

CHAPTER 6: THE ART OF DATA VISUALIZATION

(Week 9-10: Lecture Notes)

1. INTRODUCTION: WHY VISUALIZE?

The human brain has evolved to process shapes and colors, not raw numbers.

- **10,000-row Excel sheet:** It takes hours to find a single error.
- **A Line Chart:** You notice the sudden drop (the error) in 1 second.

Data Scientist's Slogan: "One chart is worth a thousand rows of data."

Tools We Will Use:

1. **Matplotlib:** The grandfather of Python visualization. It draws everything, but the code is verbose. *(Like a manual transmission car, you have full control).*
 2. **Seaborn:** Built on top of Matplotlib. Draws aesthetic and statistical charts with less code. *(Automatic transmission, comfortable).*
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WEEK 9: MATPLOTLIB (BASICS AND CONTROL)

Matplotlib is Python's fundamental plotting library.

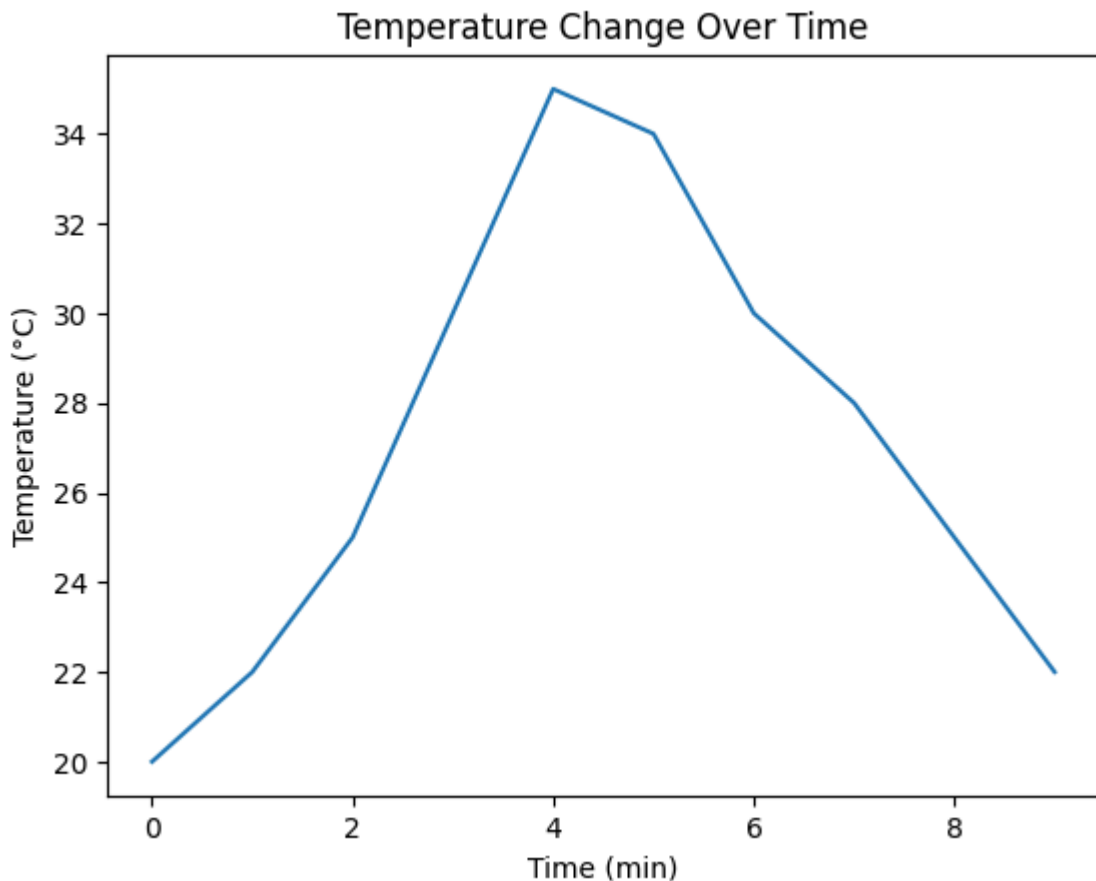
9.1. LIBRARY INSTALLATION AND LOGIC

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In [1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Data Preparation (Engineering Example: Time vs. Temperature)
time = np.arange(0, 10, 1) # From 0 to 9
temp = [20, 22, 25, 30, 35, 34, 30, 28, 25, 22]
```

9.2. BASIC PLOTTING (The Simplest Method)

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In [2]: plt.plot(time, temp)
plt.title("Temperature Change Over Time")
plt.xlabel("Time (min)")
plt.ylabel("Temperature (°C)")
plt.show() # Renders the plot on the screen
```



9.3. FIGURE AND AXES LOGIC (The Professional Method)

There are two approaches in Matplotlib:

1. **State-based:** `plt.plot()` (Like above, fast but limited).
2. **Object-Oriented (OO):** `fig, ax = plt.subplots()` (The one engineers use).

Analogy:

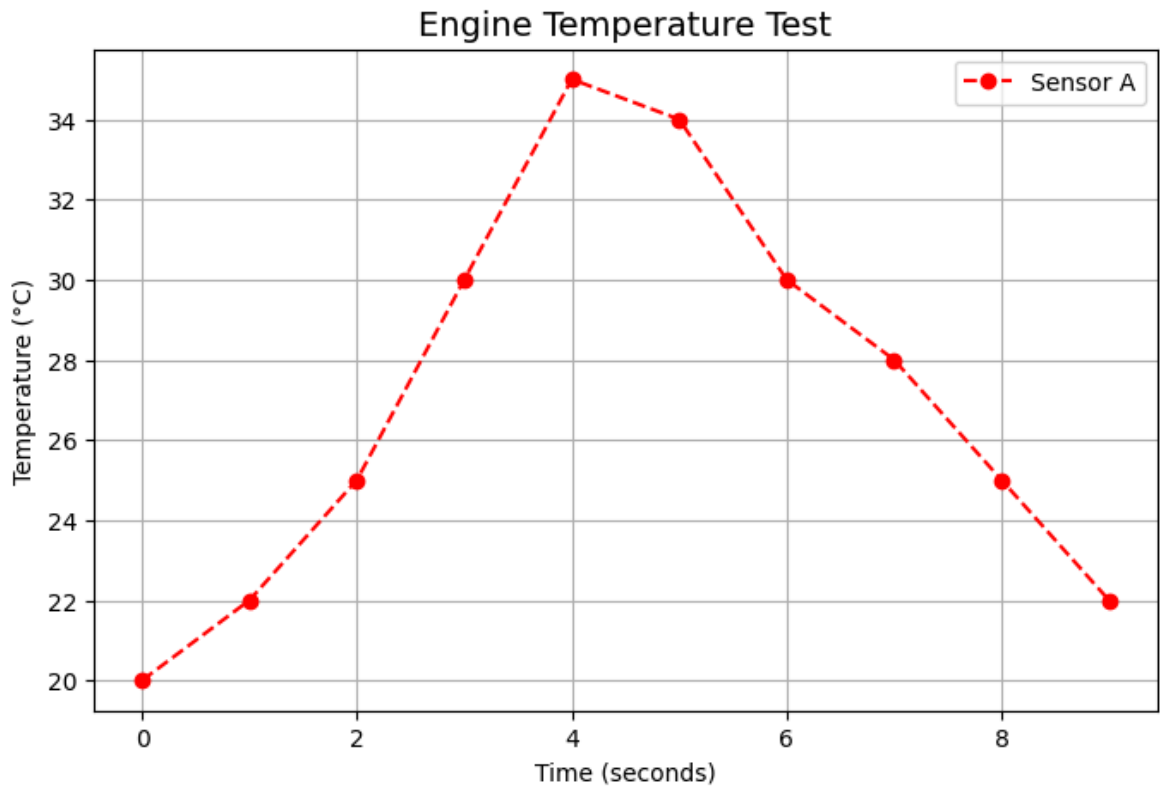
- **Figure (Fig):** The entire canvas/paper.
- **Axes (Ax):** The plot area drawn on the paper. (One paper can hold multiple plots).

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In [3]: # Professional Plotting Template
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 5)) # Canvas size: 8x5 inches

# Add Data
ax.plot(time, temp, color="red", linestyle="--", marker="o", label="Sensor A")

# Decorations (Using 'set' commands)
ax.set_title("Engine Temperature Test", fontsize=14)
ax.set_xlabel("Time (seconds)")
ax.set_ylabel("Temperature (°C)")
ax.legend() # Show the Label
ax.grid(True) # Add grid Lines

plt.show()
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9.4. MULTIPLE PLOTS (SUBPLOTS)

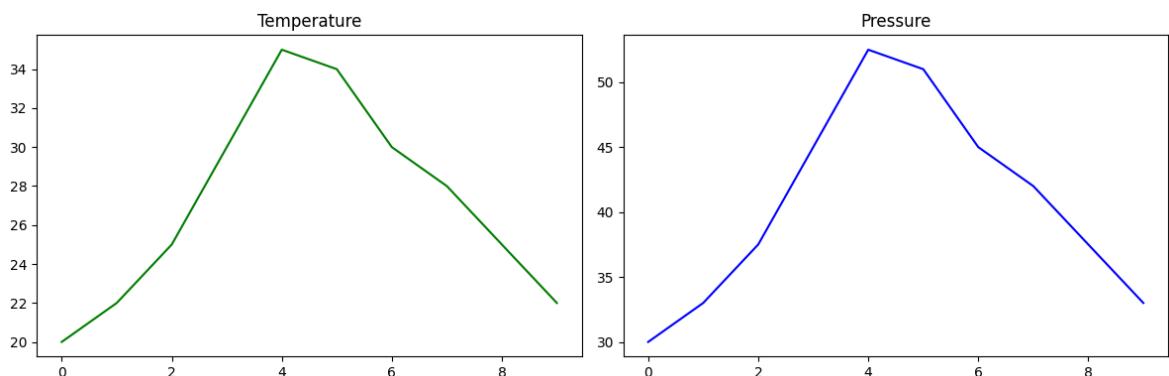
In engineering, we often compare multiple signals side-by-side (e.g., Speed and RPM).

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In [4]: # Layout: 1 Row, 2 Columns (2 plots side-by-side)
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 4))

# First Plot (Left)
ax1.plot(time, temp, 'g') # 'g' = green
ax1.set_title("Temperature")

# Second Plot (Right) - Let's plot the square of the data (Pressure simulation)
pressure = np.array(temp) * 1.5
ax2.plot(time, pressure, 'b') # 'b' = blue
ax2.set_title("Pressure")

plt.tight_layout() # Adjusts spacing so plots don't overlap
plt.show()
```



9.5. SAVING PLOTS

To use the chart in a report, we need to save it as an image.

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In [5]: # Saves the image to your file directory when run
fig.savefig("analysis_result.png", dpi=300)
# dpi=300: High resolution (Print quality).
```

WEEK 10: STATISTICAL VISUALIZATION WITH SEABORN

What takes 10 lines in Matplotlib takes 1 line in Seaborn, and it looks better. Seaborn works directly with Pandas DataFrames.

10.1. DATA PREP AND STYLE

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In [6]: import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd

# Let's use Seaborn's built-in "Tips" dataset
df = sns.load_dataset("tips")

# Inspect data
print(df.head())

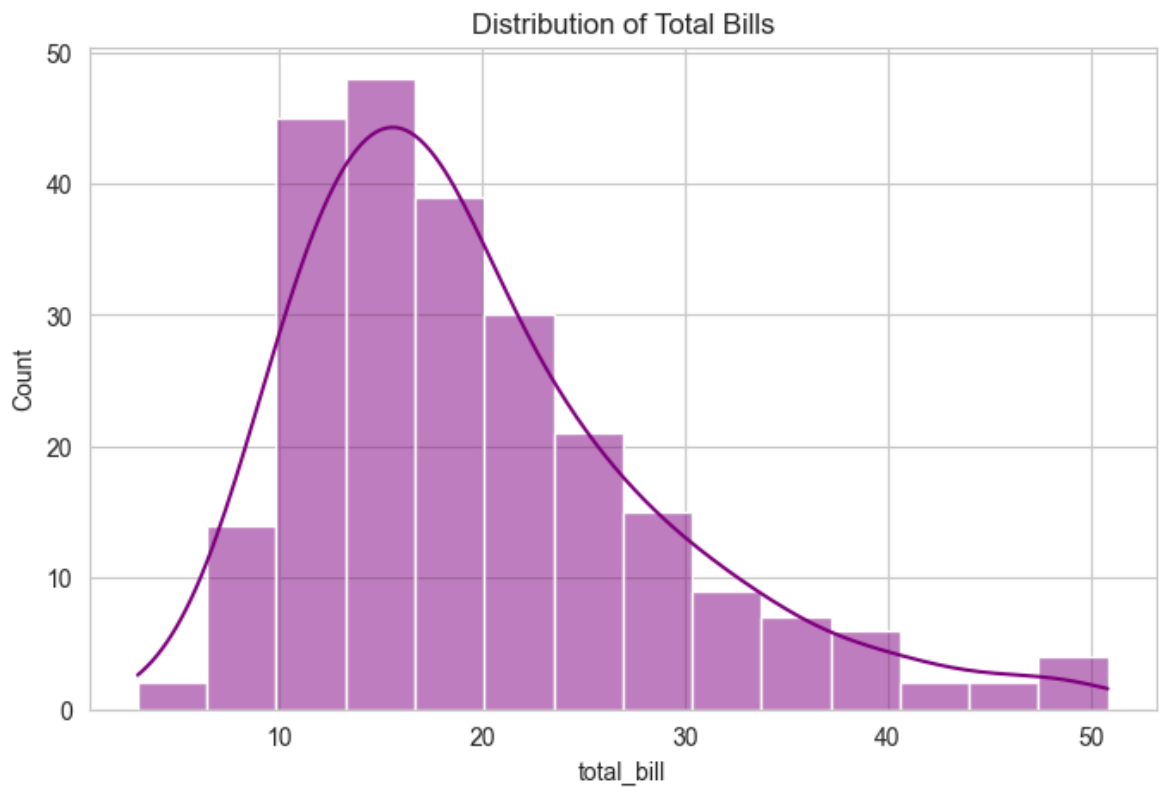
# Style Setting (Background, colors)
sns.set_style("whitegrid") # White background with grid
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	total_bill	tip	sex	smoker	day	time	size
0	16.99	1.01	Female	No	Sun	Dinner	2
1	10.34	1.66	Male	No	Sun	Dinner	3
2	21.01	3.50	Male	No	Sun	Dinner	3
3	23.68	3.31	Male	No	Sun	Dinner	2
4	24.59	3.61	Female	No	Sun	Dinner	4

10.2. DISTRIBUTION PLOTS

Visualizing the statistical distribution of data (Histogram).

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In [7]: # Histogram + Probability Curve (KDE)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.histplot(data=df, x="total_bill", kde=True, color="purple")
plt.title("Distribution of Total Bills")
plt.show()
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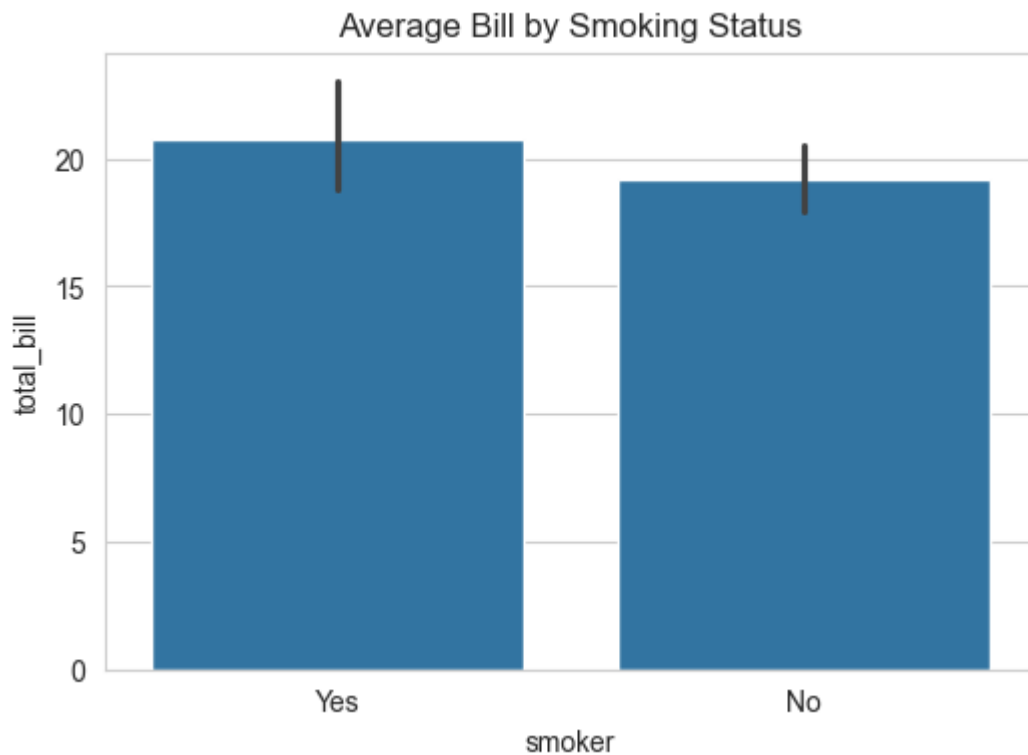
Interpretation: The curve extends to the right (Positively Skewed). This means most bills are low, with a few very high ones.

10.3. CATEGORICAL PLOTS

Used to compare different classes/groups.

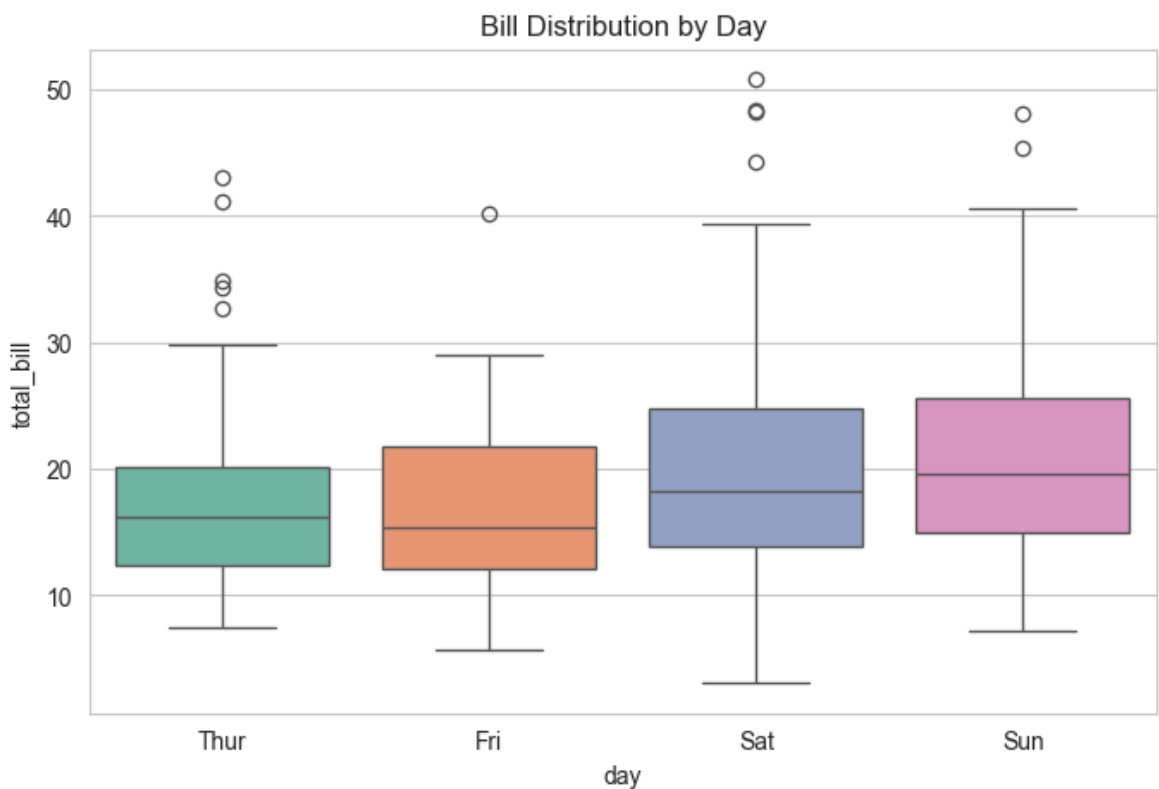
A) Bar Plot: Compares means (averages).

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In [8]: # Average bill for Smokers vs Non-Smokers
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
sns.barplot(x="smoker", y="total_bill", data=df)
plt.title("Average Bill by Smoking Status")
plt.show()
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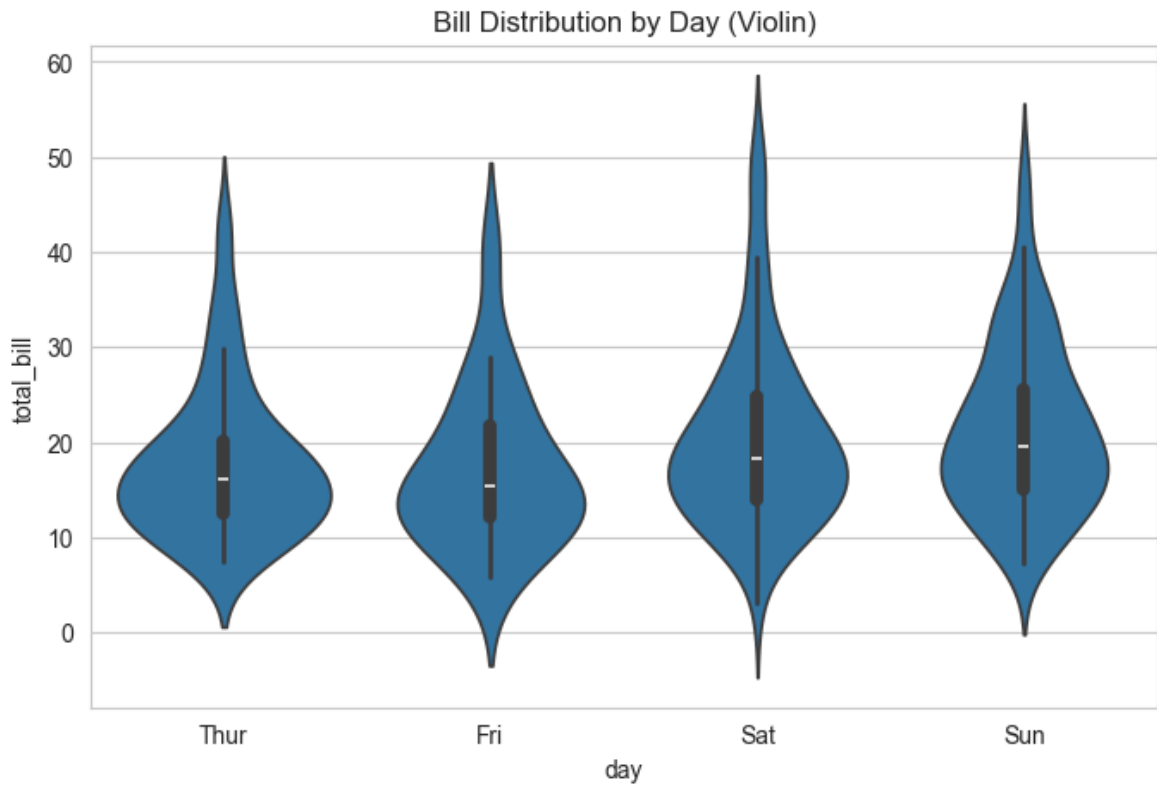
B) Box Plot: Shows outliers. (Crucial in Engineering).

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In [15]: plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.boxplot(x="day", y="total_bill", data=df, hue="day", palette="Set2", legend=
plt.title("Bill Distribution by Day")
# The dots outside the whiskers are outliers (extreme customers).
plt.show()
```



C) Violin Plot: Detailed version of the box plot; shows the density (fatness) of the data.

```
In [10]: plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.violinplot(x="day", y="total_bill", data=df)
plt.title("Bill Distribution by Day (Violin)")
plt.show()
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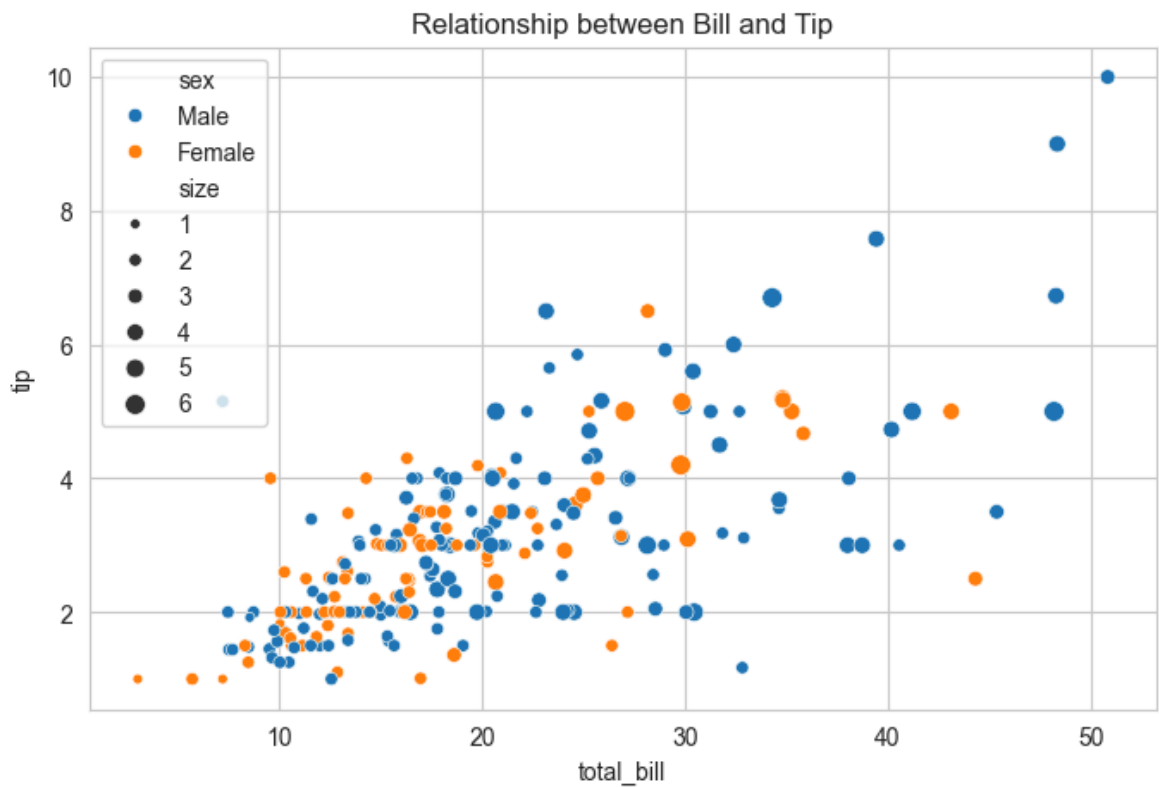


10.4. RELATIONAL PLOTS

Visualizing the relationship (Correlation) between two variables.

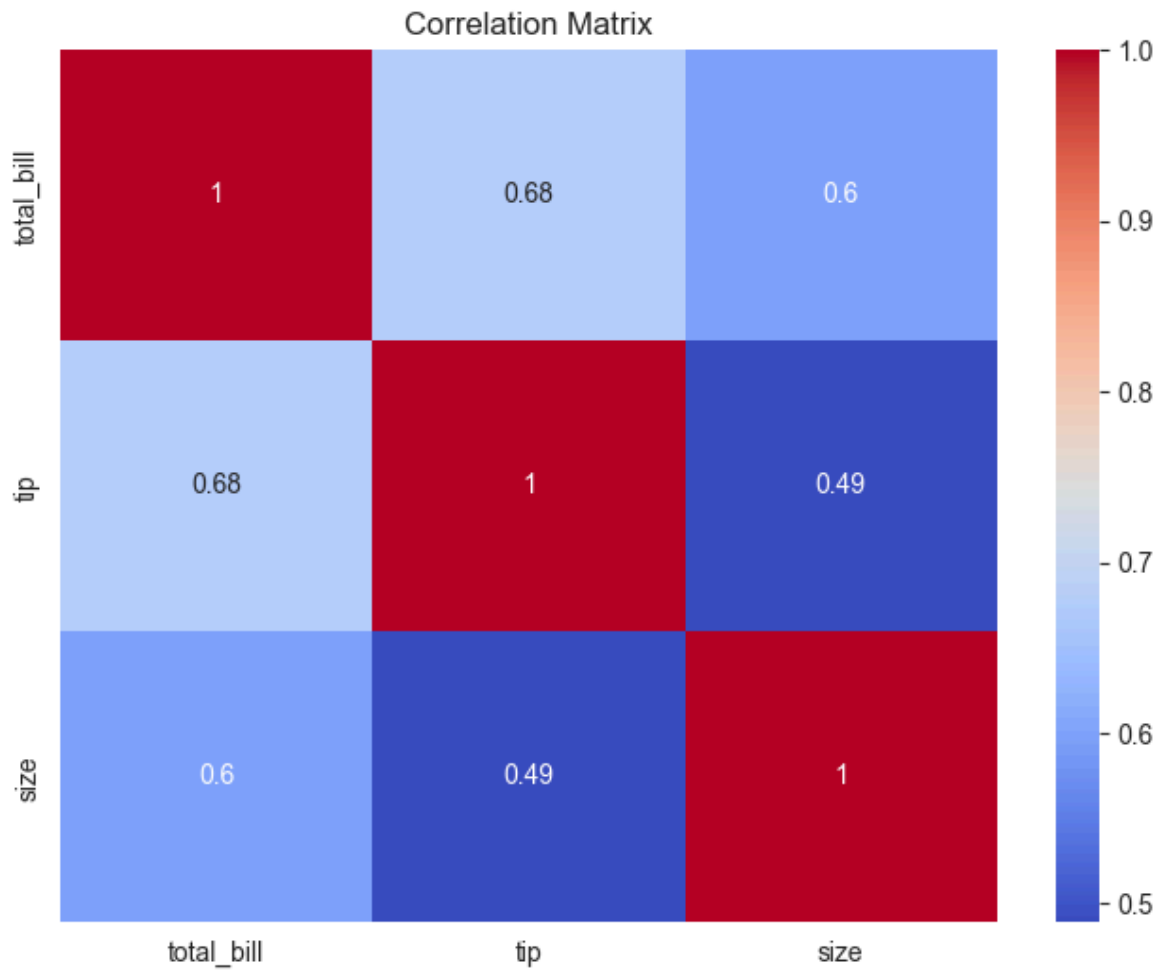
A) Scatter Plot:

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In [11]: # Total Bill vs Tip
# hue="sex": Color code by gender.
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.scatterplot(x="total_bill", y="tip", data=df, hue="sex", size="size")
plt.title("Relationship between Bill and Tip")
plt.show()
```



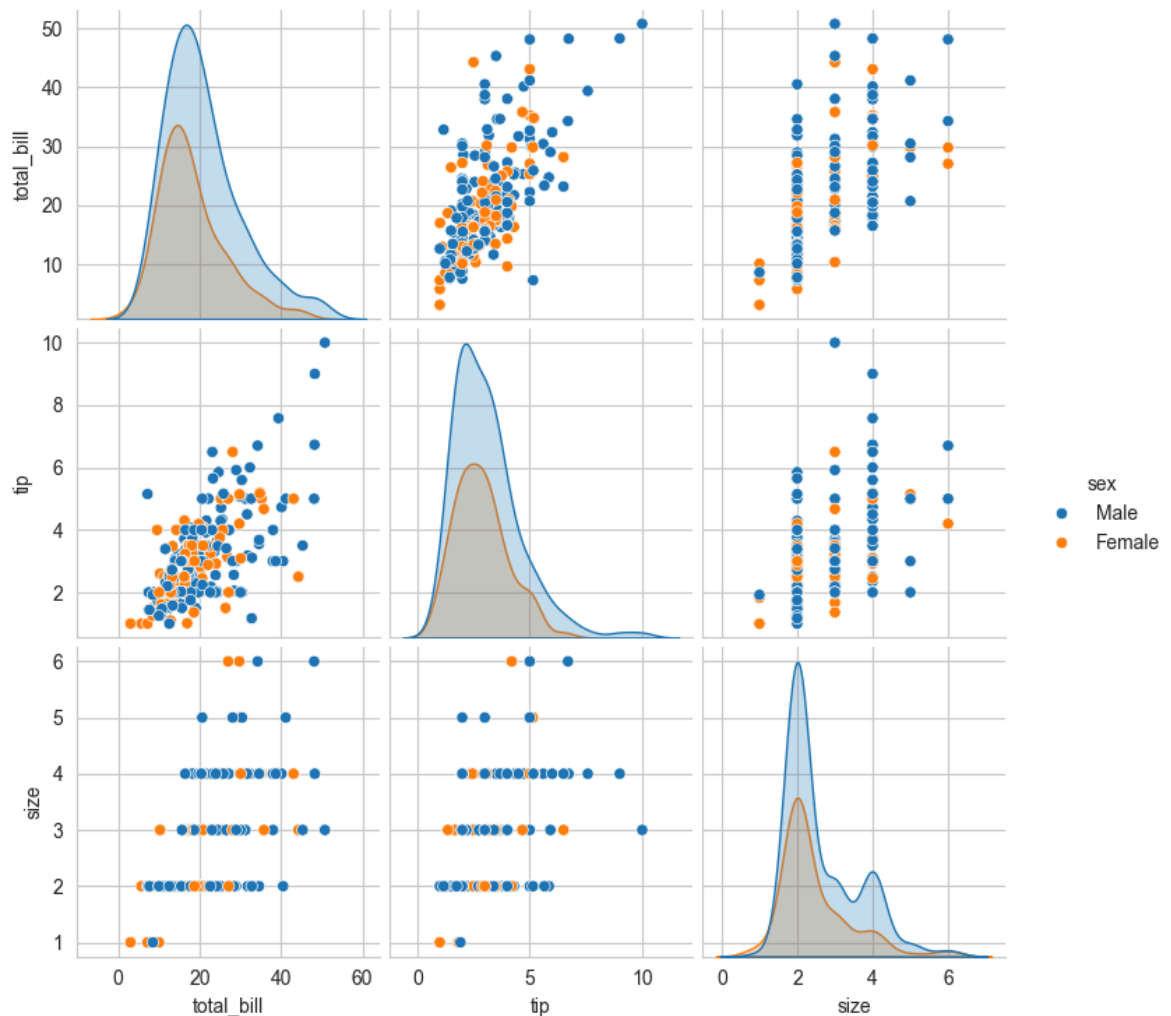
B) Heatmap: Coloring the Correlation Matrix. (We saw this in Chapter 4, repeating here as it's Seaborn's most famous plot).

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In [12]: plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
# Select only numerical columns for correlation
numerical_df = df.select_dtypes(include=['float64', 'int64'])
sns.heatmap(numerical_df.corr(), annot=True, cmap="coolwarm")
plt.title("Correlation Matrix")
plt.show()
```



C) Pairplot: X-Ray of the data. Compares all numerical variables against each other.

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In [13]: sns.pairplot(df, hue="sex")  
plt.show()
```



3. ENGINEERING APPLICATION: SIGNAL VISUALIZATION

Noisy Signal Analysis

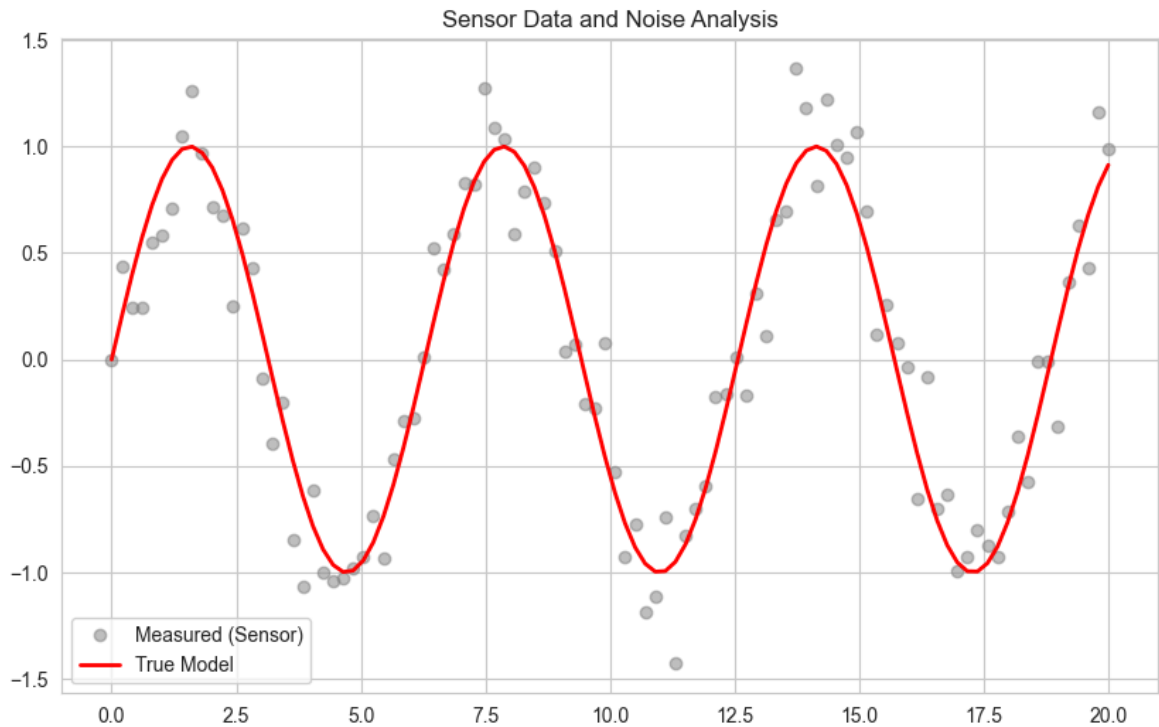
```
In [14]: # 1. Generate Data (Sine Wave + Noise)
x = np.linspace(0, 20, 100)
clean_signal = np.sin(x)
noise = np.random.normal(0, 0.2, 100) # Normally distributed error
measured_signal = clean_signal + noise

# 2. Visualize
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

# Measured (Dirty) Signal
plt.plot(x, measured_signal, 'o', color='gray', label='Measured (Sensor)', alpha=0.5)

# Real (Clean) Signal
plt.plot(x, clean_signal, 'r-', linewidth=2, label='True Model')

plt.title("Sensor Data and Noise Analysis")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



Lesson: "Friends, in the field you collect the gray dots. Using Data Science, you find the red line (the truth)."

5. WEEKLY HOMEWORK (Challenge)

Task: Using the "Pokemon" dataset (or Titanic), create the following visuals:

1. Draw a **Scatter Plot** showing Pokemon Attack vs. Defense stats. (Color the Legendary ones differently).
2. Draw a **Bar Plot** showing the average speed of each Type 1. (If text overlaps, use `plt.xticks(rotation=45)`).
3. Draw a **Histogram** showing the distribution of Attack power.
4. Draw a **Heatmap** showing the correlation of all numerical features.