()

Invalidate this TransformNode and triggers an invalidation of its ancestors. Should be called any time the transform changes.

pass_through = False

If pass_through is True, all ancestors will always be invalidated, even if 'self' is already invalid.

set children(*children)

Set the children of the transform, to let the invalidation system know which transforms can invalidate this transform. Should be called from the constructor of any transforms that depend on other transforms.

class matplotlib.transforms.BboxBase(shorthand_name=None)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.TransformNode

This is the base class of all bounding boxes, and provides read-only access to its data. A mutable bounding box is provided by the Bbox class.

The canonical representation is as two points, with no restrictions on their ordering. Convenience properties are provided to get the left, bottom, right and top edges and width and height, but these are not stored explicitly.

Creates a new TransformNode.

shorthand_name - a string representing the "name" of this transform. The name carries no significance other than to improve the readability of str(transform) when DEBUG=True.

anchored(c, container=None)

Return a copy of the Bbox, shifted to position c within a container.

c: may be either:

- •a sequence (cx, cy) where cx and cy range from 0 to 1, where 0 is left or bottom and 1 is right or top
- •a string: 'C' for centered 'S' for bottom-center 'SE' for bottom-left 'E' for left etc.

Optional argument *container* is the box within which the Bbox is positioned; it defaults to the initial Bbox.

bounds

```
(property) Returns (x0, y0, width, height).
```

contains(x, y)

Returns True if (x, y) is a coordinate inside the bounding box or on its edge.

containsx(x)

Returns True if x is between or equal to x0 and x1.

containsy(y)

Returns True if y is between or equal to y0 and y1.

corners()

Return an array of points which are the four corners of this rectangle. For example, if this Bbox is defined by the points (a, b) and (c, d), corners () returns (a, b), (a, d), (c, b) and (c, d).

count_contains(vertices)

Count the number of vertices contained in the Bbox.

vertices is a Nx2 Numpy array.

count_overlaps(bboxes)

Count the number of bounding boxes that overlap this one.

bboxes is a sequence of BboxBase objects

expanded(sw, sh)

Return a new Bbox which is this Bbox expanded around its center by the given factors sw and sh.

extents

```
(property) Returns (x0, y0, x1, y1).
```

frozen()

TransformNode is the base class for anything that participates in the transform tree and needs to invalidate its parents or be invalidated. This includes classes that are not really transforms, such as bounding boxes, since some transforms depend on bounding boxes to compute their values.

$fully_contains(x, y)$

Returns True if (x, y) is a coordinate inside the bounding box, but not on its edge.

fully_containsx(x)

Returns True if x is between but not equal to x0 and x1.

fully_containsy(y)

Returns True if y is between but not equal to y0 and y1.

fully_overlaps(other)

Returns True if this bounding box overlaps with the given bounding box *other*, but not on its edge alone.

height

(property) The height of the bounding box. It may be negative if y1 < y0.

intervalx

(property) intervalx is the pair of x coordinates that define the bounding box. It is not guaranteed to be sorted from left to right.

intervaly

(property) intervaly is the pair of y coordinates that define the bounding box. It is not guaranteed to be sorted from bottom to top.

inverse_transformed(transform)

Return a new Bbox object, statically transformed by the inverse of the given transform.

is_unit()

Returns True if the Bbox is the unit bounding box from (0, 0) to (1, 1).

max

(property) max is the top-right corner of the bounding box.

min

(property) min is the bottom-left corner of the bounding box.

overlaps(other)

Returns True if this bounding box overlaps with the given bounding box other.

p0

(property) p0 is the first pair of (x, y) coordinates that define the bounding box. It is not guaranteed to be the bottom-left corner. For that, use min.

p1

(property) p1 is the second pair of (x, y) coordinates that define the bounding box. It is not guaranteed to be the top-right corner. For that, use max.

padded(p)

Return a new Bbox that is padded on all four sides by the given value.

rotated(radians)

Return a new bounding box that bounds a rotated version of this bounding box by the given radians. The new bounding box is still aligned with the axes, of course.

shrunk(mx, my)

Return a copy of the Bbox, shrunk by the factor mx in the x direction and the factor my in the y direction. The lower left corner of the box remains unchanged. Normally mx and my will be less than 1, but this is not enforced.

shrunk_to_aspect(box_aspect, container=None, fig_aspect=1.0)

Return a copy of the Bbox, shrunk so that it is as large as it can be while having the desired aspect ratio, *box_aspect*. If the box coordinates are relative—that is, fractions of a larger box such as a figure—then the physical aspect ratio of that figure is specified with *fig_aspect*, so that *box_aspect* can also be given as a ratio of the absolute dimensions, not the relative dimensions.

size

(property) The width and height of the bounding box. May be negative, in the same way as width and height.

```
splitx(*args)
  e.g., bbox.splitx(f1, f2, ...)
```

Returns a list of new Bbox objects formed by splitting the original one with vertical lines at fractional positions f1, f2, ...

```
splity(*args)
```

```
e.g., bbox.splitx(f1, f2, ...)
```

Returns a list of new Bbox objects formed by splitting the original one with horizontal lines at fractional positions f1, f2, ...

transformed(transform)

Return a new Bbox object, statically transformed by the given transform.

translated(tx, ty)

Return a copy of the Bbox, statically translated by tx and ty.

static union(bboxes)

Return a Bbox that contains all of the given bboxes.

width

(property) The width of the bounding box. It may be negative if x1 < x0.

x0

(property) x0 is the first of the pair of x coordinates that define the bounding box. x0 is not guaranteed to be less than x1. If you require that, use xmin.

x1

(property) x1 is the second of the pair of x coordinates that define the bounding box. x1 is not guaranteed to be greater than x0. If you require that, use xmax.

xmax

(property) xmax is the right edge of the bounding box.

xmin

(property) **xmin** is the left edge of the bounding box.

v0

(property) y0 is the first of the pair of y coordinates that define the bounding box. y0 is not guaranteed to be less than y1. If you require that, use ymin.

у1

(property) y1 is the second of the pair of y coordinates that define the bounding box. y1 is not guaranteed to be greater than y0. If you require that, use ymax.

ymax

(property) ymax is the top edge of the bounding box.

ymin

(property) ymin is the bottom edge of the bounding box.

class matplotlib.transforms.Bbox(points, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.BboxBase

A mutable bounding box.

points: a 2x2 numpy array of the form [[x0, y0], [x1, y1]]

If you need to create a Bbox object from another form of data, consider the static methods unit(), from_bounds() and from_extents().

static from_bounds (x0, y0, width, height)

(staticmethod) Create a new Bbox from x0, y0, width and height.

width and height may be negative.

static from_extents(*args)

(staticmethod) Create a new Bbox from left, bottom, right and top.

The y-axis increases upwards.

get_points()

Get the points of the bounding box directly as a numpy array of the form: [[x0, y0], [x1, y1]].

ignore(value)

Set whether the existing bounds of the box should be ignored by subsequent calls to update_from_data() or update_from_data_xy().

value:

- •When True, subsequent calls to update_from_data() will ignore the existing bounds of the Bbox.
- •When False, subsequent calls to update_from_data() will include the existing bounds of the Bbox.

mutated()

return whether the bbox has changed since init

mutatedx()

return whether the x-limits have changed since init

mutatedy()

return whether the y-limits have changed since init

set(other)

Set this bounding box from the "frozen" bounds of another Bbox.

set_points(points)

Set the points of the bounding box directly from a numpy array of the form: [[x0, y0], [x1, y1]]. No error checking is performed, as this method is mainly for internal use.

static unit()

(staticmethod) Create a new unit Bbox from (0, 0) to (1, 1).

update_from_data(x, y, ignore=None)

Update the bounds of the Bbox based on the passed in data. After updating, the bounds will have positive *width* and *height*; *x0* and *y0* will be the minimal values.

x: a numpy array of x-values

y: a numpy array of y-values

ignore:

• when True, ignore the existing bounds of the Bbox.

- when False, include the existing bounds of the Bbox.
- when None, use the last value passed to ignore().

update_from_data_xy(xy, ignore=None, updatex=True, updatey=True)

Update the bounds of the Bbox based on the passed in data. After updating, the bounds will have positive *width* and *height*; *x0* and *y0* will be the minimal values.

xy: a numpy array of 2D points

ignore:

- when True, ignore the existing bounds of the Bbox.
- when False, include the existing bounds of the Bbox.
- when None, use the last value passed to ignore().

updatex: when True, update the x values

updatey: when True, update the y values

update_from_path(path, ignore=None, updatex=True, updatey=True)

Update the bounds of the Bbox based on the passed in data. After updating, the bounds will have positive *width* and *height*; *x0* and *y0* will be the minimal values.

path: a Path instance

ignore:

- when True, ignore the existing bounds of the Bbox.
- when False, include the existing bounds of the Bbox.
- when None, use the last value passed to ignore().

updatex: when True, update the x values

updatey: when True, update the y values

class matplotlib.transforms.TransformedBbox(bbox, transform, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.BboxBase

A Bbox that is automatically transformed by a given transform. When either the child bounding box or transform changes, the bounds of this bbox will update accordingly.

bbox: a child Bbox

transform: a 2D Transform

get_points()

Get the points of the bounding box directly as a numpy array of the form: [[x0, y0], [x1, y1]].

class matplotlib.transforms.Transform(shorthand_name=None)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.TransformNode

The base class of all TransformNode instances that actually perform a transformation.

All non-affine transformations should be subclasses of this class. New affine transformations should be subclasses of Affine2D.

Subclasses of this class should override the following members (at minimum):

- •input_dims
- •output_dims
- •transform()
- •is_separable
- •has inverse
- •inverted() (if has_inverse is True)

If the transform needs to do something non-standard with matplotlib.path.Path objects, such as adding curves where there were once line segments, it should override:

•transform_path()

Creates a new TransformNode.

shorthand_name - a string representing the "name" of this transform. The name carries no significance other than to improve the readability of str(transform) when DEBUG=True.

contains_branch(other)

Return whether the given transform is a sub-tree of this transform.

This routine uses transform equality to identify sub-trees, therefore in many situations it is object id which will be used.

For the case where the given transform represents the whole of this transform, returns True.

contains_branch_seperately(other_transform)

Returns whether the given branch is a sub-tree of this transform on each seperate dimension.

A common use for this method is to identify if a transform is a blended transform containing an axes' data transform. e.g.:

x_isdata, y_isdata = trans.contains_branch_seperately(ax.transData)

depth

Returns the number of transforms which have been chained together to form this Transform instance.

Note: For the special case of a Composite transform, the maximum depth of the two is returned.

get_affine()

Get the affine part of this transform.

get_matrix()

Get the Affine transformation array for the affine part of this transform.

has_inverse = False

True if this transform has a corresponding inverse transform.

input_dims = None

The number of input dimensions of this transform. Must be overridden (with integers) in the subclass.

inverted()

Return the corresponding inverse transformation.

The return value of this method should be treated as temporary. An update to *self* does not cause a corresponding update to its inverted copy.

x === self.inverted().transform(self.transform(x))

is_separable = False

True if this transform is separable in the x- and y- dimensions.

output_dims = None

The number of output dimensions of this transform. Must be overridden (with integers) in the subclass.

transform(values)

Performs the transformation on the given array of values.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_affine(values)

Performs only the affine part of this transformation on the given array of values.

 ${\tt transform(values)}\ is\ always\ equivalent\ to\ {\tt transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values))}.$

In non-affine transformations, this is generally a no-op. In affine transformations, this is equivalent to transform(values).

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_angles(angles, pts, radians=False, pushoff=1e-05)

Performs transformation on a set of angles anchored at specific locations.

The *angles* must be a column vector (i.e., numpy array).

The *pts* must be a two-column numpy array of x,y positions (angle transforms currently only work in 2D). This array must have the same number of rows as *angles*.

radians indicates whether or not input angles are given in radians (True) or degrees (False; the default).

pushoff is the distance to move away from *pts* for determining transformed angles (see discussion of method below).

The transformed angles are returned in an array with the same size as *angles*.

The generic version of this method uses a very generic algorithm that transforms *pts*, as well as locations very close to *pts*, to find the angle in the transformed system.

transform_non_affine(values)

Performs only the non-affine part of the transformation.

transform(values) is always equivalent to transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values)).

In non-affine transformations, this is generally equivalent to transform(values). In affine transformations, this is always a no-op.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_path(path)

Returns a transformed path.

path: a Path instance.

In some cases, this transform may insert curves into the path that began as line segments.

transform_path_affine(path)

Returns a path, transformed only by the affine part of this transform.

path: a Path instance.

transform_path(path) is equivalent to transform_path_affine(transform_path_non_affine(value

transform_path_non_affine(path)

Returns a path, transformed only by the non-affine part of this transform.

path: a Path instance.

transform_path(path) is equivalent to transform_path_affine(transform_path_non_affine(value

transform_point(point)

A convenience function that returns the transformed copy of a single point.

The point is given as a sequence of length input_dims. The transformed point is returned as a sequence of length output_dims.

class matplotlib.transforms.TransformWrapper(child)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Transform

A helper class that holds a single child transform and acts equivalently to it.

This is useful if a node of the transform tree must be replaced at run time with a transform of a different type. This class allows that replacement to correctly trigger invalidation.

Note that TransformWrapper instances must have the same input and output dimensions during their entire lifetime, so the child transform may only be replaced with another child transform of the same dimensions.

child: A class:Transform instance. This child may later be replaced with set().

frozen()

Returns a frozen copy of this transform node. The frozen copy will not update when its children change. Useful for storing a previously known state of a transform where copy.deepcopy() might normally be used.

set(child)

Replace the current child of this transform with another one.

The new child must have the same number of input and output dimensions as the current child.

class matplotlib.transforms.AffineBase(*args, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Transform

The base class of all affine transformations of any number of dimensions.

get_affine()

Get the affine part of this transform.

transform(values)

Performs the transformation on the given array of values.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_affine(values)

Performs only the affine part of this transformation on the given array of values.

 $transform (values) \ is \ always \ equivalent \ to \ transform_affine (transform_non_affine (values)).$

In non-affine transformations, this is generally a no-op. In affine transformations, this is equivalent to transform(values).

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_non_affine(points)

Performs only the non-affine part of the transformation.

 ${\tt transform(values)}\ is\ always\ equivalent\ to\ {\tt transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values))}.$

In non-affine transformations, this is generally equivalent to transform(values). In affine transformations, this is always a no-op.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x $output_dims$).

transform_path(path)

Returns a transformed path.

path: a Path instance.

In some cases, this transform may insert curves into the path that began as line segments.

transform_path_affine(path)

Returns a path, transformed only by the affine part of this transform.

path: a Path instance.

transform_path(path) is equivalent to transform_path_affine(transform_path_non_affine(value

transform_path_non_affine(path)

Returns a path, transformed only by the non-affine part of this transform.

path: a Path instance.

transform_path(path) is equivalent to transform_path_affine(transform_path_non_affine(value

class matplotlib.transforms.Affine2DBase(*args, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.AffineBase

The base class of all 2D affine transformations.

2D affine transformations are performed using a 3x3 numpy array:

асе

b d f

0 0 1

This class provides the read-only interface. For a mutable 2D affine transformation, use Affine2D.

Subclasses of this class will generally only need to override a constructor and get_matrix() that generates a custom 3x3 matrix.

frozen()

Returns a frozen copy of this transform node. The frozen copy will not update when its children change. Useful for storing a previously known state of a transform where copy.deepcopy() might normally be used.

inverted()

Return the corresponding inverse transformation.

The return value of this method should be treated as temporary. An update to *self* does not cause a corresponding update to its inverted copy.

```
x === self.inverted().transform(self.transform(x))
```

static matrix_from_values(a, b, c, d, e, f)

(staticmethod) Create a new transformation matrix as a 3x3 numpy array of the form:

асе

b d f

0 0 1

to_values()

Return the values of the matrix as a sequence (a,b,c,d,e,f)

transform_affine(points)

Performs only the affine part of this transformation on the given array of values.

transform(values) is always equivalent to transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values)).

In non-affine transformations, this is generally a no-op. In affine transformations, this is equivalent to transform(values).

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_point(point)

A convenience function that returns the transformed copy of a single point.

The point is given as a sequence of length input_dims. The transformed point is returned as a sequence of length output_dims.

```
class matplotlib.transforms.Affine2D(matrix=None, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Affine2DBase
     A mutable 2D affine transformation.
     Initialize an Affine transform from a 3x3 numpy float array:
     асе
     b d f
     0 0 1
     If matrix is None, initialize with the identity transform.
     clear()
           Reset the underlying matrix to the identity transform.
     static from_values(a, b, c, d, e, f)
           (staticmethod) Create a new Affine2D instance from the given values:
           b d f
           0 0 1
     get_matrix()
           Get the underlying transformation matrix as a 3x3 numpy array:
           асе
           b d f
           0 0 1
     static identity()
           (staticmethod) Return a new Affine2D object that is the identity transform.
           Unless this transform will be mutated later on, consider using the faster IdentityTransform
           class instead.
     rotate(theta)
           Add a rotation (in radians) to this transform in place.
           Returns self, so this method can easily be chained with more calls to rotate(), rotate_deg(),
           translate() and scale().
     rotate_around(x, y, theta)
           Add a rotation (in radians) around the point (x, y) in place.
           Returns self, so this method can easily be chained with more calls to rotate(), rotate_deg(),
           translate() and scale().
     rotate_deg(degrees)
           Add a rotation (in degrees) to this transform in place.
           Returns self, so this method can easily be chained with more calls to rotate(), rotate_deg(),
```

translate() and scale().

rotate_deg_around(x, y, degrees)

Add a rotation (in degrees) around the point (x, y) in place.

Returns *self*, so this method can easily be chained with more calls to rotate(), rotate_deg(), translate() and scale().

```
scale(sx, sy=None)
```

Adds a scale in place.

If sy is None, the same scale is applied in both the x- and y-directions.

Returns *self*, so this method can easily be chained with more calls to rotate(), rotate_deg(), translate() and scale().

set(other)

Set this transformation from the frozen copy of another Affine2DBase object.

set_matrix(mtx)

Set the underlying transformation matrix from a 3x3 numpy array:

асе

b d f

0 0 1

.

translate(tx, ty)

Adds a translation in place.

Returns *self*, so this method can easily be chained with more calls to rotate(), rotate_deg(), translate() and scale().

class matplotlib.transforms.IdentityTransform(*args, **kwargs)

```
Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Affine2DBase
```

A special class that does on thing, the identity transform, in a fast way.

frozen()

Returns a frozen copy of this transform node. The frozen copy will not update when its children change. Useful for storing a previously known state of a transform where copy.deepcopy() might normally be used.

get_affine()

Return the corresponding inverse transformation.

The return value of this method should be treated as temporary. An update to *self* does not cause a corresponding update to its inverted copy.

```
x === self.inverted().transform(self.transform(x))
```

get_matrix()

Get the Affine transformation array for the affine part of this transform.

inverted()

Return the corresponding inverse transformation.

The return value of this method should be treated as temporary. An update to *self* does not cause a corresponding update to its inverted copy.

```
x === self.inverted().transform(self.transform(x))
```

transform(points)

Performs only the non-affine part of the transformation.

transform(values) is always equivalent to transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values)).

In non-affine transformations, this is generally equivalent to transform(values). In affine transformations, this is always a no-op.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_affine(points)

Performs only the non-affine part of the transformation.

transform(values) is always equivalent to transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values)).

In non-affine transformations, this is generally equivalent to transform(values). In affine transformations, this is always a no-op.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_non_affine(points)

Performs only the non-affine part of the transformation.

transform(values) is always equivalent to transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values)).

In non-affine transformations, this is generally equivalent to transform(values). In affine transformations, this is always a no-op.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_path(path)

Returns a path, transformed only by the non-affine part of this transform.

path: a Path instance.

transform_path_affine(path)

Returns a path, transformed only by the non-affine part of this transform.

path: a Path instance.

transform_path(path) is equivalent to transform_path_affine(transform_path_non_affine(value

transform_path(path) is equivalent to transform_path_affine(transform_path_non_affine(value

transform_path_non_affine(path)

Returns a path, transformed only by the non-affine part of this transform.

path: a Path instance.

transform_path(path) is equivalent to transform_path_affine(transform_path_non_affine(value

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Transform

A "blended" transform uses one transform for the x-direction, and another transform for the y-direction.

This "generic" version can handle any given child transform in the x- and y-directions.

Create a new "blended" transform using *x_transform* to transform the *x*-axis and *y_transform* to transform the *y*-axis.

You will generally not call this constructor directly but use the blended_transform_factory() function instead, which can determine automatically which kind of blended transform to create.

frozen()

Returns a frozen copy of this transform node. The frozen copy will not update when its children change. Useful for storing a previously known state of a transform where copy.deepcopy() might normally be used.

get_affine()

Get the affine part of this transform.

inverted()

Return the corresponding inverse transformation.

The return value of this method should be treated as temporary. An update to *self* does not cause a corresponding update to its inverted copy.

```
x === self.inverted().transform(self.transform(x))
```

transform_non_affine(points)

Performs only the non-affine part of the transformation.

transform(values) is always equivalent to transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values)).

In non-affine transformations, this is generally equivalent to transform(values). In affine transformations, this is always a no-op.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

class matplotlib.transforms.BlendedAffine2D(x_transform, y_transform, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Affine2DBase

A "blended" transform uses one transform for the x-direction, and another transform for the y-direction.

This version is an optimization for the case where both child transforms are of type Affine2DBase.

Create a new "blended" transform using *x_transform* to transform the *x*-axis and *y_transform* to transform the *y*-axis.

Both *x_transform* and *y_transform* must be 2D affine transforms.

You will generally not call this constructor directly but use the blended_transform_factory() function instead, which can determine automatically which kind of blended transform to create.

get_matrix()

Get the Affine transformation array for the affine part of this transform.

matplotlib.transforms.blended_transform_factory(x_transform, y_transform)

Create a new "blended" transform using *x_transform* to transform the *x*-axis and *y_transform* to transform the *y*-axis.

A faster version of the blended transform is returned for the case where both child transforms are affine.

class matplotlib.transforms.CompositeGenericTransform(a, b, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Transform

A composite transform formed by applying transform a then transform b.

This "generic" version can handle any two arbitrary transformations.

Create a new composite transform that is the result of applying transform a then transform b.

You will generally not call this constructor directly but use the composite_transform_factory() function instead, which can automatically choose the best kind of composite transform instance to create.

frozen()

Returns a frozen copy of this transform node. The frozen copy will not update when its children change. Useful for storing a previously known state of a transform where copy.deepcopy() might normally be used.

get_affine()

Get the affine part of this transform.

inverted()

Return the corresponding inverse transformation.

The return value of this method should be treated as temporary. An update to *self* does not cause a corresponding update to its inverted copy.

```
x === self.inverted().transform(self.transform(x))
```

transform_affine(points)

Performs only the affine part of this transformation on the given array of values.

transform(values) is always equivalent to transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values)).

In non-affine transformations, this is generally a no-op. In affine transformations, this is equivalent to transform(values).

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_non_affine(points)

Performs only the non-affine part of the transformation.

transform(values) is always equivalent to transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values)).

In non-affine transformations, this is generally equivalent to transform(values). In affine transformations, this is always a no-op.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_path_non_affine(path)

Returns a path, transformed only by the non-affine part of this transform.

path: a Path instance.

transform_path(path) is equivalent to transform_path_affine(transform_path_non_affine(value

class matplotlib.transforms.CompositeAffine2D(a, b, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Affine2DBase

A composite transform formed by applying transform a then transform b.

This version is an optimization that handles the case where both a and b are 2D affines.

Create a new composite transform that is the result of applying transform a then transform b.

Both *a* and *b* must be instances of Affine2DBase.

You will generally not call this constructor directly but use the composite_transform_factory() function instead, which can automatically choose the best kind of composite transform instance to create.

get_matrix()

Get the Affine transformation array for the affine part of this transform.

matplotlib.transforms.composite_transform_factory(a, b)

Create a new composite transform that is the result of applying transform a then transform b.

Shortcut versions of the blended transform are provided for the case where both child transforms are affine, or one or the other is the identity transform.

Composite transforms may also be created using the '+' operator, e.g.:

```
c = a + b
```

class matplotlib.transforms.BboxTransform(boxin, boxout, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Affine2DBase

BboxTransform linearly transforms points from one Bbox to another Bbox.

Create a new BboxTransform that linearly transforms points from boxin to boxout.

get_matrix()

Get the Affine transformation array for the affine part of this transform.

class matplotlib.transforms.BboxTransformTo(boxout, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Affine2DBase

BboxTransformTo is a transformation that linearly transforms points from the unit bounding box to a given Bbox.

Create a new BboxTransformTo that linearly transforms points from the unit bounding box to boxout.

get_matrix()

Get the Affine transformation array for the affine part of this transform.

class matplotlib.transforms.BboxTransformFrom(boxin, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Affine2DBase

BboxTransformFrom linearly transforms points from a given Bbox to the unit bounding box.

get_matrix()

Get the Affine transformation array for the affine part of this transform.

class matplotlib.transforms.ScaledTranslation(xt, yt, scale_trans, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Affine2DBase

A transformation that translates by xt and yt, after xt and yt have been transformad by the given transform scale trans.

get_matrix()

Get the Affine transformation array for the affine part of this transform.

class matplotlib.transforms.TransformedPath(path, transform)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.TransformNode

A TransformedPath caches a non-affine transformed copy of the Path. This cached copy is automatically updated when the non-affine part of the transform changes.

Note: Paths are considered immutable by this class. Any update to the path's vertices/codes will not trigger a transform recomputation.

Create a new TransformedPath from the given Path and Transform.

get_fully_transformed_path()

Return a fully-transformed copy of the child path.

get_transformed_path_and_affine()

Return a copy of the child path, with the non-affine part of the transform already applied, along with the affine part of the path necessary to complete the transformation.

get_transformed_points_and_affine()

Return a copy of the child path, with the non-affine part of the transform already applied, along with the affine part of the path necessary to complete the transformation. Unlike get_transformed_path_and_affine(), no interpolation will be performed.

matplotlib.transforms.nonsingular(vmin, vmax, expander=0.001, tiny=1e-15, increas-ing=True)

Modify the endpoints of a range as needed to avoid singularities.

vmin, vmax the initial endpoints.

tiny threshold for the ratio of the interval to the maximum absolute value of its endpoints. If the interval is smaller than this, it will be expanded. This value should be around 1e-15 or larger; otherwise the interval will be approaching the double precision resolution limit.

expander fractional amount by which *vmin* and *vmax* are expanded if the original interval is too small, based on *tiny*.

increasing: [True | False] If True (default), swap vmin, vmax if vmin > vmax

Returns vmin, vmax, expanded and/or swapped if necessary.

If either input is inf or NaN, or if both inputs are 0, returns -expander, expander.

ADDING NEW SCALES AND PROJECTIONS TO MATPLOTLIB

Matplotlib supports the addition of custom procedures that transform the data before it is displayed.

There is an important distinction between two kinds of transformations. Separable transformations, working on a single dimension, are called "scales", and non-separable transformations, that handle data in two or more dimensions at a time, are called "projections".

From the user's perspective, the scale of a plot can be set with set_xscale() and set_xscale(). Projections can be chosen using the projection keyword argument to the plot() or subplot() functions, e.g.:

```
plot(x, y, projection="custom")
```

This document is intended for developers and advanced users who need to create new scales and projections for matplotlib. The necessary code for scales and projections can be included anywhere: directly within a plot script, in third-party code, or in the matplotlib source tree itself.

33.1 Creating a new scale

Adding a new scale consists of defining a subclass of matplotlib.scale.ScaleBase, that includes the following elements:

- A transformation from data coordinates into display coordinates.
- An inverse of that transformation. This is used, for example, to convert mouse positions from screen space back into data space.
- A function to limit the range of the axis to acceptable values (limit_range_for_scale()). A log scale, for instance, would prevent the range from including values less than or equal to zero.
- Locators (major and minor) that determine where to place ticks in the plot, and optionally, how to adjust the limits of the plot to some "good" values. Unlike limit_range_for_scale(), which is always enforced, the range setting here is only used when automatically setting the range of the plot.
- Formatters (major and minor) that specify how the tick labels should be drawn.

Once the class is defined, it must be registered with matplotlib so that the user can select it.

A full-fledged and heavily annotated example is in examples/api/custom_scale_example.py. There are also some classes in matplotlib.scale that may be used as starting points.

33.2 Creating a new projection

Adding a new projection consists of defining a projection axes which subclasses matplotlib.axes.Axes and includes the following elements:

- A transformation from data coordinates into display coordinates.
- An inverse of that transformation. This is used, for example, to convert mouse positions from screen space back into data space.
- Transformations for the gridlines, ticks and ticklabels. Custom projections will often need to place these elements in special locations, and matplotlib has a facility to help with doing so.
- Setting up default values (overriding cla()), since the defaults for a rectilinear axes may not be appropriate.
- Defining the shape of the axes, for example, an elliptical axes, that will be used to draw the background of the plot and for clipping any data elements.
- Defining custom locators and formatters for the projection. For example, in a geographic projection, it may be more convenient to display the grid in degrees, even if the data is in radians.
- Set up interactive panning and zooming. This is left as an "advanced" feature left to the reader, but there is an example of this for polar plots in matplotlib.projections.polar.
- Any additional methods for additional convenience or features.

Once the projection axes is defined, it can be used in one of two ways:

• By defining the class attribute name, the projection axes can be registered with matplotlib.projections.register_projection() and subsequently simply invoked by name:

```
plt.axes(projection='my_proj_name')
```

• For more complex, parameterisable projections, a generic "projection" object may be defined which includes the method _as_mpl_axes. _as_mpl_axes should take no arguments and return the projection's axes subclass and a dictionary of additional arguments to pass to the subclass' __init__ method. Subsequently a parameterised projection can be initialised with:

```
plt.axes(projection=MyProjection(param1=param1_value))
```

where MyProjection is an object which implements a _as_mpl_axes method.

A full-fledged and heavily annotated example is in examples/api/custom_projection_example.py. The polar plot functionality in matplotlib.projections.polar may also be of interest.

33.3 API documentation

33.3.1 matplotlib.scale

```
class matplotlib.scale.LinearScale(axis, **kwargs)
```

```
Bases: matplotlib.scale.ScaleBase
```

The default linear scale.

get_transform()

The transform for linear scaling is just the IdentityTransform.

set_default_locators_and_formatters(axis)

Set the locators and formatters to reasonable defaults for linear scaling.

```
class matplotlib.scale.LogScale(axis, **kwargs)
```

```
Bases: matplotlib.scale.ScaleBase
```

A standard logarithmic scale. Care is taken so non-positive values are not plotted.

For computational efficiency (to push as much as possible to Numpy C code in the common cases), this scale provides different transforms depending on the base of the logarithm:

- •base 10 (Log10Transform)
- •base 2 (Log2Transform)
- •base e (NaturalLogTransform)
- •arbitrary base (LogTransform)

basex/basey: The base of the logarithm

nonposx/nonposy: ['mask' | 'clip'] non-positive values in *x* or *y* can be masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number

subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.

get_transform()

Return a Transform instance appropriate for the given logarithm base.

limit_range_for_scale(vmin, vmax, minpos)

Limit the domain to positive values.

set_default_locators_and_formatters(axis)

Set the locators and formatters to specialized versions for log scaling.

class matplotlib.scale.ScaleBase

Bases: object

The base class for all scales.

Scales are separable transformations, working on a single dimension.

Any subclasses will want to override:

- name
- •get_transform()

And optionally:

- set_default_locators_and_formatters()
- limit_range_for_scale()

get_transform()

Return the Transform object associated with this scale.

limit_range_for_scale(vmin, vmax, minpos)

Returns the range vmin, vmax, possibly limited to the domain supported by this scale.

minpos should be the minimum positive value in the data. This is used by log scales to determine a minimum value.

set_default_locators_and_formatters(axis)

Set the Locator and Formatter objects on the given axis to match this scale.

class matplotlib.scale.SymmetricalLogScale(axis, **kwargs)

```
Bases: matplotlib.scale.ScaleBase
```

The symmetrical logarithmic scale is logarithmic in both the positive and negative directions from the origin.

Since the values close to zero tend toward infinity, there is a need to have a range around zero that is linear. The parameter *linthresh* allows the user to specify the size of this range (*-linthresh*, *linthresh*).

basex/basey: The base of the logarithm

linthreshx/linthreshy: The range (-x, x) within which the plot is linear (to avoid having the plot go to infinity around zero).

subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.

linscalex/linscaley: This allows the linear range (*-linthresh* to *linthresh*) to be stretched relative to the logarithmic range. Its value is the number of decades to use for each half of the linear range. For example, when *linscale* == 1.0 (the default), the space used for the positive and negative halves of the linear range will be equal to one decade in the logarithmic range.

get_transform()

Return a SymmetricalLogTransform instance.

set_default_locators_and_formatters(axis)

Set the locators and formatters to specialized versions for symmetrical log scaling.

matplotlib.scale.get_scale_docs()

Helper function for generating docstrings related to scales.

matplotlib.scale.register_scale(scale_class)

Register a new kind of scale.

scale_class must be a subclass of ScaleBase.

matplotlib.scale.scale_factory(scale, axis, **kwargs)

Return a scale class by name.

ACCEPTS: [linear | log | symlog]

33.3.2 matplotlib.projections

class matplotlib.projections.ProjectionRegistry

Bases: object

Manages the set of projections available to the system.

get_projection_class(name)

Get a projection class from its *name*.

get_projection_names()

Get a list of the names of all projections currently registered.

register(*projections)

Register a new set of projection(s).

matplotlib.projections.get_projection_class(projection=None)

Get a projection class from its name.

If *projection* is None, a standard rectilinear projection is returned.

matplotlib.projections.get_projection_names()

Get a list of acceptable projection names.

matplotlib.projections.process_projection_requirements(figure, *args, **kwargs)

Handle the args/kwargs to for add_axes/add_subplot/gca, returning:

```
(axes_proj_class, proj_class_kwargs, proj_stack_key)
```

Which can be used for new axes initialization/identification.

Note: kwargs is modified in place.

matplotlib.projections.projection_factory(projection, figure, rect, **kwargs)

Get a new projection instance.

projection is a projection name.

figure is a figure to add the axes to.

rect is a Bbox object specifying the location of the axes within the figure.

Any other kwargs are passed along to the specific projection constructor being used. Deprecated since version 1.3.

matplotlib.projections.polar

class matplotlib.projections.polar.InvertedPolarTransform(axis=None,

use_rmin=True)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Transform

The inverse of the polar transform, mapping Cartesian coordinate space x and y back to theta and r.

inverted()

Return the corresponding inverse transformation.

The return value of this method should be treated as temporary. An update to *self* does not cause a corresponding update to its inverted copy.

```
x === self.inverted().transform(self.transform(x))
```

transform_non_affine(xy)

Performs only the non-affine part of the transformation.

transform(values) is always equivalent to transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values)).

In non-affine transformations, this is generally equivalent to transform(values). In affine transformations, this is always a no-op.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

class matplotlib.projections.polar.PolarAffine(scale_transform, limits)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Affine2DBase

The affine part of the polar projection. Scales the output so that maximum radius rests on the edge of the axes circle.

limits is the view limit of the data. The only part of its bounds that is used is ymax (for the radius maximum). The theta range is always fixed to (0, 2pi).

get_matrix()

Get the Affine transformation array for the affine part of this transform.

class matplotlib.projections.polar.PolarAxes(*args, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.axes.Axes

A polar graph projection, where the input dimensions are *theta*, *r*.

Theta starts pointing east and goes anti-clockwise.

class InvertedPolarTransform(axis=None, use_rmin=True)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Transform

The inverse of the polar transform, mapping Cartesian coordinate space x and y back to *theta* and r.

inverted()

Return the corresponding inverse transformation.

The return value of this method should be treated as temporary. An update to *self* does not cause a corresponding update to its inverted copy.

```
x === self.inverted().transform(self.transform(x))
```

transform_non_affine(xy)

Performs only the non-affine part of the transformation.

transform(values) is always equivalent to transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values)).

In non-affine transformations, this is generally equivalent to transform(values). In affine transformations, this is always a no-op.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

class PolarAxes.PolarAffine(scale_transform, limits)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Affine2DBase

The affine part of the polar projection. Scales the output so that maximum radius rests on the edge of the axes circle.

limits is the view limit of the data. The only part of its bounds that is used is ymax (for the radius maximum). The theta range is always fixed to (0, 2pi).

get_matrix()

Get the Affine transformation array for the affine part of this transform.

class PolarAxes.PolarTransform(axis=None, use_rmin=True)

Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Transform

The base polar transform. This handles projection *theta* and r into Cartesian coordinate space x and y, but does not perform the ultimate affine transformation into the correct position.

inverted()

Return the corresponding inverse transformation.

The return value of this method should be treated as temporary. An update to *self* does not cause a corresponding update to its inverted copy.

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x === self.inverted().transform(self.transform(x))
```

transform non affine(tr)

Performs only the non-affine part of the transformation.

In non-affine transformations this is generally equivalent to transform(values). In

In non-affine transformations, this is generally equivalent to transform(values). In affine transformations, this is always a no-op.

Accepts a numpy array of shape (N x input_dims) and returns a numpy array of shape (N x output_dims).

transform_path_non_affine(path)

Returns a path, transformed only by the non-affine part of this transform.

path: a Path instance.

transform_path(path) is equivalent to transform_path_affine(transform_path_non_affine(va

transform(values) is always equivalent to transform_affine(transform_non_affine(values)).

class PolarAxes.RadialLocator(base)

Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Locator

Used to locate radius ticks.

Ensures that all ticks are strictly positive. For all other tasks, it delegates to the base Locator (which may be different depending on the scale of the *r*-axis.

class PolarAxes. ThetaFormatter

Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Formatter

Used to format the *theta* tick labels. Converts the native unit of radians into degrees and adds a degree symbol.

PolarAxes.can_pan()

Return *True* if this axes supports the pan/zoom button functionality.

For polar axes, this is slightly misleading. Both panning and zooming are performed by the same button. Panning is performed in azimuth while zooming is done along the radial.

PolarAxes.can_zoom()

Return *True* if this axes supports the zoom box button functionality.

Polar axes do not support zoom boxes.

PolarAxes.format_coord(theta, r)

Return a format string formatting the coordinate using Unicode characters.

PolarAxes.get_data_ratio()

Return the aspect ratio of the data itself. For a polar plot, this should always be 1.0

PolarAxes.get_theta_direction()

Get the direction in which theta increases.

- -1: Theta increases in the clockwise direction
- 1: Theta increases in the counterclockwise direction

PolarAxes.get_theta_offset()

Get the offset for the location of 0 in radians.

PolarAxes.set_rgrids(radii, labels=None, angle=None, fmt=None, **kwargs)

Set the radial locations and labels of the r grids.

The labels will appear at radial distances radii at the given angle in degrees.

labels, if not None, is a len(radii) list of strings of the labels to use at each radius.

If *labels* is None, the built-in formatter will be used.

Return value is a list of tuples (*line*, *label*), where *line* is Line2D instances and the *label* is Text instances.

kwargs are optional text properties for the labels:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown

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Property	Description Table 33.1 – Continued from
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_box clip_on	[True False]
clip_on	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.ligure.rigure instance a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size) [True False]
lod	
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
x	float
у	float
zorder	any number

ACCEPTS: sequence of floats

PolarAxes.set_theta_direction(direction)

Set the direction in which theta increases.

clockwise, -1: Theta increases in the clockwise direction

counterclockwise, anticlockwise, 1: Theta increases in the counterclockwise direction

PolarAxes.set_theta_offset(offset)

Set the offset for the location of 0 in radians.

PolarAxes.set_theta_zero_location(loc)

Sets the location of theta's zero. (Calls set_theta_offset with the correct value in radians under the hood.)

May be one of "N", "NW", "W", "SW", "S", "SE", "E", or "NE".

PolarAxes.set_thetagrids(angles, labels=None, frac=None, fmt=None, **kwargs)

Set the angles at which to place the theta grids (these gridlines are equal along the theta dimension). *angles* is in degrees.

labels, if not None, is a len(angles) list of strings of the labels to use at each angle.

If *labels* is None, the labels will be fmt % angle

frac is the fraction of the polar axes radius at which to place the label (1 is the edge). Eg. 1.05 is outside the axes and 0.95 is inside the axes.

Return value is a list of tuples (*line*, *label*), where *line* is Line2D instances and the *label* is Text instances.

kwargs are optional text properties for the labels:

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fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]

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Property	Description
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
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verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
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X	float
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zorder	any number

ACCEPTS: sequence of floats

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Bases: matplotlib.transforms.Transform

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Used to locate radius ticks.

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class matplotlib.projections.polar.ThetaFormatter

Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Formatter

Used to format the *theta* tick labels. Converts the native unit of radians into degrees and adds a degree symbol.

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Proposed chapters for the docs, who has responsibility for them, and who reviews them. The "unit" doesn't have to be a full chapter (though in some cases it will be), it may be a chapter or a section in a chapter.

User's guide unit	Author	Status	Reviewer		
plotting 2-D arrays	Eric	has author	Perry ? Darren		
colormapping	Eric	has author	?		
quiver plots	Eric	has author	?		
histograms	Manuel?	no author	Erik Tollerud?		
bar / errorbar	?	no author	?		
x-y plots	?	no author	Darren		
time series plots	?	no author	?		
date plots	John	has author	?		
working with data	John	has author	Darren		
custom ticking	?	no author	?		
masked data	Eric	has author	?		
patches	?	no author	?		
legends	?	no author	?		
animation	John	has author	?		
collections	?	no author	?		
text - mathtext	Michael	accepted	John		
text - usetex	Darren	accepted	John		
text - annotations	John	submitted	?		
fonts et al	Michael?	no author	Darren		
pyplot tut	John	submitted	Eric		
configuration	Darren	submitted	?		
win32 install	Charlie ?	no author	Darren		
os x install	Charlie ?	no author	?		
linux install	Darren	has author	?		
artist api	John	submitted	?		
event handling	John	submitted	?		
navigation	John	submitted	?		
interactive usage	?	no author	?		
widgets	?	no author	?		
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User's guide unit	Author	Status	Reviewer
ui - gtk	?	no author	?
ui - wx	?	no author	?
ui - tk	?	no author	?
ui - qt	Darren	has author	?
backend - pdf	Jouni ?	no author	?
backend - ps	Darren	has author	?
backend - svg	?	no author	?
backend - agg	?	no author	?
backend - cairo	?	no author	?

Here is the ouline for the dev guide, much less fleshed out

Developer's guide unit	Author	Status	Reviewer
the renderer	John	has author	Michael ?
the canvas	John	has author	?
the artist	John	has author	?
transforms	Michael	submitted	John
documenting mpl	Darren	submitted	John, Eric, Mike?
coding guide	John	complete	Eric
and_much_more	?	?	?

We also have some work to do converting docstrings to ReST for the API Reference. Please be sure to follow the few guidelines described in *Formatting*. Once it is converted, please include the module in the API documentation and update the status in the table to "converted". Once docstring conversion is complete and all the modules are available in the docs, we can figure out how best to organize the API Reference and continue from there.

Module	Author	Status
backend_agg		needs conversion
backend_cairo		needs conversion
backend_cocoa		needs conversion
backend_emf		needs conversion
backend_fltkagg		needs conversion
backend_gdk		needs conversion
backend_gtk		needs conversion
backend_gtkagg		needs conversion
backend_gtkcairo		needs conversion
backend_mixed		needs conversion
backend_pdf		needs conversion
backend_ps	Darren	needs conversion
backend_qt	Darren	needs conversion
backend_qtagg	Darren	needs conversion
backend_qt4	Darren	needs conversion
backend_qt4agg	Darren	needs conversion
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Module Author Status			
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backend_svg		needs conversion	
backend_template		needs conversion	
backend_tkagg		needs conversion	
backend_wx		needs conversion	
backend_wxagg		needs conversion	
backends/tkagg		needs conversion	
config/checkdep	Darren	needs conversion	
config/cutils	Darren	needs conversion	
config/mplconfig	Darren	needs conversion	
config/mpltraits	Darren	needs conversion	
config/rcparams	Darren	needs conversion	
config/rcsetup	Darren	needs conversion	
config/tconfig	Darren	needs conversion	
config/verbose	Darren	needs conversion	
projections/init	Mike	converted	
projections/geo	Mike	converted (not included–experimental)	
projections/polar	Mike	converted	
afm		converted	
artist		converted	
axes		converted	
axis		converted	
backend bases		converted	
cbook		converted	
cm		converted	
collections		converted	
colorbar		converted	
colors		converted	
contour		needs conversion	
dates	Darren	needs conversion	
dviread	Darren	needs conversion	
figure	Darren	needs conversion	
finance	Darren	needs conversion	
font_manager	Mike	converted	
fontconfig_pattern	Mike	converted	
image		needs conversion	
legend		needs conversion	
lines	Mike & ???	converted	
mathtext	Mike	converted	
mlab	John/Mike	converted	
mpl		N/A	
patches	Mike	converted	
path	Mike	converted	
pylab		N/A	
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Module	Author	Status
pyplot		converted
quiver		needs conversion
rcsetup		needs conversion
scale	Mike	converted
table		needs conversion
texmanager	Darren	needs conversion
text	Mike	converted
ticker	John	converted
transforms	Mike	converted
type1font		needs conversion
units		needs conversion
widgets		needs conversion

And we might want to do a similar table for the FAQ, but that may also be overkill...

If you agree to author a unit, remove the question mark by your name (or add your name if there is no candidate), and change the status to "has author". Once you have completed draft and checked it in, you can change the status to "submitted" and try to find a reviewer if you don't have one. The reviewer should read your chapter, test it for correctness (eg try your examples) and change the status to "complete" when done.

You are free to lift and convert as much material from the web site or the existing latex user's guide as you see fit. The more the better.

The UI chapters should give an example or two of using mpl with your GUI and any relevant info, such as version, installation, config, etc... The backend chapters should cover backend specific configuration (eg PS only options), what features are missing, etc...

Please feel free to add units, volunteer to review or author a chapter, etc...

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34.1 Reviewer notes

If you want to make notes for the authorwhen you have reviewed a submission, you can put them here. As the author cleans them up or addresses them, they should be removed.

34.1.1 mathtext user's guide- reviewed by JDH

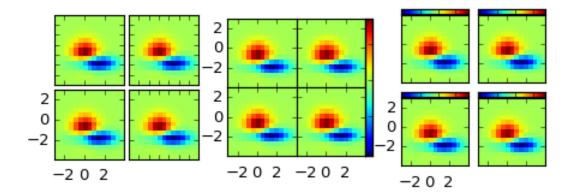
This looks good (see *Writing mathematical expressions*) – there are a few minor things to close the book on this chapter:

- 1. The main thing to wrap this up is getting the mathtext module ported over to rest and included in the API so the links from the user's guide tutorial work.
 - There's nothing in the mathtext module that I really consider a "public" API (i.e. that would be useful to people just doing plots). If mathtext.py were to be documented, I would put it in the developer's docs. Maybe I should just take the link in the user's guide out. MGD
- 2. This section might also benefit from a little more detail on the customizations that are possible (eg an example fleshing out the rc options a little bit). Admittedly, this is pretty clear from readin ghte rc file, but it might be helpful to a newbie.
 - The only rcParam that is currently useful is mathtext.fontset, which is documented here. The others only apply when mathtext.fontset == 'custom', which I'd like to declare "unsupported". It's really hard to get a good set of math fonts working that way, though it might be useful in a bind when someone has to use a specific wacky font for mathtext and only needs basics, like sub/superscripts. MGD
- 3. There is still a TODO in the file to include a complete list of symbols
 - Done. It's pretty extensive, thanks to STIX... MGD

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Part IV Matplotlib AxesGrid Toolkit

The matplotlib AxesGrid toolkit is a collection of helper classes to ease displaying multiple images in matplotlib. While the aspect parameter in matplotlib adjust the position of the single axes, AxesGrid toolkit provides a framework to adjust the position of multiple axes according to their aspects.



Note: AxesGrid toolkit has been a part of matplotlib since v 0.99. Originally, the toolkit had a single namespace of *axes_grid*. In more recent version (since svn r8226), the toolkit has divided into two separate namespace (*axes_grid1* and *axisartist*). While *axes_grid1* namespace is maintained for the backward compatibility, use of *axes_grid1* and *axisartist* is recommended.

Warning: axes_grid and axisartist (but not axes_grid1) uses a custom Axes class (derived from the mpl's original Axes class). As a side effect, some commands (mostly tick-related) do not work. Use axes_grid1 to avoid this, or see how things are different in axes_grid and axisartist (LINK needed)

CHAPTER

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OVERVIEW OF AXESGRID TOOLKIT

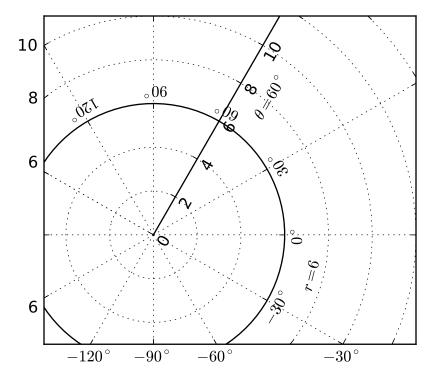
35.1 What is AxesGrid toolkit?

The matplotlib AxesGrid toolkit is a collection of helper classes, mainly to ease displaying (multiple) images in matplotlib.

Note: AxesGrid toolkit has been a part of matplotlib since v 0.99. Originally, the toolkit had a single namespace of *axes_grid*. In more recent version (since svn r8226), the toolkit has divided into two separate namespace (*axes_grid1* and *axisartist*). While *axes_grid1* namespace is maintained for the backward compatibility, use of *axes_grid1* and *axisartist* is recommended.

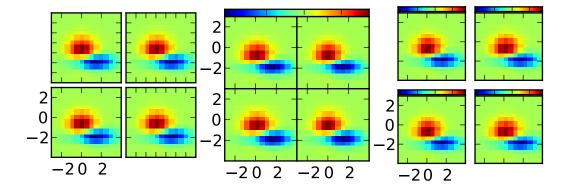
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AxesGrid toolkit has two namespaces (axes_grid1 and axisartist). axisartist contains custom Axes class that is meant to support for curvilinear grids (e.g., the world coordinate system in astronomy). Unlike mpl's original Axes class which uses Axes.xaxis and Axes.yaxis to draw ticks, ticklines and etc., Axes in axisartist uses special artist (AxisArtist) which can handle tick, ticklines and etc. for curved coordinate systems.



Since it uses a special artists, some mpl commands that work on Axes.xaxis and Axes.yaxis may not work. See LINK for more detail.

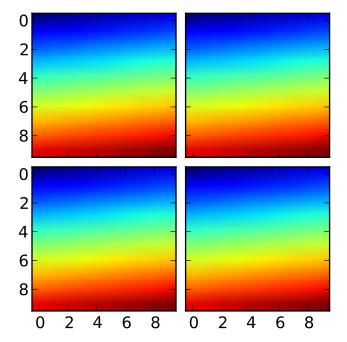
axes_grid1 is a collection of helper classes to ease displaying (multiple) images with matplotlib. In matplotlib, the axes location (and size) is specified in the normalized figure coordinates, which may not be ideal for displaying images that needs to have a given aspect ratio. For example, it helps you to have a colorbar whose height always matches that of the image. ImageGrid, RGB Axes and AxesDivider are helper classes that deals with adjusting the location of (multiple) Axes. They provides a framework to adjust the position of multiple axes at the drawing time. ParasiteAxes provides twinx(or twiny)-like features so that you can plot different data (e.g., different y-scale) in a same Axes. AnchoredArtists includes custom artists which are placed at some anchored position, like the legend.



35.2 AXES_GRID1

35.2.1 ImageGrid

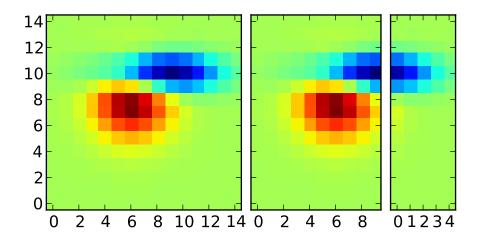
A class that creates a grid of Axes. In matplotlib, the axes location (and size) is specified in the normalized figure coordinates. This may not be ideal for images that needs to be displayed with a given aspect ratio. For example, displaying images of a same size with some fixed padding between them cannot be easily done in matplotlib. ImageGrid is used in such case.



- The position of each axes is determined at the drawing time (see AxesDivider), so that the size of the entire grid fits in the given rectangle (like the aspect of axes). Note that in this example, the paddings between axes are fixed even if you changes the figure size.
- axes in the same column has a same axes width (in figure coordinate), and similarly, axes in the same row has a same height. The widths (height) of the axes in the same row (column) are scaled according to their view limits (xlim or ylim).

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1 import ImageGrid
def get_demo_image():
    import numpy as np
    from matplotlib.cbook import get_sample_data
    f = get_sample_data("axes_grid/bivariate_normal.npy", asfileobj=False)
    z = np.load(f)
    # z is a numpy array of 15x15
    return z, (-3,4,-4,3)
F = plt.figure(1, (5.5, 3.5))
grid = ImageGrid(F, 111, # similar to subplot(111)
                nrows\_ncols = (1, 3),
                axes_pad = 0.1,
                add_all=True,
                label_mode = "L",
                )
Z, extent = get_demo_image() # demo image
```

```
im1=Z
im2=Z[:,:10]
im3=Z[:,10:]
vmin, vmax = Z.min(), Z.max()
for i, im in enumerate([im1, im2, im3]):
    ax = grid[i]
    ax.imshow(im, origin="lower", vmin=vmin, vmax=vmax, interpolation="nearest")
plt.draw()
plt.show()
```



• xaxis are shared among axes in a same column. Similarly, yaxis are shared among axes in a same row. Therefore, changing axis properties (view limits, tick location, etc. either by plot commands or using your mouse in interactive backends) of one axes will affect all other shared axes.

When initialized, ImageGrid creates given number (ngrids or ncols * nrows if ngrids is None) of Axes instances. A sequence-like interface is provided to access the individual Axes instances (e.g., grid[0] is the first Axes in the grid. See below for the order of axes).

AxesGrid takes following arguments,

Name	De-	Description
	fault	
fig		
rect		
nrows_nc	ols	number of rows and cols. e.g. (2,2)
ngrids	None	number of grids. nrows x ncols if None
direc-	"row"	increasing direction of axes number. [row column]
tion		
axes_pad	0.02	pad between axes in inches
add_all	True	Add axes to figures if True
share_all	False	xaxis & yaxis of all axes are shared if True
aspect	True	aspect of axes
la-	"L"	location of tick labels thaw will be displayed. "1" (only the lower left
bel_mode		axes), "L" (left most and bottom most axes), or "all".
cbar_mod	leNone	[None single each]
cbar_loca	tiố n ight"	[right top]
cbar_pad	None	pad between image axes and colorbar axes
cbar_size	"5%"	size of the colorbar
axes_clas	s None	

rect specifies the location of the grid. You can either specify coordinates of the rectangle to be used (e.g., (0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.8) as in the Axes), or the subplot-like position (e.g., "121").

direction means the increasing direction of the axes number.

aspect By default (False), widths and heights of axes in the grid are scaled independently. If True, they are scaled according to their data limits (similar to aspect parameter in mpl).

share_all if True, xaxis and yaxis of all axes are shared.

direction direction of increasing axes number. For "row",

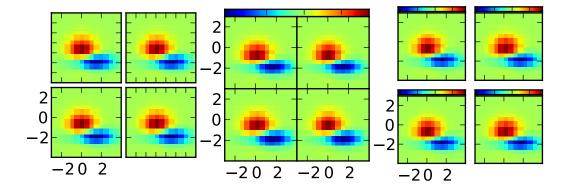
grid[0]	grid[1]	
grid[2]	grid[3]	

For "column",

grid[0]	grid[2]
grid[1]	grid[3]

You can also create a colorbar (or colorbars). You can have colorbar for each axes (cbar_mode="each"), or you can have a single colorbar for the grid (cbar_mode="single"). The colorbar can be placed on your right, or top. The axes for each colorbar is stored as a *cbar_axes* attribute.

The examples below show what you can do with AxesGrid.



35.2.2 AxesDivider

Behind the scene, the ImageGrid class and the RGBAxes class utilize the AxesDivider class, whose role is to calculate the location of the axes at drawing time. While a more about the AxesDivider is (will be) explained in (yet to be written) AxesDividerGuide, direct use of the AxesDivider class will not be necessary for most users. The axes_divider module provides a helper function make_axes_locatable, which can be useful. It takes a existing axes instance and create a divider for it.

```
ax = subplot(1,1,1)
divider = make_axes_locatable(ax)
```

make_axes_locatable returns an instance of the AxesLocator class, derived from the Locator. It provides append_axes method that creates a new axes on the given side of ("top", "right", "bottom" and "left") of the original axes.

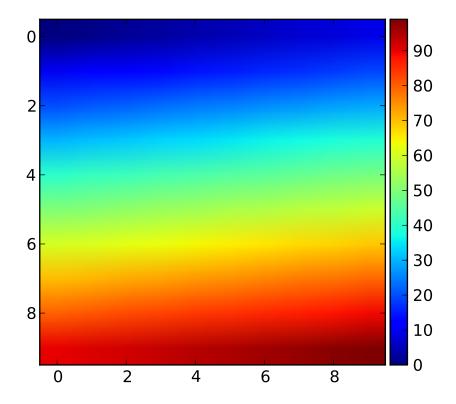
35.2.3 colorbar whose height (or width) in sync with the master axes

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1 import make_axes_locatable
import numpy as np

ax = plt.subplot(111)
im = ax.imshow(np.arange(100).reshape((10,10)))

# create an axes on the right side of ax. The width of cax will be 5%
# of ax and the padding between cax and ax will be fixed at 0.05 inch.
divider = make_axes_locatable(ax)
cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="5%", pad=0.05)

plt.colorbar(im, cax=cax)
```



scatter hist.py with AxesDivider

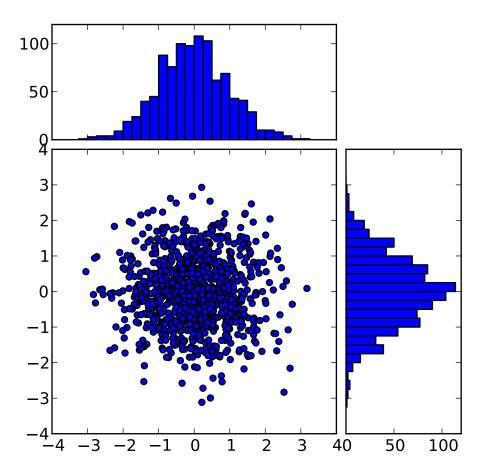
The "scatter_hist.py" example in mpl can be rewritten using *make_axes_locatable*.

```
axScatter = subplot(111)
axScatter.scatter(x, y)
axScatter.set_aspect(1.)

# create new axes on the right and on the top of the current axes.
divider = make_axes_locatable(axScatter)
axHistx = divider.append_axes("top", size=1.2, pad=0.1, sharex=axScatter)
axHisty = divider.append_axes("right", size=1.2, pad=0.1, sharey=axScatter)

# the scatter plot:
# histograms
bins = np.arange(-lim, lim + binwidth, binwidth)
axHistx.hist(x, bins=bins)
axHisty.hist(y, bins=bins, orientation='horizontal')
```

See the full source code below.



The scatter_hist using the AxesDivider has some advantage over the original scatter_hist.py in mpl. For example, you can set the aspect ratio of the scatter plot, even with the x-axis or y-axis is shared accordingly.

35.2.4 ParasiteAxes

The ParasiteAxes is an axes whose location is identical to its host axes. The location is adjusted in the drawing time, thus it works even if the host change its location (e.g., images).

In most cases, you first create a host axes, which provides a few method that can be used to create parasite axes. They are *twinx*, *twiny* (which are similar to twinx and twiny in the matplotlib) and *twin. twin* takes an arbitrary transformation that maps between the data coordinates of the host axes and the parasite axes. *draw* method of the parasite axes are never called. Instead, host axes collects artists in parasite axes and draw them as if they belong to the host axes, i.e., artists in parasite axes are merged to those of the host axes and then drawn according to their zorder. The host and parasite axes modifies some of the axes behavior. For example, color cycle for plot lines are shared between host and parasites. Also, the legend command in host, creates a legend that includes lines in the parasite axes. To create a host axes, you may use *host_suplot* or *host_axes* command.

Example 1. twinx

```
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1 import host_subplot
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

host = host_subplot(111)

par = host.twinx()

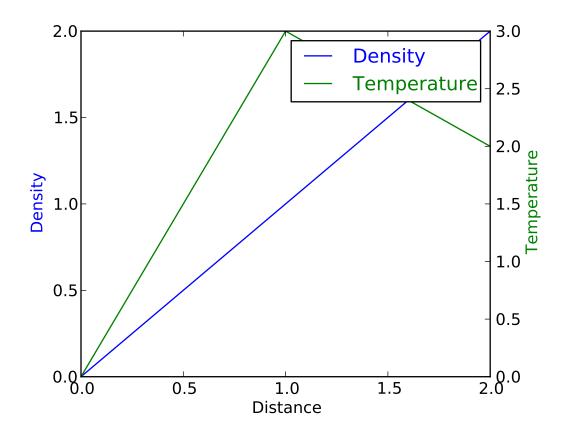
host.set_xlabel("Distance")
host.set_ylabel("Density")
par.set_ylabel("Temperature")

p1, = host.plot([0, 1, 2], [0, 1, 2], label="Density")
p2, = par.plot([0, 1, 2], [0, 3, 2], label="Temperature")

leg = plt.legend()

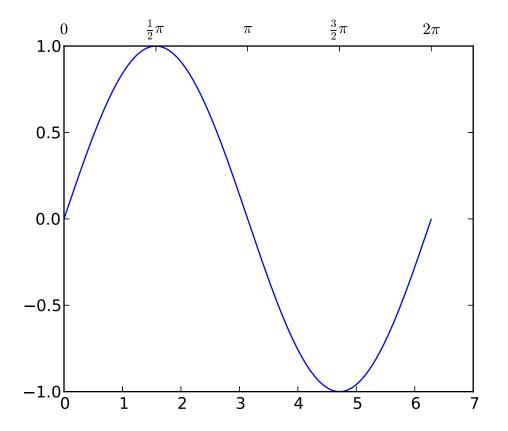
host.yaxis.get_label().set_color(p1.get_color())
leg.texts[0].set_color(p1.get_color())

par.yaxis.get_label().set_color(p2.get_color())
leg.texts[1].set_color(p2.get_color())
```

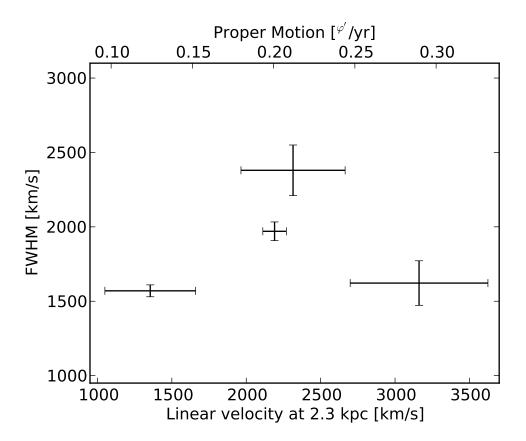


Example 2. twin

twin without a transform argument treat the parasite axes to have a same data transform as the host. This can be useful when you want the top(or right)-axis to have different tick-locations, tick-labels, or tick-formatter for bottom(or left)-axis.



A more sophisticated example using twin. Note that if you change the x-limit in the host axes, the x-limit of the parasite axes will change accordingly.

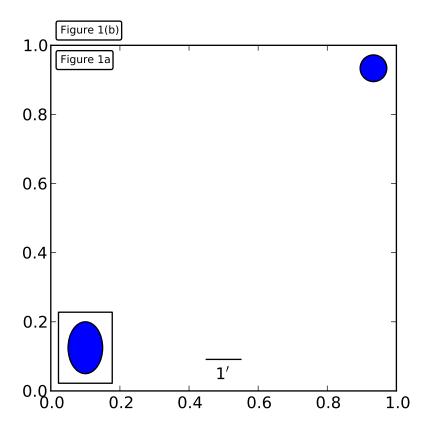


35.2.5 AnchoredArtists

It's a collection of artists whose location is anchored to the (axes) bbox, like the legend. It is derived from *OffsetBox* in mpl, and artist need to be drawn in the canvas coordinate. But, there is a limited support for an arbitrary transform. For example, the ellipse in the example below will have width and height in the data coordinate.

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

```
ax.add_artist(at2)
def draw_circle(ax): # circle in the canvas coordinate
    from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.anchored_artists import AnchoredDrawingArea
    from matplotlib.patches import Circle
    ada = AnchoredDrawingArea(20, 20, 0, 0,
                              loc=1, pad=0., frameon=False)
   p = Circle((10, 10), 10)
    ada.da.add_artist(p)
    ax.add_artist(ada)
def draw_ellipse(ax):
    from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.anchored_artists import AnchoredEllipse
    # draw an ellipse of width=0.1, height=0.15 in the data coordinate
    ae = AnchoredEllipse(ax.transData, width=0.1, height=0.15, angle=0.,
                         loc=3, pad=0.5, borderpad=0.4, frameon=True)
    ax.add_artist(ae)
def draw_sizebar(ax):
    from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.anchored_artists import AnchoredSizeBar
    # draw a horizontal bar with length of 0.1 in Data coordinate
    # (ax.transData) with a label underneath.
    asb = AnchoredSizeBar(ax.transData,
                          0.1,
                          r"1$^{\prime}$",
                          loc=8,
                          pad=0.1, borderpad=0.5, sep=5,
                          frameon=False)
    ax.add_artist(asb)
if 1:
    ax = plt.gca()
    ax.set_aspect(1.)
   draw_text(ax)
   draw_circle(ax)
   draw_ellipse(ax)
   draw_sizebar(ax)
   plt.show()
```



35.2.6 InsetLocator

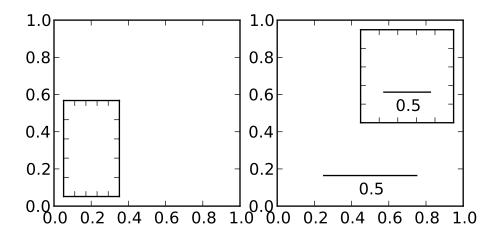
mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.inset_locator provides helper classes and functions to place your (inset) axes at the anchored position of the parent axes, similarly to AnchoredArtist.

Using mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.inset_locator.inset_axes(), you can have inset axes whose size is either fixed, or a fixed proportion of the parent axes. For example,:

creates an inset axes whose width is 30% of the parent axes and whose height is fixed at 1 inch.

You may creates your inset whose size is determined so that the data scale of the inset axes to be that of the parent axes multiplied by some factor. For example,

creates an inset axes whose data scale is half of the parent axes. Here is complete examples.



For example, zoomed_inset_axes() can be used when you want the inset represents the zoom-up of the small portion in the parent axes. And mpl_toolkits/axes_grid/inset_locator provides a helper function mark_inset() to mark the location of the area represented by the inset axes.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.inset_locator import zoomed_inset_axes
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.inset_locator import mark_inset
import numpy as np
def get_demo_image():
    from matplotlib.cbook import get_sample_data
   import numpy as np
    f = get_sample_data("axes_grid/bivariate_normal.npy", asfileobj=False)
    z = np.load(f)
    # z is a numpy array of 15x15
   return z, (-3,4,-4,3)
fig = plt.figure(1, [5,4])
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
# prepare the demo image
Z, extent = get_demo_image()
Z2 = np.zeros([150, 150], dtype="d")
ny, nx = Z.shape
Z2[30:30+ny, 30:30+nx] = Z
\# extent = [-3, 4, -4, 3]
ax.imshow(Z2, extent=extent, interpolation="nearest",
          origin="lower")
axins = zoomed_inset_axes(ax, 6, loc=1) # zoom = 6
axins.imshow(Z2, extent=extent, interpolation="nearest",
```

```
origin="lower")

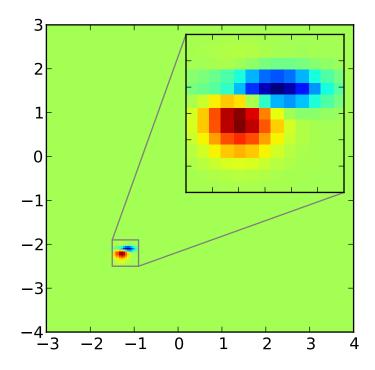
# sub region of the original image
x1, x2, y1, y2 = -1.5, -0.9, -2.5, -1.9
axins.set_xlim(x1, x2)
axins.set_ylim(y1, y2)

plt.xticks(visible=False)

plt.yticks(visible=False)

# draw a bbox of the region of the inset axes in the parent axes and
# connecting lines between the bbox and the inset axes area
mark_inset(ax, axins, loc1=2, loc2=4, fc="none", ec="0.5")

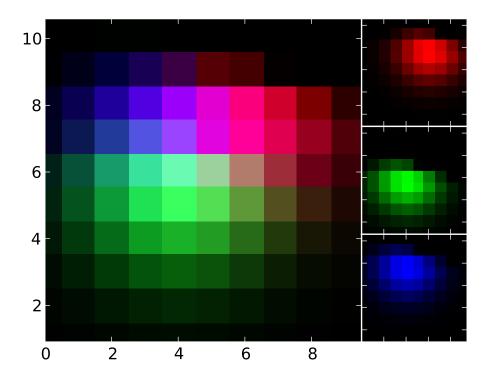
plt.draw()
plt.show()
```



RGB Axes

RGBAxes is a helper class to conveniently show RGB composite images. Like ImageGrid, the location of axes are adjusted so that the area occupied by them fits in a given rectangle. Also, the xaxis and yaxis of each axes are shared.

```
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.axes_rgb import RGBAxes
fig = plt.figure(1)
ax = RGBAxes(fig, [0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.8])
```



35.3 AXISARTIST

35.3.1 AxisArtist

AxisArtist module provides a custom (and very experimental) Axes class, where each axis (left, right, top and bottom) have a separate artist associated which is responsible to draw axis-line, ticks, ticklabels, label. Also, you can create your own axis, which can pass through a fixed position in the axes coordinate, or a fixed position in the data coordinate (i.e., the axis floats around when viewlimit changes).

The axes class, by default, have its xaxis and yaxis invisible, and has 4 additional artists which are responsible to draw axis in "left", "right", "bottom" and "top". They are accessed as ax.axis["left"], ax.axis["right"], and so on, i.e., ax.axis is a dictionary that contains artists (note that ax.axis is still a callable methods and it behaves as an original Axes.axis method in mpl).

To create an axes,

```
import mpl_toolkits.axisartist as AA
fig = plt.figure(1)
```

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0.2

0.4

0.6

8.0

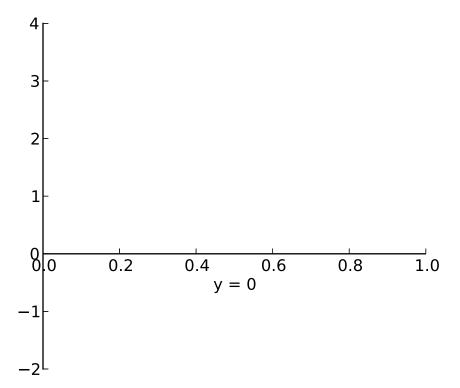
1.0

```
ax = AA.Axes(fig, [0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.8])
fig.add_axes(ax)
or to create a subplot
ax = AA.Subplot(fig, 111)
fig.add_subplot(ax)
For example, you can hide the right, and top axis by
ax.axis["right"].set_visible(False)
ax.axis["top"].set_visible(False)
 1.0_{1}
 0.8
 0.6
 0.4
 0.2
0.0.0
```

It is also possible to add an extra axis. For example, you may have an horizontal axis at y=0 (in data coordinate).

```
ax.axis["y=0"] = ax.new_floating_axis(nth_coord=0, value=0)
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import mpl_toolkits.axisartist as AA
fig = plt.figure(1)
fig.subplots_adjust(right=0.85)
ax = AA.Subplot(fig, 1, 1, 1)
fig.add_subplot(ax)
# make some axis invisible
ax.axis["bottom", "top", "right"].set_visible(False)
# make an new axis along the first axis axis (x-axis) which pass
# throught y=0.
ax.axis["y=0"] = ax.new_floating_axis(nth_coord=0, value=0,
                                      axis_direction="bottom")
ax.axis["y=0"].toggle(all=True)
ax.axis["y=0"].label.set_text("y = 0")
```

```
ax.set_ylim(-2, 4)
plt.show()
```



Or a fixed axis with some offset

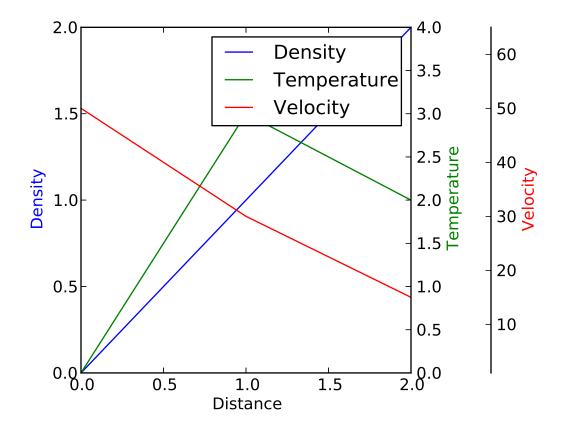
AxisArtist with ParasiteAxes

Most commands in the axes_grid1 toolkit can take a axes_class keyword argument, and the commands creates an axes of the given class. For example, to create a host subplot with axisartist.Axes,

```
import mpl_tookits.axisartist as AA
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1 import host_subplot
host = host_subplot(111, axes_class=AA.Axes)
```

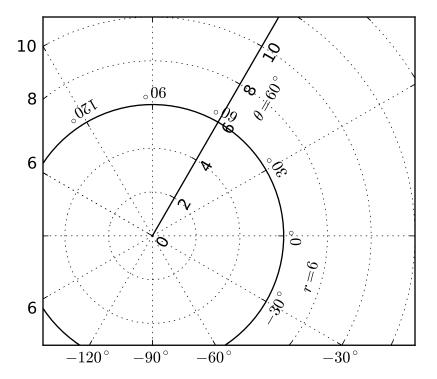
Here is an example that uses parasiteAxes.

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35.3.2 Curvilinear Grid

The motivation behind the AxisArtist module is to support curvilinear grid and ticks.

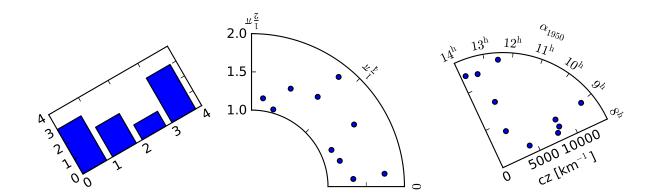


See AXISARTIST namespace for more details.

35.3.3 Floating Axes

This also support a Floating Axes whose outer axis are defined as floating axis.

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36.1 AxesDivider

The axes_divider module provide helper classes to adjust the axes positions of set of images in the drawing time.

- axes_size provides a classes of units that the size of each axes will be determined. For example, you can specify a fixed size
- Divider this is the class that is used calculates the axes position. It divides the given rectangular area into several areas. You initialize the divider by setting the horizontal and vertical list of sizes that the division will be based on. You then use the new_locator method, whose return value is a callable object that can be used to set the axes_locator of the axes.

You first initialize the divider by specifying its grids, i.e., horizontal and vertical.

for example,:

```
rect = [0.2, 0.2, 0.6, 0.6]
horiz=[h0, h1, h2, h3]
vert=[v0, v1, v2]
divider = Divider(fig, rect, horiz, vert)
```

where, rect is a bounds of the box that will be divided and h0,..h3, v0,..v2 need to be an instance of classes in the axes_size. They have *get_size* method that returns a tuple of two floats. The first float is the relative size, and the second float is the absolute size. Consider a following grid.

v0			
v1			
h0,v2	h1	h2	h3

• v0 => 0, 2

- v1 => 2, 0
- v2 => 3, 0

The height of the bottom row is always 2 (axes_divider internally assumes that the unit is inch). The first and the second rows with height ratio of 2:3. For example, if the total height of the grid 6, then the first and second row will each occupy 2/(2+3) and 3/(2+3) of (6-1) inches. The widths of columns (horiz) will be similarly determined. When aspect ratio is set, the total height (or width) will be adjusted accordingly.

The mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size contains several classes that can be used to set the horizontal and vertical configurations. For example, for the vertical configuration above will be:

```
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size import Fixed, Scaled
vert = [Fixed(2), Scaled(2), Scaled(3)]
```

After you set up the divider object, then you create a locator instance which will be given to the axes.:

```
locator = divider.new_locator(nx=0, ny=1)
ax.set_axes_locator(locator)
```

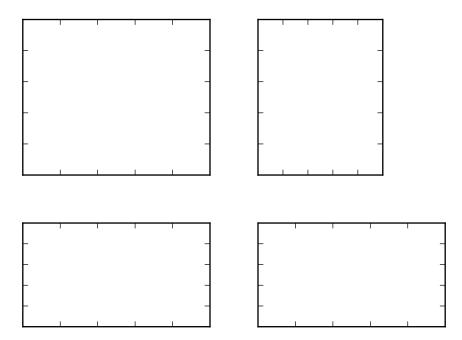
The return value of the new_locator method is a instance of the AxesLocator class. It is a callable object that returns the location and size of the cell at the first column and the second row. You may create a locator that spans over multiple cells.:

```
locator = divider.new_locator(nx=0, nx=2, ny=1)
```

The above locator, when called, will return the position and size of the cells spanning the first and second column and the first row. You may consider it as [0:2, 1].

See the example,

```
import mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size as Size
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid import Divider
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig1 = plt.figure(1, (5.5, 4.))
# the rect parameter will be ignore as we will set axes_locator
rect = (0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.8)
ax = [fig1.add_axes(rect, label="%d"%i) for i in range(4)]
horiz = [Size.Scaled(1.5), Size.Fixed(.5), Size.Scaled(1.),
         Size.Scaled(.5)]
vert = [Size.Scaled(1.), Size.Fixed(.5), Size.Scaled(1.5)]
# divide the axes rectangle into grid whose size is specified by horiz * vert
divider = Divider(fig1, rect, horiz, vert, aspect=False)
ax[0].set_axes_locator(divider.new_locator(nx=0, ny=0))
ax[1].set_axes_locator(divider.new_locator(nx=0, ny=2))
ax[2].set_axes_locator(divider.new_locator(nx=2, ny=2))
ax[3].set_axes_locator(divider.new_locator(nx=2, nx1=4, ny=0))
for ax1 in ax:
```



You can adjust the size of the each axes according to their x or y data limits (AxesX and AxesY), similar to the axes aspect parameter.

```
import mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size as Size
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid import Divider
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

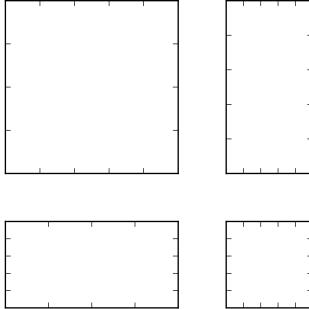
fig1 = plt.figure(1, (5.5, 4))

# the rect parameter will be ignore as we will set axes_locator
rect = (0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.8)
ax = [fig1.add_axes(rect, label="%d"%i) for i in range(4)]

horiz = [Size.AxesX(ax[0]), Size.Fixed(.5), Size.AxesX(ax[1])]
vert = [Size.AxesY(ax[0]), Size.Fixed(.5), Size.AxesY(ax[2])]

# divide the axes rectangle into grid whose size is specified by horiz * vert
divider = Divider(fig1, rect, horiz, vert, aspect=False)
```

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36.2 AXISARTIST namespace

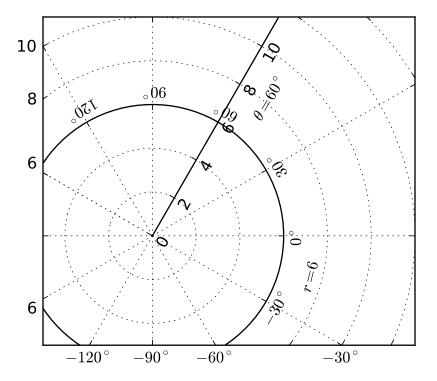
The AxisArtist namespace includes a derived Axes implementation. The biggest difference is that the artists responsible to draw axis line, ticks, ticklabel and axis labels are separated out from the mpl's Axis class, which are much more than artists in the original mpl. This change was strongly motivated to support curvilinear grid. Here are a few things that mpl_tootlkits.axisartist.Axes is different from original Axes from

mpl.

- Axis elements (axis line(spine), ticks, ticklabel and axis labels) are drawn by a AxisArtist instance. Unlike Axis, left, right, top and bottom axis are drawn by separate artists. And each of them may have different tick location and different tick labels.
- gridlines are drawn by a Gridlines instance. The change was motivated that in curvilinear coordinate, a gridline may not cross axis-lines (i.e., no associated ticks). In the original Axes class, gridlines are tied to ticks.
- ticklines can be rotated if necessary (i.e, along the gridlines)

In summary, all these changes was to support

- a curvilinear grid.
- a floating axis



mpl_toolkits.axisartist.Axes class defines a *axis* attribute, which is a dictionary of AxisArtist instances. By default, the dictionary has 4 AxisArtist instances, responsible for drawing of left, right, bottom and top axis.

xaxis and yaxis attributes are still available, however they are set to not visible. As separate artists are used for rendering axis, some axis-related method in mpl may have no effect. In addition to AxisArtist instances, the mpl_toolkits.axisartist.Axes will have *gridlines* attribute (Gridlines), which obviously draws grid lines.

In both AxisArtist and Gridlines, the calculation of tick and grid location is delegated to an instance of GridHelper class. mpl_toolkits.axisartist.Axes class uses GridHelperRectlinear as a grid helper. The Grid-HelperRectlinear class is a wrapper around the *xaxis* and *yaxis* of mpl's original Axes, and it was meant to work as the way how mpl's original axes works. For example, tick location changes using set_ticks method and etc. should work as expected. But change in artist properties (e.g., color) will not work in general, although some effort has been made so that some often-change attributes (color, etc.) are respected.

36.2.1 AxisArtist

AxisArtist can be considered as a container artist with following attributes which will draw ticks, labels, etc.

- line
- major_ticks, major_ticklabels
- minor_ticks, minor_ticklabels
- offsetText
- label

line

Derived from Line2d class. Responsible for drawing a spinal(?) line.

major_ticks, minor_ticks

Derived from Line2d class. Note that ticks are markers.

major ticklabels, minor ticklabels

Derived from Text. Note that it is not a list of Text artist, but a single artist (similar to a collection).

axislabel

Derived from Text.

Default AxisArtists

By default, following for axis artists are defined.:

```
ax.axis["left"], ax.axis["bottom"], ax.axis["right"], ax.axis["top"]
```

The ticklabels and axislabel of the top and the right axis are set to not visible.

For example, if you want to change the color attributes of major_ticklabels of the bottom x-axis

```
ax.axis["bottom"].major_ticklabels.set_color("b")
Similarly, to make ticklabels invisible
ax.axis["bottom"].major_ticklabels.set_visible(False)
AxisAritst provides a helper method to control the visibility of ticks, ticklabels, and label. To make ticklabel
invisible,
ax.axis["bottom"].toggle(ticklabels=False)
To make all of ticks, ticklabels, and (axis) label invisible
ax.axis["bottom"].toggle(all=False)
To turn all off but ticks on
ax.axis["bottom"].toggle(all=False, ticks=True)
To turn all on but (axis) label off
ax.axis["bottom"].toggle(all=True, label=False))
ax.axis's getitem method can take multiple axis names. For example, to turn ticklabels of "top" and
"right" axis on,
ax.axis["top","right"].toggle(ticklabels=True))
Note that 'ax.axis["top","right"]' returns a simple proxy object that translate above code to something like
below.
for n in ["top","right"]:
  ax.axis[n].toggle(ticklabels=True))
So, any return values in the for loop are ignored. And you should not use it anything more than a simple
method.
Like the list indexing ":" means all items, i.e.,
ax.axis[:].major_ticks.set_color("r")
changes tick color in all axis.
```

36.2.2 HowTo

1. Changing tick locations and label.

Same as the original mpl's axes.:

```
ax.set_xticks([1,2,3])
```

2. Changing axis properties like color, etc.

Change the properties of appropriate artists. For example, to change the color of the ticklabels:

```
ax.axis["left"].major_ticklabels.set_color("r")
```

3. To change the attributes of multiple axis:

```
ax.axis["left","bottom"].major_ticklabels.set_color("r")
or to change the attributes of all axis:
ax.axis[:].major_ticklabels.set_color("r")
```

4. **To change the tick size (length), you need to use** axis.major_ticks.set_ticksize method. To change the direction of the ticks (ticks are in opposite direction of ticklabels by default), use axis.major_ticks.set_tick_out method.

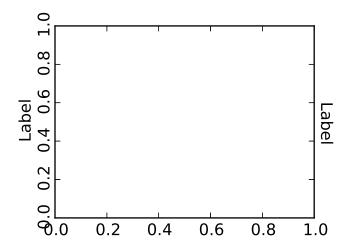
To change the pad between ticks and ticklabels, use axis.major_ticklabels.set_pad method.

To change the pad between ticklabels and axis label, axis.label.set_pad method.

36.2.3 Rotation and Alignment of TickLabels

This is also quite different from the original mpl and can be confusing. When you want to rotate the ticklabels, first consider using "set axis direction" method.

```
ax1.axis["left"].major_ticklabels.set_axis_direction("top")
ax1.axis["right"].label.set_axis_direction("left")
```



The parameter for set_axis_direction is one of ["left", "right", "bottom", "top"].

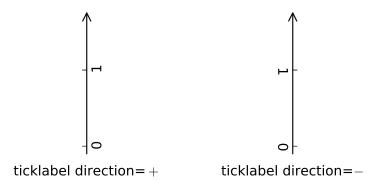
You must understand some underlying concept of directions.

1. There is a reference direction which is defined as the direction of the axis line with increasing coordinate. For example, the reference direction of the left x-axis is from bottom to top.

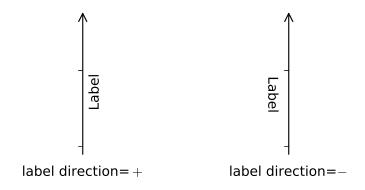


The direction, text angle, and alignments of the ticks, ticklabels and axis-label is determined with respect to the reference direction

2. *ticklabel_direction* is either the right-hand side (+) of the reference direction or the left-hand side (-).

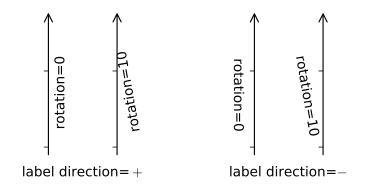


3. same for the *label_direction*



4. ticks are by default drawn toward the opposite direction of the ticklabels.

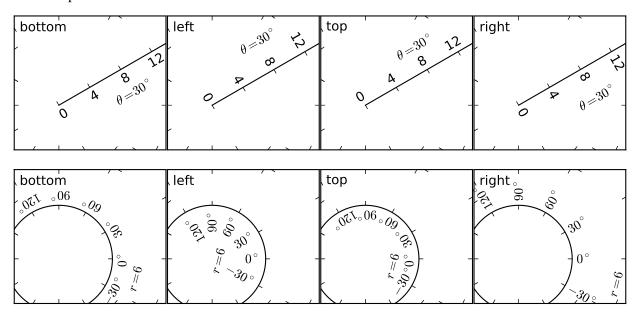
5. text rotation of ticklabels and label is determined in reference to the *ticklabel_direction* or *label_direction*, respectively. The rotation of ticklabels and label is anchored.



On the other hand, there is a concept of "axis_direction". This is a default setting of above properties for each, "bottom", "left", "top", and "right" axis.

?	?	left	bottom	right	top
axislabel	direction	' _'	·+'	'+'	' _'
axislabel	rotation	180	0	0	180
axislabel	va	center	top	center	bottom
axislabel	ha	right	center	right	center
ticklabel	direction	' _'	'+'	' +'	' _'
ticklabels	rotation	90	0	-90	180
ticklabel	ha	right	center	right	center
ticklabel	va	center	baseline	center	baseline

And, 'set_axis_direction("top")' means to adjust the text rotation etc, for settings suitable for "top" axis. The concept of axis direction can be more clear with curved axis.



The axis_direction can be adjusted in the AxisArtist level, or in the level of its child arists, i.e., ticks, ticklabels, and axis-label.

```
ax1.axis["left"].set_axis_direction("top")
```

changes axis direction of all the associated artist with the "left" axis, while

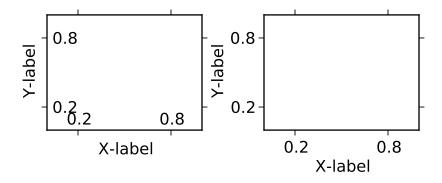
```
ax1.axis["left"].major_ticklabels.set_axis_direction("top")
```

changes the axis_direction of only the major_ticklabels. Note that set_axis_direction in the AxisArtist level changes the ticklabel_direction and label_direction, while changing the axis_direction of ticks, ticklabels, and axis-label does not affect them.

If you want to make ticks outward and ticklabels inside the axes, use invert_ticklabel_direction method.

```
ax.axis[:].invert_ticklabel_direction()
```

A related method is "set_tick_out". It makes ticks outward (as a matter of fact, it makes ticks toward the opposite direction of the default direction).



So, in summary,

• AxisArtist's methods

- set_axis_direction: "left", "right", "bottom", or "top"
- set ticklabel direction: "+" or "-"
- set axislabel direction: "+" or "-"
- invert_ticklabel_direction

• Ticks' methods (major_ticks and minor_ticks)

- set_tick_out : True or False
- set_ticksize : size in points

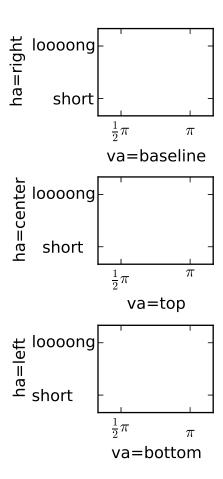
• TickLabels' methods (major_ticklabels and minor_ticklabels)

- set_axis_direction: "left", "right", "bottom", or "top"
- set_rotation : angle with respect to the reference direction

- set_ha and set_va : see below
- AxisLabels' methods (label)
 - set_axis_direction: "left", "right", "bottom", or "top"
 - set_rotation : angle with respect to the reference direction
 - set_ha and set_va

Adjusting ticklabels alignment

Alignment of TickLabels are treated specially. See below



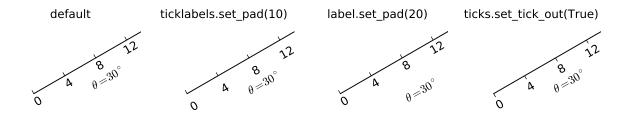
Adjusting pad

To change the pad between ticks and ticklabels

ax.axis["left"].major_ticklabels.set_pad(10)

Or ticklabels and axis-label

ax.axis["left"].label.set_pad(10)



36.2.4 GridHelper

To actually define a curvilinear coordinate, you have to use your own grid helper. A generalised version of grid helper class is supplied and this class should suffice in most of cases. A user may provide two functions which defines a transformation (and its inverse pair) from the curved coordinate to (rectilinear) image coordinate. Note that while ticks and grids are drawn for curved coordinate, the data transform of the axes itself (ax.transData) is still rectilinear (image) coordinate.

```
from mpl_toolkits.axisartist.grid_helper_curvelinear \
    import GridHelperCurveLinear
from mpl_toolkits.axisartist import Subplot

# from curved coordinate to rectlinear coordinate.
def tr(x, y):
    x, y = np.asarray(x), np.asarray(y)
    return x, y-x

# from rectlinear coordinate to curved coordinate.
def inv_tr(x,y):
    x, y = np.asarray(x), np.asarray(y)
    return x, y+x

grid_helper = GridHelperCurveLinear((tr, inv_tr))

ax1 = Subplot(fig, 1, 1, 1, grid_helper=grid_helper)

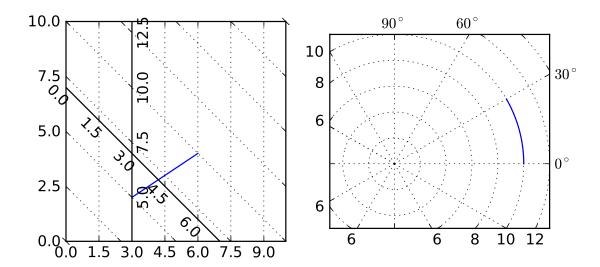
fig.add_subplot(ax1)
```

You may use matplotlib's Transform instance instead (but a inverse transformation must be defined). Often, coordinate range in a curved coordinate system may have a limited range, or may have cycles. In those cases, a more customized version of grid helper is required.

```
import mpl_toolkits.axisartist.angle_helper as angle_helper
# PolarAxes.PolarTransform takes radian. However, we want our coordinate
```

```
# system in degree
tr = Affine2D().scale(np.pi/180., 1.) + PolarAxes.PolarTransform()
# extreme finder : find a range of coordinate.
# 20, 20 : number of sampling points along x, y direction
# The first coordinate (longitude, but theta in polar)
# has a cycle of 360 degree.
# The second coordinate (latitude, but radius in polar) has a minimum of \emptyset
extreme_finder = angle_helper.ExtremeFinderCycle(20, 20,
                                                   lon_cycle = 360,
                                                   lat_cycle = None,
                                                   lon_minmax = None,
                                                   lat_minmax = (0, np.inf),
# Find a grid values appropriate for the coordinate (degree,
# minute, second). The argument is a approximate number of grids.
grid_locator1 = angle_helper.LocatorDMS(12)
# And also uses an appropriate formatter. Note that, the
# acceptable Locator and Formatter class is a bit different than
# that of mpl's, and you cannot directly use mpl's Locator and
# Formatter here (but may be possible in the future).
tick_formatter1 = angle_helper.FormatterDMS()
grid_helper = GridHelperCurveLinear(tr,
                                     extreme_finder=extreme_finder,
                                     grid_locator1=grid_locator1,
                                     {\tt tick\_formatter1} = {\tt tick\_formatter1}
Again, the transData of the axes is still a rectilinear coordinate (image coordinate). You may manually do
conversion between two coordinates, or you may use Parasite Axes for convenience.:
ax1 = SubplotHost(fig, 1, 2, 2, grid_helper=grid_helper)
```

```
# A parasite axes with given transform
ax2 = ParasiteAxesAuxTrans(ax1, tr, "equal")
# note that ax2.transData == tr + ax1.transData
# Anthing you draw in ax2 will match the ticks and grids of ax1.
ax1.parasites.append(ax2)
```



36.2.5 FloatingAxis

A floating axis is an axis one of whose data coordinate is fixed, i.e, its location is not fixed in Axes coordinate but changes as axes data limits changes. A floating axis can be created using *new_floating_axis* method. However, it is your responsibility that the resulting AxisArtist is properly added to the axes. A recommended way is to add it as an item of Axes's axis attribute.:

```
# floating axis whose first (index starts from 0) coordinate
# (theta) is fixed at 60

ax1.axis["lat"] = axis = ax1.new_floating_axis(0, 60)
axis.label.set_text(r"$\theta = 60^{\circ}$")
axis.label.set_visible(True)
```

See the first example of this page.

36.2.6 Current Limitations and TODO's

The code need more refinement. Here is a incomplete list of issues and TODO's

- No easy way to support a user customized tick location (for curvilinear grid). A new Locator class needs to be created.
- Floating Axis may have coordinate limits, e.g., a floating axis of x = 0, but y only spans from 0 to 1.
- The location of axislabel of FloatingAxis needs to be optionally given as a coordinate value. ex, a floating axis of x=0 with label at y=1

THE MATPLOTLIB AXESGRID TOOLKIT

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37.1 mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size

- class mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size.Fixed(fixed_size)
 Simple fixed size with absolute part = fixed_size and relative part = 0
- class mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size.Scaled(scalable_size)
 Simple scaled(?) size with absolute part = 0 and relative part = scalable_size
- **class** mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size.**AxesX**(axes, aspect=1.0)

 Scaled size whose relative part corresponds to the data width of the axes multiplied by the aspect.
- **class** mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size.**AxesY**(axes, aspect=1.0)

 Scaled size whose relative part corresponds to the data height of the axes multiplied by the aspect.
- class mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size.MaxWidth(artist_list)
 Size whose absolute part is the largest width of the given artist_list.
- class mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size.MaxHeight(artist_list)
 Size whose absolute part is the largest height of the given artist_list.
- class mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size.Fraction(fraction, ref_size)
 An instance whose size is a fraction of the ref_size.

```
>>> s = Fraction(0.3, AxesX(ax))
```

- **class** mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size.**Padded**(*size*, *pad*)

 Return a instance where the absolute part of *size* is increase by the amount of *pad*.
- mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size.from_any(size, fraction_ref=None)

Creates Fixed unit when the first argument is a float, or a Fraction unit if that is a string that ends with %. The second argument is only meaningful when Fraction unit is created.:

```
>>> a = Size.from_any(1.2) # => Size.Fixed(1.2)
>>> Size.from_any("50%", a) # => Size.Fraction(0.5, a)
```

37.2 mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_divider

This is the class that is used calculates the axes position. It divides the given rectangular area into several sub-rectangles. You initialize the divider by setting the horizontal and vertical lists of sizes (mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_size) that the division will be based on. You then use the new_locator method to create a callable object that can be used to as the axes_locator of the axes.

Parameters

- fig matplotlib figure
- pos position (tuple of 4 floats) of the rectangle that will be divided.
- horizontal list of sizes (axes_size) for horizontal division
- vertical list of sizes (axes_size) for vertical division
- **aspect** if True, the overall rectangular area is reduced so that the relative part of the horizontal and vertical scales have same scale.
- anchor Determine how the reduced rectangle is placed when aspect is True.

```
add_auto_adjustable_area(use_axes, pad=0.1, adjust_dirs=['left', 'right', 'bottom',
                             'top'])
append_size(position, size)
get_anchor()
    return the anchor
get_aspect()
    return aspect
get_horizontal()
    return horizontal sizes
get_horizontal_sizes(renderer)
get_locator()
get_position()
    return the position of the rectangle.
get_position_runtime(ax, renderer)
get_vertical()
    return vertical sizes
get_vertical_sizes(renderer)
```

get_vsize_hsize()

locate(nx, ny, nx1=None, ny1=None, axes=None, renderer=None)

Parameters

- **nx1** (*nx*,) Integers specifying the column-position of the cell. When nx1 is None, a single nx-th column is specified. Otherwise location of columns spanning between nx to nx1 (but excluding nx1-th column) is specified.
- ny1(ny) same as nx and nx1, but for row positions.

new_locator(nx, ny, nx1=None, ny1=None)

returns a new locator (mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_divider.AxesLocator) for specified cell.

Parameters

- nx1 (nx,) Integers specifying the column-position of the cell. When nx1 is None, a single nx-th column is specified. Otherwise location of columns spanning between nx to nx1 (but excluding nx1-th column) is specified.
- $\mathbf{ny1}(ny_1)$ same as nx and nx1, but for row positions.

set_anchor(anchor)

Parameters anchor – anchor position

value	description
'C'	Center
'SW'	bottom left
'S'	bottom
'SE'	bottom right
'Е'	right
'NE'	top right
'N'	top
'NW'	top left
'W'	left

set_aspect(aspect=False)

Parameters anchor – True or False

set_horizontal(h)

Parameters horizontal – list of sizes (axes_size) for horizontal division

set_locator(_locator)

set_position(pos)

set the position of the rectangle.

Parameters pos – position (tuple of 4 floats) of the rectangle that will be divided.

set_vertical(v)

Parameters horizontal – list of sizes (axes_size) for horizontal division

•

A simple callable object, initialized with AxesDivider class, returns the position and size of the given cell.

Parameters

- axes divider An instance of AxesDivider class.
- nx1 (nx,) Integers specifying the column-position of the cell. When nx1 is None, a single nx-th column is specified. Otherwise location of columns spanning between nx to nx1 (but excluding nx1-th column) is is specified.
- $\mathbf{ny1}$ (ny,) same as nx and nx1, but for row positions.

```
get_subplotspec()
```

class mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_divider.SubplotDivider(fig, *args, **kwargs)

The Divider class whose rectangle area is specified as a subplot geometry.

```
fig is a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance.
```

args is the tuple (numRows, numCols, plotNum), where the array of subplots in the figure has dimensions numRows, numCols, and where plotNum is the number of the subplot being created. plotNum starts at 1 in the upper left corner and increases to the right.

If $numRows \le numCols \le plotNum \le 10$, args can be the decimal integer numRows * 100 + numCols * 10 + plotNum.

```
change_geometry(numrows, numcols, num)
```

change subplot geometry, eg. from 1,1,1 to 2,2,3

get_geometry()

get the subplot geometry, eg 2,2,3

get_position()

return the bounds of the subplot box

get_subplotspec()

get the SubplotSpec instance

set_subplotspec(subplotspec)

set the SubplotSpec instance

update_params()

update the subplot position from fig.subplotpars

class mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_divider.AxesDivider(axes, xref=None, yref=None)
 Divider based on the pre-existing axes.

Parameters axes – axes

```
append_axes(position, size, pad=None, add_to_figure=True, **kwargs)
```

create an axes at the given *position* with the same height (or width) of the main axes.

```
position ["left"|"right"|"bottom"|"top"]
```

size and pad should be axes_grid.axes_size compatible.

new_horizontal(*size*, *pad=None*, *pack_start=False*, **kwargs)

Add a new axes on the right (or left) side of the main axes.

Parameters

- **size** A width of the axes. A axes_size instance or if float or string is given, from_any function is used to create one, with ref_size set to AxesX instance of the current axes.
- pad pad between the axes. It takes same argument as size.
- pack_start If False, the new axes is appended at the end of the list, i.e., it became the right-most axes. If True, it is inserted at the start of the list, and becomes the left-most axes.

All extra keywords arguments are passed to the created axes. If *axes_class* is given, the new axes will be created as an instance of the given class. Otherwise, the same class of the main axes will be used.

```
new_vertical(size, pad=None, pack_start=False, **kwargs)

Add a new axes on the top (or bottom) side of the main axes.
```

Parameters

- size A height of the axes. A axes_size instance or if float or string is given,
 from_any function is used to create one, with ref_size set to AxesX instance of
 the current axes.
- pad pad between the axes. It takes same argument as size.
- pack_start If False, the new axes is appended at the end of the list, i.e., it became the top-most axes. If True, it is inserted at the start of the list, and becomes the bottom-most axes.

All extra keywords arguments are passed to the created axes. If *axes_class* is given, the new axes will be created as an instance of the given class. Otherwise, the same class of the main axes will be used.

37.3 mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_grid

Build an Grid instance with a grid nrows*ncols Axes in Figure fig with rect=[left, bottom, width, height] (in Figure coordinates) or the subplot position code (e.g., "121").

Optional keyword arguments:

Keyword	Default	Description
direction	"row"	["row" "column"]
axes_pad	0.02	float pad between axes given in inches
add_all	True	[True False]
share_all	False	[True False]
share_x	True	[True False]
share_y	True	[True False]
label_mode	"L"	["L" "1" "all"]
axes_class	None	a type object which must be a subclass of Axes

```
class mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axes_grid.ImageGrid(fig,
                                                                               nrows_ncols,
                                                                   rect,
                                                        ngrids=None,
                                                                            direction='row',
                                                        axes\_pad=0.02,
                                                                              add_all=True,
                                                        share_all=False,
                                                                          aspect=True, la-
                                                        bel_mode='L',
                                                                          cbar_mode=None,
                                                        cbar_location='right',
                                                        cbar_pad=None,
                                                                           cbar_size='5%',
                                                        cbar_set_cax=True,
                                                        axes class=None)
```

Build an ImageGrid instance with a grid nrows*ncols Axes in Figure fig with rect=[left, bottom, width, height] (in Figure coordinates) or the subplot position code (e.g., "121").

Optional keyword arguments:

Keyword	Default	Description
direction	"row"	["row" "column"]
axes_pad	0.02	float pad between axes given in inches
add_all	True	[True False]
share_all	False	[True False]
aspect	True	[True False]
label_mode	"L"	["L" "1" "all"]
cbar_mode	None	["each" "single" "edge"]
cbar_location	"right"	["left" "right" "bottom" "top"]
cbar_pad	None	
cbar_size	"5%"	
cbar_set_cax	True	[True False]
axes_class	None	a type object which must be a subclass of Axes

cbar_set_cax [if True, each axes in the grid has a cax] attribute that is bind to associated cbar_axes.

37.4 mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axis_artist

axes: axes helper: an AxisArtistHelper instance.

and axis label.

LABELPAD

ZORDER = 2.5

draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)

Draw the axis lines, tick lines and labels

get_axisline_style()

return the current axisline style.

get_helper()

Return axis artist helper instance.

get_tightbbox(renderer)

get_transform()

invert_ticklabel_direction()

set_axis_direction(axis_direction)

Adjust the direction, text angle, text alignment of ticklabels, labels following the matplotlib convention for the rectangle axes.

The axis_direction mus	st be one of	[left, right,	bottom, to	p].
------------------------	--------------	---------------	------------	-----

property	left	bottom	right	top
ticklabels location	"-"	"+"	"+"	"-"
axislabel location	"-"	"+"	"+"	"_"
ticklabels angle	90	0	-90	180
ticklabel va	center	baseline	center	baseline
ticklabel ha	right	center	right	center
axislabel angle	180	0	0	180
axislabel va	center	top	center	bottom
axislabel ha	right	center	right	center

Note that the direction "+" and "-" are relative to the direction of the increasing coordinate. Also, the text angles are actually relative to (90 + angle of the direction to the ticklabel), which gives 0 for bottom axis.

set_axislabel_direction(label direction)

Adjust the direction of the axislabel.

Note that the label direction '+' and '-' are relative to the direction of the increasing coordinate.

set_axisline_style(axisline_style=None, **kw)

Set the axisline style.

axisline_style can be a string with axisline style name with optional comma-separated attributes. Alternatively, the attrs can be provided as keywords.

Old attrs simply are forgotten.

Without argument (or with arrowstyle=None), return available styles as a list of strings.

set_label(s)

set_ticklabel_direction(tick direction)

Adjust the direction of the ticklabel.

```
ACCEPTS: [ "+" | "-" ]
```

Note that the label direction '+' and '-' are relative to the direction of the increasing coordinate.

toggle(all=None, ticks=None, ticklabels=None, label=None)

Toggle visibility of ticks, ticklabels, and (axis) label. To turn all off,

```
axis.toggle(all=False)
```

To turn all off but ticks on

```
axis.toggle(all=False, ticks=True)
```

To turn all on but (axis) label off

axis.toggle(all=True, label=False))

class mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axis_artist.Ticks(ticksize, tick_out=False, **kwargs)

Ticks are derived from Line2D, and note that ticks themselves are markers. Thus, you should use set_mec, set_mew, etc.

To change the tick size (length), you need to use set_ticksize. To change the direction of the ticks (ticks are in opposite direction of ticklabels by default), use set_tick_out(False).

get_tick_out()

Return True if the tick will be rotated by 180 degree.

get_ticksize()

Return length of the ticks in points.

set_tick_out(b)

set True if tick need to be rotated by 180 degree.

set_ticksize(ticksize)

set length of the ticks in points.

class mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axis_artist.AxisLabel(*kl, **kwargs)

Axis Label. Derived from Text. The position of the text is updated in the fly, so changing text position has no effect. Otherwise, the properties can be changed as a normal Text.

To change the pad between ticklabels and axis label, use set_pad.

get_pad()

return pad in points. See set_pad for more details.

set_axis_direction(d)

Adjust the text angle and text alignment of axis label according to the matplotlib convention.

property	left	bottom	right	top
axislabel angle	180	0	0	180
axislabel va	center	top	center	bottom
axislabel ha	right	center	right	center

Note that the text angles are actually relative to (90 + angle of the direction to the ticklabel), which gives 0 for bottom axis.

set_pad(pad)

Set the pad in points. Note that the actual pad will be the sum of the internal pad and the external pad (that are set automatically by the AxisArtist), and it only set the internal pad

class mpl_toolkits.axes_grid.axis_artist.TickLabels(**kwargs)

Tick Labels. While derived from Text, this single artist draws all ticklabels. As in AxisLabel, the position of the text is updated in the fly, so changing text position has no effect. Otherwise, the properties can be changed as a normal Text. Unlike the ticklabels of the mainline matplotlib, properties of single ticklabel alone cannot modified.

To change the pad between ticks and ticklabels, use set_pad.

get_texts_widths_heights_descents(renderer)

return a list of width, height, descent for ticklabels.

set_axis_direction(label_direction)

Adjust the text angle and text alignment of ticklabels according to the matplotlib convention.

The *label_direction* must be one of [left, right, bottom, top].

property	left	bottom	right	top
ticklabels angle	90	0	-90	180
ticklabel va	center	baseline	center	baseline
ticklabel ha	right	center	right	center

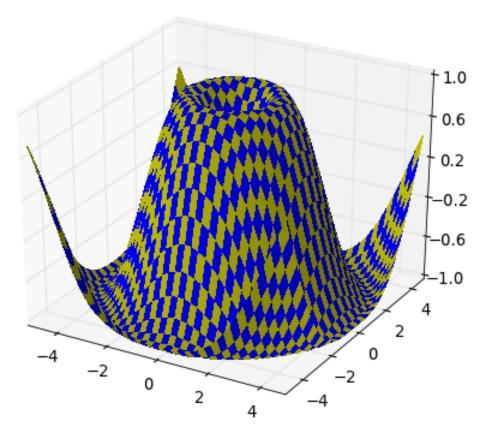
Note that the text angles are actually relative to (90 + angle of the direction to the ticklabel), which gives 0 for bottom axis.

Part V

mplot3d

MATPLOTLIB MPLOT3D TOOLKIT

The mplot3d toolkit adds simple 3D plotting capabilities to matplotlib by supplying an axes object that can create a 2D projection of a 3D scene. The resulting graph will have the same look and feel as regular 2D plots.



The interactive backends also provide the ability to rotate and zoom the 3D scene. One can rotate the 3D scene by simply clicking-and-dragging the scene. Zooming is done by right-clicking the scene and dragging the mouse up and down. Note that one does not use the zoom button like one would use for regular 2D plots.

38.1 mplot3d tutorial

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38.1.1 Getting started

An Axes3D object is created just like any other axes using the projection='3d' keyword. Create a new matplotlib.figure.Figure and add a new axes to it of type Axes3D:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
```

New in version 1.0.0: This approach is the preferred method of creating a 3D axes.

Note: Prior to version 1.0.0, the method of creating a 3D axes was different. For those using older versions of matplotlib, change ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d') to ax = Axes3D(fig).

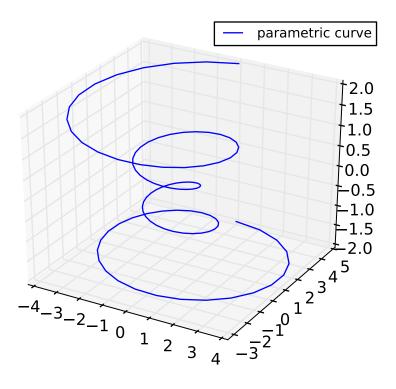
38.1.2 Line plots

Axes3D.plot(xs, ys, *args, **kwargs)

Plot 2D or 3D data.

Argument	Description
xs, ys	X, y coordinates of vertices
zs	z value(s), either one for all points or one for each point.
zdir	Which direction to use as z ('x', 'y' or 'z') when plotting a 2D set.

Other arguments are passed on to plot()



38.1.3 Scatter plots

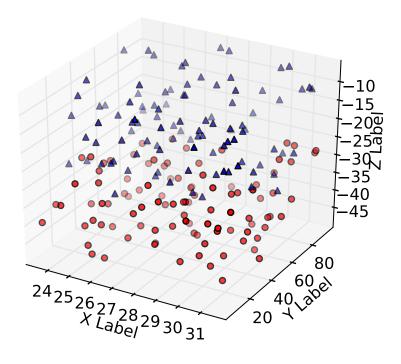
Axes3D.scatter(xs, ys, zs=0, zdir='z', s=20, c='b', *args, **kwargs)

Create a scatter plot.

Ar-	Description
gu-	
ment	
xs, ys	Positions of data points.
ZS	Either an array of the same length as xs and ys or a single value to place all points in the
	same plane. Default is 0.
zdir	Which direction to use as z ('x', 'y' or 'z') when plotting a 2D set.
S	size in points 2 . It is a scalar or an array of the same length as x and y .
С	a color. c can be a single color format string, or a sequence of color specifications of
	length N , or a sequence of N numbers to be mapped to colors using the <i>cmap</i> and <i>norm</i>
	specified via kwargs (see below). Note that c should not be a single numeric RGB or
	RGBA sequence because that is indistinguishable from an array of values to be
	colormapped. c can be a 2-D array in which the rows are RGB or RGBA, however.

Keyword arguments are passed on to scatter().

Returns a Patch3DCollection



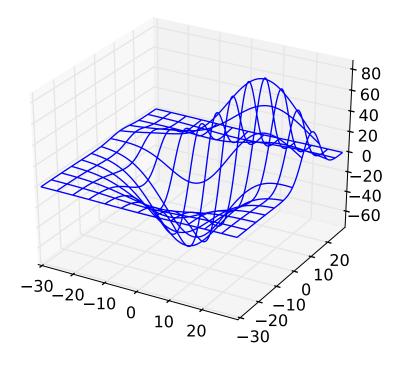
38.1.4 Wireframe plots

Axes 3D. plot_wireframe (X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)Plot a 3D wireframe.

Argument	Description
<i>X</i> , <i>Y</i> ,	Data values as 2D arrays
Z	
rstride	Array row stride (step size)
cstride	Array column stride (step size)

Keyword arguments are passed on to LineCollection.

Returns a Line3DCollection



38.1.5 Surface plots

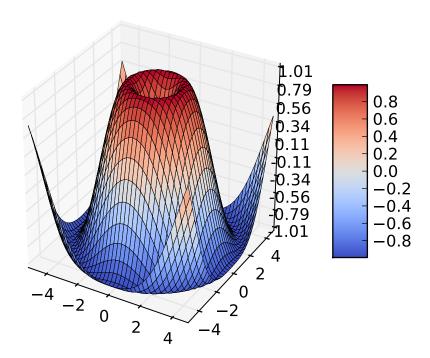
Axes3D.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

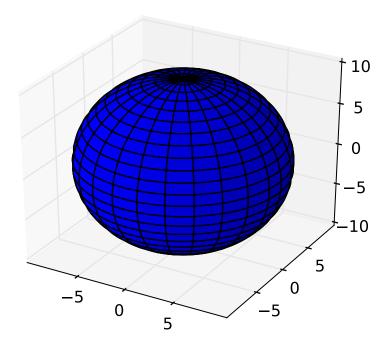
Create a surface plot.

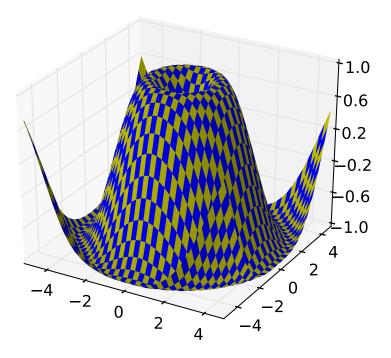
By default it will be colored in shades of a solid color, but it also supports color mapping by supplying the *cmap* argument.

Argument	Description
X, Y, Z	Data values as 2D arrays
rstride	Array row stride (step size)
cstride	Array column stride (step size)
color	Color of the surface patches
стар	A colormap for the surface patches.
facecolors	Face colors for the individual patches
norm	An instance of Normalize to map values to colors
vmin	Minimum value to map
vmax	Maximum value to map
shade	Whether to shade the facecolors

Other arguments are passed on to Poly3DCollection





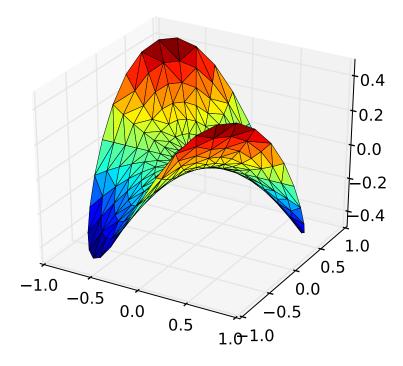


38.1.6 Tri-Surface plots

Axes3D.plot_trisurf(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

Argument	Description
X, Y, Z	Data values as 1D arrays
color	Color of the surface patches
стар	A colormap for the surface patches.
norm	An instance of Normalize to map values to colors
vmin	Minimum value to map
vmax	Maximum value to map
shade	Whether to shade the facecolors

Other arguments are passed on to Poly3DCollection New in version 1.2.0: This plotting function was added for the v1.2.0 release.



38.1.7 Contour plots

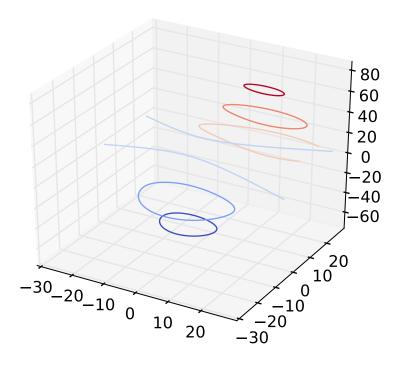
Axes3D.contour(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

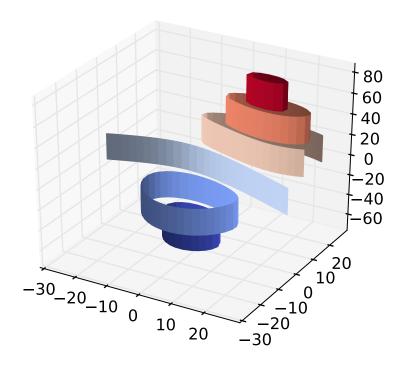
Create a 3D contour plot.

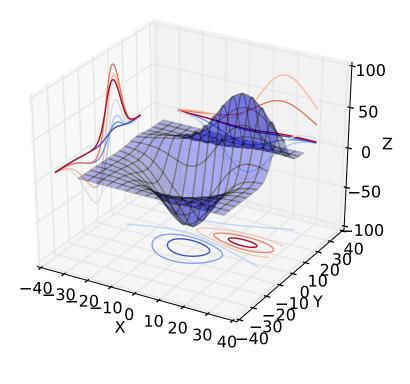
Argument	Description
<i>X</i> , <i>Y</i> ,	Data values as numpy.arrays
Z	
extend3d	Whether to extend contour in 3D (default: False)
stride	Stride (step size) for extending contour
zdir	The direction to use: x, y or z (default)
offset	If specified plot a projection of the contour lines on this position in plane normal to zdir

The positional and other keyword arguments are passed on to contour()

Returns a contour







38.1.8 Filled contour plots

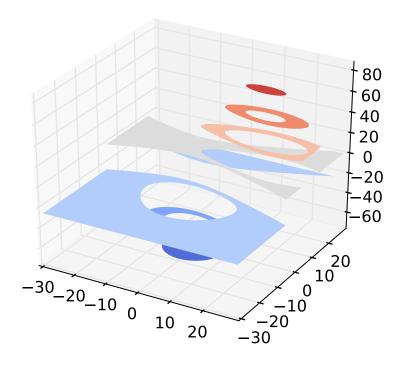
Axes3D.contourf(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

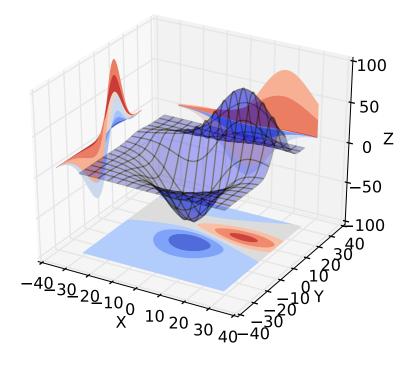
Create a 3D contourf plot.

Argument	Description
<i>X</i> , <i>Y</i> ,	Data values as numpy.arrays
Z	
zdir	The direction to use: x, y or z (default)
offset	If specified plot a projection of the filled contour on this position in plane normal to zdir

The positional and keyword arguments are passed on to contourf()

Returns a contourf Changed in version 1.1.0: The zdir and offset kwargs were added.





New in version

1.1.0: The feature demoed in the second contourf3d example was enabled as a result of a bugfix for version 1.1.0.

38.1.9 Polygon plots

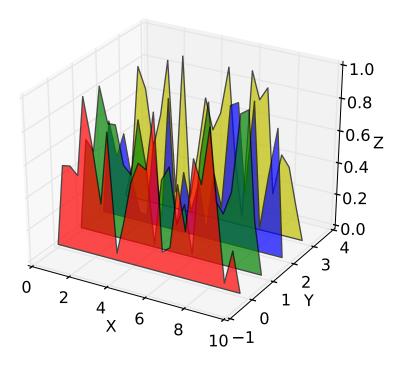
Axes3D.add_collection3d(col, zs=0, zdir='z')

Add a 3D collection object to the plot.

2D collection types are converted to a 3D version by modifying the object and adding z coordinate information.

Supported are:

- PolyCollection
- LineColleciton
- PatchCollection



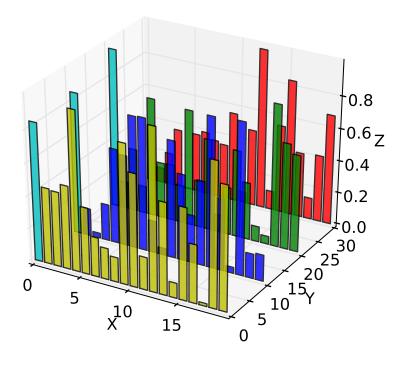
38.1.10 Bar plots

Axes3D.bar(left, height, zs=0, zdir='z', *args, **kwargs) Add 2D bar(s).

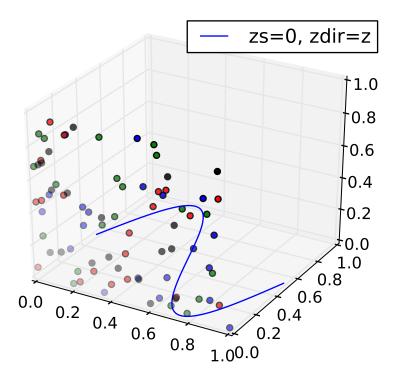
Argument	Description
left	The x coordinates of the left sides of the bars.
height	The height of the bars.
ZS	Z coordinate of bars, if one value is specified they will all be placed at the same z.
zdir	Which direction to use as z ('x', 'y' or 'z') when plotting a 2D set.

Keyword arguments are passed onto bar().

Returns a Patch3DCollection



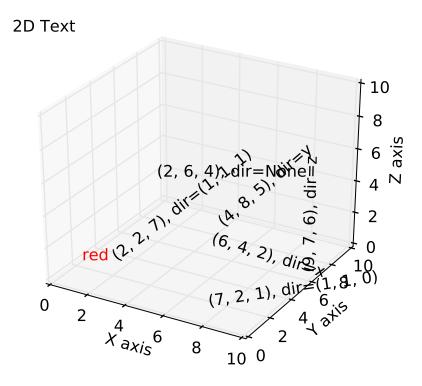
38.1.11 2D plots in 3D



38.1.12 Text

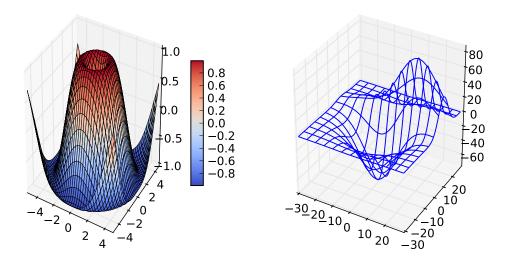
Axes3D.text(x, y, z, s, zdir=None, **kwargs)

Add text to the plot. kwargs will be passed on to Axes.text, except for the zdir keyword, which sets the direction to be used as the z direction.

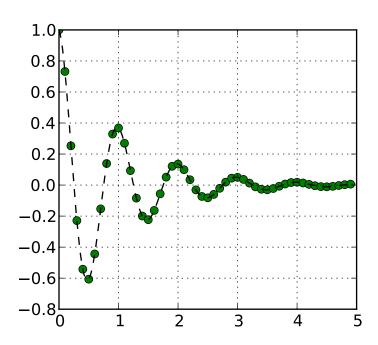


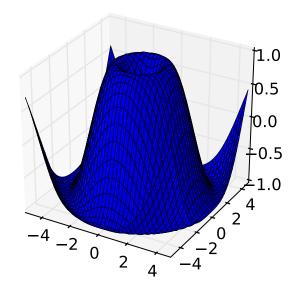
38.1.13 Subplotting

Having multiple 3D plots in a single figure is the same as it is for 2D plots. Also, you can have both 2D and 3D plots in the same figure. New in version 1.0.0: Subplotting 3D plots was added in v1.0.0. Earlier version can not do this.



A tale of 2 subplots





38.2 mplot3d API

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38.2.1 axes3d

Note: Significant effort went into bringing axes3d to feature-parity with regular axes objects for version 1.1.0. However, more work remains. Please report any functions that do not behave as expected as a bug. In addition, help and patches would be greatly appreciated!

Module containing Axes3D, an object which can plot 3D objects on a 2D matplotlib figure.

```
class mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axes3d.Axes3D(fig, rect=None, *args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: matplotlib.axes.Axes

3D axes object.

```
add_collection3d(col, zs=0, zdir='z')
```

Add a 3D collection object to the plot.

2D collection types are converted to a 3D version by modifying the object and adding z coordinate information.

Supported are:

- PolyCollection
- LineColleciton
- PatchCollection

```
add_contour_set(cset, extend3d=False, stride=5, zdir='z', offset=None)
add_contourf_set(cset, zdir='z', offset=None)
auto_scale_xyz(X, Y, Z=None, had_data=None)
autoscale(enable=True, axis='both', tight=None)
```

Convenience method for simple axis view autoscaling. See matplotlib.axes.Axes.autoscale() for full explanation. Note that this function behaves the same, but for all three axes. Therfore, 'z' can be passed for *axis*, and 'both' applies to all three axes. New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

```
autoscale_view(tight=None, scalex=True, scaley=True, scalez=True)
```

Autoscale the view limits using the data limits. See matplotlib.axes.Axes.autoscale_view() for documentation. Note that this function applies to the 3D axes, and as such adds the *scalez* to the function arguments. Changed

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in version 1.1.0: Function signature was changed to better match the 2D version. *tight* is now explicitly a kwarg and placed first. However, it currently does not do anything.

Argument	Description
left	The x coordinates of the left sides of the bars.
height	The height of the bars.
ZS	Z coordinate of bars, if one value is specified they will all be placed at the same z.
zdir	Which direction to use as z ('x', 'y' or 'z') when plotting a 2D set.

Keyword arguments are passed onto bar().

Returns a Patch3DCollection

When generating multiple bars, x, y, z have to be arrays. dx, dy, dz can be arrays or scalars.

color can be:

- •A single color value, to color all bars the same color.
- •An array of colors of length N bars, to color each bar independently.
- •An array of colors of length 6, to color the faces of the bars similarly.
- •An array of colors of length 6 * N bars, to color each face independently.

When coloring the faces of the boxes specifically, this is the order of the coloring:

- 1.-Z (bottom of box)
- 2.+Z (top of box)
- 3.-Y
- 4.+Y
- 5.-X
- 6.+X

Keyword arguments are passed onto Poly3DCollection()

can_pan()

Return *True* if this axes supports the pan/zoom button functionality.

3D axes objects do not use the pan/zoom button.

can_zoom()

Return *True* if this axes supports the zoom box button functionality.

3D axes objects do not use the zoom box button.

cla()

Clear axes and disable mouse button callbacks.

clabel(*args, **kwargs)

This function is currently not implemented for 3D axes. Returns None.

contour(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

Create a 3D contour plot.

Argu-	Description
ment	
X, Y,	Data values as numpy.arrays
Z	
extend3d	Whether to extend contour in 3D (default: False)
stride	Stride (step size) for extending contour
zdir	The direction to use: x, y or z (default)
offset	If specified plot a projection of the contour lines on this position in plane
	normal to zdir

The positional and other keyword arguments are passed on to contour()

Returns a contour

contour3D(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

Create a 3D contour plot.

Argu-	Description
ment	
X, Y,	Data values as numpy.arrays
Z	
extend3d	Whether to extend contour in 3D (default: False)
stride	Stride (step size) for extending contour
zdir	The direction to use: x, y or z (default)
offset	If specified plot a projection of the contour lines on this position in plane
	normal to zdir

The positional and other keyword arguments are passed on to contour()

Returns a contour

contourf(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

Create a 3D contourf plot.

Argu-	Description
ment	
<i>X</i> , <i>Y</i> ,	Data values as numpy.arrays
Z	
zdir	The direction to use: x, y or z (default)
offset	If specified plot a projection of the filled contour on this position in plane
	normal to zdir

The positional and keyword arguments are passed on to contourf()

Returns a contourf Changed in version 1.1.0: The *zdir* and *offset* kwargs were added.

contourf3D(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

Create a 3D contourf plot.

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Argu-	Description
ment	
<i>X</i> , <i>Y</i> ,	Data values as numpy.arrays
Z	
zdir	The direction to use: x, y or z (default)
offset	If specified plot a projection of the filled contour on this position in plane
	normal to zdir

The positional and keyword arguments are passed on to contourf()

Returns a contourf Changed in version 1.1.0: The zdir and offset kwargs were added.

disable_mouse_rotation()

Disable mouse button callbacks.

draw(renderer)

format_coord(xd, yd)

Given the 2D view coordinates attempt to guess a 3D coordinate. Looks for the nearest edge to the point and then assumes that the point is at the same z location as the nearest point on the edge.

format_zdata(z)

Return z string formatted. This function will use the fmt_zdata attribute if it is callable, else will fall back on the zaxis major formatter

get_autoscale_on()

Get whether autoscaling is applied for all axes on plot commands New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

get_autoscalez_on()

Get whether autoscaling for the z-axis is applied on plot commands New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

get_axis_position()

get_axisbelow()

Get whether axis below is true or not.

For axes3d objects, this will always be *True* New in version 1.1.0: This function was added for completeness.

get_children()

get_frame_on()

Get whether the 3D axes panels are drawn New in version 1.1.0.

get_proj()

Create the projection matrix from the current viewing position.

elev stores the elevation angle in the z plane azim stores the azimuth angle in the x,y plane dist is the distance of the eye viewing point from the object point.

get_w_lims()

Get 3D world limits.

get_xlim()

Get the x-axis range [*left*, *right*] Changed in version 1.1.0: This function now correctly refers to the 3D x-limits

get_xlim3d()

Get the x-axis range [*left*, *right*] Changed in version 1.1.0: This function now correctly refers to the 3D x-limits

get_ylim()

Get the y-axis range [bottom, top] Changed in version 1.1.0: This function now correctly refers to the 3D y-limits.

get_ylim3d()

Get the y-axis range [bottom, top] Changed in version 1.1.0: This function now correctly refers to the 3D y-limits.

get_zbound()

Returns the z-axis numerical bounds where:

lowerBound < upperBound</pre>

New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

get_zlabel()

Get the z-label text string. New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

get_zlim()

Get 3D z limits.

get_zlim3d()

Get 3D z limits.

get_zmajorticklabels()

Get the ztick labels as a list of Text instances New in version 1.1.0.

get zminorticklabels()

Get the ztick labels as a list of Text instances

Note: Minor ticks are not supported. This function was added only for completeness.

New in version 1.1.0.

get_zscale()

get_zticklabels(minor=False)

Get ztick labels as a list of Text instances. See matplotlib.axes.Axes.get_yticklabels() for more details.

Note: Minor ticks are not supported.

New in version 1.1.0.

get_zticklines()

Get ztick lines as a list of Line2D instances. Note that this function is provided merely for completeness. These lines are re-calculated as the display changes. New in version 1.1.0.

get_zticks(minor=False)

Return the z ticks as a list of locations See matplotlib.axes.Axes.get_yticks() for more details.

Note: Minor ticks are not supported.

New in version 1.1.0.

```
grid(b=True, **kwargs)
```

Set / unset 3D grid.

Note: Currently, this function does not behave the same as matplotlib.axes.Axes.grid(), but it is intended to eventually support that behavior.

Changed in version 1.1.0: This function was changed, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

invert_zaxis()

Invert the z-axis. New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

```
locator_params(axis='both', tight=None, **kwargs)
```

Convenience method for controlling tick locators.

See matplotlib.axes.Axes.locator_params() for full documentation Note that this is for Axes3D objects, therefore, setting *axis* to 'both' will result in the parameters being set for all three axes. Also, *axis* can also take a value of 'z' to apply parameters to the z axis. New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

```
margins(*args, **kw)
```

Convenience method to set or retrieve autoscaling margins.

```
signatures:: margins()
returns xmargin, ymargin, zmargin
margins(margin)
margins(xmargin, ymargin, zmargin)
margins(x=xmargin, y=ymargin, z=zmargin)
margins(..., tight=False)
```

All forms above set the xmargin, ymargin and zmargin parameters. All keyword parameters are optional. A single argument specifies xmargin, ymargin and zmargin. The *tight* parameter is passed to autoscale_view(), which is executed after a margin is changed; the default here is *True*, on the assumption that when margins are specified, no additional padding to match tick marks is usually desired. Setting *tight* to *None* will preserve the previous setting.

Specifying any margin changes only the autoscaling; for example, if *xmargin* is not None, then *xmargin* times the X data interval will be added to each end of that interval before it is used in autoscaling. New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

mouse_init(rotate_btn=1, zoom_btn=3)

Initializes mouse button callbacks to enable 3D rotation of the axes. Also optionally sets the mouse buttons for 3D rotation and zooming.

Argu-	Description
ment	
ro-	The integer or list of integers specifying which mouse button or buttons to use for
tate_btn	3D rotation of the axes. Default $= 1$.
zoom_btn	The integer or list of integers specifying which mouse button or buttons to use to
	zoom the 3D axes. Default = 3 .

name = '3d'

plot(xs, ys, *args, **kwargs)

Plot 2D or 3D data.

Argument	Description	
xs, ys	X, y coordinates of vertices	
ZS	z value(s), either one for all points or one for each point.	
zdir	Which direction to use as z ('x', 'y' or 'z') when plotting a 2D set.	

Other arguments are passed on to plot()

Plot 2D or 3D data.

Argument	Description
xs, ys	X, y coordinates of vertices
zs	z value(s), either one for all points or one for each point.
zdir	Which direction to use as z ('x', 'y' or 'z') when plotting a 2D set.

Other arguments are passed on to plot()

plot_surface(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

Create a surface plot.

By default it will be colored in shades of a solid color, but it also supports color mapping by supplying the *cmap* argument.

Argument	Description
X, Y, Z	Data values as 2D arrays
rstride	Array row stride (step size)
cstride	Array column stride (step size)
color	Color of the surface patches
стар	A colormap for the surface patches.
facecolors	Face colors for the individual patches
norm	An instance of Normalize to map values to colors
vmin	Minimum value to map
vmax	Maximum value to map
shade	Whether to shade the facecolors

Other arguments are passed on to Poly3DCollection

plot_trisurf(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

Argument	Description	
X, Y, Z	Data values as 1D arrays	
color	Color of the surface patches	
стар	A colormap for the surface patches.	
norm	An instance of Normalize to map values to colors	
vmin	Minimum value to map	
vmax	Maximum value to map	
shade	Whether to shade the facecolors	

Other arguments are passed on to Poly3DCollection New in version 1.2.0: This plotting function was added for the v1.2.0 release.

plot_wireframe(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

Plot a 3D wireframe.

Argument	Description
X, Y,	Data values as 2D arrays
Z	
rstride	Array row stride (step size)
cstride	Array column stride (step size)

Keyword arguments are passed on to LineCollection.

Returns a Line3DCollection

Ar-	Description
gu-	
ment	
xs, ys	Positions of data points.
ZS	Either an array of the same length as xs and ys or a single value to place all points
	in the same plane. Default is 0.
zdir	Which direction to use as z ('x', 'y' or 'z') when plotting a 2D set.
S	size in points 2 . It is a scalar or an array of the same length as x and y .
C	a color. c can be a single color format string, or a sequence of color specifications
	of length N , or a sequence of N numbers to be mapped to colors using the <i>cmap</i>
	and <i>norm</i> specified via kwargs (see below). Note that <i>c</i> should not be a single
	numeric RGB or RGBA sequence because that is indistinguishable from an array
	of values to be colormapped. c can be a 2-D array in which the rows are RGB or
	RGBA, however.

Keyword arguments are passed on to scatter().

Returns a Patch3DCollection

scatter3D(xs, ys, zs=0, zdir='z', s=20, c='b', *args, **kwargs)

Create a scatter plot.

Ar-	Description
gu-	
ment	
xs, ys	Positions of data points.
ZS	Either an array of the same length as xs and ys or a single value to place all points
	in the same plane. Default is 0.
zdir	Which direction to use as z ('x', 'y' or 'z') when plotting a 2D set.
S	size in points 2 . It is a scalar or an array of the same length as x and y .
С	a color. c can be a single color format string, or a sequence of color specifications
	of length N, or a sequence of N numbers to be mapped to colors using the <i>cmap</i>
	and $norm$ specified via kwargs (see below). Note that c should not be a single
	numeric RGB or RGBA sequence because that is indistinguishable from an array
	of values to be colormapped. c can be a 2-D array in which the rows are RGB or
	RGBA, however.

Keyword arguments are passed on to scatter().

Returns a Patch3DCollection

set_autoscale_on(b)

Set whether autoscaling is applied on plot commands

accepts: [*True* | *False*] New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

set_autoscalez_on(b)

Set whether autoscaling for the z-axis is applied on plot commands

accepts: [*True* | *False*] New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

```
set_axis_off()
set_axis_on()
set_axisbelow(b)
     Set whether the axis ticks and gridlines are above or below most artists
     For axes3d objects, this will ignore any settings and just use True
     ACCEPTS: [ True | False ] New in version 1.1.0: This function was added for completeness.
set_frame_on(b)
     Set whether the 3D axes panels are drawn
     ACCEPTS: [ True | False ] New in version 1.1.0.
set_title(label, fontdict=None, **kwargs)
set_top_view()
set_xlim(*args, **kwargs)
     Set 3D x limits.
     See matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xlim() for full documentation.
set_xlim3d(*args, **kwargs)
     Set 3D x limits.
     See matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xlim() for full documentation.
set_xscale(value, **kwargs)
     Call signature:
     set_xscale(value)
     Set the scaling of the x-axis: 'linear' | 'log' | 'symlog'
     ACCEPTS: ['linear' | 'log' | 'symlog']
     Different kwargs are accepted, depending on the scale: 'linear'
          'log'
             basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
             nonposx/nonposy: ['mask' | 'clip'] non-positive values in x or y can be
                masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number
             subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be
                a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
                7, 8, 9]
                will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.
          'symlog'
             basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
             linthreshx/linthreshy: The range (-x, x) within which the plot is linear (to
                avoid having the plot go to infinity around zero).
```

```
subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be
                a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
                7, 8, 9]
                will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.
              linscalex/linscaley: This allows the linear range (-linthresh to linthresh) to
                be stretched relative to the logarithmic range. Its value is the number of
                decades to use for each half of the linear range. For example, when linscale
                == 1.0 (the default), the space used for the positive and negative halves of
                the linear range will be equal to one decade in the logarithmic range.
              New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report
              any bugs.
set_ylim(*args, **kwargs)
     Set 3D y limits.
     See matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_ylim() for full documentation.
set_ylim3d(*args, **kwargs)
     Set 3D y limits.
     See matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_ylim() for full documentation.
set_yscale(value, **kwargs)
     Call signature:
     set_yscale(value)
     Set the scaling of the y-axis: 'linear' | 'log' | 'symlog'
     ACCEPTS: ['linear' | 'log' | 'symlog']
     Different kwargs are accepted, depending on the scale: 'linear'
          'log'
              basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
              nonposx/nonposy: ['mask' | 'clip'] non-positive values in x or y can be
                masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number
              subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be
                a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
                7, 8, 9]
                will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.
          'symlog'
              basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
```

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avoid having the plot go to infinity around zero).

linthreshx/linthreshy: The range (-x, x) within which the plot is linear (to

```
subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.

linscalex/linscaley: This allows the linear range (-*linthresh*) to be stretched relative to the logarithmic range. Its value is the number of decades to use for each half of the linear range. For example, when *linscale* == 1.0 (the default), the space used for the positive and negative halves of the linear range will be equal to one decade in the logarithmic range.

New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

set_zbound(lower=None, upper=None)

Set the lower and upper numerical bounds of the z-axis. This method will honor axes inversion regardless of parameter order. It will not change the _autoscaleZon attribute. New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

```
set_zlabel(zlabel, fontdict=None, labelpad=None, **kwargs)
Set zlabel. See doc for set_ylabel() for description.
```

Note: Currently, *labelpad* does not have an effect on the labels.

```
set_zlim(*args, **kwargs)
    Set 3D z limits.

See matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_ylim() for full documentation.
set_zlim3d(*args, **kwargs)
    Set 3D z limits.

See matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_ylim() for full documentation.
set_zmargin(m)
```

Set padding of Z data limits prior to autoscaling.

m times the data interval will be added to each end of that interval before it is used in autoscaling.

accepts: float in range 0 to 1 New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

```
set_zscale(value, **kwargs)
    call signature:
    set_zscale(value)

Set the scaling of the z-axis: 'linear' | 'log' | 'symlog'
ACCEPTS: ['linear' | 'log' | 'symlog']

Different kwargs are accepted, depending on the scale: 'linear'
    'log'
```

basex/basey: The base of the logarithm

nonposx/nonposy: ['mask' | 'clip'] non-positive values in x or y can be masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number

subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.

'symlog'

basex/basey: The base of the logarithm

linthreshx/linthreshy: The range (-x, x) within which the plot is linear (to avoid having the plot go to infinity around zero).

subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.

linscalex/linscaley: This allows the linear range (-*linthresh*) to be stretched relative to the logarithmic range. Its value is the number of decades to use for each half of the linear range. For example, when *linscale* == 1.0 (the default), the space used for the positive and negative halves of the linear range will be equal to one decade in the logarithmic range.

Note: Currently, Axes3D objects only supports linear scales. Other scales may or may not work, and support for these is improving with each release.

New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

set_zticklabels(*args, **kwargs)

Set z-axis tick labels. See matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_yticklabels() for more details.

Note: Minor ticks are not supported by Axes3D objects.

New in version 1.1.0.

set_zticks(*args, **kwargs)

Set z-axis tick locations. See matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_yticks() for more details.

Note: Minor ticks are not supported.

New in version 1.1.0.

text(x, y, z, s, zdir=None, **kwargs)

Add text to the plot. kwargs will be passed on to Axes.text, except for the zdir keyword, which sets the direction to be used as the z direction.

```
text2D(x, y, s, fontdict=None, withdash=False, **kwargs)
```

Add text to the axes.

Call signature:

```
text(x, y, s, fontdict=None, **kwargs)
```

Add text in string s to axis at location x, y, data coordinates.

Keyword arguments:

fontdict: A dictionary to override the default text properties. If *fontdict* is *None*, the defaults are determined by your rc parameters.

withdash: [False | True] Creates a TextWithDash instance instead of a Text instance.

Individual keyword arguments can be used to override any given parameter:

```
text(x, y, s, fontsize=12)
```

The default transform specifies that text is in data coords, alternatively, you can specify text in axis coords (0,0 is lower-left and 1,1 is upper-right). The example below places text in the center of the axes:

```
text(0.5, 0.5, 'matplotlib',
    horizontalalignment='center',
    verticalalignment='center',
    transform = ax.transAxes)
```

You can put a rectangular box around the text instance (eg. to set a background color) by using the keyword *bbox*. *bbox* is a dictionary of matplotlib.patches.Rectangle properties. For example:

```
text(x, y, s, bbox=dict(facecolor='red', alpha=0.5))
```

Valid kwargs are Text properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']

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Property	Description
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
x	float
у	float
zorder	any number

text3D(x, y, z, s, zdir=None, **kwargs)

Add text to the plot. kwargs will be passed on to Axes.text, except for the zdir keyword, which sets the direction to be used as the z direction.

tick_params(axis='both', **kwargs)

Convenience method for changing the appearance of ticks and tick labels.

See matplotlib.axes.Axes.tick_params() for more complete documentation.

The only difference is that setting *axis* to 'both' will mean that the settings are applied to all three axes. Also, the *axis* parameter also accepts a value of 'z', which would mean to apply to only the z-axis.

Also, because of how Axes3D objects are drawn very differently from regular 2D axes, some of these settings may have ambiguous meaning. For simplicity, the 'z' axis will accept settings as if it was like the 'y' axis.

Note: While this function is currently implemented, the core part of the Axes3D object may ignore some of these settings. Future releases will fix this. Priority will be given to those who file bugs.

New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

ticklabel_format(**kwargs)

Convenience method for manipulating the ScalarFormatter used by default for linear axes in Axed3D objects.

See matplotlib.axes.Axes.ticklabel_format() for full documentation. Note that this version applies to all three axes of the Axes3D object. Therefore, the *axis* argument will also accept a value of 'z' and the value of 'both' will apply to all three axes. New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

tricontour(X, Y, Z, *args, **kwargs)

Create a 3D contour plot.

Argu-	Description
ment	
<i>X</i> , <i>Y</i> ,	Data values as numpy.arrays
Z	
extend3d	Whether to extend contour in 3D (default: False)
stride	Stride (step size) for extending contour
zdir	The direction to use: x, y or z (default)
offset	If specified plot a projection of the contour lines on this position in plane
	normal to zdir

Other keyword arguments are passed on to tricontour()

Returns a contour New in version 1.1.0.

Create a 3D contourf plot.

Argu-	Description
ment	
<i>X</i> , <i>Y</i> ,	Data values as numpy.arrays
Z	
zdir	The direction to use: x, y or z (default)
offset	If specified plot a projection of the contour lines on this position in plane
	normal to zdir

Other keyword arguments are passed on to tricontour()

Returns a contour New in version 1.1.0.

tunit_edges(vals=None, M=None)

unit_cube(vals=None)

```
update_datalim(xys, **kwargs)
```

```
view_init(elev=None, azim=None)
```

Set the elevation and azimuth of the axes.

This can be used to rotate the axes programatically.

'elev' stores the elevation angle in the z plane. 'azim' stores the azimuth angle in the x,y plane.

if elev or azim are None (default), then the initial value is used which was specified in the Axes 3D constructor.

```
zaxis_date(tz=None)
```

Sets up z-axis ticks and labels that treat the z data as dates.

tz is a timezone string or tzinfo instance. Defaults to rc value.

Note: This function is merely provided for completeness. Axes3D objects do not officially support dates for ticks, and so this may or may not work as expected.

New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

zaxis_inverted()

Returns True if the z-axis is inverted. New in version 1.1.0: This function was added, but not tested. Please report any bugs.

```
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axes3d.get_test_data(delta=0.05)
```

Return a tuple X, Y, Z with a test data set.

mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axes3d.unit_bbox()

38.2.2 axis3d

Note: Historically, axis3d has suffered from having hard-coded constants controlling the look and feel of the 3D plot. This precluded user level adjustments such as label spacing, font colors and panel colors. For version 1.1.0, these constants have been consolidated into a single private member dictionary, self._axinfo, for the axis object. This is intended only as a stop-gap measure to allow user-level customization, but it is not intended to be permanent.

```
get_tightbbox(renderer)
     get_view_interval()
          return the Interval instance for this 3d axis view limits
     init3d()
     set_pane_color(color)
          Set pane color to a RGBA tuple
     set_pane_pos(xys)
     set_rotate_label(val)
          Whether to rotate the axis label: True, False or None. If set to None the label will be rotated if
          longer than 4 chars.
     set_view_interval(vmin, vmax, ignore=False)
class mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axis3d.XAxis(adir, v_intervalx, d_intervalx, axes,
                                                                                     *args,
                                             **kwargs)
     Bases: mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axis3d.Axis
     get_data_interval()
          return the Interval instance for this axis data limits
class mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axis3d.YAxis(adir, v intervalx, d intervalx, axes,
                                             **kwargs)
     Bases: mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axis3d.Axis
     get_data_interval()
          return the Interval instance for this axis data limits
class mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axis3d.ZAxis(adir, v_intervalx, d_intervalx, axes,
                                                                                     *args,
                                             **kwargs)
     Bases: mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axis3d.Axis
     get_data_interval()
          return the Interval instance for this axis data limits
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axis3d.get_flip_min_max(coord, index, mins, maxs)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axis3d.move_from_center(coord, centers, deltas, axmask=(True,
                                                     True, True))
     Return a coordinate that is moved by "deltas" away from the center.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axis3d.tick_update_position(tick, tickxs, tickys, labelpos)
     Update tick line and label position and style.
38.2.3 art3d
```

Module containing 3D artist code and functions to convert 2D artists into 3D versions which can be added to an Axes3D.

```
class mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.Line3D(xs, ys, zs, *args, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.lines.Line2D
```

```
3D line object.
     Keyword arguments are passed onto Line2D().
     draw(renderer)
     set_3d_properties(zs=0, zdir='z')
class mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.Line3DCollection(segments, *args, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.collections.LineCollection
     A collection of 3D lines.
     Keyword arguments are passed onto LineCollection().
     do_3d_projection(renderer)
          Project the points according to renderer matrix.
     draw(renderer, project=False)
     set_segments(segments)
          Set 3D segments
     set_sort_zpos(val)
          Set the position to use for z-sorting.
class mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.Patch3D(*args, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch
     3D patch object.
     do_3d_projection(renderer)
     draw(renderer)
     get_facecolor()
     get_path()
     set_3d_properties(verts, zs=0, zdir='z')
class mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.Patch3DCollection(*args, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.collections.PatchCollection
     A collection of 3D patches.
     do_3d_projection(renderer)
     draw(renderer)
     set_3d_properties(zs, zdir)
     set_sort_zpos(val)
          Set the position to use for z-sorting.
class mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.PathPatch3D(path, **kwargs)
     Bases: mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.Patch3D
     3D PathPatch object.
     do_3d_projection(renderer)
```

```
set_3d_properties(path, zs=0, zdir='z')
class mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.Poly3DCollection(verts, *args, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.collections.PolyCollection
     A collection of 3D polygons.
     Create a Poly3DCollection.
     verts should contain 3D coordinates.
     Keyword arguments: zsort, see set_zsort for options.
     Note that this class does a bit of magic with the _facecolors and _edgecolors properties.
     do_3d_projection(renderer)
          Perform the 3D projection for this object.
     draw(renderer)
     get_edgecolor()
     get_edgecolors()
     get_facecolor()
     get_facecolors()
     get_vector(segments3d)
          Optimize points for projection
     set_3d_properties()
     set_edgecolor(colors)
     set_edgecolors(colors)
     set_facecolor(colors)
     set_facecolors(colors)
     set_sort_zpos(val)
          Set the position to use for z-sorting.
     set_verts(verts, closed=True)
          Set 3D vertices.
     set_zsort(zsort)
          Set z-sorting behaviour: boolean: if True use default 'average' string: 'average', 'min' or 'max'
class mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.Text3D(x=0, y=0, z=0, text='', zdir='z', **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.text.Text
     Text object with 3D position and (in the future) direction.
     x, y, z Position of text text Text string to display zdir Direction of text
     Keyword arguments are passed onto Text().
     draw(renderer)
```

```
set_3d_properties(z=0, zdir='z')
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.get_colors(c, num)
     Stretch the color argument to provide the required number num
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.get_dir_vector(zdir)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.get_patch_verts(patch)
     Return a list of vertices for the path of a patch.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.iscolor(c)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.juggle_axes(xs, ys, zs, zdir)
     Reorder coordinates so that 2D xs, ys can be plotted in the plane orthogonal to zdir. zdir is normally
     x, y or z. However, if zdir starts with a '-' it is interpreted as a compensation for rotate_axes.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.line_2d_to_3d(line, zs=0, zdir='z')
     Convert a 2D line to 3D.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.line_collection_2d_to_3d(col, zs=0, zdir='z')
     Convert a LineCollection to a Line3DCollection object.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.norm_angle(a)
     Return angle between -180 and +180
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.norm_text_angle(a)
     Return angle between -90 and +90
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.patch_2d_to_3d(patch, z=0, zdir='z')
     Convert a Patch to a Patch3D object.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.patch_collection_2d_to_3d(col, zs=0, zdir='z')
     Convert a PatchCollection to a Patch3DCollection object.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.path_to_3d_segment(path, zs=0, zdir='z')
     Convert a path to a 3D segment.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.pathpatch_2d_to_3d(pathpatch, z=0, zdir='z')
     Convert a PathPatch to a PathPatch3D object.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.paths_to_3d_segments(paths, zs=0, zdir='z')
     Convert paths from a collection object to 3D segments.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.poly_collection_2d_to_3d(col, zs=0, zdir='z')
     Convert a PolyCollection to a Poly3DCollection object.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.rotate_axes(xs, ys, zs, zdir)
     Reorder coordinates so that the axes are rotated with zdir along the original z axis. Prepending the
     axis with a '-' does the inverse transform, so zdir can be x, -x, y, -y, z or -z
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.text_2d_to_3d(obj, z=0, zdir='z')
     Convert a Text to a Text3D object.
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.zalpha(colors, zs)
     Modify the alphas of the color list according to depth
```

38.2.4 proj3d

```
Various transforms used for by the 3D code
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.inv_transform(xs, ys, zs, M)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.line2d(p\theta, p1)
     Return 2D equation of line in the form ax+by+c=0
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.line2d_dist(l, p)
     Distance from line to point line is a tuple of coefficients a,b,c
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.line2d_seg_dist(p1, p2, p0)
     distance(s) from line defined by p1 - p2 to point(s) p0
     p0[0] = x(s) p0[1] = y(s)
     intersection point p = p1 + u*(p2-p1) and intersection point lies within segment if u is between 0 and
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.mod(v)
     3d vector length
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.persp_transformation(zfront, zback)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.proj_points(points, M)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.proj_trans_clip_points(points, M)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.proj_trans_points(points, M)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.proj_transform(xs, ys, zs, M)
     Transform the points by the projection matrix
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.proj_transform_clip(xs, ys, zs, M)
     Transform the points by the projection matrix and return the clipping result returns txs,tys,tzs,tis
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.proj_transform_vec(vec, M)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.proj_transform_vec_clip(vec, M)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.rot_x(V, alpha)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.test_lines_dists()
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.test_proj()
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.test_proj_draw_axes(M, s=1)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.test_proj_make_M(E=None)
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.test_rot()
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.test_world()
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.transform(xs, ys, zs, M)
     Transform the points by the projection matrix
mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.proj3d.vec_pad_ones(xs, ys, zs)
```

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38.3.1 How is mplot3d different from MayaVi?

MayaVi2 is a very powerful and featureful 3D graphing library. For advanced 3D scenes and excellent rendering capabilities, it is highly recomended to use MayaVi2.

mplot3d was intended to allow users to create simple 3D graphs with the same "look-and-feel" as matplotlib's 2D plots. Furthermore, users can use the same toolkit that they are already familiar with to generate both their 2D and 3D plots.

38.3.2 My 3D plot doesn't look right at certain viewing angles

This is probably the most commonly reported issue with mplot3d. The problem is that – from some viewing angles – a 3D object would appear in front of another object, even though it is physically behind it. This can result in plots that do not look "physically correct."

Unfortunately, while some work is being done to reduce the occurance of this artifact, it is currently an intractable problem, and can not be fully solved until matplotlib supports 3D graphics rendering at its core.

The problem occurs due to the reduction of 3D data down to 2D + z-order scalar. A single value represents the 3rd dimension for all parts of 3D objects in a collection. Therefore, when the bounding boxes of two collections intersect, it becomes possible for this artifact to occur. Furthermore, the intersection of two 3D objects (such as polygons or patches) can not be rendered properly in matplotlib's 2D rendering engine.

This problem will likely not be solved until OpenGL support is added to all of the backends (patches are greatly welcomed). Until then, if you need complex 3D scenes, we recommend using MayaVi.

38.3.3 I don't like how the 3D plot is laid out, how do I change that?

Historically, mplot3d has suffered from a hard-coding of parameters used to control visuals such as label spacing, tick length, and grid line width. Work is being done to eliminate this issue. For matplotlib v1.1.0, there is a semi-official manner to modify these parameters. See the note in the *axis3d* section of the mplot3d API documentation for more information.

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Part VI

Toolkits



THIRTYNINE

BASEMAP

Plots data on map projections, with continental and political boundaries, see basemap docs.

FORTY

GTK TOOLS

 $mpl_toolkits.gtktools\ provides\ some\ utilities\ for\ working\ with\ GTK.\ This\ toolkit\ ships\ with\ matplotlib,\ but\ requires\ pygtk.$

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EXCEL TOOLS

 $mpl_toolkits.exceltools$ provides some utilities for working with Excel. This toolkit ships with matplotlib, but requires xlwt

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NATGRID

mpl_toolkits.natgrid is an interface to natgrid C library for gridding irregularly spaced data. This requires a separate installation of the natgrid toolkit from the sourceforge download page.

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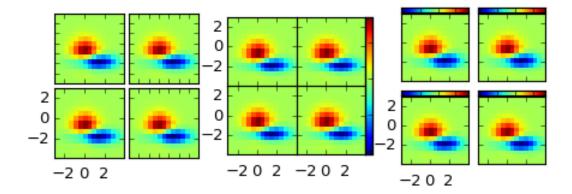
MPLOT3D

mpl_toolkits.mplot3d provides some basic 3D plotting (scatter, surf, line, mesh) tools. Not the fastest or feature complete 3D library out there, but ships with matplotlib and thus may be a lighter weight solution for some use cases.

See *mplot3d* for more documentation and examples.

AXESGRID

The matplotlib AxesGrid toolkit is a collection of helper classes to ease displaying multiple images in matplotlib. The AxesGrid toolkit is distributed with matplotlib source.



See Matplotlib AxesGrid Toolkit for documentations.

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PLOTTING COMMANDS SUMMARY

matplotlib.pyplot.plotting()

Function	Description
acorr	Plot the autocorrelation of <i>x</i> .
annotate	Create an annotation: a piece of text referring to a data point.
arrow	Add an arrow to the axes.
autoscale	Autoscale the axis view to the data (toggle).
axes	Add an axes to the figure.
axhline	Add a horizontal line across the axis.
axhspan	Add a horizontal span (rectangle) across the axis.
axis	Set or get the axis properties.:: >>> axis() returns the current axes limits [xmin, xmax, ymin,
axvline	Add a vertical line across the axes.
axvspan	Add a vertical span (rectangle) across the axes.
bar	Make a bar plot.
barbs	Plot a 2-D field of barbs.
barh	Make a horizontal bar plot.
box	Turn the axes box on or off.
boxplot	Make a box and whisker plot.
broken_barh	Plot horizontal bars.
cla	Clear the current axes.
clabel	Label a contour plot.
clf	Clear the current figure.
clim	Set the color limits of the current image.
close	Close a figure window.
cohere	Plot the coherence between <i>x</i> and <i>y</i> .
colorbar	Add a colorbar to a plot.
contour	Plot contours.
contourf	Plot contours.
csd	Plot cross-spectral density.
delaxes	Remove an axes from the current figure.
draw	Redraw the current figure.
errorbar	Plot an errorbar graph.

Function	Description
figimage	Adds a non-resampled image to the figure.
figlegend	Place a legend in the figure.
figtext	Add text to figure.
figure	Create a new figure.
fill	Plot filled polygons.
fill_between	Make filled polygons between two curves.
fill_betweenx	Make filled polygons between two horizontal curves.
findobj	Find artist objects.
gca	Return the current axis instance.
gcf	Return a reference to the current figure.
gci	Get the current colorable artist.
get_figlabels	Return a list of existing figure labels.
get_fignums	Return a list of existing figure numbers.
grid	Turn the axes grids on or off.
hexbin	Make a hexagonal binning plot.
hist	Plot a histogram.
hist2d	Make a 2D histogram plot.
hlines	Plot horizontal lines.
hold	Set the hold state.
imread	Read an image from a file into an array.
imsave	Save an array as in image file.
imshow	Display an image on the axes.
ioff	Turn interactive mode off.
ion	Turn interactive mode on.
ishold	Return the hold status of the current axes.
isinteractive	Return status of interactive mode.
legend	Place a legend on the current axes.
locator_params	Control behavior of tick locators.
loglog	Make a plot with log scaling on both the x and y axis.
margins	Set or retrieve autoscaling margins.
matshow	Display an array as a matrix in a new figure window.
minorticks_off	Remove minor ticks from the current plot.
minorticks_on	Display minor ticks on the current plot.
over	Call a function with hold(True).
pause	Pause for interval seconds.
pcolor	Create a pseudocolor plot of a 2-D array.
pcolormesh	Plot a quadrilateral mesh.
pie	Plot a pie chart.
plot	Plot lines and/or markers to the Axes.
plot_date	Plot with data with dates.
plotfile	Plot the data in in a file.
polar	Make a polar plot.
psd	Plot the power spectral density.

Function	Description
quiver	Plot a 2-D field of arrows.
quiverkey	Add a key to a quiver plot.
rc	Set the current rc params.
rcdefaults	Restore the default rc params.
rgrids	Get or set the radial gridlines on a polar plot.
savefig	Save the current figure.
sca	Set the current Axes instance to ax.
scatter	Make a scatter plot.
sci	Set the current image.
semilogx	Make a plot with log scaling on the x axis.
semilogy	Make a plot with log scaling on the y axis.
set_cmap	Set the default colormap.
setp	Set a property on an artist object.
show	Display a figure.
specgram	Plot a spectrogram.
spy	Plot the sparsity pattern on a 2-D array.
stackplot	Draws a stacked area plot.
stem	Create a stem plot.
step	Make a step plot.
streamplot	Draws streamlines of a vector flow.
subplot	Create a new axes (subplot).
subplot2grid	Create a subplot in a grid.
subplot_tool	Launch a subplot tool window for a figure.
subplots	Create a figure with a set of subplots already made.
subplots_adjust	Tune the subplot layout.
suptitle	Add a centered title to the figure.
switch_backend	Switch the default backend.
table	Add a table to the current axes.
text	Add text to the axes.
thetagrids	Get or set the theta locations of the gridlines in a polar plot.
tick_params	Change the appearance of ticks and tick labels.
ticklabel_format	Change the ScalarFormatter used by default for linear axes.
tight_layout	Automatically adjust subplot parameters to give specified padding.
title	Set the title of the current axis.
tricontour	Draw contours on an unstructured triangular grid.
tricontourf	Draw contours on an unstructured triangular grid.
tripcolor	Create a pseudocolor plot of an unstructured triangular grid.
triplot	Draw a unstructured triangular grid as lines and/or markers.
twinx	Make a second axes that shares the <i>x</i> -axis.
twiny	Make a second axes that shares the <i>y</i> -axis.
vlines	Plot vertical lines.
xcorr	Plot the cross correlation between <i>x</i> and <i>y</i> .
xlabel	Set the <i>x</i> axis label of the current axis.

Function	Description
xlim	Get or set the <i>x</i> limits of the current axes.
xscale	Set the scaling of the <i>x</i> -axis.
xticks	Get or set the <i>x</i> -limits of the current tick locations and labels.
ylabel	Set the <i>y</i> axis label of the current axis.
ylim	Get or set the <i>y</i> -limits of the current axes.
yscale	Set the scaling of the <i>y</i> -axis.
yticks	Get or set the <i>y</i> -limits of the current tick locations and labels.

matplotlib.pyplot.colormaps()

Matplotlib provides a number of colormaps, and others can be added using register_cmap(). This function documents the built-in colormaps, and will also return a list of all registered colormaps if called.

You can set the colormap for an image, poolor, scatter, etc, using a keyword argument:

```
imshow(X, cmap=cm.hot)
or using the set_cmap() function:
imshow(X)
pyplot.set_cmap('hot')
pyplot.set_cmap('jet')
```

In interactive mode, set_cmap() will update the colormap post-hoc, allowing you to see which one works best for your data.

All built-in colormaps can be reversed by appending _r: For instance, gray_r is the reverse of gray.

There are several common color schemes used in visualization:

Sequential schemes for unipolar data that progresses from low to high

Diverging schemes for bipolar data that emphasizes positive or negative deviations from a central value

Cyclic schemes meant for plotting values that wrap around at the endpoints, such as phase angle, wind direction, or time of day

Qualitative schemes for nominal data that has no inherent ordering, where color is used only to distinguish categories

The base colormaps are (with the exception of spectral) derived from those of the same name provided with Matlab:

Col-	Description
ormap	
au-	sequential linearly-increasing shades of red-orange-yellow
tumn	
bone	sequential increasing black-white color map with a tinge of blue, to emulate
	X-ray film
cool	linearly-decreasing shades of cyan-magenta
cop-	sequential increasing shades of black-copper
per	
flag	repetitive red-white-blue-black pattern (not cyclic at endpoints)
gray	sequential linearly-increasing black-to-white grayscale
hot	sequential black-red-yellow-white, to emulate blackbody radiation from an
	object at increasing temperatures
hsv	cyclic red-yellow-green-cyan-blue-magenta-red, formed by changing the hue
	component in the HSV color space
jet	a spectral map with dark endpoints, blue-cyan-yellow-red; based on a fluid-jet
	simulation by NCSA ¹
pink	sequential increasing pastel black-pink-white, meant for sepia tone
	colorization of photographs
prism	repetitive red-yellow-green-blue-purplegreen pattern (not cyclic at
	endpoints)
spring	linearly-increasing shades of magenta-yellow
sum-	sequential linearly-increasing shades of green-yellow
mer	
win-	linearly-increasing shades of blue-green
ter	
spec-	black-purple-blue-green-yellow-red-white spectrum
tral	

For the above list only, you can also set the colormap using the corresponding pylab shortcut interface function, similar to Matlab:

imshow(X)
hot()

jet()

The next set of palettes are from the Yorick scientific visualisation package, an evolution of the GIST package, both by David H. Munro:

¹Rainbow colormaps, jet in particular, are considered a poor choice for scientific visualization by many researchers: Rainbow Color Map (Still) Considered Harmful

Col-	Description	
ormap		
gist_ear	thmapmaker's colors from dark blue deep ocean to green lowlands to brown	
	highlands to white mountains	
gist_hea	atsequential increasing black-red-orange-white, to emulate blackbody radiation	
	from an iron bar as it grows hotter	
gist_ncarpseudo-spectral black-blue-green-yellow-red-purple-white colormap from		
	National Center for Atmospheric Research ²	
gist_rai	nbows through the colors in spectral order from red to violet at full saturation	
	(like hsv but not cyclic)	
gist_ste	rn 'Stern special" color table from Interactive Data Language software	

The following colormaps are based on the ColorBrewer color specifications and designs developed by Cynthia Brewer:

ColorBrewer Diverging (luminance is highest at the midpoint, and decreases towards differently-colored endpoints):

Colormap	Description
BrBG	brown, white, blue-green
PiYG	pink, white, yellow-green
PRGn	purple, white, green
PuOr	orange, white, purple
RdBu	red, white, blue
RdGy	red, white, gray
RdYlBu	red, yellow, blue
RdYlGn	red, yellow, green
Spectral	red, orange, yellow, green, blue

ColorBrewer Sequential (luminance decreases monotonically):

²Resembles "BkBlAqGrYeOrReViWh200" from NCAR Command Language. See Color Table Gallery

Colormap	Description
Blues	white to dark blue
BuGn	white, light blue, dark green
BuPu	white, light blue, dark purple
GnBu	white, light green, dark blue
Greens	white to dark green
Greys	white to black (not linear)
Oranges	white, orange, dark brown
OrRd	white, orange, dark red
PuBu	white, light purple, dark blue
PuBuGn	white, light purple, dark green
PuRd	white, light purple, dark red
Purples	white to dark purple
RdPu	white, pink, dark purple
Reds	white to dark red
YlGn	light yellow, dark green
YlGnBu	light yellow, light green, dark blue
YlOrBr	light yellow, orange, dark brown
YlOrRd	light yellow, orange, dark red

ColorBrewer Qualitative:

(For plotting nominal data, ListedColormap should be used, not LinearSegmentedColormap. Different sets of colors are recommended for different numbers of categories. These continuous versions of the qualitative schemes may be removed or converted in the future.)

- Accent
- •Dark2
- Paired
- •Pastel1
- •Pastel2
- •Set1
- •Set2
- •Set3

Other miscellaneous schemes:

Col-	Description
ormap	
afmhot	sequential black-orange-yellow-white blackbody spectrum, commonly used in
	atomic force microscopy
brg	blue-red-green
bwr	diverging blue-white-red
cool-	diverging blue-gray-red, meant to avoid issues with 3D shading, color
warm	blindness, and ordering of colors ³
CM-	"Default colormaps on color images often reproduce to confusing grayscale
Rmap	images. The proposed colormap maintains an aesthetically pleasing color
	image that automatically reproduces to a monotonic grayscale with discrete,
	quantifiable saturation levels." ⁴
cube-	Unlike most other color schemes cubehelix was designed by D.A. Green to be
helix	monotonically increasing in terms of perceived brightness. Also, when printed
	on a black and white postscript printer, the scheme results in a greyscale with
	monotonically increasing brightness. This color scheme is named cubehelix
	because the r,g,b values produced can be visualised as a squashed helix
	around the diagonal in the r,g,b color cube.
gnu-	gnuplot's traditional pm3d scheme (black-blue-red-yellow)
plot	
gnu-	sequential color printable as gray (black-blue-violet-yellow-white)
plot2	
ocean	green-blue-white
rain-	spectral purple-blue-green-yellow-orange-red colormap with diverging
bow	luminance
seis-	diverging blue-white-red
mic	
ter-	mapmaker's colors, blue-green-yellow-brown-white, originally from IGOR
rain	Pro

The following colormaps are redundant and may be removed in future versions. It's recommended to use *gray* or *gray_r* instead, which produce identical output:

Colormap	Description
gist_gray	identical to gray
gist_yarg	identical to gray_r
binary	identical to gray_r

 $^{^3\}mbox{See}$ Diverging Color Maps for Scientific Visualization by Kenneth Moreland.

⁴See A Color Map for Effective Black-and-White Rendering of Color-Scale Images by Carey Rappaport

API CHANGES

This chapter is a log of changes to matplotlib that affect the outward-facing API. If updating matplotlib breaks your scripts, this list may help describe what changes may be necessary in your code or help figure out possible sources of the changes you are experiencing.

For new features that were added to matplotlib, please see *What's new in matplotlib*.

46.1 Changes in 1.2.x

- The classic option of the rc parameter toolbar is deprecated and will be removed in the next release.
- The isvector() method has been removed since it is no longer functional.
- The rasterization_zorder property on Axes a zorder below which artists are rasterized. This has defaulted to -30000.0, but it now defaults to None, meaning no artists will be rasterized. In order to rasterize artists below a given zorder value, set_rasterization_zorder must be explicitly called.
- In scatter(), and scatter, when specifying a marker using a tuple, the angle is now specified in degrees, not radians.
- Using twinx() or twiny() no longer overrides the current locaters and formatters on the axes.
- In contourf(), the handling of the *extend* kwarg has changed. Formerly, the extended ranges were mapped after to 0, 1 after being normed, so that they always corresponded to the extreme values of the colormap. Now they are mapped outside this range so that they correspond to the special colormap values determined by the set_under() and set_over() methods, which default to the colormap end points.
- The new rc parameter savefig.format replaces cairo.format and savefig.extension, and sets the default file format used by matplotlib.figure.Figure.savefig().
- In pie() and pie(), one can now set the radius of the pie; setting the *radius* to 'None' (the default value), will result in a pie with a radius of 1 as before.
- Use of projection_factory() is now deprecated in favour of axes class identification using process_projection_requirements() followed by direct axes class invocation (at the time of writing, functions which do this are: add_axes(), add_subplot() and gca()). Therefore:

This change means that third party objects can expose themselves as matplotlib axes by providing a _as_mpl_axes method. See *Adding new scales and projections to matplotlib* for more detail.

- A new keyword *extendfrac* in colorbar() and ColorbarBase allows one to control the size of the triangular minimum and maximum extensions on colorbars.
- A new keyword *capthick* in errorbar() has been added as an intuitive alias to the *markeredgewidth* and *mew* keyword arguments, which indirectly controlled the thickness of the caps on the errorbars. For backwards compatibility, specifying either of the original keyword arguments will override any value provided by *capthick*.
- Transform subclassing behaviour is now subtly changed. If your transform implements a non-affine transformation, then it should override the transform_non_affine method, rather than the generic transform method. Previously transforms would define transform and then copy the method into transform_non_affine:

This approach will no longer function correctly and should be changed to:

```
class MyTransform(mtrans.Transform):
    def transform_non_affine(self, xy):
        ...
```

- Artists no longer have x_isdata or y_isdata attributes; instead any artist's transform can be interrogated with artist_instance.get_transform().contains_branch(ax.transData)
- Lines added to an axes now take into account their transform when updating the data and view limits. This means transforms can now be used as a pre-transform. For instance:

```
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> import matplotlib.transforms as mtrans
>>> ax = plt.axes()
>>> ax.plot(range(10), transform=mtrans.Affine2D().scale(10) + ax.transData)
```

```
>>> print(ax.viewLim)
Bbox('array([[ 0., 0.],\n [ 90., 90.]])')
```

• One can now easily get a transform which goes from one transform's coordinate system to another, in an optimized way, using the new subtract method on a transform. For instance, to go from data coordinates to axes coordinates:

```
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> ax = plt.axes()
>>> data2ax = ax.transData - ax.transAxes
>>> print(ax.transData.depth, ax.transAxes.depth)
3, 1
>>> print(data2ax.depth)
```

for versions before 1.2 this could only be achieved in a sub-optimal way, using ax.transData + ax.transAxes.inverted() (depth is a new concept, but had it existed it would return 4 for this example).

- twinx and twiny now returns an instance of SubplotBase if parent axes is an instance of SubplotBase.
- All Qt3-based backends are now deprecated due to the lack of py3k bindings. Qt and QtAgg backends will continue to work in v1.2.x for py2.6 and py2.7. It is anticipated that the Qt3 support will be completely removed for the next release.
- ColorConverter, Colormap and Normalize now subclasses object
- ContourSet instances no longer have a transform attribute. Instead, access the transform with the get_transform method.

46.2 Changes in 1.1.x

- Added new matplotlib.sankey.Sankey for generating Sankey diagrams.
- In imshow(), setting *interpolation* to 'nearest' will now always mean that the nearest-neighbor interpolation is performed. If you want the no-op interpolation to be performed, choose 'none'.
- There were errors in how the tri-functions were handling input parameters that had to be fixed. If your tri-plots are not working correctly anymore, or you were working around apparent mistakes, please see issue #203 in the github tracker. When in doubt, use kwargs.
- The 'symlog' scale had some bad behavior in previous versions. This has now been fixed and users should now be able to use it without frustrations. The fixes did result in some minor changes in appearance for some users who may have been depending on the bad behavior.
- There is now a common set of markers for all plotting functions. Previously, some markers existed only for scatter() or just for plot(). This is now no longer the case. This merge did result in a conflict. The string 'd' now means "thin diamond" while 'D' will mean "regular diamond".

46.3 Changes beyond 0.99.x

- The default behavior of matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xlim(), matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_ylim(), and matplotlib.axes.Axes.axis(), and their corresponding pyplot functions, has been changed: when view limits are set explicitly with one of these methods, autoscaling is turned off for the matching axis. A new *auto* kwarg is available to control this behavior. The limit kwargs have been renamed to *left* and *right* instead of *xmin* and *xmax*, and *bottom* and *top* instead of *ymin* and *ymax*. The old names may still be used, however.
- There are five new Axes methods with corresponding pyplot functions to facilitate autoscaling, tick location, and tick label formatting, and the general appearance of ticks and tick labels:
 - matplotlib.axes.Axes.autoscale() turns autoscaling on or off, and applies it.
 - matplotlib.axes.Axes.margins() sets margins used to autoscale the matplotlib.axes.Axes.viewLim based on the matplotlib.axes.Axes.dataLim.
 - matplotlib.axes.Axes.locator_params() allows one to adjust axes locator parameters such as *nbins*.
 - matplotlib.axes.Axes.ticklabel_format() is a convenience method for controlling the matplotlib.ticker.ScalarFormatter that is used by default with linear axes.
 - matplotlib.axes.Axes.tick_params() controls direction, size, visibility, and color of ticks and their labels.
- The matplotlib.axes.Axes.bar() method accepts a *error_kw* kwarg; it is a dictionary of kwargs to be passed to the errorbar function.
- The matplotlib.axes.Axes.hist() *color* kwarg now accepts a sequence of color specs to match a sequence of datasets.
- The EllipseCollection has been changed in two ways:
 - There is a new *units* option, 'xy', that scales the ellipse with the data units. This matches the :class:'~matplotlib.patches.Ellipse' scaling.
 - The *height* and *width* kwargs have been changed to specify the height and width, again for consistency with Ellipse, and to better match their names; previously they specified the half-height and half-width.
- There is a new rc parameter axes.color_cycle, and the color cycle is now independent of the rc parameter lines.color.matplotlib.Axes.set_default_color_cycle() is deprecated.
- You can now print several figures to one pdf file and modify the document information dictionary of a pdf file. See the docstrings of the class matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.PdfPages for more information.
- Removed configobj and enthought.traits packages, which are only required by the experimental traited config and are somewhat out of date. If needed, install them independently.
- The new rc parameter savefig.extension sets the filename extension that is used by matplotlib.figure.Figure.savefig() if its *fname* argument lacks an extension.

• In an effort to simplify the backend API, all clipping rectangles and paths are now passed in using GraphicsContext objects, even on collections and images. Therefore:

```
draw_path_collection(self, master_transform, cliprect, clippath,
                     clippath_trans, paths, all_transforms, offsets,
                     offsetTrans, facecolors, edgecolors, linewidths,
                     linestyles, antialiaseds, urls)
# is now
draw_path_collection(self, gc, master_transform, paths, all_transforms,
                     offsets, offsetTrans, facecolors, edgecolors,
                     linewidths, linestyles, antialiaseds, urls)
draw_quad_mesh(self, master_transform, cliprect, clippath,
               clippath_trans, meshWidth, meshHeight, coordinates,
               offsets, offsetTrans, facecolors, antialiased,
               showedges)
# is now
draw_quad_mesh(self, gc, master_transform, meshWidth, meshHeight,
               coordinates, offsets, offsetTrans, facecolors,
               antialiased, showedges)
draw_image(self, x, y, im, bbox, clippath=None, clippath_trans=None)
# is now
draw_image(self, gc, x, y, im)
```

- There are four new Axes methods with corresponding pyplot functions that deal with unstructured triangular grids:
 - matplotlib.axes.Axes.tricontour() draws contour lines on a triangular grid.
 - matplotlib.axes.Axes.tricontourf() draws filled contours on a triangular grid.
 - matplotlib.axes.Axes.tripcolor() draws a pseudocolor plot on a triangular grid.
 - matplotlib.axes.Axes.triplot() draws a triangular grid as lines and/or markers.

46.4 Changes in 0.99

- pylab no longer provides a load and save function. These are available in matplotlib.mlab, or you can use numpy.loadtxt and numpy.savetxt for text files, or np.save and np.load for binary numpy arrays.
- User-generated colormaps can now be added to the set recognized by matplotlib.cm.get_cmap(). Colormaps can be made the default and applied to the current image using matplotlib.pyplot.set_cmap().

- changed use_mrecords default to False in mlab.csv2rec since this is partially broken
- Axes instances no longer have a "frame" attribute. Instead, use the new "spines" attribute. Spines is a dictionary where the keys are the names of the spines (e.g. 'left', 'right' and so on) and the values are the artists that draw the spines. For normal (rectilinear) axes, these artists are Line2D instances. For other axes (such as polar axes), these artists may be Patch instances.
- Polar plots no longer accept a resolution kwarg. Instead, each Path must specify its own number of interpolation steps. This is unlikely to be a user-visible change if interpolation of data is required, that should be done before passing it to matplotlib.

46.5 Changes for 0.98.x

- psd(), csd(), and cohere() will now automatically wrap negative frequency components to the beginning of the returned arrays. This is much more sensible behavior and makes them consistent with specgram(). The previous behavior was more of an oversight than a design decision.
- Added new keyword parameters *nonposx*, *nonposy* to matplotlib.axes.Axes methods that set log scale parameters. The default is still to mask out non-positive values, but the kwargs accept 'clip', which causes non-positive values to be replaced with a very small positive value.
- Added new matplotlib.pyplot.fignum_exists() and matplotlib.pyplot.get_fignums(); they merely expose information that had been hidden in matplotlib._pylab_helpers.
- Deprecated numerix package.
- Added new matplotlib.image.imsave() and exposed it to the matplotlib.pyplot interface.
- Remove support for pyExcelerator in exceltools use xlwt instead
- Changed the defaults of acorr and xcorr to use usevlines=True, maxlags=10 and normed=True since these are the best defaults
- Following keyword parameters for matplotlib.label.Label are now deprecated and new set of parameters are introduced. The new parameters are given as a fraction of the font-size. Also, *scatteryoffsets*, *fancybox* and *columnspacing* are added as keyword parameters.

Deprecated	New
pad	borderpad
labelsep	labelspacing
handlelen	handlelength
handlestextsep	handletextpad
axespad	borderaxespad

- Removed the configobj and experimental traits rc support
- Modified matplotlib.mlab.psd(), matplotlib.mlab.csd(), matplotlib.mlab.cohere(), and matplotlib.mlab.specgram() to scale one-sided densities by a factor of 2. Also, optionally scale the densities by the sampling frequency, which gives true values of densities that can be integrated by the returned frequency values. This also gives better MATLAB compatibility. The corresponding matplotlib.axes.Axes methods and matplotlib.pyplot functions were updated as well.

- Font lookup now uses a nearest-neighbor approach rather than an exact match. Some fonts may be different in plots, but should be closer to what was requested.
- matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xlim(), matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_ylim() now return a copy of the viewlim array to avoid modify-in-place surprises.
- matplotlib.afm.AFM.get_fullname() and matplotlib.afm.AFM.get_familyname() no longer raise an exception if the AFM file does not specify these optional attributes, but returns a guess based on the required FontName attribute.
- Changed precision kwarg in matplotlib.pyplot.spy(); default is 0, and the string value 'present' is used for sparse arrays only to show filled locations.
- matplotlib.collections.EllipseCollection added.
- Added angles kwarg to matplotlib.pyplot.quiver() for more flexible specification of the arrow angles.
- Deprecated (raise NotImplementedError) all the mlab2 functions from matplotlib.mlab out of concern that some of them were not clean room implementations.
- Methods matplotlib.collections.Collection.get_offsets() and matplotlib.collections.Collection.set_offsets() added to Collection base class.
- matplotlib.figure.Figure.figurePatch renamed matplotlib.figure.Figure.patch; matplotlib.axes.Axes.axesPatch renamed matplotlib.axes.Axes.patch; matplotlib.axes.Axes.axesFrame renamed matplotlib.axes.Axes.frame.matplotlib.axes.Axes.get_frame(), which returns matplotlib.axes.Axes.patch, is deprecated.
- Changes in the matplotlib.contour.ContourLabeler attributes (matplotlib.pyplot.clabel() function) so that they all have a form like .labelAttribute. The three attributes that are most likely to be used by end users, .cl, .cl_xy and .cl_cvalues have been maintained for the moment (in addition to their renamed versions), but they are deprecated and will eventually be removed.
- Moved several functions in matplotlib.mlab and matplotlib.cbook into a separate module matplotlib.numerical_methods because they were unrelated to the initial purpose of mlab or cbook and appeared more coherent elsewhere.

46.6 Changes for 0.98.1

• Removed broken matplotlib.axes3d support and replaced it with a non-implemented error pointing to 0.91.x

46.7 Changes for 0.98.0

matplotlib.image.imread() now no longer always returns RGBA data—if the image is luminance or RGB, it will return a MxN or MxNx3 array if possible. Also uint8 is no longer always forced to float.

- Rewrote the matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable callback infrastructure to use matplotlib.cbook.CallbackRegistry rather than custom callback handling. Any users of matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable.add_observer() of the ScalarMappable should use the matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable.callbacks CallbackRegistry instead.
- New axes function and Axes method provide control over the plot color cycle: matplotlib.axes.set_default_color_cycle() and matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_color_cycle().
- matplotlib now requires Python 2.4, so matplotlib.cbook will no longer provide set, enumerate(), reversed() or izip() compatibility functions.
- In Numpy 1.0, bins are specified by the left edges only. The axes method matplotlib.axes.Axes.hist() now uses future Numpy 1.3 semantics for histograms. Providing binedges, the last value gives the upper-right edge now, which was implicitly set to +infinity in Numpy 1.0. This also means that the last bin doesn't contain upper outliers any more by default.
- New axes method and pyplot function, hexbin(), is an alternative to scatter() for large datasets. It makes something like a pcolor() of a 2-D histogram, but uses hexagonal bins.
- New kwarg, symmetric, in matplotlib.ticker.MaxNLocator allows one require an axis to be centered around zero.
- Toolkits must now be imported from mpl_toolkits (not matplotlib.toolkits)

46.7.1 Notes about the transforms refactoring

A major new feature of the 0.98 series is a more flexible and extensible transformation infrastructure, written in Python/Numpy rather than a custom C extension.

The primary goal of this refactoring was to make it easier to extend matplotlib to support new kinds of projections. This is mostly an internal improvement, and the possible user-visible changes it allows are yet to come.

See matplotlib.transforms for a description of the design of the new transformation framework.

For efficiency, many of these functions return views into Numpy arrays. This means that if you hold on to a reference to them, their contents may change. If you want to store a snapshot of their current values, use the Numpy array method copy().

The view intervals are now stored only in one place — in the matplotlib.axes.Axes instance, not in the locator instances as well. This means locators must get their limits from their matplotlib.axis.Axis, which in turn looks up its limits from the Axes. If a locator is used temporarily and not assigned to an Axis or Axes, (e.g. in matplotlib.contour), a dummy axis must be created to store its bounds. Call matplotlib.ticker.Locator.create_dummy_axis() to do so.

The functionality of Pbox has been merged with Bbox. Its methods now all return copies rather than modifying in place.

The following lists many of the simple changes necessary to update code from the old transformation framework to the new one. In particular, methods that return a copy are named with a verb in the past tense, whereas methods that alter an object in place are named with a verb in the present tense.

matplotlib.transforms

Old method	New method
Bbox.get_bounds()	transforms.Bbox.bounds
Bbox.width()	transforms.Bbox.width
Bbox.height()	transforms.Bbox.height
Bbox.intervalx().ge	t_thraunadso@ms.Bbox.intervalx
Bbox.intervalx().se	t_[Bboxdsin]tervalx is now a property.]
Bbox.intervaly().ge	t_throamsdsom)ms.Bbox.intervaly
Bbox.intervaly().se	t_[Bboxdsin] ervaly is now a property.]
Bbox.xmin()	transforms.Bbox.x0 or transforms.Bbox.xmin 1
Bbox.ymin()	transforms.Bbox.y0 or transforms.Bbox.ymin 1
Bbox.xmax()	transforms.Bbox.x1 or transforms.Bbox.xmax 1
Bbox.ymax()	transforms.Bbox.y1 or transforms.Bbox.ymax 1
Bbox.overlaps(bboxes	Bbox.count_overlaps(bboxes)
bbox_all(bboxes)	Bbox.union(bboxes) [transforms.Bbox.union() is a staticmethod.]
<pre>lbwh_to_bbox(1, b,</pre>	Bbox.from_bounds(x0, y0, w, h)
w, h)	[transforms.Bbox.from_bounds() is a staticmethod.]
inverse_transform_bl	o dsbox:aims ,erse_transformed(trans)
bbox)	
	peim(te)rval_contains_open(tuple, v)
) interval_contains(tuple, v)
•	matplotlib.transforms.IdentityTransform
	orbini@ntdeathst.ransform_factory(xtrans, ytrans)
ytrans)	
	Affine2D().scale(xs[, ys])
ys)	
1	od Brown, Transform (boxin, boxout) or BboxTransform From (boxin) or
boxout)	BboxTransformTo(boxout)
	o(incoinstso)rm.transform(points)
Transform.inverse_x	/ Tru nn(spformut.si) nverted().transform(points)

matplotlib.axes

Old method	New method
Axes.get_posit	iona(p)lotlib.axes.Axes.get_position() ²
Axes.set_posit	iom(plotlib.axes.Axes.set_position() ³
Axes.toggle_logmhimpdantyl().axes.Axes.set_yscale() 4	
Subplot class	removed.

 $^{^{1}}$ The Bbox is bound by the points (x0, y0) to (x1, y1) and there is no defined order to these points, that is, x0 is not necessarily the left edge of the box. To get the left edge of the Bbox, use the read-only property xmin.

 $^{^2}$ matplotlib.axes.Axes.get_position() used to return a list of points, now it returns a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance.

³matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_position() now accepts either four scalars or a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance.

⁴Since the recfactoring allows for more than two scale types ('log' or 'linear'), it no longer makes sense to have a toggle.

Axes.toggle_log_lineary() has been removed.

The Polar class has moved to matplotlib.projections.polar.

matplotlib.artist

Old method	New method
Artist.set_clip	_Apatths(pasten) _clip_path(path, transform) 5

matplotlib.collections

Old	New method
method	
linestyle	linestyles ⁶

matplotlib.colors

Old method	New method
ColorConvertor.to	o <u>CnglbarCbinsve(rt</u>)or.to_rgba_array(c)
	<pre>[matplotlib.colors.ColorConvertor.to_rgba_array() returns an Nx4</pre>
	Numpy array of RGBA color quadruples.]

matplotlib.contour

Old method	New method
Contoursegmentmsatplotlib.contour.Contour.get_paths'() [Returns a list of	
	matplotlib.path.Path instances.]

matplotlib.figure

Old method	New method
<pre>Figure.dpi.get() / Figure.dpi.set()</pre>	matplotlib.figure.Figure.dpi(a property)

matplotlib.patches

Old method	New method
Patch.get_verts()matplotlib.patches.Patch.get_path()[Returns a
	matplotlib.path.Path instance]

⁵matplotlib.artist.Artist.set_clip_path() now accepts a matplotlib.path.Path instance and a matplotlib.transforms.Transform that will be applied to the path immediately before clipping.

⁶Linestyles are now treated like all other collection attributes, i.e. a single value or multiple values may be provided.

matplotlib.backend_bases

Old method	New method
GraphicsContext.set_	ClipppheictsCrupitee(xttupsket)_clip_rectangle(bbox)
GraphicsContext.get_	ClimphiumContext.get_clip_path() ⁷
GraphicsContext.set_	c Kimpphidds(Ontext.set_clip_path() ⁸

RendererBase

New methods:

- draw_path(self, gc, path, transform, rgbFace)
- draw_markers(self, gc, marker_path, marker_trans, path, trans, rgbFace) <matplotlib.backend_bases.RendererBase.draw_markers()
- draw_path_collection(self, master_transform, cliprect, clippath, clippath_trans, paths, all_transforms, offsets, offsetTrans, facecolors, edgecolors, linewidths, linestyles, antialiaseds) [optional]

Changed methods:

draw_image(self, x, y, im, bbox) is now draw_image(self, x, y, im, bbox, clippath, clippath_trans)

Removed methods:

- draw arc
- draw_line_collection
- draw_line
- draw_lines
- draw_point
- draw_quad_mesh
- draw_poly_collection
- draw_polygon
- draw_rectangle
- draw_regpoly_collection

⁷matplotlib.backend_bases.GraphicsContext.get_clip_path() returns a tuple of the form (path, affine_transform), where path is a matplotlib.path.Path instance and affine_transform is a matplotlib.transforms.Affine2D instance.

⁸matplotlib.backend_bases.GraphicsContext.set_clip_path() now only accepts a matplotlib.transforms.TransformedPath instance.

46.8 Changes for 0.91.2

- For csv2rec(), checkrows=0 is the new default indicating all rows will be checked for type inference
- A warning is issued when an image is drawn on log-scaled axes, since it will not log-scale the image data.
- Moved rec2gtk() to matplotlib.toolkits.gtktools
- Moved rec2excel() to matplotlib.toolkits.exceltools
- Removed, dead/experimental ExampleInfo, Namespace and Importer code from matplotlib.__init__

46.9 Changes for 0.91.1

46.10 Changes for 0.91.0

- Changed cbook.is_file_like() to cbook.is_writable_file_like() and corrected behavior.
- Added ax kwarg to pyplot.colorbar() and Figure.colorbar() so that one can specify the axes
 object from which space for the colorbar is to be taken, if one does not want to make the colorbar axes
 manually.
- Changed cbook.reversed() so it yields a tuple rather than a (index, tuple). This agrees with the python reversed builtin, and cbook only defines reversed if python doesnt provide the builtin.
- Made skiprows=1 the default on csv2rec()
- The gd and paint backends have been deleted.
- The errorbar method and function now accept additional kwargs so that upper and lower limits can be indicated by capping the bar with a caret instead of a straight line segment.
- The matplotlib.dviread file now has a parser for files like psfonts.map and pdftex.map, to map TeX font names to external files.
- The file matplotlib.type1font contains a new class for Type 1 fonts. Currently it simply reads pfa and pfb format files and stores the data in a way that is suitable for embedding in pdf files. In the future the class might actually parse the font to allow e.g. subsetting.
- matplotlib.FT2Font now supports FT_Attach_File(). In practice this can be used to read an afm file in addition to a pfa/pfb file, to get metrics and kerning information for a Type 1 font.
- The AFM class now supports querying CapHeight and stem widths. The get_name_char method now has an isord kwarg like get_width_char.
- Changed pcolor() default to shading='flat'; but as noted now in the docstring, it is preferable to simply use the edgecolor kwarg.
- The mathtext font commands (\cal, \rm, \it, \tt) now behave as TeX does: they are in effect until the next font change command or the end of the grouping. Therefore uses of \$\cal{R}\$\$

should be changed to \${\cal R}\$. Alternatively, you may use the new LaTeX-style font commands (\mathcal, \mathrm, \mathit, \mathit) which do affect the following group, eg. \$\mathcal{R}\$.

- Text creation commands have a new default linespacing and a new linespacing kwarg, which is a multiple of the maximum vertical extent of a line of ordinary text. The default is 1.2; linespacing=2 would be like ordinary double spacing, for example.
- Changed default kwarg in matplotlib.colors.Normalize.__init__'() to clip=False; clipping silently defeats the purpose of the special over, under, and bad values in the colormap, thereby leading to unexpected behavior. The new default should reduce such surprises.
- Made the emit property of set_xlim() and set_ylim() True by default; removed the Axes custom callback handling into a 'callbacks' attribute which is a CallbackRegistry instance. This now supports the 'xlim_changed' and 'ylim_changed' Axes events.

46.11 Changes for 0.90.1

The file dviread.py has a (very limited and fragile) dvi reader for usetex support. The API might change in the future so don't depend on it yet.

Removed deprecated support for a float value as a gray-scale; now it must be a string, like '0.5'. Added alpha kwarg to ColorConverter.to_rgba_list.

New method set_bounds(vmin, vmax) for formatters, locators sets the viewInterval and dataInterval from floats.

Removed deprecated colorbar_classic.

Line2D.get_xdata and get_ydata valid_only=False kwarg is replaced by orig=True. When True, it returns the original data, otherwise the processed data (masked, converted)

Some modifications to the units interface. units.ConversionInterface.tickers renamed to units.ConversionInterface.axisinfo and it now returns a units.AxisInfo object rather than a tuple. This will make it easier to add axis info functionality (eg I added a default label on this iteration) w/o having to change the tuple length and hence the API of the client code everytime new functionality is added. Also, units.ConversionInterface.convert_to_value is now simply named units.ConversionInterface.convert.

Axes.errorbar uses Axes.vlines and Axes.hlines to draw its error limits int he vertical and horizontal direction. As you'll see in the changes below, these funcs now return a LineCollection rather than a list of lines. The new return signature for errorbar is ylins, caplines, errorcollections where errorcollections is a xerrcollection, yerrcollection

Axes.vlines and Axes.hlines now create and returns a LineCollection, not a list of lines. This is much faster. The kwarg signature has changed, so consult the docs

MaxNLocator accepts a new Boolean kwarg ('integer') to force ticks to integer locations.

Commands that pass an argument to the Text constructor or to Text.set_text() now accept any object that can be converted with '%s'. This affects xlabel(), title(), etc.

Barh now takes a **kwargs dict instead of most of the old arguments. This helps ensure that bar and barh are kept in sync, but as a side effect you can no longer pass e.g. color as a positional argument.

ft2font.get_charmap() now returns a dict that maps character codes
to glyph indices (until now it was reversed)

Moved data files into lib/matplotlib so that setuptools' develop mode works. Re-organized the mpl-data layout so that this source structure is maintained in the installation. (I.e. the 'fonts' and 'images' sub-directories are maintained in site-packages.). Suggest removing site-packages/matplotlib/mpl-data and ~/.matplotlib/ttffont.cache before installing

46.12 Changes for 0.90.0

All artists now implement a "pick" method which users should not call. Rather, set the "picker" property of any artist you want to pick on (the epsilon distance in points for a hit test) and register with the "pick_event" callback. See examples/pick_event_demo.py for details

Bar, barh, and hist have "log" binary kwarg: log=True sets the ordinate to a log scale.

Boxplot can handle a list of vectors instead of just an array, so vectors can have different lengths.

Plot can handle 2-D x and/or y; it plots the columns.

Added linewidth kwarg to bar and barh.

Made the default Artist._transform None (rather than invoking identity_transform for each artist only to have it overridden later). Use artist.get_transform() rather than artist._transform, even in derived classes, so that the default transform will be created lazily as needed

New LogNorm subclass of Normalize added to colors.py. All Normalize subclasses have new inverse() method, and the __call__() method has a new clip kwarg.

Changed class names in colors.py to match convention: normalize -> Normalize, no_norm -> NoNorm. Old names are still available for now.

Removed obsolete pcolor_classic command and method.

Removed lineprops and markerprops from the Annotation code and replaced them with an arrow configurable with kwarg arrowprops. See examples/annotation_demo.py - JDH

46.13 Changes for 0.87.7

Completely reworked the annotations API because I found the old API cumbersome. The new design is much more legible and easy to read. See matplotlib.text.Annotation and examples/annotation_demo.py

markeredgecolor and markerfacecolor cannot be configured in matplotlibrc any more. Instead, markers are generally colored automatically based on the color of the line, unless marker colors are explicitly set as kwargs - NN

Changed default comment character for load to '#' - JDH

math_parse_s_ft2font_svg from mathtext.py & mathtext2.py now returns
width, height, svg_elements. svg_elements is an instance of Bunch (
cmbook.py) and has the attributes svg_glyphs and svg_lines, which are both
lists.

Renderer.draw_arc now takes an additional parameter, rotation. It specifies to draw the artist rotated in degrees anticlockwise. It was added for rotated ellipses.

Renamed Figure.set_figsize_inches to Figure.set_size_inches to better match the get method, Figure.get_size_inches.

Removed the copy_bbox_transform from transforms.py; added shallowcopy methods to all transforms. All transforms already had deepcopy methods.

FigureManager.resize(width, height): resize the window specified in pixels

barh: x and y args have been renamed to width and bottom respectively, and their order has been swapped to maintain a (position, value) order.

bar and barh: now accept kwarg 'edgecolor'.

bar and barh: The left, height, width and bottom args can now all be scalars or sequences; see docstring.

barh: now defaults to edge aligned instead of center aligned bars

bar, barh and hist: Added a keyword arg 'align' that controls between edge or center bar alignment.

Collections: PolyCollection and LineCollection now accept vertices or segments either in the original form $[(x,y), (x,y), \ldots]$ or as a 2D numerix array, with X as the first column and Y as the second. Contour and quiver output the numerix form. The transforms methods Bbox.update() and Transformation.seq_xy_tups() now accept either form.

Collections: LineCollection is now a ScalarMappable like PolyCollection, etc.

Specifying a grayscale color as a float is deprecated; use a string instead, e.g., 0.75 -> '0.75'.

Collections: initializers now accept any mpl color arg, or sequence of such args; previously only a sequence of rgba tuples was accepted.

Colorbar: completely new version and api; see docstring. The original version is still accessible as colorbar_classic, but is deprecated.

Contourf: "extend" kwarg replaces "clip_ends"; see docstring. Masked array support added to pcolormesh.

Modified aspect-ratio handling:
 Removed aspect kwarg from imshow
 Axes methods:
 set_aspect(self, aspect, adjustable=None, anchor=None)
 set_adjustable(self, adjustable)
 set_anchor(self, anchor)
 Pylab interface:
 axis('image')

Backend developers: ft2font's load_char now takes a flags argument, which you can OR together from the LOAD_XXX constants.

46.14 Changes for 0.86

Matplotlib data is installed into the matplotlib module. This is similar to package_data. This should get rid of having to check for many possibilities in _get_data_path(). The MATPLOTLIBDATA env key is still checked first to allow for flexibility.

- 1) Separated the color table data from cm.py out into a new file, _cm.py, to make it easier to find the actual code in cm.py and to add new colormaps. Everything from _cm.py is imported by cm.py, so the split should be transparent.
- 2) Enabled automatic generation of a colormap from a list of colors in contour; see modified examples/contour_demo.py.
- 3) Support for imshow of a masked array, with the ability to specify colors (or no color at all) for masked regions, and for regions that are above or below the normally mapped region. See examples/image_masked.py.
- 4) In support of the above, added two new classes, ListedColormap, and no_norm, to colors.py, and modified the Colormap class to include common functionality. Added a clip kwarg to the normalize class.

46.15 Changes for 0.85

Made xtick and ytick separate props in rc

made pos=None the default for tick formatters rather than 0 to indicate "not supplied"

Removed "feature" of minor ticks which prevents them from overlapping major ticks. Often you want major and minor ticks at the same place, and can offset the major ticks with the pad. This could be made configurable

Changed the internal structure of contour.py to a more 00 style. Calls to contour or contourf in axes.py or pylab.py now return a ContourSet object which contains references to the LineCollections or PolyCollections created by the call, as well as the configuration variables that were used. The ContourSet object is a "mappable" if a colormap was used.

Added a clip_ends kwarg to contourf. From the docstring:
 * clip_ends = True
 If False, the limits for color scaling are set to the minimum and maximum contour levels.
 True (default) clips the scaling limits. Example:

if the contour boundaries are V = [-100, 2, 1, 0, 1, 2, 100], then the scaling limits will be [-100, 100] if clip_ends is False, and [-3, 3] if clip_ends is True.

Added kwargs linewidths, antialiased, and nchunk to contourf. These are experimental; see the docstring.

Changed Figure.colorbar():

kw argument order changed;

if mappable arg is a non-filled ContourSet, colorbar() shows lines instead hof polygons.

if mappable arg is a filled ContourSet with clip_ends=True, the endpoints are not labelled, so as to give the correct impression of open-endedness.

Changed LineCollection.get_linewidths to get_linewidth, for consistency.

46.16 Changes for 0.84

Unified argument handling between hlines and vlines. Both now take optionally a fmt argument (as in plot) and a keyword args that can be passed onto Line2D.

Removed all references to "data clipping" in rc and lines.py since these were not used and not optimized. I'm sure they'll be resurrected later with a better implementation when needed.

'set' removed - no more deprecation warnings. Use 'setp' instead.

Backend developers: Added flipud method to image and removed it from to_str. Removed origin kwarg from backend.draw_image. origin is handled entirely by the frontend now.

46.17 Changes for 0.83

- Made HOME/.matplotlib the new config dir where the matplotlibrc file, the ttf.cache, and the tex.cache live. The new default filenames in .matplotlib have no leading dot and are not hidden. Eg, the new names are matplotlibrc, tex.cache, and ttffont.cache. This is how ipython does it so it must be right.

If old files are found, a warning is issued and they are moved to the new location.

- backends/__init__.py no longer imports new_figure_manager, draw_if_interactive and show from the default backend, but puts these imports into a call to pylab_setup. Also, the Toolbar is no longer imported from WX/WXAgg. New usage:

```
from backends import pylab_setup
new_figure_manager, draw_if_interactive, show = pylab_setup()
```

 Moved Figure.get_width_height() to FigureCanvasBase. It now returns int instead of float.

46.18 Changes for 0.82

- toolbar import change in GTKAgg, GTKCairo and WXAgg
- Added subplot config tool to GTK* backends -- note you must now import the NavigationToolbar2 from your backend of choice rather than from backend_gtk because it needs to know about the backend specific canvas -- see examples/embedding_in_gtk2.py. Ditto for wx backend -- see examples/embedding_in_wxagg.py
- hist bin change

Sean Richards notes there was a problem in the way we created the binning for histogram, which made the last bin underrepresented. From his post:

I see that hist uses the linspace function to create the bins and then uses searchsorted to put the values in their correct bin. Thats all good but I am confused over the use of linspace for the bin creation. I wouldn't have thought that it does what is needed, to quote the docstring it creates a "Linear spaced array from min to max". For it to work correctly shouldn't the values in the bins array be the same bound for each bin? (i.e. each value should be the lower bound of a bin). To provide the correct bins for hist would it not be something like

```
def bins(xmin, xmax, N):
   if N==1: return xmax
   dx = (xmax-xmin)/N # instead of N-1
   return xmin + dx*arange(N)
```

This suggestion is implemented in 0.81. My test script with these changes does not reveal any bias in the binning

from matplotlib.numerix.mlab import randn, rand, zeros, Float from matplotlib.mlab import hist, mean

```
Nbins = 50
Ntests = 200
results = zeros((Ntests, Nbins), typecode=Float)
for i in range(Ntests):
```

```
print 'computing', i
  x = rand(10000)
  n, bins = hist(x, Nbins)
  results[i] = n
print mean(results)
```

46.19 Changes for 0.81

- pylab and artist "set" functions renamed to setp to avoid clash with python2.4 built-in set. Current version will issue a deprecation warning which will be removed in future versions
- imshow interpolation arguments changes for advanced interpolation schemes. See help imshow, particularly the interpolation, filternorm and filterrad kwargs
- Support for masked arrays has been added to the plot command and to the Line2D object. Only the valid points are plotted. A "valid_only" kwarg was added to the get_xdata() and get_ydata() methods of Line2D; by default it is False, so that the original data arrays are returned. Setting it to True returns the plottable points.
- contour changes:

Masked arrays: contour and contourf now accept masked arrays as the variable to be contoured. Masking works correctly for contour, but a bug remains to be fixed before it will work for contourf. The "badmask" kwarg has been removed from both functions.

Level argument changes:

Old version: a list of levels as one of the positional arguments specified the lower bound of each filled region; the upper bound of the last region was taken as a very large number. Hence, it was not possible to specify that z values between 0 and 1, for example, be filled, and that values outside that range remain unfilled.

New version: a list of N levels is taken as specifying the boundaries of N-1 z ranges. Now the user has more control over what is colored and what is not. Repeated calls to contourf (with different colormaps or color specifications, for example) can be used to color different ranges of z. Values of z outside an expected range are left uncolored.

Example:

```
Old: contourf(z, [0, 1, 2]) would yield 3 regions: 0-1, 1-2, and >2. New: it would yield 2 regions: 0-1, 1-2. If the same 3 regions were desired, the equivalent list of levels would be [0, 1, 2,
```

1e38].

46.20 Changes for 0.80

 xlim/ylim/axis always return the new limits regardless of arguments. They now take kwargs which allow you to selectively change the upper or lower limits while leaving unnamed limits unchanged. See help(xlim) for example

46.21 Changes for 0.73

- Removed deprecated ColormapJet and friends
- Removed all error handling from the verbose object
- figure num of zero is now allowed

46.22 Changes for 0.72

- Line2D, Text, and Patch copy_properties renamed update_from and moved into artist base class
- LineCollections.color renamed to LineCollections.set_color for consistency with set/get introspection mechanism,
- pylab figure now defaults to num=None, which creates a new figure with a guaranteed unique number
- contour method syntax changed now it is MATLAB compatible

```
unchanged: contour(Z)
old: contour(Z, x=Y, y=Y)
new: contour(X, Y, Z)
```

see http://matplotlib.sf.net/matplotlib.pylab.html#-contour

- Increased the default resolution for save command.
- Renamed the base attribute of the ticker classes to _base to avoid conflict with the base method. Sitt for subs
- subs=none now does autosubbing in the tick locator.
- New subplots that overlap old will delete the old axes. If you

do not want this behavior, use fig.add_subplot or the axes command

46.23 Changes for 0.71

Significant numerix namespace changes, introduced to resolve namespace clashes between python built-ins and mlab names. Refactored numerix to maintain separate modules, rather than folding all these names into a single namespace. See the following mailing list threads for more information and background

http://sourceforge.net/mailarchive/forum.php?thread_id=6398890&forum_id=36187 http://sourceforge.net/mailarchive/forum.php?thread_id=6323208&forum_id=36187

OLD usage

from matplotlib.numerix import array, mean, fft

NEW usage

from matplotlib.numerix import array
from matplotlib.numerix.mlab import mean
from matplotlib.numerix.fft import fft

numerix dir structure mirrors numarray (though it is an incomplete implementation)

numerix
numerix/mlab
numerix/linear_algebra
numerix/fft
numerix/random_array

but of course you can use 'numerix : Numeric' and still get the symbols.

pylab still imports most of the symbols from Numerix, MLab, fft, etc, but is more cautious. For names that clash with python names (min, max, sum), pylab keeps the builtins and provides the numeric versions with an a^* prefix, eg (amin, amax, asum)

46.24 Changes for 0.70

MplEvent factored into a base class Event and derived classes MouseEvent and KeyEvent

Removed definct set_measurement in wx toolbar

46.25 Changes for 0.65.1

removed add_axes and add_subplot from backend_bases. Use figure.add_axes and add_subplot instead. The figure now manages the current axes with gca and sca for get and set current axe. If you have code you are porting which called, eg, figmanager.add_axes, you can now simply do figmanager.canvas.figure.add_axes.

46.26 Changes for 0.65

mpl_connect and mpl_disconnect in the MATLAB interface renamed to connect and disconnect

Did away with the text methods for angle since they were ambiguous. fontangle could mean fontstyle (oblique, etc) or the rotation of the text. Use style and rotation instead.

46.27 Changes for 0.63

Dates are now represented internally as float days since 0001-01-01, UTC.

All date tickers and formatters are now in matplotlib.dates, rather than matplotlib.tickers

converters have been abolished from all functions and classes. num2date and date2num are now the converter functions for all date plots

Most of the date tick locators have a different meaning in their constructors. In the prior implementation, the first argument was a base and multiples of the base were ticked. Eg

HourLocator(5) # old: tick every 5 minutes

In the new implementation, the explicit points you want to tick are provided as a number or sequence

HourLocator(range(0,5,61)) # new: tick every 5 minutes

This gives much greater flexibility. I have tried to make the default constructors (no args) behave similarly, where possible.

Note that YearLocator still works under the base/multiple scheme. The difference between the YearLocator and the other locators is that years are not recurrent.

Financial functions:

```
matplotlib.finance.quotes_historical_yahoo(ticker, date1, date2)
```

date1, date2 are now datetime instances. Return value is a list
of quotes where the quote time is a float - days since gregorian
start, as returned by date2num

See examples/finance_demo.py for example usage of new API

46.28 Changes for 0.61

canvas.connect is now deprecated for event handling. use
mpl_connect and mpl_disconnect instead. The callback signature is
func(event) rather than func(widget, evet)

46.29 Changes for 0.60

ColormapJet and Grayscale are deprecated. For backwards compatibility, they can be obtained either by doing

from matplotlib.cm import ColormapJet

or

from matplotlib.matlab import *

They are replaced by cm.jet and cm.grey

46.30 Changes for 0.54.3

removed the set_default_font / get_default_font scheme from the font_manager to unify customization of font defaults with the rest of the rc scheme. See examples/font_properties_demo.py and help(rc) in matplotlib.matlab.

46.31 Changes for 0.54

46.31.1 MATLAB interface

dpi

Several of the backends used a PIXELS_PER_INCH hack that I added to try and make images render consistently across backends. This just complicated matters. So you may find that some font sizes and line widths appear different than before. Apologies for the inconvenience. You should set the dpi to an accurate value for your screen to get true sizes.

pcolor and scatter

There are two changes to the MATLAB interface API, both involving the patch drawing commands. For efficiency, poolor and scatter have been rewritten to use polygon collections, which are a new set of objects from matplotlib.collections designed to enable efficient handling of large collections of objects. These new collections make it possible to build large scatter plots or poolor plots with no loops at the python level, and are significantly faster than their predecessors. The original poolor and scatter functions are retained as poolor_classic and scatter_classic.

The return value from poolor is a PolyCollection. Most of the propertes that are available on rectangles or other patches are also available on PolyCollections, eg you can say:

```
c = scatter(blah, blah)
c.set_linewidth(1.0)
c.set_facecolor('r')
c.set_alpha(0.5)

or:
c = scatter(blah, blah)
set(c, 'linewidth', 1.0, 'facecolor', 'r', 'alpha', 0.5)
```

Because the collection is a single object, you no longer need to loop over the return value of scatter or pcolor to set properties for the entire list.

If you want the different elements of a collection to vary on a property, eg to have different line widths, see matplotlib.collections for a discussion on how to set the properties as a sequence.

For scatter, the size argument is now in points² (the area of the symbol in points) as in MATLAB and is not in data coords as before. Using sizes in data coords caused several problems. So you will need to adjust your size arguments accordingly or use scatter_classic.

mathtext spacing

For reasons not clear to me (and which I'll eventually fix) spacing no longer works in font groups. However, I added three new spacing commands which compensate for this "(regular space), "(small space) and 'hspace{frac}' where frac is a fraction of fontsize in points. You will need to quote spaces in font strings, is:

```
title(r'$\rm{Histogram\ of\ IQ:}\ \mu=100,\ \sigma=15$')
```

46.31.2 Object interface - Application programmers

Autoscaling

The x and y axis instances no longer have autoscale view. These are handled by axes.autoscale_view

Axes creation

You should not instantiate your own Axes any more using the OO API. Rather, create a Figure as before and in place of:

```
f = Figure(figsize=(5,4), dpi=100)
a = Subplot(f, 111)
f.add_axis(a)
use:
f = Figure(figsize=(5,4), dpi=100)
a = f.add_subplot(111)
That is, add_axis no longer exists and is replaced by:
add_axes(rect, axisbg=defaultcolor, frameon=True)
add_subplot(num, axisbg=defaultcolor, frameon=True)
```

Artist methods

If you define your own Artists, you need to rename the _draw method to draw

Bounding boxes

matplotlib.transforms.Bound2D is replaced by matplotlib.transforms.Boox. If you want to construct a bbox from left, bottom, width, height (the signature for Bound2D), use matplotlib.transforms.lbwh_to_bbox, as in

```
bbox = clickBBox = lbwh_to_bbox(left, bottom, width, height)
```

The Bbox has a different API than the Bound2D. Eg, if you want to get the width and height of the bbox

```
OLD:: width = fig.bbox.x.interval() height = fig.bbox.y.interval()

New:: width = fig.bbox.width() height = fig.bbox.height()
```

Object constructors

You no longer pass the bbox, dpi, or transforms to the various Artist constructors. The old way or creating lines and rectangles was cumbersome because you had to pass so many attributes to the Line2D and Rectangle classes not related directly to the gemoetry and properties of the object. Now default values are added to the object when you call axes.add_line or axes.add_patch, so they are hidden from the user.

If you want to define a custom transformation on these objects, call o.set_transform(trans) where trans is a Transformation instance.

In prior versions of you wanted to add a custom line in data coords, you would have to do

```
l = Line 2D(dpi, bbox, x, y, color = color, transx = transx, transy = transy, )
```

now all you need is

```
1 = \text{Line}2D(x, y, \text{color}=\text{color})
```

and the axes will set the transformation for you (unless you have set your own already, in which case it will eave it unchanged)

Transformations

The entire transformation architecture has been rewritten. Previously the x and y transformations where stored in the xaxis and yaxis insstances. The problem with this approach is it only allows for separable transforms (where the x and y transformations don't depend on one another). But for cases like polar, they do. Now transformations operate on x,y together. There is a new base class matplotlib.transforms.Transformation and two concrete implementations, matplotlib.transforms.SeparableTransformation and matplotlib.transforms.Affine. The SeparableTransformation is constructed with the bounding box of the input (this determines the rectangular coordinate system of the input, ie the x and y view limits), the bounding box of the display, and possibily nonlinear transformations of x and y. The 2 most frequently used transformations, data cordinates -> display and axes coordinates -> display are available as ax.transData and ax.transAxes. See alignment_demo.py which uses axes coords.

Also, the transformations should be much faster now, for two reasons

- they are written entirely in extension code
- because they operate on x and y together, they can do the entire transformation in one loop. Earlier I did something along the lines of:

```
xt = sx*func(x) + tx

yt = sy*func(y) + ty
```

Although this was done in numerix, it still involves 6 length(x) for-loops (the multiply, add, and function evaluation each for x and y). Now all of that is done in a single pass.

If you are using transformations and bounding boxes to get the cursor position in data coordinates, the method calls are a little different now. See the updated examples/coords_demo.py which shows you how to do this.

Likewise, if you are using the artist bounding boxes to pick items on the canvas with the GUI, the bbox methods are somewhat different. You will need to see the updated examples/object_picker.py.

See unit/transforms_unit.py for many examples using the new transformations.

46.32 Changes for 0.50

- * refactored Figure class so it is no longer backend dependent. FigureCanvasBackend takes over the backend specific duties of the Figure. matplotlib.backend_bases.FigureBase moved to matplotlib.figure.Figure.
- * backends must implement FigureCanvasBackend (the thing that controls the figure and handles the events if any) and FigureManagerBackend (wraps the canvas and the window for MATLAB interface). FigureCanvasBase implements a backend switching mechanism
- * Figure is now an Artist (like everything else in the figure) and is totally backend independent
- * GDFONTPATH renamed to TTFPATH
- * backend faceColor argument changed to rgbFace
- * colormap stuff moved to colors.py
- * arg_to_rgb in backend_bases moved to class ColorConverter in colors.py
- * GD users must upgrade to gd-2.0.22 and gdmodule-0.52 since new gd features (clipping, antialiased lines) are now used.
- * Renderer must implement points_to_pixels

Migrating code:

MATLAB interface:

The only API change for those using the MATLAB interface is in how you call figure redraws for dynamically updating figures. In the old API, you did

```
fig.draw()
```

In the new API, you do

```
manager = get_current_fig_manager()
manager.canvas.draw()
```

See the examples system_monitor.py, dynamic_demo.py, and anim.py

API

There is one important API change for application developers. Figure instances used subclass GUI widgets that enabled them to be placed directly into figures. Eg, FigureGTK subclassed gtk.DrawingArea. Now the Figure class is independent of the backend, and FigureCanvas takes over the functionality formerly handled by Figure. In order to include figures into your apps, you now need to do, for example

```
# gtk example
fig = Figure(figsize=(5,4), dpi=100)
canvas = FigureCanvasGTK(fig) # a gtk.DrawingArea
canvas.show()
vbox.pack_start(canvas)
```

If you use the NavigationToolbar, this in now intialized with a FigureCanvas, not a Figure. The examples embedding_in_gtk.py, embedding_in_gtk2.py, and mpl_with_glade.py all reflect the new API so use these as a guide.

```
All prior calls to
  figure.draw() and
  figure.print_figure(args)
should now be
  canvas.draw() and
  canvas.print_figure(args)
```

Apologies for the inconvenience. This refactorization brings significant more freedom in developing matplotlib and should bring better plotting capabilities, so I hope the inconvenience is worth it.

46.33 Changes for 0.42

- * Refactoring AxisText to be backend independent. Text drawing and get_window_extent functionality will be moved to the Renderer.
- * backend_bases.AxisTextBase is now text.Text module
- * All the erase and reset functionality removed frmo AxisText not needed with double buffered drawing. Ditto with state change. Text instances have a get_prop_tup method that returns a hashable tuple of text properties which you can use to see if text props have changed, eg by caching a font or layout instance in a dict with the prop tup as a key -- see RendererGTK.get_pango_layout in backend_gtk for an example.

- * Text._get_xy_display renamed Text.get_xy_display
- * Artist set_renderer and wash_brushes methods removed
- * Moved Legend class from matplotlib.axes into matplotlib.legend
- * Moved Tick, XTick, YTick, Axis, XAxis, YAxis from matplotlib.axes to matplotlib.axis
- * moved process_text_args to matplotlib.text
- * After getting Text handled in a backend independent fashion, the import process is much cleaner since there are no longer cyclic dependencies
- * matplotlib.matlab._get_current_fig_manager renamed to matplotlib.matlab.get_current_fig_manager to allow user access to the GUI window attribute, eg figManager.window for GTK and figManager.frame for wx

46.34 Changes for 0.40

- Artist
 - * __init__ takes a DPI instance and a Bound2D instance which is the bounding box of the artist in display coords
 - * get_window_extent returns a Bound2D instance
 - * set_size is removed; replaced by bbox and dpi
 - * the clip_gc method is removed. Artists now clip themselves with their box
 - * added _clipOn boolean attribute. If True, gc clip to bbox.
- AxisTextBase
 - * Initialized with a transx, transy which are Transform instances
 - * set_drawing_area removed
 - * get_left_right and get_top_bottom are replaced by get_window_extent
- Line2D Patches now take transx, transy
 - * Initialized with a transx, transy which are Transform instances
- Patches
 - * Initialized with a transx, transy which are Transform instances
- FigureBase attributes dpi is a DPI intance rather than scalar and new attribute bbox is a Bound2D in display coords, and I got rid of the left, width, height, etc... attributes. These are now accessible as, for example, bbox.x.min is left, bbox.x.interval() is width, bbox.y.max is top, etc...
- GcfBase attribute pagesize renamed to figsize

- Axes

- * removed figbg attribute
- * added fig instance to __init__
- * resizing is handled by figure call to resize.
- Subplot
 - * added fig instance to __init__
- Renderer methods for patches now take gcEdge and gcFace instances.
 gcFace=None takes the place of filled=False
- True and False symbols provided by cbook in a python2.3 compatible way
- new module transforms supplies Bound1D, Bound2D and Transform instances and more
- Changes to the MATLAB helpers API
 - * _matlab_helpers.GcfBase is renamed by Gcf. Backends no longer need to derive from this class. Instead, they provide a factory function new_figure_manager(num, figsize, dpi). The destroy method of the GcfDerived from the backends is moved to the derived FigureManager.
 - * FigureManagerBase moved to backend_bases
 - * Gcf.get_all_figwins renamed to Gcf.get_all_fig_managers

Jeremy:

Make sure to self._reset = False in AxisTextWX._set_font. This was something missing in my backend code.

CHAPTER

CONFIGURATION

47.1 matplotlib

This is an object-oriented plotting library.

A procedural interface is provided by the companion pyplot module, which may be imported directly, e.g.

```
from matplotlib.pyplot import *
```

To include numpy functions too, use:

```
from pylab import *
or using ipython:
```

For the most part, direct use of the object-oriented library is encouraged when programming; pyplot is primarily for working interactively. The exceptions are the pyplot commands figure(), subplot(), subplots(), show(), and savefig(), which can greatly simplify scripting.

Modules include:

ipython -pylab

```
matplotlib.axes defines the Axes class. Most pylab commands are wrappers for Axes
    methods. The axes module is the highest level of OO access to the library.

matplotlib.figure defines the Figure class.

matplotlib.artist defines the Artist base class for all classes that draw things.

matplotlib.lines defines the Line2D class for drawing lines and markers

matplotlib.patches defines classes for drawing polygons

matplotlib.text defines the Text, TextWithDash, and Annotate classes

matplotlib.image defines the AxesImage and FigureImage classes

matplotlib.collections classes for efficient drawing of groups of lines or polygons

matplotlib.colors classes for interpreting color specifications and for making colormaps
```

matplotlib.cm colormaps and the ScalarMappable mixin class for providing color mapping functionality to other classes

matplotlib.ticker classes for calculating tick mark locations and for formatting tick labels

matplotlib.backends a subpackage with modules for various gui libraries and output formats

The base matplotlib namespace includes:

rcParams a global dictionary of default configuration settings. It is initialized by code which may be overridded by a matplotlibre file.

rc() a function for setting groups of rcParams values

use() a function for setting the matplotlib backend. If used, this function must be called immediately after importing matplotlib for the first time. In particular, it must be called **before** importing pylab (if pylab is imported).

matplotlib was initially written by John D. Hunter (1968-2012) and is now developed and maintained by a host of others.

Occasionally the internal documentation (python docstrings) will refer to MATLAB®, a registered trademark of The MathWorks, Inc.

```
matplotlib.rc(group, **kwargs)
```

Set the current rc params. Group is the grouping for the rc, eg. for lines.linewidth the group is lines, for axes.facecolor, the group is axes, and so on. Group may also be a list or tuple of group names, eg. (xtick, ytick). kwargs is a dictionary attribute name/value pairs, eg:

```
rc('lines', linewidth=2, color='r')
```

sets the current rc params and is equivalent to:

```
rcParams['lines.linewidth'] = 2
rcParams['lines.color'] = 'r'
```

The following aliases are available to save typing for interactive users:

Alias	Property
'lw'	'linewidth'
'ls'	'linestyle'
'c'	'color'
'fc'	'facecolor'
'ec'	'edgecolor'
'mew'	'markeredgewidth'
'aa'	'antialiased'

Thus you could abbreviate the above rc command as:

```
rc('lines', lw=2, c='r')
```

Note you can use python's kwargs dictionary facility to store dictionaries of default parameters. Eg, you can customize the font rc as follows:

This enables you to easily switch between several configurations. Use rcdefaults() to restore the default rc params after changes.

matplotlib.rcdefaults()

Restore the default rc params. These are not the params loaded by the rc file, but mpl's internal params. See rc_file_defaults for reloading the default params from the rc file

```
matplotlib.use(arg, warn=True, force=False)
```

Set the matplotlib backend to one of the known backends.

The argument is case-insensitive. *warn* specifies whether a warning should be issued if a backend has already been set up. *force* is an **experimental** flag that tells matplotlib to attempt to initialize a new backend by reloading the backend module.

Note: This function must be called *before* importing pyplot for the first time; or, if you are not using pyplot, it must be called before importing matplotlib.backends. If warn is True, a warning is issued if you try and call this after pylab or pyplot have been loaded. In certain black magic use cases, e.g. pyplot.switch_backend(), we are doing the reloading necessary to make the backend switch work (in some cases, e.g. pure image backends) so one can set warn=False to suppress the warnings.

To find out which backend is currently set, see matplotlib.get_backend().

AFM (ADOBE FONT METRICS INTERFACE)

48.1 matplotlib.afm

This is a python interface to Adobe Font Metrics Files. Although a number of other python implementations exist (and may be more complete than mine) I decided not to go with them because either they were either

- 1. copyrighted or used a non-BSD compatible license
- 2. had too many dependencies and I wanted a free standing lib
- 3. Did more than I needed and it was easier to write my own than figure out how to just get what I needed from theirs

It is pretty easy to use, and requires only built-in python libs:

```
>>> from afm import AFM
>>> fh = open('ptmr8a.afm')
>>> afm = AFM(fh)
>>> afm.string_width_height('What the heck?')
(6220.0, 683)
>>> afm.get_fontname()
'Times-Roman'
>>> afm.get_kern_dist('A', 'f')
>>> afm.get_kern_dist('A', 'y')
>>> afm.get_bbox_char('!')
[130, -9, 238, 676]
>>> afm.get_bbox_font()
[-168, -218, 1000, 898]
AUTHOR: John D. Hunter <jdh2358@gmail.com>
class matplotlib.afm.AFM(fh)
     Bases: object
```

Parse the AFM file in file object fh

get_angle()

Return the fontangle as float

get_bbox_char(c, isord=False)

get_capheight()

Return the cap height as float

get_familyname()

Return the font family name, eg, 'Times'

get_fontname()

Return the font name, eg, 'Times-Roman'

get_fullname()

Return the font full name, eg, 'Times-Roman'

get_height_char(c, isord=False)

Get the height of character c from the bounding box. This is the ink height (space is 0)

get_horizontal_stem_width()

Return the standard horizontal stem width as float, or *None* if not specified in AFM file.

get_kern_dist(c1, c2)

Return the kerning pair distance (possibly 0) for chars c1 and c2

get_kern_dist_from_name(name1, name2)

Return the kerning pair distance (possibly 0) for chars name1 and name2

get_name_char(c, isord=False)

Get the name of the character, ie, ';' is 'semicolon'

get_str_bbox(s)

Return the string bounding box

get_str_bbox_and_descent(s)

Return the string bounding box

get_underline_thickness()

Return the underline thickness as float

get_vertical_stem_width()

Return the standard vertical stem width as float, or *None* if not specified in AFM file.

get_weight()

Return the font weight, eg, 'Bold' or 'Roman'

get_width_char(c, isord=False)

Get the width of the character from the character metric WX field

get_width_from_char_name(name)

Get the width of the character from a type1 character name

get_xheight()

Return the xheight as float

string_width_height(s)

Return the string width (including kerning) and string height as a (w, h) tuple.

matplotlib.afm.parse_afm(fh)

Parse the Adobe Font Metics file in file handle *fh*. Return value is a (*dhead*, *dcmetrics*, *dkernpairs*, *dcomposite*) tuple where *dhead* is a _parse_header() dict, *dcmetrics* is a _parse_composites() dict, *dkernpairs* is a _parse_kern_pairs() dict (possibly {}), and *dcomposite* is a _parse_composites() dict (possibly {})

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ANIMATION

49.1 matplotlib.animation

class matplotlib.animation.Animation(fig, event_source=None, blit=False)

Bases: object

This class wraps the creation of an animation using matplotlib. It is only a base class which should be subclassed to provide needed behavior.

fig is the figure object that is used to get draw, resize, and any other needed events.

event_source is a class that can run a callback when desired events are generated, as well as be stopped and started. Examples include timers (see TimedAnimation) and file system notifications.

blit is a boolean that controls whether blitting is used to optimize drawing.

new_frame_seq()

Creates a new sequence of frame information.

new_saved_frame_seq()

Creates a new sequence of saved/cached frame information.

save(filename, writer=None, fps=None, dpi=None, codec=None, bitrate=None, extra_args=None, metadata=None, extra_anim=None)
Saves a movie file by drawing every frame.

filename is the output filename, eg mymovie.mp4

writer is either an instance of MovieWriter or a string key that identifies a class to use, such as 'ffmpeg' or 'mencoder'. If nothing is passed, the value of the reparam animation.writer is used.

fps is the frames per second in the movie. Defaults to None, which will use the animation's specified interval to set the frames per second.

dpi controls the dots per inch for the movie frames. This combined with the figure's size in inches controls the size of the movie.

codec is the video codec to be used. Not all codecs are supported by a given MovieWriter. If none is given, this defaults to the value specified by the reparam animation.codec.

bitrate specifies the amount of bits used per second in the compressed movie, in kilobits per second. A higher number means a higher quality movie, but at the cost of increased file size. If no value is given, this defaults to the value given by the reparam animation.bitrate.

extra_args is a list of extra string arguments to be passed to the underlying movie utility. The default is None, which passes the additional arguments in the 'animation.extra args' rcParam.

metadata is a dictionary of keys and values for metadata to include in the output file. Some keys that may be of use include: title, artist, genre, subject, copyright, srcform, comment.

extra_anim is a list of additional Animation objects that should be included in the saved movie file. These need to be from the same matplotlib.Figure instance. Also, animation frames will just be simply combined, so there should be a 1:1 correspondence between the frames from the different animations.

```
class matplotlib.animation.ArtistAnimation(fig, artists, *args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: matplotlib.animation.TimedAnimation

Before calling this function, all plotting should have taken place and the relevant artists saved.

frame_info is a list, with each list entry a collection of artists that represent what needs to be enabled on each frame. These will be disabled for other frames.

class matplotlib.animation.FFMpegBase

```
args_key = 'animation.ffmpeg_args'
exec_key = 'animation.ffmpeg_path'
output_args
```

class matplotlib.animation.FFMpegFileWriter(*args, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.animation.FileMovieWriter, matplotlib.animation.FFMpeqBase

```
supported_formats = ['png', 'jpeg', 'ppm', 'tiff', 'sgi', 'bmp', 'pbm', 'raw', 'rgba']
```

class matplotlib.animation.FFMpegWriter(fps=5, codec=None, bitrate=None, extra args=None, metadata=None)

Bases: matplotlib.animation.MovieWriter, matplotlib.animation.FFMpegBase

Construct a new MovieWriter object.

fps: int Framerate for movie.

codec: string or None, optional The codec to use. If None (the default) the setting in the rcParam animation.codec is used.

bitrate: int or None, optional The bitrate for the saved movie file, which is one way to control the output file size and quality. The default value is None, which uses the value stored in the rcParam animation.bitrate. A value of -1 implies that the bitrate should be determined automatically by the underlying utility.

extra_args: list of strings or None A list of extra string arguments to be passed to the underlying movie utility. The default is None, which passes the additional arguments in the 'animation.extra_args' rcParam.

metadata: dict of string:string or None A dictionary of keys and values for metadata to include in the output file. Some keys that may be of use include: title, artist, genre, subject, copyright, srcform, comment.

```
class matplotlib.animation.FileMovieWriter(*args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: matplotlib.animation.MovieWriter

MovieWriter subclass that handles writing to a file.

cleanup()

finish()

frame_format

Format (png, jpeg, etc.) to use for saving the frames, which can be decided by the individual subclasses.

setup(fig, outfile, dpi, frame_prefix='_tmp', clear_temp=True)

Perform setup for writing the movie file.

fig: matplotlib.Figure instance The figure object that contains the information for frames

outfile: string The filename of the resulting movie file

dpi: int The DPI (or resolution) for the file. This controls the size in pixels of the resulting movie file.

frame_prefix: string, optional The filename prefix to use for the temporary files. Defaults to '_tmp'

clear_temp: bool Specifies whether the temporary files should be deleted after the movie is written. (Useful for debugging.) Defaults to True.

Makes an animation by repeatedly calling a function *func*, passing in (optional) arguments in *fargs*.

frames can be a generator, an iterable, or a number of frames.

init_func is a function used to draw a clear frame. If not given, the results of drawing from the first item in the frames sequence will be used.

```
new_saved_frame_seq()
class matplotlib.animation.MencoderBase
allowed_metadata = ['name', 'artist', 'genre', 'subject', 'copyright', 'srcform', 'comment']
args_key = 'animation.mencoder_args'
exec_key = 'animation.mencoder_path'
```

output_args

new_frame_seq()

```
class matplotlib.animation.MencoderFileWriter(*args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: matplotlib.animation.FileMovieWriter, matplotlib.animation.MencoderBase

```
supported_formats = ['png', 'jpeg', 'tga', 'sgi']
```

class matplotlib.animation.MencoderWriter(fps=5, codec=None, bitrate=None, extra args=None, metadata=None)

Bases: matplotlib.animation.MovieWriter, matplotlib.animation.MencoderBase

Construct a new MovieWriter object.

fps: int Framerate for movie.

codec: string or None, optional The codec to use. If None (the default) the setting in the rcParam animation.codec is used.

bitrate: int or None, optional The bitrate for the saved movie file, which is one way to control the output file size and quality. The default value is None, which uses the value stored in the rcParam animation.bitrate. A value of -1 implies that the bitrate should be determined automatically by the underlying utility.

extra_args: list of strings or None A list of extra string arguments to be passed to the underlying movie utility. The default is None, which passes the additional arguments in the 'animation.extra args' rcParam.

metadata: dict of string:string or None A dictionary of keys and values for metadata to include in the output file. Some keys that may be of use include: title, artist, genre, subject, copyright, srcform, comment.

```
class matplotlib.animation.MovieWriter(fps=5, codec=None, bitrate=None, ex-
tra_args=None, metadata=None)
```

Bases: object

Base class for writing movies. Fundamentally, what a MovieWriter does is provide is a way to grab frames by calling grab_frame(). setup() is called to start the process and finish() is called afterwards. This class is set up to provide for writing movie frame data to a pipe. saving() is provided as a context manager to facilitate this process as:

```
with moviewriter.saving('myfile.mp4'):
    # Iterate over frames
    moviewriter.grab_frame()
```

The use of the context manager ensures that setup and cleanup are performed as necessary.

frame format: string The format used in writing frame data, defaults to 'rgba'

Construct a new MovieWriter object.

fps: int Framerate for movie.

codec: string or None, optional The codec to use. If None (the default) the setting in the rcParam animation.codec is used.

bitrate: int or None, optional The bitrate for the saved movie file, which is one way to control the output file size and quality. The default value is None, which uses the value stored in the rcParam

animation.bitrate. A value of -1 implies that the bitrate should be determined automatically by the underlying utility.

extra_args: list of strings or None A list of extra string arguments to be passed to the underlying movie utility. The default is None, which passes the additional arguments in the 'animation.extra args' rcParam.

metadata: dict of string:string or None A dictionary of keys and values for metadata to include in the output file. Some keys that may be of use include: title, artist, genre, subject, copyright, srcform, comment.

classmethod bin_path()

Returns the binary path to the commandline tool used by a specific subclass. This is a class method so that the tool can be looked for before making a particular MovieWriter subclass available.

cleanup()

Clean-up and collect the process used to write the movie file.

finish()

Finish any processing for writing the movie.

frame size

A tuple (width, height) in pixels of a movie frame.

grab_frame()

Grab the image information from the figure and save as a movie frame.

classmethod isAvailable()

Check to see if a MovieWriter subclass is actually available by running the commandline tool.

saving(*args, **kwds)

Context manager to facilitate writing the movie file.

*args are any parameters that should be passed to setup.

setup(fig, outfile, dpi, *args)

Perform setup for writing the movie file.

 $\textbf{fig: matplotlib.Figure instance} \ \ \textbf{The figure object that contains the information for frames}$

outfile: string The filename of the resulting movie file

dpi: int The DPI (or resolution) for the file. This controls the size in pixels of the resulting movie file.

class matplotlib.animation.MovieWriterRegistry

Bases: object

list()

Get a list of available MovieWriters.

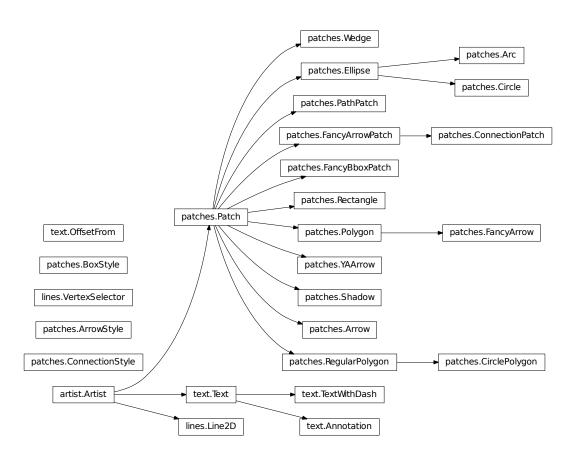
register(name)

Bases: matplotlib.animation.Animation

Animation subclass that supports time-based animation, drawing a new frame every *interval* milliseconds.

repeat controls whether the animation should repeat when the sequence of frames is completed. *repeat_delay* optionally adds a delay in milliseconds before repeating the animation.

ARTISTS



50.1 matplotlib.artist

class matplotlib.artist.Artist

Bases: object

Abstract base class for someone who renders into a FigureCanvas.

add_callback(func)

Adds a callback function that will be called whenever one of the Artist's properties changes.

Returns an *id* that is useful for removing the callback with remove_callback() later.

aname = 'Artist'

contains(mouseevent)

Test whether the artist contains the mouse event.

Returns the truth value and a dictionary of artist specific details of selection, such as which points are contained in the pick radius. See individual artists for details.

convert_xunits(x)

For artists in an axes, if the xaxis has units support, convert x using xaxis unit type

convert_yunits(y)

For artists in an axes, if the yaxis has units support, convert y using yaxis unit type

```
draw(renderer, *args, **kwargs)
```

Derived classes drawing method

```
findobj(match=None, include_self=True)
```

Find artist objects.

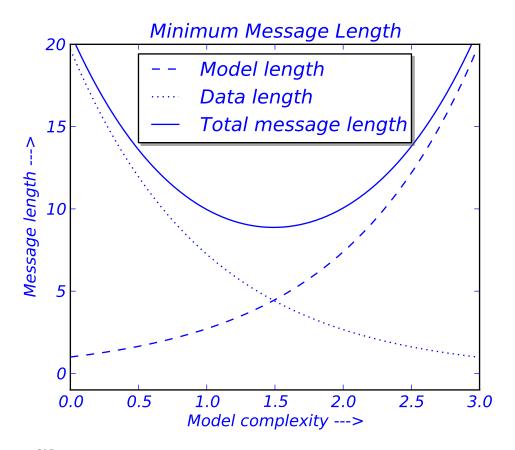
```
pyplot signature: findobj(o=gcf(), match=None, include_self=True)
```

Recursively find all :class:matplotlib.artist.Artist instances contained in self.

match can be

- •None: return all objects contained in artist.
- •function with signature boolean = match(artist) used to filter matches
- •class instance: eg Line2D. Only return artists of class type.

If *include_self* is True (default), include self in the list to be checked for a match.



get_agg_filter()

return filter function to be used for agg filter

get_alpha()

Return the alpha value used for blending - not supported on all backends

get_animated()

Return the artist's animated state

get_axes()

Return the Axes instance the artist resides in, or None

get_children()

Return a list of the child Artist's this :class:'Artist contains.

get_clip_box()

Return artist clipbox

get_clip_on()

Return whether artist uses clipping

get_clip_path()

Return artist clip path

get_contains()

Return the _contains test used by the artist, or *None* for default.

get_figure()

Return the Figure instance the artist belongs to.

get_gid()

Returns the group id

get_label()

Get the label used for this artist in the legend.

get_picker()

Return the picker object used by this artist

get_rasterized()

return True if the artist is to be rasterized

get_snap()

Returns the snap setting which may be:

- •True: snap vertices to the nearest pixel center
- •False: leave vertices as-is
- •None: (auto) If the path contains only rectilinear line segments, round to the nearest pixel center

Only supported by the Agg and MacOSX backends.

get_transform()

Return the Transform instance used by this artist.

get_transformed_clip_path_and_affine()

Return the clip path with the non-affine part of its transformation applied, and the remaining affine part of its transformation.

get_url()

Returns the url

get_visible()

Return the artist's visiblity

get_zorder()

Return the Artist's zorder.

have_units()

Return *True* if units are set on the *x* or *y* axes

hitlist(event)

List the children of the artist which contain the mouse event *event*.

is_figure_set()

Returns True if the artist is assigned to a Figure.

is_transform_set()

Returns *True* if Artist has a transform explicitly set.

pchanged()

Fire an event when property changed, calling all of the registered callbacks.

pick(mouseevent)

call signature:

pick(mouseevent)

each child artist will fire a pick event if mouseevent is over the artist and the artist has picker set

pickable()

Return True if Artist is pickable.

properties()

return a dictionary mapping property name -> value for all Artist props

remove()

Remove the artist from the figure if possible. The effect will not be visible until the figure is redrawn, e.g., with matplotlib.axes.Axes.draw_idle(). Call matplotlib.axes.Axes.relim() to update the axes limits if desired.

Note: relim() will not see collections even if the collection was added to axes with *autolim* = True.

Note: there is no support for removing the artist's legend entry.

remove_callback(oid)

Remove a callback based on its id.

See Also:

add_callback() For adding callbacks

set(**kwargs)

A tkstyle set command, pass kwargs to set properties

set_agg_filter(filter_func)

set agg_filter fuction.

set_alpha(alpha)

Set the alpha value used for blending - not supported on all backends.

ACCEPTS: float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)

set_animated(b)

Set the artist's animation state.

ACCEPTS: [True | False]

set_axes(axes)

Set the Axes instance in which the artist resides, if any.

ACCEPTS: an Axes instance

set_clip_box(clipbox)

Set the artist's clip Bbox.

ACCEPTS: a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance

set_clip_on(b)

Set whether artist uses clipping.

ACCEPTS: [True | False]

set_clip_path(path, transform=None)

Set the artist's clip path, which may be:

- •a Patch (or subclass) instance
- •a Path instance, in which case an optional Transform instance may be provided, which will be applied to the path before using it for clipping.
- •None, to remove the clipping path

For efficiency, if the path happens to be an axis-aligned rectangle, this method will set the clipping box to the corresponding rectangle and set the clipping path to *None*.

ACCEPTS: [(Path, Transform) | Patch | None]

set_contains(picker)

Replace the contains test used by this artist. The new picker should be a callable function which determines whether the artist is hit by the mouse event:

```
hit, props = picker(artist, mouseevent)
```

If the mouse event is over the artist, return hit = True and props is a dictionary of properties you want returned with the contains test.

ACCEPTS: a callable function

set_figure(fig)

Set the Figure instance the artist belongs to.

ACCEPTS: a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance

set_gid(gid)

Sets the (group) id for the artist

ACCEPTS: an id string

set_label(s)

Set the label to *s* for auto legend.

ACCEPTS: string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.

set_lod(on)

Set Level of Detail on or off. If on, the artists may examine things like the pixel width of the axes and draw a subset of their contents accordingly

ACCEPTS: [True | False]

set_picker(picker)

Set the epsilon for picking used by this artist

picker can be one of the following:

•None: picking is disabled for this artist (default)

- •A boolean: if *True* then picking will be enabled and the artist will fire a pick event if the mouse event is over the artist
- •A float: if picker is a number it is interpreted as an epsilon tolerance in points and the artist will fire off an event if it's data is within epsilon of the mouse event. For some artists like lines and patch collections, the artist may provide additional data to the pick event that is generated, e.g. the indices of the data within epsilon of the pick event
- •A function: if picker is callable, it is a user supplied function which determines whether the artist is hit by the mouse event:

```
hit, props = picker(artist, mouseevent)
```

to determine the hit test. if the mouse event is over the artist, return *hit=True* and props is a dictionary of properties you want added to the PickEvent attributes.

ACCEPTS: [None|float|boolean|callable]

set_rasterized(rasterized)

Force rasterized (bitmap) drawing in vector backend output.

Defaults to None, which implies the backend's default behavior

ACCEPTS: [True | False | None]

set_snap(snap)

Sets the snap setting which may be:

- •True: snap vertices to the nearest pixel center
- •False: leave vertices as-is
- •None: (auto) If the path contains only rectilinear line segments, round to the nearest pixel center

Only supported by the Agg and MacOSX backends.

set_transform(t)

Set the Transform instance used by this artist.

ACCEPTS: Transform instance

set_url(url)

Sets the url for the artist

ACCEPTS: a url string

set_visible(b)

Set the artist's visiblity.

ACCEPTS: [True | False]

set_zorder(level)

Set the zorder for the artist. Artists with lower zorder values are drawn first.

ACCEPTS: any number

```
update(props)
```

Update the properties of this Artist from the dictionary *prop*.

update_from(other)

Copy properties from *other* to *self*.

zorder = 0

class matplotlib.artist.ArtistInspector(o)

A helper class to inspect an Artist and return information about it's settable properties and their current values.

Initialize the artist inspector with an Artist or sequence of Artists. If a sequence is used, we assume it is a homogeneous sequence (all Artists are of the same type) and it is your responsibility to make sure this is so.

aliased_name(s)

return 'PROPNAME or alias' if s has an alias, else return PROPNAME.

E.g. for the line markerfacecolor property, which has an alias, return 'markerfacecolor or mfc' and for the transform property, which does not, return 'transform'

aliased_name_rest(s, target)

return 'PROPNAME or alias' if s has an alias, else return PROPNAME formatted for ReST

E.g. for the line markerfacecolor property, which has an alias, return 'markerfacecolor or mfc' and for the transform property, which does not, return 'transform'

findobj(*match=None*)

Recursively find all matplotlib.artist.Artist instances contained in self.

If match is not None, it can be

- •function with signature boolean = match(artist)
- •class instance: eg Line2D

used to filter matches.

get_aliases()

Get a dict mapping *fullname -> alias* for each *alias* in the ArtistInspector.

Eg., for lines:

```
{'markerfacecolor': 'mfc',
   'linewidth' : 'lw',
}
```

get_setters()

Get the attribute strings with setters for object. Eg., for a line, return ['markerfacecolor', 'linewidth',].

get_valid_values(attr)

Get the legal arguments for the setter associated with attr.

This is done by querying the docstring of the function *set_attr* for a line that begins with AC-CEPTS:

```
Eg., for a line linestyle, return "['-'|'--'|'-.'|':'|'steps'|'None']"
```

is_alias(o)

Return *True* if method object o is an alias for another function.

pprint_getters()

Return the getters and actual values as list of strings.

```
pprint_setters(prop=None, leadingspace=2)
```

If prop is None, return a list of strings of all settable properies and their valid values.

If *prop* is not *None*, it is a valid property name and that property will be returned as a string of property: valid values.

```
pprint_setters_rest(prop=None, leadingspace=2)
```

If *prop* is *None*, return a list of strings of all settable properies and their valid values. Format the output for ReST

If *prop* is not *None*, it is a valid property name and that property will be returned as a string of property: valid values.

properties()

return a dictionary mapping property name -> value

matplotlib.artist.allow_rasterization(draw)

Decorator for Artist.draw method. Provides routines that run before and after the draw call. The before and after functions are useful for changing artist-dependant renderer attributes or making other setup function calls, such as starting and flushing a mixed-mode renderer.

matplotlib.artist.get(obj, property=None)

Return the value of object's property. property is an optional string for the property you want to return

Example usage:

```
getp(obj) # get all the object properties
getp(obj, 'linestyle') # get the linestyle property
```

obj is a Artist instance, eg Line2D or an instance of a Axes or matplotlib.text.Text. If the *property* is 'somename', this function returns

```
obj.get somename()
```

getp() can be used to query all the gettable properties with getp(obj). Many properties have aliases for shorter typing, e.g. 'lw' is an alias for 'linewidth'. In the output, aliases and full property names will be listed as:

```
property or alias = value
```

e.g.:

linewidth or lw = 2

matplotlib.artist.getp(obj, property=None)

Return the value of object's property. property is an optional string for the property you want to return

Example usage:

```
getp(obj) # get all the object properties
getp(obj, 'linestyle') # get the linestyle property
```

obj is a Artist instance, eg Line2D or an instance of a Axes or matplotlib.text.Text. If the *property* is 'somename', this function returns

```
obj.get_somename()
```

getp() can be used to query all the gettable properties with getp(obj). Many properties have aliases for shorter typing, e.g. 'lw' is an alias for 'linewidth'. In the output, aliases and full property names will be listed as:

matplotlib supports the use of setp() ("set property") and getp() to set and get object properties, as well as to do introspection on the object. For example, to set the linestyle of a line to be dashed, you can do:

```
>>> line, = plot([1,2,3])
>>> setp(line, linestyle='--')
```

Set a property on an artist object.

If you want to know the valid types of arguments, you can provide the name of the property you want to set without a value:

```
>>> setp(line, 'linestyle')
linestyle: [ '-' | '--' | '-.' | ':' | 'steps' | 'None' ]
```

If you want to see all the properties that can be set, and their possible values, you can do:

```
>>> setp(line)
... long output listing omitted
```

setp() operates on a single instance or a list of instances. If you are in query mode introspecting the possible values, only the first instance in the sequence is used. When actually setting values, all the instances will be set. E.g., suppose you have a list of two lines, the following will make both lines thicker and red:

```
>>> x = arange(0,1.0,0.01)
>>> y1 = sin(2*pi*x)
>>> y2 = sin(4*pi*x)
>>> lines = plot(x, y1, x, y2)
>>> setp(lines, linewidth=2, color='r')
```

setp() works with the MATLAB style string/value pairs or with python kwargs. For example, the following are equivalent:

```
>>> setp(lines, 'linewidth', 2, 'color', r') # MATLAB style
>>> setp(lines, linewidth=2, color='r') # python style
```

50.2 matplotlib.lines

This module contains all the 2D line class which can draw with a variety of line styles, markers and colors.

```
class matplotlib.lines.Line2D(xdata,
                                                        linewidth=None,
                                                                            linestyle=None,
                                            ydata,
                                                marker=None,
                                 color=None,
                                                                 markersize=None,
                                                                                     mark-
                                 eredgewidth=None,
                                                      markeredgecolor=None,
                                                                                markerface-
                                 color=None,
                                                markerfacecoloralt='none',
                                                                             fillstyle='full',
                                 antialiased=None, dash_capstyle=None, solid_capstyle=None,
                                 dash_joinstyle=None, solid_joinstyle=None,
                                                                              pickradius=5,
                                 drawstyle=None, markevery=None, **kwargs)
```

Bases: matplotlib.artist.Artist

A line - the line can have both a solid linestyle connecting all the vertices, and a marker at each vertex. Additionally, the drawing of the solid line is influenced by the drawstyle, eg one can create "stepped" lines in various styles.

Create a Line2D instance with x and y data in sequences xdata, ydata.

The kwargs are Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a

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Property	Description
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

See set_linestyle() for a description of the line styles, set_marker() for a description of the markers, and set_drawstyle() for a description of the draw styles.

contains(mouseevent)

Test whether the mouse event occurred on the line. The pick radius determines the precision of the location test (usually within five points of the value). Use get_pickradius() or set_pickradius() to view or modify it.

Returns *True* if any values are within the radius along with {'ind': pointlist}, where *pointlist* is the set of points within the radius.

TODO: sort returned indices by distance

```
draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
```

alias for get_antialiased

```
drawStyleKeys = ['default', 'steps-mid', 'steps-pre', 'steps-post', 'steps']
drawStyles = {'default': '_draw_lines', 'steps-mid': '_draw_steps_mid', 'steps': '_draw_steps_pre', 'steps-pre'
fillStyles = ('full', 'left', 'right', 'bottom', 'top', 'none')
filled_markers = ('o', 'v', '^', '<', '>', '8', 's', 'p', '*', 'h', 'H', 'D', 'd')
get_aa()
```

```
get_antialiased()
get_c()
     alias for get_color
get_color()
get_dash_capstyle()
     Get the cap style for dashed linestyles
get_dash_joinstyle()
     Get the join style for dashed linestyles
get_data(orig=True)
     Return the xdata, ydata.
     If orig is True, return the original data
get_drawstyle()
get_fillstyle()
     return the marker fillstyle
get_linestyle()
get_linewidth()
get_ls()
     alias for get_linestyle
get_lw()
     alias for get_linewidth
get_marker()
get_markeredgecolor()
get_markeredgewidth()
get_markerfacecolor()
get_markerfacecoloralt()
get_markersize()
get_markevery()
     return the markevery setting
get_mec()
     alias for get_markeredgecolor
get_mew()
     alias for get_markeredgewidth
get_mfc()
     alias for get_markerfacecolor
get_mfcalt(alt=False)
     alias for get_markerfacecoloralt
```

```
get_ms()
     alias for get markersize
get_path()
     Return the Path object associated with this line.
get_pickradius()
     return the pick radius used for containment tests
get_solid_capstyle()
     Get the cap style for solid linestyles
get_solid_joinstyle()
     Get the join style for solid linestyles
get_window_extent(renderer)
get_xdata(orig=True)
     Return the xdata.
     If orig is True, return the original data, else the processed data.
get_xydata()
     Return the xy data as a Nx2 numpy array.
get_ydata(orig=True)
     Return the ydata.
     If orig is True, return the original data, else the processed data.
is_dashed()
     return True if line is dashstyle
lineStyles = {'': '_draw_nothing', '': '_draw_nothing', 'None': '_draw_nothing', '-': '_draw_dashed', '-.':
markers = {0: 'tickleft', 1: 'tickright', 2: 'tickup', 3: 'tickdown', 4: 'caretleft', 'D': 'diamond', 6: 'caretup', 7:
recache(always=False)
recache_always()
set_aa(val)
     alias for set_antialiased
set_antialiased(b)
     True if line should be drawin with antialiased rendering
     ACCEPTS: [True | False]
set_axes(ax)
     Set the Axes instance in which the artist resides, if any.
     ACCEPTS: an Axes instance
set_c(val)
     alias for set_color
```

set_color(color)

Set the color of the line

ACCEPTS: any matplotlib color

set_dash_capstyle(s)

Set the cap style for dashed linestyles

ACCEPTS: ['butt' | 'round' | 'projecting']

set_dash_joinstyle(s)

Set the join style for dashed linestyles ACCEPTS: ['miter' | 'round' | 'bevel']

set_dashes(seq)

Set the dash sequence, sequence of dashes with on off ink in points. If seq is empty or if seq = (None, None), the linestyle will be set to solid.

ACCEPTS: sequence of on/off ink in points

set_data(*args)

Set the x and y data

ACCEPTS: 2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays

set_drawstyle(drawstyle)

Set the drawstyle of the plot

'default' connects the points with lines. The steps variants produce step-plots. 'steps' is equivalent to 'steps-pre' and is maintained for backward-compatibility.

ACCEPTS: ['default' | 'steps' | 'steps-pre' | 'steps-mid' | 'steps-post']

set_fillstyle(fs)

Set the marker fill style; 'full' means fill the whole marker. 'none' means no filling; other options are for half-filled markers.

ACCEPTS: ['full' | 'left' | 'right' | 'bottom' | 'top' | 'none']

set_linestyle(linestyle)

Set the linestyle of the line (also accepts drawstyles)

linestyle	description
'-'	solid
''	dashed
''	dash_dot
':'	dotted
'None'	draw nothing
, ,	draw nothing
"	draw nothing

^{&#}x27;steps' is equivalent to 'steps-pre' and is maintained for backward-compatibility.

See Also:

set_drawstyle() To set the drawing style (stepping) of the plot.

ACCEPTS: ['-' | '--' | '-.' | ':' | 'None' | ' ' | "] and any drawstyle in combination with a linestyle, e.g. 'steps--'.

set_linewidth(w)

Set the line width in points

ACCEPTS: float value in points

set_ls(val)

alias for set_linestyle

set_lw(val)

alias for set_linewidth

set_marker(marker)

Set the line marker

marker	description
7	caretdown
4	caretleft
5	caretright
6	caretup
'0'	circle
'D'	diamond
'h'	hexagon1
'H'	hexagon2
, , _ ,,	hline
"	nothing
'None'	nothing
, ,	nothing
None	nothing
'8'	octagon
'p'	pentagon
, ,	pixel
'+'	plus
, ,	point
's'	square
**	star
'd'	thin_diamond
3	tickdown
0	tickleft
1	tickright
2	tickup
'1'	tri_down
'3'	tri_left
'4'	tri_right
'2'	tri_up
'v'	triangle_down
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description marker **'<'** triangle left **'**>' triangle_right ٠,, triangle_up <u>'|'</u> vline 'х' <u>'\$...\$'</u> render the string using mathtext. verts a list of (x, y) pairs used for Path vertices. a Path instance. path (numsides, style, angle) see below

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The marker can also be a tuple (numsides, style, angle), which will create a custom, regular symbol.

numsides: the number of sides

style: the style of the regular symbol:

Value	Description
0	a regular polygon
1	a star-like symbol
2	an asterisk
3	a circle (numsides and angle is ignored)

angle: the angle of rotation of the symbol, in degrees

For backward compatibility, the form (*verts*, 0) is also accepted, but it is equivalent to just *verts* for giving a raw set of vertices that define the shape.

set_markeredgecolor(ec)

Set the marker edge color

ACCEPTS: any matplotlib color

set_markeredgewidth(ew)

Set the marker edge width in points

ACCEPTS: float value in points

set_markerfacecolor(fc)

Set the marker face color.

ACCEPTS: any matplotlib color

set_markerfacecoloralt(fc)

Set the alternate marker face color.

ACCEPTS: any matplotlib color

```
set_markersize(sz)
     Set the marker size in points
     ACCEPTS: float
set_markevery(every)
     Set the markevery property to subsample the plot when using markers. Eg if markevery=5,
     every 5-th marker will be plotted. every can be
     None Every point will be plotted
     an integer N Every N-th marker will be plotted starting with marker 0
     A length-2 tuple of integers every=(start, N) will start at point start and plot every N-th marker
     ACCEPTS: None | integer | (startind, stride)
set_mec(val)
     alias for set_markeredgecolor
set_mew(val)
     alias for set_markeredgewidth
set_mfc(val)
     alias for set markerfacecolor
set_mfcalt(val)
     alias for set_markerfacecoloralt
set_ms(val)
     alias for set_markersize
set_picker(p)
     Sets the event picker details for the line.
     ACCEPTS: float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
set_pickradius(d)
     Sets the pick radius used for containment tests
     ACCEPTS: float distance in points
set_solid_capstyle(s)
     Set the cap style for solid linestyles
     ACCEPTS: ['butt' | 'round' | 'projecting']
set_solid_joinstyle(s)
     Set the join style for solid linestyles ACCEPTS: ['miter' | 'round' | 'bevel']
set_transform(t)
     set the Transformation instance used by this artist
     ACCEPTS: a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
set_xdata(x)
     Set the data np.array for x
     ACCEPTS: 1D array
```

```
set_ydata(y)
    Set the data np.array for y
    ACCEPTS: 1D array

update_from(other)
    copy properties from other to self

validCap = ('butt', 'round', 'projecting')

validJoin = ('miter', 'round', 'bevel')

zorder = 2
```

class matplotlib.lines.VertexSelector(line)

Manage the callbacks to maintain a list of selected vertices for matplotlib.lines.Line2D. Derived classes should override process_selected() to do something with the picks.

Here is an example which highlights the selected verts with red circles:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.lines as lines
class HighlightSelected(lines.VertexSelector):
    def __init__(self, line, fmt='ro', **kwargs):
        lines.VertexSelector.__init__(self, line)
        self.markers, = self.axes.plot([], [], fmt, **kwargs)
    def process_selected(self, ind, xs, ys):
        self.markers.set_data(xs, ys)
        self.canvas.draw()
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
x, y = np.random.rand(2, 30)
line, = ax.plot(x, y, 'bs-', picker=5)
selector = HighlightSelected(line)
plt.show()
```

Initialize the class with a matplotlib.lines.Line2D instance. The line should already be added to some matplotlib.axes.Axes instance and should have the picker property set.

```
onpick(event)
```

When the line is picked, update the set of selected indicies.

```
process_selected(ind, xs, ys)
```

Default "do nothing" implementation of the process_selected() method.

ind are the indices of the selected vertices. xs and ys are the coordinates of the selected vertices.

```
matplotlib.lines.segment_hits(cx, cy, x, y, radius)
```

Determine if any line segments are within radius of a point. Returns the list of line segments that are within that radius.

50.3 matplotlib.patches

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Ellipse

An elliptical arc. Because it performs various optimizations, it can not be filled.

The arc must be used in an Axes instance—it can not be added directly to a Figure—because it is optimized to only render the segments that are inside the axes bounding box with high resolution.

The following args are supported:

xy center of ellipse

width length of horizontal axis

height length of vertical axis

angle rotation in degrees (anti-clockwise)

theta1 starting angle of the arc in degrees

theta2 ending angle of the arc in degrees

If theta1 and theta2 are not provided, the arc will form a complete ellipse.

Valid kwargs are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)

Ellipses are normally drawn using an approximation that uses eight cubic bezier splines. The error of this approximation is 1.89818e-6, according to this unverified source:

Lancaster, Don. Approximating a Circle or an Ellipse Using Four Bezier Cubic Splines.

http://www.tinaja.com/glib/ellipse4.pdf

There is a use case where very large ellipses must be drawn with very high accuracy, and it is too expensive to render the entire ellipse with enough segments (either splines or line segments). Therefore, in the case where either radius of the ellipse is large enough that the error of the spline approximation will be visible (greater than one pixel offset from the ideal), a different technique is used.

In that case, only the visible parts of the ellipse are drawn, with each visible arc using a fixed number of spline segments (8). The algorithm proceeds as follows:

1. The points where the ellipse intersects the axes bounding box are located. (This is done be performing an inverse transformation on the axes bbox such that it is relative to the

unit circle – this makes the intersection calculation much easier than doing rotated ellipse intersection directly).

This uses the "line intersecting a circle" algorithm from:

Vince, John. Geometry for Computer Graphics: Formulae, Examples & Proofs. London: Springer-Verlag, 2005.

- 2. The angles of each of the intersection points are calculated.
- 3. Proceeding counterclockwise starting in the positive x-direction, each of the visible arcsegments between the pairs of vertices are drawn using the bezier arc approximation technique implemented in matplotlib.path.Path.arc().

class matplotlib.patches.**Arrow**(x, y, dx, dy, width=1.0, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch

An arrow patch.

Draws an arrow, starting at (x, y), direction and length given by (dx, dy) the width of the arrow is scaled by width.

Valid kwargs are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

get_patch_transform()

get_path()

 ${\bf class} \; {\tt matplotlib.patches.} \\ {\bf ArrowStyle}$

Bases: matplotlib.patches._Style

ArrowStyle is a container class which defines several arrowstyle classes, which is used to create an arrow path along a given path. These are mainly used with FancyArrowPatch.

A arrowstyle object can be either created as:

```
ArrowStyle.Fancy(head_length=.4, head_width=.4, tail_width=.4)
or:
ArrowStyle("Fancy", head_length=.4, head_width=.4, tail_width=.4)
or:
```

ArrowStyle("Fancy, head_length=.4, head_width=.4, tail_width=.4")

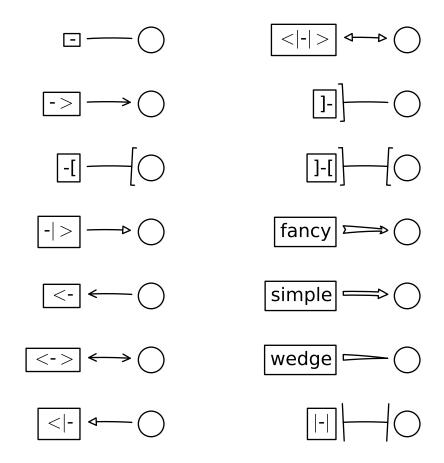
The following classes are defined

Class	Name	Attrs
Curve	_	None
CurveB	->	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
BracketB	-[widthB=1.0,lengthB=0.2,angleB=None
Curve-	- >	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
FilledB		
CurveA	<-	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
CurveAB	<->	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
Curve-	< -	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
FilledA		
Curve-	< - >	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
FilledAB		
BracketA]-	widthA=1.0,lengthA=0.2,angleA=None
BracketAB]-[widthA=1.0,lengthA=0.2,angleA=None,widthB=1.0,lengthB=0.2,angleB=None
Fancy	fancy	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.4,tail_width=0.4
Simple	simple	head_length=0.5,head_width=0.5,tail_width=0.2
Wedge	wedge	tail_width=0.3,shrink_factor=0.5
BarAB	-	widthA=1.0,angleA=None,widthB=1.0,angleB=None

An instance of any arrow style class is an callable object, whose call signature is:

```
__call__(self, path, mutation_size, linewidth, aspect_ratio=1.)
```

and it returns a tuple of a Path instance and a boolean value. *path* is a Path instance along witch the arrow will be drawn. *mutation_size* and *aspect_ratio* has a same meaning as in BoxStyle. *linewidth* is a line width to be stroked. This is meant to be used to correct the location of the head so that it does not overshoot the destination point, but not all classes support it.



class BarAB(widthA=1.0, angleA=None, widthB=1.0, angleB=None)

Bases: matplotlib.patches._Bracket

An arrow with a bar(|) at both ends.

widthA width of the bracket

lengthA length of the bracket

angle A angle between the bracket and the line

widthB width of the bracket

lengthB length of the bracket

angleB angle between the bracket and the line

class ArrowStyle.BracketA(widthA=1.0, lengthA=0.2, angleA=None)

Bases: matplotlib.patches._Bracket

An arrow with a bracket(]) at its end.

widthA width of the bracket

lengthA length of the bracket

```
angle A angle between the bracket and the line
class ArrowStyle.BracketAB(widthA=1.0, lengthA=0.2,
                                                           angleA=None,
                                                                            widthB=1.0,
                              lengthB=0.2, angleB=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Bracket
     An arrow with a bracket(]) at both ends.
     widthA width of the bracket
     lengthA length of the bracket
     angle A angle between the bracket and the line
     widthB width of the bracket
     lengthB length of the bracket
     angleB angle between the bracket and the line
class ArrowStyle.BracketB(widthB=1.0, lengthB=0.2, angleB=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Bracket
     An arrow with a bracket([) at its end.
     widthB width of the bracket
     lengthB length of the bracket
     angleB angle between the bracket and the line
class ArrowStyle.Curve
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Curve
     A simple curve without any arrow head.
class ArrowStyle.CurveA(head_length=0.4, head_width=0.2)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Curve
     An arrow with a head at its begin point.
     head_length length of the arrow head
     head_width width of the arrow head
class ArrowStyle.CurveAB(head_length=0.4, head_width=0.2)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Curve
     An arrow with heads both at the begin and the end point.
     head_length length of the arrow head
     head_width width of the arrow head
class ArrowStyle.CurveB(head_length=0.4, head_width=0.2)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Curve
     An arrow with a head at its end point.
     head length length of the arrow head
```

```
head_width width of the arrow head
class ArrowStyle.CurveFilledA(head length=0.4, head width=0.2)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Curve
     An arrow with filled triangle head at the begin.
     head length length of the arrow head
     head_width width of the arrow head
class ArrowStyle. CurveFilledAB(head_length=0.4, head_width=0.2)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Curve
     An arrow with filled triangle heads both at the begin and the end point.
     head_length length of the arrow head
     head_width width of the arrow head
class ArrowStyle.CurveFilledB(head_length=0.4, head_width=0.2)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Curve
     An arrow with filled triangle head at the end.
     head_length length of the arrow head
     head width width of the arrow head
class ArrowStyle. Fancy (head length=0.4, head width=0.4, tail width=0.4)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base
     A fancy arrow. Only works with a quadratic bezier curve.
     head_length length of the arrow head
     head_with width of the arrow head
     tail width width of the arrow tail
     transmute(path, mutation size, linewidth)
class ArrowStyle.Simple(head_length=0.5, head_width=0.5, tail_width=0.2)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base
     A simple arrow. Only works with a quadratic bezier curve.
     head_length length of the arrow head
     head with width of the arrow head
     tail_width width of the arrow tail
     transmute(path, mutation_size, linewidth)
class ArrowStyle. Wedge(tail_width=0.3, shrink_factor=0.5)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base
     Wedge(?) shape. Only wokrs with a quadratic bezier curve. The begin point has a
```

width of the tail_width and the end point has a width of 0. At the middle, the width is

shrink_factor*tail_width.

tail_width width of the tail

shrink_factor fraction of the arrow width at the middle point

transmute(path, mutation size, linewidth)

class matplotlib.patches.BoxStyle

Bases: matplotlib.patches._Style

BoxStyle is a container class which defines several boxstyle classes, which are used for FancyBoxPatch.

A style object can be created as:

```
BoxStyle.Round(pad=0.2)
or:
BoxStyle("Round", pad=0.2)
or:
BoxStyle("Round, pad=0.2")
```

Following boxstyle classes are defined.

Class	Name	Attrs
LArrow	larrow	pad=0.3
RArrow	rarrow	pad=0.3
Round	round	pad=0.3,rounding_size=None
Round4	round4	pad=0.3,rounding_size=None
Roundtooth	roundtooth	pad=0.3,tooth_size=None
Sawtooth	sawtooth	pad=0.3,tooth_size=None
Square	square	pad=0.3

An instance of any boxstyle class is an callable object, whose call signature is:

```
__call__(self, x0, y0, width, height, mutation_size, aspect_ratio=1.)
```

and returns a Path instance. x0, y0, width and height specify the location and size of the box to be drawn. mutation_scale determines the overall size of the mutation (by which I mean the transformation of the rectangle to the fancy box). mutation_aspect determines the aspect-ratio of the mutation.

square
sawtooth
roundtooth
rarrow
larrow
round4
round4

class LArrow(pad=0.3)
Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base
(left) Arrow Box
transmute(x0, y0, width, height, mutation_size)

class BoxStyle.RArrow(pad=0.3)
Bases: matplotlib.patches.LArrow
(right) Arrow Box
transmute(x0, y0, width, height, mutation_size)

class BoxStyle.Round(pad=0.3, rounding_size=None)
Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base
A box with round corners.

pad amount of padding
rounding_size rounding radius of corners. pad if None
transmute(x0, y0, width, height, mutation_size)

```
class BoxStyle.Round4(pad=0.3, rounding_size=None)
          Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base
          Another box with round edges.
          pad amount of padding
          rounding size rounding size of edges. pad if None
          transmute(x0, y0, width, height, mutation_size)
     class BoxStyle.Roundtooth(pad=0.3, tooth_size=None)
          Bases: matplotlib.patches.Sawtooth
          A roundtooth(?) box.
          pad amount of padding
          tooth_size size of the sawtooth. pad* if None
          transmute(x0, y0, width, height, mutation_size)
     class BoxStyle.Sawtooth(pad=0.3, tooth_size=None)
          Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base
          A sawtooth box.
          pad amount of padding
          tooth size size of the sawtooth. pad* if None
          transmute(x0, y0, width, height, mutation_size)
     class BoxStyle.Square(pad=0.3)
          Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base
          A simple square box.
          pad amount of padding
          transmute(x0, y0, width, height, mutation size)
class matplotlib.patches.Circle(xy, radius=5, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches.Ellipse
     A circle patch.
     Create true circle at center xy = (x, y) with given radius. Unlike CirclePolygon which is a polygonal
     approximation, this uses Bézier splines and is much closer to a scale-free circle.
     Valid kwargs are:
```

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

get_radius()

return the radius of the circle

radius

return the radius of the circle

set_radius(radius)

Set the radius of the circle

ACCEPTS: float

class matplotlib.patches.CirclePolygon(xy, radius=5, resolution=20, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.patches.RegularPolygon

A polygon-approximation of a circle patch.

Create a circle at xy = (x, y) with given *radius*. This circle is approximated by a regular polygon with *resolution* sides. For a smoother circle drawn with splines, see Circle.

Valid kwargs are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

class matplotlib.patches.ConnectionPatch(xyA, xyB, coordsA, coordsB=None, ax-esA=None, axesB=None, arrowstyle='-', $arrow_transmuter=None$, connectionstyle='arc3', connector=None, patchA=None, patchB=None, shrinkA=0.0, shrinkB=0.0, $mutation_scale=10.0$, $mutation_aspect=None$, $clip_on=False$, $dpi_cor=1.0$, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.patches.FancyArrowPatch

A ConnectionPatch class is to make connecting lines between two points (possibly in different axes).

Connect point xyA in coordsA with point xyB in coordsB

Valid keys are

Key	Description
arrowstyle	the arrow style
connectionstyle	the connection style
relpos	default is (0.5, 0.5)
patchA	default is bounding box of the text
patchB	default is None
shrinkA	default is 2 points
shrinkB	default is 2 points
mutation_scale	default is text size (in points)
mutation_aspect	default is 1.
?	any key for matplotlib.patches.PathPatch

coordsA and coordsB are strings that indicate the coordinates of xyA and xyB.

Prop-	Description
erty	
'figure	points from the lower left corner of the figure
points'	
'figure	pixels from the lower left corner of the figure
pixels'	
'figure	0,0 is lower left of figure and 1,1 is upper, right
frac-	
tion'	
'axes	points from lower left corner of axes
points'	
'axes	pixels from lower left corner of axes
pixels'	
'axes	0,1 is lower left of axes and 1,1 is upper right
frac-	
tion'	
'data'	use the coordinate system of the object being annotated (default)
'offset	Specify an offset (in points) from the xy value
points'	
'polar'	you can specify <i>theta</i> , <i>r</i> for the annotation, even in cartesian plots. Note that if you are
	using a polar axes, you do not need to specify polar for the coordinate system since
	that is the native "data" coordinate system.

draw(renderer)

Draw.

get_annotation_clip()

Return *annotation_clip* attribute. See set_annotation_clip() for the meaning of return values.

get_path_in_displaycoord()

Return the mutated path of the arrow in the display coord

set_annotation_clip(b)

set annotation_clip attribute.

•True: the annotation will only be drawn when self.xy is inside the axes.

• False: the annotation will always be drawn regardless of its position.

•None: the self.xy will be checked only if xycoords is "data"

class matplotlib.patches.ConnectionStyle

Bases: matplotlib.patches._Style

ConnectionStyle is a container class which defines several connectionstyle classes, which is used to create a path between two points. These are mainly used with FancyArrowPatch.

A connectionstyle object can be either created as:

```
ConnectionStyle.Arc3(rad=0.2)
or:
ConnectionStyle("Arc3", rad=0.2)
or:
ConnectionStyle("Arc3, rad=0.2")
```

The following classes are defined

Class	Name	Attrs
Angle	angle	angleA=90,angleB=0,rad=0.0
Angle3	angle3	angleA=90,angleB=0
Arc	arc	angleA=0,angleB=0,armA=None,armB=None,rad=0.0
Arc3	arc3	rad=0.0
Bar	bar	armA=0.0,armB=0.0,fraction=0.3,angle=None

An instance of any connection style class is an callable object, whose call signature is:

and it returns a Path instance. *posA* and *posB* are tuples of x,y coordinates of the two points to be connected. *patchA* (or *patchB*) is given, the returned path is clipped so that it start (or end) from the boundary of the patch. The path is further shrunk by *shrinkA* (or *shrinkB*) which is given in points.

```
class Angle(angleA=90, angleB=0, rad=0.0)
    Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base
```

Creates a picewise continuous quadratic bezier path between two points. The path has a one passing-through point placed at the intersecting point of two lines which crosses the start (or end) point and has a angle of angleA (or angleB). The connecting edges are rounded with *rad*.

```
angleA starting angle of the pathangleB ending angle of the pathrad rounding radius of the edgeconnect(posA, posB)
```

```
class ConnectionStyle. Angle3 (angleA=90, angleB=0)
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Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base

Creates a simple quadratic bezier curve between two points. The middle control points is placed at the intersecting point of two lines which crosses the start (or end) point and has a angle of angleA (or angleB).

angleA starting angle of the path

angleB ending angle of the path

connect(posA, posB)

class ConnectionStyle. Arc(angleA=0, angleB=0, armA=None, armB=None, rad=0.0)

Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base

Creates a picewise continuous quadratic bezier path between two points. The path can have two passing-through points, a point placed at the distance of armA and angle of angleA from point A, another point with respect to point B. The edges are rounded with *rad*.

angleA: starting angle of the path

angleB: ending angle of the path

armA: length of the starting arm

armB: length of the ending arm

rad: rounding radius of the edges

connect(posA, posB)

class ConnectionStyle.Arc3(rad=0.0)

Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base

Creates a simple quadratic bezier curve between two points. The curve is created so that the middle contol points (C1) is located at the same distance from the start (C0) and end points(C2) and the distance of the C1 to the line connecting C0-C2 is *rad* times the distance of C0-C2.

rad curvature of the curve.

connect(posA, posB)

class ConnectionStyle.Bar(armA=0.0, armB=0.0, fraction=0.3, angle=None)

Bases: matplotlib.patches._Base

A line with angle between A and B with armA and armB. One of the arm is extend so that they are connected in a right angle. The length of armA is determined by $(armA + fraction \times AB distance)$. Same for armB.

armA: minimum length of armA *armB*: minimum length of armB *fraction*: a fraction of the distance between two points that

will be added to armA and armB.

angle [angle of the connecting line (if None, parallel to A] and B)

connect(posA, posB)

class matplotlib.patches.Ellipse(xy, width, height, angle=0.0, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch

A scale-free ellipse.

xy center of ellipse

width total length (diameter) of horizontal axis

height total length (diameter) of vertical axis

angle rotation in degrees (anti-clockwise)

Valid kwargs are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

contains(ev)

get_patch_transform()

get_path()

Return the vertices of the rectangle

class matplotlib.patches.FancyArrow(x, y, dx, dy, width=0.001, length_includes_head=False, head_width=None, head_length=None, shape='full', overhang=0, head_starts_at_zero=False, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Polygon

Like Arrow, but lets you set head width and head height independently.

Constructor arguments

width: float (default: 0.001) width of full arrow tail

length_includes_head: [True | False] (default: False) True if head is to be counted in calculating the length.

head_width: float or None (default: 3*width) total width of the full arrow head

head_length: float or None (default: 1.5 * head_width) length of arrow head

shape: ['full', 'left', 'right'] (default: 'full') draw the left-half, right-half, or full arrow

overhang: float (default: 0) fraction that the arrow is swept back (0 overhang means triangular shape). Can be negative or greater than one.

head_starts_at_zero: [True | False] (default: False) if True, the head starts being drawn at coordinate 0 instead of ending at coordinate 0.

Other valid kwargs (inherited from Patch) are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch

A fancy arrow patch. It draws an arrow using the :class:ArrowStyle.

If *posA* and *posB* is given, a path connecting two point are created according to the connectionstyle. The path will be clipped with *patchA* and *patchB* and further shirnked by *shrinkA* and *shrinkB*. An arrow is drawn along this resulting path using the *arrowstyle* parameter. If *path* provided, an arrow is drawn along this path and *patchA*, *patchB*, *shrinkA*, and *shrinkB* are ignored.

The *connectionstyle* describes how *posA* and *posB* are connected. It can be an instance of the ConnectionStyle class (matplotlib.patches.ConnectionStlye) or a string of the connectionstyle name, with optional comma-separated attributes. The following connection styles are available.

Class	Name	Attrs
Angle	angle	angleA=90,angleB=0,rad=0.0
Angle3	angle3	angleA=90,angleB=0
Arc	arc	angleA=0,angleB=0,armA=None,armB=None,rad=0.0
Arc3	arc3	rad=0.0
Bar	bar	armA=0.0,armB=0.0,fraction=0.3,angle=None

The *arrowstyle* describes how the fancy arrow will be drawn. It can be string of the available arrowstyle names, with optional comma-separated attributes, or one of the ArrowStyle instance. The optional attributes are meant to be scaled with the *mutation_scale*. The following arrow styles are available.

Class	Name	Attrs
Curve	-	None
CurveB	->	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
BracketB	-[widthB=1.0,lengthB=0.2,angleB=None
Curve-	- >	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
FilledB		
CurveA	<-	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
CurveAB	<->	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
Curve-	< -	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
FilledA		
Curve-	< - >	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.2
FilledAB		
BracketA]-	widthA=1.0,lengthA=0.2,angleA=None
BracketAB]-[widthA=1.0,lengthA=0.2,angleA=None,widthB=1.0,lengthB=0.2,angleB=None
Fancy	fancy	head_length=0.4,head_width=0.4,tail_width=0.4
Simple	simple	head_length=0.5,head_width=0.5,tail_width=0.2
Wedge	wedge	tail_width=0.3,shrink_factor=0.5
BarAB	-	widthA=1.0,angleA=None,widthB=1.0,angleB=None

mutation_scale [a value with which attributes of arrowstyle] (e.g., head_length) will be scaled. default=1.

mutation_aspect [The height of the rectangle will be] squeezed by this value before the mutation and the mutated box will be stretched by the inverse of it. default=None.

Valid kwargs are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

draw(renderer)

get_arrowstyle()

Return the arrowstyle object

get_connectionstyle()

Return the ConnectionStyle instance

get_dpi_cor()

dpi_cor is currently used for linewidth-related things and shink factor. Mutation scale is not affected by this.

get_mutation_aspect()

Return the aspect ratio of the bbox mutation.

get_mutation_scale()

Return the mutation scale.

get_path()

return the path of the arrow in the data coordinate. Use get_path_in_displaycoord() method to

retrieve the arrow path in the display coord.

get_path_in_displaycoord()

Return the mutated path of the arrow in the display coord

set_arrowstyle(arrowstyle=None, **kw)

Set the arrow style.

arrowstyle can be a string with arrowstyle name with optional comma-separated attributes.

Alternatively, the attrs can be provided as keywords.

```
set\_arrowstyle("Fancy,head\_length=0.2") \ set\_arrowstyle("fancy",head\_length=0.2")
```

Old attrs simply are forgotten.

Without argument (or with arrowstyle=None), return available box styles as a list of strings.

set_connectionstyle(connectionstyle, **kw)

Set the connection style.

connectionstyle can be a string with connectionstyle name with optional comma-separated attributes. Alternatively, the attrs can be probided as keywords.

```
set_connectionstyle("arc,angleA=0,armA=30,rad=10") set_connectionstyle("arc", angleA=0,armA=30,rad=10)
```

Old attrs simply are forgotten.

Without argument (or with connectionstyle=None), return available styles as a list of strings.

set_dpi_cor(dpi_cor)

dpi_cor is currently used for linewidth-related things and shink factor. Mutation scale is not affected by this.

set_mutation_aspect(aspect)

Set the aspect ratio of the bbox mutation.

ACCEPTS: float

set_mutation_scale(scale)

Set the mutation scale.

ACCEPTS: float

set_patchA(patchA)

set the begin patch.

set_patchB(patchB)

set the begin patch

set_positions(posA, posB)

set the begin end end positions of the connecting path. Use current vlaue if None.

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch

Draw a fancy box around a rectangle with lower left at $xy^*=(*x, y)$ with specified width and height.

FancyBboxPatch class is similar to Rectangle class, but it draws a fancy box around the rectangle. The transformation of the rectangle box to the fancy box is delegated to the BoxTransmuterBase and its derived classes.

xy = lower left corner

width, height

boxstyle determines what kind of fancy box will be drawn. It can be a string of the style name with a comma separated attribute, or an instance of BoxStyle. Following box styles are available.

Class	Name	Attrs
LArrow	larrow	pad=0.3
RArrow	rarrow	pad=0.3
Round	round	pad=0.3,rounding_size=None
Round4	round4	pad=0.3,rounding_size=None
Roundtooth	roundtooth	pad=0.3,tooth_size=None
Sawtooth	sawtooth	pad=0.3,tooth_size=None
Square	square	pad=0.3

mutation_scale: a value with which attributes of boxstyle (e.g., pad) will be scaled. default=1.

mutation_aspect: The height of the rectangle will be squeezed by this value before the mutation and the mutated box will be stretched by the inverse of it. default=None.

Valid kwargs are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

get_bbox()

get_boxstyle()

Return the boxstyle object

get_height()

Return the height of the rectangle

get_mutation_aspect()

Return the aspect ratio of the bbox mutation.

get_mutation_scale()

Return the mutation scale.

get_path()

Return the mutated path of the rectangle

get_width()

Return the width of the rectangle

get_x()

Return the left coord of the rectangle

get_y()

Return the bottom coord of the rectangle

set_bounds(*args)

Set the bounds of the rectangle: l,b,w,h

ACCEPTS: (left, bottom, width, height)

set_boxstyle(boxstyle=None, **kw)

Set the box style.

boxstyle can be a string with boxstyle name with optional comma-separated attributes. Alternatively, the attrs can be provided as keywords:

```
set_boxstyle("round,pad=0.2")
set_boxstyle("round", pad=0.2)
```

Old attrs simply are forgotten.

Without argument (or with boxstyle = None), it returns available box styles.

ACCEPTS:

Class	Name	Attrs
LArrow	larrow	pad=0.3
RArrow	rarrow	pad=0.3
Round	round	pad=0.3,rounding_size=None
Round4	round4	pad=0.3,rounding_size=None
Roundtooth	roundtooth	pad=0.3,tooth_size=None
Sawtooth	sawtooth	pad=0.3,tooth_size=None
Square	square	pad=0.3

set_height(h)

Set the width rectangle

ACCEPTS: float

set_mutation_aspect(aspect)

Set the aspect ratio of the bbox mutation.

ACCEPTS: float

set_mutation_scale(scale)

Set the mutation scale.

ACCEPTS: float

set_width(w)

Set the width rectangle

ACCEPTS: float

$set_x(x)$

Set the left coord of the rectangle

ACCEPTS: float

 $set_y(y)$

Set the bottom coord of the rectangle

ACCEPTS: float

hatch=None, fill=True, path_effects=None, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.artist.Artist

A patch is a 2D artist with a face color and an edge color.

If any of edgecolor, facecolor, linewidth, or antialiased are None, they default to their rc params setting.

The following kwarg properties are supported

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

contains(mouseevent, radius=None)

Test whether the mouse event occurred in the patch.

Returns T/F, {}

```
contains_point(point, radius=None)
     Returns True if the given point is inside the path (transformed with its transform attribute).
draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
     Draw the Patch to the given renderer.
fill
     return whether fill is set
get_aa()
     Returns True if the Patch is to be drawn with antialiasing.
get_antialiased()
     Returns True if the Patch is to be drawn with antialiasing.
get_data_transform()
     Return the Transform instance which maps data coordinates to physical coordinates.
get_ec()
     Return the edge color of the Patch.
get_edgecolor()
     Return the edge color of the Patch.
get_extents()
     Return a Bbox object defining the axis-aligned extents of the Patch.
get_facecolor()
     Return the face color of the Patch.
get_fc()
     Return the face color of the Patch.
get_fill()
     return whether fill is set
get_hatch()
     Return the current hatching pattern
get_linestyle()
     Return the linestyle. Will be one of ['solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted']
get_linewidth()
     Return the line width in points.
get_ls()
     Return the linestyle. Will be one of ['solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted']
get_lw()
     Return the line width in points.
get_patch_transform()
     Return the Transform instance which takes patch coordinates to data coordinates.
```

coordinates for a unit circle, and a transform which scales the coordinates (the patch coordinate) by 5.

For example, one may define a patch of a circle which represents a radius of 5 by providing

```
get_path()
     Return the path of this patch
get_path_effects()
get_transform()
     Return the Transform applied to the Patch.
get_verts()
     Return a copy of the vertices used in this patch
     If the patch contains Bezier curves, the curves will be interpolated by line segments. To access
     the curves as curves, use get_path().
get_window_extent(renderer=None)
set_aa(aa)
     alias for set_antialiased
set_alpha(alpha)
     Set the alpha tranparency of the patch.
     ACCEPTS: float or None
set_antialiased(aa)
     Set whether to use antialiased rendering
     ACCEPTS: [True | False] or None for default
set_color(c)
     Set both the edgecolor and the facecolor.
     ACCEPTS: matplotlib color spec
     See Also:
     set_facecolor(), set_edgecolor() For setting the edge or face color individually.
set_ec(color)
     alias for set_edgecolor
set_edgecolor(color)
     Set the patch edge color
     ACCEPTS: mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
set_facecolor(color)
     Set the patch face color
     ACCEPTS: mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
set_fc(color)
     alias for set_facecolor
set_fill(b)
     Set whether to fill the patch
     ACCEPTS: [True | False]
```

```
set_hatch(hatch)
           Set the hatching pattern
           hatch can be one of:
               - diagonal hatching
               - back diagonal
               - vertical
               - horizontal
               - crossed
               - crossed diagonal
           x
           o - small circle
           0 - large circle
               - dots
               - stars
           Letters can be combined, in which case all the specified hatchings are done. If same letter
           repeats, it increases the density of hatching of that pattern.
           Hatching is supported in the PostScript, PDF, SVG and Agg backends only.
           ACCEPTS: [ '/' | '\' | '|' | '-' | '+' | 'x' | 'o' | 'O' | '.' | '*' ]
     set_linestyle(ls)
           Set the patch linestyle
           ACCEPTS: ['solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted']
      set_linewidth(w)
           Set the patch linewidth in points
           ACCEPTS: float or None for default
     set_ls(ls)
           alias for set_linestyle
     set_lw(lw)
           alias for set_linewidth
     set_path_effects(path effects)
           set path_effects, which should be a list of instances of matplotlib.patheffect._Base class or its
           derivatives.
     update_from(other)
           Updates this Patch from the properties of other.
      zorder = 1
class matplotlib.patches.PathPatch(path, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch
     A general polycurve path patch.
     path is a matplotlib.path.Path object.
     Valid kwargs are:
```

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

See Also:

Patch For additional kwargs

get_path()

class matplotlib.patches.Polygon(xy, closed=True, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch

A general polygon patch.

xy is a numpy array with shape Nx2.

If *closed* is *True*, the polygon will be closed so the starting and ending points are the same.

Valid kwargs are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

See Also:

Patch For additional kwargs

```
get_closed()
get_path()
get_xy()
set_closed(closed)
set_xy(xy)
xy
```

Set/get the vertices of the polygon. This property is provided for backward compatibility with matplotlib 0.91.x only. New code should use get_xy() and set_xy() instead.

class matplotlib.patches.Rectangle(xy, width, height, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch

Draw a rectangle with lower left at xy = (x, y) with specified width and height.

fill is a boolean indicating whether to fill the rectangle

Valid kwargs are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

contains(mouseevent)

```
get_bbox()
get_height()
    Return the height of the rectangle
get_patch_transform()
get_path()
    Return the vertices of the rectangle
get_width()
```

Return the width of the rectangle

```
get_x()
           Return the left coord of the rectangle
     get_xy()
           Return the left and bottom coords of the rectangle
     get_y()
           Return the bottom coord of the rectangle
     set_bounds(*args)
           Set the bounds of the rectangle: l,b,w,h
           ACCEPTS: (left, bottom, width, height)
      set_height(h)
           Set the width rectangle
           ACCEPTS: float
     set_width(w)
           Set the width rectangle
           ACCEPTS: float
     set_x(x)
           Set the left coord of the rectangle
           ACCEPTS: float
     set_xy(xy)
           Set the left and bottom coords of the rectangle
           ACCEPTS: 2-item sequence
     set_y(y)
           Set the bottom coord of the rectangle
           ACCEPTS: float
     ХY
           Return the left and bottom coords of the rectangle
class matplotlib.patches.RegularPolygon(xy,
                                                                     radius=5,
                                                                                  orientation=0,
                                                     numVertices,
                                                **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch
     A regular polygon patch.
     Constructor arguments:
     xy A length 2 tuple (x, y) of the center.
     numVertices the number of vertices.
     radius The distance from the center to each of the vertices.
     orientation rotates the polygon (in radians).
      Valid kwargs are:
```

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

get_patch_transform()

get_path()

numvertices

orientation

radius

хy

class matplotlib.patches.Shadow(patch, ox, oy, props=None, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch

Create a shadow of the given *patch* offset by *ox*, *oy*. *props*, if not *None*, is a patch property update dictionary. If *None*, the shadow will have have the same color as the face, but darkened.

kwargs are

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

draw(renderer)

get_patch_transform()

get_path()

class matplotlib.patches.Wedge(center, r, theta1, theta2, width=None, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch

Wedge shaped patch.

Draw a wedge centered at x, y center with radius r that sweeps theta1 to theta2 (in degrees). If width is given, then a partial wedge is drawn from inner radius r - width to outer radius r.

Valid kwargs are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

get_path()

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch

Yet another arrow class.

This is an arrow that is defined in display space and has a tip at x1, y1 and a base at x2, y2.

Constructor arguments:

xytip (x, y) location of arrow tip

xybase (x, y) location the arrow base mid point

figure The Figure instance (fig.dpi)

width The width of the arrow in points

frac The fraction of the arrow length occupied by the head

headwidth The width of the base of the arrow head in points

Valid kwargs are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

get_patch_transform()

get_path()

getpoints(x1, y1, x2, y2, k)

For line segment defined by (x1, y1) and (x2, y2) return the points on the line that is perpendicular to the line and intersects (x2, y2) and the distance from (x2, y2) of the returned points is k.

matplotlib.patches.bbox_artist(artist, renderer, props=None, fill=True)

This is a debug function to draw a rectangle around the bounding box returned by get_window_extent() of an artist, to test whether the artist is returning the correct bbox.

props is a dict of rectangle props with the additional property 'pad' that sets the padding around the bbox in points.

matplotlib.patches.draw_bbox(bbox, renderer, color='k', trans=None)

This is a debug function to draw a rectangle around the bounding box returned by get_window_extent() of an artist, to test whether the artist is returning the correct bbox.

50.4 matplotlib.text

Classes for including text in a figure.

A Text class to make annotating things in the figure, such as Figure, Axes, Rectangle, etc., easier.

Annotate the x, y point xy with text s at x, y location xytext. (If xytext = None, defaults to xy, and if textcoords = None, defaults to xycoords).

arrowprops, if not *None*, is a dictionary of line properties (see matplotlib.lines.Line2D) for the arrow that connects annotation to the point.

If the dictionary has a key *arrowstyle*, a FancyArrowPatch instance is created with the given dictionary and is drawn. Otherwise, a YAArow patch instance is created and drawn. Valid keys for YAArow are

Key	Description
width	the width of the arrow in points
frac	the fraction of the arrow length occupied by the head
head-	the width of the base of the arrow head in points
width	
shrink	oftentimes it is convenient to have the arrowtip and base a bit away from the text and
	point being annotated. If d is the distance between the text and annotated point, shrink
	will shorten the arrow so the tip and base are shink percent of the distance d away from
	the endpoints. ie, shrink=0.05 is 5%
?	any key for matplotlib.patches.polygon

Valid keys for FancyArrowPatch are

Key	Description
arrowstyle	the arrow style
connectionstyle	the connection style
relpos	default is (0.5, 0.5)
patchA	default is bounding box of the text
patchB	default is None
shrinkA	default is 2 points
shrinkB	default is 2 points
mutation_scale	default is text size (in points)
mutation_aspect	default is 1.
?	any key for matplotlib.patches.PathPatch

xycoords and textcoords are strings that indicate the coordinates of xy and xytext.

Prop-	Description
erty	
'figure	points from the lower left corner of the figure
points'	
'figure	pixels from the lower left corner of the figure
pixels'	
'figure	0,0 is lower left of figure and 1,1 is upper, right
frac-	
tion'	
'axes	points from lower left corner of axes
points'	
'axes	pixels from lower left corner of axes
pixels'	
'axes	0,1 is lower left of axes and 1,1 is upper right
frac-	
tion'	
'data'	use the coordinate system of the object being annotated (default)
'offset	Specify an offset (in points) from the xy value
points'	
'polar'	you can specify <i>theta</i> , r for the annotation, even in cartesian plots. Note that if you are
	using a polar axes, you do not need to specify polar for the coordinate system since
	that is the native "data" coordinate system.

If a 'points' or 'pixels' option is specified, values will be added to the bottom-left and if negative, values will be subtracted from the top-right. Eg:

```
# 10 points to the right of the left border of the axes and
# 5 points below the top border
xy=(10,-5), xycoords='axes points'
```

You may use an instance of Transform or Artist. See *Annotating Axes* for more details.

The *annotation_clip* attribute contols the visibility of the annotation when it goes outside the axes area. If True, the annotation will only be drawn when the *xy* is inside the axes. If False, the annotation will always be drawn regardless of its position. The default is *None*, which behave as True only if *xycoords* is "data".

Additional kwargs are Text properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]

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Property	Description
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
х	float
у	float
zorder	any number

contains(event)

draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)

Draw the Annotation object to the given renderer.

set_figure(fig)

update_bbox_position_size(renderer)

Update the location and the size of the bbox. This method should be used when the position and size of the bbox needs to be updated before actually drawing the bbox.

update_positions(renderer)

Update the pixel positions of the annotated point and the text.

Valid kwargs are

Create a Text instance at x, y with string text.

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
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Table 50.4 – continued from

Property	Description
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
Х	float
у	float
zorder	any number

$cached = \{\}$

contains(mouseevent)

Test whether the mouse event occurred in the patch.

In the case of text, a hit is true anywhere in the axis-aligned bounding-box containing the text.

Returns True or False.

draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)

Draws the Text object to the given renderer.

get_bbox_patch()

Return the bbox Patch object. Returns None if the the FancyBboxPatch is not made.

get_color()

Return the color of the text

get_family()

Return the list of font families used for font lookup

get_font_properties()

alias for get_fontproperties

get_fontfamily()

alias for get_family

get_fontname()

alias for get_name

get_fontproperties()

Return the FontProperties object

get_fontsize()

alias for get_size

get_fontstretch()

alias for get_stretch

```
get_fontstyle()
     alias for get_style
get_fontvariant()
     alias for get_variant
get_fontweight()
     alias for get_weight
get_ha()
     alias for get_horizontalalignment
get_horizontalalignment()
     Return the horizontal alignment as string. Will be one of 'left', 'center' or 'right'.
     Return the font name as string
get_path_effects()
get_position()
     Return the position of the text as a tuple (x, y)
get_prop_tup()
     Return a hashable tuple of properties.
     Not intended to be human readable, but useful for backends who want to cache derived informa-
     tion about text (eg layouts) and need to know if the text has changed.
get_rotation()
     return the text angle as float in degrees
get_rotation_mode()
     get text rotation mode
get_size()
     Return the font size as integer
get_stretch()
     Get the font stretch as a string or number
get_style()
     Return the font style as string
get_text()
     Get the text as string
get_va()
     alias for getverticalalignment()
get_variant()
     Return the font variant as a string
get_verticalalignment()
     Return the vertical alignment as string. Will be one of 'top', 'center', 'bottom' or 'baseline'.
```

get_weight()

Get the font weight as string or number

get_window_extent(renderer=None, dpi=None)

Return a Bbox object bounding the text, in display units.

In addition to being used internally, this is useful for specifying clickable regions in a png file on a web page.

renderer defaults to the _renderer attribute of the text object. This is not assigned until the first execution of draw(), so you must use this kwarg if you want to call get_window_extent() prior to the first draw(). For getting web page regions, it is simpler to call the method after saving the figure.

dpi defaults to self.figure.dpi; the renderer dpi is irrelevant. For the web application, if figure.dpi is not the value used when saving the figure, then the value that was used must be specified as the *dpi* argument.

static is_math_text(s)

Returns a cleaned string and a boolean flag. The flag indicates if the given string *s* contains any mathtext, determined by counting unescaped dollar signs. If no mathtext is present, the cleaned string has its dollar signs unescaped. If usetex is on, the flag always has the value "TeX".

set_backgroundcolor(color)

Set the background color of the text by updating the bbox.

See Also:

set_bbox() To change the position of the bounding box.

ACCEPTS: any matplotlib color

set_bbox(rectprops)

Draw a bounding box around self. rectprops are any settable properties for a rectangle, eg facecolor='red', alpha=0.5.

```
t.set bbox(dict(facecolor='red', alpha=0.5))
```

If rectprops has "boxstyle" key. A FancyBboxPatch is initialized with rectprops and will be drawn. The mutation scale of the FancyBboxPath is set to the fontsize.

ACCEPTS: rectangle prop dict

set_color(color)

Set the foreground color of the text

ACCEPTS: any matplotlib color

set_family(fontname)

Set the font family. May be either a single string, or a list of strings in decreasing priority. Each string may be either a real font name or a generic font class name. If the latter, the specific font names will be looked up in the matplotlibrc file.

ACCEPTS: [FONTNAME | 'serif' | 'sans-serif' | 'cursive' | 'fantasy' | 'monospace']

```
set_font_properties(fp)
     alias for set fontproperties
set_fontname(fontname)
     alias for set_family
set_fontproperties(fp)
     Set
           the
                 font
                         properties
                                      that
                                            control
                                                       the
                                                             text.
                                                                                must
                                                                                        be
                                                                                              a
     matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties object.
     ACCEPTS: a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
set_fontsize(fontsize)
     alias for set_size
set_fontstretch(stretch)
     alias for set_stretch
set_fontstyle(fontstyle)
     alias for set style
set_fontvariant(variant)
     alias for set variant
set_fontweight(weight)
     alias for set_weight
set_ha(align)
     alias for set_horizontalalignment
set_horizontalalignment(align)
     Set the horizontal alignment to one of
     ACCEPTS: [ 'center' | 'right' | 'left' ]
set_linespacing(spacing)
     Set the line spacing as a multiple of the font size. Default is 1.2.
     ACCEPTS: float (multiple of font size)
set_ma(align)
     alias for set_verticalalignment
set_multialignment(align)
     Set the alignment for multiple lines layout. The layout of the bounding box of all the lines is
     determined bu the horizontalalignment and verticalalignment properties, but the multiline text
     within that box can be
     ACCEPTS: ['left' | 'right' | 'center' ]
set_name(fontname)
     alias for set_family
set_path_effects(path_effects)
set_position(xy)
     Set the (x, y) position of the text
```

ACCEPTS: (x,y)

set_rotation(s)

Set the rotation of the text

ACCEPTS: [angle in degrees | 'vertical' | 'horizontal']

set_rotation_mode(m)

set text rotation mode. If "anchor", the un-rotated text will first aligned according to their *ha* and *va*, and then will be rotated with the alignement reference point as a origin. If None (default), the text will be rotated first then will be aligned.

set_size(fontsize)

Set the font size. May be either a size string, relative to the default font size, or an absolute font size in points.

ACCEPTS: [size in points | 'xx-small' | 'x-small' | 'small' | 'medium' | 'large' | 'x-large' | 'xx-large']

set_stretch(stretch)

Set the font stretch (horizontal condensation or expansion).

ACCEPTS: [a numeric value in range 0-1000 | 'ultra-condensed' | 'extra-condensed' | 'condensed' | 'semi-condensed' | 'normal' | 'semi-expanded' | 'extra-expanded' | 'ultra-expanded' |

set_style(fontstyle)

Set the font style.

ACCEPTS: ['normal' | 'italic' | 'oblique']

set_text(s)

Set the text string s

It may contain newlines (\n) or math in LaTeX syntax.

ACCEPTS: string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.

set_va(align)

alias for set_verticalalignment

set_variant(variant)

Set the font variant, either 'normal' or 'small-caps'.

ACCEPTS: ['normal' | 'small-caps']

set_verticalalignment(align)

Set the vertical alignment

ACCEPTS: ['center' | 'top' | 'bottom' | 'baseline']

set_weight(weight)

Set the font weight.

ACCEPTS: [a numeric value in range 0-1000 | 'ultralight' | 'light' | 'normal' | 'regular' | 'book' | 'medium' | 'roman' | 'semibold' | 'demibold' | 'demi' | 'bold' | 'heavy' | 'extra bold' | 'black']

```
set_x(x)
```

Set the *x* position of the text

ACCEPTS: float

$set_y(y)$

Set the *y* position of the text

ACCEPTS: float

update_bbox_position_size(renderer)

Update the location and the size of the bbox. This method should be used when the position and size of the bbox needs to be updated before actually drawing the bbox.

update_from(other)

Copy properties from other to self

zorder = 3

```
class matplotlib.text. TextWithDash (x=0, y=0, text='', color=None, vertical alignment='center', horizontal alignment='center', multialignment=None, fontproperties=None, rotation=None, linespacing=None, dashlength=0.0, dashdirection=0, dashrotation=None, dashpad=3, dashpush=0)
```

Bases: matplotlib.text.Text

This is basically a Text with a dash (drawn with a Line2D) before/after it. It is intended to be a drop-in replacement for Text, and should behave identically to it when dashlength = 0.0.

The dash always comes between the point specified by set_position() and the text. When a dash exists, the text alignment arguments (*horizontalalignment*, *verticalalignment*) are ignored.

dashlength is the length of the dash in canvas units. (default = 0.0).

dashdirection is one of 0 or 1, where 0 draws the dash after the text and 1 before. (default = 0).

dashrotation specifies the rotation of the dash, and should generally stay *None*. In this case get_dashrotation() returns get_rotation(). (I.e., the dash takes its rotation from the text's rotation). Because the text center is projected onto the dash, major deviations in the rotation cause what may be considered visually unappealing results. (default = *None*)

dashpad is a padding length to add (or subtract) space between the text and the dash, in canvas units. (default = 3)

dashpush "pushes" the dash and text away from the point specified by set_position() by the amount in canvas units. (default = 0)

Note: The alignment of the two objects is based on the bounding box of the Text, as obtained by get_window_extent(). This, in turn, appears to depend on the font metrics as given by the rendering backend. Hence the quality of the "centering" of the label text with respect to the dash varies depending on the backend used.

Note: I'm not sure that I got the get_window_extent() right, or whether that's sufficient for providing the object bounding box.

draw(renderer)

Draw the TextWithDash object to the given renderer.

get_dashdirection()

Get the direction dash. 1 is before the text and 0 is after.

get_dashlength()

Get the length of the dash.

get_dashpad()

Get the extra spacing between the dash and the text, in canvas units.

get_dashpush()

Get the extra spacing between the dash and the specified text position, in canvas units.

get_dashrotation()

Get the rotation of the dash in degrees.

get_figure()

return the figure instance the artist belongs to

get_position()

Return the position of the text as a tuple (x, y)

get_prop_tup()

Return a hashable tuple of properties.

Not intended to be human readable, but useful for backends who want to cache derived information about text (eg layouts) and need to know if the text has changed.

get_window_extent(renderer=None)

Return a Bbox object bounding the text, in display units.

In addition to being used internally, this is useful for specifying clickable regions in a png file on a web page.

renderer defaults to the _renderer attribute of the text object. This is not assigned until the first execution of draw(), so you must use this kwarg if you want to call get_window_extent() prior to the first draw(). For getting web page regions, it is simpler to call the method after saving the figure.

set_dashdirection(dd)

Set the direction of the dash following the text. 1 is before the text and 0 is after. The default is 0, which is what you'd want for the typical case of ticks below and on the left of the figure.

ACCEPTS: int (1 is before, 0 is after)

set_dashlength(dl)

Set the length of the dash.

ACCEPTS: float (canvas units)

$set_dashpad(dp)$

Set the "pad" of the TextWithDash, which is the extra spacing between the dash and the text, in canvas units.

ACCEPTS: float (canvas units)

set_dashpush(dp)

Set the "push" of the TextWithDash, which is the extra spacing between the beginning of the dash and the specified position.

ACCEPTS: float (canvas units)

set_dashrotation(dr)

Set the rotation of the dash, in degrees

ACCEPTS: float (degrees)

set_figure(fig)

Set the figure instance the artist belong to.

ACCEPTS: a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance

set_position(xy)

Set the (x, y) position of the TextWithDash.

ACCEPTS: (x, y)

set_transform(t)

Set the matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance used by this artist.

ACCEPTS: a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance

$set_x(x)$

Set the *x* position of the TextWithDash.

ACCEPTS: float

$set_y(y)$

Set the *y* position of the TextWithDash.

ACCEPTS: float

update_coords(renderer)

Computes the actual x, y coordinates for text based on the input x, y and the *dashlength*. Since the rotation is with respect to the actual canvas's coordinates we need to map back and forth.

matplotlib.text.get_rotation(rotation)

Return the text angle as float.

rotation may be 'horizontal', 'vertical', or a numeric value in degrees.

CHAPTER

FIFTYONE

AXES

51.1 matplotlib.axes

The Axes contains most of the figure elements: Axis, Tick, Line2D, Text, Polygon, etc., and sets the coordinate system.

The Axes instance supports callbacks through a callbacks attribute which is a CallbackRegistry instance. The events you can connect to are 'xlim_changed' and 'ylim_changed' and the callback will be called with func(ax) where ax is the Axes instance.

```
acorr(x, **kwargs)
```

Plot the autocorrelation of x.

Call signature:

If normed = True, normalize the data by the autocorrelation at 0-th lag. x is detrended by the detrend callable (default no normalization).

Data are plotted as plot(lags, c, **kwargs)

Return value is a tuple (*lags*, *c*, *line*) where:

- lags are a length 2*maxlags+1 lag vector
- c is the 2*maxlags+1 auto correlation vector
- line is a Line2D instance returned by plot()

The default *linestyle* is None and the default *marker* is 'o', though these can be overridden with keyword args. The cross correlation is performed with numpy.correlate() with *mode* = 2.

If *usevlines* is *True*, vlines() rather than plot() is used to draw vertical lines from the origin to the acorr. Otherwise, the plot style is determined by the kwargs, which are Line2D properties.

maxlags is a positive integer detailing the number of lags to show. The default value of *None* will return all (2*len(x)-1) lags.

The return value is a tuple (lags, c, linecol, b) where

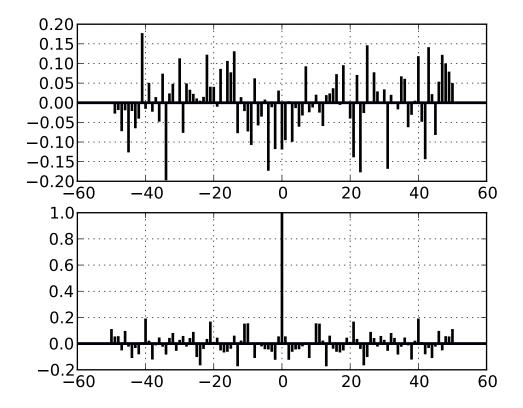
- •linecol is the LineCollection
- b is the x-axis.

See Also:

plot() or vlines() For documentation on valid kwargs.

Example:

xcorr() is top graph, and acorr() is bottom graph.



add_artist(a)

Add any Artist to the axes.

Returns the artist.

add_collection(collection, autolim=True)

Add a Collection instance to the axes.

Returns the collection.

add_container(container)

Add a Container instance to the axes.

Returns the collection.

add_line(line)

Add a Line2D to the list of plot lines

Returns the line.

add_patch(p)

Add a Patch *p* to the list of axes patches; the clipbox will be set to the Axes clipping box. If the transform is not set, it will be set to transData.

Returns the patch.

add_table(tab)

Add a Table instance to the list of axes tables

Returns the table.

annotate(*args, **kwargs)

Create an annotation: a piece of text referring to a data point.

Call signature:

Keyword arguments:

Annotate the x, y point xy with text s at x, y location xytext. (If xytext = None, defaults to xy, and if textcoords = None, defaults to xycoords).

arrowprops, if not *None*, is a dictionary of line properties (see matplotlib.lines.Line2D) for the arrow that connects annotation to the point.

If the dictionary has a key *arrowstyle*, a FancyArrowPatch instance is created with the given dictionary and is drawn. Otherwise, a YAArow patch instance is created and drawn. Valid keys for YAArow are

Key	Description
width	the width of the arrow in points
frac	the fraction of the arrow length occupied by the head
head-	the width of the base of the arrow head in points
width	
shrink	oftentimes it is convenient to have the arrowtip and base a bit away from the text
	and point being annotated. If d is the distance between the text and annotated point,
	shrink will shorten the arrow so the tip and base are shink percent of the distance d
	away from the endpoints. ie, shrink=0.05 is 5%
?	any key for matplotlib.patches.polygon

Valid keys for FancyArrowPatch are

Key	Description
arrowstyle	the arrow style
connectionstyle	the connection style
relpos	default is (0.5, 0.5)
patchA	default is bounding box of the text
patchB	default is None
shrinkA	default is 2 points
shrinkB	default is 2 points
mutation_scale	default is text size (in points)
mutation_aspect	default is 1.
?	any key for matplotlib.patches.PathPatch

xycoords and textcoords are strings that indicate the coordinates of xy and xytext.

Prop-	Description
erty	
'figure	points from the lower left corner of the figure
points'	
'figure	pixels from the lower left corner of the figure
pixels'	
'figure	0,0 is lower left of figure and 1,1 is upper, right
frac-	
tion'	
'axes	points from lower left corner of axes
points'	
'axes	pixels from lower left corner of axes
pixels'	
'axes	0,1 is lower left of axes and 1,1 is upper right
frac-	
tion'	
'data'	use the coordinate system of the object being annotated (default)
'offset	Specify an offset (in points) from the xy value
points'	
'polar'	you can specify <i>theta</i> , <i>r</i> for the annotation, even in cartesian plots. Note that if
	you are using a polar axes, you do not need to specify polar for the coordinate
	system since that is the native "data" coordinate system.

If a 'points' or 'pixels' option is specified, values will be added to the bottom-left and if negative, values will be subtracted from the top-right. Eg:

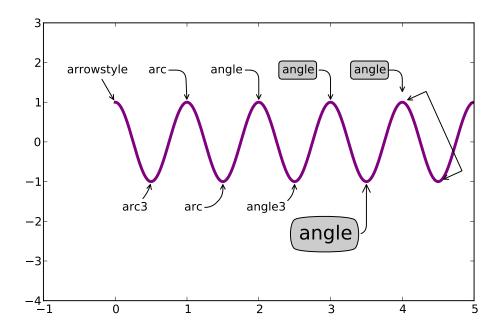
```
# 10 points to the right of the left border of the axes and
# 5 points below the top border
xy=(10,-5), xycoords='axes points'
```

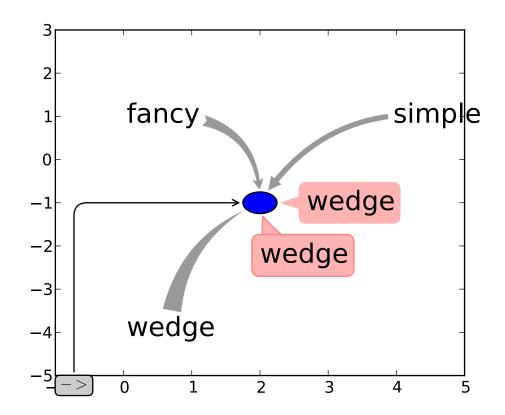
You may use an instance of Transform or Artist. See *Annotating Axes* for more details.

The *annotation_clip* attribute contols the visibility of the annotation when it goes outside the axes area. If True, the annotation will only be drawn when the *xy* is inside the axes. If False, the annotation will always be drawn regardless of its position. The default is *None*, which behave as True only if *xycoords* is "data".

Additional kwargs are Text properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
Х	float
у	float
zorder	any number





apply_aspect(position=None)

Use _aspect() and _adjustable() to modify the axes box or the view limits.

arrow(x, y, dx, dy, **kwargs)

Add an arrow to the axes.

Call signature:

```
arrow(x, y, dx, dy, **kwargs)
```

Draws arrow on specified axis from (x, y) to (x + dx, y + dy). Uses FancyArrow patch to construct the arrow.

Optional kwargs control the arrow construction and properties:

Constructor arguments

width: float (default: 0.001) width of full arrow tail

length_includes_head: [True | False] (default: False) True if head is to be counted in calculating the length.

head_width: float or None (default: 3*width) total width of the full arrow head

head_length: float or None (default: 1.5 * head_width) length of arrow head

shape: ['full', 'left', 'right'] (default: 'full') draw the left-half, right-half, or full arrow

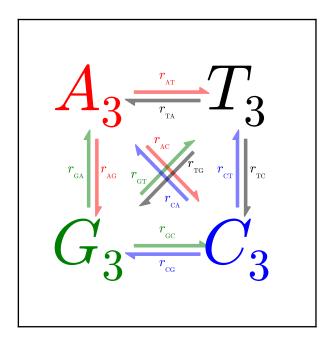
overhang: float (default: 0) fraction that the arrow is swept back (0 overhang means triangular shape). Can be negative or greater than one.

head_starts_at_zero: [True | False] (default: False) if True, the head starts being drawn at coordinate 0 instead of ending at coordinate 0.

Other valid kwargs (inherited from Patch) are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Example:



autoscale(enable=True, axis='both', tight=None)

Autoscale the axis view to the data (toggle).

Convenience method for simple axis view autoscaling. It turns autoscaling on or off, and then, if autoscaling for either axis is on, it performs the autoscaling on the specified axis or axes.

enable: [True | False | None] True (default) turns autoscaling on, False turns it off. None leaves the autoscaling state unchanged.

axis: ['x' | 'y' | 'both'] which axis to operate on; default is 'both'

tight: [True | False | None] If True, set view limits to data limits; if False, let the locator and margins expand the view limits; if None, use tight scaling if the only artist is an image, otherwise treat *tight* as False. The *tight* setting is retained for future autoscaling until it is explicitly changed.

Returns None.

autoscale_view(tight=None, scalex=True, scaley=True)

Autoscale the view limits using the data limits. You can selectively autoscale only a single axis, eg, the xaxis by setting *scaley* to *False*. The autoscaling preserves any axis direction reversal that has already been done.

The data limits are not updated automatically when artist data are changed after the artist has been added to an Axes instance. In that case, use matplotlib.axes.Axes.relim() prior to calling autoscale_view.

axhline(y=0, xmin=0, xmax=1, **kwargs)

Add a horizontal line across the axis.

Call signature:

```
axhline(y=0, xmin=0, xmax=1, **kwargs)
```

Draw a horizontal line at y from xmin to xmax. With the default values of xmin = 0 and xmax = 1, this line will always span the horizontal extent of the axes, regardless of the xlim settings, even if you change them, eg. with the $set_xlim()$ command. That is, the horizontal extent is in axes coords: 0=left, 0.5=middle, 1.0=right but the y location is in data coordinates.

Return value is the Line2D instance. kwargs are the same as kwargs to plot, and can be used to control the line properties. Eg.,

•draw a thick red hline at y = 0 that spans the xrange:

```
>>> axhline(linewidth=4, color='r')
```

•draw a default hline at y = 1 that spans the xrange:

```
>>> axhline(y=1)
```

•draw a default hline at y = .5 that spans the middle half of the xrange:

```
>>> axhline(y=.5, xmin=0.25, xmax=0.75)
```

Valid kwargs are Line2D properties, with the exception of 'transform':

Description
unknown
float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
[True False]
[True False]
an Axes instance
a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
[True False]
[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
any matplotlib color
a callable function
['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
sequence of on/off ink in points
2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
an id string
string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
float value in points

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Property	Description
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

See Also:

axhspan() for example plot and source code

axhspan(ymin, ymax, xmin=0, xmax=1, **kwargs)

Add a horizontal span (rectangle) across the axis.

Call signature:

```
axhspan(ymin, ymax, xmin=0, xmax=1, **kwargs)
```

y coords are in data units and x coords are in axes (relative 0-1) units.

Draw a horizontal span (rectangle) from *ymin* to *ymax*. With the default values of xmin = 0 and xmax = 1, this always spans the xrange, regardless of the xlim settings, even if you change them, eg. with the $set_xlim()$ command. That is, the horizontal extent is in axes coords: 0=left, 0.5=middle, 1.0=right but the y location is in data coordinates.

Return value is a matplotlib.patches.Polygon instance.

Examples:

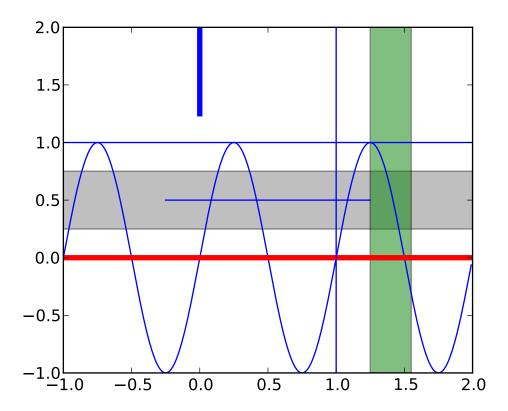
•draw a gray rectangle from y = 0.25-0.75 that spans the horizontal extent of the axes:

```
>>> axhspan(0.25, 0.75, facecolor='0.5', alpha=0.5)
```

Valid kwargs are Polygon properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Example:



axis(*v, **kwargs)

Convenience method for manipulating the x and y view limits and the aspect ratio of the plot. For details, see axis().

kwargs are passed on to set_xlim() and set_ylim()

axvline(x=0, ymin=0, ymax=1, **kwargs)

Add a vertical line across the axes.

Call signature:

```
axvline(x=0, ymin=0, ymax=1, **kwargs)
```

Draw a vertical line at x from ymin to ymax. With the default values of ymin = 0 and ymax = 1, this line will always span the vertical extent of the axes, regardless of the ylim settings, even if you change them, eg. with the $set_ylim()$ command. That is, the vertical extent is in axes coords: 0=bottom, 0.5=middle, 1.0=top but the x location is in data coordinates.

Return value is the Line2D instance. kwargs are the same as kwargs to plot, and can be used to control the line properties. Eg.,

•draw a thick red vline at x = 0 that spans the yrange:

```
>>> axvline(linewidth=4, color='r')
```

•draw a default vline at x = 1 that spans the yrange:

```
>>> axvline(x=1)
```

•draw a default vline at x = .5 that spans the middle half of the yrange:

```
>>> axvline(x=.5, ymin=0.25, ymax=0.75)
```

Valid kwargs are Line2D properties, with the exception of 'transform':

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance

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Property	Description
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

See Also:

axhspan() for example plot and source code

axvspan(xmin, xmax, ymin=0, ymax=1, **kwargs)

Add a vertical span (rectangle) across the axes.

Call signature:

```
axvspan(xmin, xmax, ymin=0, ymax=1, **kwargs)
```

x coords are in data units and y coords are in axes (relative 0-1) units.

Draw a vertical span (rectangle) from xmin to xmax. With the default values of ymin = 0 and ymax = 1, this always spans the yrange, regardless of the ylim settings, even if you change them, eg. with the $set_ylim()$ command. That is, the vertical extent is in axes coords: 0=bottom, 0.5=middle, 1.0=top but the y location is in data coordinates.

Return value is the matplotlib.patches.Polygon instance.

Examples:

•draw a vertical green translucent rectangle from x=1.25 to 1.55 that spans the yrange of the axes:

```
>>> axvspan(1.25, 1.55, facecolor='g', alpha=0.5)
```

Valid kwargs are Polygon properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

See Also:

```
axhspan() for example plot and source code
```

Call signature:

```
bar(left, height, width=0.8, bottom=0, **kwargs)
```

Make a bar plot with rectangles bounded by:

left, *left* + *width*, *bottom*, *bottom* + *height* (left, right, bottom and top edges)

left, height, width, and bottom can be either scalars or sequences

Return value is a list of matplotlib.patches.Rectangle instances.

Required arguments:

Argument	Description
left	the x coordinates of the left sides of the bars
height	the heights of the bars

Optional keyword arguments:

Key-	Description
word	
width	the widths of the bars
bot-	the y coordinates of the bottom edges of the bars
tom	
color	the colors of the bars
edge-	the colors of the bar edges
color	
linewidi	hwidth of bar edges; None means use default linewidth; 0 means don't
	draw edges.
xerr	if not None, will be used to generate errorbars on the bar chart
yerr	if not None, will be used to generate errorbars on the bar chart
ecolor	specifies the color of any errorbar
cap-	(default 3) determines the length in points of the error bar caps
size	
er-	dictionary of kwargs to be passed to errorbar method. ecolor and capsize
ror_kw	may be specified here rather than as independent kwargs.
align	'edge' (default) 'center'
orien-	'vertical' 'horizontal'
tation	
log	[False True] False (default) leaves the orientation axis as-is; True sets it to
	log scale

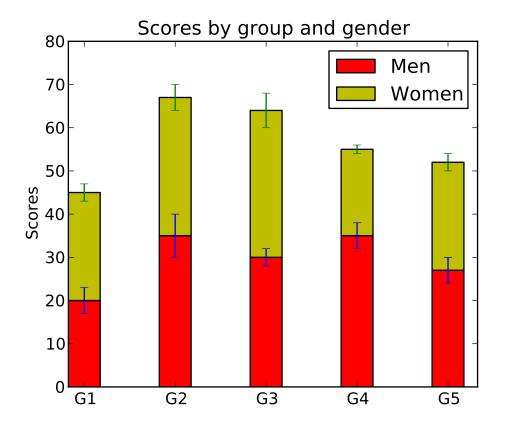
For vertical bars, align = 'edge' aligns bars by their left edges in left, while align = 'center' interprets these values as the x coordinates of the bar centers. For horizontal bars, align = 'edge' aligns bars by their bottom edges in bottom, while align = 'center' interprets these values as the y coordinates of the bar centers.

The optional arguments *color*, *edgecolor*, *linewidth*, *xerr*, and *yerr* can be either scalars or sequences of length equal to the number of bars. This enables you to use bar as the basis for stacked bar charts, or candlestick plots. Detail: *xerr* and *yerr* are passed directly to errorbar(), so they can also have shape 2xN for independent specification of lower and upper errors.

Other optional kwargs:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Example: A stacked bar chart.



barbs(*args, **kw)

Plot a 2-D field of barbs.

Call signatures:

barb(U, V, **kw)
barb(U, V, C, **kw)
barb(X, Y, U, V, **kw)
barb(X, Y, U, V, C, **kw)

Arguments:

- X, Y: The x and y coordinates of the barb locations (default is head of barb; see *pivot* kwarg)
- *U*, *V*: Give the x and y components of the barb shaft
- C: An optional array used to map colors to the barbs

All arguments may be 1-D or 2-D arrays or sequences. If X and Y are absent, they will be generated as a uniform grid. If U and V are 2-D arrays but X and Y are 1-D, and if len(X) and len(Y) match the column and row dimensions of U, then X and Y will be expanded with numpy.meshgrid().

U, V, C may be masked arrays, but masked X, Y are not supported at present.

Keyword arguments:

- *length*: Length of the barb in points; the other parts of the barb are scaled against this. Default is 9
- *pivot*: ['tip' | 'middle'] The part of the arrow that is at the grid point; the arrow rotates about this point, hence the name *pivot*. Default is 'tip'
- **barbcolor:** [**color | color sequence**] Specifies the color all parts of the barb except any flags. This parameter is analagous to the *edgecolor* parameter for polygons, which can be used instead. However this parameter will override facecolor.
- **flagcolor:** [color | color sequence] Specifies the color of any flags on the barb. This parameter is analagous to the *facecolor* parameter for polygons, which can be used instead. However this parameter will override facecolor. If this is not set (and C has not either) then *flagcolor* will be set to match *barbcolor* so that the barb has a uniform color. If C has been set, *flagcolor* has no effect.
- *sizes*: A dictionary of coefficients specifying the ratio of a given feature to the length of the barb. Only those values one wishes to override need to be included. These features include:
 - 'spacing' space between features (flags, full/half barbs)
 - 'height' height (distance from shaft to top) of a flag or full barb
 - 'width' width of a flag, twice the width of a full barb
 - 'emptybarb' radius of the circle used for low magnitudes
- *fill_empty*: A flag on whether the empty barbs (circles) that are drawn should be filled with the flag color. If they are not filled, they will be drawn such that no color is applied to the center. Default is False
- **rounding:** A flag to indicate whether the vector magnitude should be rounded when allocating barb components. If True, the magnitude is rounded to the nearest multiple of the half-barb increment. If False, the magnitude is simply truncated to the next lowest multiple. Default is True
- barb_increments: A dictionary of increments specifying values to associate with different parts of the barb. Only those values one wishes to override need to be included.
 - 'half' half barbs (Default is 5)
 - 'full' full barbs (Default is 10)
 - 'flag' flags (default is 50)
- *flip_barb*: Either a single boolean flag or an array of booleans. Single boolean indicates whether the lines and flags should point opposite to normal for all barbs. An array (which should be the same size as the other data arrays) indicates whether to flip for each individual barb. Normal behavior is for the barbs and lines to point right (comes from wind barbs having these features point towards low pressure in the Northern Hemisphere.) Default is False

Barbs are traditionally used in meteorology as a way to plot the speed and direction of wind observations, but can technically be used to plot any two dimensional vector quantity. As opposed

to arrows, which give vector magnitude by the length of the arrow, the barbs give more quantitative information about the vector magnitude by putting slanted lines or a triangle for various increments in magnitude, as show schematically below:



The largest increment is given by a triangle (or "flag"). After those come full lines (barbs). The smallest increment is a half line. There is only, of course, ever at most 1 half line. If the magnitude is small and only needs a single half-line and no full lines or triangles, the half-line is offset from the end of the barb so that it can be easily distinguished from barbs with a single full line. The magnitude for the barb shown above would nominally be 65, using the standard increments of 50, 10, and 5.

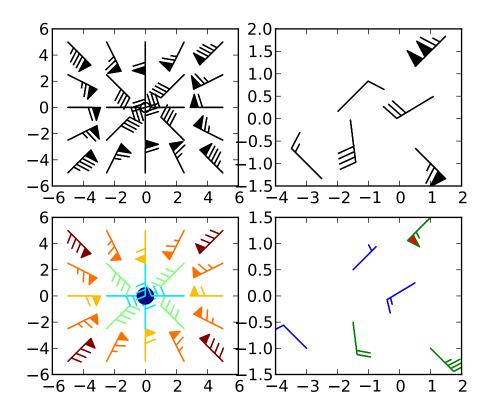
linewidths and edgecolors can be used to customize the barb. Additional PolyCollection keyword arguments:

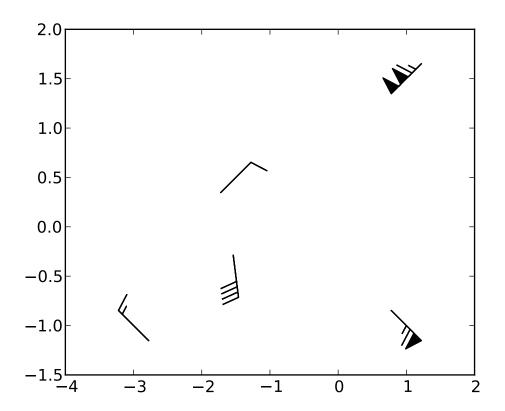
Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
стар	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
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Property	Description
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Example:





barh(bottom, width, height=0.8, left=None, **kwargs)

Make a horizontal bar plot.

Call signature:

barh(bottom, width, height=0.8, left=0, **kwargs)

Make a horizontal bar plot with rectangles bounded by:

left, *left* + *width*, *bottom*, *bottom* + *height* (left, right, bottom and top edges)

bottom, width, height, and left can be either scalars or sequences

Return value is a list of matplotlib.patches.Rectangle instances.

Required arguments:

Argument	Description	
bottom	the vertical positions of the bottom edges of the bars	
width	the lengths of the bars	

Optional keyword arguments:

Key-	Description	
word		
height	the heights (thicknesses) of the bars	
left	the x coordinates of the left edges of the bars	
color	the colors of the bars	
edge-	the colors of the bar edges	
color		
linewidth	width of bar edges; None means use default linewidth; 0 means don't	
	draw edges.	
xerr	if not None, will be used to generate errorbars on the bar chart	
yerr	if not None, will be used to generate errorbars on the bar chart	
ecolor	specifies the color of any errorbar	
capsize	(default 3) determines the length in points of the error bar caps	
align	'edge' (default) 'center'	
log	[False True] False (default) leaves the horizontal axis as-is; True sets it	
	to log scale	

Setting align = 'edge' aligns bars by their bottom edges in bottom, while align = 'center' interprets these values as the y coordinates of the bar centers.

The optional arguments *color*, *edgecolor*, *linewidth*, *xerr*, and *yerr* can be either scalars or sequences of length equal to the number of bars. This enables you to use barh as the basis for stacked bar charts, or candlestick plots.

other optional kwargs:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

boxplot(x, notch=False, sym='b+', vert=True, whis=1.5, positions=None, widths=None, patch_artist=False, bootstrap=None, usermedians=None, conf_intervals=None) Make a box and whisker plot.

Call signature:

Make a box and whisker plot for each column of x or each vector in sequence x. The box extends from the lower to upper quartile values of the data, with a line at the median. The whiskers extend from the box to show the range of the data. Flier points are those past the end of the whiskers.

Function Arguments:

x: Array or a sequence of vectors.

notch [[False (default) | True]] If False (default), produces a rectangular box plot. If

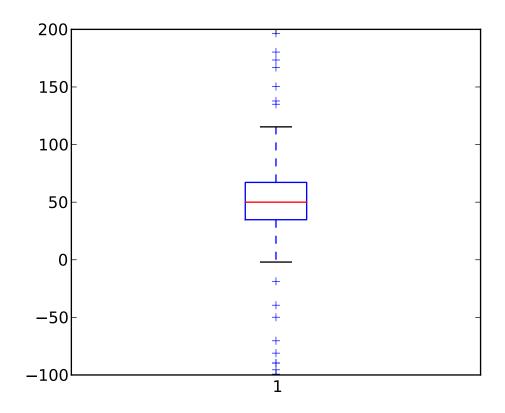
- True, will produce a notched box plot
- **sym** [[default 'b+']] The default symbol for flier points. Enter an empty string ('') if you don't want to show fliers.
- *vert* [[False | True (default)]] If True (default), makes the boxes vertical. If False, makes horizontal boxes.
- whis [[default 1.5]] Defines the length of the whiskers as a function of the inner quartile range. They extend to the most extreme data point within (whis*(75%-25%)) data range.
- bootstrap [[None (default) | integer]] Specifies whether to bootstrap the confidence intervals around the median for notched boxplots. If bootstrap==None, no bootstrapping is performed, and notches are calculated using a Gaussian-based asymptotic approximation (see McGill, R., Tukey, J.W., and Larsen, W.A., 1978, and Kendall and Stuart, 1967). Otherwise, bootstrap specifies the number of times to bootstrap the median to determine it's 95% confidence intervals. Values between 1000 and 10000 are recommended.
- **usermedians** [[default None]] An array or sequence whose first dimension (or length) is compatible with x. This overrides the medians computed by matplotlib for each element of *usermedians* that is not None. When an element of *usermedians* == None, the median will be computed directly as normal.
- conf_intervals [[default None]] Array or sequence whose first dimension (or length) is compatible with x and whose second dimension is 2. When the current element of conf_intervals is not None, the notch locations computed by matplotlib are overridden (assuming notch is True). When an element of conf_intervals is None, boxplot compute notches the method specified by the other kwargs (e.g. bootstrap).
- **positions** [[default 1,2,...,n]] Sets the horizontal positions of the boxes. The ticks and limits are automatically set to match the positions.
- widths [[default 0.5]] Either a scalar or a vector and sets the width of each box. The default is 0.5, or 0.15*(distance between extreme positions) if that is smaller.
- patch_artist [[False (default) | True]] If False produces boxes with the Line2D artist
 If True produces boxes with the Patch artist

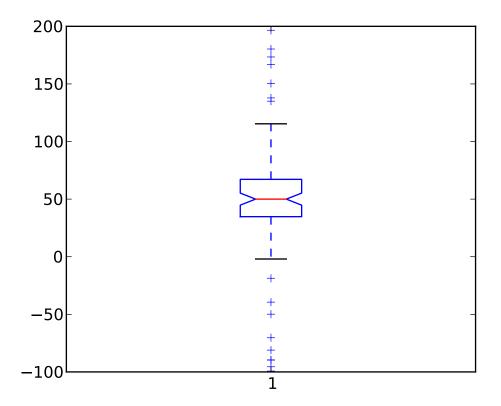
Returns a dictionary mapping each component of the boxplot to a list of the matplotlib.lines.Line2D instances created. That dictionary has the following keys (assuming vertical boxplots):

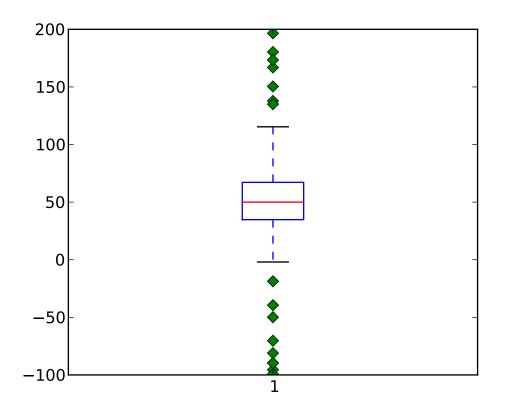
- •boxes: the main body of the boxplot showing the quartiles and the median's confidence intervals if enabled.
- •medians: horizonal lines at the median of each box.
- •whiskers: the vertical lines extending to the most extreme, n-outlier data points.
- •caps: the horizontal lines at the ends of the whiskers.

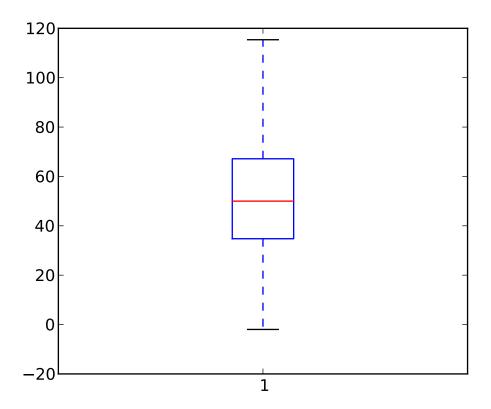
•fliers: points representing data that extend beyone the whiskers (outliers).

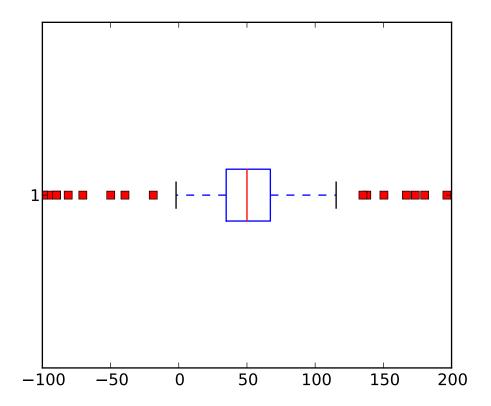
Example:

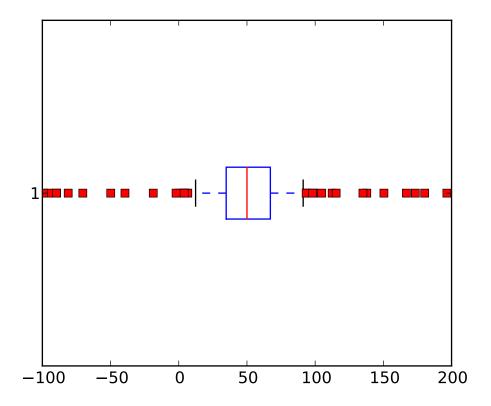


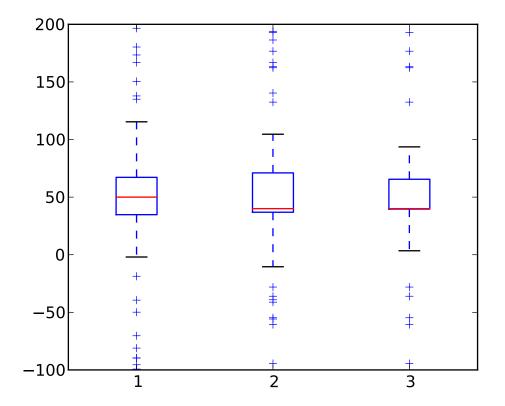












broken_barh(xranges, yrange, **kwargs)

Plot horizontal bars.

Call signature:

broken_barh(self, xranges, yrange, **kwargs)

A collection of horizontal bars spanning *yrange* with a sequence of *xranges*.

Required arguments:

Argument	Description
xranges	sequence of (xmin, xwidth)
yrange	sequence of (ymin, ywidth)

kwargs are matplotlib.collections.BrokenBarHCollection properties:

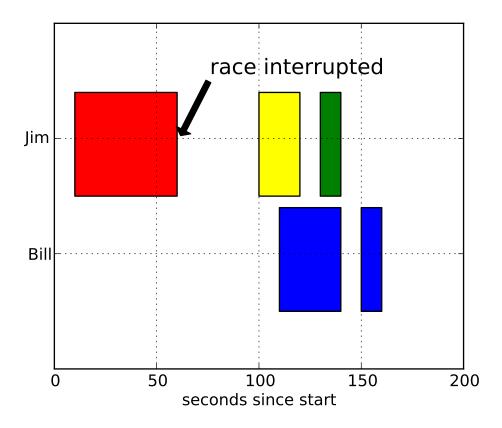
Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
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Property	Description Previous Page
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

```
these can either be a single argument, ie:
facecolors = 'black'
or a sequence of arguments for the various bars, ie:
facecolors = ('black', 'red', 'green')
```

Example:



can_pan()

Return True if this axes supports any pan/zoom button functionality.

can_zoom()

Return *True* if this axes supports the zoom box button functionality.

cla()

Clear the current axes.

clabel(CS, *args, **kwargs)

Label a contour plot.

Call signature:

clabel(cs, **kwargs)

Adds labels to line contours in cs, where cs is a ContourSet object returned by contour.

clabel(cs, v, **kwargs)

only labels contours listed in v.

Optional keyword arguments:

fontsize: size in points or relative size eg 'smaller', 'x-large'

colors:

- if *None*, the color of each label matches the color of the corresponding contour
- if one string color, e.g. *colors* = 'r' or *colors* = 'red', all labels will be plotted in this color
- if a tuple of matplotlib color args (string, float, rgb, etc), different labels will be plotted in different colors in the order specified

inline: controls whether the underlying contour is removed or not. Default is *True*.

inline_spacing: space in pixels to leave on each side of label when placing inline. Defaults to 5. This spacing will be exact for labels at locations where the contour is straight, less so for labels on curved contours.

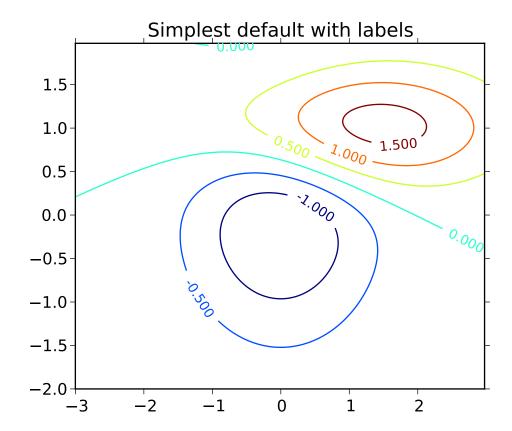
fmt: a format string for the label. Default is '%1.3f' Alternatively, this can be a dictionary matching contour levels with arbitrary strings to use for each contour level (i.e., fmt[level]=string), or it can be any callable, such as a Formatter instance, that returns a string when called with a numeric contour level.

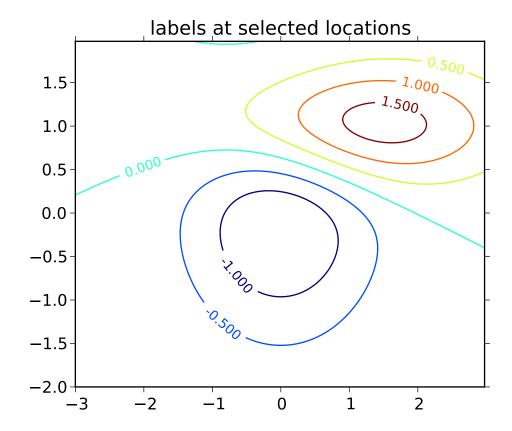
manual: if *True*, contour labels will be placed manually using mouse clicks. Click the first button near a contour to add a label, click the second button (or potentially both mouse buttons at once) to finish adding labels. The third button can be used to remove the last label added, but only if labels are not inline. Alternatively, the keyboard can be used to select label locations (enter to end label placement, delete or backspace act like the third mouse button, and any other key will select a label location).

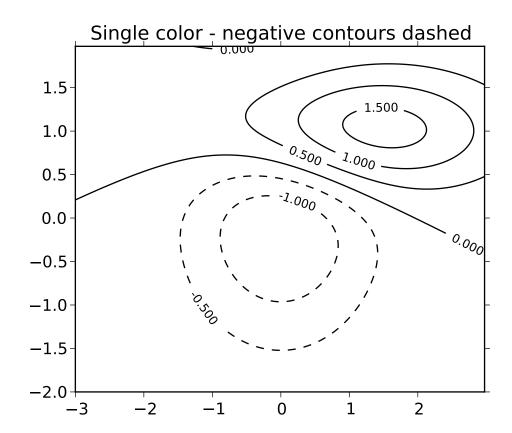
manual can be an iterable object of x,y tuples. Contour labels will be created as if mouse is clicked at each x,y positions.

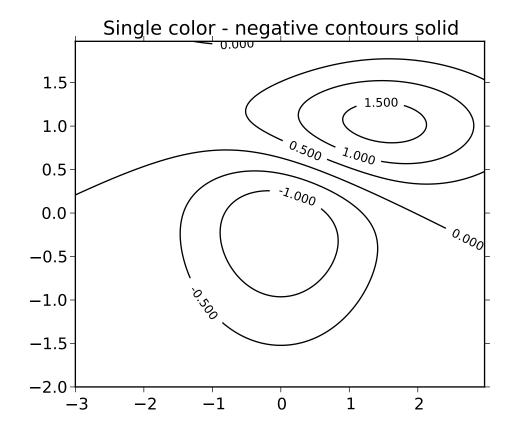
rightside_up: if *True* (default), label rotations will always be plus or minus 90 degrees from level.

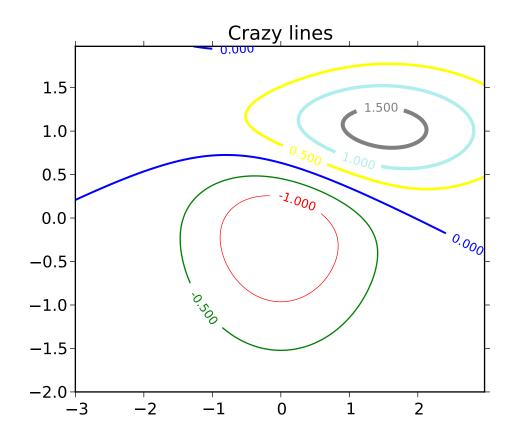
use_clabeltext: if *True* (default is False), ClabelText class (instead of matplotlib.Text) is used to create labels. ClabelText recalculates rotation angles of texts during the drawing time, therefore this can be used if aspect of the axes changes.

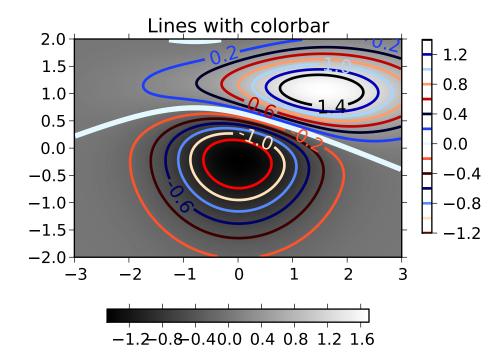












clear()

clear the axes

cohere(x, y, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=0, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, **kwargs)

Plot the coherence between x and y.

Call signature:

```
cohere(x, y, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend = mlab.detrend_none,
    window = mlab.window_hanning, noverlap=0, pad_to=None,
    sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, **kwargs)
```

Plot the coherence between x and y. Coherence is the normalized cross spectral density:

$$C_{xy} = \frac{|P_{xy}|^2}{P_{xx}P_{yy}} \tag{51.1}$$

Keyword arguments:

NFFT: integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad_to* for this instead.

- **Fs:** scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.
- detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to
 remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend pa rameter is a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines
 detrend_none(), detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use
 a custom function as well.
- window: callable or ndarray A function or a vector of length NFFT.
 To create window vectors see window_hanning(), window_none(),
 numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(),
 scipy.signal(), scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is
 window_hanning(). If a function is passed as the argument, it must take a data
 segment as an argument and return the windowed version of the segment.
- pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the n parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets pad to equal to NFFT
- sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided.
- scale_by_freq: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for integration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.
- **noverlap:** integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 0 (no overlap).
- **Fc:** integer The center frequency of x (defaults to 0), which offsets the x extents of the plot to reflect the frequency range used when a signal is acquired and then filtered and downsampled to baseband.

The return value is a tuple (Cxy, f), where f are the frequencies of the coherence vector.

kwargs are applied to the lines.

References:

•Bendat & Piersol – Random Data: Analysis and Measurement Procedures, John Wiley & Sons (1986)

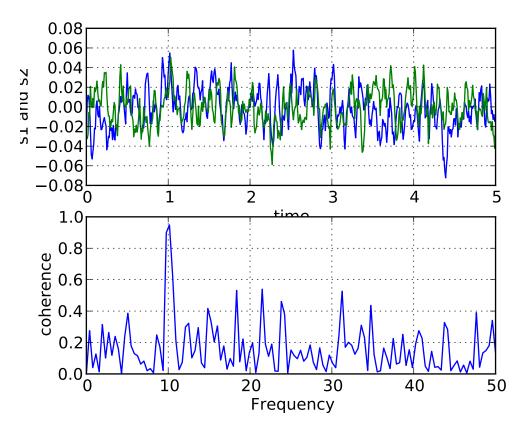
kwargs control the Line2D properties of the coherence plot:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown

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Property	Description
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number
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Example:



connect(s, func)

Register observers to be notified when certain events occur. Register with callback functions with the following signatures. The function has the following signature:

func(ax) # where ax is the instance making the callback.

The following events can be connected to:

'xlim_changed','ylim_changed'

The connection id is is returned - you can use this with disconnect to disconnect from the axes event

contains(mouseevent)

Test whether the mouse event occured in the axes.

Returns *True / False*, {}

contains_point(point)

Returns True if the point (tuple of x,y) is inside the axes (the area defined by the its patch). A pixel coordinate is required.

contour(*args, **kwargs)

Plot contours.

contour() and contourf() draw contour lines and filled contours, respectively. Except as noted, function signatures and return values are the same for both versions.

contourf() differs from the MATLAB version in that it does not draw the polygon edges. To
draw edges, add line contours with calls to contour().

```
Call signatures:
```

```
contour(Z)
```

make a contour plot of an array Z. The level values are chosen automatically.

```
contour(X,Y,Z)
```

X, Y specify the (x, y) coordinates of the surface

```
contour(Z,N)
contour(X,Y,Z,N)
```

contour N automatically-chosen levels.

```
contour(Z,V)
contour(X,Y,Z,V)
```

draw contour lines at the values specified in sequence V

```
contourf(..., V)
```

fill the len(V)-1 regions between the values in V

```
contour(Z, **kwargs)
```

Use keyword args to control colors, linewidth, origin, cmap ... see below for more details.

X and Y must both be 2-D with the same shape as Z, or they must both be 1-D such that len(X) is the number of columns in Z and len(Y) is the number of rows in Z.

```
C = contour(...) returns a QuadContourSet object.
```

Optional keyword arguments:

colors: [*None* | string | (mpl_colors)] If *None*, the colormap specified by cmap will be used.

If a string, like 'r' or 'red', all levels will be plotted in this color.

If a tuple of matplotlib color args (string, float, rgb, etc), different levels will be plotted in different colors in the order specified.

alpha: float The alpha blending value

cmap: [*None* | Colormap] A cm Colormap instance or *None*. If *cmap* is *None* and *colors* is *None*, a default Colormap is used.

norm: [None | Normalize] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance for scaling data values to colors. If norm is None and colors is None, the default linear scaling is used.

- vmin, vmax: [None | scalar] If not None, either or both of these values will be supplied to the matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance, overriding the default color scaling based on levels.
- *levels*: [level0, level1, ..., leveln] A list of floating point numbers indicating the level curves to draw; eg to draw just the zero contour pass levels=[0]
- origin: [None | 'upper' | 'lower' | 'image'] If None, the first value of Z will correspond to the lower left corner, location (0,0). If 'image', the rc value for image.origin will be used.

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

extent: [*None* | (x0,x1,y0,y1)]

If *origin* is not *None*, then *extent* is interpreted as in matplotlib.pyplot.imshow(): it gives the outer pixel boundaries. In this case, the position of Z[0,0] is the center of the pixel, not a corner. If *origin* is *None*, then (x0, y0) is the position of Z[0,0], and (x1, y1) is the position of Z[-1,-1].

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

- **locator:** [None | ticker.Locator subclass] If locator is None, the default MaxNLocator is used. The locator is used to determine the contour levels if they are not given explicitly via the V argument.
- extend: ['neither'|'both'|'min'|'max'] Unless this is 'neither', contour levels are automatically added to one or both ends of the range so that all data are included. These added ranges are then mapped to the special colormap values which default to the ends of the colormap range, but can be set via matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_under() and matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_over() methods.
- *xunits*, *yunits*: [*None* | registered units] Override axis units by specifying an instance of a matplotlib.units.ConversionInterface.
- antialiased: [True | False] enable antialiasing, overriding the defaults. For filled contours, the default is True. For line contours, it is taken from rc-Params['lines.antialiased'].

contour-only keyword arguments:

linewidths: [*None* | number | tuple of numbers] If *linewidths* is *None*, the default width in lines.linewidth in matplotlibrc is used.

If a number, all levels will be plotted with this linewidth.

If a tuple, different levels will be plotted with different linewidths in the order specified

linestyles: [None | 'solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted' | If linestyles is None, the default is 'solid' unless the lines are monochrome. In that

case, negative contours will take their linestyle from the matplotlibrc contour.negative_linestyle setting.

linestyles can also be an iterable of the above strings specifying a set of linestyles to be used. If this iterable is shorter than the number of contour levels it will be repeated as necessary.

contourf-only keyword arguments:

nchunk: [0 | integer] If 0, no subdivision of the domain. Specify a positive integer to divide the domain into subdomains of roughly *nchunk* by *nchunk* points. This may never actually be advantageous, so this option may be removed. Chunking introduces artifacts at the chunk boundaries unless *antialiased* is *False*.

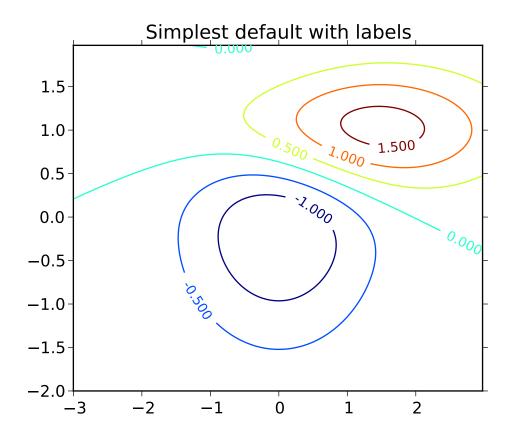
hatches: A list of cross hatch patterns to use on the filled areas. If None, no hatching will be added to the contour. Hatching is supported in the PostScript, PDF, SVG and Agg backends only.

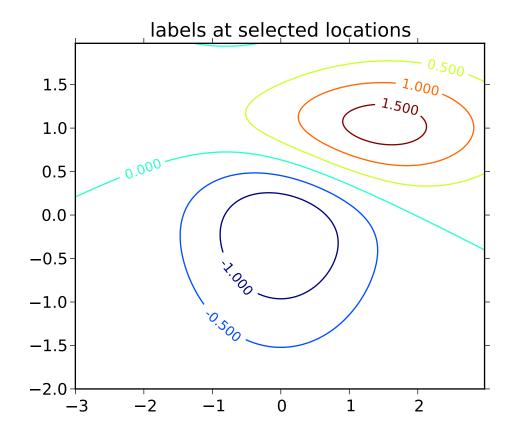
Note: contourf fills intervals that are closed at the top; that is, for boundaries z1 and z2, the filled region is:

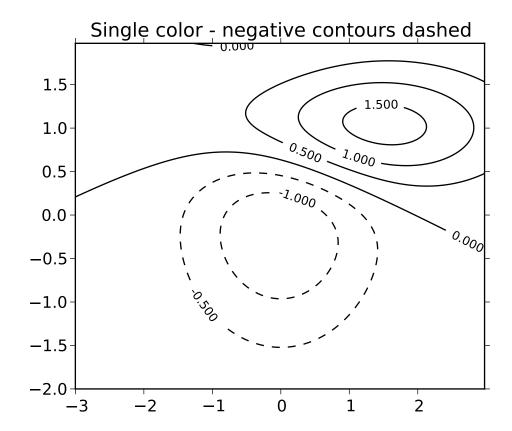
$$z1 < z \le z2$$

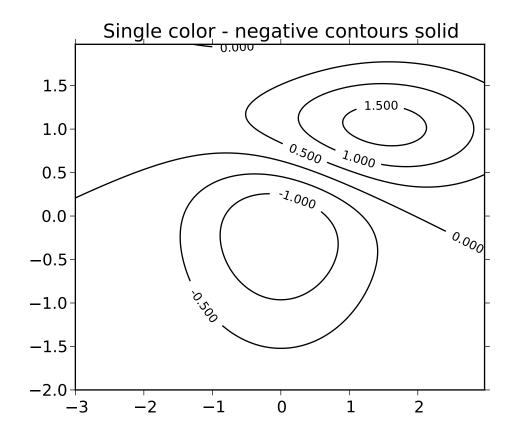
There is one exception: if the lowest boundary coincides with the minimum value of the z array, then that minimum value will be included in the lowest interval.

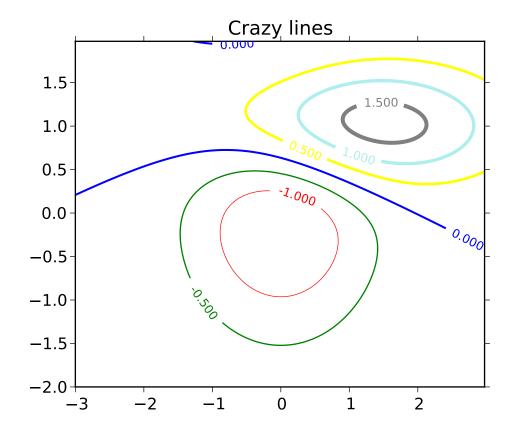
Examples:

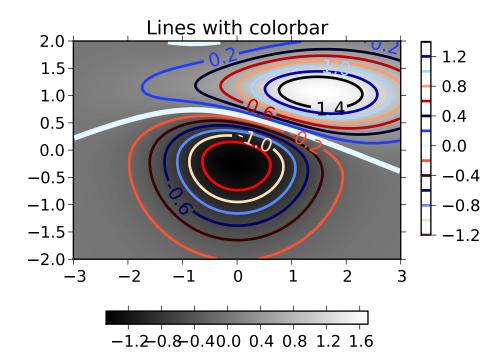


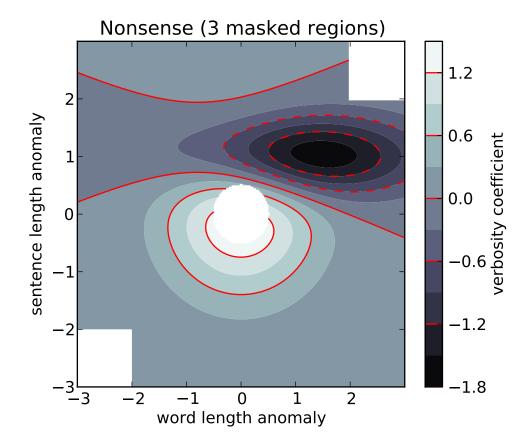


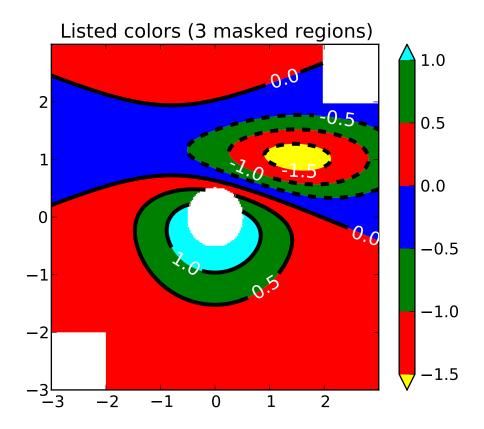


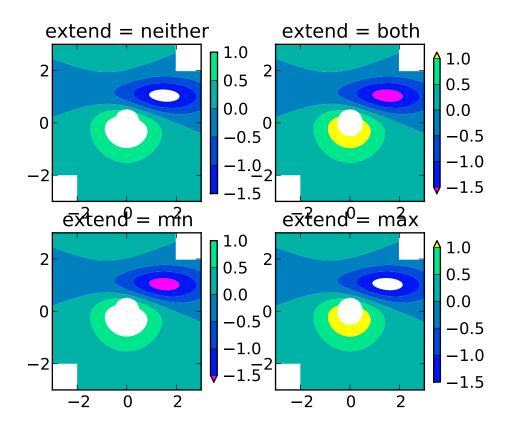












contourf(*args, **kwargs)

Plot contours.

contour() and contourf() draw contour lines and filled contours, respectively. Except as noted, function signatures and return values are the same for both versions.

contourf() differs from the MATLAB version in that it does not draw the polygon edges. To draw edges, add line contours with calls to contour().

Call signatures:

contour(Z)

make a contour plot of an array Z. The level values are chosen automatically.

contour(X,Y,Z)

X, Y specify the (x, y) coordinates of the surface

contour(Z,N)
contour(X,Y,Z,N)

contour N automatically-chosen levels.

contour(Z,V)
contour(X,Y,Z,V)

draw contour lines at the values specified in sequence V

```
contourf(..., V)
```

fill the len(V)-1 regions between the values in V

```
contour(Z, **kwargs)
```

Use keyword args to control colors, linewidth, origin, cmap ... see below for more details.

X and Y must both be 2-D with the same shape as Z, or they must both be 1-D such that len(X) is the number of columns in Z and len(Y) is the number of rows in Z.

C = contour(...) returns a QuadContourSet object.

Optional keyword arguments:

colors: [*None* | string | (mpl_colors)] If *None*, the colormap specified by cmap will be used.

If a string, like 'r' or 'red', all levels will be plotted in this color.

If a tuple of matplotlib color args (string, float, rgb, etc), different levels will be plotted in different colors in the order specified.

alpha: float The alpha blending value

cmap: [*None* | Colormap] A cm Colormap instance or *None*. If *cmap* is *None* and *colors* is *None*, a default Colormap is used.

norm: [None | Normalize] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance for scaling data values to colors. If norm is None and colors is None, the default linear scaling is used.

vmin, vmax: [None | scalar] If not None, either or both of these values will be supplied to the matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance, overriding the default color scaling based on levels.

levels: [level0, level1, ..., leveln] A list of floating point numbers indicating the level curves to draw; eg to draw just the zero contour pass levels=[0]

origin: [None | 'upper' | 'lower' | 'image'] If None, the first value of Z will correspond to the lower left corner, location (0,0). If 'image', the rc value for image.origin will be used.

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

```
extent: [None | (x0,x1,y0,y1)]
```

If *origin* is not *None*, then *extent* is interpreted as in matplotlib.pyplot.imshow(): it gives the outer pixel boundaries. In this case, the position of Z[0,0] is the center of the pixel, not a corner. If *origin* is *None*, then (x0, y0) is the position of Z[0,0], and (x1, y1) is the position of Z[-1,-1].

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

- **locator:** [None | ticker.Locator subclass] If locator is None, the default MaxNLocator is used. The locator is used to determine the contour levels if they are not given explicitly via the V argument.
- extend: ['neither'|'both'|'min'|'max'] Unless this is 'neither', contour levels are automatically added to one or both ends of the range so that all data are included. These added ranges are then mapped to the special colormap values which default to the ends of the colormap range, but can be set via matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_under() and matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_over() methods.
- *xunits*, *yunits*: [*None* | registered units] Override axis units by specifying an instance of a matplotlib.units.ConversionInterface.
- antialiased: [True | False] enable antialiasing, overriding the defaults. For filled contours, the default is True. For line contours, it is taken from rc-Params['lines.antialiased'].

contour-only keyword arguments:

linewidths: [*None* | number | tuple of numbers] If *linewidths* is *None*, the default width in lines.linewidth in matplotlibrc is used.

If a number, all levels will be plotted with this linewidth.

If a tuple, different levels will be plotted with different linewidths in the order specified

linestyles: [None | 'solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted'] If linestyles is
 None, the default is 'solid' unless the lines are monochrome. In that
 case, negative contours will take their linestyle from the matplotlibrc
 contour.negative_linestyle setting.

linestyles can also be an iterable of the above strings specifying a set of linestyles to be used. If this iterable is shorter than the number of contour levels it will be repeated as necessary.

contourf-only keyword arguments:

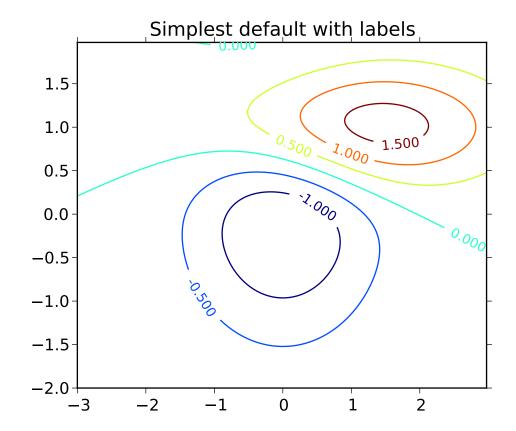
- *nchunk*: [0 | integer] If 0, no subdivision of the domain. Specify a positive integer to divide the domain into subdomains of roughly *nchunk* by *nchunk* points. This may never actually be advantageous, so this option may be removed. Chunking introduces artifacts at the chunk boundaries unless *antialiased* is *False*.
- *hatches*: A list of cross hatch patterns to use on the filled areas. If None, no hatching will be added to the contour. Hatching is supported in the PostScript, PDF, SVG and Agg backends only.

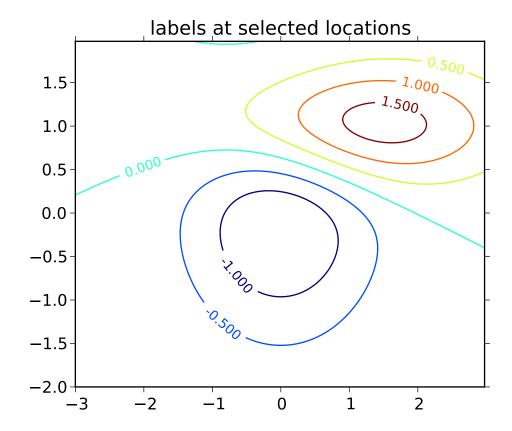
Note: contourf fills intervals that are closed at the top; that is, for boundaries z1 and z2, the filled region is:

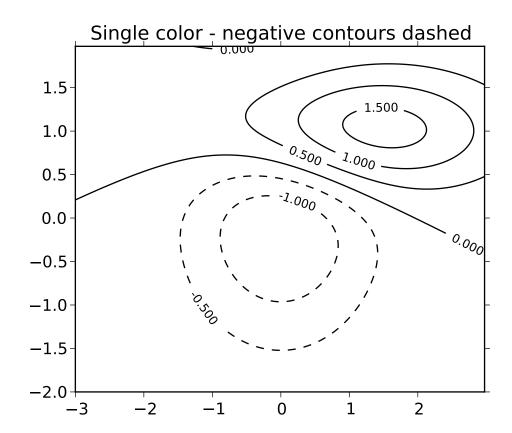
 $z1 < z \le z2$

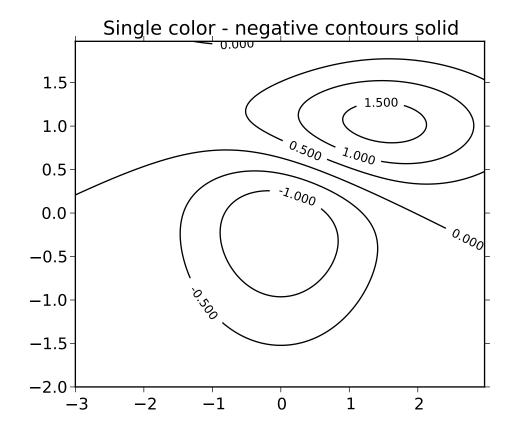
There is one exception: if the lowest boundary coincides with the minimum value of the z array, then that minimum value will be included in the lowest interval.

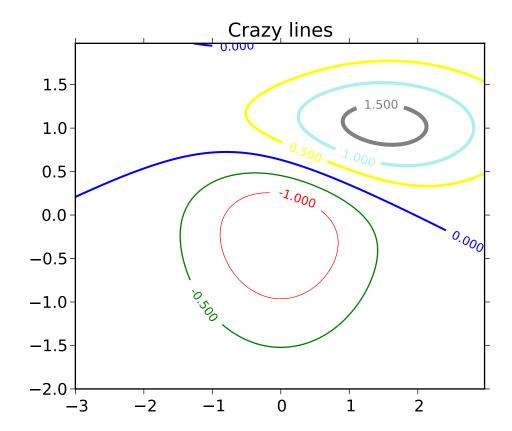
Examples:

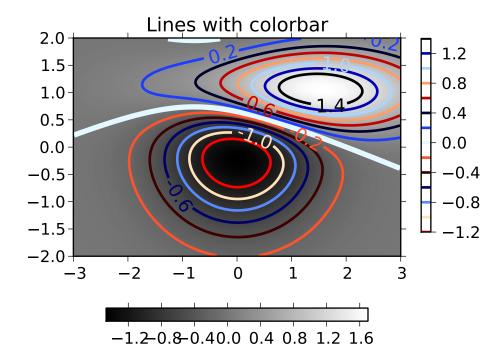


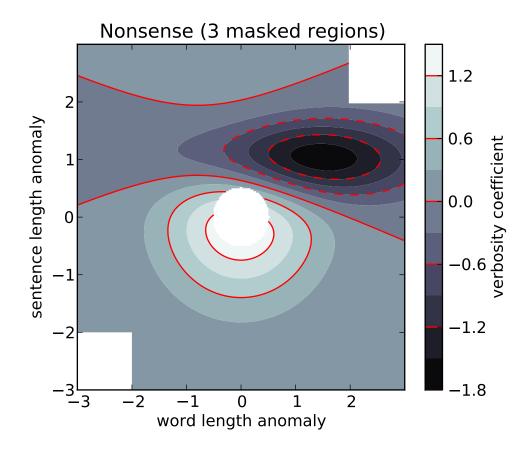


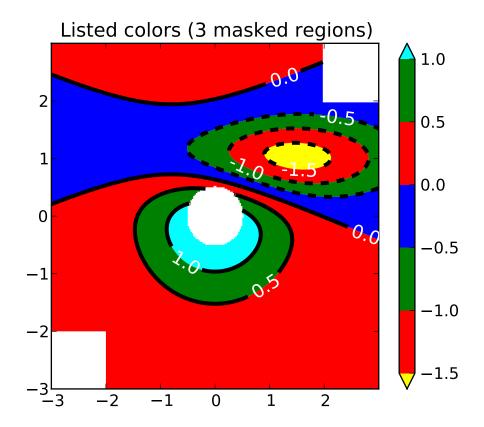


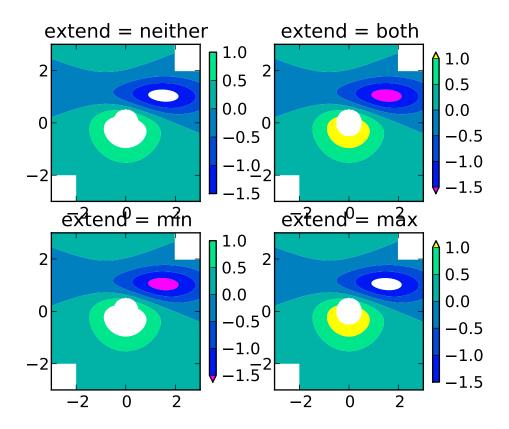












csd(x, y, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=0, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, **kwargs')
Plot cross-spectral density.

Call signature:

```
csd(x, y, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=mlab.detrend_none,
   window=mlab.window_hanning, noverlap=0, pad_to=None,
   sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, **kwargs)
```

The cross spectral density P_{xy} by Welch's average periodogram method. The vectors x and y are divided into NFFT length segments. Each segment is detrended by function detrend and windowed by function window. The product of the direct FFTs of x and y are averaged over each segment to compute P_{xy} , with a scaling to correct for power loss due to windowing.

Returns the tuple (Pxy, freqs). P is the cross spectrum (complex valued), and $10 \log_{10} |P_{xy}|$ is plotted.

Keyword arguments:

NFFT: integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad_to* for this instead.

- **Fs:** scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.
- detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to
 remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend pa rameter is a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines
 detrend_none(), detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use
 a custom function as well.
- window: callable or ndarray A function or a vector of length NFFT.
 To create window vectors see window_hanning(), window_none(),
 numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(),
 scipy.signal(), scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is
 window_hanning(). If a function is passed as the argument, it must take a data
 segment as an argument and return the windowed version of the segment.
- pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the n parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets pad to equal to NFFT
- sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided.
- scale_by_freq: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for integration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.
- **noverlap:** integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 0 (no overlap).
- **Fc:** integer The center frequency of x (defaults to 0), which offsets the x extents of the plot to reflect the frequency range used when a signal is acquired and then filtered and downsampled to baseband.

References: Bendat & Piersol – Random Data: Analysis and Measurement Procedures, John Wiley & Sons (1986)

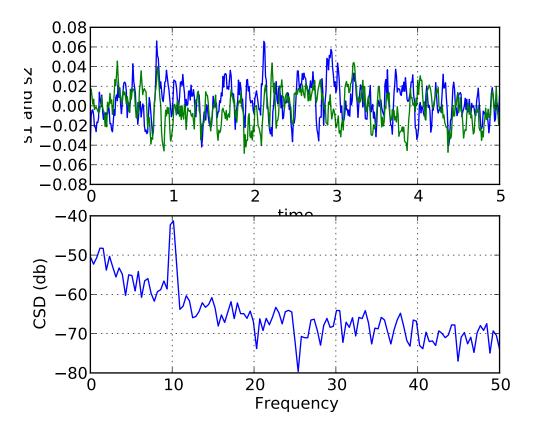
kwargs control the Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]

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Property	Description Table 31.7 – Continu
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

Example:



disconnect(cid)

disconnect from the Axes event.

$drag_pan(button, key, x, y)$

Called when the mouse moves during a pan operation.

button is the mouse button number:

●1: LEFT

•2: MIDDLE

•3: RIGHT

key is a "shift" key

x, y are the mouse coordinates in display coords.

Note: Intended to be overridden by new projection types.

draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)

Draw everything (plot lines, axes, labels)

draw_artist(a)

This method can only be used after an initial draw which caches the renderer. It is used to efficiently update Axes data (axis ticks, labels, etc are not updated)

end_pan()

Called when a pan operation completes (when the mouse button is up.)

Note: Intended to be overridden by new projection types.

```
errorbar(x, y, yerr=None, xerr=None, fmt='-', ecolor=None, elinewidth=None, capsize=3, barsabove=False, lolims=False, uplims=False, xlolims=False, xuplims=False, errorevery=1, capthick=None, **kwargs)
Plot an errorbar graph.
```

Call signature:

Plot x versus y with error deltas in yerr and xerr. Vertical errorbars are plotted if yerr is not None. Horizontal errorbars are plotted if xerr is not None.

x, y, xerr, and yerr can all be scalars, which plots a single error bar at x, y.

Optional keyword arguments:

xerr/yerr: [scalar | N, Nx1, or 2xN array-like] If a scalar number, len(N) array-like object, or an Nx1 array-like object, errorbars are drawn +/- value.

If a sequence of shape 2xN, errorbars are drawn at -row1 and +row2

- *fmt*: '-' The plot format symbol. If *fmt* is *None*, only the errorbars are plotted. This is used for adding errorbars to a bar plot, for example.
- *ecolor*: [*None* | mpl color] A matplotlib color arg which gives the color the errorbar lines; if *None*, use the marker color.
- elinewidth: scalar The linewidth of the errorbar lines. If None, use the linewidth.
- capsize: scalar The length of the error bar caps in points
- *capthick*: scalar An alias kwarg to *markeredgewidth* (a.k.a. *mew*). This setting is a more sensible name for the property that controls the thickness of the error bar cap in points. For backwards compatibility, if *mew* or *markeredgewidth* are given, then they will over-ride *capthick*. This may change in future releases.
- barsabove: [True | False] if True, will plot the errorbars above the plot symbols. Default is below.
- *lolims | uplims | xuplims | xuplims*: [*False | True*] These arguments can be used to indicate that a value gives only upper/lower limits. In that case a caret symbol is used to indicate this. lims-arguments may be of the same type as *xerr* and *yerr*.
- *errorevery*: positive integer subsamples the errorbars. Eg if everyerror=5, errorbars for every 5-th datapoint will be plotted. The data plot itself still shows all data points.

All other keyword arguments are passed on to the plot command for the markers. For example, this code makes big red squares with thick green edges:

where *mfc*, *mec*, *ms* and *mew* are aliases for the longer property names, *markerfacecolor*, *markeredgecolor*, *markersize* and *markeredgewith*.

valid kwargs for the marker properties are

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
= =	

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Property	Description
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

Returns (plotline, caplines, barlinecols):

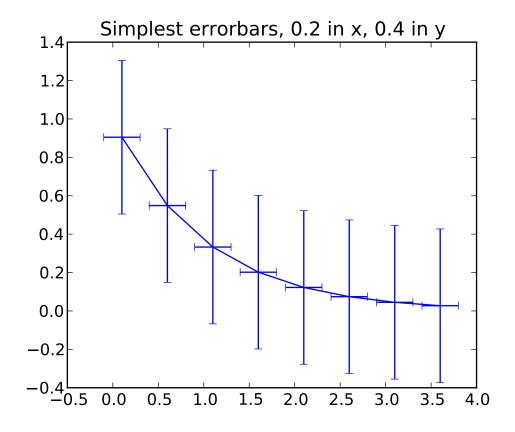
plotline: Line2D instance x, y plot markers and/or line

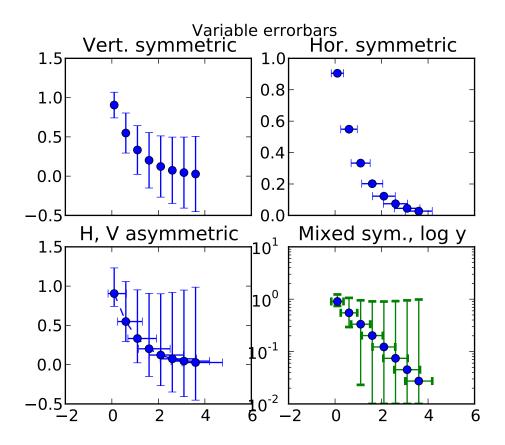
caplines: list of error bar cap Line2D instances

barlinecols: list of LineCollection instances for the horizontal and vertical error

ranges.

Example:





fill(*args, **kwargs)

Plot filled polygons.

Call signature:

args is a variable length argument, allowing for multiple x, y pairs with an optional color format string; see plot() for details on the argument parsing. For example, to plot a polygon with vertices at x, y in blue.:

```
ax.fill(x,y, 'b')
```

An arbitrary number of x, y, color groups can be specified:

Return value is a list of Patch instances that were added.

The same color strings that plot() supports are supported by the fill format string.

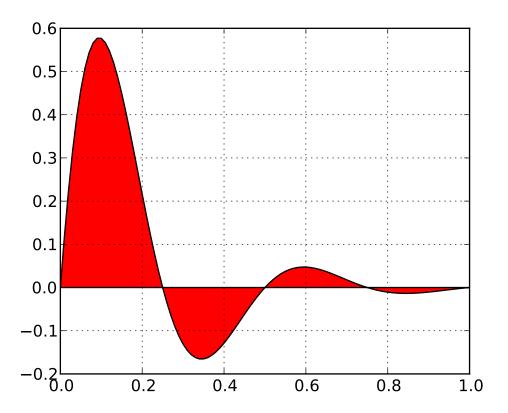
If you would like to fill below a curve, eg. shade a region between 0 and y along x, use fill_between()

The *closed* kwarg will close the polygon when *True* (default).

kwargs control the Polygon properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Example:



fill_between(x, y1, y2=0, where=None, interpolate=False, **kwargs) Make filled polygons between two curves.

Call signature:

fill_between(x, y1, y2=0, where=None, **kwargs)

Create a PolyCollection filling the regions between y1 and y2 where where==True

x: An N-length array of the x data

y1: An N-length array (or scalar) of the y data

y2: An N-length array (or scalar) of the y data

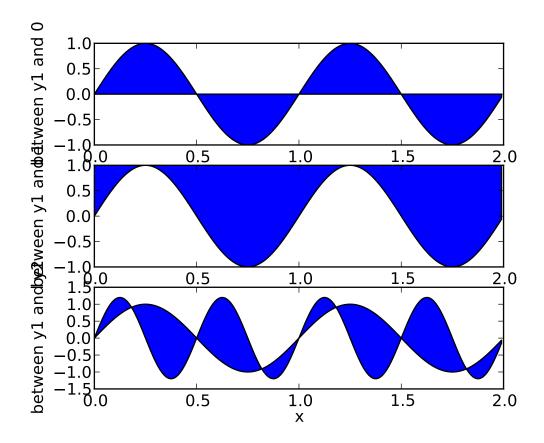
where: If None, default to fill between everywhere. If not None, it is an N-length numpy boolean array and the fill will only happen over the regions where where==True.

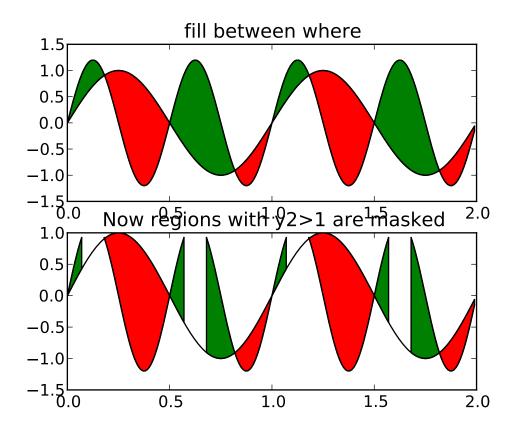
interpolate: If *True*, interpolate between the two lines to find the precise point of intersection. Otherwise, the start and end points of the filled region will only occur on explicit values in the *x* array.

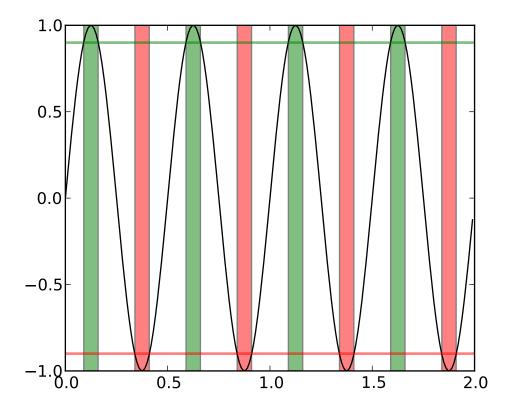
kwargs: Keyword args passed on to the PolyCollection.

kwargs control the Polygon properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number







See Also:

fill_betweenx() for filling between two sets of x-values

fill_betweenx(*y*, *x1*, *x2*=0, *where*=*None*, ***kwargs*)

Make filled polygons between two horizontal curves.

Call signature:

fill_between(y, x1, x2=0, where=None, **kwargs)

Create a PolyCollection filling the regions between x1 and x2 where where==True

y: An N-length array of the y data

x1: An N-length array (or scalar) of the x data

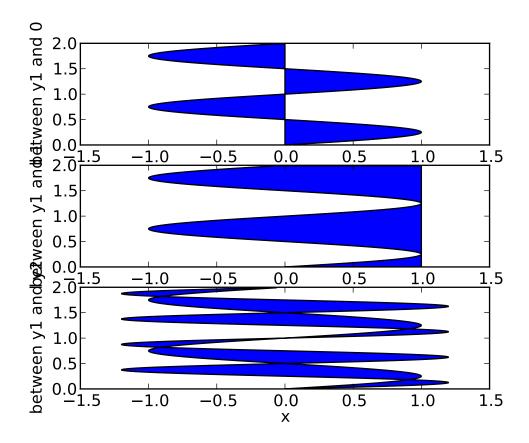
x2: An N-length array (or scalar) of the x data

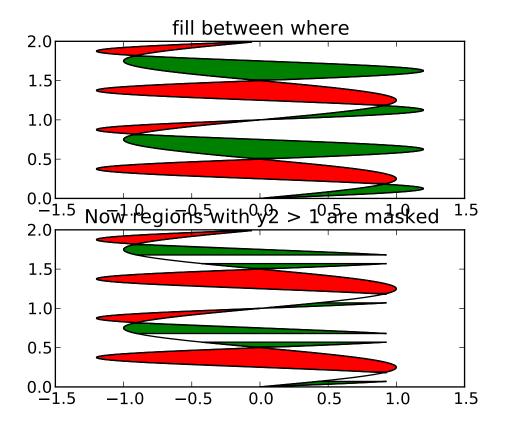
where: If None, default to fill between everywhere. If not None, it is a N length numpy boolean array and the fill will only happen over the regions where where==True

kwargs: keyword args passed on to the PolyCollection

kwargs control the Polygon properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number





See Also:

fill_between() for filling between two sets of y-values

$format_coord(x, y)$

Return a format string formatting the x, y coord

format_xdata(x)

Return *x* string formatted. This function will use the attribute self.fmt_xdata if it is callable, else will fall back on the xaxis major formatter

format_ydata(y)

Return y string formatted. This function will use the fmt_ydata attribute if it is callable, else will fall back on the yaxis major formatter

frame

get_adjustable()

get_anchor()

get_aspect()

get_autoscale_on()

Get whether autoscaling is applied for both axes on plot commands

get_autoscalex_on()

Get whether autoscaling for the x-axis is applied on plot commands

get_autoscaley_on()

Get whether autoscaling for the y-axis is applied on plot commands

get_axes_locator()

return axes_locator

get_axis_bgcolor()

Return the axis background color

get_axisbelow()

Get whether axis below is true or not

get_child_artists()

Return a list of artists the axes contains. Deprecated since version 0.98.

get_children()

return a list of child artists

get_cursor_props()

Return the cursor propertiess as a (*linewidth*, *color*) tuple, where *linewidth* is a float and *color* is an RGBA tuple

get_data_ratio()

Returns the aspect ratio of the raw data.

This method is intended to be overridden by new projection types.

get_data_ratio_log()

Returns the aspect ratio of the raw data in log scale. Will be used when both axis scales are in log.

get_default_bbox_extra_artists()

get_frame()

Return the axes Rectangle frame

get_frame_on()

Get whether the axes rectangle patch is drawn

get_images()

return a list of Axes images contained by the Axes

get_legend()

Return the legend. Legend instance, or None if no legend is defined

get_legend_handles_labels(legend_handler_map=None)

Return handles and labels for legend

ax.legend() is equivalent to

```
h, l = ax.get_legend_handles_labels()
ax.legend(h, l)
```

get_lines()

Return a list of lines contained by the Axes

get_navigate()

Get whether the axes responds to navigation commands

get_navigate_mode()

Get the navigation toolbar button status: 'PAN', 'ZOOM', or None

get_position(original=False)

Return the a copy of the axes rectangle as a Bbox

get_rasterization_zorder()

Get zorder value below which artists will be rasterized

get_renderer_cache()

get_shared_x_axes()

Return a copy of the shared axes Grouper object for x axes

get_shared_y_axes()

Return a copy of the shared axes Grouper object for y axes

get_tightbbox(renderer, call_axes_locator=True)

Return the tight bounding box of the axes. The dimension of the Bbox in canvas coordinate.

If *call_axes_locator* is *False*, it does not call the _axes_locator attribute, which is necessary to get the correct bounding box. call_axes_locator==False can be used if the caller is only interested in the relative size of the tightbbox compared to the axes bbox.

get_title()

Get the title text string.

get_window_extent(*args, **kwargs)

get the axes bounding box in display space; args and kwargs are empty

get_xaxis()

Return the XAxis instance

get_xaxis_text1_transform(pad_points)

Get the transformation used for drawing x-axis labels, which will add the given amount of padding (in points) between the axes and the label. The x-direction is in data coordinates and the y-direction is in axis coordinates. Returns a 3-tuple of the form:

```
(transform, valign, halign)
```

where valign and halign are requested alignments for the text.

Note: This transformation is primarily used by the Axis class, and is meant to be overridden by new kinds of projections that may need to place axis elements in different locations.

get_xaxis_text2_transform(pad_points)

Get the transformation used for drawing the secondary x-axis labels, which will add the given

amount of padding (in points) between the axes and the label. The x-direction is in data coordinates and the y-direction is in axis coordinates. Returns a 3-tuple of the form:

```
(transform, valign, halign)
```

where valign and halign are requested alignments for the text.

Note: This transformation is primarily used by the Axis class, and is meant to be overridden by new kinds of projections that may need to place axis elements in different locations.

get_xaxis_transform(which='grid')

Get the transformation used for drawing x-axis labels, ticks and gridlines. The x-direction is in data coordinates and the y-direction is in axis coordinates.

Note: This transformation is primarily used by the Axis class, and is meant to be overridden by new kinds of projections that may need to place axis elements in different locations.

get_xbound()

Returns the x-axis numerical bounds where:

lowerBound < upperBound

get_xgridlines()

Get the x grid lines as a list of Line2D instances

get_xlabel()

Get the xlabel text string.

get_xlim()

Get the x-axis range [left, right]

get_xmajorticklabels()

Get the xtick labels as a list of Text instances.

get_xminorticklabels()

Get the x minor tick labels as a list of matplotlib.text.Text instances.

get_xscale()

Return the xaxis scale string: linear, log, symlog

get_xticklabels(minor=False)

Get the x tick labels as a list of Text instances.

get_xticklines()

Get the xtick lines as a list of Line2D instances

get_xticks(minor=False)

Return the x ticks as a list of locations

get_yaxis()

Return the YAxis instance

get_yaxis_text1_transform(pad_points)

Get the transformation used for drawing y-axis labels, which will add the given amount of padding (in points) between the axes and the label. The x-direction is in axis coordinates and the y-direction is in data coordinates. Returns a 3-tuple of the form:

(transform, valign, halign)

where *valign* and *halign* are requested alignments for the text.

Note: This transformation is primarily used by the Axis class, and is meant to be overridden by new kinds of projections that may need to place axis elements in different locations.

get_yaxis_text2_transform(pad_points)

Get the transformation used for drawing the secondary y-axis labels, which will add the given amount of padding (in points) between the axes and the label. The x-direction is in axis coordinates and the y-direction is in data coordinates. Returns a 3-tuple of the form:

(transform, valign, halign)

where *valign* and *halign* are requested alignments for the text.

Note: This transformation is primarily used by the Axis class, and is meant to be overridden by new kinds of projections that may need to place axis elements in different locations.

get_yaxis_transform(which='grid')

Get the transformation used for drawing y-axis labels, ticks and gridlines. The x-direction is in axis coordinates and the y-direction is in data coordinates.

Note: This transformation is primarily used by the Axis class, and is meant to be overridden by new kinds of projections that may need to place axis elements in different locations.

get_ybound()

Return y-axis numerical bounds in the form of lowerBound < upperBound

get_ygridlines()

Get the y grid lines as a list of Line2D instances

get_ylabel()

Get the ylabel text string.

get_vlim()

Get the y-axis range [bottom, top]

get_ymajorticklabels()

Get the major y tick labels as a list of Text instances.

get_yminorticklabels()

Get the minor y tick labels as a list of Text instances.

get_yscale()

Return the yaxis scale string: linear, log, symlog

get_yticklabels(minor=False)

Get the y tick labels as a list of Text instances

get_yticklines()

Get the ytick lines as a list of Line2D instances

get_yticks(minor=False)

Return the y ticks as a list of locations

```
grid(b=None, which='major', axis='both', **kwargs)
```

Turn the axes grids on or off.

Call signature:

```
grid(self, b=None, which='major', axis='both', **kwargs)
```

Set the axes grids on or off; b is a boolean. (For MATLAB compatibility, b may also be a string, 'on' or 'off'.)

If b is *None* and len(kwargs)==0, toggle the grid state. If kwargs are supplied, it is assumed that you want a grid and b is thus set to True.

which can be 'major' (default), 'minor', or 'both' to control whether major tick grids, minor tick grids, or both are affected.

axis can be 'both' (default), 'x', or 'y' to control which set of gridlines are drawn.

kwargs are used to set the grid line properties, eg:

```
ax.grid(color='r', linestyle='-', linewidth=2)
```

Valid Line2D kwargs are

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']

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Property	Description
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

has_data()

Return True if any artists have been added to axes.

This should not be used to determine whether the *dataLim* need to be updated, and may not actually be useful for anything.

hexbin(x, y, C=None, gridsize=100, bins=None, xscale='linear', yscale='linear', extent=None, cmap=None, norm=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, alpha=None, linewidths=None, edgecolors='none', reduce_C_function=<function mean at 0x1292140>, mincnt=None, marginals=False, **kwargs)

Make a hexagonal binning plot.

Call signature:

```
reduce_C_function = np.mean, mincnt=None, marginals=True
**kwargs)
```

Make a hexagonal binning plot of x versus y, where x, y are 1-D sequences of the same length, N. If C is None (the default), this is a histogram of the number of occurences of the observations at (x[i],y[i]).

If C is specified, it specifies values at the coordinate (x[i],y[i]). These values are accumulated for each hexagonal bin and then reduced according to $reduce_C_function$, which defaults to numpy's mean function (np.mean). (If C is specified, it must also be a 1-D sequence of the same length as x and y.)

x, y and/or C may be masked arrays, in which case only unmasked points will be plotted.

Optional keyword arguments:

- gridsize: [100 | integer] The number of hexagons in the x-direction, default is 100. The corresponding number of hexagons in the y-direction is chosen such that the hexagons are approximately regular. Alternatively, gridsize can be a tuple with two elements specifying the number of hexagons in the x-direction and the y-direction.
- bins: [None | 'log' | integer | sequence] If None, no binning is applied; the color of each hexagon directly corresponds to its count value.

If 'log', use a logarithmic scale for the color map. Internally, $log_{10}(i+1)$ is used to determine the hexagon color.

If an integer, divide the counts in the specified number of bins, and color the hexagons accordingly.

If a sequence of values, the values of the lower bound of the bins to be used.

- xscale: ['linear' | 'log'] Use a linear or log10 scale on the horizontal axis.
- scale: ['linear' | 'log'] Use a linear or log10 scale on the vertical axis.
- *mincnt*: [*None* | a positive integer] If not *None*, only display cells with more than *mincnt* number of points in the cell
- *marginals*: [*True* | *False*] if marginals is *True*, plot the marginal density as colormapped rectagles along the bottom of the x-axis and left of the y-axis
- *extent*: [*None* | scalars (left, right, bottom, top)] The limits of the bins. The default assigns the limits based on gridsize, x, y, xscale and yscale.

Other keyword arguments controlling color mapping and normalization arguments:

- cmap: [None | Colormap] a matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance. If None, defaults to
 rc image.cmap.
- **norm:** [**None** | **Normalize**] matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance is used to scale luminance data to 0,1.
- **vmin / vmax:** scalar *vmin* and *vmax* are used in conjunction with *norm* to normalize luminance data. If either are *None*, the min and max of the color array *C* is used. Note if you pass a norm instance, your settings for *vmin* and *vmax* will be ignored.

alpha: scalar between 0 and 1, or None the alpha value for the patches

linewidths: [*None* | scalar] If *None*, defaults to rc lines.linewidth. Note that this is a tuple, and if you set the linewidths argument you must set it as a sequence of floats, as required by RegularPolyCollection.

Other keyword arguments controlling the Collection properties:

edgecolors: [None | 'none' | mpl color | color sequence] If 'none', draws the edges in the same color as the fill color. This is the default, as it avoids unsightly unpainted pixels between the hexagons.

If *None*, draws the outlines in the default color.

If a matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples, draws the outlines in the specified color.

Here are the standard descriptions of all the Collection kwargs:

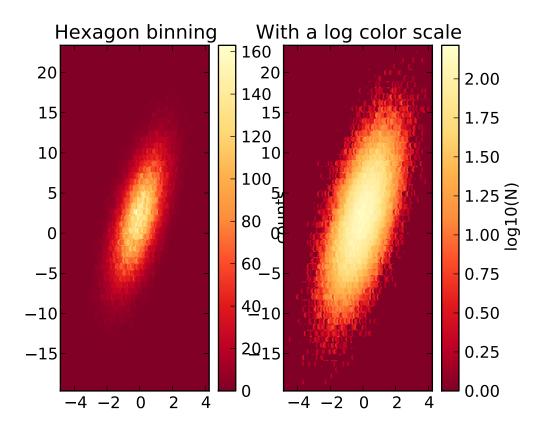
Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
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Property	Description
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

The return value is a PolyCollection instance; use get_array() on this PolyCollection to get the counts in each hexagon. If *marginals* is *True*, horizontal bar and vertical bar (both PolyCollections) will be attached to the return collection as attributes *hbar* and *vbar*.

Example:



hist(x, bins=10, range=None, normed=False, weights=None, cumulative=False, bottom=None, histtype='bar', align='mid', orientation='vertical', rwidth=None, log=False, color=None, label=None, stacked=False, **kwargs) Plot a histogram.

Call signature:

Compute and draw the histogram of x. The return value is a tuple (n, bins, patches) or ([n0, n1, ...], bins, [patches0, patches1,...]) if the input contains multiple data.

Multiple data can be provided via x as a list of datasets of potentially different length ([x0, x1, ...]), or as a 2-D ndarray in which each column is a dataset. Note that the ndarray form is transposed relative to the list form.

Masked arrays are not supported at present.

Keyword arguments:

bins: Either an integer number of bins or a sequence giving the bins. If bins is an integer, bins + 1 bin edges will be returned, consistent with numpy.histogram() for numpy version >= 1.3, and with the new = True argument in earlier versions. Unequally spaced bins are supported if bins is a sequence.

range: The lower and upper range of the bins. Lower and upper outliers are ignored. If not provided, *range* is (x.min(), x.max()). Range has no effect if *bins* is a sequence.

If *bins* is a sequence or *range* is specified, autoscaling is based on the specified bin range instead of the range of x.

normed: If *True*, the first element of the return tuple will be the counts normalized to form a probability density, i.e., n/(len(x)*dbin). In a probability density, the integral of the histogram should be 1; you can verify that with a trapezoidal integration of the probability density function:

```
pdf, bins, patches = ax.hist(...)
print np.sum(pdf * np.diff(bins))
```

Note: Until numpy release 1.5, the underlying numpy histogram function was incorrect with *normed**=**True* if bin sizes were unequal. MPL inherited that error. It is now corrected within MPL when using earlier numpy versions

weights: An array of weights, of the same shape as x. Each value in x only contributes its associated weight towards the bin count (instead of 1). If normed is True, the weights are normalized, so that the integral of the density over the range remains 1

cumulative: If *True*, then a histogram is computed where each bin gives the counts in that bin plus all bins for smaller values. The last bin gives the total number of datapoints. If *normed* is also *True* then the histogram is normalized such that the last bin equals 1. If *cumulative* evaluates to less than 0 (e.g. -1), the direction of accumulation is reversed. In this case, if *normed* is also *True*, then the histogram is normalized such that the first bin equals 1.

histtype: ['bar'|'barstacked'|'step'|'stepfilled'] The type of histogram to draw.

- 'bar' is a traditional bar-type histogram. If multiple data are given the bars are aranged side by side.
- 'barstacked' is a bar-type histogram where multiple data are stacked on top of each other.
- 'step' generates a lineplot that is by default unfilled.
- 'stepfilled' generates a lineplot that is by default filled.

align: ['left' | 'mid' | 'right'] Controls how the histogram is plotted.

- 'left': bars are centered on the left bin edges.
- 'mid': bars are centered between the bin edges.
- 'right': bars are centered on the right bin edges.
- *orientation*: ['horizontal' | 'vertical'] If 'horizontal', barh() will be used for bartype histograms and the *bottom* kwarg will be the left edges.
- **rwidth:** The relative width of the bars as a fraction of the bin width. If *None*, automatically compute the width. Ignored if *histtype* = 'step' or 'stepfilled'.
- *log*: If *True*, the histogram axis will be set to a log scale. If *log* is *True* and *x* is a 1D array, empty bins will be filtered out and only the non-empty (*n*, *bins*, *patches*) will be returned.
- *color*: Color spec or sequence of color specs, one per dataset. Default (*None*) uses the standard line color sequence.
- *label*: String, or sequence of strings to match multiple datasets. Bar charts yield multiple patches per dataset, but only the first gets the label, so that the legend command will work as expected:

```
ax.hist(10+2*np.random.randn(1000), label='men')
ax.hist(12+3*np.random.randn(1000), label='women', alpha=0.5)
ax.legend()
```

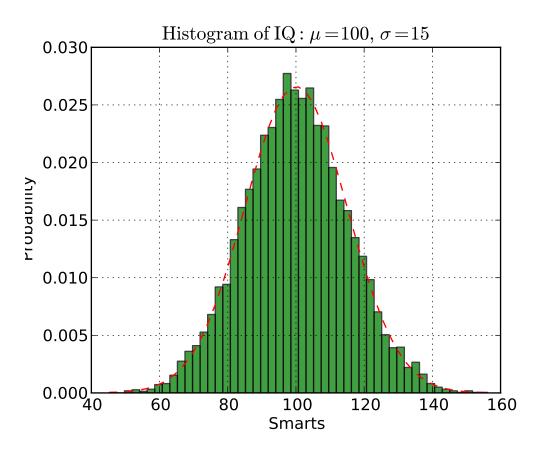
stacked: If *True*, multiple data are stacked on top of each other If *False* multiple data are aranged side by side if histtype is 'bar' or on top of each other if histtype is 'step'

.

kwargs are used to update the properties of the Patch instances returned by hist:

Property	Description	
agg_filter	unknown	
alpha	float or None	
animated	[True False]	
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default	
axes	an Axes instance	
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance	
clip_on	[True False]	
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]	
color	matplotlib color spec	
contains	a callable function	
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color	
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color	
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance	
fill	[True False]	
gid	an id string	
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']	
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.	
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']	
linewidth or lw	float or None for default	
lod	[True False]	
path_effects	unknown	
picker	[None float boolean callable]	
rasterized	[True False None]	
snap	unknown	
transform	Transform instance	
url	a url string	
visible	[True False]	
zorder	any number	

Example:



hist2d(x, y, bins=10, range=None, normed=False, weights=None, cmin=None, cmax=None, **kwargs)

Mela a 2D bistogram plot

Make a 2D histogram plot.

Call signature:

hist2d(x, y, bins = None, range=None, weights=None, cmin=None, cmax=None **kwargs)

Make a 2d histogram plot of x versus y, where x, y are 1-D sequences of the same length.

The return value is (counts, xedges, yedges, Image).

Optional keyword arguments: bins: [None | int | [int, int] | array_like | [array, array]]

The bin specification:

- •If int, the number of bins for the two dimensions (nx=ny=bins).
- •If [int, int], the number of bins in each dimension (nx, ny = bins).
- •If array_like, the bin edges for the two dimensions (x_edges=y_edges=bins).
- •If [array, array], the bin edges in each dimension (x_edges , $y_edges = bins$).

The default value is 10.

range: [None | array_like shape(2,2)] The leftmost and rightmost edges of the bins along each dimension (if not specified explicitly in the bins parameters): [[xmin, xmax], [ymin,

ymax]]. All values outside of this range will be considered outliers and not tallied in the histogram.

normed:[True|False] Normalize histogram. The default value is False

weights: [None | array] An array of values w_i weighing each sample (x_i, y_i).

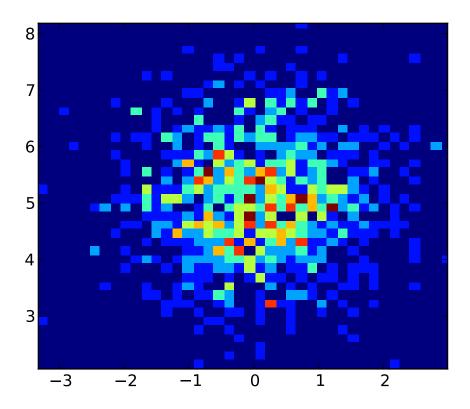
cmin [[None| scalar]] All bins that has count less than cmin will not be displayed and these count values in the return value count histogram will also be set to nan upon return

cmax [[None| scalar]] All bins that has count more than cmax will not be displayed (set to none before passing to imshow) and these count values in the return value count histogram will also be set to nan upon return

Remaining keyword arguments are passed directly to pcolorfast().

Rendering the histogram with a logarithmic color scale is accomplished by passing a colors.LogNorm instance to the *norm* keyword argument.

Example:



hlines(*y*, *xmin*, *xmax*, *colors*='*k*', *linestyles*='*solid*', *label*='', ***kwargs*) Plot horizontal lines.

call signature:

hlines(y, xmin, xmax, colors='k', linestyles='solid', **kwargs)

Plot horizontal lines at each y from xmin to xmax.

Returns the LineCollection that was added.

Required arguments:

y: a 1-D numpy array or iterable.

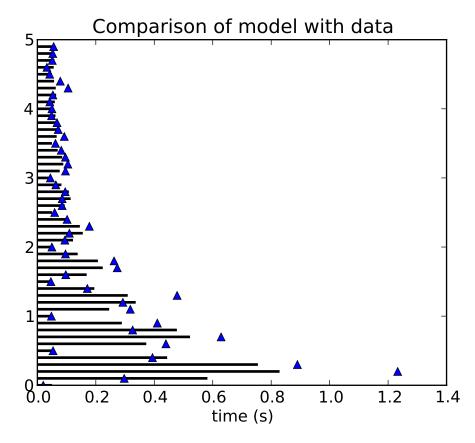
xmin and *xmax*: can be scalars or len(x) numpy arrays. If they are scalars, then the respective values are constant, else the widths of the lines are determined by *xmin* and *xmax*.

Optional keyword arguments:

colors: a line collections color argument, either a single color or a len(y) list of colors

linestyles: ['solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted']

Example:



hold(b=None)

Call signature:

hold(b=None)

Set the hold state. If *hold* is *None* (default), toggle the *hold* state. Else set the *hold* state to boolean value b.

Examples:

```
# toggle hold
hold()
# turn hold on
hold(True)
# turn hold off
hold(False)
```

When hold is *True*, subsequent plot commands will be added to the current axes. When hold is *False*, the current axes and figure will be cleared on the next plot command

Call signature:

Display the image in *X* to current axes. *X* may be a float array, a uint8 array or a PIL image. If *X* is an array, *X* can have the following shapes:

- •MxN luminance (grayscale, float array only)
- •MxNx3 RGB (float or uint8 array)
- •MxNx4 RGBA (float or uint8 array)

The value for each component of MxNx3 and MxNx4 float arrays should be in the range 0.0 to 1.0; MxN float arrays may be normalised.

An matplotlib.image.AxesImage instance is returned.

Keyword arguments:

```
cmap: [ None | Colormap ] A matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance, eg. cm.jet. If None, default to rc image.cmap value.
```

cmap is ignored when X has RGB(A) information

aspect: [None | 'auto' | 'equal' | scalar] If 'auto', changes the image aspect ratio to match that of the axes

If 'equal', and *extent* is *None*, changes the axes aspect ratio to match that of the image. If *extent* is not *None*, the axes aspect ratio is changed to match that of the extent.

If *None*, default to rc image.aspect value.

interpolation:

Acceptable values are *None*, 'none', 'nearest', 'bilinear', 'bicubic', 'spline16', 'spline36', 'hanning', 'hamming', 'hermite', 'kaiser', 'quadric', 'catrom', 'gaussian', 'bessel', 'mitchell', 'sinc', 'lanczos'

If *interpolation* is *None*, default to rc image.interpolation. See also the *filternorm* and *filterrad* parameters

If *interpolation* is 'none', then no interpolation is performed on the Agg, ps and pdf backends. Other backends will fall back to 'nearest'.

- norm: [None | Normalize] An matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance; if
 None, default is normalization(). This scales luminance -> 0-1
- *vmin/vmax*: [*None* | scalar] Used to scale a luminance image to 0-1. If either is *None*, the min and max of the luminance values will be used. Note if *norm* is not *None*, the settings for *vmin* and *vmax* will be ignored.
- **alpha:** scalar The alpha blending value, between 0 (transparent) and 1 (opaque) or *None*
- *origin*: [*None* | 'upper' | 'lower'] Place the [0,0] index of the array in the upper left or lower left corner of the axes. If *None*, default to rc image.origin.
- extent: [None | scalars (left, right, bottom, top)] Data limits for the axes. The default assigns zero-based row, column indices to the x, y centers of the pixels.
- shape: [None | scalars (columns, rows)] For raw buffer images

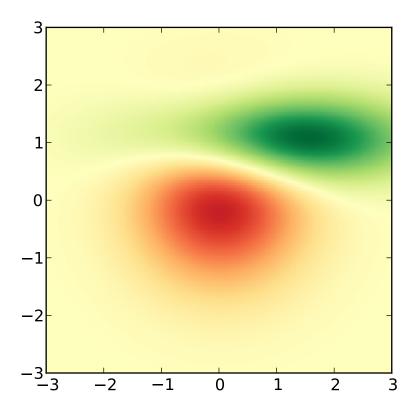
norm is only used for an MxN float array.

- **filternorm:** A parameter for the antigrain image resize filter. From the antigrain documentation, if *filternorm* = 1, the filter normalizes integer values and corrects the rounding errors. It doesn't do anything with the source floating point values, it corrects only integers according to the rule of 1.0 which means that any sum of pixel weights must be equal to 1.0. So, the filter function must produce a graph of the proper shape.
- *filterrad*: The filter radius for filters that have a radius parameter, i.e. when interpolation is one of: 'sinc', 'lanczos' or 'blackman'

Additional kwargs are Artist properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
contains	a callable function
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
lod	[True False]
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Example:



```
in_axes(mouseevent)
     Return True if the given mouseevent (in display coords) is in the Axes
invert_xaxis()
     Invert the x-axis.
invert_yaxis()
     Invert the y-axis.
ishold()
     return the HOLD status of the axes
legend(*args, **kwargs)
     Place a legend on the current axes.
     Call signature:
     legend(*args, **kwargs)
     Places legend at location loc. Labels are a sequence of strings and loc can be a string or an
     integer specifying the legend location.
     To make a legend with existing lines:
     legend()
     legend() by itself will try and build a legend using the label property of the
     lines/patches/collections. You can set the label of a line by doing:
     plot(x, y, label='my data')
     or:
     line.set_label('my data').
     If label is set to '_nolegend_', the item will not be shown in legend.
     To automatically generate the legend from labels:
     legend( ('label1', 'label2', 'label3') )
     To make a legend for a list of lines and labels:
     legend( (line1, line2, line3), ('label1', 'label2', 'label3') )
     To make a legend at a given location, using a location argument:
     legend( ('label1', 'label2', 'label3'), loc='upper left')
     or:
     legend( (line1, line2, line3), ('label1', 'label2', 'label3'), loc=2)
     The location codes are
```

Location String	Location Code
'best'	0
'upper right'	1
'upper left'	2
'lower left'	3
'lower right'	4
'right'	5
'center left'	6
'center right'	7
'lower center'	8
'upper center'	9
'center'	10

Users can specify any arbitrary location for the legend using the *bbox_to_anchor* keyword argument. bbox_to_anchor can be an instance of BboxBase(or its derivatives) or a tuple of 2 or 4 floats. For example,

```
loc = 'upper right', bbox_to_anchor = (0.5, 0.5)
```

will place the legend so that the upper right corner of the legend at the center of the axes.

The legend location can be specified in other coordinate, by using the *bbox_transform* keyword.

The loc itslef can be a 2-tuple giving x,y of the lower-left corner of the legend in axes coords (*bbox_to_anchor* is ignored).

Keyword arguments:

prop: [None | FontProperties | dict] A matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties
instance. If prop is a dictionary, a new instance will be created with prop. If None,
use rc settings.

fontsize: [size in points | 'xx-small' | 'x-small' | 'small' | 'medium' | 'large' | 'x-large' | 'xx-large']

Set the font size. May be either a size string, relative to the default font size, or an absolute font size in points. This argument is only used if prop is not specified.

numpoints: integer The number of points in the legend for line

scatterpoints: integer The number of points in the legend for scatter plot

scatteroffsets: list of floats a list of yoffsets for scatter symbols in legend

markerscale: [*None* | scalar] The relative size of legend markers vs. original. If *None*, use rc settings.

frameon: [**True** | **False**] if **True**, draw a frame around the legend. The default is set by the rcParam 'legend.frameon'

fancybox: [None | False | True] if True, draw a frame with a round fancybox. If None, use rc settings

shadow: [**None** | **False** | **True**] If **True**, draw a shadow behind legend. If **None**, use rc settings.

ncol [integer] number of columns. default is 1

mode [["expand" | *None*]] if mode is "expand", the legend will be horizontally expanded to fill the axes area (or *bbox_to_anchor*)

bbox_to_anchor [an instance of BboxBase or a tuple of 2 or 4 floats] the bbox that the legend will be anchored.

bbox_transform [[an instance of Transform | None]] the transform for the bbox. transAxes if None.

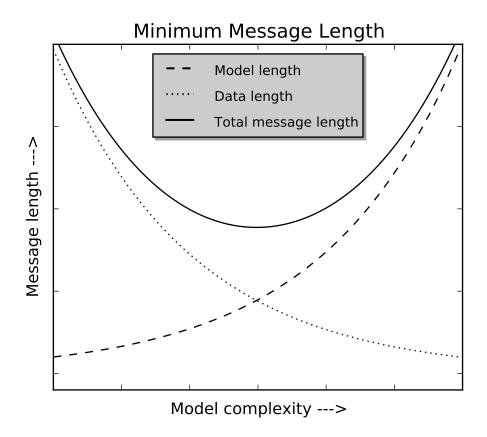
title [string] the legend title

Padding and spacing between various elements use following keywords parameters. These values are measure in font-size units. E.g., a fontsize of 10 points and a handlelength=5 implies a handlelength of 50 points. Values from rcParams will be used if None.

Keyword	Description	
borderpad	the fractional whitespace inside the legend border	
labelspacing	the vertical space between the legend entries	
handlelength	the length of the legend handles	
handletextpad	the pad between the legend handle and text	
borderaxespad	the pad between the axes and legend border	
columnspacing	the spacing between columns	

Note: Not all kinds of artist are supported by the legend command. See LINK (FIXME) for details.

Example:



See Also:

Legend guide.

locator_params(axis='both', tight=None, **kwargs)

Control behavior of tick locators.

Keyword arguments:

axis ['x' | 'y' | 'both'] Axis on which to operate; default is 'both'.

tight [True | False | None] Parameter passed to autoscale_view(). Default is None, for no change.

Remaining keyword arguments are passed to directly to the set_params() method.

Typically one might want to reduce the maximum number of ticks and use tight bounds when plotting small subplots, for example:

ax.locator_params(tight=True, nbins=4)

Because the locator is involved in autoscaling, autoscale_view() is called automatically after the parameters are changed.

This presently works only for the MaxNLocator used by default on linear axes, but it may be generalized.

```
loglog(*args, **kwargs)
```

Make a plot with log scaling on both the x and y axis.

Call signature:

```
loglog(*args, **kwargs)
```

loglog() supports all the keyword arguments of plot() and matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xscale()/matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_yscale().

Notable keyword arguments:

basex/basey: scalar > 1 Base of the x/y logarithm

subsx/subsy: [None | sequence] The location of the minor x/y ticks;
None defaults to autosubs, which depend on the number of
decades in the plot; see matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xscale() /
matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_yscale() for details

nonposx/nonposy: ['mask' | 'clip'] Non-positive values in x or y can be masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number

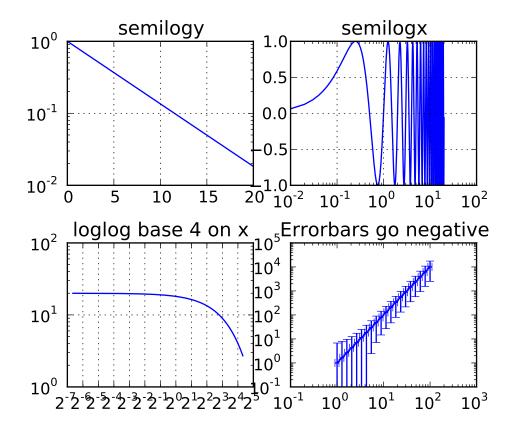
The remaining valid kwargs are Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color

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Property	Description
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

Example:



```
Set or retrieve autoscaling margins.
signatures:
margins()
returns xmargin, ymargin
margins(margin)
margins(xmargin, ymargin)
```

margins(*args, **kw)

margins(x=xmargin, y=ymargin)

margins(..., tight=False)

All three forms above set the xmargin and ymargin parameters. All keyword parameters are optional. A single argument specifies both xmargin and ymargin. The *tight* parameter is passed to autoscale_view(), which is executed after a margin is changed; the default here is *True*, on the assumption that when margins are specified, no additional padding to match tick marks is usually desired. Setting *tight* to *None* will preserve the previous setting.

Specifying any margin changes only the autoscaling; for example, if *xmargin* is not None, then *xmargin* times the X data interval will be added to each end of that interval before it is used in autoscaling.

matshow(Z, **kwargs)

Plot a matrix or array as an image.

The matrix will be shown the way it would be printed, with the first row at the top. Row and column numbering is zero-based.

Argument: Z anything that can be interpreted as a 2-D array

kwargs all are passed to imshow(). matshow() sets defaults for *origin*, *interpolation*, and *aspect*; if you want row zero to be at the bottom instead of the top, you can set the *origin* kwarg to "lower".

Returns: an matplotlib.image.AxesImage instance.

minorticks_off()

Remove minor ticks from the axes.

minorticks_on()

Add autoscaling minor ticks to the axes.

```
name = 'rectilinear'
```

```
pcolor(*args, **kwargs)
```

Create a pseudocolor plot of a 2-D array.

Note: poolor can be very slow for large arrays; consider using the similar but much faster poolormesh() instead.

Call signatures:

```
pcolor(C, **kwargs)
pcolor(X, Y, C, **kwargs)
```

C is the array of color values.

X and Y, if given, specify the (x, y) coordinates of the colored quadrilaterals; the quadrilateral for C[i,j] has corners at:

```
(X[i, j], Y[i, j]),
(X[i, j+1], Y[i, j+1]),
(X[i+1, j], Y[i+1, j]),
(X[i+1, j+1], Y[i+1, j+1]).
```

Ideally the dimensions of X and Y should be one greater than those of C; if the dimensions are the same, then the last row and column of C will be ignored.

Note that the column index corresponds to the *x*-coordinate, and the row index corresponds to *y*; for details, see the *Grid Orientation* section below.

If either or both of *X* and *Y* are 1-D arrays or column vectors, they will be expanded as needed into the appropriate 2-D arrays, making a rectangular grid.

X, Y and C may be masked arrays. If either C[i, j], or one of the vertices surrounding C[i,j] (X or Y at [i, j], [i+1, j], [i, j+1], [i+1, j+1]) is masked, nothing is plotted.

Keyword arguments:

- *cmap*: [*None* | Colormap] A matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance. If *None*, use rc settings.
- **norm:** [None | Normalize] An matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance is used to scale luminance data to 0,1. If None, defaults to normalize().
- vmin/vmax: [None | scalar] vmin and vmax are used in conjunction with norm to normalize luminance data. If either is None, it is autoscaled to the respective min or max of the color array C. If not None, vmin or vmax passed in here override any pre-existing values supplied in the norm instance.
- **shading:** ['flat' | 'faceted'] If 'faceted', a black grid is drawn around each rectangle; if 'flat', edges are not drawn. Default is 'flat', contrary to MATLAB.

This kwarg is deprecated; please use 'edgecolors' instead:

- shading='flat' edgecolors='none'
- shading='faceted edgecolors='k'
- *edgecolors*: [*None* | 'none' | color | color sequence] If *None*, the rc setting is used by default.

If 'none', edges will not be visible.

An mpl color or sequence of colors will set the edge color

alpha: **0** <= scalar <= 1 or *None* the alpha blending value

Return value is a matplotlib.collections.Collection instance. The grid orientation follows the MATLAB convention: an array C with shape (nrows, ncolumns) is plotted with the column number as X and the row number as Y, increasing up; hence it is plotted the way the array would be printed, except that the Y axis is reversed. That is, C is taken as $C^*(*y, x)$.

Similarly for meshgrid():

then you need:

```
pcolor(X, Y, C.T)
or:
pcolor(C.T)
```

MATLAB pcolor() always discards the last row and column of C, but matplotlib displays the last row and column if X and Y are not specified, or if X and Y have one more row and column than C.

kwargs can be used to control the PolyCollection properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
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Property	Description
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Note: the default *antialiaseds* is False if the default *edgecolors**="none" is used. This eliminates artificial lines at patch boundaries, and works regardless of the value of alpha. If *edgecolors is not "none", then the default *antialiaseds* is taken from rcParams['patch.antialiased'], which defaults to *True*. Stroking the edges may be preferred if *alpha* is 1, but will cause artifacts otherwise.

See Also:

pcolormesh() For an explanation of the differences between pcolor and pcolormesh.

```
pcolorfast(*args, **kwargs)
    pseudocolor plot of a 2-D array
```

Experimental; this is a poolor-type method that provides the fastest possible rendering with the Agg backend, and that can handle any quadrilateral grid. It supports only flat shading (no outlines), it lacks support for log scaling of the axes, and it does not have a pyplot wrapper.

Call signatures:

```
ax.pcolorfast(C, **kwargs)
ax.pcolorfast(xr, yr, C, **kwargs)
ax.pcolorfast(x, y, C, **kwargs)
ax.pcolorfast(X, Y, C, **kwargs)
```

C is the 2D array of color values corresponding to quadrilateral cells. Let (nr, nc) be its shape. C may be a masked array.

```
ax.pcolorfast(C, **kwargs) is equivalent to ax.pcolorfast([0,nc], [0,nr], C,
**kwargs)
```

xr, yr specify the ranges of x and y corresponding to the rectangular region bounding C. If:

```
xr = [x0, x1] and:
```

```
yr = [y0,y1]
```

then x goes from x0 to x1 as the second index of C goes from 0 to nc, etc. (x0, y0) is the outermost corner of cell (0,0), and (x1, y1) is the outermost corner of cell (nr-1, nc-1). All cells are rectangles of the same size. This is the fastest version.

x, y are 1D arrays of length nc+1 and nr+1, respectively, giving the x and y boundaries of the cells. Hence the cells are rectangular but the grid may be nonuniform. The speed is intermediate. (The grid is checked, and if found to be uniform the fast version is used.)

X and Y are 2D arrays with shape (nr+1, nc+1) that specify the (x,y) coordinates of the corners of the colored quadrilaterals; the quadrilateral for C[i,j] has corners at (X[i,j],Y[i,j]), (X[i,j+1],Y[i,j+1]), (X[i+1,j],Y[i+1,j+1]). The cells need not be rectangular. This is the most general, but the slowest to render. It may produce faster and more compact output using ps, pdf, and svg backends, however.

Note that the column index corresponds to the x-coordinate, and the row index corresponds to y; for details, see the "Grid Orientation" section below.

Optional keyword arguments:

```
cmap: [None | Colormap ] A matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance from cm. If None, use rc settings.
```

```
norm: [None | Normalize ] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance is used to scale luminance data to 0,1. If None, defaults to normalize()
```

vmin/vmax: [None | scalar] vmin and vmax are used in conjunction with norm to normalize luminance data. If either are None, the min and max of the color array C is used. If you pass a norm instance, vmin and vmax will be None.

```
alpha: 0 <= scalar <= 1 or None the alpha blending value
```

Return value is an image if a regular or rectangular grid is specified, and a QuadMesh collection in the general quadrilateral case.

```
pcolormesh(*args, **kwargs)
Plot a quadrilateral mesh.
```

Call signatures:

```
pcolormesh(C)
pcolormesh(X, Y, C)
pcolormesh(C, **kwargs)
```

Create a pseudocolor plot of a 2-D array.

pcolormesh is similar to pcolor(), but uses a different mechanism and returns a different object; pcolor returns a PolyCollection but pcolormesh returns a QuadMesh. It is much faster, so it is almost always preferred for large arrays.

C may be a masked array, but X and Y may not. Masked array support is implemented via *cmap* and *norm*; in contrast, pcolor() simply does not draw quadrilaterals with masked colors or vertices.

Keyword arguments:

```
cmap: [ None | Colormap ] A matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance. If None, use rc settings.
```

```
norm: [None | Normalize ] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance is used to scale luminance data to 0,1. If None, defaults to normalize().
```

vmin/vmax: [None | scalar] vmin and vmax are used in conjunction with norm to normalize luminance data. If either is None, it is autoscaled to the respective min

or max of the color array *C*. If not *None*, *vmin* or *vmax* passed in here override any pre-existing values supplied in the *norm* instance.

shading: ['flat' | 'gouraud'] 'flat' indicates a solid color for each quad. When 'gouraud', each quad will be Gouraud shaded. When gouraud shading, edgecolors is ignored.

edgecolors: [None | 'None' | 'face' | color | color sequence] If None, the rc setting is used by default.

If 'None', edges will not be visible.

If 'face', edges will have the same color as the faces.

An mpl color or sequence of colors will set the edge color

alpha: 0 <= scalar <= 1 or None the alpha blending value</pre>

Return value is a matplotlib.collections.QuadMesh object.

kwargs can be used to control the matplotlib.collections.QuadMesh properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
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Property	Description
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string

unknown
[True | False]

any number

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See Also:

pcolor() For an explanation of the grid orientation and the expansion of 1-D *X* and/or *Y* to 2-D arrays.

pick(*args)

urls

visible zorder

Call signature:

pick(mouseevent)

each child artist will fire a pick event if mouseevent is over the artist and the artist has picker set

pie(x, explode=None, labels=None, colors=None, autopct=None, pctdistance=0.6, shadow=False, labeldistance=1.1, startangle=None, radius=None)
Plot a pie chart.

Call signature:

```
pie(x, explode=None, labels=None,
    colors=('b', 'g', 'r', 'c', 'm', 'y', 'k', 'w'),
    autopct=None, pctdistance=0.6, shadow=False,
    labeldistance=1.1, startangle=None, radius=None)
```

Make a pie chart of array x. The fractional area of each wedge is given by x/sum(x). If sum(x) <= 1, then the values of x give the fractional area directly and the array will not be normalized. The wedges are plotted counterclockwise, by default starting from the x-axis.

Keyword arguments:

explode: [None | len(x) sequence] If not None, is a len(x) array which specifies the fraction of the radius with which to offset each wedge.

colors: [*None* | *color sequence*] A sequence of matplotlib color args through which the pie chart will cycle.

labels: [*None* | len(x) sequence of strings] A sequence of strings providing the labels for each wedge

autopct: [None | format string | format function] If not None, is a string or function used to label the wedges with their numeric value. The label will be placed inside the wedge. If it is a format string, the label will be fmt%pct. If it is a function, it will be called.

pctdistance: scalar The ratio between the center of each pie slice and the start of the text generated by *autopct*. Ignored if *autopct* is *None*; default is 0.6.

labeldistance: scalar The radial distance at which the pie labels are drawn

shadow: [False | True] Draw a shadow beneath the pie.

startangle: [None | Offset angle] If not None, rotates the start of the pie chart by angle degrees counterclockwise from the x-axis.

radius: [None | scalar] The radius of the pie, if radius is None it will be set to 1.

The pie chart will probably look best if the figure and axes are square. Eg.:

```
figure(figsize=(8,8))
ax = axes([0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.8])
```

Return value: If *autopct* is *None*, return the tuple (*patches*, *texts*):

- patches is a sequence of matplotlib.patches. Wedge instances
- *texts* is a list of the label matplotlib.text.Text instances.

If *autopct* is not *None*, return the tuple (*patches*, *texts*, *autotexts*), where *patches* and *texts* are as above, and *autotexts* is a list of Text instances for the numeric labels.

```
plot(*args, **kwargs)
```

Plot lines and/or markers to the Axes. args is a variable length argument, allowing for multiple x, y pairs with an optional format string. For example, each of the following is legal:

```
plot(x, y)  # plot x and y using default line style and color
plot(x, y, 'bo')  # plot x and y using blue circle markers
plot(y)  # plot y using x as index array 0..N-1
plot(y, 'r+')  # ditto, but with red plusses
```

If x and/or y is 2-dimensional, then the corresponding columns will be plotted.

An arbitrary number of x, y, fmt groups can be specified, as in:

```
a.plot(x1, y1, 'g^', x2, y2, 'g-')
```

Return value is a list of lines that were added.

By default, each line is assigned a different color specified by a 'color cycle'. To change this behavior, you can edit the axes.color_cycle rcParam. Alternatively, you can use set_default_color_cycle().

The following format string characters are accepted to control the line style or marker:

character	description
, _ ,	solid line style
, ,	dashed line style
''	dash-dot line style
':'	dotted line style
, ,	point marker
, ,	pixel marker
'o'	circle marker
'v'	triangle_down marker
, _^ ,	triangle_up marker
'<'	triangle_left marker
'>'	triangle_right marker
'1'	tri_down marker
'2' '3'	tri_up marker
	tri_left marker
'4'	tri_right marker
's'	square marker
'p'	pentagon marker
1 % 1	star marker
'h'	hexagon1 marker
'H'	hexagon2 marker
'+'	plus marker
'x'	x marker
'D'	diamond marker
'd'	thin_diamond marker
' '	vline marker
, , _	hline marker

The following color abbreviations are supported:

character	color
'b'	blue
ʻg'	green
ʻr'	red
'c'	cyan
'm'	magenta
'y'	yellow
'k'	black
'w'	white

In addition, you can specify colors in many weird and wonderful ways, including full names ('green'), hex strings ('#008000'), RGB or RGBA tuples ((0,1,0,1)) or grayscale intensities as a string ('0.8'). Of these, the string specifications can be used in place of a fmt group, but the tuple forms can be used only as kwargs.

Line styles and colors are combined in a single format string, as in 'bo' for blue circles.

The *kwargs* can be used to set line properties (any property that has a set_* method). You can use this to set a line label (for auto legends), linewidth, anitialising, marker face color, etc. Here

is an example:

```
plot([1,2,3], [1,2,3], 'go-', label='line 1', linewidth=2)
plot([1,2,3], [1,4,9], 'rs', label='line 2')
axis([0, 4, 0, 10])
legend()
```

If you make multiple lines with one plot command, the kwargs apply to all those lines, e.g.:

```
plot(x1, y1, x2, y2, antialised=False)
```

Neither line will be antialiased.

You do not need to use format strings, which are just abbreviations. All of the line properties can be controlled by keyword arguments. For example, you can set the color, marker, linestyle, and markercolor with:

See Line2D for details.

The kwargs are Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color

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Property	Description
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

kwargs *scalex* and *scaley*, if defined, are passed on to autoscale_view() to determine whether the *x* and *y* axes are autoscaled; the default is *True*.

```
plot_date(x, y, fmt='bo', tz=None, xdate=True, ydate=False, **kwargs) Plot with data with dates.
```

Call signature:

```
plot_date(x, y, fmt='bo', tz=None, xdate=True, ydate=False, **kwargs)
```

Similar to the plot() command, except the *x* or *y* (or both) data is considered to be dates, and the axis is labeled accordingly.

x and/or y can be a sequence of dates represented as float days since 0001-01-01 UTC.

Keyword arguments:

fmt: string The plot format string.

tz: [*None* | timezone string | tzinfo instance] The time zone to use in labeling dates. If *None*, defaults to rc value.

xdate: [True | False] If True, the x-axis will be labeled with dates.

ydate: [False | True] If True, the y-axis will be labeled with dates.

Note if you are using custom date tickers and formatters, it may be necessary to set the formatters/locators after the call to plot_date() since plot_date() will set the default tick locator to matplotlib.dates.AutoDateLocator (if the tick locator is not already set to a matplotlib.dates.DateLocator instance) and the default tick formatter

to matplotlib.dates.AutoDateFormatter (if the tick formatter is not already set to a matplotlib.dates.DateFormatter instance).

Valid kwargs are Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array

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Property	Description
zorder	any number

See Also:

dates for helper functions

date2num(), num2date() and drange() for help on creating the required floating point dates.

```
psd(x, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=0, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, **kwargs')

Plot the power spectral density.
```

Call signature:

```
psd(x, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=mlab.detrend_none,
    window=mlab.window_hanning, noverlap=0, pad_to=None,
    sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, **kwargs)
```

The power spectral density by Welch's average periodogram method. The vector x is divided into *NFFT* length segments. Each segment is detrended by function *detrend* and windowed by function *window*. *noverlap* gives the length of the overlap between segments. The $|\text{fft}(i)|^2$ of each segment i are averaged to compute Pxx, with a scaling to correct for power loss due to windowing. Fs is the sampling frequency.

Keyword arguments:

NFFT: integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad_to* for this instead.

Fs: scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.

detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend parameter is a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines detrend_none(), detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use a custom function as well.

window: callable or ndarray A function or a vector of length NFFT.
To create window vectors see window_hanning(), window_none(),
numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(),
scipy.signal(), scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is
window_hanning(). If a function is passed as the argument, it must take a data
segment as an argument and return the windowed version of the segment.

pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of

data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the *n* parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets *pad_to* equal to *NFFT*

sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided.

scale_by_freq: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for integration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.

noverlap: integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 0 (no overlap).

Fc: integer The center frequency of x (defaults to 0), which offsets the x extents of the plot to reflect the frequency range used when a signal is acquired and then filtered and downsampled to baseband.

Returns the tuple (Pxx, freqs).

For plotting, the power is plotted as $10 \log_{10}(P_{xx})$ for decibels, though Pxx itself is returned.

References: Bendat & Piersol – Random Data: Analysis and Measurement Procedures, John Wiley & Sons (1986)

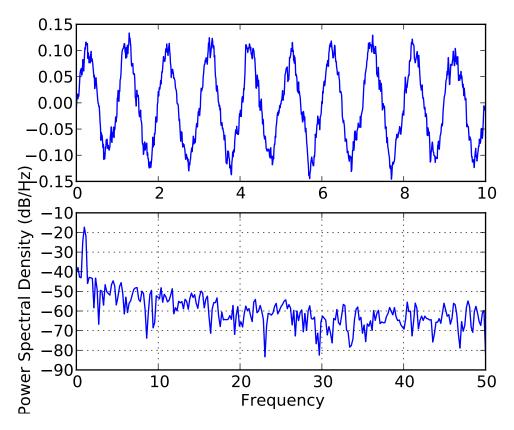
kwargs control the Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string

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Property	Description
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

Example:



quiver(*args, **kw)

Plot a 2-D field of arrows.

call signatures:

```
quiver(U, V, **kw)
quiver(U, V, C, **kw)
quiver(X, Y, U, V, **kw)
quiver(X, Y, U, V, C, **kw)
```

Arguments:

X, *Y*: The x and y coordinates of the arrow locations (default is tail of arrow; see *pivot* kwarg)

U, *V*: Give the x and y components of the arrow vectors

C: An optional array used to map colors to the arrows

All arguments may be 1-D or 2-D arrays or sequences. If X and Y are absent, they will be generated as a uniform grid. If U and V are 2-D arrays but X and Y are 1-D, and if len(X) and len(Y) match the column and row dimensions of U, then X and Y will be expanded with numpy.meshgrid().

U, V, C may be masked arrays, but masked X, Y are not supported at present.

Keyword arguments:

units: ['width' | 'height' | 'dots' | 'inches' | 'x' | 'y' | 'xy'] Arrow units; the arrow dimensions except for length are in multiples of this unit.

- 'width' or 'height': the width or height of the axes
- 'dots' or 'inches': pixels or inches, based on the figure dpi
- 'x', 'y', or 'xy': X, Y, or sqrt(X^2+Y^2) data units

The arrows scale differently depending on the units. For 'x' or 'y', the arrows get larger as one zooms in; for other units, the arrow size is independent of the zoom state. For 'width or 'height', the arrow size increases with the width and height of the axes, respectively, when the the window is resized; for 'dots' or 'inches', resizing does not change the arrows.

angles: ['uv' | 'xy' | array] With the default 'uv', the arrow aspect ratio is 1, so that if $U^*==*V$ the angle of the arrow on the plot is 45 degrees CCW from the x-axis. With 'xy', the arrow points from (x,y) to (x+u, y+v). Alternatively, arbitrary angles may be specified as an array of values in degrees, CCW from the x-axis.

scale: [None | float] Data units per arrow length unit, e.g. m/s per plot width; a smaller scale parameter makes the arrow longer. If None, a simple autoscaling algorithm is used, based on the average vector length and the number of vectors. The arrow length unit is given by the scale_units parameter

scale_units: None, or any of the units options. For example, if scale_units is 'inches', scale is 2.0, and (u,v) = (1,0), then the vector will be 0.5 inches long. If scale_units is 'width', then the vector will be half the width of the axes.

If *scale_units* is 'x' then the vector will be 0.5 x-axis units. To plot vectors in the x-y plane, with u and v having the same units as x and y, use "angles='xy', scale_units='xy', scale=1".

width: Shaft width in arrow units; default depends on choice of units, above, and number of vectors; a typical starting value is about 0.005 times the width of the plot.

headwidth: scalar Head width as multiple of shaft width, default is 3

headlength: scalar Head length as multiple of shaft width, default is 5

headaxislength: scalar Head length at shaft intersection, default is 4.5

minshaft: scalar Length below which arrow scales, in units of head length. Do not set this to less than 1, or small arrows will look terrible! Default is 1

minlength: scalar Minimum length as a multiple of shaft width; if an arrow length is less than this, plot a dot (hexagon) of this diameter instead. Default is 1.

pivot: ['tail'|'middle'|'tip'] The part of the arrow that is at the grid point; the arrow rotates about this point, hence the name *pivot*.

color: [color | color sequence] This is a synonym for the PolyCollection face-color kwarg. If *C* has been set, *color* has no effect.

The defaults give a slightly swept-back arrow; to make the head a triangle, make *headax-islength* the same as *headlength*. To make the arrow more pointed, reduce *headwidth* or increase

headlength and *headaxislength*. To make the head smaller relative to the shaft, scale down all the head parameters. You will probably do best to leave minshaft alone.

linewidths and edgecolors can be used to customize the arrow outlines. Additional PolyCollection keyword arguments:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

quiverkey(*args, **kw)

Add a key to a quiver plot.

Call signature:

quiverkey(Q, X, Y, U, label, **kw)

Arguments:

Q: The Quiver instance returned by a call to quiver.

X, *Y*: The location of the key; additional explanation follows.

U: The length of the key

label: A string with the length and units of the key

Keyword arguments:

coordinates = ['axes' | 'figure' | 'data' | 'inches'] Coordinate system and units for X, Y: 'axes' and 'figure' are normalized coordinate systems with 0,0 in the lower left and 1,1 in the upper right; 'data' are the axes data coordinates (used for the locations of the vectors in the quiver plot itself); 'inches' is position in the figure in inches, with 0,0 at the lower left corner.

color: overrides face and edge colors from Q.

labelpos = ['N' | 'S' | 'E' | 'W'] Position the label above, below, to the right, to the left of the arrow, respectively.

labelsep: Distance in inches between the arrow and the label. Default is 0.1

labelcolor: defaults to default Text color.

fontproperties: A dictionary with keyword arguments accepted by the FontProperties initializer: family, style, variant, size, weight

Any additional keyword arguments are used to override vector properties taken from Q.

The positioning of the key depends on *X*, *Y*, *coordinates*, and *labelpos*. If *labelpos* is 'N' or 'S', *X*, *Y* give the position of the middle of the key arrow. If *labelpos* is 'E', *X*, *Y* positions the head, and if *labelpos* is 'W', *X*, *Y* positions the tail; in either of these two cases, *X*, *Y* is somewhere in the middle of the arrow+label key object.

redraw_in_frame()

This method can only be used after an initial draw which caches the renderer. It is used to efficiently update Axes data (axis ticks, labels, etc are not updated)

relim()

Recompute the data limits based on current artists.

At present, Collection instances are not supported.

reset_position()

Make the original position the active position

scatter(*x*, *y*, *s*=20, *c*='*b*', *marker*='*o*', *cmap*=None, *norm*=None, *vmin*=None, *vmax*=None, *alpha*=None, *linewidths*=None, *faceted*=True, *verts*=None, **kwargs) Make a scatter plot.

Call signatures:

Make a scatter plot of x versus y, where x, y are converted to 1-D sequences which must be of the same length, N.

Keyword arguments:

- s: size in points^2. It is a scalar or an array of the same length as x and y.
- c: a color. c can be a single color format string, or a sequence of color specifications of length N, or a sequence of N numbers to be mapped to colors using the cmap and norm specified via kwargs (see below). Note that c should not be a single numeric RGB or RGBA sequence because that is indistinguishable from an array of values to be colormapped. c can be a 2-D array in which the rows are RGB or RGBA, however.

marker: can be one of:

marker	description
7	caretdown
4	caretleft
5	caretright
6	caretup
'0'	circle
'D'	diamond
'h'	hexagon1
'H'	hexagon2
, , _	hline
"	nothing
'None'	nothing
, ,	nothing
None	nothing
'8'	octagon
'p'	pentagon
, ,	pixel
' +'	plus
, ,	point
's'	square
**	star
'd'	thin_diamond
3	tickdown
0	tickleft
1	tickright
2	tickup
'1'	tri_down
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marker	description
'3'	tri_left
'4'	tri_right
'2'	tri_up
'v'	triangle_down
'<'	triangle_left
'>'	triangle_right
' _^ ,	triangle_up
' '	vline
'x'	X
'\$\$'	render the string using mathtext.
verts	a list of (x, y) pairs used for Path vertices.
path	a Path instance.
(numsides, style, angle)	see below

The marker can also be a tuple (numsides, style, angle), which will create a custom, regular symbol.

numsides: the number of sides

style: the style of the regular symbol:

Value	Description
0	a regular polygon
1	a star-like symbol
2	an asterisk
3	a circle (numsides and angle is ignored)

angle: the angle of rotation of the symbol, in degrees

For backward compatibility, the form (*verts*, 0) is also accepted, but it is equivalent to just *verts* for giving a raw set of vertices that define the shape.

Any or all of x, y, s, and c may be masked arrays, in which case all masks will be combined and only unmasked points will be plotted.

Other keyword arguments: the color mapping and normalization arguments will be used only if c is an array of floats.

cmap: [None | Colormap] A matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance or registered name. If None, defaults to rc image.cmap. cmap is only used if c is an array of floats.

norm: [None | Normalize] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance is used to scale luminance data to 0, 1. If None, use the default normalize(). norm is only used if c is an array of floats.

vmin/vmax: *vmin* and *vmax* are used in conjunction with norm to normalize luminance data. If either are *None*, the min and max of the color array *C* is used. Note if you pass a *norm* instance, your settings for *vmin* and *vmax* will be ignored.

alpha: **0** <= scalar <= 1 or *None* The alpha value for the patches

linewidths: [*None* | scalar | sequence] If *None*, defaults to (lines.linewidth,). Note that this is a tuple, and if you set the linewidths argument you must set it as a sequence of floats, as required by RegularPolyCollection.

Optional kwargs control the Collection properties; in particular:

edgecolors: The string 'none' to plot faces with no outlines

facecolors: The string 'none' to plot unfilled outlines

Here are the standard descriptions of all the Collection kwargs:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
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Property	Description
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

A Collection instance is returned.

semilogx(*args, **kwargs)

Make a plot with log scaling on the *x* axis.

Call signature:

semilogx(*args, **kwargs)

semilogx() supports all the keyword arguments of plot() and matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xscale().

Notable keyword arguments:

basex: scalar > 1 Base of the x logarithm

subsx: [None | sequence] The location of the minor xticks; None defaults to autosubs, which depend on the number of decades in the plot; see set_xscale() for details.

nonposx: ['mask'|'clip'] Non-positive values in x can be masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number

The remaining valid kwargs are Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance

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Property	Description
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

See Also:

```
loglog() For example code and figure
```

```
semilogy(*args, **kwargs)
```

Make a plot with log scaling on the y axis.

call signature:

```
semilogy(*args, **kwargs)
```

semilogy() supports all the keyword arguments of plot() and matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_yscale().

Notable keyword arguments:

basey: scalar > 1 Base of the y logarithm

subsy: [None | sequence] The location of the minor yticks; None defaults to autosubs, which depend on the number of decades in the plot; see set_yscale() for details.

nonposy: ['mask'|'clip'] Non-positive values in y can be masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number

The remaining valid kwargs are Line2D properties:

agg_filter unknown alpha float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque) animated [True False] antialiased or aa [True False] axes an Axes instance clip_box a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance clip_on [True False] clip_path [(Path, Transform) Patch None] color or c any matplotlib color contains a callable function dash_capstyle ['butt' 'round' 'projecting'] dash_joinstyle ['miter' 'round' 'bevel'] dashes sequence of on/off ink in points data 2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays drawstyle ['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post'] figure a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance fillstyle ['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none'] gid an id string label string or anything printable with '%s' conversion. linestyle or ls ['-' '' '' ':' 'None' '' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination linewidth or lw float value in points	
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markeredgecolor or mec any matplotlib color	
markeredgewidth or mew float value in points	
markerfacecolor or mfc any matplotlib color	
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt any matplotlib color	
markersize or ms float	-
markevery None integer (startind, stride)	
picker float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)	
pickradius float distance in points	
rasterized [True False None]	
snap unknown	
solid_capstyle ['butt' 'round' 'projecting']	
solid_joinstyle ['miter' 'round' 'bevel']	
transform a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance	
url a url string	_

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Property	Description
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

See Also:

loglog() For example code and figure

set_adjustable(adjustable)

ACCEPTS: ['box' | 'datalim' | 'box-forced']

set_anchor(anchor)

anchor

value	description
'C'	Center
'SW'	bottom left
'S'	bottom
'SE'	bottom right
E'	right
'NE'	top right
'N'	top
'NW'	top left
'W'	left

$\verb|set_aspect|(aspect, adjustable=None, anchor=None)|$

aspect

value	description
'auto'	automatic; fill position rectangle with data
'nor-	same as 'auto'; deprecated
mal'	
'equal'	same scaling from data to plot units for x and y
num	a circle will be stretched such that the height is num times the width.
	aspect=1 is the same as aspect='equal'.

adjustable

value	description
'box'	change physical size of axes
'datalim'	change xlim or ylim
'box-forced'	same as 'box', but axes can be shared

'box' does not allow axes sharing, as this can cause unintended side effect. For cases when sharing axes is fine, use 'box-forced'.

anchor

value	description
C'	centered
'SW'	lower left corner
'S'	middle of bottom edge
'SE'	lower right corner
etc.	

set_autoscale_on(b)

Set whether autoscaling is applied on plot commands

accepts: [True | False]

set_autoscalex_on(b)

Set whether autoscaling for the x-axis is applied on plot commands

accepts: [True | False]

set_autoscaley_on(b)

Set whether autoscaling for the y-axis is applied on plot commands

accepts: [True | False]

set_axes_locator(locator)

set axes_locator

ACCEPT [a callable object which takes an axes instance and renderer and] returns a bbox.

set_axis_bgcolor(color)

set the axes background color

ACCEPTS: any matplotlib color - see colors()

set_axis_off()

turn off the axis

set_axis_on()

turn on the axis

set_axisbelow(b)

Set whether the axis ticks and gridlines are above or below most artists

ACCEPTS: [True | False]

set_color_cycle(clist)

Set the color cycle for any future plot commands on this Axes.

clist is a list of mpl color specifiers.

set_cursor_props(*args)

Set the cursor property as:

ax.set_cursor_props(linewidth, color)

or:

```
ax.set_cursor_props((linewidth, color))
ACCEPTS: a (float, color) tuple
```

set_figure(fig)

Set the class: Axes figure

accepts a class:Figure instance

set_frame_on(b)

Set whether the axes rectangle patch is drawn

ACCEPTS: [True | False]

set_navigate(b)

Set whether the axes responds to navigation toolbar commands

ACCEPTS: [True | False]

set_navigate_mode(b)

Set the navigation toolbar button status;

Warning: this is not a user-API function.

set_position(pos, which='both')

Set the axes position with:

pos = [left, bottom, width, height]

in relative 0,1 coords, or pos can be a Bbox

There are two position variables: one which is ultimately used, but which may be modified by apply_aspect(), and a second which is the starting point for apply_aspect().

Optional keyword arguments: which

value	description
'active'	to change the first
'original'	to change the second
'both'	to change both

set_rasterization_zorder(z)

Set zorder value below which artists will be rasterized. Set to None to disable rasterizing of artists below a particular zorder.

set_title(label, fontdict=None, **kwargs)

Call signature:

set_title(label, fontdict=None, **kwargs):

Set the title for the axes.

kwargs are Text properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
x	float
у	float
zorder	any number

ACCEPTS: str

See Also:

text() for information on how override and the optional args work

set_xbound(lower=None, upper=None)

Set the lower and upper numerical bounds of the x-axis. This method will honor axes inversion regardless of parameter order. It will not change the _autoscaleXon attribute.

set_xlabel(xlabel, fontdict=None, labelpad=None, **kwargs)

Call signature:

set_xlabel(xlabel, fontdict=None, labelpad=None, **kwargs)

Set the label for the xaxis.

labelpad is the spacing in points between the label and the x-axis

Valid kwargs are Text properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']

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Property	Description
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
Х	float
у	float
zorder	any number

ACCEPTS: str

See Also:

text() for information on how override and the optional args work

```
set_xlim(left=None, right=None, emit=True, auto=False, **kw)
Call signature:
    set_xlim(self, *args, **kwargs):
```

Set the data limits for the xaxis

Examples:

```
set_xlim((left, right))
set_xlim(left, right)
set_xlim(left=1) # right unchanged
set_xlim(right=1) # left unchanged
```

Keyword arguments:

```
left: scalar The left xlim; xmin, the previous name, may still be used
right: scalar The right xlim; xmax, the previous name, may still be used
emit: [True | False] Notify observers of limit change
auto: [True | False | None] Turn x autoscaling on (True), off (False; default), or leave unchanged (None)
```

Note, the *left* (formerly *xmin*) value may be greater than the *right* (formerly *xmax*). For example, suppose *x* is years before present. Then one might use:

```
set_ylim(5000, 0)
```

so 5000 years ago is on the left of the plot and the present is on the right.

```
Returns the current xlimits as a length 2 tuple
     ACCEPTS: length 2 sequence of floats
set_xmargin(m)
     Set padding of X data limits prior to autoscaling.
     m times the data interval will be added to each end of that interval before it is used in autoscaling.
     accepts: float in range 0 to 1
set_xscale(value, **kwargs)
     Call signature:
     set_xscale(value)
     Set the scaling of the x-axis: 'linear' | 'log' | 'symlog'
     ACCEPTS: ['linear' | 'log' | 'symlog']
     Different kwargs are accepted, depending on the scale: 'linear'
          'log'
              basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
              nonposx/nonposy: ['mask' | 'clip'] non-positive values in x or y can be
                masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number
              subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be
                a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
                7, 8, 9]
                will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.
          'symlog'
              basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
              linthreshx/linthreshy: The range (-x, x) within which the plot is linear (to
                avoid having the plot go to infinity around zero).
              subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be
                a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
                7, 8, 9]
                will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.
              linscalex/linscaley: This allows the linear range (-linthresh to linthresh) to
                be stretched relative to the logarithmic range. Its value is the number of
                decades to use for each half of the linear range. For example, when linscale
                == 1.0 (the default), the space used for the positive and negative halves of
                the linear range will be equal to one decade in the logarithmic range.
set_xticklabels(labels, fontdict=None, minor=False, **kwargs)
     Call signature:
```

set_xticklabels(labels, fontdict=None, minor=False, **kwargs)

Set the xtick labels with list of strings *labels*. Return a list of axis text instances.

kwargs set the Text properties. Valid properties are

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
x	float
у	float
-	

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Property	Description
zorder	any number

ACCEPTS: sequence of strings

set_xticks(ticks, minor=False)

Set the x ticks with list of *ticks*

ACCEPTS: sequence of floats

set_ybound(lower=None, upper=None)

Set the lower and upper numerical bounds of the y-axis. This method will honor axes inversion regardless of parameter order. It will not change the _autoscaleYon attribute.

set_ylabel(ylabel, fontdict=None, labelpad=None, **kwargs)

Call signature:

set_ylabel(ylabel, fontdict=None, labelpad=None, **kwargs)

Set the label for the yaxis

labelpad is the spacing in points between the label and the y-axis

Valid kwargs are Text properties:

Description
unknown
float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
[True False]
an Axes instance
any matplotlib color
rectangle prop dict
a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
[True False]
[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
any matplotlib color
a callable function
[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
an id string
['center' 'right' 'left']
string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
float (multiple of font size)
[True False]
['left' 'right' 'center']

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Property	Description
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
х	float
у	float
zorder	any number

ACCEPTS: str

See Also:

text() for information on how override and the optional args work

```
set_ylim(bottom=None, top=None, emit=True, auto=False, **kw)
```

Call signature:

```
set_ylim(self, *args, **kwargs):
```

Set the data limits for the yaxis

Examples:

```
set_ylim((bottom, top))
set_ylim(bottom, top)
set_ylim(bottom=1) # top unchanged
set_ylim(top=1) # bottom unchanged
```

Keyword arguments:

bottom: scalar The bottom ylim; the previous name, ymin, may still be used

top: scalar The top ylim; the previous name, ymax, may still be used

```
emit: [ True | False ] Notify observers of limit change
          auto: [True | False | None ] Turn y autoscaling on (True), off (False; default), or
              leave unchanged (None)
     Note, the bottom (formerly ymin) value may be greater than the top (formerly ymax). For exam-
     ple, suppose y is depth in the ocean. Then one might use:
     set_ylim(5000, 0)
     so 5000 m depth is at the bottom of the plot and the surface, 0 m, is at the top.
     Returns the current ylimits as a length 2 tuple
     ACCEPTS: length 2 sequence of floats
set_ymargin(m)
     Set padding of Y data limits prior to autoscaling.
     m times the data interval will be added to each end of that interval before it is used in autoscaling.
     accepts: float in range 0 to 1
set_yscale(value, **kwargs)
     Call signature:
     set_yscale(value)
     Set the scaling of the y-axis: 'linear' | 'log' | 'symlog'
     ACCEPTS: ['linear' | 'log' | 'symlog']
     Different kwargs are accepted, depending on the scale: 'linear'
          'log'
              basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
              nonposx/nonposy: ['mask' | 'clip'] non-positive values in x or y can be
                masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number
              subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be
                a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
                7, 8, 9]
                will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.
          'symlog'
              basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
              linthreshx/linthreshy: The range (-x, x) within which the plot is linear (to
                avoid having the plot go to infinity around zero).
              subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be
                a sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
                7, 8, 9]
                will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.
```

linscalex/linscaley: This allows the linear range (-*linthresh*) to be stretched relative to the logarithmic range. Its value is the number of decades to use for each half of the linear range. For example, when *linscale* == 1.0 (the default), the space used for the positive and negative halves of the linear range will be equal to one decade in the logarithmic range.

set_yticklabels(labels, fontdict=None, minor=False, **kwargs)

Call signature:

set_yticklabels(labels, fontdict=None, minor=False, **kwargs)

Set the y tick labels with list of strings *labels*. Return a list of Text instances.

kwargs set Text properties for the labels. Valid properties are

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.

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Property	Description
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
Х	float
у	float
zorder	any number

ACCEPTS: sequence of strings

set_yticks(ticks, minor=False)

Set the y ticks with list of ticks

ACCEPTS: sequence of floats

Keyword arguments:

minor: [False | True] Sets the minor ticks if True

specgram(x, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=128, cmap=None, xextent=None, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, **kwargs')
Plot a spectrogram.

Call signature:

Compute a spectrogram of data in *x*. Data are split into *NFFT* length segments and the PSD of each section is computed. The windowing function *window* is applied to each segment, and the amount of overlap of each segment is specified with *noverlap*.

Keyword arguments:

NFFT: integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad_to* for this instead.

Fs: scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.

detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend parameter is a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines

- detrend_none(), detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use a custom function as well.
- window: callable or ndarray A function or a vector of length NFFT.
 To create window vectors see window_hanning(), window_none(),
 numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(),
 scipy.signal(), scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is
 window_hanning(). If a function is passed as the argument, it must take a data
 segment as an argument and return the windowed version of the segment.
- pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the n parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets pad_to equal to NFFT
- sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided.
- scale_by_freq: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for integration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.
- **noverlap:** integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 128.
- **Fc:** integer The center frequency of x (defaults to 0), which offsets the y extents of the plot to reflect the frequency range used when a signal is acquired and then filtered and downsampled to baseband.
- cmap: A matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance; if None, use default determined
 by rc
- **xextent:** The image extent along the x-axis. xextent = (xmin,xmax) The default is (0,max(bins)), where bins is the return value from specgram()

kwargs:

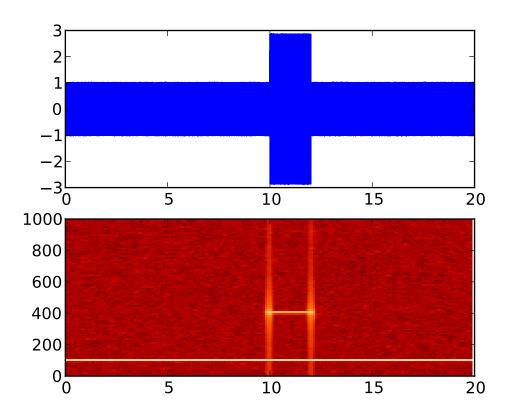
Additional kwargs are passed on to imshow which makes the specgram image

Return value is (*Pxx*, *freqs*, *bins*, *im*):

- •bins are the time points the spectrogram is calculated over
- freqs is an array of frequencies
- Pxx is an array of shape (len(times), len(freqs)) of power
- im is a AxesImage instance

Note: If x is real (i.e. non-complex), only the positive spectrum is shown. If x is complex, both positive and negative parts of the spectrum are shown. This can be overridden using the *sides* keyword argument.

Example:



spy(*Z*, *precision*=0, *marker*=*None*, *markersize*=*None*, *aspect*='*equal*', ***kwargs*) Plot the sparsity pattern on a 2-D array.

Call signature:

```
spy(Z, precision=0, marker=None, markersize=None,
    aspect='equal', **kwargs)
```

spy(Z) plots the sparsity pattern of the 2-D array Z.

If precision is 0, any non-zero value will be plotted; else, values of |Z| > precision will be plotted.

For scipy.sparse.spmatrix instances, there is a special case: if *precision* is 'present', any value present in the array will be plotted, even if it is identically zero.

The array will be plotted as it would be printed, with the first index (row) increasing down and the second index (column) increasing to the right.

By default aspect is 'equal', so that each array element occupies a square space; set the aspect kwarg to 'auto' to allow the plot to fill the plot box, or to any scalar number to specify the aspect

ratio of an array element directly.

Two plotting styles are available: image or marker. Both are available for full arrays, but only the marker style works for scipy.sparse.spmatrix instances.

If *marker* and *markersize* are *None*, an image will be returned and any remaining kwargs are passed to imshow(); else, a Line2D object will be returned with the value of marker determining the marker type, and any remaining kwargs passed to the plot() method.

If marker and markersize are None, useful kwargs include:

- ecmap
- •alpha

See Also:

```
imshow() For image options.
```

For controlling colors, e.g. cyan background and red marks, use:

```
cmap = mcolors.ListedColormap(['c','r'])
```

If marker or markersize is not None, useful kwargs include:

- •marker
- •markersize
- $\bullet color$

Useful values for *marker* include:

- •'s' square (default)
- 'o' circle
- •'.' point
- •',' pixel

See Also:

plot() For plotting options

```
stackplot(x, *args, **kwargs)
```

Draws a stacked area plot.

x: 1d array of dimension N

y [2d array of dimension MxN, OR any number 1d arrays each of dimension] 1xN. The data is assumed to be unstacked. Each of the following calls is legal:

Keyword arguments:

colors [A list or tuple of colors. These will be cycled through and] used to colour the stacked areas. All other keyword arguments are passed to fill_between()

Returns r: A list of PolyCollection, one for each element in the stacked area plot.

```
start_pan(x, y, button)
```

Called when a pan operation has started.

x, y are the mouse coordinates in display coords. button is the mouse button number:

- •1: LEFT
- •2: MIDDLE
- •3: RIGHT

Note: Intended to be overridden by new projection types.

```
stem(x, y, linefmt='b-', markerfmt='bo', basefmt='r-', bottom=None, label=None) Create a stem plot.
```

Call signature:

```
stem(x, y, linefmt='b-', markerfmt='bo', basefmt='r-')
```

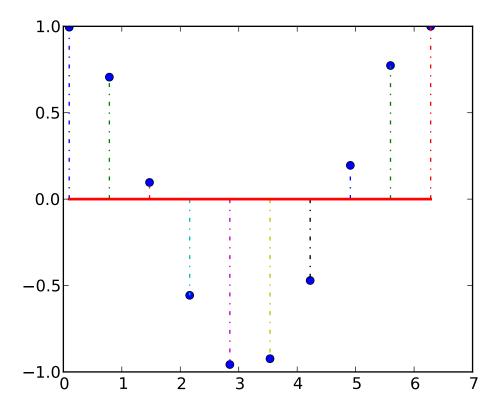
A stem plot plots vertical lines (using *linefmt*) at each x location from the baseline to y, and places a marker there using *markerfmt*. A horizontal line at 0 is is plotted using *basefmt*.

Return value is a tuple (markerline, stemlines, baseline).

See Also:

This document for details.

Example:



step(x, y, *args, **kwargs)

Make a step plot.

Call signature:

step(x, y, *args, **kwargs)

Additional keyword args to step() are the same as those for plot().

x and y must be 1-D sequences, and it is assumed, but not checked, that x is uniformly increasing.

Keyword arguments:

where: ['pre'|'post'|'mid'] If 'pre', the interval from x[i] to x[i+1] has level y[i+1]

If 'post', that interval has level y[i]

If 'mid', the jumps in y occur half-way between the x-values.

streamplot(*x*, *y*, *u*, *v*, *density=1*, *linewidth=None*, *color=None*, *cmap=None*, *norm=None*, *arrowsize=1*, *arrowstyle='-*|>', *minlength=0.1*, *transform=None*)

Draws streamlines of a vector flow.

x, y [1d arrays] an evenly spaced grid.

u, v [2d arrays] x and y-velocities. Number of rows should match length of y, and the number of columns should match x.

density [float or 2-tuple] Controls the closeness of streamlines. When density = 1, the domain is divided into a 25x25 grid—*density* linearly scales this grid. Each cell in the grid can have, at most, one traversing streamline. For different densities in each direction, use [density_x, density_y].

linewidth [numeric or 2d array] vary linewidth when given a 2d array with the same shape as velocities.

color [matplotlib color code, or 2d array] Streamline color. When given an array with the same shape as velocities, *color* values are converted to colors using *cmap*.

cmap [Colormap] Colormap used to plot streamlines and arrows. Only necessary when using an array input for *color*.

norm [Normalize] Normalize object used to scale luminance data to 0, 1. If None, stretch (min, max) to (0, 1). Only necessary when *color* is an array.

arrowsize [float] Factor scale arrow size.

arrowstyle [str] Arrow style specification. See FancyArrowPatch.

minlength [float] Minimum length of streamline in axes coordinates.

Returns:

stream_container [StreamplotSet]

Container object with attributes lines: matplotlib.collections.LineCollection of streamlines arrows: collection of matplotlib.patches.FancyArrowPatch

objects representing arrows half-way along stream lines.

This container will probably change in the future to allow changes to the colormap, alpha, etc. for both lines and arrows, but these changes should be backward compatible.

table(**kwargs)

Add a table to the current axes.

Call signature:

```
table(cellText=None, cellColours=None,
    cellLoc='right', colWidths=None,
    rowLabels=None, rowColours=None, rowLoc='left',
    colLabels=None, colColours=None, colLoc='center',
    loc='bottom', bbox=None):
```

Returns a matplotlib.table.Table instance. For finer grained control over tables, use the Table class and add it to the axes with add_table().

Thanks to John Gill for providing the class and table.

kwargs control the Table properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
contains	a callable function
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontsize	a float in points
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
lod	[True False]
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

text(x, y, s, fontdict=None, withdash=False, **kwargs)

Add text to the axes.

Call signature:

```
text(x, y, s, fontdict=None, **kwargs)
```

Add text in string s to axis at location x, y, data coordinates.

Keyword arguments:

fontdict: A dictionary to override the default text properties. If *fontdict* is *None*, the defaults are determined by your rc parameters.

withdash: [False | True] Creates a TextWithDash instance instead of a Text instance.

Individual keyword arguments can be used to override any given parameter:

```
text(x, y, s, fontsize=12)
```

The default transform specifies that text is in data coords, alternatively, you can specify text in axis coords (0,0 is lower-left and 1,1 is upper-right). The example below places text in the center of the axes:

```
text(0.5, 0.5, 'matplotlib',
    horizontalalignment='center',
    verticalalignment='center',
    transform = ax.transAxes)
```

You can put a rectangular box around the text instance (eg. to set a background color) by using the keyword *bbox*. *bbox* is a dictionary of matplotlib.patches.Rectangle properties. For example:

```
text(x, y, s, bbox=dict(facecolor='red', alpha=0.5))
```

Valid kwargs are Text properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'

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Property	Description
х	float
у	float
zorder	any number

tick_params(axis='both', **kwargs)

Change the appearance of ticks and tick labels.

Keyword arguments:

axis [['x' | 'y' | 'both']] Axis on which to operate; default is 'both'.

reset [[True | False]] If *True*, set all parameters to defaults before processing other keyword arguments. Default is *False*.

which [['major' | 'minor' | 'both']] Default is 'major'; apply arguments to which ticks.

direction [['in' | 'out']] Puts ticks inside or outside the axes.

length Tick length in points.

width Tick width in points.

color Tick color; accepts any mpl color spec.

pad Distance in points between tick and label.

labelsize Tick label font size in points or as a string (e.g. 'large').

labelcolor Tick label color; mpl color spec.

colors Changes the tick color and the label color to the same value: mpl color spec.

zorder Tick and label zorder.

bottom, top, left, right [[bool | 'on' | 'off']] controls whether to draw the respective ticks.

labelbottom, *labeltop*, *labelleft*, *labelright* Boolean or ['on' | 'off'], controls whether to draw the respective tick labels.

Example:

```
ax.tick_params(direction='out', length=6, width=2, colors='r')
```

This will make all major ticks be red, pointing out of the box, and with dimensions 6 points by 2 points. Tick labels will also be red.

ticklabel_format(**kwargs)

Change the ScalarFormatter used by default for linear axes.

Optional keyword arguments:

Key-	Description
word	
style	['sci' (or 'scientific') 'plain'] plain turns off scientific notation
scilim-	(m, n), pair of integers; if style is 'sci', scientific notation will be used for
its	numbers outside the range 10'm':sup: to 10'n':sup:. Use (0,0) to include
	all numbers.
use-	[True False offset]; if True, the offset will be calculated as needed; if
Off-	False, no offset will be used; if a numeric offset is specified, it will be used.
set	
axis	['x' 'y' 'both']
use-	If True, format the number according to the current locale. This affects
Lo-	things such as the character used for the decimal separator. If False, use
cale	C-style (English) formatting. The default setting is controlled by the
	axes.formatter.use_locale rcparam.

Only the major ticks are affected. If the method is called when the ScalarFormatter is not the Formatter being used, an AttributeError will be raised.

tricontour(*args, **kwargs)

Draw contours on an unstructured triangular grid. tricontour() and tricontourf() draw contour lines and filled contours, respectively. Except as noted, function signatures and return values are the same for both versions.

The triangulation can be specified in one of two ways; either:

```
tricontour(triangulation, ...)
```

where triangulation is a Triangulation object, or

```
tricontour(x, y, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles=triangles, ...)
tricontour(x, y, mask=mask, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles, mask=mask, ...)
```

in which case a Triangulation object will be created. See Triangulation for a explanation of these possibilities.

The remaining arguments may be:

```
tricontour(..., Z)
```

where Z is the array of values to contour, one per point in the triangulation. The level values are chosen automatically.

```
tricontour(..., Z, N)
```

contour N automatically-chosen levels.

```
tricontour(..., Z, V)
```

draw contour lines at the values specified in sequence V

```
tricontourf(..., Z, V)
```

fill the (len(V)-1) regions between the values in V

tricontour(Z, **kwargs)

Use keyword args to control colors, linewidth, origin, cmap ... see below for more details.

C = tricontour(...) returns a TriContourSet object.

Optional keyword arguments:

colors: [*None* | string | (mpl_colors)] If *None*, the colormap specified by cmap will be used.

If a string, like 'r' or 'red', all levels will be plotted in this color.

If a tuple of matplotlib color args (string, float, rgb, etc), different levels will be plotted in different colors in the order specified.

alpha: float The alpha blending value

- *cmap*: [*None* | Colormap] A cm Colormap instance or *None*. If *cmap* is *None* and *colors* is *None*, a default Colormap is used.
- norm: [None | Normalize] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance for scaling data values to colors. If norm is None and colors is None, the default linear scaling is used.
- *levels* [level0, level1, ..., leveln] A list of floating point numbers indicating the level curves to draw; eg to draw just the zero contour pass levels=[0]
- *origin*: [None | 'upper' | 'lower' | 'image'] If None, the first value of Z will correspond to the lower left corner, location (0,0). If 'image', the rc value for image.origin will be used.

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

```
extent: [None \mid (x0,x1,y0,y1)]
```

If *origin* is not *None*, then *extent* is interpreted as in matplotlib.pyplot.imshow(): it gives the outer pixel boundaries. In this case, the position of Z[0,0] is the center of the pixel, not a corner. If *origin* is *None*, then (x0, y0) is the position of Z[0,0], and (x1, y1) is the position of Z[-1,-1].

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

- **locator:** [None | ticker.Locator subclass] If locator is None, the default MaxNLocator is used. The locator is used to determine the contour levels if they are not given explicitly via the V argument.
- extend: ['neither' | 'both' | 'min' | 'max'] Unless this is 'neither', contour levels are automatically added to one or both ends of the range so that all data are included. These added ranges are then mapped to the

special colormap values which default to the ends of the colormap range, but can be set via matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_under() and matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_over() methods.

xunits, *yunits*: [*None* | registered units] Override axis units by specifying an instance of a matplotlib.units.ConversionInterface.

tricontour-only keyword arguments:

linewidths: [*None* | number | tuple of numbers] If *linewidths* is *None*, the default width in lines.linewidth in matplotlibrc is used.

If a number, all levels will be plotted with this linewidth.

If a tuple, different levels will be plotted with different linewidths in the order specified

linestyles: [*None* | 'solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted'] If *linestyles* is *None*, the 'solid' is used.

linestyles can also be an iterable of the above strings specifying a set of linestyles to be used. If this iterable is shorter than the number of contour levels it will be repeated as necessary.

If contour is using a monochrome colormap and the contour level is less than 0, then the linestyle specified in contour.negative_linestyle in matplotlibrc will be used.

tricontourf-only keyword arguments:

antialiased: [True | False] enable antialiasing

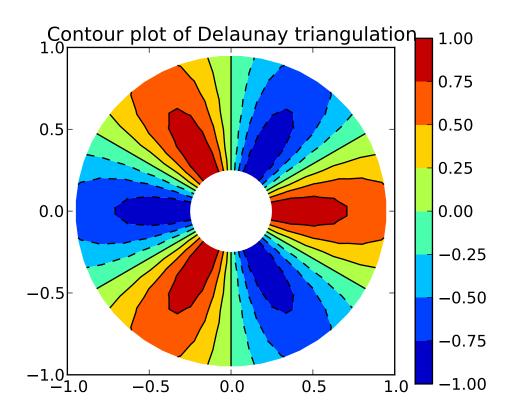
nchunk: [0 | integer] If 0, no subdivision of the domain. Specify a positive integer to divide the domain into subdomains of roughly *nchunk* by *nchunk* points. This may never actually be advantageous, so this option may be removed. Chunking introduces artifacts at the chunk boundaries unless *antialiased* is *False*.

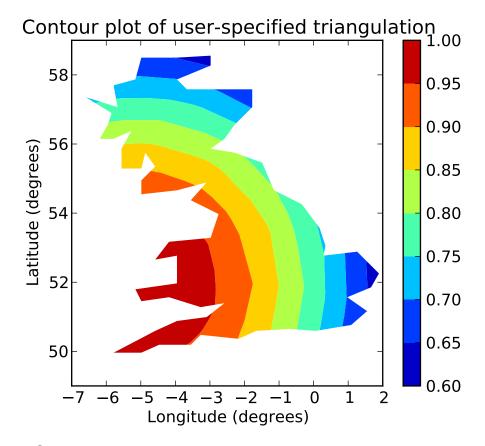
Note: tricontourf fills intervals that are closed at the top; that is, for boundaries z1 and z2, the filled region is:

```
z1 < z \le z2
```

There is one exception: if the lowest boundary coincides with the minimum value of the z array, then that minimum value will be included in the lowest interval.

Examples:





tricontourf(*args, **kwargs)

Draw contours on an unstructured triangular grid. tricontour() and tricontourf() draw contour lines and filled contours, respectively. Except as noted, function signatures and return values are the same for both versions.

The triangulation can be specified in one of two ways; either:

```
tricontour(triangulation, ...)
```

where triangulation is a Triangulation object, or

```
tricontour(x, y, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles=triangles, ...)
tricontour(x, y, mask=mask, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles, mask=mask, ...)
```

in which case a Triangulation object will be created. See Triangulation for a explanation of these possibilities.

The remaining arguments may be:

```
tricontour(..., Z)
```

where Z is the array of values to contour, one per point in the triangulation. The level values are chosen automatically.

```
tricontour(..., Z, N)

contour N automatically-chosen levels.

tricontour(..., Z, V)

draw contour lines at the values specified in sequence V

tricontourf(..., Z, V)

fill the (len(V)-1) regions between the values in V

tricontour(Z, **kwargs)
```

Use keyword args to control colors, linewidth, origin, cmap ... see below for more details.

C = tricontour(...) returns a TriContourSet object.

Optional keyword arguments:

colors: [*None* | string | (mpl_colors)] If *None*, the colormap specified by cmap will be used.

If a string, like 'r' or 'red', all levels will be plotted in this color.

If a tuple of matplotlib color args (string, float, rgb, etc), different levels will be plotted in different colors in the order specified.

alpha: float The alpha blending value

cmap: [*None* | Colormap] A cm Colormap instance or *None*. If *cmap* is *None* and *colors* is *None*, a default Colormap is used.

norm: [None | Normalize] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance for scaling data values to colors. If norm is None and colors is None, the default linear scaling is used.

levels [level0, level1, ..., leveln] A list of floating point numbers indicating the level curves to draw; eg to draw just the zero contour pass levels=[0]

origin: [None | 'upper' | 'lower' | 'image'] If None, the first value of Z will correspond to the lower left corner, location (0,0). If 'image', the rc value for image.origin will be used.

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

```
extent: [None \mid (x0,x1,y0,y1)]
```

If *origin* is not *None*, then *extent* is interpreted as in matplotlib.pyplot.imshow(): it gives the outer pixel boundaries. In this case, the position of Z[0,0] is the center of the pixel, not a corner. If *origin* is *None*, then (x0, y0) is the position of Z[0,0], and (x1, y1) is the position of Z[-1,-1].

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

locator: [**None** | **ticker.Locator subclass**] If **locator** is None, the default MaxNLocator is used. The locator is used to determine the contour levels if they are not given explicitly via the V argument.

extend: ['neither'|'both'|'min'|'max'] Unless this is 'neither', contour levels are automatically added to one or both ends of the range so that all data are included. These added ranges are then mapped to the special colormap values which default to the ends of the colormap range, but can be set via matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_under() and matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_over() methods.

xunits, *yunits*: [*None* | registered units] Override axis units by specifying an instance of a matplotlib.units.ConversionInterface.

tricontour-only keyword arguments:

linewidths: [*None* | number | tuple of numbers] If *linewidths* is *None*, the default width in lines.linewidth in matplotlibrc is used.

If a number, all levels will be plotted with this linewidth.

If a tuple, different levels will be plotted with different linewidths in the order specified

linestyles: [*None* | 'solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted'] If *linestyles* is *None*, the 'solid' is used.

linestyles can also be an iterable of the above strings specifying a set of linestyles to be used. If this iterable is shorter than the number of contour levels it will be repeated as necessary.

If contour is using a monochrome colormap and the contour level is less than 0, then the linestyle specified in contour.negative_linestyle in matplotlibrc will be used.

tricontourf-only keyword arguments:

antialiased: [True | False] enable antialiasing

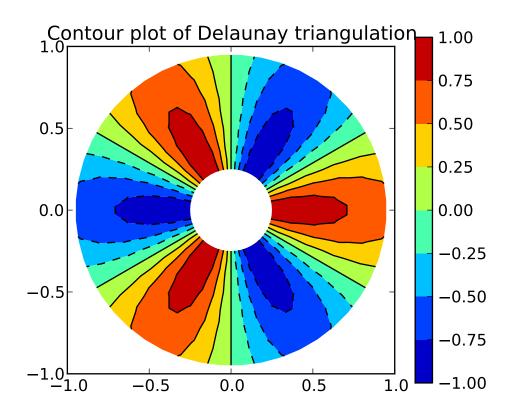
nchunk: [0 | integer] If 0, no subdivision of the domain. Specify a positive integer to divide the domain into subdomains of roughly *nchunk* by *nchunk* points. This may never actually be advantageous, so this option may be removed. Chunking introduces artifacts at the chunk boundaries unless *antialiased* is *False*.

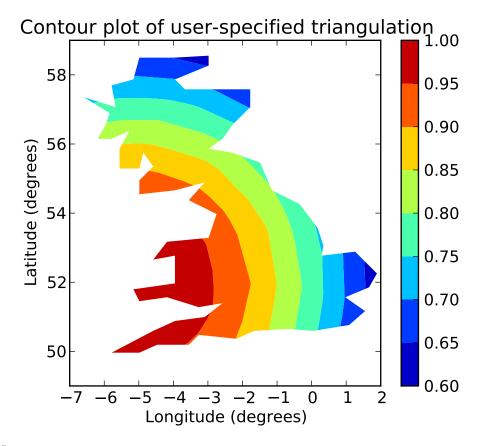
Note: tricontourf fills intervals that are closed at the top; that is, for boundaries z1 and z2, the filled region is:

```
z1\ <\ z\ <=\ z2
```

There is one exception: if the lowest boundary coincides with the minimum value of the z array, then that minimum value will be included in the lowest interval.

Examples:





tripcolor(*args, **kwargs)

Create a pseudocolor plot of an unstructured triangular grid.

The triangulation can be specified in one of two ways; either:

```
tripcolor(triangulation, ...)
```

where triangulation is a Triangulation object, or

```
tripcolor(x, y, ...)
tripcolor(x, y, triangles, ...)
tripcolor(x, y, triangles=triangles, ...)
tripcolor(x, y, mask=mask, ...)
tripcolor(x, y, triangles, mask=mask, ...)
```

in which case a Triangulation object will be created. See Triangulation for a explanation of these possibilities.

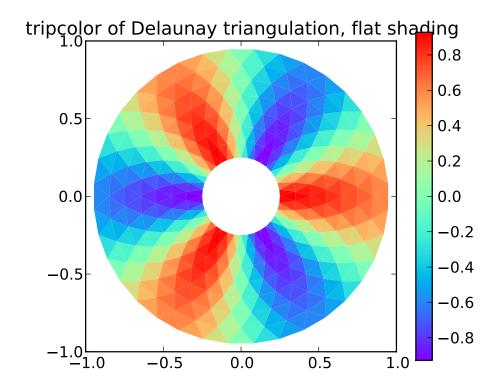
The next argument must be C, the array of color values, either one per point in the triangulation if color values are defined at points, or one per triangle in the triangulation if color values are defined at triangles. If there are the same number of points and triangles in the triangulation it is assumed that color values are defined at points; to force the use of color values at triangles use the kwarg facecolors*=C instead of just *C.

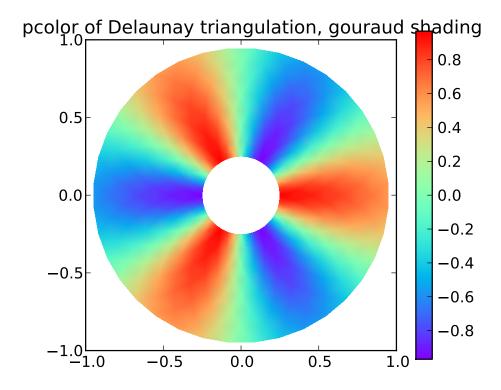
shading may be 'flat' (the default) or 'gouraud'. If shading is 'flat' and C values are defined at points, the color values used for each triangle are from the mean C of the triangle's three

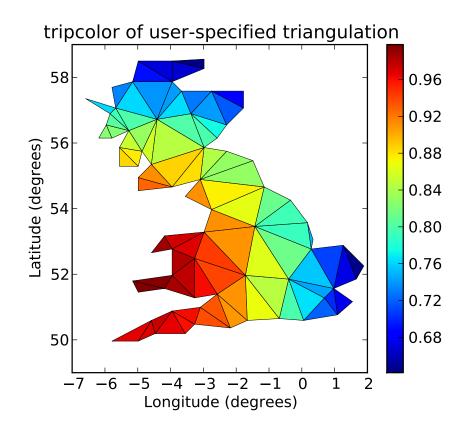
points. If *shading* is 'gouraud' then color values must be defined at points. *shading* of 'faceted' is deprecated; please use *edgecolors* instead.

The remaining kwargs are the same as for pcolor().

Example:







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```
triplot(*args, **kwargs)
```

Draw a unstructured triangular grid as lines and/or markers.

The triangulation to plot can be specified in one of two ways; either:

```
triplot(triangulation, ...)
```

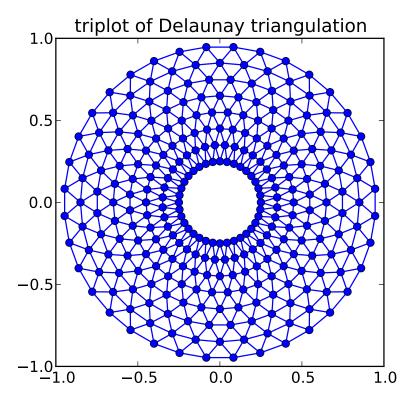
where triangulation is a Triangulation object, or

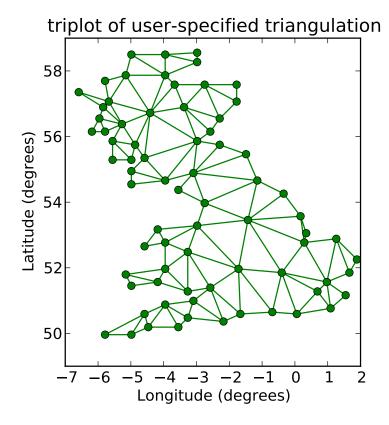
```
triplot(x, y, ...)
triplot(x, y, triangles, ...)
triplot(x, y, triangles=triangles, ...)
triplot(x, y, mask=mask, ...)
triplot(x, y, triangles, mask=mask, ...)
```

in which case a Triangulation object will be created. See Triangulation for a explanation of these possibilities.

The remaining args and kwargs are the same as for plot().

Example:





twinx()

Call signature:

ax = twinx()

create a twin of Axes for generating a plot with a sharex x-axis but independent y axis. The y-axis of self will have ticks on left and the returned axes will have ticks on the right.

Note: For those who are 'picking' artists while using twinx, pick events are only called for the artists in the top-most axes.

twiny()

Call signature:

ax = twiny()

create a twin of Axes for generating a plot with a shared y-axis but independent x axis. The x-axis of self will have ticks on bottom and the returned axes will have ticks on the top.

Note: For those who are 'picking' artists while using twiny, pick events are only called for the artists in the top-most axes.

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```
update_datalim(xys, updatex=True, updatey=True)
```

Update the data lim bbox with seq of xy tups or equiv. 2-D array

update_datalim_bounds(bounds)

Update the datalim to include the given Bbox bounds

update_datalim_numerix(x, y)

Update the data lim bbox with seq of xy tups

vlines(x, ymin, ymax, colors='k', linestyles='solid', label='', **kwargs)

Plot vertical lines.

Call signature:

```
vlines(x, ymin, ymax, color='k', linestyles='solid')
```

Plot vertical lines at each x from ymin to ymax. ymin or ymax can be scalars or len(x) numpy arrays. If they are scalars, then the respective values are constant, else the heights of the lines are determined by ymin and ymax.

colors: A line collection's color args, either a single color or a len(x) list of colors

linestyles: ['solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted']

Returns the matplotlib.collections.LineCollection that was added.

kwargs are LineCollection properties:

Property	Description		
agg_filter	unknown		
alpha	float or None		
animated	[True False]		
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans		
array	unknown		
axes	an Axes instance		
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats		
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance		
clip_on	[True False]		
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]		
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name		
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples		
colorbar	unknown		
contains	a callable function		
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples		
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples		
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance		
gid	an id string		
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']		
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.		
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]		
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Property	Description
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
segments	unknown
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
verts	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

xaxis_date(tz=None)

Sets up x-axis ticks and labels that treat the x data as dates.

tz is a timezone string or tzinfo instance. Defaults to rc value.

xaxis_inverted()

Returns *True* if the x-axis is inverted.

xcorr(x, y, normed=True, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, usevlines=True, maxlags=10, **kwargs)

Plot the cross correlation between *x* and *y*.

Call signature:

```
xcorr(self, x, y, normed=True, detrend=mlab.detrend_none,
  usevlines=True, maxlags=10, **kwargs)
```

If normed = True, normalize the data by the cross correlation at 0-th lag. x and y are detrended by the detrend callable (default no normalization). x and y must be equal length.

Data are plotted as plot(lags, c, **kwargs)

Return value is a tuple (*lags*, *c*, *line*) where:

- lags are a length 2*maxlags+1 lag vector
- c is the 2*maxlags+1 auto correlation vector
- •line is a Line2D instance returned by plot().

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The default *linestyle* is *None* and the default *marker* is 'o', though these can be overridden with keyword args. The cross correlation is performed with numpy.correlate() with mode = 2.

If usevlines is True:

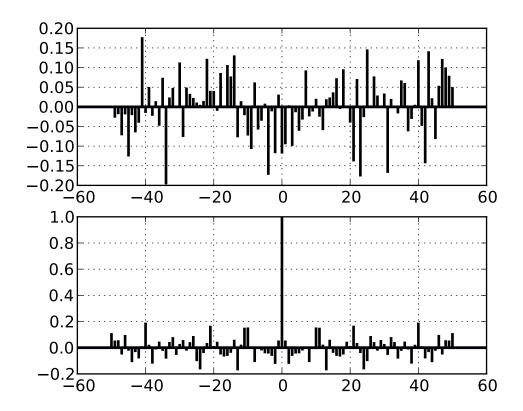
vlines() rather than plot() is used to draw vertical lines from the origin to the xcorr. Otherwise the plotstyle is determined by the kwargs, which are Line2D properties.

The return value is a tuple (lags, c, linecol, b) where linecol is the matplotlib.collections.LineCollection instance and b is the x-axis.

maxlags is a positive integer detailing the number of lags to show. The default value of *None* will return all (2*len(x)-1) lags.

Example:

xcorr() is top graph, and acorr() is bottom graph.



yaxis_date(tz=None)

Sets up y-axis ticks and labels that treat the y data as dates.

tz is a timezone string or tzinfo instance. Defaults to rc value.

yaxis_inverted()

Returns *True* if the y-axis is inverted.

matplotlib.axes.**Subplot** alias of AxesSubplot

```
class matplotlib.axes.SubplotBase(fig, *args, **kwargs)
```

Base class for subplots, which are Axes instances with additional methods to facilitate generating and manipulating a set of Axes within a figure.

```
fig is a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance.
```

args is the tuple (numRows, numCols, plotNum), where the array of subplots in the figure has dimensions numRows, numCols, and where plotNum is the number of the subplot being created. plotNum starts at 1 in the upper left corner and increases to the right.

If $numRows \le numCols \le plotNum \le 10$, args can be the decimal integer numRows * 100 + numCols * 10 + plotNum.

```
change_geometry(numrows, numcols, num)
        change subplot geometry, eg. from 1,1,1 to 2,2,3

get_geometry()
        get the subplot geometry, eg 2,2,3

get_subplotspec()
        get the SubplotSpec instance associated with the subplot

is_first_col()
```

is_first_row()

is_last_col()

is_last_row()

label_outer()

set the visible property on ticklabels so xticklabels are visible only if the subplot is in the last row and yticklabels are visible only if the subplot is in the first column

set_subplotspec(subplotspec)

set the SubplotSpec instance associated with the subplot

update_params()

update the subplot position from fig.subplotpars

matplotlib.axes.set_default_color_cycle(clist)

Change the default cycle of colors that will be used by the plot command. This must be called before creating the Axes to which it will apply; it will apply to all future axes.

clist is a sequence of mpl color specifiers.

```
See also: set_color_cycle().
```

Note: Deprecated 2010/01/03. Set rcParams['axes.color_cycle'] directly.

matplotlib.axes.subplot_class_factory(axes_class=None)

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AXIS

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```
Classes for the ticks and x and y axis
class matplotlib.axis.Axis(axes, pickradius=15)
     Bases: matplotlib.artist.Artist
     Public attributes
          •axes.transData - transform data coords to display coords
          •axes.transAxes - transform axis coords to display coords
          •labelpad - number of points between the axis and its label
     Init the axis with the parent Axes instance
     OFFSETTEXTPAD = 3
     axis_date(tz=None)
           Sets up x-axis ticks and labels that treat the x data as dates. tz is a tzinfo instance or a timezone
           string. This timezone is used to create date labels.
     cla()
           clear the current axis
     convert_units(x)
     draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
           Draw the axis lines, grid lines, tick lines and labels
     get_children()
     get_data_interval()
           return the Interval instance for this axis data limits
     get_gridlines()
           Return the grid lines as a list of Line2D instance
     get_label()
```

Return the axis label as a Text instance

get_label_text() Get the text of the label get_major_formatter() Get the formatter of the major ticker get_major_locator() Get the locator of the major ticker get_major_ticks(numticks=None) get the tick instances; grow as necessary get_majorticklabels() Return a list of Text instances for the major ticklabels get_majorticklines() Return the major tick lines as a list of Line2D instances get_majorticklocs() Get the major tick locations in data coordinates as a numpy array get_minor_formatter() Get the formatter of the minor ticker get_minor_locator() Get the locator of the minor ticker get_minor_ticks(numticks=None) get the minor tick instances; grow as necessary get_minorticklabels() Return a list of Text instances for the minor ticklabels get_minorticklines() Return the minor tick lines as a list of Line2D instances get_minorticklocs() Get the minor tick locations in data coordinates as a numpy array get_offset_text() Return the axis offsetText as a Text instance get_pickradius() Return the depth of the axis used by the picker get_scale() get_smart_bounds() get whether the axis has smart bounds get_ticklabel_extents(renderer) Get the extents of the tick labels on either side of the axes.

get_ticklabels(minor=False)

Return a list of Text instances for ticklabels

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get_ticklines(minor=False)

Return the tick lines as a list of Line2D instances

get_ticklocs(minor=False)

Get the tick locations in data coordinates as a numpy array

get_tightbbox(renderer)

Return a bounding box that encloses the axis. It only accounts tick labels, axis label, and offset-Text.

get_transform()

get_units()

return the units for axis

get_view_interval()

return the Interval instance for this axis view limits

```
grid(b=None, which='major', **kwargs)
```

Set the axis grid on or off; b is a boolean. Use *which* = 'major' | 'minor' | 'both' to set the grid for major or minor ticks.

If b is *None* and len(kwargs)==0, toggle the grid state. If kwargs are supplied, it is assumed you want the grid on and b will be set to True.

kwargs are used to set the line properties of the grids, eg,

```
xax.grid(color='r', linestyle='-', linewidth=2)
```

have_units()

iter_ticks()

Iterate through all of the major and minor ticks.

limit_range_for_scale(vmin, vmax)

pan(numsteps)

Pan *numsteps* (can be positive or negative)

reset_ticks()

set_clip_path(clippath, transform=None)

set_data_interval()

set the axis data limits

set_default_intervals()

set the default limits for the axis data and view interval if they are not mutated

set_label_coords(x, y, transform=None)

Set the coordinates of the label. By default, the x coordinate of the y label is determined by the tick label bounding boxes, but this can lead to poor alignment of multiple ylabels if there are multiple axes. Ditto for the y coordinate of the x label.

You can also specify the coordinate system of the label with the transform. If None, the default coordinate system will be the axes coordinate system (0,0) is (left,bottom), (0.5, 0.5) is middle, etc

set_label_text(label, fontdict=None, **kwargs)

Sets the text value of the axis label

ACCEPTS: A string value for the label

set_major_formatter(formatter)

Set the formatter of the major ticker

ACCEPTS: A Formatter instance

set_major_locator(locator)

Set the locator of the major ticker

ACCEPTS: a Locator instance

set_minor_formatter(formatter)

Set the formatter of the minor ticker

ACCEPTS: A Formatter instance

set_minor_locator(locator)

Set the locator of the minor ticker

ACCEPTS: a Locator instance

set_pickradius(pickradius)

Set the depth of the axis used by the picker

ACCEPTS: a distance in points

set_scale(value, **kwargs)

set_smart_bounds(value)

set the axis to have smart bounds

set_tick_params(which='major', reset=False, **kw)

Set appearance parameters for ticks and ticklabels.

For documentation of keyword arguments, see matplotlib.axes.Axes.tick_params().

set_ticklabels(ticklabels, *args, **kwargs)

Set the text values of the tick labels. Return a list of Text instances. Use *kwarg minor=True* to select minor ticks. All other kwargs are used to update the text object properties. As for get_ticklabels, label1 (left or bottom) is affected for a given tick only if its label1On attribute is True, and similarly for label2. The list of returned label text objects consists of all such label1 objects followed by all such label2 objects.

The input *ticklabels* is assumed to match the set of tick locations, regardless of the state of label1On and label2On.

ACCEPTS: sequence of strings

set_ticks(ticks, minor=False)

Set the locations of the tick marks from sequence ticks

ACCEPTS: sequence of floats

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set_units(u)

set the units for axis

ACCEPTS: a units tag

set_view_interval(vmin, vmax, ignore=False)

update_units(data)

introspect *data* for units converter and update the axis.converter instance if necessary. Return *True* if *data* is registered for unit conversion.

zoom(direction)

Zoom in/out on axis; if *direction* is >0 zoom in, else zoom out

Bases: matplotlib.artist.Artist

Abstract base class for the axis ticks, grid lines and labels

1 refers to the bottom of the plot for xticks and the left for yticks 2 refers to the top of the plot for xticks and the right for yticks

Publicly accessible attributes:

tick1line a Line2D instance

tick2line a Line2D instance

gridline a Line2D instance

label1 a Text instance

label2 a Text instance

gridOn a boolean which determines whether to draw the tickline

tick10n a boolean which determines whether to draw the 1st tickline

tick20n a boolean which determines whether to draw the 2nd tickline

label10n a boolean which determines whether to draw tick label

label20n a boolean which determines whether to draw tick label

bbox is the Bound2D bounding box in display coords of the Axes loc is the tick location in data coords size is the tick size in points

apply_tickdir(tickdir)

Calculate self._pad and self._tickmarkers

contains(mouseevent)

Test whether the mouse event occurred in the Tick marks.

This function always returns false. It is more useful to test if the axis as a whole contains the mouse rather than the set of tick marks.

```
draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
     get_children()
     get_loc()
           Return the tick location (data coords) as a scalar
     get_pad()
           Get the value of the tick label pad in points
     get_pad_pixels()
     get_view_interval()
           return the view Interval instance for the axis this tick is ticking
     set_clip_path(clippath, transform=None)
           Set the artist's clip path, which may be:
              •a Patch (or subclass) instance
              •a Path instance, in which case an optional Transform instance may be provided, which
                   will be applied to the path before using it for clipping.
              •None, to remove the clipping path
           For efficiency, if the path happens to be an axis-aligned rectangle, this method will set the clip-
           ping box to the corresponding rectangle and set the clipping path to None.
           ACCEPTS: [ (Path, Transform) | Patch | None ]
      set_label(s)
           Set the text of ticklabel
           ACCEPTS: str
      set_label1(s)
           Set the text of ticklabel
           ACCEPTS: str
     set_label2(s)
           Set the text of ticklabel2
           ACCEPTS: str
     set_pad(val)
           Set the tick label pad in points
           ACCEPTS: float
class matplotlib.axis.Ticker
      formatter = None
     locator = None
class matplotlib.axis.XAxis(axes, pickradius=15)
```

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Bases: matplotlib.axis.Axis

Init the axis with the parent Axes instance

axis_name = 'x'

contains(mouseevent)

Test whether the mouse event occured in the x axis.

get_data_interval()

return the Interval instance for this axis data limits

get_label_position()

Return the label position (top or bottom)

get_minpos()

get_text_heights(renderer)

Returns the amount of space one should reserve for text above and below the axes. Returns a tuple (above, below)

get_ticks_position()

Return the ticks position (top, bottom, default or unknown)

get_view_interval()

return the Interval instance for this axis view limits

set_data_interval(vmin, vmax, ignore=False)

set the axis data limits

set default intervals()

set the default limits for the axis interval if they are not mutated

set_label_position(position)

Set the label position (top or bottom)

```
ACCEPTS: [ 'top' | 'bottom' ]
```

set_ticks_position(position)

Set the ticks position (top, bottom, both, default or none) both sets the ticks to appear on both positions, but does not change the tick labels. 'default' resets the tick positions to the default: ticks on both positions, labels at bottom. 'none' can be used if you don't want any ticks. 'none' and 'both' affect only the ticks, not the labels.

```
ACCEPTS: [ 'top' | 'bottom' | 'both' | 'default' | 'none' ]
```

set_view_interval(vmin, vmax, ignore=False)

If *ignore* is *False*, the order of vmin, vmax does not matter; the original axis orientation will be preserved. In addition, the view limits can be expanded, but will not be reduced. This method is for mpl internal use; for normal use, see set_xlim().

tick_bottom()

use ticks only on bottom

tick_top()

use ticks only on top

```
class matplotlib.axis.XTick(axes, loc, label, size=None, width=None, color=None, tick-
                                             pad=None.
                                                           labelsize=None,
                                                                              labelcolor=None.
                                dir=None,
                                zorder=None, gridOn=None, tick1On=True, tick2On=True,
                                label1On=True, label2On=False, major=True)
     Bases: matplotlib.axis.Tick
     Contains all the Artists needed to make an x tick - the tick line, the label text and the grid line
     bbox is the Bound2D bounding box in display coords of the Axes loc is the tick location in data coords
     size is the tick size in points
     apply_tickdir(tickdir)
     get_view_interval()
           return the Interval instance for this axis view limits
     update_position(loc)
           Set the location of tick in data coords with scalar loc
class matplotlib.axis.YAxis(axes, pickradius=15)
     Bases: matplotlib.axis.Axis
     Init the axis with the parent Axes instance
     axis_name = 'y'
      contains(mouseevent)
           Test whether the mouse event occurred in the y axis.
           Returns True | False
     get_data_interval()
           return the Interval instance for this axis data limits
     get_label_position()
           Return the label position (left or right)
     get_minpos()
     get_text_widths(renderer)
     get_ticks_position()
           Return the ticks position (left, right, both or unknown)
     get_view_interval()
           return the Interval instance for this axis view limits
     set_data_interval(vmin, vmax, ignore=False)
           set the axis data limits
      set_default_intervals()
           set the default limits for the axis interval if they are not mutated
     set_label_position(position)
           Set the label position (left or right)
           ACCEPTS: [ 'left' | 'right' ]
```

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set_offset_position(position)

set_ticks_position(position)

Set the ticks position (left, right, both, default or none) 'both' sets the ticks to appear on both positions, but does not change the tick labels. 'default' resets the tick positions to the default: ticks on both positions, labels at left. 'none' can be used if you don't want any ticks. 'none' and 'both' affect only the ticks, not the labels.

```
ACCEPTS: [ 'left' | 'right' | 'both' | 'default' | 'none' ]
```

set_view_interval(vmin, vmax, ignore=False)

If *ignore* is *False*, the order of vmin, vmax does not matter; the original axis orientation will be preserved. In addition, the view limits can be expanded, but will not be reduced. This method is for mpl internal use; for normal use, see set_ylim().

tick_left()

use ticks only on left

tick_right()

use ticks only on right

Bases: matplotlib.axis.Tick

Contains all the Artists needed to make a Y tick - the tick line, the label text and the grid line

bbox is the Bound2D bounding box in display coords of the Axes loc is the tick location in data coords size is the tick size in points

apply_tickdir(tickdir)

get_view_interval()

return the Interval instance for this axis view limits

update_position(loc)

Set the location of tick in data coords with scalar loc

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BACKENDS

53.1 matplotlib.backend_bases

Abstract base classes define the primitives that renderers and graphics contexts must implement to serve as a matplotlib backend

RendererBase An abstract base class to handle drawing/rendering operations.

FigureCanvasBase The abstraction layer that separates the matplotlib.figure.Figure from the backend specific details like a user interface drawing area

GraphicsContextBase An abstract base class that provides color, line styles, etc...

Event The base class for all of the matplotlib event handling. Derived classes suh as KeyEvent and MouseEvent store the meta data like keys and buttons pressed, x and y locations in pixel and Axes coordinates.

ShowBase The base class for the Show class of each interactive backend; the 'show' callable is then set to Show.__call__, inherited from ShowBase.

```
class matplotlib.backend_bases.CloseEvent(name, canvas, guiEvent=None)
```

Bases: matplotlib.backend_bases.Event

An event triggered by a figure being closed

In addition to the Event attributes, the following event attributes are defined:

class matplotlib.backend_bases.Cursors

HAND = 0

MOVE = 3

POINTER = 1

 $SELECT_REGION = 2$

class matplotlib.backend_bases.DrawEvent(name, canvas, renderer)

Bases: matplotlib.backend_bases.Event

An event triggered by a draw operation on the canvas

In addition to the Event attributes, the following event attributes are defined:

renderer the RendererBase instance for the draw event

class matplotlib.backend_bases.Event(name, canvas, guiEvent=None)

A matplotlib event. Attach additional attributes as defined in FigureCanvasBase.mpl_connect(). The following attributes are defined and shown with their default values

name the event name

canvas the FigureCanvas instance generating the event

guiEvent the GUI event that triggered the matplotlib event

class matplotlib.backend_bases.FigureCanvasBase(figure)

Bases: object

The canvas the figure renders into.

Public attributes

figure A matplotlib.figure.Figure instance

blit(*bbox=None*)

blit the canvas in bbox (default entire canvas)

button_press_event(*x*, *y*, *button*, *dblclick=False*, *guiEvent=None*)

Backend derived classes should call this function on any mouse button press. x,y are the canvas coords: 0,0 is lower, left. button and key are as defined in MouseEvent.

This method will be call all functions connected to the 'button_press_event' with a MouseEvent instance.

button_release_event(x, y, button, guiEvent=None)

Backend derived classes should call this function on any mouse button release.

- x the canvas coordinates where 0=left
- y the canvas coordinates where 0=bottom

guiEvent the native UI event that generated the mpl event

This method will be call all functions connected to the 'button_release_event' with a MouseEvent instance.

close_event(guiEvent=None)

This method will be called by all functions connected to the 'close_event' with a CloseEvent

draw(*args, **kwargs)

Render the Figure

draw_cursor(event)

Draw a cursor in the event.axes if inaxes is not None. Use native GUI drawing for efficiency if possible

draw_event(renderer)

This method will be call all functions connected to the 'draw_event' with a DrawEvent

draw_idle(*args, **kwargs)

draw() only if idle; defaults to draw but backends can overrride

enter_notify_event(guiEvent=None, xy=None)

Backend derived classes should call this function when entering canvas

guiEvent the native UI event that generated the mpl event

xy the coordinate location of the pointer when the canvas is entered

events = ['resize_event', 'draw_event', 'key_press_event', 'key_release_event', 'button_press_event', 'button_ filetypes = {'pgf': 'LaTeX PGF Figure', 'svgz': 'Scalable Vector Graphics', 'tiff': 'Tagged Image File Form

flush_events()

Flush the GUI events for the figure. Implemented only for backends with GUIs.

get_default_filename()

Return a string, which includes extension, suitable for use as a default filename.

get_default_filetype()

Get the default savefig file format as specified in rcParam savefig.format. Returned string excludes period. Overridden in backends that only support a single file type.

get_supported_filetypes()

Return dict of savefig file formats supported by this backend

get_supported_filetypes_grouped()

Return a dict of savefig file formats supported by this backend, where the keys are a file type name, such as 'Joint Photographic Experts Group', and the values are a list of filename extensions used for that filetype, such as ['jpg', 'jpeg'].

get_width_height()

Return the figure width and height in points or pixels (depending on the backend), truncated to integers

get_window_title()

Get the title text of the window containing the figure. Return None if there is no window (eg, a PS backend).

grab_mouse(ax)

Set the child axes which are currently grabbing the mouse events. Usually called by the widgets themselves. It is an error to call this if the mouse is already grabbed by another axes.

idle_event(guiEvent=None)

Called when GUI is idle.

key_press_event(key, guiEvent=None)

This method will be call all functions connected to the 'key_press_event' with a KeyEvent

key_release_event(key, guiEvent=None)

This method will be call all functions connected to the 'key_release_event' with a KeyEvent

leave_notify_event(guiEvent=None)

Backend derived classes should call this function when leaving canvas

guiEvent the native UI event that generated the mpl event

```
motion_notify_event(x, y, guiEvent=None)
```

Backend derived classes should call this function on any motion-notify-event.

- x the canvas coordinates where 0=left
- y the canvas coordinates where 0=bottom

guiEvent the native UI event that generated the mpl event

This method will be call all functions connected to the 'motion_notify_event' with a MouseEvent instance.

```
mpl_connect(s, func)
```

Connect event with string s to func. The signature of func is:

```
def func(event)
```

where event is a matplotlib.backend_bases.Event. The following events are recognized

- 'button_press_event'
- 'button_release_event'
- •'draw_event'
- 'key_press_event'
- 'key_release_event'
- 'motion_notify_event'
- 'pick_event'
- 'resize_event'
- •'scroll event'
- 'figure_enter_event',
- 'figure_leave_event',
- 'axes_enter_event',
- •'axes_leave_event'
- 'close_event'

For the location events (button and key press/release), if the mouse is over the axes, the variable event.inaxes will be set to the Axes the event occurs is over, and additionally, the variables event.xdata and event.ydata will be defined. This is the mouse location in data coords. See KeyEvent and MouseEvent for more info.

Return value is a connection id that can be used with mpl_disconnect().

Example usage:

```
def on_press(event):
    print('you pressed', event.button, event.xdata, event.ydata)

cid = canvas.mpl_connect('button_press_event', on_press)
```

mpl_disconnect(cid)

Disconnect callback id cid

Example usage:

```
cid = canvas.mpl_connect('button_press_event', on_press)
#...later
canvas.mpl_disconnect(cid)
```

```
new_timer(*args, **kwargs)
```

Creates a new backend-specific subclass of backend_bases.Timer. This is useful for getting periodic events through the backend's native event loop. Implemented only for backends with GUIs.

optional arguments:

interval Timer interval in milliseconds

callbacks Sequence of (func, args, kwargs) where func(args, **kwargs) will be executed by the timer every *interval.

onHilite(ev)

Mouse event processor which highlights the artists under the cursor. Connect this to the 'motion_notify_event' using:

```
canvas.mpl_connect('motion_notify_event',canvas.onHilite)
```

onRemove(ev)

Mouse event processor which removes the top artist under the cursor. Connect this to the 'mouse_press_event' using:

```
canvas.mpl_connect('mouse_press_event',canvas.onRemove)
```

pick(mouseevent)

```
pick_event(mouseevent, artist, **kwargs)
```

This method will be called by artists who are picked and will fire off PickEvent callbacks registered listeners

```
print_bmp(*args, **kwargs)
print_emf(*args, **kwargs)
print_eps(*args, **kwargs)
```

Render the figure to hardcopy. Set the figure patch face and edge colors. This is useful because some of the GUIs have a gray figure face color background and you'll probably want to override this on hardcopy.

Arguments are:

filename can also be a file object on image backends

orientation only currently applies to PostScript printing.

```
dpi the dots per inch to save the figure in; if None, use savefig.dpi
     facecolor the facecolor of the figure
     edgecolor the edgecolor of the figure
     orientation landscape' | 'portrait' (not supported on all backends)
     format when set, forcibly set the file format to save to
     bbox inches Bbox in inches. Only the given portion of the figure is saved. If 'tight', try to
          figure out the tight bbox of the figure. If None, use savefig.bbox
     pad_inches Amount of padding around the figure when bbox_inches is 'tight'. If None, use
         savefig.pad_inches
     bbox_extra_artists A list of extra artists that will be considered when the tight bbox is calcu-
print_jpeg(filename_or_obj, *args, **kwargs)
     Supported kwargs:
     quality: The image quality, on a scale from 1 (worst) to 95 (best). The default is 75. Values
          above 95 should be avoided; 100 completely disables the JPEG quantization stage.
     optimize: If present, indicates that the encoder should make an extra pass over the image in
         order to select optimal encoder settings.
     progressive: If present, indicates that this image should be stored as a progressive JPEG file.
print_jpg(filename_or_obj, *args, **kwargs)
     Supported kwargs:
     quality: The image quality, on a scale from 1 (worst) to 95 (best). The default is 75. Values
          above 95 should be avoided; 100 completely disables the JPEG quantization stage.
     optimize: If present, indicates that the encoder should make an extra pass over the image in
         order to select optimal encoder settings.
     progressive: If present, indicates that this image should be stored as a progressive JPEG file.
print_pdf(*args, **kwargs)
print_pgf(*args, **kwargs)
print_png(*args, **kwargs)
print_ps(*args, **kwargs)
print_raw(*args, **kwargs)
print_rgb(*args, **kwargs)
print_svg(*args, **kwargs)
print_svgz(*args, **kwargs)
```

print_tif(filename_or_obj, *args, **kwargs)

print_tiff(filename_or_obj, *args, **kwargs)

release_mouse(ax)

Release the mouse grab held by the axes, ax. Usually called by the widgets. It is ok to call this even if you ax doesn't have the mouse grab currently.

resize(w, h)

set the canvas size in pixels

resize_event()

This method will be call all functions connected to the 'resize_event' with a ResizeEvent

scroll_event(x, y, step, guiEvent=None)

Backend derived classes should call this function on any scroll wheel event. x,y are the canvas coords: 0,0 is lower, left. button and key are as defined in MouseEvent.

This method will be call all functions connected to the 'scroll_event' with a MouseEvent instance.

set_window_title(title)

Set the title text of the window containing the figure. Note that this has no effect if there is no window (eg, a PS backend).

start_event_loop(timeout)

Start an event loop. This is used to start a blocking event loop so that interactive functions, such as ginput and waitforbuttonpress, can wait for events. This should not be confused with the main GUI event loop, which is always running and has nothing to do with this.

This is implemented only for backends with GUIs.

start_event_loop_default(timeout=0)

Start an event loop. This is used to start a blocking event loop so that interactive functions, such as ginput and waitforbuttonpress, can wait for events. This should not be confused with the main GUI event loop, which is always running and has nothing to do with this.

This function provides default event loop functionality based on time.sleep that is meant to be used until event loop functions for each of the GUI backends can be written. As such, it throws a deprecated warning.

Call signature:

```
start_event_loop_default(self,timeout=0)
```

This call blocks until a callback function triggers stop_event_loop() or *timeout* is reached. If *timeout* is <=0, never timeout.

stop_event_loop()

Stop an event loop. This is used to stop a blocking event loop so that interactive functions, such as ginput and waitforbuttonpress, can wait for events.

This is implemented only for backends with GUIs.

stop_event_loop_default()

Stop an event loop. This is used to stop a blocking event loop so that interactive functions, such as ginput and waitforbuttonpress, can wait for events.

Call signature:

```
stop_event_loop_default(self)
```

switch_backends(FigureCanvasClass)

Instantiate an instance of FigureCanvasClass

This is used for backend switching, eg, to instantiate a FigureCanvasPS from a FigureCanvas-GTK. Note, deep copying is not done, so any changes to one of the instances (eg, setting figure size or line props), will be reflected in the other

class matplotlib.backend_bases.FigureManagerBase(canvas, num)

Helper class for pyplot mode, wraps everything up into a neat bundle

Public attibutes:

```
canvas A FigureCanvasBase instance
```

num The figure number

destroy()

full_screen_toggle()

get_window_title()

Get the title text of the window containing the figure. Return None for non-GUI backends (eg, a PS backend).

key_press(event)

Implement the default mpl key bindings defined at Navigation Keyboard Shortcuts

key_press_handler_id = None

The returned id from connecting the default key handler via FigureCanvasBase.mpl_connnect().

To disable default key press handling:

```
manager, canvas = figure.canvas.manager, figure.canvas
canvas.mpl_disconnect(manager.key_press_handler_id)
```

resize(w, h)

"For gui backends, resize the window (in pixels).

set_window_title(title)

Set the title text of the window containing the figure. Note that this has no effect for non-GUI backends (eg, a PS backend).

show()

For GUI backends, show the figure window and redraw. For non-GUI backends, raise an exception to be caught by show(), for an optional warning.

show_popup(msg)

Display message in a popup – GUI only

class matplotlib.backend_bases.GraphicsContextBase

An abstract base class that provides color, line styles, etc...

copy_properties(gc)

Copy properties from gc to self

$dashd = \{ \text{`solid': (None, None), 'dashed': (0, (6.0, 6.0)), 'dotted': (0, (1.0, 3.0)), 'dashdot': (0, (3.0, 5.0, 1.0, 5.0)) \} \}$

get_alpha()

Return the alpha value used for blending - not supported on all backends

get_antialiased()

Return true if the object should try to do antialiased rendering

get_capstyle()

Return the capstyle as a string in ('butt', 'round', 'projecting')

get_clip_path()

Return the clip path in the form (path, transform), where path is a Path instance, and transform is an affine transform to apply to the path before clipping.

get_clip_rectangle()

Return the clip rectangle as a Bbox instance

get_dashes()

Return the dash information as an offset dashlist tuple.

The dash list is a even size list that gives the ink on, ink off in pixels.

See p107 of to PostScript BLUEBOOK for more info.

Default value is None

get_gid()

Return the object identifier if one is set, None otherwise.

get_hatch()

Gets the current hatch style

get_hatch_path(density=6.0)

Returns a Path for the current hatch.

get_joinstyle()

Return the line join style as one of ('miter', 'round', 'bevel')

get_linestyle(style)

Return the linestyle: one of ('solid', 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted').

get_linewidth()

Return the line width in points as a scalar

get_rgb()

returns a tuple of three or four floats from 0-1.

get_snap()

returns the snap setting which may be:

- •True: snap vertices to the nearest pixel center
- •False: leave vertices as-is

•None: (auto) If the path contains only rectilinear line segments, round to the nearest pixel center

get_url()

returns a url if one is set, None otherwise

restore()

Restore the graphics context from the stack - needed only for backends that save graphics contexts on a stack

set_alpha(alpha)

Set the alpha value used for blending - not supported on all backends

set_antialiased(b)

True if object should be drawn with antialiased rendering

set_capstyle(cs)

Set the capstyle as a string in ('butt', 'round', 'projecting')

set_clip_path(path)

Set the clip path and transformation. Path should be a TransformedPath instance.

set_clip_rectangle(rectangle)

Set the clip rectangle with sequence (left, bottom, width, height)

set_dashes(dash_offset, dash_list)

Set the dash style for the gc.

dash_offset is the offset (usually 0).

dash_list specifies the on-off sequence as points. (None, None) specifies a solid line

set_foreground(fg, isRGB=False)

Set the foreground color. fg can be a MATLAB format string, a html hex color string, an rgb or rgba unit tuple, or a float between 0 and 1. In the latter case, grayscale is used.

If you know fg is rgb or rgba, set isRGB=True for efficiency.

set_gid(id)

Sets the id.

set_graylevel(frac)

Set the foreground color to be a gray level with frac

set_hatch(hatch)

Sets the hatch style for filling

set_joinstyle(js)

Set the join style to be one of ('miter', 'round', 'bevel')

set_linestyle(style)

Set the linestyle to be one of ('solid', 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted'). One may specify customized dash styles by providing a tuple of (offset, dash pairs). For example, the predefiend linestyles have following values.:

```
'dashed': (0, (6.0, 6.0)), 'dashdot': (0, (3.0, 5.0, 1.0, 5.0)), 'dotted': (0, (1.0, 3.0)),
```

```
set_linewidth(w)
```

Set the linewidth in points

```
set_snap(snap)
```

Sets the snap setting which may be:

- •True: snap vertices to the nearest pixel center
- •False: leave vertices as-is
- •None: (auto) If the path contains only rectilinear line segments, round to the nearest pixel center

```
set_url(url)
```

Sets the url for links in compatible backends

```
class matplotlib.backend_bases.IdleEvent(name, canvas, guiEvent=None)
```

```
Bases: matplotlib.backend_bases.Event
```

An event triggered by the GUI backend when it is idle – useful for passive animation

```
class matplotlib.backend_bases.KeyEvent(name, canvas, key, x=0, y=0, guiEvent=None)
```

```
Bases: matplotlib.backend_bases.LocationEvent
```

A key event (key press, key release).

Attach additional attributes as defined in FigureCanvasBase.mpl_connect().

In addition to the Event and LocationEvent attributes, the following attributes are defined:

key the key(s) pressed. Could be **None**, a single case sensitive ascii character ("g", "G", "#", etc.), a special key ("control", "shift", "f1", "up", etc.) or a combination of the above (e.g. "ctrl+alt+g", "ctrl+alt+G").

Note: Modifier keys will be prefixed to the pressed key and will be in the order "ctrl", "alt", "super". The exception to this rule is when the pressed key is itself a modifier key, therefore "ctrl+alt" and "alt+control" can both be valid key values.

Example usage:

```
def on_key(event):
    print('you pressed', event.key, event.xdata, event.ydata)

cid = fig.canvas.mpl_connect('key_press_event', on_key)
```

class matplotlib.backend_bases.LocationEvent(name, canvas, x, y, guiEvent=None)

```
Bases: matplotlib.backend_bases.Event
```

An event that has a screen location

The following additional attributes are defined and shown with their default values.

In addition to the Event attributes, the following event attributes are defined:

x x position - pixels from left of canvas

```
y y position - pixels from bottom of canvas
     inaxes the Axes instance if mouse is over axes
     xdata x coord of mouse in data coords
     ydata y coord of mouse in data coords
     x, y in figure coords, 0,0 = bottom, left
     inaxes = None
     lastevent = None
     x = None
     xdata = None
     y = None
     ydata = None
class matplotlib.backend_bases.MouseEvent(name, canvas, x, y, button=None, key=None,
                                                step=0, dblclick=False, guiEvent=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.backend_bases.LocationEvent
     A mouse event ('button_press_event', 'button_release_event', 'scroll_event', 'motion_notify_event').
     In addition to the Event and LocationEvent attributes, the following attributes are defined:
     button button pressed None, 1, 2, 3, 'up', 'down' (up and down are used for scroll events)
     key the key depressed when the mouse event triggered (see KeyEvent)
     step number of scroll steps (positive for 'up', negative for 'down')
     Example usage:
     def on_press(event):
          print('you pressed', event.button, event.xdata, event.ydata)
     cid = fig.canvas.mpl_connect('button_press_event', on_press)
     x, y in figure coords, 0,0 = bottom, left button pressed None, 1, 2, 3, 'up', 'down'
     button = None
     dblclick = None
     inaxes = None
     step = None
     x = None
     xdata = None
     y = None
     ydata = None
```

```
class matplotlib.backend_bases.NavigationToolbar2(canvas)
     Bases: object
     Base class for the navigation cursor, version 2
     backends must implement a canvas that handles connections for 'button_press_event' and 'but-
     ton_release_event'. See FigureCanvasBase.mpl_connect() for more information
     They must also define
           save_figure() save the current figure
           set_cursor() if you want the pointer icon to change
           _init_toolbar() create your toolbar widget
           draw_rubberband() (optional) draw the zoom to rect "rubberband" rectangle
          press() (optional) whenever a mouse button is pressed, you'll be notified with the event
          release() (optional) whenever a mouse button is released, you'll be notified with the
               event
          dynamic_update() (optional) dynamically update the window while navigating
           set_message() (optional) display message
          set_history_buttons() (optional) you can change the history back / forward buttons
               to indicate disabled / enabled state.
     That's it, we'll do the rest!
     back(*args)
          move back up the view lim stack
     drag_pan(event)
          the drag callback in pan/zoom mode
     drag_zoom(event)
          the drag callback in zoom mode
     draw()
          Redraw the canvases, update the locators
     draw_rubberband(event, x0, y0, x1, y1)
          Draw a rectangle rubberband to indicate zoom limits
     dynamic_update()
     forward(*args)
          Move forward in the view lim stack
     home(*args)
           Restore the original view
     mouse_move(event)
     pan(*args)
          Activate the pan/zoom tool. pan with left button, zoom with right
```

```
press(event)
          Called whenver a mouse button is pressed.
     press_pan(event)
          the press mouse button in pan/zoom mode callback
     press_zoom(event)
          the press mouse button in zoom to rect mode callback
     push_current()
           push the current view limits and position onto the stack
     release(event)
          this will be called whenever mouse button is released
     release_pan(event)
          the release mouse button callback in pan/zoom mode
     release_zoom(event)
           the release mouse button callback in zoom to rect mode
     save_figure(*args)
          Save the current figure
     set_cursor(cursor)
           Set the current cursor to one of the Cursors enums values
     set_history_buttons()
          Enable or disable back/forward button
     set_message(s)
          Display a message on toolbar or in status bar
     toolitems = (('Home', 'Reset original view', 'home', 'home'), ('Back', 'Back to previous view', 'back', 'back'
     update()
          Reset the axes stack
     zoom(*args)
          Activate zoom to rect mode
exception matplotlib.backend_bases.NonGuiException
     Bases: exceptions.Exception
class matplotlib.backend_bases.PickEvent(name,
                                                           canvas.
                                                                       mouseevent,
                                                                                        artist.
                                               guiEvent=None, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.backend_bases.Event
     a pick event, fired when the user picks a location on the canvas sufficiently close to an artist.
     Attrs: all the Event attributes plus
     mouseevent the MouseEvent that generated the pick
     artist the Artist picked
     other extra class dependent attrs - eg a Line2D pick may define different extra attributes than a
          PatchCollection pick event
```

Example usage:

```
line, = ax.plot(rand(100), 'o', picker=5) # 5 points tolerance

def on_pick(event):
    thisline = event.artist
    xdata, ydata = thisline.get_data()
    ind = event.ind
    print('on pick line:', zip(xdata[ind], ydata[ind]))

cid = fig.canvas.mpl_connect('pick_event', on_pick)
```

${\bf class}\ {\tt matplotlib.backend_bases.RendererBase}$

An abstract base class to handle drawing/rendering operations.

The following methods *must* be implemented in the backend:

- •draw_path()
- •draw_image()
- •draw_text()
- •get_text_width_height_descent()

The following methods *should* be implemented in the backend for optimization reasons:

- •draw_markers()
- •draw_path_collection()
- •draw_quad_mesh()

close_group(s)

Close a grouping element with label s Is only currently used by backend_svg

```
draw_gouraud_triangle(gc, points, colors, transform)
```

Draw a Gouraud-shaded triangle.

points is a 3x2 array of (x, y) points for the triangle.

colors is a 3x4 array of RGBA colors for each point of the triangle.

transform is an affine transform to apply to the points.

draw_gouraud_triangles(gc, triangles_array, colors_array, transform)

Draws a series of Gouraud triangles.

points is a Nx3x2 array of (x, y) points for the trianglex.

colors is a Nx3x4 array of RGBA colors for each point of the triangles.

transform is an affine transform to apply to the points.

$draw_image(gc, x, y, im)$

Draw the image instance into the current axes;

gc a GraphicsContext containing clipping information

x is the distance in pixels from the left hand side of the canvas.

y the distance from the origin. That is, if origin is upper, y is the distance from top. If origin is lower, y is the distance from bottom

im the matplotlib._image.Image instance

draw_markers(gc, marker_path, marker_trans, path, trans, rgbFace=None)

Draws a marker at each of the vertices in path. This includes all vertices, including control points on curves. To avoid that behavior, those vertices should be removed before calling this function.

gc the GraphicsContextBase instance

marker_trans is an affine transform applied to the marker.

trans is an affine transform applied to the path.

This provides a fallback implementation of draw_markers that makes multiple calls to draw_path(). Some backends may want to override this method in order to draw the marker only once and reuse it multiple times.

draw_path(gc, path, transform, rgbFace=None)

Draws a Path instance using the given affine transform.

Draws a collection of paths selecting drawing properties from the lists *facecolors*, *edgecolors*, *linewidths*, *linestyles* and *antialiaseds*. *offsets* is a list of offsets to apply to each of the paths. The offsets in *offsets* are first transformed by *offsetTrans* before being applied. *offset_position* may be either "screen" or "data" depending on the space that the offsets are in.

This provides a fallback implementation of draw_path_collection() that makes multiple calls to draw_path(). Some backends may want to override this in order to render each set of path data only once, and then reference that path multiple times with the different offsets, colors, styles etc. The generator methods _iter_collection_raw_paths() and _iter_collection() are provided to help with (and standardize) the implementation across backends. It is highly recommended to use those generators, so that changes to the behavior of draw_path_collection() can be made globally.

draw_quad_mesh(gc, master_transform, meshWidth, meshHeight, coordinates, offsets, offset-Trans, facecolors, antialiased, edgecolors)

This provides a fallback implementation of draw_quad_mesh() that generates paths and then calls draw_path_collection().

 $draw_tex(gc, x, y, s, prop, angle, ismath='TeX!')$

 $draw_text(gc, x, y, s, prop, angle, ismath=False)$

Draw the text instance

gc the GraphicsContextBase instance

x the x location of the text in display coords

y the y location of the text in display coords

s a matplotlib.text.Text instance

prop a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance

angle the rotation angle in degrees

backend implementers note

When you are trying to determine if you have gotten your bounding box right (which is what enables the text layout/alignment to work properly), it helps to change the line in text.py:

```
if 0: bbox_artist(self, renderer)
```

to if 1, and then the actual bounding box will be blotted along with your text.

flipy()

Return true if y small numbers are top for renderer Is used for drawing text (matplotlib.text) and images (matplotlib.image) only

get_canvas_width_height()

return the canvas width and height in display coords

get_image_magnification()

Get the factor by which to magnify images passed to draw_image(). Allows a backend to have images at a different resolution to other artists.

get_texmanager()

return the matplotlib.texmanager.TexManager instance

get_text_width_height_descent(s, prop, ismath)

get the width and height, and the offset from the bottom to the baseline (descent), in display coords of the string s with FontProperties prop

new_gc()

Return an instance of a GraphicsContextBase

open_group(s, gid=None)

Open a grouping element with label s. If gid is given, use gid as the id of the group. Is only currently used by backend_svg.

option_image_nocomposite()

override this method for renderers that do not necessarily want to rescale and composite raster images. (like SVG)

option_scale_image()

override this method for renderers that support arbitrary scaling of image (most of the vector backend).

points_to_pixels(points)

Convert points to display units

points a float or a numpy array of float

return points converted to pixels

You need to override this function (unless your backend doesn't have a dpi, eg, postscript or svg). Some imaging systems assume some value for pixels per inch:

```
points to pixels = points * pixels_per_inch/72.0 * dpi/72.0
```

start_filter()

Used in AggRenderer. Switch to a temporary renderer for image filtering effects.

start_rasterizing()

Used in MixedModeRenderer. Switch to the raster renderer.

stop_filter(filter_func)

Used in AggRenderer. Switch back to the original renderer. The contents of the temporary renderer is processed with the *filter_func* and is drawn on the original renderer as an image.

stop_rasterizing()

Used in MixedModeRenderer. Switch back to the vector renderer and draw the contents of the raster renderer as an image on the vector renderer.

```
strip_math(s)
```

class matplotlib.backend_bases.ResizeEvent(name, canvas)

Bases: matplotlib.backend_bases.Event

An event triggered by a canvas resize

In addition to the Event attributes, the following event attributes are defined:

width width of the canvas in pixels

height height of the canvas in pixels

class matplotlib.backend_bases.ShowBase

Bases: object

Simple base class to generate a show() callable in backends.

Subclass must override mainloop() method.

mainloop()

class matplotlib.backend_bases.TimerBase(interval=None, callbacks=None)

Bases: object

A base class for providing timer events, useful for things animations. Backends need to implement a few specific methods in order to use their own timing mechanisms so that the timer events are integrated into their event loops.

Mandatory functions that must be implemented:

- •_timer_start: Contains backend-specific code for starting the timer
- •_timer_stop: Contains backend-specific code for stopping the timer

Optional overrides:

•_timer_set_single_shot: Code for setting the timer to single shot operating mode, if supported by the timer object. If not, the Timer class itself will store the flag and the _on_timer method should be overridden to support such behavior.

- •_timer_set_interval: Code for setting the interval on the timer, if there is a method for doing so on the timer object.
- •_on_timer: This is the internal function that any timer object should call, which will handle the task of running all callbacks that have been set.

Attributes:

- •interval: The time between timer events in milliseconds. Default is 1000 ms.
- •single_shot: Boolean flag indicating whether this timer should operate as single shot (run once and then stop). Defaults to False.
- •callbacks: Stores list of (func, args) tuples that will be called upon timer events. This list can be manipulated directly, or the functions add_callback and remove_callback can be used.

```
add_callback(func, *args, **kwargs)
```

Register func to be called by timer when the event fires. Any additional arguments provided will be passed to func.

interval

```
remove_callback(func, *args, **kwargs)
```

Remove func from list of callbacks. args and kwargs are optional and used to distinguish between copies of the same function registered to be called with different arguments.

single_shot

```
start(interval=None)
```

Start the timer object. interval is optional and will be used to reset the timer interval first if provided.

stop()

Stop the timer.

matplotlib.backend_bases.key_press_handler(event, canvas, toolbar=None)

Implement the default mpl key bindings for the canvas and toolbar described at *Navigation Keyboard Shortcuts*

```
event a KeyEvent instance
canvas a FigureCanvasBase instance
toolbar a NavigationToolbar2 instance
```

matplotlib.backend_bases.register_backend(format, backend_class)

53.2 matplotlib.backends.backend_gtkagg

TODO We'll add this later, importing the gtk backends requires an active X-session, which is not compatible with cron jobs.

53.3 matplotlib.backends.backend_qt4agg

```
Render to qt from agg
class matplotlib.backends.backend_qt4agg.FigureCanvasQTAgg(figure)
                                         matplotlib.backends.backend_qt4.FigureCanvasQT,
     Bases:
     matplotlib.backends.backend_agg.FigureCanvasAgg
     The canvas the figure renders into. Calls the draw and print fig methods, creates the renderers, etc...
     Public attribute
          figure - A Figure instance
     blit(bbox=None)
          Blit the region in bbox
     draw()
          Draw the figure with Agg, and queue a request for a Qt draw.
     drawRectangle(rect)
     paintEvent(e)
          Copy the image from the Agg canvas to the qt.drawable. In Qt, all drawing should be done inside
          of here when a widget is shown onscreen.
     print_figure(*args, **kwargs)
class matplotlib.backends.backend_qt4agg.FigureManagerQTAgg(canvas, num)
     Bases: matplotlib.backends.backend_qt4.FigureManagerQT
{\bf class\ matplotlib.backends.backend\_qt4agg. {\bf NavigationToolbar2QTAgg} ({\it canvas},
                                                                                      par-
                                                                          ent,
                                                                                    coordi-
                                                                          nates=True)
     Bases: matplotlib.backends.backend_gt4.NavigationToolbar2QT
     coordinates: should we show the coordinates on the right?
matplotlib.backends.backend_qt4agg.new_figure_manager(num, *args, **kwargs)
     Create a new figure manager instance
matplotlib.backends.backend_qt4agg.new_figure_manager_given_figure(num, figure)
     Create a new figure manager instance for the given figure.
```

53.4 matplotlib.backends.backend_wxagg

backend_wxagg.py

A wxPython backend for Agg. This uses the GUI widgets written by Jeremy O'Donoghue (jeremy@o-donoghue.com) and the Agg backend by John Hunter (jdhunter@ace.bsd.uchicago.edu)

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class matplotlib.backends.backend_wxagg.FigureCanvasWxAgg(parent, id, figure) Bases: matplotlib.backends.backend_agg.FigureCanvasAgg, matplotlib.backends.backend_wx.FigureCanvasWx The Figure Canvas contains the figure and does event handling. In the wxPython backend, it is derived from wxPanel, and (usually) lives inside a frame instantiated by a FigureManagerWx. The parent window probably implements a wxSizer to control the displayed control size - but we give a hint as to our preferred minimum size. Initialise a FigureWx instance. •Initialise the FigureCanvasBase and wxPanel parents. •Set event handlers for: EVT_SIZE (Resize event) EVT_PAINT (Paint event) **blit**(bbox=None) Transfer the region of the agg buffer defined by bbox to the display. If bbox is None, the entire buffer is transferred. draw(drawDC=None) Render the figure using agg. filetypes = {'pgf': 'LaTeX PGF Figure', 'svgz': 'Scalable Vector Graphics', 'tiff': 'Tagged Image File Form

```
{\bf class} \ {\tt matplotlib.backends.backend\_wxagg.FigureFrameWxAgg} (num, fig)
```

Bases: matplotlib.backends.backend_wx.FigureFrameWx

 $get_canvas(fig)$

 ${\bf class\ matplotlib.backends.backend_wxagg. {\bf Navigation Toolbar 2WxAgg} ({\it canvas})}$

Bases: matplotlib.backends.backend_wx.NavigationToolbar2Wx

get_canvas(frame, fig)

matplotlib.backends.backend_wxagg.new_figure_manager(num, *args, **kwargs)

Create a new figure manager instance

print_figure(filename, *args, **kwargs)

matplotlib.backends.backend_wxagg.new_figure_manager_given_figure(num, figure)

Create a new figure manager instance for the given figure.

53.5 matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf

A PDF matplotlib backend Author: Jouni K Seppänen < jks@iki.fi>

class matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.FigureCanvasPdf(figure)

Bases: matplotlib.backend_bases.FigureCanvasBase

The canvas the figure renders into. Calls the draw and print fig methods, creates the renderers, etc...

Public attribute

figure - A Figure instance

```
class matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.Name(name)
     Bases: object
     PDF name object.
class matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.Operator(op)
     Bases: object
     PDF operator object.
class matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.PdfFile(filename)
     Bases: object
     PDF file object.
     alphaState(alpha)
          Return name of an ExtGState that sets alpha to the given value
     embedTTF(filename, characters)
          Embed the TTF font from the named file into the document.
     fontName(fontprop)
          Select a font based on fontprop and return a name suitable for Op.selectfont. If fontprop is a
          string, it will be interpreted as the filename (or dvi name) of the font.
     imageObject(image)
          Return name of an image XObject representing the given image.
     markerObject(path, trans, fillp, strokep, lw, joinstyle, capstyle)
          Return name of a marker XObject representing the given path.
     reserveObject(name='')
          Reserve an ID for an indirect object. The name is used for debugging in case we forget to print
          out the object with writeObject.
     writeInfoDict()
          Write out the info dictionary, checking it for good form
     writeTrailer()
          Write out the PDF trailer.
     writeXref()
          Write out the xref table.
class matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.PdfPages(filename)
     Bases: object
     A multi-page PDF file.
     Use like this:
     # Initialize:
     pp = PdfPages('foo.pdf')
     # As many times as you like, create a figure fig, then either:
     fig.savefig(pp, format='pdf') # note the format argument!
     # or:
```

```
pp.savefig(fig)
# Once you are done, remember to close the object:
```

(In reality PdfPages is a thin wrapper around PdfFile, in order to avoid confusion when using savefig and forgetting the format argument.)

Create a new PdfPages object that will be written to the file named *filename*. The file is opened at once and any older file with the same name is overwritten.

close()

pp.close()

Finalize this object, making the underlying file a complete PDF file.

infodict()

Return a modifiable information dictionary object (see PDF reference section 10.2.1 'Document Information Dictionary').

```
savefig(figure=None, **kwargs)
```

Save the Figure instance *figure* to this file as a new page. If *figure* is a number, the figure instance is looked up by number, and if *figure* is None, the active figure is saved. Any other keyword arguments are passed to Figure.savefig.

class matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.Reference(id)

Bases: object

PDF reference object. Use PdfFile.reserveObject() to create References.

class matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.Stream(id, len, file, extra=None)

Bases: object

PDF stream object.

This has no pdfRepr method. Instead, call begin(), then output the contents of the stream by calling write(), and finally call end().

id: object id of stream; len: an unused Reference object for the length of the stream, or None (to use a memory buffer); file: a PdfFile; extra: a dictionary of extra key-value pairs to include in the stream header

end()

Finalize stream.

write(data)

Write some data on the stream.

matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.fill(strings, linelen=75)

Make one string from sequence of strings, with whitespace in between. The whitespace is chosen to form lines of at most linelen characters, if possible.

matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.new_figure_manager(num, *args, **kwargs)

Create a new figure manager instance

matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.new_figure_manager_given_figure(num, figure)

Create a new figure manager instance for the given figure.

```
matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf.pdfRepr(obj)
Map Python objects to PDF syntax.
```

53.6 matplotlib.dviread

An experimental module for reading dvi files output by TeX. Several limitations make this not (currently) useful as a general-purpose dvi preprocessor, but it is currently used by the pdf backend for processing usetex text.

Interface:

```
dvi = Dvi(filename, 72)
# iterate over pages (but only one page is supported for now):
for page in dvi:
    w, h, d = page.width, page.height, page.descent
    for x,y,font,glyph,width in page.text:
        fontname = font.texname
        pointsize = font.size
        ...
    for x,y,height,width in page.boxes:
        ...
```

class matplotlib.dviread.Dvi(filename, dpi)

Bases: object

A dvi ("device-independent") file, as produced by TeX. The current implementation only reads the first page and does not even attempt to verify the postamble.

Initialize the object. This takes the filename as input and opens the file; actually reading the file happens when iterating through the pages of the file.

close()

Close the underlying file if it is open.

```
class matplotlib.dviread.DviFont(scale, tfm, texname, vf)
```

Bases: object

Object that holds a font's texname and size, supports comparison, and knows the widths of glyphs in the same units as the AFM file. There are also internal attributes (for use by dviread.py) that are *not* used for comparison.

The size is in Adobe points (converted from TeX points).

texname

Name of the font as used internally by TeX and friends. This is usually very different from any external font names, and dviread.PsfontsMap can be used to find the external name of the font.

size

Size of the font in Adobe points, converted from the slightly smaller TeX points.

widths

Widths of glyphs in glyph-space units, typically 1/1000ths of the point size.

size

texname

widths

```
class matplotlib.dviread.Encoding(filename)
```

```
Bases: object
```

Parses a *.enc file referenced from a psfonts.map style file. The format this class understands is a very limited subset of PostScript.

Usage (subject to change):

```
for name in Encoding(filename):
    whatever(name)
```

encoding

class matplotlib.dviread.PsfontsMap(filename)

Bases: object

A psfonts.map formatted file, mapping TeX fonts to PS fonts. Usage:

For historical reasons, TeX knows many Type-1 fonts by different names than the outside world. (For one thing, the names have to fit in eight characters.) Also, TeX's native fonts are not Type-1 but Metafont, which is nontrivial to convert to PostScript except as a bitmap. While high-quality conversions to Type-1 format exist and are shipped with modern TeX distributions, we need to know which Type-1 fonts are the counterparts of which native fonts. For these reasons a mapping is needed from internal font names to font file names.

A texmf tree typically includes mapping files called e.g. psfonts.map, pdftex.map, dvipdfm.map. psfonts.map is used by dvips, pdftex.map by pdfTeX, and dvipdfm.map by dvipdfm. psfonts.map might avoid embedding the 35 PostScript fonts (i.e., have no filename for them, as in the Times-Bold example above), while the pdf-related files perhaps only avoid the "Base 14" pdf fonts. But the user may have configured these files differently.

class matplotlib.dviread.Tfm(filename)

Bases: object

A TeX Font Metric file. This implementation covers only the bare minimum needed by the Dvi class.

checksum

Used for verifying against the dvi file.

design_size

Design size of the font (in what units?)

width

Width of each character, needs to be scaled by the factor specified in the dvi file. This is a dict because indexing may not start from 0.

height

Height of each character.

depth

Depth of each character.

checksum

depth

design_size

height

width

class matplotlib.dviread.Vf(filename)

```
Bases: matplotlib.dviread.Dvi
```

A virtual font (*.vf file) containing subroutines for dvi files.

Usage:

```
vf = Vf(filename)
glyph = vf[code]
glyph.text, glyph.boxes, glyph.width
```

matplotlib.dviread.find_tex_file(filename, format=None)

Call **kpsewhich** to find a file in the texmf tree. If *format* is not None, it is used as the value for the *--format* option.

Apparently most existing TeX distributions on Unix-like systems use kpathsea. I hear MikTeX (a popular distribution on Windows) doesn't use kpathsea, so what do we do? (TODO)

See Also:

Kpathsea documentation The library that **kpsewhich** is part of.

53.7 matplotlib.type1font

This module contains a class representing a Type 1 font.

This version reads pfa and pfb files and splits them for embedding in pdf files. It also supports SlantFont and ExtendFont transformations, similarly to pdfTeX and friends. There is no support yet for subsetting.

Usage:

```
>>> font = Type1Font(filename)
>>> clear_part, encrypted_part, finale = font.parts
>>> slanted_font = font.transform({'slant': 0.167})
>>> extended_font = font.transform({'extend': 1.2})
```

Sources:

- Adobe Technical Note #5040, Supporting Downloadable PostScript Language Fonts.
- Adobe Type 1 Font Format, Adobe Systems Incorporated, third printing, v1.1, 1993. ISBN 0-201-57044-0.

class matplotlib.type1font.Type1Font(input)

Bases: object

A class representing a Type-1 font, for use by backends.

parts

A 3-tuple of the cleartext part, the encrypted part, and the finale of zeros.

prop

A dictionary of font properties.

Initialize a Type-1 font. *input* can be either the file name of a pfb file or a 3-tuple of already-decoded Type-1 font parts.

parts

prop

transform(effects)

Transform the font by slanting or extending. *effects* should be a dict where effects['slant'] is the tangent of the angle that the font is to be slanted to the right (so negative values slant to the left) and effects['extend'] is the multiplier by which the font is to be extended (so values less than 1.0 condense). Returns a new Type1Font object.

CHAPTER

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CBOOK

54.1 matplotlib.cbook

A collection of utility functions and classes. Many (but not all) from the Python Cookbook – hence the name cbook

```
class matplotlib.cbook.Bunch(**kwds)
```

Often we want to just collect a bunch of stuff together, naming each item of the bunch; a dictionary's OK for that, but a small do- nothing class is even handier, and prettier to use. Whenever you want to group a few variables:

```
>>> point = Bunch(datum=2, squared=4, coord=12)
>>> point.datum

By: Alex Martelli
From: http://aspn.activestate.com/ASPN/Cookbook/Python/Recipe/52308
```

class matplotlib.cbook.CallbackRegistry(*args)

Handle registering and disconnecting for a set of signals and callbacks:

```
>>> def oneat(x):
...    print 'eat', x
>>> def ondrink(x):
...    print 'drink', x

>>> from matplotlib.cbook import CallbackRegistry
>>> callbacks = CallbackRegistry()

>>> id_eat = callbacks.connect('eat', oneat)
>>> id_drink = callbacks.connect('drink', ondrink)

>>> callbacks.process('drink', 123)
drink 123
>>> callbacks.process('eat', 456)
eat 456
>>> callbacks.process('be merry', 456) # nothing will be called
>>> callbacks.disconnect(id_eat)
>>> callbacks.process('eat', 456) # nothing will be called
```

In practice, one should always disconnect all callbacks when they are no longer needed to avoid dangling references (and thus memory leaks). However, real code in matplotlib rarely does so, and due to its design, it is rather difficult to place this kind of code. To get around this, and prevent this class of memory leaks, we instead store weak references to bound methods only, so when the destination object needs to die, the CallbackRegistry won't keep it alive. The Python stdlib weakref module can not create weak references to bound methods directly, so we need to create a proxy object to handle weak references to bound methods (or regular free functions). This technique was shared by Peter Parente on his "Mindtrove" blog.

```
connect(s, func)
```

register func to be called when a signal s is generated func will be called

disconnect(cid)

disconnect the callback registered with callback id cid

```
process(s, *args, **kwargs)
```

process signal s. All of the functions registered to receive callbacks on s will be called with *args and **kwargs

class matplotlib.cbook.GetRealpathAndStat

```
class matplotlib.cbook.Grouper(init=[])
    Bases: object
```

This class provides a lightweight way to group arbitrary objects together into disjoint sets when a full-blown graph data structure would be overkill.

Objects can be joined using join(), tested for connectedness using joined(), and all disjoint sets can be retreived by using the object as an iterator.

The objects being joined must be hashable and weak-referenceable.

For example:

```
>>> from matplotlib.cbook import Grouper
>>> class Foo(object):
        def __init__(self, s):
            self.s = s
        def __repr__(self):
            return self.s
>>> a, b, c, d, e, f = [Foo(x) for x in 'abcdef']
>>> grp = Grouper()
>>> grp.join(a, b)
>>> grp.join(b, c)
>>> grp.join(d, e)
>>> sorted(map(tuple, grp))
[(d, e), (a, b, c)]
>>> grp.joined(a, b)
True
>>> grp.joined(a, c)
>>> grp.joined(a, d)
False
```

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```
clean()
          Clean dead weak references from the dictionary
     get_siblings(a)
          Returns all of the items joined with a, including itself.
     join(a, *args)
          Join given arguments into the same set. Accepts one or more arguments.
     joined(a, b)
          Returns True if a and b are members of the same set.
class matplotlib.cbook.Idle(func)
     Bases: matplotlib.cbook.Scheduler
     Schedule callbacks when scheduler is idle
     run()
     waittime = 0.05
class matplotlib.cbook.MemoryMonitor(nmax=20000)
     clear()
     plot(i0=0, isub=1, fig=None)
     report(segments=4)
     xy(i0=0, isub=1)
class matplotlib.cbook.Null(*args, **kwargs)
     Null objects always and reliably "do nothing."
class matplotlib.cbook.RingBuffer(size_max)
     class that implements a not-yet-full buffer
     append(x)
          append an element at the end of the buffer
     get()
          Return a list of elements from the oldest to the newest.
class matplotlib.cbook.Scheduler
     Bases: threading.Thread
     Base class for timeout and idle scheduling
     id = 0
     idlelock = <thread.lock object at 0x100a5b0>
     stop()
class matplotlib.cbook.Sorter
     Sort by attribute or item
     Example usage:
```

```
sort = Sorter()
     list = [(1, 2), (4, 8), (0, 3)]
     dict = [{'a': 3, 'b': 4}, {'a': 5, 'b': 2}, {'a': 0, 'b': 0},
              {'a': 9, 'b': 9}]
     sort(list)
                      # default sort
     sort(list, 1) # sort by index 1
     sort(dict, 'a') # sort a list of dicts by key 'a'
     byAttribute(data, attributename, inplace=1)
     byItem(data, itemindex=None, inplace=1)
     sort(data, itemindex=None, inplace=1)
class matplotlib.cbook.Stack(default=None)
     Bases: object
     Implement a stack where elements can be pushed on and you can move back and forth. But no pop.
     Should mimic home / back / forward in a browser
     back()
          move the position back and return the current element
     bubble(o)
          raise o to the top of the stack and return o. o must be in the stack
          empty the stack
     empty()
     forward()
          move the position forward and return the current element
     home()
          push the first element onto the top of the stack
     push(o)
          push object onto stack at current position - all elements occurring later than the current position
          are discarded
     remove(o)
          remove element o from the stack
class matplotlib.cbook.Timeout(wait, func)
     Bases: matplotlib.cbook.Scheduler
     Schedule recurring events with a wait time in seconds
     run()
class matplotlib.cbook.Xlator
     Bases: dict
```

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All-in-one multiple-string-substitution class

```
Example usage:
```

```
text = "Larry Wall is the creator of Perl"
adict = {
   "Larry Wall" : "Guido van Rossum",
   "creator" : "Benevolent Dictator for Life",
   "Perl" : "Python",
}

print multiple_replace(adict, text)

xlat = Xlator(adict)
print xlat.xlat(text)

xlat(text)
```

Translate *text*, returns the modified text.

```
matplotlib.cbook.align_iterators(func, *iterables)
```

This generator takes a bunch of iterables that are ordered by func It sends out ordered tuples:

```
(func(row), [rows from all iterators matching func(row)])
```

It is used by matplotlib.mlab.recs_join() to join record arrays

```
matplotlib.cbook.allequal(seq)
```

Return True if all elements of seq compare equal. If seq is 0 or 1 length, return True

```
matplotlib.cbook.allpairs(x)
```

return all possible pairs in sequence x

Condensed by Alex Martelli from this thread on c.l.python

```
matplotlib.cbook.alltrue(seq)
```

Return *True* if all elements of *seq* evaluate to *True*. If *seq* is empty, return *False*.

```
class matplotlib.cbook.converter(missing='Null', missingval=None)
```

Base class for handling string -> python type with support for missing values

```
is_missing(s)
```

```
matplotlib.cbook.dedent(s)
```

Remove excess indentation from docstring s.

Discards any leading blank lines, then removes up to n whitespace characters from each line, where n is the number of leading whitespace characters in the first line. It differs from textwrap.dedent in its deletion of leading blank lines and its use of the first non-blank line to determine the indentation.

It is also faster in most cases.

matplotlib.cbook.delete_masked_points(*args)

Find all masked and/or non-finite points in a set of arguments, and return the arguments with only the unmasked points remaining.

Arguments can be in any of 5 categories:

```
1.1-D masked arrays
```

- 2.1-D ndarrays
- 3.ndarrays with more than one dimension
- 4.other non-string iterables
- 5.anything else

The first argument must be in one of the first four categories; any argument with a length differing from that of the first argument (and hence anything in category 5) then will be passed through unchanged.

Masks are obtained from all arguments of the correct length in categories 1, 2, and 4; a point is bad if masked in a masked array or if it is a nan or inf. No attempt is made to extract a mask from categories 2, 3, and 4 if np.isfinite() does not yield a Boolean array.

All input arguments that are not passed unchanged are returned as ndarrays after removing the points or rows corresponding to masks in any of the arguments.

A vastly simpler version of this function was originally written as a helper for Axes.scatter().

```
matplotlib.cbook.dict_delall(d, keys)
```

delete all of the *keys* from the dict d

```
matplotlib.cbook.distances_along_curve(X)
```

This function has been moved to matplotlib.mlab – please import it from there

```
matplotlib.cbook.exception_to_str(s=None)
```

```
matplotlib.cbook.finddir(o, match, case=False)
```

return all attributes of o which match string in match. if case is True require an exact case match.

```
matplotlib.cbook.flatten(seq, scalarp=<function is_scalar_or_string at 0x16f11b8>)
```

Returns a generator of flattened nested containers

For example:

```
>>> from matplotlib.cbook import flatten
>>> 1 = (('John', ['Hunter']), (1, 23), [[([42, (5, 23)], )]])
>>> print list(flatten(1))
['John', 'Hunter', 1, 23, 42, 5, 23]
```

By: Composite of Holger Krekel and Luther Blissett From: http://aspn.activestate.com/ASPN/Cookbook/Python/Recipe/121294 and Recipe 1.12 in cookbook

```
matplotlib.cbook.get_recursive_filelist(args)
```

Recurse all the files and dirs in args ignoring symbolic links and return the files as a list of strings

```
matplotlib.cbook.get_sample_data(fname, asfileobj=True)
```

Return a sample data file. *fname* is a path relative to the mpl-data/sample_data directory. If *asfileobj* is True return a file object, otherwise just a file path.

If the filename ends in .gz, the file is implicitly ungzipped.

```
matplotlib.cbook.get_split_ind(seq, N)
```

seq is a list of words. Return the index into seq such that:

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```
len(' '.join(seq[:ind])<=N</pre>
matplotlib.cbook.is_closed_polygon(X)
     This function has been moved to matplotlib.mlab – please import it from there
matplotlib.cbook.is_math_text(s)
matplotlib.cbook.is_numlike(obj)
     return true if obj looks like a number
matplotlib.cbook.is_scalar(obj)
     return true if obj is not string like and is not iterable
matplotlib.cbook.is_scalar_or_string(val)
     Return whether the given object is a scalar or string like.
matplotlib.cbook.is_sequence_of_strings(obj)
     Returns true if obj is iterable and contains strings
matplotlib.cbook.is_string_like(obj)
     Return True if obj looks like a string
matplotlib.cbook.is_writable_file_like(obj)
     return true if obj looks like a file object with a write method
matplotlib.cbook.issubclass_safe(x, klass)
     return issubclass(x, klass) and return False on a TypeError
matplotlib.cbook.iterable(obj)
     return true if obj is iterable
matplotlib.cbook.less_simple_linear_interpolation(x, y, xi, extrap=False)
     This function has been moved to matplotlib.mlab – please import it from there
matplotlib.cbook.listFiles(root, patterns='*', recurse=1, return folders=0)
     Recursively list files
     from Parmar and Martelli in the Python Cookbook
class matplotlib.cbook.maxdict(maxsize)
     Bases: dict
     A dictionary with a maximum size; this doesn't override all the relevant methods to contrain size, just
     setitem, so use with caution
matplotlib.cbook.mkdirs(newdir, mode=511)
     make directory newdir recursively, and set mode. Equivalent to
     > mkdir -p NEWDIR
     > chmod MODE NEWDIR
matplotlib.cbook.onetrue(seq)
     Return True if one element of seq is True. It seq is empty, return False.
```

```
matplotlib.cbook.path_length(X)
     This function has been moved to matplotlib.mlab – please import it from there
matplotlib.cbook.pieces(seq, num=2)
     Break up the seq into num tuples
matplotlib.cbook.popall(seq)
     empty a list
matplotlib.cbook.print_cycles(objects, outstream=<open file '<stdout>', mode 'w' at
                                   0x7f93e6dbc1e0>, show_progress=False)
     objects A list of objects to find cycles in. It is often useful to pass in gc.garbage to find the cycles that
          are preventing some objects from being garbage collected.
     outstream The stream for output.
     show_progress If True, print the number of objects reached as they are found.
matplotlib.cbook.quad2cubic(q0x, q0y, q1x, q1y, q2x, q2y)
     This function has been moved to matplotlib.mlab – please import it from there
matplotlib.cbook.recursive_remove(path)
matplotlib.cbook.report_memory(i=0)
     return the memory consumed by process
matplotlib.cbook.restrict_dict(d, keys)
     Return a dictionary that contains those keys that appear in both d and keys, with values from d.
matplotlib.cbook.reverse_dict(d)
     reverse the dictionary – may lose data if values are not unique!
matplotlib.cbook.safe_masked_invalid(x)
matplotlib.cbook.safezip(*args)
     make sure args are equal len before zipping
class matplotlib.cbook.silent_list(type, seq=None)
     Bases: list
     override repr when returning a list of matplotlib artists to prevent long, meaningless output. This is
     meant to be used for a homogeneous list of a given type
matplotlib.cbook.simple_linear_interpolation(a, steps)
matplotlib.cbook.soundex(name, len=4)
     soundex module conforming to Odell-Russell algorithm
matplotlib.cbook.strip_math(s)
     remove latex formatting from mathtext
matplotlib.cbook.to_filehandle(fname, flag='rU', return_opened=False)
     fname can be a filename or a file handle. Support for gzipped files is automatic, if the filename ends
     in .gz. flag is a read/write flag for file()
class matplotlib.cbook.todate(fmt='%Y-%m-%d', missing='Null', missingval=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.cbook.converter
```

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```
convert to a date or None
     use a time.strptime() format string for conversion
class matplotlib.cbook.todatetime(fmt='%Y-%m-%d', missing='Null', missingval=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.cbook.converter
     convert to a datetime or None
     use a time.strptime() format string for conversion
class matplotlib.cbook.tofloat(missing='Null', missingval=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.cbook.converter
     convert to a float or None
class matplotlib.cbook.toint(missing='Null', missingval=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.cbook.converter
     convert to an int or None
class matplotlib.cbook.tostr(missing='Null', missingval='')
     Bases: matplotlib.cbook.converter
     convert to string or None
matplotlib.cbook.unicode_safe(s)
matplotlib.cbook.unique(x)
     Return a list of unique elements of x
matplotlib.cbook.unmasked_index_ranges(mask, compressed=True)
     Find index ranges where mask is False.
     mask will be flattened if it is not already 1-D.
```

Returns Nx2 numpy.ndarray with each row the start and stop indices for slices of the compressed numpy.ndarray corresponding to each of N uninterrupted runs of unmasked values. If optional argument *compressed* is False, it returns the start and stop indices into the original numpy.ndarray, not the compressed numpy.ndarray. Returns None if there are no unmasked values.

Example:

```
y = ma.array(np.arange(5), mask = [0,0,1,0,0])
ii = unmasked_index_ranges(ma.getmaskarray(y))
# returns array [[0,2,] [2,4,]]

y.compressed()[ii[1,0]:ii[1,1]]
# returns array [3,4,]

ii = unmasked_index_ranges(ma.getmaskarray(y), compressed=False)
# returns array [[0, 2], [3, 5]]

y.filled()[ii[1,0]:ii[1,1]]
# returns array [3,4,]
```

Prior to the transforms refactoring, this was used to support masked arrays in Line2D.

matplotlib.cbook.vector_lengths(X, P=2.0, axis=None)
This function has been moved to matplotlib.mlab – please import it from there
matplotlib.cbook.wrap(prefix, text, cols)
wrap text with prefix at length cols

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CM (COLORMAP)

55.1 matplotlib.cm

This module provides a large set of colormaps, functions for registering new colormaps and for getting a colormap by name, and a mixin class for adding color mapping functionality.

class matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable(norm=None, cmap=None)

This is a mixin class to support scalar -> RGBA mapping. Handles normalization and colormapping

norm is an instance of colors.Normalize or one of its subclasses, used to map luminance to 0-1. *cmap* is a cm colormap instance, for example cm.jet

add_checker(checker)

Add an entry to a dictionary of boolean flags that are set to True when the mappable is changed.

autoscale()

Autoscale the scalar limits on the norm instance using the current array

autoscale_None()

Autoscale the scalar limits on the norm instance using the current array, changing only limits that are None

changed()

Call this whenever the mappable is changed to notify all the callbackSM listeners to the 'changed' signal

check_update(checker)

If mappable has changed since the last check, return True; else return False

get_array()

Return the array

get_clim()

return the min, max of the color limits for image scaling

get_cmap()

return the colormap

set_array(A)

Set the image array from numpy array A

```
set_clim(vmin=None, vmax=None)
```

set the norm limits for image scaling; if *vmin* is a length2 sequence, interpret it as (vmin, vmax) which is used to support setp

ACCEPTS: a length 2 sequence of floats

set_cmap(cmap)

set the colormap for luminance data

ACCEPTS: a colormap or registered colormap name

set_colorbar(im, ax)

set the colorbar image and axes associated with mappable

set_norm(norm)

set the normalization instance

to_rgba(*x*, *alpha=None*, *bytes=False*)

Return a normalized rgba array corresponding to x.

In the normal case, *x* is a 1-D or 2-D sequence of scalars, and the corresponding ndarray of rgba values will be returned, based on the norm and colormap set for this ScalarMappable.

There is one special case, for handling images that are already rgb or rgba, such as might have been read from an image file. If x is an ndarray with 3 dimensions, and the last dimension is either 3 or 4, then it will be treated as an rgb or rgba array, and no mapping will be done. If the last dimension is 3, the *alpha* kwarg (defaulting to 1) will be used to fill in the transparency. If the last dimension is 4, the *alpha* kwarg is ignored; it does not replace the pre-existing alpha. A ValueError will be raised if the third dimension is other than 3 or 4.

In either case, if *bytes* is *False* (default), the rgba array will be floats in the 0-1 range; if it is *True*, the returned rgba array will be uint8 in the 0 to 255 range.

Note: this method assumes the input is well-behaved; it does not check for anomalies such as x being a masked rgba array, or being an integer type other than uint8, or being a floating point rgba array with values outside the 0-1 range.

matplotlib.cm.get_cmap(name=None, lut=None)

Get a colormap instance, defaulting to rc values if *name* is None.

Colormaps added with register_cmap() take precedence over builtin colormaps.

If *name* is a colors.Colormap instance, it will be returned.

If *lut* is not None it must be an integer giving the number of entries desired in the lookup table, and *name* must be a standard mpl colormap name with a corresponding data dictionary in *datad*.

```
matplotlib.cm.register_cmap(name=None, cmap=None, data=None, lut=None)
```

Add a colormap to the set recognized by get_cmap().

It can be used in two ways:

```
register_cmap(name='swirly', cmap=swirly_cmap)
register_cmap(name='choppy', data=choppydata, lut=128)
```

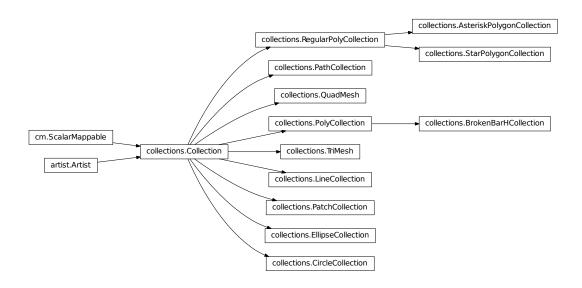
In the first case, *cmap* must be a colors.Colormap instance. The *name* is optional; if absent, the name will be the name attribute of the *cmap*.

In the second case, the three arguments are passed to the colors.LinearSegmentedColormap initializer, and the resulting colormap is registered.

matplotlib.cm.revcmap(data)

Can only handle specification *data* in dictionary format.

COLLECTIONS



56.1 matplotlib.collections

Classes for the efficient drawing of large collections of objects that share most properties, e.g. a large number of line segments or polygons.

The classes are not meant to be as flexible as their single element counterparts (e.g. you may not be able to select all line styles) but they are meant to be fast for common use cases (e.g. a large set of solid line segemnts)

 $\textbf{class} \ \texttt{matplotlib.} \textbf{collections.} \textbf{AsteriskPolygonCollection} (num sides, \\ sizes = (1,), **kwargs)$

Bases: matplotlib.collections.RegularPolyCollection

Draw a collection of regular asterisks with *numsides* points.

numsides the number of sides of the polygon

rotation the rotation of the polygon in radians

sizes gives the area of the circle circumscribing the regular polygon in points^2

Valid Collection keyword arguments:

- edgecolors: None
- facecolors: None
- linewidths: None
- antialiaseds: None
- offsets: None
- transOffset: transforms.IdentityTransform()
- *norm*: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)
- *cmap*: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)

offsets and transOffset are used to translate the patch after rendering (default no offsets)

If any of *edgecolors*, *facecolors*, *linewidths*, *antialiaseds* are None, they default to their matplotlib.rcParams patch setting, in sequence form.

Example: see examples/dynamic_collection.py for complete example:

```
offsets = np.random.rand(20,2)
facecolors = [cm.jet(x) for x in np.random.rand(20)]
black = (0,0,0,1)

collection = RegularPolyCollection(
   numsides=5, # a pentagon
   rotation=0, sizes=(50,),
   facecolors = facecolors,
   edgecolors = (black,),
   linewidths = (1,),
   offsets = offsets,
   transOffset = ax.transData,
  )
```

class matplotlib.collections.BrokenBarHCollection(xranges, yrange, **kwargs)

```
Bases: matplotlib.collections.PolyCollection
```

A collection of horizontal bars spanning *yrange* with a sequence of *xranges*.

```
xranges sequence of (xmin, xwidth)
```

yrange ymin, ywidth

Valid Collection keyword arguments:

- edgecolors: None
- facecolors: None
- linewidths: None
- antialiaseds: None

- offsets: None
- *transOffset*: transforms.IdentityTransform()
- *norm*: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)
- *cmap*: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)

offsets and transOffset are used to translate the patch after rendering (default no offsets)

If any of *edgecolors*, *facecolors*, *linewidths*, *antialiaseds* are None, they default to their matplotlib.rcParams patch setting, in sequence form.

```
static span_where(x, ymin, ymax, where, **kwargs)
```

Create a BrokenBarHCollection to plot horizontal bars from over the regions in *x* where *where* is True. The bars range on the y-axis from *ymin* to *ymax*

A BrokenBarHCollection is returned. *kwargs* are passed on to the collection.

```
class matplotlib.collections.CircleCollection(sizes, **kwargs)
```

Bases: matplotlib.collections.Collection

A collection of circles, drawn using splines.

sizes Gives the area of the circle in points^2

Valid Collection keyword arguments:

- •edgecolors: None
- •facecolors: None
- •linewidths: None
- •antialiaseds: None
- •offsets: None
- •transOffset: transforms.IdentityTransform()
- •*norm*: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)
- *cmap*: None (optional for matplotlib.cm. ScalarMappable)

offsets and transOffset are used to translate the patch after rendering (default no offsets)

If any of *edgecolors*, *facecolors*, *linewidths*, *antialiaseds* are None, they default to their matplotlib.rcParams patch setting, in sequence form.

```
draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
```

get_sizes()

return sizes of circles

```
Bases: matplotlib.artist.Artist, matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable
```

Base class for Collections. Must be subclassed to be usable.

All properties in a collection must be sequences or scalars; if scalars, they will be converted to sequences. The property of the ith element of the collection is:

```
prop[i % len(props)]
```

Keyword arguments and default values:

```
edgecolors: None
facecolors: None
linewidths: None
antialiaseds: None
offsets: None
transOffset: transforms.IdentityTransform()
offset_position: 'screen' (default) or 'data'
norm: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)
cmap: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)
hatch: None
```

offsets and transOffset are used to translate the patch after rendering (default no offsets). If offset_position is 'screen' (default) the offset is applied after the master transform has been applied, that is, the offsets are in screen coordinates. If offset_position is 'data', the offset is applied before the master transform, i.e., the offsets are in data coordinates.

If any of *edgecolors*, *facecolors*, *linewidths*, *antialiaseds* are None, they default to their matplotlib.rcParams patch setting, in sequence form.

The use of ScalarMappable is optional. If the ScalarMappable matrix _A is not None (ie a call to set_array has been made), at draw time a call to scalar mappable will be made to set the face colors.

Create a Collection

```
%(Collection)s
```

contains(mouseevent)

Test whether the mouse event occurred in the collection.

Returns True | False, dict(ind=itemlist), where every item in itemlist contains the event.

```
draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
get_dashes()
get_datalim(transData)
get_edgecolor()
get_edgecolors()
```

```
get_facecolor()
get_facecolors()
get_hatch()
     Return the current hatching pattern
get_linestyle()
get_linestyles()
get_linewidth()
get_linewidths()
get_offset_position()
     Returns how offsets are applied for the collection. If offset_position is 'screen', the offset is
     applied after the master transform has been applied, that is, the offsets are in screen coordinates.
     If offset_position is 'data', the offset is applied before the master transform, i.e., the offsets are
     in data coordinates.
get_offset_transform()
get_offsets()
     Return the offsets for the collection.
get_paths()
get_pickradius()
get_transforms()
get_urls()
get_window_extent(renderer)
set_alpha(alpha)
     Set the alpha transparencies of the collection. alpha must be a float or None.
     ACCEPTS: float or None
set_antialiased(aa)
     Set the antialiasing state for rendering.
     ACCEPTS: Boolean or sequence of booleans
set_antialiaseds(aa)
     alias for set_antialiased
set_color(c)
     Set both the edgecolor and the facecolor.
     ACCEPTS: matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
     See Also:
     set_facecolor(), set_edgecolor() For setting the edge or face color individually.
```

set_dashes(ls)

alias for set_linestyle

set_edgecolor(c)

Set the edgecolor(s) of the collection. c can be a matplotlib color arg (all patches have same color), or a sequence of rgba tuples; if it is a sequence the patches will cycle through the sequence.

If c is 'face', the edge color will always be the same as the face color. If it is 'none', the patch boundary will not be drawn.

ACCEPTS: matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples

set_edgecolors(c)

alias for set_edgecolor

set_facecolor(c)

Set the facecolor(s) of the collection. c can be a matplotlib color arg (all patches have same color), or a sequence of rgba tuples; if it is a sequence the patches will cycle through the sequence.

If *c* is 'none', the patch will not be filled.

ACCEPTS: matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples

set_facecolors(c)

alias for set_facecolor

set_hatch(hatch)

Set the hatching pattern

hatch can be one of:

```
/ - diagonal hatching
```

\ - back diagonal

| - vertical

- - horizontal

+ - crossed

x - crossed diagonal

o - small circle

0 - large circle

. - dots

* - stars

Letters can be combined, in which case all the specified hatchings are done. If same letter repeats, it increases the density of hatching of that pattern.

Hatching is supported in the PostScript, PDF, SVG and Agg backends only.

Unlike other properties such as linewidth and colors, hatching can only be specified for the collection as a whole, not separately for each member.

set_linestyle(ls)

Set the linestyle(s) for the collection.

```
ACCEPTS: ['solid' | 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' | (offset, on-off-dash-seq) ]
      set_linestyles(ls)
           alias for set linestyle
      set_linewidth(lw)
           Set the linewidth(s) for the collection. lw can be a scalar or a sequence; if it is a sequence the
           patches will cycle through the sequence
           ACCEPTS: float or sequence of floats
      set_linewidths(lw)
           alias for set linewidth
      set_lw(lw)
           alias for set linewidth
      set_offset_position(offset_position)
           Set how offsets are applied. If offset_position is 'screen' (default) the offset is applied after the
           master transform has been applied, that is, the offsets are in screen coordinates. If offset position
           is 'data', the offset is applied before the master transform, i.e., the offsets are in data coordinates.
      set_offsets(offsets)
           Set the offsets for the collection. offsets can be a scalar or a sequence.
           ACCEPTS: float or sequence of floats
      set_paths()
      set_pickradius(pr)
      set_urls(urls)
     update_from(other)
           copy properties from other to self
     update_scalarmappable()
           If the scalar mappable array is not none, update colors from scalar data
      zorder = 1
class matplotlib.collections. EllipseCollection(widths, heights, angles, units='points',
                                                           **kwargs)
      Bases: matplotlib.collections.Collection
      A collection of ellipses, drawn using splines.
      widths: sequence lengths of first axes (e.g., major axis lengths)
     heights: sequence lengths of second axes
     angles: sequence angles of first axes, degrees CCW from the X-axis
      units: ['points' | 'inches' | 'dots' | 'width' | 'height' | 'x' | 'y' | 'xy']
           units in which majors and minors are given; 'width' and 'height' refer to the dimensions of
           the axes, while 'x' and 'y' refer to the offsets data units. 'xy' differs from all others in that
           the angle as plotted varies with the aspect ratio, and equals the specified angle only when
```

the aspect ratio is unity. Hence it behaves the same as the Ellipse with axes.transData as its transform.

Additional kwargs inherited from the base Collection:

Valid Collection keyword arguments:

- •edgecolors: None
- •facecolors: None
- •linewidths: None
- •antialiaseds: None
- •offsets: None
- •transOffset: transforms.IdentityTransform()
- •norm: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)
- cmap: None (optional for matplotlib.cm. Scalar Mappable)

offsets and transOffset are used to translate the patch after rendering (default no offsets)

If any of *edgecolors*, *facecolors*, *linewidths*, *antialiaseds* are None, they default to their matplotlib.rcParams patch setting, in sequence form.

```
draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: matplotlib.collections.Collection

All parameters must be sequences or scalars; if scalars, they will be converted to sequences. The property of the ith line segment is:

```
prop[i % len(props)]
```

i.e., the properties cycle if the len of props is less than the number of segments.

segments a sequence of (line0, line1, line2), where:

```
linen = (x0, y0), (x1, y1), ... (xm, ym)
```

or the equivalent numpy array with two columns. Each line can be a different length.

colors must be a sequence of RGBA tuples (eg arbitrary color strings, etc, not allowed).

antialiaseds must be a sequence of ones or zeros

 ${\it linestyles} \ [\ {\it ``solid'}\ |\ {\it ``dashed'}\ |\ {\it `'dashdot'}\ |\ {\it `'dotted'}\]\ \ a\ string\ or\ dash\ tuple.$ The dash tuple is:

```
(offset, onoffseq),
```

where *onoffseq* is an even length tuple of on and off ink in points.

If *linewidths*, *colors*, or *antialiaseds* is None, they default to their rcParams setting, in sequence form.

If *offsets* and *transOffset* are not None, then *offsets* are transformed by *transOffset* and applied after the segments have been transformed to display coordinates.

If *offsets* is not None but *transOffset* is None, then the *offsets* are added to the segments before any transformation. In this case, a single offset can be specified as:

```
offsets=(xo,yo)
```

and this value will be added cumulatively to each successive segment, so as to produce a set of successively offset curves.

```
norm None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)
```

```
cmap None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)
```

pickradius is the tolerance for mouse clicks picking a line. The default is 5 pt.

The use of ScalarMappable is optional. If the ScalarMappable array _A is not None (ie a call to set_array() has been made), at draw time a call to scalar mappable will be made to set the colors.

color(c)

Set the color(s) of the line collection. c can be a matplotlib color arg (all patches have same color), or a sequence or rgba tuples; if it is a sequence the patches will cycle through the sequence

ACCEPTS: matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples

```
get_color()
```

get_colors()

set_color(c)

Set the color(s) of the line collection. c can be a matplotlib color arg (all patches have same color), or a sequence or rgba tuples; if it is a sequence the patches will cycle through the sequence.

ACCEPTS: matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples

```
set_paths(segments)
set_segments(segments)
set_verts(segments)
zorder = 2
```

class matplotlib.collections.PatchCollection(patches, match_original=False, **kwargs)

```
Bases: matplotlib.collections.Collection
```

A generic collection of patches.

This makes it easier to assign a color map to a heterogeneous collection of patches.

This also may improve plotting speed, since PatchCollection will draw faster than a large number of patches.

patches a sequence of Patch objects. This list may include a heterogeneous assortment of different patch types.

match_original If True, use the colors and linewidths of the original patches. If False, new colors may be assigned by providing the standard collection arguments, facecolor, edgecolor, linewidths, norm or cmap.

If any of edgecolors, facecolors, linewidths, antialiaseds are None, they default to their matplotlib.rcParams patch setting, in sequence form.

The use of Scalar Mappable is optional. If the Scalar Mappable matrix A is not None (ie a call to set_array has been made), at draw time a call to scalar mappable will be made to set the face colors.

```
set_paths(patches)
class matplotlib.collections.PathCollection(paths, sizes=None, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.collections.Collection
     This is the most basic Collection subclass.
     paths is a sequence of matplotlib.path.Path instances.
          Valid Collection keyword arguments:
             • edgecolors: None
             •facecolors: None
             •linewidths: None
             •antialiaseds: None
             •offsets: None
```

•transOffset: transforms.IdentityTransform()

•*norm*: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)

• *cmap*: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)

offsets and transOffset are used to translate the patch after rendering (default no offsets)

If any of edgecolors, facecolors, linewidths, antialiaseds are None, they default to their matplotlib.rcParams patch setting, in sequence form.

```
draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
     get_paths()
     get_sizes()
     set_paths(paths)
class matplotlib.collections.PolyCollection(verts, sizes=None, closed=True, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.collections.Collection
```

verts is a sequence of (verts0, verts1, ...) where verts_i is a sequence of xy tuples of vertices, or an equivalent numpy array of shape (nv, 2).

sizes is None (default) or a sequence of floats that scale the corresponding verts_i. The scaling is applied before the Artist master transform; if the latter is an identity transform, then the overall scaling is such that if verts i specify a unit square, then sizes i is the area of that square in points^2. If len(sizes) < nv, the additional values will be taken cyclically from the array.

closed, when True, will explicitly close the polygon.

Valid Collection keyword arguments:

edgecolors: Nonefacecolors: Nonelinewidths: Noneantialiaseds: None

•offsets: None

•transOffset: transforms.IdentityTransform()

•norm: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)

• cmap: None (optional for matplotlib.cm. Scalar Mappable)

offsets and transOffset are used to translate the patch after rendering (default no offsets)

If any of *edgecolors*, *facecolors*, *linewidths*, *antialiaseds* are None, they default to their matplotlib.rcParams patch setting, in sequence form.

```
draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
set_paths(verts, closed=True)
```

This allows one to delay initialization of the vertices.

```
set_verts(verts, closed=True)
```

This allows one to delay initialization of the vertices.

Class for the efficient drawing of a quadrilateral mesh.

A quadrilateral mesh consists of a grid of vertices. The dimensions of this array are (meshWidth + 1, meshHeight + 1). Each vertex in the mesh has a different set of "mesh coordinates" representing its position in the topology of the mesh. For any values (m, n) such that $0 \le m \le meshWidth$ and $0 \le m \le meshHeight$, the vertices at mesh coordinates (m, n), (m, n + 1), (m + 1, n + 1), and (m + 1, n) form one of the quadrilaterals in the mesh. There are thus (meshWidth * meshHeight) quadrilaterals in the mesh. The mesh need not be regular and the polygons need not be convex.

A quadrilateral mesh is represented by a $(2 \times ((meshWidth + 1) * (meshHeight + 1)))$ numpy array coordinates, where each row is the x and y coordinates of one of the vertices. To define the function that maps from a data point to its corresponding color, use the set_cmap() method. Each of these arrays is indexed in row-major order by the mesh coordinates of the vertex (or the mesh coordinates of the lower left vertex, in the case of the colors).

For example, the first entry in *coordinates* is the coordinates of the vertex at mesh coordinates (0, 0), then the one at (0, 1), then at (0, 2) ... (0, meshWidth), (1, 0), (1, 1), and so on.

shading may be 'flat', or 'gouraud'

```
static convert_mesh_to_paths(meshWidth, meshHeight, coordinates)
```

Converts a given mesh into a sequence of matplotlib.path.Path objects for easier rendering by backends that do not directly support quadmeshes.

This function is primarily of use to backend implementers.

```
convert_mesh_to_triangles(meshWidth, meshHeight, coordinates)
```

Converts a given mesh into a sequence of triangles, each point with its own color. This is useful for experiments using draw_qouraud_triangle.

```
draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
get_datalim(transData)
get_paths()
set_paths()
```

class matplotlib.collections.RegularPolyCollection(numsides, rotation=0, sizes=(1,), **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.collections.Collection

Draw a collection of regular polygons with *numsides*.

numsides the number of sides of the polygon

rotation the rotation of the polygon in radians

sizes gives the area of the circle circumscribing the regular polygon in points^2

Valid Collection keyword arguments:

- edgecolors: None
- facecolors: None
- linewidths: None
- antialiaseds: None
- offsets: None
- transOffset: transforms.IdentityTransform()
- *norm*: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)
- *cmap*: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)

offsets and transOffset are used to translate the patch after rendering (default no offsets)

If any of *edgecolors*, *facecolors*, *linewidths*, *antialiaseds* are None, they default to their matplotlib.rcParams patch setting, in sequence form.

Example: see examples/dynamic_collection.py for complete example:

```
offsets = np.random.rand(20,2)
facecolors = [cm.jet(x) for x in np.random.rand(20)]
black = (0,0,0,1)

collection = RegularPolyCollection(
```

```
numsides=5, # a pentagon
         rotation=0, sizes=(50,),
          facecolors = facecolors,
          edgecolors = (black,),
          linewidths = (1,),
          offsets = offsets,
          transOffset = ax.transData.
     draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
     get_numsides()
     get_rotation()
     get_sizes()
class matplotlib.collections.StarPolygonCollection(numsides, rotation=0, sizes=(1, ),
                                                           **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.collections.RegularPolyCollection
     Draw a collection of regular stars with numsides points.
     numsides the number of sides of the polygon
     rotation the rotation of the polygon in radians
     sizes gives the area of the circle circumscribing the regular polygon in points^2
          Valid Collection keyword arguments:
            • edgecolors: None
            • facecolors: None
            • linewidths: None
            • antialiaseds: None
            • offsets: None
            • transOffset: transforms.IdentityTransform()
            • norm: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)
            • cmap: None (optional for matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable)
          offsets and transOffset are used to translate the patch after rendering (default no offsets)
          If any of edgecolors, facecolors, linewidths, antialiaseds are None, they default to their
          matplotlib.rcParams patch setting, in sequence form.
     Example: see examples/dynamic_collection.py for complete example:
     offsets = np.random.rand(20,2)
     facecolors = [cm.jet(x) for x in np.random.rand(20)]
     black = (0,0,0,1)
     collection = RegularPolyCollection(
```

```
numsides=5, # a pentagon
    rotation=0, sizes=(50,),
    facecolors = facecolors,
    edgecolors = (black,),
    linewidths = (1,),
    offsets = offsets,
    transOffset = ax.transData,
    )

class matplotlib.collections.TriMesh(triangulation, **kwargs)
    Bases: matplotlib.collections.Collection
```

Class for the efficient drawing of a triangular mesh using Gouraud shading.

A triangular mesh is a Triangulation object.

```
static convert_mesh_to_paths(tri)
```

Converts a given mesh into a sequence of matplotlib.path.Path objects for easier rendering by backends that do not directly support meshes.

This function is primarily of use to backend implementers.

```
draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
get_paths()
set_paths()
```

COLORBAR

57.1 matplotlib.colorbar

Colorbar toolkit with two classes and a function:

ColorbarBase the base class with full colorbar drawing functionality. It can be used as-is to make a colorbar for a given colormap; a mappable object (e.g., image) is not needed.

Colorbar the derived class for use with images or contour plots.

make_axes() a function for resizing an axes and adding a second axes suitable for a colorbar

The colorbar() method uses make_axes() and Colorbar; the colorbar() function is a thin wrapper over colorbar().

class matplotlib.colorbar.**Colorbar**(ax, mappable, **kw)

Bases: matplotlib.colorbar.ColorbarBase

This class connects a ColorbarBase to a ScalarMappable such as a AxesImage generated via imshow().

It is not intended to be instantiated directly; instead, use colorbar() or colorbar() to make your colorbar.

add_lines(CS, erase=True)

Add the lines from a non-filled ContourSet to the colorbar.

Set *erase* to False if these lines should be added to any pre-existing lines.

on_mappable_changed(mappable)

Updates this colorbar to match the mappable's properties.

Typically this is automatically registered as an event handler by colorbar_factory() and should not be called manually.

update_bruteforce(mappable)

Destroy and rebuild the colorbar. This is intended to become obsolete, and will probably be deprecated and then removed. It is not called when the pyplot.colorbar function or the Figure.colorbar method are used to create the colorbar.

```
update_normal(mappable)
```

update solid, lines, etc. Unlike update_bruteforce, it does not clear the axes. This is meant to be called when the image or contour plot to which this colorbar belongs is changed.

class matplotlib.colorbar.ColorbarBase (ax, cmap=None, norm=None, alpha=None, values=None, boundaries=None, orientation='vertical', extend='neither', spacing='uniform', ticks=None, format=None, drawedges=False, filled=True, extendfrac=None)

Bases: matplotlib.cm.ScalarMappable

Draw a colorbar in an existing axes.

This is a base class for the Colorbar class, which is the basis for the colorbar() function and the colorbar() method, which are the usual ways of creating a colorbar.

It is also useful by itself for showing a colormap. If the *cmap* kwarg is given but *boundaries* and *values* are left as None, then the colormap will be displayed on a 0-1 scale. To show the under- and over-value colors, specify the *norm* as:

```
colors.Normalize(clip=False)
```

To show the colors versus index instead of on the 0-1 scale, use:

norm=colors.NoNorm.

Useful attributes:

ax the Axes instance in which the colorbar is drawn

lines a list of LineCollection if lines were drawn, otherwise an empty list

dividers a LineCollection if *drawedges* is True, otherwise None

Useful public methods are set_label() and add_lines().

```
add_lines(levels, colors, linewidths, erase=True)
```

Draw lines on the colorbar.

colors and linewidths must be scalars or sequences the same length as levels.

Set *erase* to False to add lines without first removing any previously added lines.

```
config_axis()
```

draw_all()

Calculate any free parameters based on the current cmap and norm, and do all the drawing.

```
set_alpha(alpha)
```

```
set_label(label, **kw)
```

Label the long axis of the colorbar

```
set_ticklabels(ticklabels, update_ticks=True)
```

set tick labels. Tick labels are updated immediately unless update_ticks is *False*. To manually update the ticks, call *update_ticks* method explicitly.

set_ticks(ticks, update_ticks=True)

set tick locations. Tick locations are updated immediately unless update_ticks is *False*. To manually update the ticks, call *update_ticks* method explicitly.

update_ticks()

Force the update of the ticks and ticklabels. This must be called whenever the tick locator and/or tick formatter changes.

class matplotlib.colorbar.ColorbarPatch(ax, mappable, **kw)

Bases: matplotlib.colorbar.Colorbar

A Colorbar which is created using Patch rather than the default pcolor().

It uses a list of Patch instances instead of a PatchCollection because the latter does not allow the hatch pattern to vary among the members of the collection.

matplotlib.colorbar.colorbar_factory(cax, mappable, **kwargs)

Creates a colorbar on the given axes for the given mappable.

Typically, for automatic colorbar placement given only a mappable use colorbar().

matplotlib.colorbar.make_axes(parent, **kw)

Resize and reposition a parent axes, and return a child axes suitable for a colorbar:

```
cax, kw = make_axes(parent, **kw)
```

Keyword arguments may include the following (with defaults):

orientation 'vertical' or 'horizontal'

Prop-	Description
erty	
orienta-	vertical or horizontal
tion	
fraction	0.15; fraction of original axes to use for colorbar
pad	0.05 if vertical, 0.15 if horizontal; fraction of original axes between colorbar and new
	image axes
shrink	1.0; fraction by which to shrink the colorbar
aspect	20; ratio of long to short dimensions
anchor	(0.0, 0.5) if vertical; (0.5, 1.0) if horizontal; the anchor point of the colorbar axes
panchor	(1.0, 0.5) if vertical; (0.5, 0.0) if horizontal; the anchor point of the colorbar parent
	axes

All but the first of these are stripped from the input kw set.

Returns (cax, kw), the child axes and the reduced kw dictionary.

matplotlib.colorbar.make_axes_gridspec(parent, **kw)

Resize and reposition a parent axes, and return a child axes suitable for a colorbar. This function is similar to make_axes. Prmary differences are

- •make_axes_gridspec should only be used with a subplot parent.
- •make_axes creates an instance of Axes. make_axes_gridspec creates an instance of Subplot.

•make_axes updates the position of the parent. make_axes_gridspec replaces the grid_spec attribute of the parent with a new one.

While this function is meant to be compatible with *make_axes*, there could be some minor differences.:

Keyword arguments may include the following (with defaults):

orientation 'vertical' or 'horizontal'

Prop-	Description
erty	
orienta-	vertical or horizontal
tion	
fraction	0.15; fraction of original axes to use for colorbar
pad	0.05 if vertical, 0.15 if horizontal; fraction of original axes between colorbar and new
	image axes
shrink	1.0; fraction by which to shrink the colorbar
aspect	20; ratio of long to short dimensions
anchor	(0.0, 0.5) if vertical; (0.5, 1.0) if horizontal; the anchor point of the colorbar axes
panchor	(1.0, 0.5) if vertical; (0.5, 0.0) if horizontal; the anchor point of the colorbar parent
	axes

All but the first of these are stripped from the input kw set.

Returns (cax, kw), the child axes and the reduced kw dictionary.

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FIFTYEIGHT

COLORS

58.1 matplotlib.colors

A module for converting numbers or color arguments to RGB or RGBA

RGB and RGBA are sequences of, respectively, 3 or 4 floats in the range 0-1.

This module includes functions and classes for color specification conversions, and for mapping numbers to colors in a 1-D array of colors called a colormap. Colormapping typically involves two steps: a data array is first mapped onto the range 0-1 using an instance of Normalize or of a subclass; then this number in the 0-1 range is mapped to a color using an instance of a subclass of Colormap. Two are provided here: LinearSegmentedColormap, which is used to generate all the built-in colormap instances, but is also useful for making custom colormaps, and ListedColormap, which is used for generating a custom colormap from a list of color specifications.

The module also provides a single instance, *colorConverter*, of the ColorConverter class providing methods for converting single color specifications or sequences of them to *RGB* or *RGBA*.

Commands which take color arguments can use several formats to specify the colors. For the basic builtin colors, you can use a single letter

- b: blue
- g: green
- r: red
- c: cyan
- m: magenta
- y: yellow
- k: black
- w: white

Gray shades can be given as a string encoding a float in the 0-1 range, e.g.:

```
color = '0.75'
```

For a greater range of colors, you have two options. You can specify the color using an html hex string, as in:

```
color = '#eeefff'
```

or you can pass an R, G, B tuple, where each of R, G, B are in the range [0,1].

Finally, legal html names for colors, like 'red', 'burlywood' and 'chartreuse' are supported.

class matplotlib.colors.BoundaryNorm(boundaries, ncolors, clip=False)

```
Bases: matplotlib.colors.Normalize
```

Generate a colormap index based on discrete intervals.

Unlike Normalize or LogNorm, BoundaryNorm maps values to integers instead of to the interval 0-1.

Mapping to the 0-1 interval could have been done via piece-wise linear interpolation, but using integers seems simpler, and reduces the number of conversions back and forth between integer and floating point.

boundaries a monotonically increasing sequence

ncolors number of colors in the colormap to be used

If:

```
b[i] <= v < b[i+1]
```

then v is mapped to color j; as i varies from 0 to len(boundaries)-2, j goes from 0 to ncolors-1.

Out-of-range values are mapped to -1 if low and ncolors if high; these are converted to valid indices by Colormap.__call__().

inverse(value)

class matplotlib.colors.ColorConverter

Bases: object

Provides methods for converting color specifications to RGB or RGBA

Caching is used for more efficient conversion upon repeated calls with the same argument.

Ordinarily only the single instance instantiated in this module, *colorConverter*, is needed.

```
cache = \{\}
```

```
\texttt{colors} = \{\text{`c':} (0.0, 0.75, 0.75), \text{`b':} (0.0, 0.0, 1.0), \text{`w':} (1.0, 1.0, 1.0), \text{`g':} (0.0, 0.5, 0.0), \text{`y':} (0.75, 0.75, 0), \text{`k':} (0.75, 0.75, 0), \text{`k
```

Returns an *RGB* tuple of three floats from 0-1.

arg can be an RGB or RGBA sequence or a string in any of several forms:

1.a letter from the set 'rgbcmykw'

2.a hex color string, like '#00FFFF'

3.a standard name, like 'aqua'

4.a float, like '0.4', indicating gray on a 0-1 scale

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if arg is RGBA, the A will simply be discarded.

```
to_rgba(arg, alpha=None)
```

Returns an RGBA tuple of four floats from 0-1.

For acceptable values of arg, see to_rgb(). In addition, if arg is "none" (case-insensitive), then (0,0,0,0) will be returned. If arg is an RGBA sequence and alpha is not None, alpha will replace the original A.

```
to_rgba_array(c, alpha=None)
```

Returns a numpy array of RGBA tuples.

Accepts a single mpl color spec or a sequence of specs.

Special case to handle "no color": if c is "none" (case-insensitive), then an empty array will be returned. Same for an empty list.

```
class matplotlib.colors.Colormap(name, N=256)
```

Bases: object

Base class for all scalar to rgb mappings

Important methods:

- •set_bad()
- •set_under()
- •set_over()

Public class attributes: N: number of rgb quantization levels name: name of colormap

```
is_gray()
```

```
set_bad(color='k', alpha=None)
```

Set color to be used for masked values.

```
set_over(color='k', alpha=None)
```

Set color to be used for high out-of-range values. Requires norm.clip = False

```
set_under(color='k', alpha=None)
```

Set color to be used for low out-of-range values. Requires norm.clip = False

Bases: object

Create a light source coming from the specified azimuth and elevation. Angles are in degrees, with the azimuth measured clockwise from north and elevation up from the zero plane of the surface. The shade() is used to produce rgb values for a shaded relief image given a data array.

Specify the azimuth (measured clockwise from south) and altitude (measured up from the plane of the surface) of the light source in degrees.

The color of the resulting image will be darkened by moving the (s,v) values (in hsv colorspace) toward (hsv_min_sat, hsv_min_val) in the shaded regions, or lightened by sliding (s,v) toward (hsv_max_sat hsv_max_val) in regions that are illuminated. The default extremes are chose so that

completely shaded points are nearly black (s = 1, v = 0) and completely illuminated points are nearly white (s = 0, v = 1).

```
shade(data, cmap)
```

Take the input data array, convert to HSV values in the given colormap, then adjust those color values to given the impression of a shaded relief map with a specified light source. RGBA values are returned, which can then be used to plot the shaded image with imshow.

```
shade_rgb(rgb, elevation, fraction=1.0)
```

Take the input RGB array (ny*nx*3) adjust their color values to given the impression of a shaded relief map with a specified light source using the elevation (ny*nx). A new RGB array ((ny*nx*3)) is returned.

```
class matplotlib.colors.LinearSegmentedColormap(name, segmentdata, N=256, gamma=1.0)
```

```
Bases: matplotlib.colors.Colormap
```

Colormap objects based on lookup tables using linear segments.

The lookup table is generated using linear interpolation for each primary color, with the 0-1 domain divided into any number of segments.

Create color map from linear mapping segments

segmentdata argument is a dictionary with a red, green and blue entries. Each entry should be a list of x, y0, y1 tuples, forming rows in a table. Entries for alpha are optional.

Example: suppose you want red to increase from 0 to 1 over the bottom half, green to do the same over the middle half, and blue over the top half. Then you would use:

Each row in the table for a given color is a sequence of x, y0, y1 tuples. In each sequence, x must increase monotonically from 0 to 1. For any input value z falling between x[i] and x[i+1], the output value of a given color will be linearly interpolated between y1[i] and y0[i+1]:

```
row i: x y0 y1
/
row i+1: x y0 y1
```

Hence y0 in the first row and y1 in the last row are never used.

See Also:

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LinearSegmentedColormap.from_list() Static method; factory function for generating a smoothly-varying LinearSegmentedColormap.

makeMappingArray() For information about making a mapping array.

```
static from_list(name, colors, N=256, gamma=1.0)
```

Make a linear segmented colormap with *name* from a sequence of *colors* which evenly transitions from colors[0] at val=0 to colors[-1] at val=1. N is the number of rgb quantization levels. Alternatively, a list of (value, color) tuples can be given to divide the range unevenly.

```
set_gamma(gamma)
```

Set a new gamma value and regenerate color map.

```
class matplotlib.colors.ListedColormap(colors, name='from_list', N=None)
```

```
Bases: matplotlib.colors.Colormap
```

Colormap object generated from a list of colors.

This may be most useful when indexing directly into a colormap, but it can also be used to generate special colormaps for ordinary mapping.

Make a colormap from a list of colors.

colors a list of matplotlib color specifications, or an equivalent Nx3 or Nx4 floating point array (*N* rgb or rgba values)

name a string to identify the colormap

N the number of entries in the map. The default is *None*, in which case there is one colormap entry for each element in the list of colors. If:

```
N < len(colors)</pre>
```

the list will be truncated at N. If:

```
N > len(colors)
```

the list will be extended by repetition.

class matplotlib.colors.LogNorm(vmin=None, vmax=None, clip=False)

```
Bases: matplotlib.colors.Normalize
```

Normalize a given value to the 0-1 range on a log scale

If *vmin* or *vmax* is not given, they are taken from the input's minimum and maximum value respectively. If *clip* is *True* and the given value falls outside the range, the returned value will be 0 or 1, whichever is closer. Returns 0 if:

```
vmin == vmax
```

Works with scalars or arrays, including masked arrays. If *clip* is *True*, masked values are set to 1; otherwise they remain masked. Clipping silently defeats the purpose of setting the over, under, and masked colors in the colormap, so it is likely to lead to surprises; therefore the default is clip = False.

autoscale(A)

Set vmin, vmax to min, max of A.

autoscale_None(A)

autoscale only None-valued vmin or vmax

inverse(value)

class matplotlib.colors.NoNorm(vmin=None, vmax=None, clip=False)

Bases: matplotlib.colors.Normalize

Dummy replacement for Normalize, for the case where we want to use indices directly in a ScalarMappable.

If *vmin* or *vmax* is not given, they are taken from the input's minimum and maximum value respectively. If *clip* is *True* and the given value falls outside the range, the returned value will be 0 or 1, whichever is closer. Returns 0 if:

vmin = = vmax

Works with scalars or arrays, including masked arrays. If *clip* is *True*, masked values are set to 1; otherwise they remain masked. Clipping silently defeats the purpose of setting the over, under, and masked colors in the colormap, so it is likely to lead to surprises; therefore the default is clip = False.

inverse(value)

class matplotlib.colors.Normalize(vmin=None, vmax=None, clip=False)

Bases: object

Normalize a given value to the 0-1 range

If *vmin* or *vmax* is not given, they are taken from the input's minimum and maximum value respectively. If *clip* is *True* and the given value falls outside the range, the returned value will be 0 or 1, whichever is closer. Returns 0 if:

vmin==vmax

Works with scalars or arrays, including masked arrays. If clip is True, masked values are set to 1; otherwise they remain masked. Clipping silently defeats the purpose of setting the over, under, and masked colors in the colormap, so it is likely to lead to surprises; therefore the default is clip = False.

autoscale(A)

Set *vmin*, *vmax* to min, max of *A*.

autoscale_None(A)

autoscale only None-valued vmin or vmax

inverse(value)

static process_value(value)

Homogenize the input *value* for easy and efficient normalization.

value can be a scalar or sequence.

Returns *result*, *is_scalar*, where *result* is a masked array matching *value*. Float dtypes are preserved; integer types with two bytes or smaller are converted to np.float32, and larger types

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are converted to np.float. Preserving float32 when possible, and using in-place operations, can greatly improve speed for large arrays.

Experimental; we may want to add an option to force the use of float32.

scaled()

return true if vmin and vmax set

matplotlib.colors.hex2color(s)

Take a hex string s and return the corresponding rgb 3-tuple Example: #efefef -> (0.93725, 0.93725, 0.93725)

matplotlib.colors.hsv_to_rgb(hsv)

convert hsv values in a numpy array to rgb values both input and output arrays have shape (M,N,3)

matplotlib.colors.is_color_like(c)

Return *True* if c can be converted to RGB

matplotlib.colors.makeMappingArray(N, data, gamma=1.0)

Create an N -element 1-d lookup table

data represented by a list of x,y0,y1 mapping correspondences. Each element in this list represents how a value between 0 and 1 (inclusive) represented by x is mapped to a corresponding value between 0 and 1 (inclusive). The two values of y are to allow for discontinuous mapping functions (say as might be found in a sawtooth) where y0 represents the value of y for values of $x \le t$ to that given, and y1 is the value to be used for x > t than that given). The list must start with x = 0, end with x = 1, and all values of x must be in increasing order. Values between the given mapping points are determined by simple linear interpolation.

Alternatively, data can be a function mapping values between 0 - 1 to 0 - 1.

The function returns an array "result" where result[x*(N-1)] gives the closest value for values of x between 0 and 1.

matplotlib.colors.no_norm

alias of NoNorm

matplotlib.colors.normalize

alias of Normalize

matplotlib.colors.rgb2hex(rgb)

Given an rgb or rgba sequence of 0-1 floats, return the hex string

matplotlib.colors.rgb_to_hsv(arr)

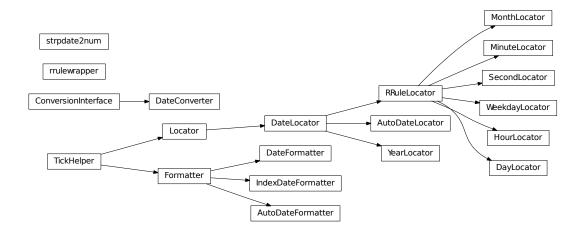
convert rgb values in a numpy array to hsv values input and output arrays should have shape (M,N,3)

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DATES



59.1 matplotlib.dates

Matplotlib provides sophisticated date plotting capabilities, standing on the shoulders of python datetime, the add-on modules pytz and dateutils. datetime objects are converted to floating point numbers which represent time in days since 0001-01-01 UTC, plus 1. For example, 0001-01-01, 06:00 is 1.25, not 0.25. The helper functions date2num(), num2date() and drange() are used to facilitate easy conversion to and from datetime and numeric ranges.

Note: Like Python's datetime, mpl uses the Gregorian calendar for all conversions between dates and floating point numbers. This practice is not universal, and calendar differences can cause confusing differences between what Python and mpl give as the number of days since 0001-01-01 and what other software and databases yield. For example, the US Naval Observatory uses a calendar that switches from Julian to Gregorian in October, 1582. Hence, using their calculator, the number of days between 0001-01-01 and 2006-04-01 is 732403, whereas using the Gregorian calendar via the datetime module we find:

In [31]:date(2006,4,1).toordinal() - date(1,1,1).toordinal()
Out[31]:732401

A wide range of specific and general purpose date tick locators and formatters are provided in this module. See matplotlib.ticker for general information on tick locators and formatters. These are described below.

All the matplotlib date converters, tickers and formatters are timezone aware, and the default timezone is given by the timezone parameter in your matplotlibrc file. If you leave out a tz timezone instance, the default from your rc file will be assumed. If you want to use a custom time zone, pass a pytz.timezone instance with the tz keyword argument to num2date(), plot_date(), and any custom date tickers or locators you create. See pytz for information on pytz and timezone handling.

The dateutil module provides additional code to handle date ticking, making it easy to place ticks on any kinds of dates. See examples below.

59.1.1 Date tickers

Most of the date tickers can locate single or multiple values. For example:

```
# tick on mondays every week
loc = WeekdayLocator(byweekday=MO, tz=tz)
# tick on mondays and saturdays
loc = WeekdayLocator(byweekday=(MO, SA))
```

In addition, most of the constructors take an interval argument:

```
# tick on mondays every second week
loc = WeekdayLocator(byweekday=MO, interval=2)
```

The rrule locator allows completely general date ticking:

```
# tick every 5th easter
rule = rrulewrapper(YEARLY, byeaster=1, interval=5)
loc = RRuleLocator(rule)
```

Here are all the date tickers:

- MinuteLocator: locate minutes
- HourLocator: locate hours
- DayLocator: locate specifed days of the month
- WeekdayLocator: Locate days of the week, eg MO, TU
- MonthLocator: locate months, eg 7 for july
- YearLocator: locate years that are multiples of base
- RRuleLocator: locate using a matplotlib.dates.rrulewrapper. The rrulewrapper is a simple wrapper around a dateutils.rrule (dateutil) which allow almost arbitrary date tick specifications. See rrule example.

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 AutoDateLocator: On autoscale, this class picks the best MultipleDateLocator to set the view limits and the tick locations.

59.1.2 Date formatters

Here all all the date formatters:

- AutoDateFormatter: attempts to figure out the best format to use. This is most useful when used with the AutoDateLocator.
- DateFormatter: use strftime() format strings
- IndexDateFormatter: date plots with implicit *x* indexing.

matplotlib.dates.date2num(d)

d is either a datetime instance or a sequence of datetimes.

Return value is a floating point number (or sequence of floats) which gives the number of days (fraction part represents hours, minutes, seconds) since 0001-01-01 00:00:00 UTC, *plus one*. The addition of one here is a historical artifact. Also, note that the Gregorian calendar is assumed; this is not universal practice. For details, see the module docstring.

matplotlib.dates.num2date(x, tz=None)

x is a float value which gives the number of days (fraction part represents hours, minutes, seconds) since 0001-01-01 00:00:00 UTC *plus one*. The addition of one here is a historical artifact. Also, note that the Gregorian calendar is assumed; this is not universal practice. For details, see the module docstring.

Return value is a datetime instance in timezone tz (default to reparams TZ value).

If x is a sequence, a sequence of datetime objects will be returned.

matplotlib.dates.drange(dstart, dend, delta)

Return a date range as float Gregorian ordinals. *dstart* and *dend* are datetime instances. *delta* is a datetime.timedelta instance.

matplotlib.dates.epoch2num(e)

Convert an epoch or sequence of epochs to the new date format, that is days since 0001.

matplotlib.dates.num2epoch(d)

Convert days since 0001 to epoch. d can be a number or sequence.

matplotlib.dates.mx2num(mxdates)

Convert mx datetime instance (or sequence of mx instances) to the new date format.

class matplotlib.dates.DateFormatter(fmt, tz=None)

Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Formatter

Tick location is seconds since the epoch. Use a strftime() format string.

Python only supports datetime strftime() formatting for years greater than 1900. Thanks to Andrew Dalke, Dalke Scientific Software who contributed the strftime() code below to include dates earlier than this year.

fmt is an strftime() format string; tz is the tzinfo instance.

```
illegal_s = <_sre.SRE_Pattern object at 0x26efe20>
     set_tzinfo(tz)
     strftime(dt, fmt)
class matplotlib.dates.IndexDateFormatter(t, fmt, tz=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Formatter
     Use with IndexLocator to cycle format strings by index.
     t is a sequence of dates (floating point days). fmt is a strftime() format string.
class matplotlib.dates.AutoDateFormatter(locator, tz=None, defaultfmt='%Y-%m-%d')
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Formatter
     This class attempts to figure out the best format to use. This is most useful when used with the
     AutoDateLocator.
     The AutoDateFormatter has a scale dictionary that maps the scale of the tick (the distance in days
     between one major tick) and a format string. The default looks like this:
     self.scaled = {
        365.0 : '%Y',
        30. : '%b %Y',
1.0 : '%b %d %Y',
        1./24. : '%H:%M:%D',
     The algorithm picks the key in the dictionary that is >= the current scale and uses that format string.
     You can customize this dictionary by doing:
     formatter = AutoDateFormatter()
     formatter.scaled[1/(24.*60.)] = '%M:%S' # only show min and sec
     Autofmt the date labels. The default format is the one to use if none of the times in scaled match
class matplotlib.dates.DateLocator(tz=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Locator
     tz is a tzinfo instance.
     datalim_to_dt()
     hms0d = {'byminute': 0, 'byhour': 0, 'bysecond': 0}
     nonsingular(vmin, vmax)
     set_tzinfo(tz)
     viewlim_to_dt()
class matplotlib.dates.RRuleLocator(o, tz=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.dates.DateLocator
     autoscale()
          Set the view limits to include the data range.
     static get_unit_generic(freq)
```

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```
class matplotlib.dates.AutoDateLocator(tz=None, minticks=5, maxticks=None, interval\_multiples=False)
```

Bases: matplotlib.dates.DateLocator

On autoscale, this class picks the best MultipleDateLocator to set the view limits and the tick locations.

minticks is the minimum number of ticks desired, which is used to select the type of ticking (yearly, monthly, etc.).

maxticks is the maximum number of ticks desired, which controls any interval between ticks (ticking every other, every 3, etc.). For really fine-grained control, this can be a dictionary mapping individual rrule frequency constants (YEARLY, MONTHLY, etc.) to their own maximum number of ticks. This can be used to keep the number of ticks appropriate to the format chosen in class:AutoDateFormatter. Any frequency not specified in this dictionary is given a default value.

tz is a tzinfo instance.

interval_multiples is a boolean that indicates whether ticks should be chosen to be multiple of the interval. This will lock ticks to 'nicer' locations. For example, this will force the ticks to be at hours 0,6,12,18 when hourly ticking is done at 6 hour intervals.

The AutoDateLocator has an interval dictionary that maps the frequency of the tick (a constant from dateutil.rrule) and a multiple allowed for that ticking. The default looks like this:

```
self.intervald = {
   YEARLY : [1, 2, 4, 5, 10],
   MONTHLY : [1, 2, 3, 4, 6],
   DAILY : [1, 2, 3, 7, 14],
   HOURLY : [1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12],
   MINUTELY: [1, 5, 10, 15, 30],
   SECONDLY: [1, 5, 10, 15, 30]
}
```

The interval is used to specify multiples that are appropriate for the frequency of ticking. For instance, every 7 days is sensible for daily ticks, but for minutes/seconds, 15 or 30 make sense. You can customize this dictionary by doing:

```
locator = AutoDateLocator()
locator.intervald[HOURLY] = [3] # only show every 3 hours

autoscale()
    Try to choose the view limits intelligently.

get_locator(dmin, dmax)
    Pick the best locator based on a distance.

refresh()
```

Refresh internal information based on current limits.

```
set_axis(axis)
```

```
\textbf{class} \ \texttt{matplotlib.dates.YearLocator}(base=1, month=1, day=1, tz=None)
```

```
Bases: matplotlib.dates.DateLocator
```

Make ticks on a given day of each year that is a multiple of base.

```
Examples:
```

```
# Tick every year on Jan 1st
locator = YearLocator()
# Tick every 5 years on July 4th
locator = YearLocator(5, month=7, day=4)
```

Mark years that are multiple of base on a given month and day (default jan 1).

autoscale()

Set the view limits to include the data range.

```
\textbf{class} \ \texttt{matplotlib.dates.} \ \textbf{MonthLocator} ( \textit{bymonth=None}, \textit{bymonthday=1}, \textit{interval=1}, \textit{tz=None})
```

```
Bases: matplotlib.dates.RRuleLocator
```

Make ticks on occurances of each month month, eg 1, 3, 12.

Mark every month in *bymonth*; *bymonth* can be an int or sequence. Default is range(1,13), i.e. every month.

interval is the interval between each iteration. For example, if interval=2, mark every second occurance.

class matplotlib.dates.WeekdayLocator(byweekday=1, interval=1, tz=None)

```
Bases: matplotlib.dates.RRuleLocator
```

Make ticks on occurances of each weekday.

Mark every weekday in byweekday; byweekday can be a number or sequence.

Elements of *byweekday* must be one of MO, TU, WE, TH, FR, SA, SU, the constants from dateutils.rrule.

interval specifies the number of weeks to skip. For example, interval=2 plots every second week.

class matplotlib.dates.**DayLocator**(bymonthday=None, interval=1, tz=None)

```
Bases: matplotlib.dates.RRuleLocator
```

Make ticks on occurances of each day of the month. For example, 1, 15, 30.

Mark every day in bymonthday; bymonthday can be an int or sequence.

Default is to tick every day of the month: bymonthday=range(1,32)

class matplotlib.dates.HourLocator(byhour=None, interval=1, tz=None)

```
Bases: matplotlib.dates.RRuleLocator
```

Make ticks on occurances of each hour.

Mark every hour in *byhour*; *byhour* can be an int or sequence. Default is to tick every hour: byhour=range(24)

interval is the interval between each iteration. For example, if interval=2, mark every second occurrence.

class matplotlib.dates.**MinuteLocator**(byminute=None, interval=1, tz=None)

```
Bases: matplotlib.dates.RRuleLocator
```

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Make ticks on occurances of each minute.

Mark every minute in *byminute*; *byminute* can be an int or sequence. Default is to tick every minute: byminute=range(60)

interval is the interval between each iteration. For example, if interval=2, mark every second occurrence.

class matplotlib.dates.SecondLocator(bysecond=None, interval=1, tz=None)

Bases: matplotlib.dates.RRuleLocator

Make ticks on occurances of each second.

Mark every second in *bysecond*; *bysecond* can be an int or sequence. Default is to tick every second: bysecond = range(60)

interval is the interval between each iteration. For example, if interval=2, mark every second occurrence.

class matplotlib.dates.rrule(freq, dtstart=None, interval=1, wkst=None, count=None, until=None, bysetpos=None, bymonth=None, bymonthday=None,
byyearday=None, byeaster=None, byweekno=None, byweekday=None, byhour=None, byminute=None, bysecond=None,
cache=False)

Bases: dateutil.rrule.rrulebase

Bases: object

The relativedelta type is based on the specification of the excelent work done by M.-A. Lemburg in his mx.DateTime extension. However, notice that this type does *NOT* implement the same algorithm as his work. Do *NOT* expect it to behave like mx.DateTime's counterpart.

There's two different ways to build a relativedelta instance. The first one is passing it two date/datetime classes:

relativedelta(datetime1, datetime2)

And the other way is to use the following keyword arguments:

year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond: Absolute information.

years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, seconds, microseconds: Relative information, may be negative.

weekday: One of the weekday instances (MO, TU, etc). These instances may receive a parameter N, specifying the Nth weekday, which could be positive or negative (like MO(+1) or MO(-2). Not specifying it is the same as specifying +1. You can also use an integer, where 0=MO.

leapdays: Will add given days to the date found, if year is a leap year, and the date found is post 28 of february.

yearday, nlyearday: Set the yearday or the non-leap year day (jump leap days). These are converted to day/month/leapdays information.

Here is the behavior of operations with relativedelta:

- 1. Calculate the absolute year, using the 'year' argument, or the original datetime year, if the argument is not present.
- 2.Add the relative 'years' argument to the absolute year.
- 3.Do steps 1 and 2 for month/months.
- 4. Calculate the absolute day, using the 'day' argument, or the original datetime day, if the argument is not present. Then, subtract from the day until it fits in the year and month found after their operations.
- 5.Add the relative 'days' argument to the absolute day. Notice that the 'weeks' argument is multiplied by 7 and added to 'days'.
- 6.Do steps 1 and 2 for hour/hours, minute/minutes, second/seconds, microsecond/microseconds.
- 7. If the 'weekday' argument is present, calculate the weekday, with the given (wday, nth) tuple. wday is the index of the weekday (0-6, 0=Mon), and nth is the number of weeks to add forward or backward, depending on its signal. Notice that if the calculated date is already Monday, for example, using (0, 1) or (0, -1) won't change the day.

matplotlib.dates.seconds(s)

Return seconds as days.

matplotlib.dates.minutes(m)

Return minutes as days.

matplotlib.dates.hours(h)

Return hours as days.

matplotlib.dates.weeks(w)

Return weeks as days.

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FIGURE

60.1 matplotlib.figure

The figure module provides the top-level Artist, the Figure, which contains all the plot elements. The following classes are defined

SubplotParams control the default spacing of the subplots

Figure top level container for all plot elements

class matplotlib.figure.AxesStack

Bases: matplotlib.cbook.Stack

Specialization of the Stack to handle all tracking of Axes in a Figure. This stack stores key, (ind, axes) pairs, where:

- •key should be a hash of the args and kwargs used in generating the Axes.
- •ind is a serial number for tracking the order in which axes were added.

The AxesStack is a callable, where ax_stack() returns the current axes. Alternatively the current_key_axes() will return the current key and associated axes.

add(key, a)

Add Axes a, with key key, to the stack, and return the stack.

If a is already on the stack, don't add it again, but return None.

as_list()

Return a list of the Axes instances that have been added to the figure

bubble(a)

Move the given axes, which must already exist in the stack, to the top.

current_key_axes()

Return a tuple of (key, axes) for the active axes.

If no axes exists on the stack, then returns (None, None).

get(key)

Return the Axes instance that was added with key. If it is not present, return None.

```
remove(a)
```

Remove the axes from the stack.

The Figure instance supports callbacks through a *callbacks* attribute which is a matplotlib.cbook.CallbackRegistry instance. The events you can connect to are 'dpi_changed', and the callback will be called with func(fig) where fig is the Figure instance.

patch The figure patch is drawn by a matplotlib.patches.Rectangle instance

suppressComposite For multiple figure images, the figure will make composite images depending on the renderer option_image_nocomposite function. If suppressComposite is True|False, this will override the renderer.

```
figsize w,h tuple in inches

dpi Dots per inch
```

facecolor The figure patch facecolor; defaults to rc figure.facecolor

edgecolor The figure patch edge color; defaults to rc figure.edgecolor

linewidth The figure patch edge linewidth; the default linewidth of the frame

frameon If False, suppress drawing the figure frame

subplotpars A SubplotParams instance, defaults to rc

tight_layout If *False* use *subplotpars*; if *True* adjust subplot parameters using tight_layout(). Defaults to rc figure.autolayout.

```
add_axes(*args, **kwargs)
```

Add an axes at position *rect* [*left*, *bottom*, *width*, *height*] where all quantities are in fractions of figure width and height. kwargs are legal Axes kwargs plus *projection* which sets the projection type of the axes. (For backward compatibility, polar=True may also be provided, which is equivalent to projection='polar'). Valid values for *projection* are: ['aitoff', 'hammer', 'lambert', 'mollweide', 'polar', 'rectilinear']. Some of these projections support additional kwargs, which may be provided to add_axes(). Typical usage:

```
rect = 1,b,w,h
fig.add_axes(rect)
fig.add_axes(rect, frameon=False, axisbg='g')
fig.add_axes(rect, polar=True)
fig.add_axes(rect, projection='polar')
fig.add_axes(ax)
```

If the figure already has an axes with the same parameters, then it will simply make that axes current and return it. If you do not want this behavior, e.g. you want to force the creation of a new Axes, you must use a unique set of args and kwargs. The axes label attribute has been exposed for this purpose. Eg., if you want two axes that are otherwise identical to be added to the figure, make sure you give them unique labels:

```
fig.add_axes(rect, label='axes1')
fig.add_axes(rect, label='axes2')
```

In rare circumstances, add_axes may be called with a single argument, an Axes instance already created in the present figure but not in the figure's list of axes. For example, if an axes has been removed with delaxes(), it can be restored with:

```
fig.add_axes(ax)
```

In all cases, the Axes instance will be returned.

In addition to *projection*, the following kwargs are supported:

Property	Description
adjustable	['box' 'datalim' 'box-forced']
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
anchor	unknown
animated	[True False]
aspect	unknown
autoscale_on	unknown
autoscalex_on	unknown
autoscaley_on	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
axes_locator	unknown
axis_bgcolor	any matplotlib color - see colors()
axis_off	unknown
axis_on	unknown
axisbelow	[True False]
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color_cycle	unknown
contains	a callable function
cursor_props	a (float, color) tuple
figure	unknown
frame_on	[True False]
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
lod	[True False]
navigate	[True False]
navigate_mode	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	unknown
rasterization_zorder	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
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Property	Description
title	str
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xbound	unknown
xlabel	str
xlim	length 2 sequence of floats
xmargin	unknown
xscale	['linear' 'log' 'symlog']
xticklabels	sequence of strings
xticks	sequence of floats
ybound	unknown
ylabel	str
ylim	length 2 sequence of floats
ymargin	unknown
yscale	['linear' 'log' 'symlog']
yticklabels	sequence of strings
yticks	sequence of floats
zorder	any number

```
add_axobserver(func)
    whenever the axes state change, func(self) will be called
add_subplot(*args, **kwargs)
    Add a subplot. Examples:
    fig.add_subplot(111)

# equivalent but more general
fig.add_subplot(1,1,1)

# add subplot with red background
fig.add_subplot(212, axisbg='r')

# add a polar subplot
fig.add_subplot(111, projection='polar')

# add Subplot instance sub
fig.add_subplot(sub)
```

kwargs are legal Axes kwargs plus *projection*, which chooses a projection type for the axes. (For backward compatibility, *polar=True* may also be provided, which is equivalent to *projection='polar'*). Valid values for *projection* are: ['aitoff', 'hammer', 'lambert', 'mollweide', 'polar', 'rectilinear']. Some of these projections support additional *kwargs*, which may be provided to add_axes().

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The Axes instance will be returned.

If the figure already has a subplot with key (*args*, *kwargs*) then it will simply make that subplot current and return it.

The following kwargs are supported:

Property	Description
adjustable	['box' 'datalim' 'box-forced']
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
anchor	unknown
animated	[True False]
aspect	unknown
autoscale_on	unknown
autoscalex_on	unknown
autoscaley_on	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
axes_locator	unknown
axis_bgcolor	any matplotlib color - see colors()
axis_off	unknown
axis_on	unknown
axisbelow	[True False]
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color_cycle	unknown
contains	a callable function
cursor_props	a (float, color) tuple
figure	unknown
frame_on	[True False]
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
lod	[True False]
navigate	[True False]
navigate_mode	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	unknown
rasterization_zorder	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
title	str
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xbound	unknown
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Property	Description
xlabel	str
xlim	length 2 sequence of floats
xmargin	unknown
xscale	['linear' 'log' 'symlog']
xticklabels	sequence of strings
xticks	sequence of floats
ybound	unknown
ylabel	str
ylim	length 2 sequence of floats
ymargin	unknown
yscale	['linear' 'log' 'symlog']
yticklabels	sequence of strings
yticks	sequence of floats
zorder	any number

autofmt_xdate(bottom=0.2, rotation=30, ha='right')

Date ticklabels often overlap, so it is useful to rotate them and right align them. Also, a common use case is a number of subplots with shared xaxes where the x-axis is date data. The ticklabels are often long, and it helps to rotate them on the bottom subplot and turn them off on other subplots, as well as turn off xlabels.

bottom The bottom of the subplots for subplots_adjust()

rotation The rotation of the xtick labels

ha The horizontal alignment of the xticklabels

axes

Read-only: list of axes in Figure

clear()

Clear the figure – synonym for clf().

clf(keep_observers=False)

Clear the figure.

Set *keep_observers* to True if, for example, a gui widget is tracking the axes in the figure.

colorbar(*mappable*, *cax=None*, *ax=None*, **kw)

Create a colorbar for a ScalarMappable instance, *mappable*.

Documentation for the pylab thin wrapper:

Add a colorbar to a plot.

Function signatures for the pyplot interface; all but the first are also method signatures for the colorbar() method:

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```
colorbar(**kwargs)
colorbar(mappable, **kwargs)
colorbar(mappable, cax=cax, **kwargs)
colorbar(mappable, ax=ax, **kwargs)
```

mappable the Image, ContourSet, etc. to which the colorbar applies; this argument is mandatory for the colorbar() method but optional for the colorbar() function, which sets the default to the current image.

keyword arguments:

arguments:

cax None | axes object into which the colorbar will be drawn

ax None | parent axes object from which space for a new colorbar axes will be stolen

use_gridspec False | If cax is None, a new cax is created as an instance of Axes. If ax is an instance of Subplot and use_gridspec is True, cax is created as an instance of Subplot using the grid_spec module.

Additional keyword arguments are of two kinds:

axes properties:

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orien-	vertical or horizontal
tation	
frac-	0.15; fraction of original axes to use for colorbar
tion	
pad	0.05 if vertical, 0.15 if horizontal; fraction of original axes
	between colorbar and new image axes
shrink	1.0; fraction by which to shrink the colorbar
aspect	20; ratio of long to short dimensions
anchor	(0.0, 0.5) if vertical; (0.5, 1.0) if horizontal; the anchor point of
	the colorbar axes
pan-	(1.0, 0.5) if vertical; (0.5, 0.0) if horizontal; the anchor point of
chor	the colorbar parent axes

colorbar properties:

Prop	Description
erty	
ex-	['neither' 'both' 'min' 'max'] If not 'neither', make pointed
tend	end(s) for out-of- range values. These are set for a given colormap
	using the colormap set_under and set_over methods.
ex-	[None 'auto' length lengths] If set to None, both the minimum
tend-	and maximum triangular colorbar extensions with have a length of
frac	5% of the interior colorbar length (this is the default setting). If set
	to 'auto', makes the triangular colorbar extensions the same lengths
	as the interior boxes (when <i>spacing</i> is set to 'uniform') or the same
	lengths as the respective adjacent interior boxes (when <i>spacing</i> is
	set to 'proportional'). If a scalar, indicates the length of both the
	minimum and maximum triangular colorbar extensions as a
	fraction of the interior colorbar length. A two-element sequence of
	fractions may also be given, indicating the lengths of the minimum
	and maximum colorbar extensions respectively as a fraction of the
	interior colorbar length.
spac-	['uniform' 'proportional'] Uniform spacing gives each discrete
ing	color the same space; proportional makes the space proportional to
	the data interval.
ticks	[None list of ticks Locator object] If None, ticks are determined
	automatically from the input.
for-	[None format string Formatter object] If None, the
mat	ScalarFormatter is used. If a format string is given, e.g. '%.3f',
	that is used. An alternative Formatter object may be given
	instead.
drawe	dg False True] If true, draw lines at color boundaries.

The following will probably be useful only in the context of indexed colors (that is, when the mappable has norm=NoNorm()), or other unusual circumstances.

Prop-	Description
erty	
bound	- None or a sequence
aries	
val-	None or a sequence which must be of length 1 less than the
ues	sequence of boundaries. For each region delimited by adjacent
	entries in boundaries, the color mapped to the corresponding value
	in values will be used.

If *mappable* is a ContourSet, its *extend* kwarg is included automatically.

Note that the *shrink* kwarg provides a simple way to keep a vertical colorbar, for example, from being taller than the axes of the mappable to which the colorbar is attached; but it is a manual method requiring some trial and error. If the colorbar is too tall (or a horizontal colorbar is too wide) use a smaller value of *shrink*.

For more precise control, you can manually specify the positions of the axes objects in which the mappable and the colorbar are drawn. In this case, do not use any of the axes properties kwargs.

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It is known that some vector graphics viewer (svg and pdf) renders white gaps between segments of the colorbar. This is due to bugs in the viewers not matplotlib. As a workaround the colorbar can be rendered with overlapping segments:

```
cbar = colorbar()
cbar.solids.set_edgecolor("face")
draw()
```

However this has negative consequences in other circumstances. Particularly with semi transparent images (alpha < 1) and colorbar extensions and is not enabled by default see (issue #1188).

returns: Colorbar instance; see also its base class, ColorbarBase. Call the set_label() method to label the colorbar.

contains(mouseevent)

Test whether the mouse event occurred on the figure.

Returns True, { }

delaxes(a)

remove a from the figure and update the current axes

dpi

```
draw(artist, renderer, *args, **kwargs)
```

Render the figure using matplotlib.backend_bases.RendererBase instance renderer.

draw_artist(a)

draw matplotlib.artist.Artist instance a only – this is available only after the figure is drawn

figimage(*X*, *xo*=0, *yo*=0, *alpha*=*None*, *norm*=*None*, *cmap*=*None*, *vmin*=*None*, *vmax*=*None*, *origin*=*None*, **kwargs)

Adds a non-resampled image to the figure.

call signatures:

```
figimage(X, **kwargs)
```

adds a non-resampled array *X* to the figure.

figimage(X, xo, yo)

with pixel offsets xo, yo,

X must be a float array:

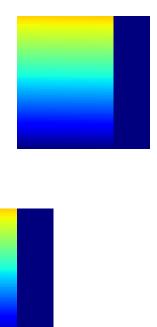
- •If X is MxN, assume luminance (grayscale)
- •If X is MxNx3, assume RGB
- •If X is MxNx4, assume RGBA

Optional keyword arguments:

Key-	Description
word	
xo or	An integer, the <i>x</i> and <i>y</i> image offset in pixels
yo	
cmap	a matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance, eg cm.jet. If <i>None</i> , default to
	the rc image.cmap value
norm	a matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance. The default is
	normalization(). This scales luminance -> 0-1
vmin v	name used to scale a luminance image to 0-1. If either is <i>None</i> , the min and
	max of the luminance values will be used. Note if you pass a norm
	instance, the settings for <i>vmin</i> and <i>vmax</i> will be ignored.
al-	the alpha blending value, default is <i>None</i>
pha	
ori-	['upper' 'lower'] Indicates where the [0,0] index of the array is in the
gin	upper left or lower left corner of the axes. Defaults to the rc image.origin
	value

figimage complements the axes image (imshow()) which will be resampled to fit the current axes. If you want a resampled image to fill the entire figure, you can define an Axes with size [0,1,0,1].

An matplotlib.image.FigureImage instance is returned.



Additional kwargs are Artist kwargs passed on to FigureImage

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gca(**kwargs)

Return the current axes, creating one if necessary

The following kwargs are supported for ensuring the returned axes adheres to the given projection etc., and for axes creation if the active axes does not exist:

Property	Description
adjustable	['box' 'datalim' 'box-forced']
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
anchor	unknown
animated	[True False]
aspect	unknown
autoscale_on	unknown
autoscalex_on	unknown
autoscaley_on	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
axes_locator	unknown
axis_bgcolor	any matplotlib color - see colors()
axis_off	unknown
axis_on	unknown
axisbelow	[True False]
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color_cycle	unknown
contains	a callable function
cursor_props	a (float, color) tuple
figure	unknown
frame_on	[True False]
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
lod	[True False]
navigate	[True False]
navigate_mode	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	unknown
rasterization_zorder	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
title	str
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xbound	unknown
xlabel	str
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Property	Description
xlim	length 2 sequence of floats
xmargin	unknown
xscale	['linear' 'log' 'symlog']
xticklabels	sequence of strings
xticks	sequence of floats
ybound	unknown
ylabel	str
ylim	length 2 sequence of floats
ymargin	unknown
yscale	['linear' 'log' 'symlog']
yticklabels	sequence of strings
yticks	sequence of floats
zorder	any number

get_axes() get_children() get a list of artists contained in the figure get_default_bbox_extra_artists() get_dpi() Return the dpi as a float get_edgecolor() Get the edge color of the Figure rectangle get_facecolor() Get the face color of the Figure rectangle

get_figheight()
 Return the figheight as a float

get_figwidth()

Return the figwidth as a float

get_frameon()

get the boolean indicating frameon

get_size_inches()

get_tight_layout()

Return the Boolean flag, True to use :meth'tight_layout' when drawing.

get_tightbbox(renderer)

Return a (tight) bounding box of the figure in inches.

It only accounts axes title, axis labels, and axis ticklabels. Needs improvement.

```
get_window_extent(*args, **kwargs)
```

get the figure bounding box in display space; kwargs are void

```
ginput(n=1, timeout=30, show_clicks=True, mouse_add=1, mouse_pop=3, mouse_stop=2) Call signature:
```

Blocking call to interact with the figure.

This will wait for *n* clicks from the user and return a list of the coordinates of each click.

If *timeout* is zero or negative, does not timeout.

If *n* is zero or negative, accumulate clicks until a middle click (or potentially both mouse buttons at once) terminates the input.

Right clicking cancels last input.

The buttons used for the various actions (adding points, removing points, terminating the inputs) can be overriden via the arguments *mouse_add*, *mouse_pop* and *mouse_stop*, that give the associated mouse button: 1 for left, 2 for middle, 3 for right.

The keyboard can also be used to select points in case your mouse does not have one or more of the buttons. The delete and backspace keys act like right clicking (i.e., remove last point), the enter key terminates input and any other key (not already used by the window manager) selects a point.

hold(*b*=*None*)

Set the hold state. If hold is None (default), toggle the hold state. Else set the hold state to boolean value b.

Eg:

```
hold() # toggle hold
hold(True) # hold is on
hold(False) # hold is off
```

legend(handles, labels, *args, **kwargs)

Place a legend in the figure. Labels are a sequence of strings, handles is a sequence of Line2D or Patch instances, and loc can be a string or an integer specifying the legend location

USAGE:

The *loc* location codes are:

```
'best': 0, (currently not supported for figure legends)
'upper right': 1,
'upper left': 2,
'lower left': 3,
'lower right': 4,
```

```
'right' : 5,
'center left' : 6,
'center right' : 7,
'lower center' : 8,
'upper center' : 9,
'center' : 10,
```

loc can also be an (x,y) tuple in figure coords, which specifies the lower left of the legend box. figure coords are (0,0) is the left, bottom of the figure and 1,1 is the right, top.

Keyword arguments:

prop: [None | FontProperties | dict] A matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties
instance. If prop is a dictionary, a new instance will be created with prop. If None,
use rc settings.

numpoints: integer The number of points in the legend line, default is 4

scatterpoints: integer The number of points in the legend line, default is 4

scatteroffsets: list of floats a list of yoffsets for scatter symbols in legend

markerscale: [*None* | scalar] The relative size of legend markers vs. original. If *None*, use rc settings.

fancybox: [None | False | True] if True, draw a frame with a round fancybox. If None, use rc

shadow: [None | False | True] If True, draw a shadow behind legend. If None, use rc settings.

ncol [integer] number of columns. default is 1

mode [["expand" | None]] if mode is "expand", the legend will be horizontally expanded to fill the axes area (or bbox to anchor)

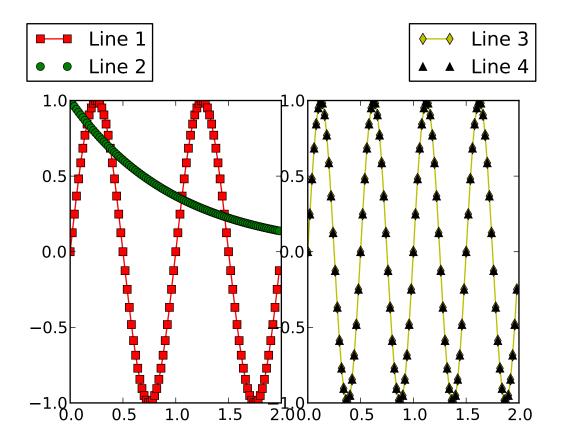
title [string] the legend title

Padding and spacing between various elements use following keywords parameters. The dimensions of these values are given as a fraction of the fontsize. Values from rcParams will be used if None.

Keyword	Description
borderpad	the fractional whitespace inside the legend border
labelspacing	the vertical space between the legend entries
handlelength	the length of the legend handles
handletextpad	the pad between the legend handle and text
borderaxespad	the pad between the axes and legend border
columnspacing	the spacing between columns

Note: Not all kinds of artist are supported by the legend. See LINK (FIXME) for details.

Example:



savefig(*args, **kwargs)

Save the current figure.

Call signature:

The output formats available depend on the backend being used.

Arguments:

fname: A string containing a path to a filename, or a Python file-like object, or possibly some backend-dependent object such as PdfPages.

If *format* is *None* and *fname* is a string, the output format is deduced from the extension of the filename. If the filename has no extension, the value of the rc parameter savefig.format is used.

If *fname* is not a string, remember to specify *format* to ensure that the correct backend is used.

Keyword arguments:

dpi: [*None* | scalar > 0] The resolution in dots per inch. If *None* it will default to the value savefig.dpi in the matplotlibrc file.

facecolor, edgecolor: the colors of the figure rectangle

orientation: ['landscape' | 'portrait'] not supported on all backends; currently only on postscript output

papertype: One of 'letter', 'legal', 'executive', 'ledger', 'a0' through 'a10', 'b0' through 'b10'. Only supported for postscript output.

format: One of the file extensions supported by the active backend. Most backends support png, pdf, ps, eps and svg.

transparent: If *True*, the axes patches will all be transparent; the figure patch will also be transparent unless facecolor and/or edgecolor are specified via kwargs. This is useful, for example, for displaying a plot on top of a colored background on a web page. The transparency of these patches will be restored to their original values upon exit of this function.

bbox_inches: Bbox in inches. Only the given portion of the figure is saved. If 'tight', try to figure out the tight bbox of the figure.

pad_inches: Amount of padding around the figure when bbox_inches is 'tight'.

bbox_extra_artists: A list of extra artists that will be considered when the tight bbox is calculated.

sca(a)

Set the current axes to be a and return a

set_canvas(canvas)

Set the canvas the contains the figure

ACCEPTS: a FigureCanvas instance

set_dpi(val)

Set the dots-per-inch of the figure

ACCEPTS: float

set_edgecolor(color)

Set the edge color of the Figure rectangle

ACCEPTS: any matplotlib color - see help(colors)

set_facecolor(color)

Set the face color of the Figure rectangle

ACCEPTS: any matplotlib color - see help(colors)

set_figheight(val)

Set the height of the figure in inches

ACCEPTS: float

set_figwidth(val)

Set the width of the figure in inches

ACCEPTS: float

set_frameon(b)

Set whether the figure frame (background) is displayed or invisible

ACCEPTS: boolean

set_size_inches(w, h, forward=False)

Set the figure size in inches

Usage:

```
fig.set_size_inches(w,h) # OR
fig.set_size_inches((w,h))
```

optional kwarg *forward=True* will cause the canvas size to be automatically updated; eg you can resize the figure window from the shell

ACCEPTS: a w,h tuple with w,h in inches

set_tight_layout(tight)

Set whether tight_layout() is used upon drawing. If None, the rcParams['figure.autolayout'] value will be set.

ACCEPTS: [True | False | None]

show(warn=True)

If using a GUI backend with pyplot, display the figure window.

If the figure was not created using figure(), it will lack a FigureManagerBase, and will raise an AttributeError.

For non-GUI backends, this does nothing, in which case a warning will be issued if *warn* is True (default).

subplots_adjust(*args, **kwargs)

Call signature:

Update the SubplotParams with *kwargs* (defaulting to rc when *None*) and update the subplot locations

suptitle(t, **kwargs)

Add a centered title to the figure.

kwargs are matplotlib.text.Text properties. Using figure coordinates, the defaults are:

```
x [0.5] The x location of the text in figure coords
```

y [0.98] The y location of the text in figure coords

horizontalalignment ['center'] The horizontal alignment of the text

vertical alignment ['top'] The vertical alignment of the text

A matplotlib.text.Text instance is returned.

Example:

```
fig.suptitle('this is the figure title', fontsize=12)

text(x, y, s, *args, **kwargs)
   Add text to figure.
   Call signature:
```

text(x, y, s, fontdict=None, **kwargs)

Add text to figure at location x, y (relative 0-1 coords). See text() for the meaning of the other arguments.

kwargs control the Text properties:

Description
unknown
float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
[True False]
an Axes instance
any matplotlib color
rectangle prop dict
a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
[True False]
[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
any matplotlib color
a callable function
[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
an id string
['center' 'right' 'left']
string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
float (multiple of font size)
[True False]
['left' 'right' 'center']
unknown
[None float boolean callable]
(x,y)
[True False None]
[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
unknown
[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
unknown
[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
Transform instance

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Property	Description
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
Х	float
у	float
zorder	any number

tight_layout(*renderer=None*, *pad=1.08*, *h_pad=None*, *w_pad=None*, *rect=None*) Adjust subplot parameters to give specified padding.

Parameters:

pad [float] padding between the figure edge and the edges of subplots, as a fraction of the font-size.

h_pad, *w_pad* [float] padding (height/width) between edges of adjacent subplots. Defaults to pad_inches.

rect [if rect is given, it is interpreted as a rectangle] (left, bottom, right, top) in the normalized figure coordinate that the whole subplots area (including labels) will fit into. Default is (0, 0, 1, 1).

waitforbuttonpress(timeout=-1)

Call signature:

waitforbuttonpress(self, timeout=-1)

Blocking call to interact with the figure.

This will return True is a key was pressed, False if a mouse button was pressed and None if *timeout* was reached without either being pressed.

If *timeout* is negative, does not timeout.

A class to hold the parameters for a subplot

All dimensions are fraction of the figure width or height. All values default to their rc params

The following attributes are available

left [0.125] The left side of the subplots of the figure

right [0.9] The right side of the subplots of the figure

bottom [0.1] The bottom of the subplots of the figure

top [0.9] The top of the subplots of the figure

wspace [0.2] The amount of width reserved for blank space between subplots

hspace [0.2] The amount of height reserved for white space between subplots

update(left=None, bottom=None, right=None, top=None, wspace=None, hspace=None)
 Update the current values. If any kwarg is None, default to the current value, if set, otherwise to
 rc

matplotlib.figure.figaspect(arg)

Create a figure with specified aspect ratio. If *arg* is a number, use that aspect ratio. If *arg* is an array, figaspect will determine the width and height for a figure that would fit array preserving aspect ratio. The figure width, height in inches are returned. Be sure to create an axes with equal with and height, eg

Example usage:

```
# make a figure twice as tall as it is wide
w, h = figaspect(2.)
fig = Figure(figsize=(w,h))
ax = fig.add_axes([0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.8])
ax.imshow(A, **kwargs)

# make a figure with the proper aspect for an array
A = rand(5,3)
w, h = figaspect(A)
fig = Figure(figsize=(w,h))
ax = fig.add_axes([0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.8])
ax.imshow(A, **kwargs)
```

Thanks to Fernando Perez for this function

CHAPTER

SIXTYONE

FONT MANAGER

61.1 matplotlib.font_manager

A module for finding, managing, and using fonts across platforms.

This module provides a single FontManager instance that can be shared across backends and platforms. The findfont() function returns the best TrueType (TTF) font file in the local or system font path that matches the specified FontProperties instance. The FontManager also handles Adobe Font Metrics (AFM) font files for use by the PostScript backend.

The design is based on the W3C Cascading Style Sheet, Level 1 (CSS1) font specification. Future versions may implement the Level 2 or 2.1 specifications.

Experimental support is included for using fontconfig on Unix variant platforms (Linux, OS X, Solaris). To enable it, set the constant USE_FONTCONFIG in this file to True. Fontconfig has the advantage that it is the standard way to look up fonts on X11 platforms, so if a font is installed, it is much more likely to be found.

A class for storing Font properties. It is used when populating the font lookup dictionary.

```
class matplotlib.font_manager.FontManager(size=None, weight='normal')
```

On import, the FontManager singleton instance creates a list of TrueType fonts based on the font properties: name, style, variant, weight, stretch, and size. The findfont() method does a nearest neighbor search to find the font that most closely matches the specification. If no good enough match is found, a default font is returned.

findfont() performs a nearest neighbor search. Each font is given a similarity score to the target font properties. The first font with the highest score is returned. If no matches below a certain threshold are found, the default font (usually Vera Sans) is returned.

directory, is specified, will only return fonts from the given directory (or subdirectory of that directory).

The result is cached, so subsequent lookups don't have to perform the O(n) nearest neighbor search.

If fallback_to_default is True, will fallback to the default font family (usually "Bitstream Vera Sans" or "Helvetica") if the first lookup hard-fails.

See the W3C Cascading Style Sheet, Level 1 documentation for a description of the font finding algorithm.

get_default_size()

Return the default font size.

get_default_weight()

Return the default font weight.

score_family(families, family2)

Returns a match score between the list of font families in *families* and the font family name *family*2.

An exact match anywhere in the list returns 0.0.

A match by generic font name will return 0.1.

No match will return 1.0.

score size(size1. size2)

Returns a match score between size1 and size2.

If *size2* (the size specified in the font file) is 'scalable', this function always returns 0.0, since any font size can be generated.

Otherwise, the result is the absolute distance between *size1* and *size2*, normalized so that the usual range of font sizes (6pt - 72pt) will lie between 0.0 and 1.0.

score_stretch(stretch1, stretch2)

Returns a match score between *stretch1* and *stretch2*.

The result is the absolute value of the difference between the CSS numeric values of *stretch1* and *stretch2*, normalized between 0.0 and 1.0.

score_style(style1, style2)

Returns a match score between *style1* and *style2*.

An exact match returns 0.0.

A match between 'italic' and 'oblique' returns 0.1.

No match returns 1.0.

score_variant(variant1, variant2)

Returns a match score between *variant1* and *variant2*.

An exact match returns 0.0, otherwise 1.0.

score_weight(weight1, weight2)

Returns a match score between weight1 and weight2.

The result is the absolute value of the difference between the CSS numeric values of *weight1* and *weight2*, normalized between 0.0 and 1.0.

set_default_weight(weight)

Set the default font weight. The initial value is 'normal'.

update_fonts(filenames)

Update the font dictionary with new font files. Currently not implemented.

Bases: object

A class for storing and manipulating font properties.

The font properties are those described in the W3C Cascading Style Sheet, Level 1 font specification. The six properties are:

- •family: A list of font names in decreasing order of priority. The items may include a generic font family name, either 'serif', 'sans-serif', 'cursive', 'fantasy', or 'monospace'. In that case, the actual font to be used will be looked up from the associated rcParam in matplotlibrc.
- •style: Either 'normal', 'italic' or 'oblique'.
- •variant: Either 'normal' or 'small-caps'.
- •stretch: A numeric value in the range 0-1000 or one of 'ultra-condensed', 'extra-condensed', 'condensed', 'semi-condensed', 'semi-expanded', 'expanded', 'extra-expanded' or 'ultra-expanded'
- •weight: A numeric value in the range 0-1000 or one of 'ultralight', 'light', 'normal', 'regular', 'book', 'medium', 'roman', 'semibold', 'demibold', 'demi', 'bold', 'heavy', 'extra bold', 'black'
- •size: Either an relative value of 'xx-small', 'x-small', 'small', 'medium', 'large', 'x-large', 'xx-large' or an absolute font size, e.g. 12

The default font property for TrueType fonts (as specified in the default matplotlibrc file) is:

```
sans-serif, normal, normal, normal, scalable.
```

Alternatively, a font may be specified using an absolute path to a .ttf file, by using the *fname* kwarg.

The preferred usage of font sizes is to use the relative values, e.g. 'large', instead of absolute font sizes, e.g. 12. This approach allows all text sizes to be made larger or smaller based on the font manager's default font size.

This class will also accept a fontconfig pattern, if it is the only argument provided. See the documentation on fontconfig patterns. This support does not require fontconfig to be installed. We are merely borrowing its pattern syntax for use here.

Note that matplotlib's internal font manager and fontconfig use a different algorithm to lookup fonts, so the results of the same pattern may be different in matplotlib than in other applications that use fontconfig.

copy()

Return a deep copy of self

get_family()

Return a list of font names that comprise the font family.

get_file()

Return the filename of the associated font.

get_fontconfig_pattern()

Get a fontconfig pattern suitable for looking up the font as specified with fontconfig's fc-match utility.

See the documentation on fontconfig patterns.

This support does not require fontconfig to be installed or support for it to be enabled. We are merely borrowing its pattern syntax for use here.

get_name()

Return the name of the font that best matches the font properties.

get_size()

Return the font size.

get_size_in_points()

get_slant()

Return the font style. Values are: 'normal', 'italic' or 'oblique'.

get_stretch()

Return the font stretch or width. Options are: 'ultra-condensed', 'extra-condensed', 'condensed', 'semi-condensed', 'normal', 'semi-expanded', 'extra-expanded', 'ultra-expanded'.

get_style()

Return the font style. Values are: 'normal', 'italic' or 'oblique'.

get_variant()

Return the font variant. Values are: 'normal' or 'small-caps'.

get_weight()

Set the font weight. Options are: A numeric value in the range 0-1000 or one of 'light', 'normal', 'regular', 'book', 'medium', 'roman', 'semibold', 'demibold', 'demi', 'bold', 'heavy', 'extra bold', 'black'

set_family(family)

Change the font family. May be either an alias (generic name is CSS parlance), such as: 'serif', 'sans-serif', 'cursive', 'fantasy', or 'monospace', or a real font name.

set_file(file)

Set the filename of the fontfile to use. In this case, all other properties will be ignored.

set_fontconfig_pattern(pattern)

Set the properties by parsing a fontconfig *pattern*.

See the documentation on fontconfig patterns.

This support does not require fontconfig to be installed or support for it to be enabled. We are merely borrowing its pattern syntax for use here.

set_name(family)

Change the font family. May be either an alias (generic name is CSS parlance), such as: 'serif', 'sans-serif', 'cursive', 'fantasy', or 'monospace', or a real font name.

set_size(size)

Set the font size. Either an relative value of 'xx-small', 'x-small', 'small', 'medium', 'large', 'x-large', 'xx-large' or an absolute font size, e.g. 12.

set_slant(style)

Set the font style. Values are: 'normal', 'italic' or 'oblique'.

set_stretch(stretch)

Set the font stretch or width. Options are: 'ultra-condensed', 'extra-condensed', 'condensed', 'semi-condensed', 'normal', 'semi-expanded', 'expanded', 'extra-expanded' or 'ultra-expanded', or a numeric value in the range 0-1000.

set_style(style)

Set the font style. Values are: 'normal', 'italic' or 'oblique'.

set_variant(variant)

Set the font variant. Values are: 'normal' or 'small-caps'.

set_weight(weight)

Set the font weight. May be either a numeric value in the range 0-1000 or one of 'ultralight', 'light', 'normal', 'regular', 'book', 'medium', 'roman', 'semibold', 'demibold', 'demi', 'bold', 'heavy', 'extra bold', 'black'

matplotlib.font_manager.OSXInstalledFonts(directories=None, fontext='ttf')

Get list of font files on OS X - ignores font suffix by default.

matplotlib.font_manager.afmFontProperty(fontpath, font)

A function for populating a FontKey instance by extracting information from the AFM font file.

font is a class: AFM instance.

matplotlib.font_manager.createFontList(fontfiles, fontext='ttf')

A function to create a font lookup list. The default is to create a list of TrueType fonts. An AFM font list can optionally be created.

matplotlib.font_manager.findSystemFonts(fontpaths=None, fontext='ttf')

Search for fonts in the specified font paths. If no paths are given, will use a standard set of system paths, as well as the list of fonts tracked by fontconfig if fontconfig is installed and available. A list of TrueType fonts are returned by default with AFM fonts as an option.

matplotlib.font_manager.findfont(prop, **kw)

matplotlib.font_manager.get_fontconfig_fonts(fontext='ttf')

Grab a list of all the fonts that are being tracked by fontconfig by making a system call to fc-list.

This is an easy way to grab all of the fonts the user wants to be made available to applications, without needing knowing where all of them reside.

matplotlib.font_manager.get_fontext_synonyms(fontext)

Return a list of file extensions extensions that are synonyms for the given file extension *fileext*.

matplotlib.font_manager.is_opentype_cff_font(filename)

Returns True if the given font is a Postscript Compact Font Format Font embedded in an OpenType wrapper. Used by the PostScript and PDF backends that can not subset these fonts.

matplotlib.font_manager.list_fonts(directory, extensions)

Return a list of all fonts matching any of the extensions, possibly upper-cased, found recursively under the directory.

matplotlib.font_manager.pickle_dump(data, filename)

Equivalent to pickle.dump(data, open(filename, 'w')) but closes the file to prevent filehandle leakage.

matplotlib.font_manager.pickle_load(filename)

Equivalent to pickle.load(open(filename, 'r')) but closes the file to prevent filehandle leakage.

matplotlib.font_manager.ttfFontProperty(font)

A function for populating the FontKey by extracting information from the TrueType font file.

font is a FT2Font instance.

matplotlib.font_manager.ttfdict_to_fnames(d)

flatten a ttfdict to all the filenames it contains

matplotlib.font_manager.weight_as_number(weight)

Return the weight property as a numeric value. String values are converted to their corresponding numeric value.

matplotlib.font_manager.win32FontDirectory()

Return the user-specified font directory for Win32. This is looked up from the registry key:

 $\verb|\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Shell\ Folders\Fonts$

If the key is not found, \$WINDIR/Fonts will be returned.

matplotlib.font_manager.win32InstalledFonts(directory=None, fontext='ttf')

Search for fonts in the specified font directory, or use the system directories if none given. A list of TrueType font filenames are returned by default, or AFM fonts if fontext == 'afm'.

61.2 matplotlib.fontconfig_pattern

A module for parsing and generating fontconfig patterns.

See the fontconfig pattern specification for more information.

class matplotlib.fontconfig_pattern.FontconfigPatternParser

A simple pyparsing-based parser for fontconfig-style patterns.

See the fontconfig pattern specification for more information.

parse(pattern)

Parse the given fontconfig *pattern* and return a dictionary of key/value pairs useful for initializing a font_manager.FontProperties object.

matplotlib.fontconfig_pattern.family_escape()

sub(repl, string[, count = 0]) -> newstring Return the string obtained by replacing the leftmost non-overlapping occurrences of pattern in string by the replacement repl.

matplotlib.fontconfig_pattern.family_unescape()

sub(repl, string[, count = 0]) -> newstring Return the string obtained by replacing the leftmost non-overlapping occurrences of pattern in string by the replacement repl.

matplotlib.fontconfig_pattern.generate_fontconfig_pattern(d)

Given a dictionary of key/value pairs, generates a fontconfig pattern string.

matplotlib.fontconfig_pattern.value_escape()

sub(repl, string[, count = 0]) -> newstring Return the string obtained by replacing the leftmost non-overlapping occurrences of pattern in string by the replacement repl.

matplotlib.fontconfig_pattern.value_unescape()

sub(repl, string[, count = 0]) -> newstring Return the string obtained by replacing the leftmost non-overlapping occurrences of pattern in string by the replacement repl.

GRIDSPEC

62.1 matplotlib.gridspec

gridspec is a module which specifies the location of the subplot in the figure.

GridSpec specifies the geometry of the grid that a subplot will be placed. The number of rows and number of columns of the grid need to be set. Optionally, the subplot layout parameters (e.g., left, right, etc.) can be tuned.

SubplotSpec specifies the location of the subplot in the given *GridSpec*.

A class that specifies the geometry of the grid that a subplot will be placed. The location of grid is determined by similar way as the SubplotParams.

The number of rows and number of columns of the grid need to be set. Optionally, the subplot layout parameters (e.g., left, right, etc.) can be tuned.

get_subplot_params(fig=None)

return a dictionary of subplot layout parameters. The default parameters are from rcParams unless a figure attribute is set.

locally_modified_subplot_params()

tight_layout(*fig*, *renderer=None*, *pad=1.08*, *h_pad=None*, *w_pad=None*, *rect=None*) Adjust subplot parameters to give specified padding.

Parameters:

- **pad** [float] padding between the figure edge and the edges of subplots, as a fraction of the font-size.
- **h_pad, w_pad** [float] padding (height/width) between edges of adjacent subplots. Defaults to pad_inches.
- rect [if rect is given, it is interpreted as a rectangle] (left, bottom, right, top) in the normalized figure coordinate that the whole subplots area (including labels) will fit into. Default is (0,

```
0, 1, 1).
     update(**kwargs)
           Update the current values. If any kwarg is None, default to the current value, if set, otherwise to
           rc.
class matplotlib.gridspec.GridSpecBase(nrows,
                                                             ncols,
                                                                           height_ratios=None,
                                              width ratios=None)
     Bases: object
     A base class of GridSpec that specifies the geometry of the grid that a subplot will be placed.
     The number of rows and number of columns of the grid need to be set. Optionally, the ratio of heights
     and widths of rows and columns can be specified.
     get_geometry()
           get the geometry of the grid, eg 2,3
     get_grid_positions(fig)
           return lists of bottom and top position of rows, left and right positions of columns.
     get_height_ratios()
     get_subplot_params(fig=None)
     get_width_ratios()
     new_subplotspec(loc, rowspan=1, colspan=1)
           create and return a SuplotSpec instance.
     set_height_ratios(height_ratios)
     set_width_ratios(width_ratios)
class matplotlib.gridspec.GridSpecFromSubplotSpec(nrows,
                                                                                  subplot_spec,
                                                                       ncols,
                                                           wspace=None,
                                                                                 hspace=None,
                                                           height_ratios=None,
                                                           width_ratios=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.gridspec.GridSpecBase
     GridSpec whose subplot layout parameters are inherited from the location specified by a given Sub-
     plotSpec.
     The number of rows and number of columns of the grid need to be set. An instance of SubplotSpec is
     also needed to be set from which the layout parameters will be inherited. The wspace and hspace of
     the layout can be optionally specified or the default values (from the figure or rcParams) will be used.
     get_subplot_params(fig=None)
           return a dictionary of subplot layout parameters.
     get_topmost_subplotspec()
           get the topmost SubplotSpec instance associated with the subplot
```

class matplotlib.gridspec.SubplotSpec(gridspec, num1, num2=None)

specifies the location of the subplot in the given *GridSpec*.

Bases: object

The subplot will occupy the num1-th cell of the given gridspec. If num2 is provided, the subplot will span between num1-th cell and num2-th cell.

The index stars from 0.

get_geometry() get the subplot geometry, eg 2,2,3. Unlike SuplorParams, index is 0-based get_gridspec()

get_position(fig, return_all=False)
 update the subplot position from fig.subplotpars

get_topmost_subplotspec()

get the topmost SubplotSpec instance associated with the subplot

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LEGEND

63.1 matplotlib.legend

The legend module defines the Legend class, which is responsible for drawing legends associated with axes and/or figures.

The Legend class can be considered as a container of legend handles and legend texts. Creation of corresponding legend handles from the plot elements in the axes or figures (e.g., lines, patches, etc.) are specified by the handler map, which defines the mapping between the plot elements and the legend handlers to be used (the default legend handlers are defined in the legend_handler module). Note that not all kinds of artist are supported by the legend yet (See *Legend guide* for more information).

```
class matplotlib.legend.DraggableLegend(legend, use_blit=False, update='loc')
    Bases: matplotlib.offsetbox.DraggableOffsetBox

update [If "loc", update loc parameter of] legend upon finalizing. If "bbox", update bbox_to_anchor
    parameter.

artist_picker(legend, evt)

finalize_offset()

class matplotlib.legend.Legend(parent, handles, labels, loc=None, numpoints=None, mark-
```

erscale=None, scatterpoints=3, scatteryoffsets=None, prop=None, fontsize=None, pad=None, labelsep=None, handlelen=None, handletextsep=None, axespad=None, borderpad=None, labelspacing=None, handlelength=None, handleleight=None, handletextpad=None, borderaxespad=None, columnspacing=None, ncol=1, mode=None, fancybox=None, shadow=None, title=None, bbox_to_anchor=None, bbox_transform=None, frameon=None, handler_map=None)

Bases: matplotlib.artist.Artist

Place a legend on the axes at location loc. Labels are a sequence of strings and loc can be a string or an integer specifying the legend location

The location codes are:

```
'best' : 0, (only implemented for axis legends)
'upper right' : 1,
```

```
'upper left' : 2,
'lower left' : 3,
'lower right' : 4,
'right' : 5,
'center left' : 6,
'center right' : 7,
'lower center' : 8,
'upper center' : 9,
'center' : 10,
```

loc can be a tuple of the noramilzed coordinate values with respect its parent.

- •parent: the artist that contains the legend
- •handles: a list of artists (lines, patches) to be added to the legend
- •labels: a list of strings to label the legend

Optional keyword arguments:

The pad and spacing parameters are measured in font-size units. E.g., a fontsize of 10 points and a handlelength=5 implies a handlelength of 50 points. Values from rcParams will be used if None.

Users can specify any arbitrary location for the legend using the *bbox_to_anchor* keyword argument. bbox_to_anchor can be an instance of BboxBase(or its derivatives) or a tuple of 2 or 4 floats. See set_bbox_to_anchor() for more detail.

The legend location can be specified by setting *loc* with a tuple of 2 floats, which is interpreted as the lower-left corner of the legend in the normalized axes coordinate.

```
codes = {'right': 5, 'center left': 6, 'upper right': 1, 'lower right': 4, 'best': 0, 'center': 10, 'lower left': 3, 'center'
contains(event)
```

draggable(*state=None*, *use_blit=False*, *update='loc'*)

Set the draggable state – if state is

•None : toggle the current state

•True: turn draggable on

•False: turn draggable off

If draggable is on, you can drag the legend on the canvas with the mouse. The DraggableLegend helper instance is returned if draggable is on.

The update parameter control which parameter of the legend changes when dragged. If update is "loc", the *loc* parameter of the legend is changed. If "bbox", the *bbox_to_anchor* parameter is changed.

```
\textbf{draw}(\textit{artist}, \textit{renderer}, *\textit{args}, **\textit{kwargs})
```

Draw everything that belongs to the legend

draw frame(b)

b is a boolean. Set draw frame to b

get_bbox_to_anchor()

return the bbox that the legend will be anchored

get_children()

return a list of child artists

classmethod get_default_handler_map()

A class method that returns the default handler map.

get_frame()

return the Rectangle instance used to frame the legend

get_frame_on()

Get whether the legend box patch is drawn

static get_legend_handler(legend_handler_map, orig_handle)

return a legend handler from legend_handler_map that corresponds to orig_handler.

legend_handler_map should be a dictionary object (that is returned by the get_legend_handler_map method).

It first checks if the *orig_handle* itself is a key in the *legend_hanler_map* and return the associated value. Otherwise, it checks for each of the classes in its method-resolution-order. If no matching key is found, it returns None.

get_legend_handler_map()

return the handler map.

get_lines()

return a list of lines.Line2D instances in the legend

get_patches()

return a list of patch instances in the legend

get_texts()

return a list of text. Text instance in the legend

get_title()

return Text instance for the legend title

get_window_extent(*args, **kwargs)

return a extent of the the legend

set_bbox_to_anchor(bbox, transform=None)

set the bbox that the legend will be anchored.

bbox can be a BboxBase instance, a tuple of [left, bottom, width, height] in the given transform (normalized axes coordinate if None), or a tuple of [left, bottom] where the width and height will be assumed to be zero.

classmethod set_default_handler_map(handler_map)

A class method to set the default handler map.

set_frame_on(b)

Set whether the legend box patch is drawn

ACCEPTS: [True | False]

```
set_title(title, prop=None)
```

set the legend title. Fontproperties can be optionally set with *prop* parameter.

classmethod update_default_handler_map(handler_map)

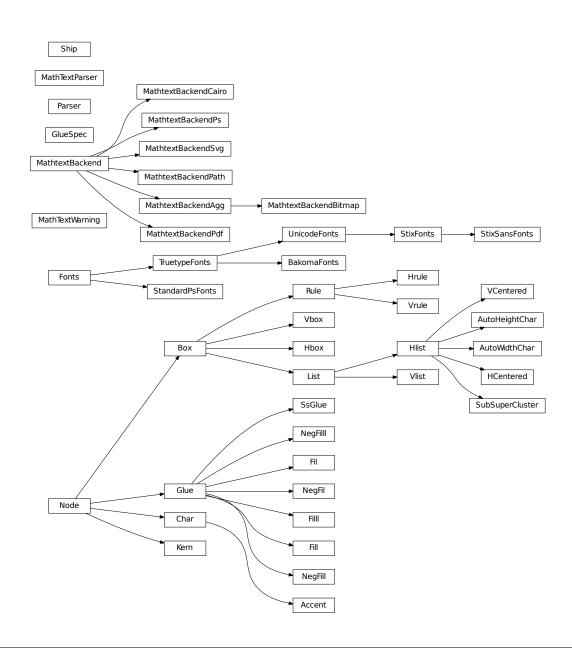
A class method to update the default handler map.

zorder = 5

CHAPTER

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MATHTEXT



64.1 matplotlib.mathtext

mathtext is a module for parsing a subset of the TeX math syntax and drawing them to a matplotlib backend.

For a tutorial of its usage see *Writing mathematical expressions*. This document is primarily concerned with implementation details.

The module uses pyparsing to parse the TeX expression.

The Bakoma distribution of the TeX Computer Modern fonts, and STIX fonts are supported. There is experimental support for using arbitrary fonts, but results may vary without proper tweaking and metrics for those fonts.

If you find TeX expressions that don't parse or render properly, please email mdroe@stsci.edu, but please check KNOWN ISSUES below first.

```
class matplotlib.mathtext.Accent(c, state)
```

```
Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Char
```

The font metrics need to be dealt with differently for accents, since they are already offset correctly from the baseline in TrueType fonts.

```
grow()
```

```
render(x, y)
```

Render the character to the canvas.

```
shrink()
```

```
class matplotlib.mathtext.AutoHeightChar(c, height, depth, state, always=False, fac-
tor=None)
```

```
Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Hlist
```

AutoHeightChar will create a character as close to the given height and depth as possible. When using a font with multiple height versions of some characters (such as the BaKoMa fonts), the correct glyph will be selected, otherwise this will always just return a scaled version of the glyph.

```
Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Hlist
```

AutoWidthChar will create a character as close to the given width as possible. When using a font with multiple width versions of some characters (such as the BaKoMa fonts), the correct glyph will be selected, otherwise this will always just return a scaled version of the glyph.

```
class matplotlib.mathtext.BakomaFonts(*args, **kwargs)
```

```
Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.TruetypeFonts
```

Use the Bakoma TrueType fonts for rendering.

Symbols are strewn about a number of font files, each of which has its own proprietary 8-bit encoding.

```
alias = '\]'
```

```
get_sized_alternatives_for_symbol(fontname, sym)
```

```
target = ']'
class matplotlib.mathtext.Box(width, height, depth)
    Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Node
    Represents any node with a physical location.
    grow()
    render(x1, y1, x2, y2)
    shrink()
class matplotlib.mathtext.Char(c, state)
    Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Node
```

Represents a single character. Unlike TeX, the font information and metrics are stored with each Char to make it easier to lookup the font metrics when needed. Note that TeX boxes have a width, height, and depth, unlike Type1 and Truetype which use a full bounding box and an advance in the x-direction. The metrics must be converted to the TeX way, and the advance (if different from width) must be converted into a Kern node when the Char is added to its parent Hlist.

get_kerning(next)

Return the amount of kerning between this and the given character. Called when characters are strung together into Hlist to create Kern nodes.

```
grow()
    is_slanted()
    render(x, y)
        Render the character to the canvas
    shrink()
matplotlib.mathtext.Error(msg)
        Helper class to raise parser errors.
class matplotlib.mathtext.Fil
        Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Glue
class matplotlib.mathtext.Fill
        Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Glue
class matplotlib.mathtext.Glue
class matplotlib.mathtext.Filll
        Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Glue
class matplotlib.mathtext.Glue
class matplotlib.mathtext.Fonts(default_font_prop, mathtext_backend)
        Bases: object
```

An abstract base class for a system of fonts to use for mathtext.

The class must be able to take symbol keys and font file names and return the character metrics. It also delegates to a backend class to do the actual drawing.

default_font_prop: A FontProperties object to use for the default non-math font, or the base font for Unicode (generic) font rendering.

mathtext_backend: A subclass of MathTextBackend used to delegate the actual rendering.

destroy()

Fix any cyclical references before the object is about to be destroyed.

```
get_kern(font1, fontclass1, sym1, fontsize1, font2, fontclass2, sym2, fontsize2, dpi)
   Get the kerning distance for font between sym1 and sym2.
   fontX: one of the TeX font names:
   tt, it, rm, cal, sf, bf or default/regular (non-math)
   fontclassX: TODO
   symX: a symbol in raw TeX form. e.g. '1', 'x' or 'sigma'
   fontsizeX: the fontsize in points
   dpi: the current dots-per-inch
get_metrics(font, font_class, sym, fontsize, dpi)
   font: one of the TeX font names:
```

```
tt, it, rm, cal, sf, bf or default/regular (non-math)
```

font_class: TODO

sym: a symbol in raw TeX form. e.g. '1', 'x' or 'sigma'

fontsize: font size in points

dpi: current dots-per-inch

Returns an object with the following attributes:

- •advance: The advance distance (in points) of the glyph.
- height: The height of the glyph in points.
- width: The width of the glyph in points.
- •xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax the ink rectangle of the glyph
- *iceberg* the distance from the baseline to the top of the glyph. This corresponds to TeX's definition of "height".

get_results(box)

Get the data needed by the backend to render the math expression. The return value is backend-specific.

get_sized_alternatives_for_symbol(fontname, sym)

Override if your font provides multiple sizes of the same symbol. Should return a list of symbols matching *sym* in various sizes. The expression renderer will select the most appropriate size for a given situation from this list.

get_underline_thickness(font, fontsize, dpi)

Get the line thickness that matches the given font. Used as a base unit for drawing lines such as in a fraction or radical.

get_used_characters()

```
Get the set of characters that were used in the math expression. Used by backends that need to
           subset fonts so they know which glyphs to include.
     get_xheight(font, fontsize, dpi)
           Get the xheight for the given font and fontsize.
     render_glyph(ox, oy, facename, font_class, sym, fontsize, dpi)
           Draw a glyph at
              •ox, oy: position
              • facename: One of the TeX face names
              •font_class:
              •sym: TeX symbol name or single character
              • fontsize: fontsize in points
              •dpi: The dpi to draw at.
     render_rect_filled(x1, y1, x2, y2)
           Draw a filled rectangle from (x1, y1) to (x2, y2).
     set_canvas_size(w, h, d)
           Set the size of the buffer used to render the math expression. Only really necessary for the bitmap
           backends.
class matplotlib.mathtext.Glue(glue_type, copy=False)
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Node
     Most of the information in this object is stored in the underlying GlueSpec class, which is shared be-
     tween multiple glue objects. (This is a memory optimization which probably doesn't matter anymore,
     but it's easier to stick to what TeX does.)
     grow()
     shrink()
class matplotlib.mathtext.GlueSpec(width=0.0, stretch=0.0, stretch_order=0, shrink=0.0,
                                         shrink order=0)
     Bases: object
     See Glue.
     copy()
     classmethod factory(glue_type)
class matplotlib.mathtext.HCentered(elements)
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Hlist
      A convenience class to create an Hlist whose contents are centered within its enclosing box.
class matplotlib.mathtext.Hbox(width)
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Box
     A box with only width (zero height and depth).
```

class matplotlib.mathtext.Hlist(elements, w=0.0, m='additional', do_kern=True)

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.List

A horizontal list of boxes.

```
hpack(w=0.0, m='additional')
```

The main duty of hpack() is to compute the dimensions of the resulting boxes, and to adjust the glue if one of those dimensions is pre-specified. The computed sizes normally enclose all of the material inside the new box; but some items may stick out if negative glue is used, if the box is overfull, or if a \vbox includes other boxes that have been shifted left.

- •w: specifies a width
- •m: is either 'exactly' or 'additional'.

Thus, hpack(w, 'exactly') produces a box whose width is exactly w, while hpack(w, 'additional') yields a box whose width is the natural width plus w. The default values produce a box with the natural width.

kern()

Insert Kern nodes between Char nodes to set kerning. The Char nodes themselves determine the amount of kerning they need (in get_kerning()), and this function just creates the linked list in the correct way.

class matplotlib.mathtext.Hrule(state, thickness=None)

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Rule

Convenience class to create a horizontal rule.

class matplotlib.mathtext.Kern(width)

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Node

A Kern node has a width field to specify a (normally negative) amount of spacing. This spacing correction appears in horizontal lists between letters like A and V when the font designer said that it looks better to move them closer together or further apart. A kern node can also appear in a vertical list, when its *width* denotes additional spacing in the vertical direction.

```
depth = 0
  grow()
  height = 0
  shrink()

class matplotlib.mathtext.List(elements)
  Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Box
  A list of nodes (either horizontal or vertical).
  grow()
  shrink()

class matplotlib.mathtext.MathTextParser(output)
  Bases: object
```

Create a MathTextParser for the given backend *output*.

```
get_depth(texstr, dpi=120, fontsize=14)
     Returns the offset of the baseline from the bottom of the image in pixels.
     texstr A valid mathtext string, eg r'IQ: $sigma_i=15$'
     dpi The dots-per-inch to render the text
     fontsize The font size in points
parse(s, dpi=72, prop=None)
     Parse the given math expression s at the given dpi. If prop is provided, it is a FontProperties
     object specifying the "default" font to use in the math expression, used for all non-math text.
     The results are cached, so multiple calls to parse() with the same expression should be fast.
to_mask(texstr, dpi=120, fontsize=14)
     texstr A valid mathtext string, eg r'IQ: $sigma_i=15$'
     dpi The dots-per-inch to render the text
     fontsize The font size in points
     Returns a tuple (array, depth)
         •array is an NxM uint8 alpha ubyte mask array of rasterized tex.
         •depth is the offset of the baseline from the bottom of the image in pixels.
to_png(filename, texstr, color='black', dpi=120, fontsize=14)
     Writes a tex expression to a PNG file.
     Returns the offset of the baseline from the bottom of the image in pixels.
     filename A writable filename or fileobject
     texstr A valid mathtext string, eg r'IQ: $sigma_i=15$'
     color A valid matplotlib color argument
     dpi The dots-per-inch to render the text
     fontsize The font size in points
     Returns the offset of the baseline from the bottom of the image in pixels.
to_rgba(texstr, color='black', dpi=120, fontsize=14)
     texstr A valid mathtext string, eg r'IQ: $sigma_i=15$'
     color Any matplotlib color argument
     dpi The dots-per-inch to render the text
     fontsize The font size in points
     Returns a tuple (array, depth)
         • array is an NxM uint8 alpha ubyte mask array of rasterized tex.
```

•depth is the offset of the baseline from the bottom of the image in pixels.

exception matplotlib.mathtext.MathTextWarning

Bases: exceptions.Warning

class matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackend

Bases: object

The base class for the mathtext backend-specific code. The purpose of MathtextBackend subclasses is to interface between mathtext and a specific matplotlib graphics backend.

Subclasses need to override the following:

- •render_glyph()
- •render_filled_rect()
- •qet_results()

And optionally, if you need to use a Freetype hinting style:

•get_hinting_type()

get_hinting_type()

Get the Freetype hinting type to use with this particular backend.

get_results(box)

Return a backend-specific tuple to return to the backend after all processing is done.

```
render_filled_rect(x1, y1, x2, y2)
```

Draw a filled black rectangle from (x1, y1) to (x2, y2).

```
render_glyph(ox, oy, info)
```

Draw a glyph described by *info* to the reference point (ox, oy).

```
set_canvas_size(w, h, d)
```

Dimension the drawing canvas

class matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackendAgg

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackend

Render glyphs and rectangles to an FTImage buffer, which is later transferred to the Agg image by the Agg backend.

```
get_hinting_type()
```

```
get_results(box, used_characters)
```

render_glyph(ox, oy, info)

render_rect_filled(x1, y1, x2, y2)

 $set_canvas_size(w, h, d)$

class matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackendBitmap

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackendAgg

get_results(box, used_characters)

class matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackendCairo

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackend

```
Store information to write a mathtext rendering to the Cairo backend.
     get_results(box, used characters)
     render_glyph(ox, oy, info)
     render_rect_filled(x1, y1, x2, y2)
class matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackendPath
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackend
     Store information to write a mathtext rendering to the text path machinery.
     get_results(box, used_characters)
     render_glyph(ox, oy, info)
     render_rect_filled(x1, y1, x2, y2)
class matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackendPdf
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackend
     Store information to write a mathtext rendering to the PDF backend.
     get_results(box, used characters)
     render_glyph(ox, oy, info)
     render_rect_filled(x1, y1, x2, y2)
class matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackendPs
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackend
     Store information to write a mathtext rendering to the PostScript backend.
     get_results(box, used_characters)
     render_glyph(ox, oy, info)
     render_rect_filled(x1, y1, x2, y2)
class matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackendSvg
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.MathtextBackend
     Store information to write a mathtext rendering to the SVG backend.
     get_results(box, used characters)
     render_glyph(ox, oy, info)
     render_rect_filled(x1, y1, x2, y2)
class matplotlib.mathtext.NegFil
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Glue
class matplotlib.mathtext.NegFill
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Glue
class matplotlib.mathtext.NegFill1
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Glue
```

```
class matplotlib.mathtext.Node
     Bases: object
     A node in the TeX box model
     get_kerning(next)
     arow()
           Grows one level larger. There is no limit to how big something can get.
     render(x, y)
     shrink()
           Shrinks one level smaller. There are only three levels of sizes, after which things will no longer
           get smaller.
class matplotlib.mathtext.Parser
     Bases: object
     This is the pyparsing-based parser for math expressions. It actually parses full strings containing math
     expressions, in that raw text may also appear outside of pairs of $.
     The grammar is based directly on that in TeX, though it cuts a few corners.
     class State(font_output, font, font_class, fontsize, dpi)
           Bases: object
           Stores the state of the parser.
           States are pushed and popped from a stack as necessary, and the "current" state is always at the
           top of the stack.
           copy()
           font
     Parser.accent(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.auto_delim(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.binom(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.c_over_c(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.customspace(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.end_group(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.font(s, loc, toks)
     Parser. frac(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.function(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.genfrac(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.get_state()
           Get the current State of the parser.
     Parser.group(s, loc, toks)
```

```
Parser.is_dropsub(nucleus)
     Parser.is_overunder(nucleus)
     Parser.is_slanted(nucleus)
     Parser.main(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.math(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.math_string(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.non_math(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.operatorname(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.overline(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.parse(s, fonts_object, fontsize, dpi)
          Parse expression s using the given fonts_object for output, at the given fontsize and dpi.
          Returns the parse tree of Node instances.
     Parser.pop_state()
          Pop a State off of the stack.
     Parser.push_state()
          Push a new State onto the stack which is just a copy of the current state.
     Parser.required_group(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.simple_group(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.space(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.sqrt(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.stackrel(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.start_group(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.subsuper(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.symbol(s, loc, toks)
     Parser.unknown_symbol(s, loc, toks)
class matplotlib.mathtext.Rule(width, height, depth, state)
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Box
     A Rule node stands for a solid black rectangle; it has width, depth, and height fields just as in an
     Hlist. However, if any of these dimensions is inf, the actual value will be determined by running the
     rule up to the boundary of the innermost enclosing box. This is called a "running dimension." The
     width is never running in an Hlist; the height and depth are never running in a Vlist.
     render(x, y, w, h)
class matplotlib.mathtext.Ship
     Bases: object
```

Once the boxes have been set up, this sends them to output. Since boxes can be inside of boxes inside of boxes, the main work of Ship is done by two mutually recursive routines, hlist_out() and vlist_out(), which traverse the Hlist nodes and Vlist nodes inside of horizontal and vertical boxes. The global variables used in TeX to store state as it processes have become member variables here.

```
static clamp(value)
     hlist_out(box)
     vlist_out(box)
class matplotlib.mathtext.SsGlue
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Glue
class matplotlib.mathtext.StandardPsFonts(default_font_prop)
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Fonts
     Use the standard postscript fonts for rendering to backend_ps
     Unlike the other font classes, BakomaFont and UnicodeFont, this one requires the Ps backend.
     basepath = '/home/mdboom/python/lib/python2.7/site-packages/matplotlib/mpl-data/fonts/afm'
     fontmap = {'bf': 'pncb8a', None: 'psyr', 'tt': 'pcrr8a', 'it': 'pncri8a', 'cal': 'pzcmi8a', 'rm': 'pncr8a', 'sf': 'p
     get_kern(font1, fontclass1, sym1, fontsize1, font2, fontclass2, sym2, fontsize2, dpi)
     get_underline_thickness(font, fontsize, dpi)
     get_xheight(font, fontsize, dpi)
class matplotlib.mathtext.StixFonts(*args, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.UnicodeFonts
     A font handling class for the STIX fonts.
     In addition to what UnicodeFonts provides, this class:
         •supports "virtual fonts" which are complete alpha numeric character sets with different font
          styles at special Unicode code points, such as "Blackboard".
         •handles sized alternative characters for the STIXSizeX fonts.
     cm fallback = False
     get_sized_alternatives_for_symbol(fontname, sym)
     use cmex = False
class matplotlib.mathtext.StixSansFonts(*args, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.StixFonts
```

A font handling class for the STIX fonts (that uses sans-serif characters by default).

class matplotlib.mathtext.SubSuperCluster

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Hlist

SubSuperCluster is a sort of hack to get around that fact that this code do a two-pass parse like TeX. This lets us store enough information in the hlist itself, namely the nucleus, sub- and super-script, such that if another script follows that needs to be attached, it can be reconfigured on the fly.

```
class matplotlib.mathtext.TruetypeFonts(default_font_prop, mathtext_backend)
```

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Fonts

A generic base class for all font setups that use Truetype fonts (through FT2Font).

class CachedFont(font)

TruetypeFonts.destroy()

TruetypeFonts.get_kern(font1, fontclass1, sym1, fontsize1, font2, fontclass2, sym2, fontsize2, dpi)

TruetypeFonts.get_underline_thickness(font, fontsize, dpi)

TruetypeFonts.get_xheight(font, fontsize, dpi)

class matplotlib.mathtext.UnicodeFonts(*args, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.TruetypeFonts

An abstract base class for handling Unicode fonts.

While some reasonably complete Unicode fonts (such as DejaVu) may work in some situations, the only Unicode font I'm aware of with a complete set of math symbols is STIX.

This class will "fallback" on the Bakoma fonts when a required symbol can not be found in the font.

```
get_sized_alternatives_for_symbol(fontname, sym)
```

use_cmex = True

class matplotlib.mathtext.VCentered(elements)

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Hlist

A convenience class to create a Vlist whose contents are centered within its enclosing box.

class matplotlib.mathtext.Vbox(height, depth)

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Box

A box with only height (zero width).

class matplotlib.mathtext.**Vlist**(elements, h=0.0, m='additional')

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.List

A vertical list of boxes.

```
\mathbf{vpack}(h=0.0, m='additional', l=inf)
```

The main duty of vpack() is to compute the dimensions of the resulting boxes, and to adjust the glue if one of those dimensions is pre-specified.

- •h: specifies a height
- •m: is either 'exactly' or 'additional'.
- •*l*: a maximum height

Thus, $\operatorname{vpack}(h, \operatorname{'exactly'})$ produces a box whose height is exactly h, while $\operatorname{vpack}(h, \operatorname{'additional'})$ yields a box whose height is the natural height plus h. The default values produce a box with the natural width.

class matplotlib.mathtext.Vrule(state)

Bases: matplotlib.mathtext.Rule

Convenience class to create a vertical rule.

$matplotlib.mathtext.get_unicode_index(symbol) \rightarrow integer$

Return the integer index (from the Unicode table) of symbol. *symbol* can be a single unicode character, a TeX command (i.e. r'pi'), or a Type1 symbol name (i.e. 'phi').

matplotlib.mathtext.math_to_image(s, filename_or_obj, prop=None, dpi=None, format=None)

Given a math expression, renders it in a closely-clipped bounding box to an image file.

s A math expression. The math portion should be enclosed in dollar signs.

filename_or_obj A filepath or writable file-like object to write the image data to.

prop If provided, a FontProperties() object describing the size and style of the text.

dpi Override the output dpi, otherwise use the default associated with the output format.

format The output format, eg. 'svg', 'pdf', 'ps' or 'png'. If not provided, will be deduced from the filename.

matplotlib.mathtext.unichr_safe(index)

Return the Unicode character corresponding to the index, or the replacement character if this is a narrow build of Python and the requested character is outside the BMP.

CHAPTER

SIXTYFIVE

MLAB

65.1 matplotlib.mlab

Numerical python functions written for compatability with MATLAB commands with the same names.

65.1.1 MATLAB compatible functions

```
cohere() Coherence (normalized cross spectral density)csd() Cross spectral density uing Welch's average periodogram detrend() Remove the mean or best fit line from an arrayfind()
```

Return the indices where some condition is true; numpy.nonzero is similar but more general.

griddata()

interpolate irregularly distributed data to a regular grid.

```
    prctile() find the percentiles of a sequence
    prepca() Principal Component Analysis
    psd() Power spectral density uing Welch's average periodogram
    rk4() A 4th order runge kutta integrator for 1D or ND systems
    specgram() Spectrogram (power spectral density over segments of time)
```

65.1.2 Miscellaneous functions

Functions that don't exist in MATLAB, but are useful anyway:

cohere_pairs() Coherence over all pairs. This is not a MATLAB function, but we compute coherence a lot in my lab, and we compute it for a lot of pairs. This function is optimized to do this efficiently by caching the direct FFTs.

```
rk4() A 4th order Runge-Kutta ODE integrator in case you ever find yourself stranded without scipy (and the far superior scipy.integrate tools)
```

```
contiguous_regions() return the indices of the regions spanned by some logical mask
cross_from_below() return the indices where a 1D array crosses a threshold from below
cross_from_above() return the indices where a 1D array crosses a threshold from above
```

65.1.3 record array helper functions

A collection of helper methods for numpyrecord arrays

See *misc-examples-index*

```
rec2txt() pretty print a record array
rec2csv() store record array in CSV file
csv2rec() import record array from CSV file with type inspection
rec_append_fields() adds field(s)/array(s) to record array
rec_drop_fields() drop fields from record array
rec_join() join two record arrays on sequence of fields
recs_join() a simple join of multiple recarrays using a single column as a key
rec_groupby() summarize data by groups (similar to SQL GROUP BY)
rec_summarize() helper code to filter rec array fields into new fields
```

For the rec viewer functions(e rec2csv), there are a bunch of Format objects you can pass into the functions that will do things like color negative values red, set percent formatting and scaling, etc.

Example usage:

```
r = csv2rec('somefile.csv', checkrows=0)
formatd = dict(
    weight = FormatFloat(2),
    change = FormatPercent(2),
    cost = FormatThousands(2),
    )

rec2excel(r, 'test.xls', formatd=formatd)
rec2csv(r, 'test.csv', formatd=formatd)
scroll = rec2gtk(r, formatd=formatd)
win = gtk.Window()
win.set_size_request(600,800)
win.add(scroll)
win.show_all()
gtk.main()
```

65.1.4 Deprecated functions

The following are deprecated; please import directly from numpy (with care–function signatures may differ):

```
load() load ASCII file - use numpy.loadtxtsave() save ASCII file - use numpy.savetxt
```

class matplotlib.mlab.FIFOBuffer(nmax)

A FIFO queue to hold incoming x, y data in a rotating buffer using numpy arrays under the hood. It is assumed that you will call asarrays much less frequently than you add data to the queue – otherwise another data structure will be faster.

This can be used to support plots where data is added from a real time feed and the plot object wants to grab data from the buffer and plot it to screen less frequently than the incoming.

If you set the *dataLim* attr to BBox (eg matplotlib.Axes.dataLim), the *dataLim* will be updated as new data come in.

TODO: add a grow method that will extend nmax

Note: mlab seems like the wrong place for this class.

```
Buffer up to nmax points.
```

```
add(x, y)
```

Add scalar x and y to the queue.

asarrays()

Return *x* and *y* as arrays; their length will be the len of data added or *nmax*.

last()

Get the last x, y or None. None if no data set.

register(func, N)

Call *func* every time *N* events are passed; *func* signature is func(fifo).

update_datalim_to_current()

Update the *datalim* in the current data in the fifo.

class matplotlib.mlab.FormatBool

```
Bases: matplotlib.mlab.FormatObj

fromstr(s)

toval(x)

class matplotlib.mlab.FormatDate(fmt)

Bases: matplotlib.mlab.FormatObj
```

class matplotlib.mlab.FormatDatetime(fmt='%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')

Bases: matplotlib.mlab.FormatDate

fromstr(x)

toval(x)

```
fromstr(x)
class matplotlib.mlab.FormatFloat(precision=4, scale=1.0)
     Bases: matplotlib.mlab.FormatFormatStr
     fromstr(s)
     toval(x)
class matplotlib.mlab.FormatFormatStr(fmt)
     Bases: matplotlib.mlab.FormatObj
     tostr(x)
class matplotlib.mlab.FormatInt
     Bases: matplotlib.mlab.FormatObj
     fromstr(s)
     tostr(x)
     toval(x)
class matplotlib.mlab.FormatMillions(precision=4)
     Bases: matplotlib.mlab.FormatFloat
class matplotlib.mlab.FormatObj
     fromstr(s)
     tostr(x)
     toval(x)
class matplotlib.mlab.FormatPercent(precision=4)
     Bases: matplotlib.mlab.FormatFloat
class matplotlib.mlab.FormatString
     Bases: matplotlib.mlab.FormatObj
     tostr(x)
class matplotlib.mlab.FormatThousands(precision=4)
     Bases: matplotlib.mlab.FormatFloat
class matplotlib.mlab.PCA(a)
     compute the SVD of a and store data for PCA. Use project to project the data onto a reduced set of
     dimensions
     Inputs:
          a: a numobservations x numdims array
     Attrs:
          a a centered unit sigma version of input a
          numrows, numcols: the dimensions of a
```

mu: a numdims array of means of a

sigma: a numdims array of atandard deviation of a

fracs: the proportion of variance of each of the principal components

Wt: the weight vector for projecting a numdims point or array into PCA space

Y : a projected into PCA space

The factor loadings are in the Wt factor, ie the factor loadings for the 1st principal component are given by Wt[0]

center(x)

center the data using the mean and sigma from training set a

project(x, minfrac=0.0)

project x onto the principle axes, dropping any axes where fraction of variance<minfrac

 $matplotlib.mlab.amap(function, sequence[, sequence, ...]) \rightarrow array.$

Works like map(), but it returns an array. This is just a convenient shorthand for numpy.array(map(...)).

matplotlib.mlab.base_repr(number, base=2, padding=0)

Return the representation of a *number* in any given *base*.

matplotlib.mlab.binary_repr(number, max length=1025)

Return the binary representation of the input *number* as a string.

This is more efficient than using base_repr() with base 2.

Increase the value of max_length for very large numbers. Note that on 32-bit machines, 2**1023 is the largest integer power of 2 which can be converted to a Python float.

matplotlib.mlab.bivariate_normal(X, Y, sigmax=1.0, sigmay=1.0, mux=0.0, muy=0.0, sigmaxy=0.0)

Bivariate Gaussian distribution for equal shape X, Y.

See bivariate normal at mathworld.

matplotlib.mlab.center_matrix(M, dim=0)

Return the matrix M with each row having zero mean and unit std.

If dim = 1 operate on columns instead of rows. (dim is opposite to the numpy axis kwarg.)

matplotlib.mlab.cohere(x, y, NFFT=256, Fs=2, detrend=<function $detrend_none$ at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function $window_hanning$ at 0x231cf50>,

noverlap=0, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None)

The coherence between x and y. Coherence is the normalized cross spectral density:

$$C_{xy} = \frac{|P_{xy}|^2}{P_{xx}P_{yy}} \tag{65.1}$$

x, y Array or sequence containing the data

Keyword arguments:

- **NFFT:** integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad to* for this instead.
- **Fs:** scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.
- detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend parameter is a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines detrend_none(), detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use a custom function as well.
- window: callable or ndarray A function of length NFFT. or vector To create window vectors see window_hanning(). window_none(). numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(), scipy.signal(), scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is window_hanning(). If a function is passed as the argument, it must take a data segment as an argument and return the windowed version of the segment.
- pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the n parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets pad_to equal to NFFT
- sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided.
- scale_by_freq: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for integration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.
- **noverlap:** integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 0 (no overlap).

The return value is the tuple (Cxy, f), where f are the frequencies of the coherence vector. For cohere, scaling the individual densities by the sampling frequency has no effect, since the factors cancel out.

See Also:

psd() and csd() For information about the methods used to compute P_{xy} , P_{xx} and P_{yy} .

matplotlib.mlab.cohere_pairs(X, ij, NFFT=256, Fs=2, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=0, preferSpeedOverMemory=True, progressCallback=<function donothing_callback at 0x231c758>, returnPxx=False)

Call signature:

```
Cxy, Phase, freqs = cohere_pairs( X, ij, ...)
```

Compute the coherence and phase for all pairs ij, in X.

X is a numSamples * numCols array

ij is a list of tuples. Each tuple is a pair of indexes into the columns of X for which you want to compute coherence. For example, if X has 64 columns, and you want to compute all nonredundant pairs, define *ij* as:

```
ij = []
for i in range(64):
    for j in range(i+1,64):
        ij.append((i,j))
```

preferSpeedOverMemory is an optional bool. Defaults to true. If False, limits the caching by only making one, rather than two, complex cache arrays. This is useful if memory becomes critical. Even when preferSpeedOverMemory is False, cohere_pairs() will still give significant performace gains over calling cohere() for each pair, and will use subtantially less memory than if preferSpeedOverMemory is True. In my tests with a 43000,64 array over all nonredundant pairs, preferSpeedOverMemory = True delivered a 33% performance boost on a 1.7GHZ Athlon with 512MB RAM compared with preferSpeedOverMemory = False. But both solutions were more than 10x faster than naively crunching all possible pairs through cohere().

Returns:

```
(Cxy, Phase, freqs)
```

where:

- Cxy: dictionary of (i, j) tuples -> coherence vector for that pair. I.e., Cxy[(i,j) = cohere(X[:,i], X[:,j]). Number of dictionary keys is len(ij).
- Phase: dictionary of phases of the cross spectral density at each frequency for each pair. Keys are (i, j).
- freqs: vector of frequencies, equal in length to either the coherence or phase vectors for any (i, j) key.

Eg., to make a coherence Bode plot:

```
subplot(211)
plot( freqs, Cxy[(12,19)])
subplot(212)
plot( freqs, Phase[(12,19)])
```

For a large number of pairs, cohere_pairs() can be much more efficient than just calling cohere() for each pair, because it caches most of the intensive computations. If N is the number of pairs, this function is O(N) for most of the heavy lifting, whereas calling cohere for each pair is $O(N^2)$. However, because of the caching, it is also more memory intensive, making 2 additional complex arrays with approximately the same number of elements as X.

```
See test/cohere_pairs_test.py in the src tree for an example script that shows that this
     cohere_pairs() and cohere() give the same results for a given pair.
     See Also:
     psd() For information about the methods used to compute P_{xy}, P_{xx} and P_{yy}.
matplotlib.mlab.contiguous_regions(mask)
     return a list of (ind0, ind1) such that mask[ind0:ind1].all() is True and we cover all such regions
     TODO: this is a pure python implementation which probably has a much faster numpy impl
matplotlib.mlab.cross_from_above(x, threshold)
     return the indices into x where x crosses some threshold from below, eg the i's where:
     x[i-1]>threshold and x[i]<=threshold
     See Also:
     cross_from_below() and contiguous_regions()
matplotlib.mlab.cross_from_below(x, threshold)
     return the indices into x where x crosses some threshold from below, eg the i's where:
     x[i-1]<threshold and x[i]>=threshold
     Example code:
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     t = np.arange(0.0, 2.0, 0.1)
     s = np.sin(2*np.pi*t)
     fig = plt.figure()
     ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
     ax.plot(t, s, '-o')
     ax.axhline(0.5)
     ax.axhline(-0.5)
     ind = cross_from_below(s, 0.5)
     ax.vlines(t[ind], -1, 1)
     ind = cross_from_above(s, -0.5)
     ax.vlines(t[ind], -1, 1)
     plt.show()
     See Also:
     cross_from_above() and contiguous_regions()
```

matplotlib.mlab.csd(x, y, NFFT=256, Fs=2, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=0, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None)

The cross power spectral density by Welch's average periodogram method. The vectors x and y are

divided into NFFT length blocks. Each block is detrended by the function detrend and windowed by the function window. noverlap gives the length of the overlap between blocks. The product of the direct FFTs of x and y are averaged over each segment to compute Pxy, with a scaling to correct for power loss due to windowing.

If len(x) < NFFT or len(y) < NFFT, they will be zero padded to NFFT.

x, y Array or sequence containing the data

Keyword arguments:

- **NFFT:** integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad_to* for this instead.
- **Fs:** scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.
- detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend parameter is a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines detrend_none(), detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use a custom function as well.
- window: callable or ndarray A function or a vector of length NFFT.
 To create window vectors see window_hanning(), window_none(),
 numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(), scipy.signal(),
 scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is window_hanning(). If a
 function is passed as the argument, it must take a data segment as an argument and
 return the windowed version of the segment.
- pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the n parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets pad to equal to NFFT
- sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided.
- scale_by_freq: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for integration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.
- **noverlap:** integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 0 (no overlap).

Returns the tuple (*Pxy*, *freqs*).

Refs: Bendat & Piersol – Random Data: Analysis and Measurement Procedures, John Wiley & Sons (1986)

```
matplotlib.mlab.csv2rec(fname, comments='#', skiprows=0, checkrows=0, delimiter=', ', converterd=None, names=None, missing='', missingd=None, use mrecords=False)
```

Load data from comma/space/tab delimited file in *fname* into a numpy record array and return the record array.

If *names* is *None*, a header row is required to automatically assign the recarray names. The headers will be lower cased, spaces will be converted to underscores, and illegal attribute name characters removed. If *names* is not *None*, it is a sequence of names to use for the column names. In this case, it is assumed there is no header row.

- •fname: can be a filename or a file handle. Support for gzipped files is automatic, if the filename ends in '.gz'
- •comments: the character used to indicate the start of a comment in the file
- skiprows: is the number of rows from the top to skip
- checkrows: is the number of rows to check to validate the column data type. When set to zero all rows are validated.
- converterd: if not None, is a dictionary mapping column number or munged column name to a converter function.
- •names: if not None, is a list of header names. In this case, no header will be read from the file
- •missingd is a dictionary mapping munged column names to field values which signify that the field does not contain actual data and should be masked, e.g. '0000-00-00' or 'unused'
- •missing: a string whose value signals a missing field regardless of the column it appears in
- •use_mrecords: if True, return an mrecords.fromrecords record array if any of the data are missing

 If no rows are found, *None* is returned see examples/loadrec.py

```
matplotlib.mlab.csvformat_factory(format)
matplotlib.mlab.demean(x, axis=0)
    Return x minus its mean along the specified axis
matplotlib.mlab.detrend(x, key=None)
matplotlib.mlab.detrend_linear(y)
    Return y minus best fit line; 'linear' detrending
matplotlib.mlab.detrend_mean(x)
    Return x minus the mean(x)
matplotlib.mlab.detrend_none(x)
    Return x: no detrending
matplotlib.mlab.dist(x, y)
    Return the distance between two points.
```

matplotlib.mlab.dist_point_to_segment(p, s0, s1)

Get the distance of a point to a segment.

```
p, s0, s1 are xy sequences
```

matplotlib.mlab.distances_along_curve(X)

Computes the distance between a set of successive points in *N* dimensions.

Where *X* is an *M* x *N* array or matrix. The distances between successive rows is computed. Distance is the standard Euclidean distance.

matplotlib.mlab.donothing_callback(*args)

matplotlib.mlab.entropy(y, bins)

Return the entropy of the data in y.

$$\sum p_i \log_2(p_i) \tag{65.2}$$

where p_i is the probability of observing y in the i^{th} bin of bins. bins can be a number of bins or a range of bins; see numpy.histogram().

Compare S with analytic calculation for a Gaussian:

```
x = mu + sigma * randn(200000)
Sanalytic = 0.5 * ( 1.0 + log(2*pi*sigma**2.0) )
```

matplotlib.mlab.exp_safe(x)

Compute exponentials which safely underflow to zero.

Slow, but convenient to use. Note that numpy provides proper floating point exception handling with access to the underlying hardware.

```
matplotlib.mlab.fftsurr(x, detrend = < function detrend none at <math>0x231ccf8 >, window = < function window none at <math>0x231ccd8 >)
```

Compute an FFT phase randomized surrogate of x.

matplotlib.mlab.find(condition)

Return the indices where ravel(condition) is true

```
matplotlib.mlab.frange([start], stop[, step, keywords]) \rightarrow array of floats
```

Return a numpy ndarray containing a progression of floats. Similar to numpy.arange(), but defaults to a closed interval.

frange(x0, x1) returns [x0, x0+1, x0+2, ..., x1]; start defaults to 0, and the endpoint is included. This behavior is different from that of range() and numpy.arange(). This is deliberate, since frange() will probably be more useful for generating lists of points for function evaluation, and endpoints are often desired in this use. The usual behavior of range() can be obtained by setting the keyword closed = 0, in this case, frange() basically becomes :func:numpy.arange'.

When *step* is given, it specifies the increment (or decrement). All arguments can be floating point numbers.

frange(x0,x1,d) returns [x0,x0+d,x0+2d,...,xfin] where $xfin \le x1$.

frange() can also be called with the keyword *npts*. This sets the number of points the list should contain (and overrides the value *step* might have been given). numpy.arange() doesn't offer this option.

Examples:

matplotlib.mlab.get_formatd(r, formatd=None)

build a formatd guaranteed to have a key for every dtype name

```
matplotlib.mlab.get_sparse_matrix(M, N, frac=0.1)
```

Return a M x N sparse matrix with frac elements randomly filled.

```
matplotlib.mlab.get_xyz_where(Z, Cond)
```

Z and C and X X matrices. X are data and X are the indices into X and X are the values of X at those indices. X X and X are 1D arrays.

```
matplotlib.mlab.griddata(x, y, z, xi, yi, interp='nn')
```

zi = griddata(x,y,z,xi,yi) fits a surface of the form $z = f^*(*x, y)$ to the data in the (usually) nonuniformly spaced vectors (x, y, z). griddata() interpolates this surface at the points specified by (xi, yi) to produce zi. xi and yi must describe a regular grid, can be either 1D or 2D, but must be monotonically increasing.

A masked array is returned if any grid points are outside convex hull defined by input data (no extrapolation is done).

If interp keyword is set to 'nn' (default), uses natural neighbor interpolation based on Delaunay triangulation. By default, this algorithm is provided by the matplotlib.delaunay package, written by Robert Kern. The triangulation algorithm in this package is known to fail on some nearly pathological cases. For this reason, a separate toolkit (mpl_tookits.natgrid) has been created that provides a more robust algorithm fof triangulation and interpolation. This toolkit is based on the NCAR natgrid library, which contains code that is not redistributable under a BSD-compatible license. When installed, this function will use the mpl_toolkits.natgrid algorithm, otherwise it will use the built-in matplotlib.delaunay package.

If the interp keyword is set to 'linear', then linear interpolation is used instead of natural neighbor. In this case, the output grid is assumed to be regular with a constant grid spacing in both the x and y directions. For regular grids with nonconstant grid spacing, you must use natural neighbor interpolation. Linear interpolation is only valid if matplotlib.delaunay package is used -mpl_tookits.natgrid only provides natural neighbor interpolation.

The natgrid matplotlib toolkit can be downloaded from http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=80706&

```
matplotlib.mlab.identity(n, rank=2, dtype='l', typecode=None)
```

Returns the identity matrix of shape (n, n, ..., n) (rank r).

For ranks higher than 2, this object is simply a multi-index Kronecker delta:

Optionally a *dtype* (or typecode) may be given (it defaults to '1').

Since rank defaults to 2, this function behaves in the default case (when only n is given) like numpy.identity(n) – but surprisingly, it is much faster.

matplotlib.mlab.inside_poly(points, verts)

points is a sequence of x, y points. verts is a sequence of x, y vertices of a polygon.

Return value is a sequence of indices into points for the points that are inside the polygon.

matplotlib.mlab.is_closed_polygon(X)

Tests whether first and last object in a sequence are the same. These are presumably coordinates on a polygonal curve, in which case this function tests if that curve is closed.

matplotlib.mlab.ispower2(n)

Returns the log base 2 of *n* if *n* is a power of 2, zero otherwise.

Note the potential ambiguity if n == 1: $2^{**}0 == 1$, interpret accordingly.

matplotlib.mlab.isvector(X)

Like the MATLAB function with the same name, returns *True* if the supplied numpy array or matrix *X* looks like a vector, meaning it has a one non-singleton axis (i.e., it can have multiple axes, but all must have length 1, except for one of them).

If you just want to see if the array has 1 axis, use X.ndim == 1.

matplotlib.mlab.l1norm(a)

Return the l1 norm of a, flattened out.

Implemented as a separate function (not a call to norm() for speed).

matplotlib.mlab.**12norm**(a)

Return the 12 norm of a, flattened out.

Implemented as a separate function (not a call to norm() for speed).

matplotlib.mlab.less_simple_linear_interpolation(x, y, xi, extrap=False)

This function provides simple (but somewhat less so than cbook.simple_linear_interpolation()) linear interpolation. simple_linear_interpolation() will give a list of point between a start and an end, while this does true linear interpolation at an arbitrary set of points.

This is very inefficient linear interpolation meant to be used only for a small number of points in relatively non-intensive use cases. For real linear interpolation, use scipy.

matplotlib.mlab.levypdf(x, gamma, alpha)

Return the levy pdf evaluated at x for params gamma, alpha

matplotlib.mlab.liaupunov(x, fprime)

x is a very long trajectory from a map, and *fprime* returns the derivative of x.

This function will be removed from matplotlib.

See Also:

Lyapunov Exponent Sec 10.5 Strogatz (1994) "Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos". Wikipedia article on Lyapunov Exponent.

Note: What the function here calculates may not be what you really want; *caveat emptor*.

It also seems that this function's name is badly misspelled.

```
matplotlib.mlab.load(fname, comments='#', delimiter=None, converters=None, skiprows=0, usecols=None, unpack=False, dtype=<type 'numpy.float64'>)
```

Load ASCII data from *fname* into an array and return the array.

Deprecated: use numpy.loadtxt.

The data must be regular, same number of values in every row

fname can be a filename or a file handle. Support for gzipped files is automatic, if the filename ends in '.gz'.

matfile data is not supported; for that, use scipy.io.mio module.

Example usage:

```
X = load('test.dat') # data in two columns
t = X[:,0]
y = X[:,1]
```

Alternatively, you can do the same with "unpack"; see below:

```
X = load('test.dat')  # a matrix of data
x = load('test.dat')  # a single column of data
```

- •comments: the character used to indicate the start of a comment in the file
- delimiter is a string-like character used to separate values in the file. If delimiter is unspecified or *None*, any whitespace string is a separator.
- •converters, if not None, is a dictionary mapping column number to a function that will convert that column to a float (or the optional dtype if specified). Eg, if column 0 is a date string:

```
converters = {0:datestr2num}
```

- skiprows is the number of rows from the top to skip.
- •usecols, if not None, is a sequence of integer column indexes to extract where 0 is the first column, eg usecols=[1,4,5] to extract just the 2nd, 5th and 6th columns

•unpack, if *True*, will transpose the matrix allowing you to unpack into named arguments on the left hand side:

```
t,y = load('test.dat', unpack=True) # for two column data
x,y,z = load('somefile.dat', usecols=[3,5,7], unpack=True)
```

• dtype: the array will have this dtype. default: numpy.float_

See Also:

See examples/pylab_examples/load_converter.py in the source tree Exercises many of these options.

```
matplotlib.mlab.log2(x, ln2=0.6931471805599453)
```

Return the log(x) in base 2.

This is a _slow_ function but which is guaranteed to return the correct integer value if the input is an integer exact power of 2.

```
matplotlib.mlab.logspace(xmin, xmax, N)
```

matplotlib.mlab.longest_contiguous_ones(x)

Return the indices of the longest stretch of contiguous ones in x, assuming x is a vector of zeros and ones. If there are two equally long stretches, pick the first.

```
matplotlib.mlab.longest_ones(x)
```

alias for longest_contiguous_ones

```
matplotlib.mlab.movavg(x, n)
```

Compute the len(n) moving average of x.

```
\verb|matplotlib.mlab.norm_flat|(a,p=2)
```

 $norm(a,p=2) \rightarrow l-p norm of a.flat$

Return the 1-p norm of a, considered as a flat array. This is NOT a true matrix norm, since arrays of arbitrary rank are always flattened.

p can be a number or the string 'Infinity' to get the L-infinity norm.

```
matplotlib.mlab.normpdf(x, *args)
```

Return the normal pdf evaluated at x; args provides mu, sigma

```
matplotlib.mlab.offset_line(y, yerr)
```

Offsets an array y by \pm - an error and returns a tuple (y - err, y + err).

The error term can be:

- •A scalar. In this case, the returned tuple is obvious.
- A vector of the same length as y. The quantities y +/- err are computed component-wise.
- •A tuple of length 2. In this case, yerr[0] is the error below y and yerr[1] is error above y. For example:

```
from pylab import *
x = linspace(0, 2*pi, num=100, endpoint=True)
y = sin(x)
y_minus, y_plus = mlab.offset_line(y, 0.1)
plot(x, y)
fill_between(x, ym, y2=yp)
show()
```

matplotlib.mlab.path_length(X)

Computes the distance travelled along a polygonal curve in *N* dimensions.

Where X is an M x N array or matrix. Returns an array of length M consisting of the distance along the curve at each point (i.e., the rows of X).

matplotlib.mlab.poly_below(xmin, xs, ys)

Given a sequence of xs and ys, return the vertices of a polygon that has a horizontal base at xmin and an upper bound at the ys. xmin is a scalar.

Intended for use with matplotlib.axes.Axes.fill(), eg:

```
xv, yv = poly_below(0, x, y)
ax.fill(xv, yv)
```

matplotlib.mlab.poly_between(x, ylower, yupper)

Given a sequence of x, ylower and yupper, return the polygon that fills the regions between them. ylower or yupper can be scalar or iterable. If they are iterable, they must be equal in length to x.

Return value is x, y arrays for use with matplotlib.axes.Axes.fill().

```
matplotlib.mlab.prctile(x, p=(0.0, 25.0, 50.0, 75.0, 100.0))
```

Return the percentiles of x. p can either be a sequence of percentile values or a scalar. If p is a sequence, the ith element of the return sequence is the p*(i)-th percentile of *x. If p is a scalar, the largest value of x less than or equal to the p percentage point in the sequence is returned.

```
matplotlib.mlab.prctile_rank(x, p)
```

Return the rank for each element in x, return the rank 0..len(p). Eg if p = (25, 50, 75), the return value will be a len(x) array with values in [0,1,2,3] where 0 indicates the value is less than the 25th percentile, 1 indicates the value is >= the 25th and < 50th percentile, ... and 3 indicates the value is above the 75th percentile cutoff.

p is either an array of percentiles in [0..100] or a scalar which indicates how many quantiles of data you want ranked.

matplotlib.mlab.prepca(P, frac=0)

WARNING: this function is deprecated – please see class PCA instead

Compute the principal components of *P. P* is a (*numVars*, *numObs*) array. *frac* is the minimum fraction of variance that a component must contain to be included.

Return value is a tuple of the form (*Pcomponents*, *Trans*, *fracVar*) where:

- Pcomponents: a (numVars, numObs) array
- **Trans** [the weights matrix, ie, Pcomponents = Trans *] P

• frac Var [the fraction of the variance accounted for by each] component returned

A similar function of the same name was in the MATLAB R13 Neural Network Toolbox but is not found in later versions; its successor seems to be called "processpcs".

matplotlib.mlab.psd(x, NFFT=256, Fs=2, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=0, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None)

The power spectral density by Welch's average periodogram method. The vector x is divided into NFFT length blocks. Each block is detrended by the function detrend and windowed by the function window. noverlap gives the length of the overlap between blocks. The absolute(fft(block))**2 of each segment are averaged to compute Pxx, with a scaling to correct for power loss due to windowing.

If len(x) < NFFT, it will be zero padded to NFFT.

x Array or sequence containing the data

Keyword arguments:

- **NFFT:** integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad_to* for this instead.
- Fs: scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.
- detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend parameter is a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines detrend_none(), detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use a custom function as well.
- window: callable or ndarray A function of length or vector NFFT. create window vectors see window_hanning(), window_none(). numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(), scipy.signal(), scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is window_hanning(). If a function is passed as the argument, it must take a data segment as an argument and return the windowed version of the segment.
- pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the n parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets pad to equal to NFFT
- sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided.
- scale_by_freq: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for inte-

gration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.

noverlap: integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 0 (no overlap).

Returns the tuple (Pxx, freqs).

Refs:

Bendat & Piersol – Random Data: Analysis and Measurement Procedures, John Wiley & Sons (1986)

```
matplotlib.mlab.quad2cubic(q0x, q0y, q1x, q1y, q2x, q2y)
```

Converts a quadratic Bezier curve to a cubic approximation.

The inputs are the x and y coordinates of the three control points of a quadratic curve, and the output is a tuple of x and y coordinates of the four control points of the cubic curve.

```
matplotlib.mlab.rec2csv(r, fname, delimiter=', ', formatd=None, missing='', missingd=None, withheader=True)
```

Save the data from numpy recarray r into a comma-/space-/tab-delimited file. The record array dtype names will be used for column headers.

fname: can be a filename or a file handle. Support for gzipped files is automatic, if the filename ends in '.gz'

withheader: if withheader is False, do not write the attribute names in the first row

for formatd type FormatFloat, we override the precision to store full precision floats in the CSV file

See Also:

csv2rec() For information about *missing* and *missingd*, which can be used to fill in masked values into your CSV file.

```
matplotlib.mlab.rec2txt(r, header=None, padding=3, precision=3, fields=None)
```

Returns a textual representation of a record array.

r: numpy recarray

header: list of column headers

padding: space between each column

precision: number of decimal places to use for floats. Set to an integer to apply to all floats. Set to a list of integers to apply precision individually. Precision for non-floats is simply ignored.

fields: if not None, a list of field names to print. fields can be a list of strings like ['field1', 'field2'] or a single comma separated string like 'field1, field2'

Example:

precision=[0,2,3]

Output:

```
ID Price Return
ABC 12.54 0.234
XYZ 6.32 -0.076
```

matplotlib.mlab.rec_append_fields(rec, names, arrs, dtypes=None)

Return a new record array with field names populated with data from arrays in *arrs*. If appending a single field, then *names*, *arrs* and *dtypes* do not have to be lists. They can just be the values themselves.

matplotlib.mlab.rec_drop_fields(rec, names)

Return a new numpy record array with fields in names dropped.

```
matplotlib.mlab.rec_groupby(r, groupby, stats)
```

r is a numpy record array

groupby is a sequence of record array attribute names that together form the grouping key. eg ('date', 'productcode')

stats is a sequence of (attr, func, outname) tuples which will call x = func(attr) and assign x to the record array output with attribute outname. For example:

```
stats = ( ('sales', len, 'numsales'), ('sales', np.mean, 'avgsale') )
```

Return record array has *dtype* names for each attribute name in the *groupby* argument, with the associated group values, and for each outname name in the *stats* argument, with the associated stat summary output.

```
matplotlib.mlab.rec_join(key, r1, r2, jointype='inner', defaults=None, r1postfix='1', r2postfix='2')
```

Join record arrays r1 and r2 on key; key is a tuple of field names – if key is a string it is assumed to be a single attribute name. If r1 and r2 have equal values on all the keys in the key tuple, then their fields will be merged into a new record array containing the intersection of the fields of r1 and r2.

r1 (also r2) must not have any duplicate keys.

The *jointype* keyword can be 'inner', 'outer', 'leftouter'. To do a rightouter join just reverse r1 and r2.

The *defaults* keyword is a dictionary filled with {column_name:default_value} pairs.

The keywords r1postfix and r2postfix are postfixed to column names (other than keys) that are both in r1 and r2.

matplotlib.mlab.rec_keep_fields(rec, names)

Return a new numpy record array with only fields listed in names

```
matplotlib.mlab.rec_summarize(r, summaryfuncs)
```

r is a numpy record array

summaryfuncs is a list of (attr, func, outname) tuples which will apply func to the the array r*[attr] and assign the output to a new attribute name *outname. The returned record array is identical to r, with extra arrays for each element in summaryfuncs.

```
matplotlib.mlab.recs_join(key, name, recs, jointype='outer', missing=0.0, postfixes=None) Join a sequence of record arrays on single column key.
```

This function only joins a single column of the multiple record arrays

```
key is the column name that acts as a key
     name is the name of the column that we want to join
     recs is a list of record arrays to join
     jointype is a string 'inner' or 'outer'
     missing is what any missing field is replaced by
     postfixes if not None, a len recs sequence of postfixes
     returns a record array with columns [rowkey, name0, name1, ... namen-1]. or if postfixes [PF0, PF1,
     ..., PFN-1] are supplied, [rowkey, namePF0, namePF1, ... namePFN-1].
     Example:
     r = recs_join("date", "close", recs=[r0, r1], missing=0.)
matplotlib.mlab.rk4(derivs, y0, t)
     Integrate 1D or ND system of ODEs using 4-th order Runge-Kutta. This is a toy implementa-
     tion which may be useful if you find yourself stranded on a system w/o scipy. Otherwise use
     scipy.integrate().
     y0 initial state vector
     t sample times
     derivs returns the derivative of the system and has the signature dy = derivs(yi, ti)
     Example 1
      ## 2D system
     def derivs6(x,t):
          d1 = x[0] + 2*x[1]
          d2 = -3*x[0] + 4*x[1]
          return (d1, d2)
     dt = 0.0005
     t = arange(0.0, 2.0, dt)
     y0 = (1,2)
     yout = rk4(derivs6, y0, t)
     Example 2:
     ## 1D system
     alpha = 2
     def derivs(x,t):
          return -alpha*x + exp(-t)
     y0 = 1
     yout = rk4(derivs, y0, t)
```

If you have access to scipy, you should probably be using the scipy.integrate tools rather than this function.

```
matplotlib.mlab.rms_flat(a)
```

Return the root mean square of all the elements of *a*, flattened out.

```
matplotlib.mlab.safe_isinf(x)
    numpy.isinf() for arbitrary types
matplotlib.mlab.safe_isnan(x)
    numpy.isnan() for arbitrary types
matplotlib.mlab.save(fname, X, fmt='%.18e', delimiter=' ')
```

Save the data in *X* to file *fname* using *fmt* string to convert the data to strings.

Deprecated. Use numpy.savetxt.

fname can be a filename or a file handle. If the filename ends in '.gz', the file is automatically saved in compressed gzip format. The load() function understands gzipped files transparently.

Example usage:

```
save('test.out', X)  # X is an array
save('test1.out', (x,y,z)) # x,y,z equal sized 1D arrays
save('test2.out', x) # x is 1D
save('test3.out', x, fmt='%1.4e') # use exponential notation
```

delimiter is used to separate the fields, eg. delimiter ',' for comma-separated values.

```
matplotlib.mlab.segments_intersect(s1, s2)
```

Return *True* if s1 and s2 intersect. s1 and s2 are defined as:

```
s1: (x1, y1), (x2, y2)
s2: (x3, y3), (x4, y4)

matplotlib.mlab.slopes(x, y)
slopes() calculates the slope y'(x)
```

The slope is estimated using the slope obtained from that of a parabola through any three consecutive points.

This method should be superior to that described in the appendix of A CONSISTENTLY WELL BEHAVED METHOD OF INTERPOLATION by Russel W. Stineman (Creative Computing July 1980) in at least one aspect:

Circles for interpolation demand a known aspect ratio between *x*- and *y*-values. For many functions, however, the abscissa are given in different dimensions, so an aspect ratio is completely arbitrary.

The parabola method gives very similar results to the circle method for most regular cases but behaves much better in special cases.

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(inspired by a original implementation by Halldor Bjornsson, Icelandic Meteorological Office, March 2006 halldor at vedur.is)

```
matplotlib.mlab.specgram(x, NFFT=256, Fs=2, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=128, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None)
```

Compute a spectrogram of data in x. Data are split into *NFFT* length segments and the PSD of each section is computed. The windowing function *window* is applied to each segment, and the amount of overlap of each segment is specified with *noverlap*.

If x is real (i.e. non-complex) only the spectrum of the positive frequencie is returned. If x is complex then the complete spectrum is returned.

Keyword arguments:

- **NFFT:** integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad_to* for this instead.
- **Fs:** scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.
- detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend parameter is
 a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines detrend_none(),
 detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use a custom function as
 well.
- window: callable or ndarray A function of length NFFT. or vector create window see window_hanning(). window_none(). vectors numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(), scipy.signal(), scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is window_hanning(). If a function is passed as the argument, it must take a data segment as an argument and return the windowed version of the segment.
- pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the n parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets pad to equal to NFFT
- sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided.
- scale_by_freq: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for integration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.
- **noverlap:** integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 128.

Returns a tuple (Pxx, freqs, t):

- Pxx: 2-D array, columns are the periodograms of successive segments
- freqs: 1-D array of frequencies corresponding to the rows in Pxx
- •t: 1-D array of times corresponding to midpoints of segments.

See Also:

psd() psd() differs in the default overlap; in returning the mean of the segment periodograms; and in not returning times.

$matplotlib.mlab.stineman_interp(xi, x, y, yp=None)$

Given data vectors x and y, the slope vector yp and a new abscissa vector xi, the function stineman_interp() uses Stineman interpolation to calculate a vector yi corresponding to xi.

Here's an example that generates a coarse sine curve, then interpolates over a finer abscissa:

```
x = linspace(0,2*pi,20); y = sin(x); yp = cos(x)
xi = linspace(0,2*pi,40);
yi = stineman_interp(xi,x,y,yp);
plot(x,y,'o',xi,yi)
```

The interpolation method is described in the article A CONSISTENTLY WELL BEHAVED METHOD OF INTERPOLATION by Russell W. Stineman. The article appeared in the July 1980 issue of Creative Computing with a note from the editor stating that while they were:

not an academic journal but once in a while something serious and original comes in adding that this was "apparently a real solution" to a well known problem.

For yp = None, the routine automatically determines the slopes using the slopes () routine.

x is assumed to be sorted in increasing order.

For values xi[j] < x[0] or xi[j] > x[-1], the routine tries an extrapolation. The relevance of the data obtained from this, of course, is questionable...

Original implementation by Halldor Bjornsson, Icelandic Meteorologial Office, March 2006 halldor at vedur.is

Completely reworked and optimized for Python by Norbert Nemec, Institute of Theoretical Physics, University or Regensburg, April 2006 Norbert.Nemec at physik.uni-regensburg.de

```
matplotlib.mlab.vector\_lengths(X, P=2.0, axis=None)
```

Finds the length of a set of vectors in n dimensions. This is like the numpy.norm() function for vectors, but has the ability to work over a particular axis of the supplied array or matrix.

Computes $(sum((x_i)^P))^(1/P)$ for each $\{x_i\}$ being the elements of X along the given axis. If *axis* is *None*, compute over all elements of X.

matplotlib.mlab.window_hanning(x)

return x times the hanning window of len(x)

matplotlib.mlab.window_none(x)

No window function; simply return x

NXUTILS

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```
general purpose numerical utilities, eg for computational geometry, that are not available in numpy
matplotlib.nxutils.pnpoly()
    inside = pnpoly(x, y, xyverts)
    Return 1 if x,y is inside the polygon, 0 otherwise.
    xyverts a sequence of x,y vertices.
    A point on the boundary may be treated as inside or outside. See pnpoly
matplotlib.nxutils.points_inside_poly()
    mask = points_inside_poly(xypoints, xyverts)
    Return a boolean ndarray, True for points inside the polygon.
    xypoints a sequence of N x,y pairs.
    xyverts sequence of x,y vertices of the polygon.
    mask an ndarray of length N.
    A point on the boundary may be treated as inside or outside. See pnpoly
```

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CHAPTER

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PATH

67.1 matplotlib.path

Contains a class for managing paths (polylines).

Path represents a series of possibly disconnected, possibly closed, line and curve segments.

The underlying storage is made up of two parallel numpy arrays:

- vertices: an Nx2 float array of vertices
- codes: an N-length uint8 array of vertex types

These two arrays always have the same length in the first dimension. For example, to represent a cubic curve, you must provide three vertices as well as three codes CURVE3.

The code types are:

- •STOP [1 vertex (ignored)] A marker for the end of the entire path (currently not required and ignored)
- •MOVETO [1 vertex] Pick up the pen and move to the given vertex.
- •LINETO [1 vertex] Draw a line from the current position to the given vertex.
- •CURVE3 [1 control point, 1 endpoint] Draw a quadratic Bezier curve from the current position, with the given control point, to the given end point.
- •CURVE4 [2 control points, 1 endpoint] Draw a cubic Bezier curve from the current position, with the given control points, to the given end point.
- •CLOSEPOLY [1 vertex (ignored)] Draw a line segment to the start point of the current polyline.

Users of Path objects should not access the vertices and codes arrays directly. Instead, they should use iter_segments() to get the vertex/code pairs. This is important, since many Path objects, as an optimization, do not store a *codes* at all, but have a default one provided for them by iter_segments().

Note: The vertices and codes arrays should be treated as immutable – there are a number of optimizations and assumptions made up front in the constructor that will not change when the data changes.

Create a new path with the given vertices and codes.

vertices is an Nx2 numpy float array, masked array or Python sequence.

codes is an N-length numpy array or Python sequence of type matplotlib.path.Path.code_type.

These two arrays must have the same length in the first dimension.

If *codes* is None, *vertices* will be treated as a series of line segments.

If *vertices* contains masked values, they will be converted to NaNs which are then handled correctly by the Agg PathIterator and other consumers of path data, such as iter_segments().

interpolation_steps is used as a hint to certain projections, such as Polar, that this path should be linearly interpolated immediately before drawing. This attribute is primarily an implementation detail and is not intended for public use.

```
CLOSEPOLY = 79
```

CURVE3 = 3

CURVE4 = 4

LINETO = 2

MOVETO = 1

 $NUM_VERTICES = [1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]$

STOP = 0

classmethod arc(theta1, theta2, n=None, is_wedge=False)

(staticmethod) Returns an arc on the unit circle from angle theta1 to angle theta2 (in degrees).

If *n* is provided, it is the number of spline segments to make. If *n* is not provided, the number of spline segments is determined based on the delta between *theta1* and *theta2*.

Masionobe, L. 2003. Drawing an elliptical arc using polylines, quadratic or cubic Bezier curves.

code_type

alias of uint8

contains_path(path, transform=None)

Returns *True* if this path completely contains the given path.

If *transform* is not *None*, the path will be transformed before performing the test.

contains_point(point, transform=None, radius=0.0)

Returns *True* if the path contains the given point.

If *transform* is not *None*, the path will be transformed before performing the test.

radius allows the path to be made slightly larger or smaller.

contains_points(points, transform=None, radius=0.0)

Returns a bool array which is *True* if the path contains the corresponding point.

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If transform is not None, the path will be transformed before performing the test.

radius allows the path to be made slightly larger or smaller.

get_extents(transform=None)

Returns the extents (*xmin*, *ymin*, *xmax*, *ymax*) of the path.

Unlike computing the extents on the *vertices* alone, this algorithm will take into account the curves and deal with control points appropriately.

classmethod hatch(hatchpattern, density=6)

Given a hatch specifier, *hatchpattern*, generates a Path that can be used in a repeated hatching pattern. *density* is the number of lines per unit square.

interpolated(steps)

Returns a new path resampled to length N x steps. Does not currently handle interpolating curves

intersects_bbox(bbox, filled=True)

Returns *True* if this path intersects a given Bbox.

filled, when True, treats the path as if it was filled. That is, if one path completely encloses the other, intersects_path() will return True.

intersects_path(other, filled=True)

Returns *True* if this path intersects another given path.

filled, when True, treats the paths as if they were filled. That is, if one path completely encloses the other, intersects_path() will return True.

Iterates over all of the curve segments in the path. Each iteration returns a 2-tuple (*vertices*, *code*), where *vertices* is a sequence of 1 - 3 coordinate pairs, and *code* is one of the Path codes.

Additionally, this method can provide a number of standard cleanups and conversions to the path.

transform: if not None, the given affine transformation will be applied to the path.

remove_nans: if True, will remove all NaNs from the path and insert MOVETO commands to skip over them.

clip: if not None, must be a four-tuple (x1, y1, x2, y2) defining a rectangle in which to clip the path.

snap: if None, auto-snap to pixels, to reduce fuzziness of rectilinear lines. If True, force snapping, and if False, don't snap.

stroke_width: the width of the stroke being drawn. Needed as a hint for the snapping algorithm.

simplify: if True, perform simplification, to remove vertices that do not affect the appearance of the path. If False, perform no simplification. If None, use the should_simplify member variable.

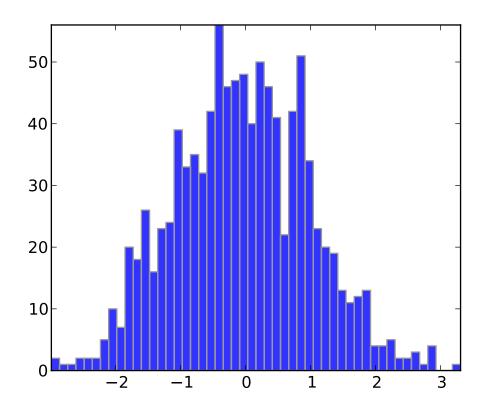
curves: If True, curve segments will be returned as curve segments. If False, all curves will be converted to line segments.

classmethod make_compound_path(*args)

(staticmethod) Make a compound path from a list of Path objects. Only polygons (not curves) are supported.

classmethod make_compound_path_from_polys(XY)

(static method) Make a compound path object to draw a number of polygons with equal numbers of sides XY is a (numpolys x numsides x 2) numpy array of vertices. Return object is a Path



to_polygons(*transform=None*, *width=0*, *height=0*)

Convert this path to a list of polygons. Each polygon is an Nx2 array of vertices. In other words, each polygon has no MOVETO instructions or curves. This is useful for displaying in backends that do not support compound paths or Bezier curves, such as GDK.

If *width* and *height* are both non-zero then the lines will be simplified so that vertices outside of (0, 0), (width, height) will be clipped.

transformed(transform)

Return a transformed copy of the path.

See Also:

matplotlib.transforms.TransformedPath A specialized path class that will cache the transformed result and automatically update when the transform changes.

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classmethod unit_circle()

(staticmethod) Returns a Path of the unit circle. The circle is approximated using cubic Bezier curves. This uses 8 splines around the circle using the approach presented here:

Lancaster, Don. Approximating a Circle or an Ellipse Using Four Bezier Cubic Splines.

classmethod unit_circle_righthalf()

(staticmethod) Returns a Path of the right half of a unit circle. The circle is approximated using cubic Bezier curves. This uses 4 splines around the circle using the approach presented here:

Lancaster, Don. Approximating a Circle or an Ellipse Using Four Bezier Cubic Splines.

classmethod unit_rectangle()

(static method) Returns a Path of the unit rectangle from (0, 0) to (1, 1).

classmethod unit_regular_asterisk(numVertices)

(staticmethod) Returns a Path for a unit regular asterisk with the given numVertices and radius of 1.0, centered at (0, 0).

classmethod unit_regular_polygon(numVertices)

(staticmethod) Returns a Path for a unit regular polygon with the given *numVertices* and radius of 1.0, centered at (0, 0).

classmethod unit_regular_star(numVertices, innerCircle=0.5)

(staticmethod) Returns a Path for a unit regular star with the given numVertices and radius of 1.0, centered at (0, 0).

classmethod wedge(*theta1*, *theta2*, *n=None*)

(staticmethod) Returns a wedge of the unit circle from angle theta1 to angle theta2 (in degrees).

If *n* is provided, it is the number of spline segments to make. If *n* is not provided, the number of spline segments is determined based on the delta between *theta1* and *theta2*.

matplotlib.path.cleanup_path(path, trans, remove_nans, clip, snap, simplify, curves)

matplotlib.path.convert_path_to_polygons(path, trans, width, height)

matplotlib.path.get_path_collection_extents(master_transform, paths, transforms, offsets, offset transform)

Given a sequence of Path objects, Transform objects and offsets, as found in a PathCollection, returns the bounding box that encapsulates all of them.

master_transform is a global transformation to apply to all paths

paths is a sequence of Path instances.

transforms is a sequence of Affine2D instances.

offsets is a sequence of (x, y) offsets (or an Nx2 array)

offset_transform is a Affine2D to apply to the offsets before applying the offset to the path.

The way that *paths*, *transforms* and *offsets* are combined follows the same method as for collections. Each is iterated over independently, so if you have 3 paths, 2 transforms and 1 offset, their combinations are as follows:

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PYPLOT

68.1 matplotlib.pyplot

Provides a MATLAB-like plotting framework.

pylab combines pyplot with numpy into a single namespace. This is convenient for interactive work, but for programming it is recommended that the namespaces be kept separate, e.g.:

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

x = np.arange(0, 5, 0.1);
y = np.sin(x)
plt.plot(x, y)

matplotlib.pyplot.acorr(x, hold=None, **kwargs)
    Plot the autocorrelation of x.
    Call signature:
    acorr(x, normed=True, detrend=mlab.detrend_none, usevlines=True, maxlags=10, **kwargs)
```

If normed = True, normalize the data by the autocorrelation at 0-th lag. x is detrended by the detrend callable (default no normalization).

Data are plotted as plot(lags, c, **kwargs)

Return value is a tuple (*lags*, *c*, *line*) where:

- lags are a length 2*maxlags+1 lag vector
- c is the 2*maxlags+1 auto correlation vector
- line is a Line2D instance returned by plot()

The default *linestyle* is None and the default *marker* is 'o', though these can be overridden with keyword args. The cross correlation is performed with numpy.correlate() with mode = 2.

If *usevlines* is *True*, vlines() rather than plot() is used to draw vertical lines from the origin to the acorr. Otherwise, the plot style is determined by the kwargs, which are Line2D properties.

maxlags is a positive integer detailing the number of lags to show. The default value of *None* will return all (2*len(x)-1) lags.

The return value is a tuple (lags, c, linecol, b) where

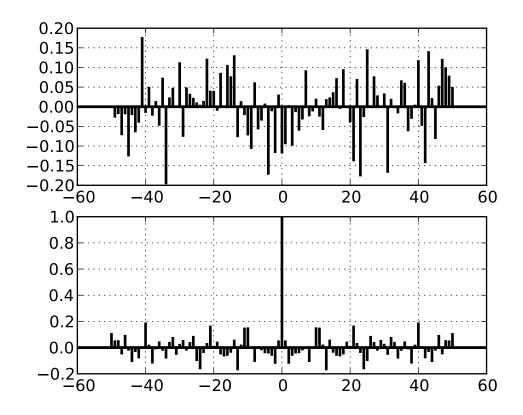
- linecol is the LineCollection
- b is the x-axis.

See Also:

plot() or vlines() For documentation on valid kwargs.

Example:

xcorr() is top graph, and acorr() is bottom graph.



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.annotate(*args, **kwargs)
```

Create an annotation: a piece of text referring to a data point.

Call signature:

Keyword arguments:

Annotate the x, y point xy with text s at x, y location xytext. (If xytext = None, defaults to xy, and if textcoords = None, defaults to xycoords).

arrowprops, if not *None*, is a dictionary of line properties (see matplotlib.lines.Line2D) for the arrow that connects annotation to the point.

If the dictionary has a key *arrowstyle*, a FancyArrowPatch instance is created with the given dictionary and is drawn. Otherwise, a YAArow patch instance is created and drawn. Valid keys for YAArow are

Key	Description
width	the width of the arrow in points
frac	the fraction of the arrow length occupied by the head
head-	the width of the base of the arrow head in points
width	
shrink	oftentimes it is convenient to have the arrowtip and base a bit away from the text and
	point being annotated. If d is the distance between the text and annotated point, shrink
	will shorten the arrow so the tip and base are shink percent of the distance d away from
	the endpoints. ie, shrink=0.05 is 5%
?	any key for matplotlib.patches.polygon

Valid keys for FancyArrowPatch are

Key	Description
arrowstyle	the arrow style
connectionstyle	the connection style
relpos	default is (0.5, 0.5)
patchA	default is bounding box of the text
patchB	default is None
shrinkA	default is 2 points
shrinkB	default is 2 points
mutation_scale	default is text size (in points)
mutation_aspect	default is 1.
?	any key for matplotlib.patches.PathPatch

xycoords and textcoords are strings that indicate the coordinates of xy and xytext.

Prop-	Description
erty	
'figure	points from the lower left corner of the figure
points'	
'figure	pixels from the lower left corner of the figure
pixels'	
'figure	0,0 is lower left of figure and 1,1 is upper, right
frac-	
tion'	
'axes	points from lower left corner of axes
points'	
'axes	pixels from lower left corner of axes
pixels'	
'axes	0,1 is lower left of axes and 1,1 is upper right
frac-	
tion'	
'data'	use the coordinate system of the object being annotated (default)
'offset	Specify an offset (in points) from the xy value
points'	
'polar'	you can specify <i>theta</i> , r for the annotation, even in cartesian plots. Note that if you are
	using a polar axes, you do not need to specify polar for the coordinate system since
	that is the native "data" coordinate system.

If a 'points' or 'pixels' option is specified, values will be added to the bottom-left and if negative, values will be subtracted from the top-right. Eg:

```
# 10 points to the right of the left border of the axes and
# 5 points below the top border
xy=(10,-5), xycoords='axes points'
```

You may use an instance of Transform or Artist. See *Annotating Axes* for more details.

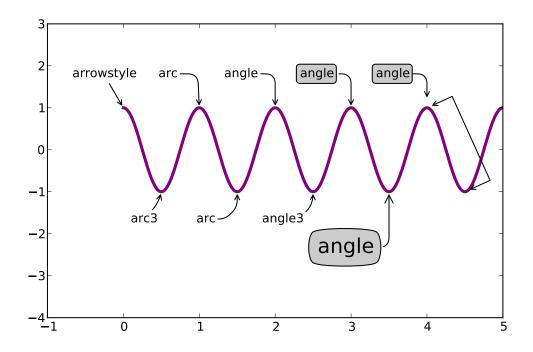
The *annotation_clip* attribute contols the visibility of the annotation when it goes outside the axes area. If True, the annotation will only be drawn when the *xy* is inside the axes. If False, the annotation will always be drawn regardless of its position. The default is *None*, which behave as True only if *xycoords* is "data".

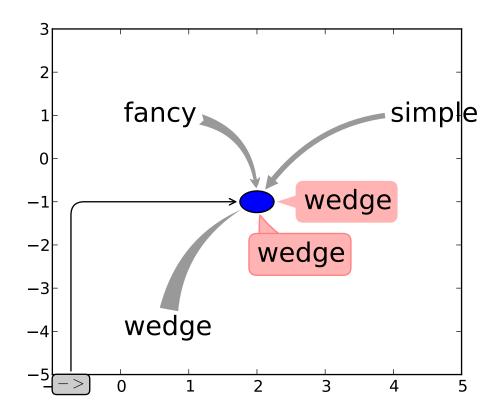
Additional kwargs are Text properties:

Property	Description	
agg_filter	unknown	
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)	
animated	[True False]	
axes	an Axes instance	
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color	
bbox	rectangle prop dict	
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance	
clip_on	[True False]	
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]	

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Property	Description
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
х	float
у	float
zorder	any number





matplotlib.pyplot.**arrow**(x, y, dx, dy, hold=None, **kwargs) Add an arrow to the axes.

Call signature:

```
arrow(x, y, dx, dy, **kwargs)
```

Draws arrow on specified axis from (x, y) to (x + dx, y + dy). Uses FancyArrow patch to construct the arrow.

Optional kwargs control the arrow construction and properties:

Constructor arguments

width: float (default: 0.001) width of full arrow tail

length_includes_head: [True | False] (default: False) True if head is to be counted in calculating the length.

head_width: float or None (default: 3*width) total width of the full arrow head

head_length: float or None (default: 1.5 * head_width) length of arrow head

shape: ['full', 'left', 'right'] (default: 'full') draw the left-half, right-half, or full arrow

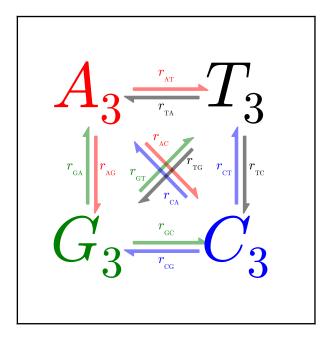
overhang: float (default: 0) fraction that the arrow is swept back (0 overhang means triangular shape). Can be negative or greater than one.

head_starts_at_zero: [True | False] (default: False) if True, the head starts being drawn at coordinate 0 instead of ending at coordinate 0.

Other valid kwargs (inherited from Patch) are:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Example:



matplotlib.pyplot.autoscale(enable=True, axis='both', tight=None)

Autoscale the axis view to the data (toggle).

Convenience method for simple axis view autoscaling. It turns autoscaling on or off, and then, if autoscaling for either axis is on, it performs the autoscaling on the specified axis or axes.

enable: [True | False | None] True (default) turns autoscaling on, False turns it off. None leaves the autoscaling state unchanged.

axis: ['x' | 'y' | 'both'] which axis to operate on; default is 'both'

tight: [True | False | None] If True, set view limits to data limits; if False, let the locator and margins expand the view limits; if None, use tight scaling if the only artist is an image, otherwise treat *tight* as False. The *tight* setting is retained for future autoscaling until it is explicitly changed.

Returns None.

matplotlib.pyplot.autumn()

set the default colormap to autumn and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

matplotlib.pyplot.axes(*args, **kwargs)

Add an axes to the figure.

The axes is added at position *rect* specified by:

•axes() by itself creates a default full subplot(111) window axis.

- •axes(rect, axisbg='w') where rect = [left, bottom, width, height] in normalized (0, 1) units. axisbg is the background color for the axis, default white.
- •axes (h) where h is an axes instance makes h the current axis. An Axes instance is returned.

kwarg	Accepts	Desctiption
axisbg	color	the axes background color
frameon	[True False]	display the frame?
sharex	otherax	current axes shares xaxis attribute with otherax
sharey	otherax	current axes shares yaxis attribute with otherax
polar	[True False]	use a polar axes?

Examples:

- •examples/pylab_examples/axes_demo.py places custom axes.
- •examples/pylab_examples/shared_axis_demo.py uses *sharex* and *sharey*.

matplotlib.pyplot.axhline(y=0, xmin=0, xmax=1, hold=None, **kwargs)
Add a horizontal line across the axis.

Call signature:

```
axhline(y=0, xmin=0, xmax=1, **kwargs)
```

Draw a horizontal line at y from xmin to xmax. With the default values of xmin = 0 and xmax = 1, this line will always span the horizontal extent of the axes, regardless of the xlim settings, even if you change them, eg. with the $set_xlim()$ command. That is, the horizontal extent is in axes coords: 0=left, 0.5=middle, 1.0=right but the y location is in data coordinates.

Return value is the Line2D instance. kwargs are the same as kwargs to plot, and can be used to control the line properties. Eg.,

•draw a thick red hline at y = 0 that spans the xrange:

```
>>> axhline(linewidth=4, color='r')
```

•draw a default hline at y = 1 that spans the xrange:

```
>>> axhline(y=1)
```

•draw a default hline at y = .5 that spans the middle half of the xrange:

```
>>> axhline(y=.5, xmin=0.25, xmax=0.75)
```

Valid kwargs are Line2D properties, with the exception of 'transform':

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance

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Property	Description
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

See Also:

axhspan() for example plot and source code

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.axhspan(ymin, ymax, xmin=0, xmax=1, hold=None, **kwargs)
Add a horizontal span (rectangle) across the axis.
```

Call signature:

```
axhspan(ymin, ymax, xmin=0, xmax=1, **kwargs)
```

y coords are in data units and x coords are in axes (relative 0-1) units.

Draw a horizontal span (rectangle) from *ymin* to *ymax*. With the default values of xmin = 0 and xmax = 1, this always spans the xrange, regardless of the xlim settings, even if you change them, eg. with the $set_xlim()$ command. That is, the horizontal extent is in axes coords: 0=left, 0.5=middle, 1.0=right but the y location is in data coordinates.

Return value is a matplotlib.patches.Polygon instance.

Examples:

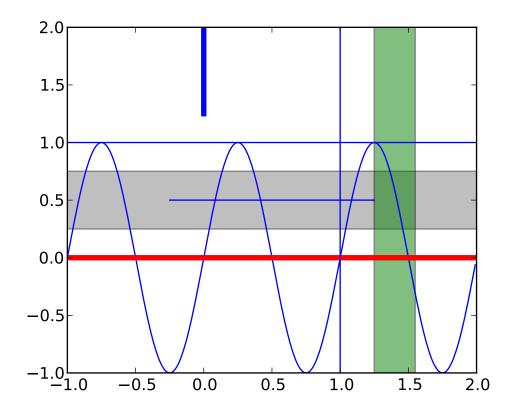
•draw a gray rectangle from y = 0.25-0.75 that spans the horizontal extent of the axes:

```
>>> axhspan(0.25, 0.75, facecolor='0.5', alpha=0.5)
```

Valid kwargs are Polygon properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Example:



matplotlib.pyplot.axis(*v, **kwargs)

Set or get the axis properties.:

```
>>> axis()
```

returns the current axes limits [xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax].:

```
>>> axis(v)
```

sets the min and max of the x and y axes, with v = [xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax].:

```
>>> axis('off')
```

turns off the axis lines and labels.:

```
>>> axis('equal')
```

changes limits of x or y axis so that equal increments of x and y have the same length; a circle is circular.:

```
>>> axis('scaled')
```

achieves the same result by changing the dimensions of the plot box instead of the axis data limits.:

```
>>> axis('tight')
```

changes x and y axis limits such that all data is shown. If all data is already shown, it will move it to the center of the figure without modifying (xmax - xmin) or (ymax - ymin). Note this is slightly different than in MATLAB.:

```
>>> axis('image')
```

is 'scaled' with the axis limits equal to the data limits.:

```
>>> axis('auto')
and:
```

>>> axis('normal')

are deprecated. They restore default behavior; axis limits are automatically scaled to make the data fit comfortably within the plot box.

if len(*v)==0, you can pass in *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, *ymax* as kwargs selectively to alter just those limits without changing the others.

The xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax tuple is returned

See Also:

```
xlim(), ylim() For setting the x- and y-limits individually.
```

matplotlib.pyplot.axvline(x=0, ymin=0, ymax=1, hold=None, **kwargs)

Add a vertical line across the axes.

Call signature:

```
axvline(x=0, ymin=0, ymax=1, **kwargs)
```

Draw a vertical line at x from ymin to ymax. With the default values of ymin = 0 and ymax = 1, this line will always span the vertical extent of the axes, regardless of the ylim settings, even if you change them, eg. with the $set_ylim()$ command. That is, the vertical extent is in axes coords: 0=bottom, 0.5=middle, 1.0=top but the x location is in data coordinates.

Return value is the Line2D instance. kwargs are the same as kwargs to plot, and can be used to control the line properties. Eg.,

•draw a thick red vline at x = 0 that spans the yrange:

```
>>> axvline(linewidth=4, color='r')
```

•draw a default vline at x = 1 that spans the yrange:

```
>>> axvline(x=1)
```

•draw a default vline at x = .5 that spans the middle half of the yrange:

```
>>> axvline(x=.5, ymin=0.25, ymax=0.75)
```

Valid kwargs are Line2D properties, with the exception of 'transform':

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array

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Property	Description
zorder	any number

See Also:

axhspan() for example plot and source code

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.axvspan(xmin, xmax, ymin=0, ymax=1, hold=None, **kwargs)

Add a vertical span (rectangle) across the axes.

Call signature:

```
axvspan(xmin, xmax, ymin=0, ymax=1, **kwargs)
```

x coords are in data units and y coords are in axes (relative 0-1) units.

Draw a vertical span (rectangle) from xmin to xmax. With the default values of ymin = 0 and ymax = 1, this always spans the yrange, regardless of the ylim settings, even if you change them, eg. with the set_ylim() command. That is, the vertical extent is in axes coords: 0=bottom, 0.5=middle, 1.0=top but the y location is in data coordinates.

Return value is the matplotlib.patches.Polygon instance.

Examples:

•draw a vertical green translucent rectangle from x=1.25 to 1.55 that spans the yrange of the axes:

```
>>> axvspan(1.25, 1.55, facecolor='g', alpha=0.5)
```

Valid kwargs are Polygon properties:

Property	Description	
agg_filter	unknown	
alpha	float or None	
animated	[True False]	
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default	
axes	an Axes instance	
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance	
clip_on	[True False]	
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]	
color	matplotlib color spec	
contains	a callable function	
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color	
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color	
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance	
fill	[True False]	
gid	an id string	
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']	
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.	
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']	
linewidth or lw	float or None for default	
lod	[True False]	
path_effects	unknown	
picker	[None float boolean callable]	
rasterized	[True False None]	
snap	unknown	
transform	Transform instance	
url	a url string	
visible	[True False]	
zorder	any number	

See Also:

axhspan() for example plot and source code

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.bar(left, height, width=0.8, bottom=None, hold=None, **kwargs)

Make a bar plot.

Call signature:

bar(left, height, width=0.8, bottom=0, **kwargs)

Make a bar plot with rectangles bounded by:

left, *left* + *width*, *bottom*, *bottom* + *height* (left, right, bottom and top edges)

left, height, width, and bottom can be either scalars or sequences

Return value is a list of matplotlib.patches.Rectangle instances.

Required arguments:

Argument	Description	
left	the x coordinates of the left sides of the bars	
height	the heights of the bars	

Optional keyword arguments:

Key-	Description
word	
width	the widths of the bars
bot-	the y coordinates of the bottom edges of the bars
tom	
color	the colors of the bars
edge-	the colors of the bar edges
color	
linewidt	hwidth of bar edges; None means use default linewidth; 0 means don't draw
	edges.
xerr	if not None, will be used to generate errorbars on the bar chart
yerr	if not None, will be used to generate errorbars on the bar chart
ecolor	specifies the color of any errorbar
сар-	(default 3) determines the length in points of the error bar caps
size	
er-	dictionary of kwargs to be passed to errorbar method. ecolor and capsize may
ror_kw	be specified here rather than as independent kwargs.
align	'edge' (default) 'center'
orien-	'vertical' 'horizontal'
tation	
log	[False True] False (default) leaves the orientation axis as-is; True sets it to log
	scale

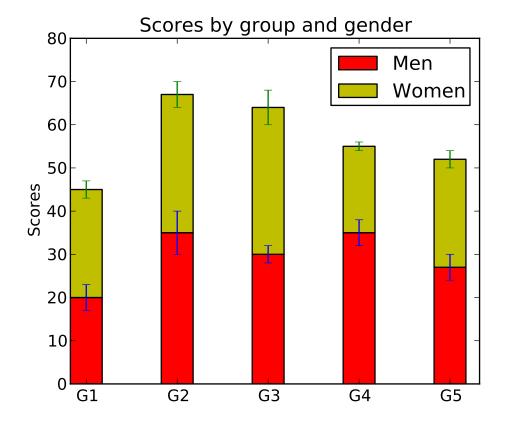
For vertical bars, align = 'edge' aligns bars by their left edges in left, while align = 'center' interprets these values as the x coordinates of the bar centers. For horizontal bars, align = 'edge' aligns bars by their bottom edges in bottom, while align = 'center' interprets these values as the y coordinates of the bar centers.

The optional arguments *color*, *edgecolor*, *linewidth*, *xerr*, and *yerr* can be either scalars or sequences of length equal to the number of bars. This enables you to use bar as the basis for stacked bar charts, or candlestick plots. Detail: *xerr* and *yerr* are passed directly to errorbar(), so they can also have shape 2xN for independent specification of lower and upper errors.

Other optional kwargs:

Property	Description	
agg_filter	unknown	
alpha	float or None	
animated	[True False]	
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default	
axes	an Axes instance	
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance	
clip_on	[True False]	
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]	
color	matplotlib color spec	
contains	a callable function	
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color	
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color	
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance	
fill	[True False]	
gid	an id string	
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']	
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.	
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']	
linewidth or lw	float or None for default	
lod	[True False]	
path_effects	unknown	
picker	[None float boolean callable]	
rasterized	[True False None]	
snap	unknown	
transform	Transform instance	
url	a url string	
visible	[True False]	
zorder	any number	

Example: A stacked bar chart.



matplotlib.pyplot.barbs(*args, **kw)

Plot a 2-D field of barbs.

Call signatures:

barb(U, V, **kw)
barb(U, V, C, **kw)
barb(X, Y, U, V, **kw)
barb(X, Y, U, V, C, **kw)

Arguments:

- X, Y: The x and y coordinates of the barb locations (default is head of barb; see *pivot* kwarg)
- *U*, *V*: Give the x and y components of the barb shaft
- C: An optional array used to map colors to the barbs

All arguments may be 1-D or 2-D arrays or sequences. If X and Y are absent, they will be generated as a uniform grid. If U and V are 2-D arrays but X and Y are 1-D, and if len(X) and len(Y) match the column and row dimensions of U, then X and Y will be expanded with numpy.meshgrid().

U, V, C may be masked arrays, but masked X, Y are not supported at present.

Keyword arguments:

- *length*: Length of the barb in points; the other parts of the barb are scaled against this. Default is 9
- *pivot*: ['tip' | 'middle'] The part of the arrow that is at the grid point; the arrow rotates about this point, hence the name *pivot*. Default is 'tip'
- **barbcolor:** [color | color sequence] Specifies the color all parts of the barb except any flags. This parameter is analogous to the *edgecolor* parameter for polygons, which can be used instead. However this parameter will override facecolor.
- *flagcolor*: [color | color sequence] Specifies the color of any flags on the barb. This parameter is analagous to the *facecolor* parameter for polygons, which can be used instead. However this parameter will override facecolor. If this is not set (and *C* has not either) then *flagcolor* will be set to match *barbcolor* so that the barb has a uniform color. If *C* has been set, *flagcolor* has no effect.
- **sizes:** A dictionary of coefficients specifying the ratio of a given feature to the length of the barb. Only those values one wishes to override need to be included. These features include:
 - 'spacing' space between features (flags, full/half barbs)
 - 'height' height (distance from shaft to top) of a flag or full barb
 - 'width' width of a flag, twice the width of a full barb
 - 'emptybarb' radius of the circle used for low magnitudes
- *fill_empty*: A flag on whether the empty barbs (circles) that are drawn should be filled with the flag color. If they are not filled, they will be drawn such that no color is applied to the center. Default is False
- **rounding:** A flag to indicate whether the vector magnitude should be rounded when allocating barb components. If True, the magnitude is rounded to the nearest multiple of the half-barb increment. If False, the magnitude is simply truncated to the next lowest multiple. Default is True
- *barb_increments*: A dictionary of increments specifying values to associate with different parts of the barb. Only those values one wishes to override need to be included.
 - 'half' half barbs (Default is 5)
 - 'full' full barbs (Default is 10)
 - 'flag' flags (default is 50)
- flip_barb: Either a single boolean flag or an array of booleans. Single boolean indicates whether the lines and flags should point opposite to normal for all barbs. An array (which should be the same size as the other data arrays) indicates whether to flip for each individual barb. Normal behavior is for the barbs and lines to point right (comes from wind barbs having these features point towards low pressure in the Northern Hemisphere.) Default is False

Barbs are traditionally used in meteorology as a way to plot the speed and direction of wind observations, but can technically be used to plot any two dimensional vector quantity. As opposed to arrows, which give vector magnitude by the length of the arrow, the barbs give more quantitative information about the vector magnitude by putting slanted lines or a triangle for various increments in magnitude, as show schematically below:



The largest increment is given by a triangle (or "flag"). After those come full lines (barbs). The smallest increment is a half line. There is only, of course, ever at most 1 half line. If the magnitude is small and only needs a single half-line and no full lines or triangles, the half-line is offset from the end of the barb so that it can be easily distinguished from barbs with a single full line. The magnitude for the barb shown above would nominally be 65, using the standard increments of 50, 10, and 5.

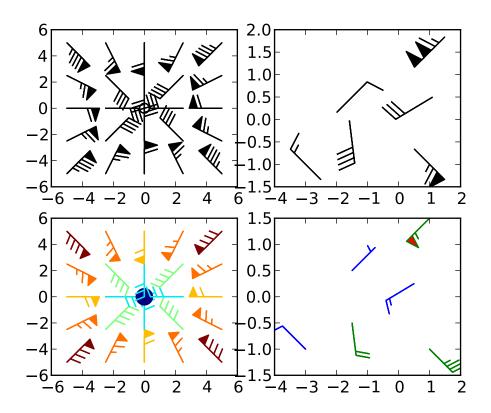
linewidths and edgecolors can be used to customize the barb. Additional PolyCollection keyword arguments:

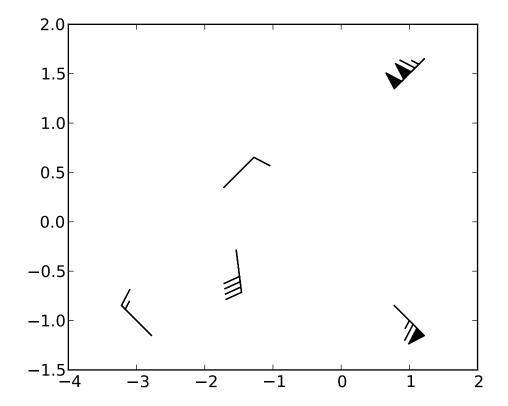
Property	Description	
agg_filter	unknown	
alpha	float or None	
animated	[True False]	
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans	
array	unknown	
axes	an Axes instance	
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats	
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance	
clip_on	[True False]	
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]	
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name	
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples	
colorbar	unknown	
contains	a callable function	
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples	
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples	
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance	
gid	an id string	
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']	
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.	
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]	
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats	
lod	[True False]	
norm	unknown	
offset_position	unknown	
offsets	float or sequence of floats	
paths	unknown	
picker	[None float boolean callable]	
pickradius	unknown	

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Property	Description	
rasterized	[True False None]	
snap	unknown	
transform	Transform instance	
url	a url string	
urls	unknown	
visible	[True False]	
zorder	any number	

Example:





matplotlib.pyplot.barh(bottom, width, height=0.8, left=None, hold=None, **kwargs) Make a horizontal bar plot.

Call signature:

barh(bottom, width, height=0.8, left=0, **kwargs)

Make a horizontal bar plot with rectangles bounded by:

left, *left* + *width*, *bottom*, *bottom* + *height* (left, right, bottom and top edges)

bottom, width, height, and left can be either scalars or sequences

Return value is a list of matplotlib.patches.Rectangle instances.

Required arguments:

Argument	Description	
bottom	the vertical positions of the bottom edges of the bars	
width	the lengths of the bars	

Optional keyword arguments:

Key-	Description
word	
height	the heights (thicknesses) of the bars
left	the x coordinates of the left edges of the bars
color	the colors of the bars
edge-	the colors of the bar edges
color	
linewidth	width of bar edges; None means use default linewidth; 0 means don't
	draw edges.
xerr	if not None, will be used to generate errorbars on the bar chart
yerr	if not None, will be used to generate errorbars on the bar chart
ecolor	specifies the color of any errorbar
capsize	(default 3) determines the length in points of the error bar caps
align	'edge' (default) 'center'
log	[False True] False (default) leaves the horizontal axis as-is; True sets it to
	log scale

Setting align = 'edge' aligns bars by their bottom edges in bottom, while align = 'center' interprets these values as the y coordinates of the bar centers.

The optional arguments *color*, *edgecolor*, *linewidth*, *xerr*, and *yerr* can be either scalars or sequences of length equal to the number of bars. This enables you to use barh as the basis for stacked bar charts, or candlestick plots.

other optional kwargs:

Property	Description	
agg_filter	unknown	
alpha	float or None	
animated	[True False]	
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default	
axes	an Axes instance	
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance	
clip_on	[True False]	
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]	
color	matplotlib color spec	
contains	a callable function	
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color	
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color	
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance	
fill	[True False]	
gid	an id string	
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']	
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.	
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']	
linewidth or lw	float or None for default	
lod	[True False]	
path_effects	unknown	
picker	[None float boolean callable]	
rasterized	[True False None]	
snap	unknown	
transform	Transform instance	
url	a url string	
visible	[True False]	
zorder	any number	

matplotlib.pyplot.bone()

set the default colormap to bone and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

matplotlib.pyplot.box(on=None)

Turn the axes box on or off. on may be a boolean or a string, 'on' or 'off'.

If on is None, toggle state.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.boxplot(x, notch=False, sym='b+', vert=True, whis=1.5, positions=None, widths=None, patch_artist=False, bootstrap=None, usermedians=None, conf_intervals=None, hold=None)
```

Make a box and whisker plot.

Call signature:

Make a box and whisker plot for each column of x or each vector in sequence x. The box extends from the lower to upper quartile values of the data, with a line at the median. The whiskers extend from the box to show the range of the data. Flier points are those past the end of the whiskers.

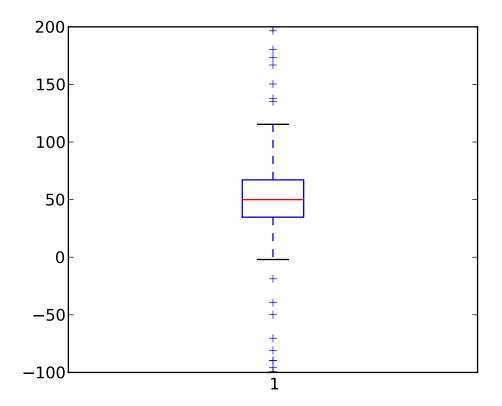
Function Arguments:

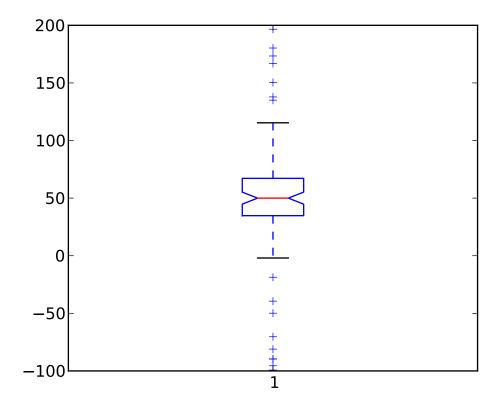
- x: Array or a sequence of vectors.
- *notch* [[False (default) | True]] If False (default), produces a rectangular box plot. If True, will produce a notched box plot
- **sym** [[default 'b+']] The default symbol for flier points. Enter an empty string ('') if you don't want to show fliers.
- *vert* [[False | True (default)]] If True (default), makes the boxes vertical. If False, makes horizontal boxes.
- whis [[default 1.5]] Defines the length of the whiskers as a function of the inner quartile range. They extend to the most extreme data point within (whis*(75%-25%)) data range.
- bootstrap [[None (default) | integer]] Specifies whether to bootstrap the confidence intervals around the median for notched boxplots. If bootstrap==None, no bootstrapping is performed, and notches are calculated using a Gaussian-based asymptotic approximation (see McGill, R., Tukey, J.W., and Larsen, W.A., 1978, and Kendall and Stuart, 1967). Otherwise, bootstrap specifies the number of times to bootstrap the median to determine it's 95% confidence intervals. Values between 1000 and 10000 are recommended.
- **usermedians** [[default None]] An array or sequence whose first dimension (or length) is compatible with x. This overrides the medians computed by matplotlib for each element of *usermedians* that is not None. When an element of *usermedians* == None, the median will be computed directly as normal.
- conf_intervals [[default None]] Array or sequence whose first dimension (or length) is compatible with x and whose second dimension is 2. When the current element of conf_intervals is not None, the notch locations computed by matplotlib are overridden (assuming notch is True). When an element of conf_intervals is None, boxplot compute notches the method specified by the other kwargs (e.g. bootstrap).
- **positions** [[default 1,2,...,n]] Sets the horizontal positions of the boxes. The ticks and limits are automatically set to match the positions.
- widths [[default 0.5]] Either a scalar or a vector and sets the width of each box. The default is 0.5, or 0.15*(distance between extreme positions) if that is smaller.
- patch_artist [[False (default) | True]] If False produces boxes with the Line2D artist If
 True produces boxes with the Patch artist

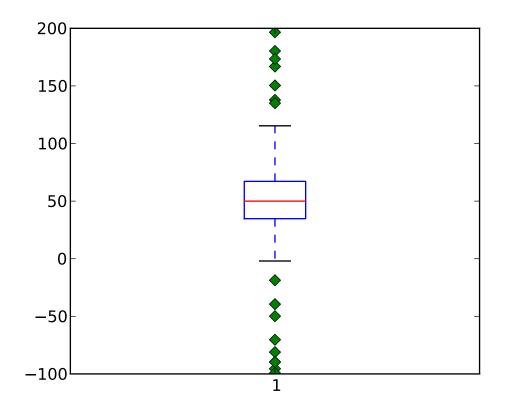
Returns a dictionary mapping each component of the boxplot to a list of the matplotlib.lines.Line2D instances created. That dictionary has the following keys (assuming vertical boxplots):

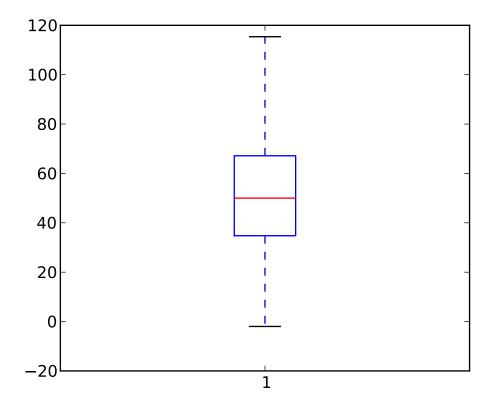
- •boxes: the main body of the boxplot showing the quartiles and the median's confidence intervals if enabled.
- •medians: horizonal lines at the median of each box.
- •whiskers: the vertical lines extending to the most extreme, n-outlier data points.
- •caps: the horizontal lines at the ends of the whiskers.
- •fliers: points representing data that extend beyone the whiskers (outliers).

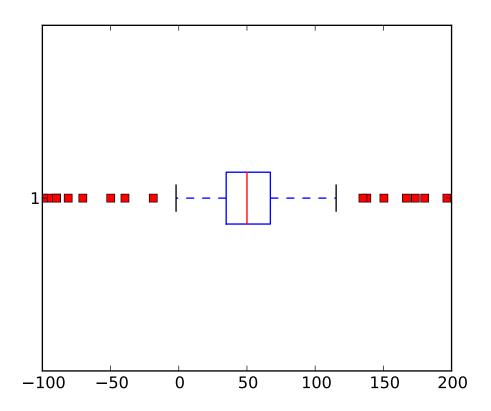
Example:

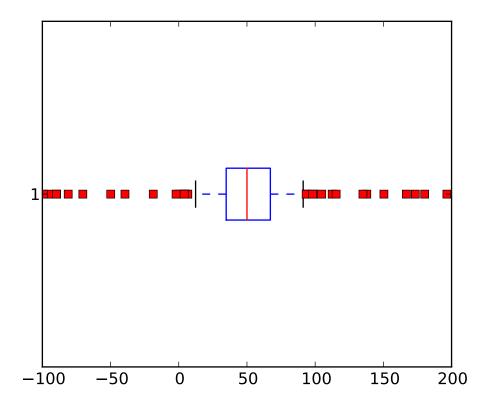


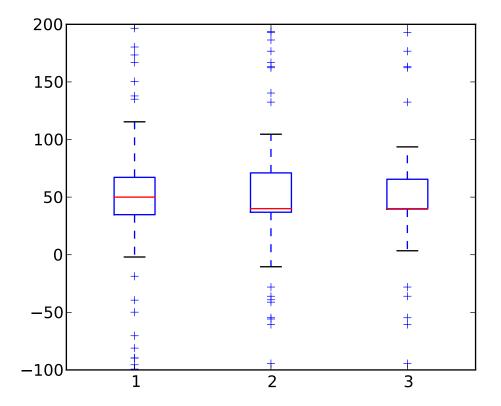












matplotlib.pyplot.broken_barh(xranges, yrange, hold=None, **kwargs)
Plot horizontal bars.

Call signature:

broken_barh(self, xranges, yrange, **kwargs)

A collection of horizontal bars spanning *yrange* with a sequence of *xranges*.

Required arguments:

Argument	Description
xranges	sequence of (xmin, xwidth)
yrange	sequence of (ymin, ywidth)

kwargs are matplotlib.collections.BrokenBarHCollection properties:

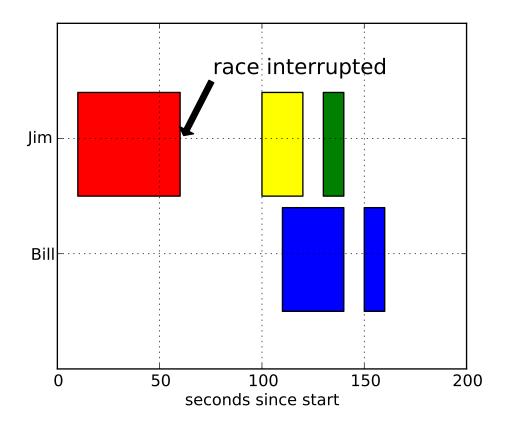
Property	Description	
agg_filter	unknown	
alpha	float or None	
animated	[True False]	
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans	
array	unknown	
		Continued on next page

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Property	Description	
axes	an Axes instance	
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats	
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance	
clip_on	[True False]	
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]	
стар	a colormap or registered colormap name	
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples	
colorbar	unknown	
contains	a callable function	
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples	
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples	
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance	
gid	an id string	
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']	
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.	
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]	
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats	
lod	[True False]	
norm	unknown	
offset_position	unknown	
offsets	float or sequence of floats	
paths	unknown	
picker	[None float boolean callable]	
pickradius	unknown	
rasterized	[True False None]	
snap	unknown	
transform	Transform instance	
url	a url string	
urls	unknown	
visible	[True False]	
zorder	any number	

```
these can either be a single argument, ie:
facecolors = 'black'
or a sequence of arguments for the various bars, ie:
facecolors = ('black', 'red', 'green')
```

Example:



matplotlib.pyplot.cla()

Clear the current axes.

matplotlib.pyplot.clabel(CS, *args, **kwargs)

Label a contour plot.

Call signature:

clabel(cs, **kwargs)

Adds labels to line contours in cs, where cs is a ContourSet object returned by contour.

clabel(cs, v, **kwargs)

only labels contours listed in v.

Optional keyword arguments:

fontsize: size in points or relative size eg 'smaller', 'x-large'

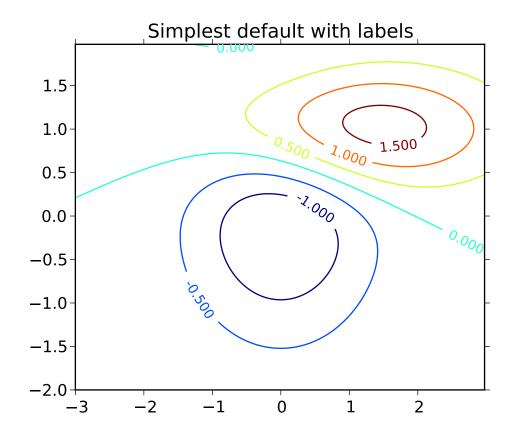
colors:

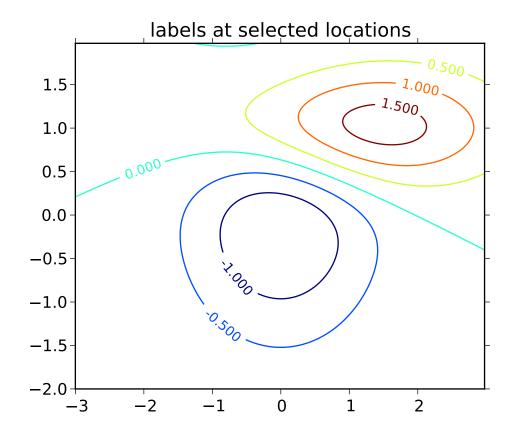
- if None, the color of each label matches the color of the corresponding contour
- if one string color, e.g. *colors* = 'r' or *colors* = 'red', all labels will be plotted in this color

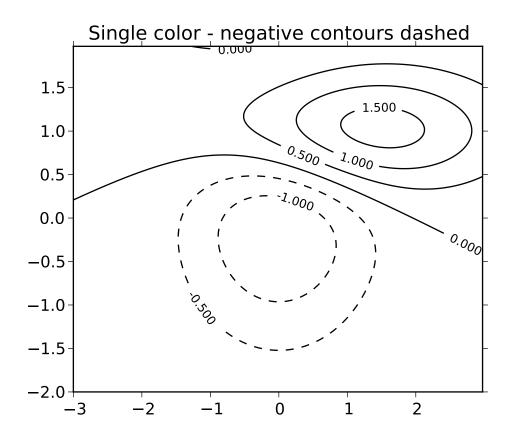
• if a tuple of matplotlib color args (string, float, rgb, etc), different labels will be plotted in different colors in the order specified

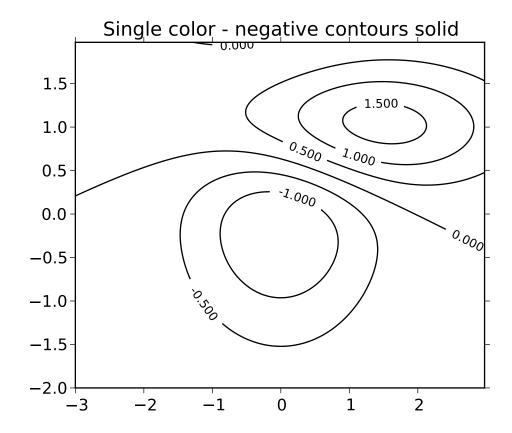
inline: controls whether the underlying contour is removed or not. Default is *True*.

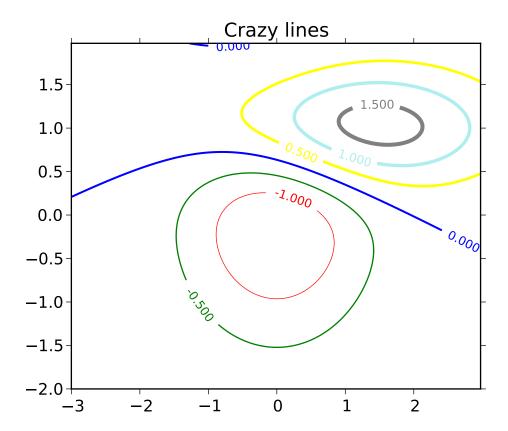
- *inline_spacing*: space in pixels to leave on each side of label when placing inline. Defaults to 5. This spacing will be exact for labels at locations where the contour is straight, less so for labels on curved contours.
- *fmt*: a format string for the label. Default is '%1.3f' Alternatively, this can be a dictionary matching contour levels with arbitrary strings to use for each contour level (i.e., fmt[level]=string), or it can be any callable, such as a Formatter instance, that returns a string when called with a numeric contour level.
- *manual*: if *True*, contour labels will be placed manually using mouse clicks. Click the first button near a contour to add a label, click the second button (or potentially both mouse buttons at once) to finish adding labels. The third button can be used to remove the last label added, but only if labels are not inline. Alternatively, the keyboard can be used to select label locations (enter to end label placement, delete or backspace act like the third mouse button, and any other key will select a label location).
 - *manual* can be an iterable object of x,y tuples. Contour labels will be created as if mouse is clicked at each x,y positions.
- *rightside_up*: if *True* (default), label rotations will always be plus or minus 90 degrees from level.
- **use_clabeltext:** if *True* (default is False), ClabelText class (instead of matplotlib.Text) is used to create labels. ClabelText recalculates rotation angles of texts during the drawing time, therefore this can be used if aspect of the axes changes.

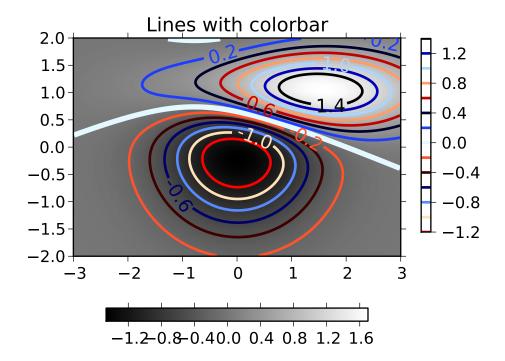












Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.clf()

Clear the current figure.

matplotlib.pyplot.clim(vmin=None, vmax=None)

Set the color limits of the current image.

To apply clim to all axes images do:

clim(0, 0.5)

If either *vmin* or *vmax* is None, the image min/max respectively will be used for color scaling.

If you want to set the clim of multiple images, use, for example:

```
for im in gca().get_images():
    im.set_clim(0, 0.05)
```

matplotlib.pyplot.close(*args)

Close a figure window.

close() by itself closes the current figure

close(h) where *h* is a Figure instance, closes that figure

close(num) closes figure number num

close(name) where *name* is a string, closes figure with that label

close('all') closes all the figure windows

matplotlib.pyplot.cohere(x, y, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=0, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, hold=None, **kwargs)

Plot the coherence between x and y.

Call signature:

```
cohere(x, y, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend = mlab.detrend_none,
    window = mlab.window_hanning, noverlap=0, pad_to=None,
    sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, **kwargs)
```

Plot the coherence between x and y. Coherence is the normalized cross spectral density:

$$C_{xy} = \frac{|P_{xy}|^2}{P_{xx}P_{yy}} \tag{68.1}$$

Keyword arguments:

NFFT: integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad_to* for this instead.

Fs: scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.

detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend parameter is a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines detrend_none(), detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use a custom function as well.

window: callable or ndarray A function or a vector of length NFFT. To create window vectors see window_hanning(), window_none(), numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(), scipy.signal(), scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is window_hanning(). If a function is passed as the argument, it must take a data segment as an argument and return the windowed version of the segment.

pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the n parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets pad to equal to NFFT

sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided. scale_by_freq: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for integration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.

noverlap: integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 0 (no overlap).

Fc: integer The center frequency of x (defaults to 0), which offsets the x extents of the plot to reflect the frequency range used when a signal is acquired and then filtered and downsampled to baseband.

The return value is a tuple (Cxy, f), where f are the frequencies of the coherence vector.

kwargs are applied to the lines.

References:

•Bendat & Piersol – Random Data: Analysis and Measurement Procedures, John Wiley & Sons (1986)

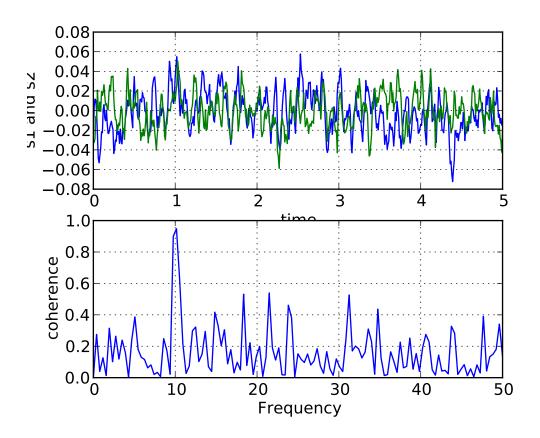
kwargs control the Line2D properties of the coherence plot:

Property	Description	
agg_filter	unknown	
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)	
animated	[True False]	
antialiased or aa	[True False]	
axes	an Axes instance	
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance	
clip_on	[True False]	
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]	
color or c	any matplotlib color	
contains	a callable function	
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']	
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']	
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points	
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays	
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']	
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance	
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']	
gid	an id string	
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.	
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a	
linewidth or lw	float value in points	
lod	[True False]	
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '	
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color	
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points	

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Property	Description	
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color	
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color	
markersize or ms	float	
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)	
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)	
pickradius	float distance in points	
rasterized	[True False None]	
snap	unknown	
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']	
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']	
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance	
url	a url string	
visible	[True False]	
xdata	1D array	
ydata	1D array	
zorder	any number	

Example:



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.colorbar(mappable=None, cax=None, ax=None, **kw) Add a colorbar to a plot.
```

Function signatures for the pyplot interface; all but the first are also method signatures for the colorbar() method:

```
colorbar(**kwargs)
colorbar(mappable, **kwargs)
colorbar(mappable, cax=cax, **kwargs)
colorbar(mappable, ax=ax, **kwargs)
```

mappable the Image, ContourSet, etc. to which the colorbar applies; this argument is mandatory for the colorbar() method but optional for the colorbar() function, which sets the default to the current image.

keyword arguments:

arguments:

cax None | axes object into which the colorbar will be drawn

ax None | parent axes object from which space for a new colorbar axes will be stolen

use_gridspec False | If cax is None, a new cax is created as an instance of Axes. If ax is an instance of Subplot and use_gridspec is True, cax is created as an instance of Subplot using the grid_spec module.

Additional keyword arguments are of two kinds:

axes properties:

Prop-	Description
erty	
orien-	vertical or horizontal
tation	
frac-	0.15; fraction of original axes to use for colorbar
tion	
pad	0.05 if vertical, 0.15 if horizontal; fraction of original axes between
	colorbar and new image axes
shrink	1.0; fraction by which to shrink the colorbar
aspect	20; ratio of long to short dimensions
anchor	(0.0, 0.5) if vertical; (0.5, 1.0) if horizontal; the anchor point of the
	colorbar axes
pan-	(1.0, 0.5) if vertical; (0.5, 0.0) if horizontal; the anchor point of the
chor	colorbar parent axes

colorbar properties:

Prop-	Description		
erty			
ex-	['neither' 'both' 'min' 'max'] If not 'neither', make pointed		
tend	end(s) for out-of- range values. These are set for a given colormap		
	using the colormap set_under and set_over methods.		
ex-	[None 'auto' length lengths] If set to None, both the minimum		
tend-	and maximum triangular colorbar extensions with have a length of 5%		
frac	of the interior colorbar length (this is the default setting). If set to		
	'auto', makes the triangular colorbar extensions the same lengths as		
	the interior boxes (when <i>spacing</i> is set to 'uniform') or the same		
	lengths as the respective adjacent interior boxes (when <i>spacing</i> is set		
	to 'proportional'). If a scalar, indicates the length of both the		
	minimum and maximum triangular colorbar extensions as a fraction		
	of the interior colorbar length. A two-element sequence of fractions		
	may also be given, indicating the lengths of the minimum and		
	maximum colorbar extensions respectively as a fraction of the interior		
	colorbar length.		
spac-	['uniform' 'proportional'] Uniform spacing gives each discrete		
ing	color the same space; proportional makes the space proportional to		
	the data interval.		
ticks	[None list of ticks Locator object] If None, ticks are determined		
	automatically from the input.		
for-	[None format string Formatter object] If None, the		
mat	ScalarFormatter is used. If a format string is given, e.g. '%.3f',		
	that is used. An alternative Formatter object may be given instead.		
drawe	dgesalse True] If true, draw lines at color boundaries.		

The following will probably be useful only in the context of indexed colors (that is, when the mappable has norm=NoNorm()), or other unusual circumstances.

Prop-	Description
erty	
bound	- None or a sequence
aries	
val-	None or a sequence which must be of length 1 less than the sequence
ues	of boundaries. For each region delimited by adjacent entries in
	boundaries, the color mapped to the corresponding value in values
	will be used.

If mappable is a ContourSet, its extend kwarg is included automatically.

Note that the *shrink* kwarg provides a simple way to keep a vertical colorbar, for example, from being taller than the axes of the mappable to which the colorbar is attached; but it is a manual method requiring some trial and error. If the colorbar is too tall (or a horizontal colorbar is too wide) use a smaller value of *shrink*.

For more precise control, you can manually specify the positions of the axes objects in which the mappable and the colorbar are drawn. In this case, do not use any of the axes properties kwargs.

It is known that some vector graphics viewer (svg and pdf) renders white gaps between segments of

the colorbar. This is due to bugs in the viewers not matplotlib. As a workaround the colorbar can be rendered with overlapping segments:

```
cbar = colorbar()
cbar.solids.set_edgecolor("face")
draw()
```

However this has negative consequences in other circumstances. Particularly with semi transparent images (alpha < 1) and colorbar extensions and is not enabled by default see (issue #1188).

returns: Colorbar instance; see also its base class, ColorbarBase. Call the set_label() method to label the colorbar.

matplotlib.pyplot.colors()

This is a do-nothing function to provide you with help on how matplotlib handles colors.

Commands which take color arguments can use several formats to specify the colors. For the basic builtin colors, you can use a single letter

Alias	Color
'b'	blue
ʻg'	green
ʻr'	red
'c'	cyan
'm'	magenta
'y'	yellow
'k'	black
'w'	white

For a greater range of colors, you have two options. You can specify the color using an html hex string, as in:

```
color = '#eeefff'
```

or you can pass an R,G,B tuple, where each of R,G,B are in the range [0,1].

You can also use any legal html name for a color, for example:

```
color = 'red'
color = 'burlywood'
color = 'chartreuse'
```

The example below creates a subplot with a dark slate gray background:

```
subplot(111, axisbg=(0.1843, 0.3098, 0.3098))
```

Here is an example that creates a pale turgoise title:

```
title('Is this the best color?', color='#afeeee')
```

```
matplotlib.pyplot.connect(s, func)
```

Connect event with string s to func. The signature of func is:

```
def func(event)
```

where event is a matplotlib.backend_bases.Event. The following events are recognized

- 'button_press_event'
- 'button_release_event'
- 'draw event'
- 'key_press_event'
- 'key_release_event'
- 'motion_notify_event'
- 'pick_event'
- 'resize_event'
- 'scroll_event'
- 'figure_enter_event',
- 'figure_leave_event',
- 'axes_enter_event',
- 'axes_leave_event'
- 'close_event'

For the location events (button and key press/release), if the mouse is over the axes, the variable event.inaxes will be set to the Axes the event occurs is over, and additionally, the variables event.xdata and event.ydata will be defined. This is the mouse location in data coords. See KeyEvent and MouseEvent for more info.

Return value is a connection id that can be used with mpl_disconnect().

Example usage:

```
def on_press(event):
    print('you pressed', event.button, event.xdata, event.ydata)

cid = canvas.mpl_connect('button_press_event', on_press)

matplotlib.pyplot.contour(*args, **kwargs)
    Plot contours.
```

contour() and contourf() draw contour lines and filled contours, respectively. Except as noted, function signatures and return values are the same for both versions.

contourf() differs from the MATLAB version in that it does not draw the polygon edges. To draw edges, add line contours with calls to contour().

Call signatures:

contour(Z)

```
make a contour plot of an array Z. The level values are chosen automatically.
contour(X,Y,Z)
X, Y specify the (x, y) coordinates of the surface
contour(Z,N)
contour(X,Y,Z,N)
contour N automatically-chosen levels.
contour(Z,V)
contour(X,Y,Z,V)
draw contour lines at the values specified in sequence V
contourf(..., V)
fill the len(V)-1 regions between the values in V
contour(Z, **kwargs)
Use keyword args to control colors, linewidth, origin, cmap ... see below for more details.
X and Y must both be 2-D with the same shape as Z, or they must both be 1-D such that len(X) is the
number of columns in Z and len(Y) is the number of rows in Z.
C = contour(...) returns a QuadContourSet object.
Optional keyword arguments:
     colors: [None | string | (mpl_colors)] If None, the colormap specified by cmap will be
          used.
          If a string, like 'r' or 'red', all levels will be plotted in this color.
          If a tuple of matplotlib color args (string, float, rgb, etc), different levels will be plotted
          in different colors in the order specified.
     alpha: float The alpha blending value
     cmap: [None | Colormap] A cm Colormap instance or None. If cmap is None and col-
          ors is None, a default Colormap is used.
     norm: [None | Normalize ] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance for scaling
          data values to colors. If norm is None and colors is None, the default linear scaling is
          used.
```

vmin, vmax: [None | scalar] If not None, either or both of these values will be supplied
to the matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance, overriding the default color scaling based on levels.

levels: [level0, level1, ..., leveln] A list of floating point numbers indicating the level curves to draw; eg to draw just the zero contour pass levels=[0]

origin: [*None* | 'upper' | 'lower' | 'image'] If *None*, the first value of Z will correspond to the lower left corner, location (0,0). If 'image', the rc value for image.origin will be used.

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

extent: [*None* | (x0,x1,y0,y1)]

If *origin* is not *None*, then *extent* is interpreted as in matplotlib.pyplot.imshow(): it gives the outer pixel boundaries. In this case, the position of Z[0,0] is the center of the pixel, not a corner. If *origin* is *None*, then (x0, y0) is the position of Z[0,0], and (x1, y1) is the position of Z[-1,-1].

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

- **locator:** [None | ticker.Locator subclass] If locator is None, the default MaxNLocator is used. The locator is used to determine the contour levels if they are not given explicitly via the V argument.
- extend: ['neither'|'both'|'min'|'max'] Unless this is 'neither', contour levels are automatically added to one or both ends of the range so that all data are included. These added ranges are then mapped to the special colormap values which default to the ends of the colormap range, but can be set via matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_under() and matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_over() methods.
- *xunits*, *yunits*: [*None* | registered units] Override axis units by specifying an instance of a matplotlib.units.ConversionInterface.
- antialiased: [True | False] enable antialiasing, overriding the defaults. For filled contours, the default is True. For line contours, it is taken from rc-Params['lines.antialiased'].

contour-only keyword arguments:

linewidths: [*None* | number | tuple of numbers] If *linewidths* is *None*, the default width in lines.linewidth in matplotlibrc is used.

If a number, all levels will be plotted with this linewidth.

If a tuple, different levels will be plotted with different linewidths in the order specified

linestyles: [None | 'solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashed' | 'dotted'] If linestyles is None, the default is 'solid' unless the lines are monochrome. In that case, negative contours will take their linestyle from the matplotlibrc contour.negative_linestyle setting.

linestyles can also be an iterable of the above strings specifying a set of linestyles to be used. If this iterable is shorter than the number of contour levels it will be repeated as necessary.

contourf-only keyword arguments:

nchunk: [0 | integer] If 0, no subdivision of the domain. Specify a positive integer to divide the domain into subdomains of roughly *nchunk* by *nchunk* points. This may never actually be advantageous, so this option may be removed. Chunking introduces artifacts at the chunk boundaries unless *antialiased* is *False*.

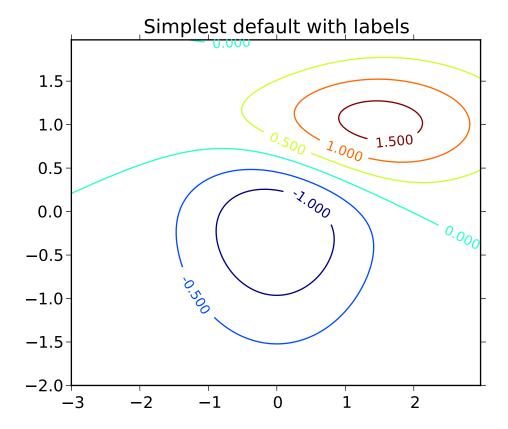
hatches: A list of cross hatch patterns to use on the filled areas. If None, no hatching will be added to the contour. Hatching is supported in the PostScript, PDF, SVG and Agg backends only.

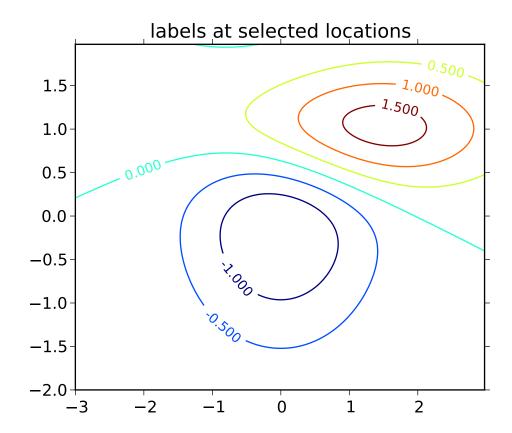
Note: contourf fills intervals that are closed at the top; that is, for boundaries z1 and z2, the filled region is:

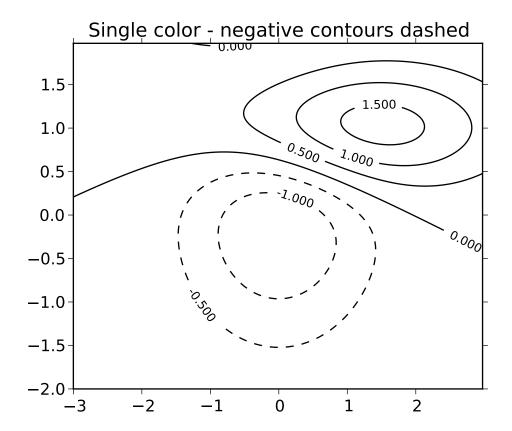
$$z1 \ < \ z \ <= \ z2$$

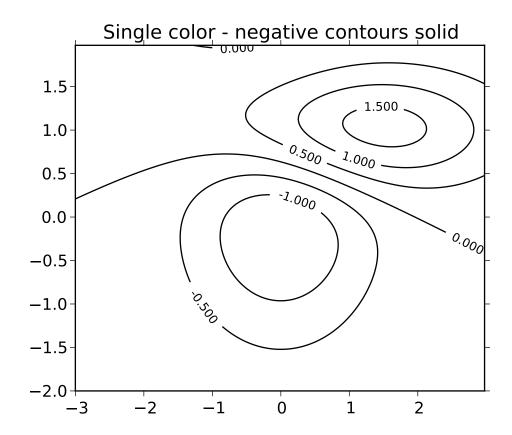
There is one exception: if the lowest boundary coincides with the minimum value of the z array, then that minimum value will be included in the lowest interval.

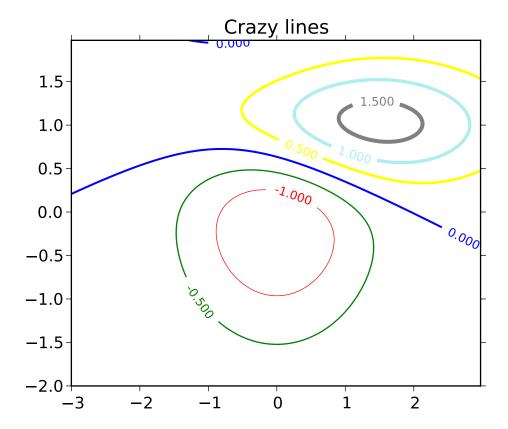
Examples:

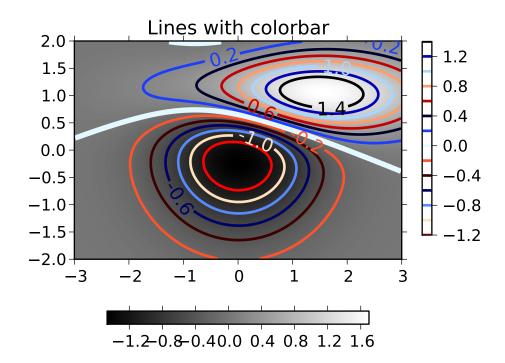


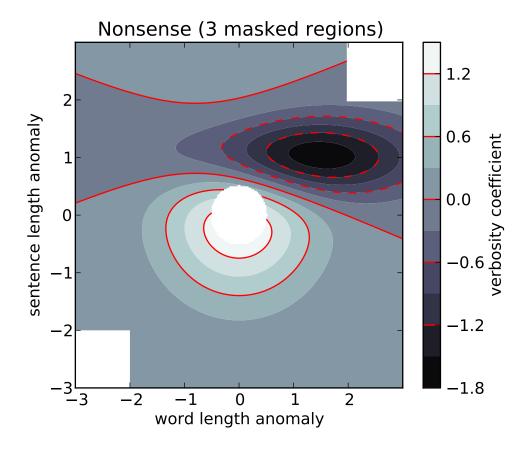


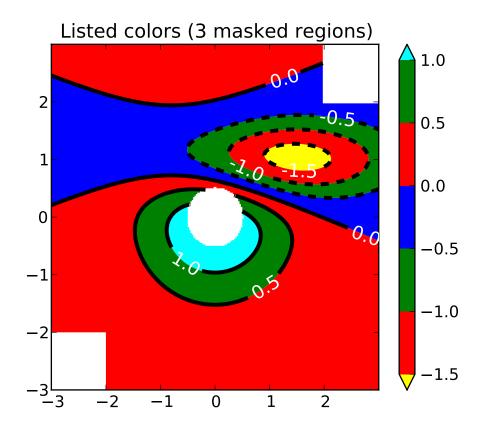


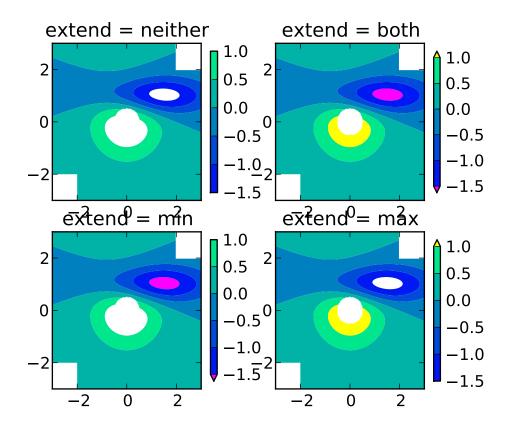












Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

 $\verb|matplotlib.pyplot.contourf| (*args, **kwargs)$

Plot contours.

contour() and contourf() draw contour lines and filled contours, respectively. Except as noted, function signatures and return values are the same for both versions.

contourf() differs from the MATLAB version in that it does not draw the polygon edges. To draw edges, add line contours with calls to contour().

Call signatures:

contour(Z)

make a contour plot of an array Z. The level values are chosen automatically.

contour(X,Y,Z)

X, Y specify the (x, y) coordinates of the surface

contour(Z,N)
contour(X,Y,Z,N)

contour N automatically-chosen levels.

```
contour(Z,V)
contour(X,Y,Z,V)

draw contour lines at the values specified in sequence V
contourf(..., V)

fill the len(V)-1 regions between the values in V
contour(Z, **kwargs)
```

Use keyword args to control colors, linewidth, origin, cmap ... see below for more details.

X and Y must both be 2-D with the same shape as Z, or they must both be 1-D such that len(X) is the number of columns in Z and len(Y) is the number of rows in Z.

C = contour(...) returns a QuadContourSet object.

Optional keyword arguments:

colors: [*None* | string | (mpl_colors)] If *None*, the colormap specified by cmap will be used.

If a string, like 'r' or 'red', all levels will be plotted in this color.

If a tuple of matplotlib color args (string, float, rgb, etc), different levels will be plotted in different colors in the order specified.

alpha: float The alpha blending value

cmap: [*None* | Colormap] A cm Colormap instance or *None*. If *cmap* is *None* and *colors* is *None*, a default Colormap is used.

norm: [None | Normalize] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance for scaling data values to colors. If norm is None and colors is None, the default linear scaling is used.

vmin, vmax: [None | scalar] If not None, either or both of these values will be supplied
to the matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance, overriding the default color scaling based on levels.

levels: [level0, level1, ..., leveln] A list of floating point numbers indicating the level curves to draw; eg to draw just the zero contour pass levels=[0]

origin: [None | 'upper' | 'lower' | 'image'] If None, the first value of Z will correspond to the lower left corner, location (0,0). If 'image', the rc value for image.origin will be used.

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

```
extent: [ None | (x0,x1,y0,y1) ]
```

If *origin* is not *None*, then *extent* is interpreted as in matplotlib.pyplot.imshow(): it gives the outer pixel boundaries. In this case, the position of Z[0,0] is the center of the pixel, not a corner. If *origin*

is *None*, then (x0, y0) is the position of Z[0,0], and (x1, y1) is the position of Z[-1,-1].

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

- **locator:** [None | ticker.Locator subclass] If locator is None, the default MaxNLocator is used. The locator is used to determine the contour levels if they are not given explicitly via the V argument.
- extend: ['neither'|'both'|'min'|'max'] Unless this is 'neither', contour levels are automatically added to one or both ends of the range so that all data are included. These added ranges are then mapped to the special colormap values which default to the ends of the colormap range, but can be set via matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_under() and matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_over() methods.
- *xunits*, *yunits*: [*None* | registered units] Override axis units by specifying an instance of a matplotlib.units.ConversionInterface.
- antialiased: [True | False] enable antialiasing, overriding the defaults. For filled contours, the default is True. For line contours, it is taken from rc-Params['lines.antialiased'].

contour-only keyword arguments:

linewidths: [*None* | number | tuple of numbers] If *linewidths* is *None*, the default width in lines.linewidth in matplotlibrc is used.

If a number, all levels will be plotted with this linewidth.

If a tuple, different levels will be plotted with different linewidths in the order specified

linestyles: [None | 'solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted'] If linestyles is None, the default is 'solid' unless the lines are monochrome. In that case, negative contours will take their linestyle from the matplotlibrc contour.negative_linestyle setting.

linestyles can also be an iterable of the above strings specifying a set of linestyles to be used. If this iterable is shorter than the number of contour levels it will be repeated as necessary.

contourf-only keyword arguments:

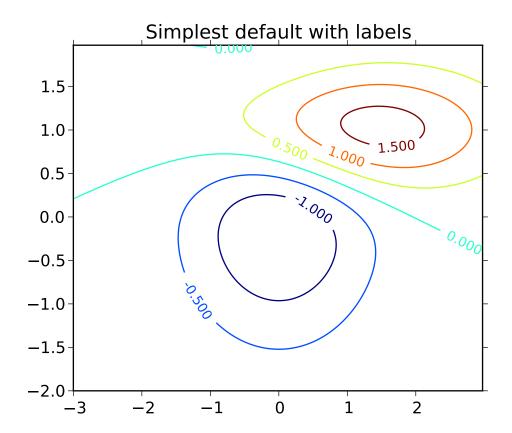
- **nchunk:** [0 | integer] If 0, no subdivision of the domain. Specify a positive integer to divide the domain into subdomains of roughly *nchunk* by *nchunk* points. This may never actually be advantageous, so this option may be removed. Chunking introduces artifacts at the chunk boundaries unless *antialiased* is *False*.
- *hatches*: A list of cross hatch patterns to use on the filled areas. If None, no hatching will be added to the contour. Hatching is supported in the PostScript, PDF, SVG and Agg backends only.

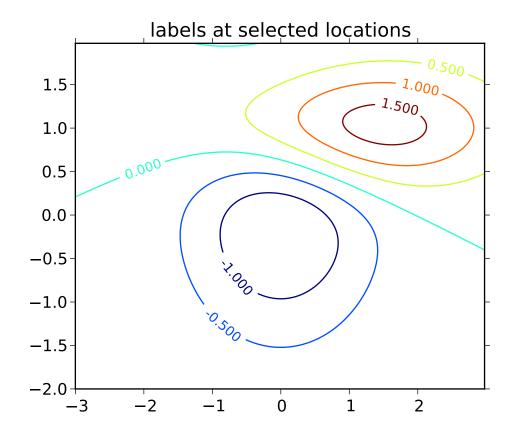
Note: contourf fills intervals that are closed at the top; that is, for boundaries z1 and z2, the filled region is:

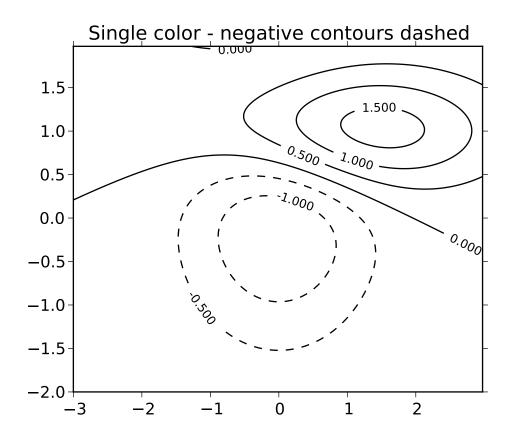
$$z1 \ < \ z \ <= \ z2$$

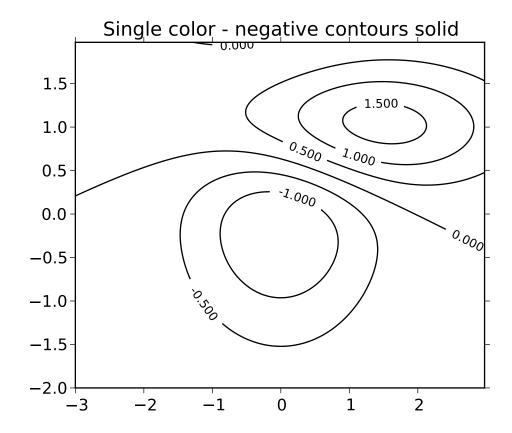
There is one exception: if the lowest boundary coincides with the minimum value of the z array, then that minimum value will be included in the lowest interval.

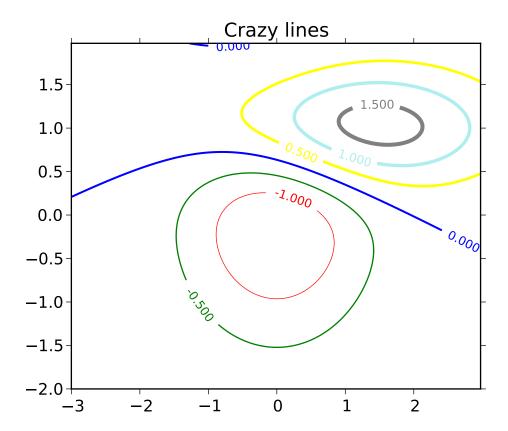
Examples:

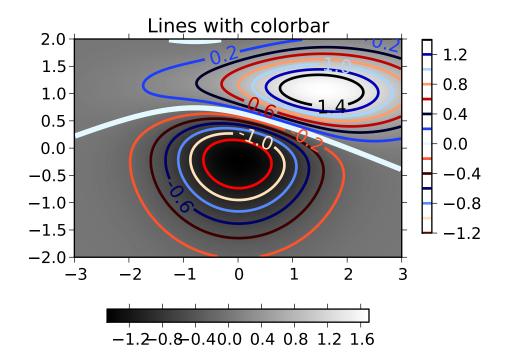


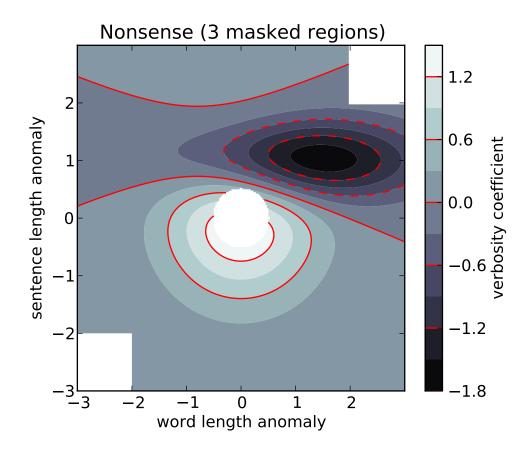


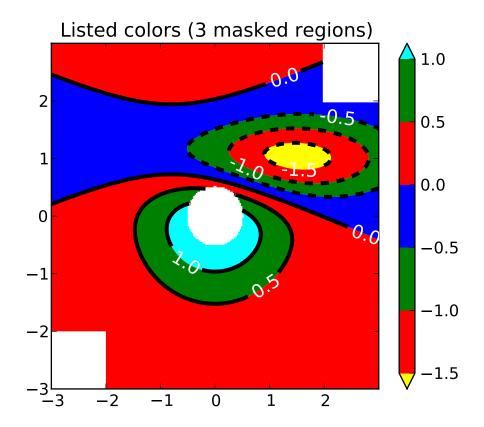


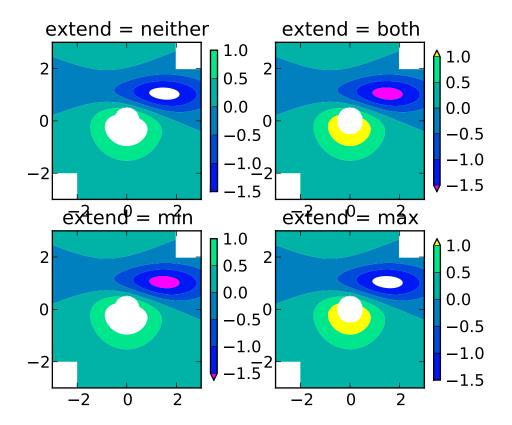












Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.cool()

set the default colormap to cool and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

matplotlib.pyplot.copper()

set the default colormap to copper and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

matplotlib.pyplot.csd(x, y, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=0, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, hold=None, **kwargs)

Plot cross-spectral density.

Call signature:

```
csd(x, y, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=mlab.detrend_none,
    window=mlab.window_hanning, noverlap=0, pad_to=None,
    sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, **kwargs)
```

The cross spectral density P_{xy} by Welch's average periodogram method. The vectors x and y are divided into NFFT length segments. Each segment is detrended by function detrend and windowed by function window. The product of the direct FFTs of x and y are averaged over each segment to compute P_{xy} , with a scaling to correct for power loss due to windowing.

Returns the tuple (Pxy, freqs). P is the cross spectrum (complex valued), and $10 \log_{10} |P_{xy}|$ is plotted. Keyword arguments:

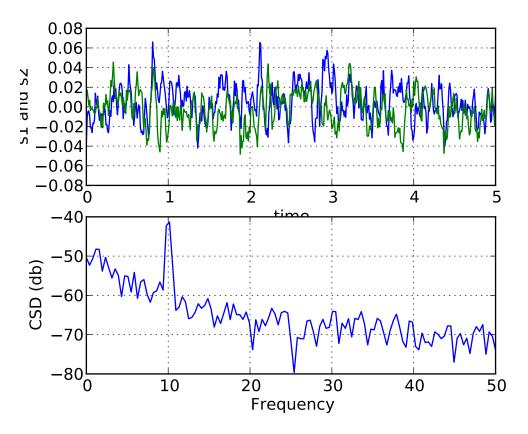
- **NFFT:** integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad_to* for this instead.
- Fs: scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.
- detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend parameter is a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines detrend_none(), detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use a custom function as well.
- window: callable or ndarray A function of length NFFT. or vector see To create window vectors window_hanning(), window_none(), numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(), scipy.signal(), scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is window_hanning(). If a function is passed as the argument, it must take a data segment as an argument and return the windowed version of the segment.
- pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the n parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets pad_to equal to NFFT
- sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided.
- scale_by_freq: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for integration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.
- **noverlap:** integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 0 (no overlap).
- **Fc:** integer The center frequency of x (defaults to 0), which offsets the x extents of the plot to reflect the frequency range used when a signal is acquired and then filtered and downsampled to baseband.

References: Bendat & Piersol – Random Data: Analysis and Measurement Procedures, John Wiley & Sons (1986)

kwargs control the Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

Example:



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.delaxes(*args)

Remove an axes from the current figure. If ax doesn't exist, an error will be raised.

delaxes(): delete the current axes

matplotlib.pyplot.disconnect(cid)

Disconnect callback id cid

Example usage:

```
cid = canvas.mpl_connect('button_press_event', on_press)
#...later
canvas.mpl_disconnect(cid)
```

matplotlib.pyplot.draw()

Redraw the current figure.

This is used in interactive mode to update a figure that has been altered using one or more plot object method calls; it is not needed if figure modification is done entirely with pyplot functions, if a sequence of modifications ends with a pyplot function, or if matplotlib is in non-interactive mode and the sequence of modifications ends with show() or savefig().

A more object-oriented alternative, given any Figure instance, fig, that was created using a pyplot function, is:

```
fig.canvas.draw()
```

```
matplotlib.pyplot.errorbar(x, y, yerr=None, xerr=None, fmt='-', ecolor=None, elinewidth=None, capsize=3, barsabove=False, lolims=False, uplims=False, xlolims=False, xuplims=False, errorevery=1, capthick=None, hold=None, **kwargs)
```

Plot an errorbar graph.

Call signature:

```
errorbar(x, y, yerr=None, xerr=None,
    fmt='-', ecolor=None, elinewidth=None, capsize=3,
    barsabove=False, lolims=False, uplims=False,
    xlolims=False, xuplims=False, errorevery=1,
    capthick=None)
```

Plot x versus y with error deltas in yerr and xerr. Vertical errorbars are plotted if yerr is not None. Horizontal errorbars are plotted if xerr is not None.

x, y, xerr, and yerr can all be scalars, which plots a single error bar at x, y.

Optional keyword arguments:

xerr/yerr: [scalar | N, Nx1, or 2xN array-like] If a scalar number, len(N) array-like object, or an Nx1 array-like object, errorbars are drawn +/- value.

If a sequence of shape 2xN, errorbars are drawn at -row1 and +row2

- *fmt*: '-' The plot format symbol. If *fmt* is *None*, only the errorbars are plotted. This is used for adding errorbars to a bar plot, for example.
- *ecolor*: [*None* | mpl color] A matplotlib color arg which gives the color the errorbar lines; if *None*, use the marker color.
- elinewidth: scalar The linewidth of the errorbar lines. If None, use the linewidth.
- capsize: scalar The length of the error bar caps in points
- *capthick*: scalar An alias kwarg to *markeredgewidth* (a.k.a. *mew*). This setting is a more sensible name for the property that controls the thickness of the error bar cap in points. For backwards compatibility, if *mew* or *markeredgewidth* are given, then they will over-ride *capthick*. This may change in future releases.
- **barsabove:** [**True** | **False**] if **True**, will plot the errorbars above the plot symbols. Default is below.
- *lolims | uplims | xuplims | xuplims*: [*False* | *True*] These arguments can be used to indicate that a value gives only upper/lower limits. In that case a caret symbol is used to indicate this. lims-arguments may be of the same type as *xerr* and *yerr*.
- *errorevery*: positive integer subsamples the errorbars. Eg if everyerror=5, errorbars for every 5-th datapoint will be plotted. The data plot itself still shows all data points.

All other keyword arguments are passed on to the plot command for the markers. For example, this code makes big red squares with thick green edges:

where *mfc*, *mec*, *ms* and *mew* are aliases for the longer property names, *markerfacecolor*, *markeredge-color*, *markersize* and *markeredgewith*.

valid kwargs for the marker properties are

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance

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Property	Description
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

Returns (plotline, caplines, barlinecols):

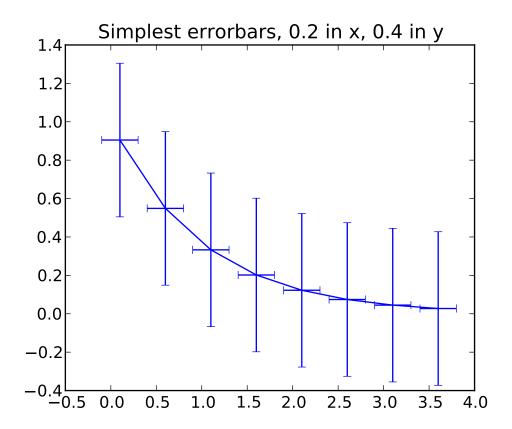
plotline: Line2D instance x, y plot markers and/or line

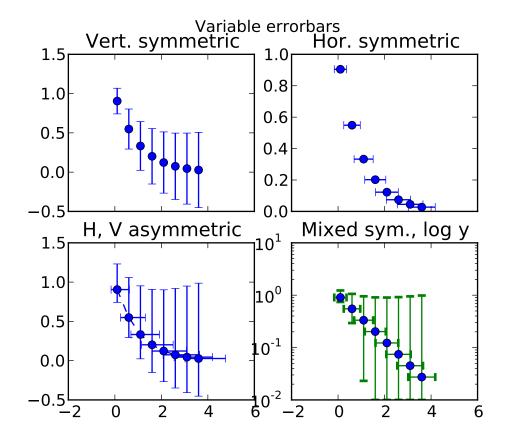
caplines: list of error bar cap Line2D instances

 $\emph{barlinecols:}$ list of LineCollection instances for the horizontal and vertical error

ranges.

Example:





Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.figimage(*args, **kwargs)

Adds a non-resampled image to the figure.

call signatures:

figimage(X, **kwargs)

adds a non-resampled array *X* to the figure.

figimage(X, xo, yo)

with pixel offsets xo, yo,

X must be a float array:

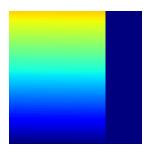
- •If *X* is MxN, assume luminance (grayscale)
- •If *X* is MxNx3, assume RGB
- •If X is MxNx4, assume RGBA

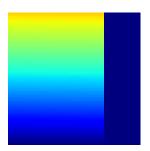
Optional keyword arguments:

Key-	Description
word	
xo or	An integer, the x and y image offset in pixels
yo	
cmap	a matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance, eg cm.jet. If None, default to the
	rc image.cmap value
norm	a matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance. The default is normalization().
	This scales luminance -> 0-1
vmin v	mane used to scale a luminance image to 0-1. If either is <i>None</i> , the min and max
	of the luminance values will be used. Note if you pass a norm instance, the
	settings for <i>vmin</i> and <i>vmax</i> will be ignored.
alpha	the alpha blending value, default is <i>None</i>
ori-	['upper' 'lower'] Indicates where the [0,0] index of the array is in the upper
gin	left or lower left corner of the axes. Defaults to the rc image.origin value

figimage complements the axes image (imshow()) which will be resampled to fit the current axes. If you want a resampled image to fill the entire figure, you can define an Axes with size [0,1,0,1].

An matplotlib.image.FigureImage instance is returned.





Additional kwargs are Artist kwargs passed on to :class: `~matplotlib.image.FigureImage `Addition kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.**figlegend**(handles, labels, loc, **kwargs)
Place a legend in the figure.

```
labels a sequence of strings
```

handles a sequence of Line2D or Patch instances

loc can be a string or an integer specifying the legend location

A matplotlib.legend.Legend instance is returned.

Example:

See Also:

legend()

```
matplotlib.pyplot.figtext(*args, **kwargs)
```

Add text to figure.

Call signature:

```
text(x, y, s, fontdict=None, **kwargs)
```

Add text to figure at location x, y (relative 0-1 coords). See text() for the meaning of the other arguments.

kwargs control the Text properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']

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Property	Description
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
х	float
у	float
zorder	any number

matplotlib.pyplot.figure(num=None, figsize=None, dpi=None, facecolor=None, edgecolor=None, frameon=True, FigureClass=<class 'matplotlib.figure.Figure'>, **kwargs)

Create a new figure.

call signature:

figure(num=None, figsize=(8, 6), dpi=80, facecolor='w', edgecolor='k')

Create a new figure and return a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance. If *num* = *None*, the figure number will be incremented and a new figure will be created. The returned figure objects have a *number* attribute holding this number.

If *num* is an integer, and figure(num) already exists, make it active and return a reference to it. If figure(num) does not exist it will be created. Numbering starts at 1, MATLAB style:

figure(1)

The same applies if *num* is a string. In this case *num* will be used as an explicit figure label:

figure("today")

and in windowed backends, the window title will be set to this figure label.

If you are creating many figures, make sure you explicitly call "close" on the figures you are not using, because this will enable pylab to properly clean up the memory.

Optional keyword arguments:

Keyword	Description
figsize	width x height in inches; defaults to rc figure.figsize
dpi	resolution; defaults to rc figure.dpi
facecolor	the background color; defaults to rc figure.facecolor
edgecolor	the border color; defaults to rc figure.edgecolor

rcParams defines the default values, which can be modified in the matplotlibrc file

Figure Class is a Figure or derived class that will be passed on to new_figure_manager() in the backends which allows you to hook custom Figure classes into the pylab interface. Additional kwargs will be passed on to your figure init function.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.fill(*args, **kwargs)
```

Plot filled polygons.

Call signature:

```
fill(*args, **kwargs)
```

args is a variable length argument, allowing for multiple x, y pairs with an optional color format string; see plot() for details on the argument parsing. For example, to plot a polygon with vertices at x, y in blue.:

```
ax.fill(x,y, 'b')
```

An arbitrary number of x, y, color groups can be specified:

```
ax.fill(x1, y1, 'g', x2, y2, 'r')
```

Return value is a list of Patch instances that were added.

The same color strings that plot() supports are supported by the fill format string.

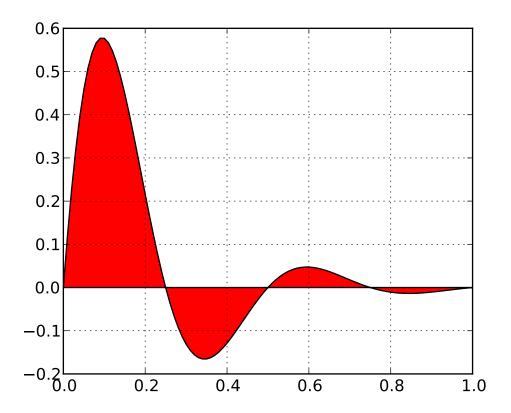
If you would like to fill below a curve, eg. shade a region between 0 and y along x, use fill_between()

The *closed* kwarg will close the polygon when *True* (default).

kwargs control the Polygon properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Example:



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

Make filled polygons between two curves.

Call signature:

fill_between(x, y1, y2=0, where=None, **kwargs)

Create a PolyCollection filling the regions between y1 and y2 where where==True

x: An N-length array of the x data

y1: An N-length array (or scalar) of the y data

y2: An N-length array (or scalar) of the y data

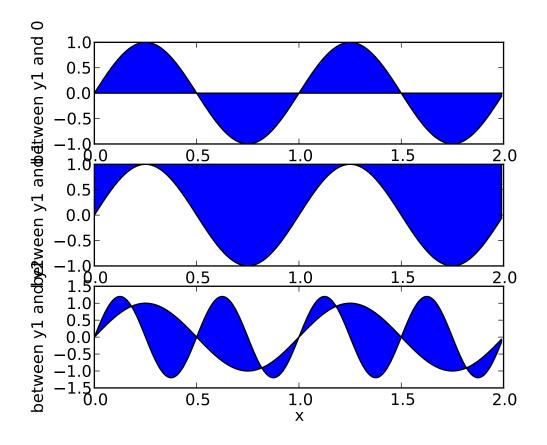
where: If None, default to fill between everywhere. If not None, it is an N-length numpy boolean array and the fill will only happen over the regions where where==True.

interpolate: If *True*, interpolate between the two lines to find the precise point of intersection. Otherwise, the start and end points of the filled region will only occur on explicit values in the *x* array.

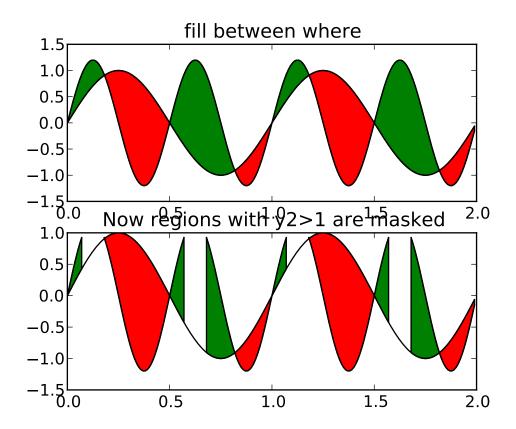
kwargs: Keyword args passed on to the PolyCollection.

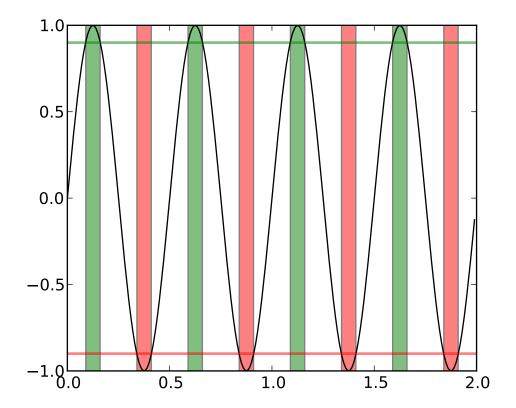
kwargs control the Polygon properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number



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See Also:

fill_betweenx() for filling between two sets of x-values

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.**fill_betweenx**(y, x1, x2=0, where=None, hold=None, **kwargs) Make filled polygons between two horizontal curves.

Call signature:

fill_between(y, x1, x2=0, where=None, **kwargs)

Create a PolyCollection filling the regions between x1 and x2 where where==True

y: An N-length array of the y data

x1: An N-length array (or scalar) of the x data

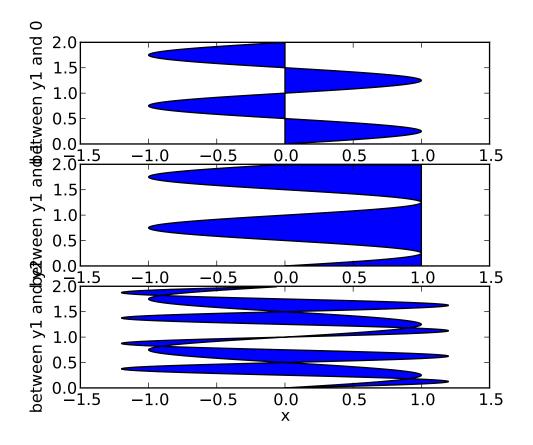
x2: An N-length array (or scalar) of the x data

where: If None, default to fill between everywhere. If not None, it is a N length numpy boolean array and the fill will only happen over the regions where where==True

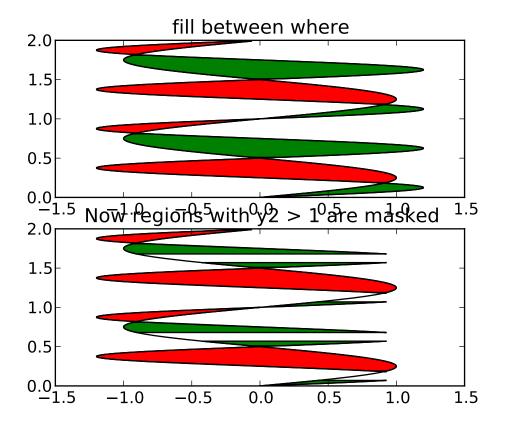
kwargs: keyword args passed on to the PolyCollection

kwargs control the Polygon properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number



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See Also:

fill_between() for filling between two sets of y-values

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.findobj(o=None, match=None)

Find artist objects.

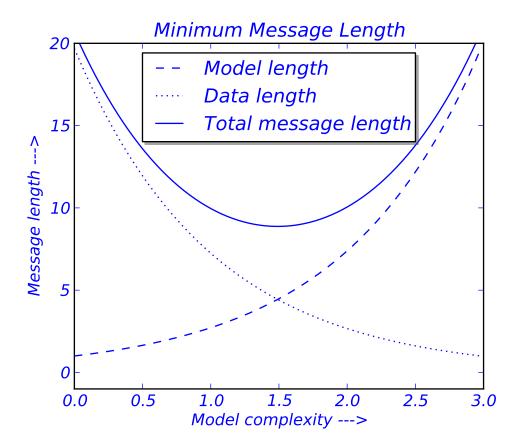
pyplot signature: findobj(o=gcf(), match=None, include_self=True)

Recursively find all :class:matplotlib.artist.Artist instances contained in self.

match can be

- •None: return all objects contained in artist.
- •function with signature boolean = match(artist) used to filter matches
- •class instance: eg Line2D. Only return artists of class type.

If *include_self* is True (default), include self in the list to be checked for a match.



matplotlib.pyplot.flag()

set the default colormap to flag and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

matplotlib.pyplot.gca(**kwargs)

Return the current axis instance. This can be used to control axis properties either using set or the Axes methods, for example, setting the xaxis range:

```
plot(t,s)
set(gca(), 'xlim', [0,10])
or:
plot(t,s)
a = gca()
a.set_xlim([0,10])
```

matplotlib.pyplot.gcf()

Return a reference to the current figure.

matplotlib.pyplot.gci()

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Get the current colorable artist. Specifically, returns the current ScalarMappable instance (image or patch collection), or *None* if no images or patch collections have been defined. The commands imshow() and figimage() create Image instances, and the commands pcolor() and scatter() create Collection instances. The current image is an attribute of the current axes, or the nearest earlier axes in the current figure that contains an image.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.get_current_fig_manager()
matplotlib.pyplot.get_figlabels()
    Return a list of existing figure labels.
matplotlib.pyplot.get_fignums()
    Return a list of existing figure numbers.
matplotlib.pyplot.get_plot_commands()
    Get a sorted list of all of the plotting commands.
matplotlib.pyplot.ginput(*args, **kwargs)
    Call signature:
    qinput(self, n=1, timeout=30, show_clicks=True,
```

Blocking call to interact with the figure.

This will wait for n clicks from the user and return a list of the coordinates of each click.

If *timeout* is zero or negative, does not timeout.

mouse_add=1, mouse_pop=3, mouse_stop=2)

If n is zero or negative, accumulate clicks until a middle click (or potentially both mouse buttons at once) terminates the input.

Right clicking cancels last input.

The buttons used for the various actions (adding points, removing points, terminating the inputs) can be overriden via the arguments *mouse_add*, *mouse_pop* and *mouse_stop*, that give the associated mouse button: 1 for left, 2 for middle, 3 for right.

The keyboard can also be used to select points in case your mouse does not have one or more of the buttons. The delete and backspace keys act like right clicking (i.e., remove last point), the enter key terminates input and any other key (not already used by the window manager) selects a point.

matplotlib.pyplot.gray()

set the default colormap to gray and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

```
matplotlib.pyplot.grid(b=None, which='major', axis='both', **kwargs)
```

Turn the axes grids on or off.

Call signature:

```
grid(self, b=None, which='major', axis='both', **kwargs)
```

Set the axes grids on or off; b is a boolean. (For MATLAB compatibility, b may also be a string, 'on' or 'off'.)

If b is None and len(kwargs)==0, toggle the grid state. If kwargs are supplied, it is assumed that you want a grid and b is thus set to True.

which can be 'major' (default), 'minor', or 'both' to control whether major tick grids, minor tick grids, or both are affected.

axis can be 'both' (default), 'x', or 'y' to control which set of gridlines are drawn.

```
kwargs are used to set the grid line properties, eg:
```

ax.grid(color='r', linestyle='-', linewidth=2)

Valid Line2D kwargs are

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array

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Property	Description
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

```
matplotlib.pyplot.hexbin(x, y, C=None, gridsize=100, bins=None, xscale='linear', yscale='linear', extent=None, cmap=None, norm=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, alpha=None, linewidths=None, edgecolors='none', reduce_C_function=<function mean at 0x1292140>, mincnt=None, marginals=False, hold=None, **kwargs)
```

Make a hexagonal binning plot.

Call signature:

Make a hexagonal binning plot of x versus y, where x, y are 1-D sequences of the same length, N. If C is None (the default), this is a histogram of the number of occurrences of the observations at (x[i],y[i]).

If C is specified, it specifies values at the coordinate (x[i],y[i]). These values are accumulated for each hexagonal bin and then reduced according to $reduce_C_function$, which defaults to numpy's mean function (np.mean). (If C is specified, it must also be a 1-D sequence of the same length as x and y.)

x, y and/or C may be masked arrays, in which case only unmasked points will be plotted.

Optional keyword arguments:

gridsize: [100 | integer] The number of hexagons in the x-direction, default is 100. The corresponding number of hexagons in the y-direction is chosen such that the hexagons are approximately regular. Alternatively, gridsize can be a tuple with two elements specifying the number of hexagons in the x-direction and the y-direction.

bins: [None | 'log' | integer | sequence] If None, no binning is applied; the color of each hexagon directly corresponds to its count value.

If 'log', use a logarithmic scale for the color map. Internally, $log_{10}(i + 1)$ is used to determine the hexagon color.

If an integer, divide the counts in the specified number of bins, and color the hexagons accordingly.

If a sequence of values, the values of the lower bound of the bins to be used.

xscale: ['linear' | 'log'] Use a linear or log10 scale on the horizontal axis.

scale: ['linear' | 'log'] Use a linear or log10 scale on the vertical axis.

- *mincnt*: [*None* | a positive integer] If not *None*, only display cells with more than *mincnt* number of points in the cell
- *marginals*: [*True* | *False*] if marginals is *True*, plot the marginal density as colormapped rectagles along the bottom of the x-axis and left of the y-axis
- *extent*: [*None* | scalars (left, right, bottom, top)] The limits of the bins. The default assigns the limits based on gridsize, x, y, xscale and yscale.

Other keyword arguments controlling color mapping and normalization arguments:

- cmap: [None | Colormap] a matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance. If None, defaults to rc image.cmap.
- **norm:** [None | Normalize] matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance is used to scale luminance data to 0,1.
- **vmin / vmax:** scalar *vmin* and *vmax* are used in conjunction with *norm* to normalize luminance data. If either are *None*, the min and max of the color array *C* is used. Note if you pass a norm instance, your settings for *vmin* and *vmax* will be ignored.
- alpha: scalar between 0 and 1, or None the alpha value for the patches
- *linewidths*: [*None* | scalar] If *None*, defaults to rc lines.linewidth. Note that this is a tuple, and if you set the linewidths argument you must set it as a sequence of floats, as required by RegularPolyCollection.

Other keyword arguments controlling the Collection properties:

edgecolors: [None | 'none' | mpl color | color sequence] If 'none', draws the edges in the same color as the fill color. This is the default, as it avoids unsightly unpainted pixels between the hexagons.

If *None*, draws the outlines in the default color.

If a matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples, draws the outlines in the specified color.

Here are the standard descriptions of all the Collection kwargs:

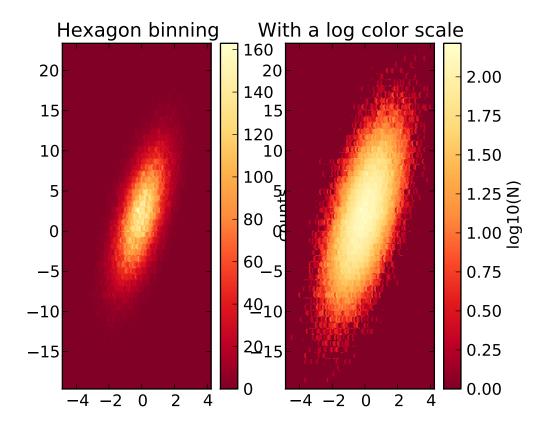
Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
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Property	Description
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

The return value is a PolyCollection instance; use get_array() on this PolyCollection to get the counts in each hexagon. If *marginals* is *True*, horizontal bar and vertical bar (both PolyCollections) will be attached to the return collection as attributes *hbar* and *vbar*.

Example:



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.hist(x, bins=10, range=None, normed=False, weights=None, cumulative=False, bottom=None, histtype='bar', align='mid', orientation='vertical', rwidth=None, log=False, color=None, label=None, stacked=False, hold=None, **kwargs)

Plot a histogram.

Call signature:

Compute and draw the histogram of x. The return value is a tuple (n, bins, patches) or ([n0, n1, ...], bins, [patches0, patches1,...]) if the input contains multiple data.

Multiple data can be provided via x as a list of datasets of potentially different length ([x0, x1, ...]), or as a 2-D ndarray in which each column is a dataset. Note that the ndarray form is transposed relative to the list form.

Masked arrays are not supported at present.

Keyword arguments:

- bins: Either an integer number of bins or a sequence giving the bins. If bins is an integer,
 bins + 1 bin edges will be returned, consistent with numpy.histogram() for numpy version >= 1.3, and with the new = True argument in earlier versions. Unequally spaced bins are supported if bins is a sequence.
- **range:** The lower and upper range of the bins. Lower and upper outliers are ignored. If not provided, *range* is (x.min(), x.max()). Range has no effect if *bins* is a sequence.
 - If *bins* is a sequence or *range* is specified, autoscaling is based on the specified bin range instead of the range of x.
- **normed:** If *True*, the first element of the return tuple will be the counts normalized to form a probability density, i.e., n/(len(x)*dbin). In a probability density, the integral of the histogram should be 1; you can verify that with a trapezoidal integration of the probability density function:

```
pdf, bins, patches = ax.hist(...)
print np.sum(pdf * np.diff(bins))
```

Note: Until numpy release 1.5, the underlying numpy histogram function was incorrect with *normed*=*True* if bin sizes were unequal. MPL inherited that error. It is now corrected within MPL when using earlier numpy versions

- *weights*: An array of weights, of the same shape as x. Each value in x only contributes its associated weight towards the bin count (instead of 1). If *normed* is True, the weights are normalized, so that the integral of the density over the range remains 1.
- cumulative: If True, then a histogram is computed where each bin gives the counts in that bin plus all bins for smaller values. The last bin gives the total number of datapoints. If normed is also True then the histogram is normalized such that the last bin equals 1. If cumulative evaluates to less than 0 (e.g. -1), the direction of accumulation is reversed. In this case, if normed is also True, then the histogram is normalized such that the first bin equals 1.

histtype: ['bar' | 'barstacked' | 'step' | 'stepfilled' | The type of histogram to draw.

- 'bar' is a traditional bar-type histogram. If multiple data are given the bars are aranged side by side.
- 'barstacked' is a bar-type histogram where multiple data are stacked on top of each other.
- 'step' generates a lineplot that is by default unfilled.
- 'stepfilled' generates a lineplot that is by default filled.

align: ['left' | 'mid' | 'right'] Controls how the histogram is plotted.

- 'left': bars are centered on the left bin edges.
- 'mid': bars are centered between the bin edges.
- 'right': bars are centered on the right bin edges.

- *orientation*: ['horizontal' | 'vertical'] If 'horizontal', barh() will be used for bar-type histograms and the *bottom* kwarg will be the left edges.
- **rwidth:** The relative width of the bars as a fraction of the bin width. If *None*, automatically compute the width. Ignored if *histtype* = 'step' or 'stepfilled'.
- *log*: If *True*, the histogram axis will be set to a log scale. If *log* is *True* and *x* is a 1D array, empty bins will be filtered out and only the non-empty (*n*, *bins*, *patches*) will be returned.
- *color*: Color spec or sequence of color specs, one per dataset. Default (*None*) uses the standard line color sequence.
- *label*: String, or sequence of strings to match multiple datasets. Bar charts yield multiple patches per dataset, but only the first gets the label, so that the legend command will work as expected:

```
ax.hist(10+2*np.random.randn(1000), label='men')
ax.hist(12+3*np.random.randn(1000), label='women', alpha=0.5)
ax.legend()
```

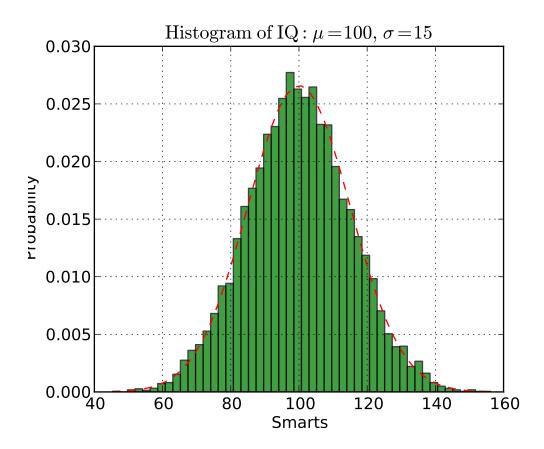
stacked: If *True*, multiple data are stacked on top of each other If *False* multiple data are aranged side by side if histtype is 'bar' or on top of each other if histtype is 'step'

.

kwargs are used to update the properties of the Patch instances returned by hist:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	matplotlib color spec
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fill	[True False]
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']
linewidth or lw	float or None for default
lod	[True False]
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Example:



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.hist2d(x, y, bins=10, range=None, normed=False, weights=None, cmin=None, cmax=None, hold=None, **kwargs)

Make a 2D histogram plot.

Call signature:

hist2d(x, y, bins = None, range=None, weights=None, cmin=None, cmax=None **kwargs)

Make a 2d histogram plot of x versus y, where x, y are 1-D sequences of the same length.

The return value is (counts, xedges, yedges, Image).

Optional keyword arguments: bins: [None | int | [int, int] | array_like | [array, array]]

The bin specification:

- •If int, the number of bins for the two dimensions (nx=ny=bins).
- •If [int, int], the number of bins in each dimension (nx, ny = bins).
- •If array_like, the bin edges for the two dimensions (x_edges=y_edges=bins).
- •If [array, array], the bin edges in each dimension (x_edges, y_edges = bins).

The default value is 10.

range: [None | array_like shape(2,2)] The leftmost and rightmost edges of the bins along each dimension (if not specified explicitly in the bins parameters): [[xmin, xmax], [ymin, ymax]]. All values outside of this range will be considered outliers and not tallied in the histogram.

normed:[True|False] Normalize histogram. The default value is False

weights: [None | array] An array of values w_i weighing each sample (x_i, y_i).

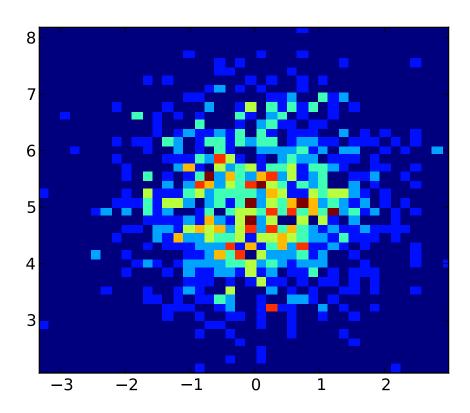
cmin [[None| scalar]] All bins that has count less than cmin will not be displayed and these count values in the return value count histogram will also be set to nan upon return

cmax [[None| scalar]] All bins that has count more than cmax will not be displayed (set to none before passing to imshow) and these count values in the return value count histogram will also be set to nan upon return

Remaining keyword arguments are passed directly to pcolorfast().

Rendering the histogram with a logarithmic color scale is accomplished by passing a colors.LogNorm instance to the *norm* keyword argument.

Example:



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

Plot horizontal lines.

call signature:

hlines(y, xmin, xmax, colors='k', linestyles='solid', **kwargs)

Plot horizontal lines at each y from xmin to xmax.

Returns the LineCollection that was added.

Required arguments:

y: a 1-D numpy array or iterable.

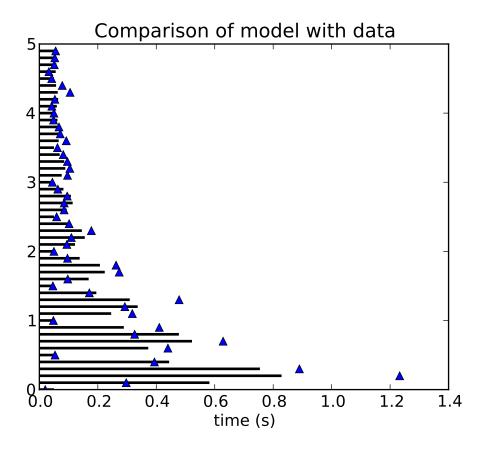
xmin and *xmax*: can be scalars or len(x) numpy arrays. If they are scalars, then the respective values are constant, else the widths of the lines are determined by *xmin* and *xmax*.

Optional keyword arguments:

colors: a line collections color argument, either a single color or a len(y) list of colors

linestyles: ['solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted']

Example:



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.hold(b=None)

Set the hold state. If b is None (default), toggle the hold state, else set the hold state to boolean value b:

```
hold() # toggle hold
hold(True) # hold is on
hold(False) # hold is off
```

When *hold* is *True*, subsequent plot commands will be added to the current axes. When *hold* is *False*, the current axes and figure will be cleared on the next plot command.

matplotlib.pyplot.hot()

set the default colormap to hot and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

matplotlib.pyplot.hsv()

set the default colormap to hsv and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

```
matplotlib.pyplot.imread(*args, **kwargs)
```

Read an image from a file into an array.

fname may be a string path or a Python file-like object. If using a file object, it must be opened in binary mode.

If *format* is provided, will try to read file of that type, otherwise the format is deduced from the filename. If nothing can be deduced, PNG is tried.

Return value is a numpy.array. For grayscale images, the return array is MxN. For RGB images, the return value is MxNx3. For RGBA images the return value is MxNx4.

matplotlib can only read PNGs natively, but if PIL is installed, it will use it to load the image and return an array (if possible) which can be used with imshow().

```
matplotlib.pyplot.imsave(*args, **kwargs)
```

Save an array as in image file.

The output formats available depend on the backend being used.

Arguments:

fname: A string containing a path to a filename, or a Python file-like object. If **format** is **None** and **fname** is a string, the output format is deduced from the extension of the filename.

arr: An MxN (luminance), MxNx3 (RGB) or MxNx4 (RGBA) array.

Keyword arguments:

vmin/vmax: [None | scalar] *vmin* and *vmax* set the color scaling for the image by fixing the values that map to the colormap color limits. If either *vmin* or *vmax* is None, that limit is determined from the *arr* min/max value.

cmap: cmap is a colors.Colormap instance, eg cm.jet. If None, default to the rc image.cmap value.

format: One of the file extensions supported by the active backend. Most backends support png, pdf, ps, eps and svg.

origin ['upper' | 'lower'] Indicates where the [0,0] index of the array is in the upper left or lower left corner of the axes. Defaults to the rc image.origin value.

dpi The DPI to store in the metadata of the file. This does not affect the resolution of the output image.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.imshow(X, cmap=None, norm=None, aspect=None, interpolation=None, alpha=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, origin=None, extent=None, shape=None, filternorm=1, filterrad=4.0, imlim=None, resample=None, url=None, hold=None, **kwargs)
```

Display an image on the axes.

Call signature:

Display the image in *X* to current axes. *X* may be a float array, a uint8 array or a PIL image. If *X* is an array, *X* can have the following shapes:

- •MxN luminance (grayscale, float array only)
- •MxNx3 RGB (float or uint8 array)
- ●MxNx4 RGBA (float or uint8 array)

The value for each component of MxNx3 and MxNx4 float arrays should be in the range 0.0 to 1.0; MxN float arrays may be normalised.

An matplotlib.image.AxesImage instance is returned.

Keyword arguments:

```
cmap: [None | Colormap] A matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance, eg. cm.jet. If
None, default to rc image.cmap value.
```

cmap is ignored when *X* has RGB(A) information

aspect: [None | 'auto' | 'equal' | scalar] If 'auto', changes the image aspect ratio to match that of the axes

If 'equal', and *extent* is *None*, changes the axes aspect ratio to match that of the image. If *extent* is not *None*, the axes aspect ratio is changed to match that of the extent.

If *None*, default to rc image.aspect value.

interpolation:

```
Acceptable values are None, 'none', 'nearest', 'bilinear', 'bicubic', 'spline16', 'spline36', 'hanning', 'hamming', 'hermite', 'kaiser', 'quadric', 'catrom', 'gaussian', 'bessel', 'mitchell', 'sinc', 'lanczos'
```

If *interpolation* is *None*, default to rc image.interpolation. See also the *filternorm* and *filterrad* parameters

If *interpolation* is 'none', then no interpolation is performed on the Agg, ps and pdf backends. Other backends will fall back to 'nearest'.

norm: [None | Normalize] An matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance; if None,
 default is normalization(). This scales luminance -> 0-1

norm is only used for an MxN float array.

vmin/vmax: [*None* | scalar] Used to scale a luminance image to 0-1. If either is *None*, the min and max of the luminance values will be used. Note if *norm* is not *None*, the settings for *vmin* and *vmax* will be ignored.

alpha: scalar The alpha blending value, between 0 (transparent) and 1 (opaque) or None

origin: [*None* | 'upper' | 'lower'] Place the [0,0] index of the array in the upper left or lower left corner of the axes. If *None*, default to rc image.origin.

extent: [*None* | scalars (left, right, bottom, top)] Data limits for the axes. The default assigns zero-based row, column indices to the x, y centers of the pixels.

shape: [None | scalars (columns, rows)] For raw buffer images

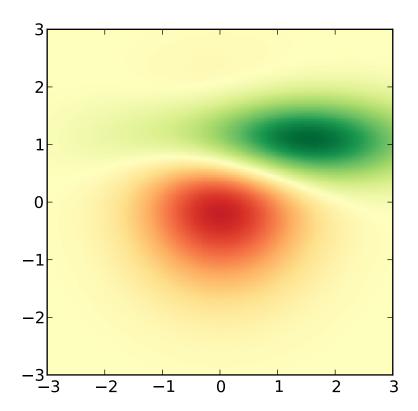
filternorm: A parameter for the antigrain image resize filter. From the antigrain documentation, if *filternorm* = 1, the filter normalizes integer values and corrects the rounding errors. It doesn't do anything with the source floating point values, it corrects only integers according to the rule of 1.0 which means that any sum of pixel weights must be equal to 1.0. So, the filter function must produce a graph of the proper shape.

filterrad: The filter radius for filters that have a radius parameter, i.e. when interpolation is one of: 'sinc', 'lanczos' or 'blackman'

Additional kwargs are Artist properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
contains	a callable function
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
lod	[True False]
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Example:



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.ioff()

Turn interactive mode off.

matplotlib.pyplot.ion()

Turn interactive mode on.

matplotlib.pyplot.ishold()

Return the hold status of the current axes.

matplotlib.pyplot.isinteractive()

Return status of interactive mode.

matplotlib.pyplot.jet()

set the default colormap to jet and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

matplotlib.pyplot.legend(*args, **kwargs)

Place a legend on the current axes.

Call signature:

legend(*args, **kwargs)

Places legend at location *loc*. Labels are a sequence of strings and *loc* can be a string or an integer specifying the legend location.

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To make a legend with existing lines:

```
legend()
```

legend() by itself will try and build a legend using the label property of the lines/patches/collections. You can set the label of a line by doing:

```
plot(x, y, label='my data')
or:
line.set_label('my data').
If label is set to '_nolegend_', the item will not be shown in legend.
To automatically generate the legend from labels:
legend( ('label1', 'label2', 'label3') )

To make a legend for a list of lines and labels:
legend( (line1, line2, line3), ('label1', 'label2', 'label3') )

To make a legend at a given location, using a location argument:
legend( ('label1', 'label2', 'label3'), loc='upper left')
or:
legend( (line1, line2, line3), ('label1', 'label2', 'label3'), loc=2)
```

The location codes are

Location String	Location Code
'best'	0
'upper right'	1
'upper left'	2
'lower left'	3
'lower right'	4
'right'	5
'center left'	6
'center right'	7
'lower center'	8
'upper center'	9
'center'	10

Users can specify any arbitrary location for the legend using the *bbox_to_anchor* keyword argument. bbox_to_anchor can be an instance of BboxBase(or its derivatives) or a tuple of 2 or 4 floats. For example,

```
loc = 'upper right', bbox_to_anchor = (0.5, 0.5)
```

will place the legend so that the upper right corner of the legend at the center of the axes.

The legend location can be specified in other coordinate, by using the *bbox_transform* keyword.

The loc itslef can be a 2-tuple giving x,y of the lower-left corner of the legend in axes coords (bbox to anchor is ignored).

Keyword arguments:

prop: [None | FontProperties | dict] A matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties
instance. If prop is a dictionary, a new instance will be created with prop. If None,
use rc settings.

fontsize: [size in points | 'xx-small' | 'x-small' | 'small' | 'medium' | 'large' | 'xx-large' | 'xx-large']

Set the font size. May be either a size string, relative to the default font size, or an absolute font size in points. This argument is only used if prop is not specified.

numpoints: integer The number of points in the legend for line

scatterpoints: integer The number of points in the legend for scatter plot

scatteroffsets: list of floats a list of yoffsets for scatter symbols in legend

markerscale: [*None* | scalar] The relative size of legend markers vs. original. If *None*, use rc settings.

frameon: [True | False] if True, draw a frame around the legend. The default is set by the rcParam 'legend.frameon'

fancybox: [None | False | True] if True, draw a frame with a round fancybox. If None, use rc settings

shadow: [**None** | **False** | **True**] If **True**, draw a shadow behind legend. If **None**, use ro settings.

ncol [integer] number of columns. default is 1

mode [["expand" | *None*]] if mode is "expand", the legend will be horizontally expanded to fill the axes area (or *bbox_to_anchor*)

bbox_to_anchor [an instance of BboxBase or a tuple of 2 or 4 floats] the bbox that the legend will be anchored.

bbox_transform [[an instance of Transform | None]] the transform for the bbox. transAxes if None.

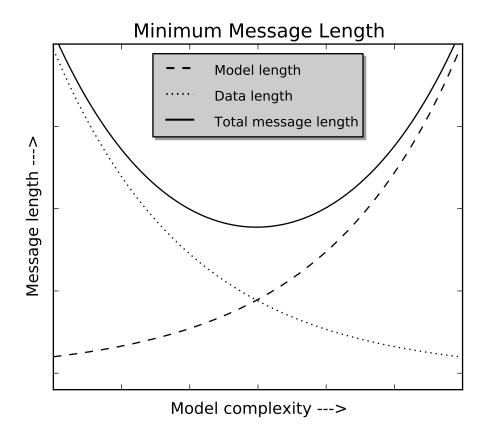
title [string] the legend title

Padding and spacing between various elements use following keywords parameters. These values are measure in font-size units. E.g., a fontsize of 10 points and a handlelength=5 implies a handlelength of 50 points. Values from rcParams will be used if None.

Keyword	Description
borderpad	the fractional whitespace inside the legend border
labelspacing	the vertical space between the legend entries
handlelength	the length of the legend handles
handletextpad	the pad between the legend handle and text
borderaxespad	the pad between the axes and legend border
columnspacing	the spacing between columns

Note: Not all kinds of artist are supported by the legend command. See LINK (FIXME) for details.

Example:



See Also:

Legend guide.

matplotlib.pyplot.locator_params(axis='both', tight=None, **kwargs) Control behavior of tick locators.

Keyword arguments:

axis ['x' | 'y' | 'both'] Axis on which to operate; default is 'both'.

 $\textit{tight} \hspace{0.2cm} \texttt{[True \mid False \mid None]} \hspace{0.2cm} \textbf{Parameter passed to autoscale_view()}. \hspace{0.2cm} \textbf{Default is None, for no change}.$

Remaining keyword arguments are passed to directly to the set_params() method.

Typically one might want to reduce the maximum number of ticks and use tight bounds when plotting small subplots, for example:

```
ax.locator_params(tight=True, nbins=4)
```

Because the locator is involved in autoscaling, autoscale_view() is called automatically after the parameters are changed.

This presently works only for the MaxNLocator used by default on linear axes, but it may be generalized.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.loglog(*args, **kwargs)
```

Make a plot with log scaling on both the x and y axis.

Call signature:

```
loglog(*args, **kwargs)
```

loglog() supports all the keyword arguments of plot() and matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xscale()/matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_yscale().

Notable keyword arguments:

basex/basey: scalar > 1 Base of the x/y logarithm

subsx/subsy: [None | sequence] The location of the minor x/yticks; None defaults to autosubs, which depend on the number decades in the plot; matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xscale() see matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_yscale() for details

nonposx/nonposy: ['mask' | 'clip'] Non-positive values in x or y can be masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number

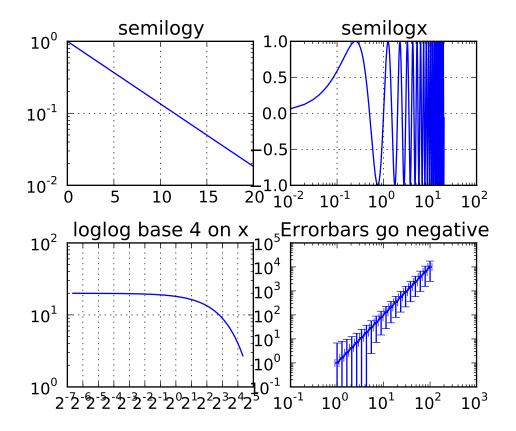
The remaining valid kwargs are Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']

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Property	Description
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

Example:



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.margins(*args, **kw)
    Set or retrieve autoscaling margins.
    signatures:
    margins()
    returns xmargin, ymargin
    margins(margin)
    margins(xmargin, ymargin)
    margins(x=xmargin, y=ymargin)
    margins(..., tight=False)
```

All three forms above set the xmargin and ymargin parameters. All keyword parameters are optional. A single argument specifies both xmargin and ymargin. The *tight* parameter is passed to autoscale_view(), which is executed after a margin is changed; the default here is *True*, on the assumption that when margins are specified, no additional padding to match tick marks is usually desired. Setting *tight* to *None* will preserve the previous setting.

Specifying any margin changes only the autoscaling; for example, if xmargin is not None, then xmar-

gin times the X data interval will be added to each end of that interval before it is used in autoscaling.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.matshow(A, fignum=None, **kw)
```

Display an array as a matrix in a new figure window.

The origin is set at the upper left hand corner and rows (first dimension of the array) are displayed horizontally. The aspect ratio of the figure window is that of the array, unless this would make an excessively short or narrow figure.

Tick labels for the xaxis are placed on top.

With the exception of *fignum*, keyword arguments are passed to <code>imshow()</code>. You may set the *origin* kwarg to "lower" if you want the first row in the array to be at the bottom instead of the top.

fignum: [None | integer | False] By default, matshow() creates a new figure window with automatic numbering. If **fignum** is given as an integer, the created figure will use this figure number. Because of how matshow() tries to set the figure aspect ratio to be the one of the array, if you provide the number of an already existing figure, strange things may happen.

If fignum is False or 0, a new figure window will **NOT** be created.

matplotlib.pyplot.minorticks_off()

Remove minor ticks from the current plot.

matplotlib.pyplot.minorticks_on()

Display minor ticks on the current plot.

Displaying minor ticks reduces performance; turn them off using minorticks_off() if drawing speed is a problem.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.over(func, *args, **kwargs)
```

Call a function with hold(True).

Calls:

```
func(*args, **kwargs)
```

with hold(True) and then restores the hold state.

matplotlib.pyplot.pause(interval)

Pause for interval seconds.

If there is an active figure it will be updated and displayed, and the gui event loop will run during the pause.

If there is no active figure, or if a non-interactive backend is in use, this executes time.sleep(interval).

This can be used for crude animation. For more complex animation, see matplotlib.animation.

This function is experimental; its behavior may be changed or extended in a future release.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.pcolor(*args, **kwargs)
```

Create a pseudocolor plot of a 2-D array.

Note: pcolor can be very slow for large arrays; consider using the similar but much faster pcolormesh() instead.

Call signatures:

```
pcolor(C, **kwargs)
pcolor(X, Y, C, **kwargs)
```

C is the array of color values.

X and Y, if given, specify the (x, y) coordinates of the colored quadrilaterals; the quadrilateral for C[i,j] has corners at:

```
(X[i, j], Y[i, j]),
(X[i, j+1], Y[i, j+1]),
(X[i+1, j], Y[i+1, j]),
(X[i+1, j+1], Y[i+1, j+1]).
```

Ideally the dimensions of X and Y should be one greater than those of C; if the dimensions are the same, then the last row and column of C will be ignored.

Note that the column index corresponds to the *x*-coordinate, and the row index corresponds to *y*; for details, see the *Grid Orientation* section below.

If either or both of *X* and *Y* are 1-D arrays or column vectors, they will be expanded as needed into the appropriate 2-D arrays, making a rectangular grid.

X, Y and C may be masked arrays. If either C[i, j], or one of the vertices surrounding C[i, j] (X or Y at [i, j], [i+1, j], [i, j+1], [i+1, j+1]) is masked, nothing is plotted.

Keyword arguments:

```
cmap: [None | Colormap] A matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance. If None, use
rc settings.
```

norm: [None | Normalize] An matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance is used to scale luminance data to 0,1. If None, defaults to normalize().

vmin/vmax: [None | scalar] vmin and vmax are used in conjunction with norm to normalize luminance data. If either is None, it is autoscaled to the respective min or max of the color array C. If not None, vmin or vmax passed in here override any pre-existing values supplied in the norm instance.

shading: ['flat' | 'faceted'] If 'faceted', a black grid is drawn around each rectangle; if 'flat', edges are not drawn. Default is 'flat', contrary to MATLAB.

This kwarg is deprecated; please use 'edgecolors' instead:

```
• shading='flat' - edgecolors='none'
```

```
• shading='faceted - edgecolors='k'
```

edgecolors: [None | 'none' | color | color sequence] If None, the rc setting is used by default.

If 'none', edges will not be visible.

An mpl color or sequence of colors will set the edge color

alpha: 0 <= scalar <= 1 or None the alpha blending value

Return value is a matplotlib.collections.Collection instance. The grid orientation follows the MATLAB convention: an array C with shape (nrows, ncolumns) is plotted with the column number as X and the row number as Y, increasing up; hence it is plotted the way the array would be printed, except that the Y axis is reversed. That is, C is taken as $C^*(y, x)$.

Similarly for meshgrid():

```
x = np.arange(5)
y = np.arange(3)
X, Y = meshgrid(x,y)
is equivalent to:
X = array([[0, 1, 2, 3, 4],
            [0, 1, 2, 3, 4],
           [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]])
Y = array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
            [1, 1, 1, 1, 1],
            [2, 2, 2, 2, 2]])
so if you have:
C = rand(len(x), len(y))
then you need:
pcolor(X, Y, C.T)
or:
pcolor(C.T)
```

MATLAB pcolor() always discards the last row and column of C, but matplotlib displays the last row and column if X and Y are not specified, or if X and Y have one more row and column than C.

kwargs can be used to control the PolyCollection properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
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Property	Description
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Note: the default *antialiaseds* is False if the default *edgecolors*="none"* is used. This eliminates artificial lines at patch boundaries, and works regardless of the value of alpha. If *edgecolors is not "none", then the default *antialiaseds* is taken from rcParams['patch.antialiased'], which defaults to *True*. Stroking the edges may be preferred if *alpha* is 1, but will cause artifacts otherwise.

See Also:

pcolormesh() For an explanation of the differences between pcolor and pcolormesh.

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.pcolormesh(*args, **kwargs)
    Plot a quadrilateral mesh.
    Call signatures:
    pcolormesh(C)
    pcolormesh(X, Y, C)
    pcolormesh(C, **kwargs)
```

Create a pseudocolor plot of a 2-D array.

pcolormesh is similar to pcolor(), but uses a different mechanism and returns a different object; pcolor returns a PolyCollection but pcolormesh returns a QuadMesh. It is much faster, so it is almost always preferred for large arrays.

C may be a masked array, but X and Y may not. Masked array support is implemented via *cmap* and *norm*; in contrast, pcolor() simply does not draw quadrilaterals with masked colors or vertices.

Keyword arguments:

cmap: [None | Colormap] A matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance. If None, use rc settings.

norm: [None | Normalize] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance is used to scale luminance data to 0,1. If None, defaults to normalize().

vmin/vmax: [None | scalar] vmin and vmax are used in conjunction with norm to normalize luminance data. If either is None, it is autoscaled to the respective min or max of the color array C. If not None, vmin or vmax passed in here override any pre-existing values supplied in the norm instance.

shading: ['flat' | 'gouraud'] 'flat' indicates a solid color for each quad. When 'gouraud', each quad will be Gouraud shaded. When gouraud shading, edgecolors is ignored.

edgecolors: [None | 'None' | 'face' | color | color sequence] If None, the rc setting is used by default.

If 'None', edges will not be visible.

If 'face', edges will have the same color as the faces.

An mpl color or sequence of colors will set the edge color

alpha: 0 <= scalar <= 1 or None the alpha blending value

Return value is a matplotlib.collections.QuadMesh object.

kwargs can be used to control the matplotlib.collections.QuadMesh properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
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Property	Description
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

See Also:

pcolor() For an explanation of the grid orientation and the expansion of 1-D X and/or Y to 2-D arrays.

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.pie(x, explode=None, labels=None, colors=None, autopct=None, pctdistance=0.6, shadow=False, labeldistance=1.1, startangle=None, radius=None, hold=None)
```

Plot a pie chart.

Call signature:

```
pie(x, explode=None, labels=None,
    colors=('b', 'g', 'r', 'c', 'm', 'y', 'k', 'w'),
    autopct=None, pctdistance=0.6, shadow=False,
    labeldistance=1.1, startangle=None, radius=None)
```

Make a pie chart of array x. The fractional area of each wedge is given by x/sum(x). If sum(x) <= 1, then the values of x give the fractional area directly and the array will not be normalized. The wedges are plotted counterclockwise, by default starting from the x-axis.

Keyword arguments:

explode: [None | len(x) sequence] If not None, is a len(x) array which specifies the fraction of the radius with which to offset each wedge.

colors: [*None* | color sequence] A sequence of matplotlib color args through which the pie chart will cycle.

labels: [*None* | len(x) sequence of strings] A sequence of strings providing the labels for each wedge

autopct: [None | format string | format function] If not None, is a string or function used to label the wedges with their numeric value. The label will be placed inside the wedge. If it is a format string, the label will be fmt%pct. If it is a function, it will be called.

pctdistance: scalar The ratio between the center of each pie slice and the start of the text generated by *autopct*. Ignored if *autopct* is *None*; default is 0.6.

labeldistance: scalar The radial distance at which the pie labels are drawn

shadow: [False | True] Draw a shadow beneath the pie.

startangle: [**None** | **Offset angle**] If not *None*, rotates the start of the pie chart by *angle* degrees counterclockwise from the x-axis.

radius: [None | scalar] The radius of the pie, if radius is None it will be set to 1.

The pie chart will probably look best if the figure and axes are square. Eg.:

```
figure(figsize=(8,8))
ax = axes([0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.8])
```

Return value: If *autopct* is *None*, return the tuple (*patches*, *texts*):

- patches is a sequence of matplotlib.patches. Wedge instances
- *texts* is a list of the label matplotlib.text.Text instances.

If *autopct* is not *None*, return the tuple (*patches*, *texts*, *autotexts*), where *patches* and *texts* are as above, and *autotexts* is a list of Text instances for the numeric labels.

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.pink()
```

set the default colormap to pink and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

```
matplotlib.pyplot.plot(*args, **kwargs)
```

Plot lines and/or markers to the Axes. args is a variable length argument, allowing for multiple x, y pairs with an optional format string. For example, each of the following is legal:

```
plot(x, y)  # plot x and y using default line style and color
plot(x, y, 'bo')  # plot x and y using blue circle markers
plot(y)  # plot y using x as index array 0..N-1
plot(y, 'r+')  # ditto, but with red plusses
```

If x and/or y is 2-dimensional, then the corresponding columns will be plotted.

An arbitrary number of x, y, fmt groups can be specified, as in:

```
a.plot(x1, y1, 'g^', x2, y2, 'g-')
```

Return value is a list of lines that were added.

By default, each line is assigned a different color specified by a 'color cycle'. To change this behavior, you can edit the axes.color_cycle rcParam. Alternatively, you can use set_default_color_cycle().

The following format string characters are accepted to control the line style or marker:

character	description
,_,	solid line style
, ,	dashed line style
''	dash-dot line style
':' '.' ','	dotted line style
· . '	point marker
, ,	pixel marker
'o'	circle marker
'v'	triangle_down marker
, _^ ,	triangle_up marker
'<'	triangle_left marker
'>'	triangle_right marker
'1'	tri_down marker
'2'	tri_up marker
'3'	tri_left marker
	tri_right marker
's'	square marker
'p'	pentagon marker
**	star marker
'h'	hexagon1 marker
'H'	hexagon2 marker
'+'	plus marker
'x'	x marker
'D'	diamond marker
'd'	thin_diamond marker
' '	vline marker
, , , -	hline marker

The following color abbreviations are supported:

character	color
'b'	blue
ʻg'	green
ʻr'	red
'c'	cyan
'm'	magenta
'y'	yellow
'k'	black
'w'	white

In addition, you can specify colors in many weird and wonderful ways, including full names ('green'), hex strings ('#008000'), RGB or RGBA tuples ((0,1,0,1)) or grayscale intensities as a string ('0.8'). Of these, the string specifications can be used in place of a fmt group, but the tuple forms can be used only as kwargs.

Line styles and colors are combined in a single format string, as in 'bo' for blue circles.

The *kwargs* can be used to set line properties (any property that has a set_* method). You can use this to set a line label (for auto legends), linewidth, anitialising, marker face color, etc. Here is an example:

```
plot([1,2,3], [1,2,3], 'go-', label='line 1', linewidth=2)
plot([1,2,3], [1,4,9], 'rs', label='line 2')
axis([0, 4, 0, 10])
legend()
```

If you make multiple lines with one plot command, the kwargs apply to all those lines, e.g.:

```
plot(x1, y1, x2, y2, antialised=False)
```

Neither line will be antialiased.

You do not need to use format strings, which are just abbreviations. All of the line properties can be controlled by keyword arguments. For example, you can set the color, marker, linestyle, and markercolor with:

See Line2D for details.

The kwargs are Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]

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Property	Description
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

kwargs *scalex* and *scaley*, if defined, are passed on to autoscale_view() to determine whether the *x* and *y* axes are autoscaled; the default is *True*.

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

Plot with data with dates.

Call signature:

```
plot_date(x, y, fmt='bo', tz=None, xdate=True, ydate=False, **kwargs)
```

Similar to the plot() command, except the x or y (or both) data is considered to be dates, and the axis is labeled accordingly.

x and/or y can be a sequence of dates represented as float days since 0001-01-01 UTC.

Keyword arguments:

fmt: string The plot format string.

tz: [*None* | timezone string | tzinfo instance] The time zone to use in labeling dates. If *None*, defaults to rc value.

xdate: [True | False] If True, the x-axis will be labeled with dates.

ydate: [False | True] If True, the y-axis will be labeled with dates.

Note if you are using custom date tickers and formatters, it may be necessary to set the formatters/locators after the call to plot_date() since plot_date() will set the default tick locator to matplotlib.dates.AutoDateLocator (if the tick locator is not already set to a matplotlib.dates.DateLocator instance) and the default tick formatter to matplotlib.dates.AutoDateFormatter (if the tick formatter is not already set to a matplotlib.dates.DateFormatter instance).

Valid kwargs are Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points

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Property	Description
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

See Also:

dates for helper functions

date2num(), num2date() and drange() for help on creating the required floating point dates.

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
\label{eq:matplotlib.pyplot.plotfile} $$ matplotlib.pyplot.plotfile(fname, cols=(0, ), plotfuncs=None, comments='#', skiprows=0, checkrows=5, delimiter=', ', names=None, subplots=True, new-fig=True, **kwargs') $$
```

Plot the data in in a file.

cols is a sequence of column identifiers to plot. An identifier is either an int or a string. If it is an int, it indicates the column number. If it is a string, it indicates the column header. matplotlib will make column headers lower case, replace spaces with underscores, and remove all illegal characters; so 'Adj Close*' will have name 'adj_close'.

- •If len(cols) == 1, only that column will be plotted on the y axis.
- •If len(cols) > 1, the first element will be an identifier for data for the x axis and the remaining elements will be the column indexes for multiple subplots if *subplots* is *True* (the default), or for lines in a single subplot if *subplots* is *False*.

plotfuncs, if not *None*, is a dictionary mapping identifier to an Axes plotting function as a string. Default is 'plot', other choices are 'semilogy', 'fill', 'bar', etc. You must use the same type of identifier

in the *cols* vector as you use in the *plotfuncs* dictionary, eg., integer column numbers in both or column names in both. If *subplots* is *False*, then including any function such as 'semilogy' that changes the axis scaling will set the scaling for all columns.

comments, skiprows, checkrows, delimiter, and names are all passed on to matplotlib.pylab.csv2rec() to load the data into a record array.

If *newfig* is *True*, the plot always will be made in a new figure; if *False*, it will be made in the current figure if one exists, else in a new figure.

kwargs are passed on to plotting functions.

Example usage:

Note: plotfile is intended as a convenience for quickly plotting data from flat files; it is not intended as an alternative interface to general plotting with pyplot or matplotlib.

Multiple *theta*, *r* arguments are supported, with format strings, as in plot().

```
matplotlib.pyplot.prism()
```

set the default colormap to prism and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

```
matplotlib.pyplot.psd(x, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=0, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, hold=None, **kwargs)
```

Plot the power spectral density.

Call signature:

```
psd(x, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=mlab.detrend_none,
    window=mlab.window_hanning, noverlap=0, pad_to=None,
    sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, **kwargs)
```

The power spectral density by Welch's average periodogram method. The vector x is divided into *NFFT* length segments. Each segment is detrended by function *detrend* and windowed by function *window. noverlap* gives the length of the overlap between segments. The $|\text{fft}(i)|^2$ of each segment i are averaged to compute Pxx, with a scaling to correct for power loss due to windowing. Fs is the sampling frequency.

Keyword arguments:

- **NFFT:** integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad_to* for this instead.
- Fs: scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.
- detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend parameter is a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines detrend_none(), detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use a custom function as well.
- window: callable or ndarray A function of length NFFT. or vector To create window vectors see window_hanning(), window_none(), numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(), scipy.signal(), scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is window_hanning(). If a function is passed as the argument, it must take a data segment as an argument and return the windowed version of the segment.
- pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the n parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets pad_to equal to NFFT
- sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided.
- scale_by_freq: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for integration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.
- **noverlap:** integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 0 (no overlap).
- **Fc:** integer The center frequency of x (defaults to 0), which offsets the x extents of the plot to reflect the frequency range used when a signal is acquired and then filtered and downsampled to baseband.

Returns the tuple (*Pxx*, *freqs*).

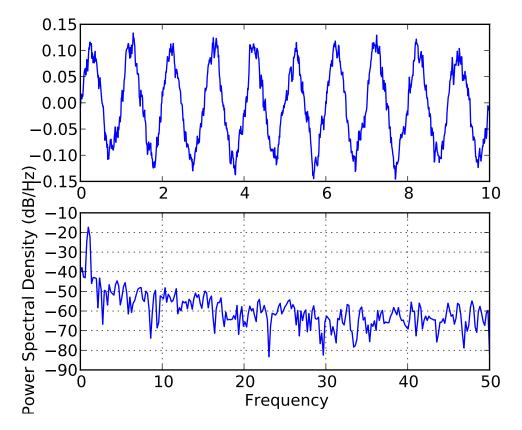
For plotting, the power is plotted as $10 \log_{10}(P_{xx})$ for decibels, though Pxx itself is returned.

References: Bendat & Piersol – Random Data: Analysis and Measurement Procedures, John Wiley & Sons (1986)

kwargs control the Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

Example:



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.quiver(*args, **kw)
```

Plot a 2-D field of arrows.

call signatures:

```
quiver(U, V, **kw)
quiver(U, V, C, **kw)
quiver(X, Y, U, V, **kw)
quiver(X, Y, U, V, C, **kw)
```

Arguments:

- X, Y: The x and y coordinates of the arrow locations (default is tail of arrow; see *pivot* kwarg)
- *U*, *V*: Give the x and y components of the arrow vectors
- C: An optional array used to map colors to the arrows

All arguments may be 1-D or 2-D arrays or sequences. If X and Y are absent, they will be generated as a uniform grid. If U and V are 2-D arrays but X and Y are 1-D, and if len(X) and len(Y) match the column and row dimensions of U, then X and Y will be expanded with numpy.meshgrid().

U, V, C may be masked arrays, but masked X, Y are not supported at present.

Keyword arguments:

units: ['width' | 'height' | 'dots' | 'inches' | 'x' | 'y' | 'xy'] Arrow units; the arrow dimensions except for length are in multiples of this unit.

- 'width' or 'height': the width or height of the axes
- 'dots' or 'inches': pixels or inches, based on the figure dpi
- 'x', 'y', or 'xy': X, Y, or sqrt(X^2+Y^2) data units

The arrows scale differently depending on the units. For 'x' or 'y', the arrows get larger as one zooms in; for other units, the arrow size is independent of the zoom state. For 'width or 'height', the arrow size increases with the width and height of the axes, respectively, when the the window is resized; for 'dots' or 'inches', resizing does not change the arrows.

angles: ['uv' | 'xy' | array] With the default 'uv', the arrow aspect ratio is 1, so that if $U^*==*V$ the angle of the arrow on the plot is 45 degrees CCW from the x-axis. With 'xy', the arrow points from (x,y) to (x+u, y+v). Alternatively, arbitrary angles may be specified as an array of values in degrees, CCW from the x-axis.

scale: [None | float] Data units per arrow length unit, e.g. m/s per plot width; a smaller scale parameter makes the arrow longer. If None, a simple autoscaling algorithm is used, based on the average vector length and the number of vectors. The arrow length unit is given by the scale_units parameter

scale_units: None, or any of the units options. For example, if scale_units is 'inches', scale is 2.0, and (u,v) = (1,0), then the vector will be 0.5 inches long. If scale_units is 'width', then the vector will be half the width of the axes.

If *scale_units* is 'x' then the vector will be 0.5 x-axis units. To plot vectors in the x-y plane, with u and v having the same units as x and y, use "angles='xy', scale_units='xy', scale=1".

width: Shaft width in arrow units; default depends on choice of units, above, and number of vectors; a typical starting value is about 0.005 times the width of the plot.

headwidth: scalar Head width as multiple of shaft width, default is 3

headlength: scalar Head length as multiple of shaft width, default is 5

headaxislength: scalar Head length at shaft intersection, default is 4.5

minshaft: scalar Length below which arrow scales, in units of head length. Do not set this to less than 1, or small arrows will look terrible! Default is 1

minlength: scalar Minimum length as a multiple of shaft width; if an arrow length is less than this, plot a dot (hexagon) of this diameter instead. Default is 1.

pivot: ['tail' | 'middle' | 'tip'] The part of the arrow that is at the grid point; the arrow rotates about this point, hence the name *pivot*.

color: [color | color sequence] This is a synonym for the PolyCollection facecolor kwarg. If *C* has been set, *color* has no effect.

The defaults give a slightly swept-back arrow; to make the head a triangle, make *headaxislength* the same as *headlength*. To make the arrow more pointed, reduce *headwidth* or increase *headlength* and

headaxislength. To make the head smaller relative to the shaft, scale down all the head parameters. You will probably do best to leave minshaft alone.

linewidths and edgecolors can be used to customize the arrow outlines. Additional PolyCollection keyword arguments:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
стар	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.quiverkey(*args, **kw)
```

Add a key to a quiver plot.

Call signature:

```
quiverkey(Q, X, Y, U, label, **kw)
```

Arguments:

Q: The Quiver instance returned by a call to quiver.

X, Y: The location of the key; additional explanation follows.

U: The length of the key

label: A string with the length and units of the key

Keyword arguments:

coordinates = ['axes' | 'figure' | 'data' | 'inches'] Coordinate system and units for X, Y: 'axes' and 'figure' are normalized coordinate systems with 0,0 in the lower left and 1,1 in the upper right; 'data' are the axes data coordinates (used for the locations of the vectors in the quiver plot itself); 'inches' is position in the figure in inches, with 0,0 at the lower left corner.

color: overrides face and edge colors from Q.

labelpos = ['N' | 'S' | 'E' | 'W'] Position the label above, below, to the right, to the left of the arrow, respectively.

labelsep: Distance in inches between the arrow and the label. Default is 0.1

labelcolor: defaults to default Text color.

fontproperties: A dictionary with keyword arguments accepted by the FontProperties initializer: family, style, variant, size, weight

Any additional keyword arguments are used to override vector properties taken from Q.

The positioning of the key depends on X, Y, coordinates, and labelpos. If labelpos is 'N' or 'S', X, Y give the position of the middle of the key arrow. If labelpos is 'E', X, Y positions the head, and if labelpos is 'W', X, Y positions the tail; in either of these two cases, X, Y is somewhere in the middle of the arrow+label key object.

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.rc(*args, **kwargs)
```

Set the current rc params. Group is the grouping for the rc, eg. for lines.linewidth the group is lines, for axes.facecolor, the group is axes, and so on. Group may also be a list or tuple of group names, eg. (*xtick*, *ytick*). *kwargs* is a dictionary attribute name/value pairs, eg:

```
rc('lines', linewidth=2, color='r')
```

sets the current rc params and is equivalent to:

```
rcParams['lines.linewidth'] = 2
rcParams['lines.color'] = 'r'
```

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Alias	Property
'lw'	'linewidth'
'ls'	'linestyle'
'c'	'color'
'fc'	'facecolor'
'ec'	'edgecolor'
'mew'	'markeredgewidth'
'aa'	'antialiased'

Thus you could abbreviate the above rc command as:

```
rc('lines', lw=2, c='r')
```

Note you can use python's kwargs dictionary facility to store dictionaries of default parameters. Eg, you can customize the font rc as follows:

This enables you to easily switch between several configurations. Use rcdefaults() to restore the default rc params after changes.

matplotlib.pyplot.rcdefaults()

Restore the default rc params. These are not the params loaded by the rc file, but mpl's internal params. See rc_file_defaults for reloading the default params from the rc file

```
matplotlib.pyplot.rgrids(*args, **kwargs)
```

Get or set the radial gridlines on a polar plot.

call signatures:

```
lines, labels = rgrids()
lines, labels = rgrids(radii, labels=None, angle=22.5, **kwargs)
```

When called with no arguments, rgrid() simply returns the tuple (*lines*, *labels*), where *lines* is an array of radial gridlines (Line2D instances) and *labels* is an array of tick labels (Text instances). When called with arguments, the labels will appear at the specified radial distances and angles.

labels, if not None, is a len(radii) list of strings of the labels to use at each angle.

If labels is None, the rformatter will be used

Examples:

```
# set the locations of the radial gridlines and labels
lines, labels = rgrids( (0.25, 0.5, 1.0) )
# set the locations and labels of the radial gridlines and labels
lines, labels = rgrids( (0.25, 0.5, 1.0), ('Tom', 'Dick', 'Harry')
```

The output formats available depend on the backend being used.

Arguments:

fname: A string containing a path to a filename, or a Python file-like object, or possibly some backend-dependent object such as PdfPages.

If *format* is *None* and *fname* is a string, the output format is deduced from the extension of the filename. If the filename has no extension, the value of the rc parameter savefig.format is used.

If *fname* is not a string, remember to specify *format* to ensure that the correct backend is used.

Keyword arguments:

dpi: [None | scalar > 0] The resolution in dots per inch. If None it will default to the value savefig.dpi in the matplotlibre file.

facecolor, edgecolor: the colors of the figure rectangle

orientation: ['landscape' | 'portrait'] not supported on all backends; currently only on postscript output

papertype: One of 'letter', 'legal', 'executive', 'ledger', 'a0' through 'a10', 'b0' through 'b10'. Only supported for postscript output.

format: One of the file extensions supported by the active backend. Most backends support png, pdf, ps, eps and svg.

transparent: If *True*, the axes patches will all be transparent; the figure patch will also be transparent unless facecolor and/or edgecolor are specified via kwargs. This is useful, for example, for displaying a plot on top of a colored background on a web page. The transparency of these patches will be restored to their original values upon exit of this function.

bbox_inches: Bbox in inches. Only the given portion of the figure is saved. If 'tight', try to figure out the tight bbox of the figure.

pad_inches: Amount of padding around the figure when bbox_inches is 'tight'.

bbox_extra_artists: A list of extra artists that will be considered when the tight bbox is calculated.

matplotlib.pyplot.sca(ax)

Set the current Axes instance to ax.

The current Figure is updated to the parent of *ax*.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.scatter(x, y, s=20, c='b', marker='o', cmap=None, norm=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, alpha=None, linewidths=None, faceted=True, verts=None, hold=None, **kwargs)
```

Make a scatter plot.

Call signatures:

Make a scatter plot of x versus y, where x, y are converted to 1-D sequences which must be of the same length, N.

Keyword arguments:

s: size in points². It is a scalar or an array of the same length as x and y.

c: a color. c can be a single color format string, or a sequence of color specifications of length N, or a sequence of N numbers to be mapped to colors using the cmap and norm specified via kwargs (see below). Note that c should not be a single numeric RGB or RGBA sequence because that is indistinguishable from an array of values to be colormapped. c can be a 2-D array in which the rows are RGB or RGBA, however.

marker: can be one of:

marker	description
7	caretdown
4	caretleft
5	caretright
6	caretup
'0'	circle
'D'	diamond
'h'	hexagon1
'H'	hexagon2
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	hline
"	nothing
'None'	nothing
, ,	nothing
None	nothing
'8'	octagon
'p'	pentagon
, ,	pixel
'+'	plus
, ,	point
's'	square
***	star
'd'	thin_diamond
3	tickdown
0	tickleft
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marker	description
1	tickright
2	tickup
'1'	tri_down
'3'	tri_left
'4'	tri_right
'2'	tri_up
'v'	triangle_down
'<'	triangle_left
'>'	triangle_right
, v ,	triangle_up
' '	vline
'x'	X
'\$\$'	render the string using mathtext.
verts	a list of (x, y) pairs used for Path vertices.
path	a Path instance.
(numsides, style, angle)	see below

The marker can also be a tuple (numsides, style, angle), which will create a custom, regular symbol.

numsides: the number of sides

style: the style of the regular symbol:

Value	Description
0	a regular polygon
1	a star-like symbol
2	an asterisk
3	a circle (numsides and angle is ignored)

angle: the angle of rotation of the symbol, in degrees

For backward compatibility, the form (*verts*, 0) is also accepted, but it is equivalent to just *verts* for giving a raw set of vertices that define the shape.

Any or all of x, y, s, and c may be masked arrays, in which case all masks will be combined and only unmasked points will be plotted.

Other keyword arguments: the color mapping and normalization arguments will be used only if c is an array of floats.

cmap: [None | Colormap] A matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance or registered name. If None, defaults to rc image.cmap. cmap is only used if c is an array of floats.

norm: [None | Normalize] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance is used to scale luminance data to 0, 1. If None, use the default normalize(). norm is only used if c is an array of floats.

vmin/vmax: vmin and vmax are used in conjunction with norm to normalize luminance

data. If either are *None*, the min and max of the color array *C* is used. Note if you pass a *norm* instance, your settings for *vmin* and *vmax* will be ignored.

alpha: 0 <= scalar <= 1 or None The alpha value for the patches</pre>

linewidths: [*None* | scalar | sequence] If *None*, defaults to (lines.linewidth,). Note that this is a tuple, and if you set the linewidths argument you must set it as a sequence of floats, as required by RegularPolyCollection.

Optional kwargs control the Collection properties; in particular:

edgecolors: The string 'none' to plot faces with no outlines

facecolors: The string 'none' to plot unfilled outlines

Here are the standard descriptions of all the Collection kwargs:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
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Property	Description
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

A Collection instance is returned.

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.sci(im)

Set the current image. This image will be the target of colormap commands like jet(), hot() or clim()). The current image is an attribute of the current axes.

matplotlib.pyplot.semilogx(*args, **kwargs)

Make a plot with log scaling on the *x* axis.

Call signature:

semilogx(*args, **kwargs)

semilogx() supports all the keyword arguments of plot() and matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xscale().

Notable keyword arguments:

basex: scalar > 1 Base of the x logarithm

subsx: [**None** | **sequence**] The location of the minor xticks; **None** defaults to autosubs, which depend on the number of decades in the plot; see set_xscale() for details.

nonposx: ['mask' | 'clip'] Non-positive values in x can be masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number

The remaining valid kwargs are Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function

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Description
['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
sequence of on/off ink in points
2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
an id string
string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
float value in points
[True False]
[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
any matplotlib color
float value in points
any matplotlib color
any matplotlib color
float
None integer (startind, stride)
float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)
float distance in points
[True False None]
unknown
['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
a url string
[True False]
1D array
1D array
any number

See Also:

loglog() For example code and figure

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.semilogy(*args, **kwargs)

Make a plot with log scaling on the *y* axis.

call signature:

semilogy(*args, **kwargs)

semilogy() supports all the keyword arguments of plot() and
matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_yscale().

Notable keyword arguments:

basey: scalar > 1 Base of the y logarithm

subsy: [**None** | **sequence**] The location of the minor yticks; **None** defaults to autosubs, which depend on the number of decades in the plot; see set_yscale() for details.

nonposy: ['mask' | 'clip'] Non-positive values in y can be masked as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number

The remaining valid kwargs are Line2D properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
antialiased or aa	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color or c	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
dash_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
dash_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
dashes	sequence of on/off ink in points
data	2D array (rows are x, y) or two 1D arrays
drawstyle	['default' 'steps' 'steps-pre' 'steps-mid' 'steps-post']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fillstyle	['full' 'left' 'right' 'bottom' 'top' 'none']
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or ls	['-' '' '' ':' 'None' ' ' "] and any drawstyle in combination with a
linewidth or lw	float value in points
lod	[True False]
marker	[7 4 5 6 'o' 'D' 'h' 'H' '_' " 'None' ' ' None '8' 'p' ',' '
markeredgecolor or mec	any matplotlib color
markeredgewidth or mew	float value in points
markerfacecolor or mfc	any matplotlib color
markerfacecoloralt or mfcalt	any matplotlib color
markersize or ms	float
markevery	None integer (startind, stride)
picker	float distance in points or callable pick function fn(artist, event)

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Property	Description
pickradius	float distance in points
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
solid_capstyle	['butt' 'round' 'projecting']
solid_joinstyle	['miter' 'round' 'bevel']
transform	a matplotlib.transforms.Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
xdata	1D array
ydata	1D array
zorder	any number

See Also:

loglog() For example code and figure

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.set_cmap(cmap)
```

Set the default colormap. Applies to the current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information.

cmap must be a colors.Colormap instance, or the name of a registered colormap.

See register_cmap() and get_cmap().

```
matplotlib.pyplot.setp(*args, **kwargs)
```

Set a property on an artist object.

matplotlib supports the use of setp() ("set property") and getp() to set and get object properties, as well as to do introspection on the object. For example, to set the linestyle of a line to be dashed, you can do:

```
>>> line, = plot([1,2,3])
>>> setp(line, linestyle='--')
```

If you want to know the valid types of arguments, you can provide the name of the property you want to set without a value:

```
>>> setp(line, 'linestyle')
    linestyle: [ '-' | '--' | '-.' | ':' | 'steps' | 'None' ]
```

If you want to see all the properties that can be set, and their possible values, you can do:

```
>>> setp(line)
... long output listing omitted
```

setp() operates on a single instance or a list of instances. If you are in query mode introspecting the possible values, only the first instance in the sequence is used. When actually setting values, all the instances will be set. E.g., suppose you have a list of two lines, the following will make both lines thicker and red:

```
>>> x = arange(0,1.0,0.01)
>>> y1 = sin(2*pi*x)
>>> y2 = sin(4*pi*x)
>>> lines = plot(x, y1, x, y2)
>>> setp(lines, linewidth=2, color='r')
```

setp() works with the MATLAB style string/value pairs or with python kwargs. For example, the following are equivalent:

```
>>> setp(lines, 'linewidth', 2, 'color', r') # MATLAB style
>>> setp(lines, linewidth=2, color='r') # python style
matplotlib.pyplot.show(*args, **kw)
    Display a figure.
```

When running in ipython with its pylab mode, display all figures and return to the ipython prompt.

In non-interactive mode, display all figures and block until the figures have been closed; in interactive mode it has no effect unless figures were created prior to a change from non-interactive to interactive mode (not recommended). In that case it displays the figures but does not block.

A single experimental keyword argument, *block*, may be set to True or False to override the blocking behavior described above.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.specgram(x, NFFT=256, Fs=2, Fc=0, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, window=<function window_hanning at 0x231cf50>, noverlap=128, cmap=None, xextent=None, pad_to=None, sides='default', scale_by_freq=None, hold=None, **kwargs)
```

Plot a spectrogram.

Call signature:

Compute a spectrogram of data in x. Data are split into NFFT length segments and the PSD of each section is computed. The windowing function window is applied to each segment, and the amount of overlap of each segment is specified with noverlap.

Keyword arguments:

NFFT: integer The number of data points used in each block for the FFT. Must be even; a power 2 is most efficient. The default value is 256. This should *NOT* be used to get zero padding, or the scaling of the result will be incorrect. Use *pad_to* for this instead.

Fs: scalar The sampling frequency (samples per time unit). It is used to calculate the Fourier frequencies, freqs, in cycles per time unit. The default value is 2.

- detrend: callable The function applied to each segment before fft-ing, designed to remove the mean or linear trend. Unlike in MATLAB, where the detrend parameter is a vector, in matplotlib is it a function. The pylab module defines detrend_none(), detrend_mean(), and detrend_linear(), but you can use a custom function as well.
- window: callable or ndarray A function or vector of length NFFT. create window vectors see window_hanning(), window_none(), numpy.blackman(), numpy.hamming(), numpy.bartlett(), scipy.signal(), scipy.signal.get_window(), etc. The default is window_hanning(). If a function is passed as the argument, it must take a data segment as an argument and return the windowed version of the segment.
- pad_to: integer The number of points to which the data segment is padded when performing the FFT. This can be different from NFFT, which specifies the number of data points used. While not increasing the actual resolution of the psd (the minimum distance between resolvable peaks), this can give more points in the plot, allowing for more detail. This corresponds to the n parameter in the call to fft(). The default is None, which sets pad_to equal to NFFT
- sides: ['default' | 'onesided' | 'twosided'] Specifies which sides of the PSD to return. Default gives the default behavior, which returns one-sided for real data and both for complex data. 'onesided' forces the return of a one-sided PSD, while 'twosided' forces two-sided.
- *scale_by_freq*: boolean Specifies whether the resulting density values should be scaled by the scaling frequency, which gives density in units of Hz^-1. This allows for integration over the returned frequency values. The default is True for MATLAB compatibility.
- *noverlap*: integer The number of points of overlap between blocks. The default value is 128.
- **Fc:** integer The center frequency of x (defaults to 0), which offsets the y extents of the plot to reflect the frequency range used when a signal is acquired and then filtered and downsampled to baseband.
- cmap: A matplotlib.colors.Colormap instance; if None, use default determined by rc
- **xextent:** The image extent along the x-axis. xextent = (xmin,xmax) The default is (0,max(bins)), where bins is the return value from specgram()

kwargs:

Additional kwargs are passed on to imshow which makes the specgram image

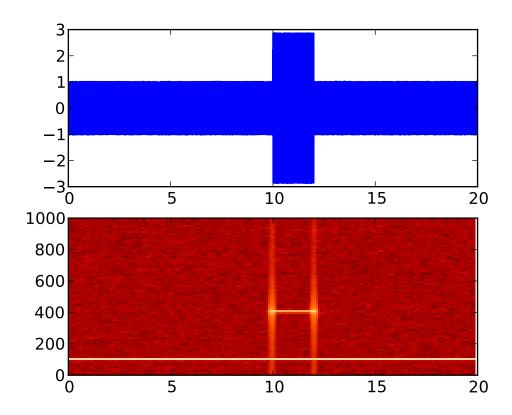
Return value is (*Pxx*, *freqs*, *bins*, *im*):

- •bins are the time points the spectrogram is calculated over
- freqs is an array of frequencies
- Pxx is an array of shape (len(times), len(freqs)) of power

•im is a AxesImage instance

Note: If x is real (i.e. non-complex), only the positive spectrum is shown. If x is complex, both positive and negative parts of the spectrum are shown. This can be overridden using the *sides* keyword argument.

Example:



Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.spectral()

set the default colormap to spectral and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

matplotlib.pyplot.spring()

set the default colormap to spring and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

Plot the sparsity pattern on a 2-D array.

Call signature:

```
spy(Z, precision=0, marker=None, markersize=None,
    aspect='equal', **kwargs)
```

spy(Z) plots the sparsity pattern of the 2-D array Z.

If precision is 0, any non-zero value will be plotted; else, values of |Z| > precision will be plotted.

For scipy.sparse.spmatrix instances, there is a special case: if *precision* is 'present', any value present in the array will be plotted, even if it is identically zero.

The array will be plotted as it would be printed, with the first index (row) increasing down and the second index (column) increasing to the right.

By default aspect is 'equal', so that each array element occupies a square space; set the aspect kwarg to 'auto' to allow the plot to fill the plot box, or to any scalar number to specify the aspect ratio of an array element directly.

Two plotting styles are available: image or marker. Both are available for full arrays, but only the marker style works for scipy.sparse.spmatrix instances.

If *marker* and *markersize* are *None*, an image will be returned and any remaining kwargs are passed to imshow(); else, a Line2D object will be returned with the value of marker determining the marker type, and any remaining kwargs passed to the plot() method.

If marker and markersize are None, useful kwargs include:

- ecmap
- alpha

See Also:

imshow() For image options.

For controlling colors, e.g. cyan background and red marks, use:

```
cmap = mcolors.ListedColormap(['c','r'])
```

If marker or markersize is not None, useful kwargs include:

- •marker
- •markersize
- •color

Useful values for *marker* include:

- •'s' square (default)
- 'o' circle
- •'.' point
- •',' pixel

See Also:

```
plot() For plotting options
```

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.stackplot(x, *args, **kwargs)
```

Draws a stacked area plot.

x: 1d array of dimension N

y [2d array of dimension MxN, OR any number 1d arrays each of dimension] 1xN. The data is assumed to be unstacked. Each of the following calls is legal:

```
stackplot(x, y)  # where y is MxN
stackplot(x, y1, y2, y3, y4) # where y1, y2, y3, y4, are all 1xNm
```

Keyword arguments:

colors [A list or tuple of colors. These will be cycled through and] used to colour the stacked areas. All other keyword arguments are passed to fill_between()

Returns *r* : A list of PolyCollection, one for each element in the stacked area plot.

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.stem(x, y, linefmt='b-', markerfmt='bo', basefmt='r-', bottom=None, label=None, hold=None)
```

Create a stem plot.

Call signature:

```
stem(x, y, linefmt='b-', markerfmt='bo', basefmt='r-')
```

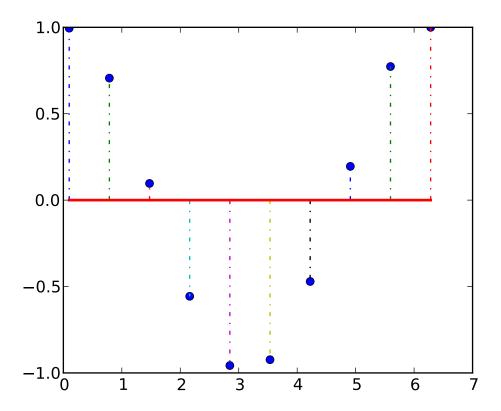
A stem plot plots vertical lines (using *linefmt*) at each *x* location from the baseline to *y*, and places a marker there using *markerfmt*. A horizontal line at 0 is is plotted using *basefmt*.

Return value is a tuple (markerline, stemlines, baseline).

See Also:

This document for details.

Example:



matplotlib.pyplot.step(x, y, *args, **kwargs)

Make a step plot.

Call signature:

step(x, y, *args, **kwargs)

Additional keyword args to step() are the same as those for plot().

x and y must be 1-D sequences, and it is assumed, but not checked, that x is uniformly increasing.

Keyword arguments:

where: ['pre'|'post'|'mid'] If 'pre', the interval from x[i] to x[i+1] has level y[i+1]

If 'post', that interval has level y[i]

If 'mid', the jumps in y occur half-way between the x-values.

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

matplotlib.pyplot.**streamplot**(x, y, u, v, density=1, linewidth=None, color=None, cmap=None, norm=None, arrowsize=1, arrowstyle='-|>', minlength=0.1, transform=None, hold=None)

Draws streamlines of a vector flow.

x, y [1d arrays] an evenly spaced grid.

- u, v [2d arrays] x and y-velocities. Number of rows should match length of y, and the number of columns should match x.
- density [float or 2-tuple] Controls the closeness of streamlines. When density = 1, the domain is divided into a 25x25 grid—density linearly scales this grid. Each cell in the grid can have, at most, one traversing streamline. For different densities in each direction, use [density_x, density_y].
- *linewidth* [numeric or 2d array] vary linewidth when given a 2d array with the same shape as velocities.
- *color* [matplotlib color code, or 2d array] Streamline color. When given an array with the same shape as velocities, *color* values are converted to colors using *cmap*.
- *cmap* [Colormap] Colormap used to plot streamlines and arrows. Only necessary when using an array input for *color*.
- **norm** [Normalize] Normalize object used to scale luminance data to 0, 1. If None, stretch (min, max) to (0, 1). Only necessary when *color* is an array.

arrowsize [float] Factor scale arrow size.

arrowstyle [str] Arrow style specification. See FancyArrowPatch.

minlength [float] Minimum length of streamline in axes coordinates.

Returns:

stream_container [StreamplotSet]

objects representing arrows half-way along stream lines.

This container will probably change in the future to allow changes to the colormap, alpha, etc. for both lines and arrows, but these changes should be backward compatible.

Additional kwargs: hold = [True|False] overrides default hold state

```
matplotlib.pyplot.subplot(*args, **kwargs)
```

Create a new axes (subplot).

Creating axes with:

```
subplot(numRows, numCols, plotNum)
```

where plotNum = 1 is the first plot number and increasing plotNums fill rows first. max(plotNum) = numRows * numCols

You can leave out the commas if $numRows \le numCols \le plotNum \le 10$, as in:

```
subplot(211) # 2 rows, 1 column, first (upper) plot
```

```
subplot(111) is the default axis.
```

New subplots that overlap old will delete the old axes. If you do not want this behavior, use add_subplot() or the axes() command. Eg.:

```
from pylab import *
plot([1,2,3]) # implicitly creates subplot(111)
subplot(211) # overlaps, subplot(111) is killed
plot(rand(12), rand(12))
subplot(212, axisbg='y') # creates 2nd subplot with yellow background
```

Keyword arguments:

axisbg: The background color of the subplot, which can be any valid color specifier. See matplotlib.colors for more information.

polar: A boolean flag indicating whether the subplot plot should be a polar projection. Defaults to *False*.

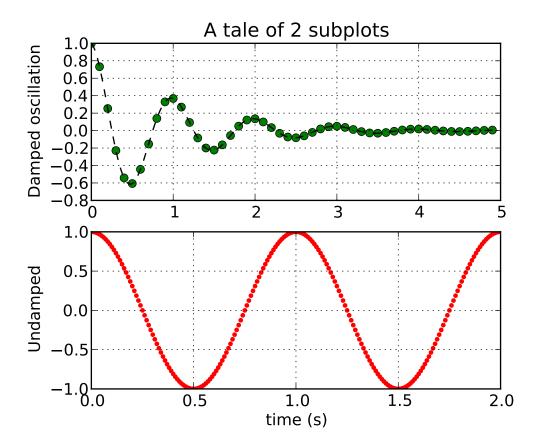
projection: A string giving the name of a custom projection to be used for the subplot. This projection must have been previously registered. See matplotlib.projections.

See Also:

```
axes() For additional information on axes() and subplot() keyword arguments.
```

examples/pylab_examples/polar_scatter.py For an example

Example:



matplotlib.pyplot.subplot2grid(shape, loc, rowspan=1, colspan=1, **kwargs)

Create a subplot in a grid. The grid is specified by *shape*, at location of *loc*, spanning *rowspan*, *colspan* cells in each direction. The index for loc is 0-based.

```
subplot2grid(shape, loc, rowspan=1, colspan=1)
```

is identical to

gridspec=GridSpec(shape[0], shape[2])
subplotspec=gridspec.new_subplotspec(loc, rowspan, colspan)
subplot(subplotspec)

matplotlib.pyplot.subplot_tool(targetfig=None)

Launch a subplot tool window for a figure.

A matplotlib.widgets.SubplotTool instance is returned.

matplotlib.pyplot.**subplots**(nrows=1, ncols=1, sharex=False, sharey=False, squeeze=True, subplot_kw=None, **fig_kw)

Create a figure with a set of subplots already made.

This utility wrapper makes it convenient to create common layouts of subplots, including the enclosing figure object, in a single call.

Keyword arguments:

nrows [int] Number of rows of the subplot grid. Defaults to 1.

ncols [int] Number of columns of the subplot grid. Defaults to 1.

sharex [string or bool] If *True*, the X axis will be shared amongst all subplots. If *True* and you have multiple rows, the x tick labels on all but the last row of plots will have visible set to *False* If a string must be one of "row", "col", "all", or "none". "all" has the same effect as *True*, "none" has the same effect as *False*. If "row", each subplot row will share a X axis. If "col", each subplot column will share a X axis and the x tick labels on all but the last row will have visible set to *False*.

sharey [string or bool] If *True*, the Y axis will be shared amongst all subplots. If *True* and you have multiple columns, the y tick labels on all but the first column of plots will have visible set to *False* If a string must be one of "row", "col", "all", or "none". "all" has the same effect as *True*, "none" has the same effect as *False*. If "row", each subplot row will share a Y axis. If "col", each subplot column will share a Y axis and the y tick labels on all but the last row will have visible set to *False*.

squeeze [bool] If True, extra dimensions are squeezed out from the returned axis object:

- if only one subplot is constructed (nrows=ncols=1), the resulting single Axis object is returned as a scalar.
- for Nx1 or 1xN subplots, the returned object is a 1-d numpy object array of Axis objects are returned as numpy 1-d arrays.
- for NxM subplots with N>1 and M>1 are returned as a 2d array.

If *False*, no squeezing at all is done: the returned axis object is always a 2-d array contaning Axis instances, even if it ends up being 1x1.

subplot_kw [dict] Dict with keywords passed to the add_subplot() call used to create
each subplots.

fig_kw [dict] Dict with keywords passed to the figure() call. Note that all keywords not recognized above will be automatically included here.

Returns:

fig, ax: tuple

- fig is the matplotlib. figure. Figure object
- •ax can be either a single axis object or an array of axis objects if more than one subplot was created. The dimensions of the resulting array can be controlled with the squeeze keyword, see above.

Examples:

```
x = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 400)
y = np.sin(x**2)

# Just a figure and one subplot
f, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(x, y)
ax.set_title('Simple plot')

# Two subplots, unpack the output array immediately
```

```
f, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, sharey=True)
     ax1.plot(x, y)
     ax1.set_title('Sharing Y axis')
     ax2.scatter(x, y)
     # Four polar axes
     plt.subplots(2, 2, subplot_kw=dict(polar=True))
     # Share a X axis with each column of subplots
     plt.subplots(2, 2, sharex='col')
     # Share a Y axis with each row of subplots
     plt.subplots(2, 2, sharey='row')
     # Share a X and Y axis with all subplots
     plt.subplots(2, 2, sharex='all', sharey='all')
     # same as
     plt.subplots(2, 2, sharex=True, sharey=True)
matplotlib.pyplot.subplots_adjust(*args, **kwargs)
     Tune the subplot layout.
     call signature:
     subplots_adjust(left=None, bottom=None, right=None, top=None,
                      wspace=None, hspace=None)
     The parameter meanings (and suggested defaults) are:
     left = 0.125 # the left side of the subplots of the figure
     right = 0.9  # the right side of the subplots of the figure
     bottom = 0.1  # the bottom of the subplots of the figure
     top = 0.9  # the top of the subplots of the figure
     wspace = 0.2 # the amount of width reserved for blank space between subplots
     hspace = 0.2 # the amount of height reserved for white space between subplots
     The actual defaults are controlled by the rc file
matplotlib.pyplot.summer()
     set the default colormap to summer and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more
     information
matplotlib.pyplot.suptitle(*args, **kwargs)
     Add a centered title to the figure.
     kwargs are matplotlib.text.Text properties. Using figure coordinates, the defaults are:
          x [0.5] The x location of the text in figure coords
          y [0.98] The y location of the text in figure coords
          horizontalalignment ['center'] The horizontal alignment of the text
          vertical alignment ['top'] The vertical alignment of the text
     A matplotlib.text.Text instance is returned.
```

Example:

```
fig.suptitle('this is the figure title', fontsize=12)
```

matplotlib.pyplot.switch_backend(newbackend)

Switch the default backend. This feature is **experimental**, and is only expected to work switching to an image backend. Eg, if you have a bunch of PostScript scripts that you want to run from an interactive ipython session, you may want to switch to the PS backend before running them to avoid having a bunch of GUI windows popup. If you try to interactively switch from one GUI backend to another, you will explode.

Calling this command will close all open windows.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.table(**kwargs)
```

Add a table to the current axes.

Call signature:

```
table(cellText=None, cellColours=None,
    cellLoc='right', colWidths=None,
    rowLabels=None, rowColours=None, rowLoc='left',
    colLabels=None, colColours=None, colLoc='center',
    loc='bottom', bbox=None):
```

Returns a matplotlib.table.Table instance. For finer grained control over tables, use the Table class and add it to the axes with add_table().

Thanks to John Gill for providing the class and table.

kwargs control the Table properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
contains	a callable function
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontsize	a float in points
gid	an id string
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
lod	[True False]
picker	[None float boolean callable]
rasterized	[True False None]
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

matplotlib.pyplot.text(x, y, s, fontdict=None, withdash=False, **kwargs) Add text to the axes.

Call signature:

```
text(x, y, s, fontdict=None, **kwargs)
```

Add text in string s to axis at location x, y, data coordinates.

Keyword arguments:

fontdict: A dictionary to override the default text properties. If **fontdict** is **None**, the defaults are determined by your rc parameters.

withdash: [False | True] Creates a TextWithDash instance instead of a Text instance.

Individual keyword arguments can be used to override any given parameter:

```
text(x, y, s, fontsize=12)
```

The default transform specifies that text is in data coords, alternatively, you can specify text in axis coords (0,0 is lower-left and 1,1 is upper-right). The example below places text in the center of the axes:

```
text(0.5, 0.5, 'matplotlib',
    horizontalalignment='center',
    verticalalignment='center',
    transform = ax.transAxes)
```

You can put a rectangular box around the text instance (eg. to set a background color) by using the keyword *bbox*. *bbox* is a dictionary of matplotlib.patches.Rectangle properties. For example:

```
text(x, y, s, bbox=dict(facecolor='red', alpha=0.5))
```

Valid kwargs are Text properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float (0.0 transparent through 1.0 opaque)
animated	[True False]
axes	an Axes instance
backgroundcolor	any matplotlib color
bbox	rectangle prop dict
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
color	any matplotlib color
contains	a callable function
family or fontfamily or fontname or name	[FONTNAME 'serif' 'sans-serif' 'cursive' 'fantasy' 'monospace']
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
fontproperties or font_properties	a matplotlib.font_manager.FontProperties instance

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Property	Description
gid	an id string
horizontalalignment or ha	['center' 'right' 'left']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linespacing	float (multiple of font size)
lod	[True False]
multialignment	['left' 'right' 'center']
path_effects	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
position	(x,y)
rasterized	[True False None]
rotation	[angle in degrees 'vertical' 'horizontal']
rotation_mode	unknown
size or fontsize	[size in points 'xx-small' 'x-small' 'small' 'medium' 'large' 'x-large
snap	unknown
stretch or fontstretch	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultra-condensed' 'extra-condensed' 'c
style or fontstyle	['normal' 'italic' 'oblique']
text	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
variant or fontvariant	['normal' 'small-caps']
verticalalignment or va or ma	['center' 'top' 'bottom' 'baseline']
visible	[True False]
weight or fontweight	[a numeric value in range 0-1000 'ultralight' 'light' 'normal' 'regular'
х	float
у	float
zorder	any number

matplotlib.pyplot.thetagrids(*args, **kwargs)

Get or set the theta locations of the gridlines in a polar plot.

If no arguments are passed, return a tuple (*lines*, *labels*) where *lines* is an array of radial gridlines (Line2D instances) and *labels* is an array of tick labels (Text instances):

lines, labels = thetagrids()

Otherwise the syntax is:

lines, labels = thetagrids(angles, labels=None, fmt='%d', frac = 1.1)

set the angles at which to place the theta grids (these gridlines are equal along the theta dimension). *angles* is in degrees.

labels, if not None, is a len(angles) list of strings of the labels to use at each angle.

If *labels* is *None*, the labels will be fmt%angle.

frac is the fraction of the polar axes radius at which to place the label (1 is the edge). Eg. 1.05 is outside the axes and 0.95 is inside the axes.

Return value is a list of tuples (*lines*, *labels*):

- •lines are Line2D instances
- labels are Text instances.

Note that on input, the *labels* argument is a list of strings, and on output it is a list of Text instances.

Examples:

```
# set the locations of the radial gridlines and labels
lines, labels = thetagrids( range(45,360,90) )

# set the locations and labels of the radial gridlines and labels
lines, labels = thetagrids( range(45,360,90), ('NE', 'NW', 'SW', 'SE') )

matplotlib.pyplot.tick_params(axis='both', **kwargs)
```

Change the appearance of ticks and tick labels.

Keyword arguments:

axis [['x' | 'y' | 'both']] Axis on which to operate; default is 'both'.

reset [[True | False]] If *True*, set all parameters to defaults before processing other keyword arguments. Default is *False*.

which [['major' | 'minor' | 'both']] Default is 'major'; apply arguments to which ticks.

direction [['in' | 'out']] Puts ticks inside or outside the axes.

length Tick length in points.

width Tick width in points.

color Tick color; accepts any mpl color spec.

pad Distance in points between tick and label.

labelsize Tick label font size in points or as a string (e.g. 'large').

labelcolor Tick label color; mpl color spec.

colors Changes the tick color and the label color to the same value: mpl color spec.

zorder Tick and label zorder.

bottom, top, left, right [[bool | 'on' | 'off']] controls whether to draw the respective ticks.

labelbottom, *labeltop*, *labelleft*, *labelright* Boolean or ['on' | 'off'], controls whether to draw the respective tick labels.

Example:

```
ax.tick_params(direction='out', length=6, width=2, colors='r')
```

This will make all major ticks be red, pointing out of the box, and with dimensions 6 points by 2 points. Tick labels will also be red.

matplotlib.pyplot.ticklabel_format(**kwargs)

Change the ScalarFormatter used by default for linear axes.

Optional keyword arguments:

Key-	Description
word	
style	['sci' (or 'scientific') 'plain'] plain turns off scientific notation
scilim-	(m, n), pair of integers; if <i>style</i> is 'sci', scientific notation will be used for
its	numbers outside the range 10 m':sup: to 10 n':sup:. Use (0,0) to include all
	numbers.
use-	[True False offset]; if True, the offset will be calculated as needed; if False,
Off-	no offset will be used; if a numeric offset is specified, it will be used.
set	
axis	['x' 'y' 'both']
use-	If True, format the number according to the current locale. This affects things
Lo-	such as the character used for the decimal separator. If False, use C-style
cale	(English) formatting. The default setting is controlled by the
	axes.formatter.use_locale rcparam.

Only the major ticks are affected. If the method is called when the ScalarFormatter is not the Formatter being used, an AttributeError will be raised.

matplotlib.pyplot.tight_layout(pad=1.08, h_pad=None, w_pad=None, rect=None) Automatically adjust subplot parameters to give specified padding.

Parameters:

pad [float] padding between the figure edge and the edges of subplots, as a fraction of the font-size.

h_pad, w_pad [float] padding (height/width) between edges of adjacent subplots. Defaults to pad_inches.

rect [if rect is given, it is interpreted as a rectangle] (left, bottom, right, top) in the normalized figure coordinate that the whole subplots area (including labels) will fit into. Default is (0, 0, 1, 1).

```
matplotlib.pyplot.title(s, *args, **kwargs)
```

Set the title of the current axis.

Default font override is:

See Also:

text() for information on how override and the optional args work.

```
matplotlib.pyplot.tricontour(*args, **kwargs)
```

Draw contours on an unstructured triangular grid. tricontour() and tricontourf() draw contour lines and filled contours, respectively. Except as noted, function signatures and return values are the same for both versions.

```
The triangulation can be specified in one of two ways; either:
tricontour(triangulation, ...)
where triangulation is a Triangulation object, or
tricontour(x, y, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles=triangles, ...)
tricontour(x, y, mask=mask, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles, mask=mask, ...)
in which case a Triangulation object will be created. See Triangulation for a explanation of these
possibilities.
The remaining arguments may be:
tricontour(..., Z)
where Z is the array of values to contour, one per point in the triangulation. The level values are
chosen automatically.
tricontour(..., Z, N)
contour N automatically-chosen levels.
tricontour(..., Z, V)
draw contour lines at the values specified in sequence V
tricontourf(..., Z, V)
fill the (len(V)-1) regions between the values in V
tricontour(Z, **kwargs)
Use keyword args to control colors, linewidth, origin, cmap ... see below for more details.
C = tricontour(...) returns a TriContourSet object.
Optional keyword arguments:
     colors: [None | string | (mpl_colors)] If None, the colormap specified by cmap will be
         used.
         If a string, like 'r' or 'red', all levels will be plotted in this color.
         If a tuple of matplotlib color args (string, float, rgb, etc), different levels will be plotted
         in different colors in the order specified.
     alpha: float The alpha blending value
     cmap: [None | Colormap] A cm Colormap instance or None. If cmap is None and col-
         ors is None, a default Colormap is used.
```

- norm: [None | Normalize] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance for scaling data values to colors. If norm is None and colors is None, the default linear scaling is used.
- *levels* [level0, level1, ..., leveln] A list of floating point numbers indicating the level curves to draw; eg to draw just the zero contour pass levels=[0]
- *origin*: [*None* | 'upper' | 'lower' | 'image'] If *None*, the first value of Z will correspond to the lower left corner, location (0,0). If 'image', the rc value for image.origin will be used.

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

extent: [*None* | (x0,x1,y0,y1)]

If *origin* is not *None*, then *extent* is interpreted as in matplotlib.pyplot.imshow(): it gives the outer pixel boundaries. In this case, the position of Z[0,0] is the center of the pixel, not a corner. If *origin* is *None*, then (x0, y0) is the position of Z[0,0], and (x1, y1) is the position of Z[-1,-1].

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

- *locator*: [*None* | ticker.Locator subclass] If *locator* is None, the default MaxNLocator is used. The locator is used to determine the contour levels if they are not given explicitly via the *V* argument.
- extend: ['neither'|'both'|'min'|'max'] Unless this is 'neither', contour levels are automatically added to one or both ends of the range so that all data are included. These added ranges are then mapped to the special colormap values which default to the ends of the colormap range, but can be set via matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_under() and matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_over() methods.
- *xunits*, *yunits*: [*None* | registered units] Override axis units by specifying an instance of a matplotlib.units.ConversionInterface.

tricontour-only keyword arguments:

linewidths: [*None* | number | tuple of numbers] If *linewidths* is *None*, the default width in lines.linewidth in matplotlibrc is used.

If a number, all levels will be plotted with this linewidth.

If a tuple, different levels will be plotted with different linewidths in the order specified

linestyles: [None | 'solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted'] If linestyles is None, the 'solid' is used.

linestyles can also be an iterable of the above strings specifying a set of linestyles to be used. If this iterable is shorter than the number of contour levels it will be repeated as necessary.

If contour is using a monochrome colormap and the contour level is less than 0, then the linestyle specified in contour.negative_linestyle in matplotlibrc will be used.

tricontourf-only keyword arguments:

antialiased: [True | False] enable antialiasing

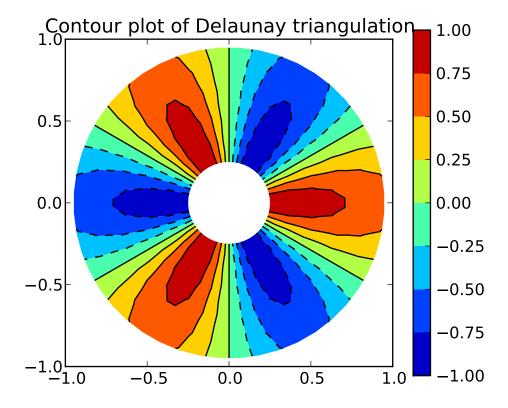
nchunk: [0 | integer] If 0, no subdivision of the domain. Specify a positive integer to divide the domain into subdomains of roughly *nchunk* by *nchunk* points. This may never actually be advantageous, so this option may be removed. Chunking introduces artifacts at the chunk boundaries unless *antialiased* is *False*.

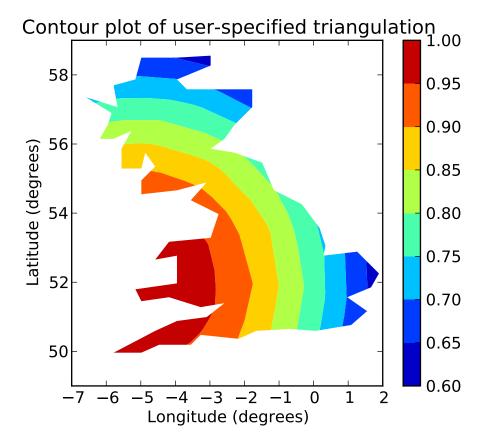
Note: tricontourf fills intervals that are closed at the top; that is, for boundaries z1 and z2, the filled region is:

$$z1 < z \le z2$$

There is one exception: if the lowest boundary coincides with the minimum value of the z array, then that minimum value will be included in the lowest interval.

Examples:





matplotlib.pyplot.tricontourf(*args, **kwargs)

Draw contours on an unstructured triangular grid. tricontour() and tricontourf() draw contour lines and filled contours, respectively. Except as noted, function signatures and return values are the same for both versions.

The triangulation can be specified in one of two ways; either:

```
tricontour(triangulation, ...)
```

where triangulation is a Triangulation object, or

```
tricontour(x, y, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles=triangles, ...)
tricontour(x, y, mask=mask, ...)
tricontour(x, y, triangles, mask=mask, ...)
```

in which case a Triangulation object will be created. See Triangulation for a explanation of these possibilities.

The remaining arguments may be:

```
tricontour(..., Z)
```

where Z is the array of values to contour, one per point in the triangulation. The level values are

```
chosen automatically.  \begin{tabular}{ll} tricontour(..., Z, N) \\ contour N automatically-chosen levels. \\ tricontour(..., Z, V) \\ draw contour lines at the values specified in sequence V \\ tricontourf(..., Z, V) \\ fill the <math>(len(V)-1) regions between the values in V
```

Use keyword args to control colors, linewidth, origin, cmap ... see below for more details.

C = tricontour(...) returns a TriContourSet object.

Optional keyword arguments:

tricontour(Z, **kwargs)

colors: [None | string | (mpl_colors)] If None, the colormap specified by cmap will be used.

If a string, like 'r' or 'red', all levels will be plotted in this color.

If a tuple of matplotlib color args (string, float, rgb, etc), different levels will be plotted in different colors in the order specified.

alpha: float The alpha blending value

cmap: [*None* | Colormap] A cm Colormap instance or *None*. If *cmap* is *None* and *colors* is *None*, a default Colormap is used.

norm: [None | Normalize] A matplotlib.colors.Normalize instance for scaling data values to colors. If norm is None and colors is None, the default linear scaling is used.

levels [level0, level1, ..., leveln] A list of floating point numbers indicating the level curves to draw; eg to draw just the zero contour pass levels=[0]

origin: [None | 'upper' | 'lower' | 'image'] If None, the first value of Z will correspond to the lower left corner, location (0,0). If 'image', the rc value for image.origin will be used.

This keyword is not active if X and Y are specified in the call to contour.

```
extent: [None \mid (x0,x1,y0,y1)]
```

If *origin* is not *None*, then *extent* is interpreted as in matplotlib.pyplot.imshow(): it gives the outer pixel boundaries. In this case, the position of Z[0,0] is the center of the pixel, not a corner. If *origin* is *None*, then (x0, y0) is the position of Z[0,0], and (x1, y1) is the position of Z[-1,-1].

This keyword is not active if *X* and *Y* are specified in the call to contour.

locator: [None | ticker.Locator subclass] If locator is None, the default MaxNLocator is used. The locator is used to determine the contour levels if they are not given explicitly via the V argument.

extend: ['neither'|'both'|'min'|'max'] Unless this is 'neither', contour levels are automatically added to one or both ends of the range so that all data are included. These added ranges are then mapped to the special colormap values which default to the ends of the colormap range, but can be set via matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_under() and matplotlib.colors.Colormap.set_over() methods.

xunits, *yunits*: [*None* | registered units] Override axis units by specifying an instance of a matplotlib.units.ConversionInterface.

tricontour-only keyword arguments:

linewidths: [*None* | number | tuple of numbers] If *linewidths* is *None*, the default width in lines.linewidth in matplotlibrc is used.

If a number, all levels will be plotted with this linewidth.

If a tuple, different levels will be plotted with different linewidths in the order specified

linestyles: [None | 'solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted'] If linestyles is None, the 'solid' is used.

linestyles can also be an iterable of the above strings specifying a set of linestyles to be used. If this iterable is shorter than the number of contour levels it will be repeated as necessary.

If contour is using a monochrome colormap and the contour level is less than 0, then the linestyle specified in contour.negative_linestyle in matplotlibrc will be used.

tricontourf-only keyword arguments:

antialiased: [True | False] enable antialiasing

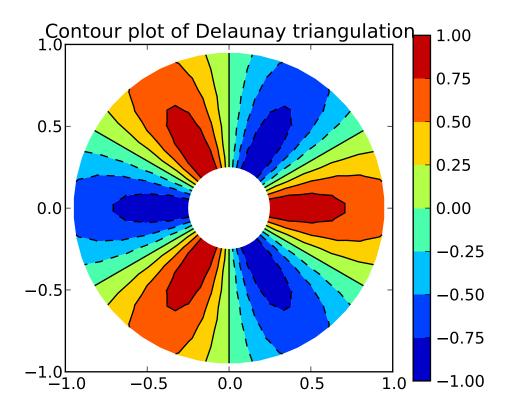
nchunk: [0 | integer] If 0, no subdivision of the domain. Specify a positive integer to divide the domain into subdomains of roughly *nchunk* by *nchunk* points. This may never actually be advantageous, so this option may be removed. Chunking introduces artifacts at the chunk boundaries unless *antialiased* is *False*.

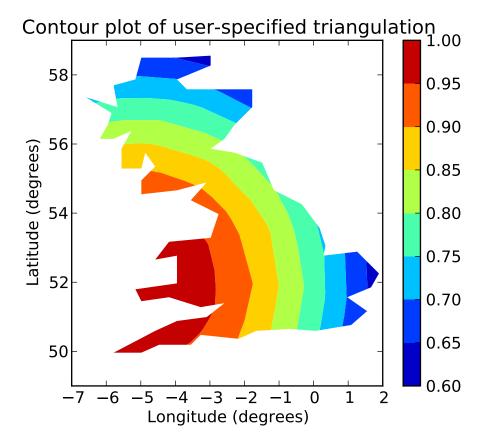
Note: tricontourf fills intervals that are closed at the top; that is, for boundaries z1 and z2, the filled region is:

```
z1 < z \le z2
```

There is one exception: if the lowest boundary coincides with the minimum value of the z array, then that minimum value will be included in the lowest interval.

Examples:





matplotlib.pyplot.tripcolor(*args, **kwargs)

Create a pseudocolor plot of an unstructured triangular grid.

The triangulation can be specified in one of two ways; either:

```
tripcolor(triangulation, ...)
```

where triangulation is a Triangulation object, or

```
tripcolor(x, y, ...)
tripcolor(x, y, triangles, ...)
tripcolor(x, y, triangles=triangles, ...)
tripcolor(x, y, mask=mask, ...)
tripcolor(x, y, triangles, mask=mask, ...)
```

in which case a Triangulation object will be created. See Triangulation for a explanation of these possibilities.

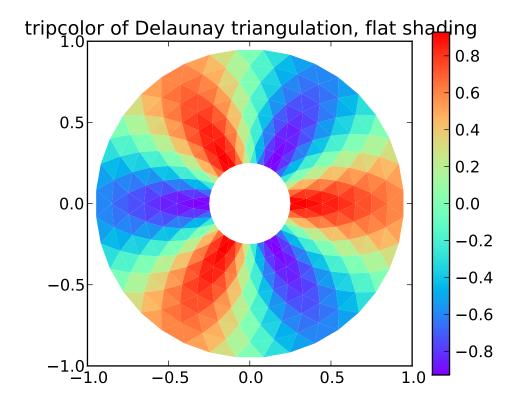
The next argument must be C, the array of color values, either one per point in the triangulation if color values are defined at points, or one per triangle in the triangulation if color values are defined at triangles. If there are the same number of points and triangles in the triangulation it is assumed that color values are defined at points; to force the use of color values at triangles use the kwarg facecolors*=C instead of just *C.

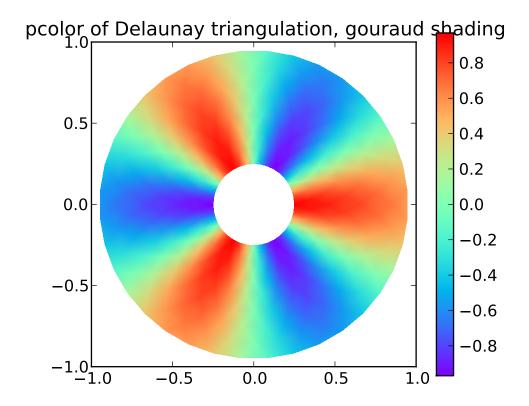
shading may be 'flat' (the default) or 'gouraud'. If shading is 'flat' and C values are defined at points,

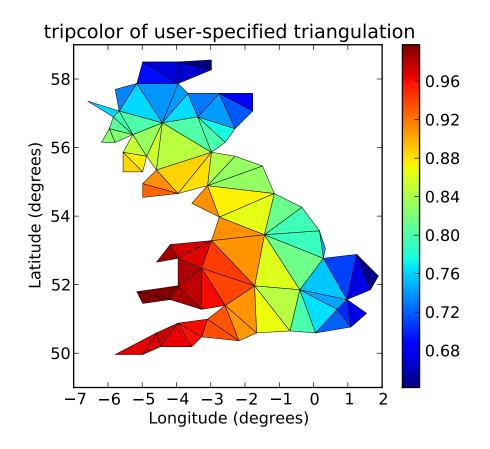
the color values used for each triangle are from the mean C of the triangle's three points. If *shading* is 'gouraud' then color values must be defined at points. *shading* of 'faceted' is deprecated; please use *edgecolors* instead.

The remaining kwargs are the same as for pcolor().

Example:







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```
matplotlib.pyplot.triplot(*args, **kwargs)
```

Draw a unstructured triangular grid as lines and/or markers.

The triangulation to plot can be specified in one of two ways; either:

```
triplot(triangulation, ...)
```

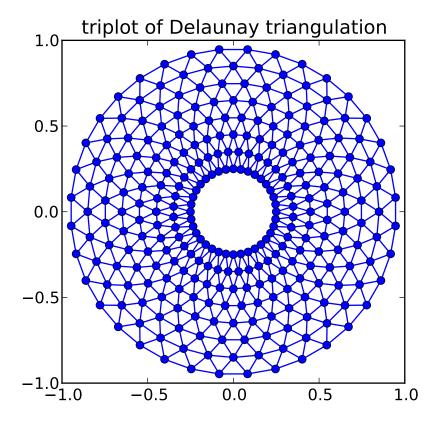
where triangulation is a Triangulation object, or

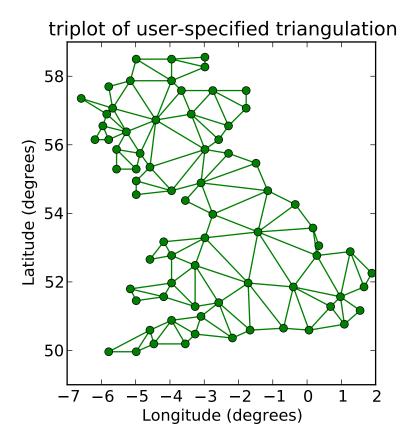
```
triplot(x, y, ...)
triplot(x, y, triangles, ...)
triplot(x, y, triangles=triangles, ...)
triplot(x, y, mask=mask, ...)
triplot(x, y, triangles, mask=mask, ...)
```

in which case a Triangulation object will be created. See Triangulation for a explanation of these possibilities.

The remaining args and kwargs are the same as for plot().

Example:





matplotlib.pyplot.twinx(ax=None)

Make a second axes that shares the x-axis. The new axes will overlay ax (or the current axes if ax is None). The ticks for ax2 will be placed on the right, and the ax2 instance is returned.

See Also:

examples/api_examples/two_scales.py For an example

matplotlib.pyplot.**twiny**(*ax=None*)

Make a second axes that shares the y-axis. The new axis will overlay ax (or the current axes if ax is None). The ticks for ax2 will be placed on the top, and the ax2 instance is returned.

Plot vertical lines.

Call signature:

vlines(x, ymin, ymax, color='k', linestyles='solid')

Plot vertical lines at each x from ymin to ymax. ymin or ymax can be scalars or len(x) numpy arrays. If they are scalars, then the respective values are constant, else the heights of the lines are determined by ymin and ymax.

colors: A line collection's color args, either a single color or a len(x) list of colors

linestyles: ['solid' | 'dashed' | 'dashdot' | 'dotted']

Returns the matplotlib.collections.LineCollection that was added.

kwargs are LineCollection properties:

Property	Description
agg_filter	unknown
alpha	float or None
animated	[True False]
antialiased or antialiaseds	Boolean or sequence of booleans
array	unknown
axes	an Axes instance
clim	a length 2 sequence of floats
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance
clip_on	[True False]
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]
cmap	a colormap or registered colormap name
color	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
colorbar	unknown
contains	a callable function
edgecolor or edgecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
facecolor or facecolors	matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance
gid	an id string
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.
linestyle or linestyles or dashes	['solid' 'dashed', 'dashdot', 'dotted' (offset, on-off-dash-seq)]
linewidth or lw or linewidths	float or sequence of floats
lod	[True False]
norm	unknown
offset_position	unknown
offsets	float or sequence of floats
paths	unknown
picker	[None float boolean callable]
pickradius	unknown
rasterized	[True False None]
segments	unknown
snap	unknown
transform	Transform instance
url	a url string
urls	unknown
verts	unknown
visible	[True False]
zorder	any number

```
matplotlib.pyplot.waitforbuttonpress(*args, **kwargs)
```

Call signature:

```
waitforbuttonpress(self, timeout=-1)
```

Blocking call to interact with the figure.

This will return True is a key was pressed, False if a mouse button was pressed and None if *timeout* was reached without either being pressed.

If *timeout* is negative, does not timeout.

matplotlib.pyplot.winter()

set the default colormap to winter and apply to current image if any. See help(colormaps) for more information

```
matplotlib.pyplot.xcorr(x, y, normed=True, detrend=<function detrend_none at 0x231ccf8>, usevlines=True, maxlags=10, hold=None, **kwargs)
```

Plot the cross correlation between x and y.

Call signature:

```
xcorr(self, x, y, normed=True, detrend=mlab.detrend_none,
   usevlines=True, maxlags=10, **kwargs)
```

If normed = True, normalize the data by the cross correlation at 0-th lag. x and y are detrended by the detrend callable (default no normalization). x and y must be equal length.

Data are plotted as plot(lags, c, **kwargs)

Return value is a tuple (*lags*, *c*, *line*) where:

- lags are a length 2*maxlags+1 lag vector
- c is the 2*maxlags+1 auto correlation vector
- line is a Line2D instance returned by plot().

The default *linestyle* is *None* and the default *marker* is 'o', though these can be overridden with keyword args. The cross correlation is performed with numpy.correlate() with mode = 2.

If usevlines is True:

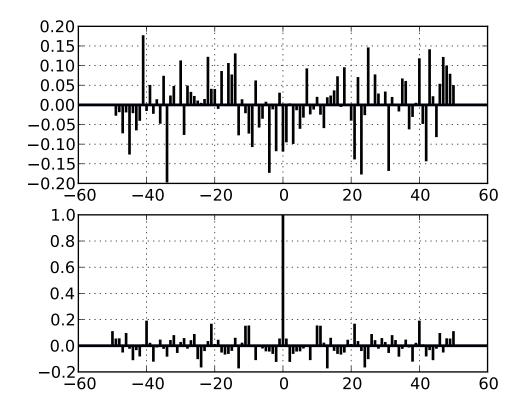
vlines() rather than plot() is used to draw vertical lines from the origin to the xcorr. Otherwise the plotstyle is determined by the kwargs, which are Line2D properties.

```
The return value is a tuple (lags, c, linecol, b) where linecol is the matplotlib.collections.LineCollection instance and b is the x-axis.
```

maxlags is a positive integer detailing the number of lags to show. The default value of *None* will return all (2*len(x)-1) lags.

Example:

xcorr() is top graph, and acorr() is bottom graph.



```
matplotlib.pyplot.xlabel(s, *args, **kwargs)
```

Set the x axis label of the current axis.

Default override is:

```
override = {
    'fontsize' : 'small',
    'verticalalignment' : 'top',
    'horizontalalignment' : 'center'
}
```

See Also:

text() For information on how override and the optional args work

```
matplotlib.pyplot.xlim(*args, **kwargs)
```

Get or set the *x* limits of the current axes.

```
xmin, xmax = xlim() # return the current xlim
xlim( (xmin, xmax) ) # set the xlim to xmin, xmax
xlim( xmin, xmax ) # set the xlim to xmin, xmax
```

If you do not specify args, you can pass the xmin and xmax as kwargs, eg.:

```
xlim(xmax=3) # adjust the max leaving min unchanged
      xlim(xmin=1) # adjust the min leaving max unchanged
      Setting limits turns autoscaling off for the x-axis.
      The new axis limits are returned as a length 2 tuple.
matplotlib.pyplot.xscale(*args, **kwargs)
      Set the scaling of the x-axis.
      call signature:
      xscale(scale, **kwargs)
      The available scales are: 'linear' | 'log' | 'symlog'
      Different keywords may be accepted, depending on the scale:
      'linear'
           'log'
                basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
                nonposx/nonposy: ['mask' | 'clip' ] non-positive values in x or y can be masked
                    as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number
                subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be a
                    sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,
                    8, 9]
                    will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.
            'symlog'
                basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
                linthreshy/linthreshy: The range (-x, x) within which the plot is linear (to avoid
                    having the plot go to infinity around zero).
                subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be a
                    sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,
                    8, 9]
                    will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.
                linscalex/linscaley: This allows the linear range (-linthresh to linthresh) to be
                    stretched relative to the logarithmic range. Its value is the number of decades
                    to use for each half of the linear range. For example, when linscale == 1.0
                    (the default), the space used for the positive and negative halves of the linear
                    range will be equal to one decade in the logarithmic range.
matplotlib.pyplot.xticks(*args, **kwargs)
      Get or set the x-limits of the current tick locations and labels.
```

```
# return locs, labels where locs is an array of tick locations and
     # labels is an array of tick labels.
     locs, labels = xticks()
     # set the locations of the xticks
     xticks( arange(6) )
     # set the locations and labels of the xticks
     xticks( arange(5), ('Tom', 'Dick', 'Harry', 'Sally', 'Sue') )
     The keyword args, if any, are Text properties. For example, to rotate long labels:
     xticks( arange(12), calendar.month_name[1:13], rotation=17 )
matplotlib.pyplot.ylabel(s, *args, **kwargs)
     Set the y axis label of the current axis.
     Defaults override is:
     override = {
         'fontsize'
                                : 'small',
         'verticalalignment' : 'center',
         'horizontalalignment' : 'right',
         'rotation'='vertical' : }
     See Also:
     text() For information on how override and the optional args work.
matplotlib.pyplot.ylim(*args, **kwargs)
     Get or set the y-limits of the current axes.
     ymin, ymax = ylim() # return the current ylim
     ylim( (ymin, ymax) ) # set the ylim to ymin, ymax
     ylim( ymin, ymax ) # set the ylim to ymin, ymax
     If you do not specify args, you can pass the ymin and ymax as kwargs, eg.:
     ylim(ymax=3) # adjust the max leaving min unchanged
     ylim(ymin=1) # adjust the min leaving max unchanged
     Setting limits turns autoscaling off for the y-axis.
     The new axis limits are returned as a length 2 tuple.
matplotlib.pyplot.yscale(*args, **kwargs)
     Set the scaling of the y-axis.
     call signature:
     yscale(scale, **kwargs)
     The available scales are: 'linear' | 'log' | 'symlog'
     Different keywords may be accepted, depending on the scale:
```

```
'linear'
           'log'
               basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
               nonposx/nonposy: ['mask' | 'clip'] non-positive values in x or y can be masked
                   as invalid, or clipped to a very small positive number
               subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be a
                   sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,
                   8, 9]
                   will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.
           'symlog'
               basex/basey: The base of the logarithm
               linthreshy/linthreshy: The range (-x, x) within which the plot is linear (to avoid
                   having the plot go to infinity around zero).
               subsx/subsy: Where to place the subticks between each major tick. Should be a
                   sequence of integers. For example, in a log10 scale: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,
                   8, 9]
                   will place 8 logarithmically spaced minor ticks between each major tick.
               linscalex/linscaley: This allows the linear range (-linthresh to linthresh) to be
                   stretched relative to the logarithmic range. Its value is the number of decades
                   to use for each half of the linear range. For example, when linscale == 1.0
                   (the default), the space used for the positive and negative halves of the linear
                   range will be equal to one decade in the logarithmic range.
matplotlib.pyplot.yticks(*args, **kwargs)
     Get or set the y-limits of the current tick locations and labels.
      # return locs, labels where locs is an array of tick locations and
      # labels is an array of tick labels.
     locs, labels = yticks()
      # set the locations of the yticks
     yticks( arange(6) )
      # set the locations and labels of the yticks
     yticks( arange(5), ('Tom', 'Dick', 'Harry', 'Sally', 'Sue') )
     The keyword args, if any, are Text properties. For example, to rotate long labels:
```

yticks(arange(12), calendar.month_name[1:13], rotation=45)

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SIXTYNINE

SANKEY

69.1 matplotlib.sankey

Module for creating Sankey diagrams using matplotlib

class matplotlib.sankey.Sankey(ax=None, scale=1.0, unit='', format='%G', gap=0.25, radius=0.1, shoulder=0.03, offset=0.15, head_angle=100, margin=0.4, tolerance=1e-06, **kwargs)

Sankey diagram in matplotlib

Sankey diagrams are a specific type of flow diagram, in which the width of the arrows is shown proportionally to the flow quantity. They are typically used to visualize energy or material or cost transfers between processes. Wikipedia (6/1/2011)

Create a new Sankey instance.

Optional keyword arguments:

Field	Description
ax	axes onto which the data should be plotted If ax isn't provided, new axes will
	be created.
scale	scaling factor for the flows <i>scale</i> sizes the width of the paths in order to
	maintain proper layout. The same scale is applied to all subdiagrams. The
	value should be chosen such that the product of the scale and the sum of the
	inputs is approximately 1.0 (and the product of the scale and the sum of the
	outputs is approximately -1.0).
unit	string representing the physical unit associated with the flow quantities If unit
	is None, then none of the quantities are labeled.
for-	a Python number formatting string to be used in labeling the flow as a quantity
mat	(i.e., a number times a unit, where the unit is given)
gap	space between paths that break in/break away to/from the top or bottom
ra-	inner radius of the vertical paths
dius	
shoul-	size of the shoulders of output arrowS
der	
offset	text offset (from the dip or tip of the arrow)
head_a	ngthgle of the arrow heads (and negative of the angle of the tails) [deg]
mar-	minimum space between Sankey outlines and the edge of the plot area
gin	
toler-	acceptable maximum of the magnitude of the sum of flows The magnitude of
ance	the sum of connected flows cannot be greater than <i>tolerance</i> .

The optional arguments listed above are applied to all subdiagrams so that there is consistent alignment and formatting.

If Sankey is instantiated with any keyword arguments other than those explicitly listed above (**kwargs), they will be passed to add(), which will create the first subdiagram.

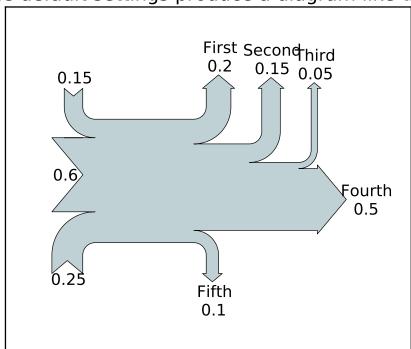
In order to draw a complex Sankey diagram, create an instance of Sankey by calling it without any kwargs:

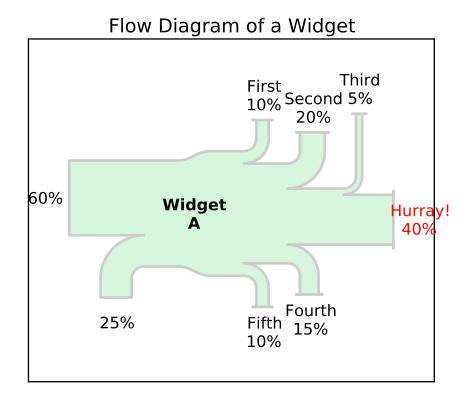
```
sankey = Sankey()
Then add simple Sankey sub-diagrams:
sankey.add() # 1
sankey.add() # 2
#...
sankey.add() # n
Finally, create the full diagram:
sankey.finish()
Or, instead, simply daisy-chain those calls:
Sankey().add().add.....add().finish()
See Also:
```

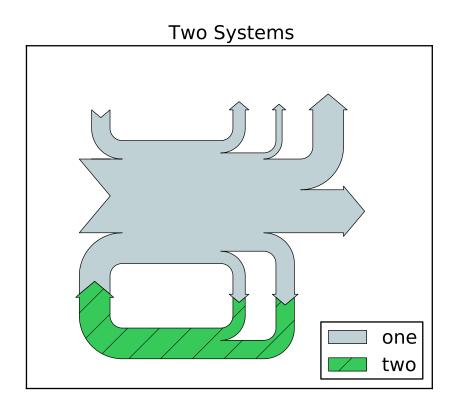
add() finish()

Examples:

The default settings produce a diagram like this.







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add(patchlabel='', flows=None, orientations=None, labels='', trunklength=1.0, path-lengths=0.25, prior=None, connect=(0, 0), rotation=0, **kwargs)
Add a simple Sankey diagram with flows at the same hierarchical level.

Return value is the instance of Sankey.

Optional keyword arguments:

Key-	Description				
word					
patch-	label to be placed at the center of the diagram Note: <i>label</i> (not <i>patchlabel</i>)				
label	will be passed to the patch through **kwargs and can be used to create an				
	entry in the legend.				
flows	array of flow values By convention, inputs are positive and outputs are				
	negative.				
ori-	list of orientations of the paths Valid values are 1 (from/to the top), 0				
enta-	(from/to the left or right), or -1 (from/to the bottom). If $orientations == 0$,				
tions	inputs will break in from the left and outputs will break away to the right.				
la-	list of specifications of the labels for the flows Each value may be None				
bels	(no labels), " (just label the quantities), or a labeling string. If a single				
	value is provided, it will be applied to all flows. If an entry is a non-empty				
	string, then the quantity for the corresponding flow will be shown below				
	the string. However, if the <i>unit</i> of the main diagram is None, then				
	quantities are never shown, regardless of the value of this argument.				
trun-	length between the bases of the input and output groups				
k-					
length					
path-	list of lengths of the arrows before break-in or after break-away If a single				
lengths	value is given, then it will be applied to the first (inside) paths on the top				
	and bottom, and the length of all other arrows will be justified accordingly.				
	The <i>pathlengths</i> are not applied to the horizontal inputs and outputs.				
prior	index of the prior diagram to which this diagram should be connected				
con-	a (prior, this) tuple indexing the flow of the prior diagram and the flow of				
nect	this diagram which should be connected If this is the first diagram or <i>prior</i>				
	is None, <i>connect</i> will be ignored.				
rota-	angle of rotation of the diagram [deg] rotation is ignored if this diagram is				
tion	connected to an existing one (using <i>prior</i> and <i>connect</i>). The interpretation				
	of the <i>orientations</i> argument will be rotated accordingly (e.g., if <i>rotation</i>				
	== 90, an <i>orientations</i> entry of 1 means to/from the left).				

Valid kwargs are matplotlib.patches.PathPatch() arguments:

Property	Description			
agg_filter	unknown			
alpha	float or None			
animated	[True False]			
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default			
axes	an Axes instance			
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance			
clip_on	[True False]			
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]			
color	matplotlib color spec			
contains	a callable function			
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color			
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color			
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance			
fill	[True False]			
gid	an id string			
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']			
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.			
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']			
linewidth or lw	float or None for default			
lod	[True False]			
path_effects	unknown			
picker	[None float boolean callable]			
rasterized	[True False None]			
snap	unknown			
transform	Transform instance			
url	a url string			
visible	[True False]			
zorder	any number			

As examples, fill=False and label='A legend entry'. By default, facecolor='#bfd1d4' (light blue) and linewidth=0.5.

The indexing parameters (prior and connect) are zero-based.

The flows are placed along the top of the diagram from the inside out in order of their index within the *flows* list or array. They are placed along the sides of the diagram from the top down and along the bottom from the outside in.

If the the sum of the inputs and outputs is nonzero, the discrepancy will appear as a cubic Bezier curve along the top and bottom edges of the trunk.

See Also:

finish()

finish()

Adjust the axes and return a list of information about the Sankey subdiagram(s).

Return value is a list of subdiagrams represented with the following fields:

Field Description						
patcl	patch Sankey outline (an instance of PathPatch)					
flows	ws values of the flows (positive for input, negative for output)					
an-	list of angles of the arrows [deg/90] For example, if the diagram has not been					
gles	s rotated, an input to the top side will have an angle of 3 (DOWN), and an					
	output from the top side will have an angle of 1 (UP). If a flow has been					
	skipped (because its magnitude is less than tolerance), then its angle will be					
	None.					
tips	array in which each row is an [x, y] pair indicating the positions of the tips					
	(or "dips") of the flow paths If the magnitude of a flow is less the tolerance					
	for the instance of Sankey, the flow is skipped and its tip will be at the center					
	of the diagram.					
text	Text instance for the label of the diagram					
texts	list of Text instances for the labels of flows					

See Also:

add()

CHAPTER

SEVENTY

SPINES

70.1 matplotlib.spines

class matplotlib.spines.Spine(axes, spine_type, path, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.patches.Patch

an axis spine – the line noting the data area boundaries

Spines are the lines connecting the axis tick marks and noting the boundaries of the data area. They can be placed at arbitrary positions. See function:set_position for more information.

The default position is ('outward', 0).

Spines are subclasses of class:Patch, and inherit much of their behavior.

Spines draw a line or a circle, depending if function:set_patch_line or function:set_patch_circle has been called. Line-like is the default.

•axes: the Axes instance containing the spine

• spine_type : a string specifying the spine type

• path : the path instance used to draw the spine

Valid kwargs are:

Property	Description			
agg_filter	unknown			
alpha	float or None			
animated	[True False]			
antialiased or aa	[True False] or None for default			
axes	an Axes instance			
clip_box	a matplotlib.transforms.Bbox instance			
clip_on	[True False]			
clip_path	[(Path, Transform) Patch None]			
color	matplotlib color spec			
contains	a callable function			
edgecolor or ec	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color			
facecolor or fc	mpl color spec, or None for default, or 'none' for no color			
figure	a matplotlib.figure.Figure instance			
fill	[True False]			
gid	an id string			
hatch	['/' '\' ' ' '-' '+' 'x' 'o' 'O' '.' '*']			
label	string or anything printable with '%s' conversion.			
linestyle or ls	['solid' 'dashed' 'dashdot' 'dotted']			
linewidth or lw	float or None for default			
lod	[True False]			
path_effects	unknown			
picker	[None float boolean callable]			
rasterized	[True False None]			
snap	unknown			
transform	Transform instance			
url	a url string			
visible	[True False]			
zorder	any number			

get_spine_transform()

get the spine transform

is_frame_like()

return True if directly on axes frame

This is useful for determining if a spine is the edge of an old style MPL plot. If so, this function will return True.

classmethod linear_spine(axes, spine_type, **kwargs)

(staticmethod) Returns a linear Spine.

register_axis(axis)

register an axis

An axis should be registered with its corresponding spine from the Axes instance. This allows the spine to clear any axis properties when needed.

set_bounds(low, high)

Set the bounds of the spine.

set_color(c)

Set the edgecolor.

ACCEPTS: matplotlib color arg or sequence of rgba tuples

See Also:

set_facecolor(), **set_edgecolor()** For setting the edge or face color individually.

set_patch_circle(center, radius)

set the spine to be circular

set_patch_line()

set the spine to be linear

set_position(position)

set the position of the spine

Spine position is specified by a 2 tuple of (position type, amount). The position types are:

- 'outward': place the spine out from the data area by the specified number of points. (Negative values specify placing the spine inward.)
- 'axes': place the spine at the specified Axes coordinate (from 0.0-1.0).
- 'data': place the spine at the specified data coordinate.

Additionally, shorthand notations define a special positions:

- •'center' -> ('axes',0.5)
- •'zero' -> ('data', 0.0)

set_smart_bounds(value)

set the spine and associated axis to have smart bounds

CHAPTER

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TICKER

71.1 matplotlib.ticker

71.1.1 Tick locating and formatting

This module contains classes to support completely configurable tick locating and formatting. Although the locators know nothing about major or minor ticks, they are used by the Axis class to support major and minor tick locating and formatting. Generic tick locators and formatters are provided, as well as domain specific custom ones..

Tick locating

The Locator class is the base class for all tick locators. The locators handle autoscaling of the view limits based on the data limits, and the choosing of tick locations. A useful semi-automatic tick locator is MultipleLocator. You initialize this with a base, eg 10, and it picks axis limits and ticks that are multiples of your base.

The Locator subclasses defined here are

NullLocator No ticks

FixedLocator Tick locations are fixed

IndexLocator locator for index plots (eg. where x = range(len(y)))

LinearLocator evenly spaced ticks from min to max

LogLocator logarithmically ticks from min to max

MultipleLocator

ticks and range are a multiple of base; either integer or float

OldAutoLocator choose a MultipleLocator and dyamically reassign it for intelligent ticking during navigation

MaxNLocator finds up to a max number of ticks at nice locations

AutoLocator MaxNLocator with simple defaults. This is the default tick locator for most plotting.

AutoMinorLocator locator for minor ticks when the axis is linear and the major ticks are uniformly spaced. It subdivides the major tick interval into a specified number of minor intervals, defaulting to 4 or 5 depending on the major interval.

There are a number of locators specialized for date locations - see the dates module

You can define your own locator by deriving from Locator. You must override the __call__ method, which returns a sequence of locations, and you will probably want to override the autoscale method to set the view limits from the data limits.

If you want to override the default locator, use one of the above or a custom locator and pass it to the x or y axis instance. The relevant methods are:

```
ax.xaxis.set_major_locator( xmajorLocator )
ax.xaxis.set_minor_locator( xminorLocator )
ax.yaxis.set_major_locator( ymajorLocator )
ax.yaxis.set_minor_locator( yminorLocator )
```

The default minor locator is the NullLocator, eg no minor ticks on by default.

Tick formatting

Tick formatting is controlled by classes derived from Formatter. The formatter operates on a single tick value and returns a string to the axis.

NullFormatter no labels on the ticks

IndexFormatter set the strings from a list of labels

FixedFormatter set the strings manually for the labels

FuncFormatter user defined function sets the labels

FormatStrFormatter use a sprintf format string

ScalarFormatter default formatter for scalars; autopick the fmt string

LogFormatter formatter for log axes

You can derive your own formatter from the Formatter base class by simply overriding the __call__ method. The formatter class has access to the axis view and data limits.

To control the major and minor tick label formats, use one of the following methods:

```
ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter( xmajorFormatter )
ax.xaxis.set_minor_formatter( xminorFormatter )
ax.yaxis.set_major_formatter( ymajorFormatter )
ax.yaxis.set_minor_formatter( yminorFormatter )
```

See *pylab_examples-major_minor_demo1* for an example of setting major an minor ticks. See the matplotlib.dates module for more information and examples of using date locators and formatters.

class matplotlib.ticker.TickHelper
 Bases: object

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```
axis = None
     create_dummy_axis(**kwargs)
     set_axis(axis)
     set_bounds(vmin, vmax)
     set_data_interval(vmin, vmax)
     set_view_interval(vmin, vmax)
class matplotlib.ticker.Formatter
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.TickHelper
     Convert the tick location to a string
     fix_minus(s)
          some classes may want to replace a hyphen for minus with the proper unicode symbol as de-
          scribed here. The default is to do nothing
          Note, if you use this method, eg in :meth'format_data' or call, you probably don't want to use
          it for format_data_short() since the toolbar uses this for interactive coord reporting and I
          doubt we can expect GUIs across platforms will handle the unicode correctly. So for now the
          classes that override fix_minus() should have an explicit format_data_short() method
     format_data(value)
     format_data_short(value)
          return a short string version
     get_offset()
     locs = []
     set_locs(locs)
class matplotlib.ticker.FixedFormatter(seq)
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Formatter
     Return fixed strings for tick labels
     seq is a sequence of strings. For positions i < len(seq) return seq[i] regardless of x. Otherwise
     return "
     get_offset()
     set_offset_string(ofs)
class matplotlib.ticker.NullFormatter
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Formatter
     Always return the empty string
class matplotlib.ticker.FuncFormatter(func)
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Formatter
     User defined function for formatting
```

```
class matplotlib.ticker.FormatStrFormatter(fmt)
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Formatter
     Use a format string to format the tick
class matplotlib.ticker.ScalarFormatter(useOffset=True,
                                                                useMathText=None.
                                                                                      useLo-
                                              cale=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Formatter
     Tick location is a plain old number. If useOffset==True and the data range is much smaller than the
     data average, then an offset will be determined such that the tick labels are meaningful. Scientific
     notation is used for data < 10^n-n or data >= 10^n, where n and m are the power limits set using
     set\_powerlimits((n,m)). The defaults for these are controlled by the axes.formatter.limits rc parameter.
     fix_minus(s)
          use a unicode minus rather than hyphen
     format_data(value)
          return a formatted string representation of a number
     format_data_short(value)
          return a short formatted string representation of a number
     get_offset()
          Return scientific notation, plus offset
     get_useLocale()
     get_useOffset()
     pprint_val(x)
     set_locs(locs)
          set the locations of the ticks
     set_powerlimits(lims)
          Sets size thresholds for scientific notation.
          e.g. formatter.set_powerlimits((-3, 4)) sets the pre-2007 default in which scientific
          notation is used for numbers less than 1e-3 or greater than 1e4. See also set_scientific().
     set_scientific(b)
          True or False to turn scientific notation on or off see also set_powerlimits()
     set_useLocale(val)
     set_useOffset(val)
     useLocale
     useOffset
class matplotlib.ticker.LogFormatter(base=10.0, labelOnlyBase=True)
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Formatter
     Format values for log axis;
```

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base is used to locate the decade tick, which will be the only one to be labeled if labelOnlyBase is False

base(base)

change the base for labeling - warning: should always match the base used for LogLocator

format_data(value)

format_data_short(value)

return a short formatted string representation of a number

label_minor(labelOnlyBase)

switch on/off minor ticks labeling

pprint_val(x, d)

class matplotlib.ticker.LogFormatterExponent(base=10.0, labelOnlyBase=True)

Bases: matplotlib.ticker.LogFormatter

Format values for log axis; using exponent = log_base(value)

base is used to locate the decade tick, which will be the only one to be labeled if labelOnlyBase is False

class matplotlib.ticker.LogFormatterMathtext(base=10.0, labelOnlyBase=True)

Bases: matplotlib.ticker.LogFormatter

Format values for log axis; using exponent = log_base(value)

base is used to locate the decade tick, which will be the only one to be labeled if labelOnlyBase is False

class matplotlib.ticker.Locator

Bases: matplotlib.ticker.TickHelper

Determine the tick locations;

Note, you should not use the same locator between different Axis because the locator stores references to the Axis data and view limits

MAXTICKS = 1000

autoscale()

autoscale the view limits

pan(numsteps)

Pan numticks (can be positive or negative)

raise_if_exceeds(locs)

raise a RuntimeError if Locator attempts to create more than MAXTICKS locs

refresh()

refresh internal information based on current lim

tick_values(vmin, vmax)

Return the values of the located ticks given **vmin** and **vmax**.

Note: To get tick locations with the vmin and vmax values defined automatically for the associated axis simply call the Locator instance:

```
>>> print(type(loc))
<type 'Locator'>
>>> print(loc())
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

view_limits(vmin, vmax)

select a scale for the range from vmin to vmax

Normally This will be overridden.

```
zoom(direction)
```

Zoom in/out on axis; if direction is >0 zoom in, else zoom out

class matplotlib.ticker.IndexLocator(base, offset)

```
Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Locator
```

Place a tick on every multiple of some base number of points plotted, eg on every 5th point. It is assumed that you are doing index plotting; ie the axis is 0, len(data). This is mainly useful for x ticks.

place ticks on the i-th data points where (i-offset)%base==0

```
tick_values(vmin, vmax)
```

class matplotlib.ticker.FixedLocator(locs, nbins=None)

```
Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Locator
```

Tick locations are fixed. If nbins is not None, the array of possible positions will be subsampled to keep the number of ticks <= nbins +1. The subsampling will be done so as to include the smallest absolute value; for example, if zero is included in the array of possibilities, then it is guaranteed to be one of the chosen ticks.

tick_values(vmin, vmax)

"Return the locations of the ticks.

Note: Because the values are fixed, vmin and vmax are not used in this method.

class matplotlib.ticker.NullLocator

```
Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Locator
```

No ticks

tick_values(vmin, vmax)

"Return the locations of the ticks.

Note: Because the values are Null, vmin and vmax are not used in this method.

class matplotlib.ticker.LinearLocator(numticks=None, presets=None)

Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Locator

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Determine the tick locations

The first time this function is called it will try to set the number of ticks to make a nice tick partitioning. Thereafter the number of ticks will be fixed so that interactive navigation will be nice

Use presets to set locs based on lom. A dict mapping vmin, vmax->locs

```
tick_values(vmin, vmax)
     view_limits(vmin, vmax)
          Try to choose the view limits intelligently
class matplotlib.ticker.LogLocator(base=10.0, subs=[1.0], numdecs=4, numticks=15)
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Locator
     Determine the tick locations for log axes
     place ticks on the location= base**i*subs[i]
     base(base)
          set the base of the log scaling (major tick every base**i, i integer)
     subs(subs)
          set the minor ticks the log scaling every base**i*subs[i]
     tick_values(vmin, vmax)
     view_limits(vmin, vmax)
          Try to choose the view limits intelligently
class matplotlib.ticker.AutoLocator
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.MaxNLocator
class matplotlib.ticker.MultipleLocator(base=1.0)
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Locator
     Set a tick on every integer that is multiple of base in the view interval
     tick_values(vmin, vmax)
     view_limits(dmin, dmax)
          Set the view limits to the nearest multiples of base that contain the data
class matplotlib.ticker.MaxNLocator(*args, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Locator
     Select no more than N intervals at nice locations.
     Keyword args:
     nbins Maximum number of intervals; one less than max number of ticks.
     steps Sequence of nice numbers starting with 1 and ending with 10; e.g., [1, 2, 4, 5, 10]
     integer If True, ticks will take only integer values.
     symmetric If True, autoscaling will result in a range symmetric about zero.
```

prune ['lower' | 'upper' | 'both' | None] Remove edge ticks – useful for stacked or ganged plots where the upper tick of one axes overlaps with the lower tick of the axes above it. If prune=='lower', the smallest tick will be removed. If prune=='upper', the largest tick will be removed. If prune=='both', the largest and smallest ticks will be removed. If prune==None, no ticks will be removed.

```
bin_boundaries(vmin, vmax)

default_params = {'trim': True, 'nbins': 10, 'steps': None, 'prune': None, 'integer': False, 'symmetric': False
    set_params(**kwargs)
    tick_values(vmin, vmax)
    view_limits(dmin, dmax)

class matplotlib.ticker.AutoMinorLocator(n=None)
    Bases: matplotlib.ticker.Locator
```

Dynamically find minor tick positions based on the positions of major ticks. Assumes the scale is linear and major ticks are evenly spaced.

n is the number of subdivisions of the interval between major ticks; e.g., n=2 will place a single minor tick midway between major ticks.

If *n* is omitted or None, it will be set to 5 or 4.

tick_values(vmin, vmax)

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TIGHT LAYOUT

72.1 matplotlib.tight_layout

This module provides routines to adjust subplot params so that subplots are nicely fit in the figure. In doing so, only axis labels, tick labels and axes titles are currently considered.

Internally, it assumes that the margins (left_margin, etc.) which are differences between ax.get_tightbbox and ax.bbox are independent of axes position. This may fail if Axes.adjustable is datalim. Also, This will fail for some cases (for example, left or right margin is affected by xlabel).

Return a dictionary of subplot parameters so that spacing between subplots are adjusted. Note that this function ignore geometry information of subplot itself, but uses what is given by *nrows_ncols* and *numlnum2_list* parameteres. Also, the results could be incorrect if some subplots have adjustable=datalim.

Parameters:

nrows_ncols number of rows and number of columns of the grid.

num1num2_list list of numbers specifying the area occupied by the subplot

subplot_list list of subplots that will be used to calcuate optimal subplot_params.

pad [float] padding between the figure edge and the edges of subplots, as a fraction of the font-size.

h_pad, **w_pad** [float]

padding (height/width) between edges of adjacent subplots. Defaults to pad_inches.

rect [left, bottom, right, top] in normalized (0, 1) figure coordinates.

```
matplotlib.tight_layout.get_renderer(fig)
```

```
matplotlib.tight_layout.get_subplotspec_list(axes_list, grid_spec=None)
```

Return a list of subplotspec from the given list of axes. For an instance of axes that does not support subplotspec, None is inserted in the list.

If grid_spec is given, None is inserted for those not from the given grid_spec.

Return subplot parameters for tight-layouted-figure with specified padding.

Parameters:

fig: figure instance

axes_list : a list of axes

subplotspec_list [a list of subplotspec associated with each] axes in axes_list

renderer: renderer instance

pad [float] padding between the figure edge and the edges of subplots, as a fraction of the font-size.

h_pad, w_pad [float] padding (height/width) between edges of adjacent subplots. Defaults to pad_inches.

rect [if rect is given, it is interpreted as a rectangle] (left, bottom, right, top) in the normalized figure coordinate that the whole subplots area (including labels) will fit into. Default is (0, 0, 1, 1).

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UNITS

73.1 matplotlib.units

The classes here provide support for using custom classes with matplotlib, eg those that do not expose the array interface but know how to converter themselves to arrays. It also supports classes with units and units conversion. Use cases include converters for custom objects, eg a list of datetime objects, as well as for objects that are unit aware. We don't assume any particular units implementation, rather a units implementation must provide a ConversionInterface, and the register with the Registry converter dictionary. For example, here is a complete implementation which supports plotting with native datetime objects:

```
import matplotlib.units as units
import matplotlib.dates as dates
import matplotlib.ticker as ticker
import datetime
class DateConverter(units.ConversionInterface):
   @staticmethod
   def convert(value, unit, axis):
        'convert value to a scalar or array'
        return dates.date2num(value)
   @staticmethod
    def axisinfo(unit, axis):
        'return major and minor tick locators and formatters'
        if unit!='date': return None
       majloc = dates.AutoDateLocator()
       majfmt = dates.AutoDateFormatter(majloc)
        return AxisInfo(majloc=majloc,
                        majfmt=majfmt,
                        label='date')
   @staticmethod
   def default_units(x, axis):
        'return the default unit for x or None'
        return 'date'
# finally we register our object type with a converter
units.registry[datetime.date] = DateConverter()
```


information to support default axis labeling and tick labeling, and default limits

majloc and minloc: TickLocators for the major and minor ticks majfmt and minfmt: TickFormatters for the major and minor ticks label: the default axis label default_limits: the default min, max of the axis if no data is present If any of the above are None, the axis will simply use the default

class matplotlib.units.ConversionInterface

The minimal interface for a converter to take custom instances (or sequences) and convert them to values mpl can use

static axisinfo(unit, axis)

return an units. Axis Info instance for axis with the specified units

static convert(obj, unit, axis)

convert obj using unit for the specified axis. If obj is a sequence, return the converted sequence. The ouput must be a sequence of scalars that can be used by the numpy array layer

static default_units(x, axis)

return the default unit for x or None for the given axis

static is_numlike(x)

The matplotlib datalim, autoscaling, locators etc work with scalars which are the units converted to floats given the current unit. The converter may be passed these floats, or arrays of them, even when units are set. Derived conversion interfaces may opt to pass plain-ol unitless numbers through the conversion interface and this is a helper function for them.

class matplotlib.units.Registry

Bases: dict

register types with conversion interface

get_converter(x)

get the converter interface instance for x, or None

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WIDGETS

74.1 matplotlib.widgets

74.1.1 GUI Neutral widgets

Widgets that are designed to work for any of the GUI backends. All of these widgets require you to predefine an matplotlib.axes.Axes instance and pass that as the first arg. matplotlib doesn't try to be too smart with respect to layout – you will have to figure out how wide and tall you want your Axes to be to accommodate your widget.

class matplotlib.widgets.AxesWidget(ax)

Bases: matplotlib.widgets.Widget

Widget that is connected to a single Axes.

Attributes:

ax [Axes] The parent axes for the widget

canvas [FigureCanvasBase subclass] The parent figure canvas for the widget.

active [bool] If False, the widget does not respond to events.

connect_event(event, callback)

Connect callback with an event.

This should be used in lieu of figure.canvas.mpl_connect since this function stores call back ids for later clean up.

disconnect_events()

Disconnect all events created by this widget.

ignore(event)

Return True if event should be ignored.

This method (or a version of it) should be called at the beginning of any event callback.

class matplotlib.widgets.Button(ax, label, image=None, color='0.85', hovercolor='0.95')

Bases: matplotlib.widgets.AxesWidget

A GUI neutral button

```
The following attributes are accessible
           ax The matplotlib.axes.Axes the button renders into.
           label A matplotlib.text.Text instance.
           color The color of the button when not hovering.
           hovercolor The color of the button when hovering.
     Call on_clicked() to connect to the button
     ax The matplotlib.axes.Axes instance the button will be placed into.
     label The button text. Accepts string.
     image The image to place in the button, if not None. Can be any legal arg to imshow (numpy array,
           matplotlib Image instance, or PIL image).
     color The color of the button when not activated
     hovercolor The color of the button when the mouse is over it
     disconnect(cid)
           remove the observer with connection id cid
     on_clicked(func)
           When the button is clicked, call this func with event
           A connection id is returned which can be used to disconnect
class matplotlib.widgets.CheckButtons(ax, labels, actives)
     Bases: matplotlib.widgets.AxesWidget
     A GUI neutral radio button
     The following attributes are exposed
           ax The matplotlib.axes. Axes instance the buttons are located in
           labels List of matplotlib.text.Text instances
           lines List of (line1, line2) tuples for the x's in the check boxes. These lines exist for each
               box, but have set_visible(False) when its box is not checked.
           rectangles List of matplotlib.patches.Rectangle instances
     Connect to the CheckButtons with the on_clicked() method
     Add check buttons to matplotlib.axes.Axes instance ax
     labels A len(buttons) list of labels as strings
     actives
           A len(buttons) list of booleans indicating whether the button is active
     disconnect(cid)
           remove the observer with connection id cid
```

on_clicked(func)

When the button is clicked, call func with button label

A connection id is returned which can be used to disconnect

class matplotlib.widgets.Cursor(ax, useblit=False, **lineprops)

Bases: matplotlib.widgets.AxesWidget

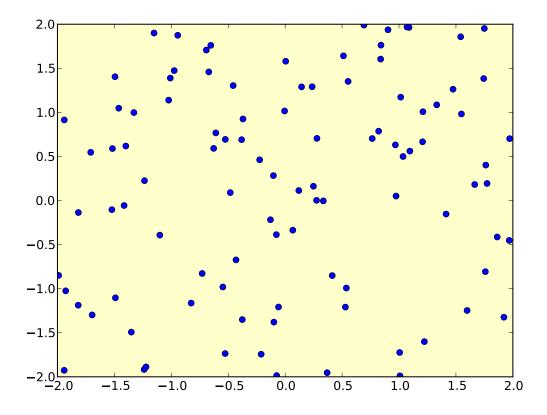
A horizontal and vertical line span the axes that and move with the pointer. You can turn off the hline or vline spectively with the attributes

horizOn Controls the visibility of the horizontal line

vertOn Controls the visibility of the horizontal line

and the visibility of the cursor itself with the visible attribute

Add a cursor to *ax*. If useblit=True, use the backend- dependent blitting features for faster updates (GTKAgg only for now). *lineprops* is a dictionary of line properties.



clear(event)

clear the cursor

onmove(event)

on mouse motion draw the cursor if visible

class matplotlib.widgets.HorizontalSpanSelector(ax, onselect, **kwargs)

Bases: matplotlib.widgets.SpanSelector

```
class matplotlib.widgets.Lasso(ax, xy, callback=None, useblit=True)
     Bases: matplotlib.widgets.AxesWidget
     Selection curve of an arbitrary shape.
     The selected path can be used in conjunction with contains_point() to select data points from an
     image.
     Unlike LassoSelector, this must be initialized with a starting point xy, and the Lasso events are
     destroyed upon release.
     Parameters:
     ax [Axes] The parent axes for the widget.
     xy [array] Coordinates of the start of the lasso.
     callback [function] Whenever the lasso is released, the callback function is called and passed the
           vertices of the selected path.
     onmove(event)
     onrelease(event)
class matplotlib.widgets.LassoSelector(ax, onselect=None, useblit=True, lineprops=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.widgets.AxesWidget
     Selection curve of an arbitrary shape.
     The
              selected
                                             be
                                                    used
                                                                                               :func-
                           path
                                    can
                                                              in
                                                                     conjunction
                                                                                     with
     tion: '~matplotlib.path.Path.contains_point' to select data points from an image.
     In contrast to Lasso, LassoSelector is written with an interface similar to RectangleSelector
     and SpanSelector and will continue to interact with the axes until disconnected.
     Parameters:
     ax [Axes] The parent axes for the widget.
     onselect [function] Whenever the lasso is released, the onselect function is called and passed the
           vertices of the selected path.
     Example usage:
     ax = subplot(111)
     ax.plot(x,y)
     def onselect(verts):
          print verts
     lasso = LassoSelector(ax, onselect)
     ignore(event)
     onmove(event)
```

onpress(event)

onrelease(event)

update_background(event)

class matplotlib.widgets.LockDraw

Some widgets, like the cursor, draw onto the canvas, and this is not desirable under all circumstances, like when the toolbar is in zoom-to-rect mode and drawing a rectangle. The module level "lock" allows someone to grab the lock and prevent other widgets from drawing. Use matplotlib.widgets.lock(someobj) to pr

```
available(o)
          drawing is available to o
     isowner(o)
          Return True if o owns this lock
     locked()
          Return True if the lock is currently held by an owner
     release(o)
          release the lock
class matplotlib.widgets.MultiCursor(canvas, axes, useblit=True, **lineprops)
     Bases: matplotlib.widgets.Widget
     Provide a vertical line cursor shared between multiple axes
     Example usage:
     from matplotlib.widgets import MultiCursor
     from pylab import figure, show, np
     t = np.arange(0.0, 2.0, 0.01)
     s1 = np.sin(2*np.pi*t)
     s2 = np.sin(4*np.pi*t)
     fig = figure()
     ax1 = fig.add_subplot(211)
     ax1.plot(t, s1)
     ax2 = fig.add_subplot(212, sharex=ax1)
     ax2.plot(t, s2)
     multi = MultiCursor(fig.canvas, (ax1, ax2), color='r', lw=1)
     show()
     clear(event)
          clear the cursor
     onmove(event)
class matplotlib.widgets.RadioButtons(ax, labels, active=0, activecolor='blue')
     Bases: matplotlib.widgets.AxesWidget
     A GUI neutral radio button
```

The following attributes are exposed

```
ax The matplotlib.axes.Axes instance the buttons are in
          activecolor The color of the button when clicked
          labels A list of matplotlib.text.Text instances
          circles A list of matplotlib.patches.Circle instances
     Connect to the RadioButtons with the on_clicked() method
     Add radio buttons to matplotlib.axes.Axes instance ax
     labels A len(buttons) list of labels as strings
     active The index into labels for the button that is active
     activecolor The color of the button when clicked
     disconnect(cid)
          remove the observer with connection id cid
     on_clicked(func)
          When the button is clicked, call func with button label
          A connection id is returned which can be used to disconnect
class matplotlib.widgets.RectangleSelector(ax,
                                                           onselect.
                                                                           drawtype='box',
                                                                   minspany=None,
                                                minspanx=None,
                                                blit=False, lineprops=None, rectprops=None,
                                                spancoords='data', button=None)
     Bases: matplotlib.widgets.AxesWidget
     Select a min/max range of the x axes for a matplotlib Axes
     Example usage:
     from matplotlib.widgets import RectangleSelector
     from pylab import *
     def onselect(eclick, erelease):
       'eclick and erelease are matplotlib events at press and release'
       print ' startposition : (%f, %f)' % (eclick.xdata, eclick.ydata)
       print ' endposition : (%f, %f)' % (erelease.xdata, erelease.ydata)
       print ' used button : ', eclick.button
     def toggle_selector(event):
         print ' Key pressed.'
         if event.key in ['Q', 'q'] and toggle_selector.RS.active:
              print ' RectangleSelector deactivated.'
              toggle_selector.RS.set_active(False)
         if event.key in ['A', 'a'] and not toggle_selector.RS.active:
              print ' RectangleSelector activated.'
              toggle_selector.RS.set_active(True)
     x = arange(100)/(99.0)
     y = sin(x)
     fig = figure
```

```
ax = subplot(111)
ax.plot(x,y)

toggle_selector.RS = RectangleSelector(ax, onselect, drawtype='line')
connect('key_press_event', toggle_selector)
show()
```

Create a selector in ax. When a selection is made, clear the span and call onselect with:

```
onselect(pos_1, pos_2)
```

and clear the drawn box/line. The pos_1 and pos_2 are arrays of length 2 containing the x- and y-coordinate.

If *minspanx* is not *None* then events smaller than *minspanx* in x direction are ignored (it's the same for y).

The rectangle is drawn with *rectprops*; default:

The line is drawn with *lineprops*; default:

Use *drawtype* if you want the mouse to draw a line, a box or nothing between click and actual position by setting

```
drawtype = 'line', drawtype='box' or drawtype = 'none'.
```

spancoords is one of 'data' or 'pixels'. If 'data', minspanx and minspanx will be interpreted in the same coordinates as the x and y axis. If 'pixels', they are in pixels.

button is a list of integers indicating which mouse buttons should be used for rectangle selection. You can also specify a single integer if only a single button is desired. Default is *None*, which does not limit which button can be used.

Note, typically: 1 = left mouse button 2 = center mouse button (scroll wheel) 3 = right mouse button

```
get_active()
```

Get status of active mode (boolean variable)

```
ignore(event)
```

return True if event should be ignored

onmove(event)

on motion notify event if box/line is wanted

press(event)

on button press event

release(event)

on button release event

```
set_active(active)
           Use this to activate / deactivate the RectangleSelector from your program with an boolean pa-
           rameter active.
     update()
           draw using newfangled blit or oldfangled draw depending on useblit
     update_background(event)
           force an update of the background
class matplotlib.widgets.Slider(ax, label, valmin, valmax, valinit=0.5, valfmt='%1.2f',
                                     closedmin=True, closedmax=True, slidermin=None, slider-
                                     max=None, dragging=True, **kwargs)
     Bases: matplotlib.widgets.AxesWidget
     A slider representing a floating point range
     The following attributes are defined ax: the slider matplotlib.axes.Axes instance
           val: the current slider value
           vline [a matplotlib.lines.Line2D instance] representing the initial value of the slider
          poly [A matplotlib.patches.Polygon instance] which is the slider knob
           valfmt: the format string for formatting the slider text
           label [a matplotlib.text.Text instance] for the slider label
           closedmin: whether the slider is closed on the minimum
           closedmax: whether the slider is closed on the maximum
           slidermin [another slider - if not None, this slider must be] greater than slidermin
           slidermax [another slider - if not None, this slider must be] less than slidermax
           dragging: allow for mouse dragging on slider
     Call on_changed() to connect to the slider event
     Create a slider from valmin to valmax in axes ax
     valinit The slider initial position
     label The slider label
     valfmt Used to format the slider value
     closedmin and closedmax Indicate whether the slider interval is closed
     slidermin and slidermax Used to constrain the value of this slider to the values of other sliders.
     additional kwargs are passed on to self.poly which is the matplotlib.patches.Rectangle
      which draws the slider knob. See the matplotlib.patches.Rectangle documentation valid prop-
     erty names (e.g., facecolor, edgecolor, alpha, ...)
     disconnect(cid)
           remove the observer with connection id cid
```

```
on_changed(func)
           When the slider value is changed, call func with the new slider position
           A connection id is returned which can be used to disconnect
     reset()
           reset the slider to the initial value if needed
      set_val(val)
class matplotlib.widgets.SpanSelector(ax,
                                                     onselect,
                                                                  direction,
                                                                                minspan=None,
                                             useblit=False,
                                                                   rectprops=None,
                                                                                            on-
                                             move callback=None)
      Bases: matplotlib.widgets.AxesWidget
     Select a min/max range of the x or y axes for a matplotlib Axes
     Example usage:
     ax = subplot(111)
     ax.plot(x,y)
     def onselect(vmin, vmax):
          print vmin, vmax
      span = SpanSelector(ax, onselect, 'horizontal')
     onmove_callback is an optional callback that is called on mouse move within the span range
     Create a span selector in ax. When a selection is made, clear the span and call onselect with:
      onselect(vmin, vmax)
     and clear the span.
     direction must be 'horizontal' or 'vertical'
     If minspan is not None, ignore events smaller than minspan
     The span rectangle is drawn with rectprops; default:: rectprops = dict(facecolor='red',
                                                                                                   al-
           pha = 0.5)
     Set the visible attribute to False if you want to turn off the functionality of the span selector
     ignore(event)
           return True if event should be ignored
     new_axes(ax)
     onmove(event)
           on motion notify event
     press(event)
           on button press event
     release(event)
           on button release event
```

```
update()
          Draw using newfangled blit or oldfangled draw depending on useblit
     update_background(event)
          force an update of the background
class matplotlib.widgets.SubplotTool(targetfig, toolfig)
     Bases: matplotlib.widgets.Widget
     A tool to adjust to subplot params of a matplotlib.figure.Figure
     targetfig The figure instance to adjust
     toolfig The figure instance to embed the subplot tool into. If None, a default figure will be created. If
          you are using this from the GUI
     funcbottom(val)
     funchspace(val)
     funcleft(val)
     funcright(val)
     functop(val)
     funcwspace(val)
class matplotlib.widgets.Widget
     Bases: object
     Abstract base class for GUI neutral widgets
     drawon = True
     eventson = True
```

Part VIII

Glossary

- **AGG** The Anti-Grain Geometry (Agg) rendering engine, capable of rendering high-quality images
- Cairo The Cairo graphics engine
- **dateutil** The dateutil library provides extensions to the standard datetime module
- **EPS** Encapsulated Postscript (EPS)
- **FLTK** FLTK (pronounced "fulltick") is a cross-platform C++ GUI toolkit for UNIX/Linux (X11), Microsoft Windows, and MacOS X
- **freetype** freetype is a font rasterization library used by matplotlib which supports TrueType, Type 1, and OpenType fonts.
- **GDK** The Gimp Drawing Kit for GTK+
- GTK The GIMP Toolkit (GTK) graphical user interface library
- **JPG** The Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) compression method and file format for photographic images
- **numpy** numpy is the standard numerical array library for python, the successor to Numeric and numarray. numpy provides fast operations for homogeneous data sets and common mathematical operations like correlations, standard deviation, fourier transforms, and convolutions.
- **PDF** Adobe's Portable Document Format (PDF)
- **PNG** Portable Network Graphics (PNG), a raster graphics format that employs lossless data compression which is more suitable for line art than the lossy jpg format. Unlike the gif format, png is not encumbered by requirements for a patent license.
- **PS** Postscript (PS) is a vector graphics ASCII text language widely used in printers and publishing. Postscript was developerd by adobe systems and is starting to show its age: for example is does not have an alpha channel. PDF was designed in part as a next-generation document format to replace postscript
- **pyfltk** pyfltk provides python wrappers for the *FLTK* widgets library for use with FLTKAgg
- **pygtk** pygtk provides python wrappers for the *GTK* widgets library for use with the GTK or GTKAgg backend. Widely used on linux, and is often packages as 'python-gtk2'
- **pyqt** pyqt provides python wrappers for the *Qt* widgets library and is requied by the matplotlib QtAgg and Qt4Agg backends. Widely used on linux and windows; many linux distributions package this as 'python-qt3' or 'python-qt4'.
- **python** python is an object oriented interpreted language widely used for scripting, application development, web application servers, scientific computing and more.
- **pytz** pytz provides the Olson tz database in Python. it allows accurate and cross platform timezone calculations and solves the issue of ambiguous times at the end of daylight savings
- **Qt** Qt is a cross-platform application framework for desktop and embedded development.
- **Qt4** Qt4 is the most recent version of Qt cross-platform application framework for desktop and embedded development.

- **raster graphics** Raster graphics, or bitmaps, represent an image as an array of pixels which is resolution dependent. Raster graphics are generally most practical for photo-realistic images, but do not scale easily without loss of quality.
- **SVG** The Scalable Vector Graphics format (SVG). An XML based vector graphics format supported by many web browsers.
- **TIFF** Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) is a file format for storing images, including photographs and line art.
- **Tk** Tk is a graphical user interface for Tcl and many other dynamic languages. It can produce rich, native applications that run unchanged across Windows, Mac OS X, Linux and more.
- **vector graphics** vector graphics use geometrical primitives based upon mathematical equations to represent images in computer graphics. Primitives can include points, lines, curves, and shapes or polygons. Vector graphics are scalable, which means that they can be resized without suffering from issues related to inherent resolution like are seen in raster graphics. Vector graphics are generally most practical for typesetting and graphic design applications.
- **wxpython** wxpython provides python wrappers for the *wxWidgets* library for use with the WX and WXAgg backends. Widely used on linux, OS-X and windows, it is often packaged by linux distributions as 'python-wxgtk'
- **wxWidgets** WX is cross-platform GUI and tools library for GTK, MS Windows, and MacOS. It uses native widgets for each operating system, so applications will have the look-and-feel that users on that operating system expect.

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