

Using Matplotlib for Visualization (cont.)



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Histogram

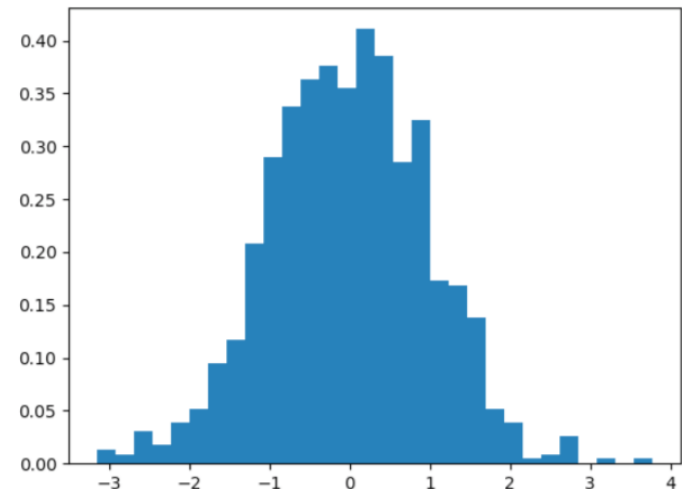
`plt.hist(x)` creates a histogram.

Parameters:

- **x** – Specifies the input values
- **bins** (optional) – Either specifies the number of bins as an integer
- **range** (optional) – Specifies the lower and upper range of the bins as a tuple
- **density** (optional) – If true, the histogram represents a probability density

Example:

```
...  
plt.hist(x, bins=30, density=True)  
...
```



Box Plot

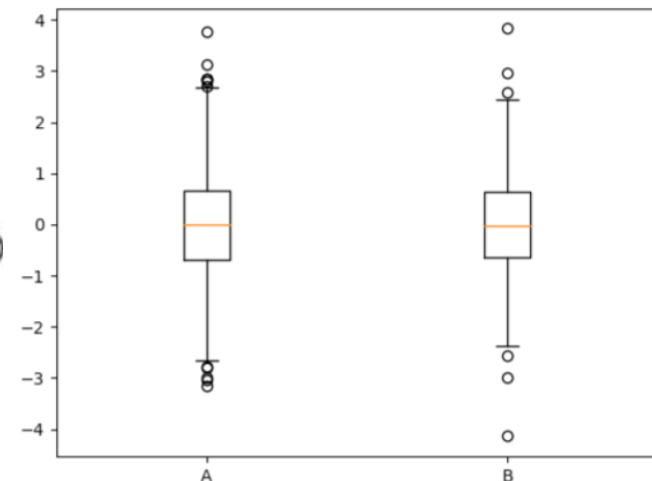
`plt.boxplot(x)` creates a box plot.

Parameters:

- **x** – Specifies the input data. It specifies either a 1D array for a single box or a sequence of arrays for multiple boxes.
- **notch** (optional) – If true, notches will be added to the plot to indicate the confidence interval around the median.
- **labels** (optional) – Specifies the labels as a sequence.
- **showfliers** (optional) – By default, it is true, and outliers are plotted beyond the caps.
- **showmeans** (optional) – If true, arithmetic means are shown.

Example:

```
...  
plt.boxplot([x1, x2], labels=['A', 'B'])  
...
```





Activity 5

Using a Histogram and a Box Plot to Visualize IQ

Objective

We are given the intelligent quotient scores of 100 adults. We want to visualize the distribution of the IQ scores. We will create a histogram and box plots to visualize this information.

```
# Import statements
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

%matplotlib inline
```

```
# IQ samples
iq_scores = [126, 89, 90, 101, 102, 74, 93, 101, 66, 120, 108, 97, 98,
            105, 119, 92, 113, 81, 104, 108, 83, 102, 105, 111, 102, 107,
            103, 89, 89, 110, 71, 110, 120, 85, 111, 83, 122, 120, 102,
            84, 118, 100, 100, 114, 81, 109, 69, 97, 95, 106, 116, 109,
            114, 98, 90, 92, 98, 91, 81, 85, 86, 102, 93, 112, 76,
            89, 110, 75, 100, 90, 96, 94, 107, 108, 95, 96, 96, 114,
            93, 95, 117, 141, 115, 95, 86, 100, 121, 103, 66, 99, 96,
            111, 110, 105, 110, 91, 112, 102, 112, 75]
```

Create an array that includes the IQ scores of the 100 adults



```
# Create figure
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4), dpi=150)
# Create histogram
plt.hist(iq_scores, bins=10)
```

```
plt.axvline(x=100, color='r')
plt.axvline(x=115, color='r', linestyle= '--')
plt.axvline(x=85, color='r', linestyle= '--')
```

```
# Add labels and title
```

```
plt.xlabel('IQ score')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('IQ scores for a test group of a hundred adults')
```

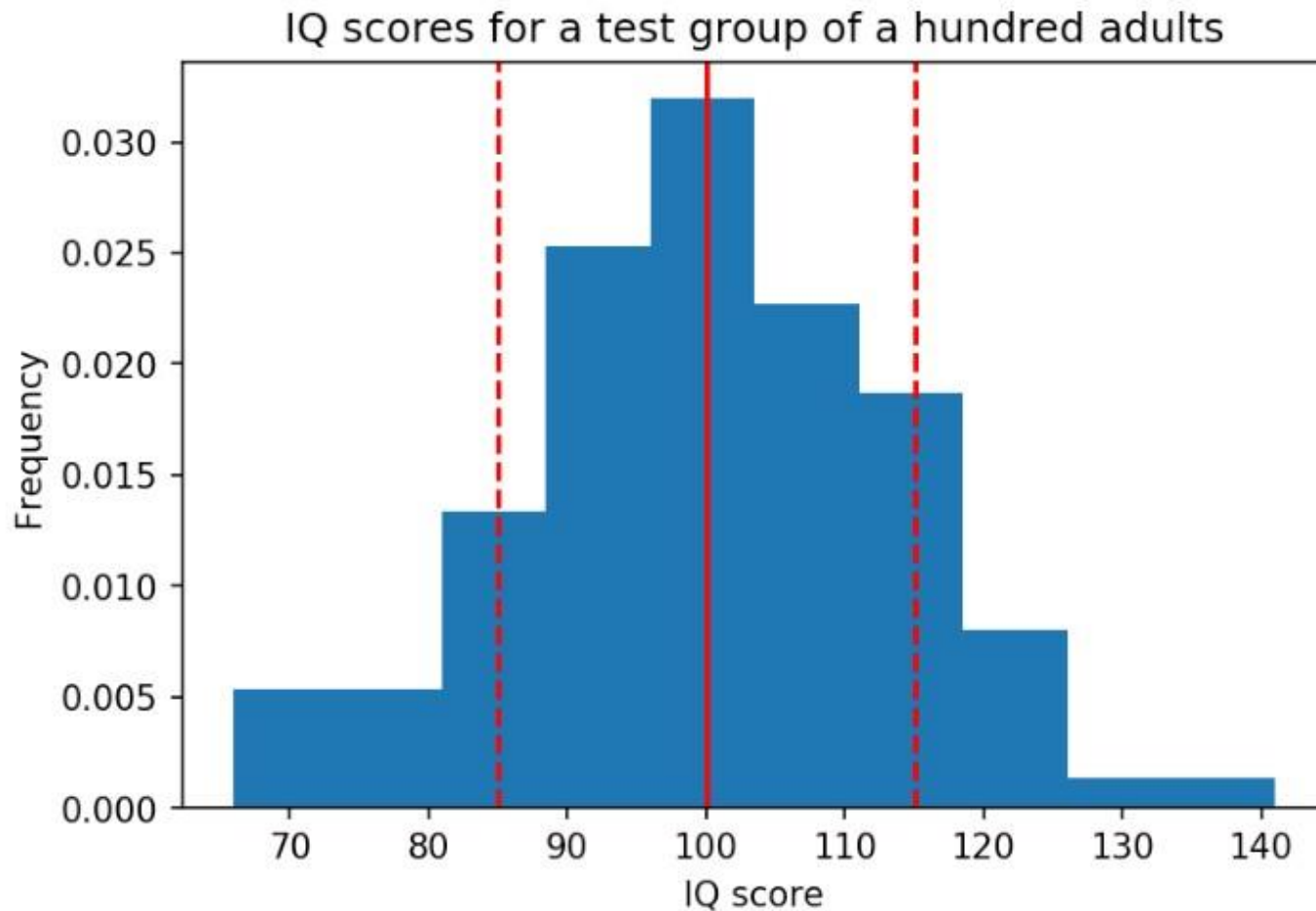
```
# Show plot
plt.show()
```

Create a canvas and plot a histogram with ten bins for the given IQ scores.

axvline(x,color) - add three vertical line across the axes. 100 is the mean.

Add labels and title to the plot

Expected view



- What would the histogram look like if it has 20 bins?
- What if we change the y-axis to number of adults in each bin (rather than probability density)?

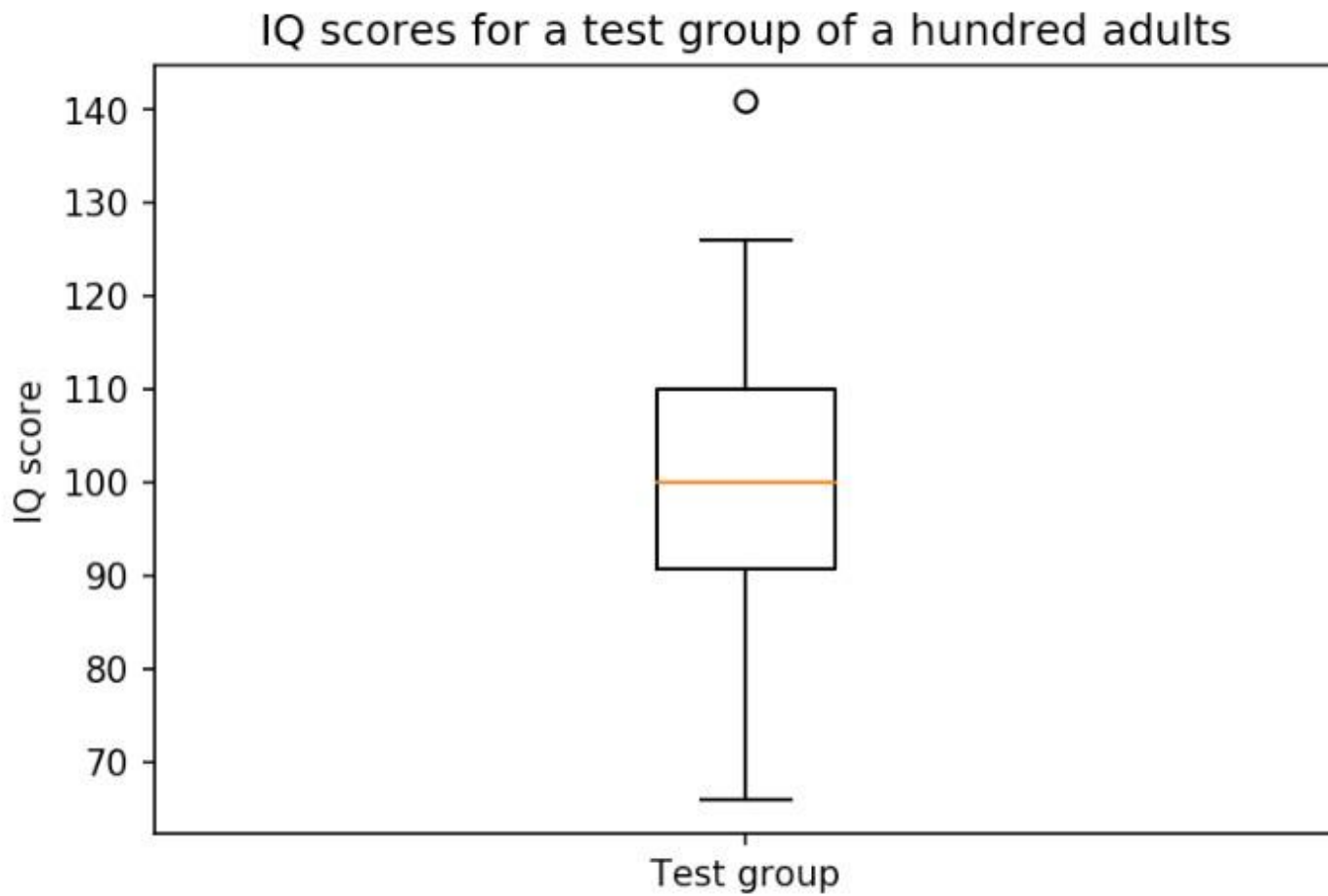


```
# Create figure
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4), dpi=150)
# Create histogram
plt.boxplot(iq_scores)
# Add labels and title
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_xticklabels(['Test group'])
plt.ylabel('IQ score')
plt.title('IQ scores for a test group of a hundred adults')
# Show plot
plt.show()
```

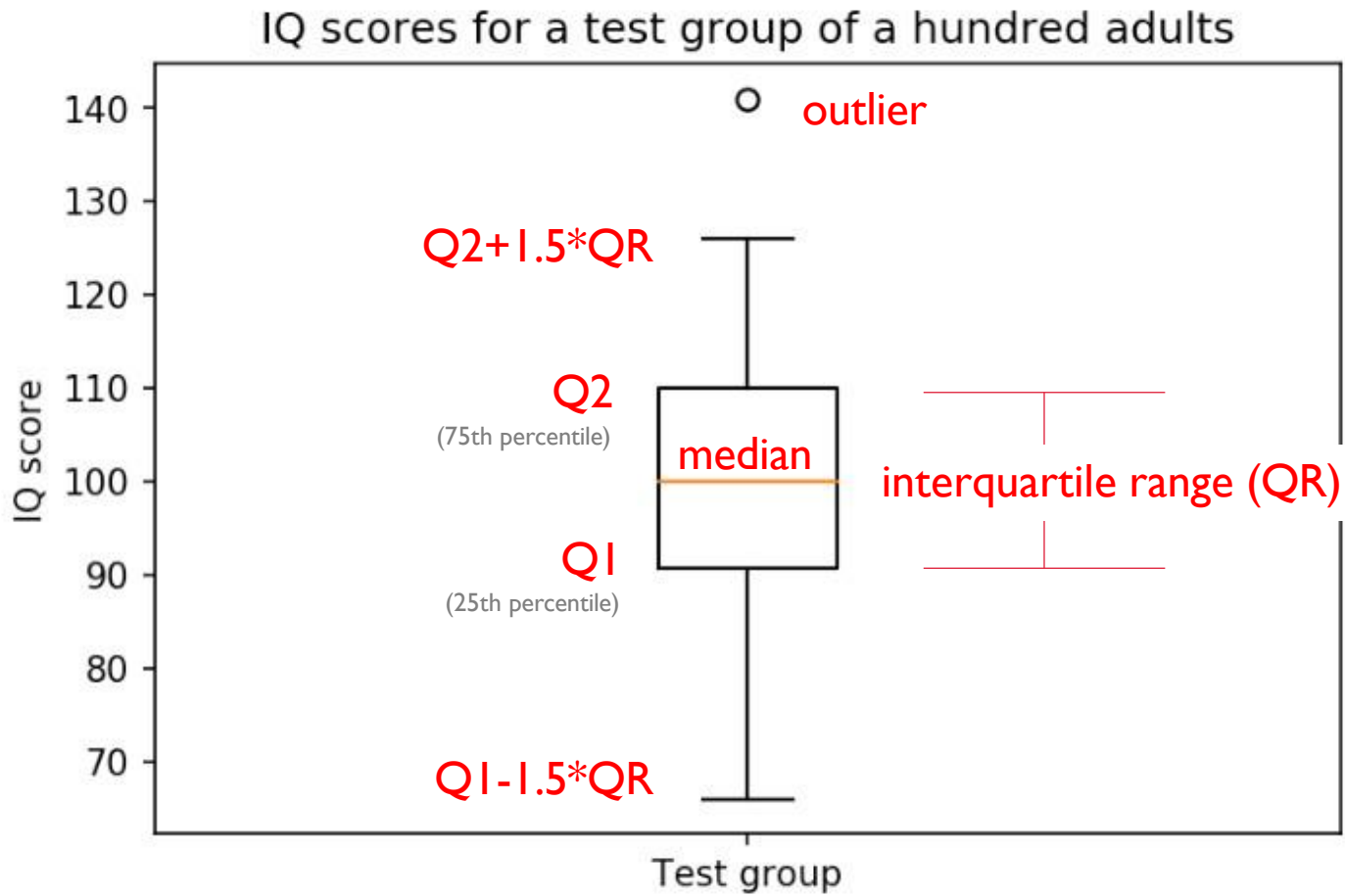
Create a canvas and a box plot on the canvas for the given IQ scores.




Expected view



Interpretation of box plot





```
group_a = [118, 103, 125, 107, 111, 96, 104, 97, 96, 114, 96, 75, 114,
           107, 87, 117, 117, 114, 117, 112, 107, 133, 94, 91, 118, 110,
           117, 86, 143, 83, 106, 86, 98, 126, 109, 91, 112, 120, 108,
           111, 107, 98, 89, 113, 117, 81, 113, 112, 84, 115, 96, 93,
           128, 115, 138, 121, 87, 112, 110, 79, 100, 84, 115, 93, 108,
           130, 107, 106, 106, 101, 117, 93, 94, 103, 112, 98, 103, 70,
           139, 94, 110, 105, 122, 94, 94, 105, 129, 110, 112, 97, 109,
           121, 106, 118, 131, 88, 122, 125, 93, 78]
group_b = [126, 89, 90, 101, 102, 74, 93, 101, 66, 120, 108, 97, 98,
           105, 119, 92, 113, 81, 104, 108, 83, 102, 105, 111, 102, 107,
           103, 89, 89, 110, 71, 110, 120, 85, 111, 83, 122, 120, 102,
           84, 118, 100, 100, 114, 81, 109, 69, 97, 95, 106, 116, 109,
           114, 98, 90, 92, 98, 91, 81, 85, 86, 102, 93, 112, 76,
           89, 110, 75, 100, 90, 96, 94, 107, 108, 95, 96, 96, 114,
           93, 95, 117, 141, 115, 95, 86, 100, 121, 103, 66, 99, 96,
           111, 110, 105, 110, 91, 112, 102, 112, 75]
group_c = [108, 89, 114, 116, 126, 104, 113, 96, 69, 121, 109, 102, 107,
           122, 104, 107, 108, 137, 107, 116, 98, 132, 108, 114, 82, 93,
           89, 90, 86, 91, 99, 98, 83, 93, 114, 96, 95, 113, 103,
           81, 107, 85, 116, 85, 107, 125, 126, 123, 122, 124, 115, 114,
           93, 93, 114, 107, 107, 84, 131, 91, 108, 127, 112, 106, 115,
           82, 90, 117, 108, 115, 113, 108, 104, 103, 90, 110, 114, 92,
           101, 72, 109, 94, 122, 90, 102, 86, 119, 103, 110, 96, 90,
           110, 96, 69, 85, 102, 69, 96, 101, 90]
group_d = [93, 99, 91, 110, 80, 113, 111, 115, 98, 74, 96, 80, 83,
           102, 60, 91, 82, 90, 97, 101, 89, 89, 117, 91, 104, 104,
           102, 128, 106, 111, 79, 92, 97, 101, 106, 110, 93, 93, 106,
           108, 85, 83, 108, 94, 79, 87, 113, 112, 111, 111, 79, 116,
           104, 84, 116, 111, 103, 103, 112, 68, 54, 80, 86, 119, 81,
           84, 91, 96, 116, 125, 99, 58, 102, 77, 98, 100, 90, 106,
           109, 114, 102, 102, 112, 103, 98, 96, 85, 97, 110, 131, 92,
           79, 115, 122, 95, 105, 74, 85, 85, 95]
```

Create four arrays that include the IQ scores of four groups of adults

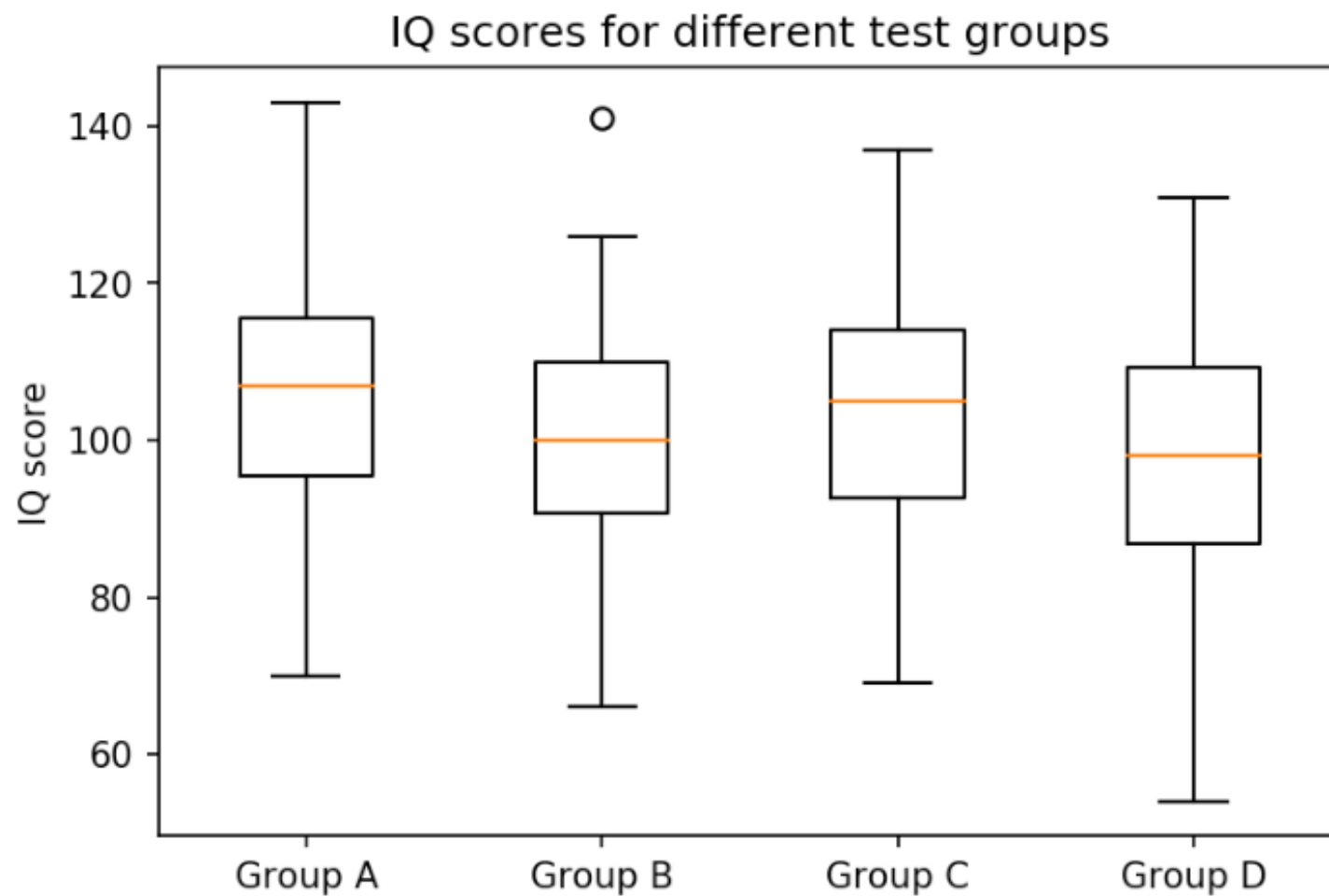


Create a box plot for the four groups of adults.

```
# Create figure
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4), dpi=150)
# Create histogram
plt.boxplot([group_a, group_b, group_c, group_d])
# Add labels and title
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_xticklabels(['Group A', 'Group B', 'Group C', 'Group D'])
plt.ylabel('IQ score')
plt.title('IQ scores for different test groups')
# Show plot
plt.show()
```



Expected view



Scatter Plot

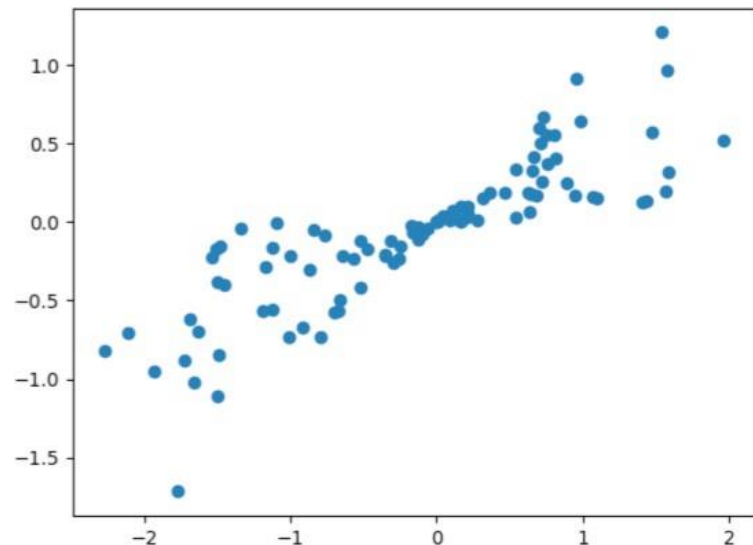
`plt.scatter(x, y)` creates a scatter plot of y versus x .

Parameters:

- **x, y** – Specifies the data positions.
- **s** (optional) – Specifies the marker size in points squared.
- **c** (optional) – Specifies the marker color. If a sequence of numbers is specified, the numbers will be mapped to colors of the color map.

Example:

```
...  
plt.scatter(x, y)  
...
```





Activity 6

Using a Scatter Plot to Visualize Correlation Between Various Animals

Objective

We are given a dataset containing information about various animals. To show correlation between animal attributes within the dataset, we will create a scatter plot.

```
# Import statements
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

%matplotlib inline
```

```
# Load dataset
data = pd.read_csv('./data/anage_data.csv')
```

Load data from the the CVS file we downloaded



Filter the data so you end up with samples containing a body mass and a maximum longevity.

```
# Preprocessing
longevity = 'Maximum longevity (yrs)'
mass = 'Body mass (g)'
data = data[np.isfinite(data[longevity]) & np.isfinite(data[mass])]
# Sort according to class
amphibia = data[data['Class'] == 'Amphibia']
aves = data[data['Class'] == 'Aves']
mammalia = data[data['Class'] == 'Mammalia']
reptilia = data[data['Class'] == 'Reptilia']
```

Sort the data into four arrays based on animal class

`isfinite()` returns a Boolean, showing whether a value is finite

If a value is missing, `isfinite()` returns False.

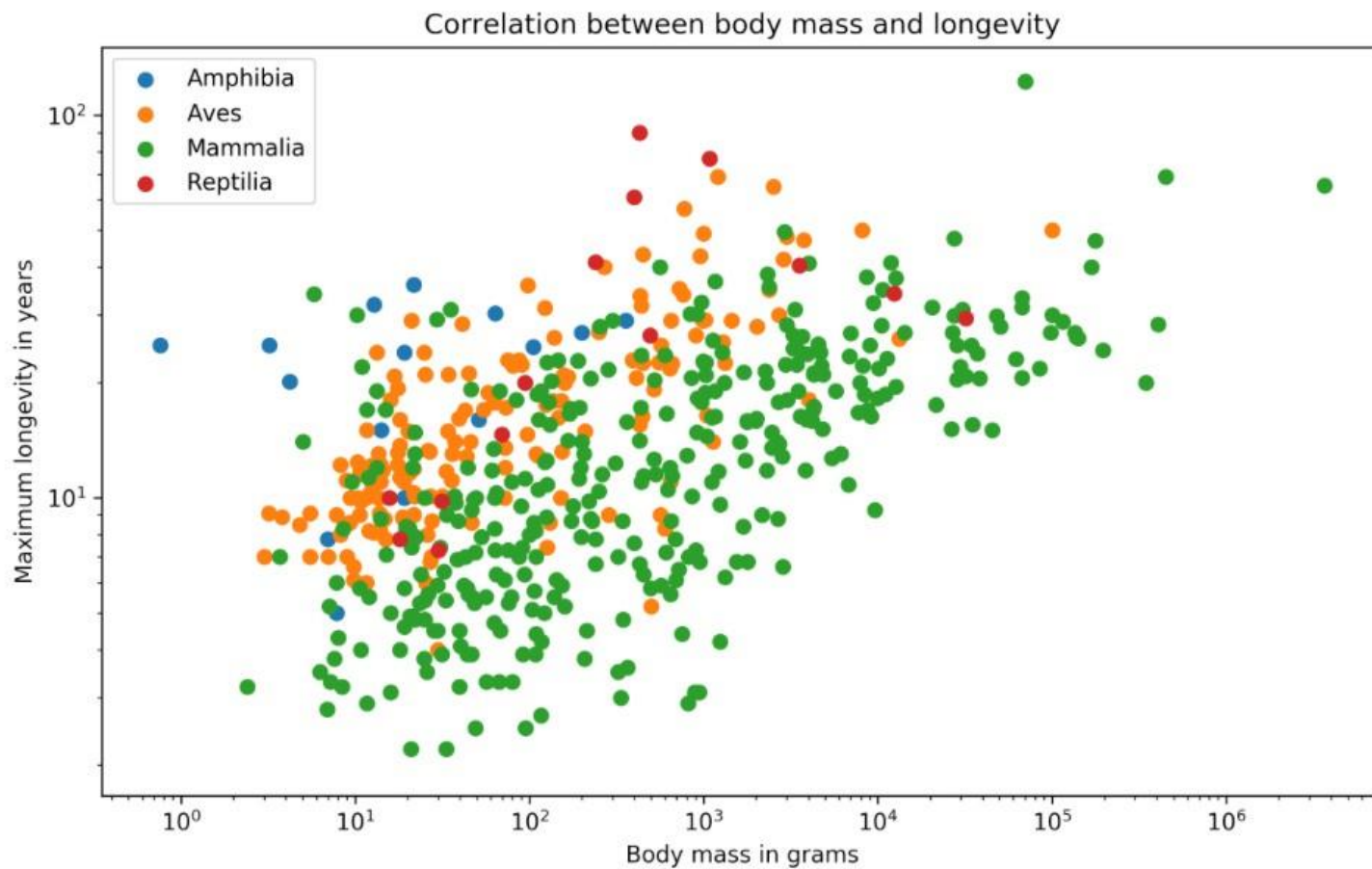


Create a scatter plot, visualizing the correlation between body mass and longevity, for the four data animal classes

```
# Create figure
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6), dpi=300)
# Create scatter plot
plt.scatter(amphibia[mass], amphibia[longevity], label='Amphibia')
plt.scatter(aves[mass], aves[longevity], label='Aves')
plt.scatter(mammalia[mass], mammalia[longevity], label='Mammalia')
plt.scatter(reptilia[mass], reptilia[longevity], label='Reptilia')
# Add legend
plt.legend()
# Log scale
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_xscale('log')
ax.set_yscale('log')
# Add labels
plt.xlabel('Body mass in grams')
plt.ylabel('Maximum longevity in years')
plt.title('Correlation between body mass and longevity')
# Show plot
plt.show()
```

Set a scale of axes. Add legend, axis labels, and title to the plot.

Expected view





Layouts: subplots

Matplotlib offers the concept of subplots, which are multiple Axes within a Figure. These plots can be grids of plots, nested plots, and so forth.

The functions to create subplots:

- **plt.subplots(nrows, ncols)** creates a Figure and a set of subplots.
- **plt.subplot(nrows, ncols, index)** adds a subplot to the current Figure. The index starts at 1.
- **Figure.subplots(nrows, ncols)** adds a set of subplots to the specified Figure.
- **Figure.add_subplot(nrows, ncols, index)** adds a subplot to the specified Figure.

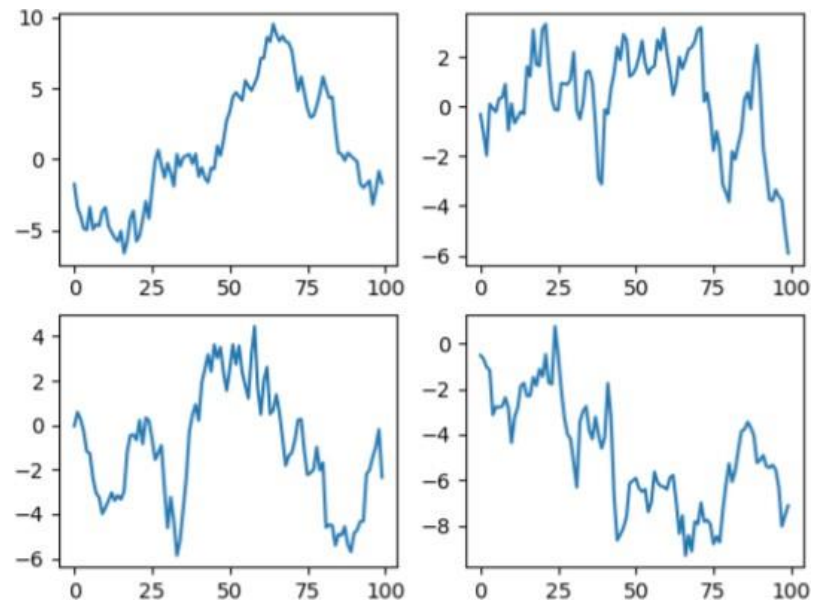
For sharing the x or y axis, the parameters **sharex** and **sharey** must be set, respectively. The axis will have the same limits, ticks, and scale.

Layouts: subplots

Example I:

```
...  
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2)  
axes = axes.ravel()  
for i, ax in enumerate(axes):  
    ax.plot(series[i])  
...
```

```
...  
for i in range(4):  
    plt.subplot(2, 2, i+1)  
    plt.plot(series[i])  
...
```

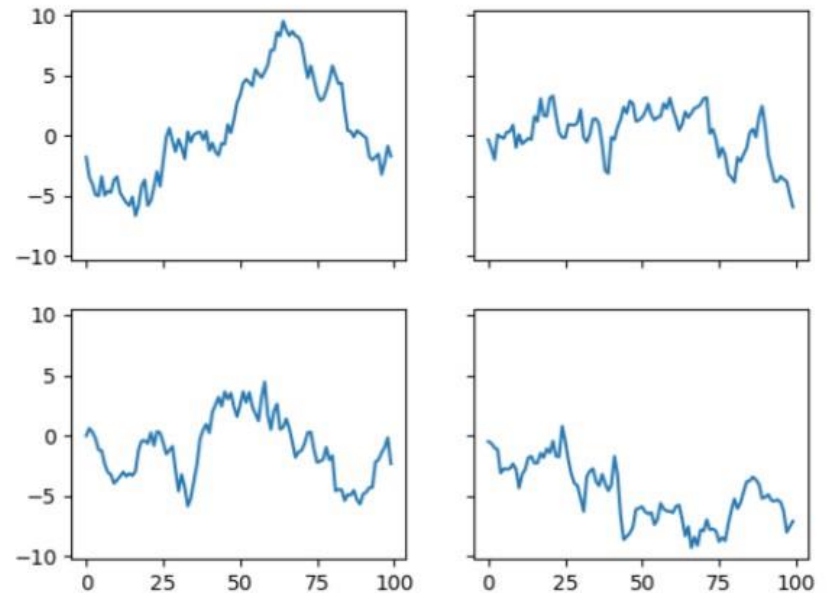


Layouts: subplots

Example 2:

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, sharex=True, sharey=True)
axes = axes.ravel()
for i, ax in enumerate(axes):
    ax.plot(series[i])
```

Setting **sharex** and **sharey** to true



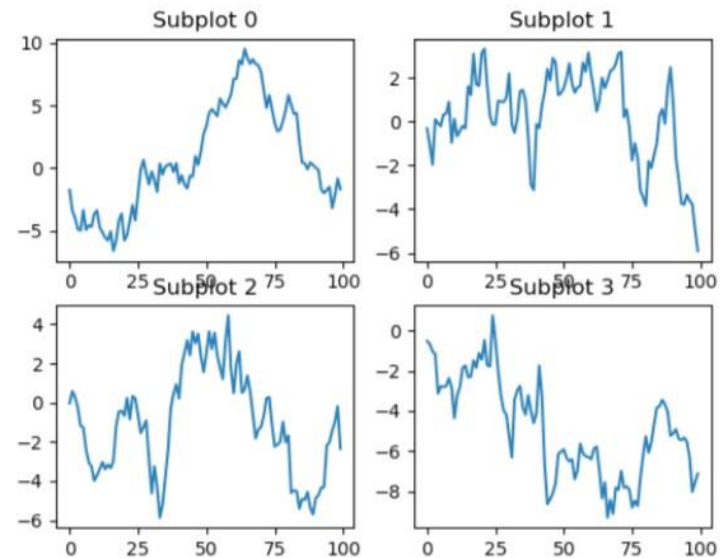
Layouts: tight layouts

plt.tight_layout() adjusts subplot parameters so that the subplots fit well in the Figure.

Example:

If you do not use **plt.tight_layout()**, subplots might overlap:

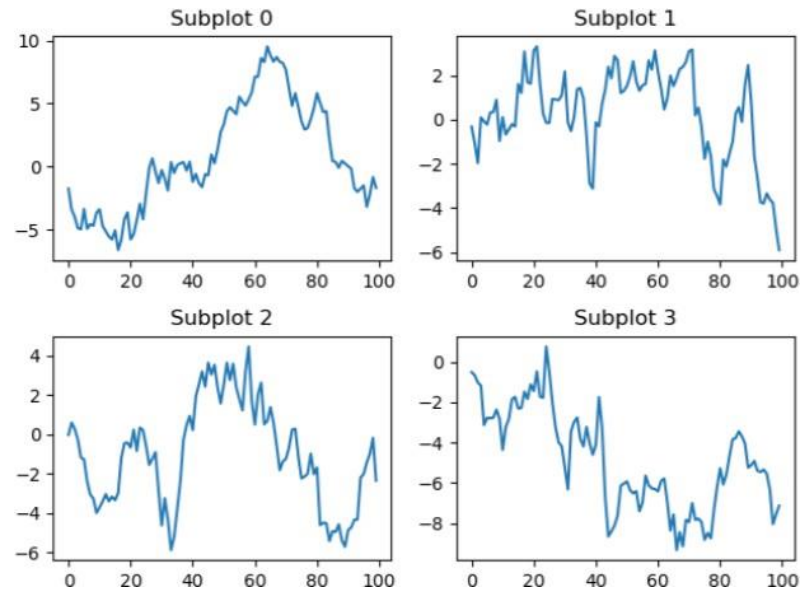
```
...  
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2)  
axes = axes.ravel()  
for i, ax in enumerate(axes):  
    ax.plot(series[i])  
    ax.set_title('Subplot ' + str(i))  
...
```



Layouts: tight layouts

Using `plt.tight_layout()` results in no overlapping of the subplots.

```
...  
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2)  
axes = axes.ravel()  
for i, ax in enumerate(axes):  
    ax.plot(series[i])  
    ax.set_title('Subplot ' + str(i))  
plt.tight_layout()  
...
```

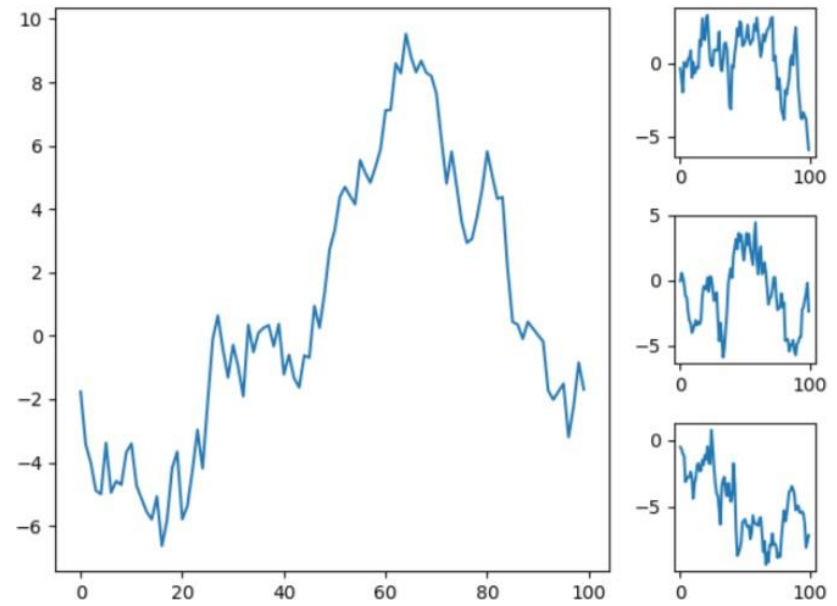


Layouts: GridSpec

matplotlib.gridspec.GridSpec(nrows, ncols) specifies the geometry of the grid in which a subplot will be placed.

Example:

```
...  
gs = matplotlib.gridspec.GridSpec(3, 4)  
ax1 = plt.subplot(gs[:3, :3])  
ax2 = plt.subplot(gs[0, 3])  
ax3 = plt.subplot(gs[1, 3])  
ax4 = plt.subplot(gs[2, 3])  
ax1.plot(series[0])  
ax2.plot(series[1])  
ax3.plot(series[2])  
ax4.plot(series[3])  
plt.tight_layout()  
...
```





Activity 7

Creating a Scatter Plot with Marginal Histograms

Objective

In this activity, we will make use of **GridSpec** to visualize a **scatter plot** with **marginal histograms** on the same figure.

```
# Import statements
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

%matplotlib inline
```

```
# Load dataset
data = pd.read_csv('./data/anage_data.csv')
```

Load data and filter the data

```
# Preprocessing
longevity = 'Maximum longevity (yrs)'
mass = 'Body mass (g)'
data = data[np.isfinite(data[longevity]) & np.isfinite(data[mass])]
# Sort according to class
aves = data[data['Class'] == 'Aves']
aves = data[data[mass] < 20000]
```




```
# Create figure
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8), dpi=150, constrained_layout=True)
```

```
# Create gridspec
```

```
gs = fig.add_gridspec(4, 4)
```

create a GridSpec of size 4x4

```
# Specify subplots
```

```
histx_ax = fig.add_subplot(gs[0, :-1])
```

```
histy_ax = fig.add_subplot(gs[1:, -1])
```

```
scatter_ax = fig.add_subplot(gs[1:, :-1])
```

specify the position of each subplot

```
# Create plots
```

```
scatter_ax.scatter(aves[mass], aves[longevity])
```

```
histx_ax.hist(aves[mass], bins=20, density=True)
```

```
histx_ax.set_xticks([])
```

```
histy_ax.hist(aves[longevity], bins=20, density=True, orientation='horizontal')
```

```
histy_ax.set_yticks([])
```

```
# Add labels and title
```

```
plt.xlabel('Body mass in grams')
```

```
plt.ylabel('Maximum longevity in years')
```

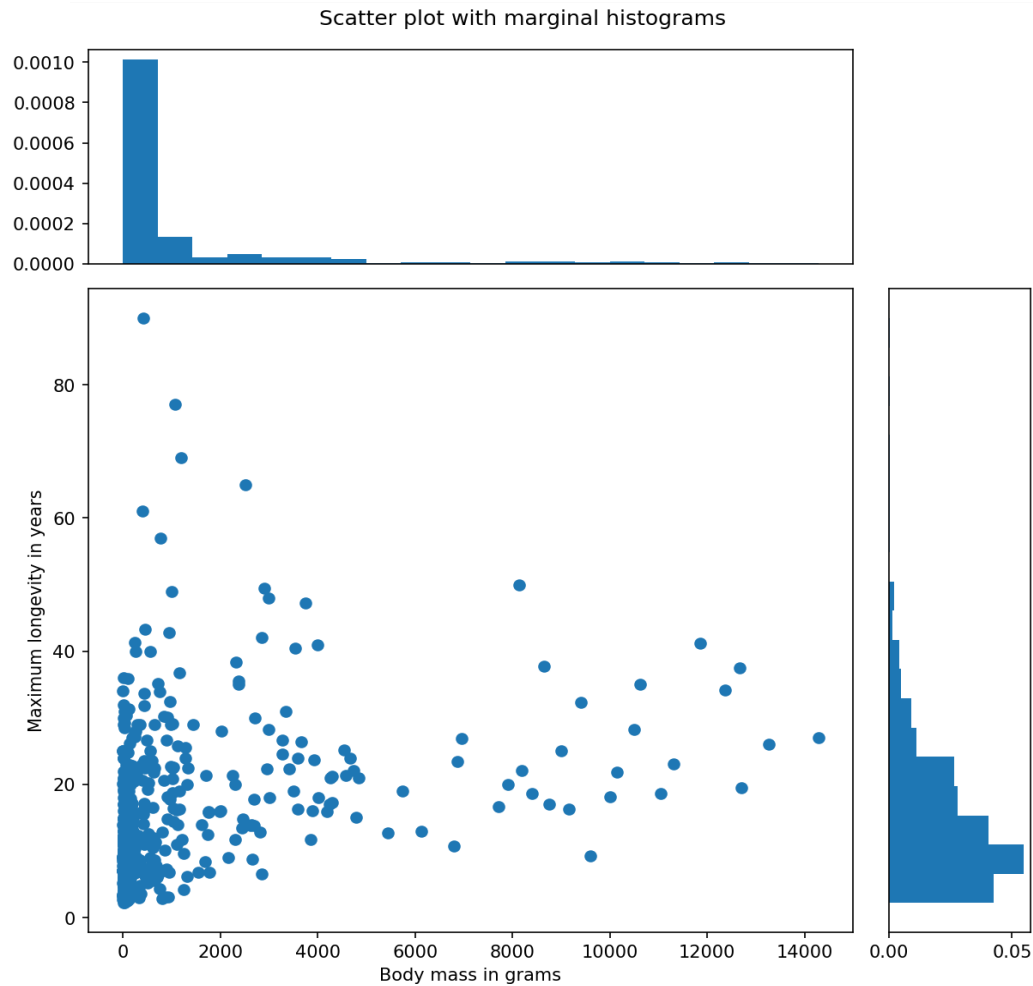
```
fig.suptitle('Scatter plot with marginal histograms')
```

```
# Show plot
```

```
plt.show()
```

create each subplot

Expected view



How to change the position of subplots?



Hands-on time

1. Using the code in **Activity 5**, understand how to create **histogram** and **box plots** to show the distribution of a variable. Execute the code and recreate the chart.
2. Using the code in **Activity 6**, understand how to create a **scatter plot** with multiple data series. Execute the code and recreate the chart.
3. Using the code in **Activity 7**, understand how to **create a grid** on a figure, and create subplot in the grid. Execute the code and recreate the chart.

Check here for the detailed descriptions of functions:

https://matplotlib.org/3.1.1/api/_as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.html

Summary





What we have learnt today?

A detailed introduction to Matplotlib – one of the most popular visualization libraries for Python.

Techniques we have learnt:

- Line chart
- Bar chart
- Stacked bar chart
- Stacked area chart
- Histogram
- Box plot
- Scatterplot
- Setting layout