KEY_Lesson20_BarCharts_Histograms

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1 Bar Charts and Histograms

1.1 Bar Charts

Bar charts are used to display how a *categorical* variable relates to a *continuous* variable. In bar charts the *categorical* varibale is displayed on the x-axis and the *continuous* variable is displayed on the y-axis.

- Categorical variables are variables with different categories or groups.
  - Examples: gender, city
- Continuous variables are numeric variables.
  - Examples: time, height, length

[1]:
```
# import seaborn, matplotlib
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# set up inline figures
%matplotlib inline
```

We will be using the titanic dataset in this example. Let's load and preview it.

[2]:
```
# read in titanic data
titanic = sns.load_dataset("titanic")
# preview data
titanic.head()
```

[2]:

	survived	pclass	sex	age	sibsp	parch	fare	embarked	class	who	adult_male	deck	embark_town	alive	alone
0	0	3	male	22.0	1	0	7.2500	S	Third	man	True	NaN	Southampton	no	False
1	1	1	female	38.0	1	0	71.2833	C	First	woman	False	C	Cherbourg	yes	False
2	1	3	female	26.0	0	0	7.9250	S	Third	woman	False	NaN	Southampton	yes	True
3	1	1	female	35.0	1	0	53.1000	S	First	woman	False	C	Southampton	yes	False
4	0	3	male	35.0	0	0	8.0500	S	Third	man	True	NaN	Southampton	no	True

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4    man        True  NaN  Southampton    no   True
```

Let's say we want to compare the mean fare price across the three classes of tickets for all passengers.

[3]:
```
# barplot of class vs fare
sns.barplot(x="class", y = 'fare', data=titanic)
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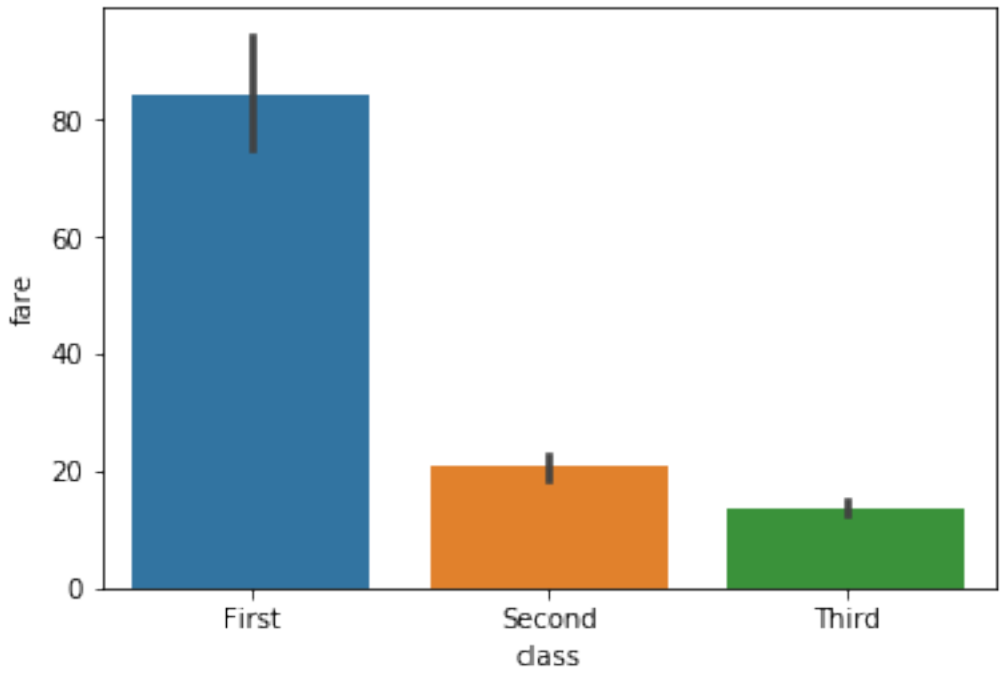

Notice how **seaborn** magically computes the mean fares and generates the plot exactly as we want without us even specifying!

What if we wanted to look at the data more granularly and further *stratify* each **class** bar by the **sex** variable? Based on what you know about **seaborn** so far, how do you think we can do that?

[4]:
```
# barplot of class vs fare stratified by sex
sns.barplot(x="class", y = 'fare', hue = "sex", data=titanic)
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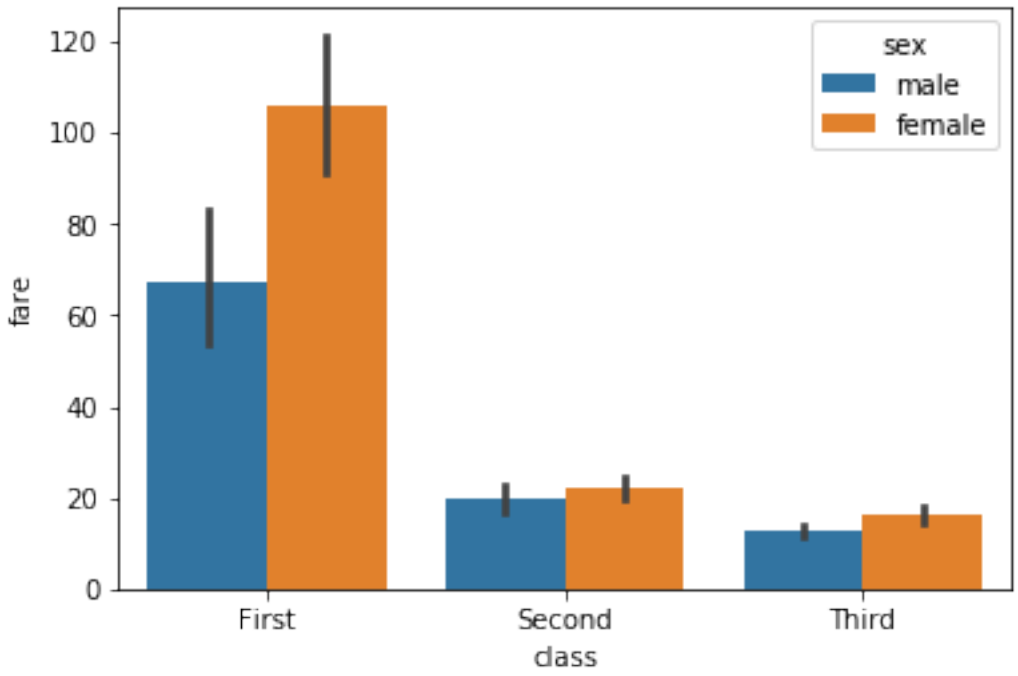

1.2 Histograms

Histograms are used to visualize the *distribution* of a *continuous* variable.

Let's say we wanted to see how the `age` was distributed across all passengers in our dataset. We can use the `distplot` function to generate our histogram.

[5]:
```
# histogram of age
sns.distplot(titanic['age'].dropna(), kde=False)
```

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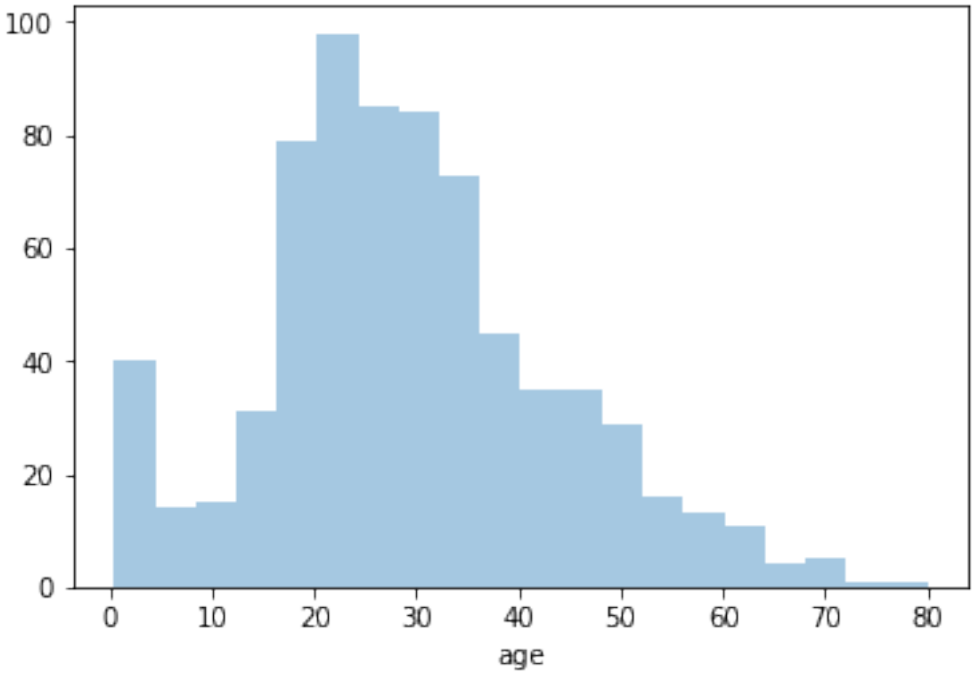

We can change the number of bins used to plot our histogram to change the *granularity* of our distribution plot.

[6]:
```
# histogram of age
sns.distplot(titanic['age'].dropna(), kde=False, bins=10)
```

[6]:
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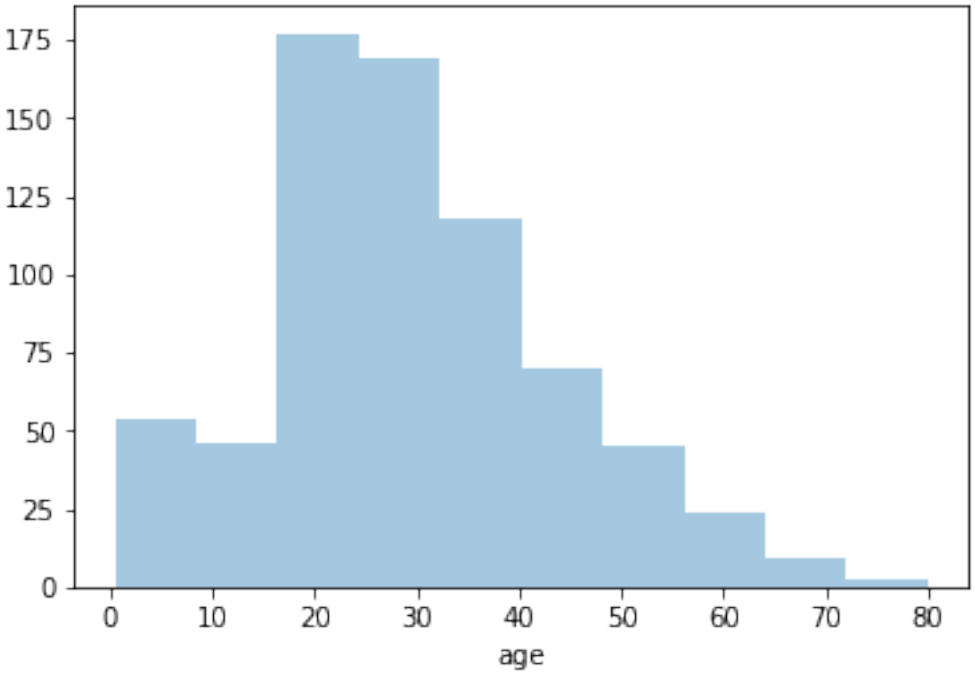

[7]:
```
# histogram of age
sns.distplot(titanic['age'].dropna(), kde=False, bins=80)
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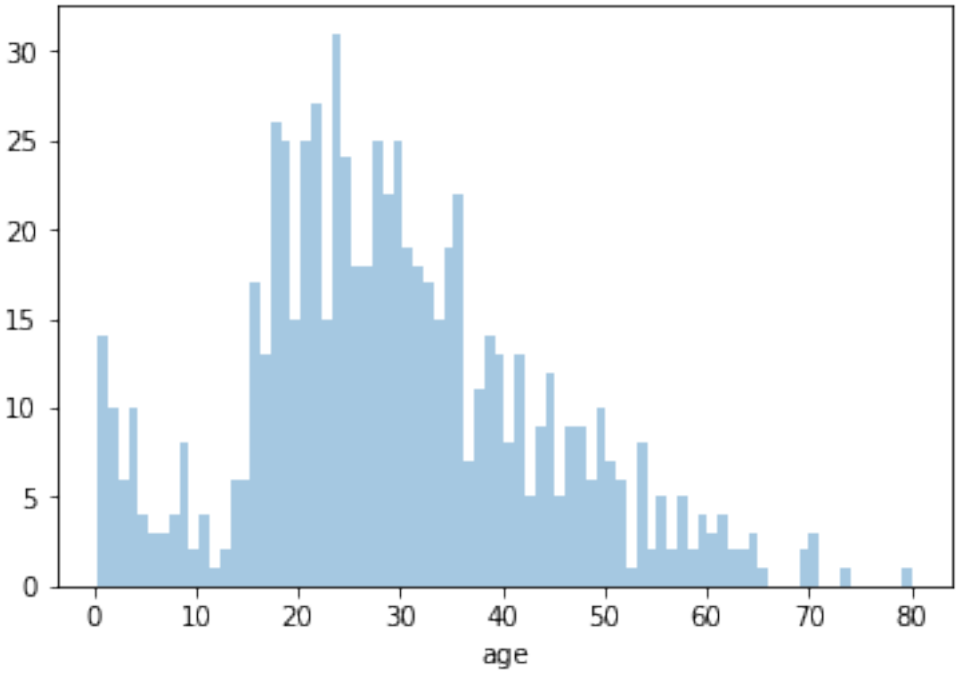

Unfortunately we can't color our histograms by another variable, but we can compare the distributions of certain variables between *subsets* of our DataFrame by *layering* them.

[8]:
```
# histogram of age for females
sns.distplot(titanic.query('sex == "female"')['age'].dropna(), kde=False,␣
↪label="F")
sns.distplot(titanic.query('sex == "male"')['age'].dropna(), kde=False,␣
↪label="M")
plt.legend()
```

[8]:
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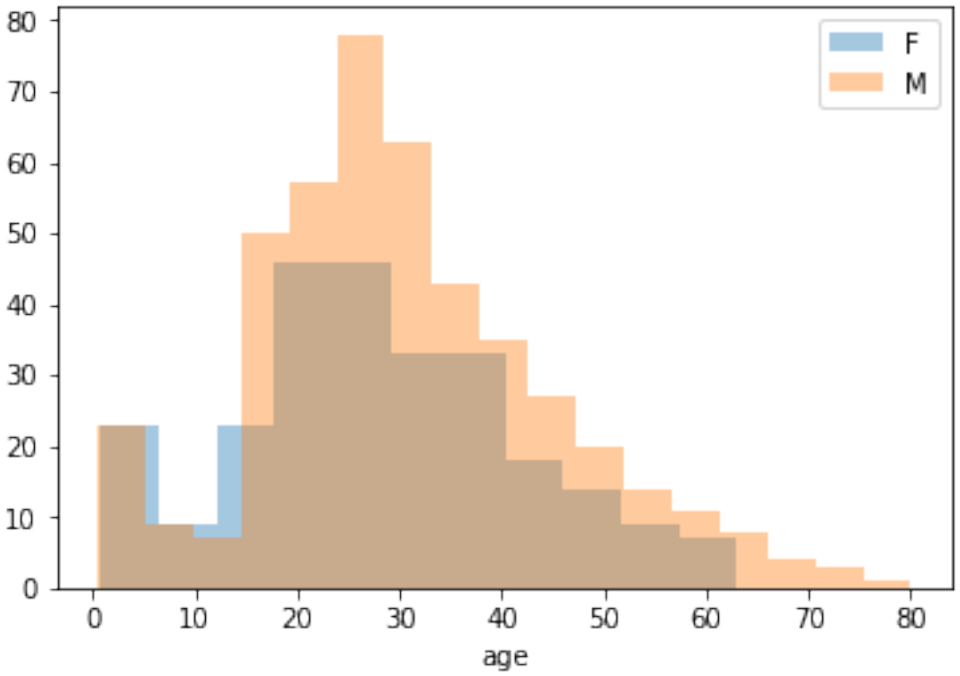
```



1.3 Count Plots

Count plots can be thought of as histograms for categorical variables.

Let's say we wanted to visualize how many passengers there were in each `class`.

[9]:
```
# count plot of class
sns.countplot(x="class", data=titanic)
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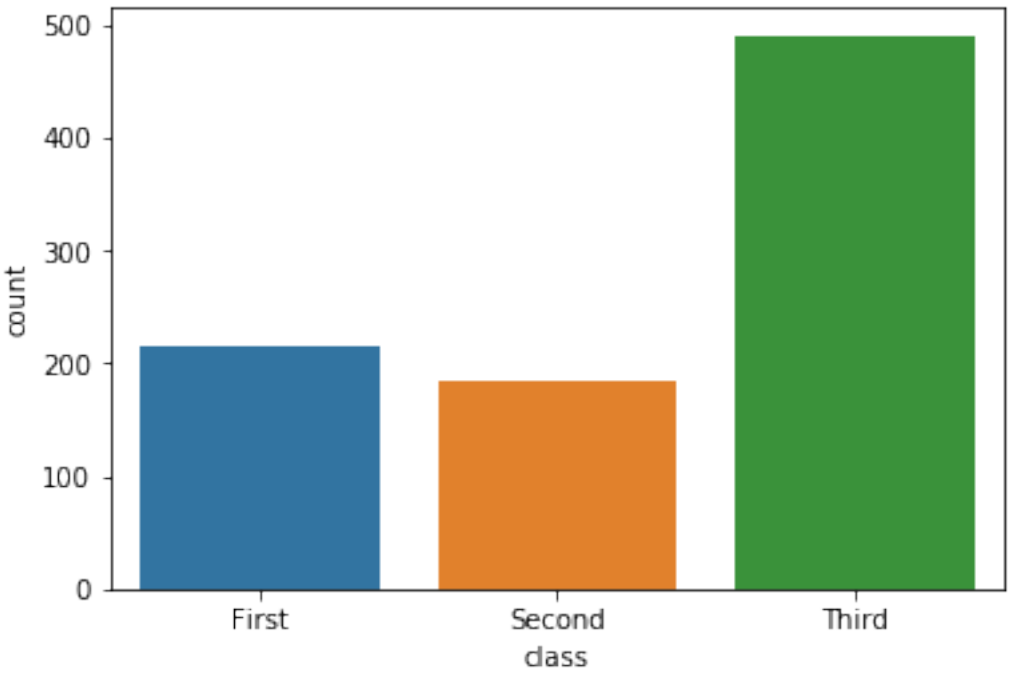

Now, let's stratify each class by the `sex` variable using color. By now you're an expert in this!

[10]:
```
# stratify class by sex variable
sns.countplot(x="class", hue = "sex",  data=titanic)
```

[10]:
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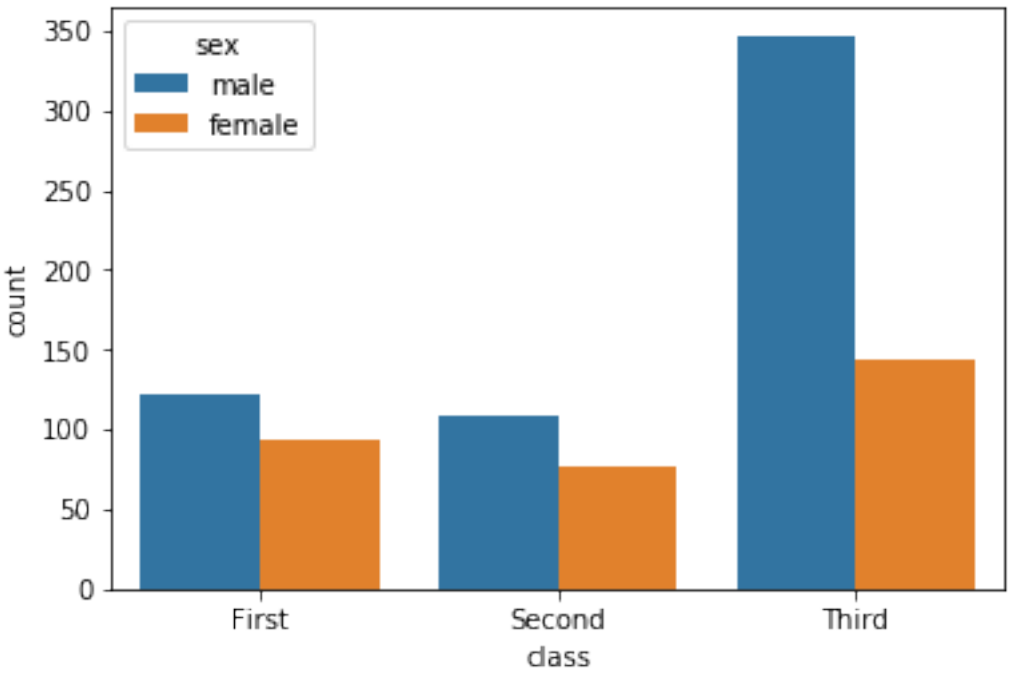
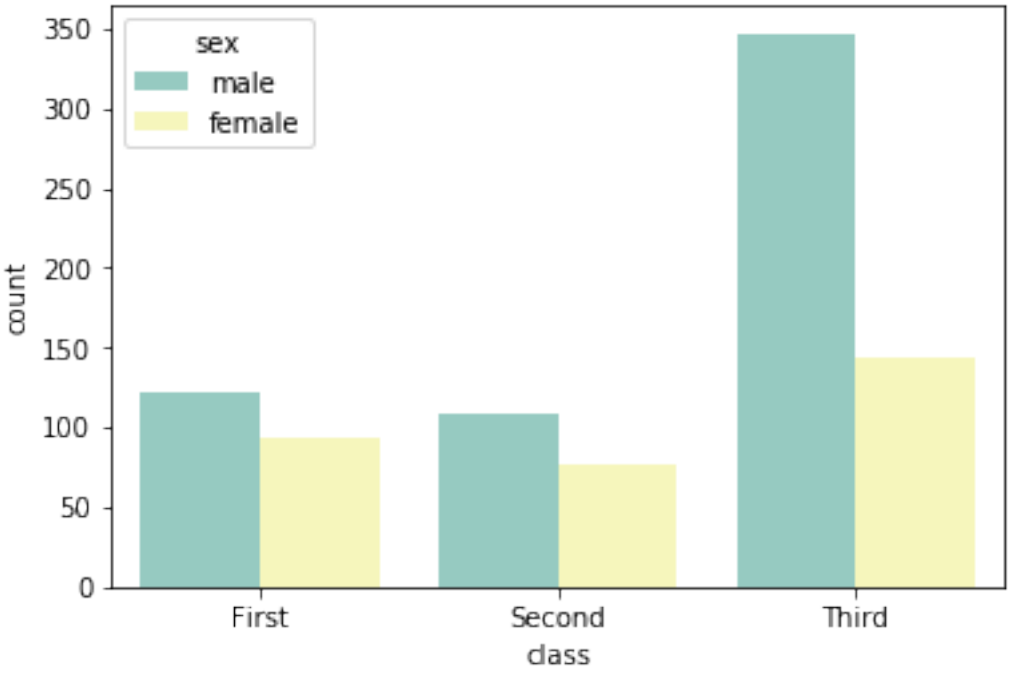


As always we can change the color palette:

[11]:
```
# change color palette
sns.countplot(x="class", hue = "sex", palette = "Set3", data=titanic)
```

[11]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1199a0e80>



In this lesson you learned: * How to create barplots in seaborn * How to stratify barplots by another variable using color (`hue`) * How to create histograms in seaborn * Changing the granularity of the histograms (`bins`) * How to create count plots in seaborn * How to stratify count plots by another variable using color (`hue`)