

Instructor 1 - Matplotlib 2022

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1 Figures, Axes & Artists

Think of the **Figure** as your workspace or canvas. It is the top level container in a plot hierarchy. You can have multiple independent figures and Figures can contain multiple Axes.

Plotting occurs on an **Axes** (not Axis). It is the plot and its associated details (labels, tick marks, grids, etc.)

1.1 Two Big Plotting Concepts

[Click here for matplotlib documentation](#) - - matplotlib.org

[Go here for the life cycle of a plot](#)

2 Types of Input Used by Matplotlib

3 Coding Interfaces

Matplotlib has three interfaces (ways to write code) - pyplot: hides the complexity of object-oriented coding. - object oriented: provides access to more functions and control over the visualizations - pylab (not recommended for use)

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random
import math
```

```
[2]: # Showing subtle different between pyploy and OO approach
x = np.linspace(0, 10, 1000)

# pyplot approach

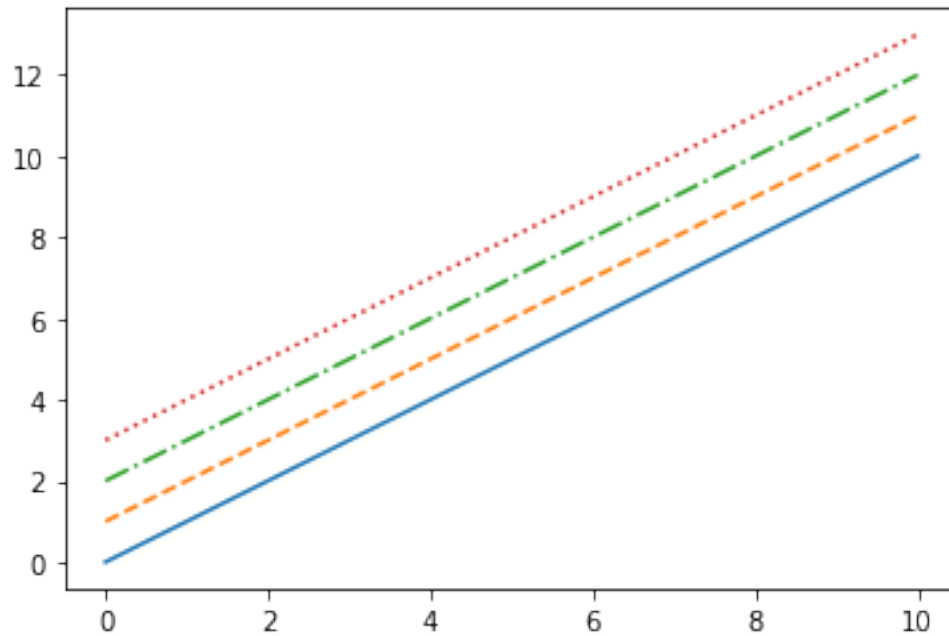
plt.plot(x, x + 0, linestyle = 'solid') # plot creates a line plot
plt.plot(x, x + 1, linestyle='dashed')
plt.plot(x, x + 2, linestyle='dashdot')
plt.plot(x, x + 3, linestyle='dotted')

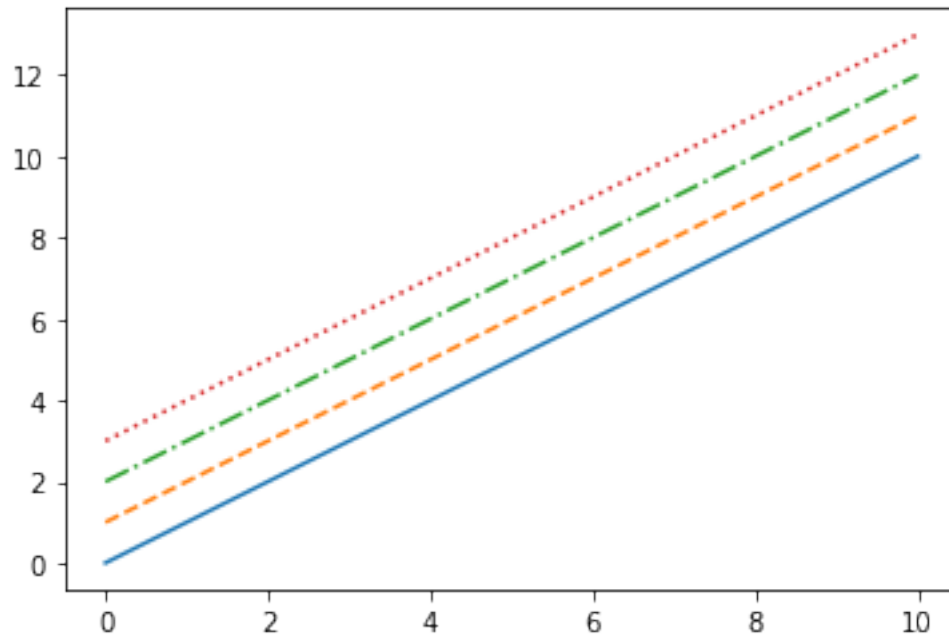
# Object-oriented approach
```

```
fig = plt.figure()
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(1,1,1) # the same as fig.add_subplot(111)

ax1.plot(x, x + 0, linestyle='solid')
ax1.plot(x, x + 1, linestyle='dashed')
ax1.plot(x, x + 2, linestyle='dashdot')
ax1.plot(x, x + 3, linestyle='dotted')
```

[2]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fc330dd4850>]





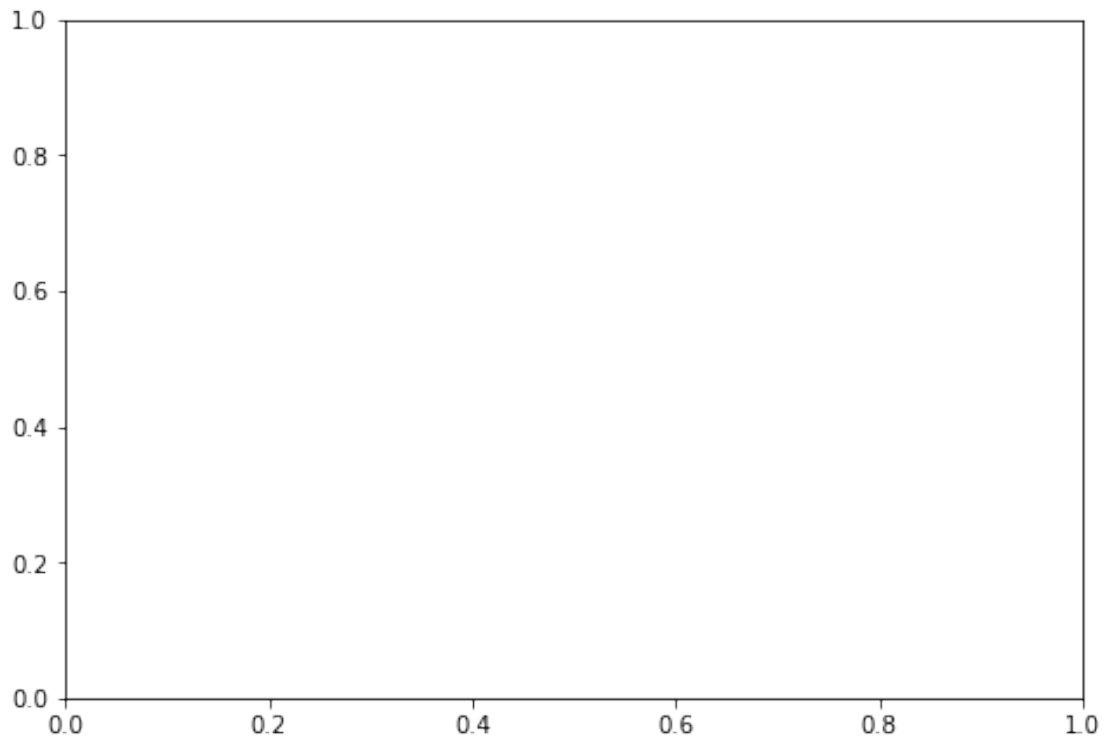
4 The Lifecycle of a Plot

- create the figure
- add the axes
- add the plot
- customize the plot
- customize the figure
- save figure to a file

```
[3]: delivery_num = [1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64]
     delivered = [1, 16, 30, 42, 55, 68, 77, 88]
     administered = [1, 6, 12, 18, 28, 40, 52, 65]
```

4.0.1 Create the figure and the axes

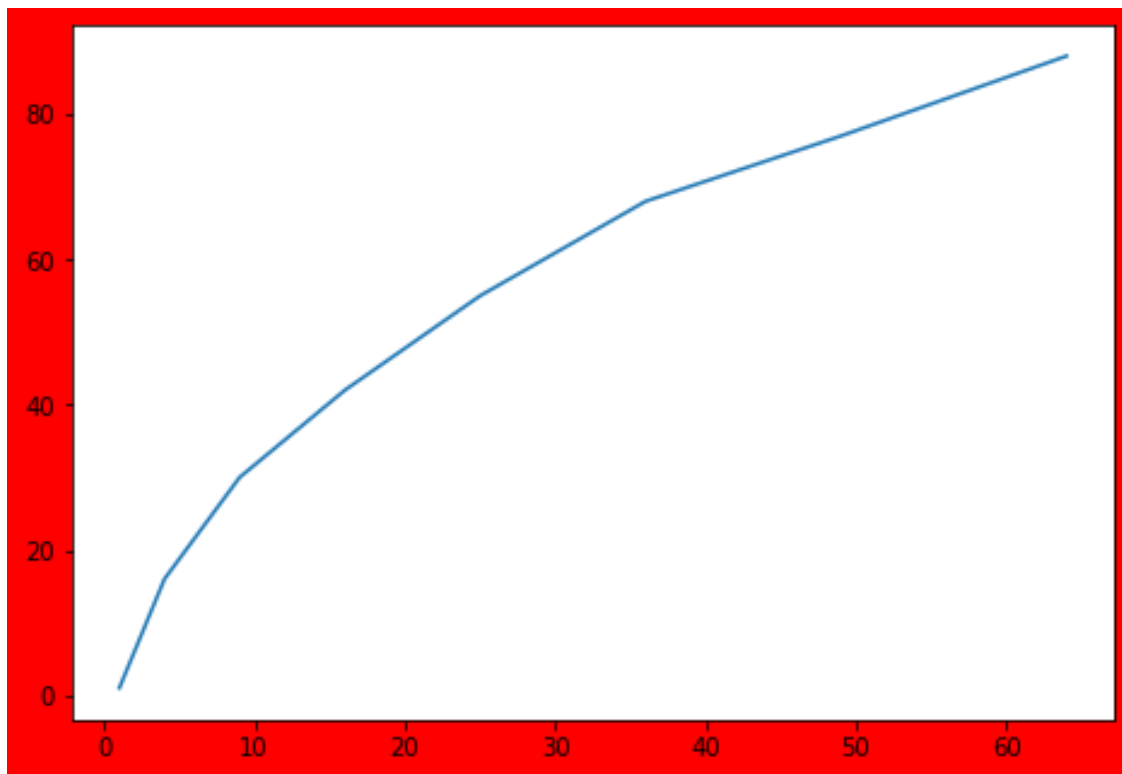
```
[4]: #plt.rcParams.update(plt.rcParamsDefault)
     fig = plt.figure() # plt.figure calls matplotlib.figure
     ax1 = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1]) # left, bottom, width, height
```



4.0.2 Add a plot to the axes

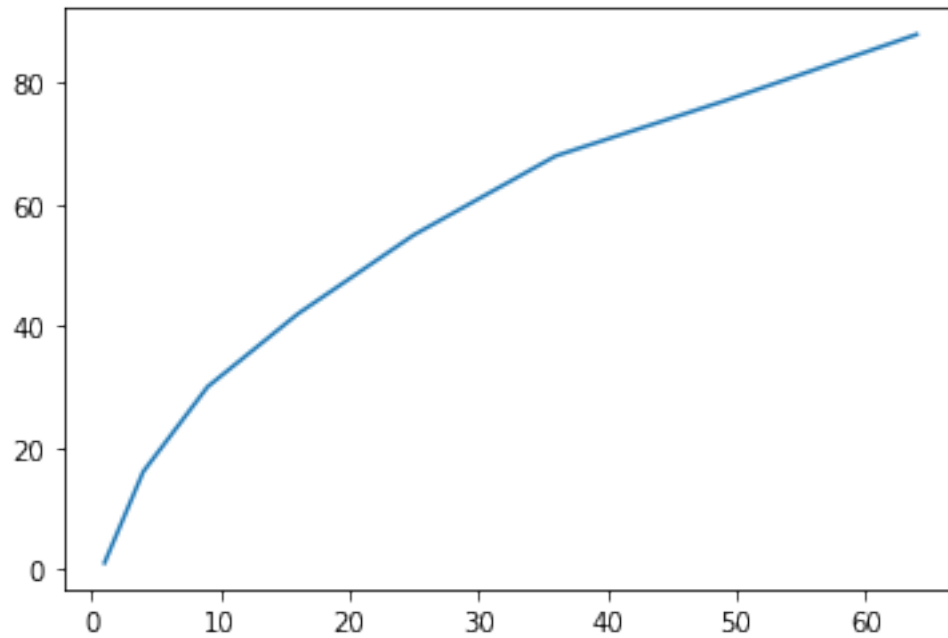
```
[5]: fig = plt.figure(facecolor = 'red') # fig is just a name. It can be anything you want.
      ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])      # left, bottom, width, height
      ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered)
```

```
[5]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fc33116df70>]
```



```
[6]: # A little shortcut  
  
fig, ax = plt.subplots()  
ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered)
```

```
[6]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fc330d68130>]
```



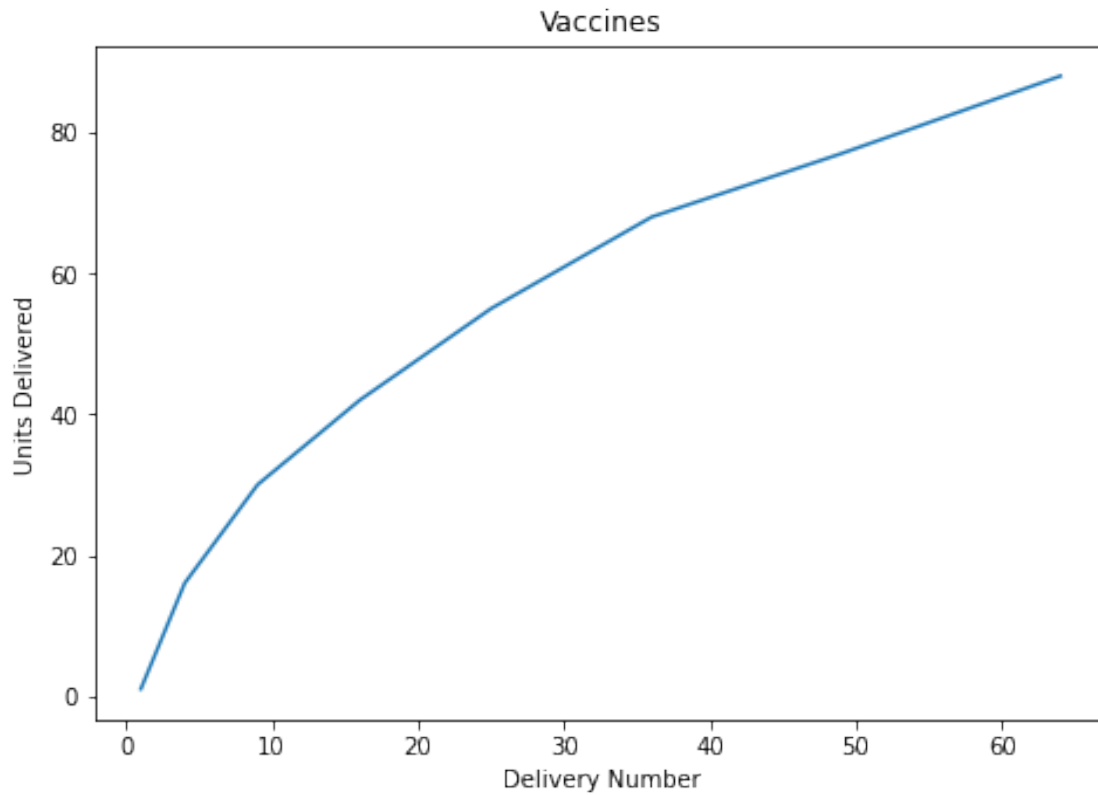
4.0.3 Customize the plot

- Labels
- Legend
- Axis limits
- Colors and marks

```
[7]: # Set axis labels
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered)

ax.set_title("Vaccines")
ax.set_xlabel('Delivery Number')
ax.set_ylabel('Units Delivered')
```

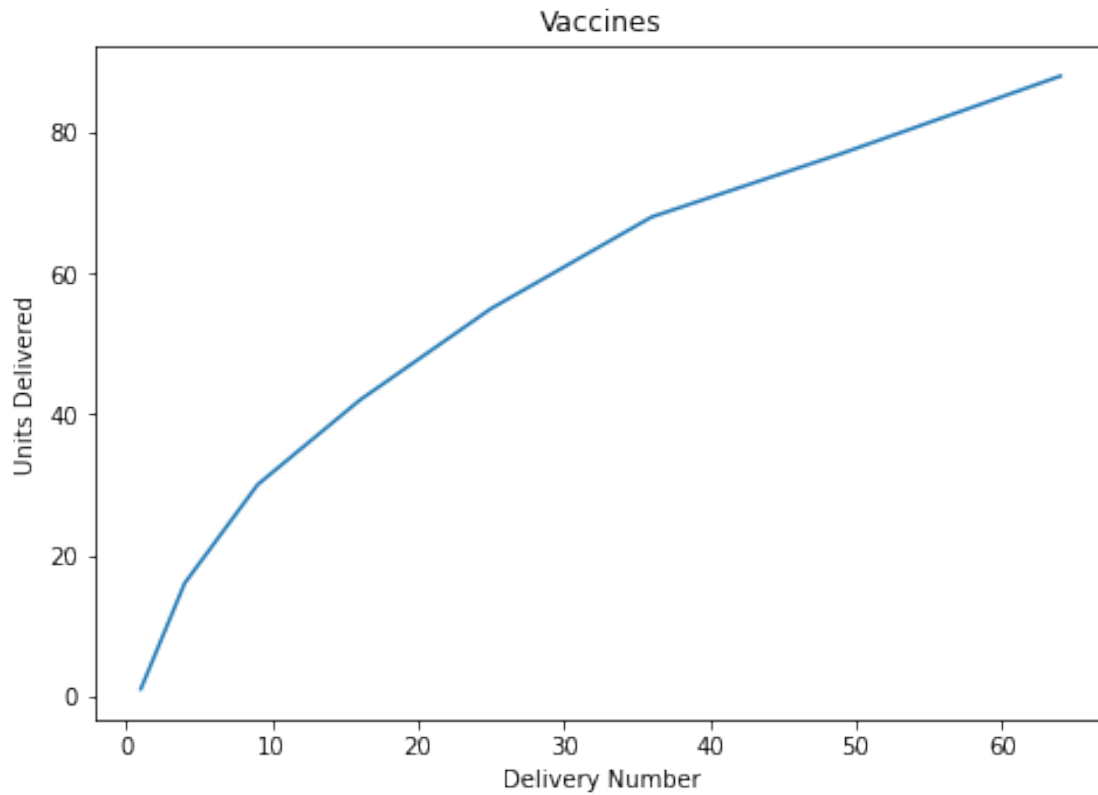
```
[7]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Units Delivered')
```



```
[8]: # Set line labels
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered, label = 'Delivered')

ax.set_title("Vaccines")
ax.set_xlabel('Delivery Number')
ax.set_ylabel('Units Delivered')
```

```
[8]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Units Delivered')
```

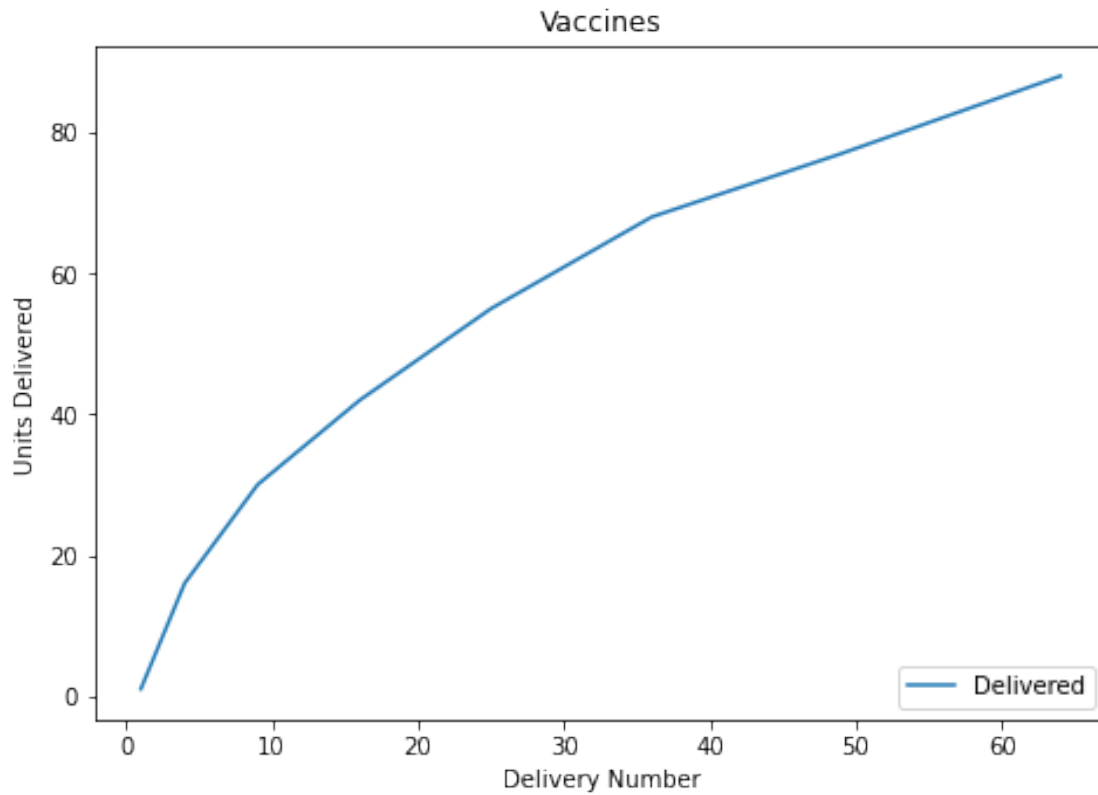


```
[9]: # Set the legend

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered, label = 'Delivered')

ax.set_title("Vaccines")
ax.set_xlabel('Delivery Number')
ax.set_ylabel('Units Delivered')

ax.legend(loc = 'lower right') # legend placed at lower right
plt.show() # This removes that little piece of output above the chart
```

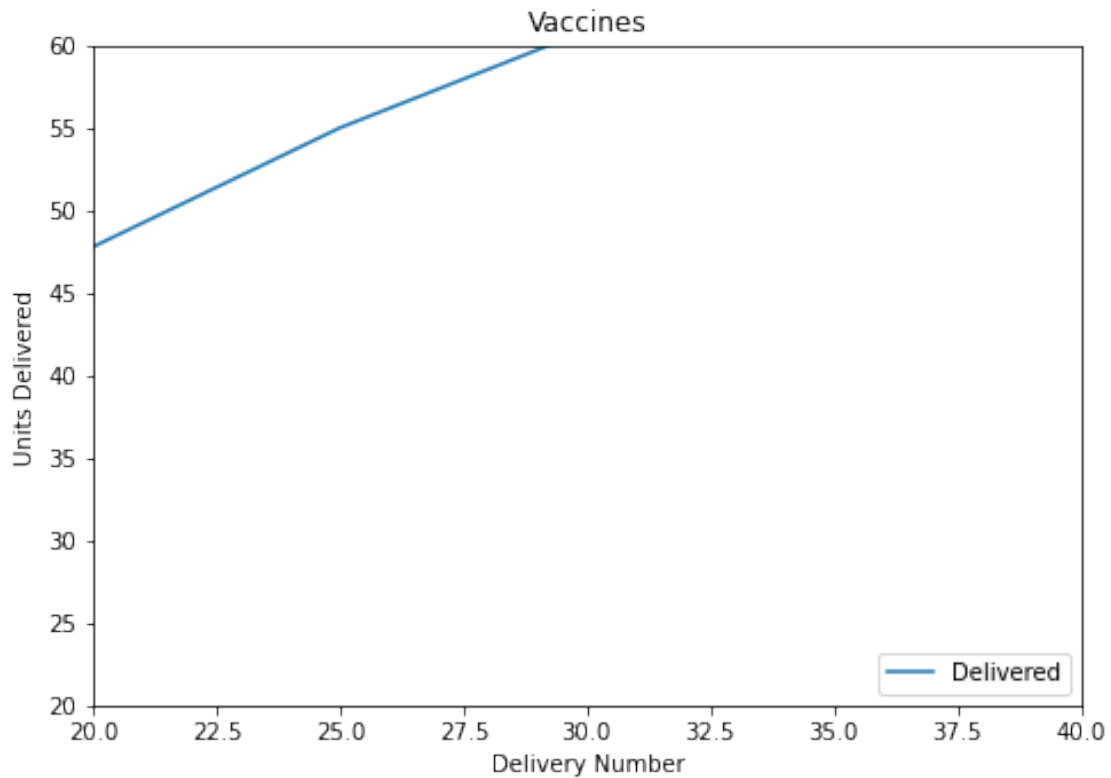



```
[10]: # Set axis limits
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered, label = 'Delivered')

ax.set_title("Vaccines")
ax.set_xlabel('Delivery Number')
ax.set_ylabel('Units Delivered')

ax.legend(loc = 'lower right')

ax.set_xlim(20,40)
ax.set_ylim(20,60)
plt.show()
```

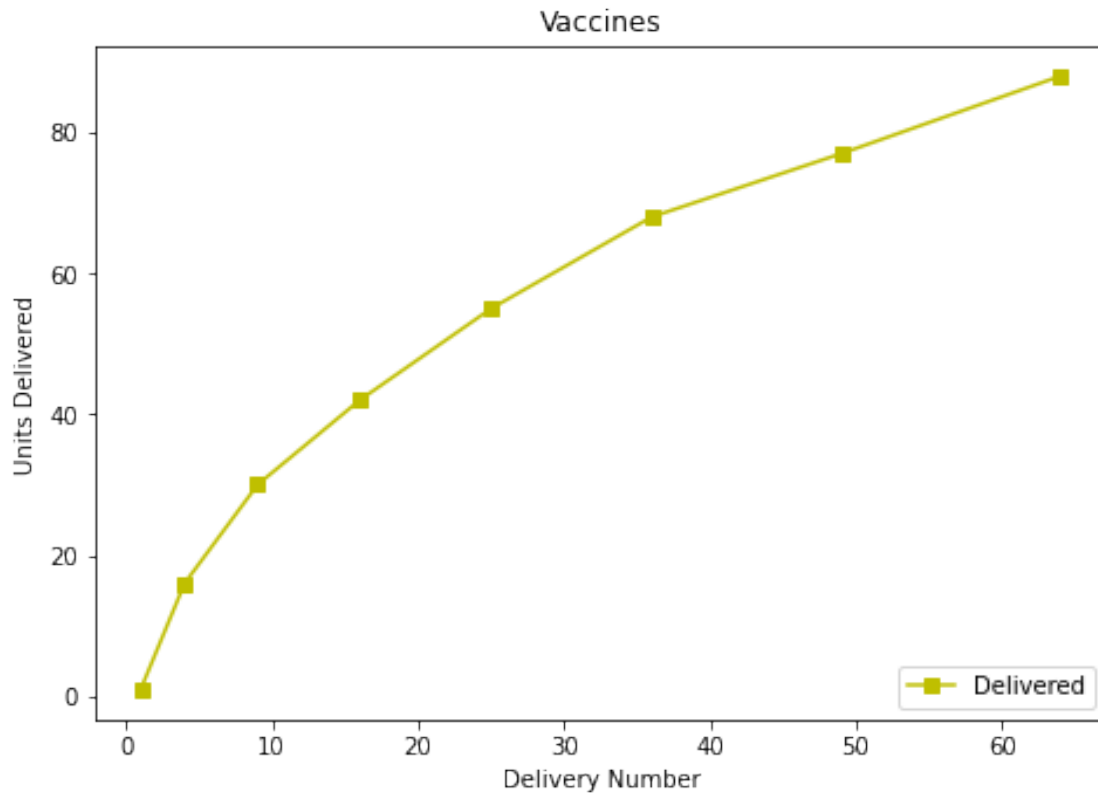


```
[11]: # Color and marks
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered,'ys-', label = 'Delivered')
# ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered, label = 'Delivered','ys-') This fails.

ax.set_title("Vaccines")
ax.set_xlabel('Delivery Number')
ax.set_ylabel('Units Delivered')

ax.legend(loc = 'lower right')

plt.show()
```

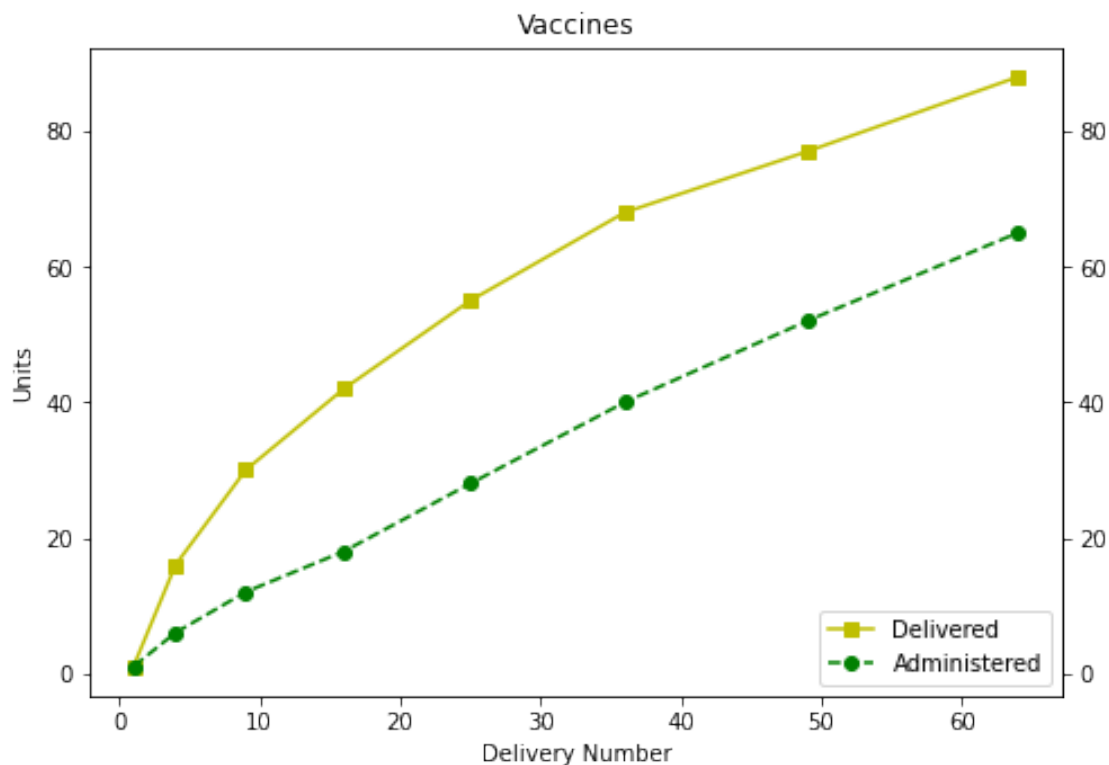


Add a second plot to the axes

```
[12]: # Add a second line (a second plot)
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered,'ys-', label = 'Delivered')
ax.plot(delivery_num,administered,'go--', label = 'Administered') # This is the
    ↳ 2nd line
ax.set_title("Vaccines")
ax.set_xlabel('Delivery Number')
ax.set_ylabel('Units') # Y label is changed
ax.secondary_yaxis('right')

ax.legend(loc = 'lower right')

plt.show()
```



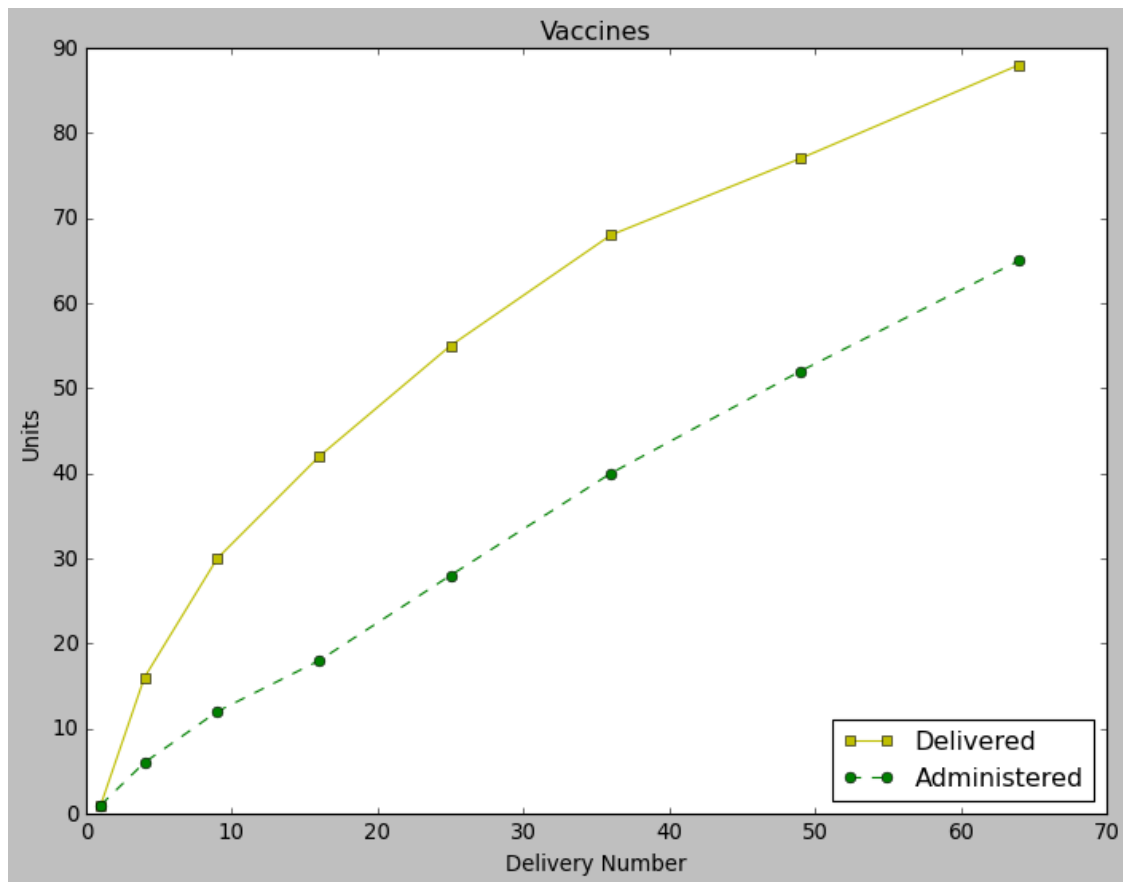
4.0.4 Customize the figure

```
[13]: # Plot styles
plt.style.available
```

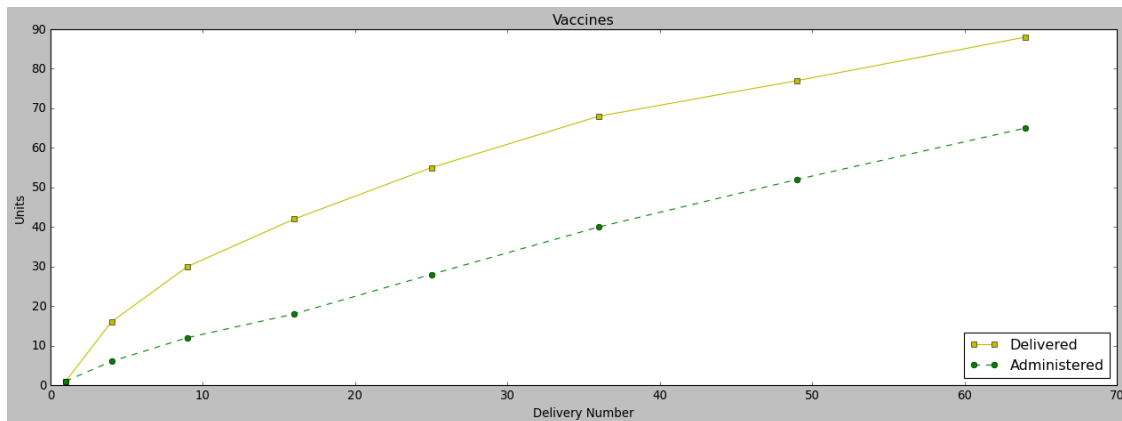
```
[13]: ['Solarize_Light2',
      '_classic_test_patch',
      'bmh',
      'classic',
      'dark_background',
      'fast',
      'fivethirtyeight',
      'ggplot',
      'grayscale',
      'seaborn',
      'seaborn-bright',
      'seaborn-colorblind',
      'seaborn-dark',
      'seaborn-dark-palette',
      'seaborn-darkgrid',
      'seaborn-deep',
      'seaborn-muted',
```

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'seaborn-notebook',  
'seaborn-paper',  
'seaborn-pastel',  
'seaborn-poster',  
'seaborn-talk',  
'seaborn-ticks',  
'seaborn-white',  
'seaborn-whitegrid',  
'tableau-colorblind10']
```

```
[14]: # Plot styles  
plt.style.use('classic')  
fig = plt.figure()  
ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])  
ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered,'ys-', label = 'Delivered')  
ax.plot(delivery_num,administered,'go--', label = 'Administered')  
ax.set_title("Vaccines")  
ax.set_xlabel('Delivery Number')  
ax.set_ylabel('Units')  
  
ax.legend(loc = 'lower right')  
  
plt.show()
```



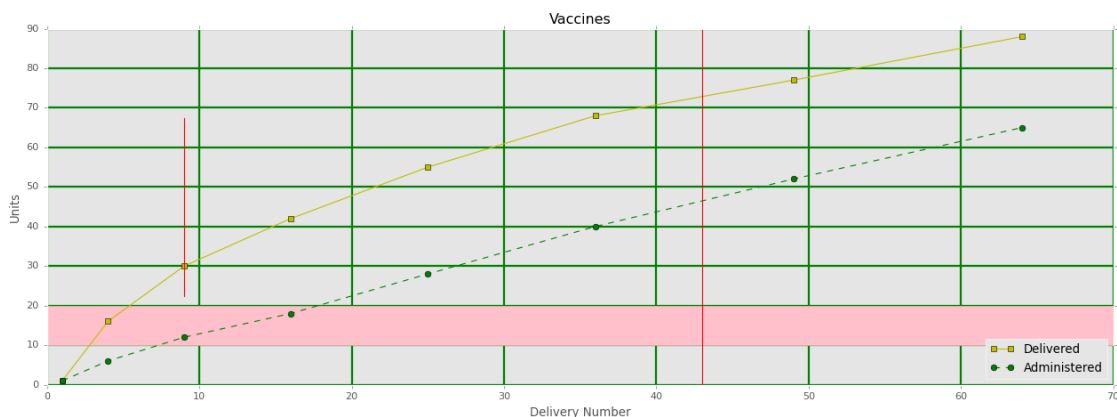
```
[15]: # Figure size and color
fig = plt.figure( figsize = (15,5))
#fig = plt.figure( figsize = (15,5), facecolor = 'red')
ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered,'ys-', label = 'Delivered')
ax.plot(delivery_num,administered,'go--', label = 'Administered')
ax.set_title("Vaccines")
ax.set_xlabel('Delivery Number')
ax.set_ylabel('Units')
ax.legend(loc = 'lower right')
plt.show()
```



4.0.5 A little more customization

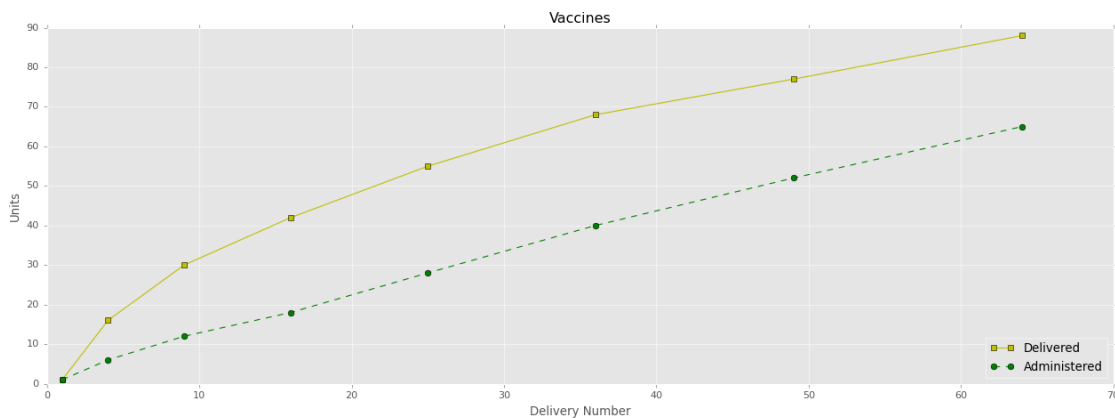
```
[16]: # Reference lines and reference bars
plt.style.use('ggplot')
fig = plt.figure(figsize = (15,5))
ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered,'ys-', label = 'Delivered')
ax.plot(delivery_num,administered,'go--', label = 'Administered')
ax.set_title("Vaccines")
ax.set_xlabel('Delivery Number')
ax.set_ylabel('Units')
ax.legend(loc = 'lower right')
ax.grid(color = 'green',linestyle='--', linewidth=2)
ax.axvline(x=43, color= 'r')
ax.axvline(x=9, ymin=0.25, ymax=0.75, color = 'r')
ax.axhspan(10,20, color = 'pink')
```

[16]: <matplotlib.patches.Polygon at 0x7fc3327429d0>



4.0.6 Save to a file

```
[17]: fig = plt.figure( figsize = (15,5))
ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
ax.plot(delivery_num,delivered,'ys-', label = 'Delivered')
ax.plot(delivery_num,administered,'go--', label = 'Administered')
ax.set_title("Vaccines")
ax.set_xlabel('Delivery Number')
ax.set_ylabel('Units')
ax.legend(loc = 'lower right')
plt.savefig('Deliveries', transparent=True)
plt.savefig('Deliveries') # default is .png
plt.savefig('Deliveries.jpg')
plt.savefig('Deliveries.svg')
plt.savefig('Deliveries.pdf')
plt.show()
```



[Go here for the life cycle of a plot](#)

4.1 Exercise 1 - 10 minutes

Links: - Horizontal bar chart: https://matplotlib.org/stable/gallery/lines_bars_and_markers/barh.html#sphx-gl-g-gallery-lines-bars-and-markers-barh-py - Figures: https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/figure_api.html

To do: - Create a horizontal bar chart using the data below. - Make the chart width approx. 3x the height. - Make the bar color green. - Only display the x-axis from 80 to 140 - Read about annotating - <https://matplotlib.org/stable/tutorials/text/annotations.html#sphx-gl-tutorials-text-annotations-py>

```
[18]: # Exercise data
data = {'ME': 109,
        'NH': 103,
```



```

    'VT': 112,
    'MA': 112,
    'CT': 100,
    'RI': 103,
    'NY': 137,
    'NY': 123,
    'PA': 135,
    'OH': 104}
food_illness = list(data.values())
state = list(data.keys())
state_mean = np.mean(food_illness)

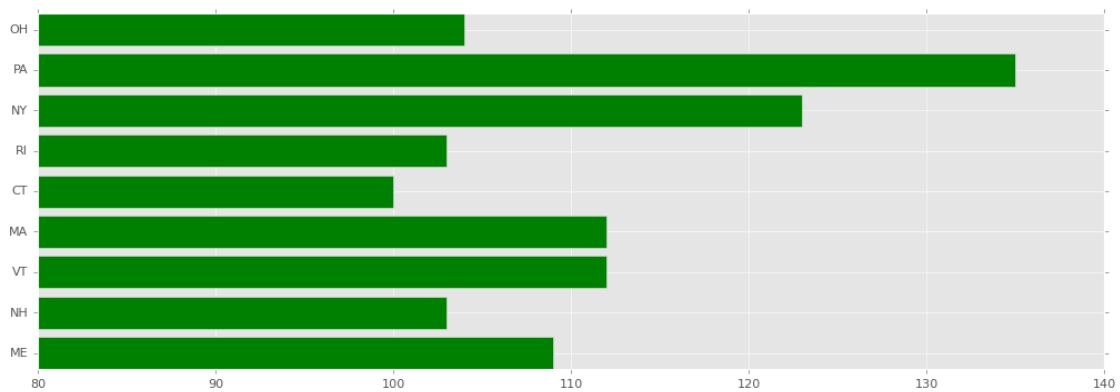
```

```

[19]: fig = plt.figure(figsize = (12,4))
      ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
      ax.barh(state,food_illness, color = 'g')
      ax.set_xlim(80,140)

```

[19]: (80.0, 140.0)



5 A Survey of Plot Types

```

[20]: # create random data
      no_of_points = 25
      x = [random.triangular() for i in range(no_of_points)]
      y = [random.gauss(0.5, 0.25) for i in range(no_of_points)]
      colors = [random.randint(1, 4) for i in range(no_of_points)]
      areas = [math.pi * random.randint(5, 15)**2 for i in range(no_of_points)]

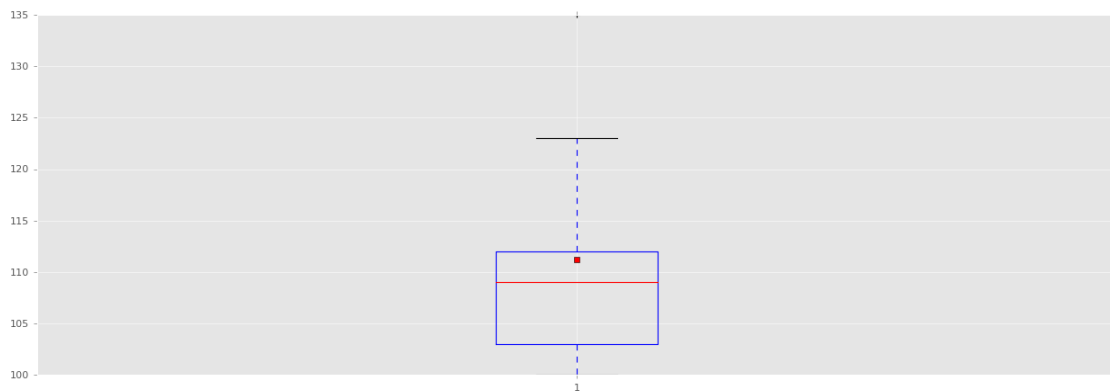
```

```

[21]: # OO Interface
      fig = plt.figure( figsize = (15,5))
      ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
      ax.boxplot(food_illness, showmeans = True)

```

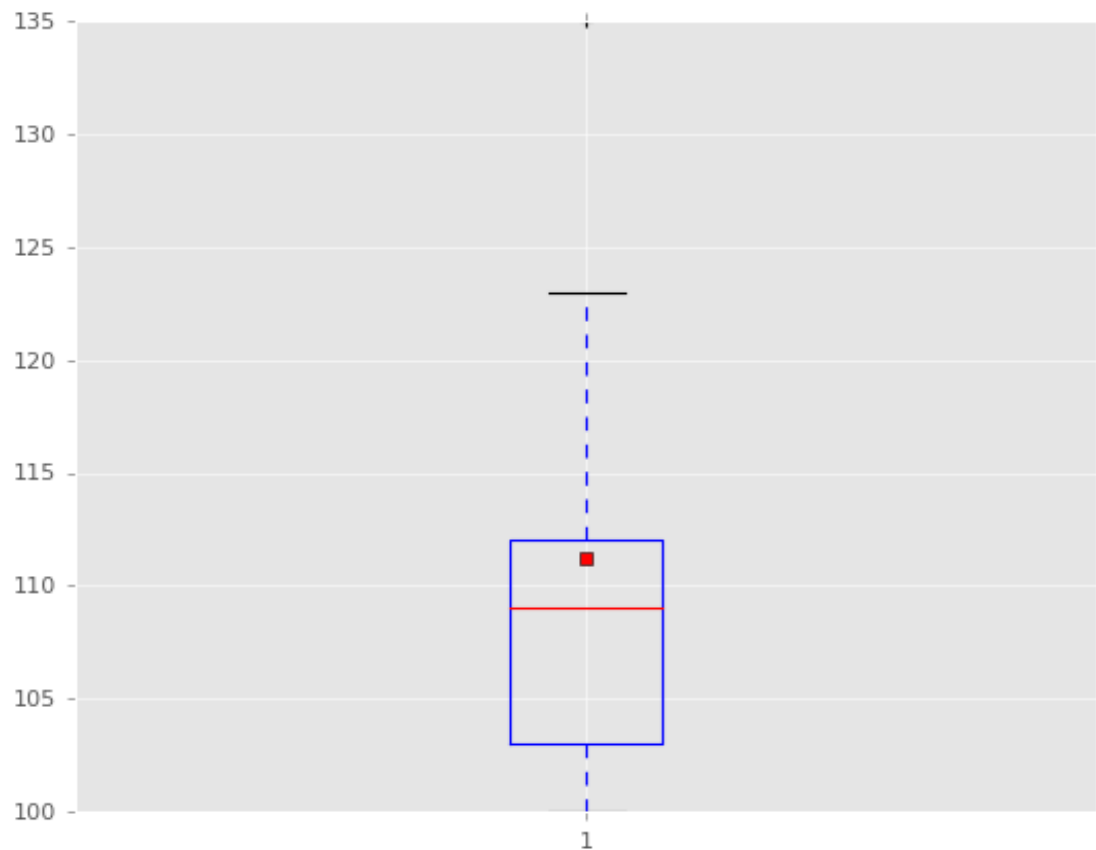
```
plt.show()
```



5.1 Using the pyplot interface

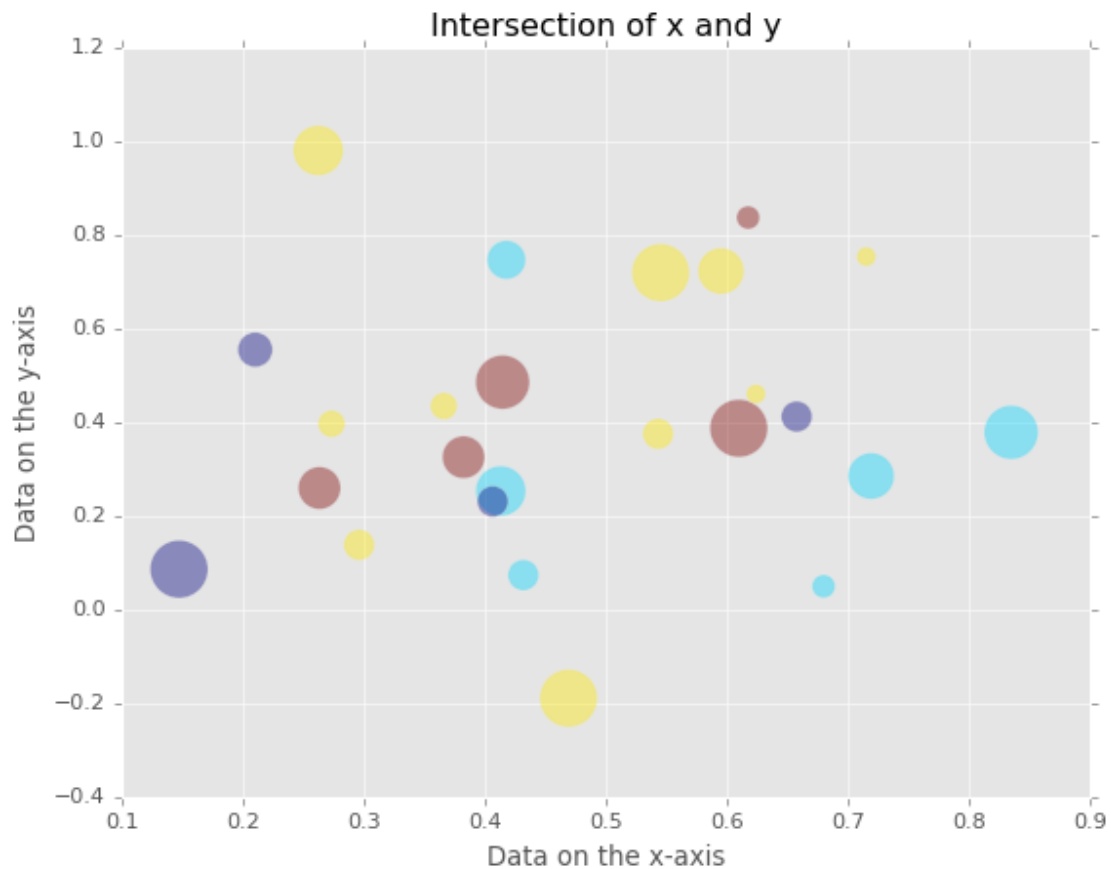
Boxplot

```
[22]: plt.boxplot(food_illness, showmeans=True)  
plt.show()
```



Scatterplot

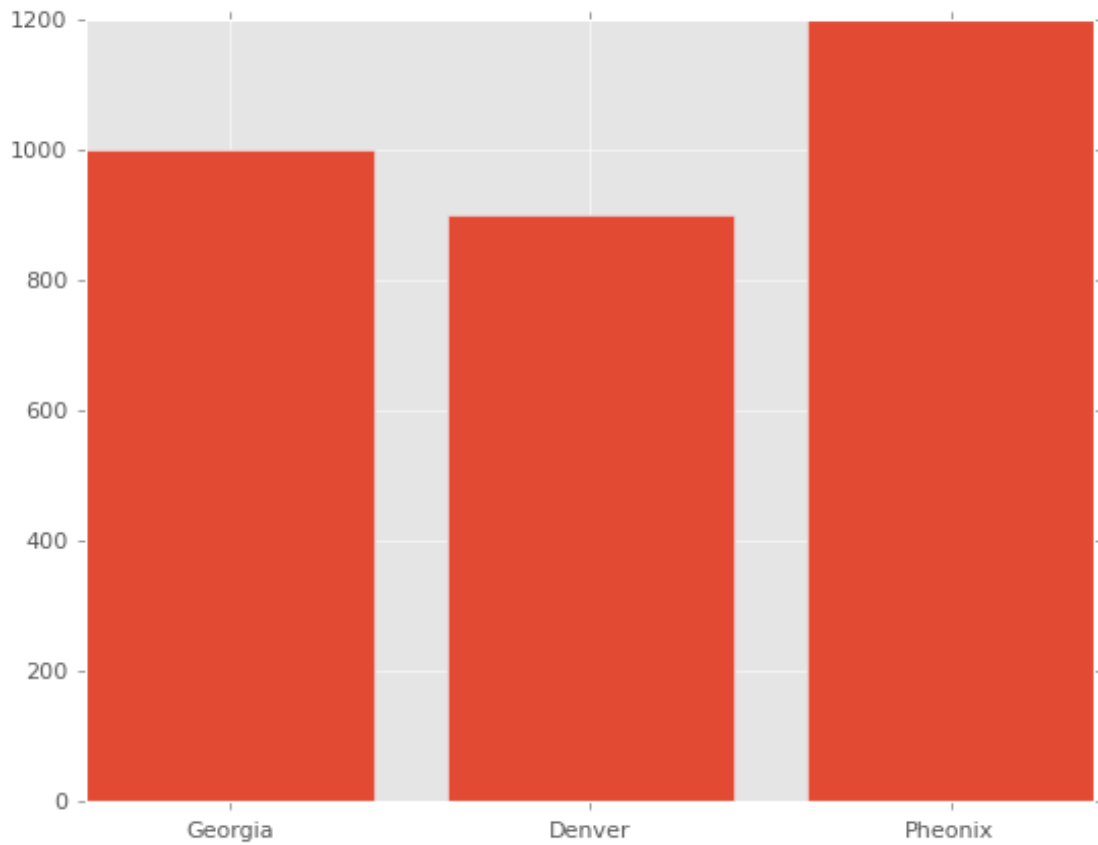
```
[23]: plt.scatter(x,y, s=areas, c=colors, alpha=0.4)
plt.title('Intersection of x and y')
plt.xlabel('Data on the x-axis')
plt.ylabel('Data on the y-axis')
plt.show()
```



Bar

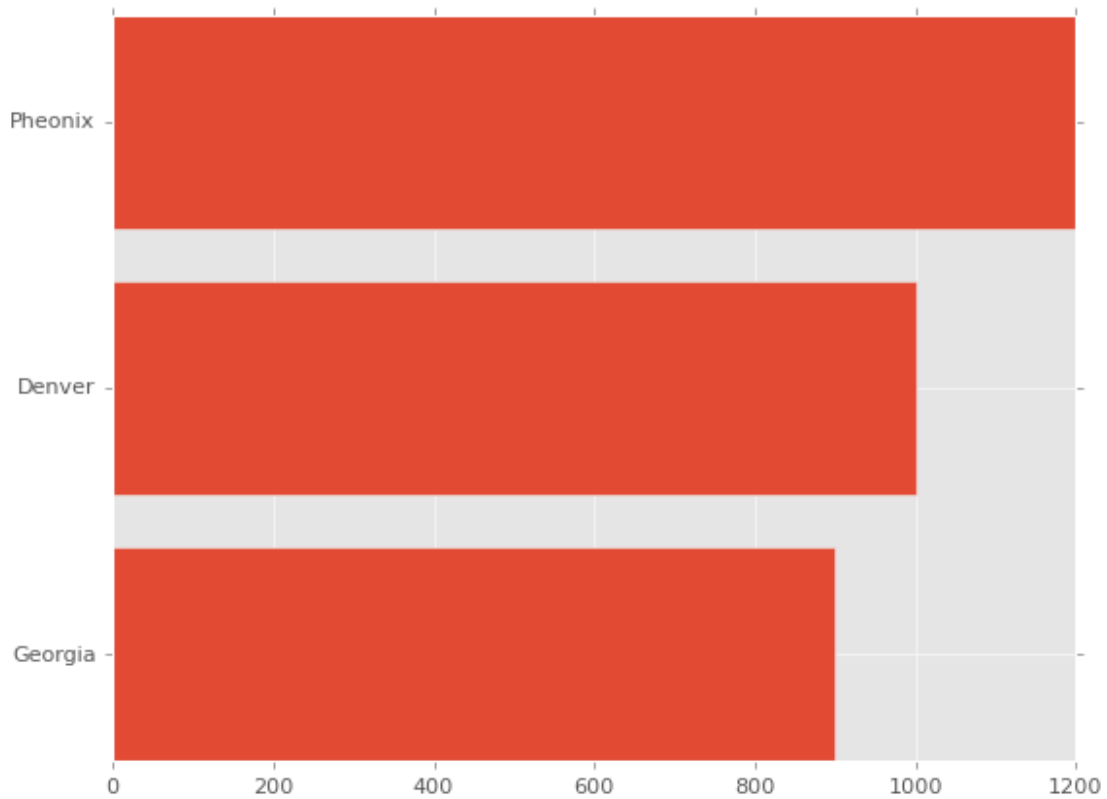
```
[24]: names = ['Georgia', 'Denver', 'Pheonix']
values = [1000, 900, 1200]

plt.bar(names, values)
plt.show()
```



Bar Horizontal

```
[25]: names = ['Georgia', 'Denver', 'Pheonix']  
      values = [1000, 900, 1200]  
  
      plt.barh(names, sorted(values))  
      plt.show()
```

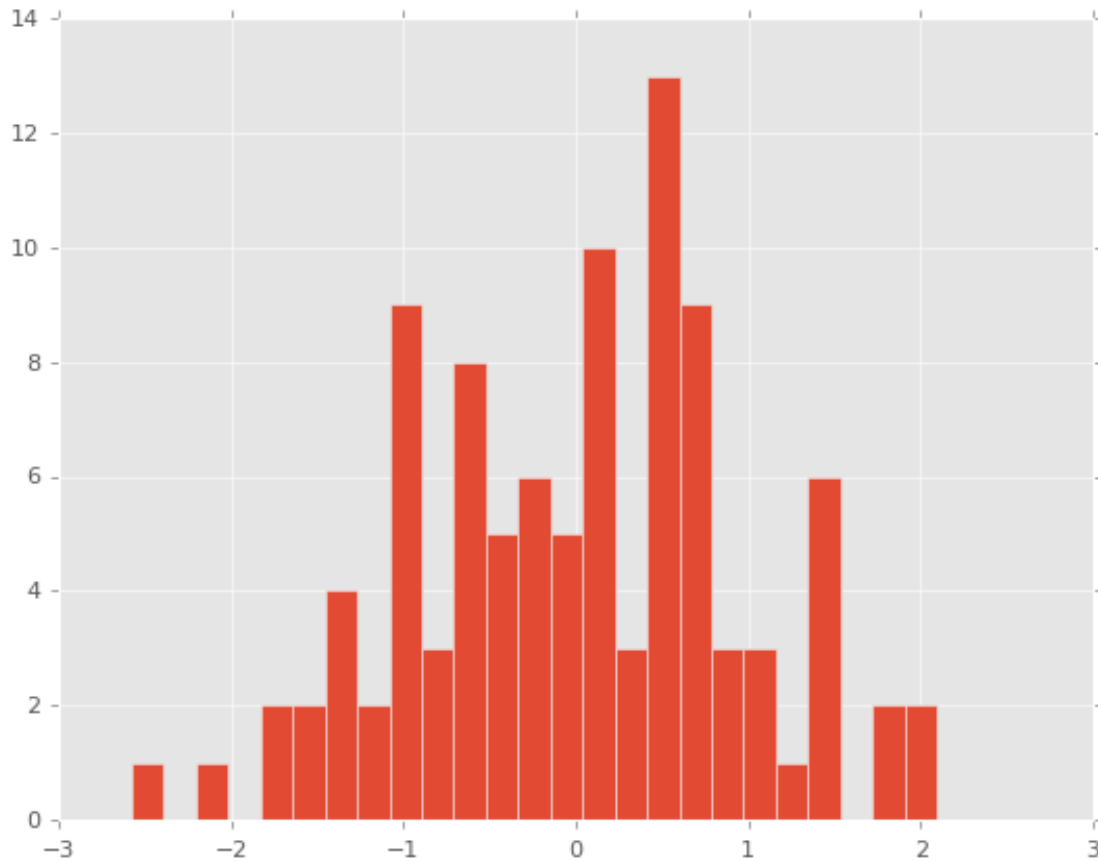


5.2 Exercise 2 - 5 minutes

- Using the data below (variable is called data), create a histogram
- Can you change the number of bins?

```
[26]: data = np.random.randn(100)  
      #data
```

```
[27]: plt.hist(data, bins=25)  
      plt.show()
```



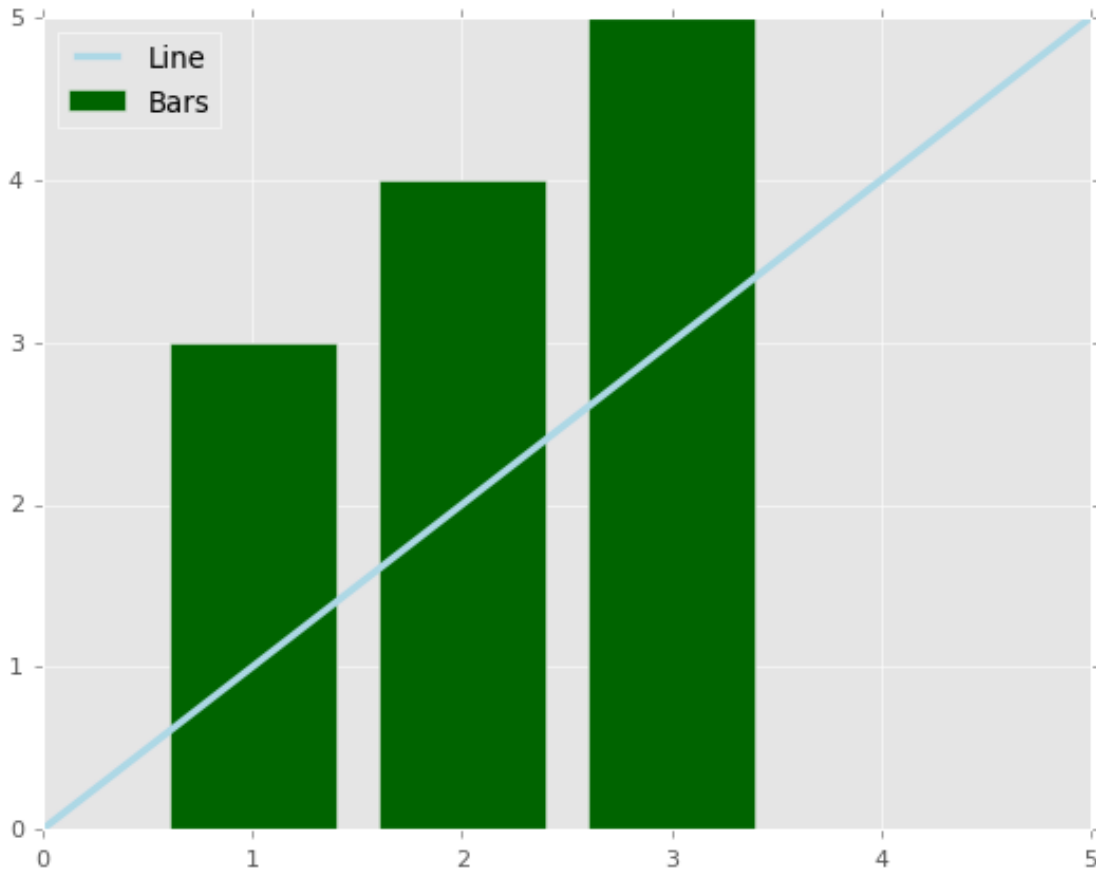
5.3 Exercise 3 - 10 minutes

- Recreate the chart below.
- The line chart shows c and d.
- The bar chart shows a and b.
- Use the documentation to place the legend.

```
[28]: c = np.linspace(0, 5, 5)
      d = np.linspace(0, 5, 5)
      a = [1,2,3]
      b = [3,4,5]
```

```
[29]: plt.plot(c,d, color='lightblue', linewidth=3, label = 'Line')
      plt.bar(a,b, color='darkgreen', label = 'Bars')
      plt.legend(loc='upper left')
```

```
[29]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7fc3319eea00>
```



6 Multiple Axes in a Figure

6.1 `add_axes()` vs. `add_subplot()`

The difference between `fig.add_axes()` and `fig.add_subplot()` is the mechanisms used. For `add_axes()` a list is passed in specifying the position of the axes (left, bottom, width, height). This means that the axes object is positioned in **absolute coordinates**.

The `add_subplot()` function does not permit explicit positioning. Rather, the axes is positioned according to a subplot grid.

In most cases, `add_subplot()` is used. In cases where positioning matters, `add_axes()` is used. `fig`

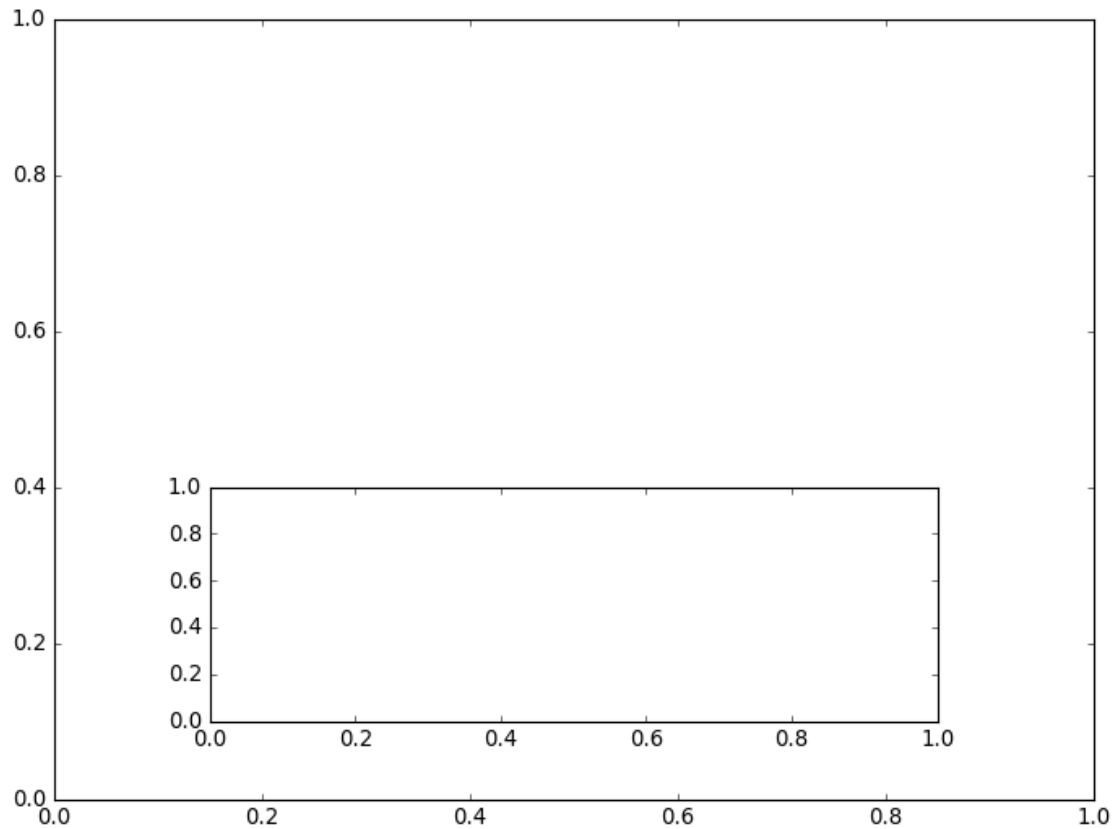
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https://matplotlib.org/stable/tutorials/intermediate/arranging_axes.html#sphx-glr-tutorials-intermediate-arranging-axes-py

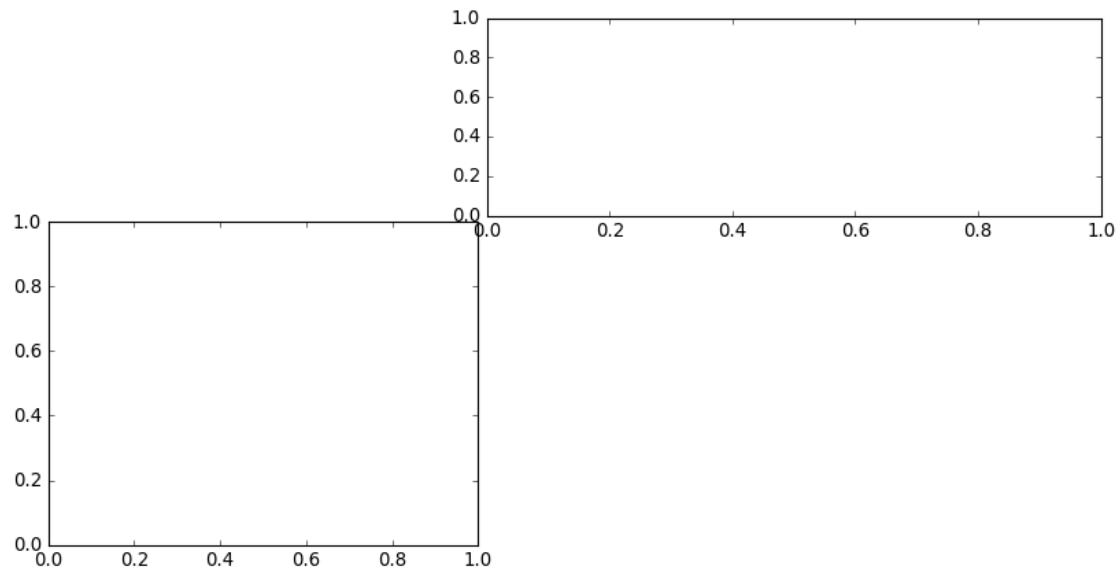
6.2 Using `.add_axes()`

```
[30]: plt.style.use('classic')
```

```
[31]: fig = plt.figure(facecolor='white')  
ax1 = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1]) # left, bottom, width, height  
ax2 = fig.add_axes([0.15, 0.1, 0.7, 0.3])
```



```
[32]: fig = plt.figure(facecolor='white')  
ax1 = fig.add_axes([0,0,0.49,0.49]) # left, bottom, width, height  
ax2 = fig.add_axes([0.5, 0.5, 0.7, 0.3])
```

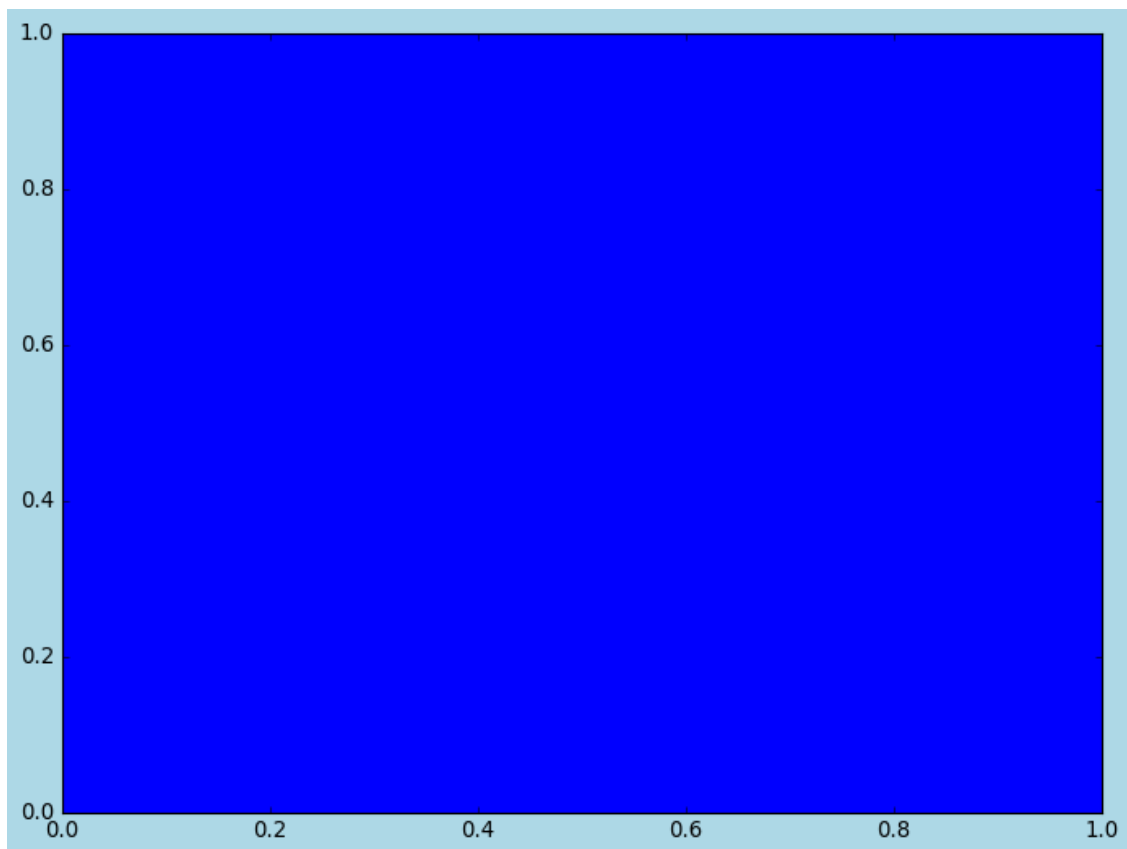



```
[33]: # Where is the axes on the figure?

fig = plt.figure()
fig.set_facecolor('lightblue')

ax = fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])    # left, bottom, width, height
ax.set_facecolor('blue')

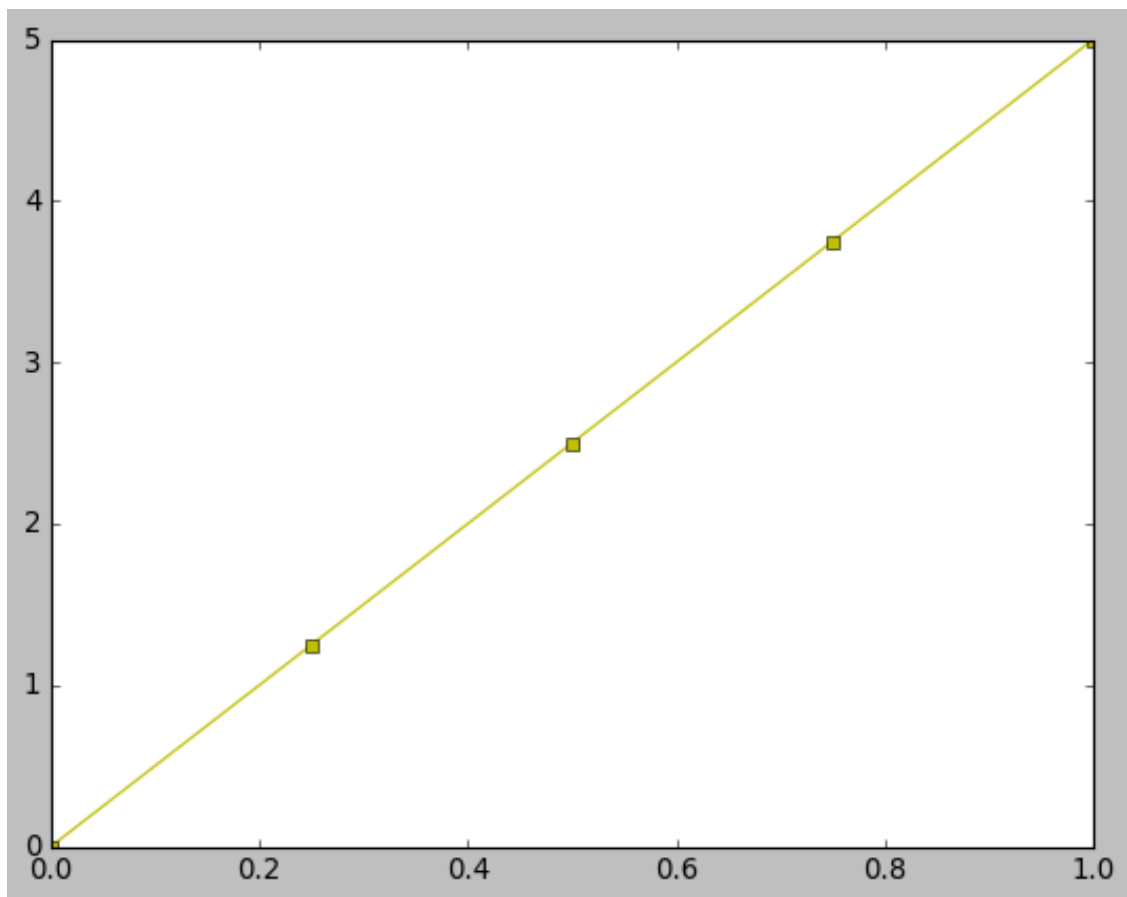
# fig = plt.figure(facecolor = 'lightblue') # The pyplot syntax can still be
→ used
```



6.3 Using `add_subplot()`

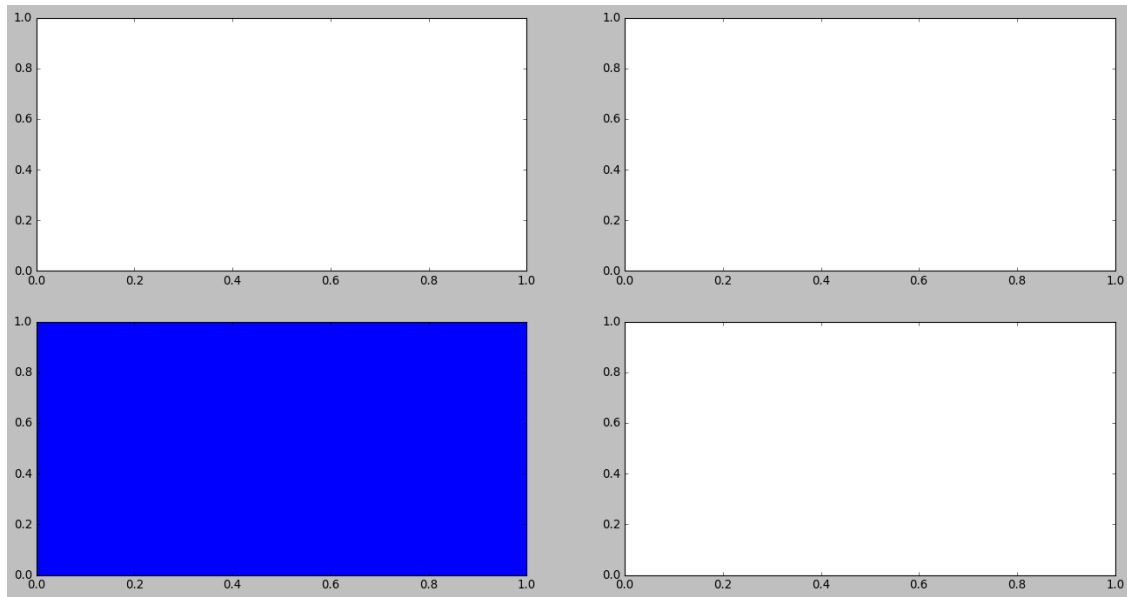
```
[34]: x = np.linspace(0, 1, 5)  
      y = np.linspace(0, 5, 5)
```

```
[35]: fig = plt.figure()  
      ax = fig.add_subplot(111)  
      ax = ax.plot(x,y, 'ys-')
```



```
[36]: # Initialize the plot
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(2,2,1)
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(222)
ax3 = fig.add_subplot(223)
ax4 = fig.add_subplot(224)

ax3.set_facecolor('blue')
# Show the plot
# plt.show()
```

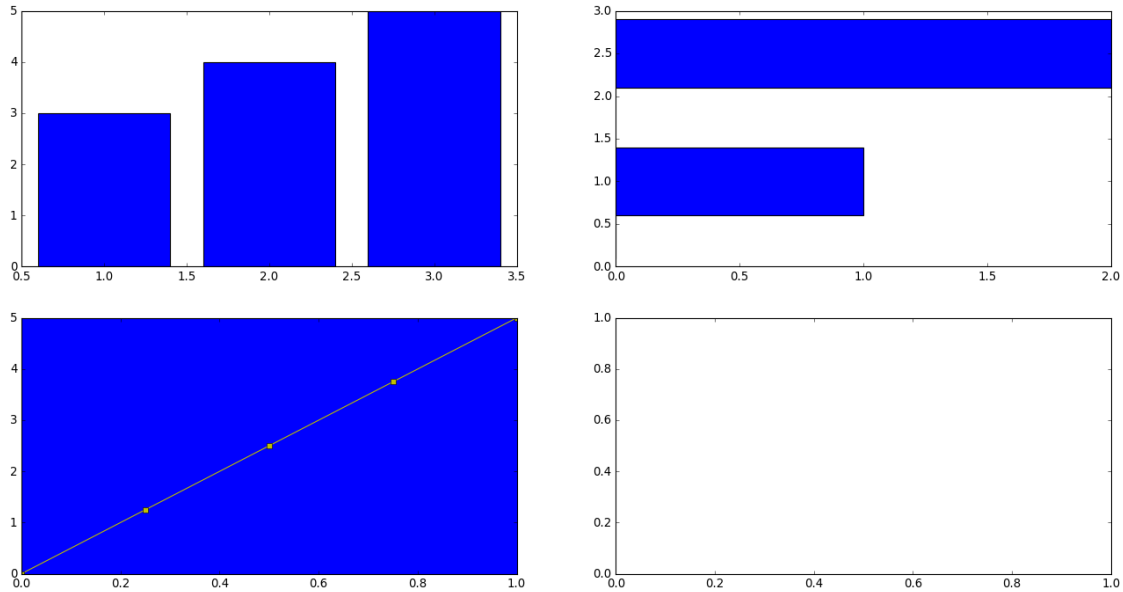


```
[37]: # Initialize the plot
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(20,10),facecolor='white')
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(2,2,1)
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(222)
ax3 = fig.add_subplot(223)
ax4 = fig.add_subplot(224)

ax3.set_facecolor('blue')

# Plot the data
ax1.bar([1,2,3],[3,4,5])
ax2.barh([0.5,1,2.5],[0,1,2])
ax3.plot(x,y,'ys-')

plt.show()
```



6.4 Exercise 4 - 10 minutes

Using the data below, recreate the figure shown using subplots. Add plot titles.

- names = 'Georgia', 'Denver', 'Pheonix'
- values = 1000, 900, 1200
- dts = '1/1/2021', '1/2/2021', '1/3/2021'

[38]: *# Exercise 4 Solution Here.*

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

names = ['Georgia', 'Denver', 'Pheonix']
values = [1000, 900, 1200]
dts = ['1/1/2021', '1/2/2021', '1/3/2021']
```

[39]: *# Exercise 4 Solution Here.*

```
# Initialize the plot
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(20,5))
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(1,3,1)
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(132)
ax3 = fig.add_subplot(133)

# Plot the data
ax1.bar(names, values, label = 'bar')
```

```

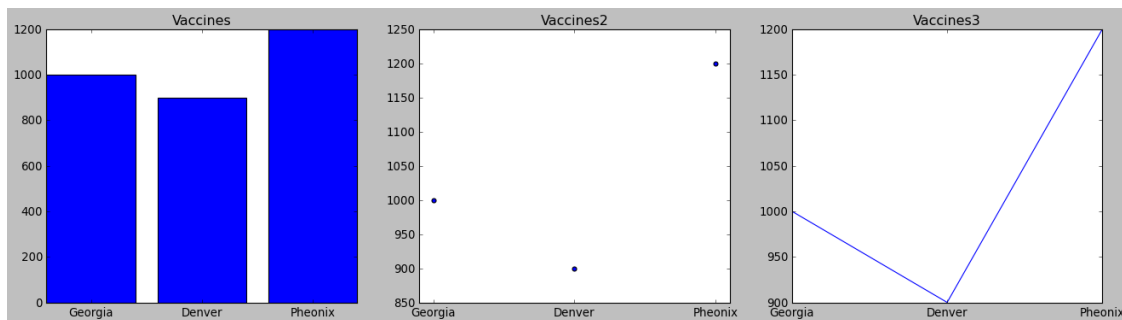
ax2.scatter(names,values,label = 'scatter')
ax3.plot(names,values,label = 'line')

ax1.set_title("Vaccines")
ax2.set_title("Vaccines2")
ax3.set_title("Vaccines3")

# Show the plot
# plt.show()

```

[39]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Vaccines3')



6.5 Exercise 5 - 15 minutes

In - position 1 add a boxplot using y - position 2 add a scatterplot using x and data - position 3 add a pie chart of x - position 4 add a violin plot using y

```

[40]: # Data for Exercise 5
x = np.linspace(0, 100, 100)
y = [np.random.normal(0, std, size=100) for std in range(1, 4)]
z = np.linspace(100, 200, 100)
data = np.random.randn(100)

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[41]: # Initialize the plot
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(221)
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(222)
ax3 = fig.add_subplot(223)
ax4 = fig.add_subplot(224)

# Plot the data
ax1.boxplot(y)
ax2.scatter(x,data)
ax3.pie(x)
ax4.violinplot(y)

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# Show the plot  
plt.show()
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