

# Chapter 4

# Plotting Data using Matplotlib

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“Human visual perception is the  
“most powerful of data interfaces  
between computers and Humans”

— M. McIntyre

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## 4.1 INTRODUCTION

We have learned how to organise and analyse data and perform various statistical operations on Pandas DataFrames. Likewise, in Class XI, we have learned how to analyse numerical data using NumPy. The results obtained after analysis is used to make inferences or draw conclusions about data as well as to make important business decisions. Sometimes, it is not easy to infer by merely looking at the results. In such cases, visualisation helps in better understanding of results of the analysis.

Data visualisation means graphical or pictorial representation of the data using graph, chart, etc. The purpose of plotting data is to visualise variation or show relationships between variables.

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## NOTES

Visualisation also helps to effectively communicate information to intended users. Traffic symbols, ultrasound reports, Atlas book of maps, speedometer of a vehicle, tuners of instruments are few examples of visualisation that we come across in our daily lives. Visualisation of data is effectively used in fields like health, finance, science, mathematics, engineering, etc. In this chapter, we will learn how to visualise data using Matplotlib library of Python by plotting charts such as line, bar, scatter with respect to the various types of data.

### 4.2 PLOTTING USING MATPLOTLIB

Matplotlib library is used for creating static, animated, and interactive 2D- plots or figures in Python. It can be installed using the following pip command from the command prompt:

```
pip install matplotlib
```

For plotting using Matplotlib, we need to import its Pyplot module using the following command:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Here, plt is an alias or an alternative name for matplotlib.pyplot. We can use any other alias also.

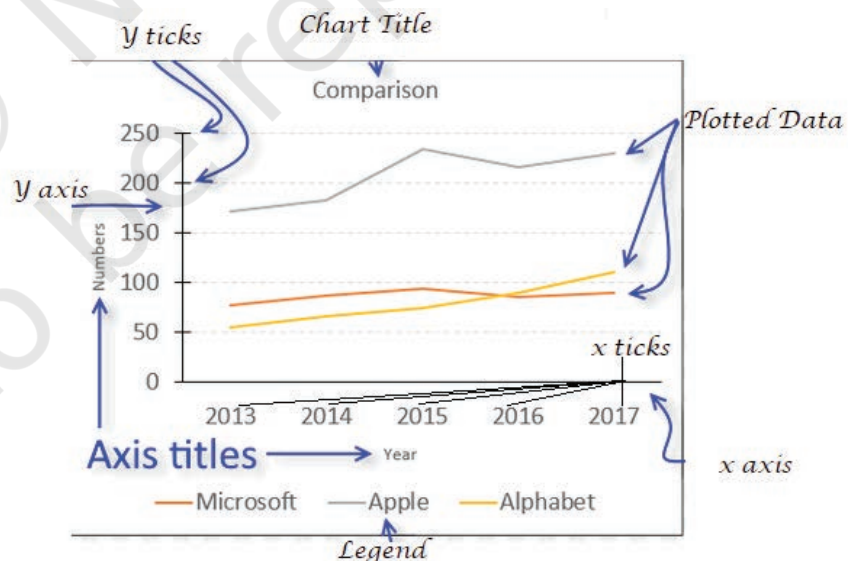


Figure 4.1: Components of a plot

The pyplot module of matplotlib contains a collection of functions that can be used to work on a plot. The plot() function of the pyplot module is used to create a figure. A figure is the overall window where the outputs of pyplot functions are plotted. A figure contains a

plotting area, legend, axis labels, ticks, title, etc. (Figure 4.1). Each function makes some change to a figure: example, creates a figure, creates a plotting area in a figure, plots some lines in a plotting area, decorates the plot with labels, etc.

It is always expected that the data presented through charts easily understood. Hence, while presenting data we should always give a chart title, label the axis of the chart and provide legend in case we have more than one plotted data.

To plot x versus y, we can write `plt.plot(x,y)`. The `show()` function is used to display the figure created using the `plot()` function.

Let us consider that in a city, the maximum temperature of a day is recorded for three consecutive days. Program 4-1 demonstrates how to plot temperature values for the given dates. The output generated is a line chart.

Program 4-1 Plotting Temperature against Height

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
#list storing date in string format
date=["25/12","26/12","27/12"]
#list storing temperature values
temp=[8.5,10.5,6.8]
#create a figure plotting temp versus date
plt.plot(date, temp)
#show the figure
plt.show()
```

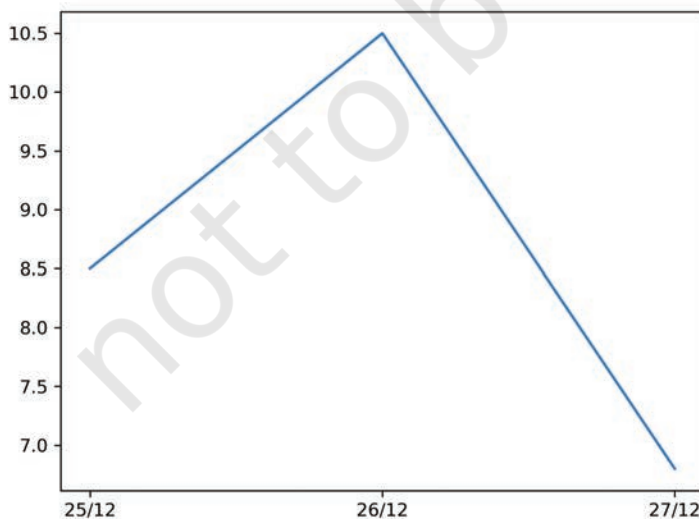


Figure 4.2: Line chart as output of Program 4-1

## NOTES

In program 4-1, `plot()` is provided with two parameters, which indicates values for x-axis and y-axis, respectively. The x and y ticks are displayed accordingly. As shown in Figure 4.2, the `plot()` function by default plots a line chart. We can click on the save button on the output window and save the plot as an image. A figure can also be saved by using `savefig()` function. The name of the figure is passed to the function as parameter.

For example: `plt.savefig('x.png')`.

In the previous example, we used `plot()` function to plot a line graph. There are different types of data available for analysis. The plotting methods allow for a handful of plot types other than the default line plot, as listed in Table 4.1. Choice of plot is determined by the type of data we have.

**Table 4.1 List of Pyplot functions to plot different charts**

<code>plot(*args[, scalex, scaley, data])</code>	Plot x versus y as lines and/or markers.
<code>bar(x, height[, width, bottom, align, data])</code>	Make a bar plot.
<code>boxplot(x[, notch, sym, vert, whis, ...])</code>	Make a box and whisker plot.
<code>hist(x[, bins, range, density, weights, ...])</code>	Plot a histogram.
<code>pie(x[, explode, labels, colors, autopct, ...])</code>	Plot a pie chart.
<code>scatter(x, y[, s, c, marker, cmap, norm, ...])</code>	A scatter plot of x versus y.

### 4.3 CUSTOMISATION OF PLOTS

Pyplot library gives us numerous functions, which can be used to customise charts such as adding titles or legends. Some of the customisation options are listed in Table 4.2:

**Table 4.2 List of Pyplot functions to customise plots**

<code>grid([b, which, axis])</code>	Configure the grid lines.
<code>legend(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Place a legend on the axes.
<code>savefig(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Save the current figure.
<code>show(*args, **kw)</code>	Display all figures.
<code>title(label[, fontdict, loc, pad])</code>	Set a title for the axes.
<code>xlabel(xlabel[, fontdict, labelpad])</code>	Set the label for the x-axis.
<code>xticks([ticks, labels])</code>	Get or set the current tick locations and labels of the x-axis.
<code>ylabel(ylabel[, fontdict, labelpad])</code>	Set the label for the y-axis.
<code>yticks([ticks, labels])</code>	Get or set the current tick locations and labels of the y-axis.

Program 4-2 Plotting a line chart of date versus temperature by adding Label on X and Y axis, and adding a Title and Grids to the chart.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
date=["25/12","26/12","27/12"]
temp=[8.5,10.5,6.8]
plt.plot(date, temp)
plt.xlabel("Date")           #add the Label on x-axis
plt.ylabel("Temperature")    #add the Label on y-axis
plt.title("Date wise Temperature") #add the title to the chart
plt.grid(True)               #add gridlines to the background
plt.yticks(temp)
plt.show()
```

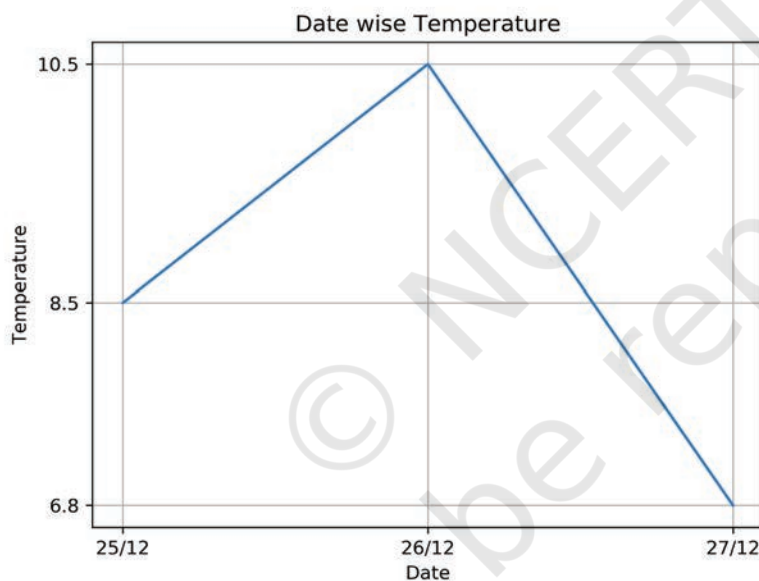


Figure 4.3: Line chart as output of Program 4-2

In the above example, we have used the xlabel, ylabel, title and yticks functions. We can see that compared to Figure 4.2, the Figure 4.3 conveys more meaning, easily. We will learn about customisation of other plots in later sections.

### 4.3.1 Marker























We can make certain other changes to plots by passing various parameters to the plot() function. In Figure 4.3, we plot temperatures day-wise. It is also possible to specify each point in the line through a marker.

#### Think and Reflect

On providing a single list or array to the plot() function, can matplotlib generate values for both the x and y axis?

A marker is any symbol that represents a data value in a line chart or a scatter plot. Table 4.3 shows a list of markers along with their corresponding symbol and description. These markers can be used in program codes:

**Table 4.3 Some of the Matplotlib Markers**

Marker	Symbol	Description	Marker	Symbol	Description
"."		Point	"8"		octagon
","		Pixel	"s"		square
"o"		Circle	"p"		pentagon
"v"		triangle_down	"P"		plus (filled)
"^"		triangle_up	"*"		star
"<"		triangle_left	"h"		hexagon1
">"		triangle_right	"H"		hexagon2
"1"		tri_down	"+"		plus
"2"		tri_up	"x"		x
"3"		tri_left	"X"		x (filled)
"4"		tri_right	"D"		diamond

#### 4.3.2 Colour

It is also possible to format the plot further by changing the colour of the plotted data. Table 4.4 shows the list of colours that are supported. We can either use character codes or the color names as values to the parameter color in the plot().

**Table 4.4 Colour abbreviations for plotting**

Character	Colour
'b'	blue
'g'	green
'r'	red
'c'	cyan
'm'	magenta
'y'	yellow
'k'	black
'w'	white

### 4.3.3 Linewidth and Line Style

The linewidth and linestyle property can be used to change the width and the style of the line chart. Linewidth is specified in pixels. The default line width is 1 pixel showing a thin line. Thus, a number greater than 1 will output a thicker line depending on the value provided.

We can also set the line style of a line chart using the linestyle parameter. It can take a string such as "solid", "dotted", "dashed" or "dashdot". Let us write the Program 4-3 applying some of the customisations.

Program 4-3 Consider the average heights and weights of persons aged 8 to 16 stored in the following two lists:

```
height = [121.9,124.5,129.5,134.6,139.7,147.3,
152.4, 157.5,162.6]
weight= [19.7,21.3,23.5,25.9,28.5,32.1,35.7,39.6,
43.2]
```

Let us plot a line chart where:

- i. x axis will represent weight
- ii. y axis will represent height
- iii. x axis label should be "Weight in kg"
- iv. y axis label should be "Height in cm"
- v. colour of the line should be green
- vi. use \* as marker
- vii. Marker size as 10
- viii. The title of the chart should be "Average weight with respect to average height".
- ix. Line style should be dashed
- x. Linewidth should be 2.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
height=[121.9,124.5,129.5,134.6,139.7,147.3,152.4,157.5,162.6]
weight=[19.7,21.3,23.5,25.9,28.5,32.1,35.7,39.6,43.2]
df=pd.DataFrame({"height":height,"weight":weight})
#Set xlabel for the plot
plt.xlabel('Weight in kg')
#Set ylabel for the plot
```



```
plt.ylabel('Height in cm')
#Set chart title:
plt.title('Average weight with respect to average height')
#plot using marker '-' and line colour as green
plt.plot(df.weight,df.height,marker='*',markersize=10,color='green',
         linewidth=2, linestyle='dashdot')
plt.show()
```

In the above we created the DataFrame using 2 lists, and in the plot function we have passed the height and weight columns of the DataFrame. The output is shown in Figure 4.4.

Continuous data are measured while discrete data are obtained by counting. Height, weight are examples of continuous data. It can be in decimals. Total number of students in a class is discrete. It can never be in decimals.

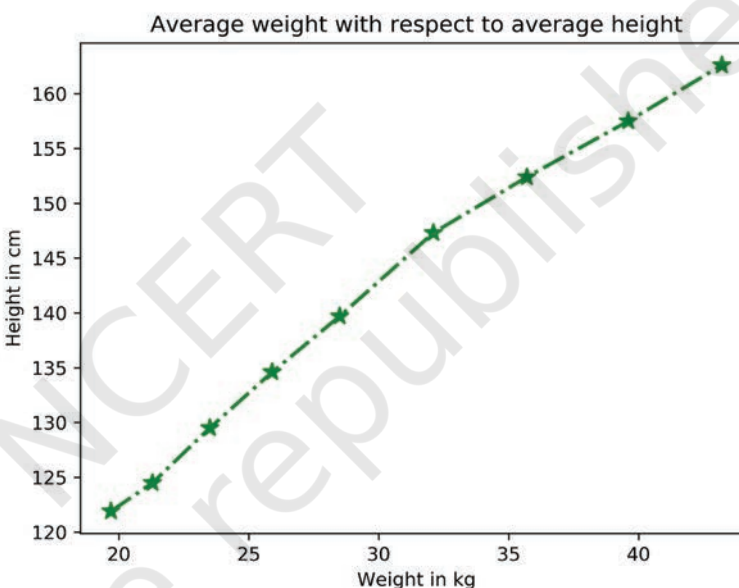


Figure 4.4: Line chart showing average weight against average height

#### 4.4 THE PANDAS PLOT FUNCTION (PANDAS VISUALISATION)

In Programs 4-1 and 4-2, we learnt that the `plot()` function of the `pyplot` module of `matplotlib` can be used to plot a chart. However, starting from version 0.17.0, Pandas objects `Series` and `DataFrame` come equipped with their own `.plot()` methods. This `plot()` method is just a simple wrapper around the `plot()` function of `pyplot`. Thus, if we have a `Series` or `DataFrame` type object (let's say 's' or 'df') we can call the `plot` method by writing:

```
s.plot() or df.plot()
```



The `plot()` method of Pandas accepts a considerable number of arguments that can be used to plot a variety of graphs. It allows customising different plot types by supplying the `kind` keyword arguments. The general syntax is: `plt.plot(kind)`, where `kind` accepts a string indicating the type of `.plot`, as listed in Table 4.5. In addition, we can use the `matplotlib.pyplot` methods and functions also along with the `plt()` method of Pandas objects.

**Table 4.5 Arguments accepted by kind for different plots**

kind =	Plot type
line	Line plot (default)
bar	Vertical bar plot
barh	Horizontal bar plot
hist	Histogram
box	Boxplot
area	Area plot
pie	Pie plot
scatter	Scatter plot

In the previous chapters, we have learned to store different types of data in a two dimensional format using `DataFrame`. In the subsequent sections we will learn to use `plot()` function to create various types of charts with respect to the type of data stored in `DataFrames`.

#### 4.4.1 Plotting a Line chart

A line plot is a graph that shows the frequency of data along a number line. It is used to show continuous dataset. A line plot is used to visualise growth or decline in data over a time interval. We have already plotted line charts through Programs 4-1 and 4-2. In this section, we will learn to plot a line chart for data stored in a `DataFrame`.

**Program 4-4** Smile NGO has participated in a three week cultural mela. Using Pandas, they have stored the sales (in Rs) made day wise for every week in a CSV file named “MelaSales.csv”, as shown in Table 4.6.



#### Activity 4.1

Create the `MelaSale.csv` using Python Pandas containing data as shown in Table 4.6.

**Table 4.6 Day-wise mela sales data**

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
5000	4000	4000
5900	3000	5800
6500	5000	3500
3500	5500	2500
4000	3000	3000
5300	4300	5300
7900	5900	6000

Depict the sales for the three weeks using a Line chart. It should have the following:

- Chart title as “Mela Sales Report”.
- axis label as Days.
- axis label as “Sales in Rs”.

Line colours are red for week 1, blue for week 2 and brown for week 3.

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# reads "MelaSales.csv" to df by giving path to the file
df=pd.read_csv("MelaSales.csv")
#create a line plot of different color for each week
df.plot(kind='line', color=['red','blue','brown'])
# Set title to "Mela Sales Report"
plt.title('Mela Sales Report')
# Label x axis as "Days"
plt.xlabel('Days')
# Label y axis as "Sales in Rs"
plt.ylabel('Sales in Rs')
#Display the figure
plt.show()
```

The Figure 4.5 displays a line plot as output for Program 4-4. Note that the legend is displayed by default associating the colours with the plotted data.

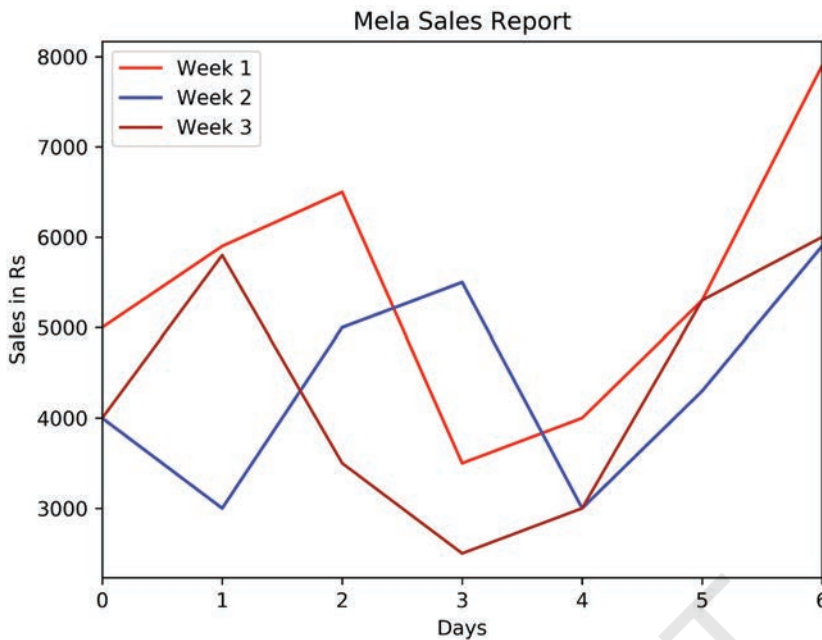


Figure 4.5: Line plot showing mela sales figures

The line plot takes a numeric value to display on the x axis and hence uses the index (row labels) of the DataFrame in the above example. Thus, x tick values are the index of the DataFrame that contains data stored in MelaSales.CSV.

### Customising Line Plot

We can substitute the ticks at x axis with a list of values of our choice by using `plt.xticks(ticks,label)` where `ticks` is a list of locations(locs) on x axis at which ticks should be placed, `label` is a list of items to place at the given ticks.

Program 4-5 Assuming the same CSV file, i.e., MelaSales.CSV, plot the line chart with following customisations:

```

Maker = "*"
Marker size=10
linestyle="--"
Linewidth =3
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
df=pd.read_csv("MelaSales.csv")
#creates plot of different color for each week
df.plot(kind='line', color=['red','blue','brown'],marker="*",marker
size=10,linewidth=3,linestyle="--")

```

```
plt.title('Mela Sales Report')
plt.xlabel('Days')
plt.ylabel('Sales in Rs')
#store converted index of DataFrame to a list
ticks = df.index.tolist()
#displays corresponding day on x axis
plt.xticks(ticks,df.Day)
plt.show()
```

Figure 4.6 is generated as output of Program 4-5 with xticks as Day names.

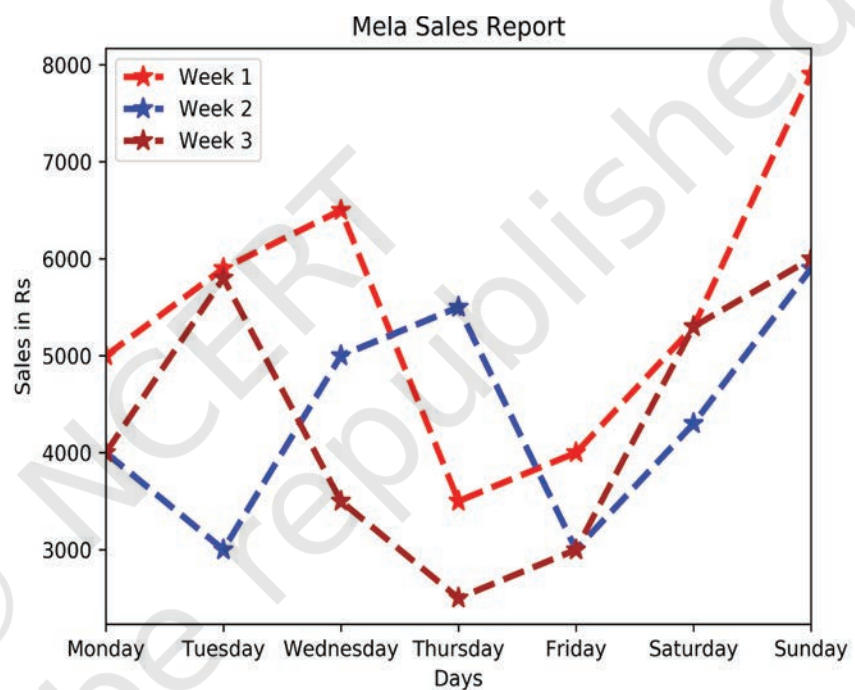


Figure 4.6: Mela sales figures with day names

#### 4.4.2 Plotting Bar Chart

The line plot in Figure 4.6 shows that the sales for all the weeks increased during the weekend. Other than weekends, it also shows that the sales increased on Wednesday for Week 1, on Thursday for Week 2 and on Tuesday for Week 3.

But, the lines are unable to efficiently depict comparison between the weeks for which the sales data is plotted. In order to show comparisons, we prefer Bar charts. Unlike line plots, bar charts can plot strings on the x axis. To plot a bar chart, we will specify `kind='bar'`. We can also specify the DataFrame columns to be used as x and y axes.

Let us now add a column “Days” consisting of day names to “MelaSales.csv” as shown in Table 4.7.

**Table 4.7 Day-wise sales data along with Day’s names**

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Day
5000	4000	4000	Monday
5900	3000	5800	Tuesday
6500	5000	3500	Wednesday
3500	5500	2500	Thursday
4000	3000	3000	Friday
5300	4300	5300	Saturday
7900	5900	6000	Sunday

If we do not specify the column name for the x parameter in the plot(), the bar plot will plot all the columns of the DataFrame with the index (row label) of DataFrame at x axis which is a numeric starting from 0.

Program 4-6 This program displays the Python script to display Bar plot for the “MelaSales.csv” file with column Day on x axis as shown below in Figure 4.7

```
import pandas as pd
df= pd.read_csv('MelaSales.csv')
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# plots a bar chart with the column "Days" as x axis
df.plot(kind='bar',x='Day',title='Mela Sales Report')
#set title and set ylabel
plt.ylabel('Sales in Rs')
plt.show()
```

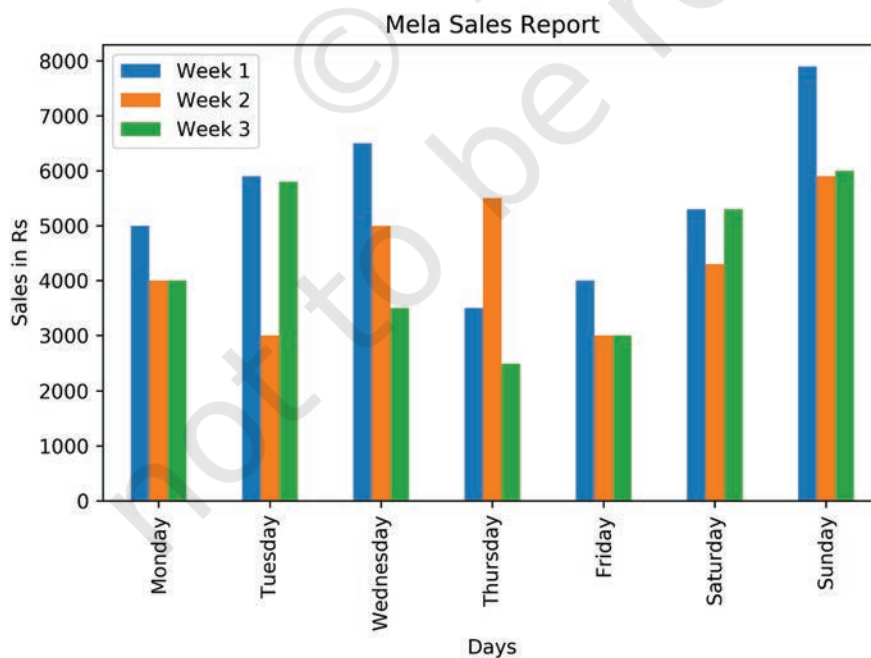


Figure 4.7: A bar chart as output of Program 4-6

### Customising Bar Chart

We can also customise the bar chart by adding certain parameters to the plot function. We can control the edgecolor of the bar, linestyle and linewidth. We can also control the color of the lines. The following example shows various customisations on the bar chart of Figure 4.8

Program 4-7 Let us write a Python script to display Bar plot for the “MelaSales.csv” file with column Day on x axis, and having the following customisation:

- Changing the color of each bar to red, yellow and purple.
- Edgecolor to green
- Linewidth as 2
- Line style as "--"

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
df= pd.read_csv('MelaSales.csv')
# plots a bar chart with the column "Days" as x axis
df.plot(kind='bar',x='Day',title='Mela Sales Report',color=['red',
'yellow','purple'],edgecolor='Green',linewidth=2,linestyle='--')
#set title and set ylabel
plt.ylabel('Sales in Rs')
plt.show()
```

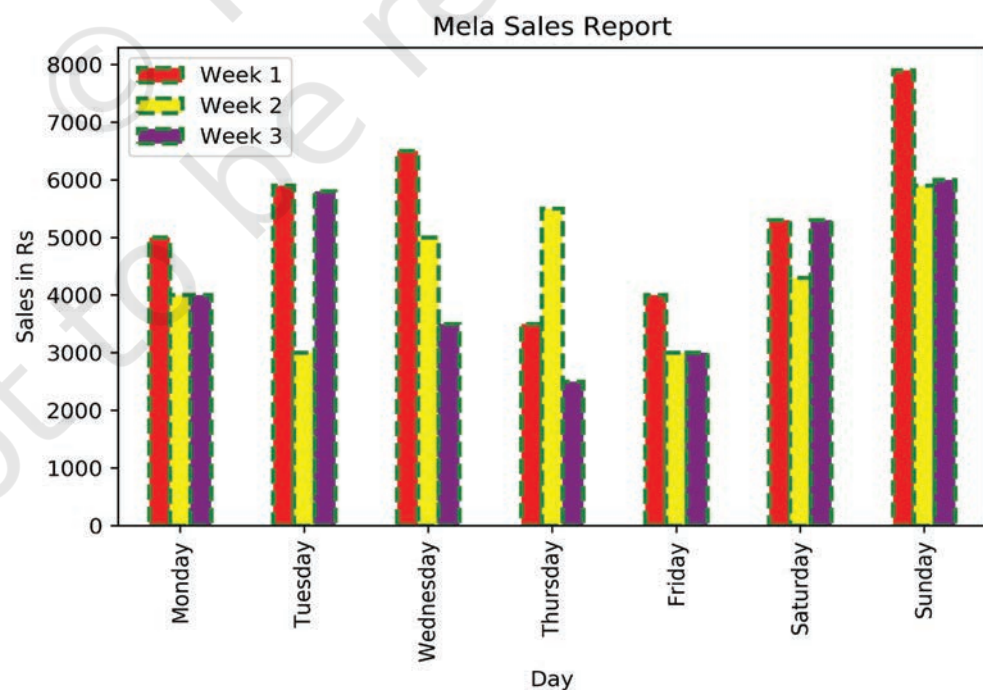


Figure 4.8: A bar chart as output of Program 4-7

### 4.4.3 Plotting Histogram

Histograms are column-charts, where each column represents a range of values, and the height of a column corresponds to how many values are in that range.

To make a histogram, the data is sorted into "bins" and the number of data points in each bin is counted. The height of each column in the histogram is then proportional to the number of data points its bin contains.

The `df.plot(kind='hist')` function automatically selects the size of the bins based on the spread of values in the data.

Program 4-8

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
data = {'Name': ['Arnav', 'Sheela', 'Azhar', 'Bincy', 'Yash', 'Nazar'],
        'Height': [60, 61, 63, 65, 61, 60],
        'Weight': [47, 89, 52, 58, 50, 47]}
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
df.plot(kind='hist')
plt.show()
```

The Program 4-9 displays the histogram corresponding to all attributes having numeric values, i.e., 'Height' and 'Weight' attributes as shown in Figure 4.9. On the basis of the height and weight values provided in the DataFrame, the `plot()` calculated the bin values.

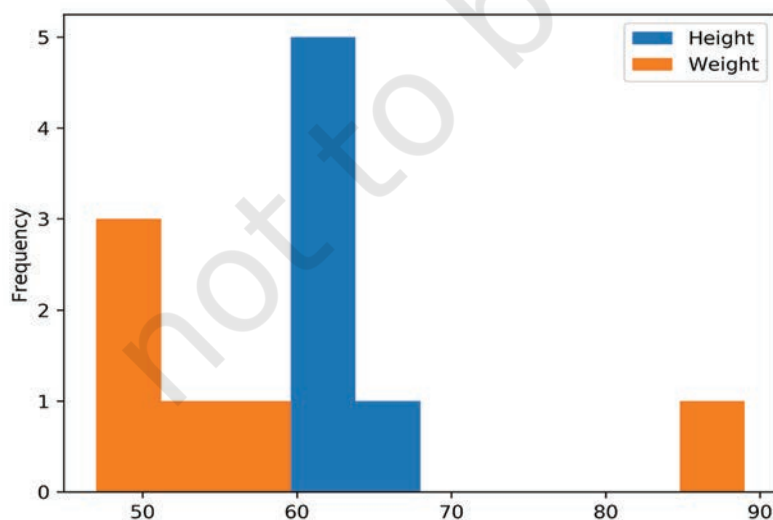


Figure 4.9: A histogram as output of Program 4-8

If we do not specify Bins are the number of intervals you want to divide all of your data into, such that it can be displayed as bars on a histogram.

#### Think and Reflect

How can we make the bar chart of Figure 4.8 horizontal?



It is also possible to set value for the bins parameter, for example,

```
df.plot(kind='hist',bins=20)
df.plot(kind='hist',bins=[18,19,20,21,22])
df.plot(kind='hist',bins=range(18,25))
```

### Customising Histogram

Taking the same data as above, now let see how the histogram can be customised. Let us change the edgecolor, which is the border of each hist, to green. Also, let us change the line style to ":" and line width to 2. Let us try another property called fill, which takes boolean values. The default True means each hist will be filled with color and False means each hist will be empty. Another property called hatch can be used to fill to each hist with pattern ('-', '+', 'x', '\\', '\*', 'o', 'O', '.'). In the Program 4-10, we have used the hatch value as "o".

Program 4-9

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
data = {'Name':['Arnav', 'Sheela', 'Azhar', 'Bincy', 'Yash',
'Nazar'],
'Height' : [60,61,63,65,61,60],
'Weight' : [47,89,52,58,50,47]}
df=pd.DataFrame(data)
df.plot(kind='hist',edgecolor='Green',linewidth=2,linestyle=':',fill=False,hatch='o')
plt.show()
```

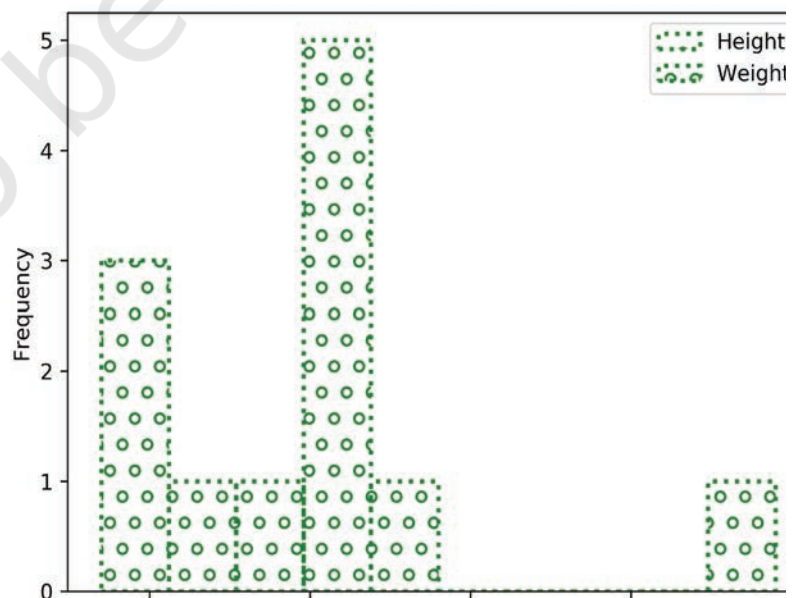


Figure 4.10: Customised histogram as output of Program 4-9

### Using Open Data

There are many websites that provide data freely for anyone to download and do analysis, primarily for educational purposes. These are called Open Data as the data source is open to the public. Availability of data for access and use promotes further analysis and innovation. A lot of emphasis is being given to open data to ensure transparency, accessibility and innovation. “Open Government Data (OGD) Platform India” ([data.gov.in](http://data.gov.in)) is a platform for supporting the Open Data initiative of the Government of India. Large datasets on different projects and parameters are available on the platform.

Let us consider a dataset called “Seasonal and Annual Min/Max Temp Series - India from 1901 to 2017” from the URL <https://data.gov.in/resources/seasonal-and-annual-minmax-temp-series-india-1901-2017>.

Our aim is to plot the minimum and maximum temperature and observe the number of times (frequency) a particular temperature has occurred. We only need to extract the 'ANNUAL - MIN' and 'ANNUAL - MAX' columns from the file. Also, let us aim to display two Histogram plots:

- i) Only for 'ANNUAL - MIN'
- ii) For both 'ANNUAL - MIN' and 'ANNUAL - MAX'

Program 4-10

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
#read the CSV file with specified columns
#usecols parameter to extract only two required columns
data=pd.read_csv("Min_Max_Seasonal_IMD_2017.csv",
                 usecols=['ANNUAL - MIN','ANNUAL - MAX'])
df=pd.DataFrame(data)
#plot histogram for 'ANNUAL - MIN'
df.plot(kind='hist',y='ANNUAL - MIN',title='Annual Minimum
Temperature (1901-2017)')
plt.xlabel('Temperature')
plt.ylabel('Number of times')
#plot histogram for both 'ANNUAL - MIN' and 'ANNUAL - MAX'
df.plot(kind='hist',
```

```

    title='Annual Min and Max Temperature (1901-2017)',color=['b
lue','red'])
plt.xlabel('Temperature')
plt.ylabel('Number of times')
plt.show()

```

The Figures 4.11 and 4.12 are produced as output of Program 4-10.

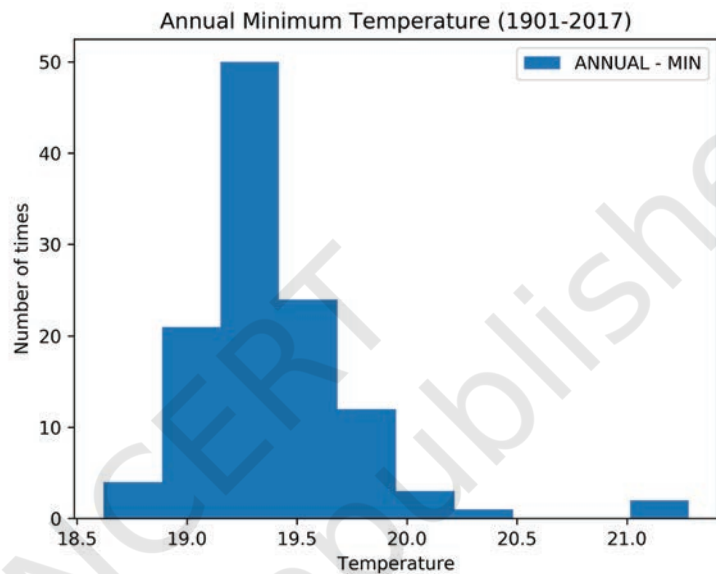


Figure 4.11: Histogram for 'ANNUAL - MIN' and 'ANNUAL - MAX'

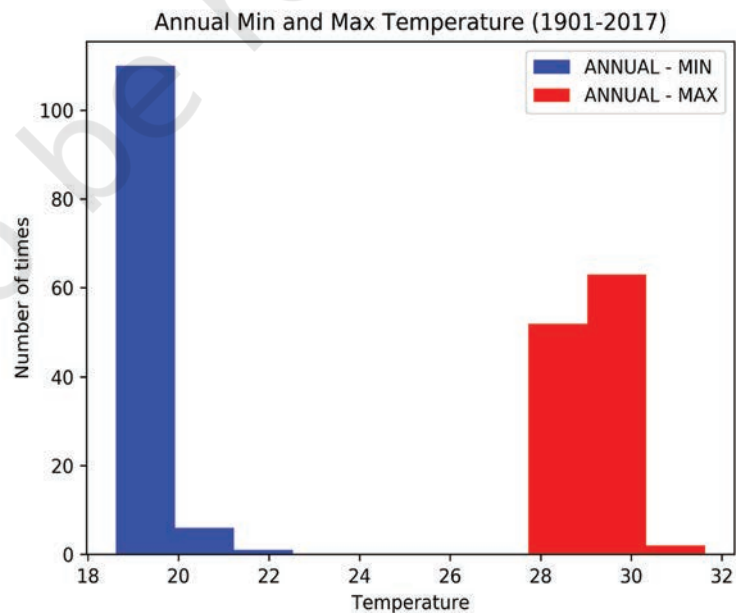


Figure 4.12: Histogram for 'ANNUAL - MIN'

Program 4-11 Plot a frequency polygon for the 'ANNUAL - MIN' column of the "Min/Max Temp" data over the histogram depicting it.

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
data=pd.read_csv("Min_Max_Seasonal_IMD_2017.csv",
    usecols=['ANNUAL - MIN'])
df=pd.DataFrame(data)
#convert the 'ANNUAL - MIN' column into a numpy 1D array
minarray=np.array([df['ANNUAL - MIN']])
# Extract y (frequency) and edges (bins)
y,edges = np.histogram(minarray)
#calculate the midpoint for each bar on the histogram
mid = 0.5*(edges[1:]+ edges[:-1])
df.plot(kind='hist',y='ANNUAL - MIN')
plt.plot(mid,y,'-^')
plt.title('Annual Min Temperature plot(1901 - 2017)')
plt.xlabel('Temperature')
plt.show()
```

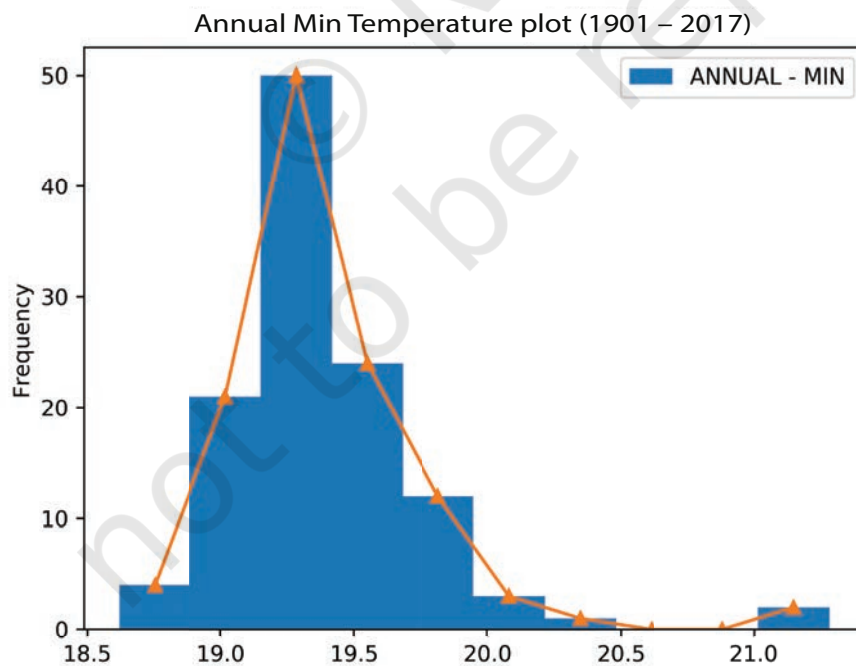


Figure 4.13: Output of Program 4-11

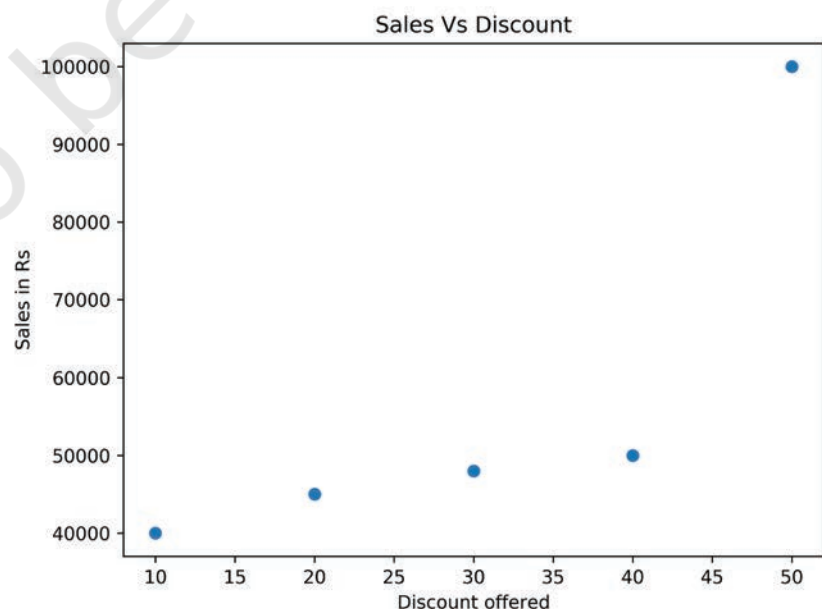
#### 4.4.4 Plotting Scatter Chart

A scatter chart is a two-dimensional data visualisation method that uses dots to represent the values obtained for two different variables—one plotted along the x-axis and the other plotted along the y-axis.

Scatter plots are used when you want to show the relationship between two variables. Scatter plots are sometimes called correlation plots because they show how two variables are correlated. Additionally, the size, shape or color of the dot could represent a third (or even fourth variable).

Program 4-12 Prayatna sells designer bags and wallets. During the sales season, he gave discounts ranging from 10% to 50% over a period of 5 weeks. He recorded his sales for each type of discount in an array. Draw a scatter plot to show a relationship between the discount offered and sales made.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
discount= np.array([10,20,30,40,50])
saleInRs=np.array([40000,45000,48000,50000,100000])
plt.scatter(x=discount,y=saleInRs)
plt.title('Sales Vs Discount')
plt.xlabel('Discount offered')
plt.ylabel('Sales in Rs')
plt.show()
```



#### Activity 4.2

What value does each bubble on the plot at Figure 4.14 represent?

Figure 4.14: Output of Program 4-12

### Customising Scatter chart

The size of the bubble can also be used to reflect a value. For example, in program 4-14, we have opted for displaying the size of the bubble as 10 times the discount, as shown in Figure 4.15. The colour and markers can also be changed in the above plot by adding the following statements:

Program 4-13

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
discount= np.array([10,20,30,40,50])
saleInRs=np.array([40000,45000,48000,50000,100000])
size=discount*10
plt.scatter(x=discount,y=saleInRs,s=size,color='red',linewidth=3,m
arker='*',edgecolor='blue')
plt.title('Sales Vs Discount')
plt.xlabel('Discount offered')
plt.ylabel('Sales in Rs')
plt.show()
```

#### Think and Reflect

What would happen if we use `df.plot(kind='scatter')` instead of `plt.scatter()` in Program 4-13?

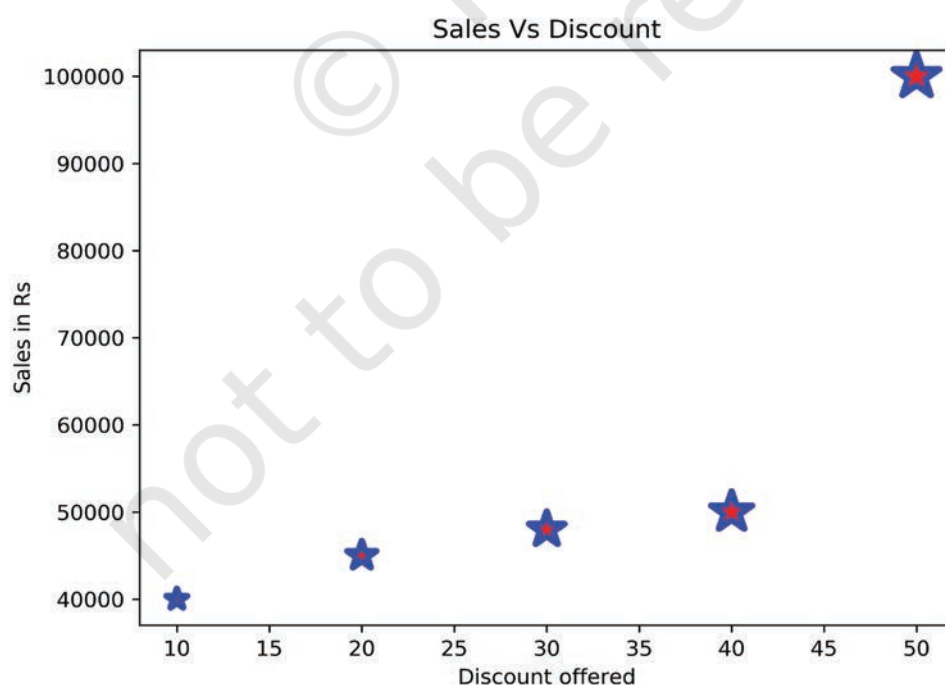


Figure 4.15: Scatter plot based on modified Program 4-13

## NOTES

**4.4.5 Plotting Quartiles and Box plot**

Suppose an entrance examination of 200 marks is conducted at the national level, and Mahi has topped the exam by scoring 120 marks. The result shows 100 percentile against Mahi's name, which means all the candidates excluding Mahi have scored less than Mahi. To visualise this kind of data, we use quartiles.

Quartiles are the measures which divide the data into four equal parts, and each part contains an equal number of observations. Calculating quartiles requires calculation of median. Quartiles are often used in educational achievement data, sales and survey data to divide populations into groups. For example, you can use Quartile to find the top 25 percent of students in that examination.

A Box Plot is the visual representation of the statistical summary of a given data set. The summary includes Minimum value, Quartile 1, Quartile 2, Median, Quartile 4 and Maximum value. The whiskers are the two lines outside the box that extend to the highest and lowest values. It also helps in identifying the outliers. An outlier is an observation that is numerically distant from the rest of the data, as shown in Figure 4.16:

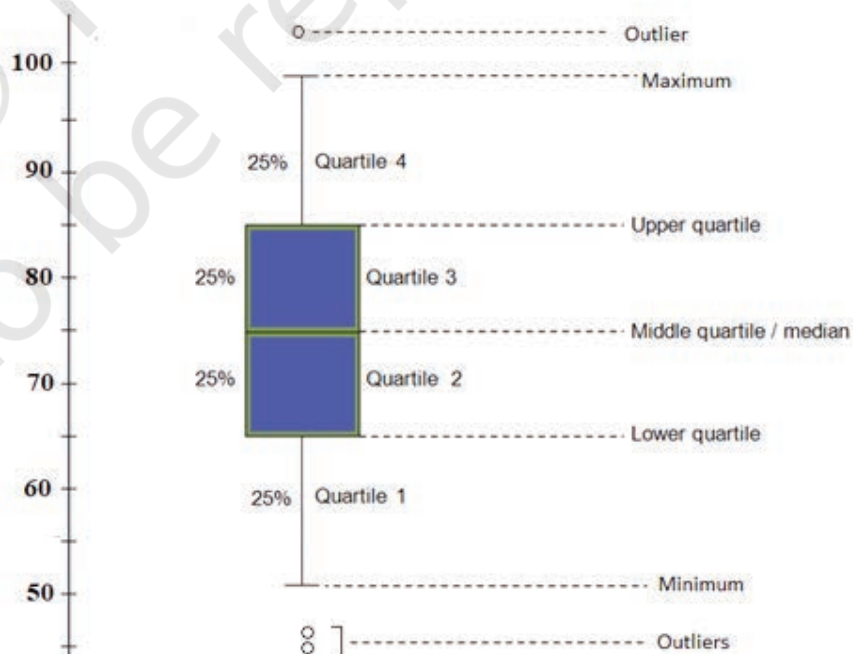


Figure 4.16: A Box Plot



Program 4-14 In order to assess the performance of students of a class in the annual examination, the class teacher stored marks of the students in all the 5 subjects in a CSV “Marks.csv” file as shown in Table 4.8. Plot the data using boxplot and perform a comparative analysis of performance in each subject.

**Table 4.8 Marks obtained by students in five subjects**

Name	English	Maths	Hindi	Science	Social_Studies
Rishika Batra	95	95	90	94	95
Waseem Ali	95	76	79	77	89
Kulpreet Singh	78	81	75	76	88
Annie Mathews	88	63	67	77	80
Shiksha	95	55	51	59	80
Naveen Gupta	82	55	63	56	74
Taleem Ahmed	73	49	54	60	77
Pragati Nigam	80	50	51	54	76
Usman Abbas	92	43	51	48	69
Gurpreet Kaur	60	43	55	52	71
Sameer Murthy	60	43	55	52	71
Angelina	78	33	39	48	68
Angad Bedi	62	43	51	48	54

Program 4-14

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
data= pd.read_csv('Marks.csv')
df= pd.DataFrame(data)
df.plot(kind='box')
#set title,xlabel,ylabel
plt.title('Performance Analysis')
plt.xlabel('Subjects')
plt.ylabel('Marks')
plt.show()
```

### Think and Reflect

What would happen if the label or row index passed is not present in the DataFrame?

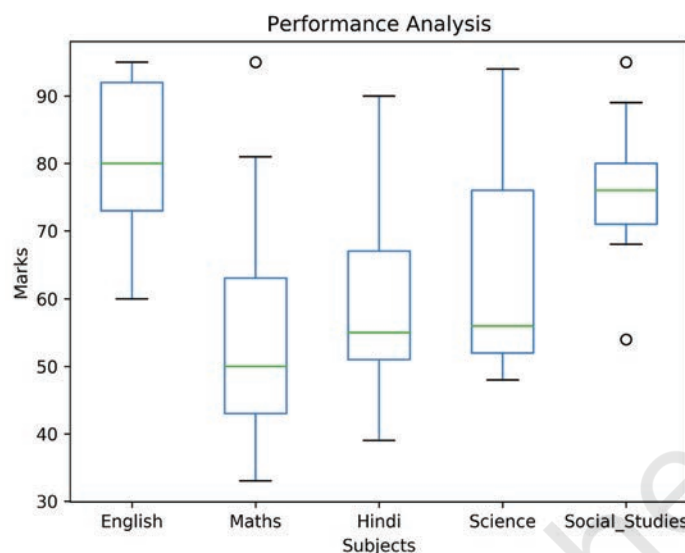


Figure 4.17: A boxplot of “Marks.csv”

The distance between the box and lower or upper whiskers in some boxplots are more, and in some less. Shorter distance indicates small variation in data, and longer distance indicates spread in data to mean larger variation.

Program 4-15 To keep improving their services, XYZ group of hotels have asked all the three hotels to get feedback form filled by their customers at the time of checkout. After getting ratings on a scale of (1–5) on factors such as Food, Service, Ambience, Activities, Distance from tourist spots they calculate the average rating and store it in a CSV file. The data are given in Table 4.9.

**Table 4.9 Year-wise average ratings on five parameters**

Year	Sunny Bunny Resort	Happy Lucky Resort	Breezy Windy Resort
2014	4.75	3	4.5
2015	2.5	4	2
2016	3.5	2.5	3
2017	4	2	3.5
2018	1.5	4.5	1

This year, to award the best hotel they have decided to analyse the ratings of the past 5 years for each of the hotels. Plot the data using Boxplot.

Program 4-15

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
#read the CSV file in 'data'
data= pd.read_csv('compareresort.csv')
#convert 'data' into a DataFrame 'df'
df= pd.DataFrame(data)
#plot a box plot for the DataFrame 'df'
with a title
df.plot(kind='box',title='Compare Resorts')
#set xlabel,ylabel
plt.xlabel('Resorts')
plt.ylabel('Rating (5 years)')
#display the plot
plt.show()
```

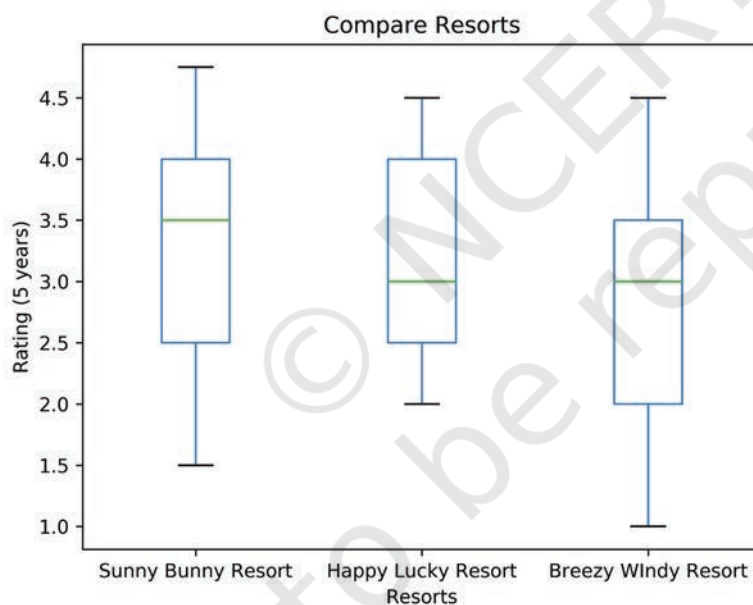


Figure 4.18: A boxplot as output of Program 4.15.

### Customising Box plot

We can display the whisker in horizontal direction by adding a parameter `vert=False` in the Program 4-15, as shown in the following line of code. We can change the color of the whisker as well. The output of the modified Program is shown in Figure 4.19.

```
df.plot(kind='box',title='Compare Resorts',
color='red', vert=False)
```

### Think and Reflect

Which of the three resorts should be awarded? Give reasons.

### Activity 4.3

Plot a pie to display the radius of the planets and also give an appropriate title to the plot.

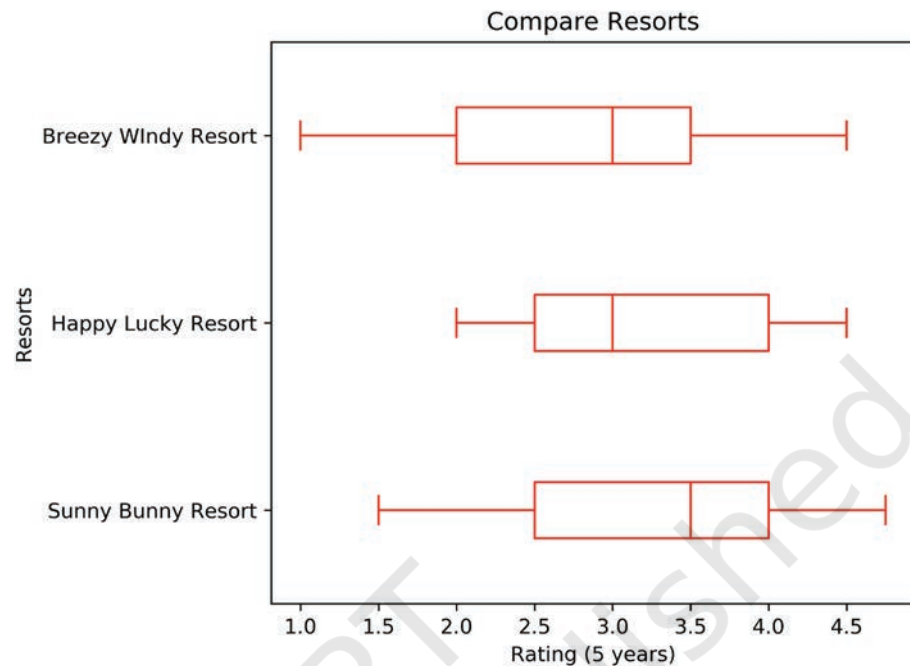


Figure 4.19: The horizontal boxplot after modifying Program 4.15.

#### 4.4.6 Plotting Pie Chart

Pie is a type of graph in which a circle is divided into different sectors and each sector represents a part of the whole. A pie plot is used to represent numerical data proportionally. To plot a pie chart, either column label `y` or `'subplots=True'` should be set while using `df.plot(kind='pie')`. If no column reference is passed and `subplots=True`, a 'pie' plot is drawn for each numerical column independently.

In the Program 4.16, we have a DataFrame with information about the planet's mass and radius. The 'mass' column is passed to the `plot()` function to get a pie plot as shown in Figure 4.20.

#### Program 4-16

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
df = pd.DataFrame({'mass': [0.330, 4.87, 5.97],
                  'radius': [2439.7, 6051.8, 6378.1]},
                  index=['Mercury', 'Venus', 'Earth'])
df.plot(kind='pie', y='mass')
plt.show()
```

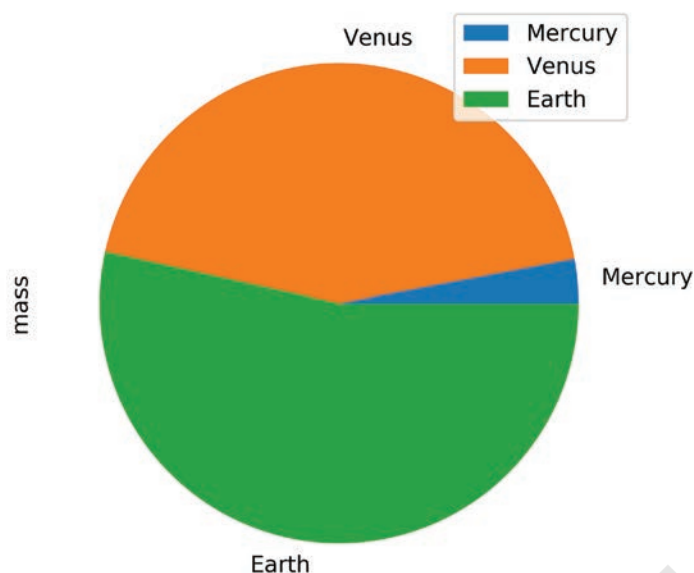


Figure 4.20: Pie chart as output of Program 4-16.

It is important to note that the default label names are the index value of the DataFrame. The labels as shown in Figure 4.20 are the names of the planet which are the index values as shown in Program 4.16.

Program 4-17 Let us consider the dataset of Table 4.10 showing the forest cover of north eastern states that contains geographical area and corresponding forest cover in sq km along with the names of the corresponding states.

**Table 4.10 Forest cover of north eastern states**

State	GeoArea	ForestCover
Arunachal Pradesh	83743	67353
Assam	78438	27692
Manipur	22327	17280
Meghalaya	22429	17321
Mizoram	21081	19240
Nagaland	16579	13464
Tripura	10486	8073

Program 4-17

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
df=pd.DataFrame({'GeoArea':[83743,78438,22327,22429,21081,16579,10486], 'ForestCover':[67353,27692,17280,17321,19240,13464,8073]},
index=['Arunachal Pradesh','Assam','Manipur','Meghalaya',
'Mizoram','Nagaland','Tripura'])
```

```
df.plot(kind='pie',y='ForestCover',
        title='Forest cover of North Eastern
states',legend=False)
plt.show()
```

### Think and Reflect

What effect did 'legend= False' in Program 4.17 have on the output?

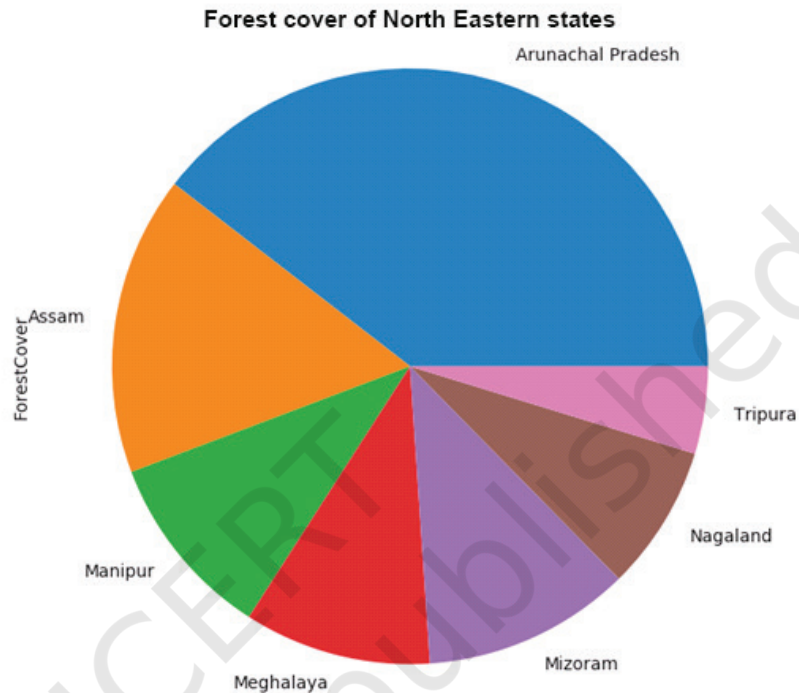


Figure 4.21: Pie chart as output of Program 4.17

### Customisation of pie chart

To customise the pie plot of Figure 4.21, we have added the following two properties of pie chart in program 4-18:

- **Explode**—it specifies the fraction of the radius with which to explode or expand each slot.
- **Autopct**—to display the percentage of that part as a label.

#### Program 4-18

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

df=pd.DataFrame({'GeoArea':[83743,78438,22327,22429,21081,16579,10486],
'ForestCover':[67353,27692,17280,17321,19240,13464,8073]},
index=['Arunachal Pradesh','Assam','Manipur','Meghalaya','Mizoram',
,'Nagaland','Tripura'])

exp=[0.1,0,0,0,0.2,0,0]
#explode the first wedge to .1 level and fifth to level 2.
c=['r','g','m','c','brown','pink','purple']
```

```
#change the color of each wedge
df.plot(kind='pie',y='ForestCover',title='Forest cover of North
Eastern states', legend=False, explode=exp, autopct="%.2f",
colors=c)
plt.show()
```

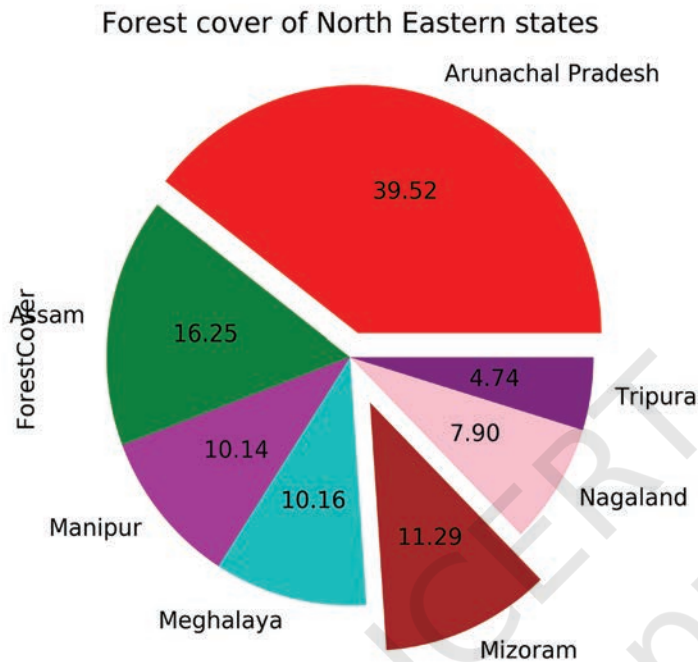


Figure 4.22: Pie chart as output of Program 4.18

## SUMMARY

- A plot is a graphical representation of a data set which is also interchangeably known as a graph or chart. It is used to show the relationship between two or more variables.
- In order to be able to use Python's Data Visualisation library, we need to import the pyplot module from Matplotlib library using the following statement: `import matplotlib.pyplot as plt`, where `plt` is an alias or an alternative name for `matplotlib.pyplot`. You can keep any alias of your choice.
- The pyplot module houses functions to create a figure(plot), create a plotting area in a figure, plot lines, bars, hist. etc., in a plotting area, decorate the plot with labels, etc.



## NOTES

- The various components of a plot are: Title, Legend, Ticks, x label, ylabel
- `plt.plot()` is used to build a plot, where `plt` is an alias.
- `plt.show()` is used to display the figure, where `plt` is an alias.
- `plt.xlabel()` and `plt.ylabel()` are used to set the x and y label of the plot.
- `plt.title()` can be used to display the title of a plot.
- It is possible to plot data directly from the DataFrame.
- Pandas has a built-in `.plot()` function as part of the DataFrame class.
- The general format of plotting a DataFrame is `df.plot(kind = ' ')` where `df` is the name of the DataFrame and `kind` can be line, bar, hist, scatter, box depending upon the type of plot to be displayed.

## Exercise

1. What is the purpose of the Matplotlib library?
2. What are some of the major components of any graphs or plot?
3. Name the function which is used to save the plot.
4. Write short notes on different customisation options available with any plot.
5. What is the purpose of a legend?
6. Define Pandas visualisation.
7. What is open data? Name any two websites from which we can download open data.
8. Give an example of data comparison where we can use the scatter plot.
9. Name the plot which displays the statistical summary.

**Note:** Give appropriate title, set xlabel and ylabel while attempting the following questions.

10. Plot the following data using a line plot:

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tickets sold	2000	2800	3000	2500	2300	2500	1000

- Before displaying the plot display “Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday” in place of Day 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
  - Change the color of the line to ‘Magenta’.
11. Collect data about colleges in Delhi University or any other university of your choice and number of courses they run for Science, Commerce and Humanities, store it in a CSV file and present it using a bar plot.
  12. Collect and store data related to the screen time of students in your class separately for boys and girls and present it using a boxplot.
  13. Explain the findings of the boxplot of Figure 4.18 by filling the following blanks:
    - a) The median for the five subjects is \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_
    - b) The highest value for the five subjects is : \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_
    - c) The lowest value for the five subjects is : \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_
    - d) \_\_\_\_\_ subject has two outliers with the value \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
    - e) \_\_\_\_\_ subject shows minimum variation
  14. Collect the minimum and maximum temperature of your city for a month and present it using a histogram plot.
  15. Conduct a class census by preparing a questionnaire. The questionnaire should contain a minimum of five questions. Questions should relate to students, their family members, their class performance, their health etc. Each student is required to fill up the questionnaire. Compile the information in numerical terms (in terms of percentage). Present the information through a bar, scatter-diagram. (NCERT Geography class IX, Page 60)

## NOTES

**NOTES**

16. Visit [data.gov.in](https://data.gov.in), search for the following in “catalogs” option of the website:

- Final population Totals, India and states
- State Wise literacy rate

Download them and create a CSV file containing population data and literacy rate of the respective state. Also add a column Region to the CSV file that should contain the values East, West, North and South. Plot a scatter plot for each region where X axis should be population and Y axis should be Literacy rate. Change the marker to a diamond and size as the square root of the literacy rate.

Group the data on the column region and display a bar chart depicting average literacy rate for each region.