**Matplotlib for intermediate users**

A matplotlib figure is composed of a hierarchy of elements that forms the actual figure. Each element can be modified.

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**Figure, axes & spines**

```python
fig, axs = plt.subplots(3, 3)
axs[0,0].set_facecolor("#d9d9ff")
axs[2,2].set_facecolor("#ffffdd")
```

```python
gs = fig.add_gridspec(3, 3)
ax = fig.add_subplot(gs[0, :])
ax.set_facecolor("#d9d9ff")
```

```python
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.spines["top"].set_color("None")
ax.spines["right"].set_color("None")
```

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**Ticks & labels**

```python
from mpl.ticker import MultipleLocator as ML
from mpl.ticker import ScalarFormatter as SF
ax.xaxis.set_minor_locator(ML(0.2))
ax.xaxis.set_minor_formatter(SF())
ax.tick_params(axis='x', which='minor', rotation=90)
```

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**Legend**

```python
ax.plot(X, np.sin(X), "C0", label="Sine")
ax.plot(X, np.cos(X), "C1", label="Cosine")
ax.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(0.1,1.1,.1),ncol=2,mode="expand", loc="lower left")
```

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**Lines & markers**

```python
X = np.linspace(0.1, 10*np.pi, 1000)
Y = np.sin(X)
ax.plot(X, Y, "C1o-", markevery=25, mec="1.0")
```

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**Scales & projections**

```python
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(X, np.cos(X), "C1", label="Cosine")
```

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**Text & ornaments**

```python
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(3.15,3.15), dpi=50)
ax.text(0, -1, r" Period $\Phi$")
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**Colors**

Any color can be used, but Matplotlib offers sets of colors:

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**Size & DPI**

Consider a square figure to be included in a two-columns A4 paper with 2cm margins on each side and a column separation of 1cm. The width of a figure is (21 - 2*2 - 1)/2 = 8cm. One inch being 2.54cm, figure size should be 3.15×3.15 in.

```python
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(3.15,3.15), dpi=50)
plt.savefig("figure.pdf", dpi=600)
```

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