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DATA SCIENCE Fundamental

EMBARKING ON A JOURNEY INTO DATA SCIENCE

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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!

MEET MATPLOTLIB

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matplotlib

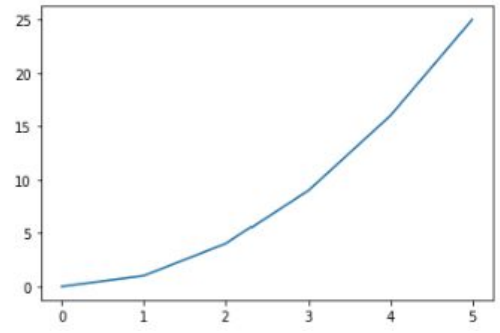
Matplotlib is an open-source Python library built for data visualization that lets you produce a wide variety of highly customizable charts & graphs

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.plot([0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25])
```

'plt' is the standard alias for Matplotlib

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



COMPATIBLE DATA TYPES

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

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

```
y
```

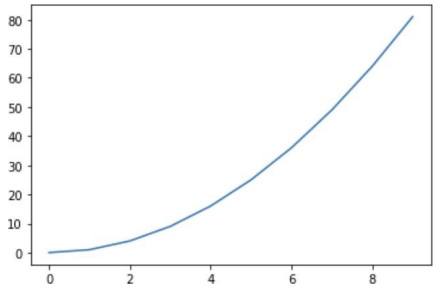
```
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

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

	x	y	z
0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
2	2	4	8

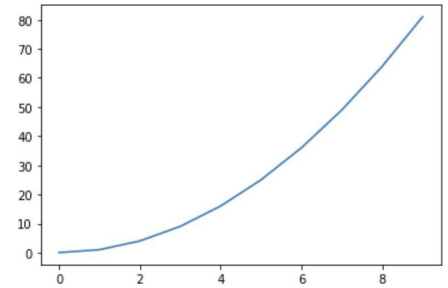
Python List

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



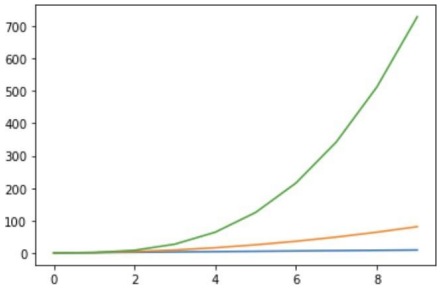
Pandas Series

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



Pandas DataFrame

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



PLOTTING METHODS

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

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PyPlot API

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

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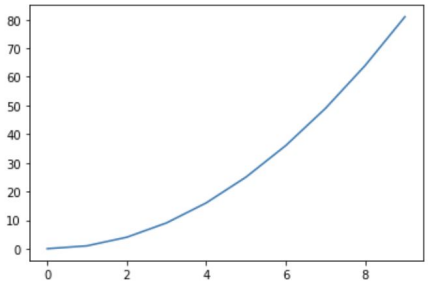
```



Object-Oriented

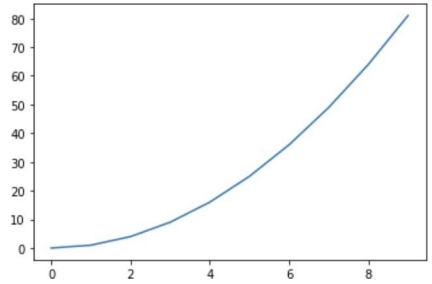
Charts are created by defining a plot object, and modified using figure & axis methods

```
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

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()

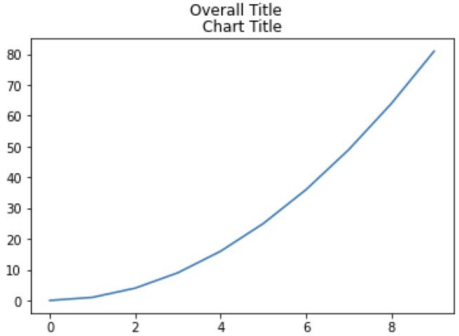
ax.plot(y)

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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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()
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country
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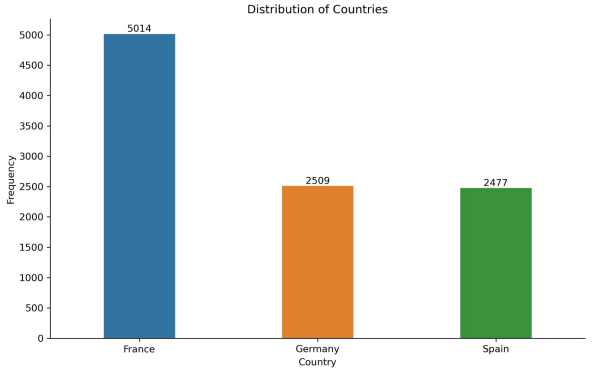


Exercise

Plotting each series independently allows for improved customization

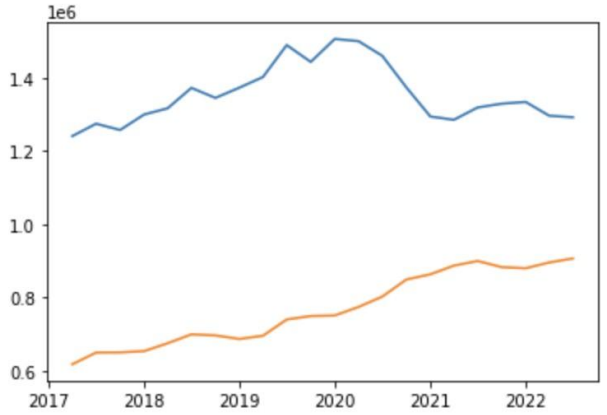
- **ax.plot(*x-axis series*, *y-series values*)**

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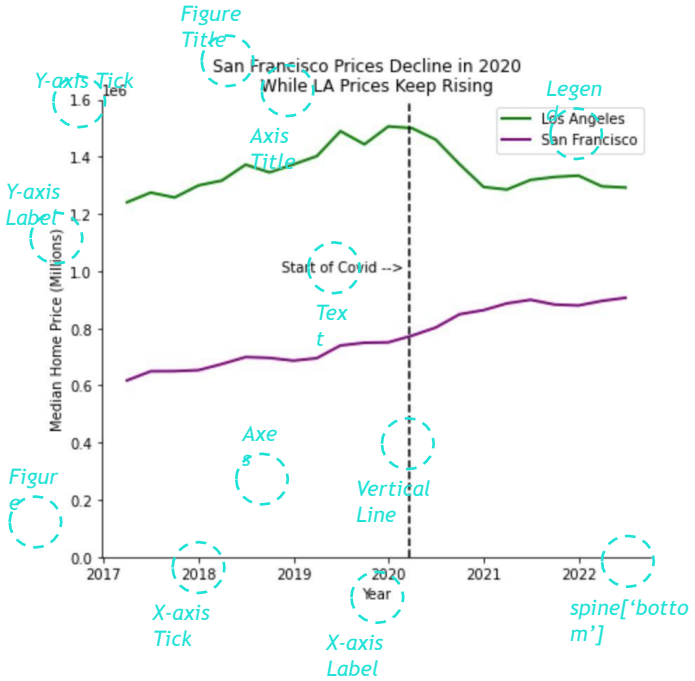
Matplotlib has these **formatting options** for PyPlot and Object-Oriented plots:



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

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

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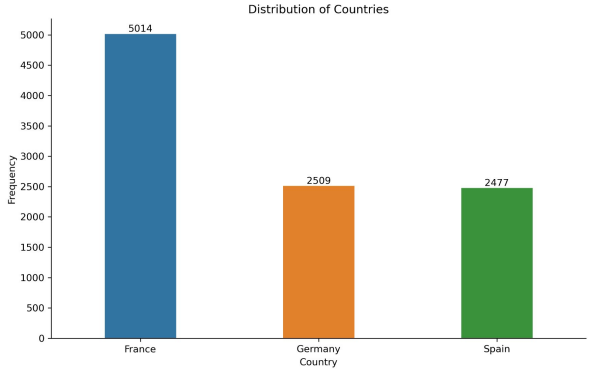

TIP: Increasing figure size lets you add whitespace to your visual, which can reduce clutter and add space to crowded axes

CHART TITLES

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

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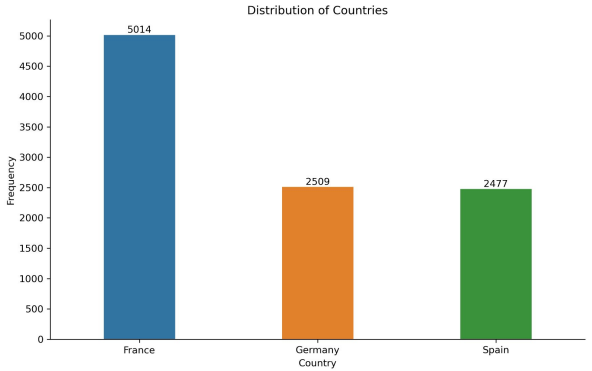

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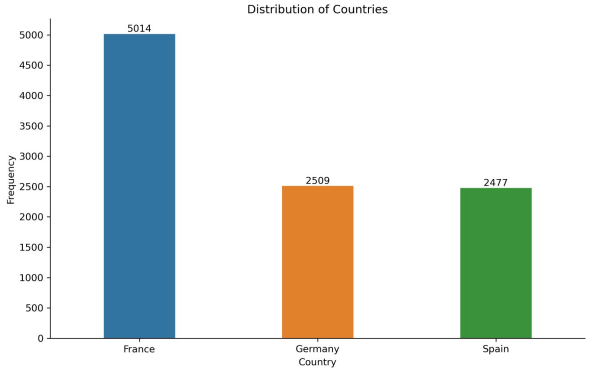

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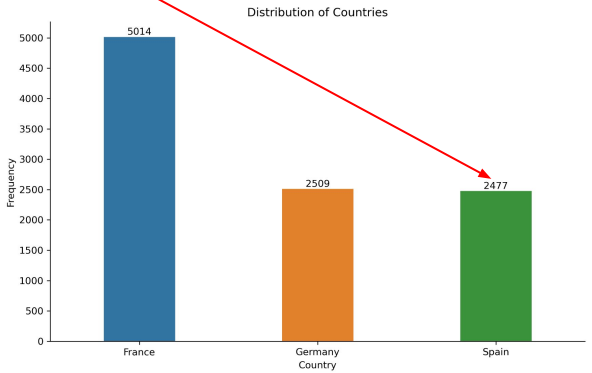

CUSTOM X-TICKS

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

- **ax.set_xticks(*iterable*)**

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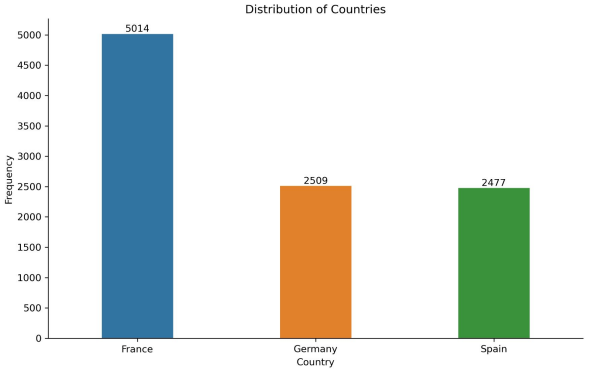

Bar CHARTS

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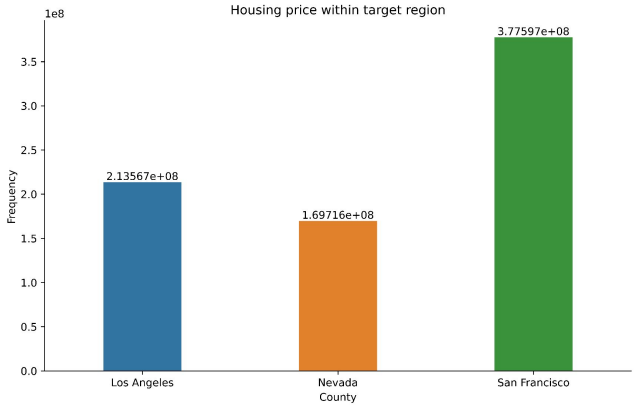
EXAMPLE *Sum price housing by Unit region_name* **Los Angeles, Nevada, San Francisco.**

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

region_name	median_active_list_price
Los Angeles	213566636.8
Nevada	169715528.8
San Francisco	377597039.3

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

PIE CHARTS

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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

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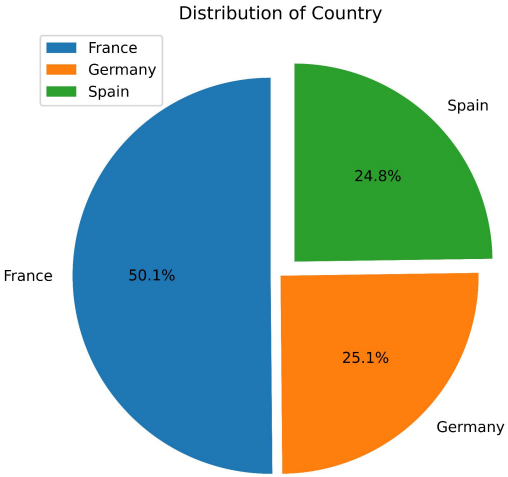


```
fig, ax = plt.subplots( figsize = (6, 6), dpi = 100)
ax.pie(x = df['country'].value_counts(),
       labels = df['country'].value_counts().index,
      autopct='%1.1f%%',
      explode= [0.05, 0, 0.1],
      startangle=90)
ax.set_title('Distribution of Country')
ax.legend(df['country'].value_counts().index,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

plt.show()
```

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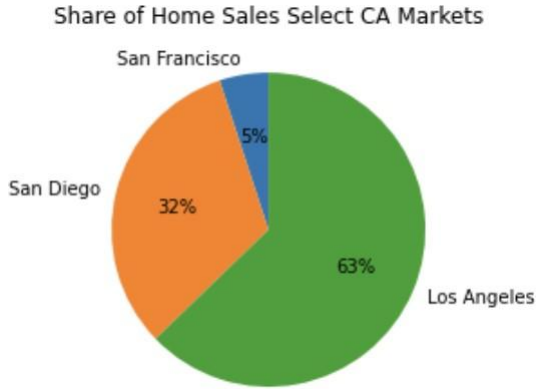
Exercise *Homes Sold by City*

region_name	total_homes_sold
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")
```



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")
```