

# Area Plots, Histograms, and Bar Charts

Estimated time needed: 30 minutes

# Objectives

After completing this lab you will be able to:

- · Create and customize
  - Area plot
  - Histogram
  - Bar charts on a dataset

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# **Import Libraries**

Import the matplotlib library.

```
In [1]: #Import Primary Modules:
    import numpy as np # useful for many scientific computing in Python
    import pandas as pd # primary data structure library

# use the inline backend to generate the plots within the browser
%matplotlib inline

import matplotlib as mpl
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

mpl.style.use('ggplot') # optional: for ggplot-like style

# check for latest version of Matplotlib
    print('Matplotlib version: ', mpl.__version__) # >= 2.0.0

Matplotlib version: 3.5.3
```

# Fetching Data

Dataset: Immigration to Canada from 1980 to 2013 - International migration flows to and from selected countries - The 2015 revision from United Nation's website

In this lab, we will focus on the Canadian Immigration data and use the already cleaned dataset and can be fetched from here.

You can refer to the lab on data pre-processing wherein this dataset is cleaned for a quick refresh your Panads skills Data pre-processing with Pandas

```
In [2]: df_can = pd.read_csv('https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBMDeveloperSkillsNetwork-DV0101EN-SkillsNetwork/Data%20Files
print('Data read into a pandas dataframe!')
```

Data read into a pandas dataframe!

Let's take a look at the first five items in our dataset

```
In [3]: df_can.head()
```

Out[3]:		Country	Continent	Region	DevName	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	•••	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
	0	Afghanistan	Asia	Southern Asia	Developing regions	16	39	39	47	71	340		3436	3009	2652	2111	1746	1758	2203	2635	2004	58639
	1	Albania	Europe	Southern Europe	Developed regions	1	0	0	0	0	0		1223	856	702	560	716	561	539	620	603	15699
	2	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	Developing regions	80	67	71	69	63	44		3626	4807	3623	4005	5393	4752	4325	3774	4331	69439
	3	American Samoa	Oceania	Polynesia	Developing regions	0	1	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	4	Andorra	Europe	Southern	Developed regions	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	15

5 rows × 39 columns

Let's find out how many entries there are in our dataset.

```
In [4]: # print the dimensions of the dataframe
print(df_can.shape)
```

(195, 39)

Set the country name as index - useful for quickly looking up countries using .loc method.

```
In [5]: df_can.set_index('Country', inplace=True)
# Let's view the first five elements and see how the dataframe was changed
df_can.head()
```

Out[5]:		Continent	Region	DevName	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
	Country																				
	Afghanistan	Asia	Southern Asia	Developing regions	16	39	39	47	71	340	496	 3436	3009	2652	2111	1746	1758	2203	2635	2004	58639
	Albania	Europe	Southern Europe	Developed regions	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	 1223	856	702	560	716	561	539	620	603	15699
	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	Developing regions	80	67	71	69	63	44	69	 3626	4807	3623	4005	5393	4752	4325	3774	4331	69439
	American Samoa	Oceania	Polynesia	Developing regions	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	 0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Andorra	Europe	Southern	Developed	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	 0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	15

5 rows × 38 columns

Notice now the country names now serve as indices.

```
In [6]: print('data dimensions:', df_can.shape)
    data dimensions: (195, 38)

In [8]: # finally, let's create a list of years from 1980 - 2013
# this will come in handy when we start plotting the data
    years = list(map(str, range(1980, 2014)))
    print(years)

['1980', '1981', '1982', '1983', '1984', '1985', '1986', '1987', '1988', '1989', '1990', '1991', '1992', '1993', '1994', '1995', '1996', '1997', '1998'
    , '1999', '2000', '2001', '2002', '2003', '2004', '2006', '2006', '2008', '2009', '2010', '2011', '2012', '2013']
```

# Area Plots

In the last module, we created a line plot that visualized the top 5 countries that contribued the most immigrants to Canada from 1980 to 2013. With a little modification to the code, we can visualize this plot as a cumulative plot, also knows as a **Stacked Line Plot** or **Area plot**.

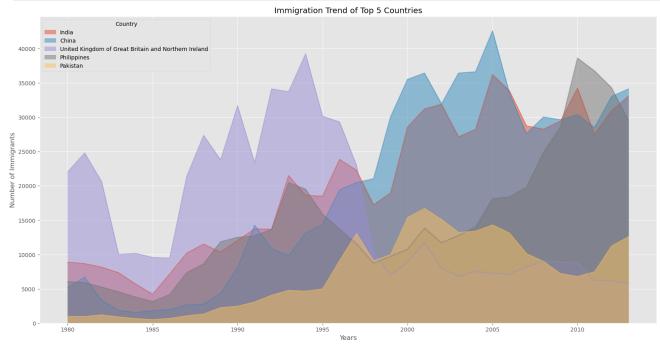
```
In [9]: df_can.sort_values(['Total'], ascending=False, axis=0, inplace=True)

# get the top 5 entries
df_top5 = df_can.head()

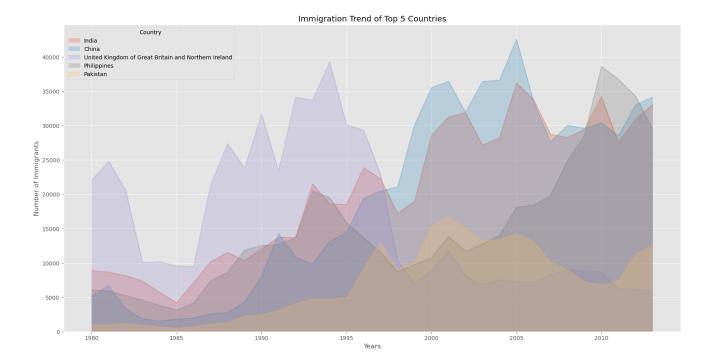
# transpose the dataframe
df_top5 = df_top5[years].transpose()
df_top5.head()
```

#### Out[9]: Country India China United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Philippines Pakistan 7338 5704

Area plots are stacked by default. And to produce a stacked area plot, each column must be either all positive or all negative values (any NaN, i.e. not a number, values will default to 0). To produce an unstacked plot, set parameter stacked to value False.



The unstacked plot has a default transparency (alpha value) at 0.5. We can modify this value by passing in the alpha parameter.



### Two types of plotting

As we discussed in the video lectures, there are two styles/options of plotting with matplotlib , plotting using the Artist layer and plotting using the scripting layer.

#### Option 1: Scripting layer (procedural method) - using matplotlib.pyplot as 'plt'

You can use plt i.e. matplotlib.pyplot and add more elements by calling different methods procedurally; for example, plt.title(...) to add title or plt.xlabel(...) to add label to the x-axis.

```
# Option 1: This is what we have been using so far
df_top5.plot(kind='area', alpha=0.35, figsize=(20, 10))
plt.title('Immigration trend of top 5 countries')
plt.ylabel('Number of immigrants')
plt.xlabel('Years')
```

#### Option 2: Artist layer (Object oriented method) - using an Axes instance from Matplotlib (preferred)

You can use an Axes instance of your current plot and store it in a variable (eg. ax ). You can add more elements by calling methods with a little change in syntax (by adding "set\_" to the previous methods). For example, use ax.set\_title() instead of plt.title() to add title, or ax.set\_xlabel() instead of plt.xlabel() to add label to the x-axis.

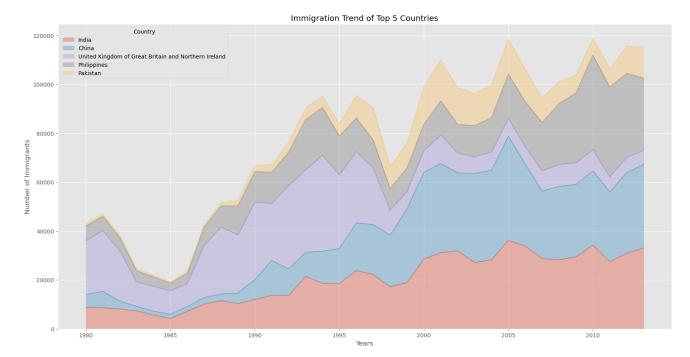
This option sometimes is more transparent and flexible to use for advanced plots (in particular when having multiple plots, as you will see later).

In this course, we will stick to the **scripting layer**, except for some advanced visualizations where we will need to use the **artist layer** to manipulate advanced aspects of the plots.

```
In [12]: # option 2: preferred option with more flexibility
    ax = df_top5.plot(kind='area', alpha=0.35, figsize=(20, 10))

ax.set_title('Immigration Trend of Top 5 Countries')
    ax.set_ylabel('Number of Immigrants')
    ax.set_xlabel('Years')
```

Out[12]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Years')

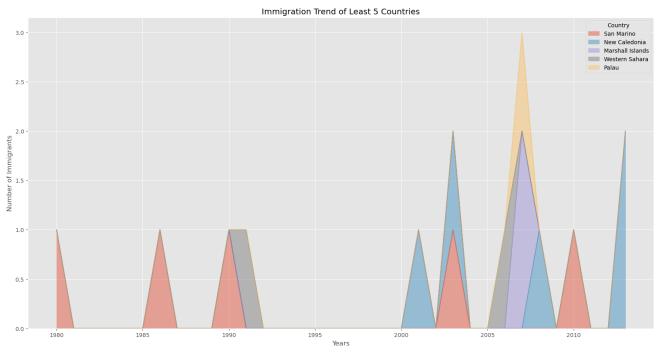


**Question**: Use the scripting layer to create a stacked area plot of the 5 countries that contributed the least to immigration to Canada **from** 1980 to 2013. Use a transparency value of 0.45.

```
In [15]: ### type your answer here
df_least5 = df_can.tail(5)
df_least5 = df_least5[years].transpose()
df_least5.index = df_least5.index.map(int)

df_least5.plot(kind='area', alpha=0.45, figsize=(20, 10))
plt.title('Immigration Trend of Least 5 Countries')
plt.ylabel('Number of Immigrants')
plt.xlabel('Years')
```

#### Out[15]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Years')



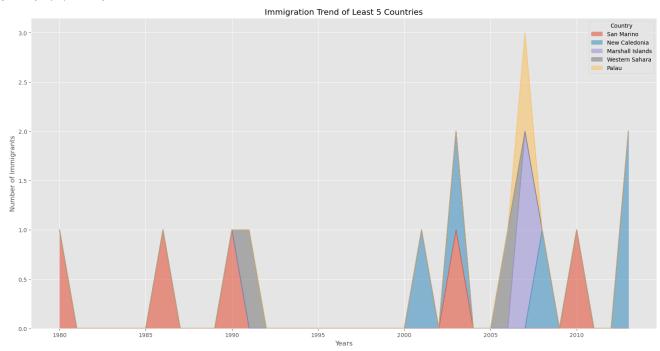
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**Question**: Use the artist layer to create an unstacked area plot of the 5 countries that contributed the least to immigration to Canada **from** 1980 to 2013. Use a transparency value of 0.55.

```
In [16]: ### type your answer here
### type your answer here
df_least5 = df_can.tail(5)
df_least5 = df_least5[years].transpose()
df_least5.index = df_least5.index.map(int)

ax = df_least5.plot(kind='area', alpha=0.55, figsize=(20, 10))
ax.set_title('Immigration Trend of Least 5 Countries')
ax.set_ylabel('Number of Immigrants')
ax.set_xlabel('Years')
```

Out[16]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Years')



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# Histograms

A histogram is a way of representing the *frequency* distribution of numeric dataset. The way it works is it partitions the x-axis into *bins*, assigns each data point in our dataset to a bin, and then counts the number of data points that have been assigned to each bin. So the y-axis is the frequency or the number of data points in each bin. Note that we can change the bin size and usually one needs to tweak it so that the distribution is displayed nicely.

Question: What is the frequency distribution of the number (population) of new immigrants from the various countries to Canada in 2013?

Before we proceed with creating the histogram plot, let's first examine the data split into intervals. To do this, we will us **Numpy**'s histrogram method to get the bin ranges and frequency counts as follows:

```
In [17]: # Let's quickly view the 2013 data
df_can['2013'].head()
Out[17]: Country
                                                                      33087
          India
          China
                                                                      34129
          United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
                                                                       5827
                                                                      29544
          Philippines
          Pakistan
                                                                      12603
          Name: 2013, dtype: int64
In [18]: # np.histogram returns 2 values
          count, bin_edges = np.histogram(df_can['2013'])
          print(count) # frequency count
print(bin_edges) # bin ranges, default = 10 bins
        [178 11 1 2 0 0 0 0 1 2]
            0. 3412.9 6825.8 10238.7 13651.6 17064.5 20477.4 23890.3 27303.2
          30716.1 34129. ]
```

By default, the histrogram method breaks up the dataset into 10 bins. The figure below summarizes the bin ranges and the frequency distribution of immigration in 2013. We can see that in 2013:

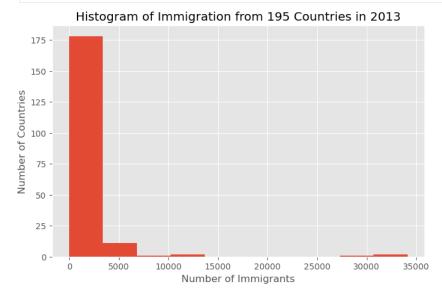
- 178 countries contributed between 0 to 3412.9 immigrants
- 11 countries contributed between 3412.9 to 6825.8 immigrants
- 1 country contributed between 6285.8 to 10238.7 immigrants, and so on..

	Bin 1	Bin 2	Bin 3	Bin 4	Bin 5	Bin 6	Bin 7	Bin 8	Bin 9	Bin 10
	0.	3412.9	6825.8	10238.7	13651.6	17064.5	20477.4	23890.3	27303.2	30716.1
Range	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to
	3412.9	6825.8	10238.7	13651.6	17064.5	20477.4	23890.3	27303.2	30716.1	34129.
Frequency	178	11	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2

We can easily graph this distribution by passing kind=hist to plot().

```
In [19]: df_can['2013'].plot(kind='hist', figsize=(8, 5))

# add a title to the histogram
plt.title('Histogram of Immigration from 195 Countries in 2013')
# add y-label
plt.ylabel('Number of Countries')
# add x-label
plt.xlabel('Number of Immigrants')
plt.show()
```



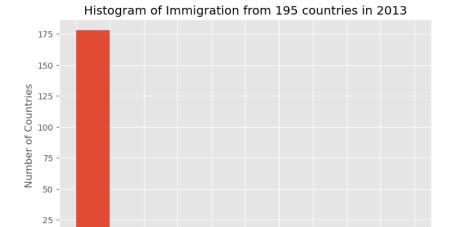
In the above plot, the x-axis represents the population range of immigrants in intervals of 3412.9. The y-axis represents the number of countries that contributed to the aforementioned population.

Notice that the x-axis labels do not match with the bin size. This can be fixed by passing in a xticks keyword that contains the list of the bin sizes, as follows:

```
In [20]: # 'bin_edges' is a list of bin intervals
count, bin_edges = np.histogram(df_can['2013'])

df_can['2013'].plot(kind='hist', figsize=(8, 5), xticks=bin_edges)

plt.title('Histogram of Immigration from 195 countries in 2013') # add a title to the histogram
plt.ylabel('Number of Countries') # add y-label
plt.xlabel('Number of Immigrants') # add x-label
plt.show()
```



Side Note: We could use df\_can['2013'].plot.hist(), instead. In fact, throughout this lesson, using some\_data.plot(kind='type\_plot', ...) is equivalent to some\_data.plot.type\_plot(...). That is, passing the type of the plot as argument or method behaves the same.

 $See the {\it pandas} \ documentation for more info http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/generated/pandas.Series.plot.html.$ 

Number of Immigrants

We can also plot multiple histograms on the same plot. For example, let's try to answer the following questions using a histogram.

10239 13652 17064 20477 23890 27303 30716 34129

Question: What is the immigration distribution for Denmark, Norway, and Sweden for years 1980 - 2013?

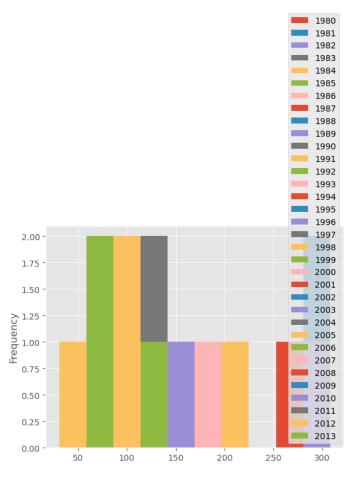
```
In [21]: # let's quickly view the dataset
df_can.loc[['Denmark', 'Norway', 'Sweden'], years]
Out[21]:
                    1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 ... 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013
           Country
          Denmark
                     272
                           293
                                 299
                                        106
                                               93
                                                     73
                                                            93
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           Norway
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                                                                                             205
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                                                                                                                                  134
                                                                                                                                         140
           Sweden
```

 $3 \text{ rows} \times 34 \text{ columns}$ 

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```
In [22]: # generate histogram
df_can.loc[['Denmark', 'Norway', 'Sweden'], years].plot.hist()
```

Out[22]: <AxesSubplot:ylabel='Frequency'>



That does not look right!

Don't worry, you'll often come across situations like this when creating plots. The solution often lies in how the underlying dataset is structured.

Instead of plotting the population frequency distribution of the population for the 3 countries, pandas instead plotted the population frequency distribution for the years.

This can be easily fixed by first transposing the dataset, and then plotting as shown below.

```
In [23]: # transpose dataframe
df_t = df_can.loc[['Denmark', 'Norway', 'Sweden'], years].transpose()
df_t.head()
```

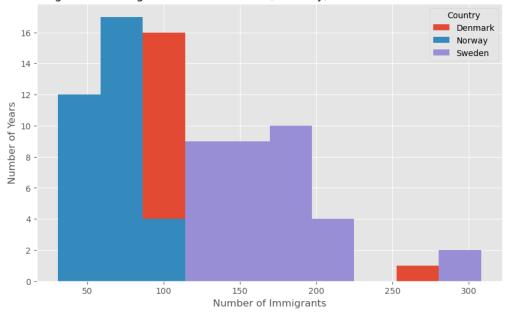
```
{\tt Out[23]:} \  \  \, \textbf{Country} \  \  \, \textbf{Denmark} \  \  \, \textbf{Norway} \  \  \, \textbf{Sweden}
                                                                    281
                                                      116
                     1981
                                       293
                                                       77
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                     1982
                                       299
                                                      106
                                                                    222
                     1983
                                       106
                                                       51
                                                                    176
                                                       31
                     1984
                                         93
                                                                    128
```

```
In [24]:
    # generate histogram
    df_t.plot(kind='hist', figsize=(10, 6))

plt.title('Histogram of Immigration from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden from 1980 - 2013')
    plt.ylabel('Number of Years')
    plt.xlabel('Number of Immigrants')

plt.show()
```

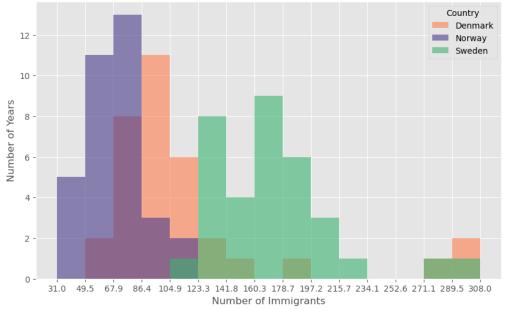
### Histogram of Immigration from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden from 1980 - 2013



Let's make a few modifications to improve the impact and aesthetics of the previous plot:

- increase the bin size to 15 by passing in bins parameter;
- set transparency to 60% by passing in alpha parameter;
- label the x-axis by passing in x-label parameter;
- change the colors of the plots by passing in color parameter.

## Histogram of Immigration from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden from 1980 - 2013



Tip: For a full listing of colors available in Matplotlib, run the following code in your python shell:

```
import matplotlib
for name, hex in matplotlib.colors.cnames.items():
    print(name, hex)
```

If we do not want the plots to overlap each other, we can stack them using the stacked parameter. Let's also adjust the min and max x-axis labels to remove the extra gap on the edges of the plot. We can pass a tuple (min,max) using the x1im parameter, as show below.

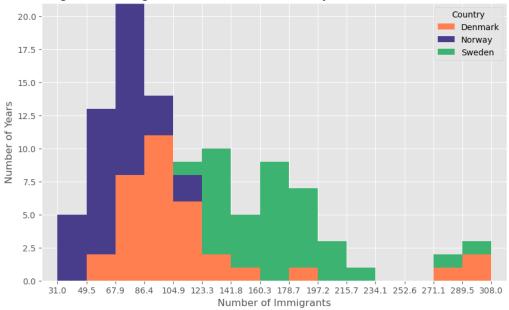
```
In [26]: count, bin_edges = np.histogram(df_t, 15)
    xmin = bin_edges[0] - 10  # first bin value is 31.0, adding buffer of 10 for aesthetic purposes
    xmax = bin_edges[-1] + 10  # last bin value is 308.0, adding buffer of 10 for aesthetic purposes

# stacked Histogram

df_t.plot(kind='hist',
    figsize=(10, 6),
    bins=15,
    xticks=bin_edges,
    color=['coral', 'darkslateblue', 'mediumseagreen'],
    stacked=True,
    xlim=(xmin, xmax)
    )

plt.title('Histogram of Immigration from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden from 1980 - 2013')
    plt.ylabel('Number of Years')
    plt.xlabel('Number of Immigrants')
```

## Histogram of Immigration from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden from 1980 - 2013



**Question**: Use the scripting layer to display the immigration distribution for Greece, Albania, and Bulgaria for years 1980 - 2013? Use an overlapping plot with 15 bins and a transparency value of 0.35.

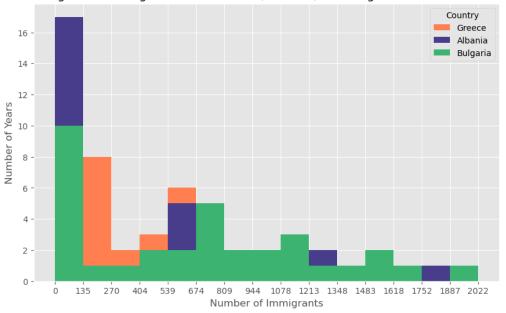
```
In [29]: ### type your answer here

df_g = df_can.loc[['Greece', 'Albania', 'Bulgaria'], years].transpose()
    count, bin_edges = np.histogram(df_g,15)

    df_g.plot(kind='hist',figsize=(10,6),xticks=bin_edges,bins=15,color=['coral', 'darkslateblue', 'mediumseagreen'])
    plt.title('Histogram of Immigration from Greece, Albania, and Bulgaria from 1980 - 2013')
    plt.ylabel('Number of Years')
    plt.xlabel('Number of Immigrants')

plt.show()
```

### Histogram of Immigration from Greece, Albania, and Bulgaria from 1980 - 2013



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# Bar Charts (Dataframe)

A bar plot is a way of representing data where the *length* of the bars represents the magnitude/size of the feature/variable. Bar graphs usually represent numerical and categorical variables grouped in intervals.

To create a bar plot, we can pass one of two arguments via  $\,$  kind  $\,$  parameter in  $\,$  plot():

- kind=bar creates a vertical bar plot
- kind=barh creates a horizontal bar plot

#### Vertical bar plot

In vertical bar graphs, the x-axis is used for labelling, and the length of bars on the y-axis corresponds to the magnitude of the variable being measured. Vertical bar graphs are particularly useful in analyzing time series data. One disadvantage is that they lack space for text labelling at the foot of each bar.

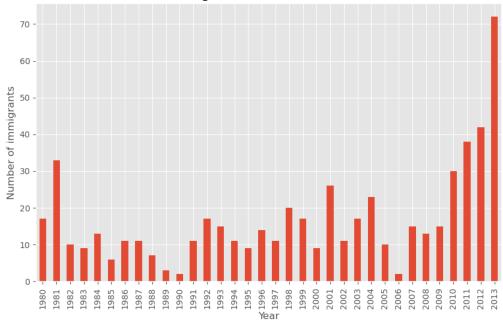
#### Let's start off by analyzing the effect of Iceland's Financial Crisis:

The 2008 - 2011 Icelandic Financial Crisis was a major economic and political event in Iceland. Relative to the size of its economy, Iceland's systemic banking collapse was the largest experienced by any country in economic history. The crisis led to a severe economic depression in 2008 - 2011 and significant political unrest.

Question: Let's compare the number of Icelandic immigrants (country = 'Iceland') to Canada from year 1980 to 2013.

```
In [30]: # step 1: get the data
df_iceland = df_can.loc['Iceland', years]
          df_iceland.head()
Out[30]: 1980
                  17
          1981
                  33
          1982
                  10
          1983
                   9
          1984
                  13
          Name: Iceland, dtype: object
In [31]: # step 2: plot data
          df_iceland.plot(kind='bar', figsize=(10, 6))
          plt.xlabel('Year') # add to x-label to the plot
          plt.ylabel('Number of immigrants') # add y-label to the plot
          plt.title('Icelandic immigrants to Canada from 1980 to 2013') # add title to the plot
          plt.show()
```

## Icelandic immigrants to Canada from 1980 to 2013



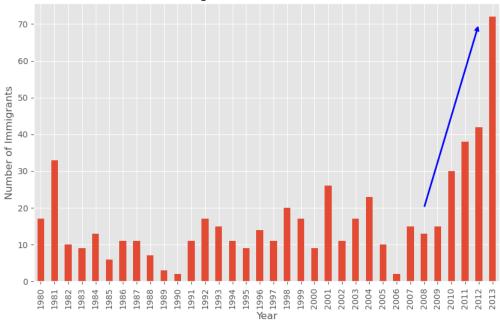
The bar plot above shows the total number of immigrants broken down by each year. We can clearly see the impact of the financial crisis; the number of immigrants to Canada started increasing rapidly after 2008.

Let's annotate this on the plot using the annotate method of the scripting layer or the pyplot interface. We will pass in the following parameters:

- s : str, the text of annotation.
- xy: Tuple specifying the (x,y) point to annotate (in this case, end point of arrow).
- xytext: Tuple specifying the (x,y) point to place the text (in this case, start point of arrow).
- xycoords: The coordinate system that xy is given in 'data' uses the coordinate system of the object being annotated (default).
- arrowprops : Takes a dictionary of properties to draw the arrow:
  - arrowstyle : Specifies the arrow style, '->' is standard arrow.
  - connectionstyle : Specifies the connection type. arc3 is a straight line.
  - color : Specifies color of arrow.
  - 1w : Specifies the line width.

 $I encourage you to read the \ Matplot lib \ documentation for more \ details \ on \ annotations: \ https://matplot lib.org/stable/api/\_as\_gen/matplot lib.pyplot.annotate.html.$ 

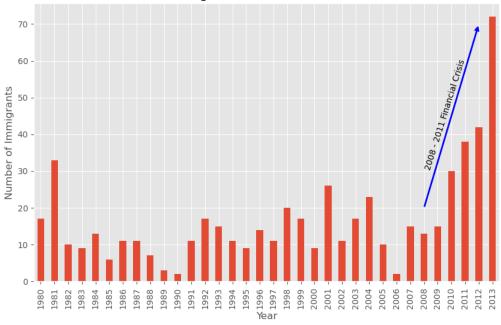
# Icelandic Immigrants to Canada from 1980 to 2013



Let's also annotate a text to go over the arrow. We will pass in the following additional parameters:

- rotation : rotation angle of text in degrees (counter clockwise)
- va : vertical alignment of text ['center' | 'top' | 'bottom' | 'baseline']
- ha : horizontal alignment of text ['center' | 'right' | 'left']

#### Icelandic Immigrants to Canada from 1980 to 2013



#### **Horizontal Bar Plot**

Sometimes it is more practical to represent the data horizontally, especially if you need more room for labelling the bars. In horizontal bar graphs, the y-axis is used for labelling, and the length of bars on the x-axis corresponds to the magnitude of the variable being measured. As you will see, there is more room on the y-axis to label categorical variables.

**Question:** Using the scripting later and the df\_can dataset, create a *horizontal* bar plot showing the *total* number of immigrants to Canada from the top 15 countries, for the period 1980 - 2013. Label each country with the total immigrant count.

Step 1: Get the data pertaining to the top 15 countries.

```
In [34]: ### type your answer here
          \label{lem:df_cansort_values} $$ df_{can.sort_values(by='Total', ascending=False, axis=0, inplace=True) $$ $$
          df_top15 = df_can['Total'].head(15)
          df top15
Out[34]: Country
          India
                                                                         691904
                                                                         659962
          United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
                                                                         551500
          Philippines
                                                                         511391
          Pakistan
                                                                         241600
          United States of America
                                                                         241122
          Iran (Islamic Republic of)
                                                                         175923
          Sri Lanka
                                                                         148358
          Republic of Korea
                                                                         142581
          .
Poland
                                                                         139241
          Lebanon
                                                                         115359
          France
                                                                         109091
          Jamaica
                                                                         106431
          Viet Nam
                                                                          97146
          Romania
                                                                          93585
          Name: Total, dtype: int64
```

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Step 2: Plot data:

- 1. Use  $\,$  kind='barh' to generate a bar chart with horizontal bars.
- 2. Make sure to choose a good size for the plot and to label your axes and to give the plot a title.
- 3. Loop through the countries and annotate the immigrant population using the anotate function of the scripting interface.

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In [44]: ### type your answer here

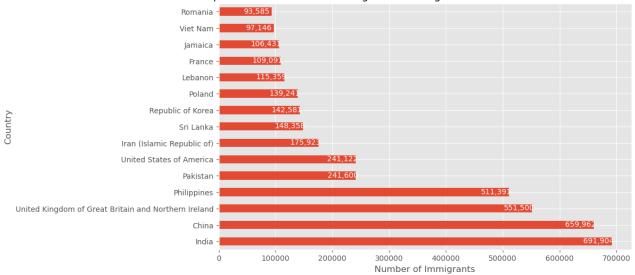
df_top15.plot(kind='barh',figsize=(10,6))

plt.xlabel('Number of Immigrants')
 plt.title('Top 15 Conuntries Contributing to the Immigration to Canada between 1980 - 2013')

for index, value in enumerate(df_top15):
    label = format(int(value), ',')
    plt.annotate(label, xy=(value - 50000, index - 0.1), color='white')

plt.show()
```

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Thank you for completing this lab!

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