

# Lecture2.

## Data Structures in Python for Data analysis

1. Pandas Library DataFrame and Series data types.
2. Index access in a DataFrame.
3. Filtering DataFrame. Grouping and aggregation in Pandas.
4. Reading and writing files in Pandas, working with relational databases data.
5. Data visualization in pandas, desckboards.
6. NumPy library.
7. Missing data

What is machine learning

**This is the number?**

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**This is the number?**

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**This is the number?**



7	2	1	0	4	1	4	9	5	9
0	6	9	0	1	5	9	7	8	4
9	6	6	5	4	0	7	4	0	1
3	1	3	4	7	2	7	1	2	1
1	7	4	2	3	5	1	2	4	4

7 2 1 0 4 1 4 9 5 9  
0 6 9 0 1 5 9 7 8 4  
9 6 6 5 4 0 7 4 0 1  
3 1 3 4 7 2 7 1 2 1  
1 7 4 2 3 5 1 2 4 4

Learning  
algorithm

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- Machine learning is very useful when no algorithmic solution is known.
- It also avoids a detailed algorithm to overfit known cases, reducing classification errors

# What is the goal of machine learning ?

“To build computer systems that  
automatically  
improve with experience”

Tom M. Mitchell, The discipline of Machine Learning, 2006

# What is machine learning today?

It is mostly learning from (big) data for recognizing patterns

# Python libraries that are useful for developing machine learning solutions

- [numpy](#) - a powerful library for scientific computing, particularly for handling N-dimensional arrays and performing linear algebra operations. Most of your data will be formatted using numpy. [Numpy](#) contains core routines for doing fast vector, matrix, and linear algebra-type operations in Python.
  - [Scipy](#) contains additional routines for optimization, special functions, and so on. Both contain modules written in C and Fortran so that they're as fast as possible.
  - [matplotlib](#) - adds Matlab-like capabilities to Python, including visualization/plotting of data and images. Useful for inspecting data sets and visualizing results.
  - [sklearn](#) - a very popular machine learning toolkit for Python with implementations of almost all common machine learning algorithms and extensions
- Implement decision trees in scikit-learn
  - Visualize the decision surface and performance of learned models

```
from math import sqrt
```

and then

```
In [6]: sqrt(81)
```

```
Out[6]: 9.0
```

```
import math  
math.sqrt(81)
```

```
9.0
```

# What is a data structure?

- Way to store data and have some method to retrieve and manipulate it

Lots of examples in python:

- List, dict, tuple, set, string
- Array • Series, DataFrame
- Some of these are “built-in” (meaning you can just use them), others are contained within other python packages, like **numpy** and **pandas**

# Basic Python Data Structures (built-in)

List, dict, tuple, set, string

- Each of these can be accessed in a variety of ways
- Decision on which to use?

Depends on what sort of features you need (easy indexing, immutability, etc)

# Basic Structure: List

Very versatile, can have items of different types, is mutable

- To create: use square brackets [] to contain comma separated values
- Example:

```
>> l = ["a", "b", 123]
```

```
>> l ['a', 'b', 123]
```

- To get values out:

```
>> l[1] (use index, starts with 0)
```

```
>> b
```



# Basic Structure: Set

Set is an unordered collection with no duplicate values, is mutable •  
Create using {}

Example:

```
>> s = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
>> s
```

```
set([1,2,3])
```

- Useful for eliminating duplicate values from a list, doing operations like intersection, difference, union

# Basic Structure: Tuple

Tuple holds values separated by commas, are immutable

- Create using , or () to create empty

Example:

```
>> t = 1,2,3
```

```
>> t (1,2,3)
```

```
>> type(t) type 'tuple'
```

- Useful when storing data that does not change, when needing to optimize performance of code (python knows how much memory needed)

# Basic Structure: Dict

Represented by key:value pair

Keys: can be any immutable type and unique

Values: can be any type (mutable or immutable)

To create: use curly braces {} or dict() and list both key and value

```
>>> letters = {1: 'a', 2: 'b', 3: 'c', 4: 'd'}
```

```
>>> type(letters) •
```

To access data in dictionary, call by the key

```
>>> letters[2] 'b'
```

Have useful methods like keys(), values(), iteritems(), itervalues() useful for accessing dictionary entries

- Useful when:
- Need association between key:value pair
- Need to quickly look up data based on a defined key
- Values are modified

# Array: Use NumPy!

- What is an array? - “list of lists”

What is NumPy?

- Numerical Python
- Python library very useful for scientific computing

How to access NumPy?

- Need to import it into your python workspace or into your script

```
>> import numpy as np
```

```
import numpy as np
y = np.array([[1.,2.,3.], [4.,5.,6.]])
y

array([[1., 2., 3.],
       [4., 5., 6.]])
```

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# Why use a NumPy array?

- What is it?
  - “multidimensional array of objects of **all the same type**”
- More compact for than list (don't need to store both value and type like in a list)
- Reading/writing faster with NumPy
- Get a lot of vector and matrix operations
  - Can't do “vectorized” operations on list (like element-wise addition, multiplication)
- Can also do the standard stuff, like indexing, comparisons, logical operations

# Creating NumPy Arrays

```
>>> a = np.array([[1,2,3],[4,5,6],[7,8,9]])
>>> a
array([[1, 2, 3],
       [4, 5, 6],
       [7, 8, 9]])
>>> a > 3
array([[False, False, False],
       [ True,  True,  True],
       [ True,  True,  True]], dtype=bool)
```

Creating NumPy array and checking if each element is > 3

```
>>> b = np.array([[1,2,3],[4,5,6]]) # Create a rank 2 array
>>> print(b.shape) # Prints "(2, 3)"
(2, 3)
>>> print(b[0, 0], b[0, 1], b[1, 0]) # Prints "1 2 4"
(1, 2, 4)
... █
```

Create NumPy array, print out array dimensions, and use indexing tools

```
>>> c = np.zeros((2,2))
>>> print(c)
[[ 0.  0.]
 [ 0.  0.]
```

Create 2x2 NumPy array with just zeros

# More Creating NumPy Arrays

- `arange`: like “range”, returns an ndarray

```
[>>> a = np.arange(6)
>>> print(a)
[0 1 2 3 4 5]
```

- Use `reshape` to define/change shape of array

```
>>> b = np.arange(12).reshape(4,3)
>>> print(b)
[[ 0  1  2]
 [ 3  4  5]
 [ 6  7  8]
 [ 9 10 11]]
```

# Operations with NumPy Arrays

- Arithmetic operations (e.g. +, -, \*, /, \*\*) with scalars and between equal-size arrays – done element by element
  - A new array is created with the result

```
[>>> b = np.arange(12).reshape(4,3)
[>>> print(b)
[[ 0  1  2]
 [ 3  4  5]
 [ 6  7  8]
 [ 9 10 11]]
[>>> c = b + 5
[>>> print(c)
[[ 5  6  7]
 [ 8  9 10]
 [11 12 13]
 [14 15 16]]
```

- Universal functions (for example: sin, cos, exp) also operate elementwise on an array, new array results



# Be careful: \* vs dot

- \* is product operator, operates elementwise in NumPy arrays

```
>>> A = np.array( [[1,1],  
...               [0,1]] )  
>>> B = np.array( [[2,0],  
...               [3,4]] )  
>>> A*B  
array([[2, 0],  
       [0, 4]])  
>>> np.dot(A,B)  
array([[5, 4],  
       [3, 4]])
```

A\*B – elementwise multiplication

.dot – matrix product

# Other Useful NumPy Array Operations

- Sum, min, max: can be used to get values for all elements in array

```
[>>> a = np.random.random((2,3))
[>>> a
array([[ 0.30541447,  0.64099062,  0.05487081],
       [ 0.9990191 ,  0.05537393,  0.38775904]])
[>>> a.sum()
2.4434279566031463
[>>> a.min()
0.05487080789064569
[>>> a.max()
0.99901909872534389
```

Get sum of all elements in array, also min and max within array

- Can use (axis=#) to specify certain rows and columns

```
[>>> b = np.arange(12).reshape(3,4)
[>>> b
array([[ 0,  1,  2,  3],
       [ 4,  5,  6,  7],
       [ 8,  9, 10, 11]])
[>>> b.sum(axis=0)
array([12, 15, 18, 21])
[>>> b.min(axis=1)
array([0, 4, 8])
[>>> b.cumsum(axis=1)
array([[ 0,  1,  3,  6],
       [ 4,  9, 15, 22],
       [ 8, 17, 27, 38]])
```

Sum of each column (axis=0)

Min of each row (axis = 1)

Cumulative sum along each row

# Indexing with NumPy Arrays

- 1D arrays (just like lists)

```
>>> a = np.arange(10)**3
>>> a
array([ 0,  1,  8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343, 512, 729])
>>> a[2]
8
>>> a[2:5]
array([ 8, 27, 64])
```

Create array using arange

Pull out element at position 3

Pull out elements in positions starting at 3, before 6

- Multidimensional arrays: work with an index per axis

Element at row 3, column 4

Each row in 2<sup>nd</sup> column

Each row in 2<sup>nd</sup> column

Each column in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> row

```
>>> b
array([[ 0,  1,  2,  3],
       [10, 11, 12, 13],
       [20, 21, 22, 23],
       [30, 31, 32, 33],
       [40, 41, 42, 43]])
>>> b[2,3]
23
>>> b[0:5, 1]
array([ 1, 11, 21, 31, 41])
>>> b[:, 1]
array([ 1, 11, 21, 31, 41])
>>> b[1:3, :]
array([[10, 11, 12, 13],
       [20, 21, 22, 23]])
```

# What is pandas?

- Open source package with user friendly data structures and data analysis tools for Python
  - Built on top of NumPy, gives more tools
- Very useful for tabular data in columns (i.e. spreadsheets), time series data, matrix data, etc
- Two main data structures:
  - Series (1-dimensional)
  - DataFrame (2-dimensional)
- How to access:
  - Need to import it into your python workspace or into your script

```
>> import pandas as pd
```

# Pandas: Series

- Effectively a 1-D NumPy array with an index  
1D labeled array that can hold any data type, with labels known as the “index”

```
[>>> import pandas as pd
>>> s = pd.Series(np.random.randn(5), index=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'])
>>> s
a    -0.896461
b    -0.268122
c    -1.097631
d    -2.069645
e    -0.289530
dtype: float64
```

data can be an array, scalar, or a dict

```
>>>
>>> s = {'a': 2., 'b': 4., 'c': 6., 'd': 8.}
>>> pd.Series(s)
a    2.0
b    4.0
c    6.0
d    8.0
dtype: float64
```

- Can using slicing to grab out values

```
>>> sd = pd.Series(s)
>>> sd[1]
4.0
```

- Can also use index to grab out values

```
[>>> sd['b']
4.0
_
```

```
[>>> sd
a    2.0
b    4.0
c    6.0
d    8.0
dtype: float64
[>>> type(sd)
<class 'pandas.core.series.Series'>
```

# Pandas: DataFrame

- Most commonly used pandas object
- DataFrame is basically a table made up of named columns of series
  - Think spreadsheet or table of some kind
  - Can take data from
    - Dict of 1D arrays, lists, dicts, Series
    - 2D numpy array
    - Series
    - Another DataFrame
  - Can also define index (row labels) and columns (column labels)
  - Series can be dynamically added to or removed from the DataFrame

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# Creating DataFrames

- From dict of Series or dicts:

```
>>>
>>> d = {'one' : pd.Series([1., 2., 3.], index=['a', 'b', 'c']),
...      'two' : pd.Series([1., 2., 3., 4.], index=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'])}
>>>
>>> df = pd.DataFrame(d)
>>> df
   one  two
a  1.0  1.0
b  2.0  2.0
c  3.0  3.0
d  NaN  4.0
```

Have 2 series (one and two)

New DataFrame (df) is union of the 2 Series indices

Output includes row labels (index) and column labels as specified

Note the NaN reported because of no 4<sup>th</sup> value in "one"

Using arrays/lists is similar:

```
>>> d = {'one' : [1., 2., 3., 4.],
...      'two' : [4., 3., 2., 1.]}
>>> pd.DataFrame(d)
   one  two
0  1.0  4.0
1  2.0  3.0
2  3.0  2.0
3  4.0  1.0
```

If no index is given, index will be range(n) where n is array length



# Accessing DataFrame Info

```
[>>> df
```

```
   one  two  
a  1.0  1.0  
b  2.0  2.0  
c  3.0  3.0  
d  NaN  4.0
```

```
[>>> pd.DataFrame(d, index=['d', 'b', 'a'])
```

```
   one  two  
d  NaN  4.0  
b  2.0  2.0  
a  1.0  1.0
```

Can access specific rows

```
[>>> pd.DataFrame(d, index=['d', 'b', 'a'], columns=['two', 'three'])
```

```
   two three  
d  4.0  NaN  
b  2.0  NaN  
a  1.0  NaN
```

Can access specific rows  
and columns

```
[>>> df['two']
```

```
a    1.0  
b    2.0  
c    3.0  
d    4.0
```

```
Name: two, dtype: float64
```

Grab specific column  
from existing DataFrame

# Accessing DataFrame Info

```
[>>> df['two']  
a    1.0  
b    2.0  
c    3.0  
d    4.0  
Name: two, dtype: float64
```

Grab specific column  
from existing DataFrame

```
[>>> df['three'] = df['one'] * df['two']  
[>>> df  
   one  two  three  
a  1.0  1.0   1.0  
b  2.0  2.0   4.0  
c  3.0  3.0   9.0  
d  NaN  4.0   NaN
```

Make a new column through operations on  
others

```
[>>> del df['two']  
[>>> df  
   one  three  
a  1.0   1.0  
b  2.0   4.0  
c  3.0   9.0  
d  NaN   NaN
```

Get rid of columns

The basics of indexing are as follows:

Operation	Syntax	Result
Select column	<code>df[col]</code>	Series
Select row by label	<code>df.loc[label]</code>	Series
Select row by integer location	<code>df.iloc[loc]</code>	Series
Slice rows	<code>df[5:10]</code>	DataFrame
Select rows by boolean vector	<code>df[bool_vec]</code>	DataFrame

# Working with DataFrames

```
[>>> df = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(10, 4), columns=['A', 'B', 'C', 'D'])
[>>> df2 = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(7, 3), columns=['A', 'B', 'C'])
[>>> df
```

	A	B	C	D
0	0.925605	-0.101996	-0.856505	0.041030
1	0.683239	-0.666745	-0.746350	-0.765129
2	-1.149823	0.256815	-1.844288	-0.182581
3	1.283709	-0.421631	-0.439489	1.059241
4	-0.072631	0.604832	0.033367	-0.484844
5	1.429966	-0.863785	1.076024	-2.696585
6	-1.175667	0.911034	0.156114	0.054385
7	-1.452214	1.480580	-1.615911	0.298720
8	-1.630938	0.176167	0.269268	-0.822671
9	1.782930	-0.029016	-0.268635	0.623897

```
[>>> df2
```

	A	B	C
0	0.104096	-0.689956	-0.256331
1	0.387243	-0.663118	-1.149259
2	-1.754454	0.859184	-0.420377
3	0.333610	-0.549891	1.220547
4	-0.632296	0.571345	0.256852
5	1.092259	-0.420193	0.311140
6	1.036973	-0.387453	-0.498542

```
[>>> df + df2
```

	A	B	C	D
0	1.029701	-0.791951	-1.112835	NaN
1	1.070481	-1.329862	-1.895610	NaN
2	-2.904277	1.115999	-2.264664	NaN
3	1.617319	-0.971522	0.781058	NaN
4	-0.704926	1.176177	0.290219	NaN
5	2.522225	-1.283977	1.387164	NaN
6	-0.138694	0.523581	-0.342428	NaN
7	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
8	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
9	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

Create 2  
different  
DataFrames

Add the dataframes together

Note elementwise addition, with the result having the union of row and column labels, even if you don't have values in each position

Lots of NumPy elementwise functions work on DataFrames, as do operations like transpose (.T), .dot

# Other cool things to do with DataFrames

```
[>>> df.describe()
      count  A          B          C          D
count  10.000000  10.000000  10.000000  10.000000
mean    0.062418  0.134626 -0.423640 -0.287454
std     1.318020  0.721369  0.883781  1.031773
min    -1.630938 -0.863785 -1.844288 -2.696585
25%    -1.169206 -0.341722 -0.828966 -0.695058
50%     0.305304  0.073575 -0.354062 -0.070775
75%     1.194183  0.517827  0.125428  0.237637
max     1.782930  1.480580  1.076024  1.059241
```

Basic statistics

```
[>>> df
      A          B          C          D
0  0.925605 -0.101996 -0.856505  0.041030
1  0.683239 -0.666745 -0.746350 -0.765129
2 -1.149823  0.256815 -1.844288 -0.182581
3  1.283709 -0.421631 -0.439489  1.059241
4 -0.072631  0.604832  0.033367 -0.484844
5  1.429966 -0.863785  1.076024 -2.696585
6 -1.175667  0.911034  0.156114  0.054385
7 -1.452214  1.480580 -1.615911  0.298720
8 -1.630938  0.176167  0.269268 -0.822671
9  1.782930 -0.029016 -0.268635  0.623897
```

```
[>>> df.sort_values(by='B')
      A          B          C          D
5  1.429966 -0.863785  1.076024 -2.696585
1  0.683239 -0.666745 -0.746350 -0.765129
3  1.283709 -0.421631 -0.439489  1.059241
0  0.925605 -0.101996 -0.856505  0.041030
9  1.782930 -0.029016 -0.268635  0.623897
8 -1.630938  0.176167  0.269268 -0.822671
2 -1.149823  0.256815 -1.844288 -0.182581
4 -0.072631  0.604832  0.033367 -0.484844
6 -1.175667  0.911034  0.156114  0.054385
7 -1.452214  1.480580 -1.615911  0.298720
```

sorting

# Other cool things to do with DataFrames

```
[>>> df[df.A > 0]
      A         B         C         D
0  0.925605 -0.101996 -0.856505  0.041030
1  0.683239 -0.666745 -0.746350 -0.765129
3  1.283709 -0.421631 -0.439489  1.059241
5  1.429966 -0.863785  1.076024 -2.696585
9  1.782930 -0.029016 -0.268635  0.623897
```

Grabbing data that meet a certain condition

```
[>>> df2 = df.copy()
[>>> df2['E'] = ['one', 'one', 'two', 'three', 'four', 'five', 'four', 'one', 'two', 'four']
>>> df2
```

```
[      A         B         C         D         E
0  0.925605 -0.101996 -0.856505  0.041030    one
1  0.683239 -0.666745 -0.746350 -0.765129    one
2 -1.149823  0.256815 -1.844288 -0.182581    two
3  1.283709 -0.421631 -0.439489  1.059241   three
4 -0.072631  0.604832  0.033367 -0.484844    four
5  1.429966 -0.863785  1.076024 -2.696585    five
6 -1.175667  0.911034  0.156114  0.054385    four
7 -1.452214  1.480580 -1.615911  0.298720    one
8 -1.630938  0.176167  0.269268 -0.822671    two
9  1.782930 -0.029016 -0.268635  0.623897    four
```

Add a new column at end of dataframe

```
>>> df2[df2['E'].isin(['two', 'four'])]
      A         B         C         D         E
2 -1.149823  0.256815 -1.844288 -0.182581    two
4 -0.072631  0.604832  0.033367 -0.484844    four
6 -1.175667  0.911034  0.156114  0.054385    four
8 -1.630938  0.176167  0.269268 -0.822671    two
9  1.782930 -0.029016 -0.268635  0.623897    four
```

Filtering data to grab only data that contains certain values using `.isin`

# DataFrames: groupby

- This allows you to split up data into groups based on some criteria, apply some function, and get a result

```
[>>> df2
      A         B         C         D         E
0  0.925605 -0.101996 -0.856505  0.041030  one
1  0.683239 -0.666745 -0.746350 -0.765129  one
2 -1.149823  0.256815 -1.844288 -0.182581  two
3  1.283709 -0.421631 -0.439489  1.059241  three
4 -0.072631  0.604832  0.033367 -0.484844  four
5  1.429966 -0.863785  1.076024 -2.696585  five
6 -1.175667  0.911034  0.156114  0.054385  four
7 -1.452214  1.480580 -1.615911  0.298720  one
8 -1.630938  0.176167  0.269268 -0.822671  two
9  1.782930 -0.029016 -0.268635  0.623897  four
[>>> df2.groupby('E')
<pandas.core.groupby.DataFrameGroupBy object at 0x10c03bf50>
[>>> df2.groupby('E').sum()
      A         B         C         D
E
five  1.429966 -0.863785  1.076024 -2.696585
four  0.534633  1.486849 -0.079153  0.193438
one   0.156630  0.711840 -3.218765 -0.425378
three 1.283709 -0.421631 -0.439489  1.059241
two  -2.780760  0.432982 -1.575020 -1.005252
```

Using “groupby” to select rows that contain same value in E, then sum those values

Matplotlib is an excellent 2D and 3D graphics library for generating scientific figures. Some of the many advantages of this library include:

- Easy to get started
- Support for LATEXLATEX formatted labels and texts
- Great control of every element in a figure, including figure size and DPI.
- High-quality output in many formats, including PNG, PDF, SVG, EPS, and PGF.
- GUI for interactively exploring figures *and* support for headless generation of figure files (useful for batch jobs).

One of the key features of matplotlib that I would like to emphasize, and that I think makes matplotlib highly suitable for generating figures for scientific publications is that all aspects of the figure can be controlled *programmatically*. This is important for reproducibility and convenient

To get started using Matplotlib in a Python program, either include the symbols from the `pylab` module (the easy way):

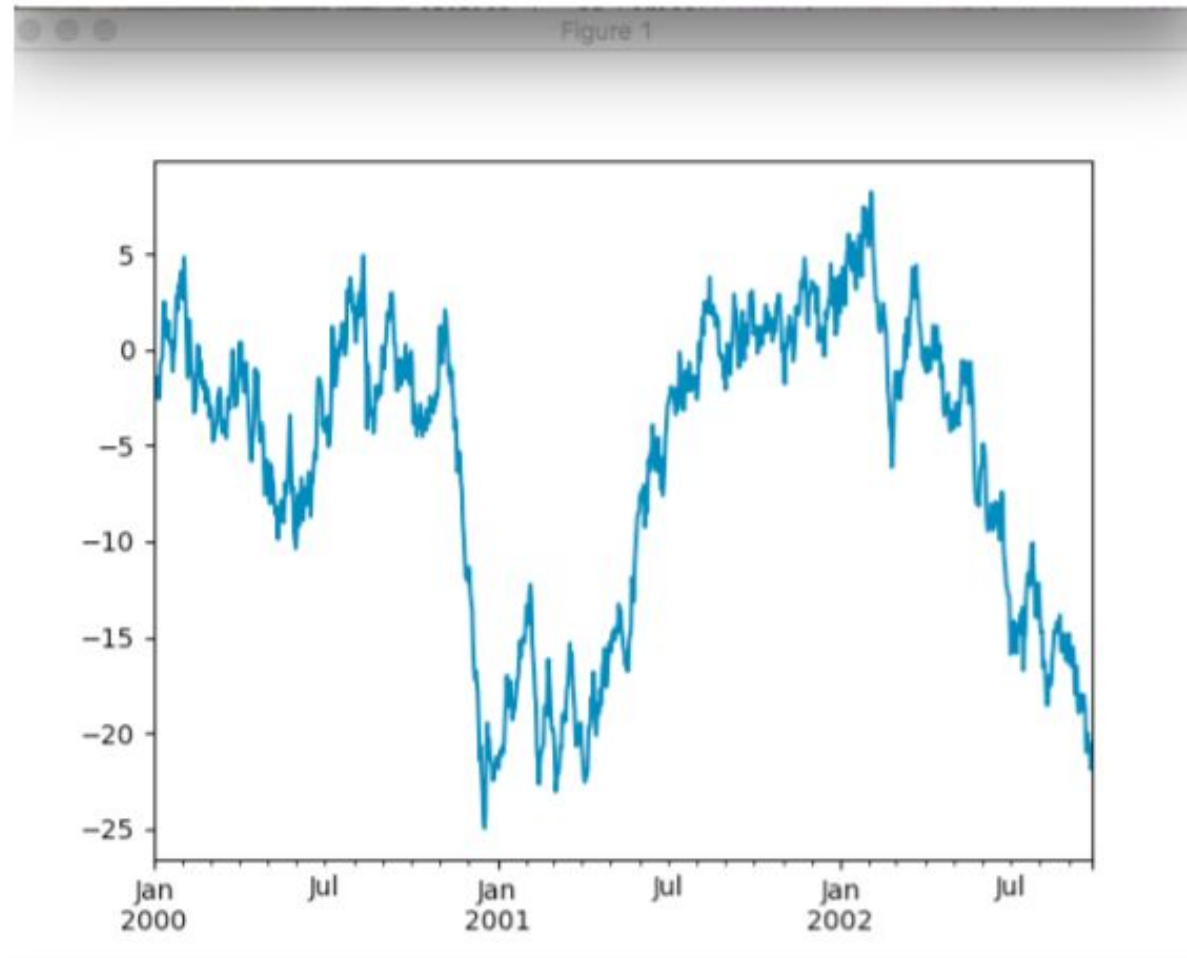
```
from pylab import *
```

or import the `matplotlib.pyplot` module under the name `plt` (the tidy way):

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

# Plotting Data in Series

```
>>> import numpy as np
>>> import pandas as pd
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> ts = pd.Series(np.random.randn(1000), index=pd.date_range('1/1/2000', periods=1000))
>>> ts = ts.cumsum()
>>> ts.plot()
<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x10f74d690>
>>> plt.show()
```



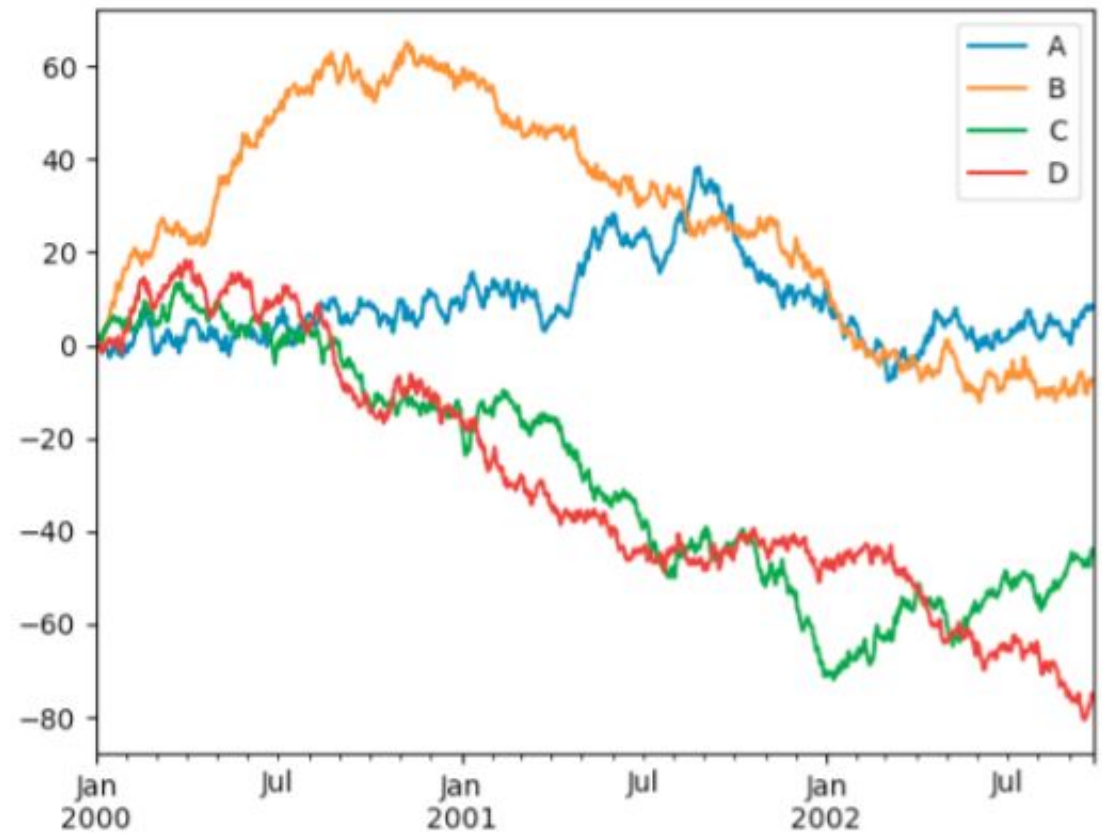
Created a series of 1000 random numbers, with an index of dates starting at 1/1/2000

Plotted the cumulative sum of those random numbers



```
>>> df = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(1000,4), index=ts.index, columns=['A','B','C','D'])
>>> df = df.cumsum()
>>> plt.figure(); df.plot(); plt.legend(loc='best'); plt.show()
<matplotlib.figure.Figure object at 0x111c9e990>
<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x111c6fc10>
<matplotlib.legend.Legend object at 0x111c93690>
```

Figure 2



Using .plot() with DataFrames will plot all of the columns with labels

To access the SciPy package in a Python program, we start by importing everything from the `scipy` module.

```
from scipy import *
```

If we only need to use part of the SciPy framework we can selectively include only those modules we are interested in. For example, to include the linear algebra package under the name `la`, we can do:

```
import scipy.linalg as la
```

The `scipy.stats` module contains a large number of statistical distributions, statistical functions and tests.

```
from scipy import stats
```

```
# create a (discrete) random variable with poissonian distribution
```

```
X = stats.poisson(3.5) # photon distribution for a coherent state with n=3.5 photons
```

```
n = arange(0,15)
```

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(3,1, sharex=True)
```

```
# plot the probability mass function (PMF)
```

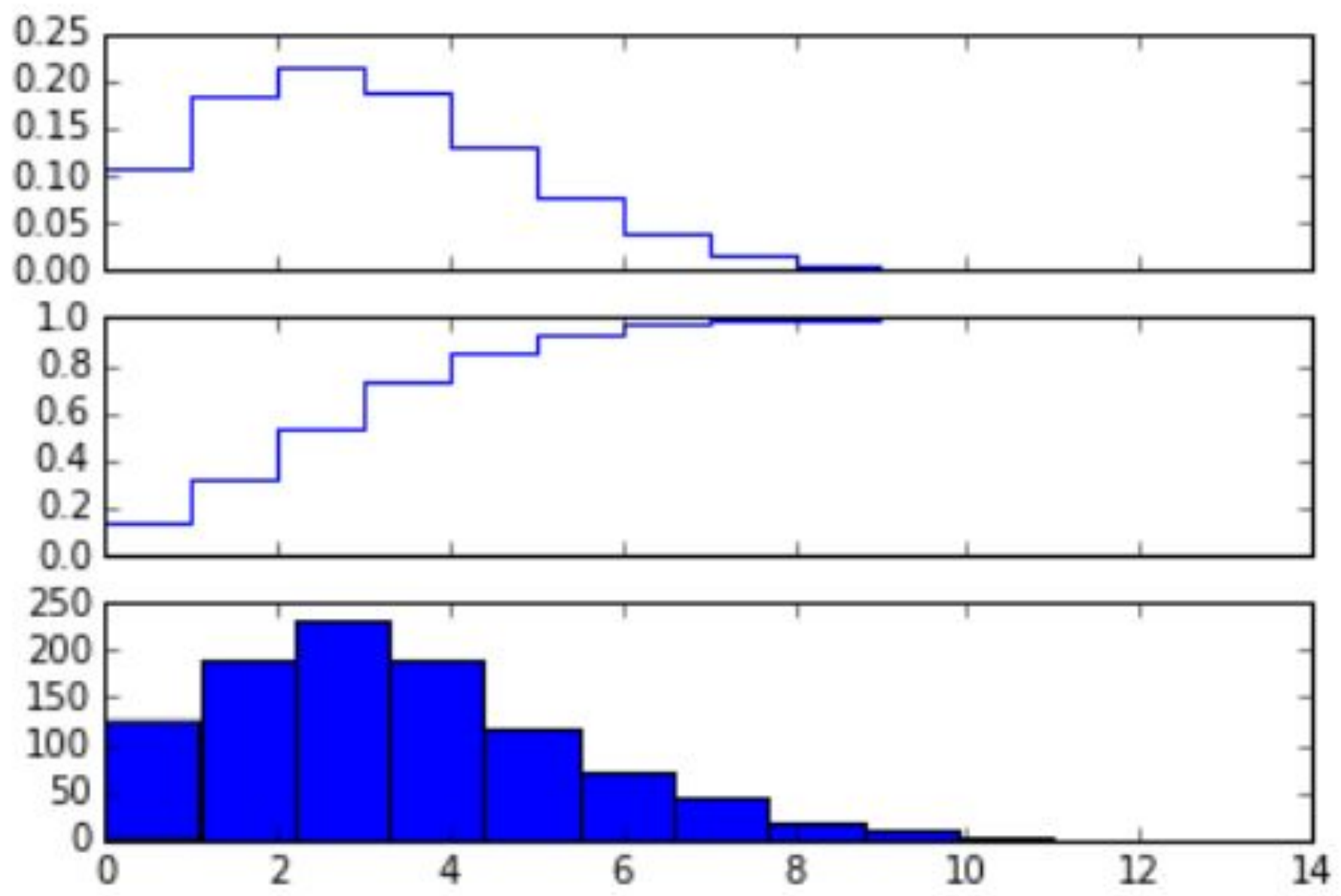
```
axes[0].step(n, X.pmf(n))
```

```
# plot the cumulative distribution function (CDF)
```

```
axes[1].step(n, X.cdf(n))
```

```
# plot histogram of 1000 random realizations of the stochastic variable X
```

```
axes[2].hist(X.rvs(size=1000));
```



```
# create a (continuous) random variable with normal distribution
Y = stats.norm()
```

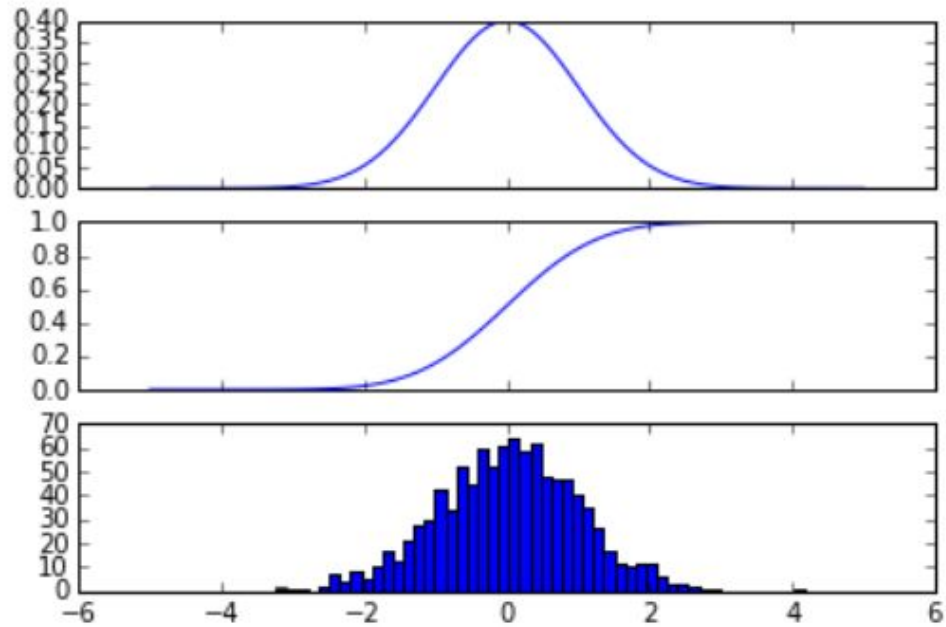
```
x = linspace(-5,5,100)
```

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(3,1, sharex=True)
```

```
# plot the probability distribution function (PDF)
axes[0].plot(x, Y.pdf(x))
```

```
# plot the commulative distributin function (CDF)
axes[1].plot(x, Y.cdf(x));
```

```
# plot histogram of 1000 random realizations of the stochastic variable Y
axes[2].hist(Y.rvs(size=1000), bins=50);
```



## 3D figures

To use 3D graphics in matplotlib, we first need to create an instance of the `Axes3D` class. 3D axes can be added to a matplotlib figure canvas in exactly the same way as 2D axes; or, more conveniently, by passing a `projection='3d'` keyword argument to the `add_axes` or `add_subplot` methods.

```
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.axes3d import Axes3D
```

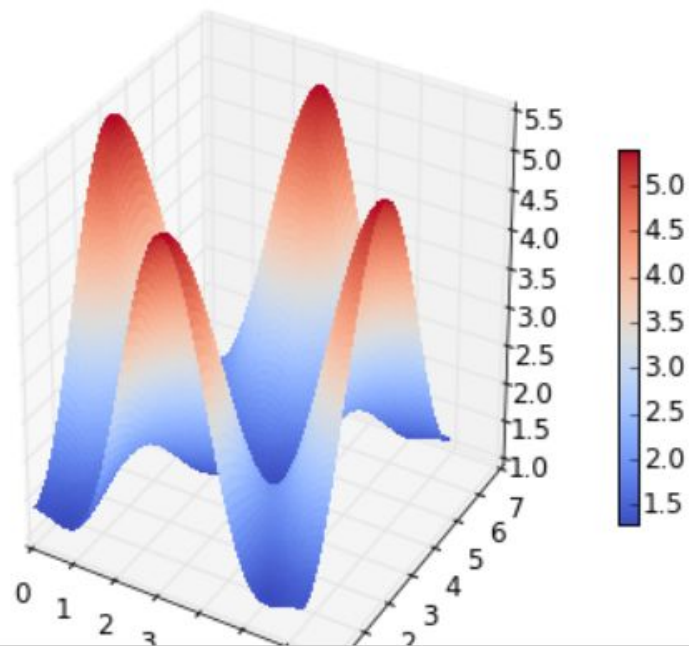
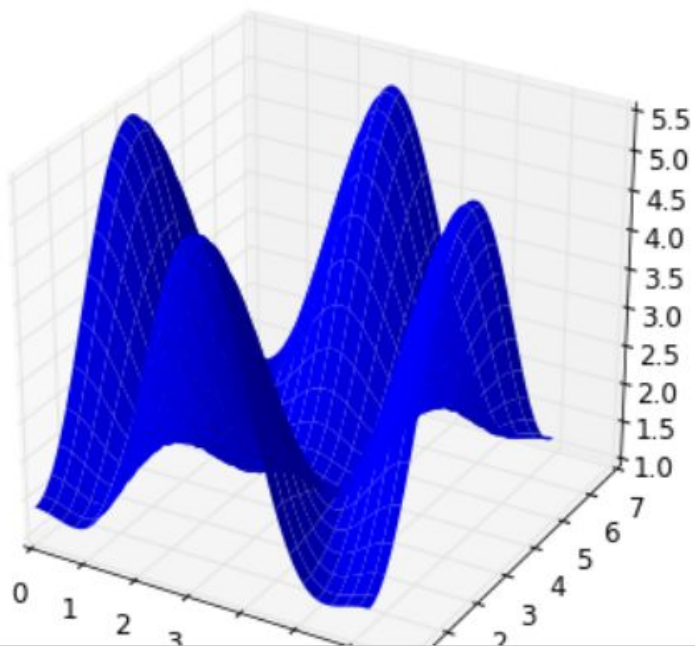
## Surface plots

```
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,6))

# `ax` is a 3D-aware axis instance because of the projection='3d' keyword argument to add_subplot
ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1, projection='3d')

p = ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, rstride=4, cstride=4, linewidth=0)

# surface_plot with color grading and color bar
ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2, projection='3d')
p = ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, rstride=1, cstride=1, cmap=matplotlib.cm.coolwarm, linewidth=0, antialiased=False)
cb = fig.colorbar(p, shrink=0.5)
```



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