# Chapter 1 - Matplotlib

Data Visualization is a key skill for aspiring data scientists. Matplotlib makes it easy to create meaningful and insightful plots. In this chapter, you will learn to build various types of plots and to customize them to make them more visually appealing and interpretable.

#### Line plot (1)

With matplotlib, you can create a bunch of different plots in Python. The most basic plot is the line plot. A general recipe is given here.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot(x,y)
plt.show()
```

In the video, you already saw how much the world population has grown over the past years. Will it continue to do so? The world bank has estimates of the world population for the years 1950 up to 2100. The years are loaded in your workspace as a list called year, and the corresponding populations as a list called pop

```
In [ ]: year = [x for x in range(1950, 2101)]
print(year)
```

[1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 210

```
In []: pop = [2.53, 2.57, 2.62, 2.67, 2.71, 2.76, 2.81, 2.86, 2.92, 2.97, 3.03, 3.08, 3.14, 3.2, 3.26, 3.33, 3.4, 3.47, 3.54, 3.62, 3.69,
```

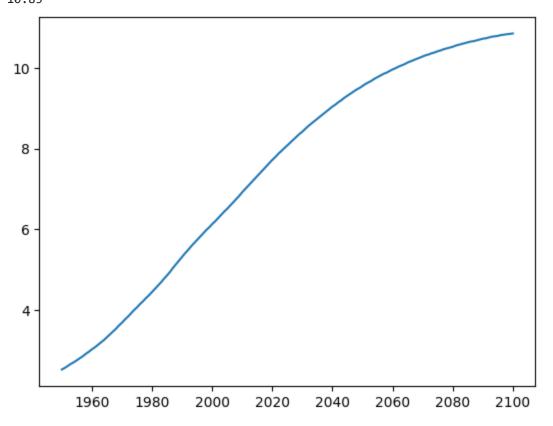
```
In []: # Print the last item from year and pop
print(year[-1])
print(pop[-1])

# Import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Make a line plot: year on the x-axis, pop on the y-axis
plt.plot(year, pop)
```

```
# Display the plot with plt.show()
plt.show() # no need to use plt.show() in jupyter notebook
```

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#### Line plot (2)

Now that you've built your first line plot, let's start working on the data that professor Hans Rosling used to build his beautiful bubble chart. It was collected in 2007. Two lists are available for you:

- life\_exp which contains the life expectancy for each country and
- gdp\_cap, which contains the GDP per capita (i.e. per person) for each country expressed in US Dollars.

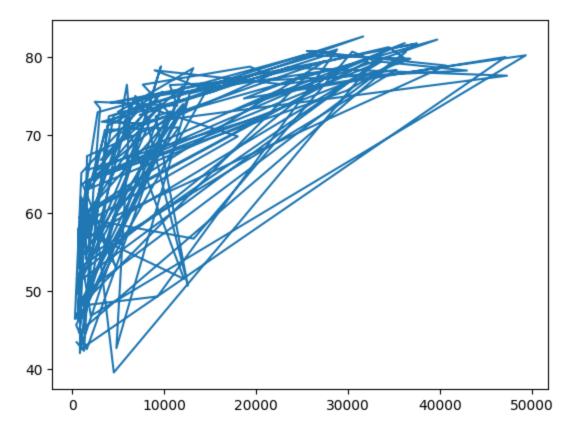
GDP stands for Gross Domestic Product. It basically represents the size of the economy of a country. Divide this by the population and you get the GDP per capita.

```
In [ ]: gdp_cap = [974.5803384, 5937.029525999998, 6223.367465, 4797.231267, 12779.37964, 34435.367439999995, 36126.4927, 29796.04834, 139
In [ ]: life_exp = [43.828, 76.423, 72.301, 42.731, 75.32, 81.235, 79.829, 75.635, 64.062, 79.441, 56.728, 65.554, 74.852, 50.728, 72.39,
```

```
In []: # Print the last item of gdp_cap and life_exp
print(gdp_cap[-1])
print(life_exp[-1])

# Make a line plot, gdp_cap on the x-axis, life_exp on the y-axis
plt.plot(gdp_cap, life_exp)
469.70929810000007
```

43.487
Out[]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1b755ce3830>]



Well done, but this doesn't look right. Let's build a plot that makes more sense.

# Scatter Plot (1)

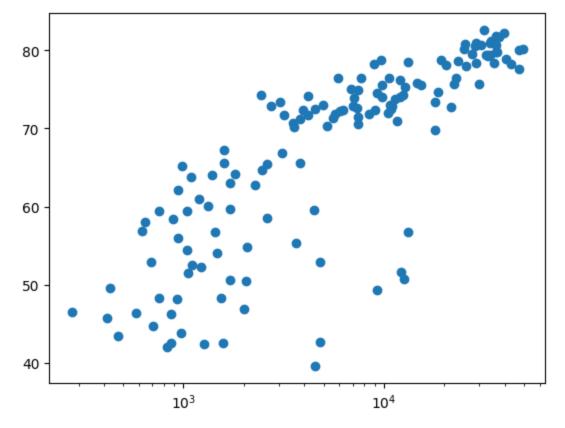
When you have a time scale along the horizontal axis, the line plot is your friend. But in many other cases, when you're trying to assess if there's a correlation between two variables, for example, the scatter plot is the better choice. Below is an example of how to build a scatter plot.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.scatter(x,y)
plt.show()
```

Let's continue with the gdp\_cap versus life\_exp plot, the GDP and life expectancy data for different countries in 2007. Maybe a scatter plot will be a better alternative?

```
In []: # Change the line plot below to a scatter plot
    plt.scatter(gdp_cap, life_exp)

# Put the x-axis on a logarithmic scale
    plt.xscale('log')
```



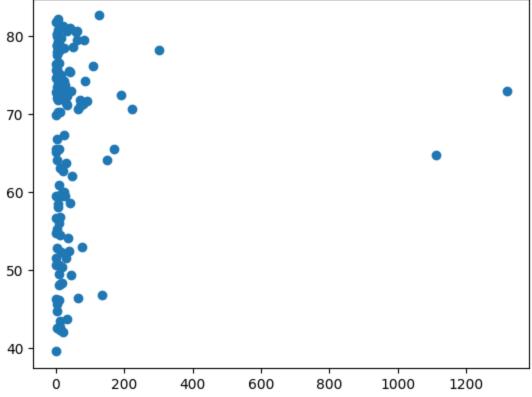
Great! That looks much better!

### Scatter plot (2)

In the previous exercise, you saw that that the higher GDP usually corresponds to a higher life expectancy. In other words, there is a positive correlation.

Do you think there's a relationship between population and life expectancy of a country? The list life\_exp from the previous exercise is already available. In addition, now also pop\_2007 is available, listing the corresponding populations for the countries in 2007. The populations are in millions of people.

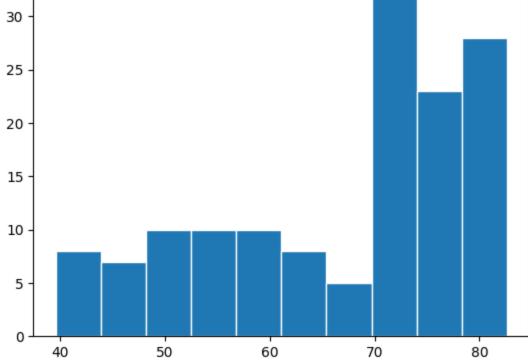
```
In []: len(life_exp)
Out[]: 142
In []: pop_2007 = [31.889923, 3.600523, 33.333216, 12.420476, 40.301927, 20.434176, 8.199783, 0.708573, 150.448339, 10.392226, 8.078314,
In []: len(pop_2007)
Out[]: 142
In []: # Build Scatter plot plt.scatter(pop_2007, life_exp)
Out[]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x1b759069220>
```



Nice! There's no clear relationship between population and life expectancy, which makes perfect sense.

# Build a histogram (1)

life\_exp, the list containing data on the life expectancy for different countries in 2007, is available To see how life expectancy in different countries is distributed, let's create a histogram of life\_exp.



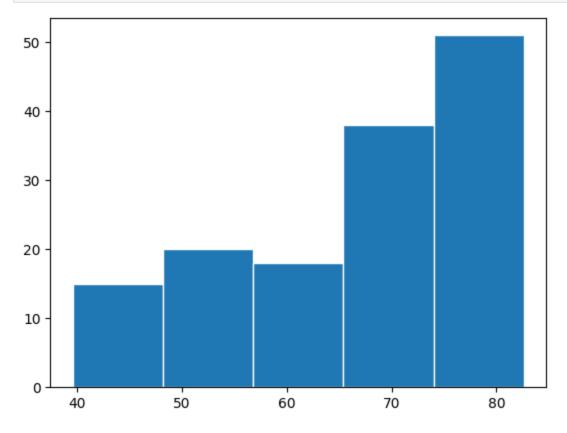
#### Build a histogram (2): bins

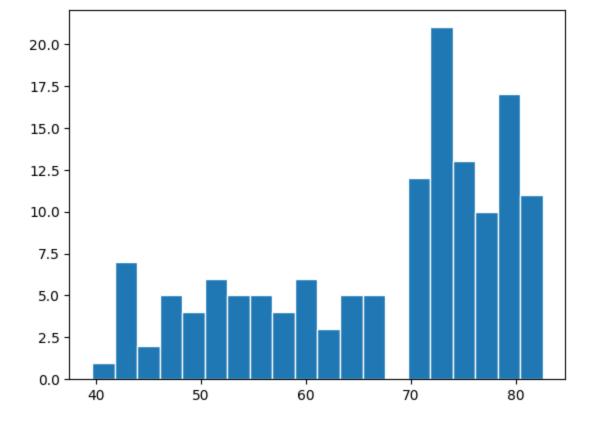
In the previous exercise, you didn't specify the number of bins. By default, Python sets the number of bins to 10 in that case. The number of bins is pretty important. Too few bins will oversimplify reality and won't show you the details. Too many bins will overcomplicate reality and won't show the bigger picture.

To control the number of bins to divide your data in, you can set the bins argument.

```
In []: # Build histogram with 5 bins
plt.hist(life_exp, bins = 5, ec='white')
plt.show()

# Build histogram with 20 bins
plt.hist(life_exp, bins = 20, ec='white')
plt.show()
```





# Build a histogram (3): compare

In the video, you saw population pyramids for the present day and for the future. Because we were using a histogram, it was very easy to make a comparison.

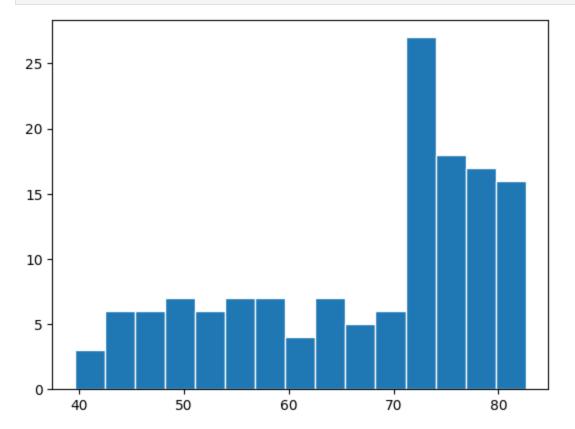
Let's do a similar comparison. life\_exp contains life expectancy data for different countries in 2007. You also have access to a second list now, life\_exp1950, containing similar data for 1950. Can you make a histogram for both datasets?

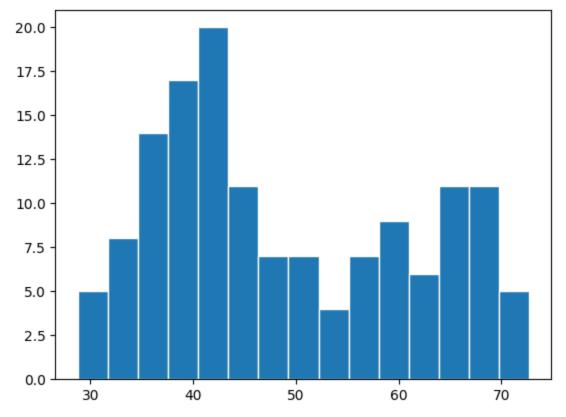
You'll again be making two plots. The plt.show() and plt.clf() commands to render everything nicely are already included.

```
In []: life_exp1950 = [28.8, 55.23, 43.08, 30.02, 62.48, 69.12, 66.8, 50.94, 37.48, 68.0, 38.22, 40.41, 53.82, 47.62, 50.92, 59.6, 31.98,
In []: # Histogram of Life_exp, 15 bins
plt.hist(life_exp, bins = 15, ec='white')

# Show and clear plot
plt.show()
plt.clf()
# Histogram of Life_exp1950, 15 bins
```

```
plt.hist(life_exp1950, bins = 15, ec='white')
# Show and clear plot again
plt.show()
plt.clf()
```





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#### Labels

It's time to customize your own plot. This is the fun part, you will see your plot come to life!

You're going to work on the scatter plot with world development data: GDP per capita on the x-axis (logarithmic scale), life expectancy on the y-axis.

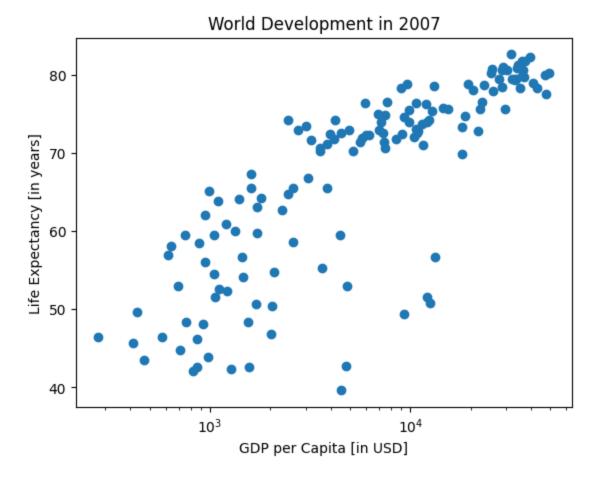
```
In []: # Basic scatter plot, log scale
plt.scatter(gdp_cap, life_exp)
plt.xscale('log')

# Strings
xlab = 'GDP per Capita [in USD]'
ylab = 'Life Expectancy [in years]'
title = 'World Development in 2007'

# Add axis labels
plt.xlabel(xlab)
plt.ylabel(ylab)
```

```
# Add title
plt.title(title)
```

Out[]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'World Development in 2007')



# Ticks

You could control the y-ticks by specifying two arguments:

```
plt.yticks([0,1,2], ["one","two","three"])
```

In this example, the ticks corresponding to the numbers 0, 1 and 2 will be replaced by one, two and three, respectively.

Let's do a similar thing for the x-axis of your world development chart, with the xticks() function. The tick values 1000, 10000 and 100000 should be replaced by 1k, 10k and 100k.

```
In [ ]: # Scatter plot
plt.scatter(gdp_cap, life_exp)
```

```
# Previous customizations
         plt.xscale('log')
         plt.xlabel('GDP per Capita [in USD]')
         plt.ylabel('Life Expectancy [in years]')
         plt.title('World Development in 2007')
         # Definition of tick_val and tick_lab
         tick_val = [1000, 10000, 100000]
         tick_lab = ['1k', '10k', '100k']
         # Adapt the ticks on the x-axis
         plt.xticks(tick_val, tick_lab)
         ([<matplotlib.axis.XTick at 0x1b7591128a0>,
Out[ ]:
           <matplotlib.axis.XTick at 0x1b75947b740>,
           <matplotlib.axis.XTick at 0x1b75947a960>],
          [Text(1000, 0, '1k'), Text(10000, 0, '10k'), Text(100000, 0, '100k')])
                                   World Development in 2007
            80
         Life Expectancy [in years]
            70
            60
```

10k

GDP per Capita [in USD]

100k

Great! Your plot is shaping up nicely!

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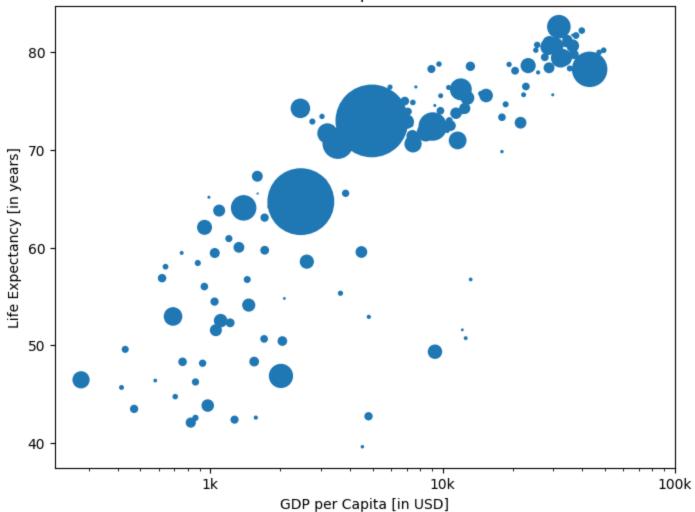
1k

#### Sizes

Right now, the scatter plot is just a cloud of blue dots, indistinguishable from each other. Let's change this. Wouldn't it be nice if the size of the dots corresponds to the population?

```
In [ ]: # Import numpy as np
        import numpy as np
        # Store pop_2017 as a numpy array: np_pop
        np_pop = np.array(pop_2007)
        # Double np_pop
        np_pop = np_pop * 2
        # Update: set s argument to np_pop
        plt.figure(figsize = (8, 6))
        plt.scatter(gdp_cap, life_exp, s = np_pop)
        # Previous customizations
        plt.xscale('log')
        plt.xlabel('GDP per Capita [in USD]')
        plt.ylabel('Life Expectancy [in years]')
        plt.title('World Development in 2007')
        plt.xticks([1000, 10000, 100000],['1k', '10k', '100k'])
        # Display the plot
        plt.show()
```

#### World Development in 2007



Bellissimo! Can you already tell which bubbles correspond to which countries?

#### **Colors**

The next step is making the plot more colorful! To do this, a list col has been created for you. It's a list with a color for each corresponding country, depending on the continent the country is part of.

How did we make the list col you ask? The Gapminder data contains a list continent with the continent each country belongs to. A dictionary is constructed that maps continents onto colors:

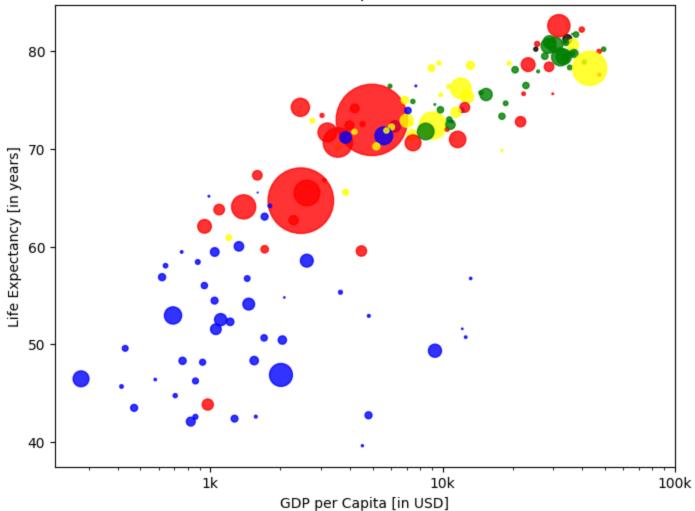
```
dict = {
    'Asia':'red',
    'Europe':'green',
```

```
'Africa':'blue',
'Americas':'yellow',
'Oceania':'black'
}
```

Nothing to worry about now; you will learn about dictionaries in the next chapter.

```
In []: col = ['red', 'green', 'blue', 'blue', 'yellow', 'black', 'green', 'red', 'red', 'green', 'blue', 'yellow', 'green', 'red', 'yellow', 'yellow',
```

#### World Development in 2007



Nice! This is looking more and more like Hans Rosling's plot!

#### **Additional Customizations**

If you have another look at the script, under # Additional Customizations, you'll see that there are two plt.text() functions now. They add the words "India" and "China" in the plot

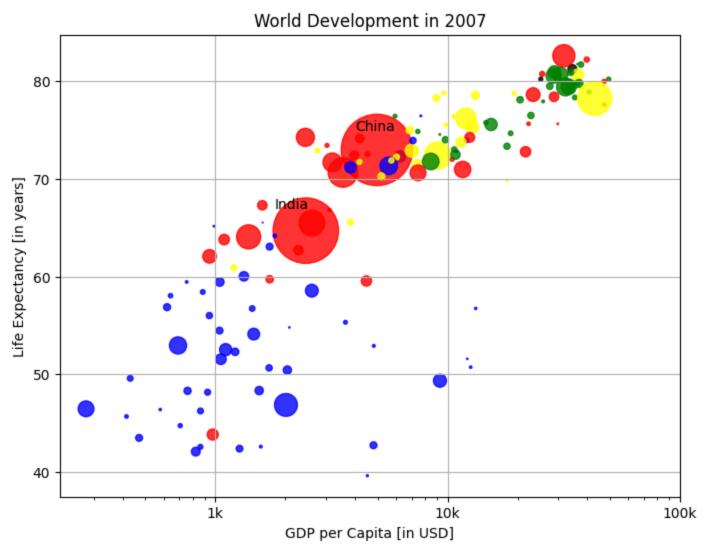
```
In []: # Scatter plot
plt.figure(figsize = (8, 6))
plt.scatter(x = gdp_cap, y = life_exp, s = np.array(pop_2007) * 2, c = col, alpha = 0.8)

# Previous customizations
plt.xscale('log')
plt.xlabel('GDP per Capita [in USD]')
```

```
plt.ylabel('Life Expectancy [in years]')
plt.title('World Development in 2007')
plt.xticks([1000,10000,100000], ['1k','10k','100k'])

# Additional customizations
plt.text(1800, 67, 'India')
plt.text(4000, 75, 'China')

# Add grid() call
plt.grid(True)
```



Beautiful! A visualization only makes sense if you can interpret it properly. Let's do that in the next exercise.

# Interpretation

If you have a look at your colorful plot, it's clear that people live longer in countries with a higher GDP per capita. No high income countries have really short life expectancy, and no low income countries have very long life expectancy. Still, there is a huge difference in life expectancy between countries on the same income level. Most people live in middle income countries where difference in lifespan is huge between countries; depending on how income is distributed and how it is used.

#### What can you say about the plot?

The countries in blue, corresponding to Africa, have both low life expectancy and a low GDP per capita.

Correct! Up to the next chapter, on dictionaries!

# **Chapter 2 - Dictionaries & Pandas**

Learn about the dictionary, an alternative to the Python list, and the Pandas DataFrame, the de facto standard to work with tabular data in Python. You will get hands-on practice with creating, manipulating and accessing the information you need from these data structures.

#### Motivation for dictionaries

To see why dictionaries are useful, have a look at the two lists defined below. countries contains the names of some European countries. capitals lists the corresponding names of their capital.

```
In []: # Definition of countries and capital
    countries = ['spain', 'france', 'germany', 'norway']
    capitals = ['madrid', 'paris', 'berlin', 'oslo']

# Get index of 'germany': ind_ger
    ind_ger = countries.index('germany')

# Use ind_ger to print out capital of Germany
    print(capitals[ind_ger])
```

berlin

it's not very convenient. Head over to the next exercise to create a dictionary of this data.

### **Create dictionary**

The countries and capitals lists are again available. It's your job to convert this data to a dictionary where the country names are the keys and the capitals are the corresponding values. As a refresher, here is a recipe for creating a dictionary:

```
my_dict = {
    "key1":"value1",
    "key2":"value2",
}
```

In this recipe, both the keys and the values are strings. This will also be the case for this exercise.

```
In []: # From string in countries and capitals, create dictionary europe
    europe = { 'spain':'madrid', 'france':'paris', 'germany':'berlin', 'norway':'oslo' }

# Print europe
    print(europe)

{'spain': 'madrid', 'france': 'paris', 'germany': 'berlin', 'norway': 'oslo'}
```

Great! Now that you've built your first dictionaries, let's get serious!

#### **Access dictionary**

If the keys of a dictionary are chosen wisely, accessing the values in a dictionary is easy and intuitive. For example, to get the capital for France from europe you can use:

europe['france']

Here, 'france' is the key and 'paris' the value is returned.

```
In []: # Print out the keys in europe
print(europe.keys())

# Print out value that belongs to key 'norway'
print(europe['norway'])

dict_keys(['spain', 'france', 'germany', 'norway'])
oslo
```

Good job, now you're warmed up for some more.

#### **Dictionary Manipulation (1)**

If you know how to access a dictionary, you can also assign a new value to it. To add a new key-value pair to europe you can use something like this:

```
europe['iceland'] = 'reykjavik'
```

```
In [ ]: # Add italy to europe
   europe['italy'] = 'rome'
```

```
# Print out italy in europe
print('italy' in europe)
# Add poland to europe
europe['poland'] = 'warsaw'
# Print europe
print(europe)
True
```

Well done! Europe is growing by the minute! Did you notice that the order of the printout is not the same as the order in the dictionary's definition? That's because dictionaries are inherently unordered.

{'spain': 'madrid', 'france': 'paris', 'germany': 'berlin', 'norway': 'oslo', 'italy': 'rome', 'poland': 'warsaw'}

#### **Dictionary Manipulation (2)**

Somebody thought it would be funny to mess with your accurately generated dictionary. An adapted version of the europe dictionary is available

Can you clean up? Do not do this by adapting the definition of europe, but by adding Python commands to update and remove key:value pairs.

Great job! That's much better!

#### Dictionariception

Remember lists? They could contain anything, even other lists. Well, for dictionaries the same holds. Dictionaries can contain key:value pairs where the values are again dictionaries.

As an example, have a look at the script where another version of europe - the dictionary you've been working with all along - is coded. The keys are still the country names, but the values are dictionaries that contain more information than just the capital.

It's perfectly possible to chain square brackets to select elements. To fetch the population for Spain from europe, for example, you need:

europe['spain']['population']

```
In [ ]: # Dictionary of dictionaries
        europe = { 'spain': { 'capital':'madrid', 'population':46.77 },
                    'france': { 'capital':'paris', 'population':66.03 },
                    'germany': { 'capital':'berlin', 'population':80.62 },
                   'norway': { 'capital':'oslo', 'population':5.084 } }
        # Print out the capital of France
        print(europe['france']['capital'])
        # Create sub-dictionary data
        data = {'capital':'rome', 'population':59.83}
        # Add data to europe under key 'italy'
        europe['italy'] = data
        # Print europe
        print(europe)
        paris
        {'spain': {'capital': 'madrid', 'population': 46.77}, 'france': {'capital': 'paris', 'population': 66.03}, 'germany': {'capital':
        'berlin', 'population': 80.62}, 'norway': {'capital': 'oslo', 'population': 5.084}, 'italy': {'capital': 'rome', 'population': 5
        9.83}}
```

Great! It's time to learn about a new data structure!

#### Dictionary to DataFrame (1)

Pandas is an open source library, providing high-performance, easy-to-use data structures and data analysis tools for Python. Sounds promising!

The DataFrame is one of Pandas' most important data structures. It's basically a way to store tabular data where you can label the rows and the columns. One way to build a DataFrame is from a dictionary.

In the exercises that follow you will be working with vehicle data from different countries. Each observation corresponds to a country and the columns give information about the number of vehicles per capita, whether people drive left or right, and so on.

Three lists are defined in the script:

- names, containing the country names for which data is available.
- dr, a list with booleans that tells whether people drive left or right in the corresponding country.
- cpc, the number of motor vehicles per 1000 people in the corresponding country.

Each dictionary key is a column label and each value is a list which contains the column elements.

```
In []: # Pre-defined Lists
    names = ['United States', 'Australia', 'Japan', 'India', 'Russia', 'Morocco', 'Egypt']
    dr = [True, False, False, False, True, True]
    cpc = [809, 731, 588, 18, 200, 70, 45]

# Import pandas as pd
    import pandas as pd

# Create dictionary my_dict with three key:value pairs: my_dict
    my_dict = {'country': names, 'drives_right': dr, 'cars_per_cap': cpc}

# Build a DataFrame cars from my_dict: cars
    cars = pd.DataFrame(my_dict)

# Print cars
    cars
```

Out[ ]:		country	drives_right	cars_per_cap
	0	United States	True	809
	1	Australia	False	731
	2	Japan	False	588
	3	India	False	18
	4	Russia	True	200
	5	Morocco	True	70
	6	Egypt	True	45

Good job! Notice that the columns of cars can be of different types. This was not possible with 2D Numpy arrays!

#### Dictionary to DataFrame (2)

Have you noticed above that the row labels (i.e. the labels for the different observations) were automatically set to integers from 0 up to 6?

To solve this a list row\_labels has been created. You can use it to specify the row labels of the cars DataFrame. You do this by setting the index attribute of cars, that you can access as cars.index.

```
In []: # Definition of row_labels
row_labels = ['US', 'AUS', 'JAP', 'IN', 'RU', 'MOR', 'EG']

# Specify row labels of cars
cars.index = row_labels
```

```
# Print cars
```

Out[ ]:	country		drives_right	cars_per_cap
	US	United States	True	809
	AUS	Australia	False	731
	JAP	Japan	False	588
	IN	India	False	18
	RU	Russia	True	200
	MOR	Morocco	True	70
	EG	Egypt	True	45

Nice! That looks much better already!

#### CSV to DataFrame (1)

Putting data in a dictionary and then building a DataFrame works, but it's not very efficient. What if you're dealing with millions of observations? In those cases, the data is typically available as files with a regular structure. One of those file types is the CSV file, which is short for "commaseparated values".

To import CSV data into Python as a Pandas DataFrame you can use read\_csv().

Let's explore this function with the same cars data from the previous exercises. This time, however, the data is available in a CSV file, named cars.csv. It is available in your current working directory, so the path to the file is simply 'cars.csv'.

```
In []: # Import the cars.csv data: cars
    cars = pd.read_csv('cars.csv')

# Print out cars
    cars
```

```
FileNotFoundError
                                          Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[35], line 2
     1 # Import the cars.csv data: cars
----> 2 cars = pd.read_csv('cars.csv')
     4 # Print out cars
      5 cars
File c:\Users\yeiso\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python312\Lib\site-packages\pandas\io\parsers\readers.py:948, in read csv(filep
ath_or_buffer, sep, delimiter, header, names, index_col, usecols, dtype, engine, converters, true_values, false_values, skipiniti
alspace, skiprows, skipfooter, nrows, na values, keep default na, na filter, verbose, skip blank lines, parse dates, infer dateti
me format, keep date col, date parser, date format, dayfirst, cache dates, iterator, chunksize, compression, thousands, decimal,
lineterminator, quotechar, quoting, doublequote, escapechar, comment, encoding, encoding_errors, dialect, on_bad_lines, delim_whi
tespace, low_memory, memory_map, float_precision, storage_options, dtype_backend)
   935 kwds_defaults = refine defaults read(
   936
            dialect,
   937
            delimiter,
   (\ldots)
   944
            dtype backend=dtype_backend,
   945 )
   946 kwds.update(kwds_defaults)
--> 948 return read(filepath or buffer, kwds)
File c:\Users\yeiso\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python312\Lib\site-packages\pandas\io\parsers\readers.py:611, in _read(filepath
or buffer, kwds)
    608 validate names(kwds.get("names", None))
   610 # Create the parser.
--> 611 parser = TextFileReader(filepath or buffer, **kwds)
    613 if chunksize or iterator:
    614
            return parser
File c:\Users\yeiso\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python312\Lib\site-packages\pandas\io\parsers\readers.py:1448, in TextFileReade
r. init (self, f, engine, **kwds)
  1445
            self.options["has index names"] = kwds["has index names"]
  1447 self.handles: IOHandles | None = None
-> 1448 self._engine = self._make_engine(f, self.engine)
File c:\Users\yeiso\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python312\Lib\site-packages\pandas\io\parsers\readers.py:1705, in TextFileReade
r._make_engine(self, f, engine)
  1703
           if "b" not in mode:
               mode += "b"
  1704
-> 1705 self.handles = get handle(
           f,
  1706
  1707
            mode,
  1708
            encoding=self.options.get("encoding", None),
  1709
            compression=self.options.get("compression", None),
           memory map=self.options.get("memory map", False),
  1710
  1711
           is text=is text.
            errors=self.options.get("encoding_errors", "strict"),
  1712
```

```
1713
            storage_options=self.options.get("storage_options", None),
  1714 )
  1715 assert self.handles is not None
   1716 f = self.handles.handle
File c:\Users\yeiso\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python312\Lib\site-packages\pandas\io\common.py:863, in get_handle(path_or_buf,
mode, encoding, compression, memory_map, is_text, errors, storage_options)
    858 elif isinstance(handle, str):
            # Check whether the filename is to be opened in binary mode.
    859
            # Binary mode does not support 'encoding' and 'newline'.
    860
    861
            if ioargs.encoding and "b" not in ioargs.mode:
    862
                # Encoding
--> 863
                handle = open(
    864
                    handle,
    865
                    ioargs.mode,
    866
                    encoding=ioargs.encoding,
    867
                    errors=errors,
    868
                    newline="",
    869
    870
            else:
    871
                # Binary mode
    872
                handle = open(handle, ioargs.mode)
FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: 'cars.csv'
```

Nice job! Looks nice, but not exactly what we expected. Let's fix this in the next exercise.

#### CSV to DataFrame (2)

Your read\_csv() call to import the CSV data didn't generate an error, but the output is not entirely what we wanted. The row labels were imported as another column without a name.

Remember index\_col, an argument of read\_csv(), that you can use to specify which column in the CSV file should be used as a row label? Well, that's exactly what you need here!

```
In []: # Fix import by including index_col
    cars = pd.read_csv('cars.csv', index_col = 0)
# Print out cars
    cars
```

	cars_per_cap	country	drives_right
US	809	United States	True
AUS	731	Australia	False
JAP	588	Japan	False
IN	18	India	False
RU	200	Russia	True
MOR	70	Morocco	True
EG	45	Egypt	True

That's much better!

# **Square Brackets (1)**

You saw that you can index and select Pandas DataFrames in many different ways. The simplest, but not the most powerful way, is to use square brackets.

To select only the cars\_per\_cap column from cars, you can use:

```
cars['cars_per_cap']
cars[['cars_per_cap']]
```

The single bracket version gives a Pandas Series, the double bracket version gives a Pandas DataFrame.

US AUS JAP IN RU MOR EG Name:	F	ralia Japan India Russia Procco Egypt	object
	countr	у	
US	United State	?S	
AUS	Australi	a	
JAP	Japan		
IN	India		
RU	Russia		
MOR	Morocc	0	
EG	Едур	ot	
	countr	y drive	s_right
US	United State	es	True
AUS	Australi	a	False
JAP	Japa	n	False
IN	Indi	a	False
RU	Russi	а	True

# Square Brackets (2)

Morocco

Egypt

Square brackets can do more than just selecting columns. You can also use them to get rows, or observations, from a DataFrame. The following call selects the first five rows from the cars DataFrame:

cars[0:5]

MOR

EG

The result is another DataFrame containing only the rows you specified.

True

True

Pay attention: You can only select rows using square brackets if you specify a slice, like 0:4. Also, you're using the integer indexes of the rows here, not the row labels!

	cars_per_cap	country	drives_right
US	809	United States	True
AUS	731	Australia	False
JAP	588	Japan	False

	cars_per_cap	country	drives_right
IN	18	India	False
RU	200	Russia	True
MOR	70	Morocco	True

Good job. You can get interesting information, but using square brackets to do indexing is rather limited. Experiment with more advanced techniques in the following exercises.

#### loc and iloc (1)

With loc and iloc you can do practically any data selection operation on DataFrames you can think of. loc is label-based, which means that you have to specify rows and columns based on their row and column labels. iloc is integer index based, so you have to specify rows and columns by their integer index like you did in the previous exercise.

Try out the following commands in the IPython Shell to experiment with loc and iloc to select observations. Each pair of commands here gives the same result.

```
cars.loc['RU']
cars.iloc[4]

cars.loc[['RU']]
cars.iloc[[4]]

cars.loc[['RU', 'AUS']]
cars.iloc[[4, 1]]
```

```
In [ ]: cars
```

	cars_per_cap	country	drives_right
US	809	United States	True
AUS	731	Australia	False
JAP	588	Japan	False
IN	18	India	False
RU	200	Russia	True
MOR	70	Morocco	True
EG	45	Egypt	True

```
In [ ]: # Print out observation for Japan
         cars.loc['JAP']
         # Print out observations for Australia and Egypt
         cars.loc[['AUS', 'EG']]
        cars_per_cap
                           588
         country
                         Japan
        drives_right
                         False
        Name: JAP, dtype: object
              cars_per_cap country drives_right
         AUS
                      731 Australia
                                         False
          EG
                      45
                            Egypt
                                         True
```

You aced selecting observations from DataFrames; over to selecting both rows and columns!

# loc and iloc (2)

loc and iloc also allow you to select both rows and columns from a DataFrame. To experiment, try out the following commands. Again, paired commands produce the same result.

```
cars.loc['IN', 'cars_per_cap']
cars.iloc[3, 0]

cars.loc[['IN', 'RU'], 'cars_per_cap']
cars.iloc[[3, 4], 0]
```

Great! You might wonder if you can also combine label-based selection the loc way and index-based selection the iloc way. You can! It's done with ix, but we won't go into that here.

#### loc and iloc (3)

It's also possible to select only columns with loc and iloc. In both cases, you simply put a slice going from beginning to end in front of the comma:

```
cars.loc[:, 'country']
         cars.iloc[:, 1]
         cars.loc[:, ['country', 'drives_right']]
         cars.iloc[:, [1, 2]]
In [ ]: # Print out drives_right column as Series
        cars.loc[:, 'drives_right']
        # Print out drives right column as DataFrame
        cars.loc[:,['drives_right']]
        # Print out cars_per_cap and drives_right as DataFrame
        cars.loc[:, ['cars_per_cap', 'drives_right']]
        US
                True
        AUS
               False
        JAP
               False
        ΙN
               False
                True
        RU
        MOR
                True
        EG
                True
        Name: drives_right, dtype: bool
```

	drives_right
US	True
AUS	False
JAP	False
IN	False
RU	True
MOR	True
EG	True

	cars_per_cap	drives_right
US	809	True
AUS	731	False
JAP	588	False
IN	18	False
RU	200	True
MOR	70	True
EG	45	True

What a drill on indexing and selecting data from Pandas DataFrames! You've done great! It's time to head over to chapter 3 to learn all about logic, control flow, and filtering!

# Chapter 3 - Logic, Control Flow and Filtering

Boolean logic is the foundation of decision-making in your Python programs. Learn about different comparison operators, how you can combine them with boolean operators and how to use the boolean outcomes in control structures. You'll also learn to filter data from Pandas DataFrames using logic.

# **Equality**

To check if two Python values, or variables, are equal you can use ==. To check for inequality, you need !=. As a refresher, have a look at the following examples that all result in True.

```
2 == (1 + 1)

"intermediate" != "python"

True != False

"Python" != "python" When you write these comparisons in a script, you will need to wrap a print() function around them to see the output.
```

```
In [ ]: # Comparison of booleans
print(True == False)

# Comparison of integers
print(-5*15 != 75)

# Comparison of strings
print("pyscript" == "PyScript")

# Compare a boolean with an integer
print(True == 1)
False
True
False
True
False
True
False
True
```

The last comparison worked fine because actually, a boolean is a special kind of integer: True corresponds to 1, False corresponds to 0

#### Greater and less than

You know about the less than and greater than signs, < and > in Python. You can combine them with an equals sign: <= and >=. Pay attention: <= is valid syntax, but =< is not.

All Python expressions in the following code chunk evaluate to True:

```
3 < 4
3 <= 4
"alpha" <= "beta"
```

Remember that for string comparison, Python determines the relationship based on alphabetical order

```
In []: # Comparison of integers
x = -3 * 6
print(x >= -10)

# Comparison of strings
y = "test"
```

```
print("test" <= y)

# Comparison of booleans
print(True > False)
False
```

#### **Compare arrays**

True True

Out of the box, you can also use comparison operators with Numpy arrays.

Remember areas, the list of area measurements for different rooms in your house from the previous course? This time there's two Numpy arrays: my\_house and your\_house. They both contain the areas for the kitchen, living room, bedroom and bathroom in the same order, so you can compare them.

```
In []: # Create arrays
import numpy as np
my_house = np.array([18.0, 20.0, 10.75, 9.50])
your_house = np.array([14.0, 24.0, 14.25, 9.0])

# my_house greater than or equal to 18
print(my_house >= 18)

# my_house less than your_house
print(my_house < your_house)

[ True True False False]</pre>
```

Good job. It appears that the living room and bedroom in my\_house are smaller than the corresponding areas in your\_house.

#### and, or, not (1)

[False True True False]

A boolean is either 1 or 0, True or False. With boolean operators such as and, or and not, you can combine these booleans to perform more advanced queries on your data.

```
In []: # Define variables
    my_kitchen = 18.0
    your_kitchen = 14.0

# my_kitchen bigger than 10 and smaller than 18?
    print(my_kitchen > 10 and my_kitchen > 18)

# my_kitchen smaller than 14 or bigger than 17?
    print(my_kitchen < 14 or my_kitchen > 17)
```

```
# Double my_kitchen smaller than triple your_kitchen?
print(my_kitchen*2 < your_kitchen*3)</pre>
```

False True True

#### and, or, not (2)

To see if you completely understood the boolean operators, have a look at the following piece of Python code:

```
x = 8
y = 9
not(not(x < 3) and not(y > 14 or y > 10))
```

What will the result be if you execute these three commands in the IPython Shell?

NB: Notice that not has a higher priority than and or, it is executed first.

#### **False**

Correct! x < 3 is False. y > 14 or y > 10 is False as well. If you continue working like this, simplifying from inside outwards, you'll end up with False.

#### **Boolean operators with Numpy**

Before, the operational operators like < and >= worked with Numpy arrays out of the box. Unfortunately, this is not true for the boolean operators and, or, and not.

To use these operators with Numpy, you will need np.logical\_and(), np.logical\_or() and np.logical\_not(). Here's an example on the my\_house and your\_house arrays from before to give you an idea:

Correcto perfecto!

[False False False True]

It's time to take a closer look around in your house.

Two variables are defined in the sample code: room, a string that tells you which room of the house we're looking at, and area, the area of that room.

```
In []: # Define variables
    room = "kit"
    area = 14.0

# if statement for room
    if room == "kit" :
        print("looking around in the kitchen.")

# if statement for area
    if area >15:
        print('big place!')
```

looking around in the kitchen.

Great! big place! wasn't printed, because area > 15 is not True. Experiment with other values of room and area to see how the printouts change.

#### Add else

The if construct for room has been extended with an else statement so that "looking around elsewhere." is printed if the condition room == "kit" evaluates to False.

Can you do a similar thing to add more functionality to the if construct for area?

```
In [ ]: # if-else construct for room
    if room == "kit" :
        print("looking around in the kitchen.")
    else :
        print("looking around elsewhere.")

# if-else construct for area
    if area > 15 :
        print("big place!")
    else:
        print("pretty small.")
```

looking around in the kitchen. pretty small.

Nice! Again, feel free to play around with different values of room and area some more. After, head over to the next exercise where you'll take this customization one step further!

#### Customize further: elif

It's also possible to have a look around in the bedroom. The sample code contains an elif part that checks if room equals "bed". In that case, "looking around in the bedroom." is printed out.

It's up to you now! Make a similar addition to the second control structure to further customize the messages for different values of area.

looking around in the kitchen. medium size, nice!

### Driving right (1)

Remember that cars dataset, containing the cars per 1000 people (cars\_per\_cap) and whether people drive right (drives\_right) for different countries (country)?

Let's start simple and try to find all observations in cars where drives\_right is True.

drives\_right is a boolean column, so you'll have to extract it as a Series and then use this boolean Series to select observations from cars.

```
In []: # Import cars data
import pandas as pd
cars = pd.read_csv('cars.csv', index_col = 0)

# Extract drives_right column as Series: dr
dr = cars['drives_right']

# Use dr to subset cars: sel
sel = cars[dr]

# Print sel
print(sel)
```

	cars_per_cap	country	drives_right
US	809	United States	True
RU	200	Russia	True
MOR	70	Morocco	True
EG	45	Egypt	True

## Driving right (2)

The code in the previous example worked fine, but you actually unnecessarily created a new variable dr. You can achieve the same result without this intermediate variable. Put the code that computes dr straight into the square brackets that select observations from cars

```
In [ ]: cars[cars['drives_right']]
```

	cars_per_cap	country	drives_right
US	809	United States	True
RU	200	Russia	True
MOR	70	Morocco	True
EG	45	Egypt	True

# Cars per capita (1)

Let's stick to the cars data some more. This time you want to find out which countries have a high cars per capita figure. In other words, in which countries do many people have a car, or maybe multiple cars.

Similar to the previous example, you'll want to build up a boolean Series, that you can then use to subset the cars DataFrame to select certain observations. If you want to do this in a one-liner, that's perfectly fine!

```
In []: # Create car_maniac: observations that have a cars_per_cap over 500
    cpc = cars['cars_per_cap']
    #many_cars = cars[cpc > 500]
    car_maniac = cars[cars['cars_per_cap'] > 500]

# Print car_maniac
    car_maniac
```

	cars_per_cap	country	drives_right
US	809	United States	True
AUS	731	Australia	False
JAP	588	Japan	False

```
In [ ]: cars[cars['cars_per_cap'] > 500]
```

drives_right	country	cars_per_cap	
True	United States	809	US
False	Australia	731	AUS
False	Japan	588	JAP

Good job! The output shows that the US, Australia and Japan have a cars\_per\_cap of over 500.

In [ ]: cars

	cars_per_cap	country	drives_right
US	809	United States	True
AUS	731	Australia	False
JAP	588	Japan	False
IN	18	India	False
RU	200	Russia	True
MOR	70	Morocco	True
EG	45	Egypt	True

# Cars per capita (2)

Remember about np.logical\_and(), np.logical\_or() and np.logical\_not(), the Numpy variants of the and, or and not operators? You can also use them on Pandas Series to do more advanced filtering operations.

Take this example that selects the observations that have a cars\_per\_cap between 10 and 80. Try out these lines of code step by step to see what's happening.

```
cpc = cars['cars_per_cap']
between = np.logical_and(cpc > 10, cpc < 80)</pre>
```

```
medium = cars[between]

In []: # Import numpy, you'll need this
import numpy as np

# Create medium: observations with cars_per_cap between 100 and 500
cpc = cars['cars_per_cap']
between = np.logical_and(cpc > 100, cpc < 500)
medium = cars[between]

# Print medium</pre>
```

	cars_per_cap	country	drives_right
RU	200	Russia	True

Great work!

medium

# Chapter 4 - Loops

There are several techniques to repeatedly execute Python code. While loops are like repeated if statements; the for loop is there to iterate over all kinds of data structures. Learn all about them in this chapter.

### while: warming up

The while loop is like a repeated if statement. The code is executed over and over again, as long as the condition is True. Have another look at its recipe.

```
while condition :
    expression
```

Can you tell how many printouts the following while loop will do?

```
x = 1
while x < 4 :
    print(x)
    x = x + 1</pre>
```

Answer: 3

Correct! After 3 runs, x will be equal to 4, causing x < 4 to evaluate to False. This means that the while loop is executed 3 times, giving three printouts.

### **Basic while loop**

Below you can find the example where the error variable, initially equal to 50.0, is divided by 4 and printed out on every run:

```
error = 50.0
while error > 1 :
    error = error / 4
    print(error)
```

This example will come in handy, because it's time to build a while loop yourself! We're going to code a while loop that implements a very basic control system for an inverted pendulum. If there's an offset from standing perfectly straight, the while loop will incrementally fix this offset

```
In [ ]: # Initialize offset
         offset = 8
         # Code the while loop
         while offset !=0:
             print('correcting...')
            offset -= 1
             print(offset)
        correcting...
        correcting...
        correcting...
        5
        correcting...
        correcting...
        correcting...
        correcting...
        correcting...
```

#### Add conditionals

The while loop that corrects the offset is a good start, but what if offset is negative? You can try to run the following code where offset is initialized to -6:

```
# Initialize offset
offset = -6
```

```
# Code the while loop
while offset != 0 :
    print("correcting...")
    offset = offset - 1
    print(offset)
```

but your session will be disconnected. The while loop will never stop running, because offset will be further decreased on every run. offset != 0 will never become False and the while loop continues forever.

Fix things by putting an if-else statement inside the while loop.

```
In [ ]: # Initialize offset
         offset = -6
         # Code the while loop
         while offset != 0 :
             print("correcting...")
            if offset > 0:
                 offset -= 1
             else:
                 offset += 1
             print(offset)
         correcting...
         -5
         correcting...
         -4
        correcting...
         -3
         correcting...
         -2
         correcting...
         -1
        correcting...
```

Good work! The while loop is not that often used in Data Science, so let's head over to the for loop.

# Loop over a list

```
In []: # areas list
    areas = [11.25, 18.0, 20.0, 10.75, 9.50]

# Code the for loop
    for elements in areas:
        print(elements)
```

```
11.25
18.0
20.0
10.75
9.5
```

Great! That wasn't too hard, was it?

# Indexes and values (1)

Using a for loop to iterate over a list only gives you access to every list element in each run, one after the other. If you also want to access the index information, so where the list element you're iterating over is located, you can use enumerate().

As an example, have a look:

## Indexes and values (2)

For non-programmer folks, room 0: 11.25 is strange. Wouldn't it be better if the count started at 1?

```
In []: # Code the for Loop
for index, area in enumerate(areas):
    print("room " + str(index+1) + ": " + str(area))

room 1: 11.25
room 2: 18.0
room 3: 20.0
room 4: 10.75
room 5: 9.5
```

Much better!

## Loop over list of lists

Remember the house variable from the Intro to Python course? . It's basically a list of lists, where each sublist contains the name and area of a room in your house.

It's up to you to build a for loop from scratch this time!

## Loop over dictionary

In Python 3, you need the items() method to loop over a dictionary:

Remember the europe dictionary that contained the names of some European countries as key and their capitals as corresponding value? Go ahead and write a loop to iterate over it!

```
the capital of spain is madrid
the capital of france is paris
the capital of germany is berlin
the capital of norway is oslo
the capital of italy is rome
the capital of poland is warsaw
the capital of austria is vienna
```

Great! Notice that the order of the printouts doesn't necessarily correspond with the order used when defining europe. Remember: dictionaries are inherently unordered!

## Loop over Numpy array

If you're dealing with a 1D Numpy array, looping over all elements can be as simple as:

```
for x in my_array :
```

If you're dealing with a 2D Numpy array, it's more complicated. A 2D array is built up of multiple 1D arrays. To explicitly iterate over all separate elements of a multi-dimensional array, you'll need this syntax:

```
for x in np.nditer(my_array) :
```

Two Numpy arrays that you might recognize from the intro course are available in your Python session: np\_height, a Numpy array containing the heights of Major League Baseball players, and np\_baseball, a 2D Numpy array that contains both the heights (first column) and weights (second column) of those players.

```
import numpy as np
In [ ]: np_height = np.array([74,74,72,72,73,69,69,71,76,71,73,73,74,74,69,70,73,75,78,79,76,74,76,72,71,75,77,74,73,74,78,73,75,75,75,75,75]
         ,74,70,73,75,76,76,78,74,74,76,77,81,78,75,77,75,76,74,72,72,75,73,73,73,70,70,70,76,68,71,72,75,75,75,75,75,68,74,78,71,73,76,74,74,
         ,74,73,72,74,73,74,72,73,69,72,73,75,75,73,72,72,76,74,72,77,74,77,75,76,80,74,74,75,78,73,74,75,76,71,73,74,76,76,74,73,74,70,
         ,71,74,74,72,74,71,74,73,75,75,79,73,75,76,74,76,78,74,76,72,74,76,74,75,78,75,72,74,70,71,70,75,71,71,73,72,71,73,72,75,74,
         ,76,75,74,76,75,73,71,76])
In [ ]: np_baseball = np.array([[74,180,74,215,72,210,72,210,73,188,69,176,69,209,71,200,76,231
         ,71,180,73,188,73,180,74,185,74,160,69,180,70,185,73,189,75,185
         ,78,219,79,230,76,205,74,230,76,195,72,180,71,192,75,225,77,203
         ,74,195,73,182,74,188,78,200,73,180,75,200,73,200,75,245,75,240
         ,74,215,69,185,71,175,74,199,73,200,73,215,76,200,74,205,74,206
         ,70,186,72,188,77,220,74,210,70,195,73,200,75,200,76,212,76,224
         ,78,210,74,205,74,220,76,195,77,200,81,260,78,228,75,270,77,200
         ,75,210,76,190,74,220,72,180,72,205,75,210,73,220,73,211,73,200
         ,70,180,70,190,70,170,76,230,68,155,71,185,72,185,75,200,75,225
         ,75,225,75,220,68,160,74,205,78,235,71,250,73,210,76,190,74,160
         ,74,200,79,205,75,222,73,195,76,205,74,220,74,220,73,170,72,185
         ,74,195,73,220,74,230,72,180,73,220,69,180,72,180,73,170,75,210
```

```
,75,215,73,200,72,213,72,180,76,192,74,235,72,185,77,235,74,210
,77,222,75,210,76,230,80,220,74,180,74,190,75,200,78,210,73,194
,73,180,74,190,75,240,76,200,71,198,73,200,74,195,76,210,76,220
,74,190,73,210,74,225,70,180,72,185,73,170,73,185,73,180
,71,178,74,175,74,200,72,204,74,211,71,190,74,210,73,190,75,190
,75,185,79,290,73,175,75,185,76,200,74,220,76,170,78,220,74,190
,76,220,72,205,74,200,76,250,74,225,75,215,78,210,75,215,72,195
,74,200,72,194,74,220,70,180,71,180,70,170,75,195,71,180,71,170
,73,206,72,205,71,200,73,225,72,201,75,225,74,233,74,180,75,225
,73,180,77,220,73,180,76,237,75,215,74,190,76,235,75,190,73,180
,71,165,76,195]]).reshape(200, 2)
```

```
In []: # Import numpy as np
import numpy as np

# For Loop over np_height
for x in np_height:
    print(x,"inches")

# For Loop over np_baseball
for x in np.nditer(np_baseball):
    print(x)
```

- 74 inches
- 74 inches
- 72 inches
- 72 inches
- 73 inches
- 69 inches
- 69 inches
- 71 inches
- 76 inches
- 71 inches
- 73 inches
- 73 inches
- 74 inches
- 74 inches
- 69 inches
- 70 inches
- 73 inches
- 75 inches
- 78 inches
- 79 inches
- 76 inches
- 74 inches
- 76 inches
- 72 inches
- 71 inches
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### Loop over DataFrame (1)

Iterating over a Pandas DataFrame is typically done with the iterrows() method. Used in a for loop, every observation is iterated over and on every iteration the row label and actual row contents are available:

```
for lab, row in brics.iterrows() :
```

In this and the following exercises you will be working on the cars DataFrame. It contains information on the cars per capita and whether people drive right or left for seven countries in the world.

```
In []: # Import cars data
import pandas as pd
cars = pd.read_csv('cars.csv', index_col = 0)

# Iterate over rows of cars
for row, value in cars.iterrows():
    print(row)
    print(value)
```

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US
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drives_right
                         True
Name: US, dtype: object
AUS
cars_per_cap
                      731
country
                Australia
drives_right
                    False
Name: AUS, dtype: object
JAP
cars_per_cap
                  588
country
                Japan
drives_right
                False
Name: JAP, dtype: object
IN
cars_per_cap
                   18
country
                India
drives_right
                False
Name: IN, dtype: object
RU
cars_per_cap
                   200
country
                Russia
drives_right
                  True
Name: RU, dtype: object
MOR
cars_per_cap
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country
                Morocco
drives_right
                   True
Name: MOR, dtype: object
EG
cars_per_cap
                   45
country
                Egypt
drives_right
                 True
Name: EG, dtype: object
```

#### Loop over DataFrame (2)

The row data that's generated by iterrows() on every run is a Pandas Series. This format is not very convenient to print out. Luckily, you can easily select variables from the Pandas Series using square brackets:

```
for lab, row in brics.iterrows() :
    print(row['country'])
```

```
In [ ]: # Import cars data
import pandas as pd
cars = pd.read_csv('cars.csv', index_col = 0)
```

```
# Adapt for loop
for lab, row in cars.iterrows():
    print(lab,": ",row['cars_per_cap'],sep = "")

US: 809
AUS: 731
JAP: 588
IN: 18
RU: 200
MOR: 70
EG: 45
```

#### Add column (1)

You can add the length of the country names of the brics DataFrame in a new column:

```
for lab, row in brics.iterrows() :
    brics.loc[lab, "name_length"] = len(row["country"])
```

You can do similar things on the cars DataFrame.

	cars_per_cap	country	drives_right	COUNTRY
US	809	United States	True	UNITED STATES
AUS	731	Australia	False	AUSTRALIA
JAP	588	Japan	False	JAPAN
IN	18	India	False	INDIA
RU	200	Russia	True	RUSSIA
MOR	70	Morocco	True	MOROCCO
EG	45	Egypt	True	EGYPT

Great, but you might remember that there is also an easier way to do this.

## Add column (2)

Using iterrows() to iterate over every observation of a Pandas DataFrame is easy to understand, but not very efficient. On every iteration, you're creating a new Pandas Series.

If you want to add a column to a DataFrame by calling a function on another column, the iterrows() method in combination with a for loop is not the preferred way to go. Instead, you'll want to use apply().

Compare the iterrows() version with the apply() version to get the same result in the brics DataFrame:

```
for lab, row in brics.iterrows() :
    brics.loc[lab, "name_length"] = len(row["country"])
brics["name_length"] = brics["country"].apply(len)
```

We can do a similar thing to call the upper() method on every name in the country column. However, upper() is a method, so we'll need a slightly different approach:

```
In [ ]: cars = pd.read_csv('cars.csv', index_col = 0)

# Use .apply(str.upper)
cars['COUNTRY'] = cars['country'].apply(str.upper)
cars
```

	cars_per_cap	country	drives_right	COUNTRY
US	809	United States	True	UNITED STATES
AUS	731	Australia	False	AUSTRALIA
JAP	588	Japan	False	JAPAN
IN	18	India	False	INDIA
RU	200	Russia	True	RUSSIA
MOR	70	Morocco	True	MOROCCO
EG	45	Egypt	True	EGYPT

Great job! It's time to blend everything you've learned together in a case-study. Head over to the next chapter!

# **Chapter 5 - Case Study: Hacker Statistics**

This chapter blends together everything you've learned up to now. You will use hacker statistics to calculate your chances of winning a bet. Use random number generators, loops and matplotlib to get the competitive edge!

#### Random float

Randomness has many uses in science, art, statistics, cryptography, gaming, gambling, and other fields. You're going to use randomness to simulate a game.

All the functionality you need is contained in the random package, a sub-package of numpy. In this exercise, you'll be using two functions from this package:

- seed(): sets the random seed, so that your results are the reproducible between simulations. As an argument, it takes an integer of your choosing. If you call the function, no output will be generated.
- rand(): if you don't specify any arguments, it generates a random float between zero and one.

```
In []: # Import numpy as np
import numpy as np

# Set the seed
np.random.seed(123)

# Generate and print random float
print(np.random.rand())

0.6964691855978616
```

Great! Now let's simulate a dice.

#### Roll the dice

In the previous exercise, you used rand(), that generates a random float between 0 and 1.

You can just as well use randint(), also a function of the random package, to generate integers randomly. The following call generates the integer 4, 5, 6 or 7 randomly. 8 is not included.

np.random.randint(4, 8)

```
In []: np.random.seed(123)

# Use randint() to simulate a dice
print(np.random.randint(1,7))
```

```
# Use randint() again
print(np.random.randint(1,7))
6
3
```

Alright! Time to actually start coding things up!

### Determine your next move

In the Empire State Building bet, your next move depends on the number of eyes you throw with the dice. We can perfectly code this with an if-elif-else construct!

The sample code assumes that you're currently at step 50. Can you fill in the missing pieces to finish the script?

```
In []: np.random.seed(123)
# Starting step
step = 50

# Roll the dice
dice = np.random.randint(1,7)

# Finish the control construct
if dice <= 2:
    step = step - 1
elif dice < 6:
    step += 1
else:
    step = step + np.random.randint(1,7)

# Print out dice and step
print(dice, step)</pre>
6 53
```

Cool! You threw a 6, so the code for the else statement was executed. You threw again, and apparently you threw 3, causing you to take three steps up: you're currently at step 53.

#### The next step

Before, you have already written Python code that determines the next step based on the previous step. Now it's time to put this code inside a for loop so that we can simulate a random walk.

```
In [ ]: np.random.seed(123)
    # Initialize random_walk
    random_walk = [0]
# Complete the ____
```

```
for x in range(100):
    # Set step: last element in random walk
    step = random walk[-1]
    # Roll the dice
    dice = np.random.randint(1,7)
    # Determine next step
    if dice <= 2:</pre>
        step = step - 1
    elif dice <= 5:</pre>
        step = step + 1
    else:
        step = step + np.random.randint(1,7)
    # append next_step to random_walk
    random_walk.append(step)
# Print random walk
print(random_walk)
```

[0, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 6, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, -1, 0, 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 10, 14, 15, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 32, 33, 37, 38, 37, 38, 39, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 43, 42, 43, 44, 43, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 52, 51, 52, 51, 52, 53, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 57, 58, 59]

Good job! There's still something wrong: the level at index 15 is negative!

## How low can you go?

Things are shaping up nicely! You already have code that calculates your location in the Empire State Building after 100 dice throws. However, there's something we haven't thought about - you can't go below 0!

A typical way to solve problems like this is by using max(). If you pass max() two arguments, the biggest one gets returned. For example, to make sure that a variable x never goes below 10 when you decrease it, you can use:

```
x = max(10, x - 1)
```

```
In []: np.random.seed(123)
# Initialize random_walk
random_walk = [0]

for x in range(100) :
    step = random_walk[-1]
    dice = np.random.randint(1,7)

if dice <= 2:
    # Replace below: use max to make sure step can't go below 0
    step = max(0, step - 1)</pre>
```

```
elif dice <= 5:
    step = step + 1
else:
    step = step + np.random.randint(1,7)

random_walk.append(step)

print(random_walk)

[0, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 6, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 6, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 11, 15, 16, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 38, 39, 38, 39, 40, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 44, 43, 44, 45, 44, 43, 44, 45, 4</pre>
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7, 46, 45, 46, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 53, 52, 53, 52, 53, 54, 53, 56, 57, 58, 59, 58, 59, 60]

If you look closely at the output, you'll see that around index 15 the step stays at 0. You're not going below zero anymore. Great!

#### Visualize the walk

Let's visualize this random walk! Remember how you could use matplotlib to build a line plot?

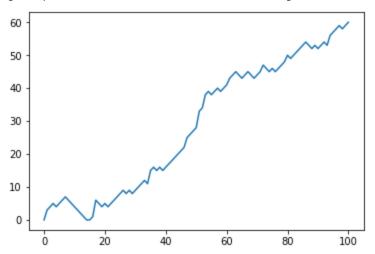
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot(x, y)
plt.show()
```

The first list you pass is mapped onto the x axis and the second list is mapped onto the y axis.

If you pass only one argument, Python will know what to do and will use the index of the list to map onto the x axis, and the values in the list onto the y axis.

```
# Plot random_walk
plt.plot(random_walk)
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[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0xc879d10>]



This is pretty cool! You can clearly see how your random walk progressed.

# Simulate multiple walks

A single random walk is one thing, but that doesn't tell you if you have a good chance at winning the bet.

To get an idea about how big your chances are of reaching 60 steps, you can repeatedly simulate the random walk and collect the results. That's exactly what you'll do in this exercise.

The sample code already sets you off in the right direction. Another for loop is wrapped around the code you already wrote. It's up to you to add some bits and pieces to make sure all of the results are recorded correctly.

```
In []: np.random.seed(123)
# Initialize all_walks (don't change this line)
all_walks = []

# Simulate random walk 10 times
for i in range(10):

# Code from before
random_walk = [0]
for x in range(100):
    step = random_walk[-1]
    dice = np.random.randint(1,7)

if dice <= 2:
    step = max(0, step - 1)
    elif dice <= 5:</pre>
```

```
step = step + 1
else:
    step = step + np.random.randint(1,7)
    random_walk.append(step)

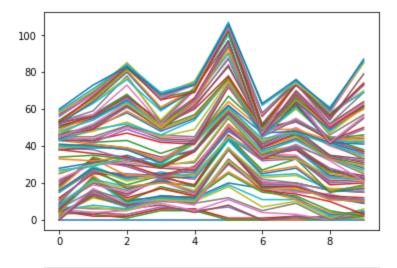
# Append random_walk to all_walks
all_walks.append(random_walk)

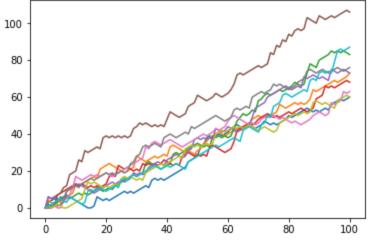
# Print all_walks
print(all_walks)
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[[0, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 6, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 6, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 8, 9, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 11, 15, 16, 15, 16, 1 5, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 38, 39, 38, 39, 40, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 44, 43, 44, 45, 44, 5, 47, 46, 45, 46, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 53, 52, 53, 52, 53, 54, 53, 56, 57, 58, 59, 58, 59, 60], [0, 4, 3, 2, 4, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 13, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 27, 26, 25, 26, 27, 28, 27, 28, 29, 28, 33, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 31, 30, 29, 31, 32, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 40, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 4 9, 50, 49, 50, 49, 50, 51, 52, 56, 55, 54, 55, 56, 57, 56, 57, 56, 57, 59, 64, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73], [0, 2, 1, 2, 3, 6, 5, 6, 5, 6, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 9, 11, 10, 9, 10, 11, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 24, 2 3, 22, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 34, 33, 34, 33, 39, 38, 39, 38, 39, 38, 39, 43, 47, 49, 51, 50, 51, 5 3, 52, 58, 59, 61, 62, 61, 62, 63, 64, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 67, 66, 67, 73, 78, 77, 76, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 84, 85, 84, 85, 84, 8 3], [0, 6, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 12, 13, 12, 11, 12, 11, 12, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 17, 23, 22, 21, 22, 21, 20, 21, 20, 24, 23, 24, 23, 24, 23, 24, 26, 25, 24, 23, 24, 23, 28, 29, 30, 29, 28, 29, 28, 29, 28, 33, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 31, 32, 36, 42, 43, 4 4, 45, 46, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 50, 49, 50, 49, 50, 51, 52, 51, 52, 53, 54, 53, 52, 53, 54, 59, 60, 61, 66, 65, 66, 65, 66, 6 7, 68, 69, 68], [0, 6, 5, 6, 5, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 13, 14, 15, 14, 15, 16, 19, 18, 19, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 24, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 28, 27, 28, 31, 32, 37, 38, 37, 38, 37, 38, 37, 43, 42, 41, 42, 44, 43, 42, 4 1, 42, 43, 44, 45, 49, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 65, 64, 65, 66, 65, 71, 70, 71, 72, 71, 70, 71, 70, 69, 75, 7 4, 73, 74, 75, 74, 73], [0, 0, 0, 1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 26, 25, 31, 30, 31, 32, 33, 32, 38, 39, 38, 39, 38, 39, 38, 39, 3 8, 39, 43, 44, 46, 45, 46, 45, 44, 45, 44, 45, 44, 48, 52, 51, 50, 49, 50, 51, 55, 56, 57, 61, 60, 59, 58, 59, 60, 62, 61, 60, 6 1, 62, 64, 67, 72, 73, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 76, 77, 78, 84, 83, 88, 87, 91, 90, 94, 93, 96, 97, 96, 97, 103, 102, 101, 100, 10 4, 103, 102, 103, 104, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 106], [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 4, 5, 7, 11, 17, 16, 15, 16, 17, 18, 17, 18, 17, 18, 19, 18, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33, 32, 35, 36, 35, 34, 35, 36, 37, 36, 35, 34, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 3 9, 40, 41, 43, 42, 43, 44, 47, 49, 50, 49, 48, 47, 46, 45, 46, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 49, 50, 49, 48, 49, 48, 47, 46, 47, 46, 45, 4 6, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 51, 50, 51, 57, 56, 57, 58, 63, 62, 63], [0, 0, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 18, 19, 18, 19, 20, 19, 20, 24, 25, 28, 29, 33, 34, 33, 34, 35, 34, 33, 38, 39, 40, 39, 38, 39, 40, 41, 40, 44, 43, 4 4, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 49, 48, 47, 48, 49, 53, 54, 53, 54, 55, 54, 60, 61, 62, 63, 62, 63, 64, 67, 66, 67, 66, 65, 64, 65, 6 6, 68, 69, 70, 74, 75, 74, 73, 74, 75, 74, 73, 74, 75, 76, 75, 74, 75, 76], [0, 1, 0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 14, 13, 1 4, 13, 12, 11, 12, 11, 12, 13, 12, 16, 17, 16, 17, 16, 15, 16, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 27, 32, 33, 3 4, 33, 34, 33, 34, 35, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 41, 42, 43, 44, 43, 44, 45, 44, 43, 42, 43, 44, 43, 42, 41, 42, 46, 47, 48, 4 9, 50, 51, 50, 51, 52, 51, 52, 57, 58, 57, 56, 57, 56, 55, 54, 58, 59, 60, 61, 60], [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 3, 9, 10, 9, 10, 11, 10, 9, 10, 11, 12, 11, 15, 16, 15, 17, 18, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 22, 21, 22, 23, 22, 23, 24, 23, 22, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 37, 36, 42, 43, 44, 43, 42, 41, 45, 46, 50, 49, 55, 56, 57, 61, 62, 6 1, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 63, 69, 70, 69, 73, 74, 73, 74, 73, 79, 85, 86, 85, 86, 87]]

#### Visualize all walks

all\_walks is a list of lists: every sub-list represents a single random walk. If you convert this list of lists to a Numpy array, you can start making interesting plots!





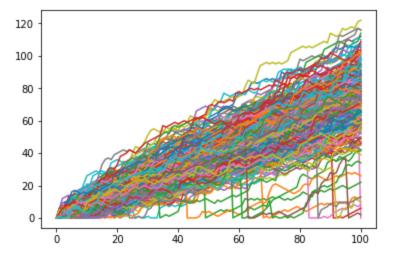
Good job! You can clearly see how the different simulations of the random walk went. Transposing the 2D Numpy array was crucial; otherwise Python misunderstood.

#### Implement clumsiness

With this neatly written code of yours, changing the number of times the random walk should be simulated is super-easy. You simply update the range() function in the top-level for loop.

There's still something we forgot! You're a bit clumsy and you have a 0.1% chance of falling down. That calls for another random number generation. Basically, you can generate a random float between 0 and 1. If this value is less than or equal to 0.001, you should reset step to 0.

```
In [ ]: np.random.seed(123)
         # Simulate random walk 250 times
         all_walks = []
         for i in range(250) :
             random_walk = [0]
             for x in range(100):
                 step = random_walk[-1]
                 dice = np.random.randint(1,7)
                 if dice <= 2:</pre>
                     step = max(0, step - 1)
                 elif dice <= 5:</pre>
                     step = step + 1
                 else:
                     step = step + np.random.randint(1,7)
                 # Implement clumsiness
                 if np.random.rand() <= 0.001:
                     step = 0
                 random_walk.append(step)
             all_walks.append(random_walk)
         # Create and plot np_aw_t
         np_aw_t = np.transpose(np.array(all_walks))
         plt.plot(np_aw_t)
         plt.show()
```



Superb! Look at the plot. In some of the 250 simulations you're indeed taking a deep dive down!

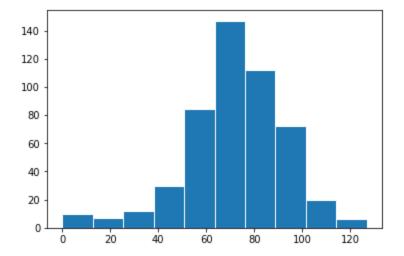
#### Plot the distribution

All these fancy visualizations have put us on a sidetrack. We still have to solve the million-dollar problem: What are the odds that you'll reach 60 steps high on the Empire State Building?

Basically, you want to know about the end points of all the random walks you've simulated. These end points have a certain distribution that you can visualize with a histogram.

```
In [ ]: np.random.seed(123)
         # Simulate random walk 500 times
         all_walks = []
         for i in range(500) :
             random_walk = [0]
             for x in range(100):
                  step = random_walk[-1]
                 dice = np.random.randint(1,7)
                 if dice <= 2:</pre>
                      step = max(0, step - 1)
                  elif dice <= 5:</pre>
                      step = step + 1
                  else:
                      step = step + np.random.randint(1,7)
                 if np.random.rand() <= 0.001 :</pre>
                      step = 0
                 random_walk.append(step)
             all_walks.append(random_walk)
         # Create and plot np_aw_t
         np_aw_t = np.transpose(np.array(all_walks))
```

```
# Select last row from np_aw_t: ends
ends = np_aw_t[-1, :]
# Plot histogram of ends, display plot
plt.hist(ends, ec='white')
plt.show()
```



Great job! Have a look at a histogram; what do you think your chances are?

#### Calculate the odds

The histogram of the previous exercise was created from a Numpy array ends, that contains 500 integers. Each integer represents the end point of a random walk. To calculate the chance that this end point is greater than or equal to 60, you can count the number of integers in ends that are greater than or equal to 60 and divide that number by 500, the total number of simulations.

Well then, what's the estimated chance that you'll reach 60 steps high if you play this Empire State Building game? The ends array is everything you need.

```
In [ ]: chance = np.sum(ends >= 60)/500 * 100
    chance
```

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Correct! Seems like you have a pretty high chance of winning the bet!