



DAY 01

DATA VISUALIZATION with **Matplotlib**



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POINT

Matplotlib



- Matplotlib is capable of creating most kinds of charts, like line graphs, scatter plots, bar charts, pie charts, stack plots, 3D graphs, and geographic map graphs.
- Matplotlib tries to make easy things easy and hard things possible. You can generate plots, histograms, power spectra, bar charts, errorcharts, scatterplots, etc., with just a few lines of code. For example

Plotting a basic line

- the `.plot` method of `pyplot` to plot some coordinates. This `.plot` takes many parameters, but the first two here are 'x' and 'y' coordinates,
- The `plt.plot` will "draw" this plot in the background, but we need to bring it to the screen when we're ready,

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.plot([1, 2, 3], [5, 7, 4])
plt.show()
```

Legends, Titles, and Labels with Matplotlib

- `label` allows us to assign a name to the line, which we can later show in the legend.
- With `plt.xlabel` and `plt.ylabel`, we can assign labels to those respective axis.
- Next, we can assign the plot's title with `plt.title`, and then we can invoke the default legend with `plt.legend()`.

```
plt.plot(x, y, label='First Line')
plt.plot(x2, y2, label='Second Line')
plt.xlabel('Plot Number')
plt.ylabel('Important var')
plt.title('graph1')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

Bar Charts and Histograms

- The `plt.bar` creates the bar charts.
- You can use color to color just about any kind of plot, using colors like g for green, b for blue, r for red, and so on. You can also use hex color codes, like #191970

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.bar([1,3,5,7,9],[5,2,7,8,2], label="Example one")
plt.bar([2,4,6,8,10],[8,6,2,5,6], label="Example two",
color='g')
plt.legend() plt.xlabel('bar number')
plt.ylabel('bar height')
plt.title('bar graph')
plt.show()
```

Matplotlib customization options

character	color
'b'	blue
'g'	green
'r'	red
'c'	cyan
'm'	magenta
'y'	yellow
'k'	black
'w'	white

character	description
'-'	solid line style
'--'	dashed line style
'-.'	dash-dot line style
'.'	dotted line style
'.'	point marker
','	pixel marker
'o'	circle marker
'v'	triangle_down marker
'^'	triangle_up marker
'<'	triangle_left marker
'>'	triangle_right marker
'1'	tri_down marker
'2'	tri_up marker
'3'	tri_left marker
'4'	tri_right marker
's'	square marker
'p'	pentagon marker
'*'	star marker
'h'	hexagon1 marker
'H'	hexagon2 marker
'+'	plus marker
'x'	x marker
'D'	diamond marker
'd'	thin_diamond marker
' '	vline marker
'_'	hline marker

Histograms

- Histograms are very much like a bar chart, tend to show distribution by grouping segments together. Examples of this might be age groups, or scores on a test.
- Rather than showing every single value, this shows a range of values

Scatter Plots

- Scatter plots are usually to compare two variables, or three if you are plotting in 3 dimensions, looking for correlation or groups.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
x = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]
y = [5,2,4,2,1,4,5,2]
plt.scatter(x,y, label='skitscat',
            color='k', s=25, marker="o")
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')
plt.title('Scatter Plot')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```


Pie Charts

- Pie Chart is used to show parts to the whole, and often a % share.
- Matplotlib handles the sizes of the slices and everything, we just feed it the numbers.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
slices = [7,2,2,13]
activities = ['sleeping', 'eating', 'working', 'playing']
cols = ['c', 'm', 'r', 'b']
plt.pie(slices,
labels=activities,
colors=cols,
startangle=90,
shadow=True,
explode=(0,0.1,0,0),
autopct='%1.1f%%')
plt.title('Pie Charts')
plt.show()
```