

# Matplotlib

- Jake VanderPlas. 2016. *Python Data Science Handbook: Essential Tools for Working with Data*. O'Reilly Media, Inc.
- Chapter 4 - Visualization with Matplotlib
- <https://github.com/jakevdp/PythonDataScienceHandbook>  
(<https://github.com/jakevdp/PythonDataScienceHandbook>)
- **NOTE:** many code-examples are deprecated

Matplotlib provides:

- Easy and customizable type of plots (line, scatter, bars, histogram, contour, 3D...)
- Integration with NumPy and Pandas
- Extensible rendering using third-party libraries (Seaborn or Plotly)
- Different output formats
  - Static (`%matplotlib inline`): PNG, JPG, SVG, PDF
  - Interactive (`%matplotlib notebook`): Qt, Tkinter and WebAgg backends

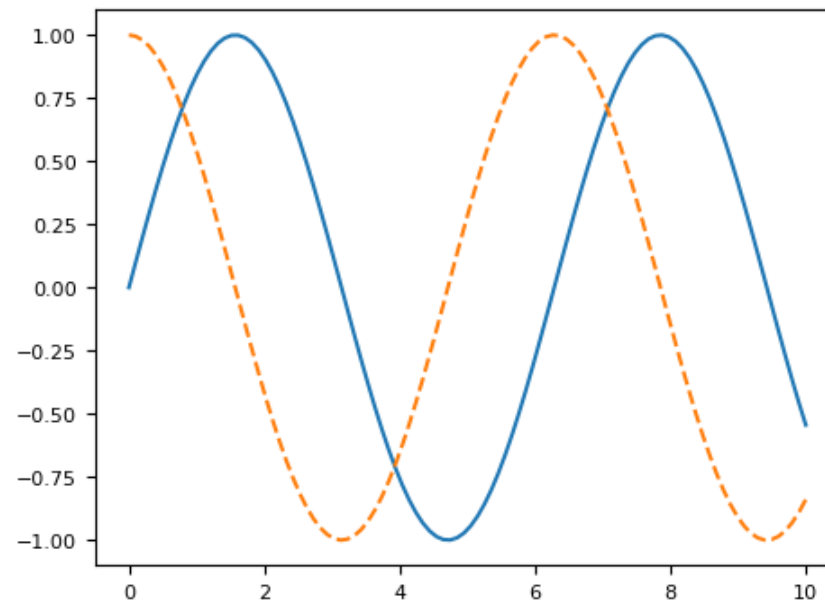
In [1]:

```
import matplotlib as mpl
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

# Set the default figure size in inches (width, height)
mpl.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (5.33,4)
# Set the default font sizes for axes and tick labels in points
mpl.rcParams['axes.labelsize'] = 10 # Example: 14 points
mpl.rcParams['xtick.labelsize'] = 8 # Example: 12 points for x-axis
mpl.rcParams['ytick.labelsize'] = 8 # Example: 12 points for y-axis
```

In [2]:

```
x = np.linspace(0, 10, 100)
fig = plt.figure()
plt.plot(x, np.sin(x), '-')
plt.plot(x, np.cos(x), '--');
```



## Dual Interface

- MATLAB-style Interface
  - Matplotlib: Python alternative for MATLAB
  - Use `plt` for almost everything
  - Convenient for simple plots
- Object-oriented interface
  - Create objects and call methods on them
  - More flexible

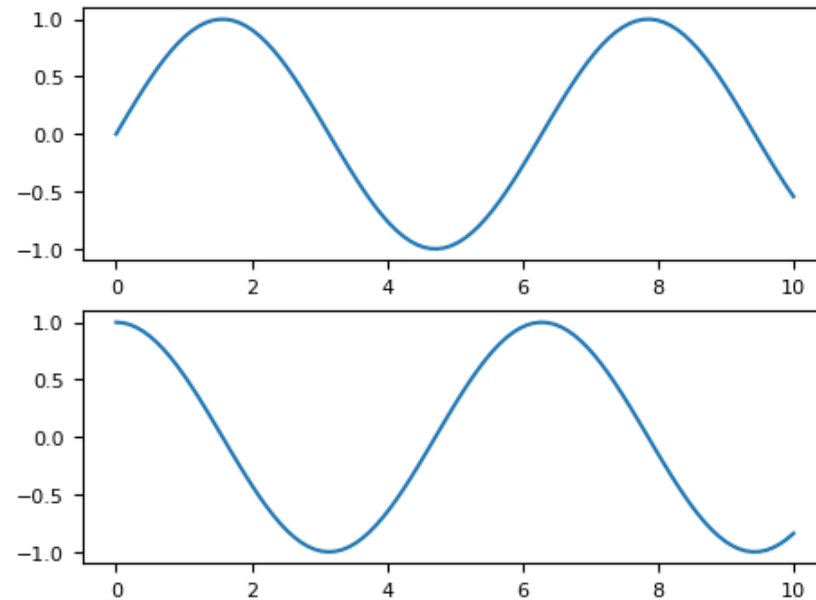
MATLAB-style Interface:

In [3]:

```
plt.figure() # create a plot figure

# create the first of two panels and set current axis
plt.subplot(2, 1, 1) # (rows, columns, panel number)
plt.plot(x, np.sin(x))

# create the second panel and set current axis
plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
plt.plot(x, np.cos(x));
```

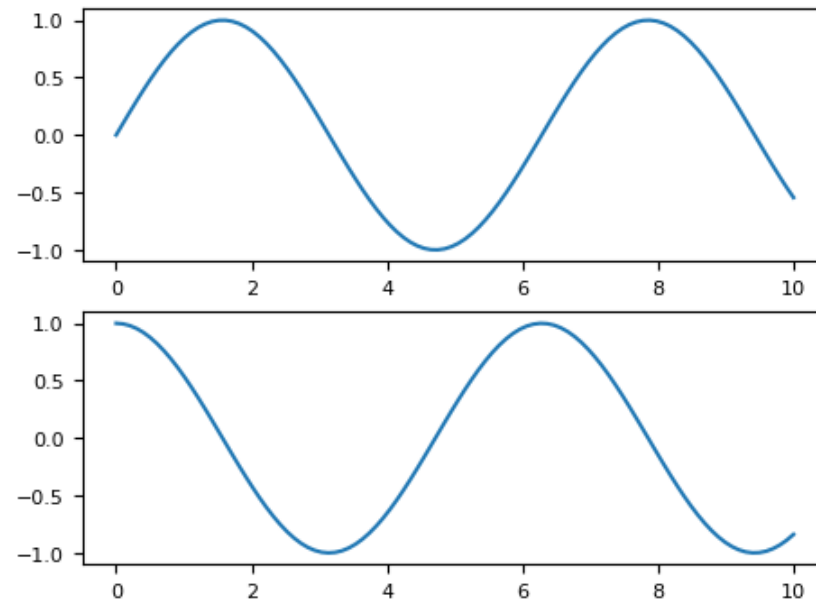


Object-oriented Interface:



In [4]:

```
# First create a grid of plots  
# ax will be an array of two Axes objects  
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2,1)  
  
# Call plot() method on the appropriate object  
ax[0].plot(x, np.sin(x))  
ax[1].plot(x, np.cos(x));
```



# Styles

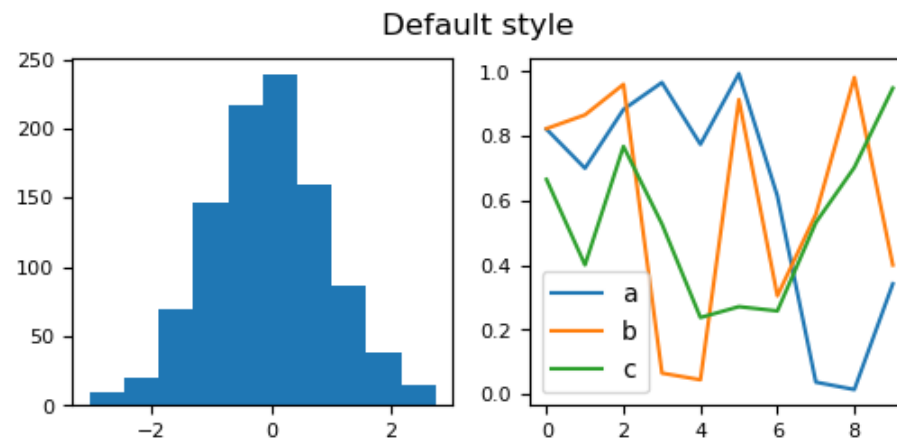
- Predefined collection of visual attributes
- `plt.style.library` → available styles and their parameters
  - `plt.style.available == sorted(plt.style.library.keys())`
- `plt.style.use('stylename')` → set global style
  - Use context manager to change the style locally:
  - `with plt.style.context('stylename'):`  
    `make_a_plot()`

In [5]:

```
def hist_and_lines(title="Default style"):
    np.random.seed(0)
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(6, 2.5))
    ax[0].hist(np.random.randn(1000))
    for i in range(3):
        ax[1].plot(np.random.rand(10))
    ax[1].legend(['a', 'b', 'c'], loc='lower left')
    fig.suptitle(title)
```

In [6]:

```
hist_and_lines()
```



In [7]:

```
plt.style.available
```

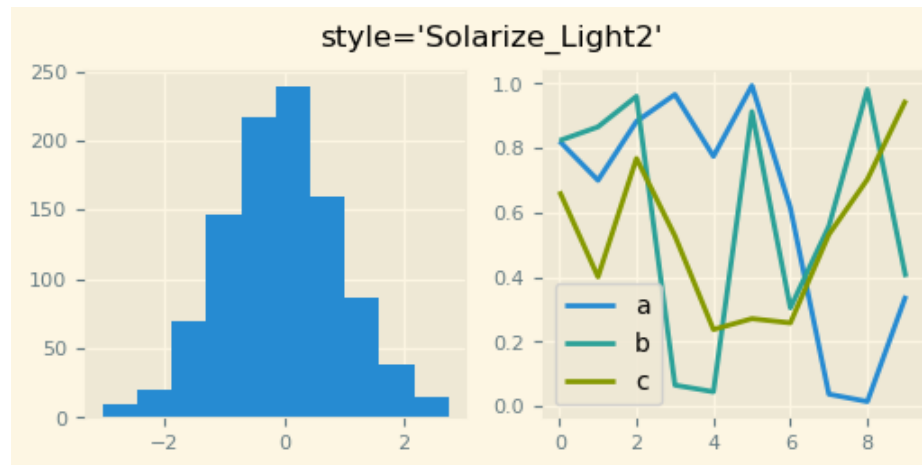
Out[7]:

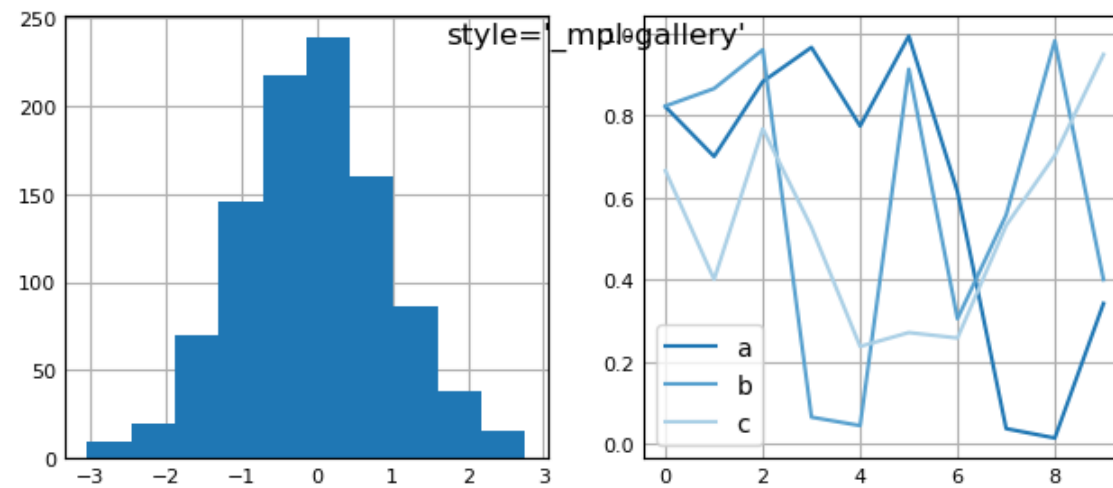
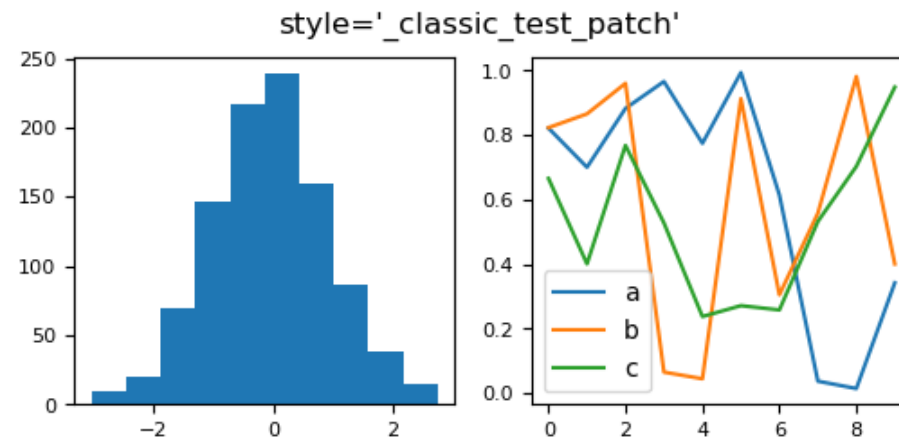
```
['Solarize_Light2',
 '_classic_test_patch',
 '_mpl-gallery',
 '_mpl-gallery-nogrid',
 'bmh',
 'classic',
 'dark_background',
 'fast',
 'fivethirtyeight',
 'ggplot',
 'grayscale',
 'petroff10',
 'seaborn-v0_8',
 'seaborn-v0_8-bright',
 'seaborn-v0_8-colorblind',
 'seaborn-v0_8-dark',
 'seaborn-v0_8-dark-palette',
 'seaborn-v0_8-darkgrid',
 'seaborn-v0_8-deep',
 'seaborn-v0_8-muted',
 'seaborn-v0_8-notebook',
 'seaborn-v0_8-paper',
 'seaborn-v0_8-pastel',
 'seaborn-v0_8-poster',
 'seaborn-v0_8-talk',
 'seaborn-v0_8-ticks',
 'seaborn-v0_8-white',
 'seaborn-v0_8-whitegrid',
 'tableau-colorblind10']
```



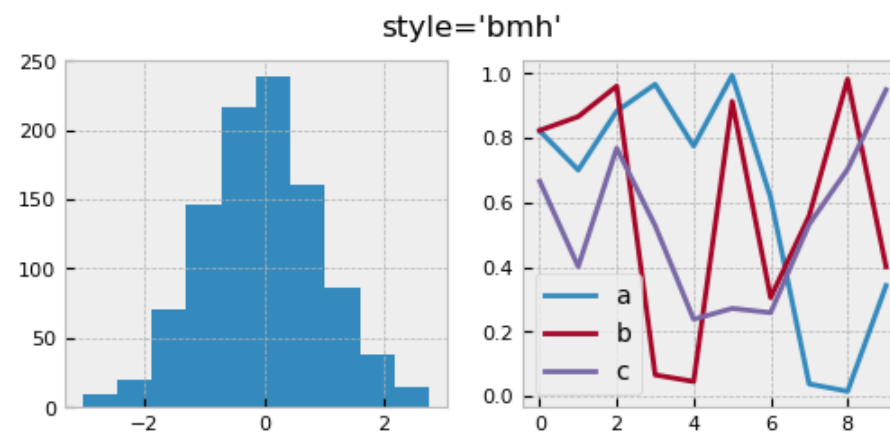
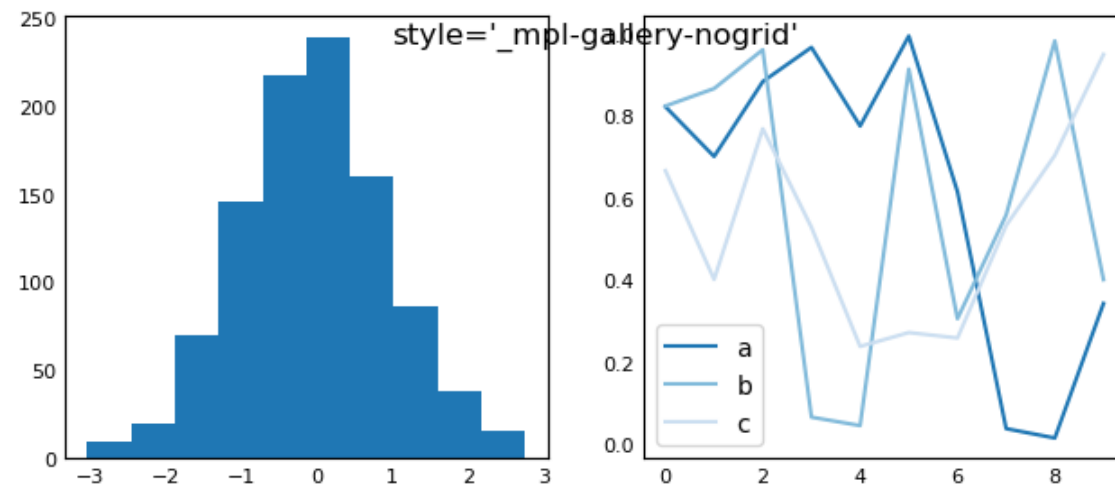
In [8]:

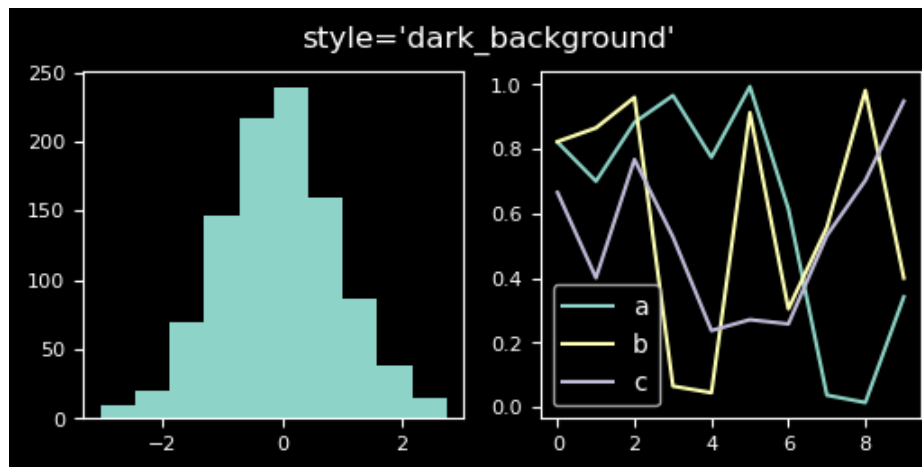
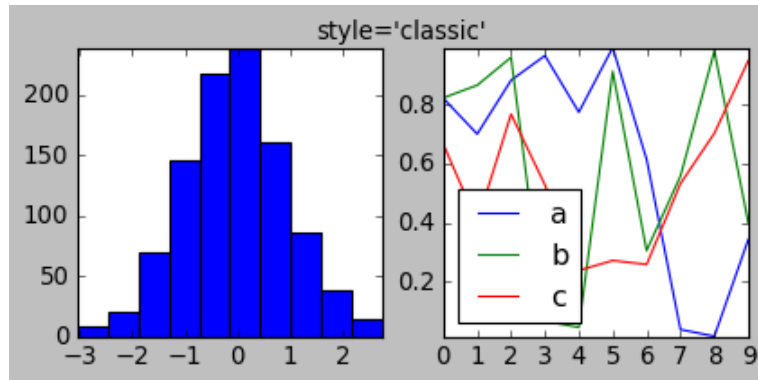
```
for style in plt.style.available[:7] :  
    with plt.style.context(style):  
        hist_and_lines(f'{style=}')  
hist_and_lines()
```

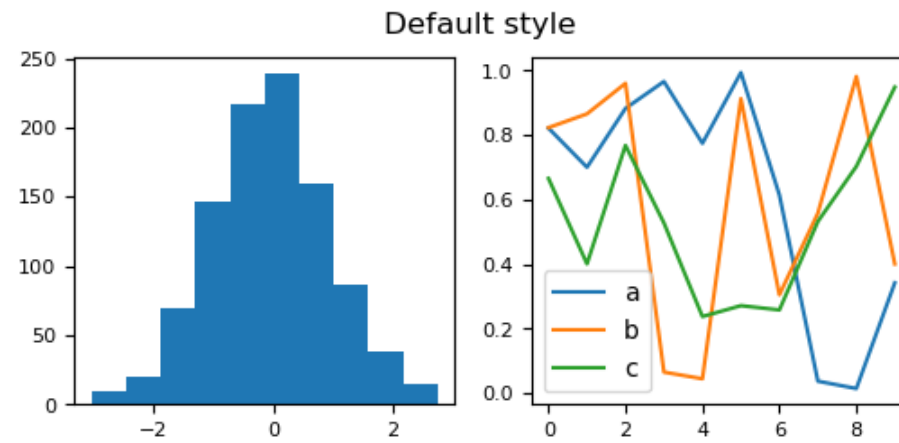












dark, white, and

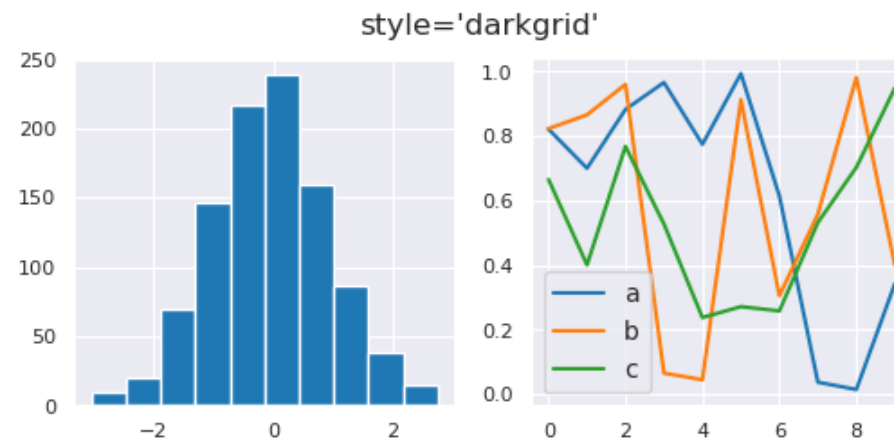
global style

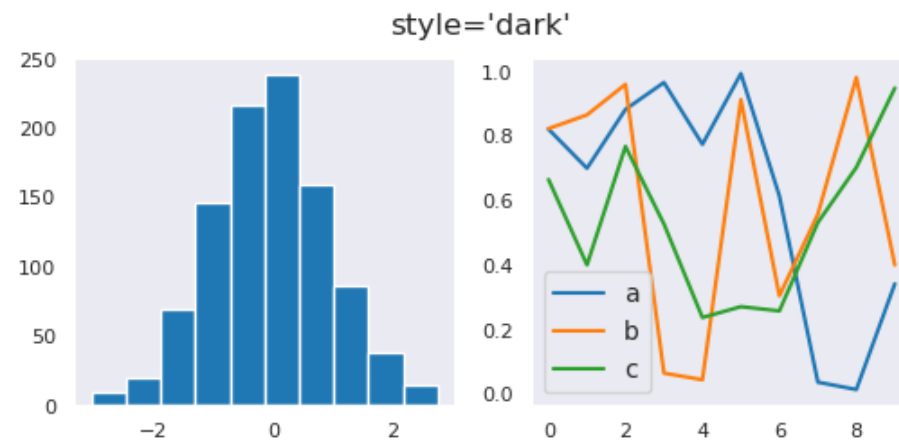
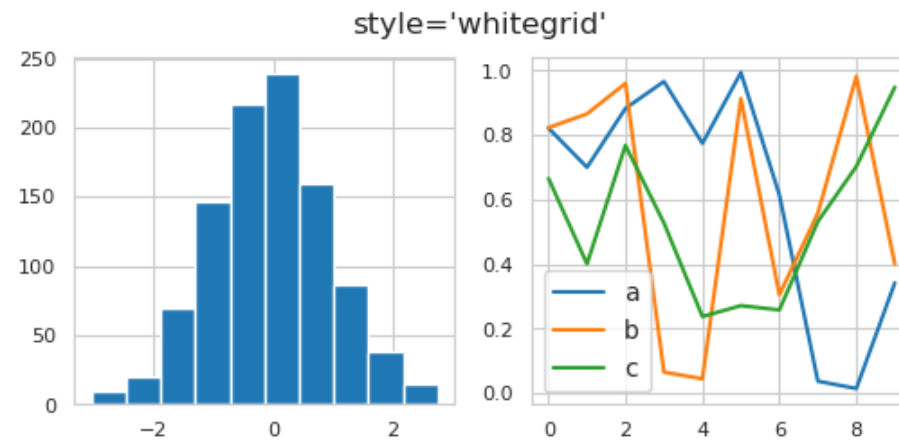
- Use context manager to change the style locally:

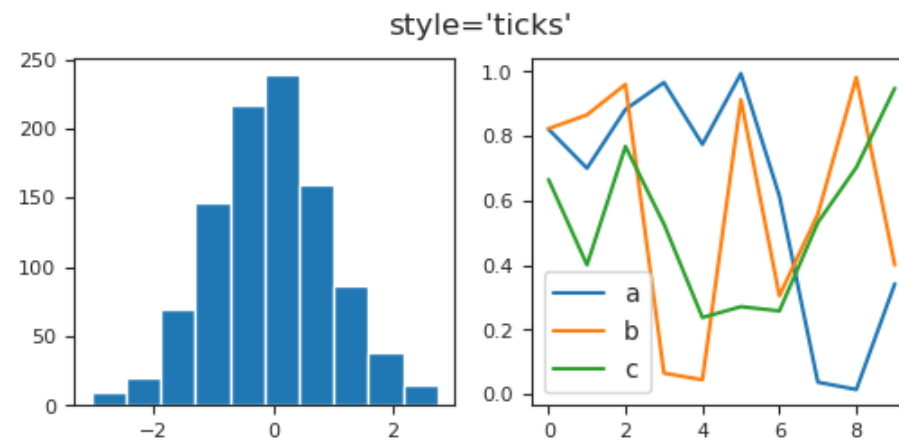
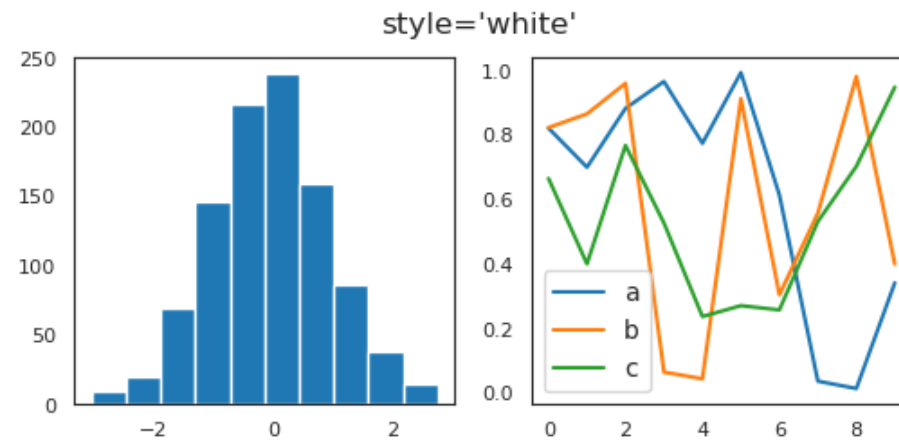
```
■ with sns.axes_style(style):  
    make_a_plot()
```

In [9]:

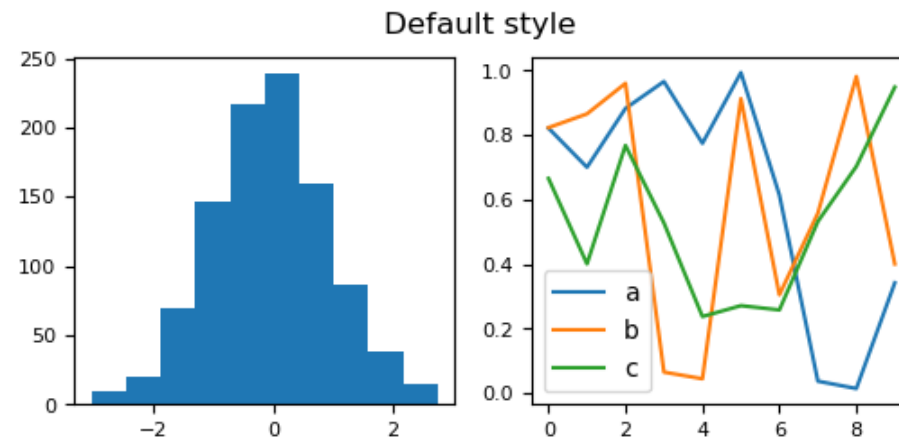
```
for style in ['darkgrid', 'whitegrid', 'dark', 'white', 'ticks']  
    with sns.axes_style(style):  
        hist_and_lines(f'{style=}')  
hist_and_lines()
```



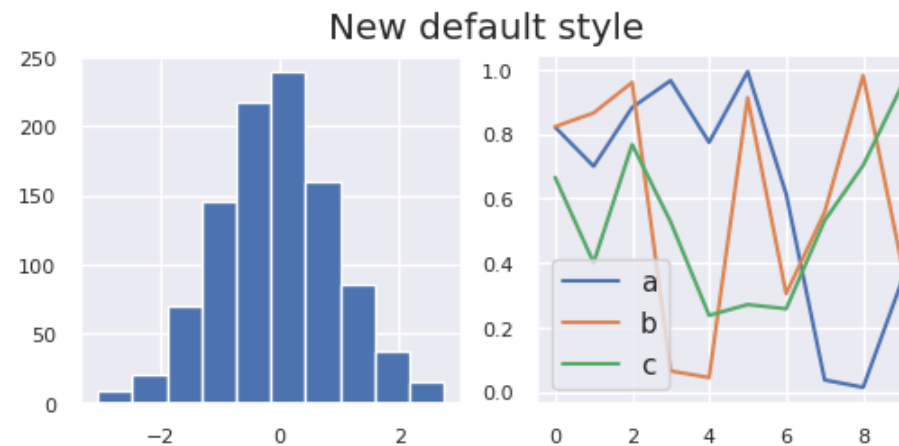




In [10]:



```
mpl.rcParams['ytick.labelsize'] = 8 # Example: 12 points for y-axis  
hist_and_lines("New default style")
```

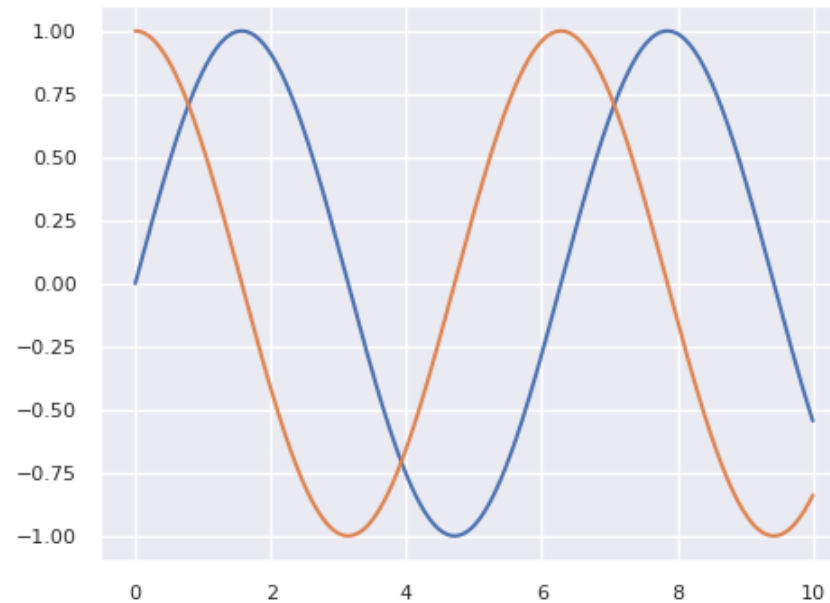


## **Line, Axes and Label properties**



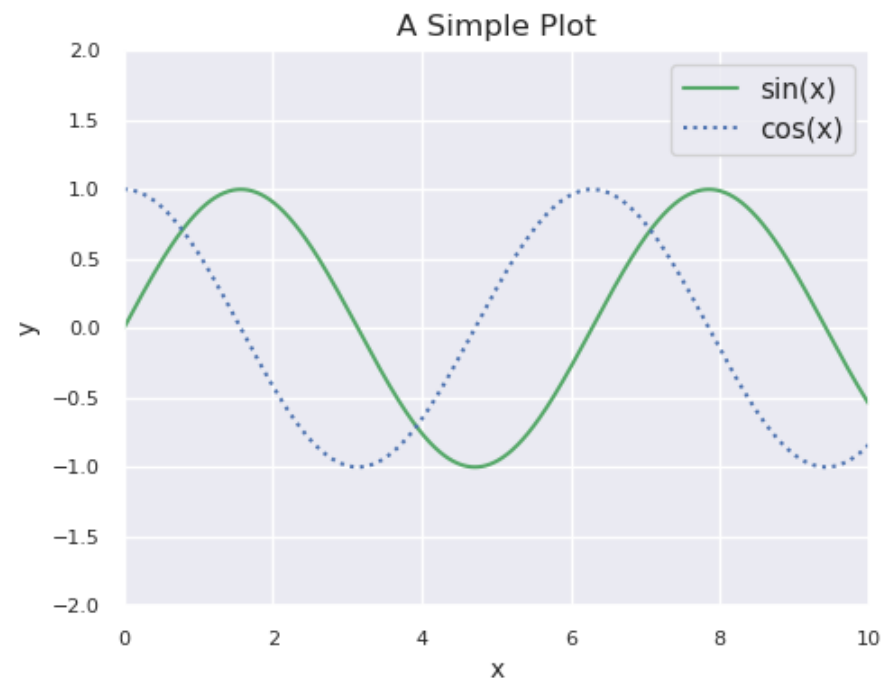
In [11]:

```
x = np.linspace(0, 10, 1000)
ax = plt.axes()
ax.plot(x, np.sin(x))
ax.plot(x, np.cos(x));
```



In [12]:

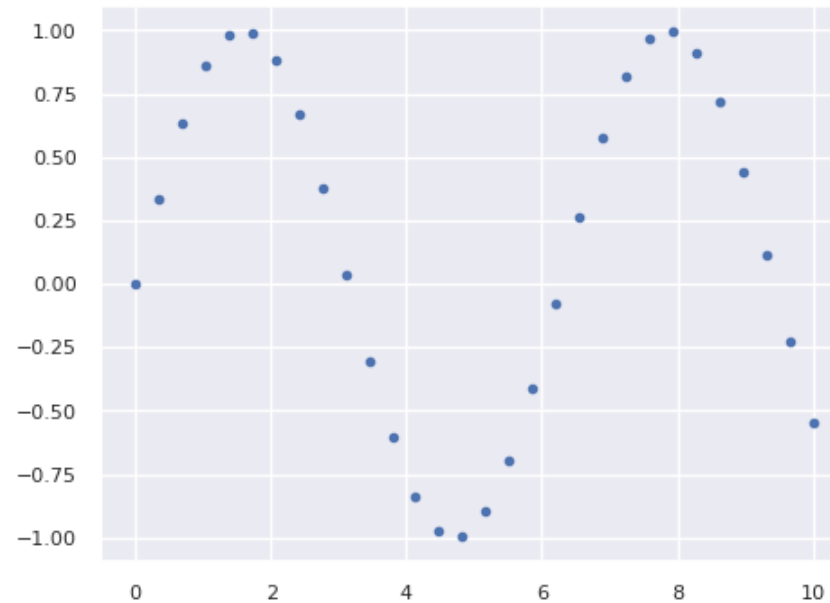
```
x = np.linspace(0, 10, 1000)
ax = plt.axes()
ax.plot(x, np.sin(x), '-g', label='sin(x)')
ax.plot(x, np.cos(x), ':b', label='cos(x)')
ax.set(xlim=(0, 10), ylim=(-2, 2),
        xlabel='x', ylabel='y',
        title='A Simple Plot')
plt.legend();
```



# Scatter Plots

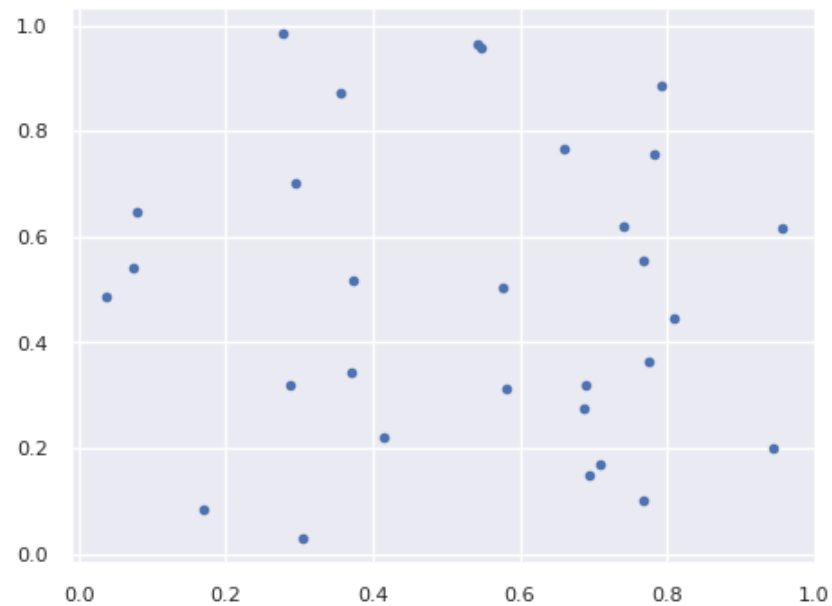
In [13]:

```
x = np.linspace(0, 10, 30)
y = np.sin(x)
#plt.plot(x, y);      # default: '-' use lines
plt.plot(x, y, '.'); # use point as marker
```



In [14]:

```
x,y = np.random.rand(2,30)
#plt.plot(x, y);      # default: '-' use lines
plt.plot(x, y, '.');  # use point as marker
```



- `scatter(x, y, s=, c=, cmap=)` → scatter plot with individual size and color

In [15]:

```
x,y,sizes,colors = np.random.rand(4,30)
plt.scatter(x, y, s=sizes*1000, alpha=0.3, c=colors, cmap='virid:
plt.colorbar(); # show color scale
```



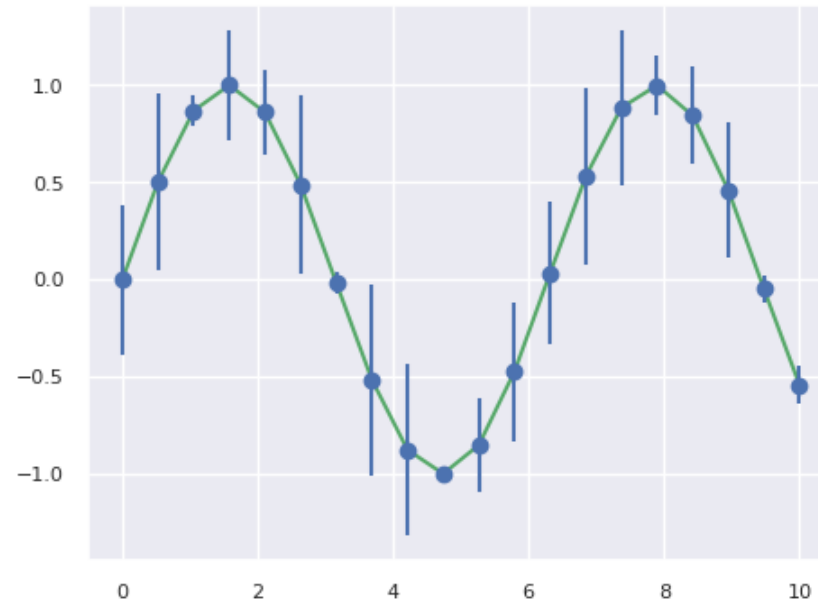
## Errorbars

- `plt.errorbar(x, y, yerr=)` → a error bar plot



In [16]:

```
x = np.linspace(0, 10, 20)
y = np.sin(x)
dy = 0.5 * np.random.rand(x.size)
plt.plot(x, np.sin(x), 'g')
plt.errorbar(x, np.sin(x), yerr=dy, fmt='o');
```

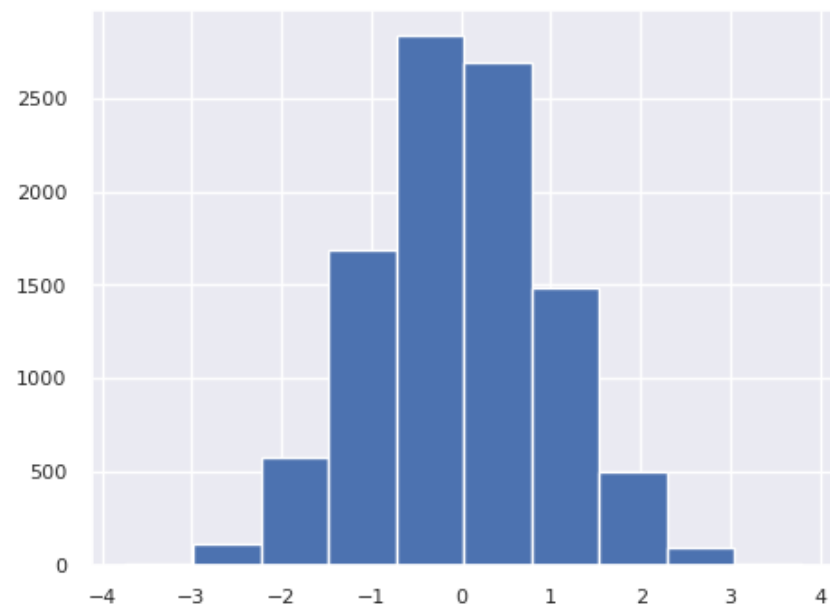


# Histograms

- `plt.hist(x, bins=, density=, histtype=)` → a histogram plot

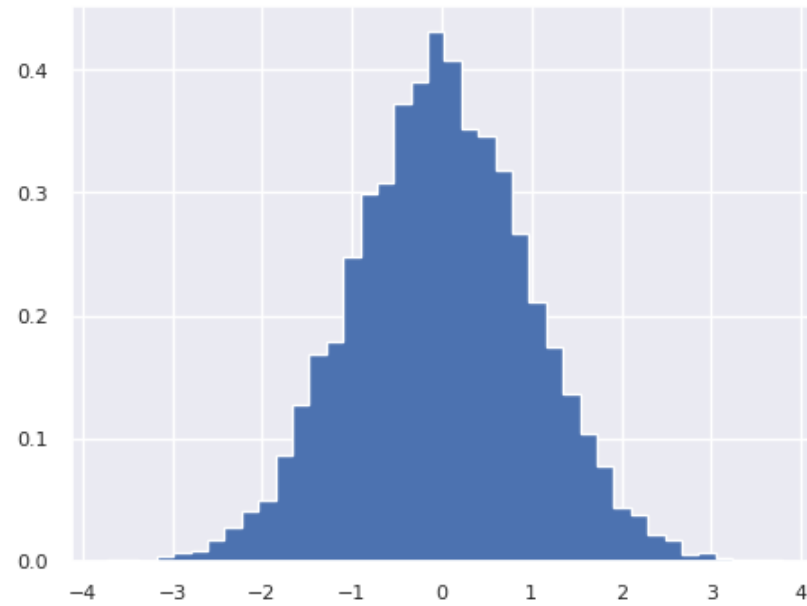
In [17]:

```
x = np.random.randn(10000)  
plt.hist(x);
```



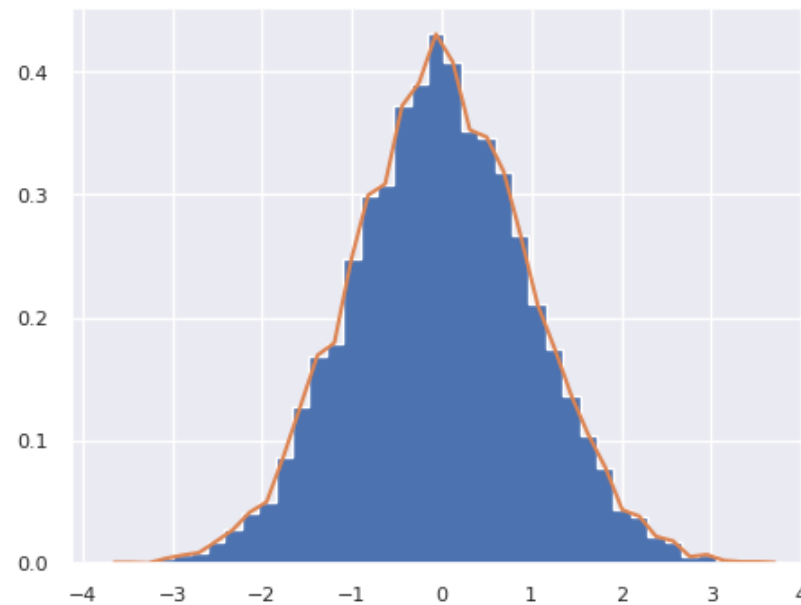
In [18]:

```
plt.hist(x, bins=40, density=True, histtype='stepfilled');
```



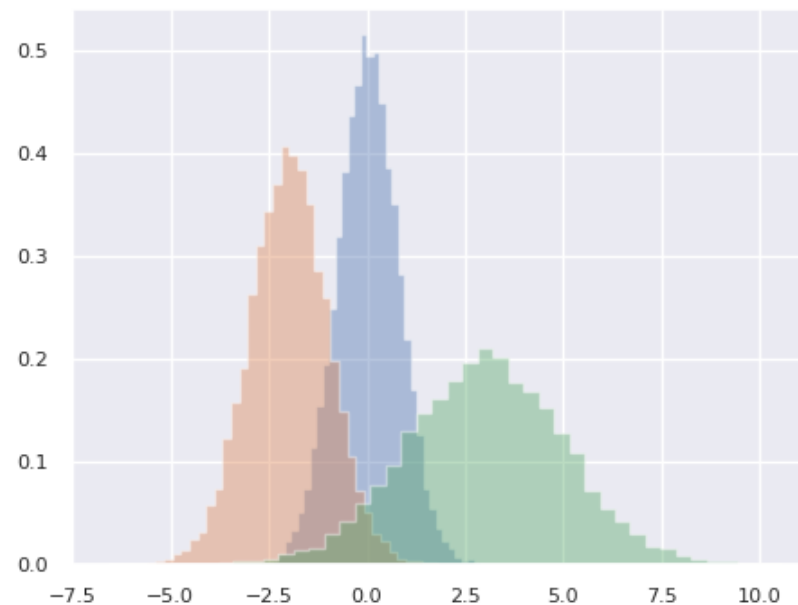
In [19]:

```
density, bins, patches = plt.hist(x, bins=40, density=True, hist-  
# Calculate the center of the bins  
bin_centers = (bins[:-1] + bins[1:]) / 2  
# Plot the probability density as a line  
plt.plot(bin_centers, density);
```



In [20]:

```
x1 = np.random.normal(0, 0.8, 10000)
x2 = np.random.normal(-2, 1, 10000)
x3 = np.random.normal(3, 2, 10000)
kwargs = dict(bins=40, density=True, histtype='stepfilled', alpha=0.5)
plt.hist(x1, **kwargs)
plt.hist(x2, **kwargs)
plt.hist(x3, **kwargs);
```



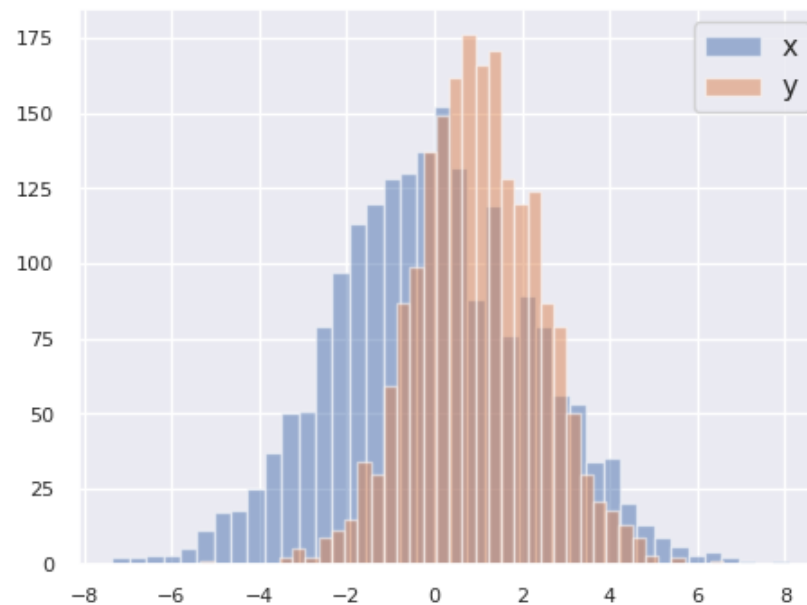
## Seaborn

- Matplotlib predated Pandas by more than a decade
  - It is not designed for use with Pandas (is being updated)
- Seaborn provides an API on top of Matplotlib and integrates with Pandas
  - Statistical tools: regressions, errors and distributions
  - Simple multivariate visualization

## Plotting two histograms (widths of the bins differ)

In [22]:

```
plt.hist(df['x'], bins=40, alpha=0.5, label='x')  
plt.hist(df['y'], bins=40, alpha=0.5, label='y')  
plt.legend();
```

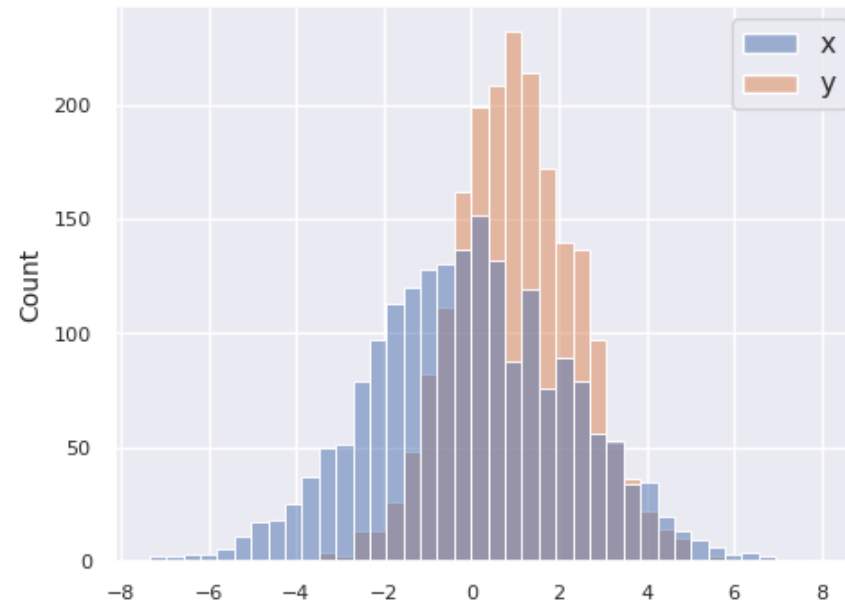




Seaborn can plot the histograms of the DataFrame variables  
(equal bin widths):

In [23]:

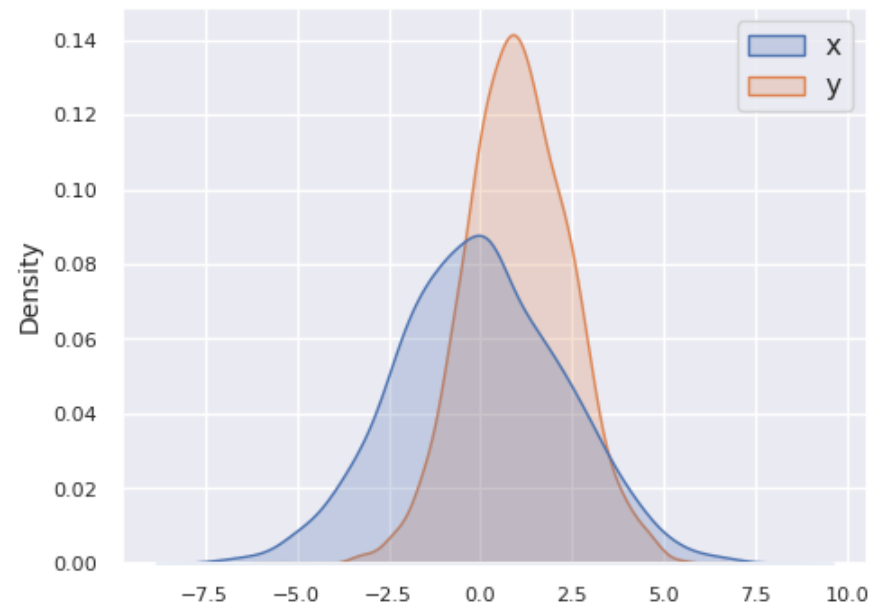
```
sns.histplot(df, bins=40);
```



## Kernel density estimation of the DataFrame variables:

In [24]:

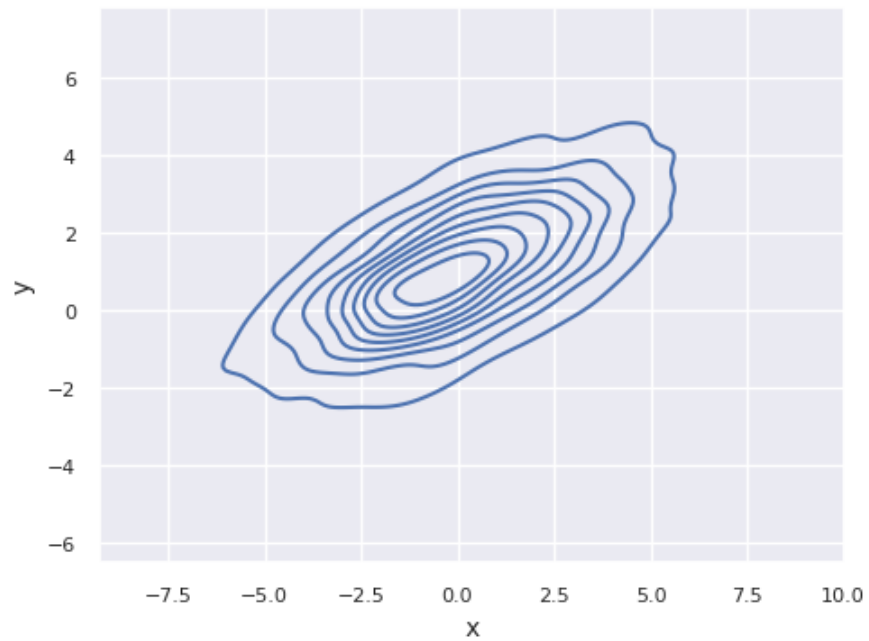
```
sns.kdeplot(df, fill=True);
```



Two-dimensional visualization of the kernel density estimation:

In [25]:

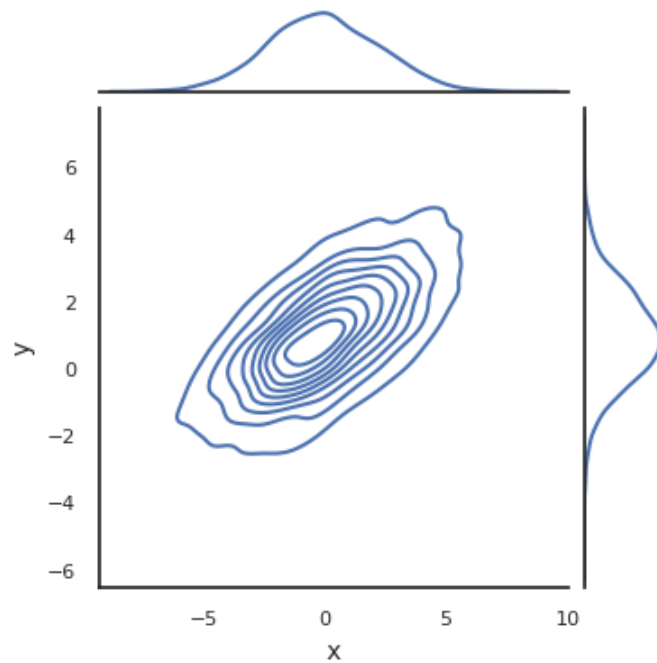
```
sns.kdeplot(df, x='x', y='y');
```



Joint and marginal distributions together:

In [26]:

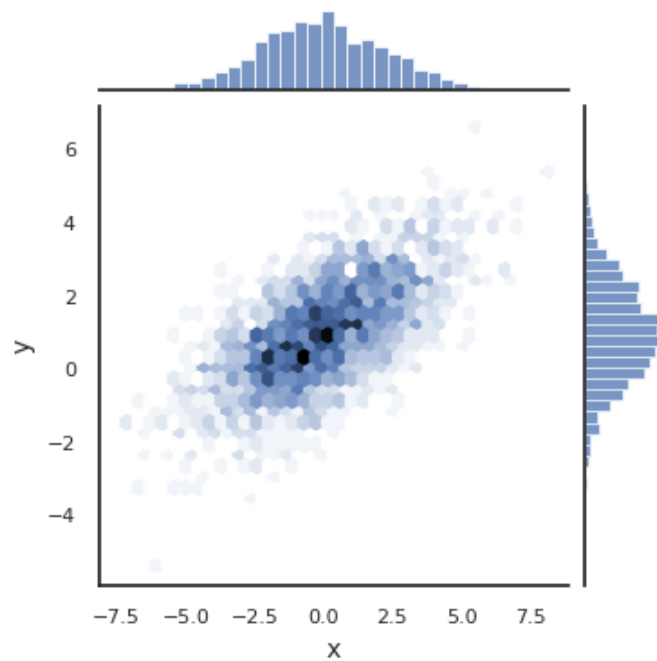
```
with sns.axes_style('white'):  
    sns.jointplot(df, x='x', y='y', kind='kde', height=4);
```



Same but using an hexagonally based histogram instead:

In [27]:

```
with sns.axes_style('white'):  
    sns.jointplot(df, x='x', y='y', kind='hex', height=4);
```



## Multivariate visualization

**Iris** dataset: measurements of petals and sepals of three iris species:

In [28]:

```
iris = sns.load_dataset("iris")
print(iris.shape)
iris.head()
```

(150, 5)

Out[28]:

	sepal_length	sepal_width	petal_length	petal_width	species
0	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
1	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	setosa
2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
3	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
4	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa

The correlation matrix of the data:

In [29]:

```
iris.drop(['species'], axis=1).corr()
```

Out[29]:

	sepal_length	sepal_width	petal_length	petal_width
sepal_length	1.000000	-0.117570	0.871754	0.817941
sepal_width	-0.117570	1.000000	-0.428440	-0.366126
petal_length	0.871754	-0.428440	1.000000	0.962865
petal_width	0.817941	-0.366126	0.962865	1.000000



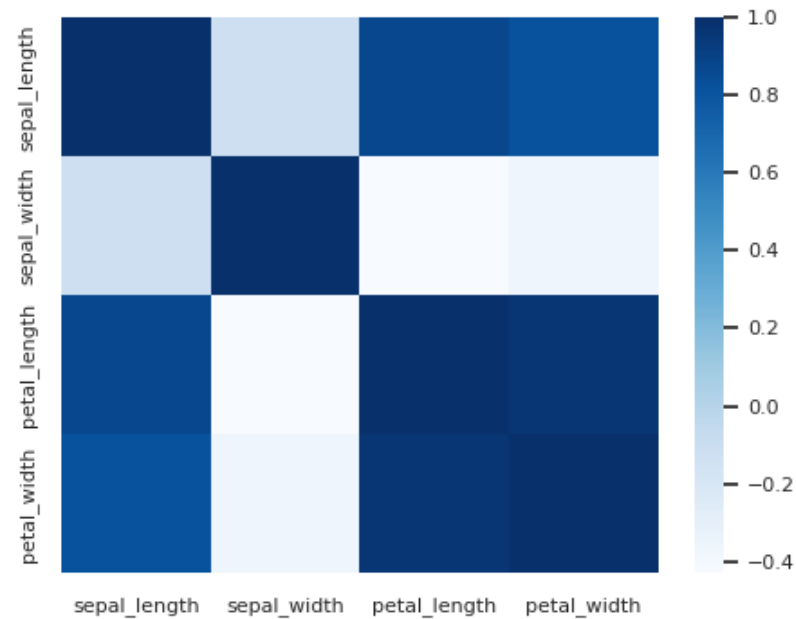
A heat map of the correlation matrix:

In [30]:

```
c = iris.drop(['species'], axis=1).corr()  
sns.heatmap(c, cmap="Blues")
```

Out[30]:

<Axes: >



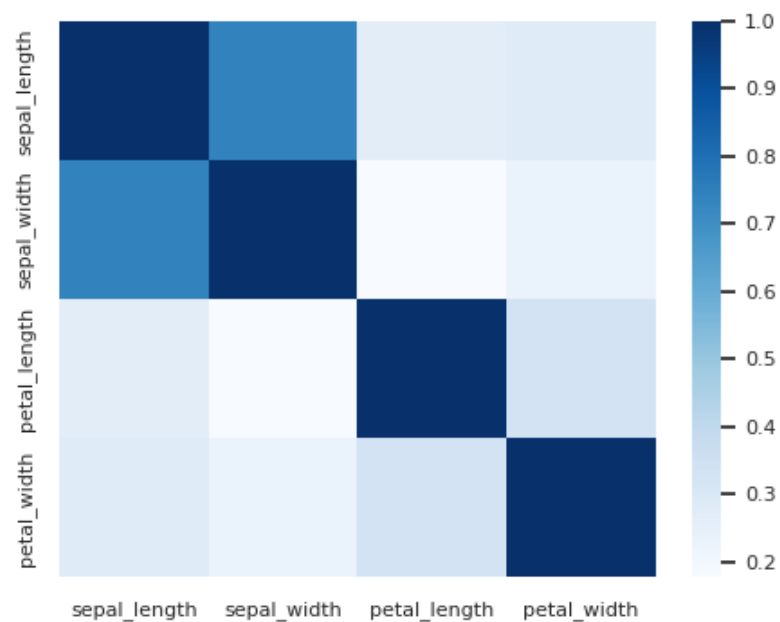
A heat map of the correlation matrix just for *setosa* specie:

In [31]:

```
c = iris[iris['species']=='setosa'].drop('species', axis=1).corr  
sns.heatmap(c, cmap="Blues")
```

Out[31]:

<Axes: >



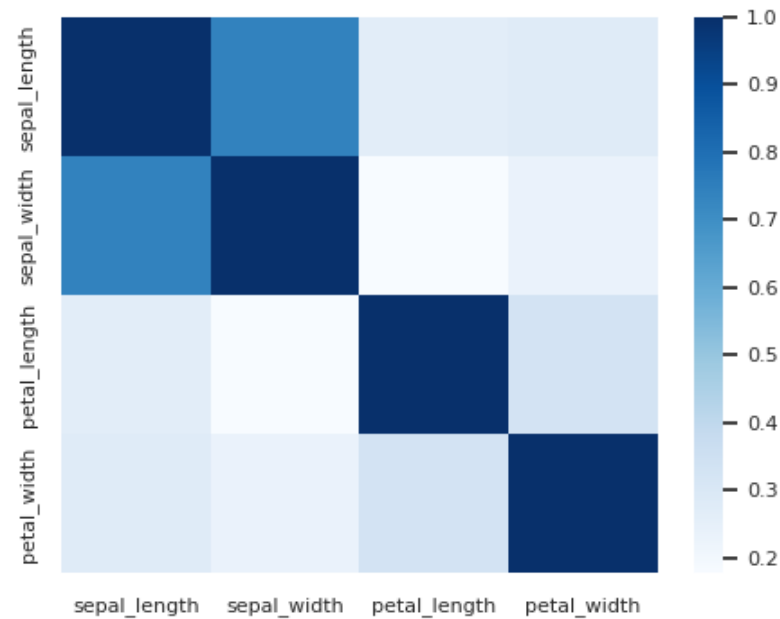
Same but using the `species` variable as index:

In [32]:

```
c = iris.set_index('species').loc['setosa'].corr()  
sns.heatmap(c, cmap="Blues")
```

Out[32]:

<Axes: >



Correlation matrix for each specie:

In [33]:

```
iris.groupby('species').corr()
```

Out[33]:

		sepal_length	sepal_width	petal_length	petal_width
species					
setosa	sepal_length	1.000000	0.742547	0.267176	0.278098
	sepal_width	0.742547	1.000000	0.177700	0.232752
	petal_length	0.267176	0.177700	1.000000	0.331630
	petal_width	0.278098	0.232752	0.331630	1.000000
versicolor	sepal_length	1.000000	0.525911	0.754049	0.546461
	sepal_width	0.525911	1.000000	0.560522	0.663999
	petal_length	0.754049	0.560522	1.000000	0.786668
	petal_width	0.546461	0.663999	0.786668	1.000000
virginica	sepal_length	1.000000	0.457228	0.864225	0.281108
	sepal_width	0.457228	1.000000	0.401045	0.537728
	petal_length	0.864225	0.401045	1.000000	0.322108
	petal_width	0.281108	0.537728	0.322108	1.000000

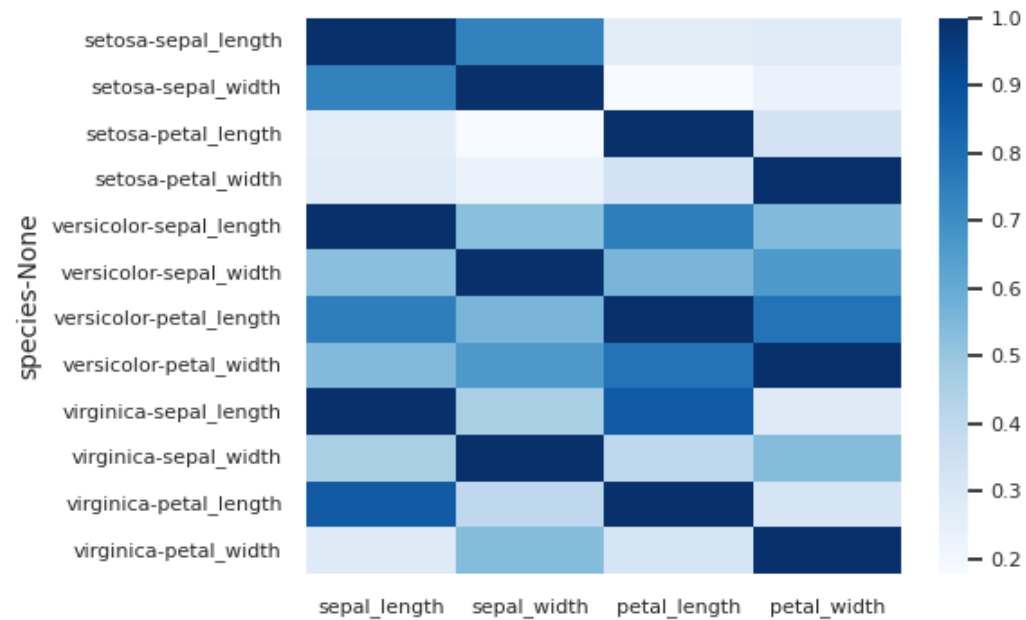
Correlation matrix heat map for each specie:

In [34]:

```
sns.heatmap(iris.groupby('species').corr(),cmap="Blues")
```

Out[34]:

<Axes: ylabel='species-None'>



Plot with pair-wise scatter plots and kde:



In [35]:

```
sns.pairplot(iris, hue='species', height=1.5);
```

