Data Visualization

Python and R for Data Science

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Package matplotlib

matplotlib: installation and import

In [1]:

! pip install matplotlib pandas numpy Requirement already satisfied: matplotlib in /home/user/labds/venv/lib/py thon3.12/site-packages (3.9.2) Requirement already satisfied: pandas in /home/user/labds/venv/lib/python 3.12/site-packages (2.2.2) Requirement already satisfied: numpy in /home/user/labds/venv/lib/python 3.12/site-packages (2.1.0) Requirement already satisfied: contourpy>=1.0.1 in /home/user/labds/venv/ lib/python3.12/site-packages (from matplotlib) (1.3.0) Requirement already satisfied: cycler>=0.10 in /home/user/labds/venv/lib/ python3.12/site-packages (from matplotlib) (0.12.1) Requirement already satisfied: fonttools>=4.22.0 in /home/user/labds/ven v/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from matplotlib) (4.53.1) Requirement already satisfied: kiwisolver>=1.3.1 in /home/user/labds/ven v/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from matplotlib) (1.4.5) Requirement already satisfied: packaging>=20.0 in /home/user/labds/venv/l ib/python3.12/site-packages (from matplotlib) (24.1) Requirement already satisfied: pillow>=8 in /home/user/labds/venv/lib/pyt hon3.12/site-packages (from matplotlib) (10.4.0) Requirement already satisfied: pyparsing>=2.3.1 in /home/user/labds/venv/ lib/python3.12/site-packages (from matplotlib) (3.1.4) Requirement already satisfied: python-dateutil>=2.7 in /home/user/labds/v env/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from matplotlib) (2.9.0.post0) Requirement already satisfied: pytz>=2020.1 in /home/user/labds/venv/lib/

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on3.12/site-packages (from python-dateutil>=2.7->matplotlib) (1.16.0)
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
```

To visualize some data... we need the data

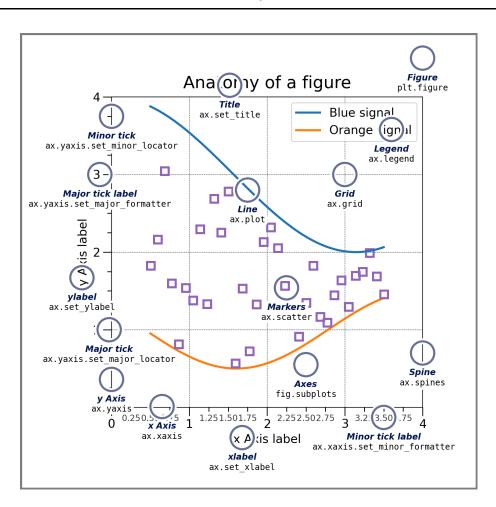
We can use pandas to load and process the data. For instance:

```
In [3]:
        url = "nutrients.csv" # "https://ercoppa.github.io/labds/04/nutrients.csv"
        df = pd.read_csv(url)
         df = df.set index('Food')
        df = df.sort_values(by='Carbs', ascending=True)
        df
Out[3]:
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                              Grams
                                     Calories Protein
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                    1/2 cup
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```

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 [4]: 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:

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

```
In [6]: fig = plt.figure(dpi=300)
```

<Figure size 1920x1440 with 0 Axes>

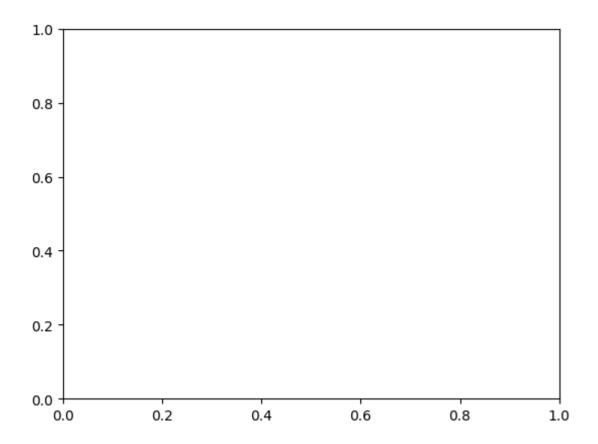
Setting the DPI will preserve the original ratio beetween width and height.

Subplots and Axes

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

```
In [7]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    print(fig)
    print(ax)

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



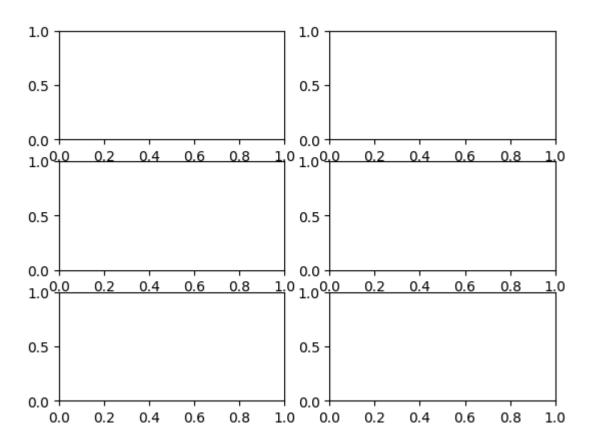
Mere details at: matplotlib.pyplot.subplots

Subplots and Axes (cont'd)

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

```
In [8]: fig, axs = plt.subplots(3, 2) # 3 rows, 2 columns
    print(fig)
    print(axs)

Figure(640x480)
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```

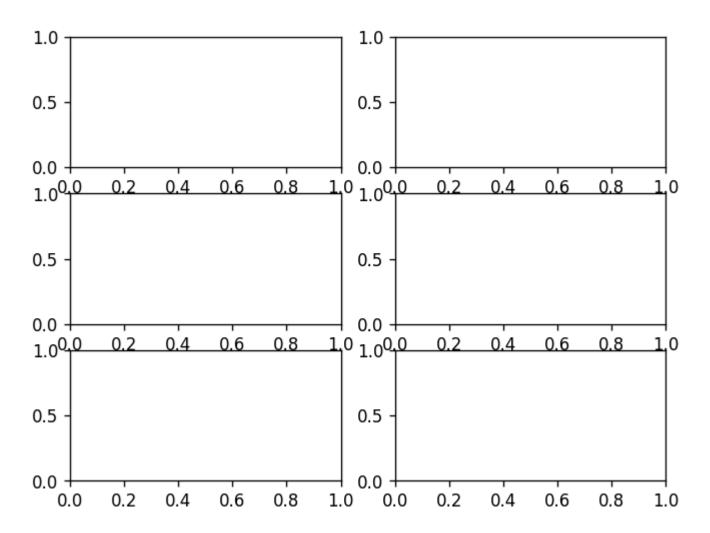


Subplots and Axes: setting the figure size

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

```
In [9]: 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:

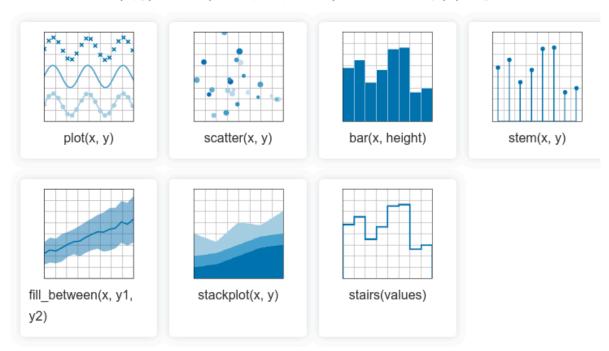
- Object-Oriented interface (OO): given an Axes, we call methods over that Axes to modify its content. E.g., ax.set_title("Title"). This is the approach that we will adopt.
- Functional interface: we use functions from pyplot, which will modify the state of the current Axes. E.g., plt.title("Title").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

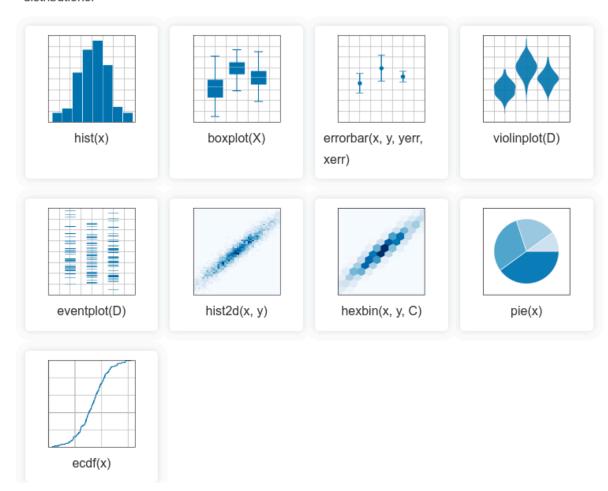
Plots of pairwise (x,y), tabular (var_0,\cdots,var_n) , and functional f(x)=y data.



Gallery

Statistical distributions

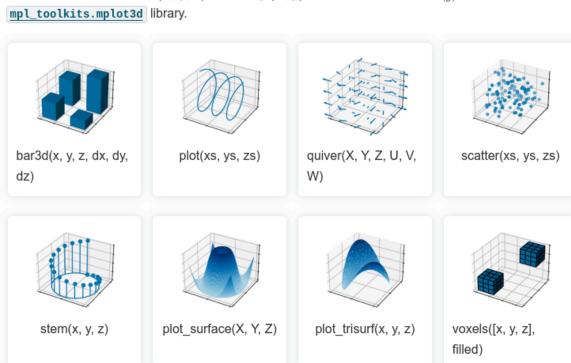
Plots of the distribution of at least one variable in a dataset. Some of these methods also compute the distributions.



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 mpl_toolkits.mplot3d library.





Gallery

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.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.biolinplot
matplotlib.axes.Axes.bxp
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matplotlib.axes.Axes.hist
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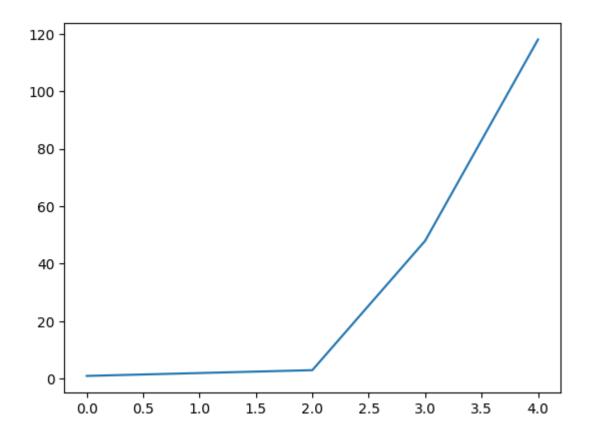
matplotlib.axes.Axes.pie
matplotlib.axes.Axes.stackplot
matplotlib.axes.Axes.broken_barh
matplotlib.axes.Axes.vlines
matplotlib.axes.Axes.hlines
matplotlib.axes.Axes.fill
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matplotlib.axes.Axes.matshow
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matplotlib.axes.Axes.spy
matplotlib.axes.Axes.tripcolor
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Line plot

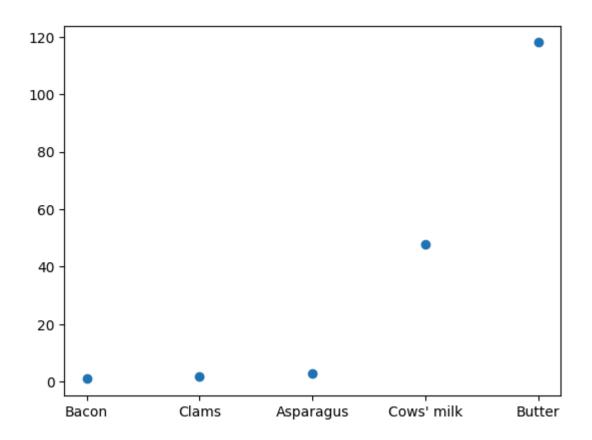
```
In [10]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
  points = ax.plot(range(df.index.size), df['Carbs'].values)
```



Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.plot

Scatter plot

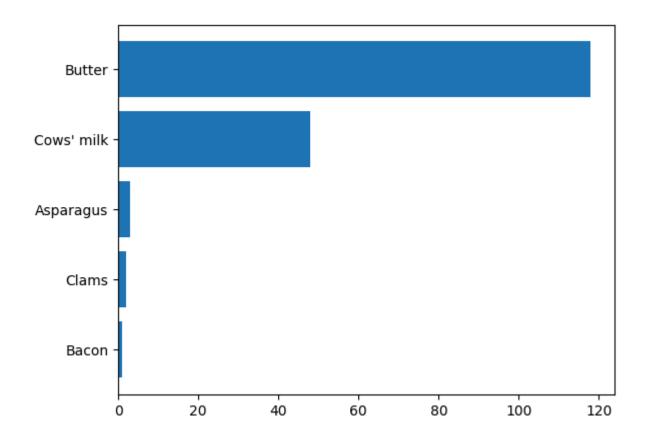
```
In [11]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
  points = ax.scatter(df.index, df.Carbs)
```



Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.scatter

Horizontal bar plot

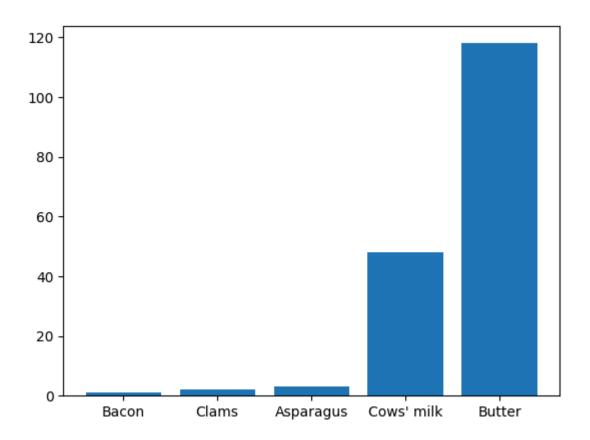
```
In [12]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
bars = ax.barh(df.index, df.Carbs)
```



Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.barh

Vertical bar plot

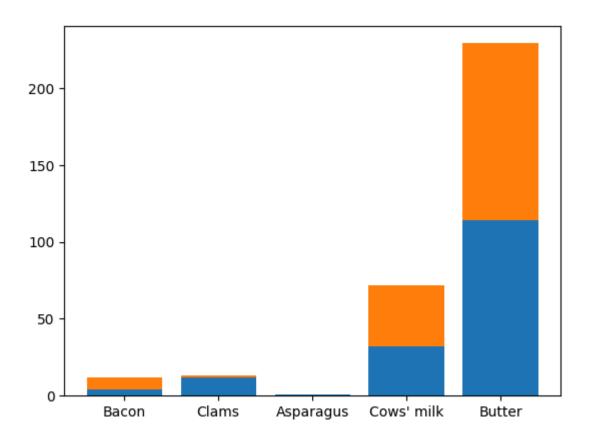
```
In [13]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
bars = ax.bar(df.index, df.Carbs)
```



Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.bar

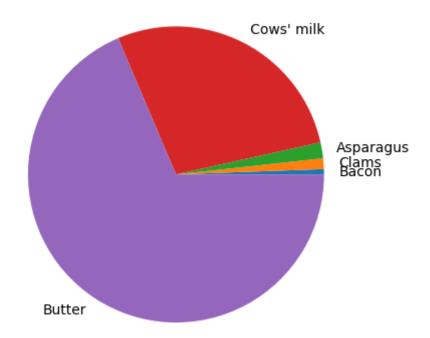
Stacked bar plot

```
In [14]:
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    bars = ax.bar(df.index, df["Protein"])
    bars = ax.bar(df.index, df["Fat"], bottom=df["Protein"])
```



Pie chart

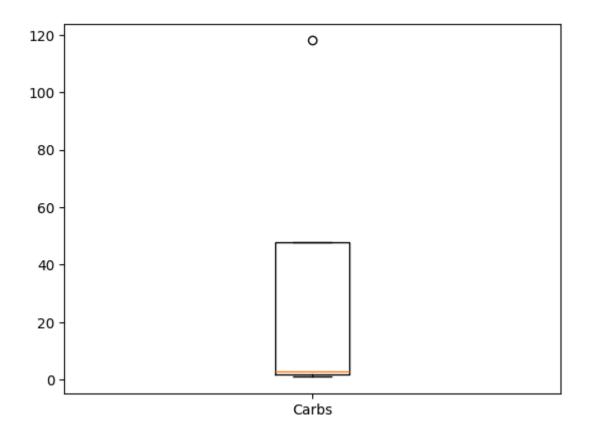
```
In [15]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    slices = ax.pie(df.Carbs, labels=df.index)
```



Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.pie

Box plot

```
In [16]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    slices = ax.boxplot(df.Carbs, tick_labels=["Carbs"]) # vert=False to make it hori
```

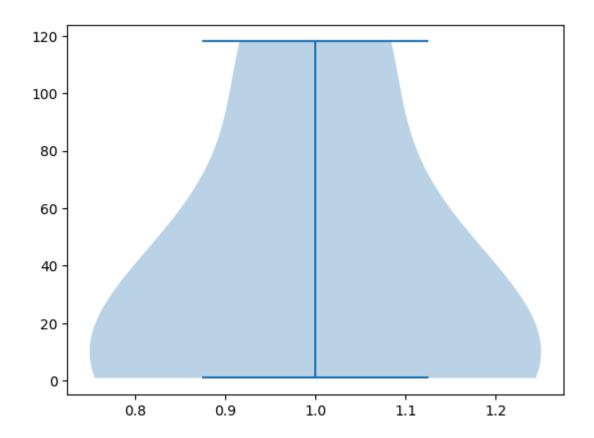


Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.boxplot

Violin plot

A popular alternative to a boxplot is:

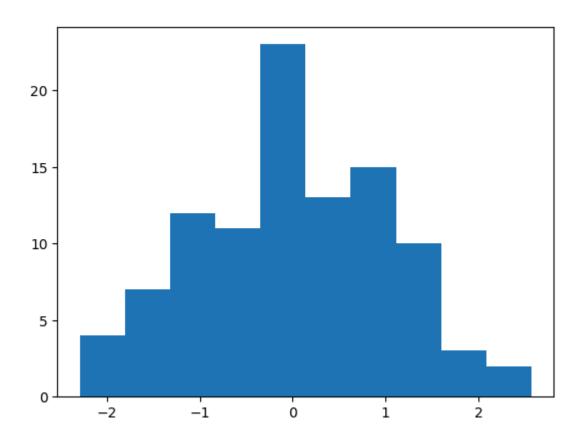
```
In [17]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    slices = ax.violinplot(df.Carbs) # vert=False to make it horizontal
```



Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.violinplot

Histogram

```
In [18]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
  data = np.random.standard_normal(100) # 100 random numbers
  slices = ax.hist(data, bins=10)
```

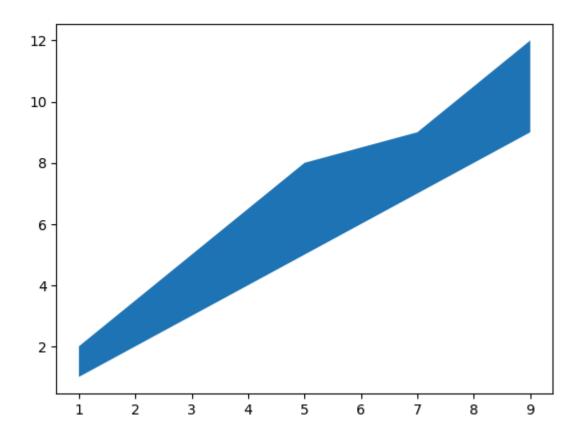


Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.hist

Fill between

```
In [19]: 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)
```

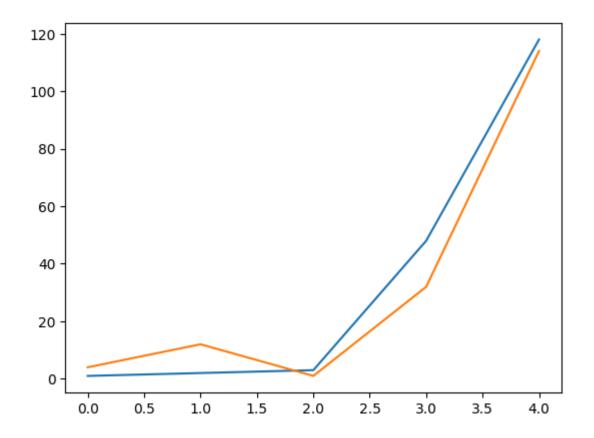


Mere details at: matplotlib.axes.Axes.fill_between

Combining different plot types into an Axes

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

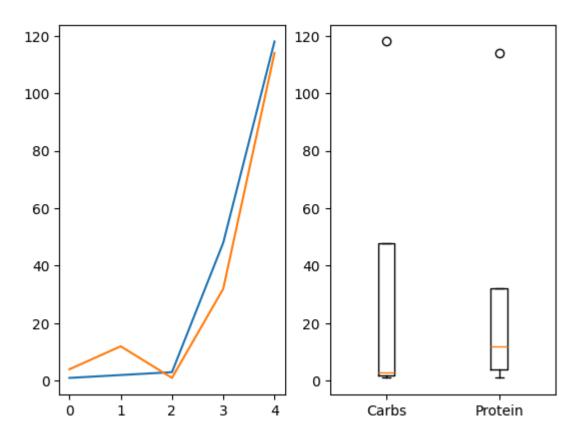
```
In [20]:
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    line = ax.plot(range(df.index.size), df['Carbs'].values)
    points = ax.plot(range(df.index.size), df['Protein'].values)
```



Combining different plots types into the same figure

We can also add the plots in distincts axes:

```
In [21]: 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", "Protein"]
```



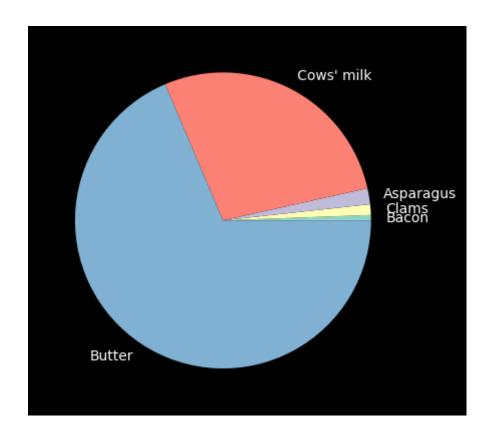
Plot styling

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.

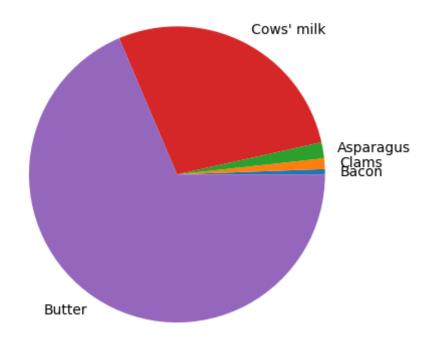
For instance, given the style fivethirtyeight, apply to your plots with:

```
In [22]:
    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 [23]: plt.style.use('default')
  fig, ax = plt.subplots()
  slices = ax.pie(df.Carbs, labels=df.index)
```

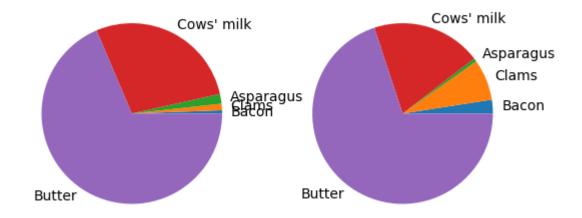


See: matplotlib.style.use

Setting a title to the figure

```
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

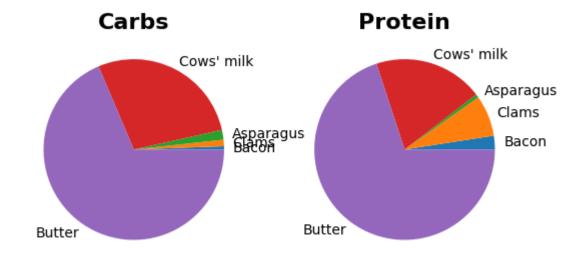


See: matplotlib.figure.Figure.suptitle

Setting a title to an Axes

```
In [25]:
    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[25]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Protein')

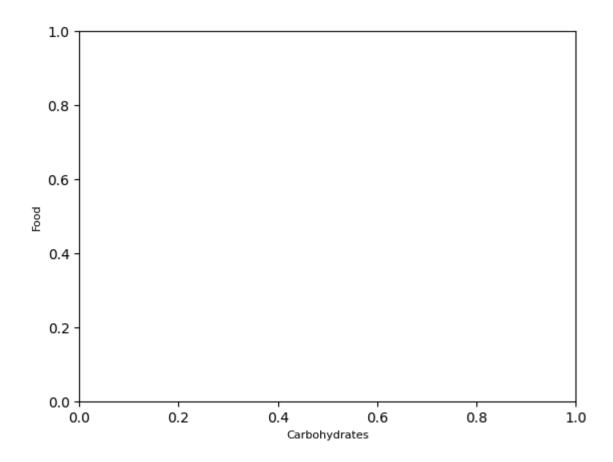


See: matplotlib.axes.Axes.set_title

Setting x or y labels

```
In [26]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
  ax.set_xlabel('Carbohydrates', fontsize = 8)
  ax.set_ylabel('Food', fontsize = 8)
```

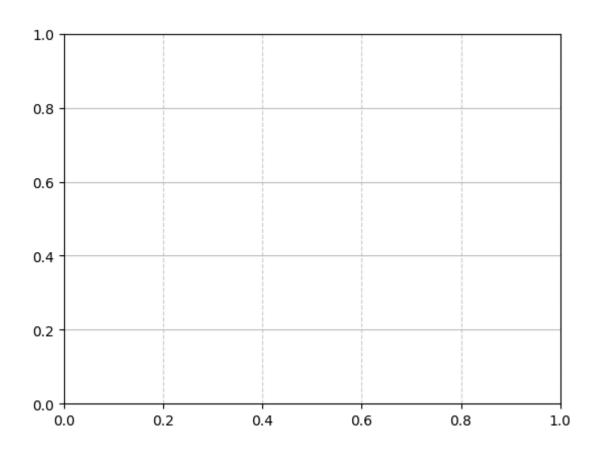
Out[26]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Food')



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

Adding grid lines

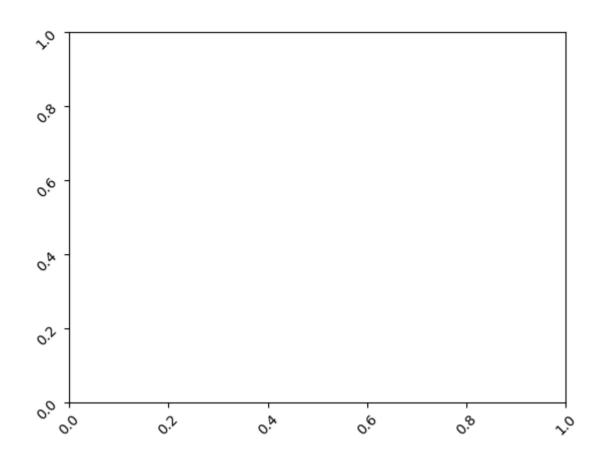
```
In [27]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
   ax.grid(axis='y', linestyle='-', alpha=0.8)
   ax.grid(axis='x', linestyle='--', alpha=0.6)
```



See: matplotlib.axes.Axes.grid

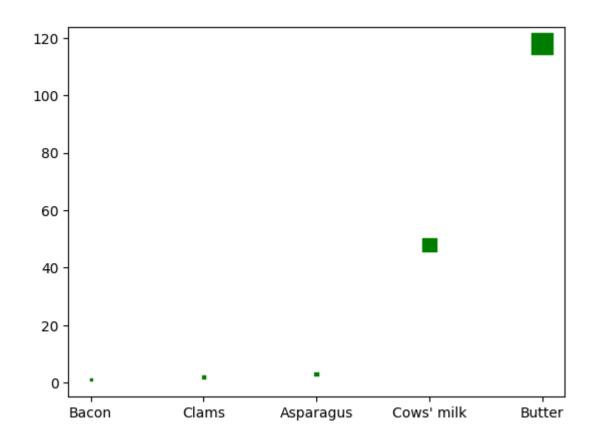
Rotate x or y ticks labels

```
In [28]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
   ax.tick_params(axis='x', labelrotation=45)
   ax.tick_params(axis='y', labelrotation=45)
```



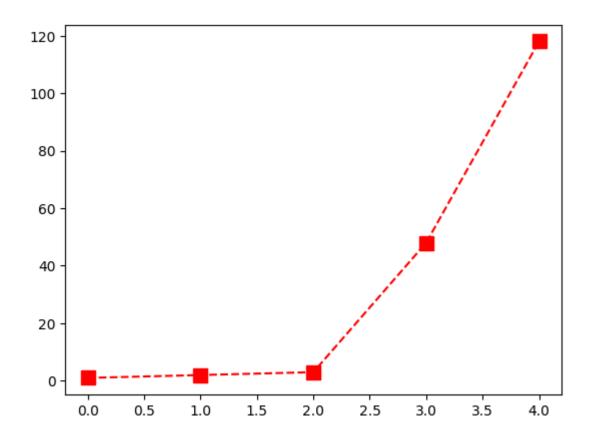
See: matplotlib.axes.Axes.tick_params

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



See: matplotlib.markers

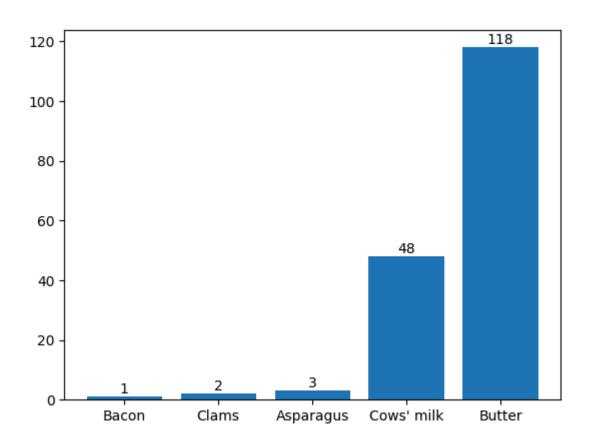
Change color, size, marker, and style of a line in a plot



See: matplotlib.lines.Line2D and Linestyles

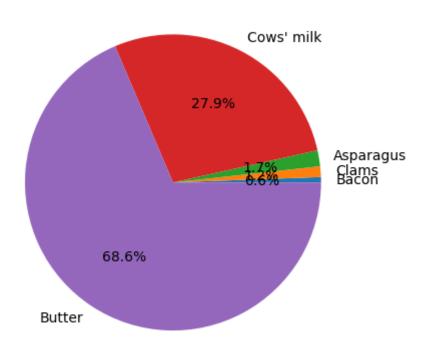
Adding label on top of each bar

```
In [31]: 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), ha='cent
```



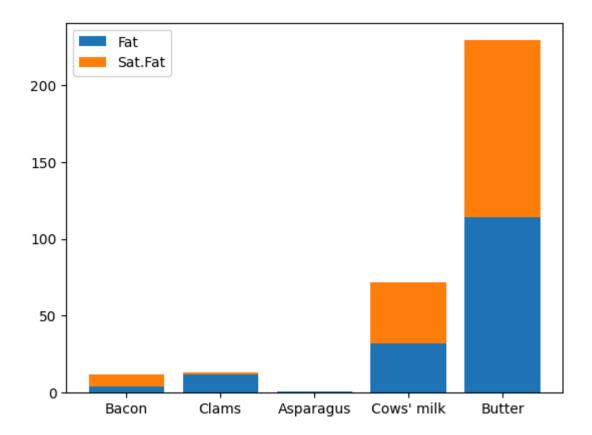
Add percentage label in a pie chart

```
In [32]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    slices = ax.pie(df.Carbs, labels=df.index, autopct='%1.1f%%')
```



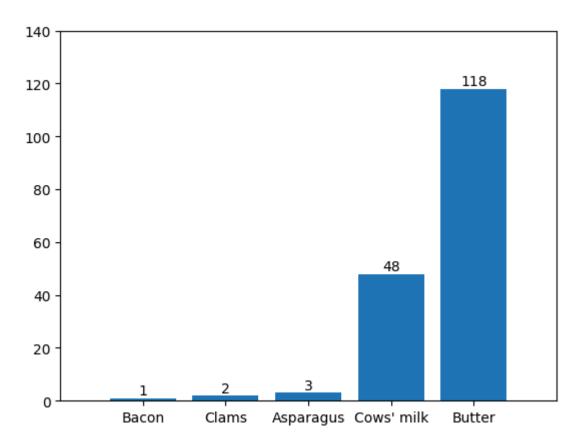
Add a legend

```
In [33]: 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 [34]: 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, round(bar.ge
      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 [35]: plt.show()
```

How to save a plot

```
In [36]: 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

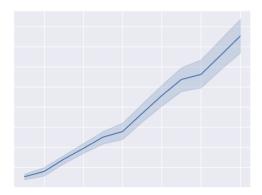
- User guide: https://matplotlib.org/stable/users/index.html
- API: https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/index.html

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

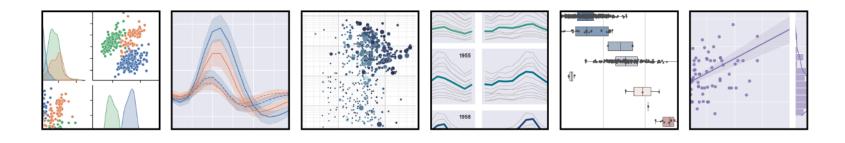


In matplotlib, we have to:

- 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:

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In [37]:
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seaborn: installation

Import it:

In [38]: import seaborn as sns

Some data to plot

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

In [39]: tips = sns.load dataset("tips") tips Out[39]: total bill tip smoker day time size sex 0 16.99 1.01 Female No Sun Dinner 2 10.34 1.66 Sun 3 1 Male No Dinner 3 21.01 3.50 Male Sun Dinner No 23.68 2 3 3.31 Male No Sun Dinner 24.59 3.61 4 Female No Sun Dinner 4 239 29.03 5.92 3 Male No Sat Dinner 2 27.18 2.00 Female 240 Yes Sat Dinner 2 241 22.67 2.00 Male Sat Dinner Yes 242 17.82 1.75 2 Male No Sat Dinner 243 18.78 3.00 Female Thur 2 No Dinner

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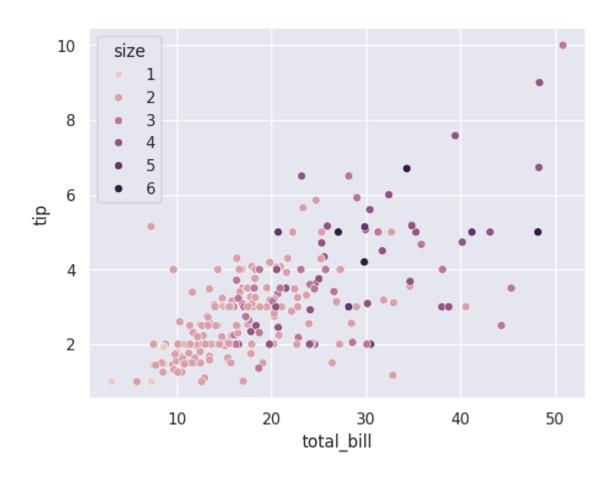
seaborn theme

We can use the matplotlib style from seaborn:

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In [40]: # Apply the default theme
sns.set_theme()
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A nicer scatter plot

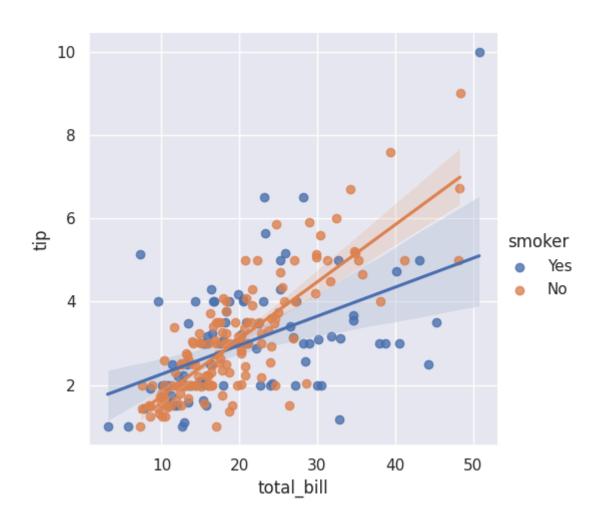
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In [41]: ax = sns.scatterplot(data=tips, x="total_bill", y="tip", hue="size")
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See: seaborn.scatterplot

A nicer scatter plot with linear regression

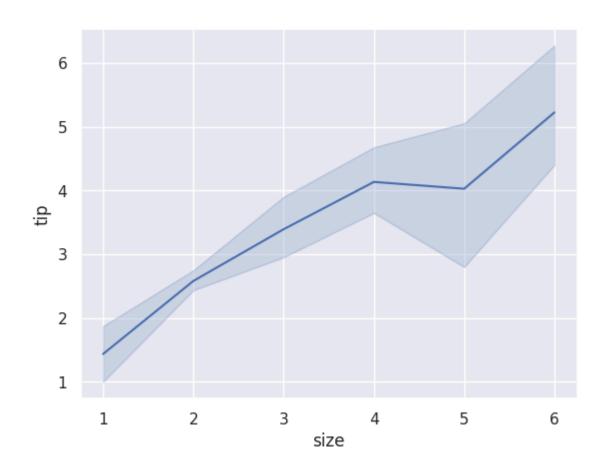
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In [42]: l = sns.lmplot(data=tips, x="total_bill", y="tip", hue="smoker")
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See: seaborn.lmplot

A nicer line plot with confidence intervals

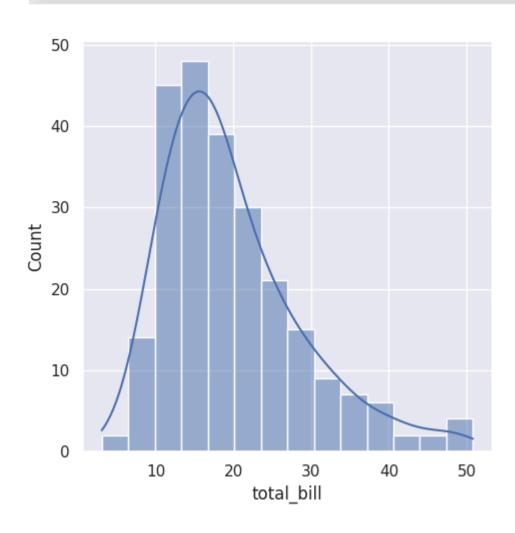
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In [43]: lines = sns.lineplot(data=tips, x="size", y="tip", errorbar="ci")
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See: seaborn.lineplot

A nicer histogram

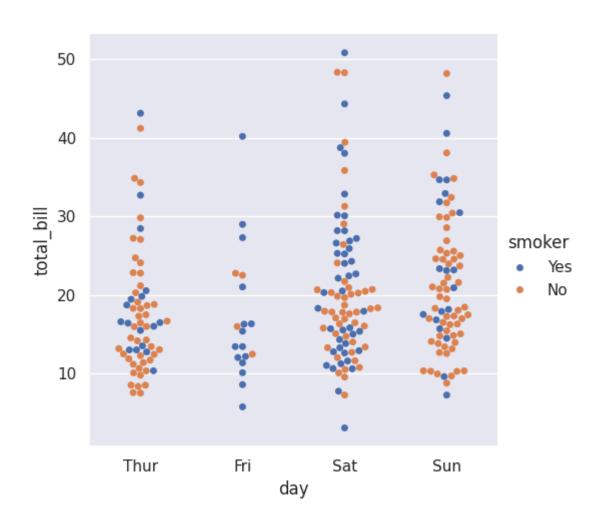
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In [44]: s = sns.displot(data=tips, x="total_bill", kde=True)
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See: seaborn.displot

A nice categorical plot

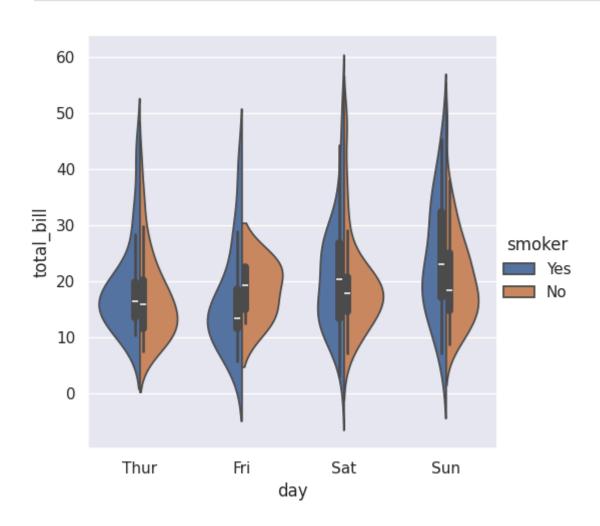
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In [45]: s = sns.catplot(data=tips, kind="swarm", x="day", y="total_bill", hue="smoker")
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See: seaborn.catplot

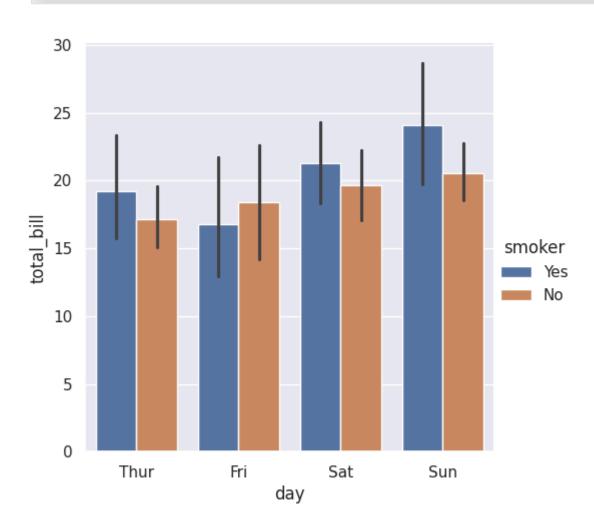
A nice categorical plot with violins

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In [46]: s = sns.catplot(data=tips, kind="violin", x="day", y="total_bill", hue="smoker",
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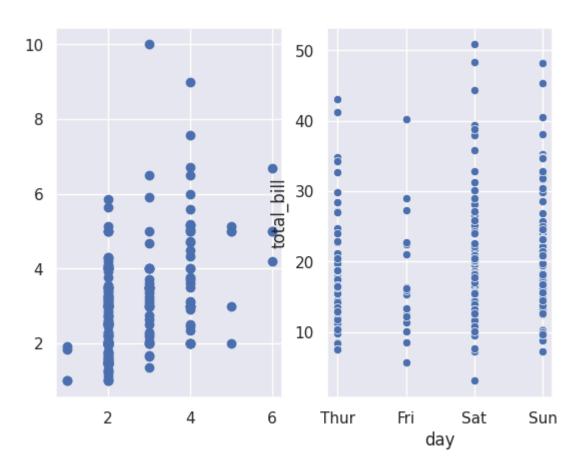
A nice barplot plot with errorbars

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In [47]: s = sns.catplot(data=tips, kind="bar", x="day", y="total_bill", hue="smoker")
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Combine matplotlib and seaborn plots

```
In [48]:
    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])
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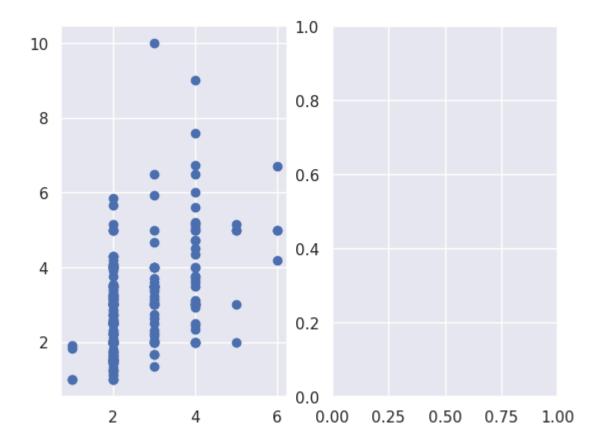


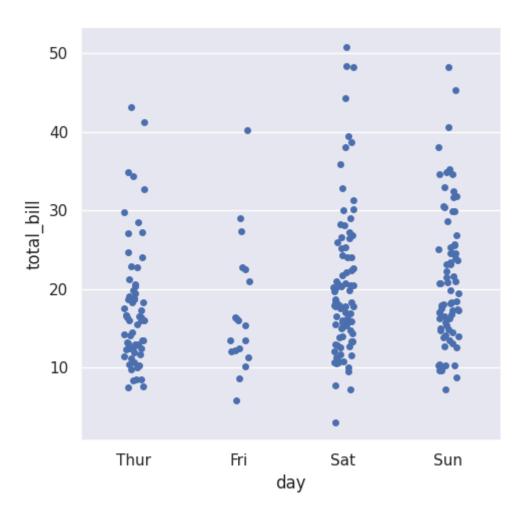
Combine matplotlib and seaborn plots (cont'd)

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:

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In [49]: 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])

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    y:2761: UserWarning: catplot is a figure-level function and does not acce
    pt target axes. You may wish to try stripplot
        warnings.warn(msg, UserWarning)
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Documentation

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