

Building dashboards with Plotly and Dash

Outline

- Introduction to Plotly
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- Introduction to Dash
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What is plotly ?

- Plotly is a Python library used for creating interactive, web-based visualizations.
- It supports a wide range of charts and plots, including line graphs, scatter plots, and 3D graphs.
- Its ultimate strength lies in the ability to build visually appealing, dynamic graphics that can be easily integrated into web applications and dashboards.

plotly.express module

- The `plotly.express` module (usually imported as `px`) contains functions that can create entire figures at once, and is referred to as Plotly Express or PX.
- Every Plotly Express function uses graph objects internally and returns a `plotly.graph_objects.Figure` instance.
- Any figure created in a single function call with Plotly Express could be created using graph objects alone, but with between 5 and 100 times more code.

Plotly Express currently includes the following functions:

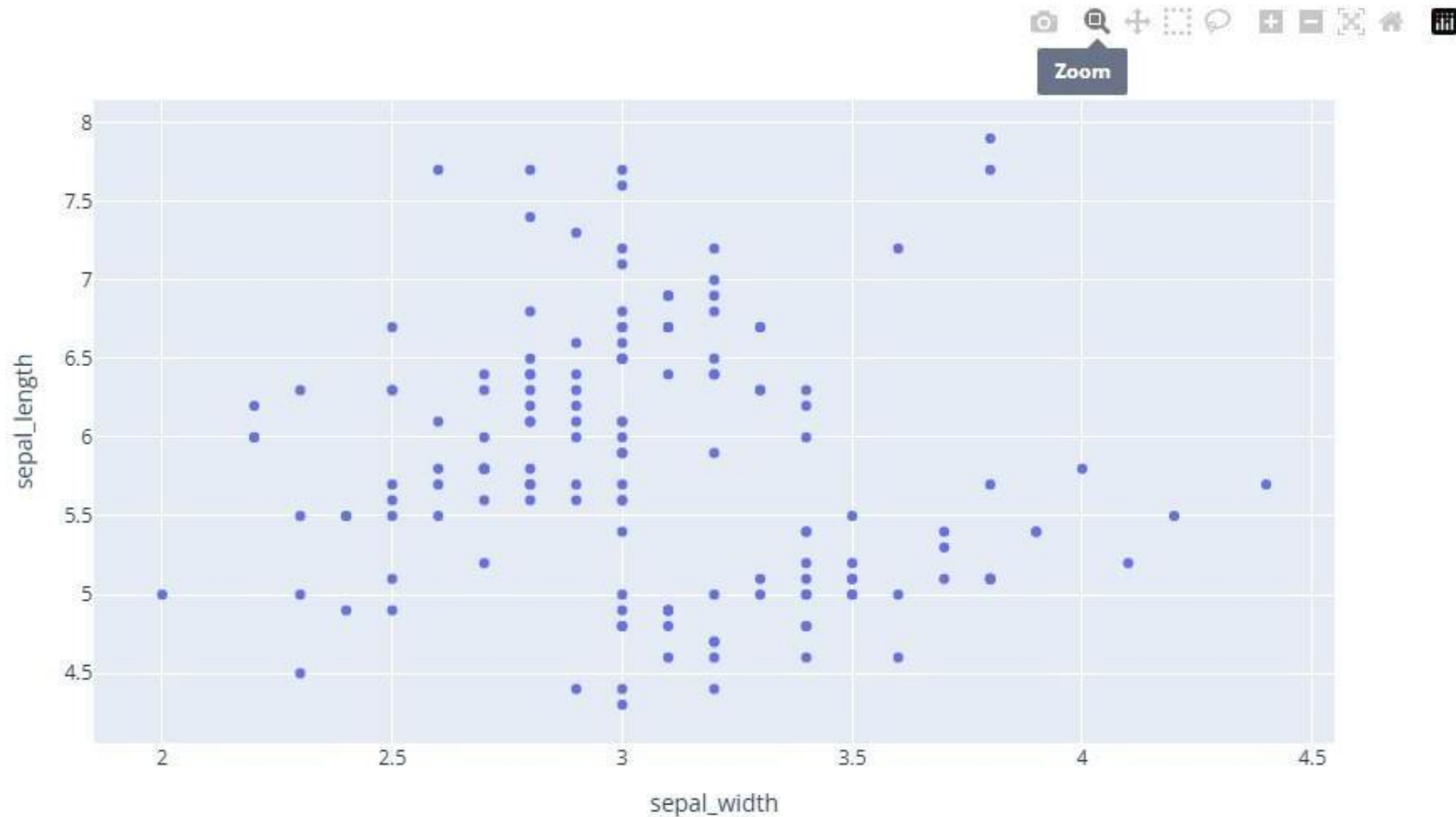
<https://plotly.com/python/plotly-express/>

- **Basics:** [scatter](#), [line](#), [area](#), [bar](#), [funnel](#), [timeline](#)
- **Part-of-Whole:** [pie](#), [sunburst](#), [treemap](#), [icicle](#), [funnel_area](#)
- **1D Distributions:** [histogram](#), [box](#), [violin](#), [strip](#), [ecdf](#)
- **2D Distributions:** [density_heatmap](#), [density_contour](#)
- **Matrix or Image Input:** [imshow](#)
- **3-Dimensional:** [scatter_3d](#), [line_3d](#)
- **Multidimensional:** [scatter_matrix](#), [parallel_coordinates](#), [parallel_categories](#)
- **Tile Maps:** [scatter_map](#), [line_map](#), [choropleth_map](#), [density_map](#)
- **Outline Maps:** [scatter_geo](#), [line_geo](#), [choropleth](#)
- **Polar Charts:** [scatter_polar](#), [line_polar](#), [bar_polar](#)
- **Ternary Charts:** [scatter_ternary](#), [line_ternary](#)

Scatter, Line, and Bar Charts

1. `px.scatter()`

- `data_frame`
- `x`
- `y`
- `color`
- `size`
- `facet_row`
- `facet_col`
- `title`
- `labels`
- `template`
- `height`
- `width`
- `animation_frame`



```
df = px.data.iris()  
fig = px.scatter(df, x="sepal_width", y="sepal_length")  
fig.show()
```

Setting size and color with column names :

- Scatter plots with variable-sized circular markers are often known as **bubble charts**
- Note that color and size data are added to hover information. You can add other columns to hover data with the `hover_data` argument of `px.scatter`

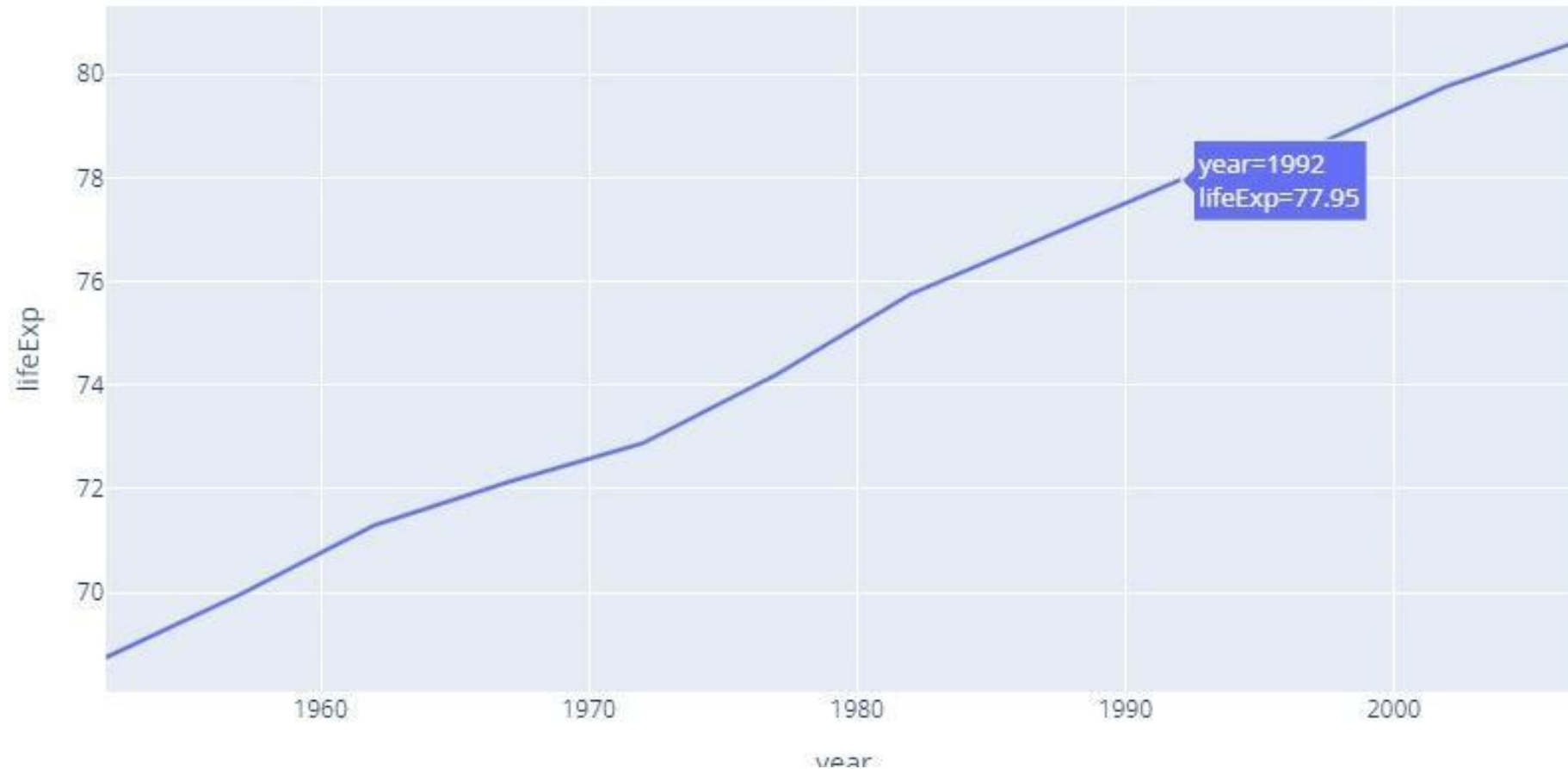
```
import plotly.express as px
df = px.data.iris()
fig = px.scatter(df, x="sepal_width", y="sepal_length", color="species",
                 size='petal_length', hover_data=['petal_width'])
fig.show()
```



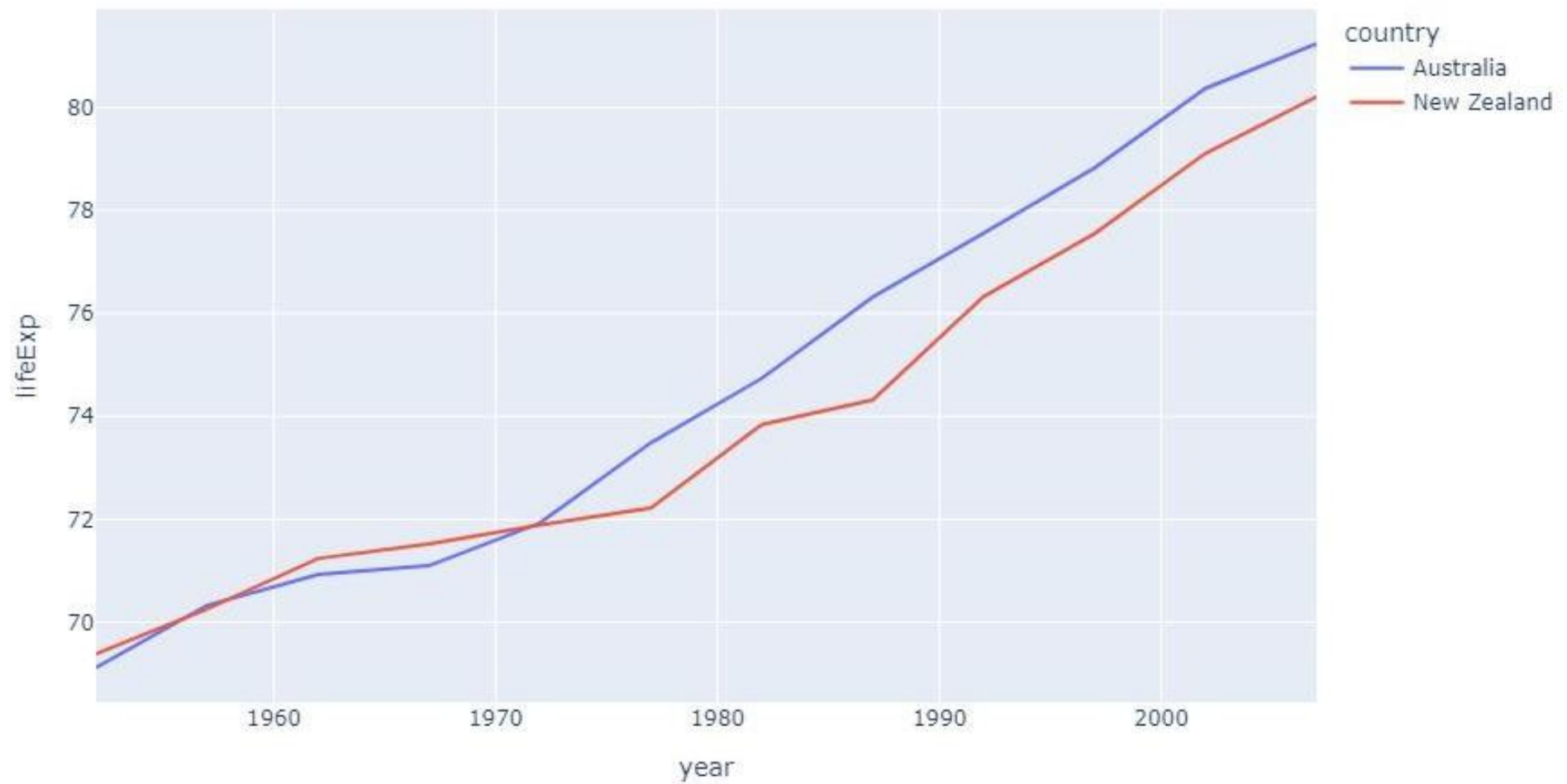

2. px.line()

- data_frame
- x
- y
- color
- size
- facet_row
- facet_col
- title
- labels
- template
- height
- width
- animation_frame
- line_shape
- range_x
- range_y
- line_color

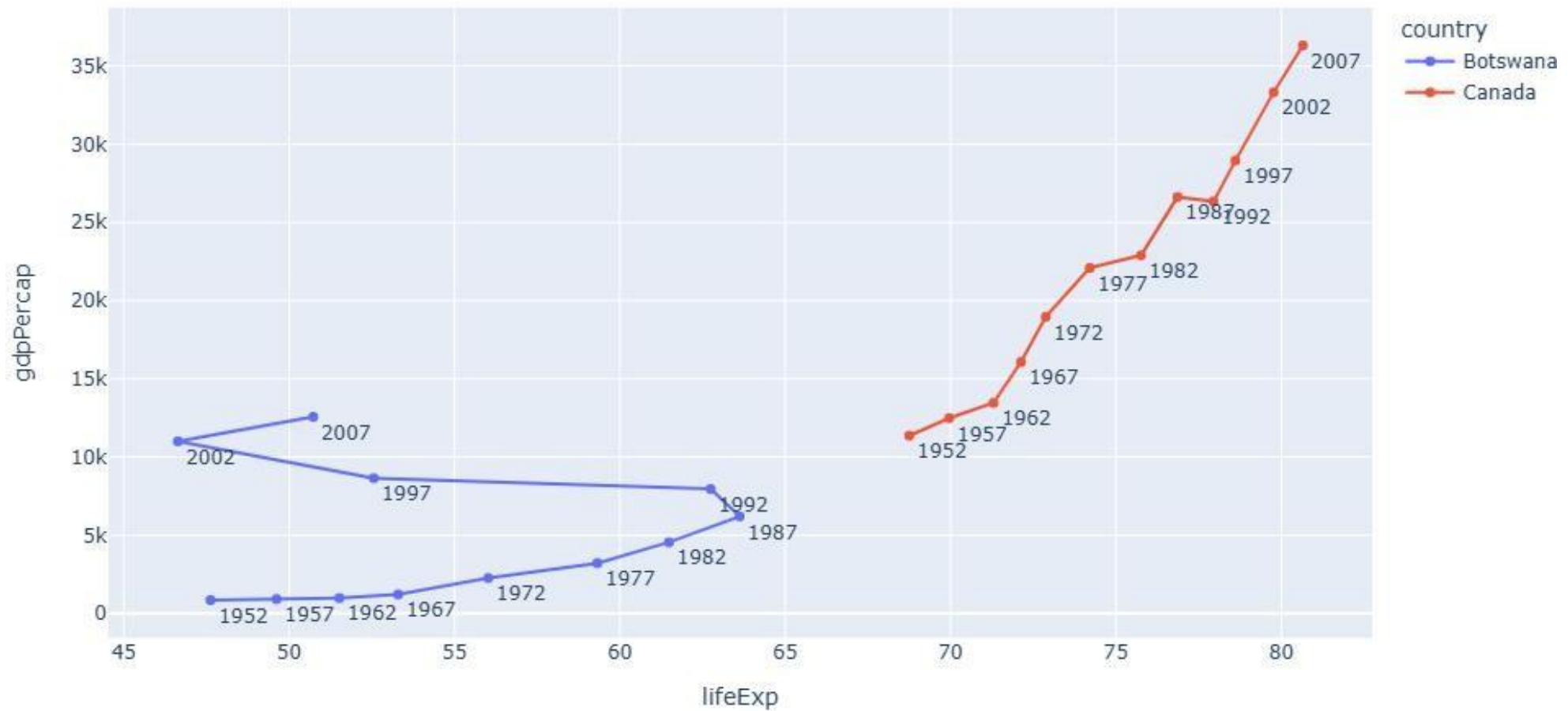
Life expectancy in Canada



```
df = px.data.gapminder().query("country=='Canada'")  
fig = px.line(df, x="year", y="lifeExp", title='Life expectancy in Canada')  
fig.show()
```



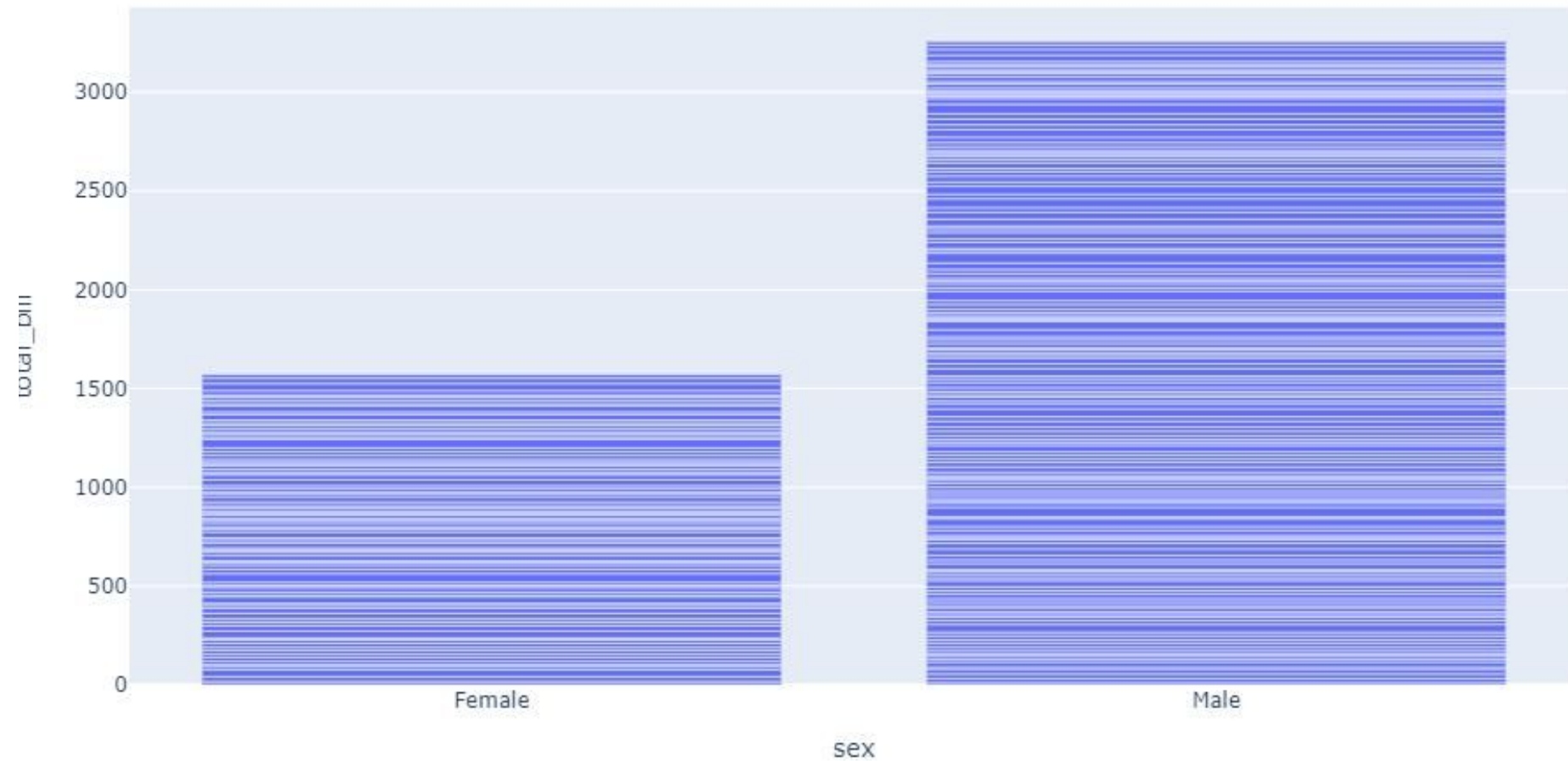
```
df =  
px.data.gapminder().query("continent=='Oceania'") fig  
= px.line(df, x="year", y="lifeExp", color='country')
```



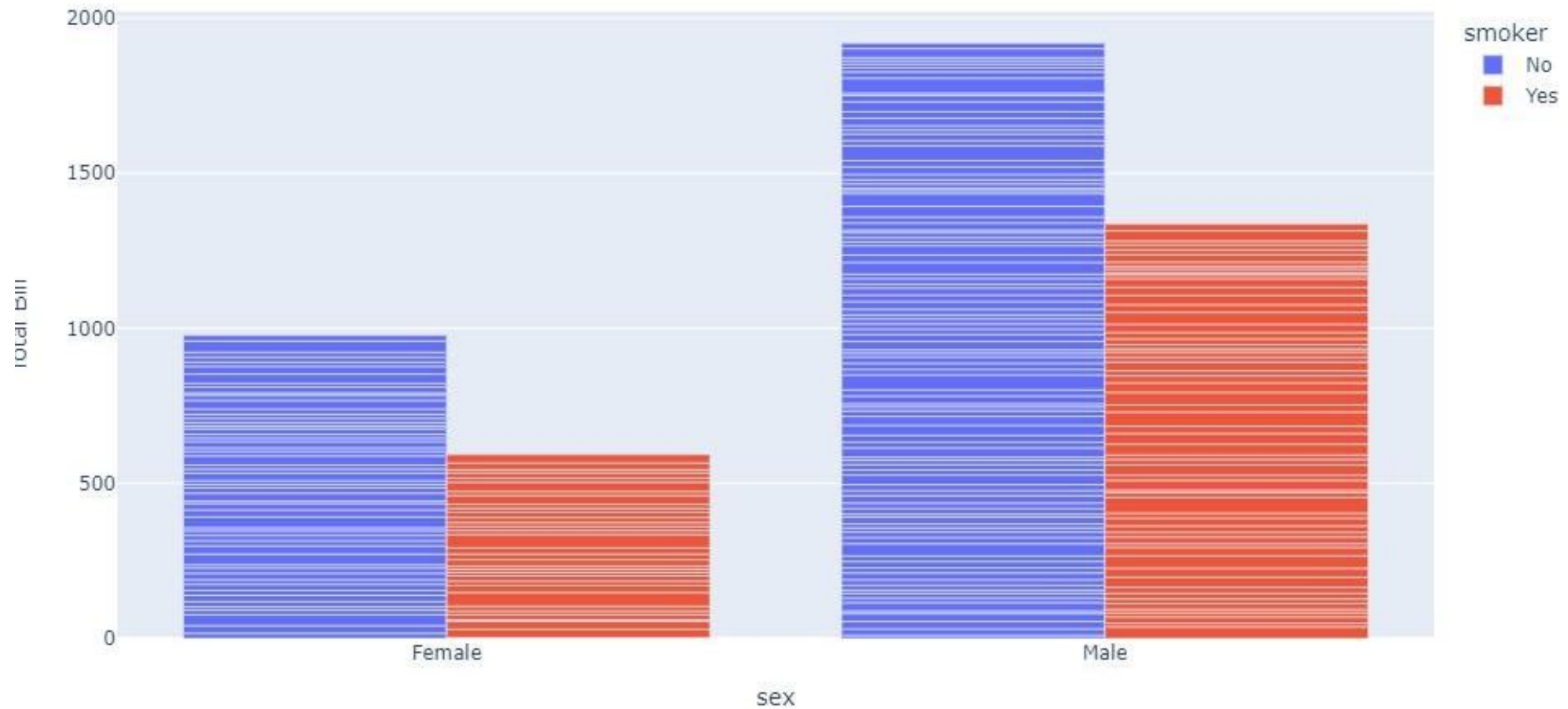
```
fig =
px.line(df,x="lifeExp",y="gdpPercap",color="country",text="year")
fig.update_traces(textposition="bottom right")
```

3. px.bar()

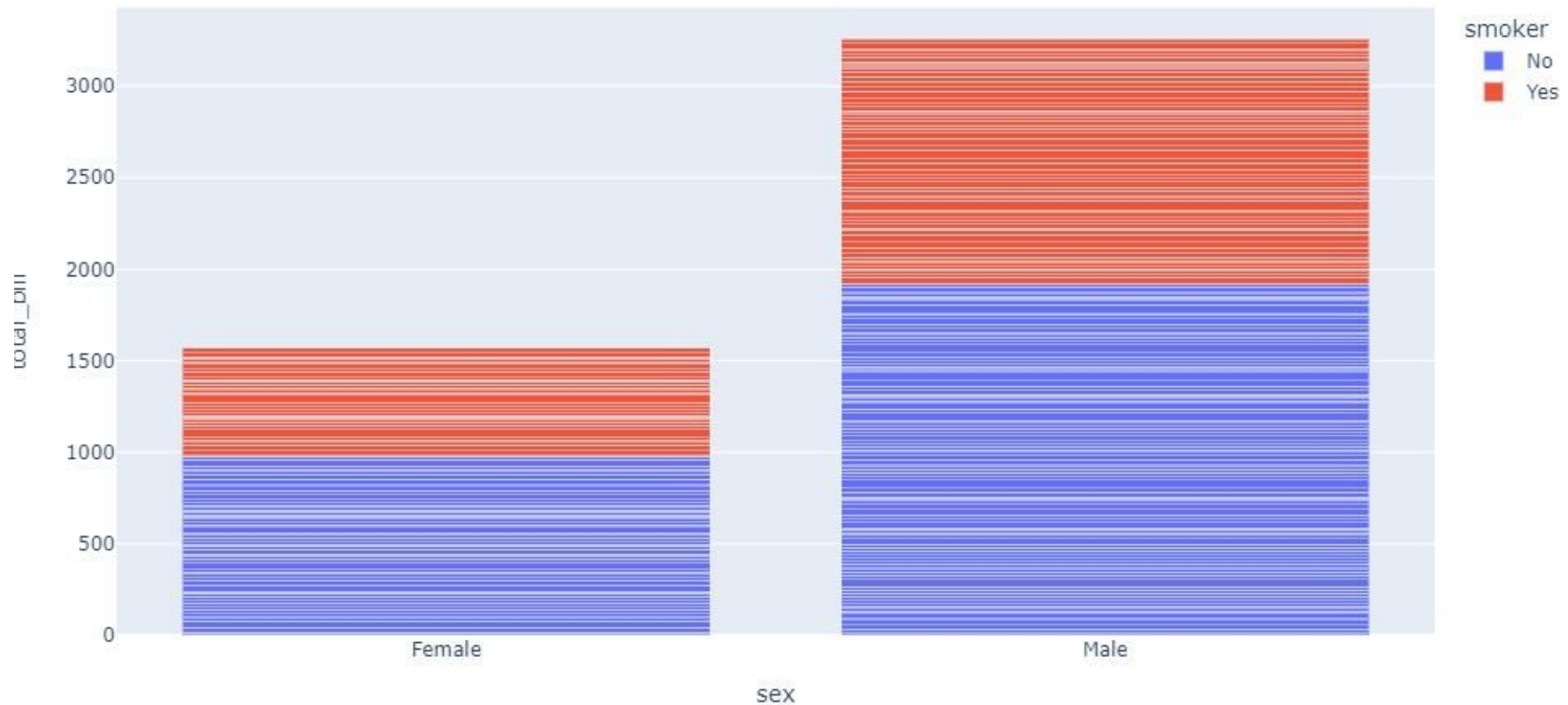
- data_frame
- x
- y
- color
- size
- facet_row
- facet_col
- title
- labels
- template
- height
- width
- animation_frame
- barmode



```
df = px.data.tips()  
fig = px.bar(df, x="sex", y="total_bill")  
fig.show()
```



```
df = px.data.tips()
fig =
px.bar(df,x="sex",y="total_bill",color="smoker",barmode="group")
```

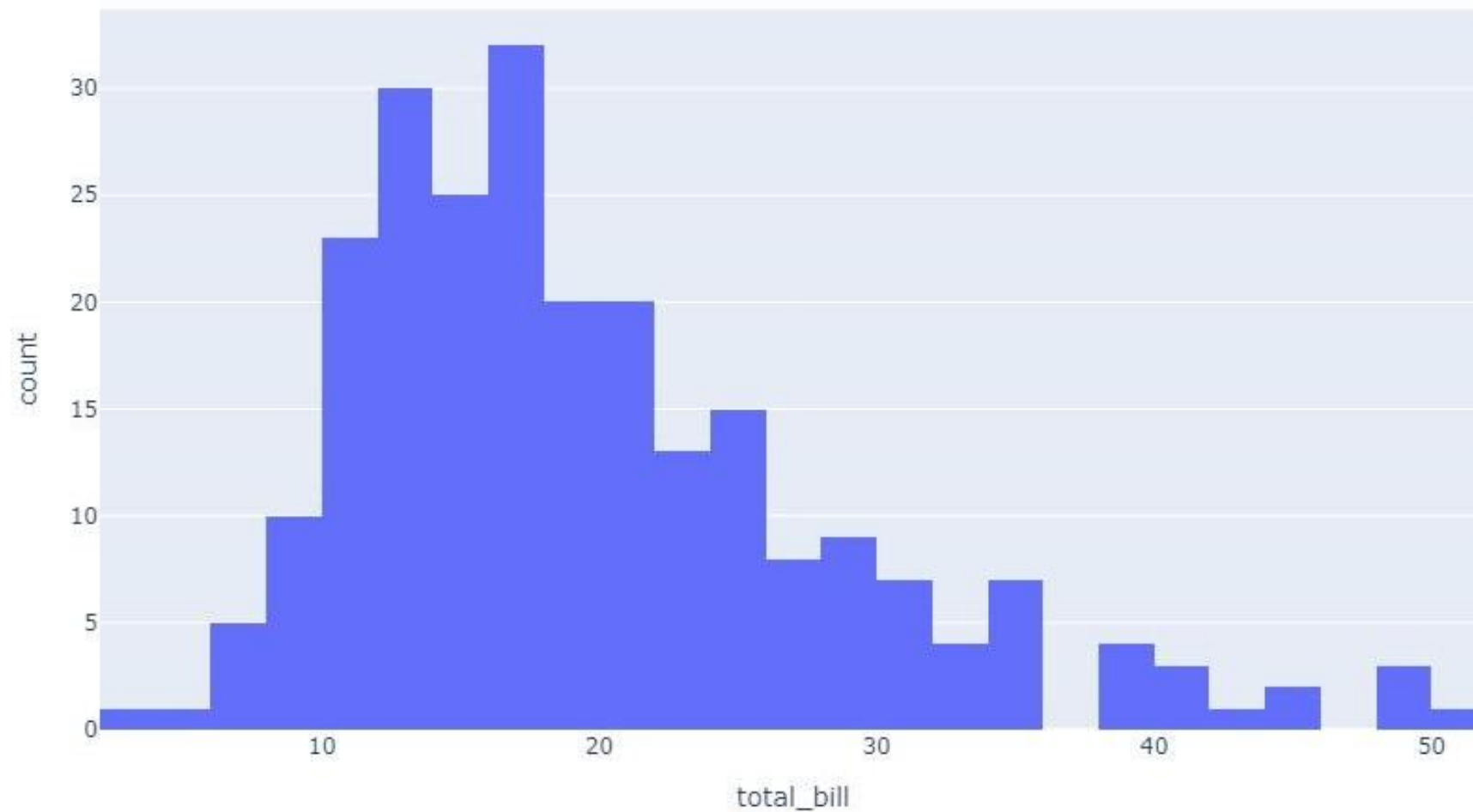



```
df = px.data.tips()
fig = px.bar(df, x="sex", y="total_bill", color="smoker", barmode="stack")
fig.show()
```

1-D distribution

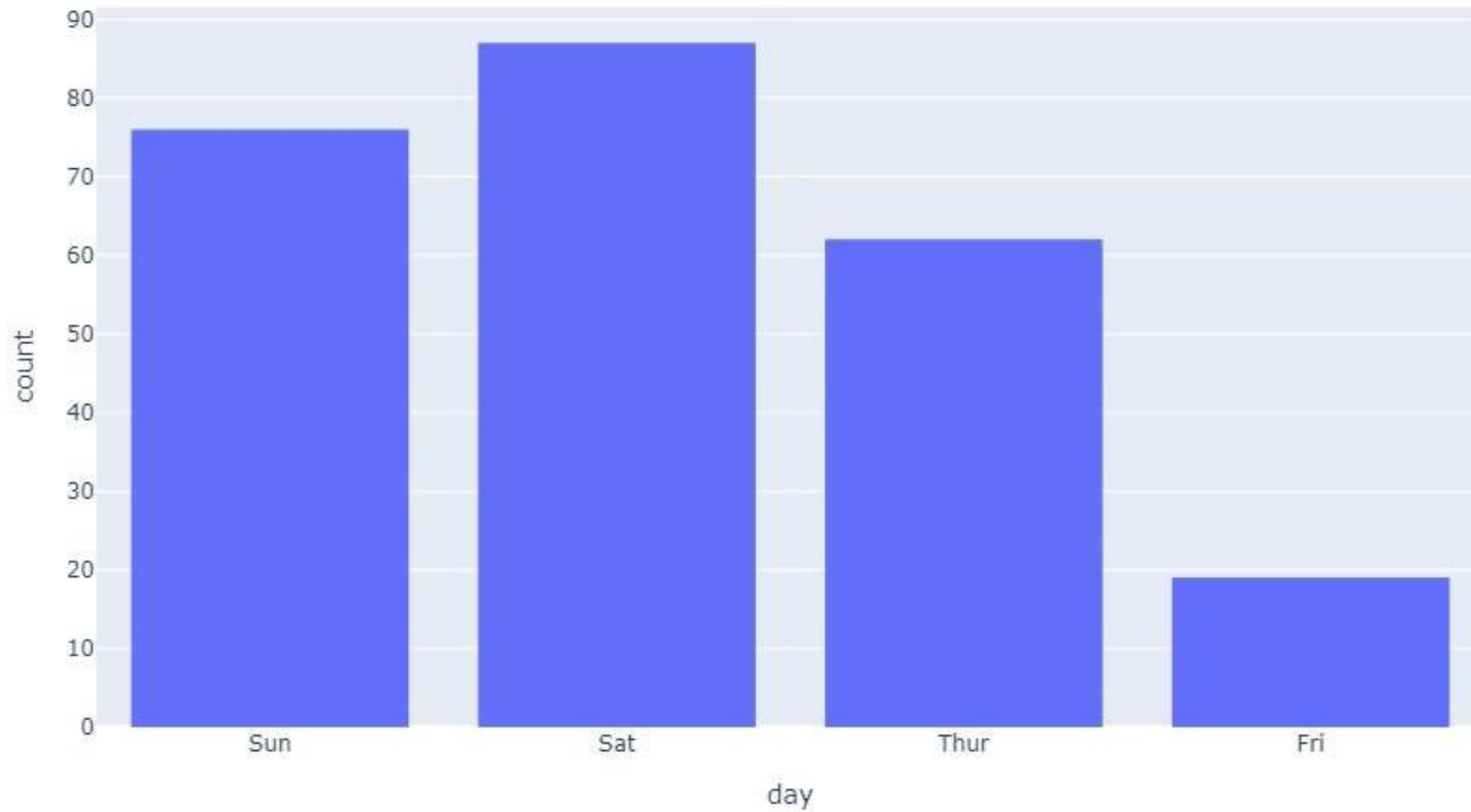
1. `px.histogram()`

- `data_frame`
- `x`
- `y`
- `color`
- `barmode`
- `nbins`
- `title`
- `labels`
- `template`
- `height`
- `width`
- `range_x`
- `range_y`



```
df = px.data.tips()  
fig = px.histogram(df,  
x="total_bill") fig.show()
```

**Numerical
data**

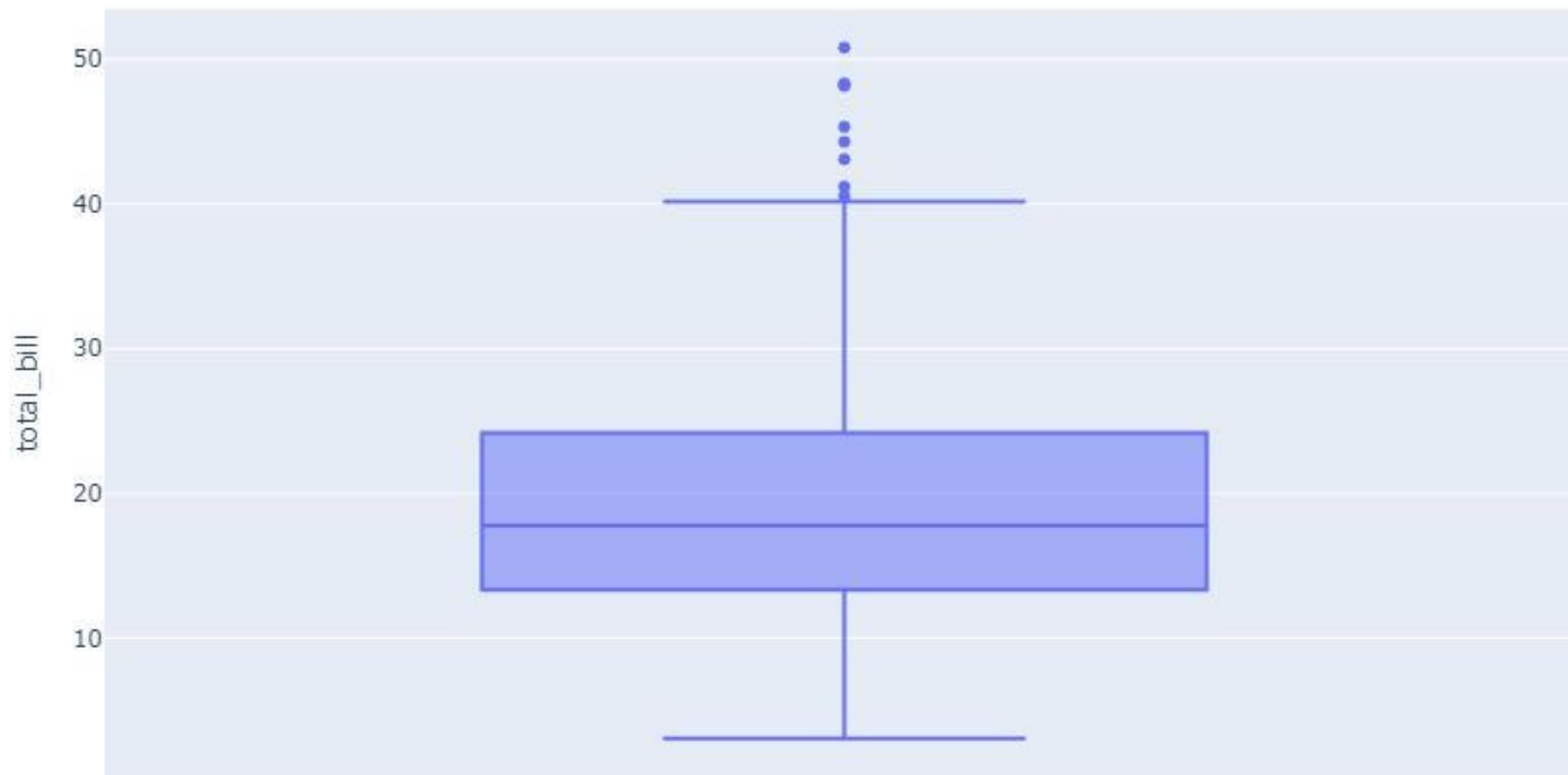


Categorical data

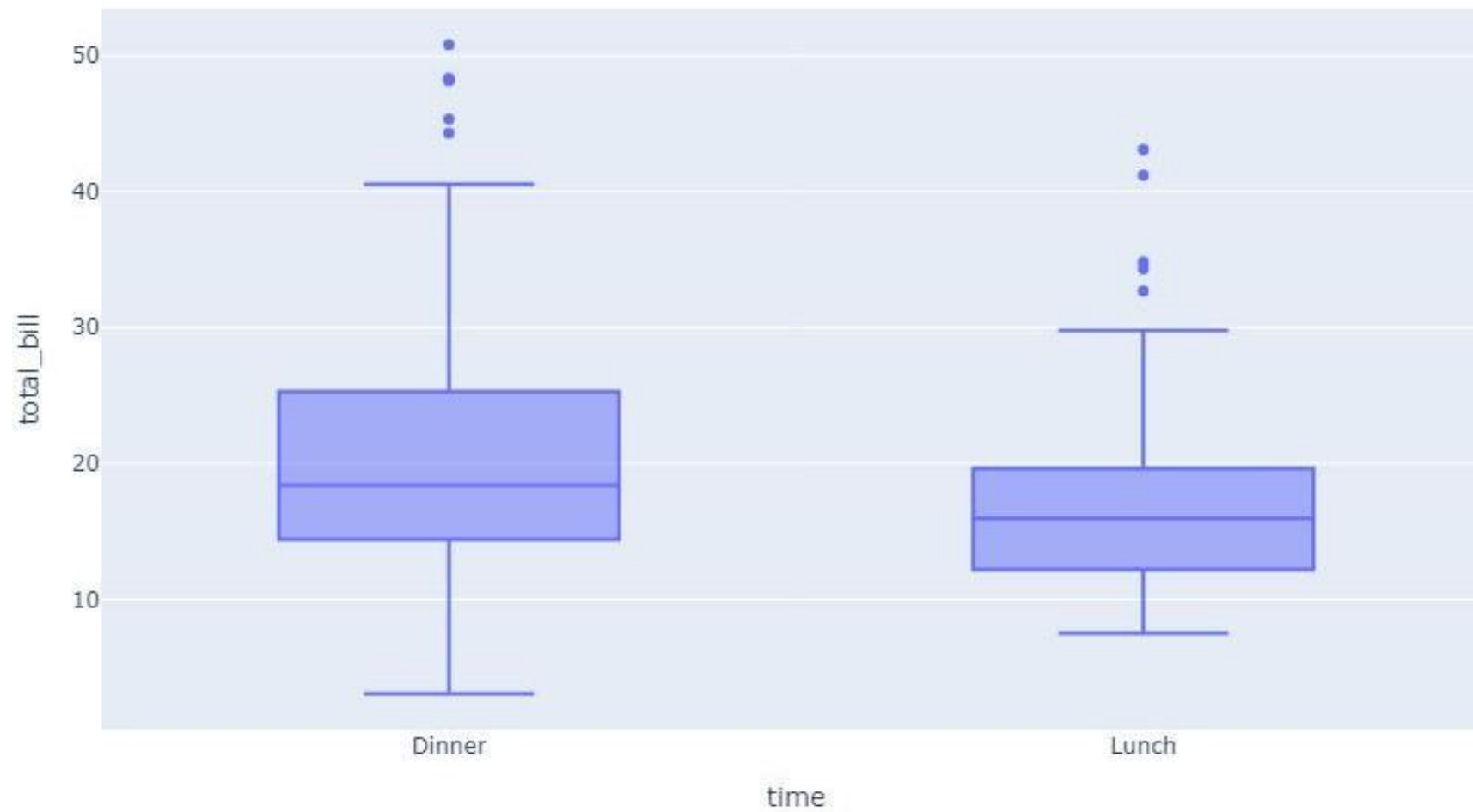
```
df = px.data.tips()  
fig = px.histogram(df,  
x="day") fig.show()
```

2. px.box()

- data_frame
- x
- y
- color
- size
- facet_row
- facet_col
- title
- labels
- template
- height
- width
- animation_frame



```
df = px.data.tips()  
fig = px.box(df,  
y="total_bill") fig.show()
```



```
df = px.data.tips()  
fig = px.box(df, x="time", y="total_bill")  
fig.show()
```

Practical Work in:

- 1_Plotly_Basics.ipynb
- 2_Plotly_Basics.ipynb

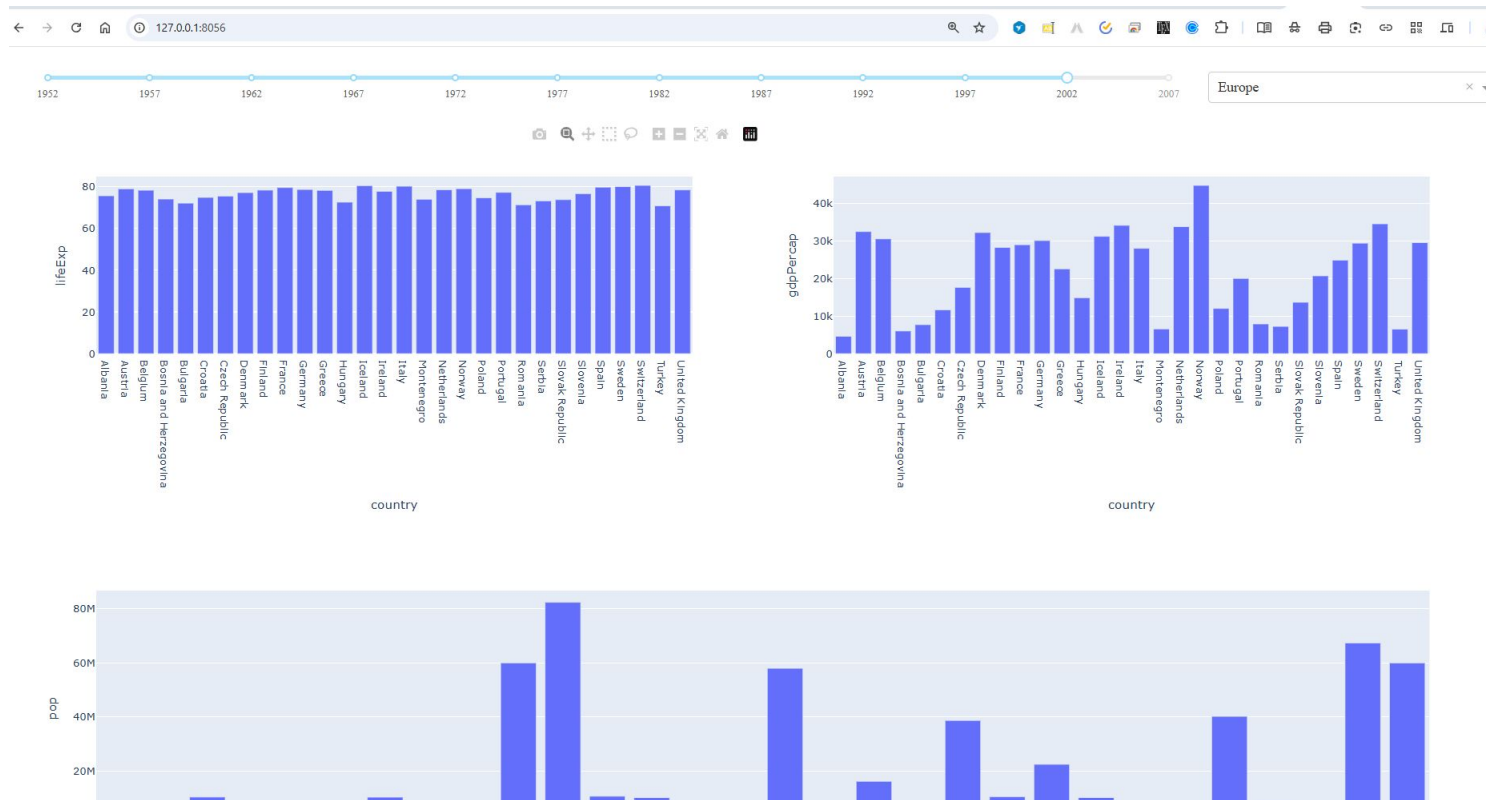
Dash Framework

What is Dash?

- Dash is a Python framework for building interactive web applications, particularly for data visualization and analytics
- No need for deep knowledge of HTML, CSS, or JavaScript.
- Ideal for data visualization and dashboards.

Key Technologies Behind Dash

- **Flask:** Handles the backend server.
- **React.js:** Manages the interactive frontend.
- **Plotly.js:** Enables advanced data visualization.



Why Use Dash?

- Simplifies web development for Python users.
- Supports dynamic and interactive UI components.
- Easily integrates with data science workflows.

<https://plotly.com/python/plotly-express/#plotly-express-in-dash>

App structure in Dash

Every Dash application has four prime components:

1. App instance
2. Layout
3. Callback function (Optional)
4. `app.runserver()`

Layout

- Core components
from dash import dcc
- HTML components
from dash import html

Core components :

- Higher-level interactive components that are generated JavaScript , CSS and HTML through react.js
- Slider , input area , check items , datepicker and more

HTML components :

- Component for each html tag
- Key-word arguments describe the HTML attributes like Style , ClassName and id

HTML components :

- Dash is a web app framework that provides pure Python abstraction around HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- Instead of writing HTML or using an HTML templating engine, you compose your layout using Python with the Dash HTML Components module (`dash.html`).

Dash HTML Components

Here is an example of a simple HTML structure:

<https://dash.plotly.com/dash-html-components>

```
from dash import html

html.Div([
    html.H1('Hello Dash'),
    html.Div([
        html.P('Dash converts Python classes into HTML'),
        html.P("This conversion happens behind the scenes by Dash's JavaScript front-end")
    ])
])
```

which gets converted (behind the scenes) into the following HTML in your web app:

```
<div>
  <h1>Hello Dash</h1>
  <div>
    <p>Dash converts Python classes into HTML</p>
    <p>This conversion happens behind the scenes by Dash's JavaScript front-end</p>
  </div>
</div>
```

HTML Component Properties

If you're using HTML components, then you also have access to properties like `style`, `class`, and `id`. All of these attributes are available in the Python classes.

The HTML elements and Dash classes are mostly the same but there are a few key differences:

- The `style` property is a dictionary
- Properties in the `style` dictionary are camelCased
- The `class` key is renamed as `className`
- Style properties in pixel units can be supplied as just numbers without the `px` unit

Let's take a look at an example.

```
from dash import html

html.Div([
    html.Div('Example Div', style={'color': 'blue', 'fontSize': 14}),
    html.P('Example P', className='my-class', id='my-p-element')
], style={'marginBottom': 50, 'marginTop': 25})
```

That Dash code will render this HTML markup:

```
<div style="margin-bottom: 50px; margin-top: 25px;">

    <div style="color: blue; font-size: 14px">
        Example Div
    </div>

    <p class="my-class", id="my-p-element">
        Example P
    </p>

</div>
```

1 - HTML components

•[3]:

1 - App instance

```
app1 = Dash(__name__)
```

2 - App layout

```
app1.layout = html.Div(children = [  
    html.H1('Hello world', style={'color': 'red'}),  
    html.P('This is the first dash app', style={'color': 'blue', 'fontSize': 14}),  
    html.Img(src='https://fastly.picsum.photos/id/0/5000/3333.jpg?hmac=_j6ghY5fCfSD6tvtcV74zXivkJSPIfR9B8w34XeQmvU' ,  
             style={'height':500 , 'width':600}),  
    'End of div'  
  
], style = {'background-color' : '#999' , 'color': 'orange'})
```

3 - Run application on http://127.0.0.1:8050/

```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    app1.run_server(debug=True , port = 8050)
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    app1.run_server(debug=True , port = 8050)
```

Hello world

This is the first dash app



End of div



Core components :

- Dash ships with supercharged components for interactive user interfaces.
- The Dash Core Components module (`dash.dcc`) gives you access to many interactive components, including dropdowns, checklists, and sliders.

Dropdown

```
from dash import Dash, html, dcc

app = Dash()

app.layout = html.Div([
    dcc.Dropdown(['New York City', 'Montréal', 'San Francisco'], 'Montréal')
])

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```

New York City

```
from dash import Dash, dcc, html

app = Dash()

app.layout = html.Div([
    dcc.Dropdown(['New York City', 'Montréal', 'San Francisco'], 'Montréal', multi=True)
])

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```

× Montréal × New York City

Slider

```
from dash import Dash, dcc, html

app = Dash()

app.layout = html.Div([
    dcc.Slider(-5, 10, 1, value=-3)
])

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```



RangeSlider

```
from dash import Dash, dcc, html

app = Dash()

app.layout = html.Div([
    dcc.RangeSlider(-5, 10, 1, count=1, value=[-3, 7])
])

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```



Checkboxes

```
from dash import Dash, dcc, html

app = Dash()

app.layout = html.Div([
    dcc.Checklist(['New York City', 'Montréal', 'San Francisco'],
                  ['Montréal', 'San Francisco'])
])

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```

- ☐ New York City
- ☒ Montréal
- ☒ San Francisco

Checkboxes

```
from dash import Dash, dcc, html

app = Dash()

app.layout = html.Div([
    dcc.Checklist(
        ['New York City', 'Montréal', 'San Francisco'],
        ['Montréal', 'San Francisco'],
        inline=True
    )
])

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```

☐ New York City ☒ Montréal ☒ San Francisco

Radio Items



```
from dash import Dash, dcc, html

app = Dash()

app.layout = html.Div([
    dcc.RadioItems(['New York City', 'Montréal', 'San Francisco'], 'Montréal')
])

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```

- ☐ New York City
- ☒ Montréal
- ☐ San Francisco

Input

```
from dash import Dash, dcc, html

app = Dash()

app.layout = html.Div([
    dcc.Input(
        placeholder='Enter a value...',
        type='text',
        value=''
    )
])

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```



2 - App Layout

```
app2.layout = html.Div([
    html.Div(children=[
        html.Label('Dropdown'),
        dcc.Dropdown(['New York City', 'Montréal', 'San Francisco'], 'Montréal'),

        html.Br(),
        html.Label('Multi-Select Dropdown'),
        dcc.Dropdown(['New York City', 'Montréal', 'San Francisco'],
                     ['Montréal', 'San Francisco'],
                     multi=True),

        html.Br(),
        html.Label('Radio Items'),

        if __name__ == '__main__':
            app2.run_server(debug=True, port = 8051)
```

Dropdown

Multi-Select Dropdown

Radio Items

- ☐ New York City
☒ Montréal
☐ San Francisco

Checkboxes

- ☐ New York City
☒ Montréal
☒ San Francisco

Text Input

Slider



Interactivity with Callback function

- Python function that is automatically called by Dash whenever an input component's property changes
- Decorated with `@app.callback` Decorator
- Takes parameters as many as inputs
- Perform operations to return the desired result for the output component
- Return values as many as inputs

Callback function structure :

```
@app.callback(Output , Input , State)
```

```
def callback_function :
```

```
    ...
```

```
    return result
```

Output : Sets results returned from callback to a component id

Input : Sets input that is provided to a callback function to a component id

State : Like input but doesn't trigger the function

Update text when write immediately

Callbacks

Basic callback function

```
•[15]: app4 = Dash(__name__)

app4.layout = html.Div([
    html.H6("Change the value in the text box to see callbacks in action!"),
    html.Div([
        "Input: ",
        dcc.Input(id='my-input', value='initial value', type='text')
    ]),
    html.Br(),
    html.Div(id='my-output')
])

@callback(
    Output(component_id='my-output', component_property='children'),
    Input(component_id='my-input', component_property='value')
)
def update_output_div(input_value):
    return f'Output: {input_value}'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app4.run(debug=True, port = 8053)
```

Change the value in the text box to see callbacks in action!

Input:

Output: initial value

Update text when write immediately

Callbacks

Basic callback function

```
•[15]: app4 = Dash(__name__)

app4.layout = html.Div([
    html.H6("Change the value in the text box to see callbacks in action!"),
    html.Div([
        "Input: ",
        dcc.Input(id='my-input', value='initial value', type='text')
    ]),
    html.Br(),
    html.Div(id='my-output')
])

@callback(
    Output(component_id='my-output', component_property='children'),
    Input(component_id='my-input', component_property='value')
)
def update_output_div(input_value):
    return f'Output: {input_value}'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app4.run(debug=True, port = 8053)
```

Change the value in the text box to see callbacks in action!

Input:

Output: 132

```
[64]: app4 = Dash(__name__)

app4.layout = html.Div([
    html.H6("Change the value in the text box to see callbacks in action!"),
    html.Div([
        "Input: ",
        dcc.Input(id='my-input', value='initial value', type='text')
    ]),
    html.Br(),
    html.Div(
        id='my-output'
    )
])

@callback(
    Output(component_id='my-output', component_property='children'),
    Input(component_id='my-input', component_property='value')
)
def update_output_div(input_value):
    return f'Output: {input_value}'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app4.run(debug=True, port = 8053)
```

Change the value in the text box to see callbacks in action!

Input:

⚡ Waiting for input...

Use State: Prevent immediate update

In some cases, we want to take user input but **not trigger the update immediately**.

Instead, we update the output **only when a button is clicked**. This can be achieved using **State** in Dash.

State

```
[17]: app_ = Dash(__name__)

app_.layout = html.Div([

    html.Div(dcc.Input(id='input', type='text')),
    html.Button('Submit', id='button', n_clicks=0),
    html.Div(id='output-div', children='Enter a value and press submit')

])

@callback(
    Output('output-div', 'children'),
    Input('button', 'n_clicks'),
    State('input', 'value'),
    prevent_initial_call=True
)
def update_output(n_clicks, value):
    return 'The input value was "{}" and the button has been clicked {} times'.format(
        value,
        n_clicks
    )

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app_.run(debug=True, port = 8040)
```


Enter a value and press submit

One input

```
[19]: from dash import Dash, dcc, html, Input, Output, callback

import plotly.express as px
import pandas as pd

df = px.data.gapminder()

app5 = Dash(__name__)

app5.layout = html.Div([
    html.H1('Gapminder Life Expectancy Over Time'),

    dcc.Dropdown(
        id='country-dropdown',
        options=[{'label': country, 'value': country} for country in df['country'].unique()],
        value=df['country'].iloc[0],
    ),

    dcc.Graph(id='life-expectancy-plot')
])
```

Gapminder Life Expectancy Over Time



```

import plotly.express as px
import pandas as pd

df = px.data.gapminder()

app5 = Dash(__name__)

app5.layout = html.Div([
    html.H1('Gapminder Life Expectancy Over Time'),

    dcc.Dropdown(
        id='country-dropdown',
        options=[{'label': country, 'value': country} for country in df['country'].unique()],
        value=df['country'].iloc[0],
    ),

    dcc.Graph(id='life-expectancy-plot')
])

@app5.callback(
    Output('life-expectancy-plot', 'figure'),
    Input('country-dropdown', 'value')
)
def update_plot(selected_country):

    filtered_df = df[df['country'] == selected_country]

    fig = px.line(
        filtered_df,
        x='year',
        y='lifeExp',
        hover_data = ['continent'],
        title=f'Life Expectancy in {selected_country} Over Time',
        markers=True
    )

    return fig

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app5.run_server(debug=True, port = 8070)

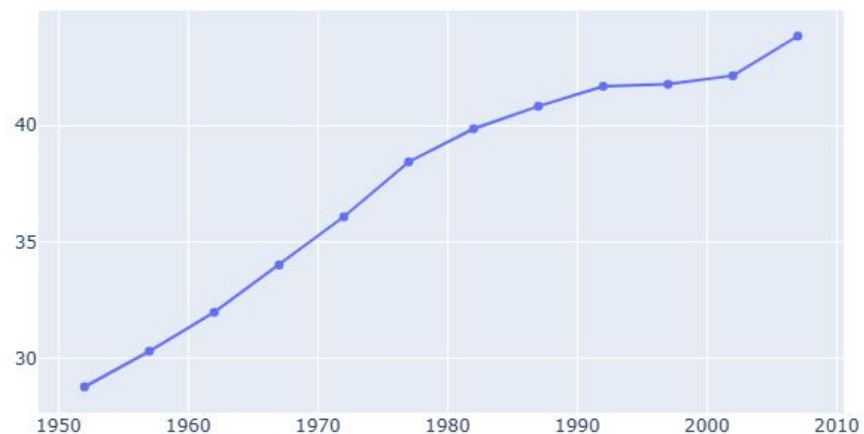
```

Gapminder Life Expectancy Over Time

Afghanistan

year

Life Expectancy in Afghanistan Over Time



One input

```
[21]: from dash import Dash, dcc, html, Input, Output, callback
import plotly.express as px

import pandas as pd

df = px.data.gapminder()

app6 = Dash(__name__)

app6.layout = html.Div([
    dcc.Graph(id='graph-with-slider'),
    dcc.Slider(
        df['year'].min(),
        df['year'].max(),
        step=None,
        value=df['year'].min(),
        marks={str(year): year for year in df['year'].unique()},
        id='year-slider'
    )
])

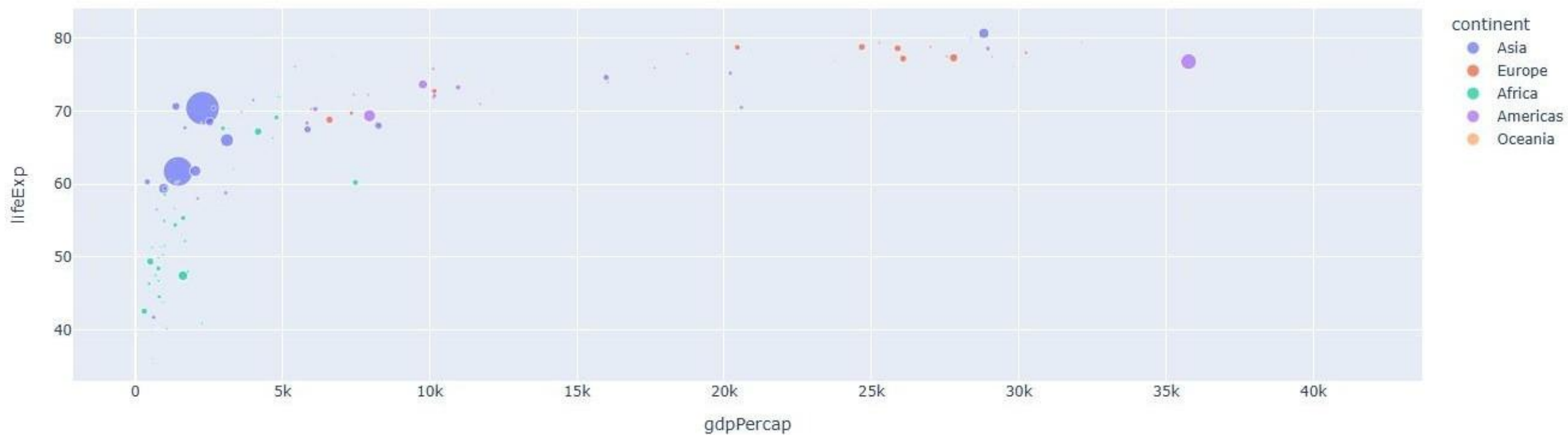
@callback(
    Output('graph-with-slider', 'figure'),
    Input('year-slider', 'value'))
def update_figure(selected_year):
    filtered_df = df[df.year == selected_year]

    fig = px.scatter(filtered_df, x="gdpPercap", y="lifeExp",
                     size="pop", color="continent", hover_name="country")

    fig.update_layout(transition_duration=500)

    return fig

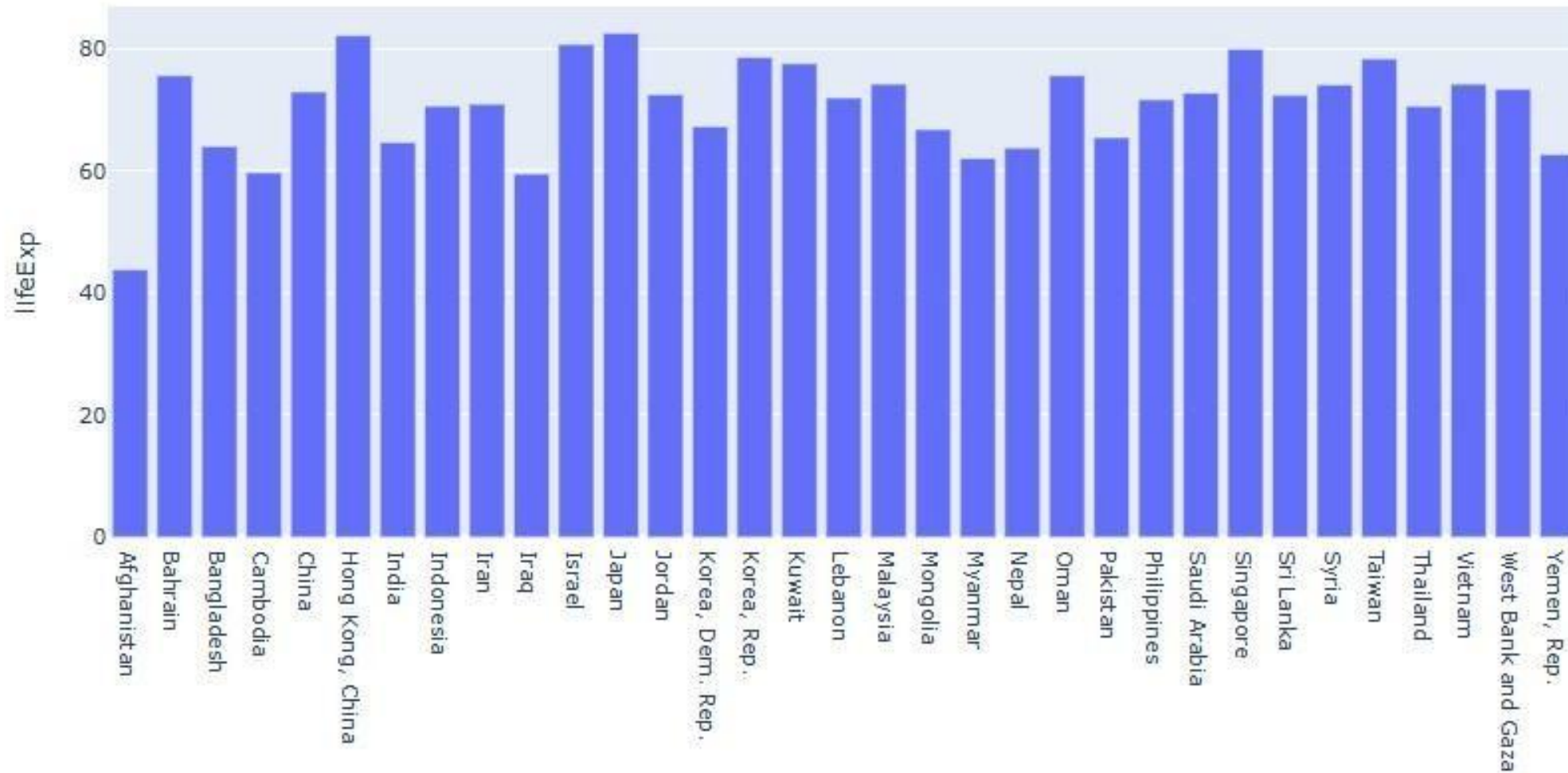
if __name__ == '__main__':
    app6.run(port = 8054)
```



Using **Multiple Inputs** to Update Multiple Data Points

Multiple inputs

```
dataframe = px.data.gapminder()  
figure = px.bar(dataframe[(dataframe['continent'] == 'Asia') & (dataframe['year'] == 2007)] , x='country' , y='lifeExp')  
figure
```



Example #2

```
[27]: app7 = Dash(__name__)

app7.layout = html.Div([
    html.Div([
        dcc.Slider(
            min = dataframe['year'].min(),
            max = dataframe['year'].max(),
            step = None ,
            marks={str(year): year for year in dataframe['year'].unique()},
            value = dataframe['year'].min(),
            id = 'year-slider'
        ),

        dcc.Dropdown(dataframe['continent'].unique() , value = dataframe['continent'].unique()[0] , id = 'continent-dropdown')
    ]),

    html.Div([
        dcc.Graph(id='plot')
    ])
])

@callback(
    Output(component_id = 'plot' , component_property = 'figure'),
    Input('year-slider' , 'value'),
    Input('continent-dropdown' , 'value'),
)

def update_graph(year , continent):
    df = dataframe[ (dataframe['year'] == year) & (dataframe['continent'] == continent)]
    fig = px.bar(df , x = 'country' , y = 'lifeExp')
    return fig

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app7.run(port = 8055)
```

A diagram illustrating the data flow in the Dash application. It consists of four numbered boxes and several arrows:

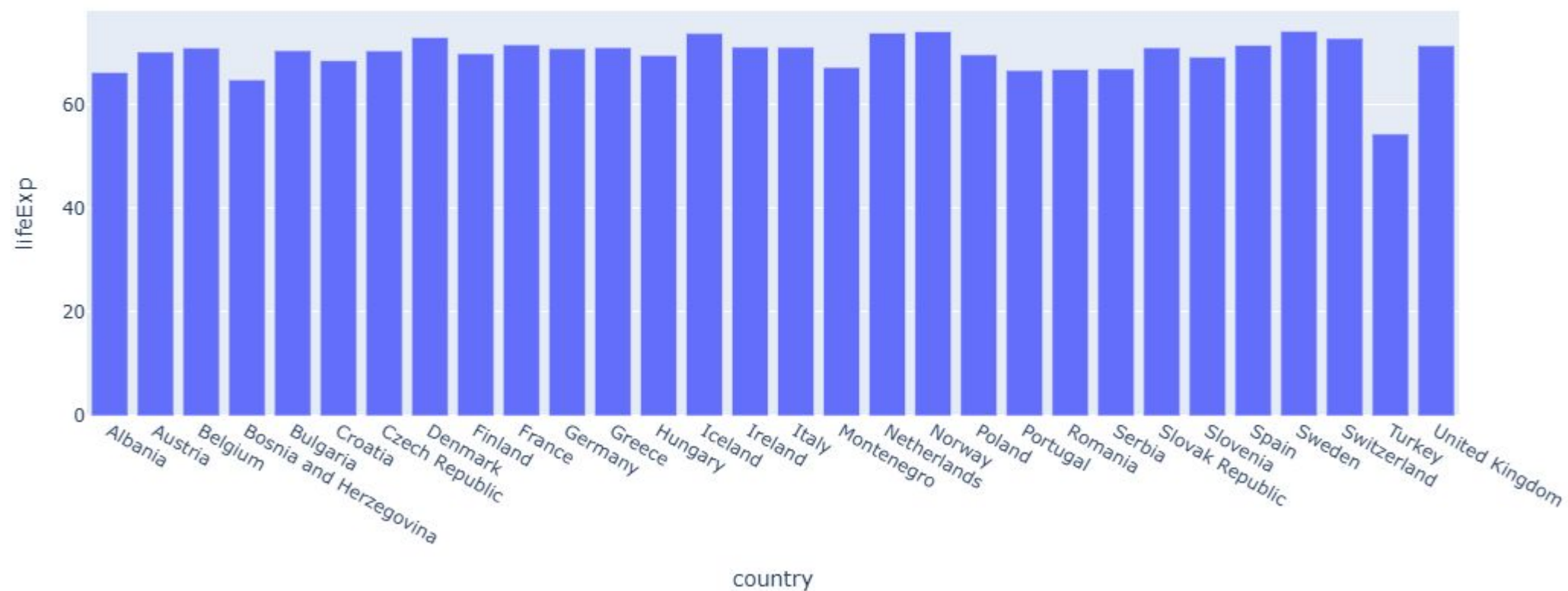
- Box 1** points to the `year` parameter in the `update_graph` function definition.
- Box 2** points to the `continent` parameter in the `update_graph` function definition.
- Box 3** points to the `df` variable in the `update_graph` function, which is derived from the `year` and `continent` inputs.
- Box 4** points to the `figure` property of the `plot` component in the `Output` of the `@callback` decorator.

Arrows also show the flow from the `year` and `continent` inputs to the `df` variable, and from the `df` variable to the `fig` variable, which then returns the `figure` to the `plot` component.

1952 1957 1962 1967 1972 1977 1982 1987 1992 1997 2002 2007

Europe

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Using **Multiple Inputs** to Update Multiple Data Points

A callback function in Dash can take **multiple inputs** and update multiple elements in the UI.

```
[38]: import dash
from dash import dcc, html, Output, Input

app = dash.Dash(__name__)

app.layout = html.Div([
    dcc.Input(id="input-box", type="text", placeholder="Enter text..."),
    dcc.Slider(id="slider", min=10, max=50, step=2, value=20), # Font size control
    html.H3(id="output-text")
])

@app.callback(
    Output("output-text", "style"), # Update text size
    Output("output-text", "children"), # Update displayed text
    Input("input-box", "value"),
    Input("slider", "value")
)
def update_output(text, font_size):
    return {"fontSize": f"{font_size}px"}, text or "Enter text"

if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run_server(debug=True)
```

Example #1



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Using **Multiple Outputs** in Dash Callbacks

Using Multiple Outputs in Dash Callbacks

A single callback function in Dash can **update multiple components at the same time**.

Example #1

```
[40]: import dash
      from dash import html, Output, Input

      app = dash.Dash(__name__)

      app.layout = html.Div([
          html.Button("Click Me", id="button", n_clicks=0), # Clickable button
          html.H3(id="output-text"), # Displays click count
          html.Div(id="background", style={"width": "100%", "height": "50px"}) # Color changing box
      ])

      @app.callback(
          Output("output-text", "children"), # Updates text
          Output("background", "style"), # Updates background color
          Input("button", "n_clicks")
      )
      def update_output(n_clicks):
          colors = ["red", "blue", "green", "orange"]
          return (
              f"Button clicked {n_clicks} times", # Update the text
              {"width": "100%", "height": "50px", "backgroundColor": colors[n_clicks % len(colors)]} # Change color
          )

      if __name__ == "__main__":
          app.run_server(debug=True)
```

Click Me

Button clicked 23 times




```

app7.layout = html.Div([
    html.Div([
        dcc.Slider(
            min = dataframe['year'].min(),
            max = dataframe['year'].max(),
            step = None ,
            marks={str(year): year for year in dataframe['year'].unique()},
            value = dataframe['year'].min(),
            id = 'year-slider'
        ),

        dcc.Dropdown(dataframe['continent'].unique() , value = dataframe['continent'].unique()[0] , id = 'continent-dropdown'
        ]),

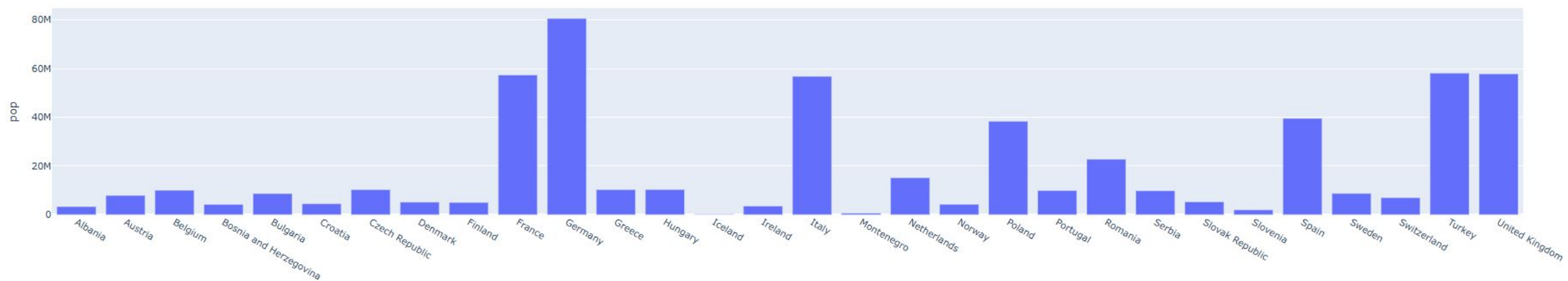
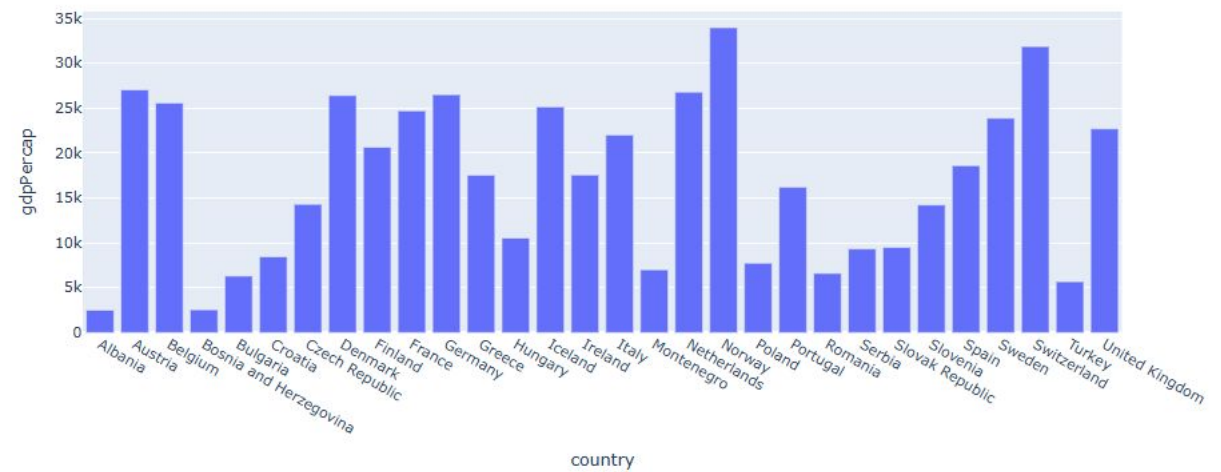
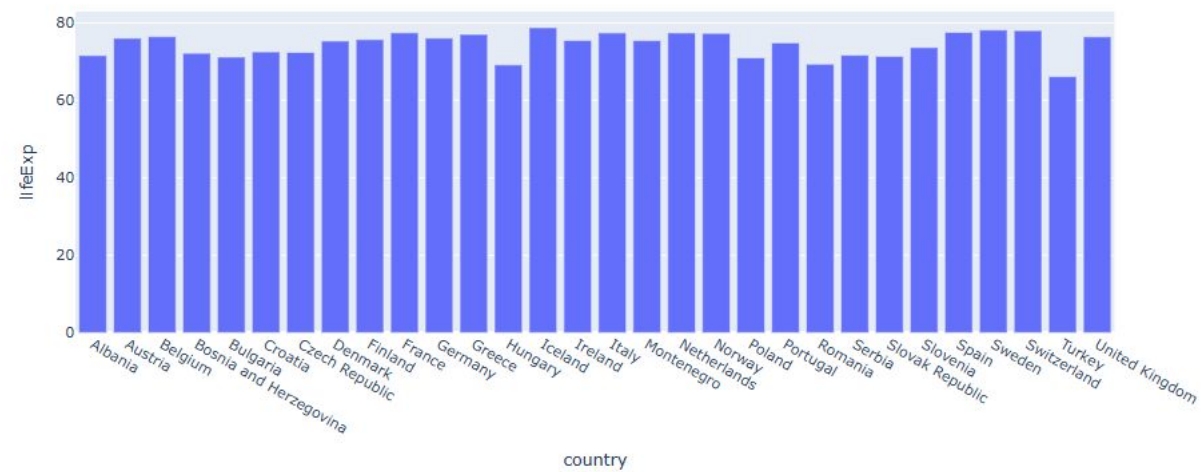
        html.Div([
            dcc.Graph(id='plot')
        ]),

    ])

@callback(
    Output(component_id = 'plot' , component_property = 'figure'),
    Input('year-slider' , 'value'),
    Input('continent-dropdown' , 'value'),
)

def update_graph(year , continent):
    df = dataframe[ (dataframe['year'] == year) & (dataframe['continent'] == continent)]
    fig = px.bar(df , x = 'country' , y = 'lifeExp')
    return fig

```

Tasks in classroom

Task 4 output: Interactive Scatter Plot with User Controls using NumPy & Dash

Interactive Scatter Plot (NumPy Generated Data)

Select X-axis:
Feature_A

Select Y-axis:
Feature_B

Scatter Plot of Feature_B vs Feature_A

