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Experiment No. 8

Aim - Data Visualization: Use Matplotlib and seaborn Python libraries for visualization.

Objective:- To understand and apply the Matplotlib and seaborn python libraries for visualization using python.

Description-

Data visualization is an easier way of presenting the data, however complex it is, to analyze trends and relationships amongst variables with the help of pictorial representation.

The following are the advantages of Data Visualization

- Easier representation of complex data
- Highlights good and bad performing areas
- Explores relationship between data points
- Identifies data patterns even for larger data points

While building visualization, it is always a good practice to keep some below mentioned points in mind

- Ensure appropriate usage of shapes, colors, and size while building visualization
- Plots/graphs using a co-ordinate system are more pronounced
- Knowledge of suitable plot with respect to the data types brings more clarity to the information
- Usage of labels, titles, legends and pointers passes seamless information to the wider audience

Python Libraries

There are a lot of python libraries which could be used to build visualization like matplotlib, vispy, bokeh, seaborn, pygal, folium, plotly, cufflinks, and networkx. Of the many, matplotlib and seaborn seem to be very widely used for basic to intermediate level of visualizations.

Matplotlib

It is an amazing visualization library in Python for 2D plots of arrays. It is a multi-platform data visualization library built on NumPy arrays and designed to work with the broader SciPy stack. It was introduced by John Hunter in the year 2002. Let's try to understand some of the benefits and features of matplotlib

- It's fast, efficient as it is based on numpy and also easier to build
- Has undergone a lot of improvements from the open source community since inception and hence a better library having advanced features as well
- Well maintained visualization output with high quality graphics draws a lot of users to it
- Basic as well as advanced charts could be very easily built



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- From the users/developers point of view, since it has a large community support, resolving issues and debugging becomes much easier

Seaborn

Conceptualized and built originally at the Stanford University, this library sits on top of matplotlib. In a sense, it has some flavors of matplotlib while from the visualization point, it is much better than matplotlib and has added features as well. Below are its advantages

- Built-in themes aid better visualization
- Statistical functions aiding better data insights
- Better aesthetics and built-in plots
- Helpful documentation with effective examples

Nature of Visualization

Depending on the number of variables used for plotting the visualization and the type of variables, there could be different types of charts which we could use to understand the relationship. Based on the count of variables, we could have

- Univariate plot (involves only one variable)
- Bivariate plot (more than one variable is required)

A Univariate plot could be for a continuous variable to understand the spread and distribution of the variable while for a discrete variable it could tell us the count

Similarly, a Bivariate plot for continuous variable could display essential statistics like correlation, for a continuous versus discrete variable could lead us to very important conclusions like understanding data distribution across different levels of a categorical variable. A bivariate plot between two discrete variables could also be developed.

ScatterPlot

Scatter plots or scatter graphs are bivariate plots having greater resemblance to line graphs in the way they are built. A line graph uses a line on an X-Y axis to plot a continuous function, while a scatter plot relies on dots to represent individual pieces of data. These plots are very useful to see if two variables are correlated. Scatter plots could be 2 dimensional or 3 dimensional.

Syntax: `seaborn.scatterplot(x=None, y=None, hue=None, style=None, size=None, data=None, palette=None, hue_order=None, hue_norm=None, sizes=None, size_order=None, size_norm=None, markers=True, style_order=None, x_bins=None, y_bins=None, units=None, estimator=None, ci=95, n_boot=1000, alpha='auto', xjitter=None, yjitter=None, legend='brief', ax=None, **kwargs)`



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Parameters:

x, y: Input data variables that should be numeric.

data: Dataframe where each column is a variable and each row is an observation.

size: Grouping variable that will produce points with different sizes.

style: Grouping variable that will produce points with different markers.

palette: Grouping variable that will produce points with different markers.

markers: Object determining how to draw the markers for different levels.

alpha: Proportional opacity of the points.

Returns: This method returns the Axes object with the plot drawn onto it.

Histograms display counts of data and are hence similar to a bar chart. A histogram plot can also tell us how close a data distribution is to a normal curve. While working out statistical method, it is very important that we have a data which is normally or close to a normal distribution.

However, histograms are univariate in nature and bar charts bivariate.

A bar graph charts actual counts against categories e.g. height of the bar indicates the number of items in that category whereas a histogram displays the same categorical variables in bins.

Bins are integral part while building a histogram they control the data points which are within a range. As a widely accepted choice we usually limit bin to a size of 5-20, however this is totally governed by the data points which is present.

Countplot

A countplot is a plot between a categorical and a continuous variable. The continuous variable in this case being the number of times the categorical is present or simply the frequency. In a sense, count plot can be said to be closely linked to a histogram or a bar graph.

Syntax : `seaborn.countplot(x=None , y=None , hue=None , data=None, order=None, hue_order=None , orient=None, color=None, palette=None , saturation=0.75 , dodge=True , ax=None, **kwargs)`

Parameters : This method is accepting the following parameters that are described below:

- x, y: This parameter takes names of variables in data or vector data, optional, Inputs for plotting long-form data.
- hue : (optional) This parameter takes column name for colour encoding.



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- **data** : (optional) This parameter take DataFrame , array, or list of arrays, Dataset for plotting. If x and y are absent, this is interpreted as wide-form. Otherwise it is expected to be long-form.
- **order, hue_order** : (optional) This parameter take lists of strings. Order to plot the categorical levels in, otherwise the levels are inferred from the data objects.
- **orient** : (optional) This parameter take "v" I "h", Orientation of the plot (vertical or horizontal). This is usually inferred from the dtype of the input variables but can be used to specify when the "categorical" variable is a numeric or when plotting wide-form data.
- **color** : (optional) This parameter take matplotlib color, Color for all of the elements, or seed for a gradient palette.
- **palette** : (optional) This parameter take palette name, list, or dict, Colors to use for the different levels of the hue variable. Should be something that can be interpreted by color_palette() , or a dictionary mapping hue levels to matplotlib colors.

Program 1- Scatter plot (create or upload any suitable data set)

Code :

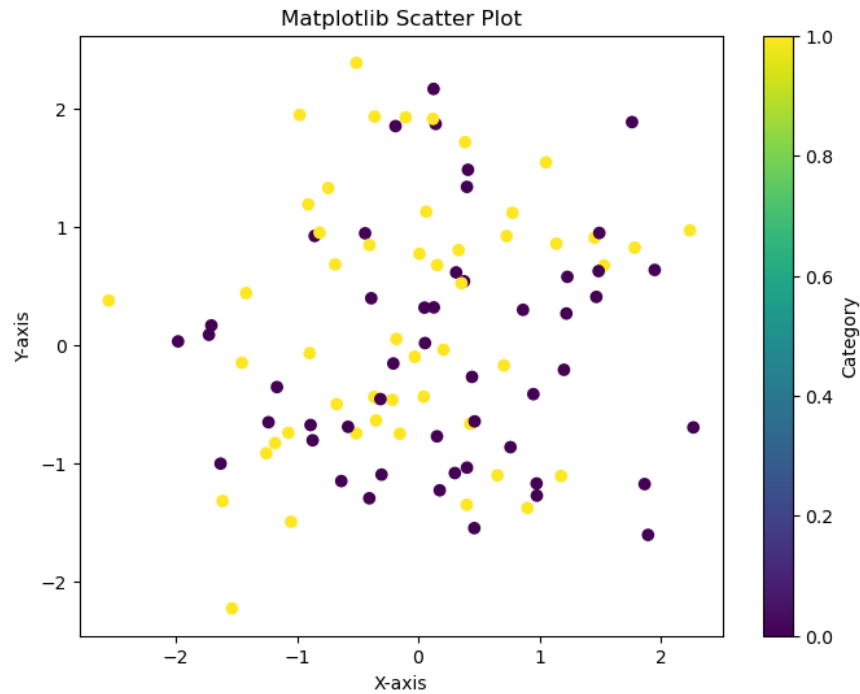
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import plotly.express as px
# Generate example data
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
np.random.seed(0)
data = pd.DataFrame({
    'x': np.random.normal(0, 1, 100),
    'y': np.random.normal(0, 1, 100),
    'z': np.random.choice(['A', 'B'], 100)
})
# Convert categorical variable to numerical values
data['z'] = pd.Categorical(data['z']).codes
# Matplotlib plot
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.scatter(data['x'], data['y'], c=data['z'], cmap='viridis')
plt.title('Matplotlib Scatter Plot')
plt.xlabel('X-axis')
plt.ylabel('Y-axis')
plt.colorbar(label='Category')
plt.show()
```



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Output:



Program 2- pie chart to show cars data

Code:

```
# Seaborn plot
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.scatterplot(data=data, x='x', y='y', hue='z', palette='viridis')
plt.title('Seaborn Scatter Plot')
plt.xlabel('X-axis')
plt.ylabel('Y-axis')
plt.legend(title='Category')
plt.show()

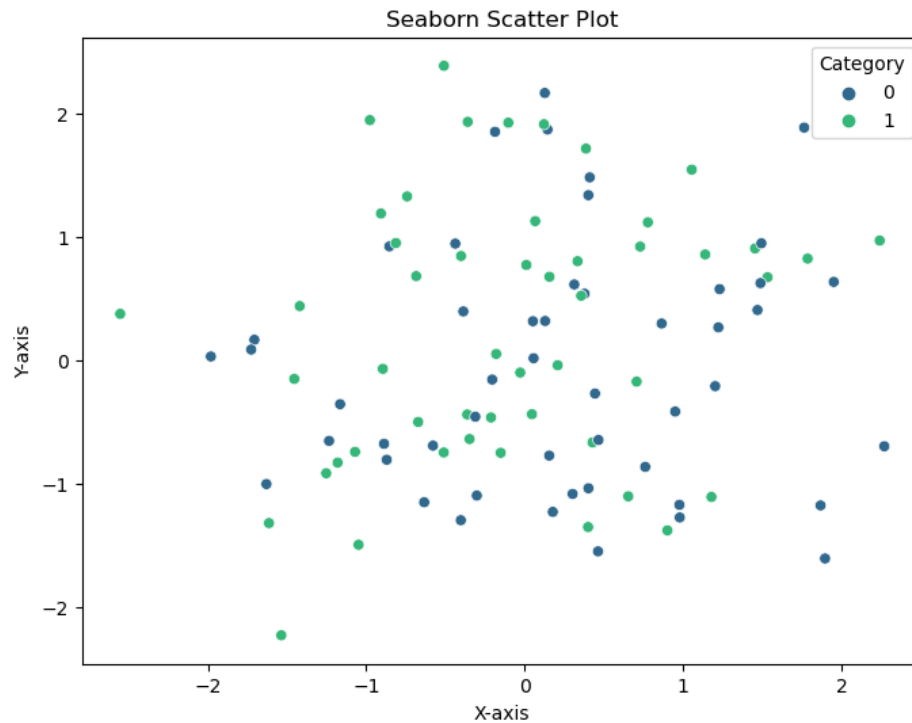
# Plotly plot
fig = px.scatter(data, x='x', y='y', color='z', title='Plotly Scatter Plot',
                labels={'x': 'X-axis', 'y': 'Y-axis', 'color': 'Category'})
fig.show()
```



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Output:



Conclusion:

What is the difference between matplotlib and seaborn?

Matplotlib and Seaborn are both Python libraries used for data visualization, but they have different focuses and features. Matplotlib is a foundational library that offers a wide range of plotting functionalities, allowing users to create highly customizable static plots. It provides low-level control over every aspect of a plot, making it suitable for creating complex visualizations. On the other hand, Seaborn is built on top of Matplotlib and provides a higher-level interface for creating aesthetically pleasing statistical graphics. Seaborn simplifies the process of creating common statistical plots like scatter plots, histograms, and heatmaps by offering easy-to-use functions with sensible default settings. It also provides built-in support for visualizing statistical relationships and categorical data, making it a popular choice for data exploration and analysis tasks. In summary, while Matplotlib offers more flexibility and control over plot customization, Seaborn excels in creating attractive and informative statistical visualizations with minimal code.



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Which library is used to create statistical graphics in Python?

The primary library used to create statistical graphics in Python is Seaborn. Seaborn is built on top of Matplotlib and provides a higher-level interface for creating aesthetically pleasing statistical plots with ease. It offers a wide range of built-in functions for visualizing statistical relationships, distributions, and categorical data, making it a popular choice for data exploration and analysis tasks in Python.

Which function is used to create a histogram in Seaborn?

In Seaborn, the `sns.histplot()` function is used to create a histogram. This function provides a convenient way to generate histograms with options for customization such as specifying the number of bins, choosing different color palettes, and adding additional layers like kernel density estimation (KDE) plots.