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INTRO TO MATPLOTLIB



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In this section we'll introduce the **Matplotlib** library and use it to build & customize several chart types, including line charts, bar charts, pie charts, scatterplots, and histograms... .

TOPICS WE'LL COVER:

Matplotlib Basics

Object-Oriented Plotting

Chart Formatting

Chart Types

GOALS FOR THIS SECTION:

- Understand the difference between the two primary Matplotlib plotting frameworks
- Identify the key components of an object-oriented plot
- Build different variations of line, bar and pie charts, as well as scatter plots and histograms
- Customize your charts by adding custom titles, labels, legends, annotations and much more!



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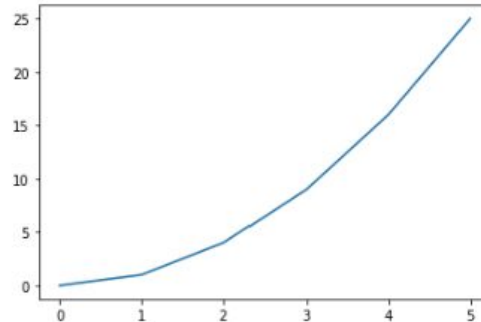
matplotlib

Matplotlib is an open-source Python library built for data visualization that lets you produce a wide variety of highly customizable charts & graphs

The `plot()` function creates a line chart by default, using the index as the x-values and the list elements as the y-values

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
plt.plot([0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25])
```

← 'plt' is the standard alias for Matplotlib





COMPATIBLE DATA TYPES

Matplotlib can plot many **data types**, including base Python sequences, NumPy Arrays, and Pandas Series & DataFrames

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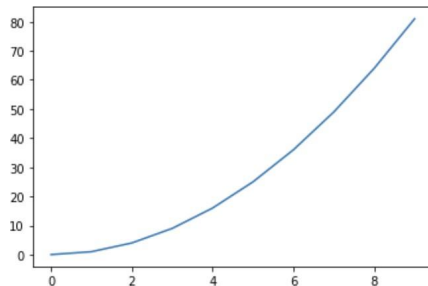
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
import pandas as pd
```

y

[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]

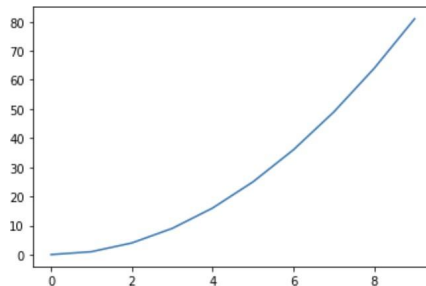
Python List

```
plt.plot(y)
```



Pandas Series

```
plt.plot(pd.Series(y))
```

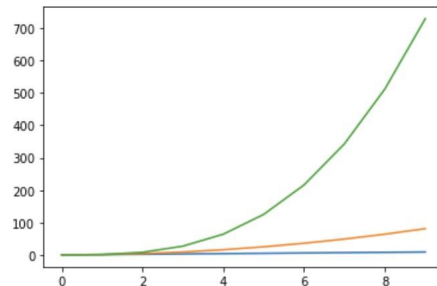


```
df.head(3)
```

x	y	z
0	0	0
1	1	1
2	2	4

Pandas DataFrame

```
plt.plot(df)
```





PLOTTING METHODS

Matplotlib has two **plotting methods**, or interfaces:

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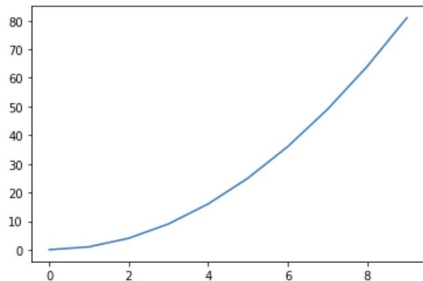
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PyPlot API

Charts are created with the `plot()` function, and modified with additional functions

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plt.plot(y)
```

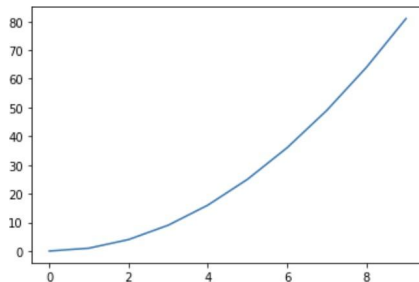


Object-Oriented

Charts are created by defining a plot object, and modified using figure & axis methods

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
  
fig = plt.figure()  
  
ax = fig.add_subplot()  
  
ax.plot(y)
```

1. Create the figure object and assign it to the 'fig' variable
2. Add a chart, or axis, object to the figure and assign it to the 'ax' variable
3. Call the axis `plot()` method to draw the chart



We'll mostly focus on the **Object-Oriented** approach, as it provides more clear control over customization



OBJECT-ORIENTED PLOTTING

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Object-Oriented plots are built by adding *axes*, or charts, to a *figure*

- The **subplots()** function lets you create the figure and axes in a single line of code
- You can then use figure & axis methods to customize the different elements in the plot

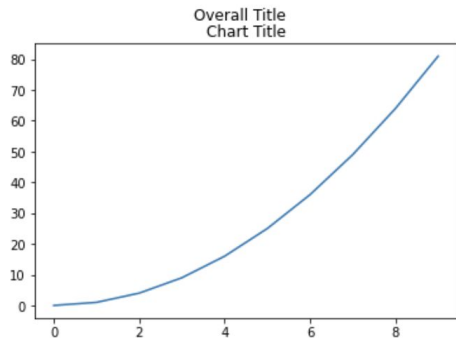
```
fig = plt.figure()  
ax = fig.add_subplot()
```

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()  
ax.plot(y)  
  
fig.suptitle("Overall Title")  
ax.set_title("Chart Title")
```

Creates the figure and axis

Plots "y"

Adds a title to the figure and axis



We'll start by adding a **single subplot** to each figure for now, but will dive deeper into subplots later in the course!



PLOTTING DATAFRAMES

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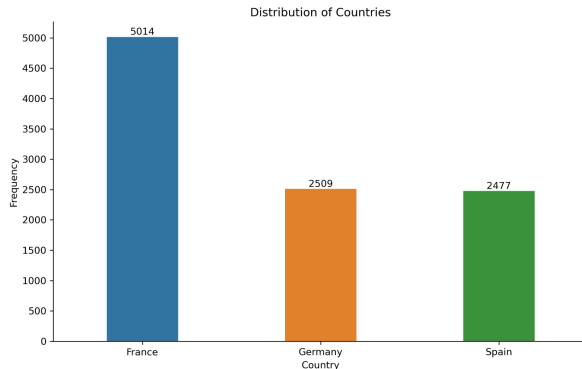
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When **plotting Data Frames** using the Object-Oriented interface, Matplotlib will use the index as the x-axis and plot each column as a separate series by default

```
1 fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (10, 6), dpi = 100)
2 sns.barplot(x = df['country'].value_counts().index, y = df['country'].value_counts(), width=.4 )
3 ax.set_title('Distribution of Countries')
4 ax.set_ylabel('Frequency')
5 ax.set_xlabel('Country')
6 ax.set_yticks(np.arange(0, 5500, 500))
7 ax.bar_label(ax.containers[0], fontsize=10)
8 ax.spines[['right', 'top']].set_visible(False)
9 fig.savefig('distribution_of_countries.png', dpi = 300)
10 plt.show()
```

```
1 df['country'].value_counts()
```

```
country
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Exercise

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Plotting each series independently allows for improved customization

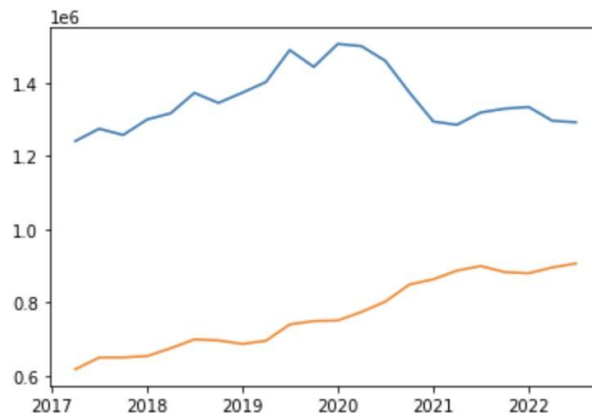
- **ax.plot(*x-axis series*, *y-series values*)**

```
ca_housing.head()
```

region_name	Los Angeles	San Francisco
period_begin		
2017-03-31	617710.0	1241075.0
2017-06-30	649635.0	1274846.0
2017-09-30	650077.0	1257692.0
2017-12-31	653588.0	1300038.0
2018-03-31	675053.0	1316952.0

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
```

```
ax.plot(ca_housing.index, ca_housing["San Francisco"])  
ax.plot(ca_housing.index, ca_housing["Los Angeles"])
```





FORMATTING OPTIONS

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Matplotlib has these **formatting options** for PyPlot and Object-Oriented plots:



Option	Object-Oriented	PyPlot API
Figure Title	fig.suptitle()	plt.suptitle()
Chart Title	ax.set_title()	plt.subtitle()
X-Axis Label	ax.set_xlabel()	plt.xlabel()
Y-Axis Label	ax.set_ylabel()	plt.ylabel()
Legend	ax.legend()	plt.legend()
X-Axis Limit	ax.set_xlim()	plt.xlim()
Y-Axis Limit	ax.set_ylim()	plt.ylim()
X-Axis Ticks	ax.set_xticks()	plt.xticks()
Y-Axis Ticks	ax.set_yticks()	plt.yticks()
Vertical Line	ax.axvline()	plt.axvline()
Horizontal Line	ax.axhline()	plt.axhline()
Text	ax.text()	plt.text()
Spines (borders)	ax.spines['side']	plt.spines['side']



FIGURE SIZE

You can adjust the **figure size** with the “figsize” argument

- **figsize**=(width, height) – the default is 6.4 x 4.8 inches

```
1 fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (10, 6), dpi = 100)
2 sns.barplot(x = df['country'].value_counts().index, y = df['country'].value_counts(), width=.4 )
3 ax.set_title('Distribution of Countries')
4 ax.set_ylabel('Frequency')
5 ax.set_xlabel('Country')
6 ax.set_yticks(np.arange(0, 5500, 500))
7 ax.bar_label(ax.containers[0], fontsize=10)
8 ax.spines[['right', 'top']].set_visible(False)
9 fig.savefig('distribution_of_countries.png', dpi = 300)
10 plt.show()
```

```
1 df['country'].value_counts()
```

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```



TIP: Increasing figure size lets you add whitespace to your visual, which can reduce clutter and add space to crowded axes

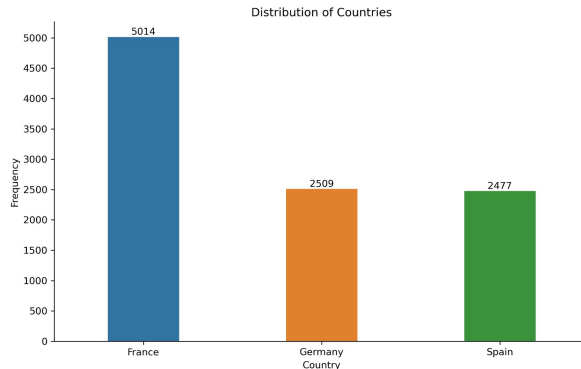




CHART TITLES

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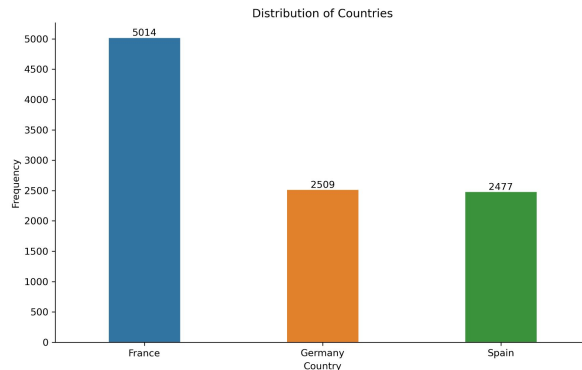
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The `set_title()` and `set_label()` methods let you add **chart titles** and axis labels

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FONT SIZES

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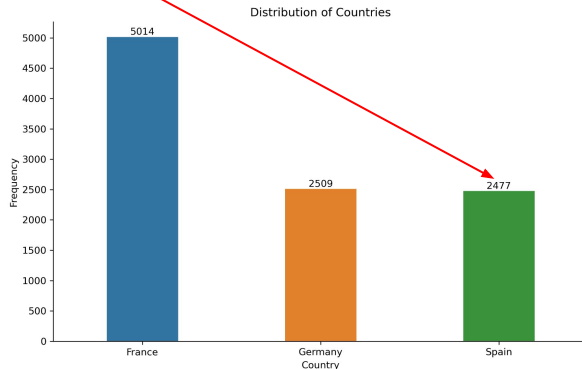
You can modify chart **font sizes** with the “`fontsize`” argument

- You can specify the size in points (10, 12, etc.) or relative size (“smaller”, “x-large”, etc.)

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CUSTOM X-TICKS

You can apply **custom x-ticks** with the `set_xticks()` and `xticks()` functions

- `ax.set_xticks(iterable)`

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8 ax.spines[['right', 'top']].set_visible(False)
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10 plt.show()
```

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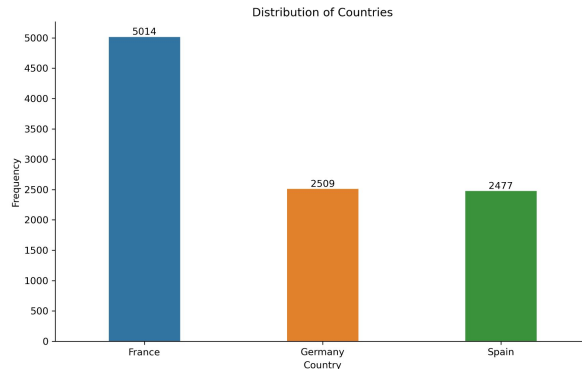
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```
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```

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Bar CHARTS

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EXAMPLE

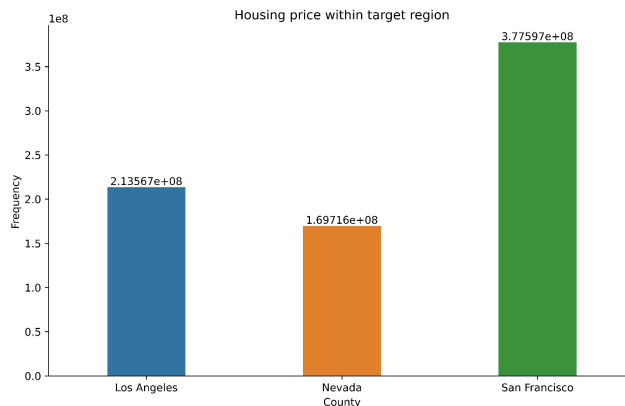
Sum price housing by Unit region_name Los Angeles, Nevada, San Francisco.

```
housing_target.groupby('region_name')[['median_active_list_price']].sum()
```

median_active_list_price	
region_name	
Los Angeles	213566636.8
Nevada	169715528.8
San Francisco	377597039.3



```
1 fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (10, 6), dpi = 100)
2 sns.barplot(x = housing_target.groupby('region_name')[['median_active_list_price']].sum().index,
3             y = housing_target.groupby('region_name')[['median_active_list_price']].sum(),
4             width=.4 )
5 ax.set_title('Housing price within target region')
6 ax.set_ylabel('Frequency')
7 ax.set_xlabel('County')
8 ax.bar_label(ax.containers[0], fontsize=10)
9 ax.spines[['right', 'top']].set_visible(False)
10 plt.show()
```





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Pie charts are used to compare proportions totaling 100%

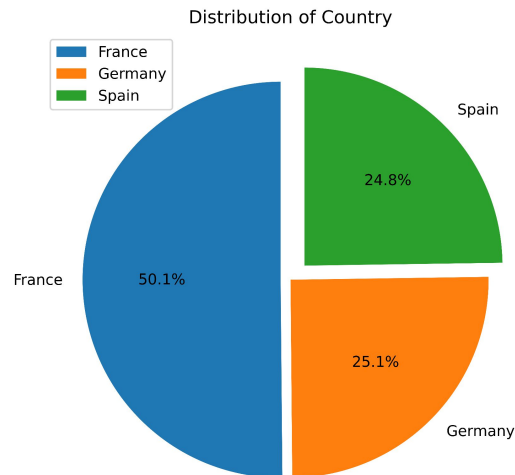
- ax.pie(*series values*, labels=, startangle=, autopct=, pctdistance=, explode=)**

Values in a single
column

Labels as the
index

```
1 df['country'].value_counts()

country
France    5014
Germany   2509
Spain     2477
Name: count, dtype: int64
```



```
fig, ax = plt.subplots( figsize = (6, 6), dpi = 100)
ax.pie(x = df['country'].value_counts(),
      labels = df['country'].value_counts().index,
      autopct='%1.1f%%',
      explode= [0.05, 0, 0.1],
      startangle=90)
ax.set_title('Distribution of Country')
ax.legend(df['country'].value_counts().index, loc='upper left')

plt.show()
```




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Homes Sold by City

total_homes_sold	
region_name	
Los Angeles	1580414.0
San Diego	809853.0
San Francisco	126990.0

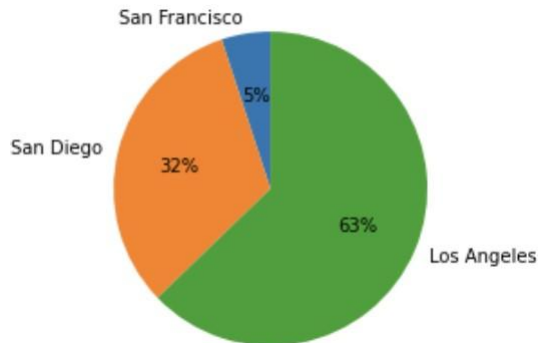
```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()

ax.pie(
    x=sales_totals["total_homes_sold"],
    startangle=90,
    labels=sales_totals.index,
    autopct="%.0f%%"
)

ax.set_title("Share of Home Sales Select CA Markets")
```



Share of Home Sales Select CA Markets





DONUT CHARTS

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You can create a **donut chart** by adding a “hole” to a pie chart and shifting the labels

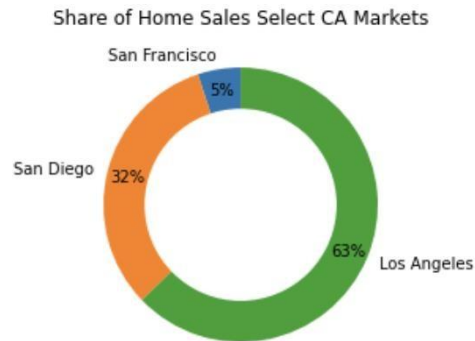
```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()

ax.pie(
    x=sales_totals["total_homes_sold"],
    startangle=90,
    labels=sales_totals.index,
    autopct="%.0f%%",
    pctdistance=.85)

donut_hole = plt.Circle((0, 0), 0.70, fc='white')
fig = plt.gcf()

fig.gca().add_artist(donut_hole)

ax.set_title("Share of Home Sales Select CA Markets")
```





Count plot using seaborn

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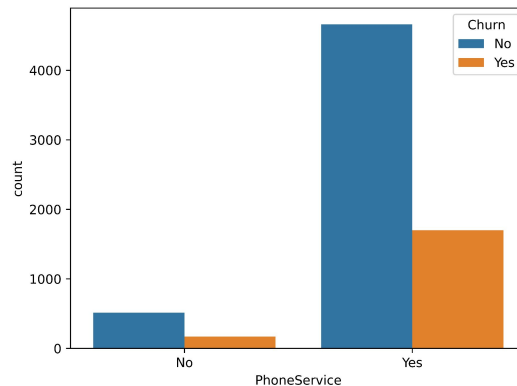
Countplot show the counts of observations in each categorical bin using bars

- **seaborn.countplot**(*, x=None, y=None, hue=None, data=None,)

```
df[['balance', 'estimated_salary']]
```

	balance	estimated_salary
0	0.00	101348.88
1	83807.86	112542.58
2	159660.80	113931.57
3	0.00	93826.63
4	125510.82	79084.10
...
9995	0.00	96270.64
9996	57369.61	101699.77
9997	0.00	42085.58
9998	75075.31	92888.52
9999	130142.79	38190.78

9941 rows x 2 columns



```
sns.countplot(x =df['PhoneService'], hue=df['Churn'])  
plt.show()
```



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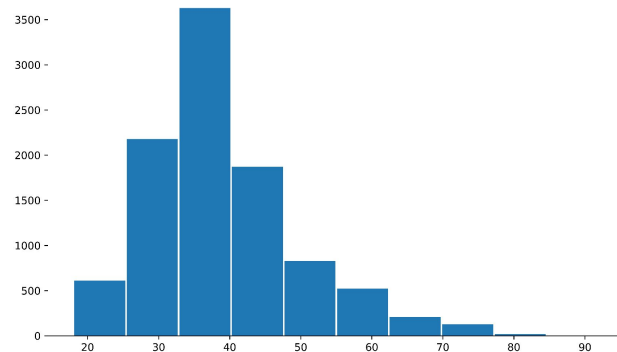
Histograms are used to visualize the distribution of a numeric variable

- **ax.hist(*series*, *density*=, *alpha*=, *bins*=)**
numerical series

```
: df['age']
```

```
: 0      42  
  1      41  
  2      42  
  3      39  
  4      43  
  ..  
9995    39  
9996    35
```

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (10, 6))  
ax.hist(x = df['age'], rwidth = 0.97)  
ax.spines['right'].set_visible(False)  
ax.spines['left'].set_visible(False)  
ax.spines['top'].set_visible(False)  
plt.savefig('hist.png', dpi = 1000)  
plt.show()
```





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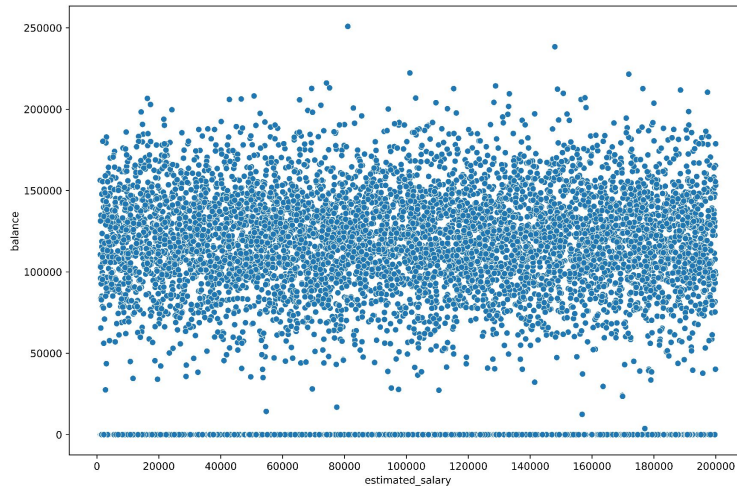
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Scatterplots are used to visualize the relationship between numerical variables

- **ax.scatter(x-axis series, y-axis series, size= , alpha=)**

```
df[['balance', 'estimated_salary']]
```

	balance	estimated_salary
0	0.00	101348.88
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ADVANCED CUSTOMIZATION

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In this section we'll cover **advanced customization** techniques in Matplotlib, including multi-chart figures, custom layouts & colors, style sheets, and more

TOPICS WE'LL COVER:

Subplots

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Saving Figures

GOALS FOR THIS SECTION:

- Understand how to build multi-chart figures both with subplots and GridSpec layouts
- Learn how to customize chart colors, by leveraging custom colormaps and creating your own!
- Take a look at pre-built stylesheets, and dive into the settings behind them that allow for extreme chart customization



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Subplots let you create a grid of equally sized charts in a single figure

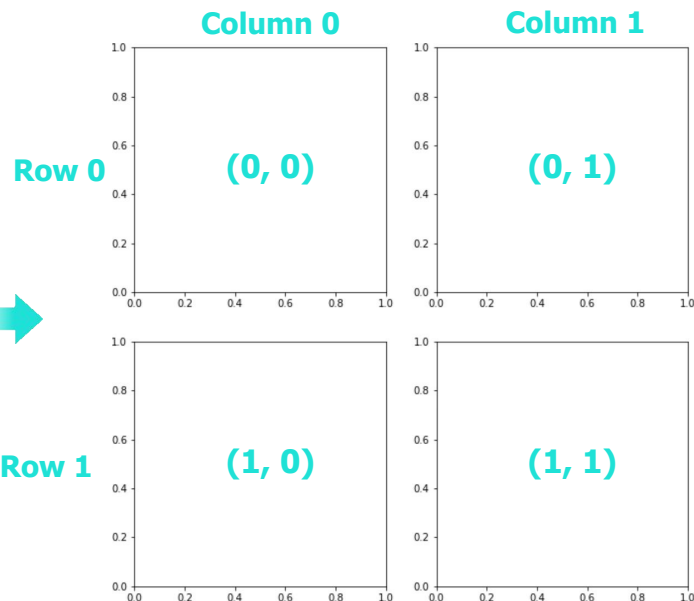
- **fig, ax = plt.subplots(**rows**, **columns**)** – this creates a grid with the specified rows & columns

```
housing.head()
```

region_name	Los Angeles	San Diego	San Francisco	Tulare
period_end				
2017-01-29	600558.0	603987.5	1210000.0	218237.5
2017-02-05	600558.0	607487.5	1218250.0	219606.2
2017-02-12	601808.0	612462.5	1230556.2	220975.0
2017-02-19	605183.0	617475.0	1230556.2	222343.7
2017-02-26	609375.0	621975.0	1222806.2	223343.7

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(10, 10))
```

This creates a 2 row, 2 column grid that can be populated with individual charts





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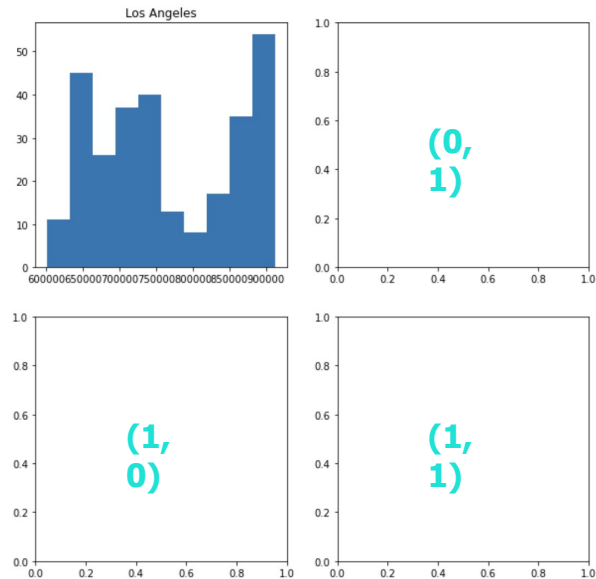
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```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(10, 10))  
  
ax[0][0].hist(housing["Los Angeles"])  
ax[0][0].set_title("Los Angeles")
```

Specify `ax[row][column]` to create and modify individual subplots





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Subplots let you create a grid of equally sized charts in a single figure

- **fig, ax = plt.subplots(rows, columns)** – this creates a grid with the specified rows & columns

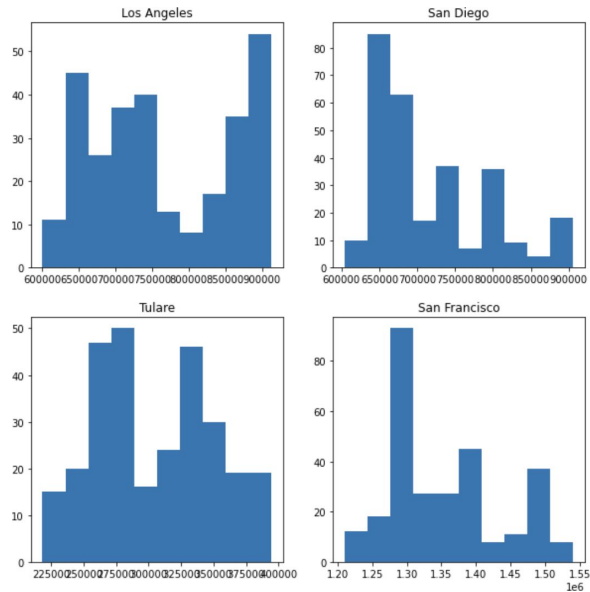
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ax[0][0].hist(housing["Los Angeles"])
ax[0][0].set_title("Los Angeles")

ax[0][1].hist(housing["San Diego"])
ax[0][1].set_title("San Diego")

ax[1][0].hist(housing["Tulare"])
ax[1][0].set_title("Tulare")

ax[1][1].hist(housing["San Francisco"])
ax[1][1].set_title("San Francisco")
```



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SUBPLOTS

Subplots can be **any chart type**, and do not have to be the same type

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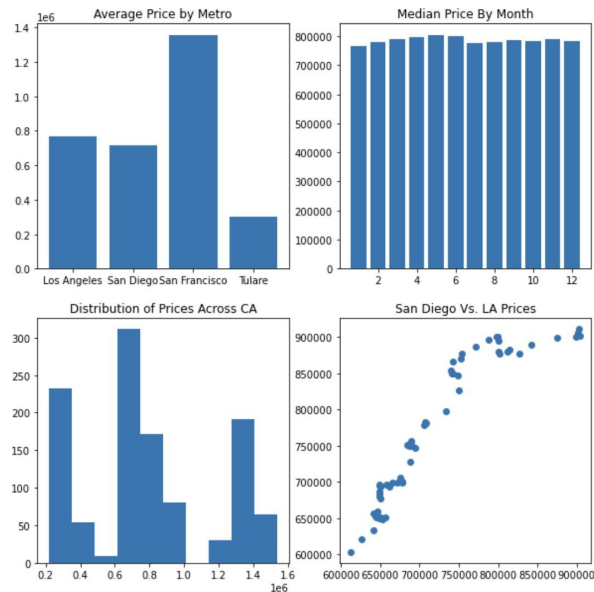
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    price_by_region["median_active_list_price"]
)
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ax[0][1].bar(
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    price_by_month["median_active_list_price"]
)
ax[0][1].set_title("Median Price By Month")

ax[1][0].hist(ca_housing["median_active_list_price"])
ax[1][0].set_title("Distribution of Prices Across CA")

ax[1][1].scatter(
    price_by_r_m.loc["San Diego", "median_active_list_price"],
    price_by_r_m.loc["Los Angeles", "median_active_list_price"]
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