



Intro to Visualization in Python - Static Plots - 3

One should look for what is and not what he thinks should be. (Albert Einstein)

Module completion checklist

Objective	Complete
Create violin plots	
Create compound visualizations	

Breakout Room Activity

- Read the article and check out the ten best data visualizations of 2021: [link](#)
- In breakout rooms, take 5 minutes to discuss **which ones did you find the most effective? Why?**
- Nominate a representative to share your group's thoughts



What we have learned so far...

- Visualizing data with matplotlib
- Creating histograms, boxplots, and bar charts
- Creating scatterplots
- Customizing graphs for impact

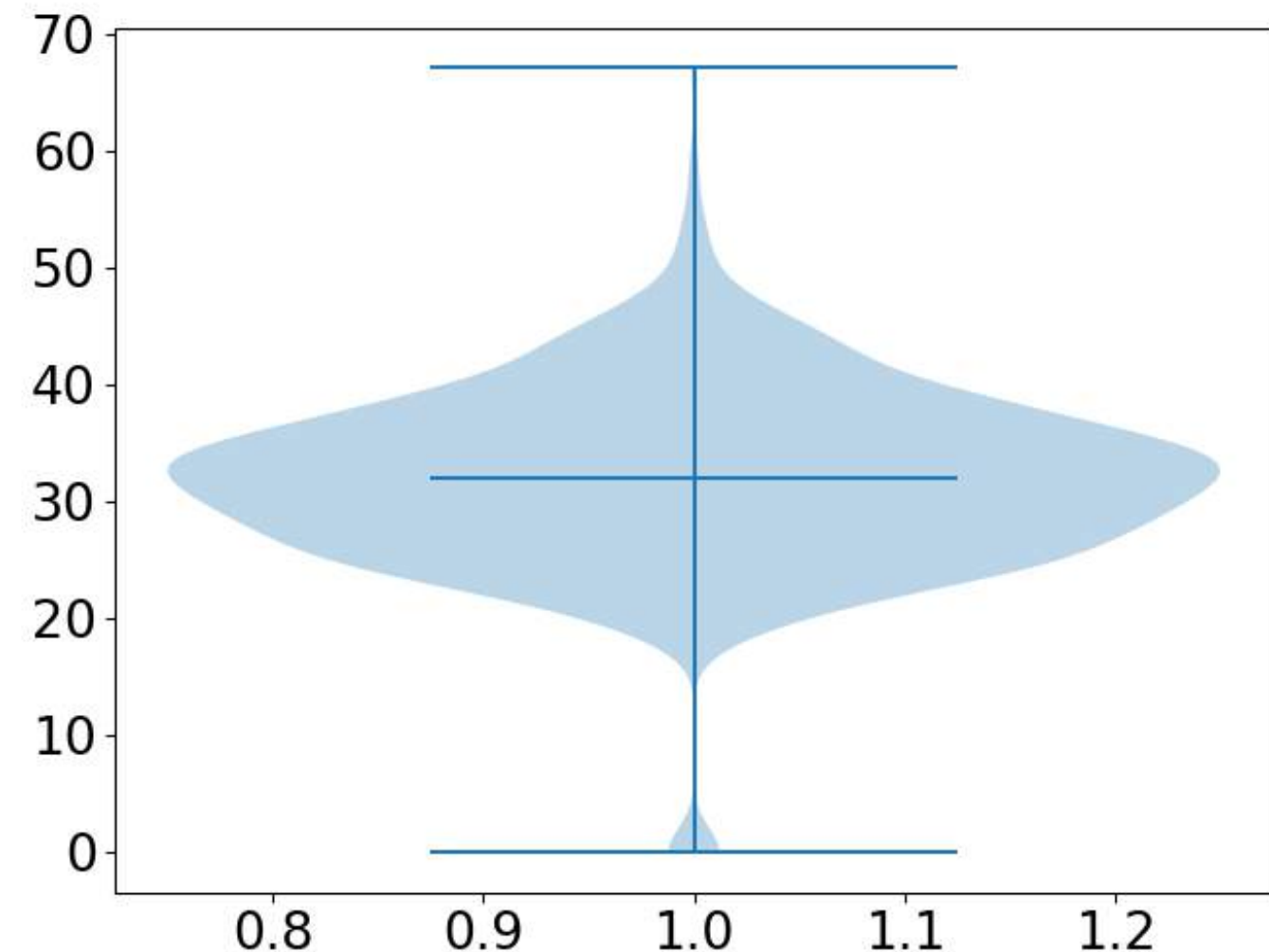
In this module, we'll explore complex visualizations, saving plots in the plot directory, and best data visualization practices

Complex univariate plots: violin plots

- Violin plots are primarily used to look at the **variations in the data**
- The characteristics of violin plots are similar to the box plot, except they **visualize the probability density** of the entire data
- Just like box plots, they include a marker that shows the median
- The violin plot has elongated projections when the density is high and flat projections when the probability density is low
- The attributes `showmeans` and `showmedians` can be set to true or false to show the mean/median and vice versa

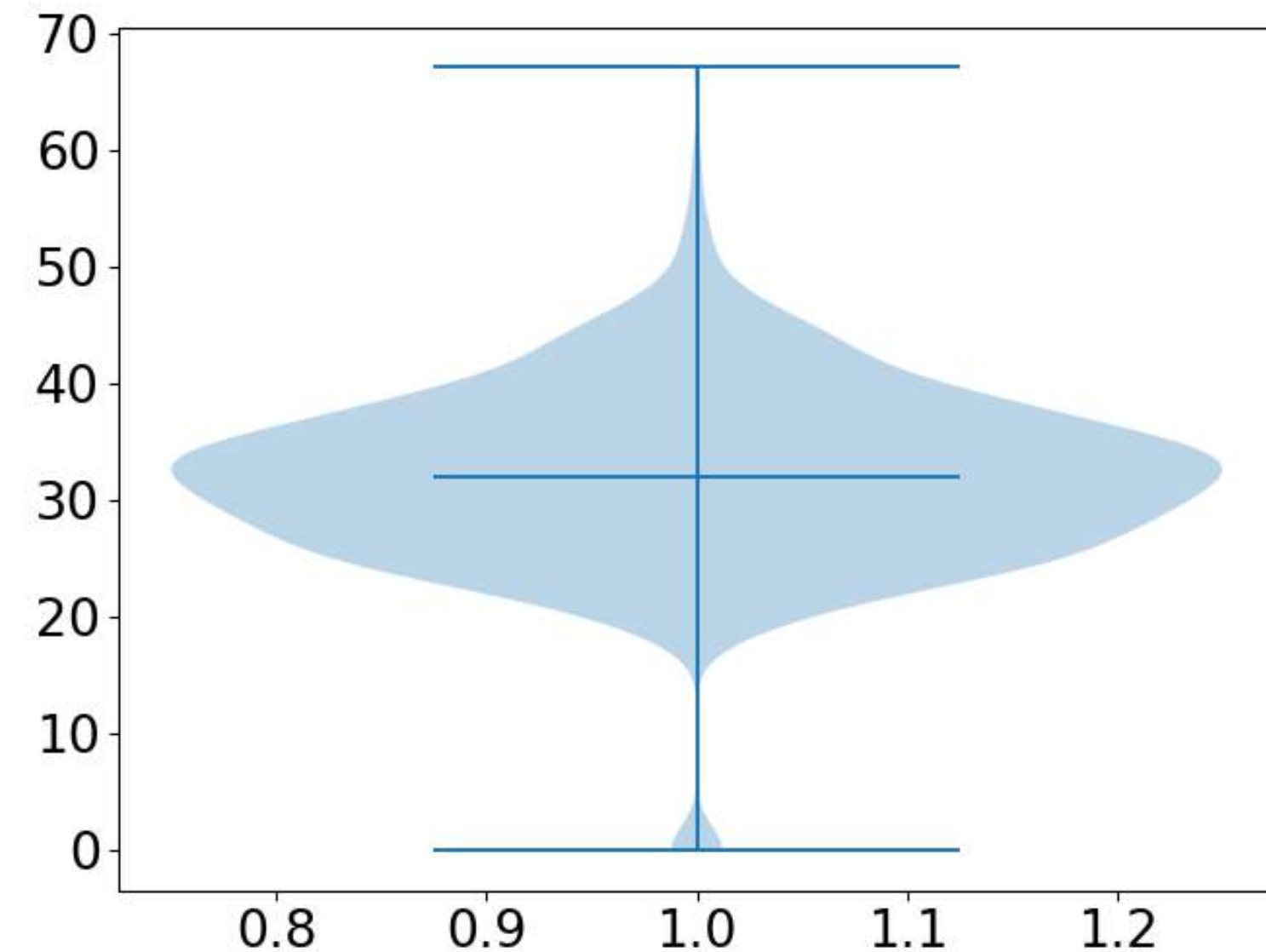
```
plt.violinplot(df_subset['BMI'],  
               showmeans=False,  
               showmedians=True)
```

```
plt.show()
```



Univariate plots: violin plot interpretation

- The blue line in the middle shows the median of 'BMI'
- The **immediate areas around the median of the violin plot where the probability density is higher represent approximately the 25th and 75th percentile**
- By comparing the box plot with the violin plot, we understand that the violin plot is a lot more helpful in understanding the exact probability distribution of data

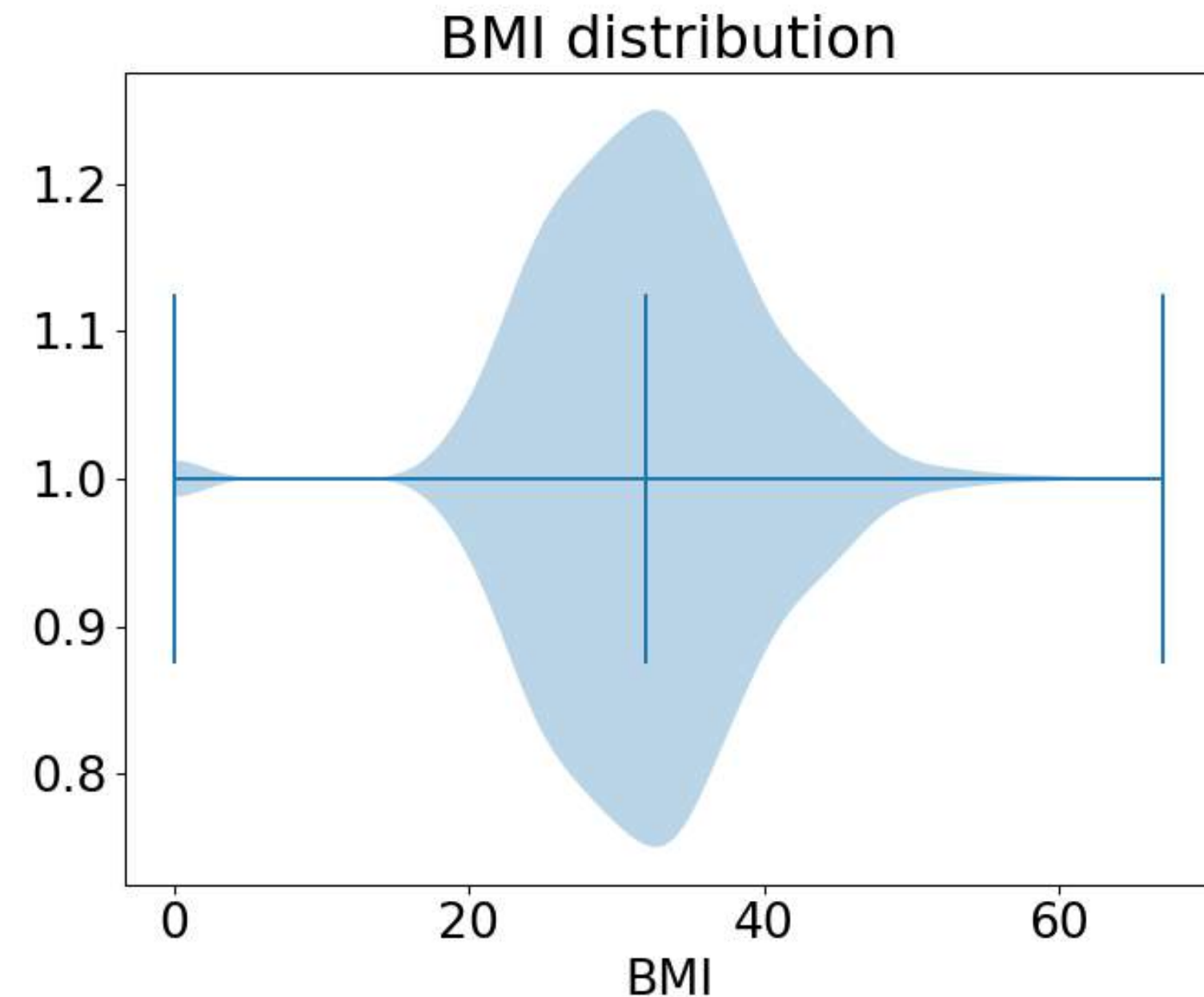


Univariate plots: violin plot (cont'd)

- You can change the orientation of the plot to horizontal by setting `vert = False`
- In chat, share your thoughts on: Looking at this violin plot, what can you tell about the '**BMI**' distribution in our data?

```
plt.violinplot(df_subset['BMI'], vert = False,  
showmeans=False, showmedians=True)
```

```
plt.xlabel('BMI')  
plt.title('BMI distribution')  
plt.show()
```



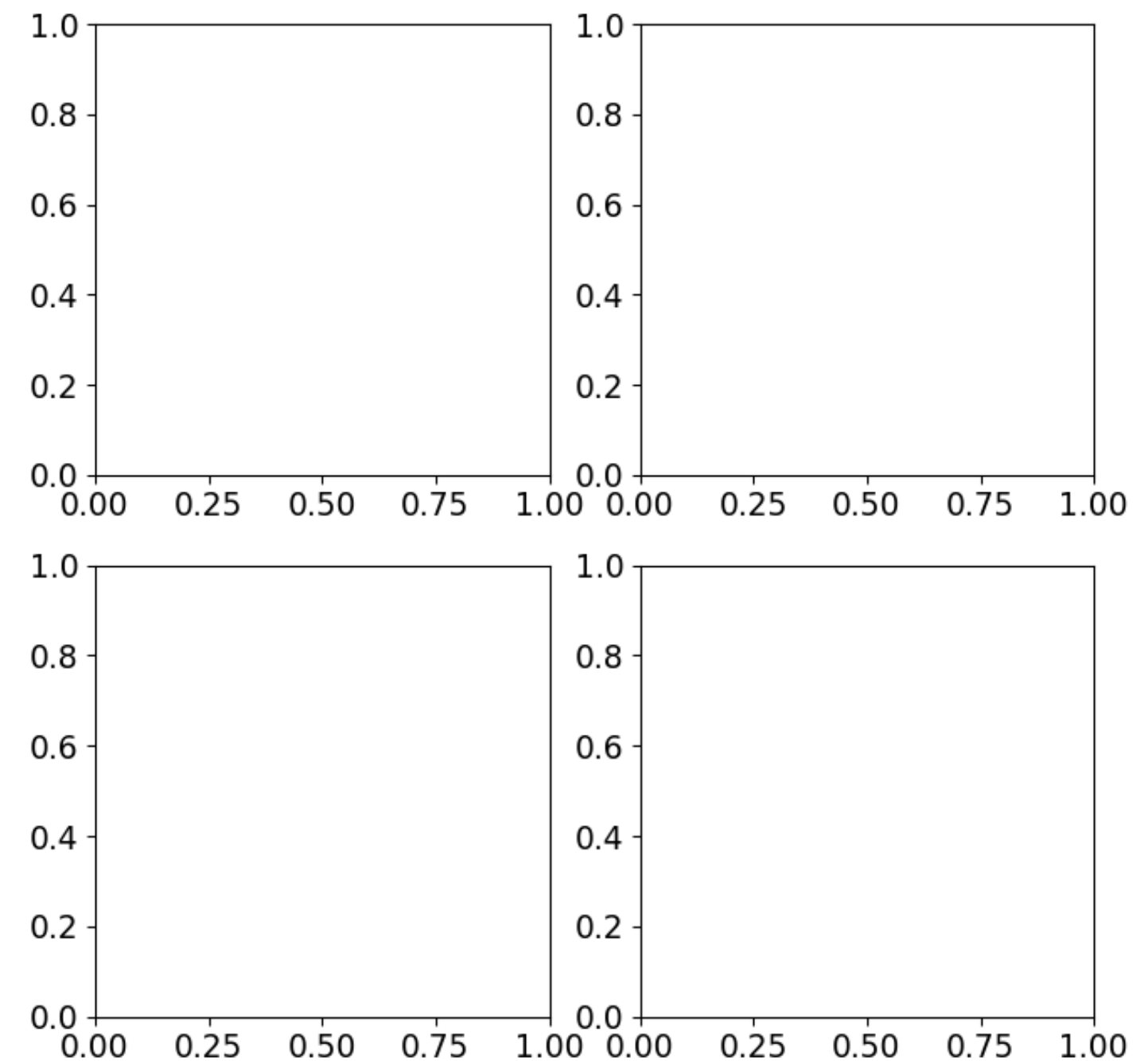
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Compound visualizations: grids

- We can create figures containing multiple plots laid out in a **grid** using `plt.subplots()`
- The `subplots` function returns two values, a **Figure** object, and an **Axes** object
 - Figure contains the entire grid and all of the elements inside
 - Axes is an array, where each member contains a particular subplot
- *Why do you think grid or compound visualizations are helpful?*
- *Where would you use such visualizations in your work?*

```
# Create a 2 x 2 figure and axes grid.  
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2)  
plt.show()
```



Compound visualizations: axes

- Axes is just an array

```
print(axes)
```

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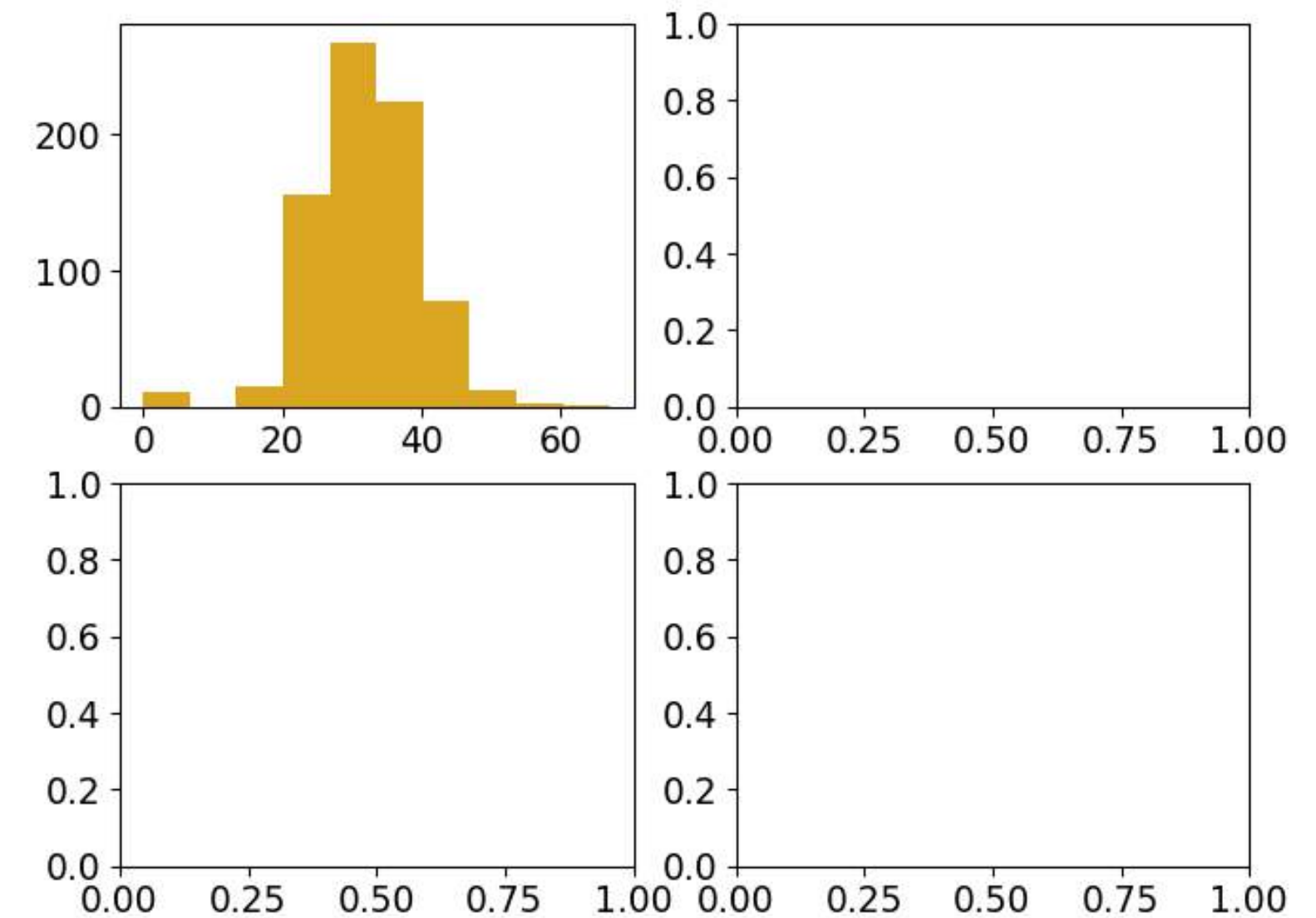
- Since it's a 2×2 grid, we have a 2D array with four entries that we will “fill” with values - that is, **plots**

Compound visualizations: axes (cont'd)

- To access each element of the array, use a simple 2D array subsetting style
`[row_id, col_id]`
- Instead of attaching a particular plot like a histogram, for example, to a `plt` object, we will attach it to the
`axes[row_id, col_id]`

```
plt.clf()
plt.figure(figsize = (8, 8))
plt.rcParams.update({'font.size': 14})
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2)

axes[0, 0].hist(df_subset['BMI'],
                facecolor = 'goldenrod') #<- set
color
```



Compound visualizations: axes (cont'd)

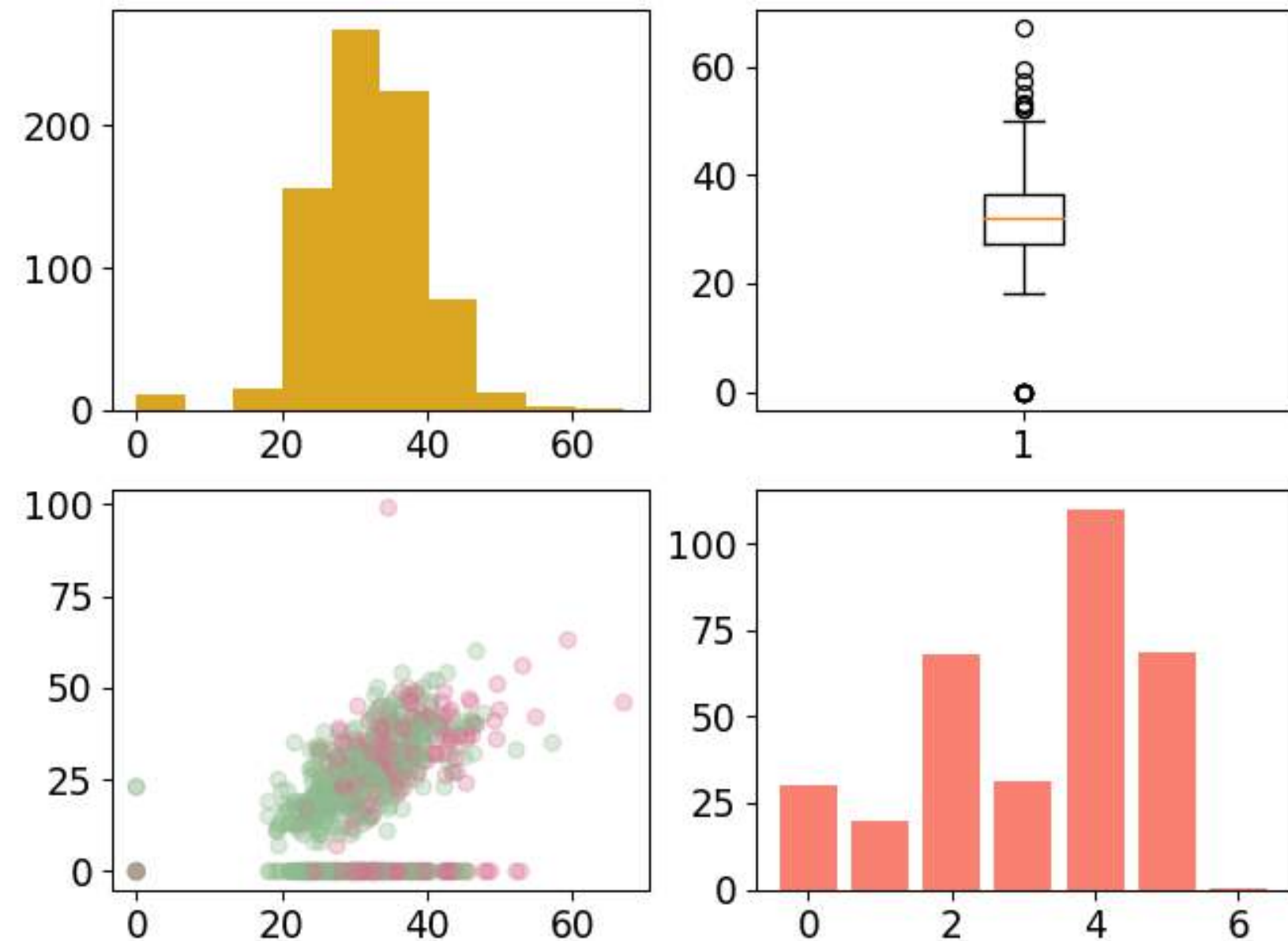
- Let's fill out three remaining plots

```
plt.figure(figsize = (12, 8))
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2)
color_dict = {int('0'): 'darkseagreen',
               int('1'): 'palevioletred'}
color = df_subset['Outcome'].map(color_dict)
axes[0, 0].hist(df_subset['BMI'],
                facecolor = 'goldenrod') #<-
set color
```

```
axes[0, 1].boxplot(df_subset['BMI'])
```

```
axes[1, 0].scatter(df_subset['BMI'],
                   df_subset['SkinThickness'],
                   c = color,
                   alpha = 0.3)
axes[1, 1].bar(bar_positions, bar_heights,
               color = "salmon")
```

```
plt.show()
```



Compound visualizations: labeling axes

- To label each plot's axis, use `axes[row_id, col_id].set_xlabel` format

```
# Histogram.  
axes[0, 0].set_ylabel('BMI distribution')  
axes[0, 0].set_xlabel('BMI')  
  
# Boxplot.  
axes[0, 1].set_ylabel('BMI')  
  
# Scatterplot.  
axes[1, 0].set_xlabel('BMI')  
axes[1, 0].set_ylabel('SkinThickness')  
  
# Mean values of categories of variable means.  
axes[1, 1].set_ylabel('Mean values')
```

Compound visualizations: labeling ticks

- To set ticks on each axis, use `axes[row_id, col_id].xaxis.set_ticks` format

```
# No labels for ticks for boxplot.  
axes[0, 1].xaxis.set_ticklabels([""])
```

```
# Tick positions set to bar positions in bar chart.  
axes[1, 1].xaxis.set_ticks(bar_positions)  
  
# Tick labels set to bar categories in bar chart.  
axes[1, 1].xaxis.set_ticklabels(bar_labels, rotation = 18)
```

Compound visualizations: figure adjustments

- Now let's make a few final adjustments to how our figure outputs

```
plt.rcParams['axes.labelsize'] = 20
plt.rcParams['figure.titlesize'] = 25
fig.set_size_inches(18, 7.5)
fig.suptitle('Data Summary')
```

Compound visualizations: putting it all together

- **Note:** The entire code block will be visible in your notebook

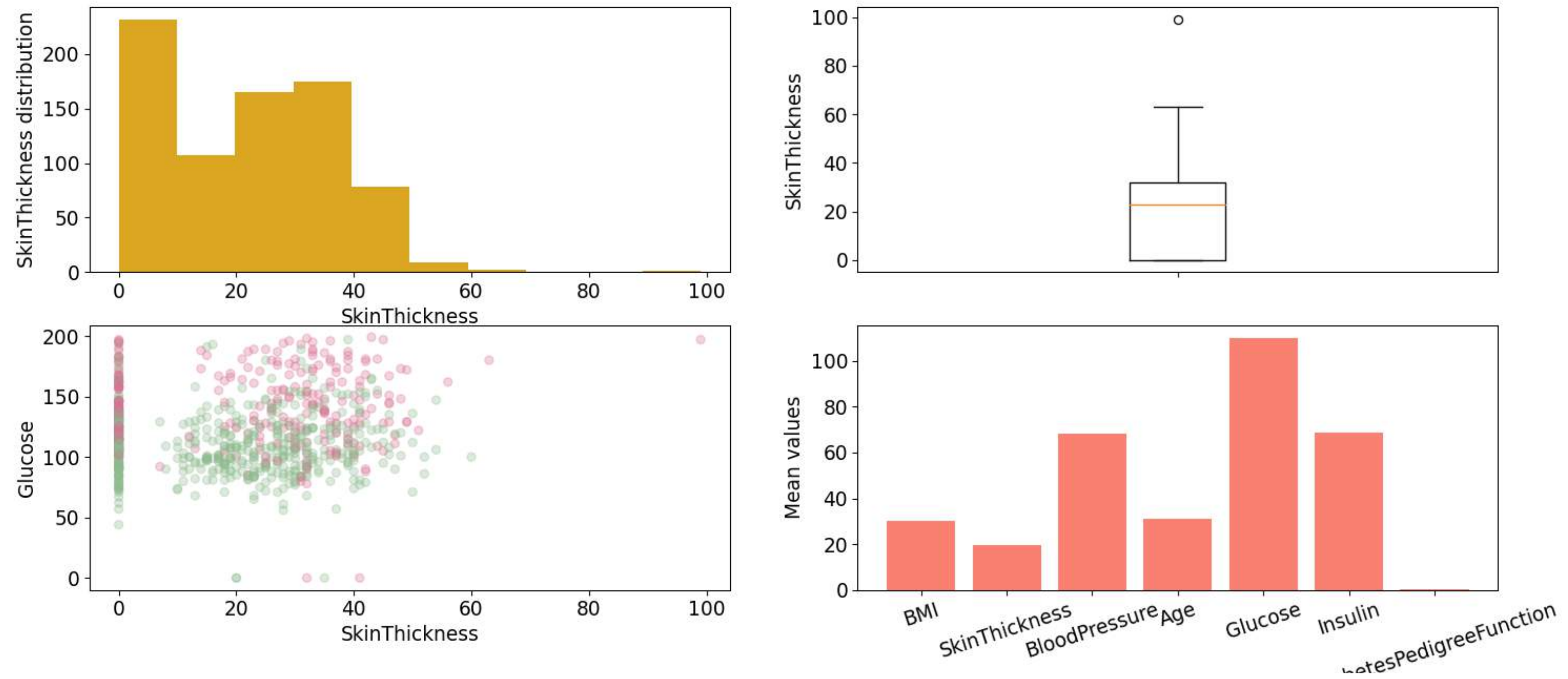
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plt.rcParams.update({'font.size': 14})
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2)

color_dict = {int('0'): 'darkseagreen',
              int('1'): 'palevioletred'}
color = df_subset['Outcome'].map(color_dict)
axes[0, 0].hist(df_subset['SkinThickness'],
               facecolor = 'goldenrod') #<- set color
axes[0, 1].boxplot(df_subset['SkinThickness'])
axes[1, 0].scatter(df_subset['SkinThickness'],
                  df_subset['Glucose'],
                  c = color,
                  alpha = 0.3)
axes[1, 1].bar(bar_positions, bar_heights,
               color = "salmon")

# Histogram
```


Compound visualizations: display the figure

Data Summary



Compound visualizations: layered plots

- We can create figures containing multiple plots layered on top of each other using the same plotting area `plt.subplots()`
- Layered plots allow any number of plotting layers, making them very flexible - especially in those datasets where looking at patterns across multiple categories is essential

Compound visualizations: layered plots (cont'd)

- We'll now create a layered plot based on the scatterplot we created earlier
- **Note:** The entire code block will be visible in your notebook

```
plt.clf() #<- clear plotting area
fig, axes = plt.subplots() #<- create a new figure and axes objects for plotting

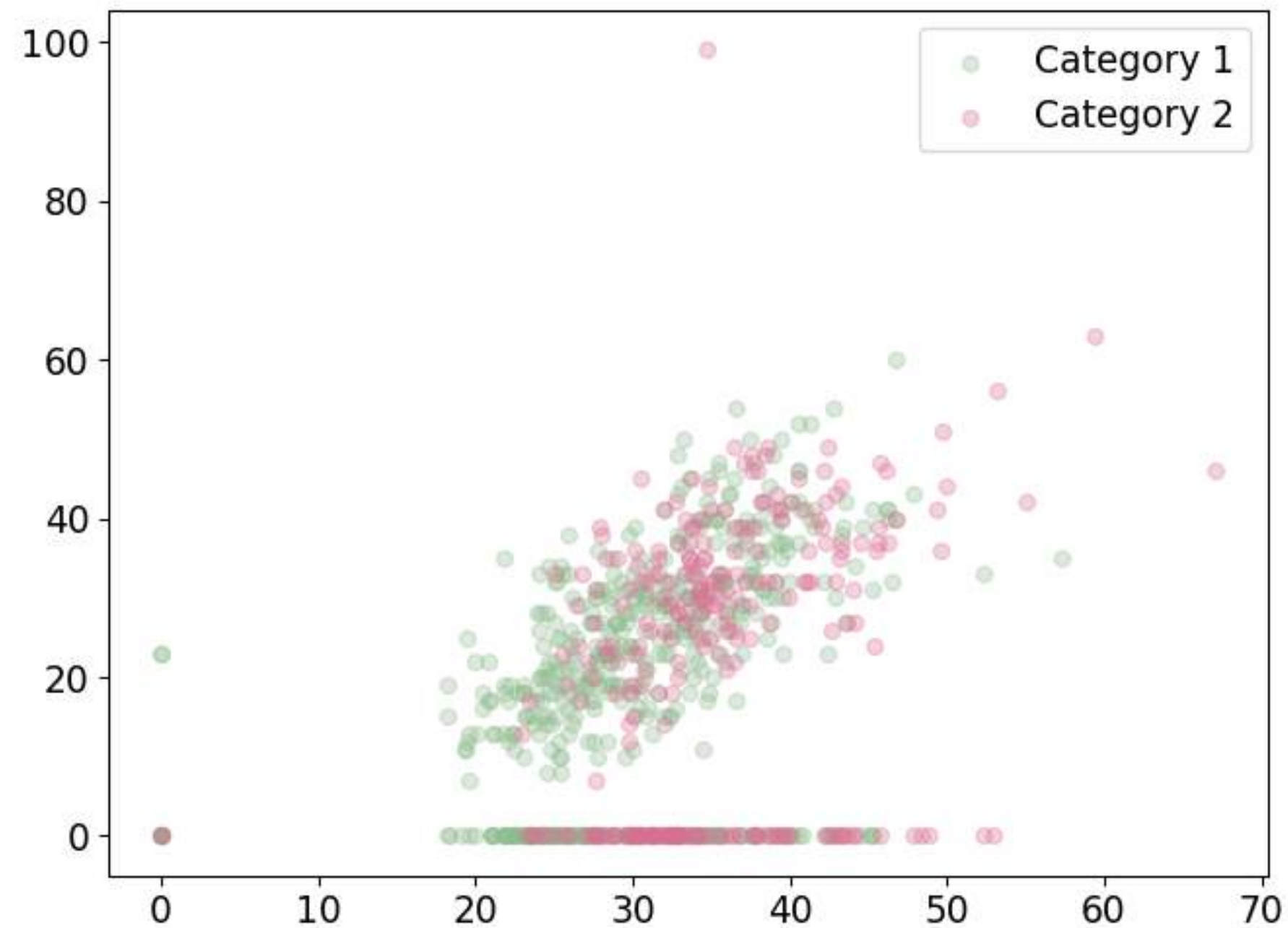
grouping_col_levels = list(df_grouped_mean_long[grouping_col].unique())
grouping_category_1 = grouping_col_levels[0]
grouping_category_2 = grouping_col_levels[1]

for key, value in color_dict.items():
    query = str('Outcome') + '==' + str(key)
    sc_col_1 = df_subset.query(query) ['BMI']
    sc_col_2 = df_subset.query(query) ['SkinThickness']

    if key == int(grouping_category_1):
        Flag = "Category 1"
    else:
        Flag = "Category 2"

    axes.scatter(sc_col_1,
                 sc_col_2,
```

Compound visualizations: layered plots (cont'd)



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- Now let's create a layered bar chart to visualize the mean values for each of our variables, based on both the `True` and `False` mean data

```
# We already have `Outcome` = `0` mean data.  
print(df_true_means.head())
```

	metric	mean
0	BMI	30.3042
2	SkinThickness	19.6640
4	BloodPressure	68.1840
6	Age	31.1900
8	Glucose	109.9800

```
# Let's get the `Outcome` = `1` mean data.  
query = str('Outcome') + '==' + str('1')  
df_false_means = df_grouped_mean_long.query(query)[['metric', 'mean']]  
print(df_false_means)
```

	metric	mean
1	BMI	35.142537
3	SkinThickness	22.164179
5	BloodPressure	70.824627
7	Age	37.067164
9	Glucose	141.257463
11	Insulin	100.335821
13	DiabetesPedigreeFunction	0.550500

Compound visualizations: layered plots (cont'd)

```
# Mean values for `Outcome` = `0` data.  
category_1_bar_heights = df_true_means['mean']  
# Mean values for `Outcome` = `1` data.  
category_2_bar_heights = df_false_means['mean']  
# Labels of bars, their width, and positions are shared for both categories.  
bar_labels = df_false_means['metric']  
num_bars = len(bar_labels)  
bar_positions = np.arange(num_bars)  
width = 0.35
```

Compound visualizations: layered plots (cont'd)

```
# Clear the plotting area for the new plot.
plt.clf()
# Create the figure and axes objects.
fig, axes = plt.subplots()
```

```
category_1_bar_chart = axes.bar(bar_positions,          #<- set bar positions
                                category_1_bar_heights, #<- set bar heights
                                width,                  #<- set width of the bars
                                color = color_dict[0])  #<- set color corresponding to '0' in dictionary
```

```
category_2_bar_chart = axes.bar(bar_positions + width, #<- set bar positions
                                category_2_bar_heights, #<- set bar heights
                                width,                  #<- set width of the bars
                                color = color_dict[1])  #<- set color corresponding to '1' in dictionary
```

Compound visualizations: layered plots (cont'd)

```
# Add text for labels, title and axes ticks.  
axes.set_ylabel('Mean values')  
axes.set_title('Data metrics summary')  
axes.set_xticks(bar_positions + width/2)
```

```
axes.set_xticklabels(bar_labels)
```


Compound visualizations: layered plots (cont'd)

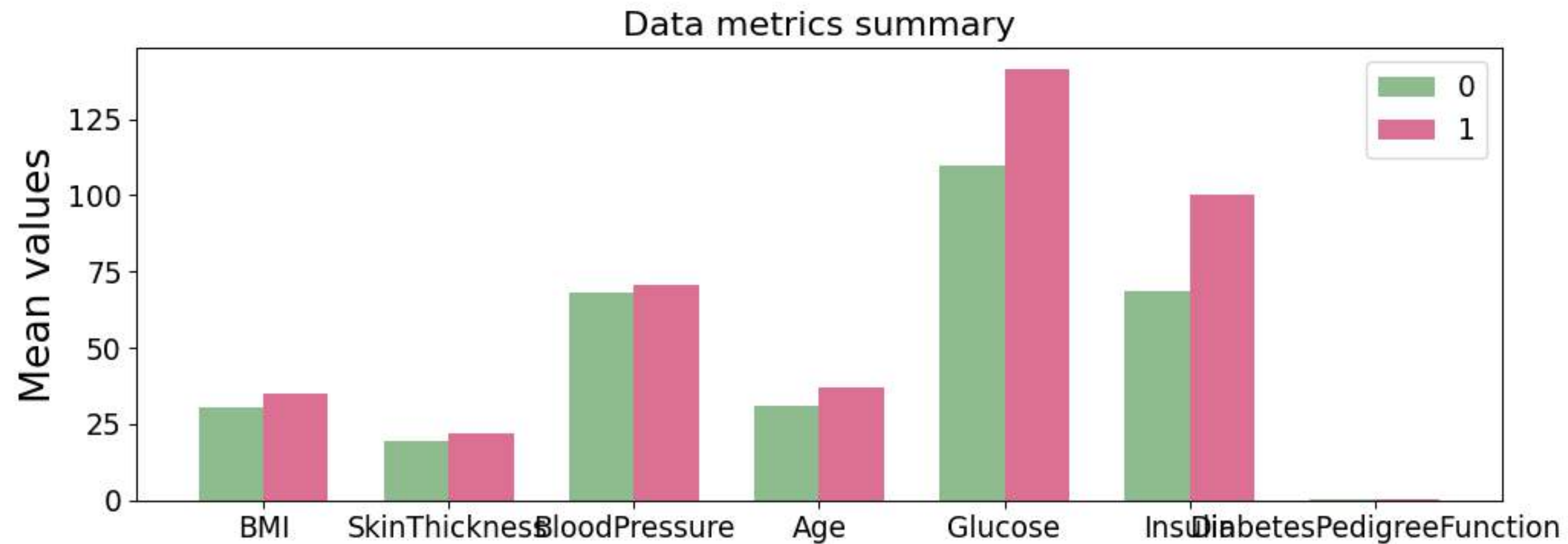
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plt.clf()
# Create the figure and axes objects.
fig, axes = plt.subplots()

category_1_bar_chart = axes.bar(bar_positions,          #<- set bar positions
                                category_1_bar_heights, #<- set bar heights
                                width,                  #<- set width of the bars
                                color = color_dict[0])  #<- set color corresponding to '0' in dictionary
category_2_bar_chart = axes.bar(bar_positions + width, #<- set bar positions
                                category_2_bar_heights, #<- set bar heights
                                width,                  #<- set width of the bars
                                color = color_dict[1])  #<- set color corresponding to '1' in dictionary

# Add text for labels, title and axes ticks.
axes.set_ylabel('Mean values')
axes.set_title('Data metrics summary')
axes.set_xticks(bar_positions + width/2)
axes.set_xticklabels(bar_labels)
```

Compound visualizations: layered plots (cont'd)



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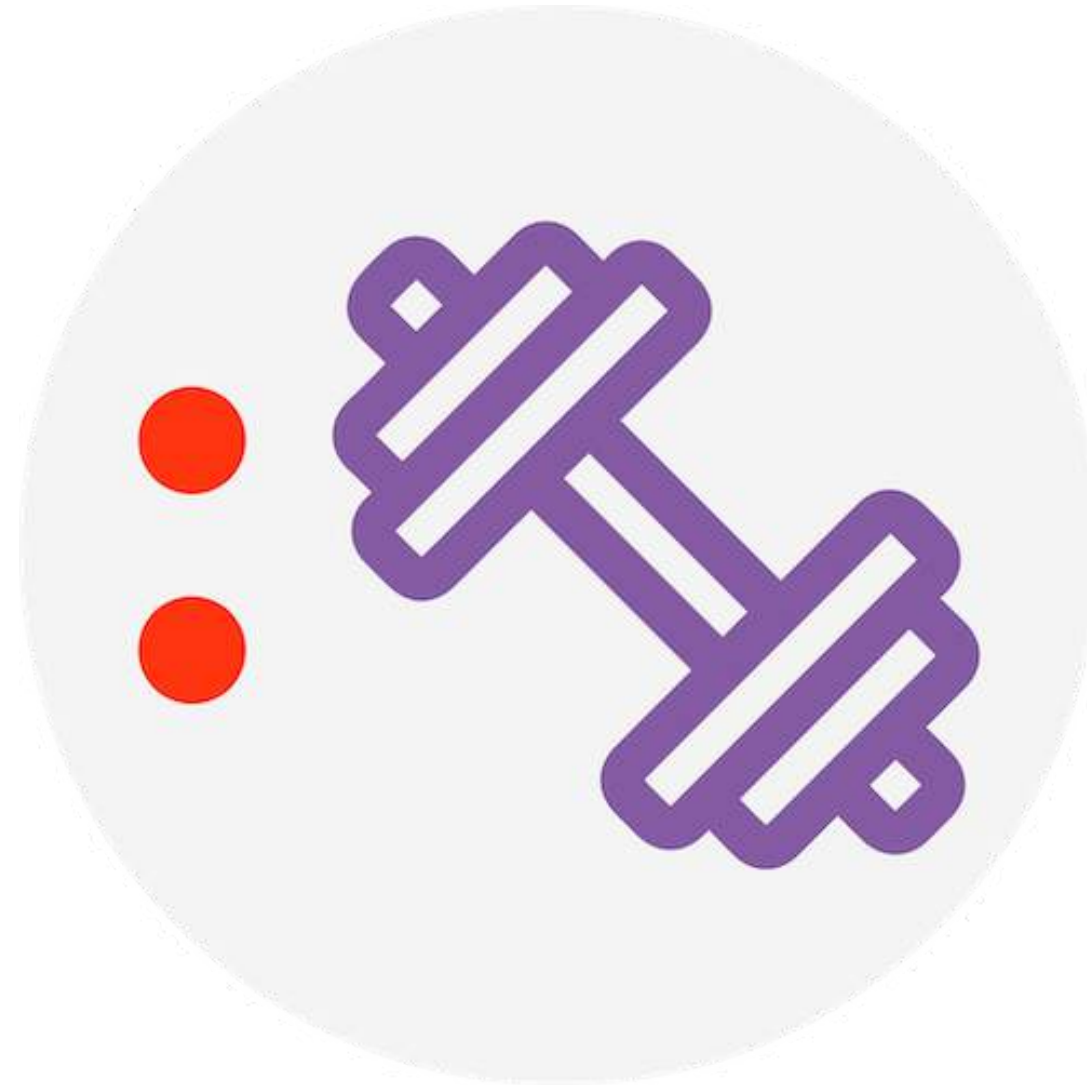
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Knowledge check



Link: [Click here to complete the knowledge check](#)

Exercise



You are now ready to try tasks 19-24 in the Exercise for this topic.

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Congratulations on completing this module!

