# Matplotlib Pie Charts

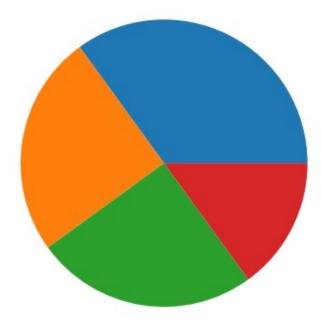
### **Creating Pie Charts**

With Pyplot, you can use the pie() function to draw pie charts:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

y = np.array([35, 25, 25, 15])

plt.pie(y)
plt.show()
```

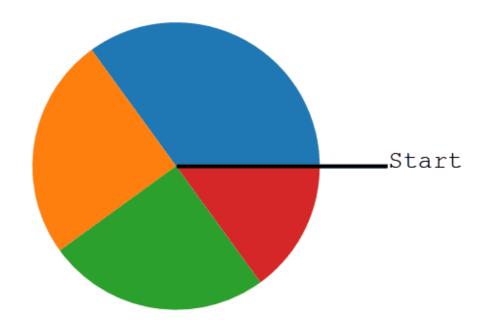


As you can see the pie chart draws one piece (called a wedge) for each value in the array (in this case [35, 25, 25, 15]).

By default the plotting of the first wedge starts from the x-axis and moves counterclockwise:

**Note:** The size of each wedge is determined by comparing the value with all the other values, by using this formula:

The value divided by the sum of all values: x/sum(x)



### Labels

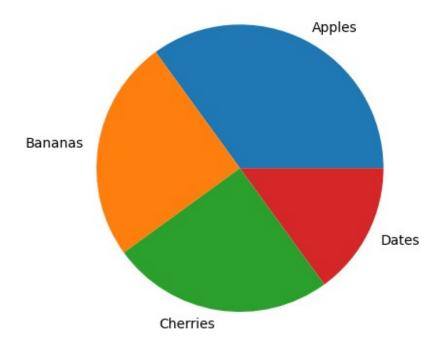
Add labels to the pie chart with the labels parameter.

The labels parameter must be an array with one label for each wedge:

```
#A simple pie chart:
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

y = np.array([35, 25, 25, 15])
mylabels = ["Apples", "Bananas", "Cherries", "Dates"]

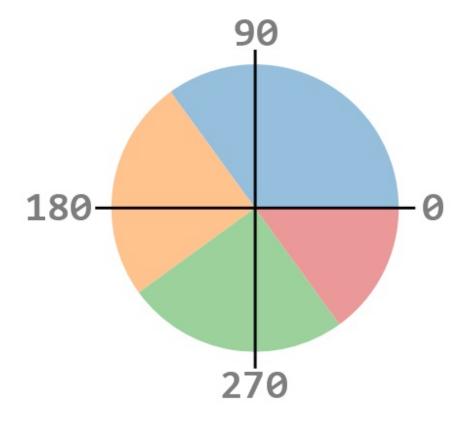
plt.pie(y, labels = mylabels)
plt.show()
```



# Start Angle

As mentioned the default start angle is at the x-axis, but you can change the start angle by specifying a startangle parameter.

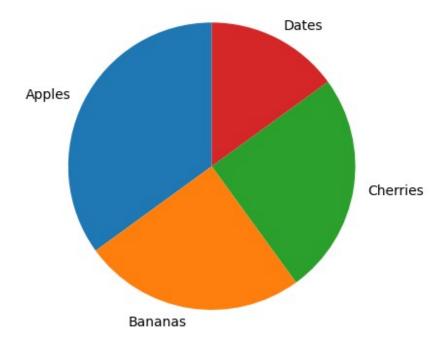
The startangle parameter is defined with an angle in degrees, default angle is 0:



```
#Start the first wedge at 90 degrees:
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

y = np.array([35, 25, 25, 15])
mylabels = ["Apples", "Bananas", "Cherries", "Dates"]

plt.pie(y, labels = mylabels, startangle = 90)
plt.show()
```



# Explode

Maybe you want one of the wedges to stand out? The explode parameter allows you to do that.

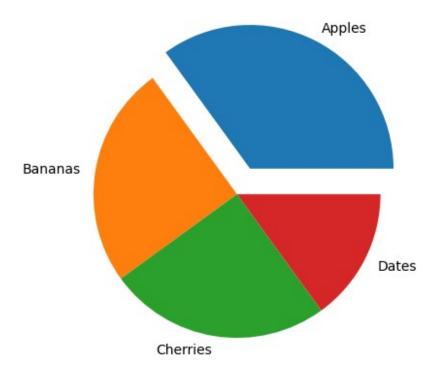
The explode parameter, if specified, and not None, must be an array with one value for each wedge.

Each value represents how far from the center each wedge is displayed:

```
#Pull the "Apples" wedge 0.2 from the center of the pie:
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

y = np.array([35, 25, 25, 15])
mylabels = ["Apples", "Bananas", "Cherries", "Dates"]
myexplode = [0.2, 0, 0, 0]

plt.pie(y, labels = mylabels, explode = myexplode)
plt.show()
```



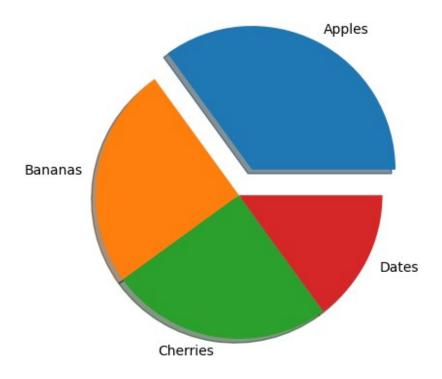
### **Shadow**

Add a shadow to the pie chart by setting the shadows parameter to True:

```
#Add a shadow:
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

y = np.array([35, 25, 25, 15])
mylabels = ["Apples", "Bananas", "Cherries", "Dates"]
myexplode = [0.2, 0, 0, 0]

plt.pie(y, labels = mylabels, explode = myexplode, shadow = True)
plt.show()
```



### Colors

You can set the color of each wedge with the colors parameter.

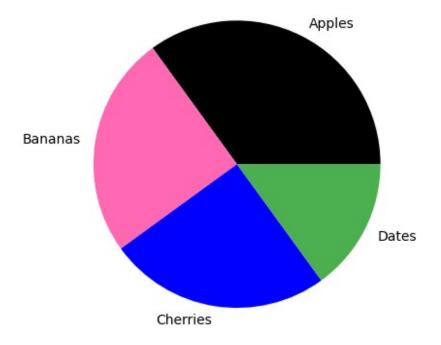
The colors parameter, if specified, must be an array with one value for each wedge:

'r' - Red, 'g' - Green, 'b' - Blue, 'c' - Cyan, 'm' - Magenta, 'y' - Yellow, 'k' - Black, 'w' - White

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

y = np.array([35, 25, 25, 15])
mylabels = ["Apples", "Bananas", "Cherries", "Dates"]
mycolors = ["black", "hotpink", "b", "#4CAF50"]

plt.pie(y, labels = mylabels, colors = mycolors)
plt.show()
```



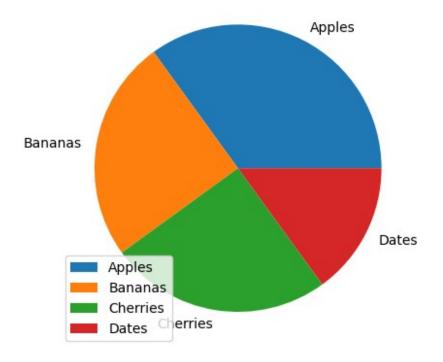
## Legend

To add a list of explanation for each wedge, use the legend() function:

```
#Add a legend:
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

y = np.array([35, 25, 25, 15])
mylabels = ["Apples", "Bananas", "Cherries", "Dates"]

plt.pie(y, labels = mylabels)
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



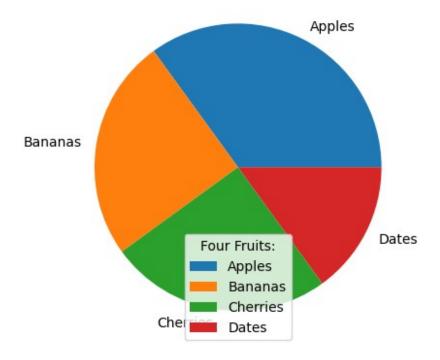
## Legend With Header

To add a header to the legend, add the title parameter to the legend function.

```
#Add a legend with a header:
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

y = np.array([35, 25, 25, 15])
mylabels = ["Apples", "Bananas", "Cherries", "Dates"]

plt.pie(y, labels = mylabels)
plt.legend(title = "Four Fruits:")
plt.show()
```



To change the position of the legend in your pie chart, you can use the bbox\_to\_anchor parameter in the plt.legend() function. This parameter allows you to specify the position of the legend relative to the plot.

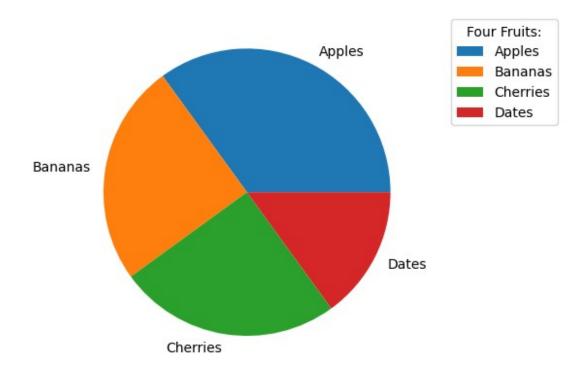
Here's how you can modify your code to change the position of the legend:

1. **Position the legend outside the pie chart:** This will place the legend outside the pie chart on the right side.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

y = np.array([35, 25, 25, 15])
mylabels = ["Apples", "Bananas", "Cherries", "Dates"]

plt.pie(y, labels=mylabels)
plt.legend(title="Four Fruits:", bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1), loc='upper left')
plt.show()
```

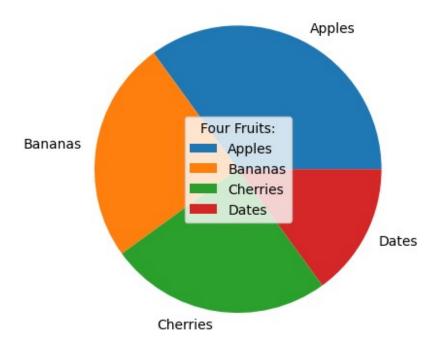


1. **Position the legend inside the pie chart:** This will place the legend inside the pie chart at a specified position.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

y = np.array([35, 25, 25, 15])
mylabels = ["Apples", "Bananas", "Cherries", "Dates"]

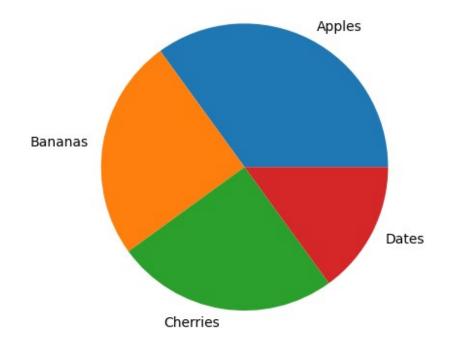
plt.pie(y, labels=mylabels)
plt.legend(title="Four Fruits:", bbox_to_anchor=(0.5, 0.5),
loc='center')
plt.show()
```



```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

y = np.array([35, 25, 25, 15])
mylabels = ["Apples", "Bananas", "Cherries", "Dates"]

plt.pie(y, labels=mylabels)
plt.legend(title="Four Fruits:", bbox_to_anchor=(0.5, -0.1),
loc='upper center', ncol=4)
plt.show()
```





#### In these examples:

- bbox\_to\_anchor specifies the position of the legend relative to the plot.
- loc specifies the anchor point of the legend.
- ncol is used to specify the number of columns for the legend (useful for arranging the legend items neatly). You can adjust the bbox\_to\_anchor values to place the legend wherever you prefer.