

How can I display an image as grayscale in Matplotlib, and can you provide an example?

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To display an image in grayscale using Matplotlib, you can use the "cmap" parameter in the imshow() function and set it equal to "gray". This will convert the image to a grayscale format and display it accordingly. As an example, you can use the following code:

```
...  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
  
# load the image  
img = plt.imread("image.jpg")  
  
# display the image in grayscale  
plt.imshow(img, cmap="gray")  
  
# show the plot  
plt.show()  
...
```

This will result in the image being displayed in grayscale. The "cmap" parameter can also be used to display images in other color maps, such as "hot" or "cool". It is a useful tool for visualizing images in different color scales.

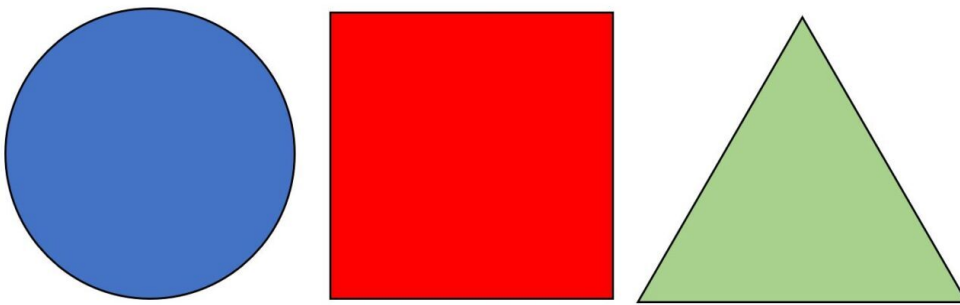
Display an Image as Grayscale in Matplotlib (With Example)

You can use the cmap argument in Matplotlib to easily display images on a .

The following example shows how to use this argument in practice.

Example: Display Image as Grayscale in Matplotlib

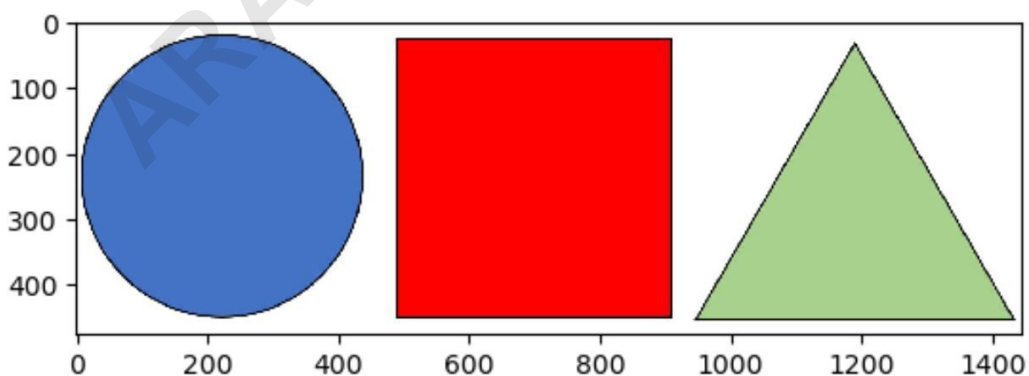
Suppose I have the following image called shapes.JPG that I'd like to display in Matplotlib:



I can use the following syntax to display this image using the original colors:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from PIL import Image

image=Image.open('shapes.JPG')
plt.imshow(image)
plt.show()
```



Notice that this image perfectly matches the image I had

on file.

In order to display the image on a grayscale, I must use the `cmap='gray'` argument as follows:

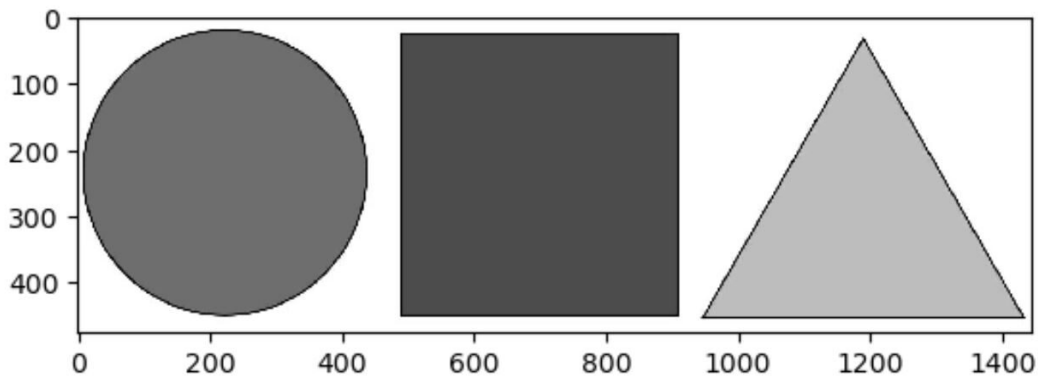
```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from PIL import Image

#open image
image=Image.open('shapes.JPG')

#convert image to black and white pixels
gray_image=image.convert('L')

#convert image to NumPy array
gray_image_array=np.asarray(gray_image)

#display image on grayscale
plt.imshow(gray_image_array, cmap='gray')
plt.show()
```



The image has now been converted to a grayscale.

Note: The 'L' argument converts the image to black and white pixels. Without first using this line of code, the image will not display as a grayscale.

Additional Resources

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common tasks in Matplotlib: