

LECTURE 26

MATPLOTLIB II

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Reminders and announcements:

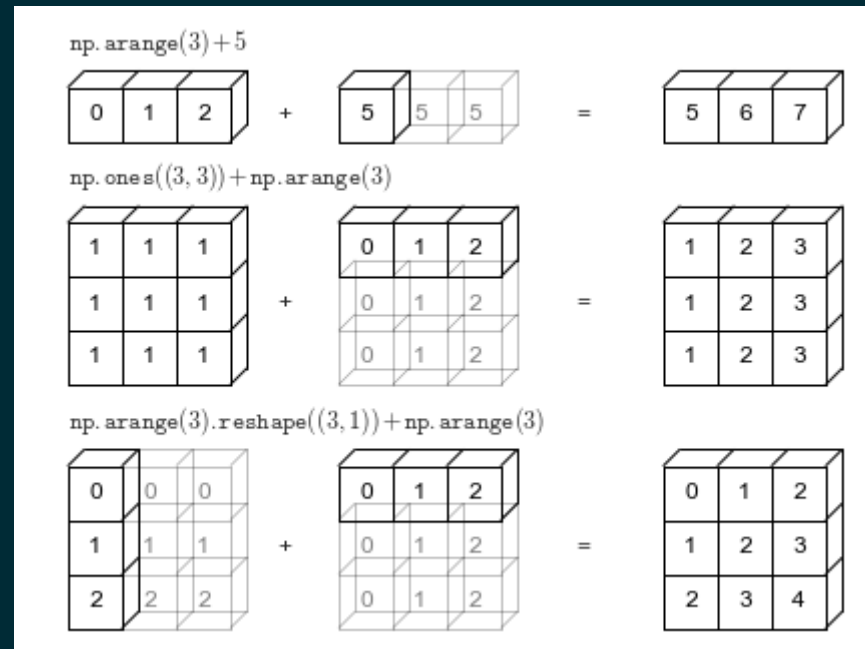
- **Project 3** due today at 6pm.
- Next big topic is **databases**
- Spring break next week, no classes or office hours

GALLERY

The matplotlib home page has a nice [gallery of examples with source code](#). It can be especially helpful if you know what you want something to look like, but don't know what it is called.

BROADCASTING

This figure from §2.5 of [Python Data Science Handbook](#) by [Jake VanderPlas](#) was made with Matplotlib!



And the book contains the [source code](#)!

TODAY

- Scatter plots
- Contour plots
- Density plots

→ [Matplotlib demo notebook](#) ←

MAIN PLOTTING COMMANDS

- **plt.plot(xvals,yvals,...)** – plot line, points, or both
- **plt.scatter(xvals,yvals,...)** – plot points with individual size/color control
- **plt.contour(xgrid,ygrid,zgrid)** – contour (topographical) map of function of (x,y)
- **plt.imshow(zgrid,extent=[...],origin="lower")** – density plot of a grid of values

Most other commands adjust or annotate plots made with these commands.

REFERENCES

- *Python Data Science Handbook* by Jake VanderPlas
 - Chapter 2: Numpy
 - Chapter 4: Matplotlib
- [matplotlib home page](#), including [documentation](#).

REVISION HISTORY

- 2022-03-18 Last semester's lecture on this topic finalized
- 2023-03-17 Updated for 2023



Have a great spring break!

