

Minor in AI Batch 04 – Notes

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Title: Mastering Data Visualization with Matplotlib: From Basics to Stunning Plots!

Syllabus:

- Understand the Basics of Matplotlib
- Import Matplotlib and set up a basic plotting environment.
- Create Basic Plots
- Generate line plots using `plt.plot()`.

Matplotlib is a powerful Python library for data visualization, widely used for creating static, animated, and interactive plots. It provides a variety of chart types, including line graphs, bar charts, histograms, and scatter plots, making it ideal for exploratory data analysis. Matplotlib integrates well with libraries like NumPy and pandas, allowing seamless plotting of structured data. It offers extensive customization options, enabling users to modify colors, labels, and styles. The library supports multiple backends, making it versatile for different environments. With its ease of use and detailed control over graphical representations, Matplotlib is a fundamental tool for data scientists and analysts.

Note: Please refer to class video for more insights

Sample Program to generate a line plot:

Go to a weather site and collect the data of temperatures for a week or hour wise for a day and then plot the graph.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Sample weather data (replace with your actual data)
days = ['Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed', 'Thu', 'Fri', 'Sat', 'Sun']
temperatures = [25, 28, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30]

# Create the line plot
plt.plot(days, temperatures)

# Add labels and title
plt.xlabel("Day of the week")
plt.ylabel("Temperature (°C)")
plt.title("Weekly Temperature Trend")

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

Read data from spread sheet and load to pandas and print

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

df = pd.read_excel('sh-data.xlsx', sheet_name='Sheet1')
plt.bar(df['Student Name'], df['Height'])
plt.xlabel('Student Name')
plt.ylabel('Height')
plt.title('Student Heights')
plt.show()
```

Comparison Graph:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Data: Days of the week
days = ["Mon", "Tue", "Wed", "Thu", "Fri", "Sat", "Sun"]

# Data: Code written (in lines) & Bugs found
code_written = [50, 120, 200, 180, 300, 50, 20] # Lines of Code
bugs_found = [5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 5, 1] # Number of bugs

# Create the plot
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))

# Plot Code Written
plt.plot(days, code_written, linestyle='-', color='b', label="Code  
Written (LOC)")

# Plot Bugs Found
plt.plot(days, bugs_found, linestyle='--', color='r', label="Bugs  
Found")

# Add labels, title, and legend
plt.xlabel("Days of the Week")
plt.ylabel("Lines of Code / Bugs Found")
plt.title("Code Written vs. Bugs Found Over a Week")
plt.legend() # Show legend
plt.grid(True, linestyle="--", alpha=0.6)

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