

Python programming — plotting

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Numerical and scientific Python

matplotlib — Package with functions that resemble Matlab plotting

chaco — Package with more flexible and complex plotting than matplotlib

PIL — Python Imaging Library. Image processing

VTK — Visualization toolkit, 3D computer graphics and image processing

NetworkX — Network analysis and visualization

Mapnik — Geographical maps with Python bindings

(**Gnuplot** — Gnuplot external program)

Matplotlib

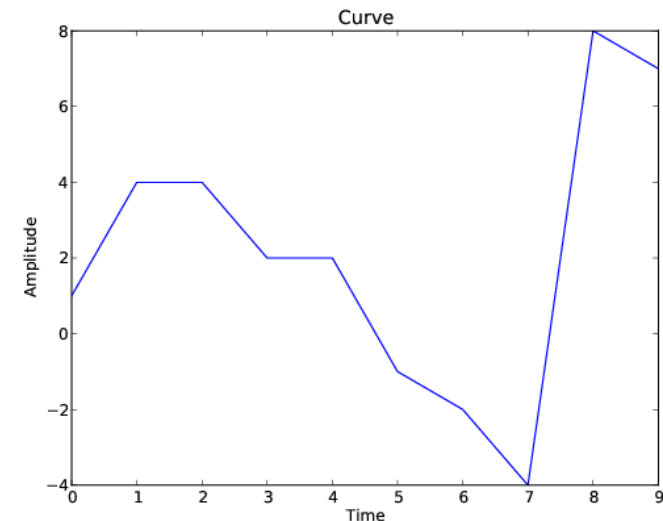
Tutorial: http://matplotlib.sourceforge.net/users/pyplot_tutorial.html

MATLAB commands in numerical Python (NumPy), A few examples in (Segaran, 2007, pp. 185+), (Bird et al., 2009, pp. 168–169)

Plot a curve in a window and also write an EPS (Encapsulated PostScript) file:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

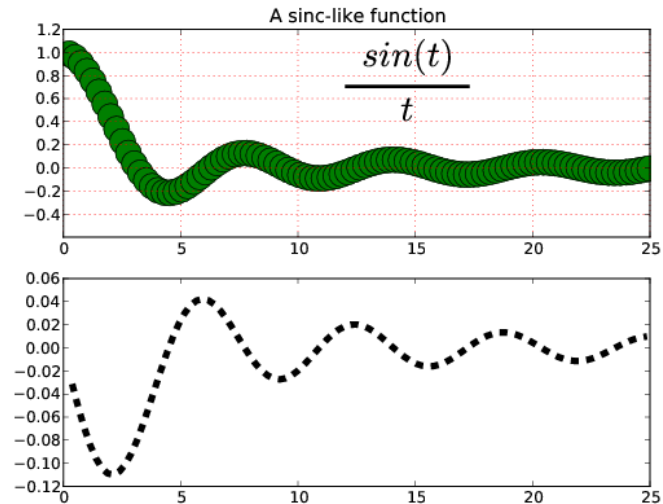
plt.figure(1)
plt.plot([1, 4, 4, 2, 2, -1, -2, -4, 8, 7])
plt.xlabel("Time")
plt.ylabel("Amplitude")
plt.title("Curve")
plt.savefig("curve.eps") # Could also have written svg, png, ...
plt.show()              # Show figure in window
```



Matplotlib and NumPy

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

```
t = np.linspace(0, 25, 100) # "t" is a "numpy.ndarray"
x = np.sin(t)/t             # "x" is also a "numpy.ndarray"
plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
plt.plot(t, x, "go", markersize=20, alpha=0.5)
plt.title("A sinc-like function")
plt.text(12, 0.4, r"$\frac{\sin(t)}{t}$", fontsize=40) # LaTeX
plt.grid(color="r")
plt.axis((0, 25, -0.6, 1.2))
plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
plt.plot(np.diff(t[:2])/2+t[:-1], np.diff(x), "k--", linewidth=5)
```



Example: Twitter geo heatmap . . .

Get geographical coordinates from Twitter and render them on a heatmap.

First the elaborate procedure for connecting to Twitter following and example: <https://github.com/simplegeo/python-oauth2>.

You initially need `consumer_key` and `consumer_secret` and later the `oauth_verifier` number.

```
import oauth2 as oauth
import urlparse
import webbrowser
```

```
request_token_url = "https://twitter.com/oauth/request_token"
access_token_url = "https://twitter.com/oauth/access_token"
authorize_url = "https://twitter.com/oauth/authorize"
```

```
# This require you to setup an application on the Twitter homepage
consumer = oauth.Consumer(key=consumer_key, secret=consumer_secret)

client = oauth.Client(consumer)
response, content = client.request(request_token_url, "GET")
request_token = dict(urlparse.parse_qs(content))

url = "%s?oauth_token=%s" % (authorize_url, request_token["oauth_token"])
webbrowser.open(url)

token = oauth.Token(request_token["oauth_token"],
                    request_token["oauth_token_secret"])
token.set_verifier(oauth_verifier)
client = oauth.Client(consumer, token)

response, content = client.request(access_token_url, "POST")
```

```
access_token = dict(urlparse.parse_qs(content))

token = oauth.Token(access_token["oauth_token"],
                    access_token["oauth_token_secret"])

client = oauth.Client(consumer, token)
```

With the resulting `client` object you can use the `request` method to query the Twitter API, e.g.,

```
url = "https://api.twitter.com/1.1/search/tweets.json?q=geotag&rpp=100"
response = client.request(url)
```

Lets use that for the heatmap

```
import simplejson as json
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib import cm          # Colormap
import scipy.stats                 # For kernel density estimation

# Get geo-tagged posts from Twitter
url = "https://api.twitter.com/1.1/search/tweets.json?q=geotag&count=100"
response, content = client.request(url)
tweets = json.loads(content)["statuses"]
coords = np.asarray([ t["geo"]["coordinates"][:,::-1]
                     for t in tweets if t["geo"] ])
users = [ t["user"]["screen_name"] for t in tweets if t["geo"] ]
```

Now `coords` variable contains (longitude, latitude) for posts in NumPy array while `users` contains the Twitter user names.

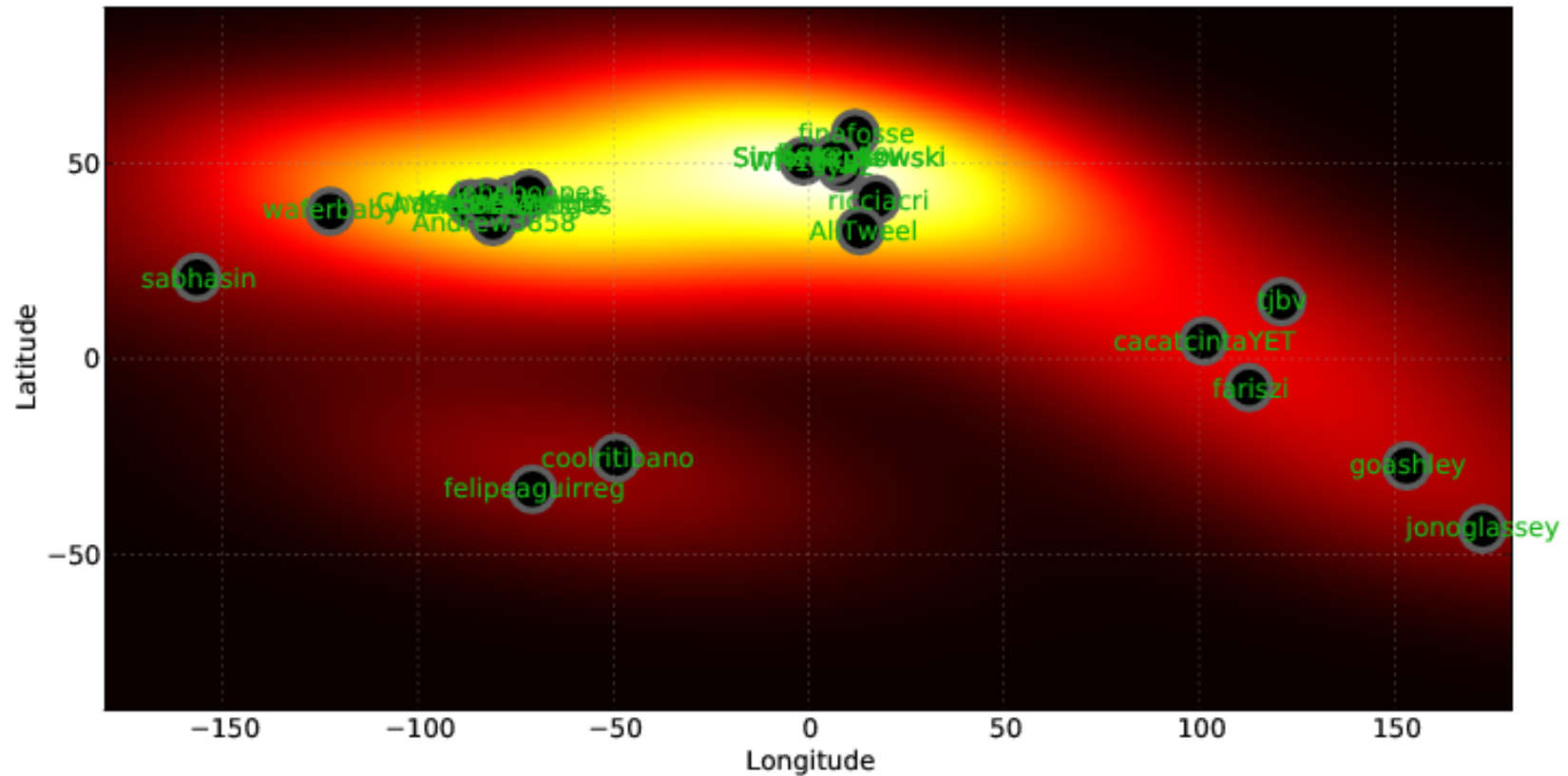
... Twitter geo heatmap

Construct a heatmap (<http://www.scipy.org/SciPyPackages/Stats>)

```
X, Y = np.mgrid[-180:180:100j, -90:90:100j]
positions = np.c_[X.ravel(), Y.ravel()]
kernel = scipy.stats.kde.gaussian_kde(coords.T)
Z = np.reshape(kernel(positions.T), X.shape)

plt.figure(), plt.hold(True)
plt.imshow(np.rot90(Z), cmap=cm.hot, extent=(-180, 180, -90, 90))
for user, c in zip(users, coords):
    plt.plot(c[0], c[1], "ko", markeredgewidth=3, markersize=20,
             markeredgecolor=(0.3, 0.3, 0.3))
    dummy = plt.text(c[0], c[1], user, color=(.1, .7, 0.1),
                     horizontalalignment="center", verticalalignment="center")

plt.axis((-180, 180, -90, 90)); plt.grid(color=(0.5, 0.5, 0.5))
plt.xlabel("Longitude"); plt.ylabel("Latitude")
```



Dates and matplotlib . . .

```
from matplotlib.finance import quotes_historical_yahoo
from matplotlib.dates import num2date
from matplotlib.pyplot import *
from datetime import date

quotes = quotes_historical_yahoo("NV0", date(2011, 1, 1), date.today())
dates = [ num2date(row[0]) for row in quotes ]
closeprice = [ row[1] for row in quotes ]
plot(dates, closeprice)
show()
```

See also my blog: [NumPy beginner's guide: Date formatting, stock quotes and Wikipedia sentiment analysis](#).

... Dates and matplotlib



Novo Nordisk stock quotes: Notice how matplotlib handles date information: The x-axis automatically shows `datetime` type in the plotted dates object.

Matplotlib

Many more examples on:

<http://matplotlib.sourceforge.net/examples/>

Chaco

Library by Enthought for interactive and static plotting.

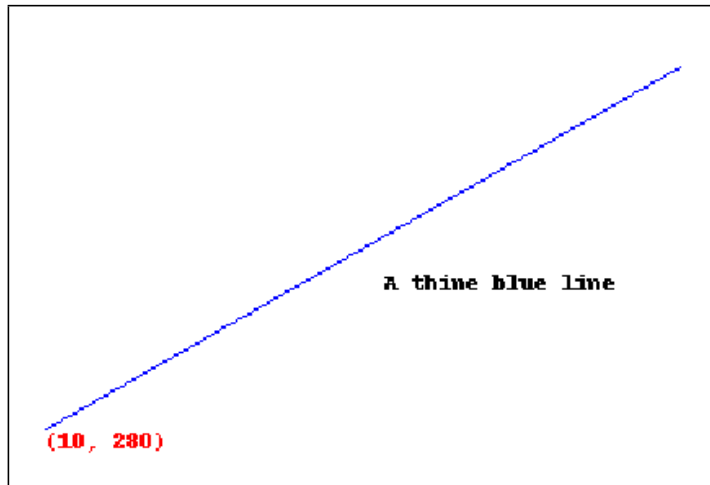
More elaborate than matplotlib, see [quickstart](#) for a “small” “hello, world” program with plotting of a line.

[Script example](#) from tutorial (slightly modified):

```
ipython --gui=wx
In [1]: from numpy import *
In [2]: from chaco.shell import *
In [3]: x = linspace(-2*pi, 2*pi, 100)
In [4]: plot(x, sin(x), "r-")
```

More information in [tutorial](#).

PIL: Python Imaging Library



Creation, reading, writing and manipulation of image files (PNG, JPEG, PostScript, ...), e.g., conversion, rotation, cropping, image sequence, filtering.

With `from PIL import Image, ImageDraw`, see also example ([Segaran, 2007](#), p. 38+):

```
img = Image.new("RGB", (300, 200), (255, 255, 255))
draw = ImageDraw.Draw(img)
draw.line((10, 180, 290, 20), fill=(0, 0, 255))
draw.text((10, 180), "(10, 280)", (255, 0, 0))
draw.text((160, 110), "A thine blue line", (0, 0, 0))
img.save("thineblueline.png", "PNG")
```

Plotting via Google chart API

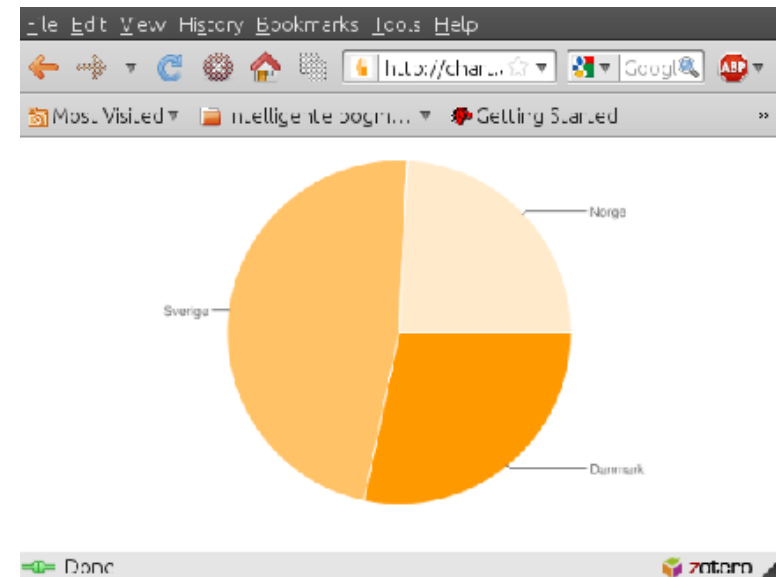
A data file data.txt:

```
5564219 Danmark
9325429 Sverige
4932400 Norge
```

Read in the data file, compute the sum and generate a URL so Google chart API will render a pie chart:

```
import urllib
d = open("data.txt").read().split()
s = reduce(lambda x, y: float(x)+float(y), d[0::2])      # The sum
url = "http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?cht=p&chd=t:" + \
      ",".join(map(lambda x : str(int(float(x)/s*100)),d[0::2])) + \
      "&chs=600x300&chl=" + "|".join(d[1::2])
```

Google chart API has several other chart types.



VTK: 3D rendering

Modified “Step1” (Cone1.py) from VTK examples ([Schroeder et al., 2006](#)):

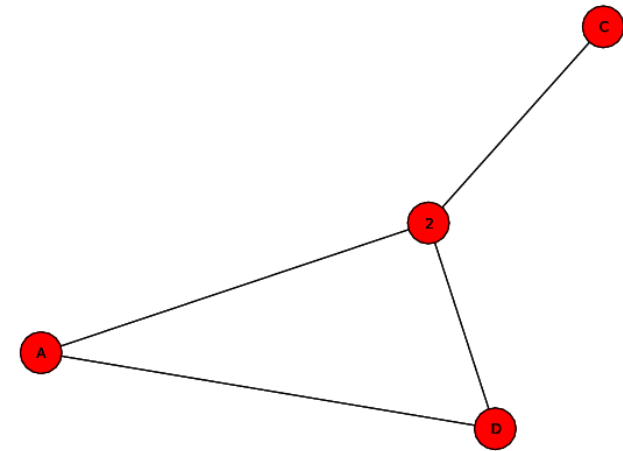
```
import vtk, time
cone = vtk.vtkConeSource()           # Cone graphical object
coneMapper = vtk.vtkPolyDataMapper() # "Mapper"
coneMapper.SetInputConnection(cone.GetOutputPort())
coneActor = vtk.vtkActor()          # "Actor"
coneActor.SetMapper(coneMapper)
ren1= vtk.vtkRenderer()             # "Renderer"
ren1.AddActor(coneActor)
renWin = vtk.vtkRenderWindow()      # "Render Window"
renWin.AddRenderer(ren1)
while True:
    time.sleep(0.03)
    renWin.Render()
    ren1.GetActiveCamera().Azimuth(1)
```

NetworkX

Storing, analysis and visualization of graphs.

Documentation <http://networkx.lanl.gov/>

Examples in (Russell, 2011), small example in (Bird et al., 2009, pp. 169–170)



Simple undirected graph with layout via the *graphviz* program:

```

import networkx as nx                    # "nx" is the usual abbreviation
G = nx.Graph()
G.add_node("A")                          # Add single node
G.add_node(2)                             # Add another node (2)
G.add_nodes_from(["C", "D"])             # Add multiple nodes
G.add_edge("A", 2)                        # Add edge
G.add_edge(2, "C")                        # Add another edge
G.add_edges_from([("A", "D"), (2, "D")]) # Add multiple edges
nx.draw_graphviz(G, node_size=1000)      # or just nx.draw(G)

```

NetworkX functionalities

Graph types: Unidirected (`nx.Graph()`), directed graph (`nx.DiGraph()`), multigraphs that allows more than one edge between the same set of nodes (`nx.MultiGraph()` and `nx.MultiDiGraph()`). Weighted edges

IO and generations: Reading GML, edge list file, . . . , e.g., random graphs, “Karate club” data set, from NumPy matrix, . . .

Modifications: Add edges and nodes, graph set operations.

Analysis: Centrality, PageRank, shortest path distance, density, . . .

Visualizations: Drawing with different layouts. Uses graphviz.

Nodes can be any *hashable* object: string, integer, tuples, . . .

NetworkX example from NLTK book

```
import networkx as nx
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from nltk.corpus import wordnet as wn          # WordNet dictionary
```

Get first meaning of the noun “dog” from WordNet via NLTK:

```
>>> dog = wn.synset("dog.n.01")
```

Show a few narrower senses of that meaning of “dog”:

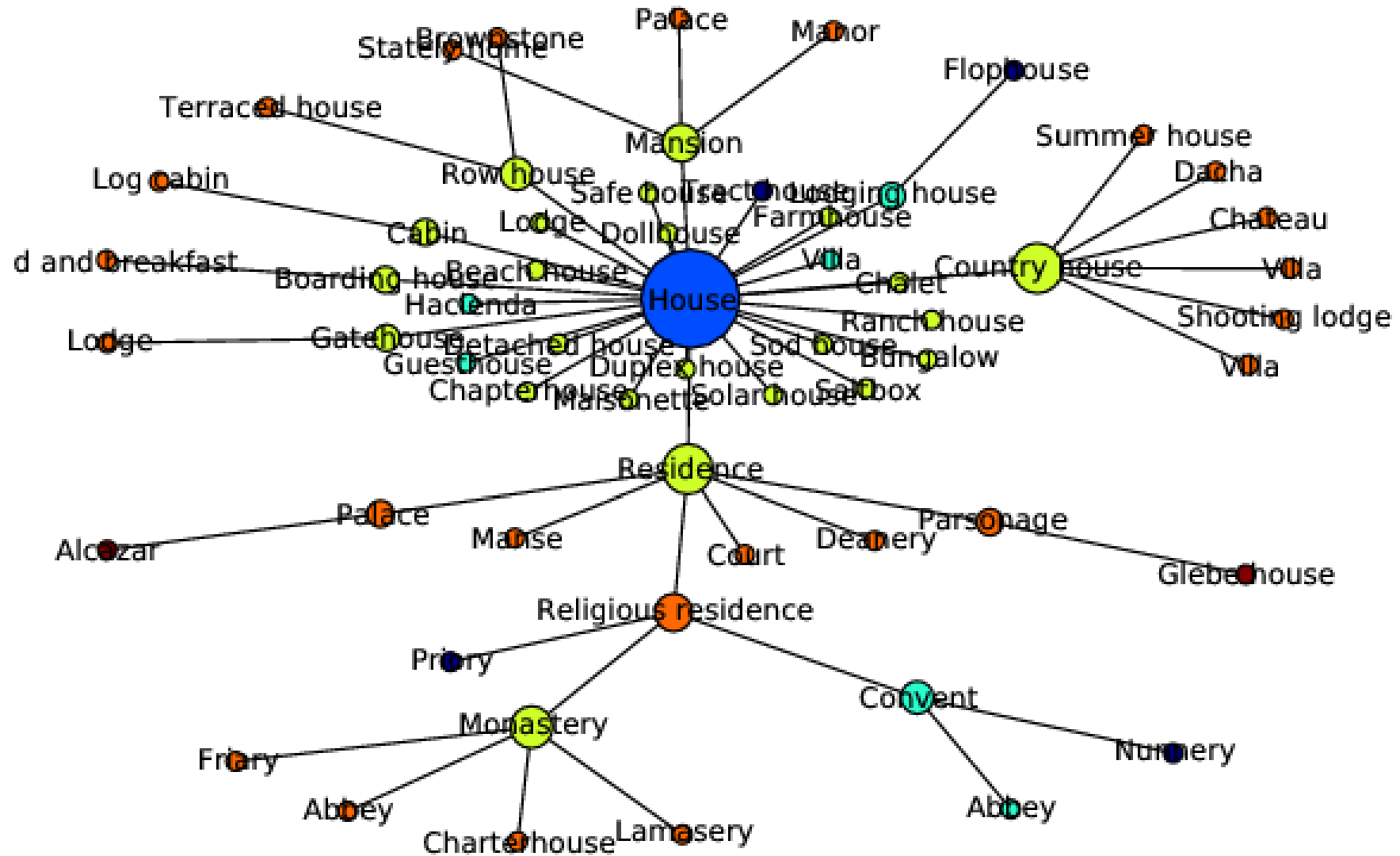
```
>>> dog.hyponyms()[4:7]
[Synset('lapdog.n.01'), Synset('poodle.n.01'),
Synset('leonberg.n.01')]
>>> dog.hyponyms()[5].hyponyms()
[Synset('large_poodle.n.01'), Synset('miniature_poodle.n.01'),
Synset('toy_poodle.n.01'), Synset('standard_poodle.n.01')]
```

```
def traverse(graph, start, node=None):
    """Convert WordNet hyponym graph to NetworkX graph"""
    if not node: node = start
    graph.depth[node.name] = node.shortest_path_distance(start)
    for child in node.hyponyms():
        graph.add_edge(node.name, child.name)
        traverse(graph, start, child)

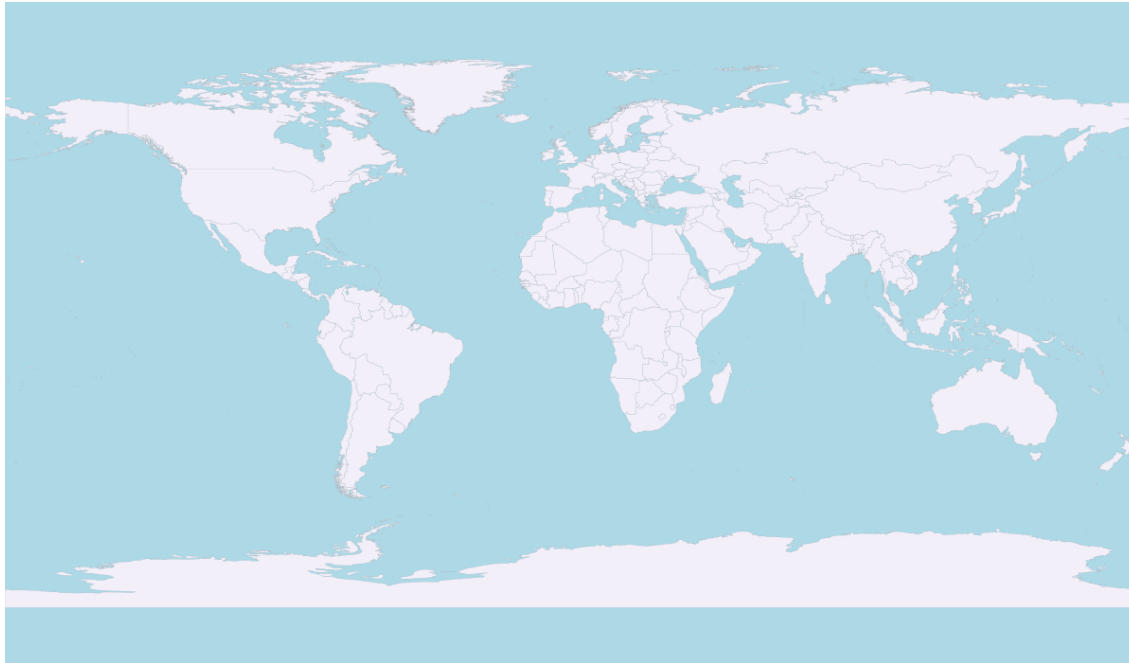
def nodename(name):
    """Convert, e.g., "shooting_lodge.n.01" to "Shooting lodge" """
    return re.sub("_", " ", re.sub("\..*", "", name)).capitalize()

G = nx.Graph(); G.depth = {}
traverse(G, wn.synset("house.n.01"))          # From the word "house"

nx.draw_graphviz(G, node_size=[50*G.degree(node) for node in G],
                 node_color=[G.depth[node] for node in G],
                 labels=dict([(g, nodename(g)) for g in G]))
plt.savefig("graph.png")
```



Mapnik



Package to construct maps.

Is used with OpenStreetMap

So-called styles may be setup in XML files or written in Python, e.g., to determine which color a “highway” should have.

Geographical data must be read from so-called data-sources.

Mapnik(2)

Example from [Tutorial 1 – Getting started in Python](#) on Mapnik's homepage:

```
import mapnik2 as mapnik

m = mapnik.Map(1200, 700, "+proj=latlong +datum=WGS84")
m.background = mapnik.Color("lightblue")

s = mapnik.Style()
r = mapnik.Rule()
r.symbols.append(mapnik.PolygonSymbolizer(mapnik.Color("#f2eff9")))
r.symbols.append(mapnik.LineSymbolizer(mapnik.Color("rgb(50%,50%,50%)"), 0.1))
s.rules.append(r)
m.append_style("My Style", s)

lyr = mapnik.Layer("world", "+proj=latlong +datum=WGS84")
lyr.datasource = mapnik.Shapefile(file="ne_110m_admin_0_countries.shp")
lyr.styles.append("My Style")
m.layers.append(lyr)

m.zoom_to_box(lyr.envelope())
mapnik.render_to_file(m, "world.png", "png")
```


Note required data for the example:

```
import urllib, zipfile
url = "https://github.com/mapnik/mapnik/wiki/data/110m-admin-0-countries.zip"
zipfile.ZipFile(urllib.urlretrieve(url)[0]).extractall()
```

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