

# Charting word length with NLTK

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##  Natural Language Processing in Python  ##  
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\$1 Introduction to Natural Language Processing in Python

\$1.1 Regular expressions & word tokenization

## 1 Charting word length with NLTK

### 1.1 Why is it in need to get started with matplotlib?

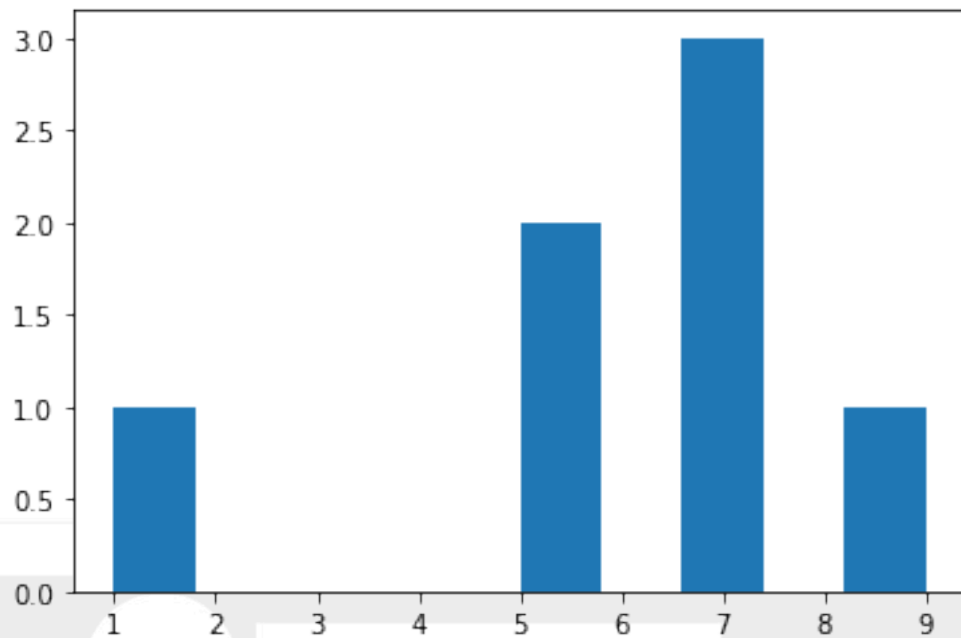
- It is a charting library used by many open-source Python projects.
- It has straightforward functionality with lots of options:
  - *histograms*
  - *bar charts*
  - *line charts*
  - *scatter plots*
- And also, it has advanced functionality like 3D graphs and animations!

### 1.2 Code of plotting a histogram with matplotlib:

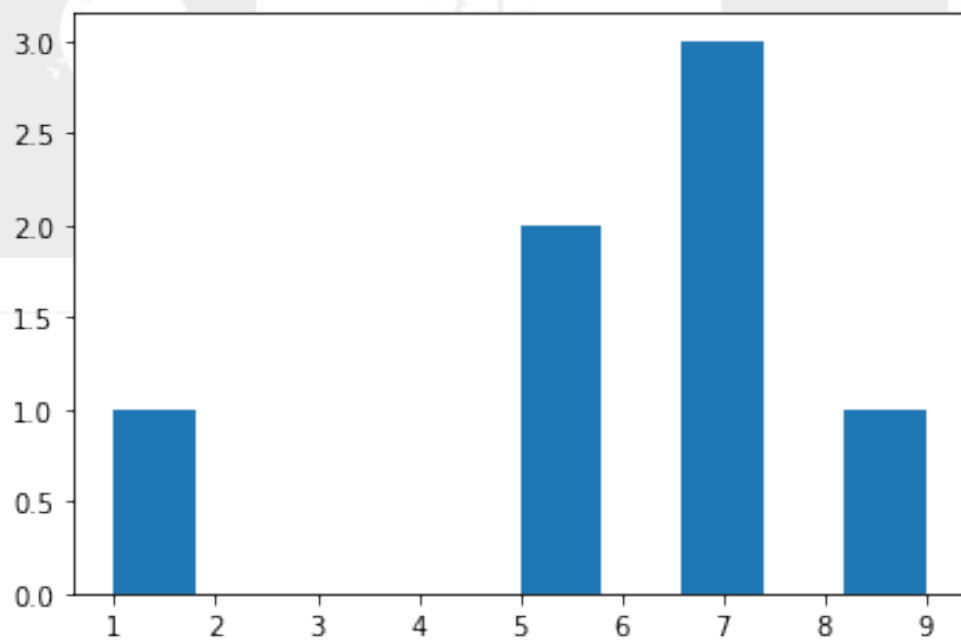
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[1]: from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
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plt.hist([1, 5, 5, 7, 7, 7, 9])
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[1]: (array([1., 0., 0., 0., 0., 2., 0., 3., 0., 1.]),  
      array([1. , 1.8, 2.6, 3.4, 4.2, 5. , 5.8, 6.6, 7.4, 8.2, 9. ]),  
      <BarContainer object of 10 artists>)
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[2]: plt.hist([1, 5, 5, 7, 7, 7, 9])  
plt.show()
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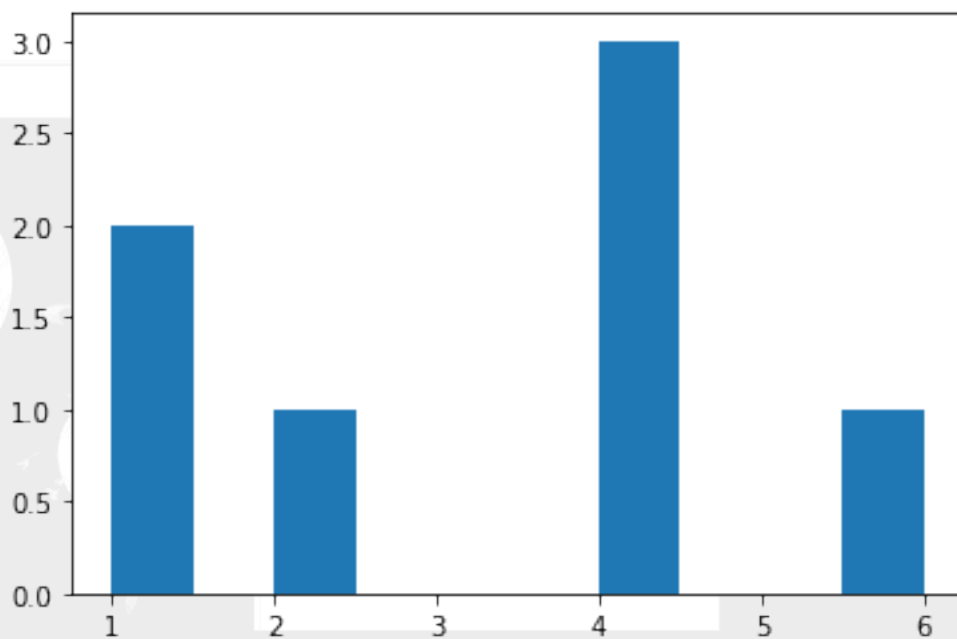


### 1.3 Code of combining NLP data extraction with plotting:

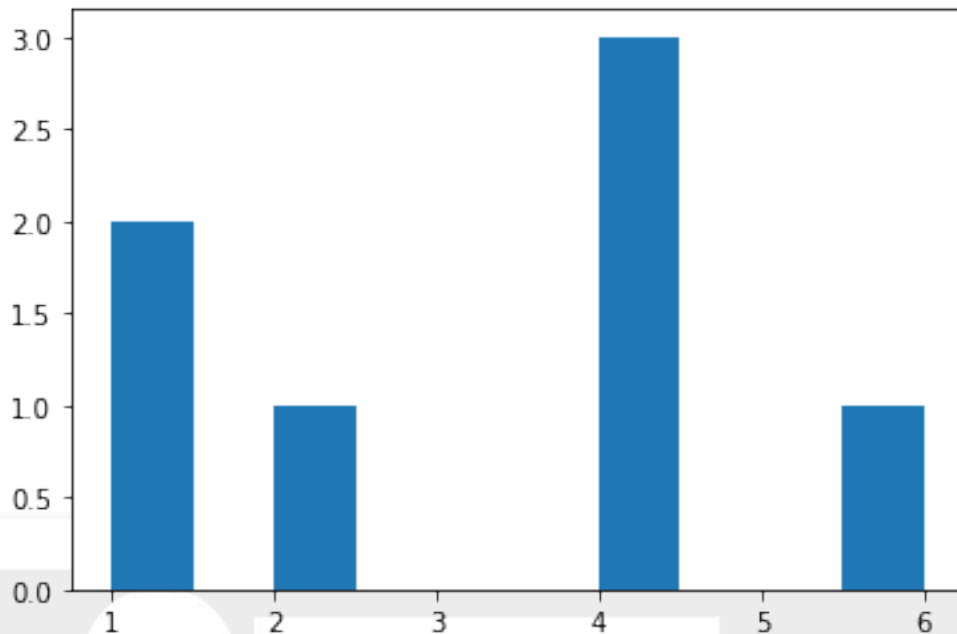
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[3]: from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
      from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize

      words = word_tokenize("This is a pretty cool tool!")
      word_lengths = [len(w) for w in words]
      plt.hist(word_lengths)
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[3]: (array([2., 0., 1., 0., 0., 0., 3., 0., 0., 1.]),
      array([1. , 1.5, 2. , 2.5, 3. , 3.5, 4. , 4.5, 5. , 5.5, 6. ]),
      <BarContainer object of 10 artists>)
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[4]: plt.hist(word_lengths)
      plt.show()
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#### 1.4 Practice exercises for charting word length with NLTK:

##### ► Package pre-loading:

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[5]: import re
      from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
      from nltk.tokenize import regexp_tokenize
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##### ► Data pre-loading:

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[6]: holy_grail = open("ref2. Monty Python and the Holy Grail.txt").read()
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##### ► Charting practice:

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[7]: # Split the script into lines: lines
      lines = holy_grail.split('\n')

      # Replace all script lines for speaker
      pattern = "[A-Z]{2,}(\s)?(#\d)?([A-Z]{2,})?:"
      lines = [re.sub(pattern, '', 1) for 1 in lines]

      # Tokenize each line: tokenized_lines
      tokenized_lines = [regexp_tokenize(s, '\w+') for s in lines]

      # Make a frequency list of lengths: line_num_words
      line_num_words = [len(t_line) for t_line in tokenized_lines]
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# Plot a histogram of the line lengths  
plt.hist(line_num_words)  
  
# Show the plot  
plt.show()
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