Class 2 all

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1 Python as a calculator

```
[]: 2+1
[]: 2**3  # exponentiation
[]: 3/10
```

1.1 Assigning Values to Variables

Python variables do not need explicit declaration to reserve memory space. The declaration happens automatically when you assign a value to a variable. The equal sign (=) is used to assign values to variables.

Ask Gemini: python variable naming rules and conventions.

```
[]: counter = 100  # An integer assignment
miles = 1000.0  # A floating point
name = "John"  # A string

print(counter)
print(miles)
print(name)
```

```
[]: a = 1
b = 2
```

```
[]: # Arithmetic with variables
print(a + b)
print(a + 10)
print(a/b)
```

```
[]: # create variable c
    c = a + b
    print(c)
```

1.2 Class Exercise

Why does this code not work?

```
[]: my_variable = 10
print(my_variable)
```

2 Standard Data Types

2.1 Basic data types in Python

We have seen two Python data types:

- int, or integer: a number without a fractional part. e.g. 1,2,100...
- float, or floating point: a number that has both an integer and fractional part, separated by a point, e.g. 1.2, 1.3, 28.9...
- str, or string: a type to represent text. You can use single or double quotes to build a string, e.g. 'Lucy', 'Seattle'.
- bool, or boolean: a type to represent logical values. Can only be True, or False.

2.2 Python Lists

Lists are the most versatile of Python's compound data types. A list contains items separated by commas and enclosed within square brackets ([]).

The plus (+) sign is the list concatenation operator, and the asterisk (*) is the repetition operator.

```
[]: # A list is a compound data type, you can group values together
a = 10
my_list = [ a, 'abcd', 786 , 2.23, 'john']
print(my_list)
```

```
[]: tinylist = [ 15, 3.34 ]

print(tinylist * 2)  # Prints list two times
print(my_list + tinylist) # Prints concatenated lists
```

2.2.1 Indexing and Slicing

The values stored in a list can be accessed using the slice operator ([] and [:]) with indexes starting at 0 in the beginning of the list and working their way to end -1.

```
[]: print(my_list)  # Prints complete list
print(my_list[0])  # Prints first element of the list
print(my_list[1:3])  # Prints elements starting from 2nd till 3rd
print(my_list[2:])  # Prints elements starting from 3rd element
print(my_list[2:-1])
print(my_list[-1])  # Prints the last element
print(my_list[-3:-1])
```

```
[]: # Variables can also be used as indexing
myStart = 2
print(my_list[myStart])

# get the length of a list
len(my_list)
```

2.2.2 Practice

A digital marketing manager tracked their daily ad spend for a campaign over one week. The list ad_spend contains alternating entries of a day of the week and the dollar amount spent on ads for that day.

```
ad_spend = ["Monday", 120.0, "Tuesday", 150.5, "Wednesday", 135.0, "Thursday",
160.0, "Friday", 175.5, "Saturday", 190.0, "Sunday", 145.0]
```

- Use slicing to create a list, weekday_spend, that contains the ad spend data for Monday to Friday.
- Use slicing to create a list, weekend_spend, that contains the ad spend data for Saturday and Sunday.
- Print both weekday_spend and weekend_spend.

Ask Gemini: Can you give me more examples and explainations of python indexing and slicing?

2.2.3 List Manipulation

Replacing list elements is pretty easy. Simply subset the list and assign new values to the subset. You can select single elements or you can change entire list slices at once.

```
[]: x = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
x[1] = 'r'
x[2:] = ['s', 't']
print(x)
```

Extend a list with the + operator.

```
[]: x = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
y = x + ['e', 'f']
print(y)
```

3 Packages

For example, you may want to calculate the area of a circle. When the radius is \mathbf{r} , the area is $A = \pi r^2$.

To use the constant pi, you'll need the math package.

3.1 Selective import

General imports, like import math, make all functionality from the math package available to you. However, if you decide to only use a specific part of a package, you can always make your import more selective.

```
[]: from math import pi
A = pi *r *r
print(A)
```

3.2 Practice

Selectively import the square root function sqrt from math package. Then compute the square root of 10.

4 Numpy

NumPy (Numeric Python) is the fundamental package for data science and scientific computing with Python.

```
[]: # the list length represents the length of some rectangles
# the list width represents the width of some rectangles
length = [2, 4, 6, 8]
width = [1.4, 3.2, 1, 6]

# we want to calculate area of the rectangles
length * width
# or double the length of every rectangle
length * 2
```

Numpy array is an alternative to Python list. It makes calculations over the entire arrays.

```
[]: import numpy as np  # you can now refer to numpy as np  # use np.array() to create a numpy array from length.

np_length = np.array(length) # np.array is a function to do the type conversion
```

np_length

```
[]: # Math on numpy arrays
print(np_length+1)
print(np_length*2)
print(np_length + np_length)

np_width = np.array(width)
print(np_length * np_width)
```

4.1 Practice

You're analyzing the performance of a digital marketing campaign across 5 different countries. Your goal is to calculate the **Return on Investment (ROI)** for each country.

- You ran ads in 5 countries. The ad spend (in USD) is: ad_spend = [1200, 950, 1600, 870, 1320]. Let's first convert this list into a NumPy array called spend_usd.
- Each country generated revenue in its local currency: revenue_local = [3000, 2200, 4100, 1900, 3400].
- The excange rate to USD for each country is exchange_rates = [1.0, 0.85, 1.1, 0.9, 1.2] # Local → USD
- Convert revenue_local into USD by multiplying it with exchange_rates element-wise. Store the result in a new array called revenue_usd.
- Calculate ROI for each country:

$$ROI = \frac{Revenue(USD) - Spend(USD)}{Spend(USD)}$$

• Store the result as a NumPy array called roi and print it out.

4.2 Aggregation

4.3 Numpy array indexing and slicing

To subset both regular Python lists and numpy arrays, you can use square brackets:

```
[]: x = [4 , 9 , 6, 3, 1]
    print(x[1])
    y = np.array(x)
    print(y[1])
    print(y[1:3])
    print(y[3:])
    print(y[-2])
```

For numpy only, you can also use logic values (True, False).

```
[]: my_index = np.array([True, True, False, False, True])
y[my_index]
print(y[my_index])
```

This is most often used with comparative operators to select items:

```
[]: high = y > 5
y[high]
```

Logical operators in Python:

Operator	Description
>	greater than
>=	greater than or equal to
==	exactly equal to
!=	not equal to

```
[ ]:  y == 1
y != 1
```

For numpy only, you can also use a list (or numpy array) of integers to select positions.

```
# compare with list
print(x)
#t = x[[0,4,2]] # wrong syntex
```

4.4 Comparing Numpy with basic Python lists

Numpy is great for doing vector arithmetic. If you compare its functionality with regular Python lists, however, some things have changed.

- Numpy arrays cannot contain elements with different types. If you try to build such a list, some of the elements' types are changed to end up with a homogeneous list.
- The typical arithmetic operators, such as + and * have a different meaning for regular Python lists and numpy arrays.
- Element-wise Operations (NumPy only).
- Boolean and subset Indexing (NumPy only).

4.5 2D numpy arrays

Now let's construct our first 2D array. Suppose you're a sales analyst at a company. You have quarterly sales data (in \$1,000s) for 2 products (A, B) across 4 regions (North, South, East, West).

```
[]: product_A = [250, 300, 280, 320]
product_B = [180, 200, 190, 210]

# Rows: Products A, B
# Columns: Regions North, South, East, West

list_2d = [[250, 300, 280, 320], [180, 200, 190, 210]]
np_2d = np.array(list_2d)
np_2d
```

0	1	2	3	
250	300	280	320	0
180	200	190	210	1

```
[]: np_2d.shape #2 rows and 4 columns
```

4.5.1 Indexing and Slicing

[]: np_2d[0,2]

[]: # Select the height and weight of the third and fourth player

np_2d[:,1:3] #: stands for all the rows

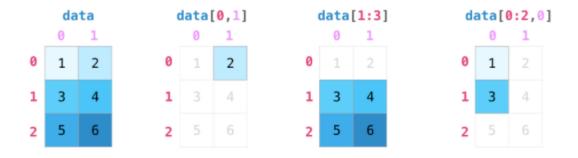
product A of the second and third region

np_2d[0,1:3]

[]: # If you only want to retrieve the sales for product A

np_2d[0,:] # it is equivalent to np_2d[0] which omits the column index

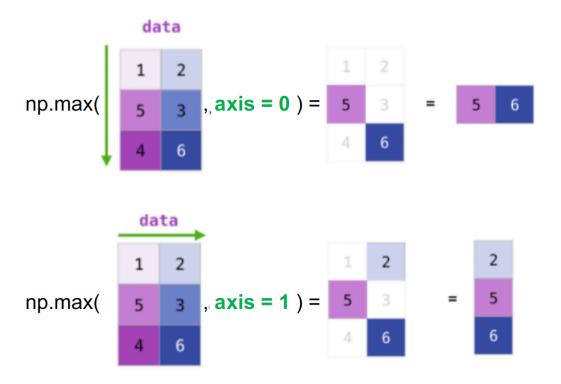
np_2d[0, [0,2,3]]



4.5.2 Aggregation



Not only can we aggregate all the values in a 2d numpy array, but we can also aggregate across the rows or columns by using the axis parameter:



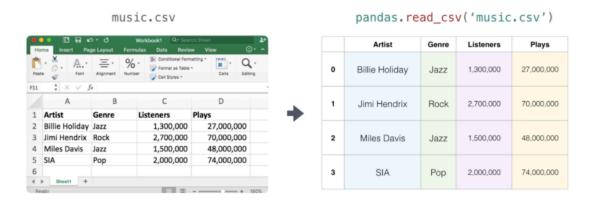
5 Data Representation

Think of all the data types you'll need to crunch and build models around (spreadsheets, images, audio, text...). So many of them are perfectly suited for representation in an n-dimensional array.

5.1 Tables and Spreadsheets

Think of the previous Iris data representation or the data representation of basketball players. It would be wonderful if we can refer to a column by its name.

A spreadsheet or a table of values is a two dimensional matrix. The most popular abstraction in python for those is the pandas dataframe, which actually uses NumPy and builds on top of it. If you would like to learn more about Pandas, you can start from here: https://colab.google/articles/pandas



First, we need to upload the dataset to the cloud's virtual machine. The module files provides functions for interacting with the Colab file system. Then, it calls the files.upload() function. This function opens a file upload dialog in the Colab notebook, allowing you to select files from your local machine to upload. The uploaded files are stored in the Colab environment's virtual machine. **OR** you can drag/upload the csv file to the file folder on google colab.

```
[]: from google.colab import files uploaded = files.upload()
```

Pandas allows us to load a spreadsheet and manipulate it programmatically in python. The central concept in pandas is the type of object called a DataFrame – basically a table of values which has a label for each row and column. Let's load this basic CSV file containing data from music.csv.

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
    df = pd.read_csv('music.csv')
    df # Now the variable df is a pandas DataFrame
```

```
[1]:
                Artist Genre Listeners
                                               Plays
        Billie Holiday
                        Jazz
                              1,300,000
                                          27,000,000
     0
                              2,700,000
                                          70,000,000
     1
          Jimi Hendrix
                        Rock
     2
           Miles Davis
                        Jazz
                              1,500,000
                                          48,000,000
                              2,000,000
                                          74,000,000
     3
                   SIA
                         Pop
```

DataFrame.to_numpy() gives a NumPy representation of the underlying data. Note that this can be an expensive operation when your DataFrame has columns with different data types, which comes down to a fundamental difference between pandas and NumPy: NumPy arrays have one dtype for the entire array, while pandas DataFrames have one dtype per column.

For DataFrame of all floating-point values, DataFrame.to_numpy() is fast and doesn't require copying data.

5.1.1 Index and Slicing by position

Select via the position of the integers passed using iloc. 0 3 Artist Genre Listeners **Plavs** Billie Holiday 0 0 Jazz 1,300,000 27,000,000 1 1 Jimi Hendrix Rock 2,700,000 70,000,000 2 2 Miles Davis 1,500,000 48,000,000 Jazz 3 74,000,000 SIA Pop 2,000,000

```
[]: df.iloc[3, :]
    df.iloc[0:2, 1:3]
    df.iloc[2, :3]
    df.iloc[ [1,3,2] , :3]
```

5.1.2 Index and Slicing by label/name

We can also select any column or row using its row and column name, by using loc, but loc may also be used with a boolean array..

5.1.3 Practice

We will use the Iris data, where each sample is one of three types of flowers that has had the size of its petals and sepals carefully measured. This is perhaps the best known database to be found in the pattern recognition and data mining literature. This dataset contains 150 different iris plants, with the information of its sepal length, sepal width, petal length and petal width.



```
[2]: df = pd.read_csv('iris.csv')
df
```

Species	${\tt PetalWidthCm}$	${\tt PetalLengthCm}$	${\tt SepalWidthCm}$	${\tt SepalLengthCm}$	[2]:
Iris-setosa	0.2	1.4	3.5	5.1	0
Iris-setosa	0.2	1.4	3.0	4.9	1

2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	Iris-setosa
3	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	Iris-setosa
4	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••
145	6.7	3.0	5.2	2.3	Iris-virginica
146	6.3	2.5	5.0	1.9	Iris-virginica
147	6.5	3.0	5.2	2.0	Iris-virginica
148	6.2	3.4	5.4	2.3	Iris-virginica
149	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	Iris-virginica

[150 rows x 5 columns]

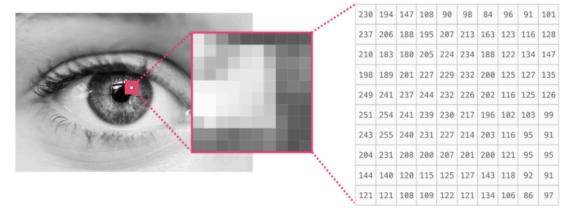
Questions:

- 1. Print out the 3rd iris plant.
- 2. Make a new variable, sepal_width, containing the entire second column of iris dataframe.
- 3. What is the petal length of the 95th iris plant?
- 4. Find all iris plants whose species are "Iris-versicolor".
- 5. Find out the average petal length of all versicolors using np.mean().

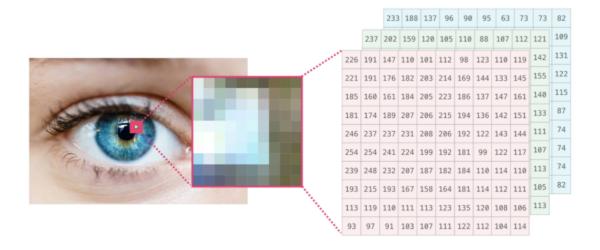
5.2 Images

An image is a matrix of pixels of size (height \times width), which can be properly represented by numpy arrays.

If the image is black and white (a.k.a. grayscale), each pixel can be represented by a single number (commonly between 0 (black) and 255 (white)). Want to crop the top left 100 x 100 pixel part of the image? Just tell NumPy to get you image[:100, :100].



If the image is colored, then each pixel is represented by three RGB numbers (ranging from 0-255). A colored image is represented by a 3d number array, with the dimensions: (height x width x 3).



6 Next Class: Data Visualization

Data visualization is a key part of any data science workflow. As the cliché goes, a picture is worth a thousand words.

Data exploration should really be part of your data analysis from the very beginning, as there is a lot of value and insight to be gained from just looking at your data. Summary statistics often don't tell the whole story. Furthermore, the impact of an effective visualization is difficult to match with words and will go a long way toward ensuring that your work gets the recognition it deserves.

When visualizing data, the most important factor to keep in mind is the purpose of the visualization. This is what will guide you in choosing the best plot type. It could be that you are trying to compare two quantitative variables to each other. Maybe you want to check for differences between groups. Perhaps you are interested in the way a variable is distributed. Each of these goals is best served by different plots and using the wrong one could distort your interpretation of the data or the message that you are trying to convey.

6.1 Introduction to Matplotlib

Matplotlib is the leading visualization library in Python. This tutorial is intended to help you get up-and-running with matplotlib quickly. We will go over how to create the most commonly used plots, when you would want to use each one, and highlight the parameters that you are most likely to adjust.

- Basic Plot: Line Chart, Scatter Plot

 Distribution Plate Histogram Passala
- Distribution Plot: Histogram, Boxplot

[3]: from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

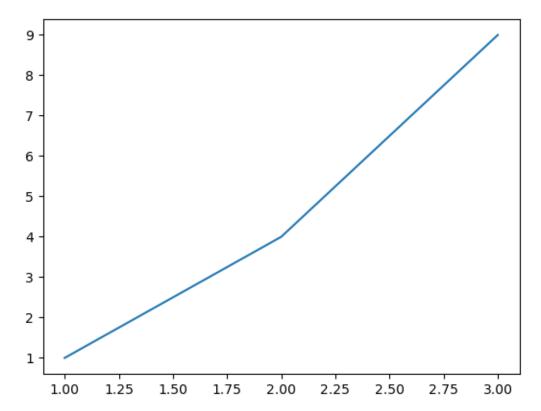
6.1.1 Simple Line Chart

Plotting with default settings

[4]:
$$x = [1, 2, 3]$$

 $y = [1, 4, 9]$

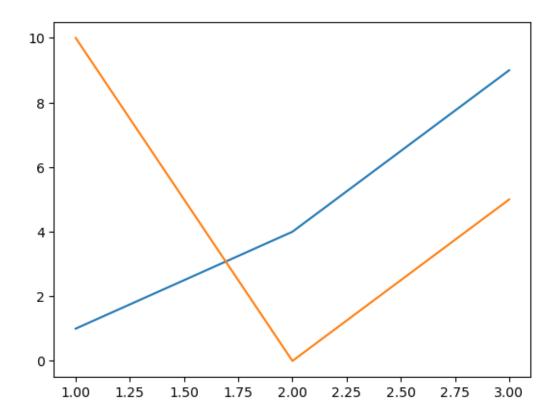
```
plt.plot(x,y)
plt.show()
```



Plotting multiple lines on a single chart

```
[5]: x = [1, 2, 3]
y = [1, 4, 9]
z = [10, 0, 5]

plt.plot(x,y)
plt.plot(x,z)
plt.show()
```



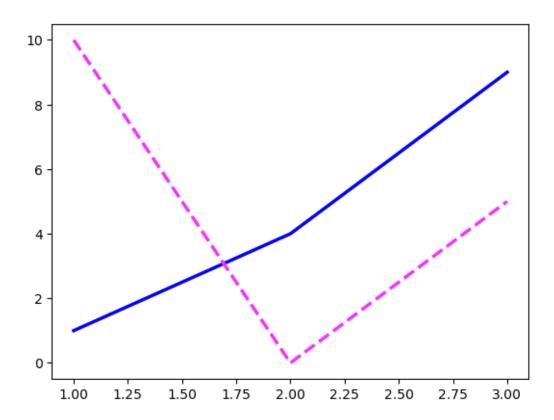
Changing colors, line widths and line styles We want to have the y in blue and the z in red and a slighty thicker line for both of them. We also want to change the line styles.

The third argument in the function call is a character that represents the type of symbols used for the plotting. The full list of available symbols can be seen in the documentation of plt.plot, or in Matplotlib's online documentation. https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/_as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.plot.html

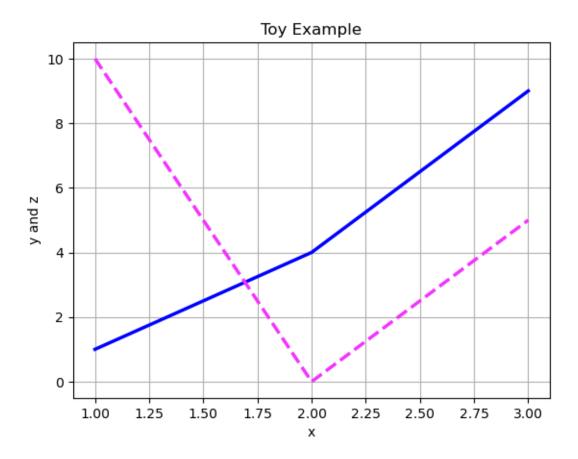
Ask Gemini:, How can I change the line color and line styles?

```
[7]: x = [1, 2, 3]
y = [1, 4, 9]
z = [10, 0, 5]

plt.plot(x,y, "-", color = 'b', linewidth = 2.5)
plt.plot(x,z, "--", color = '#F433FF', linewidth = 2.5)
plt.show()
```



Adding titles and axis labels



Adding legends

```
[12]: x = [1, 2, 3]
y = [1, 4, 9]
z = [10, 0, 5]

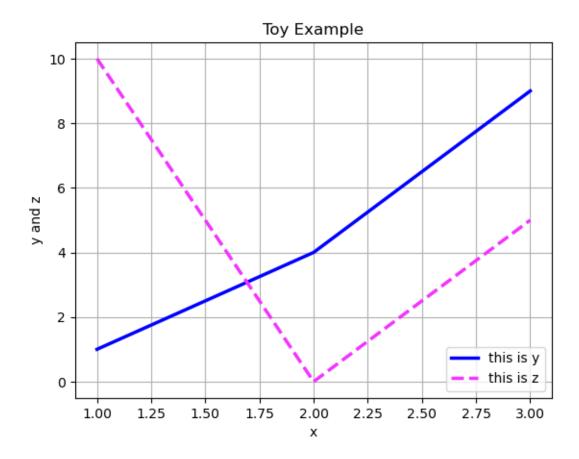
plt.plot(x,y, "-", color = 'b', linewidth = 2.5, label = 'this is y')
plt.plot(x,z, "--", color = '#F433FF', linewidth = 2.5, label = 'this is z')

plt.title("Toy Example")
plt.xlabel("x")
plt.ylabel("y and z")

plt.legend()

# Optional: Add a grid
plt.grid(True)

plt.show()
```



6.1.2 Scatter Plot

In many cases this is the least aggregated representation of your data. Displays relationship between two numerical variables.

The scatter() function makes a scatter plot with markers of varying size and/or color. The full list of available options can be seen in the documentation of plt.scatter documentation.

https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/ as gen/matplotlib.pyplot.scatter.html

Function template:

matplotlib.pyplot.scatter(x, y, s=None, c=None, marker=None, cmap=None,
norm=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, alpha=None, linewidths=None, verts=None,
edgecolors=None, hold=None, data=None, **kwargs)

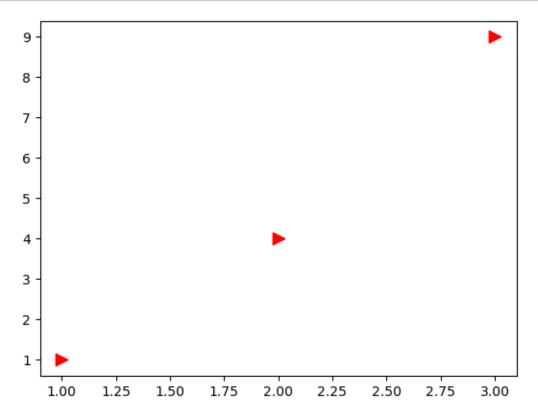
```
[]: x = [1, 2, 3]
y = [1, 4, 9]

plt.scatter(x, y)  # plot with the default setting
plt.show()
```

Changing colors, marker style and marker sizes

```
[13]: x = [1, 2, 3]
y = [1, 4, 9]

plt.scatter(x, y, s = 80, c = 'r', marker = '>')
plt.show()
```



Practice We will use the Iris data, where each sample is one of three types of flowers that has had the size of its petals and sepals carefully measured.

```
[14]: df = pd.read_csv('iris.csv')
df
```

[14]:	${\tt SepalLengthCm}$	${\tt SepalWidthCm}$	${\tt PetalLengthCm}$	${\tt PetalWidthCm}$	Species
0	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
1	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	Iris-setosa
3	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	Iris-setosa
4	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••
145	6.7	3.0	5.2	2.3	Iris-virginica
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149	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	Iris-virginica

[150 rows x 5 columns]

Question:

- 1. We want to find out the relationship between sepal length and width by constructing a scatter plot. Put the sepal length as the x-axis and sepal width as the y-axis. Set the marker color to 'g'. Be sure to include proper x/y-axis labels.
- 2. What insights you can gain from this scatter plot?

