

Create a simple plot

In [1]:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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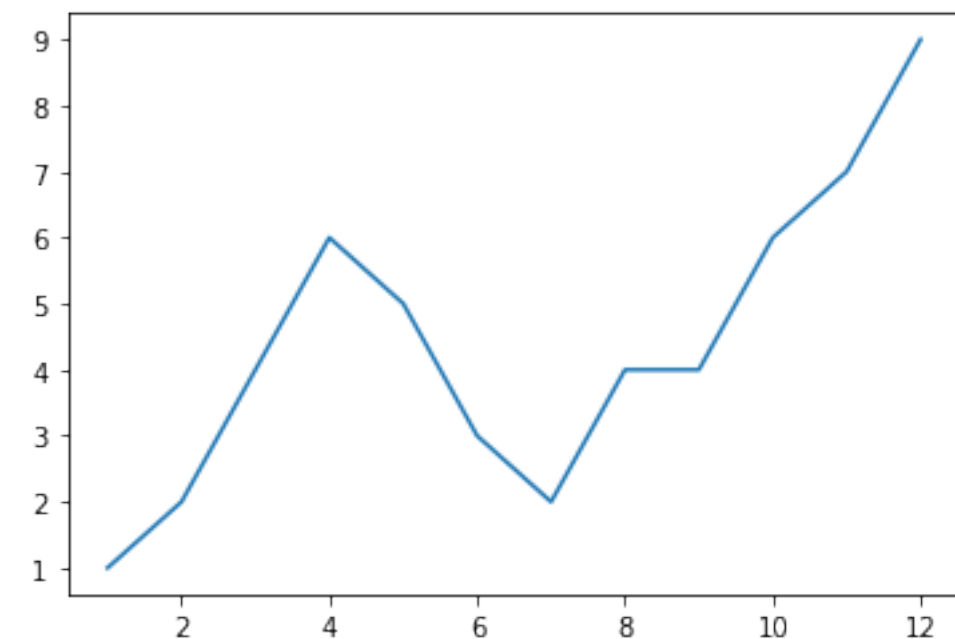
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```
# magic function that renders the figure in a notebook
%matplotlib inline

# y-axis values
movies_per_month = [1, 2, 4, 6, 5, 3, 2, 4, 4, 6, 7, 9]

# define my plot: x-axis is from 1 to 12
plt.plot(range(1, 13), movies_per_month )

#display
plt.show()
```



Drawing multiple lines and plots.

Display number of good movies and good jokes per month.

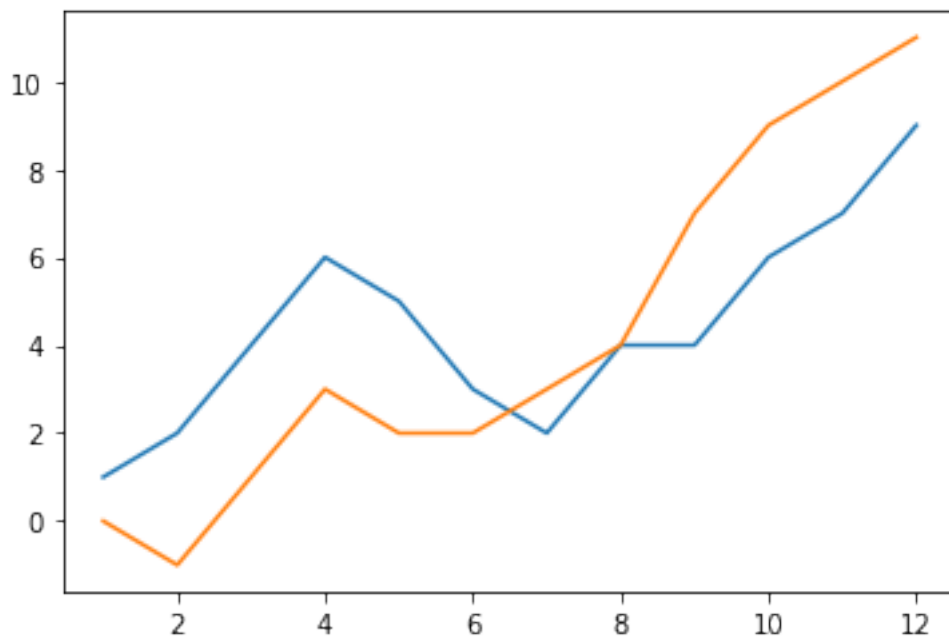
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# Create two plots
plt.plot(range(1, 13), movies_per_month)
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Creating a legend

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http://matplotlib.org/api/pyplot_api.html#matplotlib.pyplot.legend

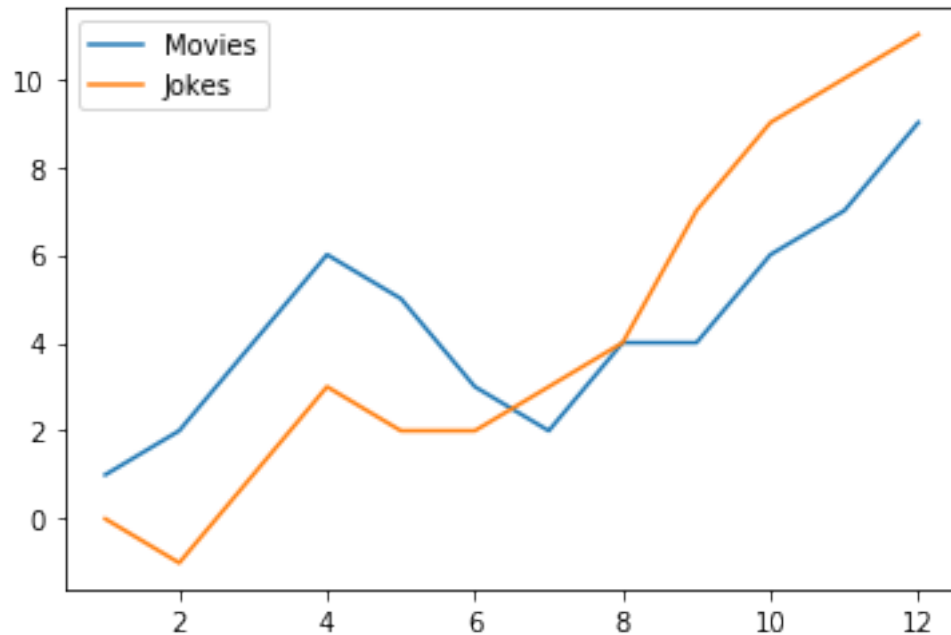
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line1 = plt.plot(range(1,13), movies_per_month)
line2 = plt.plot(range(1,13), jokes_per_month)

# Add a legend
plt.legend(['Movies', 'Jokes'], loc=0)

plt.show()
```



Formatting the axes

The axes define the x and y plane of the graphic. The x axis runs horizontally, and the y axis runs vertically.

Set the data limits for the x and y axis:

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# define both plots
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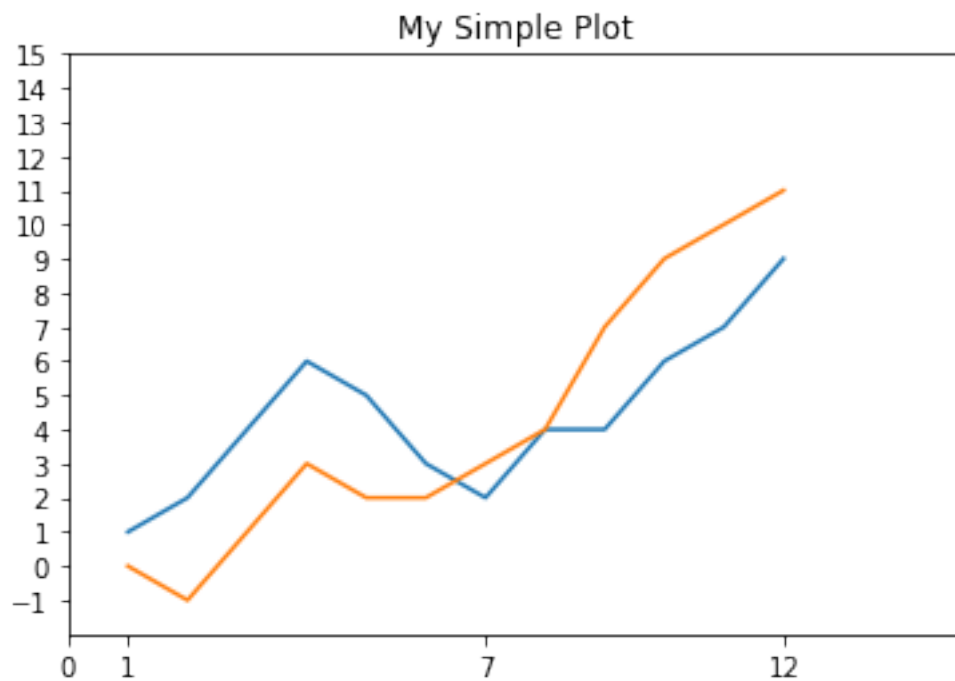
# get the current axes
ax = plt.gca()

ax.set_title("My Simple Plot")

# Set the data limits for the x and y axis
ax.set_xlim([0, 15])
ax.set_ylim([-2, 15])

# Set the ticks
ax.set_xticks([0, 1, 7, 12])
ax.set_yticks([-1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15])

plt.show()
```



Adding grids

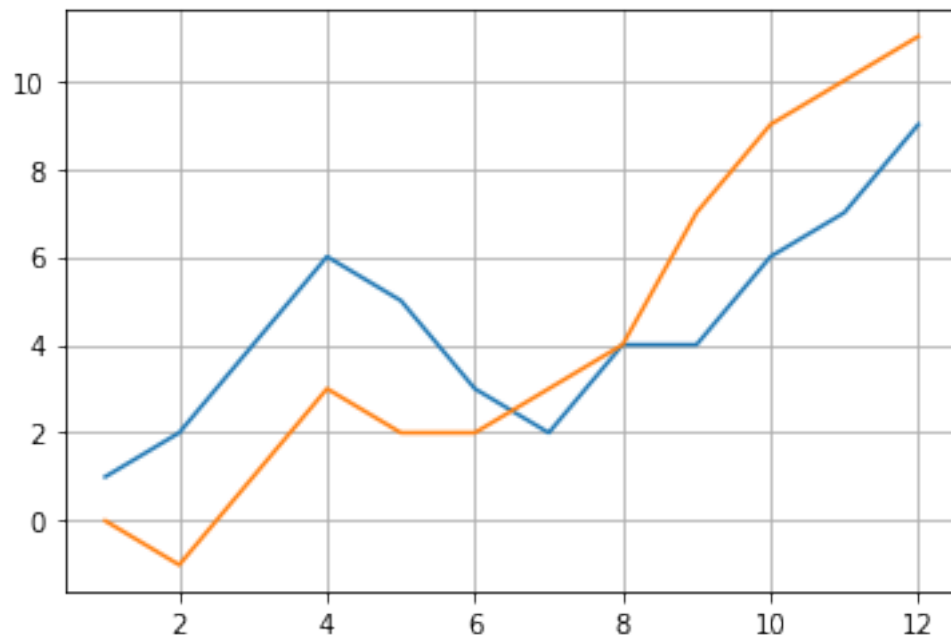
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plt.plot(range(1,13), movies_per_month)
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# get the current axes and add grids
ax = plt.gca()
ax.grid(True)

plt.show()
```



Defining the Line Appearance

Choosing a line style

Characters	Line Style
'-'	solid line style
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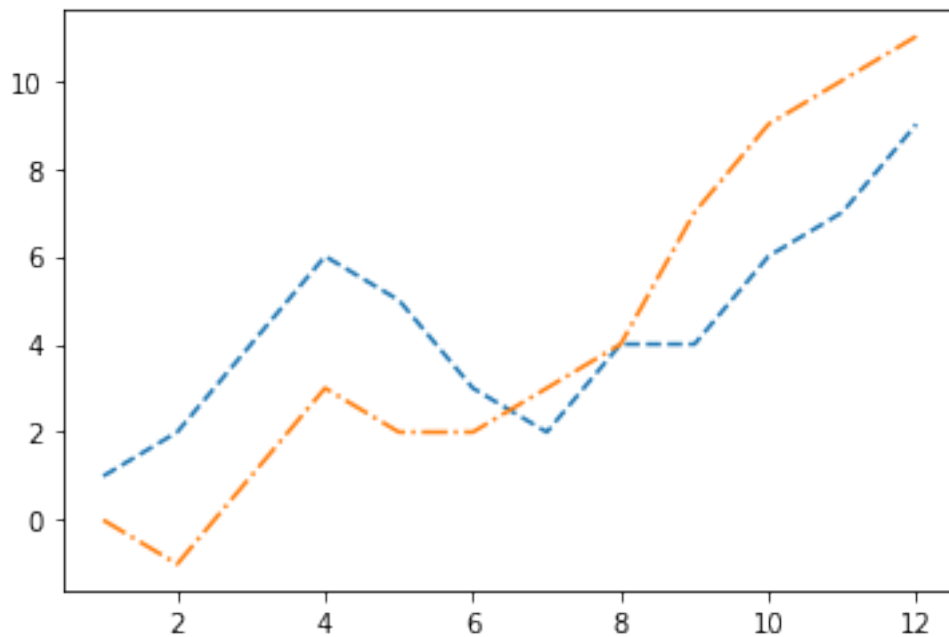
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# Create two plots
plt.plot(range(1, 13), movies_per_month, '--') # dashed line
plt.plot(range(1, 13), jokes_per_month, linestyle='-.') # dash-dot line style

#display
plt.show()
```



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Characters	Line Color
'b'	blue
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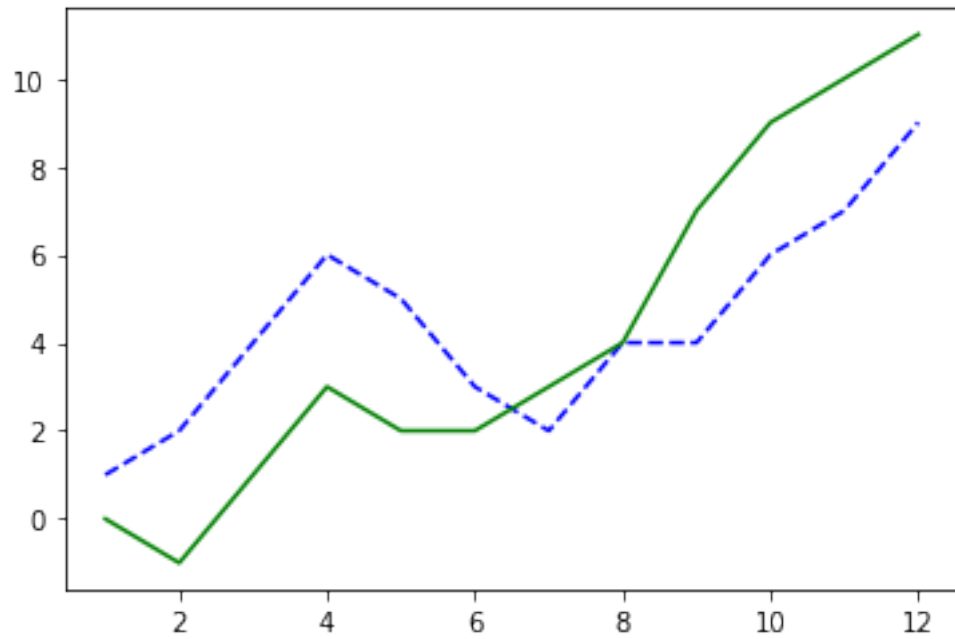
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# red and blue
plt.plot(range(1, 13), movies_per_month, 'b--')
plt.plot(range(1, 13), jokes_per_month, color='g')

plt.show()
```



Choosing a marker

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'.'	point marker
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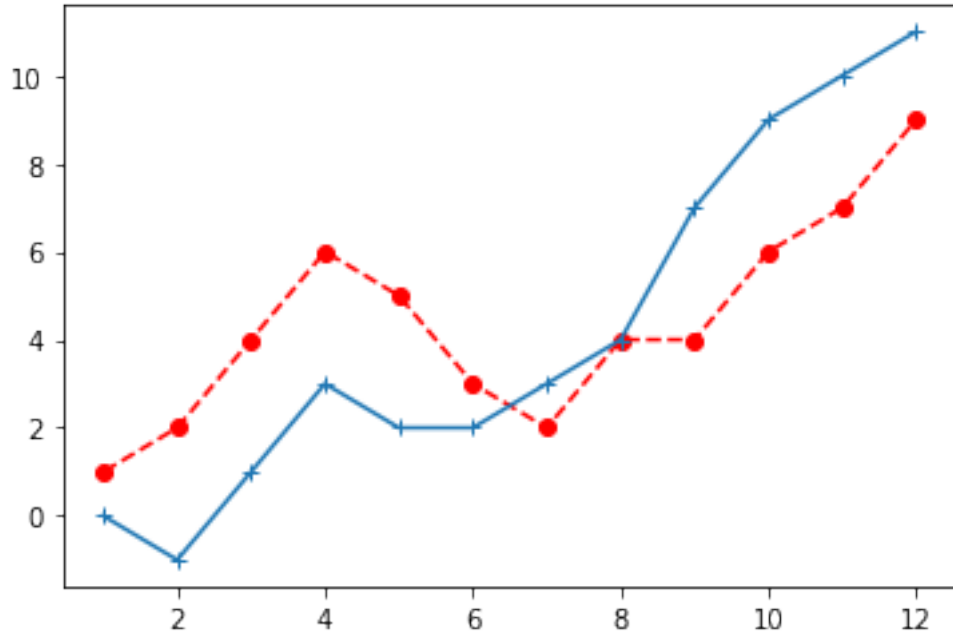
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# markers
plt.plot(range(1, 13), movies_per_month, 'ro--') # red circle marker and dashed line
plt.plot(range(1, 13), jokes_per_month, marker='+') # plus marker

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```



Adding labels for x and y axis

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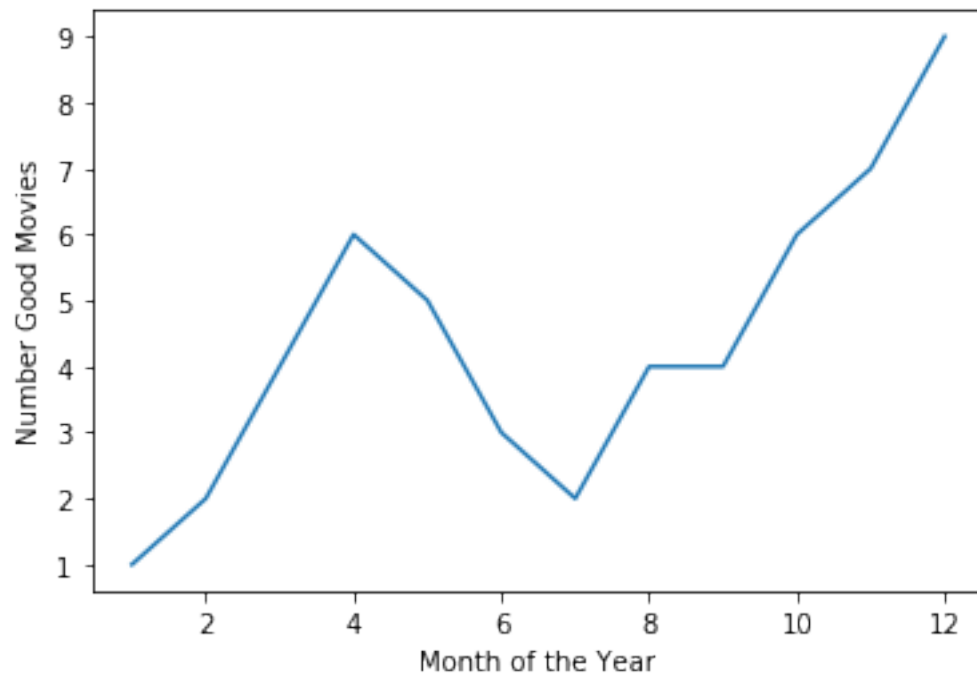
```
# labels
```

```
plt.xlabel('Month of the Year')
```

```
plt.ylabel('Number Good Movies')
```

```
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```

```
plt.show()
```



Annotating the chart

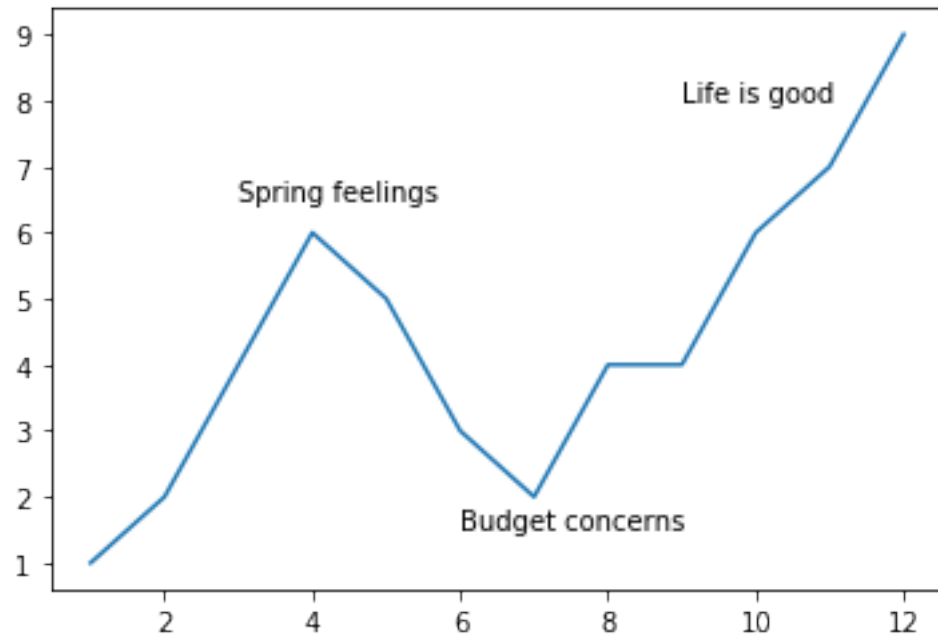
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# add annotation
plt.annotate(xy=[3, 6.5], s='Spring feelings')
plt.annotate(xy=[6, 1.5], s='Budget concerns')
plt.annotate(xy=[9, 8], s='Life is good')

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Save the graph

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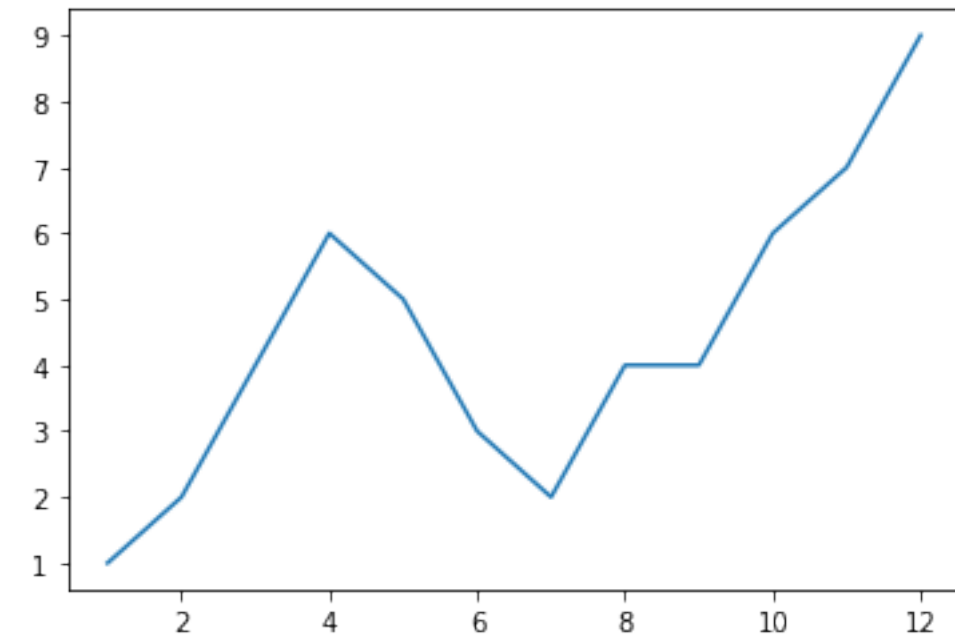
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plt.plot(range(1, 13), movies_per_month)

# save the current figure
plt.savefig('MySamplePlot.png', format='png')
```



Get the Available Supported File Format

In [13]:

```
fig = plt.figure()

print (fig.canvas.get_supported_filetypes())
```

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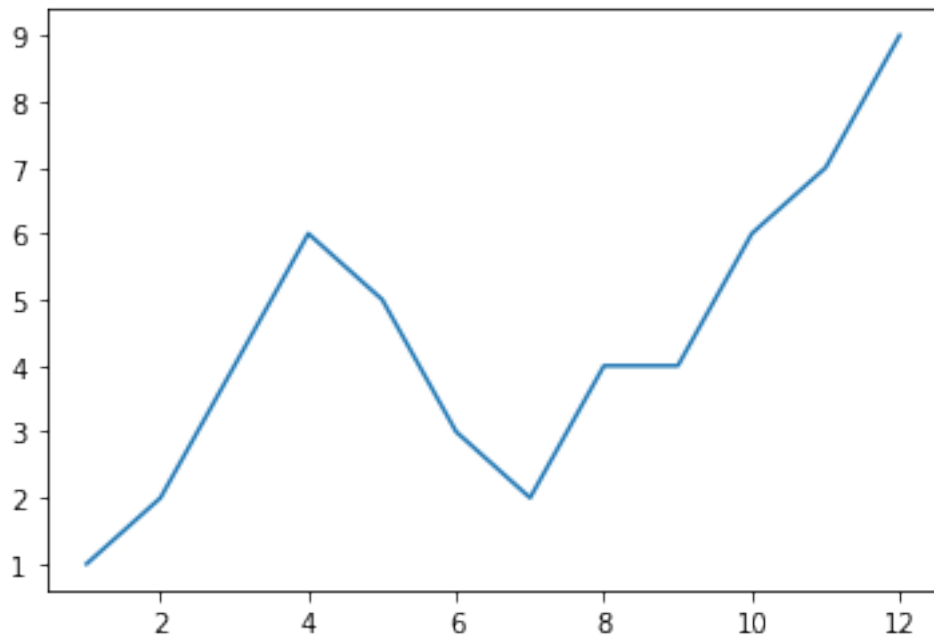
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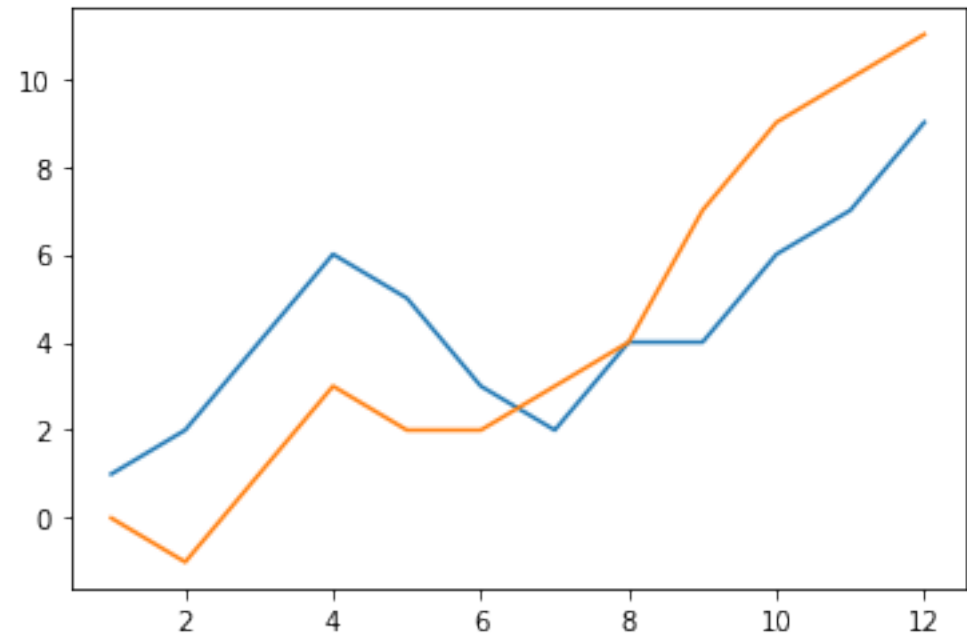


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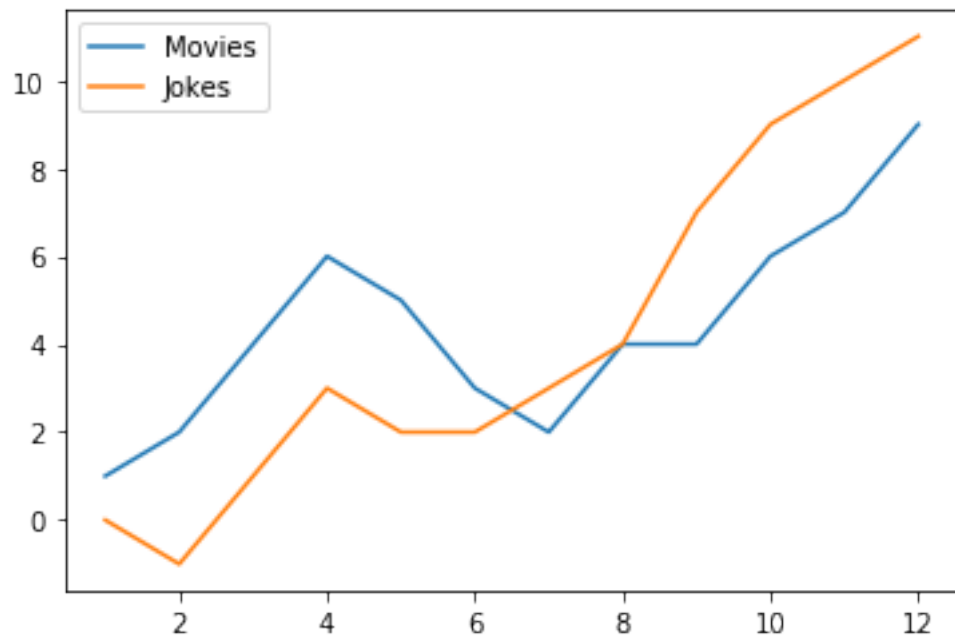
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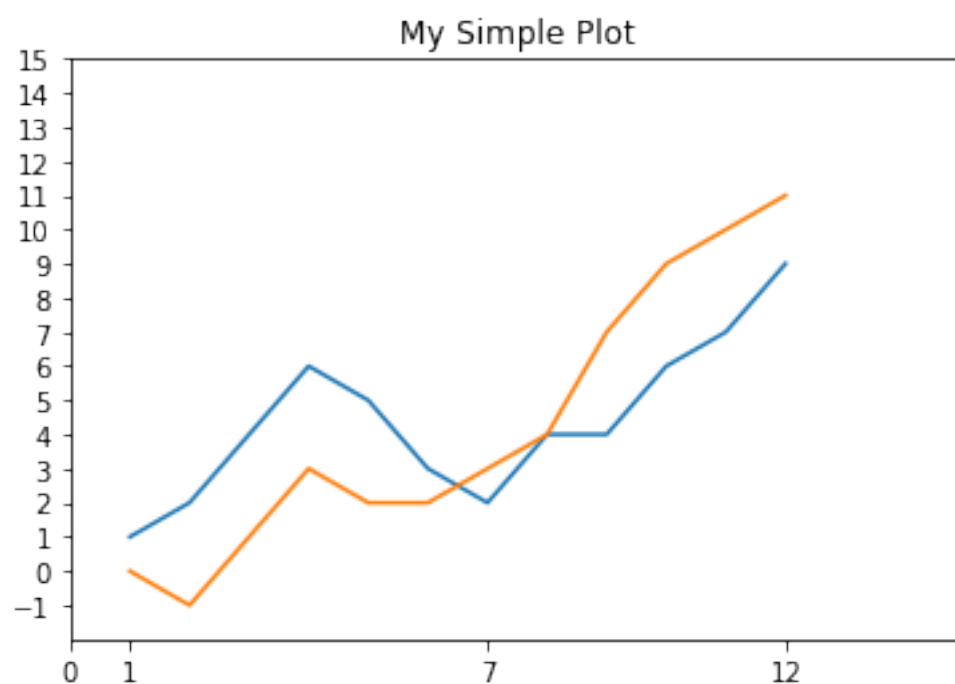
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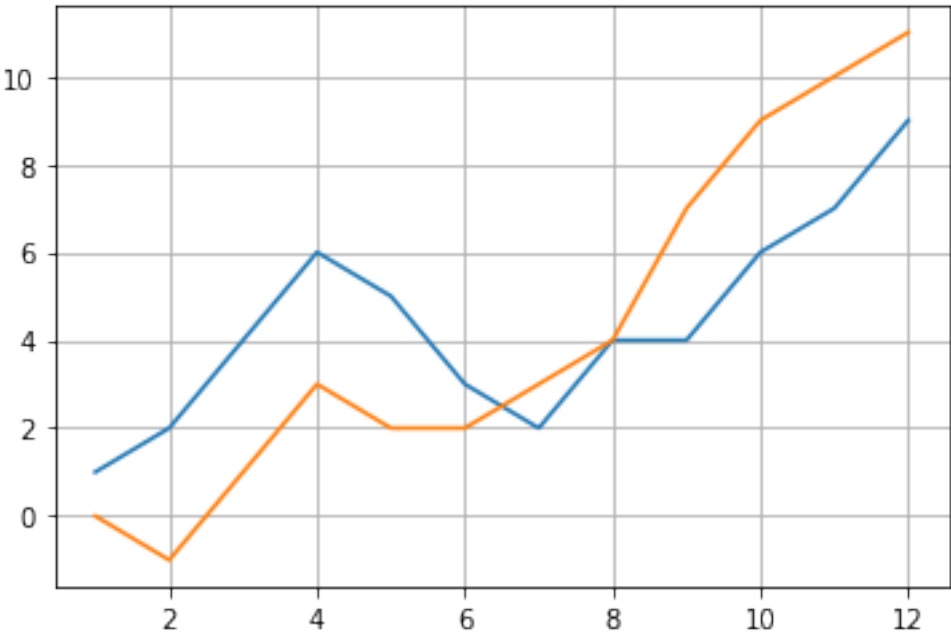
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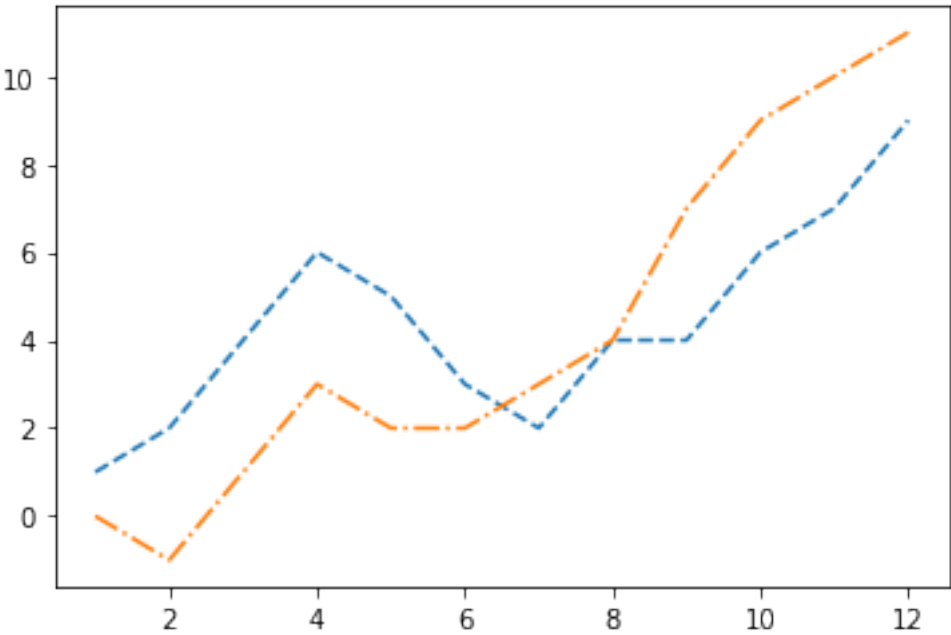
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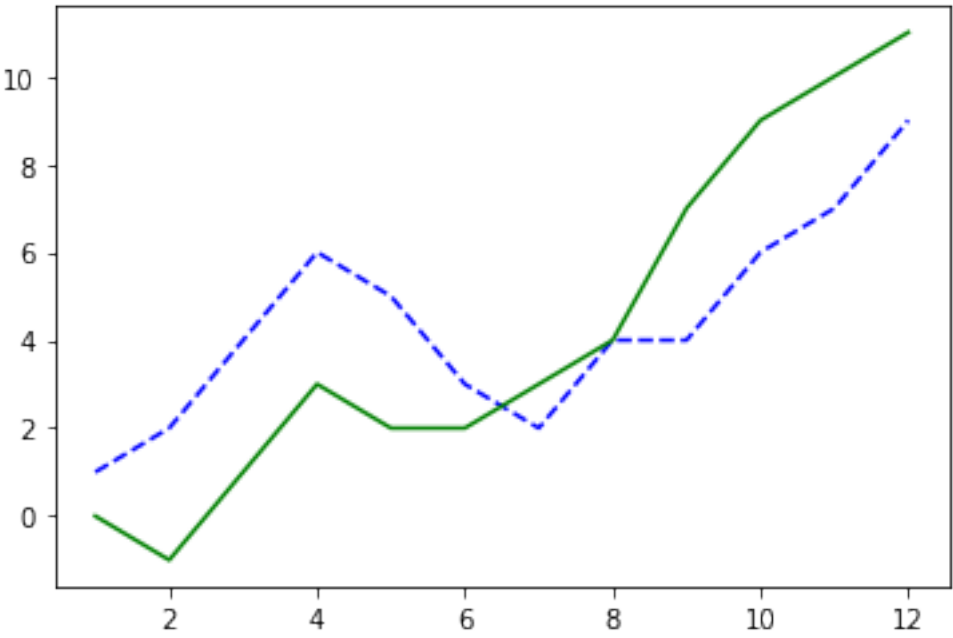
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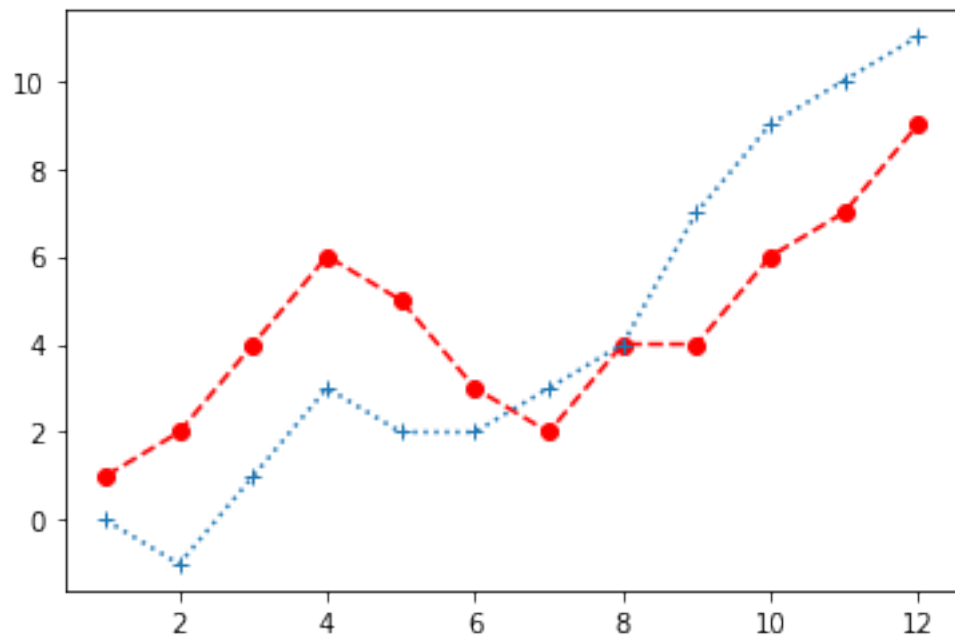
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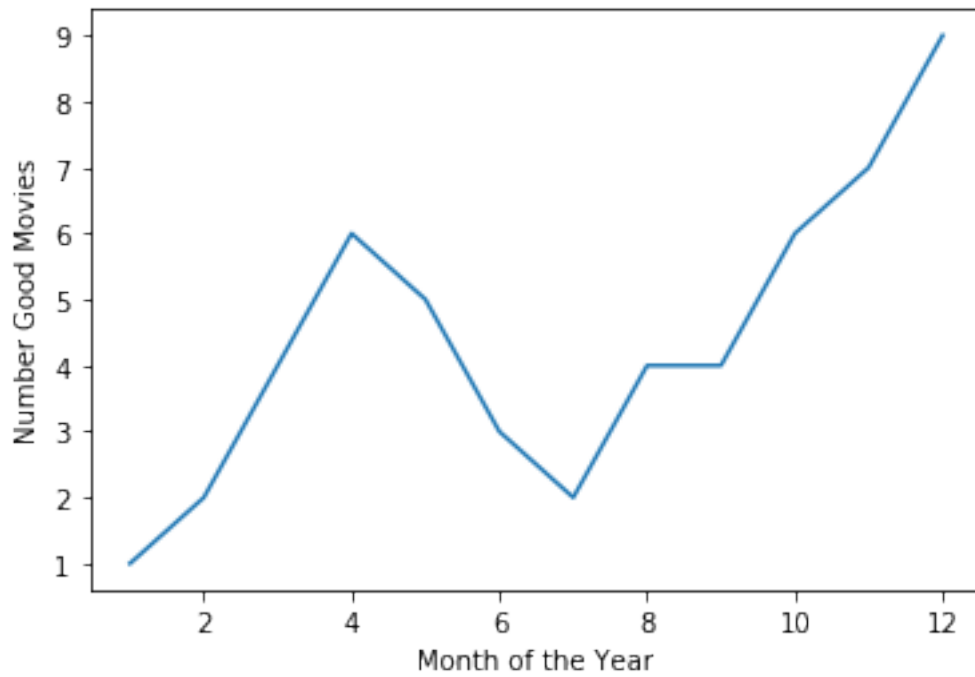
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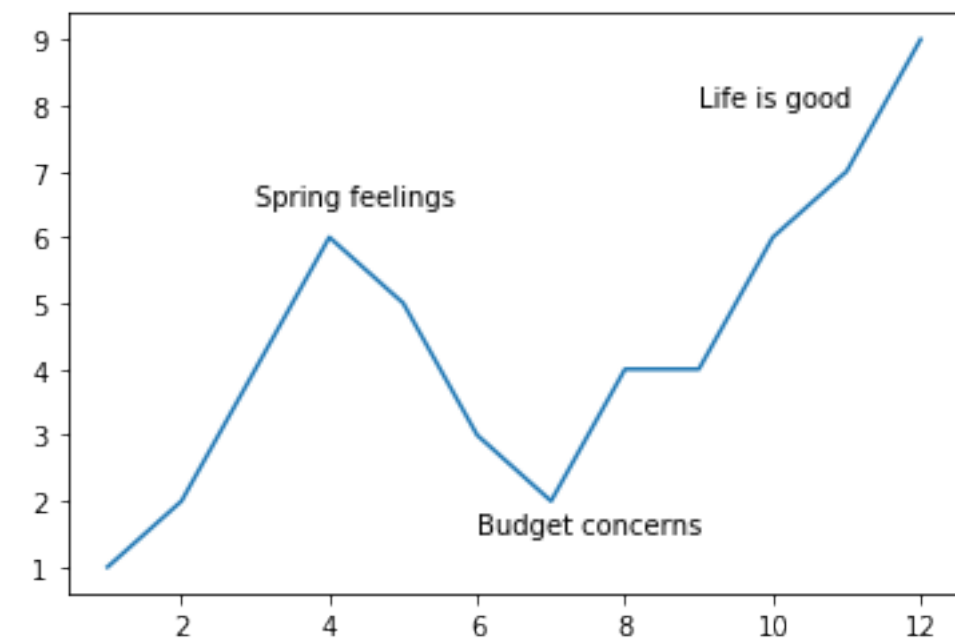
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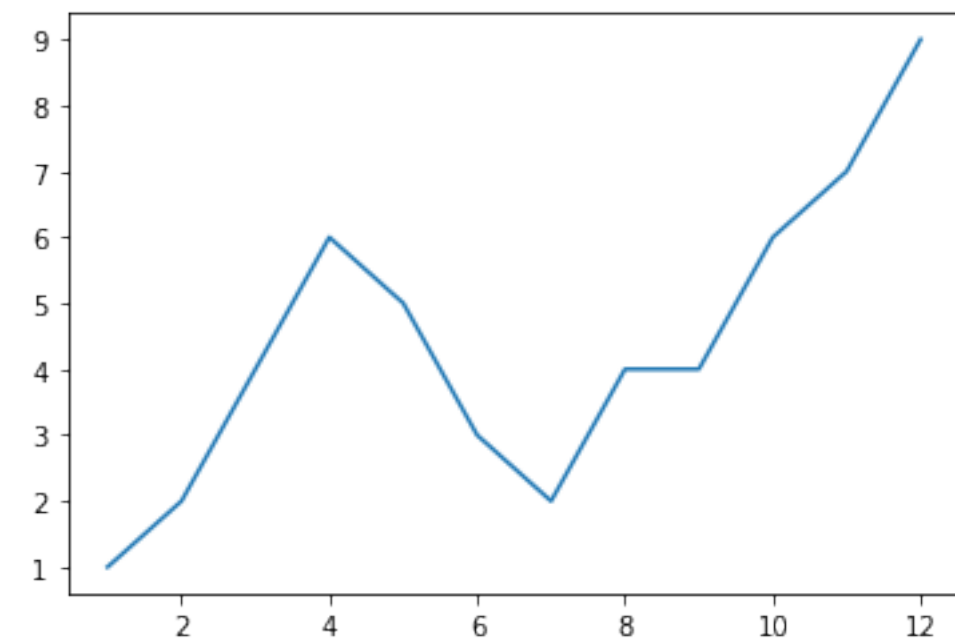


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