

# Lec 10 - matplotlib

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# matplotlib

# matplotlib vs. pyplot

matplotlib is a comprehensive library for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations in Python.

```
import matplotlib as mpl  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Why do we usually import only pyplot then?

Matplotlib is the whole package; matplotlib.pyplot is a module in matplotlib; and pylab is a module that gets installed alongside matplotlib.

Pyplot provides the state-machine interface to the underlying object-oriented plotting library. The state-machine implicitly and automatically creates figures and axes to achieve the desired plot.

# Plot anatomy



Other important terminology:

- **Figure** - The entire plot (including subplots)
- **Axes** - Subplot attached to a figure, contains the region for plotting data and axis'
- **Axis** - Set the scale and limits, generate ticks and ticklabels
- **Artist** - Everything visible on a figure: text, lines, axis, axes, etc.

# Basic plot - OO style

```
x = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 100)
y1 = np.sin(x)
y2 = np.cos(x)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 3))
ax.plot(x, y1, label="sin(x)")
ax.plot(x, y2, label="cos(x)")
ax.set_title("Simple Plot")
ax.legend()
```

# Basic plot - pyplot style

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plt.title("Simple Plot")
plt.legend()
```

# Subplots

```
x = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 30)
y1 = np.sin(x)
y2 = np.cos(x)

fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(9, 3))
ax1.plot(x, y1, "--b", label="sin(x)")
ax2.plot(x, y2, "-r", label="cos(x)")
fig.suptitle("Subplot")
ax1.set_title("subplot 1")
ax2.set_title("subplot 2")
ax1.legend()
ax2.legend()
```

# More subplots

```
x = np.linspace(-2, 2, 101)

fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(4, 4))
axs[0,0].plot(x, x, "b", label="linear")
axs[0,1].plot(x, x**2, "r", label="quadratic")
axs[1,0].plot(x, x**3, "g", label="cubic")
axs[1,1].plot(x, x**4, "c", label="quartic")
[ax.legend() for row in axs for ax in row]
fig.suptitle("More subplots")
```

# Fancy subplots (mosaic)

```
x = np.linspace(-2, 2, 101)

fig, axd = plt.subplot_mosaic([['upleft', 'right',
                                ['lowleft', 'right'],
                                ['upleft'].plot(x, x, "b", label="linear")
                                axd['lowleft'].plot(x, x**2, "r", label="quadratic")
                                axd['right'].plot(x, x**3, "g", label="cubic")

                                axd['upleft'].set_title("Linear")
                                axd['lowleft'].set_title("Quadratic")
                                axd['right'].set_title("Cubic")
```



# Format strings

For quick formating of plots (scatter and line) format strings are a useful shorthand, generally they use the format '[marker][line][color]',

character	shape	character	line style	character	color
.	point	-	solid	b	blue
,	pixel	--	dashed	g	green
o	circle	-.	dash-dot	r	red
v	triangle down	:	dotted	c	cyan
^	triangle up			m	magenta
<	triangle left			y	yellow
				k	black

See Notes section of `matplotlib.pyplot` docs

# Plotting data

Beyond creating plots for arrays (and lists), addressable objects like dicts and DataFrames can be used via `data`,

```
np.random.seed(19680801) # seed the random number generator.  
d = {'x': np.arange(50),  
     'color': np.random.randint(0, 50, 50),  
     'size': np.abs(np.random.randn(50)) * 100}  
d['y'] = d['x'] + 10 * np.random.randn(50)  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 3))  
plt.scatter('x', 'y', c='color', s='size', data=d)  
plt.xlabel("x-axis")  
plt.ylabel("y-axis")
```

# Constrained layout

To fix the legend clipping we can use the "constrained" layout to adjust automatically,

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d['y'] = d['x'] + 10 * np.random.randn(50)  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 3), layout="constrained")  
plt.scatter('x', 'y', c='color', s='size', data=d)  
plt.xlabel("x-axis")  
plt.ylabel("y-axis")
```

# pyplot w/ pandas data

Data can also come from DataFrame objects or series,

```
df = pd.DataFrame({  
    "x": np.random.normal(size=10000)  
}).assign(  
    y = lambda d: np.random.normal(0.75*d.x, np.sqrt(1 - 0.75**2)*d.std(), len(d))  
)  
  
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(5,5))  
ax.scatter('x', 'y', c='k', data=df, alpha=0.1, s=10)  
ax.set_xlabel('x')  
ax.set_ylabel('y')  
ax.set_title("Bivariate normal ( $\rho=0.75$ )")
```

# pyplot w/ pandas series

Series objects can also be plotted directly, the index is used as the x axis values,

```
s = pd.Series(  
    np.cumsum( np.random.normal(size=100) ),  
    index = pd.date_range("2022-01-01", periods=100  
)  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(3, 3), layout="constrained")  
  
plt.plot(s)  
  
plt.show()
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(3, 3), layout="constrained")  
  
plt.plot(s.index, s.values)  
plt.xticks(rotation=45)  
  
plt.show()
```

# Scales

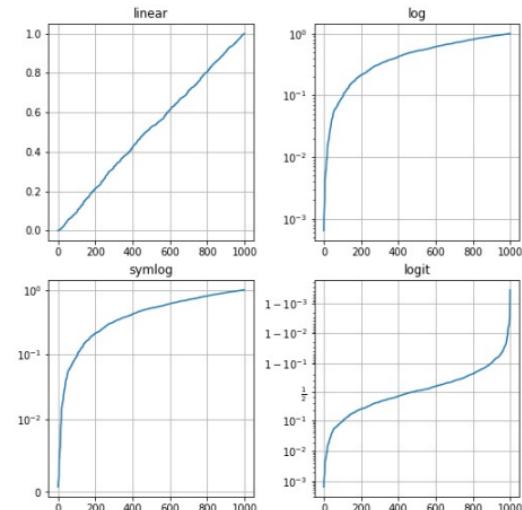
Axis scales can be changed via `plt.xscale()`, `plt.yscale()`, `ax.set_xscale()`, or `ax.set_yscale()`, supported values are "linear", "log", "symlog", and "logit".

```
y = np.sort( np.random.sample(size=1000) )
x = np.arange(len(y))

plt.figure(layout="constrained")

scales = ['linear', 'log', 'symlog', 'logit']
for i, scale in zip(range(4), scales):
    plt.subplot(221+i)
    plt.plot(x, y)
    plt.grid(True)
    if scale == 'symlog':
        plt.yscale(scale, linthresh=0.01)
    else:
        plt.yscale(scale)
    plt.title(scale)

plt.show()
```



# Categorical data

```
df = pd.DataFrame({  
    "cat": ["A", "B", "C", "D", "E"],  
    "value": np.exp(range(5))  
})  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(4, 6), layout="constrained")  
  
plt.subplot(321)  
plt.scatter("cat", "value", data=df)  
plt.subplot(322)  
plt.scatter("value", "cat", data=df)  
  
plt.subplot(323)  
plt.plot("cat", "value", data=df)  
plt.subplot(324)  
plt.plot("value", "cat", data=df)  
  
plt.subplot(325)  
plt.bar("cat", "value", data=df)  
plt.subplot(326)  
plt.bar("value", "cat", data=df)  
  
plt.show()
```



# Histograms

```
df = pd.DataFrame({  
    "x1": np.random.normal(size=100),  
    "x2": np.random.normal(1,2, size=100)  
})  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(4, 6), layout="constrained")  
  
plt.subplot(311)  
plt.hist("x1", bins=10, data=df, alpha=0.5)  
plt.hist("x2", bins=10, data=df, alpha=0.5)  
  
plt.subplot(312)  
plt.hist(df, alpha=0.5)  
  
plt.subplot(313)  
plt.hist(df, stacked=True, alpha=0.5)  
  
plt.show()
```

# Boxplots

```
df = pd.DataFrame({  
    "x1": np.random.normal(size=100),  
    "x2": np.random.normal(1,2, size=100),  
    "x3": np.random.normal(-1,3, size=100)  
}).melt()  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(4, 4), layout="constrained")  
  
plt.boxplot("value", positions="variable", data=df)  
  
## ValueError: List of boxplot statistics and `positions` values must have same the length  
  
plt.boxplot(df.value, positions=df.variable)  
  
## ValueError: List of boxplot statistics and `positions` values must have same the length
```

# Boxplots (cont.)

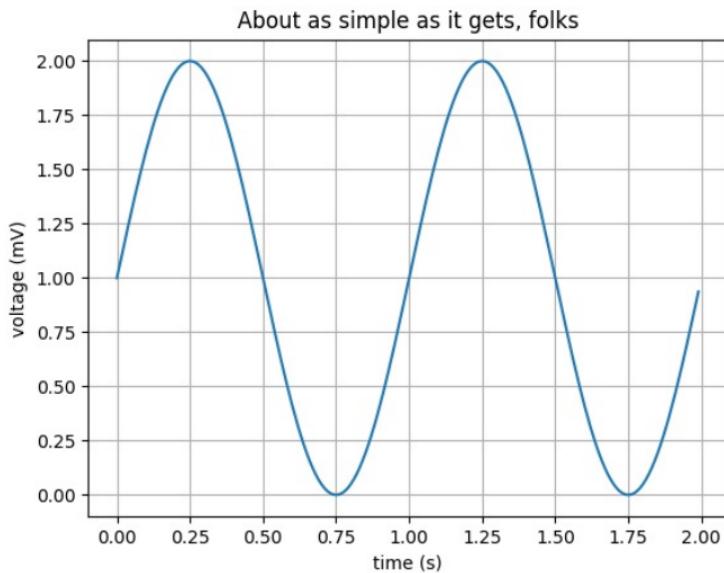
```
df = pd.DataFrame({  
    "x1": np.random.normal(size=100),  
    "x2": np.random.normal(1,2, size=100),  
    "x3": np.random.normal(-1,3, size=100)  
})  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(4, 6), layout="constrained")  
  
plt.subplot(211)  
plt.boxplot(df)  
  
plt.subplot(212)  
plt.violinplot(df)  
  
plt.show()
```

# Other Plot Types

[https://matplotlib.org/stable/plot\\_types/index.html](https://matplotlib.org/stable/plot_types/index.html)

# Exercise 1

To the bets of your ability recreate the following plot,



# Plotting with pandas

# plot methods

Both Series and DataFrame objects have a plot method which can be used to create visualizations - dtypes determine the type of plot produced. Note these are just pyplot plots and can be formatted as such.

```
s = pd.Series(  
    np.cumsum( np.random.normal(size=100) ),  
    index = pd.date_range("2022-01-01", periods=100, freq="D")  
)  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(3,3), layout="constrained")  
s.plot()  
plt.show()
```

# DataFrame plot

```
df = pd.DataFrame(  
    np.cumsum( np.random.normal(size=(100,4)), axis=0),  
    index = pd.date_range("2022-01-01", periods=100, freq="D"),  
    columns = list("ABCD")  
)  
  
plt.figure(layout="constrained")  
df.plot(figsize=(5,3))  
plt.show()
```

# DataFrame line styles

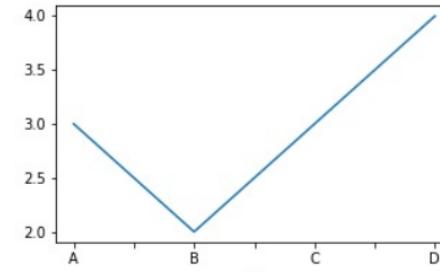
```
df.plot(  
    figsize=(5,3),  
    style = {  
        "A": "-b",  
        "B": "--y",  
        "C": "-.g",  
        "D": ":r"  
    }  
)
```

# DataFrame plot - categorical

```
df = pd.DataFrame({  
    "x": list("ABCD"),  
    "y": np.random.poisson(lam=2, size=4)  
})  
  
df.plot(figsize=(5,3), legend=False)
```



```
df.set_index("x").plot(figsize=(5,3), legend=False)
```

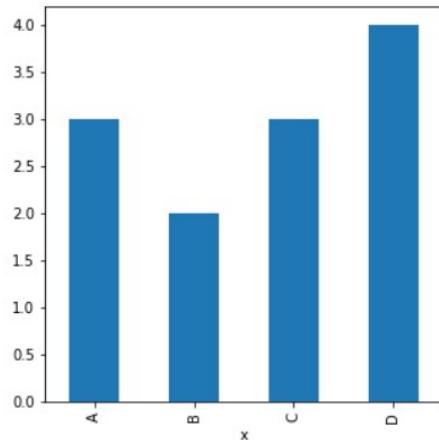


```
df.set_index("x").plot(  
    figsize=(5,3), kind="bar", legend=False  
)
```

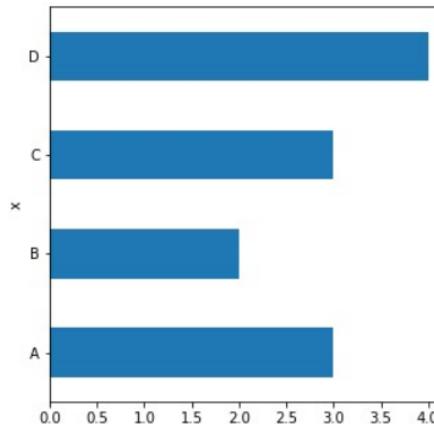
# Other plot types

Plot types can be changed via the `kind` argument or using one of the `DataFrame.plot.<kind>` method,

```
df.set_index("x").plot.bar(  
    legend=False, figsize=(5,5)  
)
```

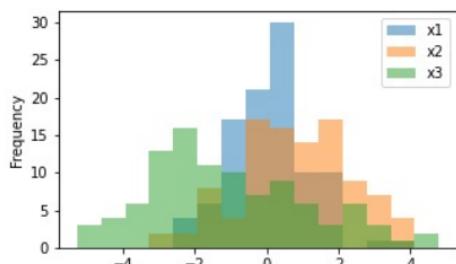


```
df.set_index("x").plot.bart(  
    legend=False, figsize=(5,5)  
)
```

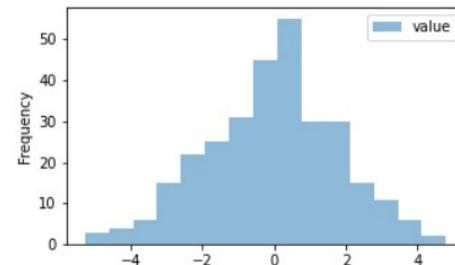


# Wide vs long - histograms

```
df = pd.DataFrame({  
    "x1": np.random.normal(size=100),  
    "x2": np.random.normal(1,1.5, size=100),  
    "x3": np.random.normal(-1,2, size=100)  
})  
  
df.plot.hist(figsize=(5,3), alpha=0.5, bins=15)
```



```
df_wide = df.melt()  
df_wide.plot.hist(figsize=(5,3), alpha=0.5, bins=15)
```



```
df_wide.set_index("variable").plot.hist(  
    figsize=(5,3), alpha=0.5, bins=15  
)
```

# plot and groupby

```
df_wide
```

```
##      variable     value
## 0          x1  1.471225
## 1          x1 -0.178315
## 2          x1  0.156732
## 3          x1  0.291983
## 4          x1  1.593502
## ..
## ...
## 295         x3 -3.202525
## 296         x3 -4.066616
## 297         x3  0.095091
## 298         x3 -2.446253
## 299         x3 -1.810505
##
## [300 rows x 2 columns]
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))

_ = ( df_wide
      .groupby("variable")["value"]
      .plot.hist(
          alpha=0.5, legend=True, bins=15
      )
    )

plt.show()
```

Here we are plotting Series objects hence the need to use plt.figure() and plt.show().

# pandas and subplots

```
plt.figure(figsize=(5,3))
```

```
plt.subplot(211)
```

```
df[["x1"]].plot.hist(bins=15, figsize=(5,3))
```

```
plt.subplot(212)
```

```
df[["x2"]].plot.hist(bins=15, figsize=(5,3))
```

```
plt.show()
```



```
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(2,1, figsize=(5,5))
```

```
df[["x1"]].plot.hist(ax = ax1, bins=15)
```

```
df[["x2"]].plot.hist(ax = ax2, bins=15)
```

```
plt.show()
```

# Using by

```
df_wide.plot.hist(bins=15, by="variable", legend=False, figsize=(5,5))
```

```
plt.show()
```



Note the `by` argument is not common to most of the other plotting functions - only box also has it.

# Higher level plots - pair plot

The pandas library also provides the plotting submodule with several useful higher level plots,

```
cov = np.identity(5)
cov[1,2] = cov[2,1] = 0.5
cov[3,0] = cov[0,3] = -0.8

df = pd.DataFrame(
    np.random.multivariate_normal(mean=[0]*5, cov=cov,
    columns = ["x1","x2","x3","x4","x5"])
)

df
```

```
##           x1          x2          x3          x4
## 0   -0.675512 -0.072846  0.536075 -0.480851  0.
## 1    0.867784 -0.099565  0.014922 -1.403662  0.
## 2    0.028221 -1.572683 -2.679542 -1.030949 -0.
## 3    0.434528 -0.570881  0.446828 -0.424219 -1.
## 4    0.320779  0.294548  0.834556 -0.261610 -0.
## ...
## 995 -0.642675  1.500878  0.244987  0.472639  0.
## 996  1.481997  0.902982  1.271029 -1.003460 -0.
## 997  0.001276  1.001031 -0.196185 -0.430334 -0.
```

```
pd.plotting.scatter_matrix(df, alpha=0.2, diagonal='kde')
plt.show()
```

# Autocorrelation plots

```
rw = pd.Series(  
    np.cumsum( np.random.normal(size=100) ),  
)
```

```
pd.plotting.autocorrelation_plot(rw)
```

```
plt.show()
```



```
wn = pd.Series(  
    np.random.normal(size=100),  
)
```

```
pd.plotting.autocorrelation_plot(wn)
```

```
plt.show()
```



# Other plots

```
dir(pd.plotting)  
## ['PlotAccessor', '__all__', '__builtins__', '__cached__', '__doc__', '__file__', '__loader__', '__name__', '__package__', '__spec__']
```