Data Visualization

Python and R for Data Science

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Package matplotlib

matplotlib: installation and import

In [363]: ! pip install matplotlib pandas numpy Defaulting to user installation because normal site-packages is not writeable Requirement already satisfied: matplotlib in /home/ercoppa/.loc al/lib/python3.10/site-packages (3.9.2) Requirement already satisfied: pandas in /home/ercoppa/.local/l ib/python3.10/site-packages (2.2.2) Requirement already satisfied: numpy in /home/ercoppa/.local/li b/python3.10/site-packages (1.26.4) Requirement already satisfied: fonttools>=4.22.0 in /usr/lib/pv thon3/dist-packages (from matplotlib) (4.29.1) Requirement already satisfied: pyparsing>=2.3.1 in /usr/lib/pyt hon3/dist-packages (from matplotlib) (2.4.7) Requirement already satisfied: kiwisolver>=1.3.1 in /usr/lib/py thon3/dist-packages (from matplotlib) (1.3.2) Requirement already satisfied: pillow>=8 in /usr/lib/python3/di st-packages (from matplotlib) (9.0.1) Requirement already satisfied: packaging>=20.0 in /home/ercopp a/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from matplotlib) (24.1) Requirement already satisfied: contourpy>=1.0.1 in /home/ercopp a/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from matplotlib) (1.2.1) Requirement already satisfied: python-dateutil>=2.7 in /usr/loc al/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from matplotlib) (2.9.0.post0) Requirement already satisfied: cycler>=0.10 in /usr/lib/python 3/dist-packages (from matplotlib) (0.11.0) Requirement already satisfied: pytz>=2020.1 in /usr/lib/python

3/dist-packages (from pandas) (2022.1)
Requirement already satisfied: tzdata>=2022.7 in /home/ercopp a/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from pandas) (2024.1)
Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.5 in /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages (from python-dateutil>=2.7->matplotlib) (1.16.0)

```
In [364]:
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
```

To visualize some data... we need the data

We can use pandas to load and process the data. For instance:

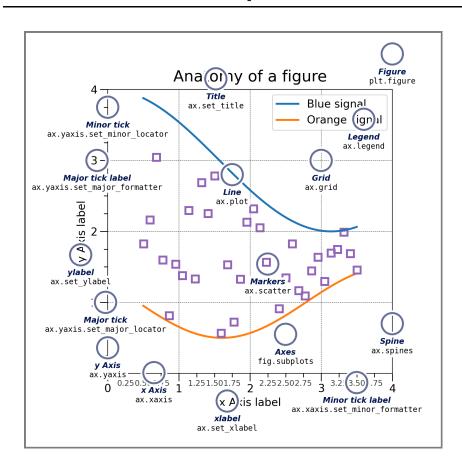
```
In [365]:
url = "nutrients.csv" # "https://ercoppa.github.io/labds/04/nutrients.c
df = pd.read_csv(url)
df = df.set_index('Food')
df = df.sort_values(by='Carbs', ascending=True)
df
```

Out[365]:		Measure	Grams	Calories	Protein	Fat	Sat.Fat	Fiber
	Food				,			
	Bacon	2 slices	16	95	4	8.00	7.00	0.0
	Clams	3 oz.	85	87	12	1.00	0.00	0.0
	Asparagus	6 spears	96	18	1	0.01	0.01	0.5
	Cows' milk	1 qt.	976	660	32	40.00	36.00	0.0
	Butter	1/2 cup	112	113	114	115.00	116.00	117.0

Anatomy of a matplolib figure

Example

Key elements



- Figure
- Axes
- Plot type: e.g., line
- Plot title
- Markers
- Grid
- Spine
- Legend
- Axes, {major,minor} ticks
- {x,y}label, {major,minor} tick label

Figure, subplots, and Axes

Figure

A figure contains zero or more subplots (also dubbed Axes in matplotlib).

It can be explicitly created with:

```
In [366]: fig = plt.figure()
```

<Figure size 640x480 with 0 Axes>

In most cases, you may omit to explicitly create it since it will be implicitly generated when creating the subplots (see next slides).

More details at: matplotlib.figure

Figure size

By default a figure is 640x480 pixels. However, we can set an arbitrary size:

```
In [367]: fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5)) # figsize is (width, height) in inche <Figure size 1000x500 with 0 Axes>
```

Alternatevely, we can set the figure's DPI ("dots-per-inch"):

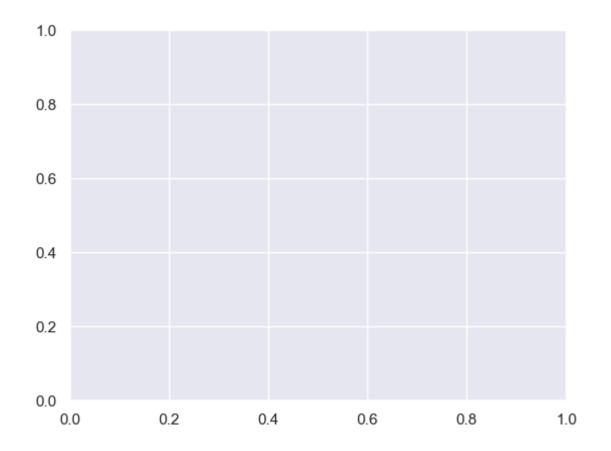
Setting the DPI will preserve the original ratio beetween width and height.

Subplots and Axes

To create a figure with a **single** subplot (Axes):

```
In [369]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    print(fig)
    print(ax)

Figure(640x480)
    Axes(0.125,0.11;0.775x0.77)
```



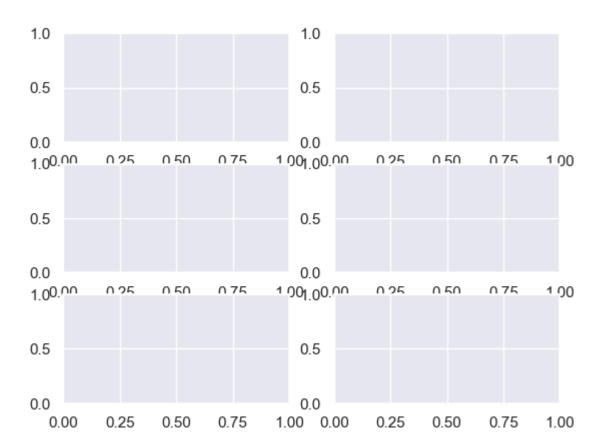
Mere details at: matplotlib.pyplot.subplots

Subplots and Axes (cont'd)

To create a figure with with NxM (e.g., N=3, M=2) subplots (Axes):

```
In [370]: fig, axs = plt.subplots(3, 2) # 3 rows, 2 columns
    print(fig)
    print(axs)

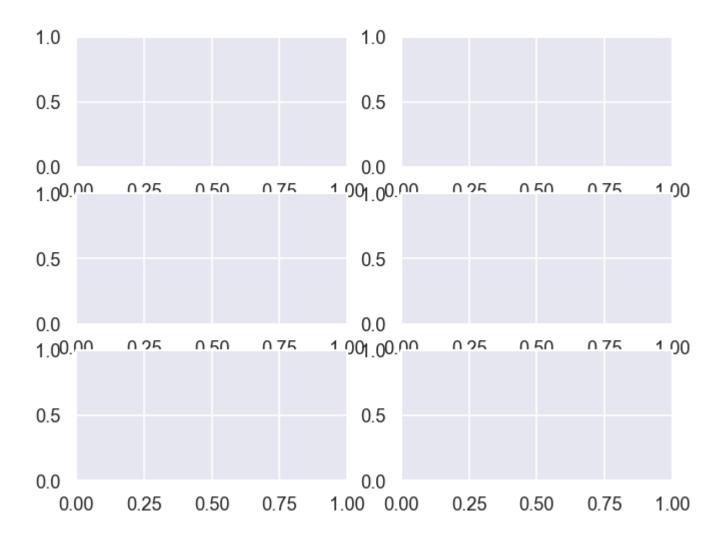
Figure(640x480)
    [[<Axes: > <Axes: >]
        [<Axes: > <Axes: >]
        [<Axes: > <Axes: >]]
```



Subplots and Axes: setting the figure size

When creating the figure from subplots, we can still set the figure size using the figsize or dpi arguments. E.g.:

```
In [371]: fig, axs = plt.subplots(3, 2, dpi=120) # 3 rows, 2 columns
print(fig)
Figure(768x576)
```



Functional interface vs. Object-Oriented interface

When using matplotlib we have two approaches:

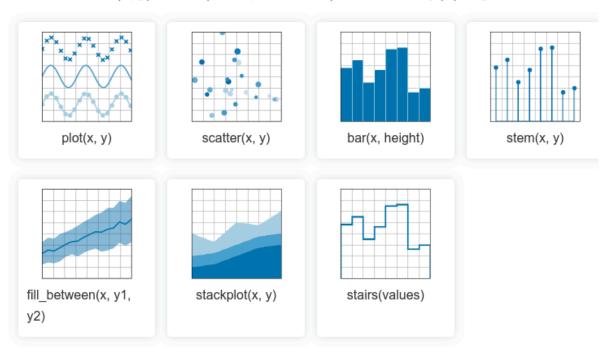
- Object-Oriented interface (OO): given an Axes, we call methods over that Axes to modify its content. E.g., ax.set_title("Title"). This is the approach that we will adopt.
- **Functional interface**: we use functions from <code>pyplot</code>, which will modify the state of the <code>current</code> <code>Axes</code>. E.g., <code>plt.title("Title")</code>. This approach is problemetic, e.g., when we want to deal with multiple plots within the same figure since it is not clear which <code>Axes</code> we want to update. This approach was inspired by MATLAB.

For more details, see: https://matplotlib.org/matplotblog/posts/pyplot-vs-object-oriented-interface/

Plot types

Pairwise data

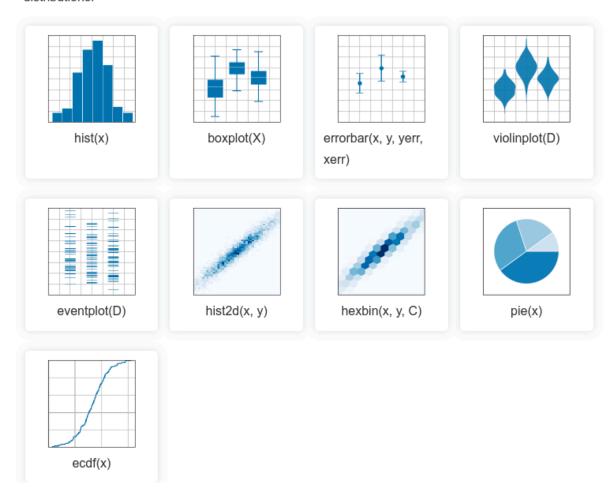
Plots of pairwise (x,y), tabular (var_0,\cdots,var_n) , and functional f(x)=y data.



Gallery

Statistical distributions

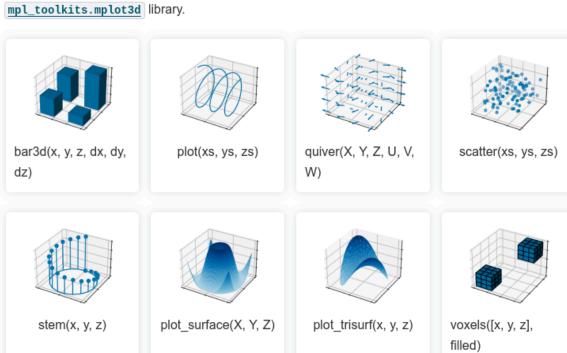
Plots of the distribution of at least one variable in a dataset. Some of these methods also compute the distributions.



Gallery

3D and volumetric data

Plots of three-dimensional (x,y,z), surface f(x,y)=z, and volumetric $V_{x,y,z}$ data using the ${\tt mpl_toolkits.mplot3d}$ library.





Creating a specific plot type

Given an Axes, we can populate it with one or more plots using the methods of Axes:

matplotlib.axes.Axes.plot
matplotlib.axes.Axes.errorbar
matplotlib.axes.Axes.scatter
matplotlib.axes.Axes.scatter
matplotlib.axes.Axes.plot_date
matplotlib.axes.Axes.step
matplotlib.axes.Axes.loglog
matplotlib.axes.Axes.semilogx
matplotlib.axes.Axes.semilogy
matplotlib.axes.Axes.fill_between
matplotlib.axes.Axes.fill_betweenx
matplotlib.axes.Axes.bar
matplotlib.axes.Axes.bar
matplotlib.axes.Axes.bar
matplotlib.axes.Axes.bar_label
matplotlib.axes.Axes.bar_label
matplotlib.axes.Axes.stem

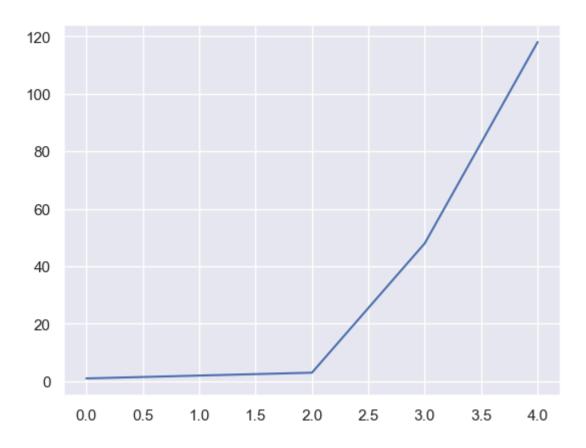
matplotlib.axes.Axes.csd
matplotlib.axes.Axes.magnitude_spect
matplotlib.axes.Axes.phase_spectrum
matplotlib.axes.Axes.psd
matplotlib.axes.Axes.specgram
matplotlib.axes.Axes.xcorr
matplotlib.axes.Axes.ecdf
matplotlib.axes.Axes.boxplot
matplotlib.axes.Axes.violinplot
matplotlib.axes.Axes.bxp
matplotlib.axes.Axes.violin
matplotlib.axes.Axes.hexbin
matplotlib.axes.Axes.hexbin
matplotlib.axes.Axes.hist
matplotlib.axes.Axes.hist

matplotlib.axes.Axes.eventplot
matplotlib.axes.Axes.pie
matplotlib.axes.Axes.stackplot
matplotlib.axes.Axes.broken_barh
matplotlib.axes.Axes.vlines
matplotlib.axes.Axes.hlines
matplotlib.axes.Axes.fill
matplotlib.axes.Axes.axhline
matplotlib.axes.Axes.axvspan
matplotlib.axes.Axes.axvsine
matplotlib.axes.Axes.axvspan
matplotlib.axes.Axes.axvspan
matplotlib.axes.Axes.axline
matplotlib.axes.Axes.axline
matplotlib.axes.Axes.axorr
matplotlib.axes.Axes.axgle_spectrum

matplotlib.axes.Axes.contour
matplotlib.axes.Axes.contourf
matplotlib.axes.Axes.imshow
matplotlib.axes.Axes.matshow
matplotlib.axes.Axes.pcolor
matplotlib.axes.Axes.pcolorfast
matplotlib.axes.Axes.pcolormesh
matplotlib.axes.Axes.tripcolor
matplotlib.axes.Axes.tripcolor
matplotlib.axes.Axes.triplot
matplotlib.axes.Axes.tricontour
matplotlib.axes.Axes.tricontour
matplotlib.axes.Axes.tricontourf
matplotlib.axes.Axes.annotate
matplotlib.axes.Axes.annotate

Line plot

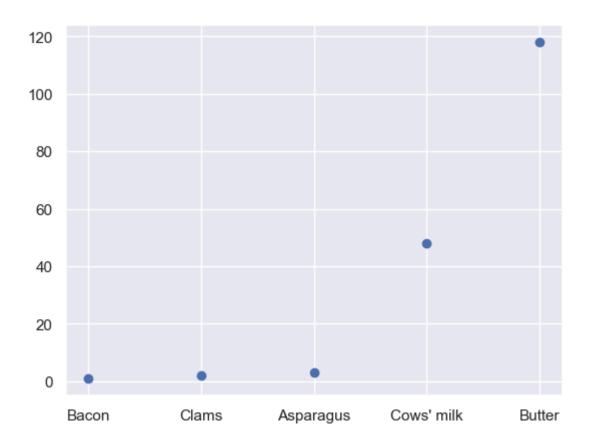
```
In [372]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
  points = ax.plot(range(df.index.size), df['Carbs'].values)
```



Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.plot

Scatter plot

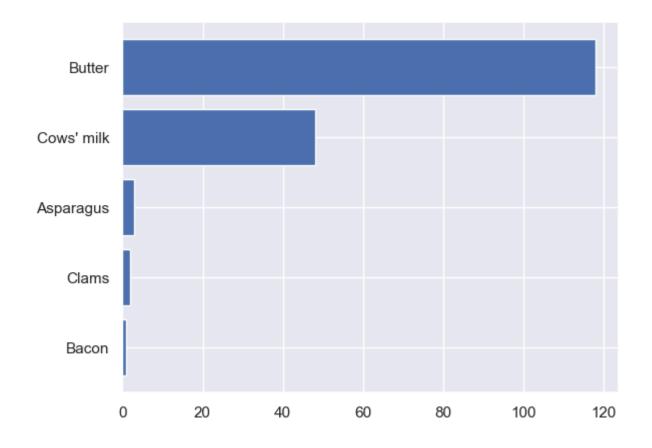
```
In [373]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
  points = ax.scatter(df.index, df.Carbs)
```



Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.scatter

Horizontal bar plot

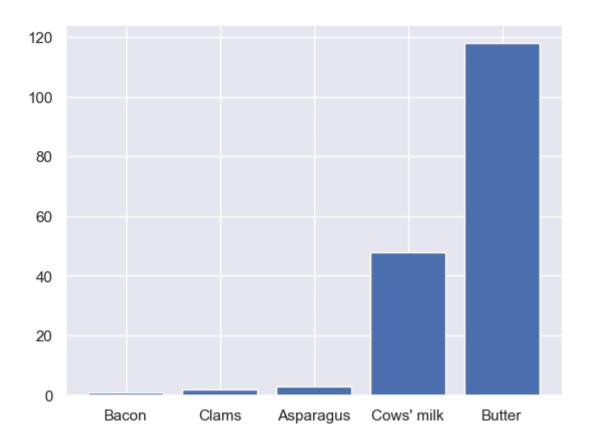
```
In [374]:
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    bars = ax.barh(df.index, df.Carbs)
```



Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.barh

Vertical bar plot

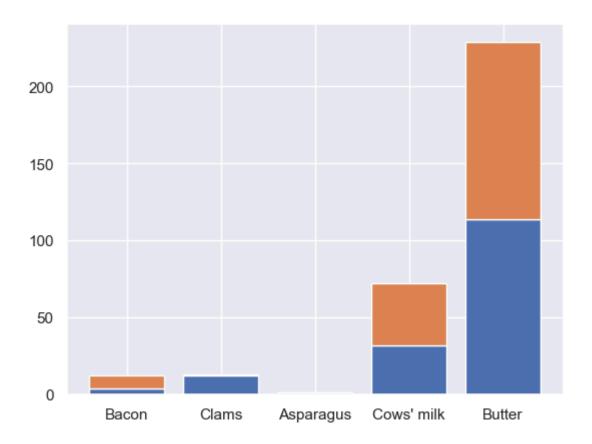
```
In [375]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
bars = ax.bar(df.index, df.Carbs)
```



Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.bar

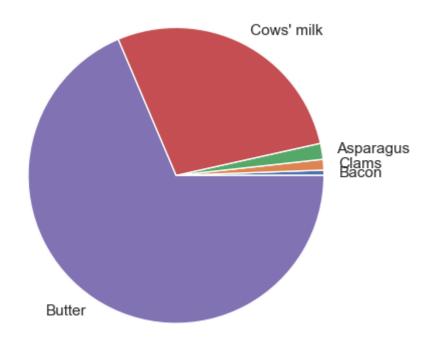
Stacked bar plot

```
In [376]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
  bars = ax.bar(df.index, df["Protein"])
  bars = ax.bar(df.index, df["Fat"], bottom=df["Protein"])
```



Pie chart

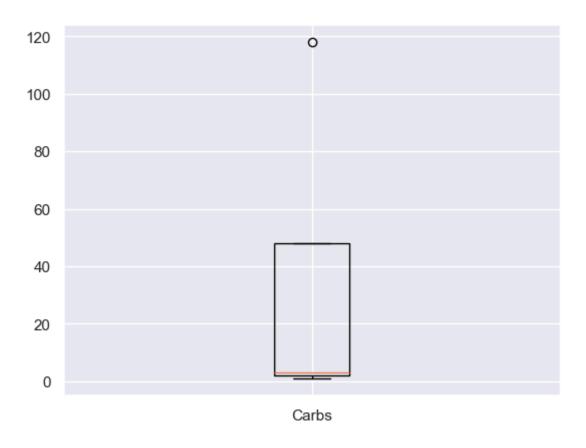
```
In [377]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    slices = ax.pie(df.Carbs, labels=df.index)
```



Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.pie

Box plot

```
In [378]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
slices = ax.boxplot(df.Carbs, tick_labels=["Carbs"]) # vert=False to ma
```

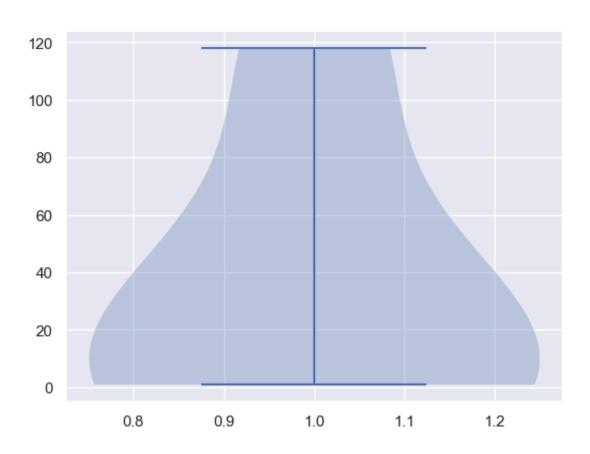


Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.boxplot

Violin plot

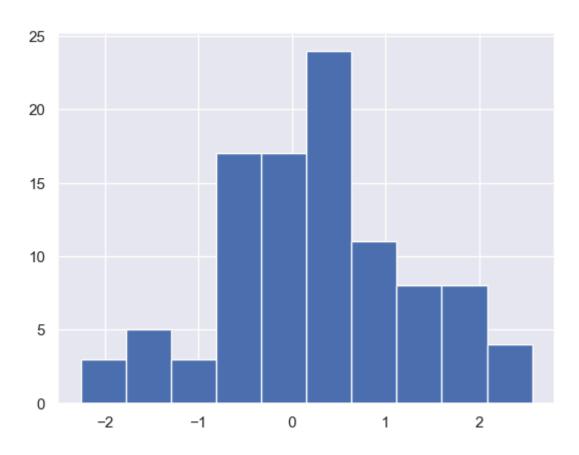
A popular alternative to a boxplot is:

```
In [379]:
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    slices = ax.violinplot(df.Carbs) # vert=False to make it horizontal
```



Histogram

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
data = np.random.standard_normal(100) # 100 random numbers
slices = ax.hist(data, bins=10)
```

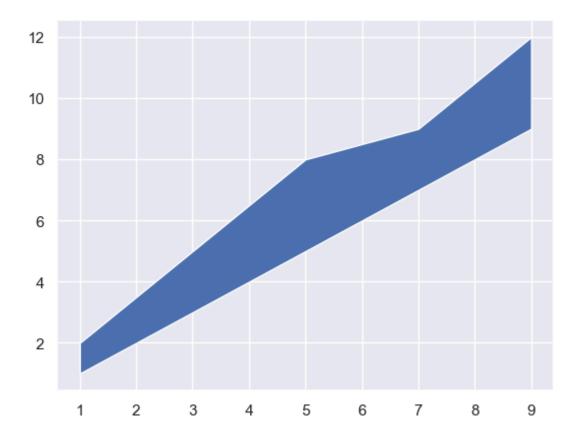


Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.hist

Fill between

```
In [382]: x = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
y1 = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
y2 = [2, 5, 8, 9, 12]

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
lines = ax.fill_between(x, y1, y2)
```

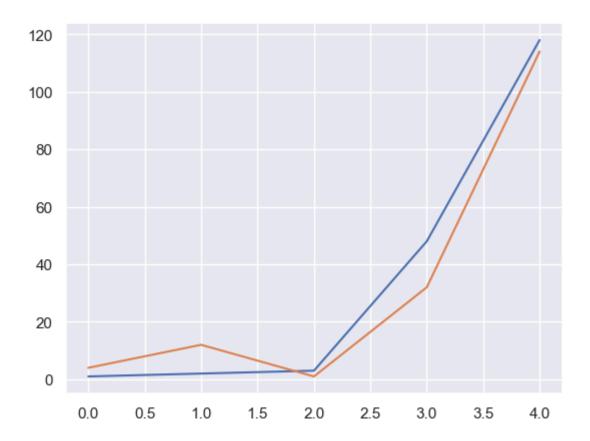


Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.fill_between

Combining different plot types into an Axes

We can add more than one plot within the same Axes:

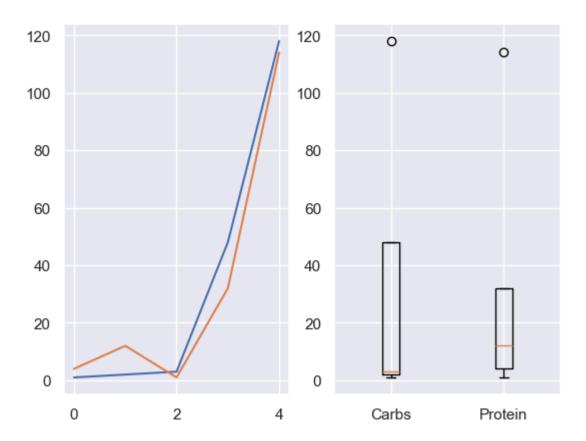
```
In [381]:
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    line = ax.plot(range(df.index.size), df['Carbs'].values)
    points = ax.plot(range(df.index.size), df['Protein'].values)
```



Combining different plots types into the same figure

We can also add the plots in distincts axes:

```
In [413]:
    fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2)
    line = axes[0].plot(range(df.index.size), df['Carbs'].values)
    points = axes[0].plot(range(df.index.size), df['Protein'].values)
    slices = axes[1].boxplot([df.Carbs, df.Protein], tick_labels=["Carbs",
```



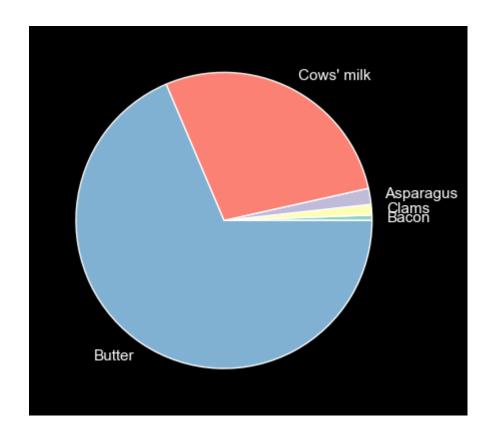
Plot styling

Pick a style

matplotlib ships with many styles that can drastically change the look of a plot, e.g., dark theme. Pick your favorite style from: styles.

For instance, given the style fivethirtyeight, apply to your plots with:

```
In [384]:
    plt.style.use('dark_background')
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    slices = ax.pie(df.Carbs, labels=df.index)
```



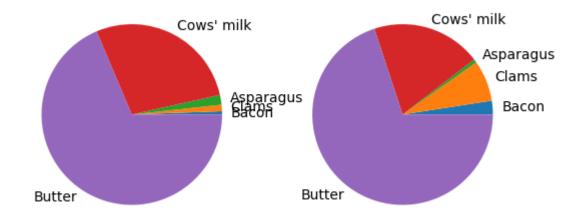
which is quite different from the default style:

```
In [385]: plt.style.use('default')
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
slices = ax.pie(df.Carbs, labels=df.index)
```

Setting a title to the figure

```
in [386]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2)
    fig.suptitle("Nutrients", fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', y=0.80)
    slices = axes[0].pie(df.Carbs, labels=df.index)
    slices = axes[1].pie(df.Protein, labels=df.index)
```

Nutrients

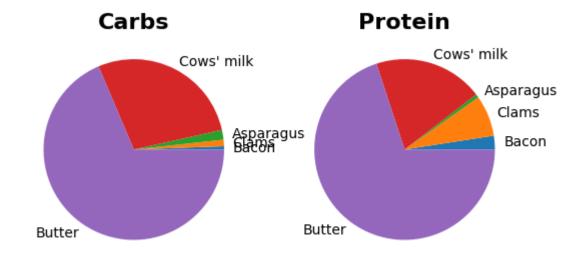


See: matplotlib.figure.Figure.suptitle

Setting a title to an Axes

```
in [387]:
    fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2)
    slices = axes[0].pie(df.Carbs, labels=df.index)
    axes[0].set_title("Carbs", fontsize=16, fontweight='bold')
    slices = axes[1].pie(df.Protein, labels=df.index)
    axes[1].set_title("Protein", fontsize=16, fontweight='bold')
```

Out[387]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Protein')



See: matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_title

Setting x or y labels

0.0

0.2

0.4

Carbohydrates

0.6

0.8

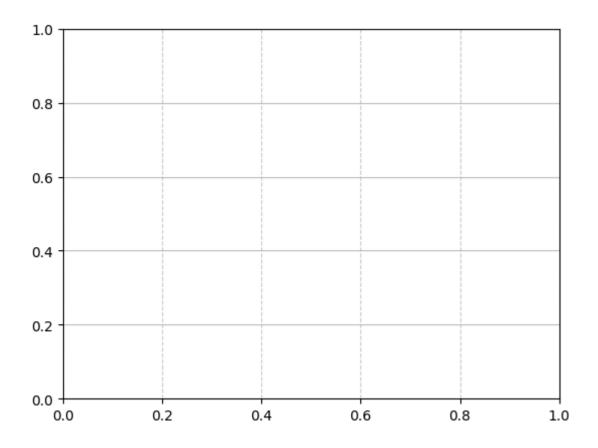
1.0

```
In [389]:
          fig, ax = plt.subplots()
           ax.set_xlabel('Carbohydrates', fontsize = 8)
           ax.set_ylabel('Food', fontsize = 8)
Out[389]:
             Text(0, 0.5, 'Food')
           1.0
           0.8
           0.6
          Food
           0.4
           0.2
```

See: matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_xlabel and matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_ylabel

Adding grid lines

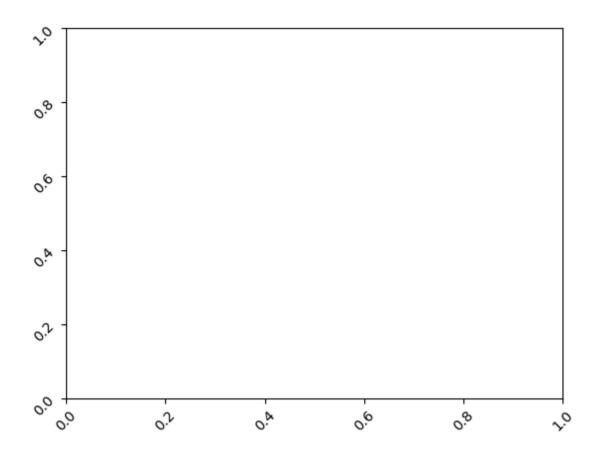
```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.grid(axis='y', linestyle='-', alpha=0.8)
ax.grid(axis='x', linestyle='--', alpha=0.6)
```



See: matplotlib.axes.Axes.grid

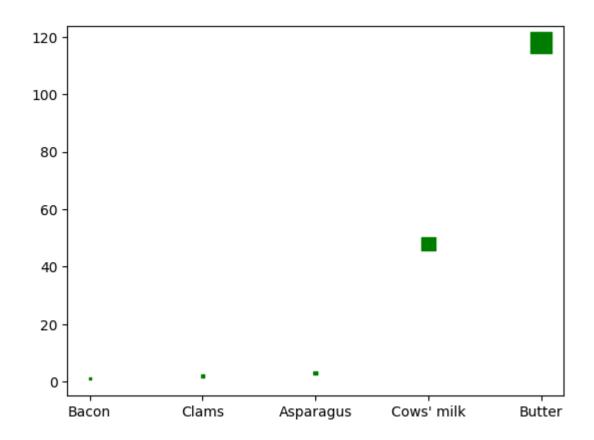
Rotate x or y ticks labels

```
In [391]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    ax.tick_params(axis='x', labelrotation=45)
    ax.tick_params(axis='y', labelrotation=45)
```



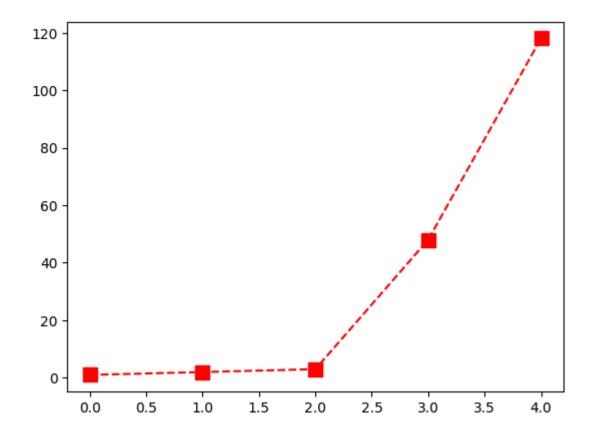
See: matplotlib.axes.Axes.tick_params

Change color, size, and symbol of the markers in a scatter plot



See: matplotlib.markers

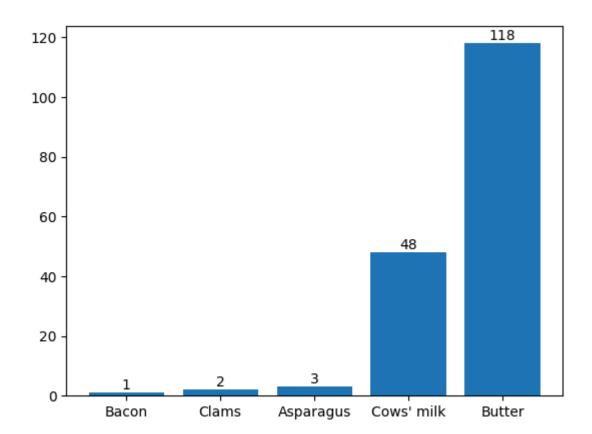
Change color, size, marker, and style of a line in a plot



See: matplotlib.lines.Line2D and Linestyles

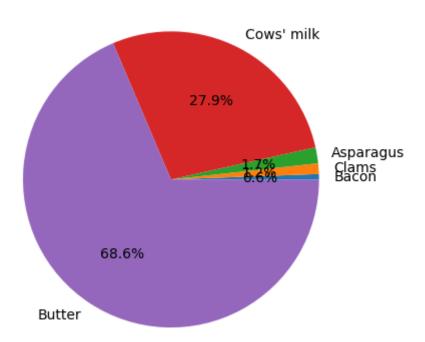
Adding label on top of each bar

```
In [394]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
bars = ax.bar(df.index, df.Carbs) # vertical bar plot
for bar in bars:
    yval = bar.get_height()
    ax.text(bar.get_x() + bar.get_width()/2, yval + 0.1, round(yval, 2)
```



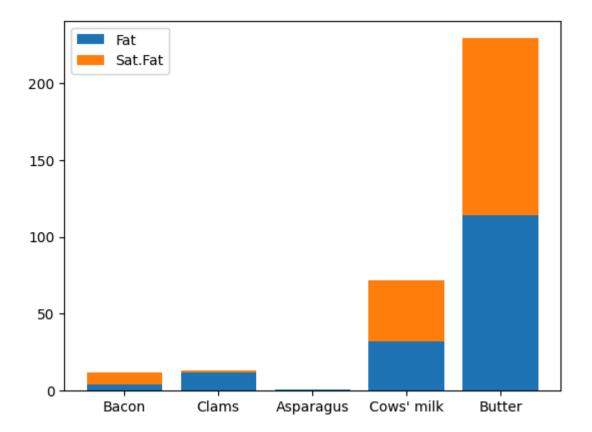
Add percentage label in a pie chart

```
In [395]:
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    slices = ax.pie(df.Carbs, labels=df.index, autopct='%1.1f%%')
```



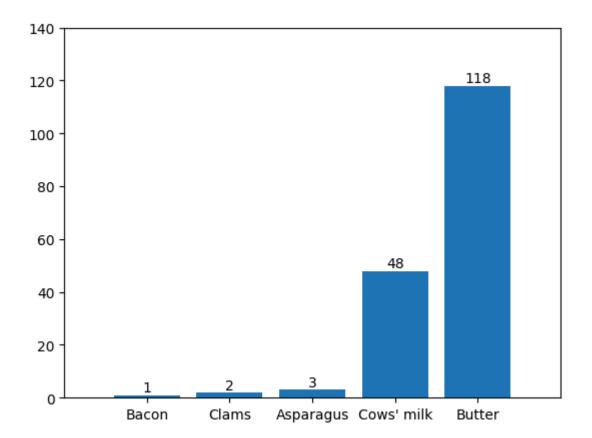
Add a legend

```
In [396]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
  bars = ax.bar(df.index, df["Protein"])
  bars = ax.bar(df.index, df["Fat"], bottom=df["Protein"])
  legend = ax.legend(df[["Fat", "Sat.Fat"]].columns)
```



Change x and y limits

```
In [397]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
  bars = ax.bar(df.index, df.Carbs) # vertical bar plot
  for bar in bars:
      ax.text(bar.get_x() + bar.get_width()/2, bar.get_height() + 0.1, ro
      ax.set_xlim(-1, 5)
      _ = ax.set_ylim(0, 140)
```



Plot exporting (PNG, PDF)

How to visualize a plot

While when working in a notebook any plot is automatically shown, **when writing a Python script**, we have to explitly decide when to show or export a figure.

If we want to visualize the plot in a seperate window:

```
In [398]: plt.show()
```

How to save a plot

```
In [399]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
  bars = ax.bar(df.index, df["Protein"])
  plt.savefig("file.png") # save in PNG
  plt.savefig("file.pdf") # save in PDF
  plt.close() # close the figure to avoid displaying it
```

Documentation

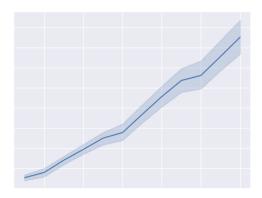
- **User guide**: https://matplotlib.org/stable/users/index.html
- **API**: https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/index.html

Package seaborn

Why seaborn?

matplotlib is *extremely* powerful. However, it can be very tricky when aiming at some *advanced* plots. For instance, given a dataset, if we want to plot:

- a line that represents the average of the data points over a specific x
- the confidence interval for each data points over a specific x

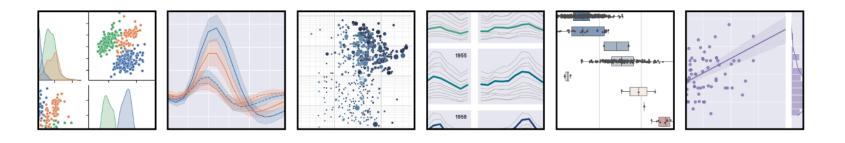


In matplotlib, we have to:

- compute the average
- plot the line for the average
- compute the confindence interval
- plot the confidence intervals with, e.g., fill_between

seaborn: matplotlib for the humans

seaborn is a data visualization library based on matplotlib. It provides a high-level interface for drawing attractive and **informative statistical** graphics.



It comes with convenient *shortcuts* to build several nice plots using matplotlib Moreover, it naturally fits with pandas and scikit-learn.

seaborn: installation

Install it with pip3:

```
In [400]:
          ! pip install seaborn
           Defaulting to user installation because normal site-packages is
           not writeable
           Requirement already satisfied: seaborn in /home/ercoppa/.local/
           lib/python3.10/site-packages (0.13.2)
           Requirement already satisfied: numpy!=1.24.0,>=1.20 in /home/er
           coppa/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from seaborn) (1.26.
           4)
           Requirement already satisfied: pandas>=1.2 in /home/ercoppa/.lo
           cal/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from seaborn) (2.2.2)
           Requirement already satisfied: matplotlib!=3.6.1,>=3.4 in /hom
           e/ercoppa/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from seaborn)
           (3.9.2)
           Requirement already satisfied: fonttools>=4.22.0 in /usr/lib/py
           thon3/dist-packages (from matplotlib!=3.6.1,>=3.4->seaborn) (4.
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>seaborn) (1.16.0)

seaborn: installation

Import it:

```
In [401]: import seaborn as sns
```

Some data to plot

In our examples, we reuse a few dummy datasets from searbon:

```
In [402]: tips = sns.load_dataset("tips")
tips
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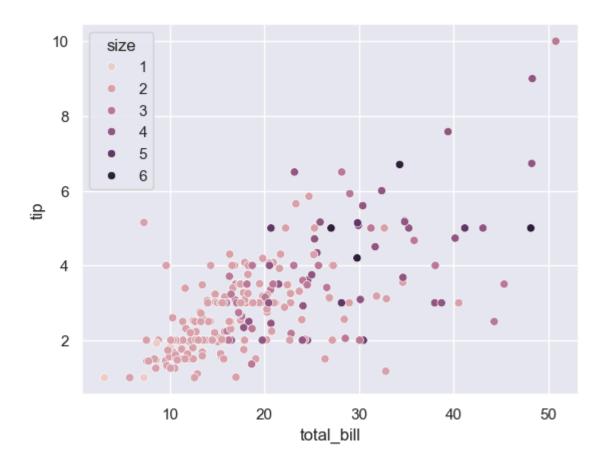
seaborn theme

We can use the matplotlib style from seaborn:

```
In [403]: # Apply the default theme
sns.set_theme()
```

A nicer scatter plot

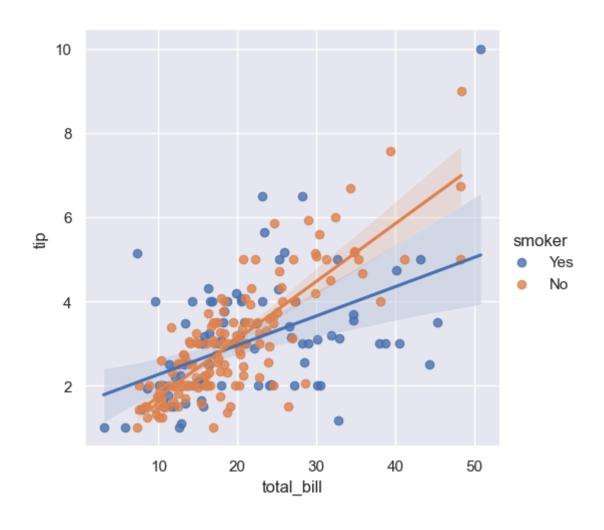
```
In [404]: ax = sns.scatterplot(data=tips, x="total_bill", y="tip", hue="size")
```



See: seaborn.scatterplot

A nicer scatter plot with linear regression

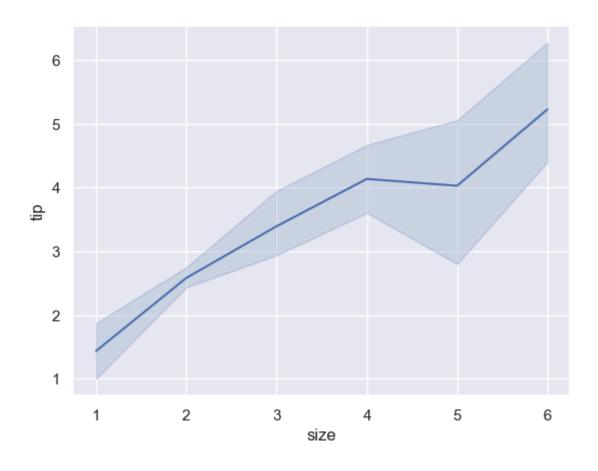
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In [405]: l = sns.lmplot(data=tips, x="total_bill", y="tip", hue="smoker")
```



See: seaborn.lmplot

A nicer line plot with confidence intervals

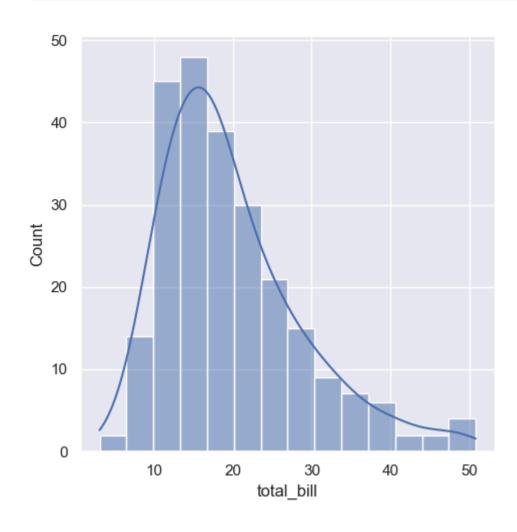
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In [406]: lines = sns.lineplot(data=tips, x="size", y="tip", errorbar="ci")
```



See: seaborn.lineplot

A nicer histogram

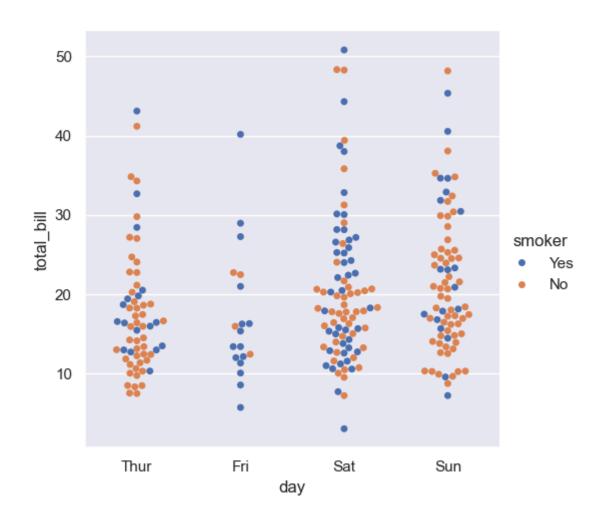
```
In [407]: s = sns.displot(data=tips, x="total_bill", kde=True)
```



See: seaborn.displot

A nice categorical plot

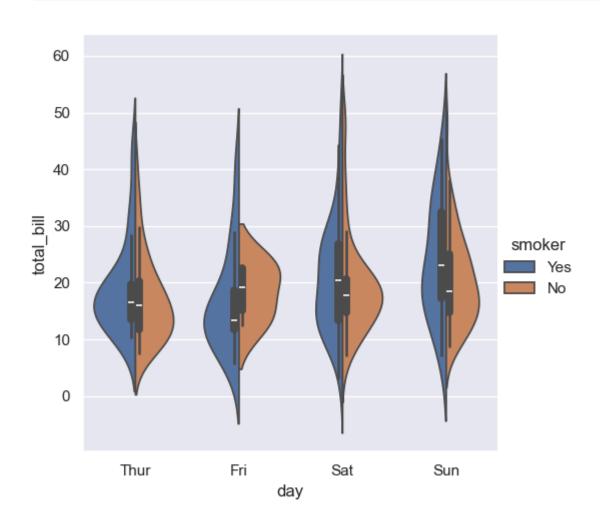
```
In [408]: s = sns.catplot(data=tips, kind="swarm", x="day", y="total_bill", hue="
```



See: seaborn.catplot

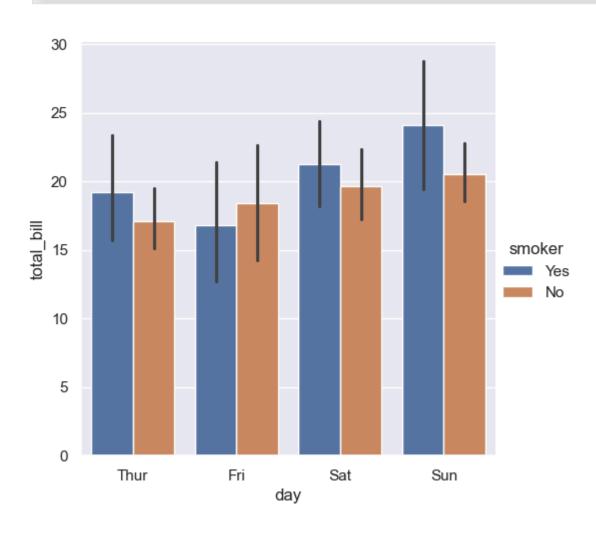
A nice categorical plot with violins

```
In [409]: s = sns.catplot(data=tips, kind="violin", x="day", y="total_bill", hue=
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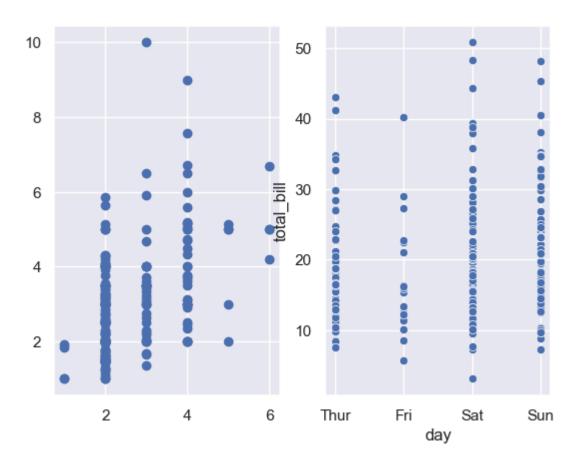
A nice barplot plot with errorbars

```
In [410]: s = sns.catplot(data=tips, kind="bar", x="day", y="total_bill", hue="sm
```



Combine matplotlib and seaborn plots

```
In [411]:
    fix, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2)
    axes[0].scatter(tips['size'].values, tips.tip.values)
    s = sns.scatterplot(data=tips, x="day", y="total_bill", ax=axes[1])
```

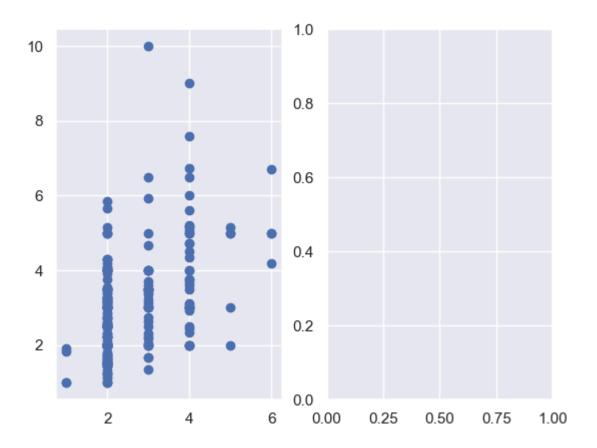


Combine matplotlib and seaborn plots (cont'd)

Unfortunately, some seaborn plots cannot be mixed with matplotlib plots within the same figure. Indeed, such plots are dubbed *figure-level*. For instance, catplot is figure-level and the following code will generate two distinct figures:

```
In [412]: fix, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2)
    axes[0].scatter(tips['size'].values, tips.tip.values)
    s = sns.catplot(data=tips, x="day", y="total_bill", ax=axes[1])

    /home/ercoppa/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/seaborn/categ
    orical.py:2761: UserWarning: catplot is a figure-level function
    and does not accept target axes. You may wish to try stripplot
    warnings.warn(msg, UserWarning)
```



Documentation

- **Tutorial**: https://seaborn.pydata.org/tutorial.html
- API: https://seaborn.pydata.org/api.html