

Visualization Library Documentation

Objective: Create a comprehensive documentation guide for 2 given Python visualization libraries: Matplotlib and Seaborn.

Matplotlib :

- Matplotlib is a foundational Python library for creating static, interactive, and animated visualizations.
- *Key Features:*
 1. Highly customizable (colors, fonts, axes, etc.)
 2. Supports a wide range of plot types (line, bar, scatter, histograms, etc.)
 3. Works well with NumPy and Pandas
- *Use Cases:* Exploratory data analysis (EDA), scientific plotting, publication-quality figures.

Graph types :-

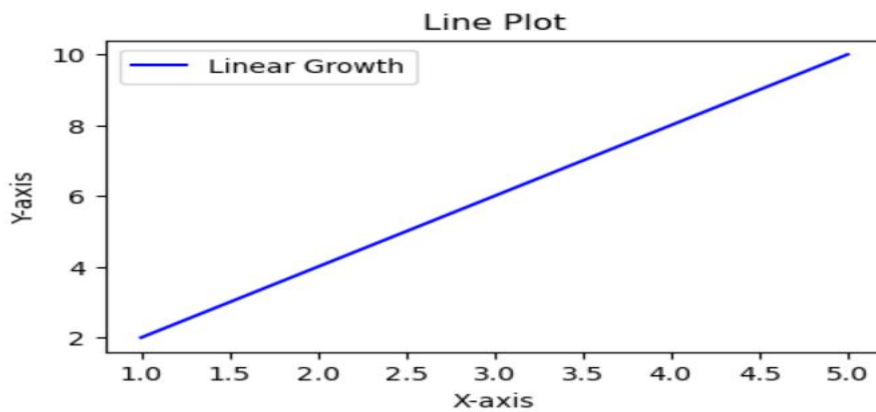
1. *Line Plot* -

- Displays data points connected by lines, suitable for showing trends over continuous intervals.
- Use Case - Tracking trends over time (e.g., stock prices, temperature changes).
- Code Snippet and Output -

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
y = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]

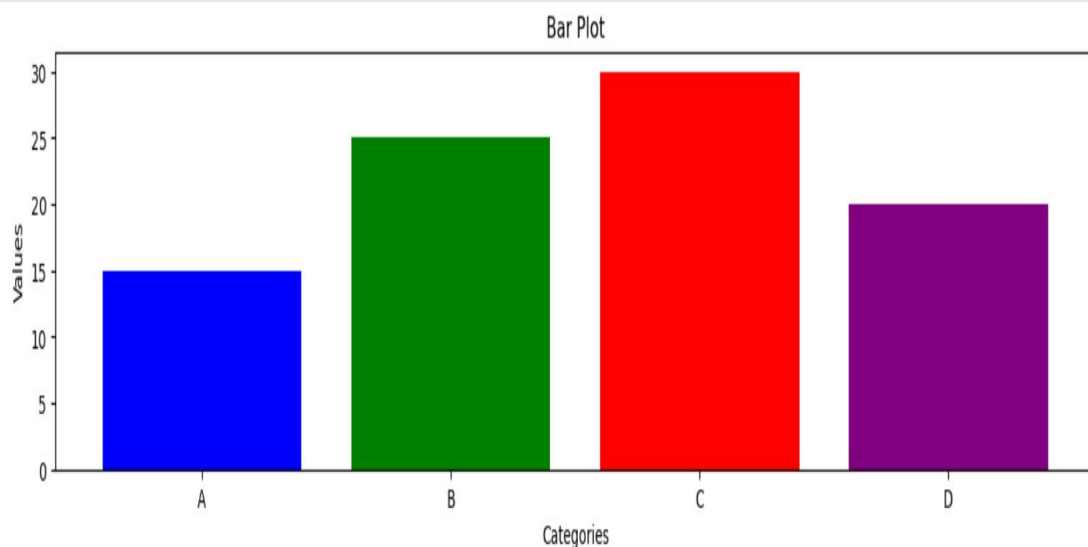
plt.figure(figsize=(5,3))
plt.plot(x, y, label='Linear Growth', color='blue', linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('X-axis')
plt.ylabel('Y-axis')
plt.title('Line Plot')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



2. Bar Plot -

- Displays data points connected by lines, suitable for showing trends over continuous intervals.
- Use Case - Tracking trends over time (e.g., stock prices, temperature changes).
- Code Snippet and Output -

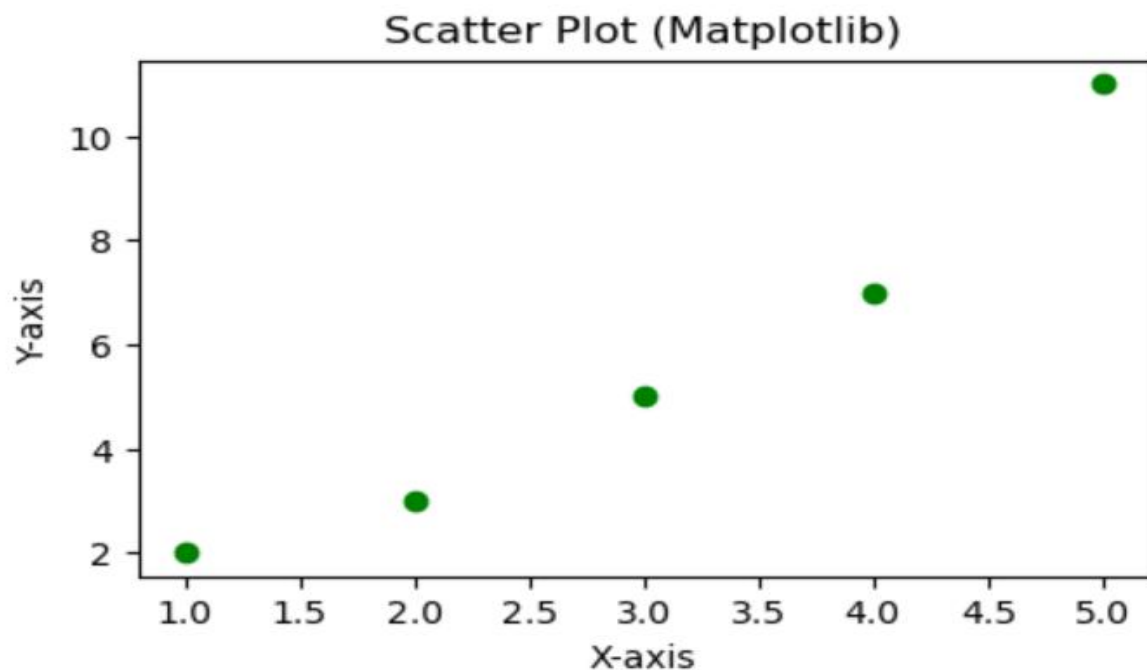
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categories = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D']  
values = [15, 25, 30, 20]  
plt.figure(figsize=(15,3))  
plt.bar(categories, values, color=['blue', 'green', 'red', 'purple'])  
plt.title('Bar Plot')  
plt.xlabel('Categories')  
plt.ylabel('Values')  
plt.show()
```



3. Scatter Plot -

- Illustrates the relationship between two variables using dots, useful for identifying correlations.
- Use Case: Relationship between two variables (e.g., height vs. weight).
- Code Snippet and Output -

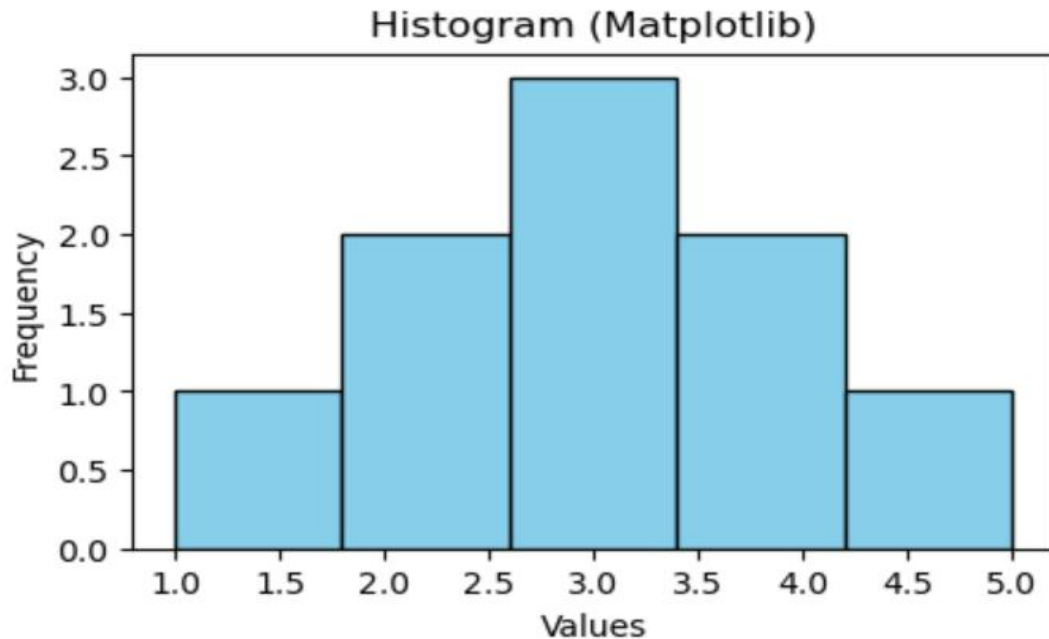
```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
y = [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]
plt.figure(figsize=(5,3))
plt.scatter(x, y, color='green', marker='o')
plt.title('Scatter Plot (Matplotlib)')
plt.xlabel('X-axis')
plt.ylabel('Y-axis')
plt.show()
```



4. Histogram -

- Shows the distribution of a single variable by grouping data into bins and displaying their frequencies.
- Use Case: Visualizing data distribution (e.g., age groups, exam scores).
- Code Snippet and Output -

```
data = [1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5]
plt.figure(figsize=(5,3))
plt.hist(data, bins=5, color='skyblue', edgecolor='black')
plt.title('Histogram (Matplotlib)')
plt.xlabel('Values')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.show()
```



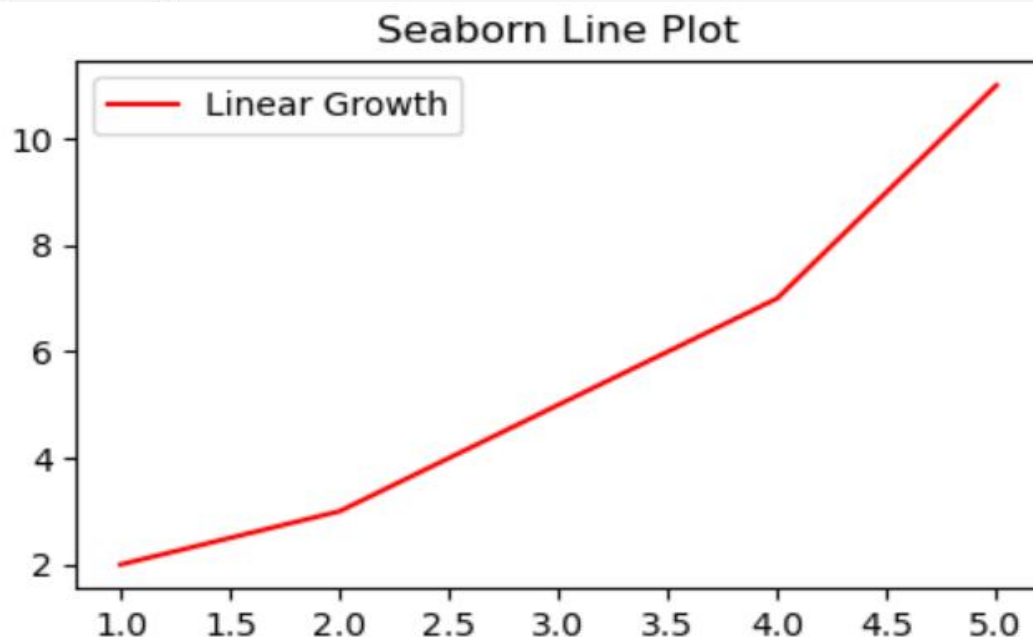
Seaborn :

- Seaborn is built on top of Matplotlib and provides a high-level interface for statistical graphics.
- *Key Features:*
 1. Better default styles and color palettes
 2. Built-in functions for complex visualizations (heatmaps, violin plots, etc.)
 3. Works seamlessly with Pandas DataFrames
- Use Cases: Statistical data visualization, correlation analysis, distribution plots.

1. Line Plot -

- Display the trend of a variable over a continuous interval, like time.
- Use Case: Tracking trends over time (e.g., stock prices, temperature changes).
- Code Snippet and Output -

```
import seaborn as sns
plt.figure(figsize=(5,3))
sns.lineplot(x=x, y=y, label='Linear Growth', color='red')
plt.title('Seaborn Line Plot')
plt.show()
```

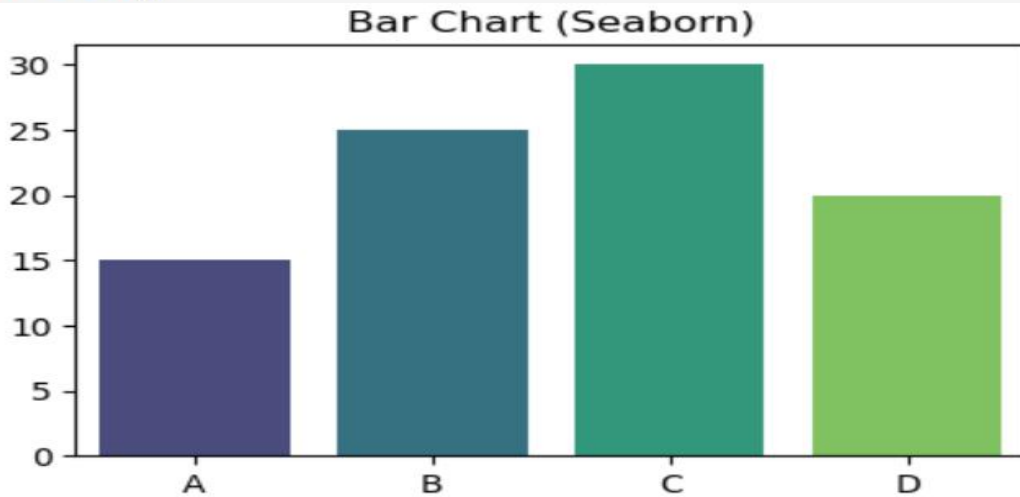


2. Bar Plot -

- Compare the means of different groups.
- Use Case: Comparing categories (e.g., sales by product).

➤ Code Snippet and Output -

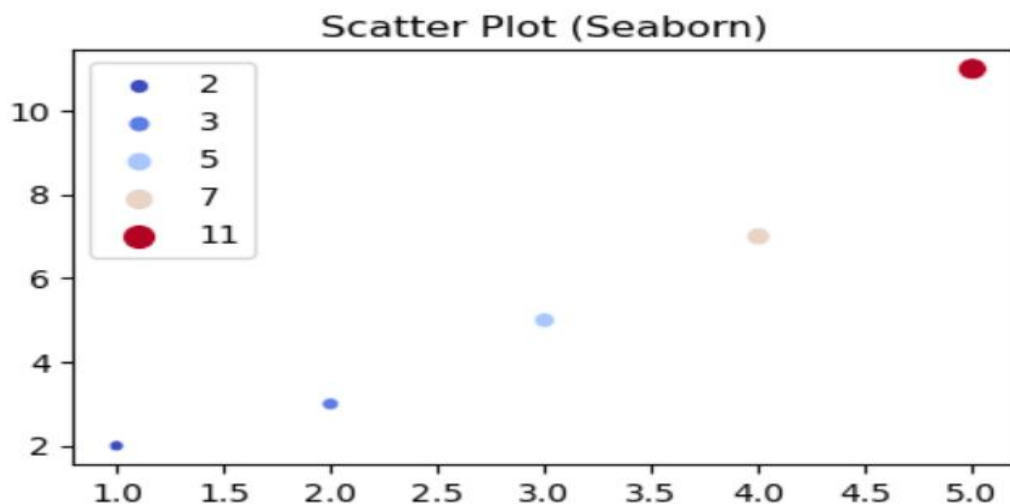
```
plt.figure(figsize=(5,3))
sns.barplot(x=categories, y=values, palette='viridis')
plt.title('Bar Chart (Seaborn)')
plt.show()
```



3. Scatter Plot -

- Show the relationship between two numerical variables.
- Use Case: Relationship between two variables (e.g., height vs. weight).
- Code Snippet and Output -

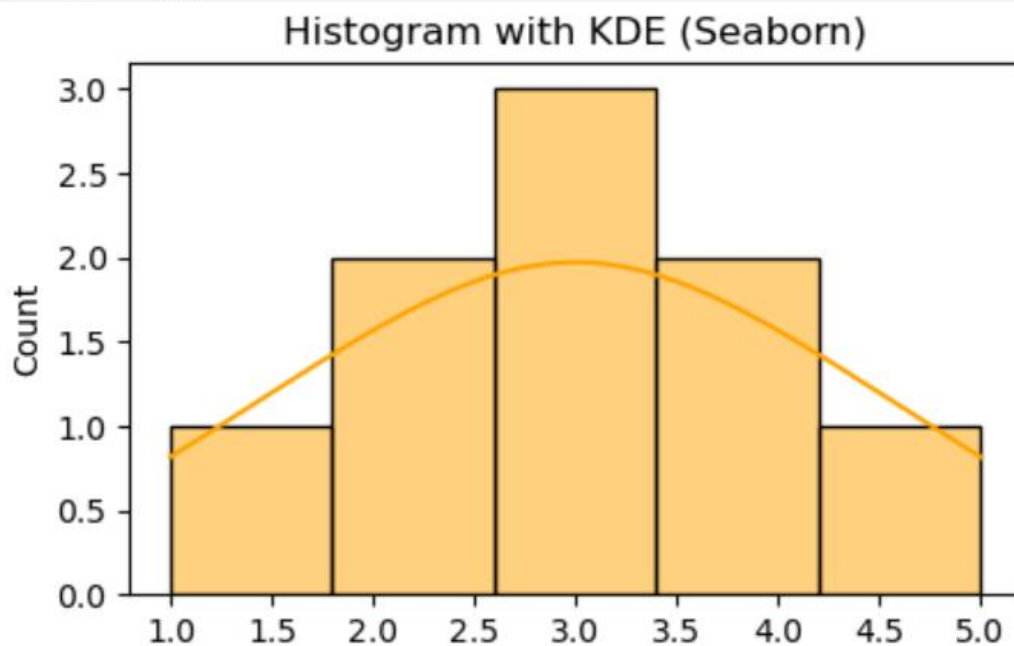
```
plt.figure(figsize=(5,3))
sns.scatterplot(x=x, y=y, hue=y, palette='coolwarm', size=y)
plt.title('Scatter Plot (Seaborn)')
plt.show()
```



4. Histogram -

- Show the frequency distribution of a single variable.
- Use Case: Visualizing data distribution (e.g., age groups, exam scores).
- Code Snippet and Output -

```
plt.figure(figsize=(5,3))  
sns.histplot(data, bins=5, kde=True, color='orange')  
plt.title('Histogram with KDE (Seaborn)')  
plt.show()
```



Comparison of Matplotlib and Seaborn :-

| Feature | Matplotlib | Seaborn |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <u>Ease of Use</u> | More verbose, requires manual tweaking | Simpler syntax, better defaults |
| <u>Customization</u> | Highly customizable | Limited compared to Matplotlib |
| <u>Interactivity</u> | Requires extra libraries (eg., mpld3) | Same as Matplotlib |
| <u>Best For</u> | Fine-tuned, publication-quality plots | Quick statistical visualizations |

When to Use Which?

- **Use Matplotlib** if they need full control over every element of the plot.
- **Use Seaborn** for quick, elegant statistical plots with minimal code.