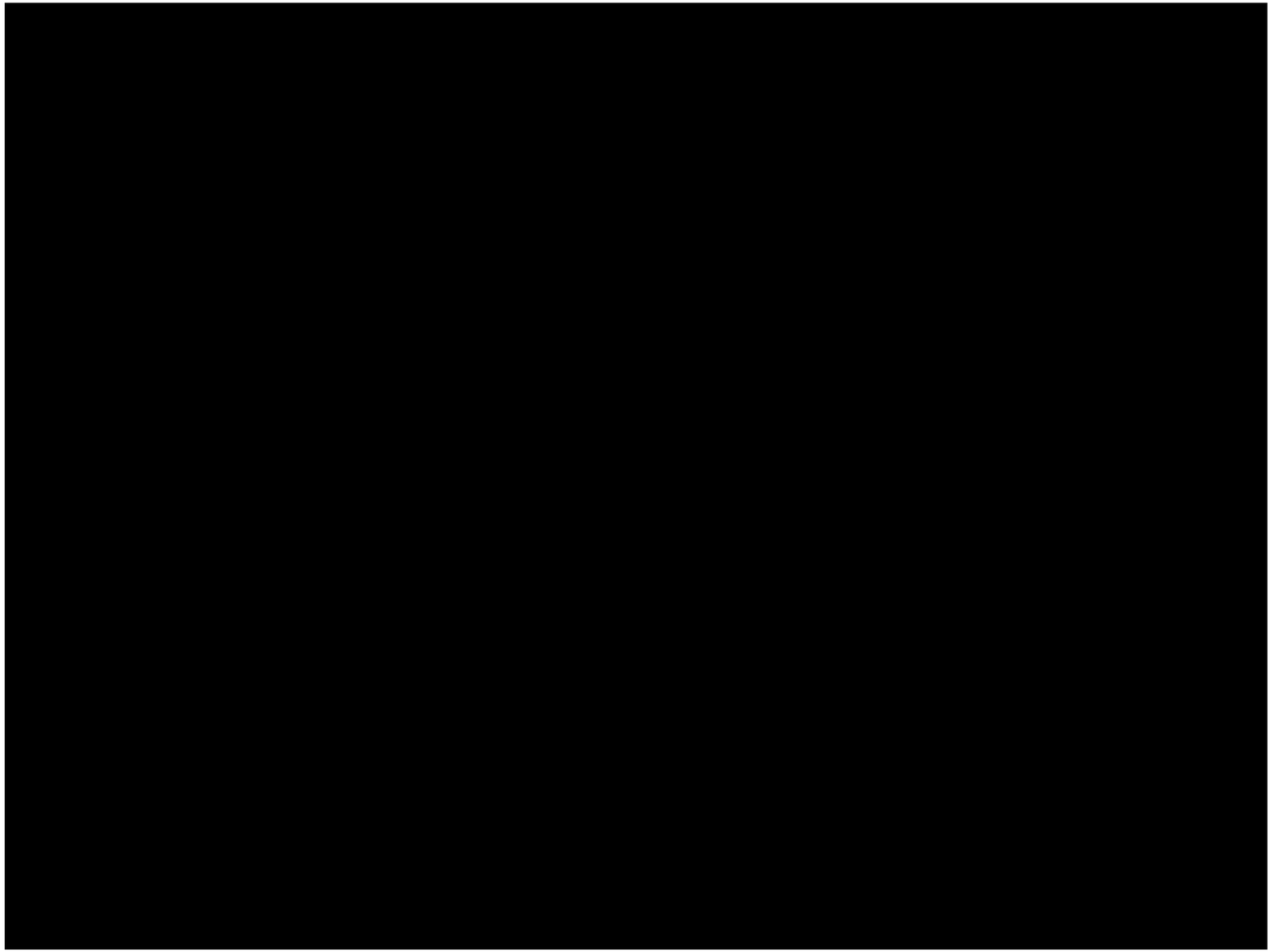
Making figures with Python



Dudas et al. 2017, Nature

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Outline

- Benefits of Python for figures
- Intro to Matplotlib module

Why use Python?

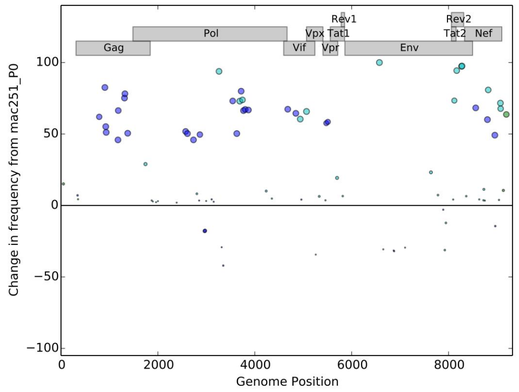
- Highly customizable
- Automated, easy to rerun
- Integrate into analysis
- Open science compatible

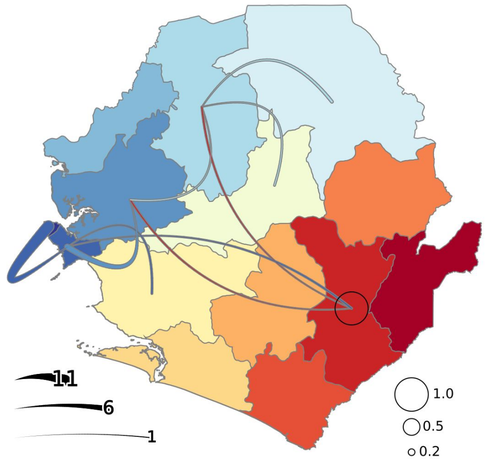
Using matplotlib

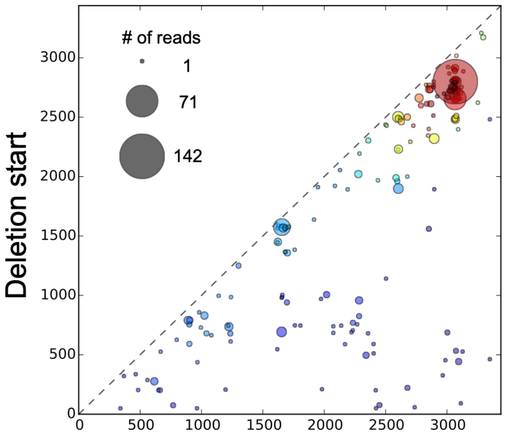
matplotlib

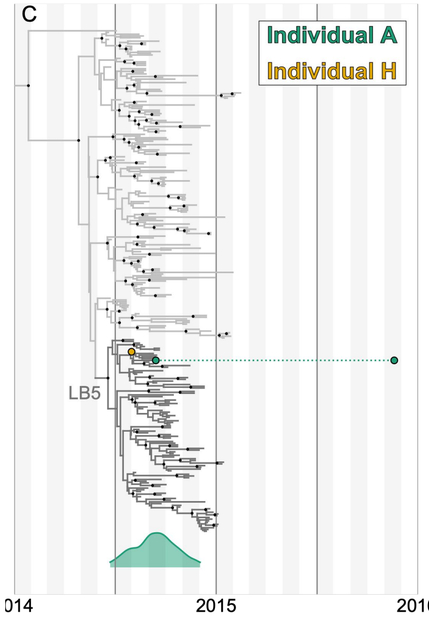
- Powerful plotting module

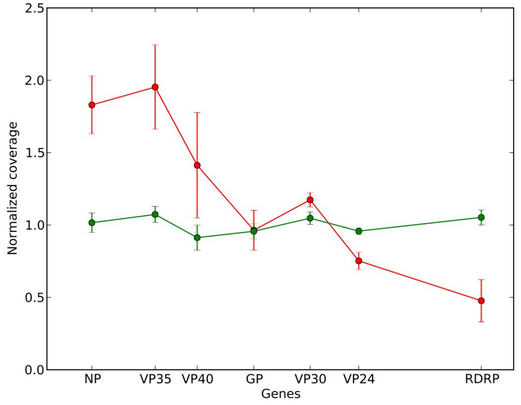
- Preloaded in Anaconda installations

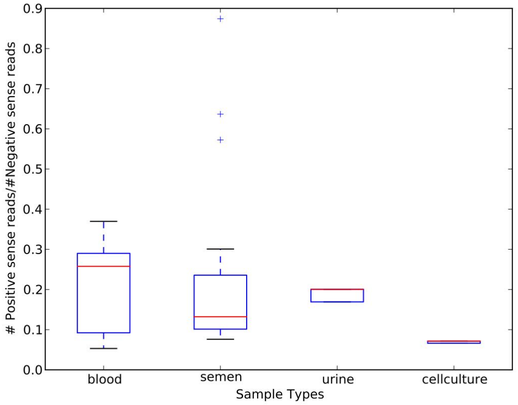












- `import matplotlib.pyplot as plt`

- Recommended ways to use Matplotlib:
  - Stand-alone scripts
  - Jupyter notebook

Plot Objects

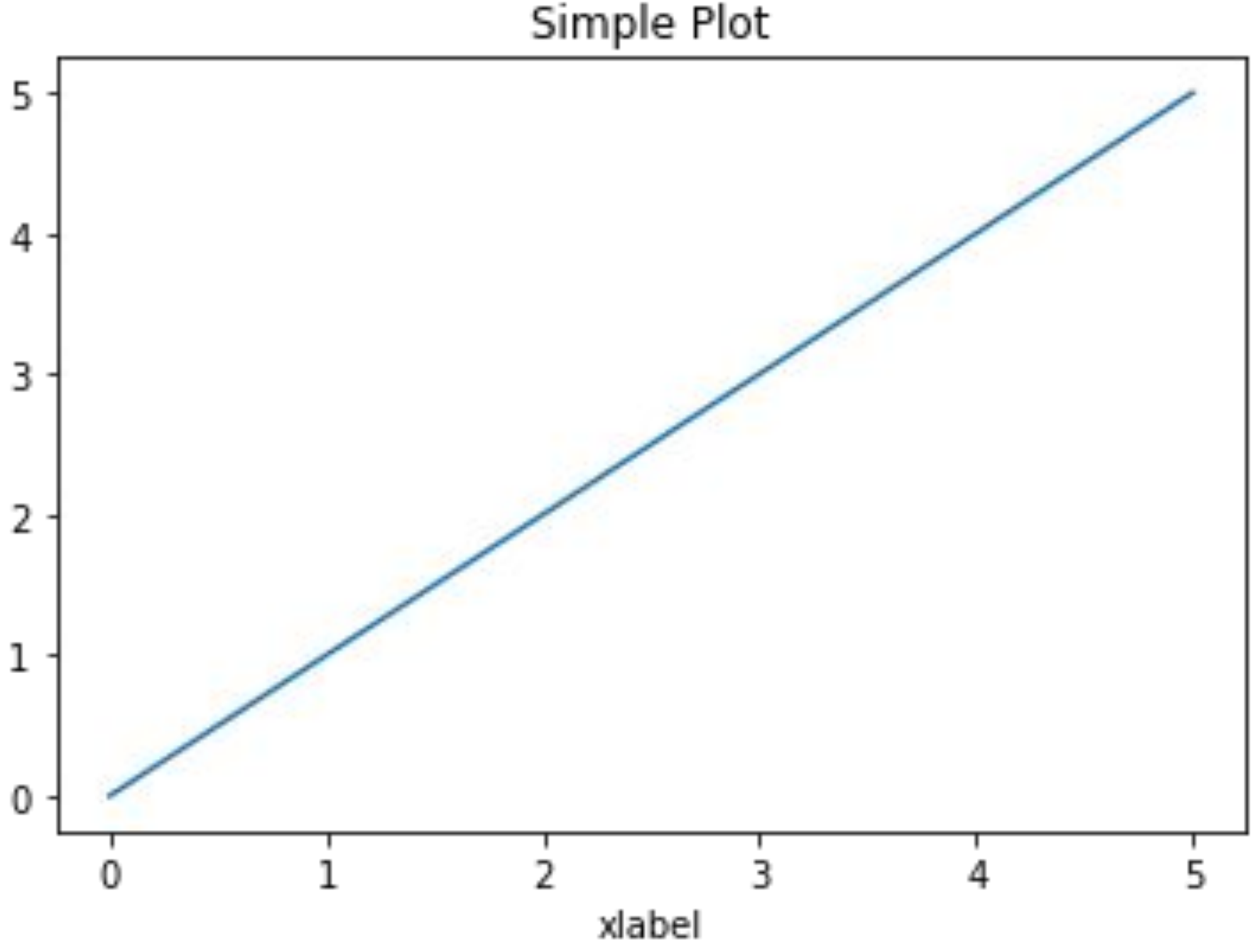
- **`Figure`** objects
  - Top-level container for plot elements
  - Can contain multiple Axes objects (i.e. plots)
- **`Axes`** objects
  - One per graph/plot
  - Contains most figure elements

State-machine interface

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot([0,5], [0,5])
plt.xlabel('xlabel')
plt.title('Simple Plot')
```

Object-oriented approach

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot([0,5], [0,5])
ax.set_xlabel('xlabel')
ax.set_title('Simple Plot')
```


Simple Plot
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Options at initialization

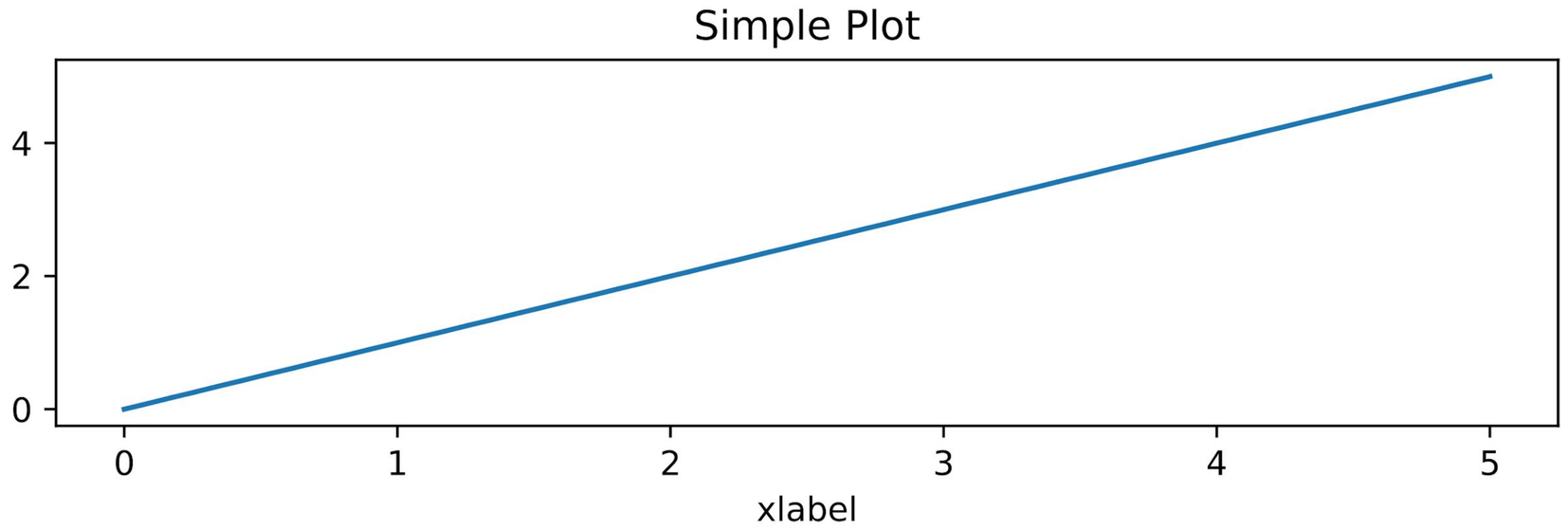
```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,2))

fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,2)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,2, figsize=(8,2))
```

Control figure size

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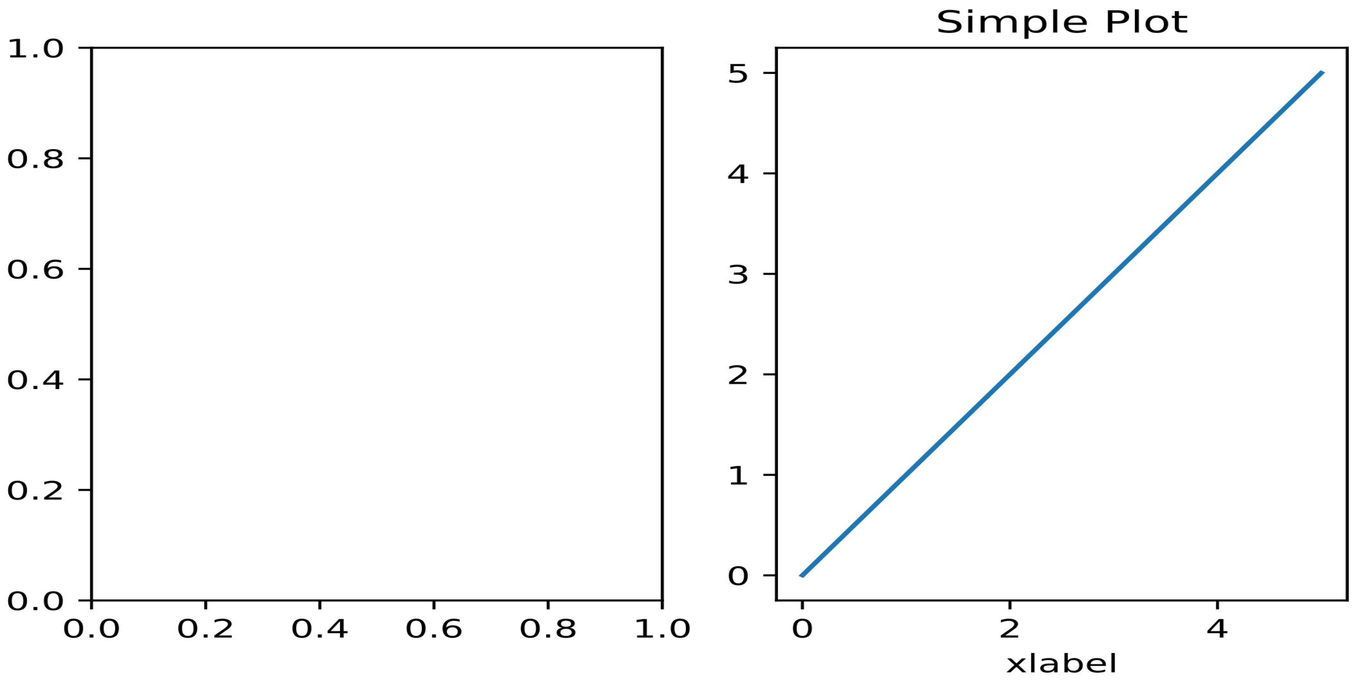
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,2))

ax.plot([0,5], [0,5])

ax.set_xlabel('xlabel')

ax.set_title('Simple Plot')
```

Multiple axes per figure



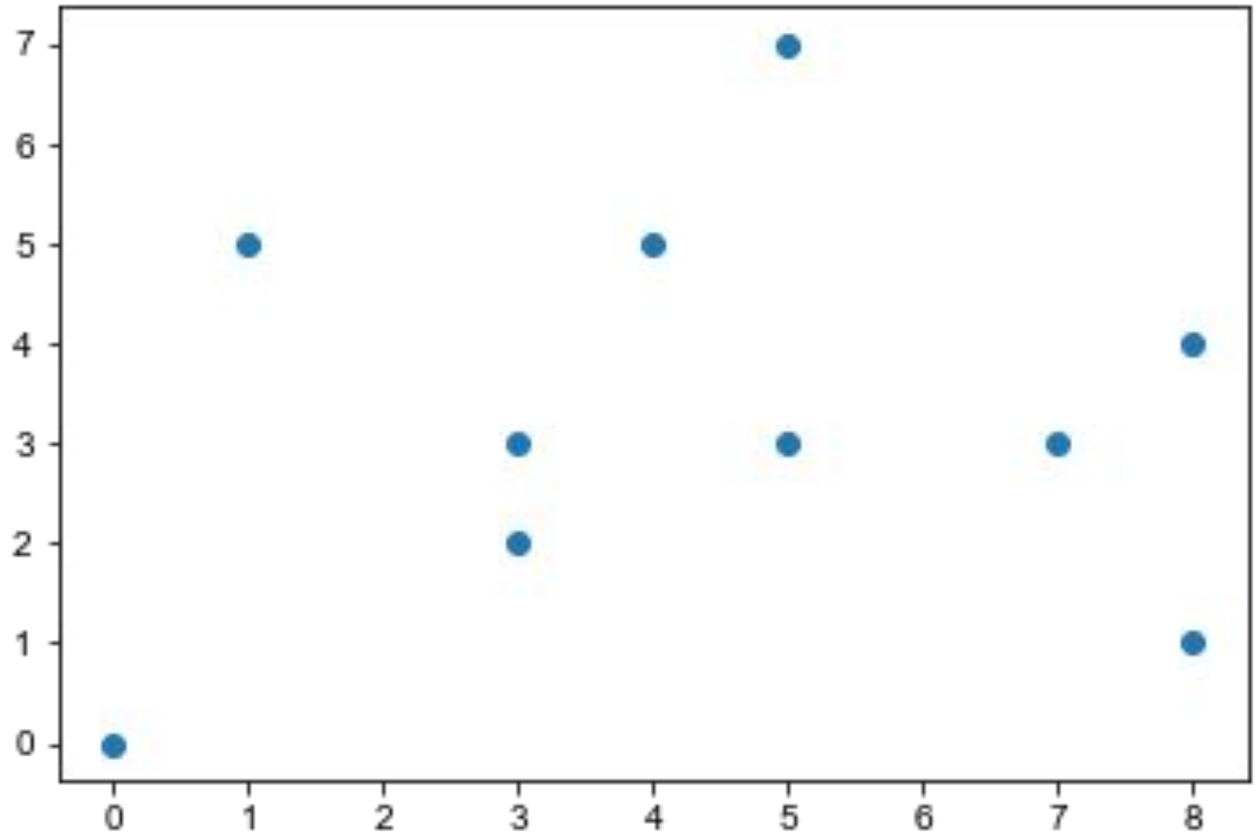

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,2)

ax[1].plot([0,5], [0,5])

ax[1].set_xlabel('xlabel')

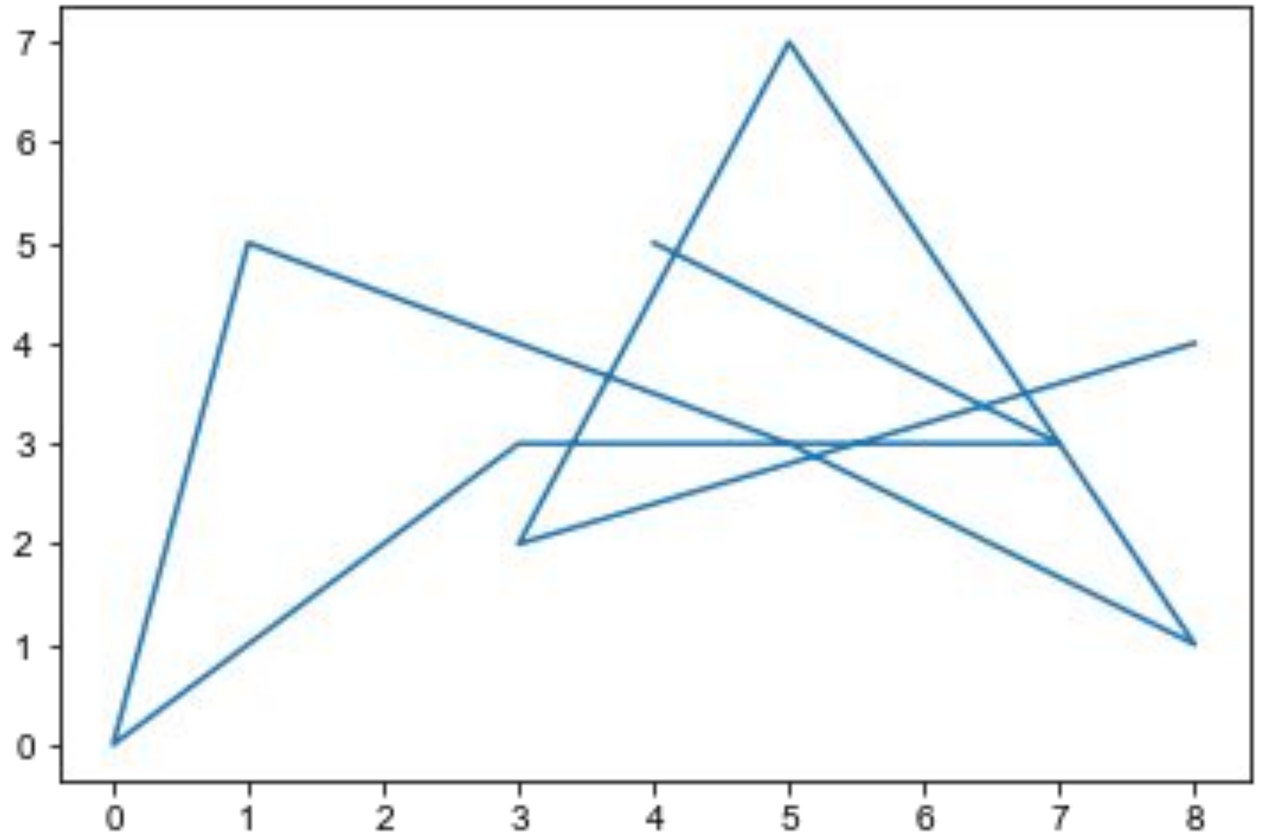
ax[1].set_title('Simple Plot')
```

Scatterplot



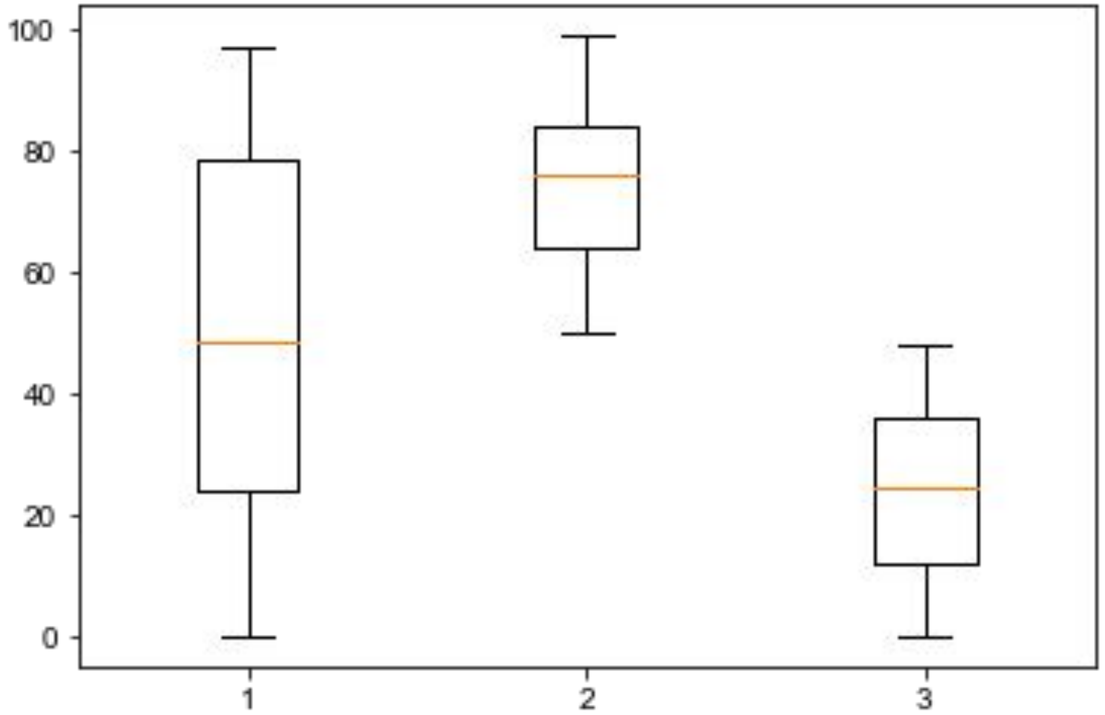

```
x = random.choices(range(10), k=10)
y = random.choices(range(10), k=10)
ax.scatter(x, y)
```

Lineplot



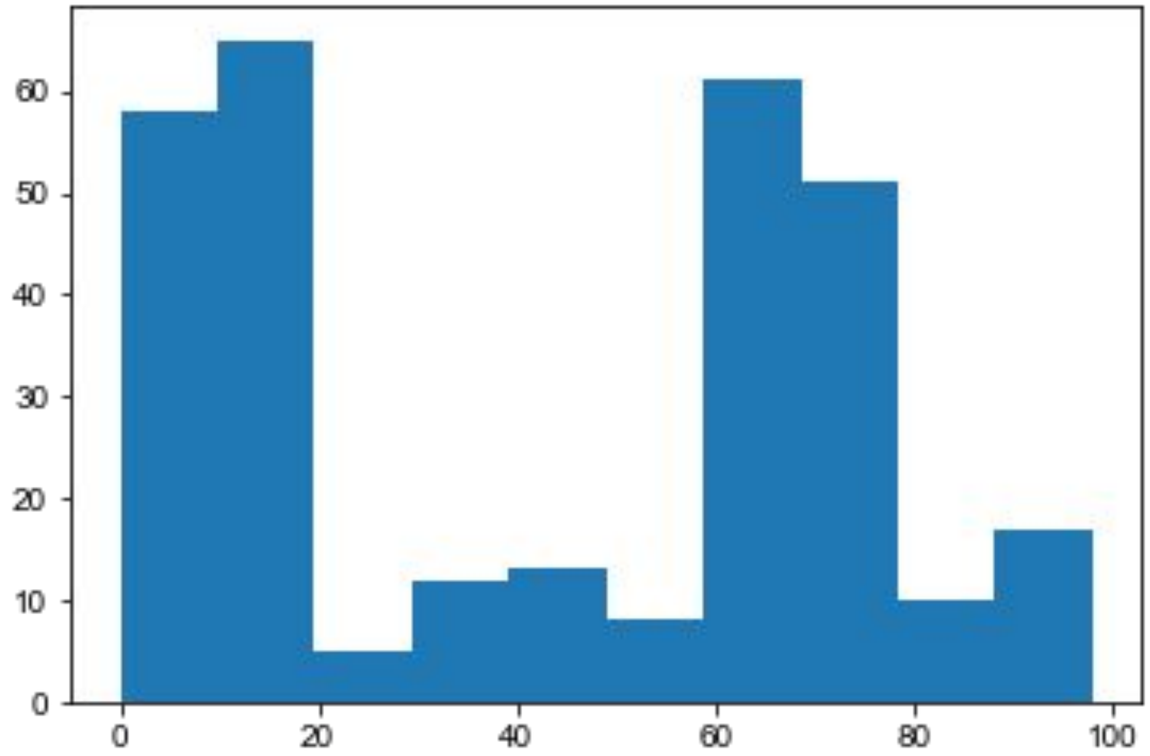

```
x = random.choices(range(10), k=10)
y = random.choices(range(10), k=10)
ax.plot(x, y)
```

Boxplot



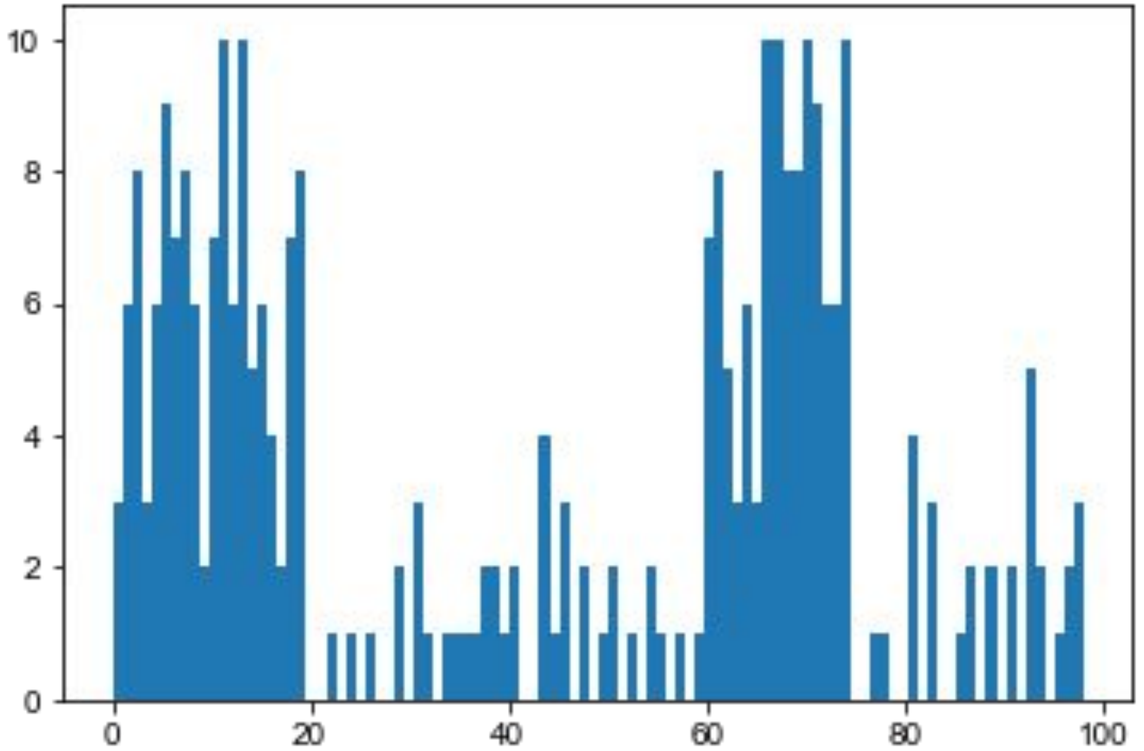

```
d = [random.choices(range(100), k=100),
     random.choices(range(50,100), k=100),
     random.choices(range(50), k=100)]
ax.boxplot(d)
```

Histogram



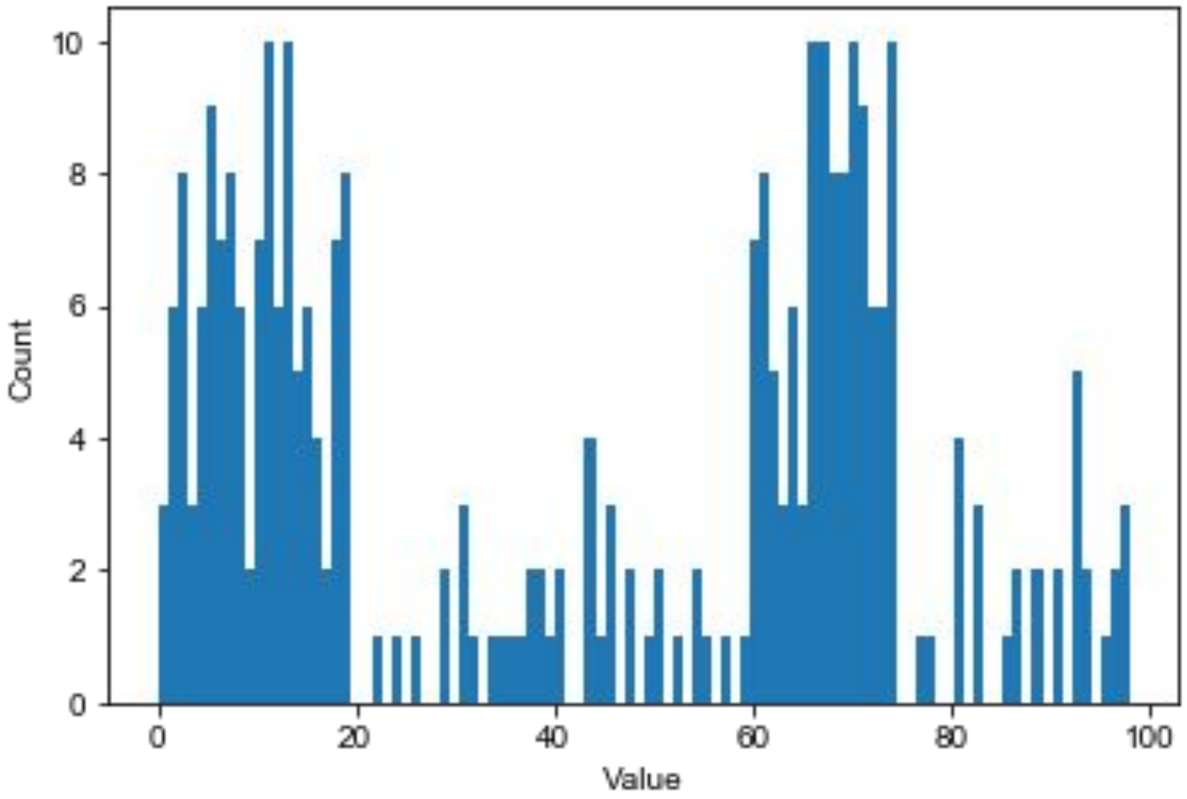

```
o = random.choices(range(20), k=100) +
    random.choices(range(100), k=100) +
    random.choices(range(60, 75), k=100)
ax.hist(o)
```

Histogram



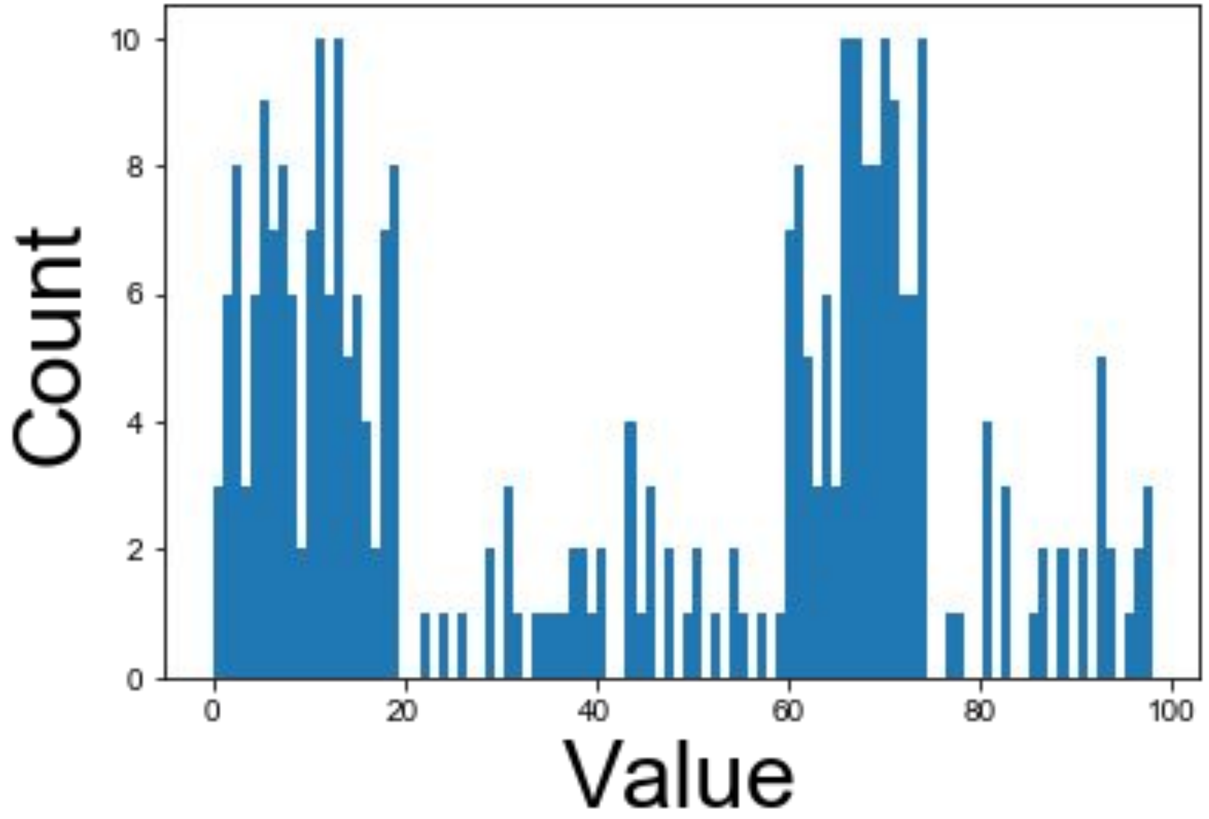

```
o = random.choices(range(20), k=100) +
    random.choices(range(100), k=100) +
    random.choices(range(60, 75), k=100)
ax.hist(o, bins=100)
```

Adding axis labels




```
ax.set_xlabel("Value")
ax.set_ylabel("Count")
```

Adding axis labels

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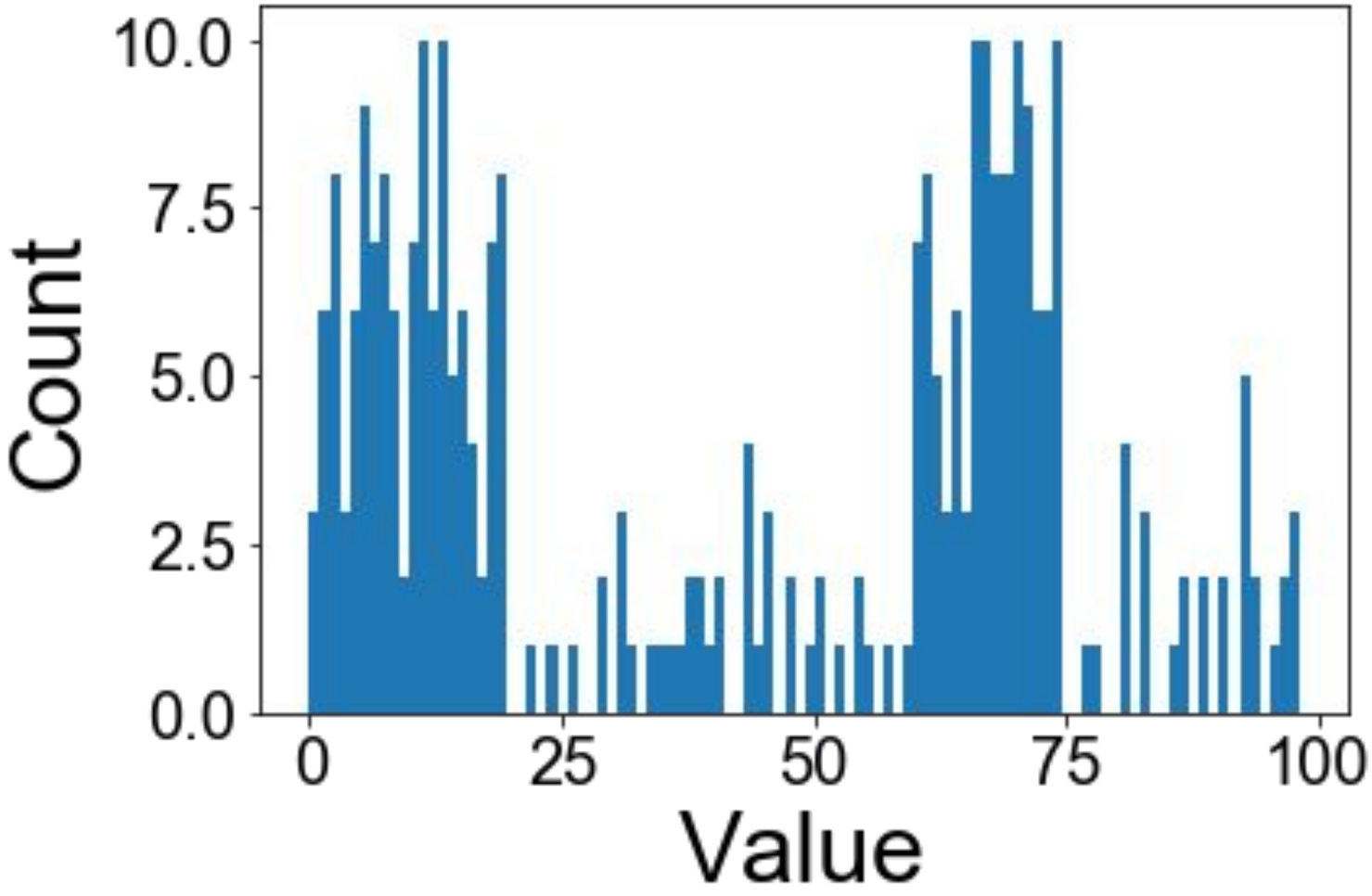
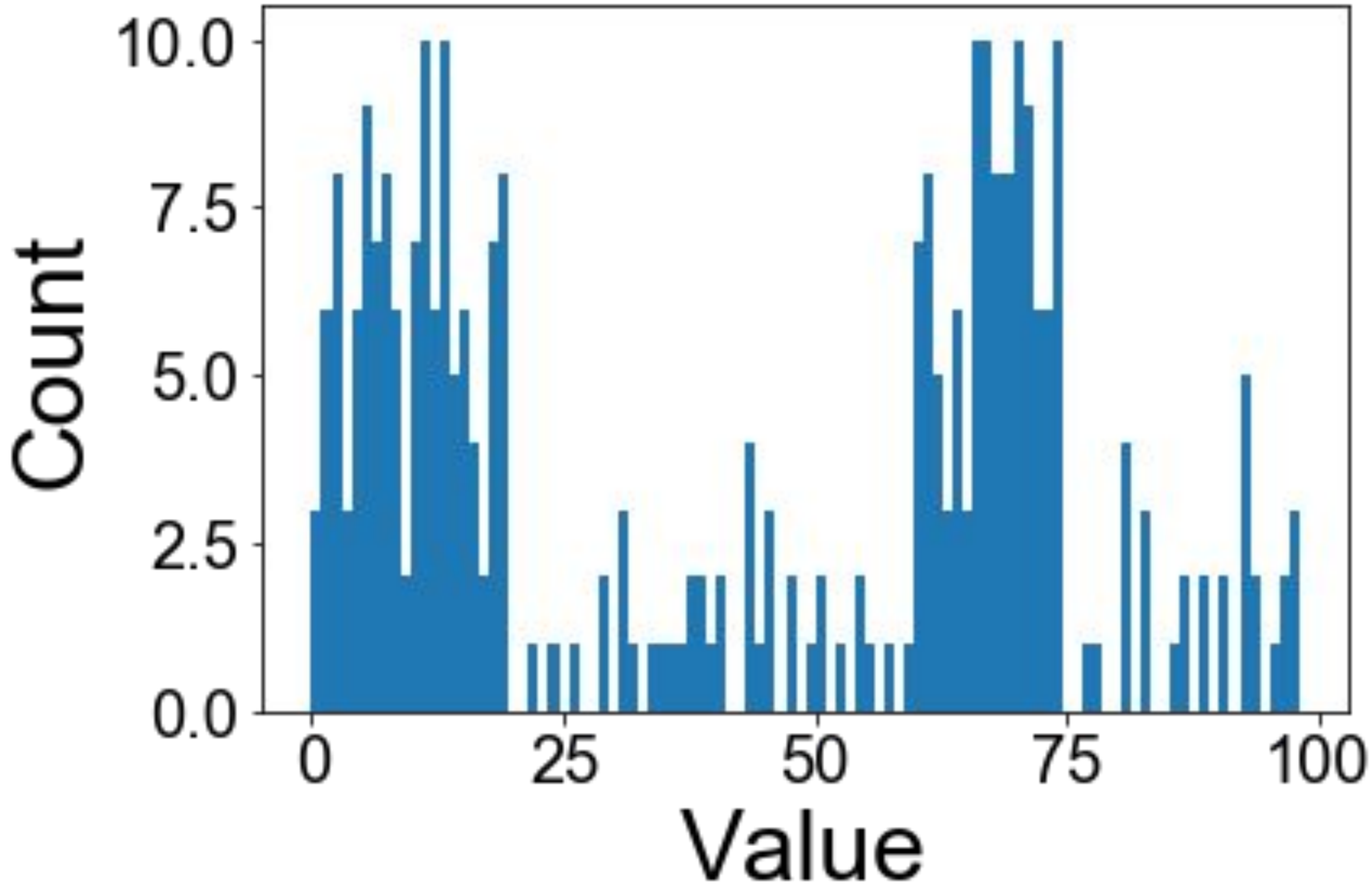
ax.set_xlabel("Value", fontsize=30)
ax.set_ylabel("Count", fontsize=30)
```

Adding axis labels




```
ax.tick_params(labelsize=20)
```

Adding axis labels




```
ax.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=20)
```

Axes object methods

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Viewing your plots

Plots occur inline with code in jupyter notebook

In [2]:
```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 plt.get_backend()
```

Out[2]: 'module://ipykernel.pylab.backend_inline'

```
%matplotlib inline
```

Saving your plots

```
fig.savefig('name.pdf')
```

Saving your plots

```
fig.savefig('name.pdf',
            bbox_inches='tight')

fig.savefig('name.png',
bbox_inches='tight', dpi=200)
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