



UNIT IV – Data Visualization using Matplotlib



1 Introduction to Data Visualization



Definition:





Data Visualization is the graphical representation of data to make information easier to understand and analyze.

It helps to:

- See **patterns, trends,** and **relationships**
 - Make **comparisons**
 - Understand **large datasets quickly**
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Why Visualization is Important

Reason	Description
 Simplifies Data	Converts large data into visuals
 Better Understanding	Helps us notice patterns easily
 Decision Making	Aids data-driven decisions
 Presentation	Makes reports more attractive and clear



2 Introduction to Matplotlib



Definition:

Matplotlib is a Python library used to create **static, animated, and interactive visualizations**.

It is one of the most widely used plotting libraries.

Installing Matplotlib

Run this command in your terminal or notebook:

```
pip install matplotlib
```

Importing the Library

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

The module `pyplot` is most commonly used because it provides simple functions for plotting.

Structure of a Matplotlib Plot

A Matplotlib figure has several parts:

Part	Description
Figure	Overall window or page
Axes	The area where data is plotted
Axis	The X and Y lines
Title	The heading of the chart
Labels	Names for X and Y axes
Legend	Identifies different data lines
Grid	Helps in reading values easily

Line Plot

Definition:

A **Line Plot** represents data as a series of points connected by straight lines.

 **Use:** To show **trends or changes over time** (e.g., growth, sales, temperature).

General Syntax


```
plt.plot(x, y, color='blue', linestyle='-', marker='o')
plt.show()
```

Example 1 – Simple Line Plot

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt


x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
y = [5, 10, 15, 20, 25]

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

 A simple line connecting all data points.


Example 2 – Adding Title and Labels

```
plt.plot(x, y)
plt.title("Simple Growth Chart")
plt.xlabel("Days")
plt.ylabel("Values")
plt.show()
```

 Adds clarity to the axes and chart meaning.

Example 3 – Customizing Color, Marker, and Line

```
plt.plot(x, y, color='red', marker='o', linestyle='--', linewidth=2)
plt.title("Customized Line Plot")
plt.xlabel("X-Axis")
plt.ylabel("Y-Axis")
plt.show()
```

 You can customize:

- `color` – line color
 - `marker` – style of point ('o', 's', '*', '^')
 - `linestyle` – line type ('-', ':', '-.', '-')
 - `linewidth` – thickness of line
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Example 4 – Multiple Lines in One Plot


```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
y1 = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
y2 = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]

plt.plot(x, y1, label='Even', color='blue', marker='o')
plt.plot(x, y2, label='Odd', color='green', marker='s')
plt.title("Multiple Lines Example")
plt.xlabel("Numbers")
plt.ylabel("Values")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

 `plt.legend()` helps identify different lines.

Example 5 – Adding Grid

```
plt.plot(x, y, 'r--')
plt.grid(True)
plt.title("Line Plot with Grid")
plt.xlabel("X-Axis")
plt.ylabel("Y-Axis")
plt.show()
```

 `plt.grid(True)` adds lines for easy reading.

Example 6 – Using NumPy for Smooth Curves

```
import numpy as np

x = np.linspace(0, 10, 100)
y = np.sin(x)

plt.plot(x, y, color='purple')
plt.title("Sine Wave")
plt.xlabel("x")
plt.ylabel("sin(x)")
plt.show()
```

Example 7 – Annotating a Point

```
plt.plot(x, y)
plt.annotate('Peak Point', xy=(5, 10), xytext=(3, 12),
            arrowprops=dict(facecolor='black', shrink=0.05))
plt.title("Annotated Line Plot")
plt.show()
```

 `annotate()` helps label specific points.


Practice Exercises

- 1 Plot monthly sales of a company for 6 months.
 - 2 Plot two lines: one showing income, one showing expenses.
 - 3 Add title, labels, legend, and grid.
 - 4 Use different colors and markers.
 - 5 Annotate the maximum point on the graph.
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4 Bar Graphs

Definition:

A **Bar Graph** represents categorical data with rectangular bars.

 **Use:** Compare quantities across different categories.

```
plt.bar(x, height, color='blue', width=0.5)
```

Example 1 – Simple Vertical Bar Graph

```
students = ['John', 'Sara', 'Ali', 'Priya']
marks = [85, 90, 78, 92]

plt.bar(students, marks)
plt.title("Marks of Students")
plt.xlabel("Students")
plt.ylabel("Marks")
plt.show()
```

Example 2 – Change Colors

```
plt.bar(students, marks, color=['red', 'green', 'blue', 'purple'])
plt.show()
```

Example 3 – Horizontal Bars

```
plt.barh(students, marks, color='orange')
plt.title("Horizontal Bar Graph")
plt.xlabel("Marks")
plt.ylabel("Students")
plt.show()
```

Example 4 – Bar Width and Edge Color

```
plt.bar(students, marks, color='lightgreen', edgecolor='black', width=0.6)
plt.title("Customized Bars")
plt.show()
```

Example 5 – Adding Gridlines

```
plt.bar(students, marks, color='cyan')
plt.grid(True, axis='y')
plt.title("Bar Graph with Gridlines")
plt.show()
```

Example 6 – Comparing Two Groups

```
import numpy as np
x = np.arange(len(students))
boys = [80, 85, 78, 90]
girls = [88, 92, 85, 95]

plt.bar(x - 0.2, boys, width=0.4, label='Boys')
plt.bar(x + 0.2, girls, width=0.4, label='Girls')
plt.xticks(x, students)
plt.xlabel("Students")
plt.ylabel("Marks")
plt.legend()
plt.title("Comparison of Marks")
plt.show()
```

Example 7 – Adding Value Labels

```
bars = plt.bar(students, marks, color='lightblue')

for bar in bars:
    plt.text(bar.get_x() + bar.get_width()/2, bar.get_height() + 1,
             str(bar.get_height()), ha='center')

plt.title("Bar Graph with Data Labels")
plt.show()
```

Example 8 – Multiple Category Bars

```
departments = ['CSE', 'ECE', 'MECH']
boys = [50, 40, 30]
girls = [45, 35, 25]

x = np.arange(len(departments))
plt.bar(x - 0.2, boys, 0.4, label='Boys', color='blue')
plt.bar(x + 0.2, girls, 0.4, label='Girls', color='pink')
plt.xticks(x, departments)
plt.title("Department Strength")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

Practice Exercises

- 1 Create a bar graph showing the sales of 5 products.
 - 2 Plot a horizontal bar chart showing population of 5 cities.
 - 3 Compare two groups (2022 and 2023 sales).
 - 4 Add data labels above each bar.
 - 5 Experiment with colors, edge colors, and width.
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5 Pie Charts

Definition:

A **Pie Chart** displays data in a circular graph divided into slices.

Each slice represents a **percentage** of the total.

Syntax

```
plt.pie(values, labels=names, autopct='%1.1f%%')
```

Example 1 – Simple Pie Chart


```
activities = ['Sleep', 'Study', 'Play', 'Others']
hours = [8, 5, 4, 7]

plt.pie(hours, labels=activities)
plt.title("Daily Routine")
plt.show()
```

Example 2 – Add Percentage

```
plt.pie(hours, labels=activities, autopct='%1.1f%%')
plt.show()
```

Example 3 – Explode (Highlight Slice)

```
explode = [0.1, 0, 0, 0]
plt.pie(hours, labels=activities, autopct='%1.1f%%', explode=explode)
plt.show()
```

Example 4 – Add Colors and Shadow

```
colors = ['gold', 'lightblue', 'lightcoral', 'lime']
plt.pie(hours, labels=activities, colors=colors,
        autopct='%1.1f%%', shadow=True, startangle=90)
plt.show()
```

Example 5 – Donut Chart

```
plt.pie(hours, labels=activities, autopct='%1.1f%%', wedgeprops={'width':
plt.title("Donut Style Pie Chart")
plt.show()
```

Example 6 – Pie Chart from Dictionary

```
data = {'Python': 40, 'Java': 25, 'C++': 20, 'Others': 15}
plt.pie(data.values(), labels=data.keys(), autopct='%1.1f%%')
plt.title("Programming Languages Popularity")
plt.show()
```

Practice Exercises

- 1 Create a pie chart for monthly expenses (Rent, Food, Transport, Savings).
- 2 Add percentages, colors, and explode largest slice.
- 3 Create a donut chart for time spent in a day.
- 4 Make a pie chart from dictionary data.
- 5 Try different start angles.

6 Customizing Plots

Feature	Function	Description
Title	<code>plt.title("Title")</code>	Adds a heading
Labels	<code>plt.xlabel("X") , plt.ylabel("Y")</code>	Describes axes
Legend	<code>plt.legend()</code>	Adds label box
Grid	<code>plt.grid(True)</code>	Adds background grid
Colors	<code>color='red'</code>	Changes color
Line Width	<code>linewidth=2</code>	Line thickness
Markers	<code>marker='o'</code>	Adds points
Annotations	<code>plt.annotate()</code>	Adds text with arrow

Example – Fully Customized Plot

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
y = [5, 7, 9, 10, 12]

plt.plot(x, y, color='green', marker='^', linestyle='--', linewidth=2, label="Growth Trend")
plt.title("Growth Trend")
plt.xlabel("Years")
```

```
plt.ylabel("Growth Rate (%)")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

Practice

Try customizing:

- Different marker shapes(`o` , `s` , `*` , `x`)
 - Colors(`red` , `blue` , `orange`)
 - Line styles(`--` , `-` , `:`)
 - Add legends and grids
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