

MatplotlibMatplotlib intro

- Matplotlib is a Python Library for creating charts and graphs
- This has the power to convert the plain numbers into visually appealing graphs
- we can make
  - 1. Line Charts
  - 2. Bar Charts
  - 3. Scatter plots
  - 4. Histograms
  - 5. pie charts
- we can even customize the size and pretty much all

# Install the Library

pip install matplotlib

## # checking the version of the installed matplotlib

```
Print(matplotlib.__version__)
```

These \_\_func\_\_ are called  
dunder functions.

- There is a module called pyplot which exists in the library of matplotlib
- Pyplot provides a user-friendly interface for plotting

So we'll import it along with matplotlib

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

→ instead of calling the full name we import matplotlib.pyplot as plt.

### # Creating a basic plot

→ To Create any plot we need x and Y coordinates here

let's just use python List

$x = [2023, 2024, 2025, 2026]$  → for x coordinates

$y = [15, 25, 30, 20]$  → for Y coordinates

→ make sure that no. of x coord == no. of Y coord

→ To Create a basic plot access the plt and call the plot function and pass the coordinates

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

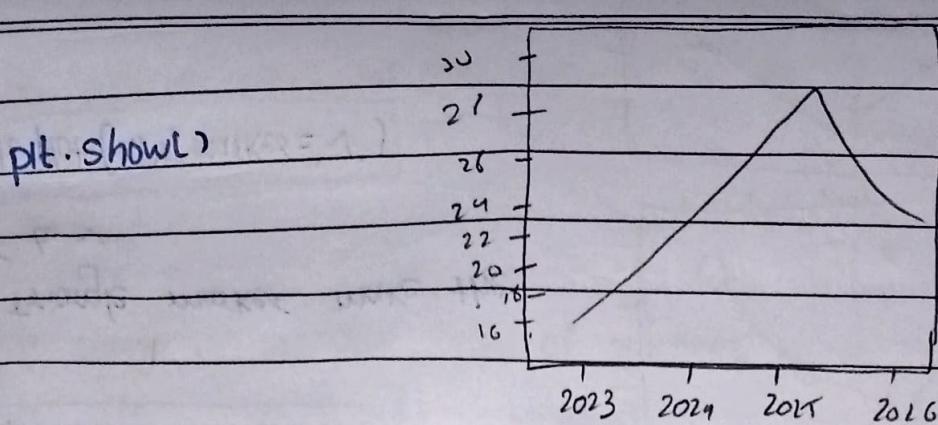
The first argument is for the x-axis

The Second argument is for the Y-axis

→ if we run this nothing displays

→ we need to call the show function in order to view the plt

```
plt.show()
```



→ if we only pass one argument this argument would be for points on the Y axis

### # Default Behaviour for plot:-

1. Start at 0 and place a point at each increment of one
2. each of these ticks they increment by .5 each
3. The points on the x-axis will be provided to us

### # Using numpy arrays → Because numpy arrays are faster and give more functionality

`import numpy as np`

`x = np.array([2023, 2024, 2025, 2026])`

`y = np.array([15, 25, 30, 20])`

`plt.plot(x, y)`

`plt.show`

## # plot Customization

- We can customize the plots which we create, ~~more~~
- More specifically we can customize the lines and markers
- To do this pass a keyword into the plot function which is called marker

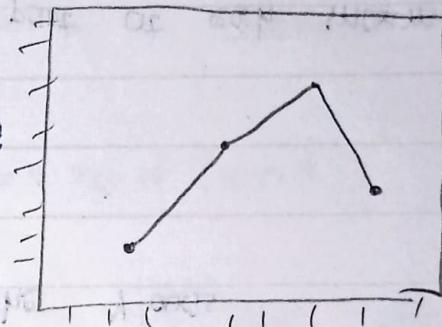
```
plt.plot(x, y, marker = '')
```

- marker equals a given character.
- Depending on the character that we set for markers, our marker will be one of a few symbols

eg

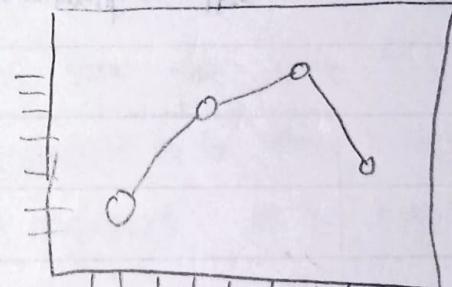
```
plt.plot(x, y, marker = 'o')
```

- Then each set of coordinates has a point



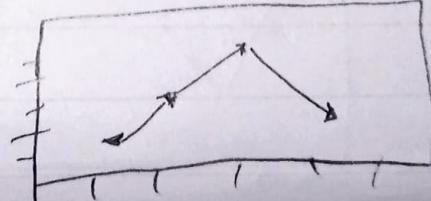
- Another is circle to get it set the character to o

```
plt.plot(x, y, marker = 'o')
```

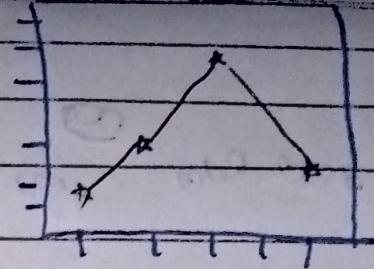


- To get a Triangle marker make the character to v

```
plt.plot(x, y, marker = 'v')
```



- To get a star set the character to \*  
`plt.plot(x, y, marker='*')`



### #To change or set the size of marker

- USE the `markerSize` Keyword
- The size can be anything our wish  
`plt.plot(x, y, marker='o', markersize=20)`
- It can also be abbreviated to `ms` meaning `markersize`

### # To change the color of the marker

- use the `markerfacecolor = " "` #to change face of the marker
- You Can use
  - RGB values
  - Name of the colour
  - hexadecimal values
  - HSL values
- You Can also make this shorter "mfc" meaning `markerfacecolor`.
- Using shortforms is good but not readable so don't try to use them.
- You Can also change the edge color of the marker  
use the `markeredgecolor = " "` #to change the color at edge
- the short form is mec

## # Customizing the Lines

### ① Line style:-

- You can change the style of the line shown
- The default is solid

→ By the keyword

`linestyle = " "`

Eg `linestyle = "dashed"`

Eg `linestyle = "dotted"`

Eg `linestyle = "dashdot"`

Eg `linestyle = "None"`

only points no lines

### ② line width

Key word :-

Normal value is 1

Linewidth

### ③ line color

Key word

`color = " "`

Select any colors you want ↳ instructions  
similar to earlier

More than one line to customize

Eg `x = np.array([2023, 2024, 2025, 2026])` ↳ Here the second line

`y1 = np.array([15, 25, 30, 20])` won't have the customizations

`y2 = np.array([17, 23, 38, 5])` similar to ①

`plt.plot(x, y1, customization)`

so you can copy paste it

`plt.plot(x, y2)`

`plt.show()`

→ Create a dictionary with Key-Value pairs

`line-style = dict(customization)`

`plt.plot(x, y1, **line_style)`

`plt.plot(x, y2, **line_style)`

→ It would be like to unpack the entire dictionary as if each key-value pair is passed as individual keyword arguments

## Labels :-

# → Setting a title for the chart :-

- The `plt.title(" ")` is the function which is used to set the title for the plot
- pass the title as a string

# Customization of title :-

- To do this we can pass in Some Keyword arguments.

① → fontsize :- Change the font size of the title

② → family :- To change the font family

③ fontweight:- = "bold",

→ This makes the font to be bold

④ color:-

→ used to set the color of the title

→ labels:-

→ These are like the quantities which are present at the coordinates

→ XLabel → sets the label for x-axis

→ Y Label → sets the label for y-axis

eg

plt.xlabel("Years")

→ You can change the fontsize, fontfamily, fontweight and color same as title

→ The coordinates of the graphs ie ticks are

incrementing each time by -5 to not make it do like this we can do

plt.xticks(x), which makes the ticks only at the elements of x

## # Customizing the ticks

- To do this call the `tick_params()` function re the ticks parameter function

`plt.tick_params()`

- To select a certain axis use the keyword argument of axes

`axis = "x"` → only x axis is selected

`axis = "y"` → only y-axis is selected

`axis = "both"` → Both the axes are selected

- To customize use the plural keyword argument

`plt.tick_params(axis = "both",  
 colors = "Blue")`