

Plotting directly with Matplotlib

Estimated time needed: 45 minutes

Objectives ¶

After completing this lab you will be able to:

Create and customize basic plots directly with Matplotlib on dataset

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Import Libraries

Import the matplotlib library.

```
In [1]:
        #Import Primary Modules:
        import numpy as np # useful for many scientific computing in Python
        import pandas as pd # primary data structure library
        # use the inline backend to generate the plots within the browser
        %matplotlib inline
        import matplotlib as mpl
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        # check for latest version of Matplotlib
        print('Matplotlib version: ', mpl.__version__) # >= 2.0.0
        <ipython-input-1-e4135780338e>:3: DeprecationWarning:
```

Pyarrow will become a required dependency of pandas in the next major release o f pandas (pandas 3.0),

(to allow more performant data types, such as the Arrow string type, and better interoperability with other libraries)

but was not found to be installed on your system.

If this would cause problems for you,

please provide us feedback at https://github.com/pandas-dev/pandas/issues/54466 (https://github.com/pandas-dev/pandas/issues/54466)

import pandas as pd # primary data structure library

Matplotlib version: 3.5.2

Fetching Data

Dataset: Immigration to Canada from 1980 to 2013 - International migration flows to and from selected countries - The 2015 revision

(https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/data/international-migration-flows) from United Nation's website.

In this lab, we will focus on the Canadian Immigration data and use the already cleaned dataset and can be fetched from here (https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object- storage.appdomain.cloud/IBMDeveloperSkillsNetwork-DV0101EN-SkillsNetwork/Data%20Files/Canada.csv).

You can refer to the lab on data pre-processing wherein this dataset is cleaned for a quick refresh your Panads skill Data pre-processing with Pandas (https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-objectstorage.appdomain.cloud/IBMDeveloperSkillsNetwork-DV0101EN-SkillsNetwork/labs/june2023 updates/Module%201/DV0101EN-Exercise-Dataset-Preprocessing-Exploring-with-Pandas.ipynb)

```
In [2]: from js import fetch
import io

URL = "https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBMDever
resp = await fetch(URL)
text = io.BytesIO((await resp.arrayBuffer()).to_py())
df_can = pd.read_csv(text)
print('Data read into a pandas dataframe!')
```

Data read into a pandas dataframe!

Let's take a look at the first five items in our dataset.

```
In [3]: df_can.head()
```

Out[3]:

	Country	Continent	Region	DevName	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	 2005	2000
0	Afghanistan	Asia	Southern Asia	Developing regions	16	39	39	47	71	340	 3436	3009
1	Albania	Europe	Southern Europe	Developed regions	1	0	0	0	0	0	 1223	856
2	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	Developing regions	80	67	71	69	63	44	 3626	4807
3	American Samoa	Oceania	Polynesia	Developing regions	0	1	0	0	0	0	 0	
4	Andorra	Europe	Southern Europe	Developed regions	0	0	0	0	0	0	 0	,

5 rows × 39 columns

Let's find out how many entries there are in our dataset.

```
In [4]: # print the dimensions of the dataframe
print(df_can.shape)
```

(195, 39)

Set the country name as index - useful for quickly looking up countries using .loc method.

```
In [5]: df_can.set_index('Country', inplace=True)

# Let's view the first five elements and see how the dataframe was changed
df_can.head()
```

Out[5]:

	Continent	Region	DevName	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	 2005
Country											
Afghanistan	Asia	Southern Asia	Developing regions	16	39	39	47	71	340	496	 3436
Albania	Europe	Southern Europe	Developed regions	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	 1223
Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	Developing regions	80	67	71	69	63	44	69	 3626
American Samoa	Oceania	Polynesia	Developing regions	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	 0
Andorra	Europe	Southern Europe	Developed regions	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	 0
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5 rows × 38 columns

Notice now the country names now serve as indices.

Line Plot

A line plot displays the relationship between two continuous variables over a continuous interval, showing the trend or pattern of the data.

Let's created a line plot to visualize the immigrants (to Canada) trend during 1980 to 2013. We need the Total of year-wise immigrants,

We will create a new dataframe for only columns containing the years then, we will apply sum() on the dataframe

You can do create a line plot directly on axes by calling plot function plot()

```
In [8]: #As years is in the array format, you will be required to map it to str for plott
#y=list(map(str, years))

#creating df with only years columns from 1980 - 2013
df_line=df_can[years]

#Applying sum to get total immigrants year-wise
total_immigrants=df_line.sum()
total_immigrants
```

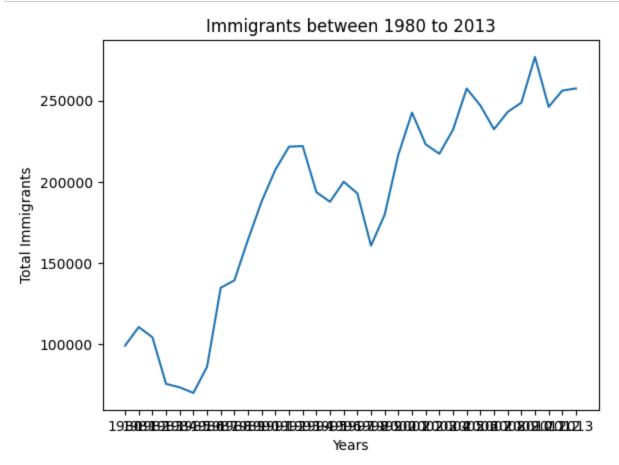
Out[8]: 1980 dtype: int64

```
In [9]: #Create figure and axes
fig, ax = plt.subplots()

# Plot the line
ax.plot(total_immigrants)

#Setting up the Title
ax.set_title('Immigrants between 1980 to 2013')
#Setting up the Labels
ax.set_xlabel('Years')
ax.set_ylabel('Total Immigrants')

#Display the plot
plt.show()
```



The plot function populated the x-axis with the index values (years), and the y-axis with the column values (population). However, notice how the years were not displayed because they are of type string.

Therefore, let's change the type of the index values to integer for plotting.

```
In [10]: #Create figure and axes
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()

#Changing the index type to integer
    total_immigrants.index = total_immigrants.index.map(int)

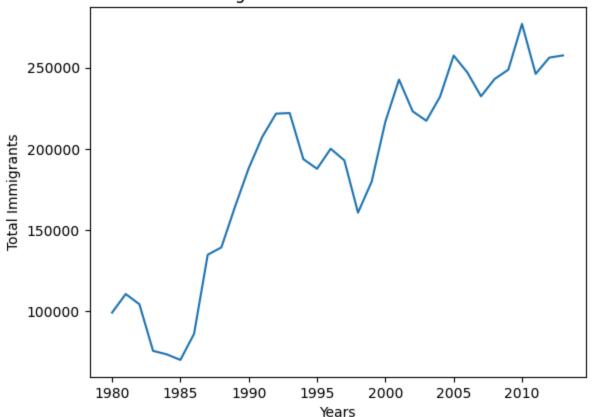
# Plot the line
    ax.plot(total_immigrants)

#Setting up the Title
    ax.set_title('Immigrants between 1980 to 2013')

#Setting up the Labels
    ax.set_xlabel('Years')
    ax.set_ylabel('Total Immigrants')

#Display the plot
    plt.show()
```

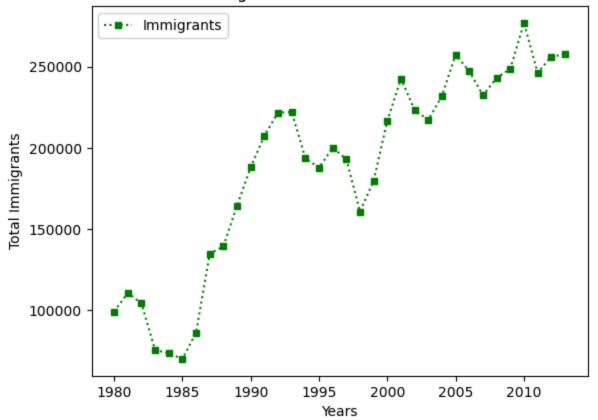
Immigrants between 1980 to 2013



Let's now customize the above plot's appearance

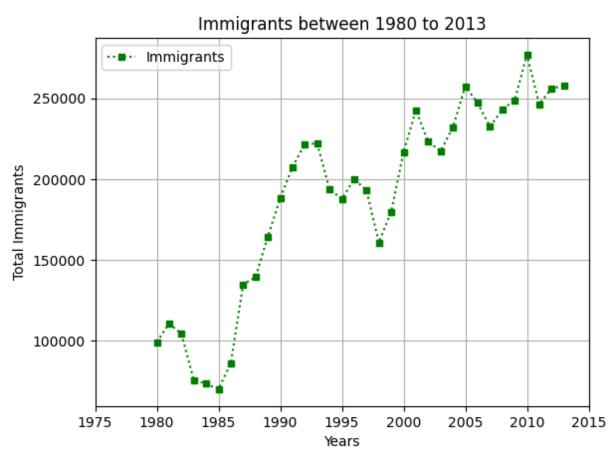
```
In [11]:
         #Create figure and axes
         fig, ax = plt.subplots()
         #Changing the index type to integer
         total_immigrants.index = total_immigrants.index.map(int)
         # Customizing the appearance of Plot
         ax.plot(total_immigrants,
                 marker='s', #Including markers in squares shapes
                 markersize=5, #Setting the size of the marker
                 color='green', #Changing the color of the line
                 linestyle="dotted") #Changing the line style to a Dotted line
         #Setting up the Title
         ax.set_title('Immigrants between 1980 to 2013')
         #Setting up the Labels
         ax.set_xlabel('Years')
         ax.set_ylabel('Total Immigrants')
         ax.legend(['Immigrants'])
         plt.show()
```

Immigrants between 1980 to 2013



Let's include the background grid, a legend and try to change the limits on the axis

```
In [12]: #Create figure and axes
         fig, ax = plt.subplots()
         # Plot the line
         ax.plot(total_immigrants,
                 marker='s', #Including markers in squares shapes
                 markersize=5, #Setting the size of the marker
                 color='green', #Changing the color of the line
                 linestyle="dotted") #Changing the line style to a Dotted line
         #Setting up the Title
         ax.set_title('Immigrants between 1980 to 2013')
         #Setting up the Labels
         ax.set_xlabel('Years')
         ax.set_ylabel('Total Immigrants')
         #limits on x-axis
         plt.xlim(1975, 2015) #or ax.set_xlim()
         #Enabling Grid
         plt.grid(True) #or ax.grid()
         #Legend
         plt.legend(["Immigrants"]) #or ax.legend()
         #Display the plot
         plt.show()
```



Let's start with a case study:

In 2010, Haiti suffered a catastrophic magnitude 7.0 earthquake. The quake caused widespread devastation and loss of life and aout three million people were affected by this natural disaster. As part of Canada's humanitarian effort, the Government of Canada stepped up its effort in accepting refugees from Haiti. We can quickly visualize this effort using a Line plot:

Question: Plot a line graph of immigration from Haiti

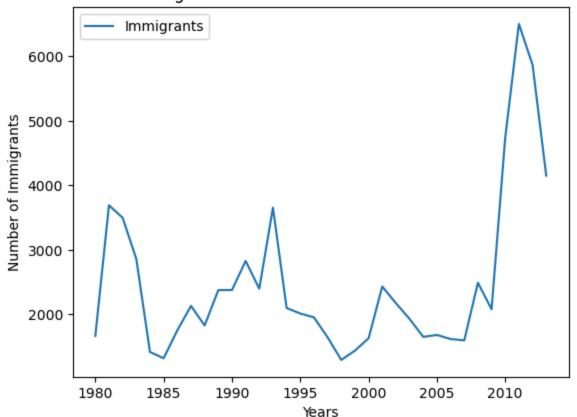
You be required to create a dataframe where the name of the 'Country' is equal to 'Haiti' and years from 1980 - 2013

Also you will be required to transpose the new dataframe in to a series for plotting Might also have to change the type of index of the series to integer for a better look of the plot Then create fig and ax and call function plot() on the data.

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```
In [17]:
         #Creating data for plotting
         df can.reset index(inplace=True)
         haiti=df_can[df_can['Country']=='Haiti']
         #creating haiti with only years columns from 1980 - 2013
         #and transposing to get the result as a series
         haiti=haiti[years].T
         #converting the index to type integer
         haiti.index = haiti.index.map(int)
         #Plotting the line plot on the data
         fig, ax = plt.subplots()
         ax.plot(haiti)
         ax.set_title('Immigrants from Haiti between 1980 to 2013')
         ax.set_xlabel('Years')
         ax.set_ylabel('Number of Immigrants')
         plt.legend(["Immigrants"])
         plt.show()
```

Immigrants from Haiti between 1980 to 2013



We can clearly notice how number of immigrants from Haiti spiked up from 2010 as Canada stepped up its efforts to accept refugees from Haiti.

Let's annotate this spike in the plot by using the ax.annotate() method.

```
In [18]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    ax.plot(haiti)

#Setting up the Title
    ax.set_title('Immigrants from Haiti between 1980 to 2013')

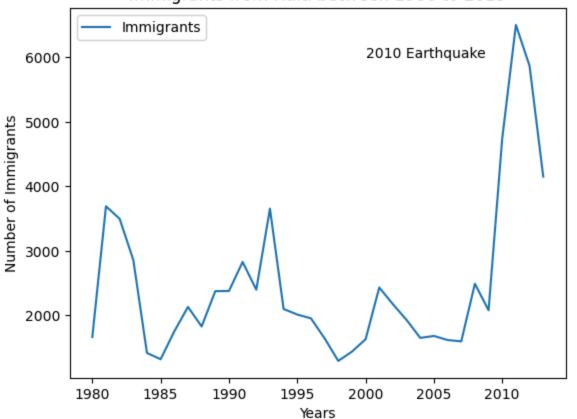
#Setting up the Labels
    ax.set_xlabel('Years')
    ax.set_ylabel('Number of Immigrants')

#Enabling Grid and ticks
    #plt.grid(True) #or ax.grid()
    #ax.set_xticks(list(range(n, m, s)))

#Legend
    plt.legend(["Immigrants"]) #or ax.legend()

ax.annotate('2010 Earthquake',xy=(2000, 6000))
    plt.show()
```

Immigrants from Haiti between 1980 to 2013



You can also specify the ticks to be displayed on the plot like this - ax.set_xticks(list(range(1980, 2015,5)))

Scatter Plot

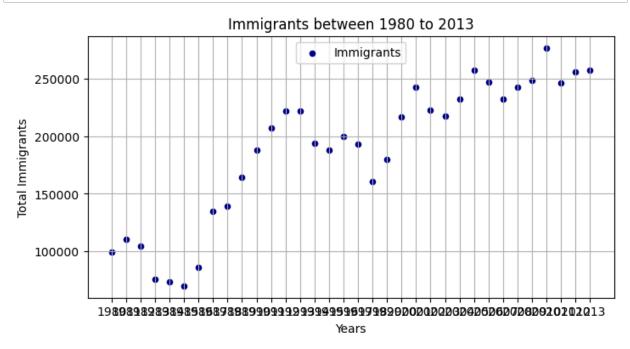
A scatter plot visualizes the relationship between two continuous variables, displaying individual data points as dots on a two-dimensional plane, allowing for the examination of patterns, clusters, and correlations.

Let's created a *Scatter plot* to visualize the immigrants (to Canada) trend during 1980 to 2013. We need the Total of year-wise immigrants,

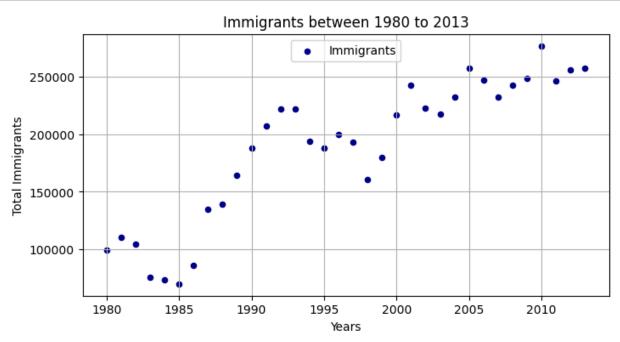
We will create a new dataframe for only columns containing the years then, we will apply sum() on the dataframe

You can do create a scatter plot directly on ax by calling plot function scatter()

```
In [19]: #Create figure and axes
         fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 4))
         # Customizing Scatter Plot
         ax.scatter(years, total_immigrants,
                    marker='o', #setting up the markers
                    s = 20, #setting up the size of the markers
                    color='darkblue')#the color for the marker
         #add title
         plt.title('Immigrants between 1980 to 2013')
         #add labels
         plt.xlabel('Years')
         plt.ylabel('Total Immigrants')
         #including grid
         plt.grid(True)
         #Legend at upper center of the figure
         ax.legend(["Immigrants"], loc='upper center')
         #Display the plot
         plt.show()
```



```
In [20]:
         #Create figure and axes
         fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 4))
         total_immigrants.index = total_immigrants.index.map(int)
         # Customizing Scatter Plot
         ax.scatter(total_immigrants.index, total_immigrants,
                    marker='o', #setting up the markers
                    s = 20, #setting up the size of the markers
                    color='darkblue')#the color for the marker
         #add title
         plt.title('Immigrants between 1980 to 2013')
         #add Labels
         plt.xlabel('Years')
         plt.ylabel('Total Immigrants')
         #including grid
         plt.grid(True)
         #Legend at upper center of the figure
         ax.legend(["Immigrants"], loc='upper center')
         #Display the plot
         plt.show()
```



Refer to the <u>matplotlib documentation</u> (<u>https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/markers_api.html</u>) and change the marker and its size, color in the above code to see the difference in the appearance of the plot

Bar Plot

A bar plot represents categorical data with rectangular bars, where the height of each bar corresponds to the value of a specific category, making it suitable for comparing values across different categories.

Let's create a bar plot to visualize the top 5 countries that contribued the most immigrants to Canada from 1980 to 2013.

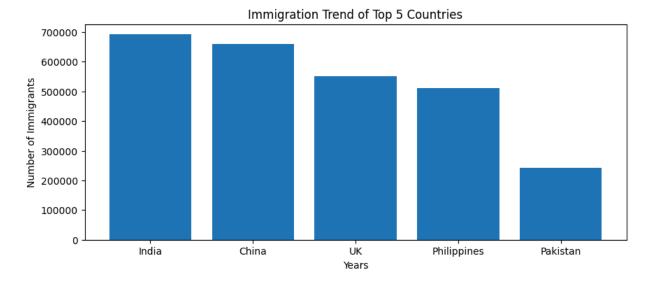
Apply sort_values function on the 'Total' column of our data

We will create a new dataframe for only columns containing the years then, we will apply sum() on the dataframe and can create a separatedataframe for top five countries

You can further use the names of the countries to label each bar on the plot

The third name is too lengthy to fit on the x-axis as label. Let's fix this using indexing

```
In [22]: label[2]='UK'
label
Out[22]: ['India', 'China', 'UK', 'Philippines', 'Pakistan']
```



Question: Create a bar plot of the 5 countries that contributed the least to immigration to Canada from 1980 to 2013.

```
In [24]: #Sorting the dataframe on 'Total' in descending order
df_can.sort_values(['Total'], ascending=True, axis=0, inplace=True)

# get the top 5 entries with head function
df_least5 = df_can.head()

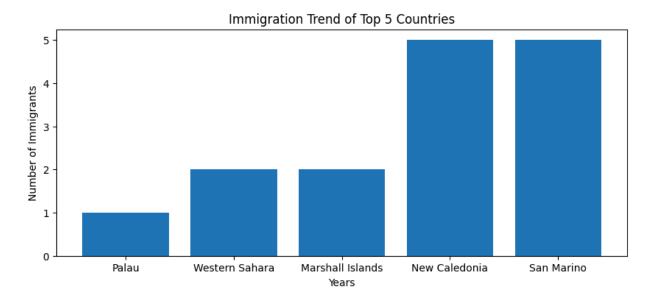
#resetting the index back to original way
df_least5_bar=df_least5.reset_index()

#Creating alist of names of the top 5 countries
label=list(df_least5_bar.Country)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 4))

ax.bar(label, df_least5_bar['Total'],label=label)
ax.set_title('Immigration Trend of Top 5 Countries')
ax.set_ylabel('Number of Immigrants')
ax.set_xlabel('Years')

plt.show()
```



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Histogram

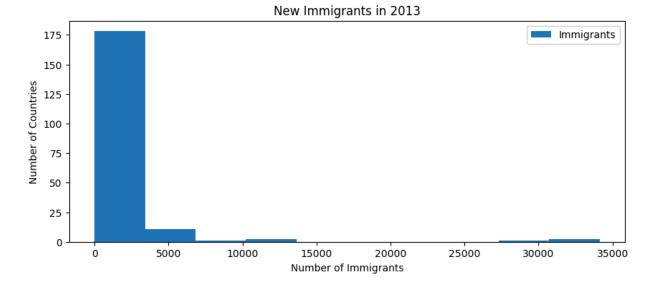
A histogram is a way of representing the *frequency* distribution of numeric dataset. The way it works is it partitions the x-axis into *bins*, assigns each data point in our dataset to a bin, and then counts the number of data points that have been assigned to each bin. So the y-axis is the frequency or the number of data points in each bin. Note that we can change the bin size and usually one needs to tweak it so that the distribution is displayed nicely.

Let's find out the frequency distribution of the number (population) of new immigrants from the various countries to Canada in 2013?

```
In [25]: df_country = df_can.groupby(['Country'])['2013'].sum().reset_index()

#Create figure and axes
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 4))
ax.hist(df_country['2013'])
ax.set_title('New Immigrants in 2013')
ax.set_xlabel('Number of Immigrants')
ax.set_ylabel('Number of Countries')
ax.legend(['Immigrants'])

#Display the plot
plt.show()
```



Our plot doesnot match with the bars

By default, the histrogram method breaks up the dataset into 10 bins. The figure below summarizes the bin ranges and the frequency distribution of immigration in 2013

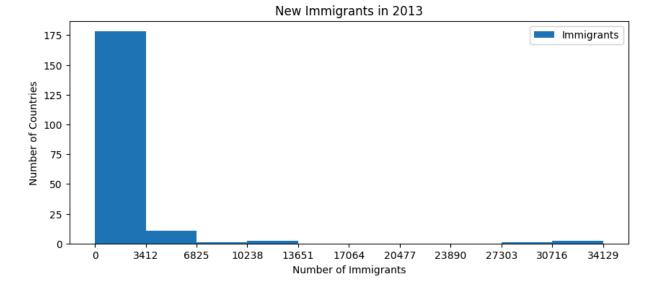
The hist function returns list of arrays with 1. counts and 2. bins. we can fetch that using unpacking functionality

and further use the bins as x-ticks

```
In [26]: # Plot the bar
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 4))
count = ax.hist(df_country['2013'])

#you can check the arrays in count with indexing count[0] for count, count[1] for
ax.set_title('New Immigrants in 2013')
ax.set_xlabel('Number of Immigrants')
ax.set_ylabel('Number of Countries')
ax.set_xticks(list(map(int,count[1])))
ax.legend(['Immigrants'])

#Display the plot
plt.show()
```



We can also plot multiple histograms on the same plot. For example, let's try to answer the following questions using a histogram.

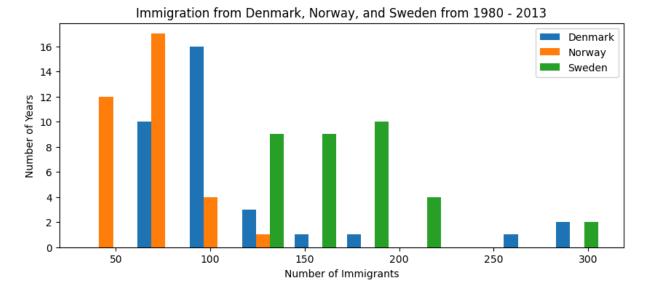
What is the immigration distribution for Denmark, Norway, and Sweden for years 1980 - 2013?

```
In [27]: # Let's quickly view the dataset
df=df_can.groupby(['Country'])[years].sum()
df_dns=df.loc[['Denmark', 'Norway', 'Sweden'], years]
df_dns=df_dns.T
df_dns
```

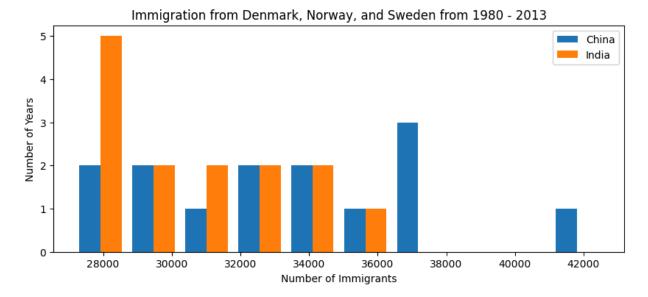
Out[27]:

Country	Denmark	Norway	Sweden
1980	272	116	281
1981	293	77	308
1982	299	106	222
1983	106	51	176
1984	93	31	128
1985	73	54	158
1986	93	56	187
1987	109	80	198
1988	129	73	171
1989	129	76	182
1990	118	83	130
1991	111	103	167
1992	158	74	179
1993	186	92	203
1994	93	60	192
1995	111	65	176
1996	70	70	161
1997	83	104	151
1998	63	31	123
1999	81	36	170
2000	93	56	138
2001	81	78	184
2002	70	74	149
2003	89	77	161
2004	89	73	129
2005	62	57	205
2006	101	53	139
2007	97	73	193
2008	108	66	165
2009	81	75	167
2010	92	46	159
2011	93	49	134
2012	94	53	140
2013	81	59	140

```
In [28]: #Create figure and axes
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 4))
    ax.hist(df_dns)
    ax.set_title('Immigration from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden from 1980 - 2013')
    ax.set_xlabel('Number of Immigrants')
    ax.set_ylabel('Number of Years')
    ax.legend(['Denmark', 'Norway', 'Sweden'])
    #Display the plot
    plt.show()
```



Question: What is the immigration distribution for China and India for years 2000 to 2013?



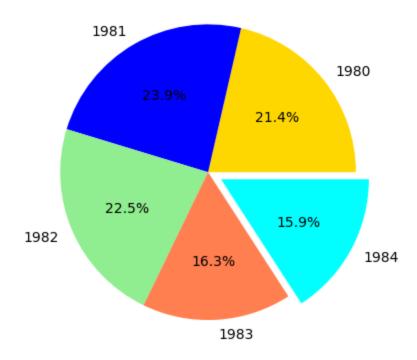
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Pie Chart

A pie chart represents the proportion or percentage distribution of different categories in a dataset using sectors of a circular pie.

Let's create a pie chart representing the 'Total Immigrants' for the year 1980 to 1985

Distribution of Immigrants from 1980 to 1985



Question: Create a pie chart representing the total immigrants proportion for each continent

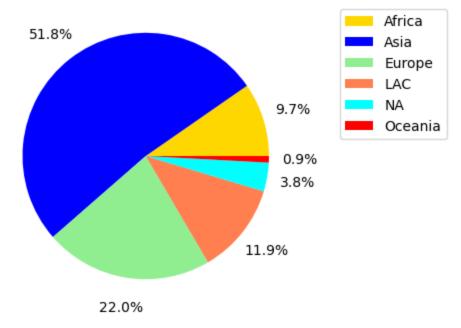
First, you will have to group the data over continents and get the sum on total. Then you can pass this data to the pie function

```
In [32]: #Creating data for plotting pie
    df_con=df_can.groupby('Continent')['Total'].sum().reset_index()
    label=list(df_con.Continent)
    label[3] = 'LAC'
    label[4] = 'NA'
    df_con
```

Out[32]:

	Continent	Total
0	Africa	618948
1	Asia	3317794
2	Europe	1410947
3	Latin America and the Caribbean	765148
4	Northern America	241142
5	Oceania	55174

Continent-wise distribution of immigrants



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Sub-plotting

Let us explore how to display more than one plot on the same figure and specify the number of rows and columns to be created to the subplots function.

For instance, let's create a line and scatter plot in one row plt.subplots()

You can use the same functions using which you plotte lne and scatter plots at the start of this lab Both the subplots will be sharing the same y-axis as the data in the y-axis is the same. So, assign the 'Sharey' parameter as True in the code below. Also notice the use of 'suptitle'

```
In [35]: # Create a figure with two axes in a row
fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, sharey=True)

#Plotting in first axes - the left one
axs[0].plot(total_immigrants)
axs[0].set_title("Line plot on immigrants")

#Plotting in second axes - the right one
axs[1].scatter(total_immigrants.index, total_immigrants)
axs[1].set_title("Scatter plot on immigrants")

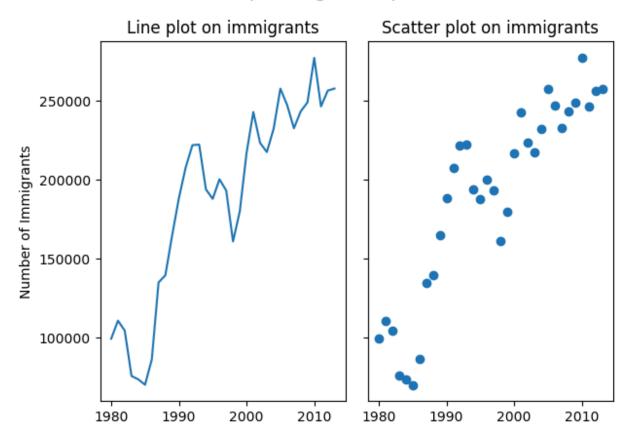
axs[0].set_ylabel("Number of Immigrants")

#Adding a Title for the Overall Figure
fig.suptitle('Subplotting Example', fontsize=15)

# Adjust spacing between subplots
fig.tight_layout()

# Show the figure
plt.show()
```

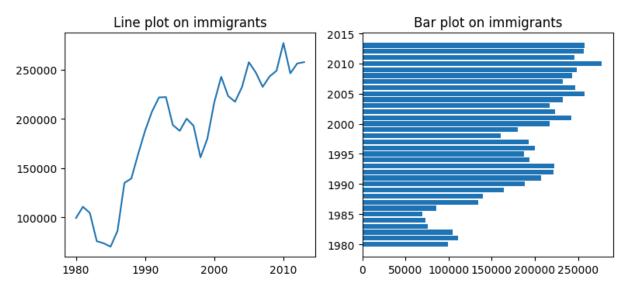
Subplotting Example



You can also implement the subplotting with add_subplot() as below:-

```
# Create a figure with Four axes - two rows, two columns
In [36]:
         fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
         # Add the first subplot (top-left)
         axs1 = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1)
         #Plotting in first axes - the left one
         axs1.plot(total_immigrants)
         axs1.set_title("Line plot on immigrants")
         # Add the second subplot (top-right)
         axs2 = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2)
         #Plotting in second axes - the right one
         axs2.barh(total_immigrants.index, total_immigrants) #Notice the use of 'barh' for
         axs2.set title("Bar plot on immigrants")
         #Adding a Title for the Overall Figure
         fig.suptitle('Subplotting Example', fontsize=15)
         # Adjust spacing between subplots
         fig.tight layout()
         # Show the figure
         plt.show()
```

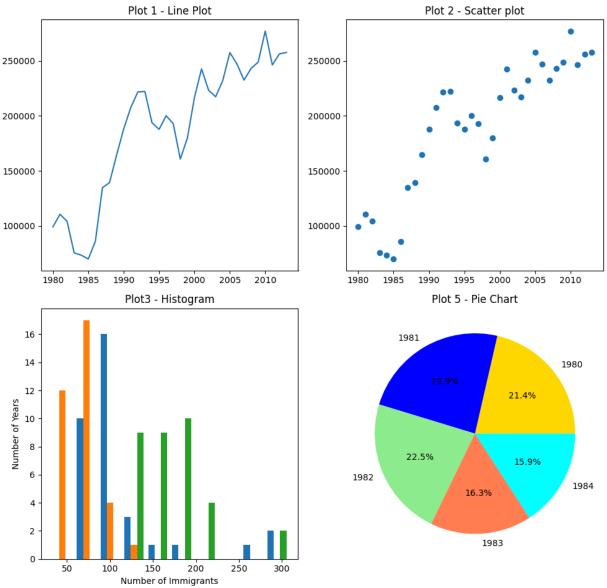
Subplotting Example



Question: Choose any four plots, which you have developed in this lab, with subplotting display them in a 2x2 display

```
In [37]: # Create a figure with Four axes - two rows, two columns
         fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
         # Add the first subplot (top-left)
         ax1 = fig.add_subplot(2, 2, 1)
         ax1.plot(total_immigrants)
         ax1.set_title('Plot 1 - Line Plot')
         # Add the second subplot (top-right)
         ax2 = fig.add_subplot(2, 2, 2)
         ax2.scatter(total_immigrants.index, total_immigrants)
         ax2.set_title('Plot 2 - Scatter plot')
         # Add the third subplot (bottom-left)
         ax3 = fig.add_subplot(2, 2, 3)
         ax3.hist(df dns)
         ax3.set_title('Plot3 - Histogram')
         ax3.set_xlabel('Number of Immigrants')
         ax3.set ylabel('Number of Years')
         # Add the fourth subplot (bottom-right)
         ax4 = fig.add_subplot(2, 2, 4)
         ax4.pie(total_immigrants[0:5], labels=years[0:5],
                    colors = ['gold','blue','lightgreen','coral','cyan'],
                    autopct='%1.1f%%')
         ax4.set_aspect('equal')
         ax4.set_title('Plot 5 - Pie Chart')
         #Adding a Title for the Overall Figure
         fig.suptitle('Four Plots in a Figure Example', fontsize=15)
         # Adjust spacing between subplots
         fig.tight_layout()
         # Show the figure
         plt.show()
```





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Congratulations! you have completed this lab!

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