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CS 224 Introduction to Python

Plotting with Python

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Introduction

Python is commonly used by scientists for data analysis and visualization.

As programming languages go, the “cost of entry” is low -- it may be easier for non-programmers to pickup than many other languages

Examples of modules for sciences:

- astropy – astronomy
- biopython – bioinformatics
- deap – evolutionary computation
- mlpy – machine learning
- nilearn – neuro imaging
- psychopy -- psychology

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Tools for general purpose visualization

`matplotlib.pyplot`: provides an interface to `matplotlib`

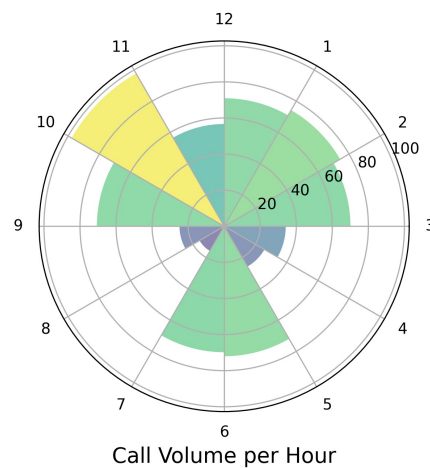
`seaborn`: Python module built on `matplotlib` that provides a number of predefined plot types

`numpy`: Python numerical computing package known for array operations

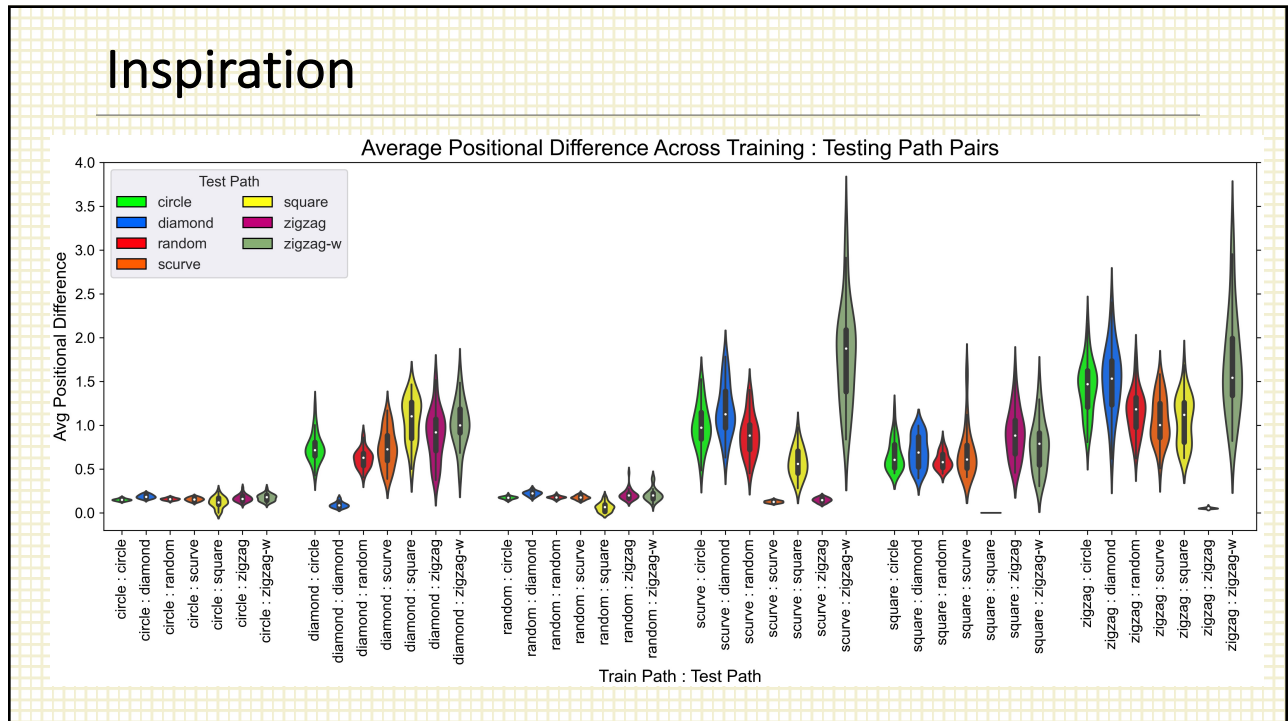
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Inspiration

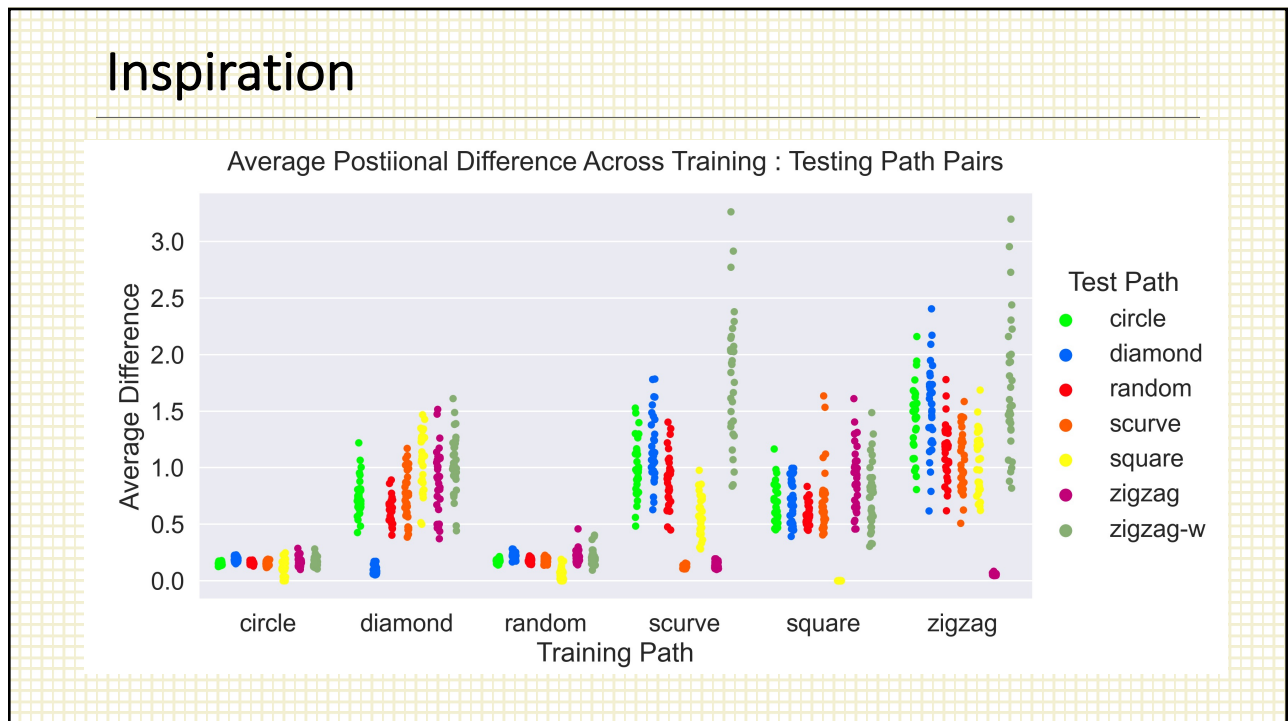
Help Desk Call Volume 7 AM to 7 PM



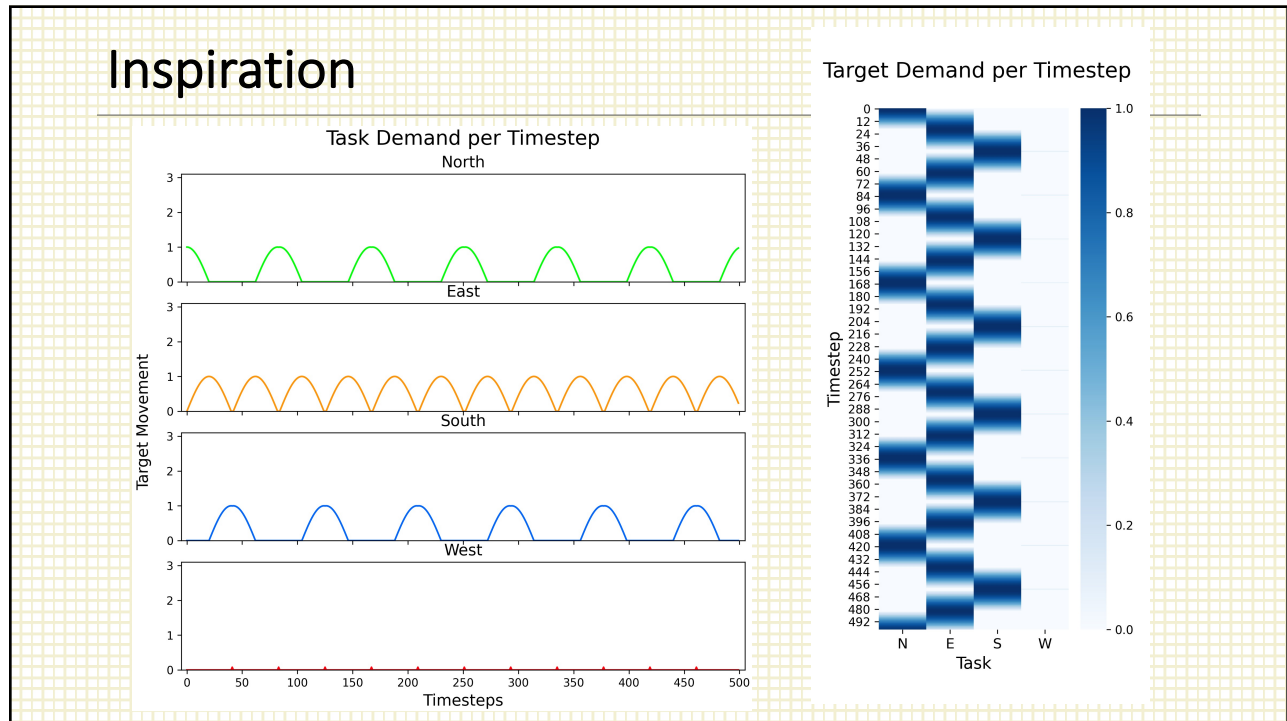
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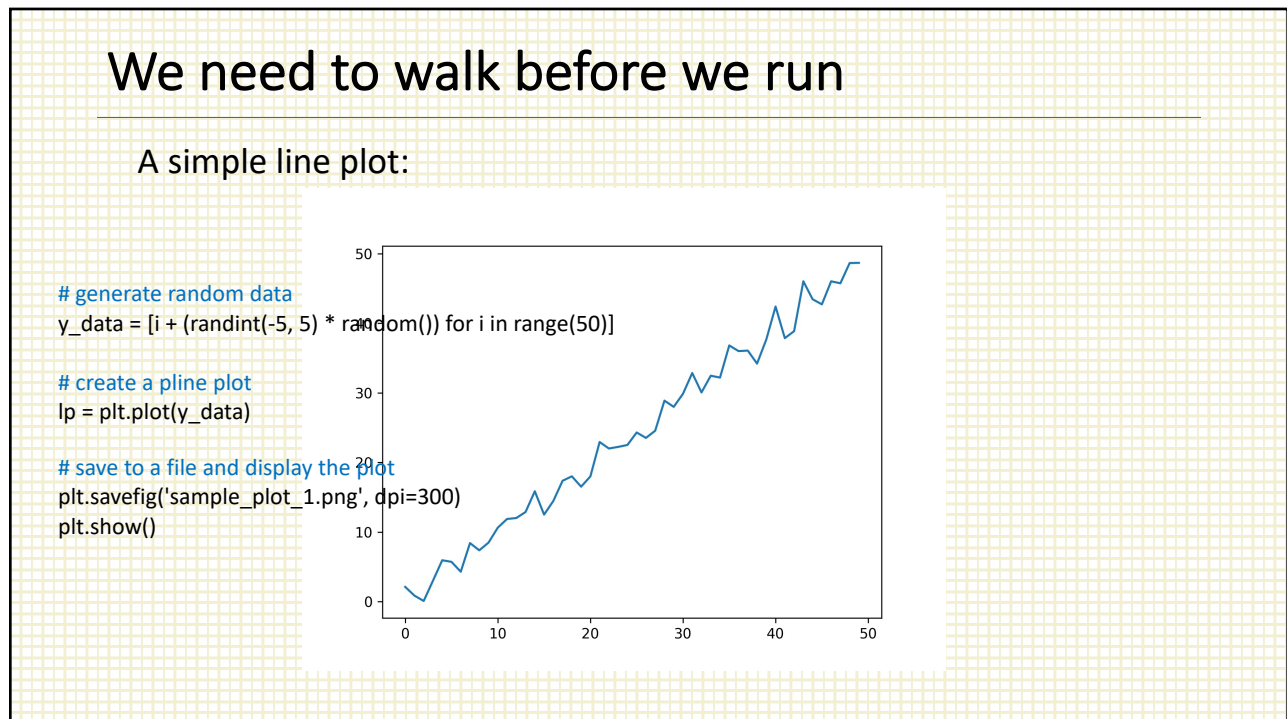
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A line plot with new “features”

A very slightly less simple line plot:

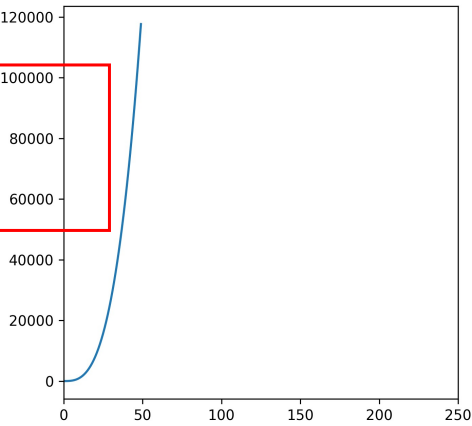
```
# generate random
y_data = [i**3 for i in range(50)]
```

```
# set the figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(5, 5))
```

```
# set the x axis value limits
plt.xlim(0, 250)
```

```
# create a line plot
lp = plt.plot(y_data)
```

```
# save to a file and display
plt.savefig('sample_plot_2.png')
plt.show()
```



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Plotting multiple data sets

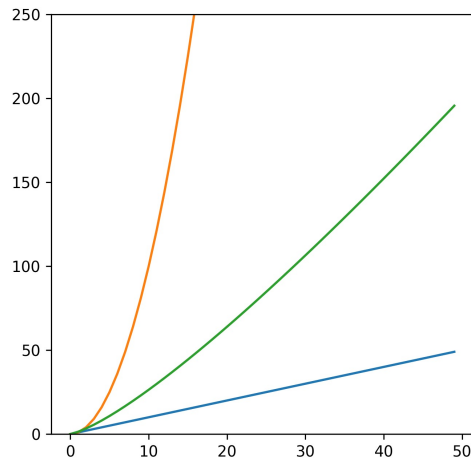
```
# generate three data sets
y_data_1 = y_data = [i for i in range(50)]
y_data_2 = [i**2 for i in range(50)]
y_data_3 = [(i+1) * math.log(i+1)]
```

```
# set the figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))
```

```
# set the y axis value limits
plt.ylim(0, 250)
```

```
# each call plots one of the data sets
lp1 = plt.plot(y_data_1)
lp2 = plt.plot(y_data_2)
lp3 = plt.plot(y_data_3)
```

```
# save and display the plot
plt.savefig('sample_plot_3.png')
plt.show()
```



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Adding a legend

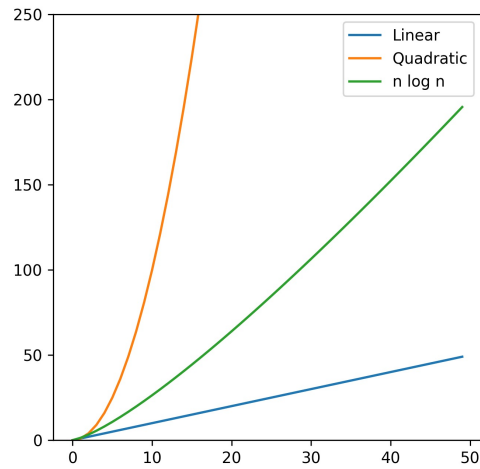
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y_data_2 = [i**2 for i in range(50)]
y_data_3 = [(i+1) * math.log(i+1)]

# set the figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))

# set the y axis value limit
plt.ylim(0, 250)

# each call plots one of the data sets
# label arguments for use
lp = plt.plot(y_data_1, label='Linear')
lp = plt.plot(y_data_2, label='Quadratic')
lp = plt.plot(y_data_3, label='n log n')

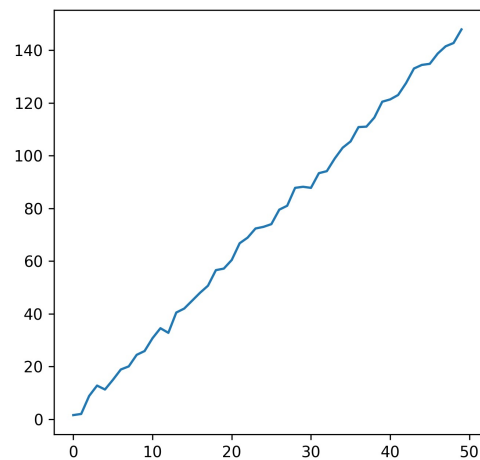
# create the legend
plt.legend()
```



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Something's not right here

The x values used to calculate the y values are 0 to 147 with an increment of 3 but the x-axis shows 0 to 49.



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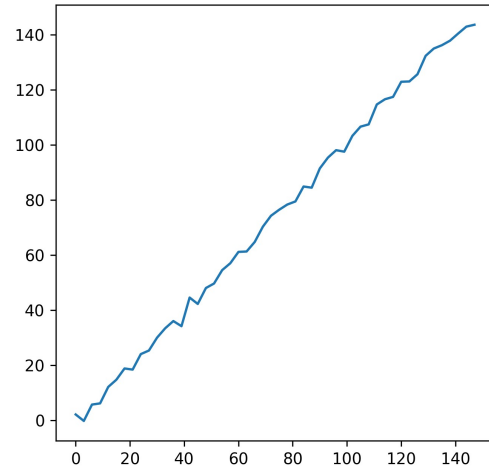
We can fix that...

Creating values for the x-axis:

```
# fix: create a separate list for x-values and tell plt to use them
x_data = [3 * i for i in range(50)]
y_data = [i + (random.randint(-5, 5) * random.random())
          for i in x_data]
```

```
# set the figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))
```

```
# for the fixed version we need to use this plot call
lp = plt.plot(x_data, y_data)
```



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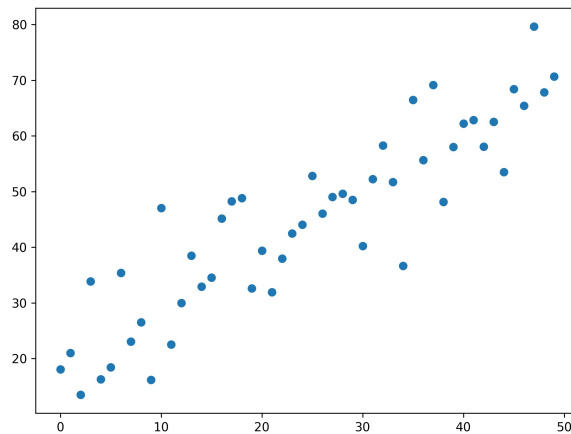
Are you tired of line plots?

```
# this y_data has a litt
x_data = [i for i in rang
y_data = [20 + i + (ran
```

```
# set the figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
```

```
# for the fixed version
lp = plt.scatter(x_data
```

```
# save and display the
plt.savefig('sample_pl
plt.show()
```



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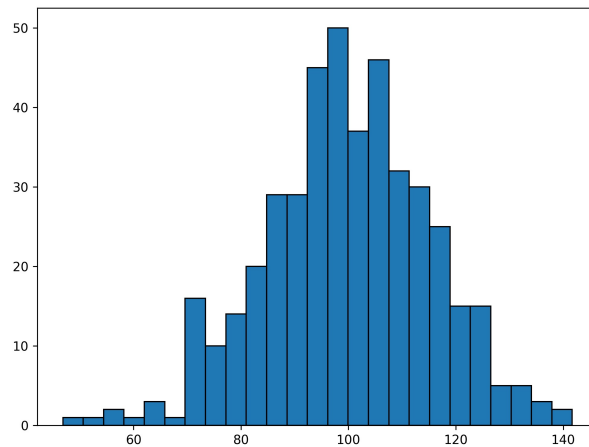
How about a histogram?

```
# mean and std deviat
mu = 100
sigma = 15
# generate a numpy arr
# distributed random va
y_data = mu + sigma * r
```

```
# number of bins in the
bins = 25
```

```
# set the figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
```

```
# pass the data and nur
hp = plt.hist(y_data, bin
```



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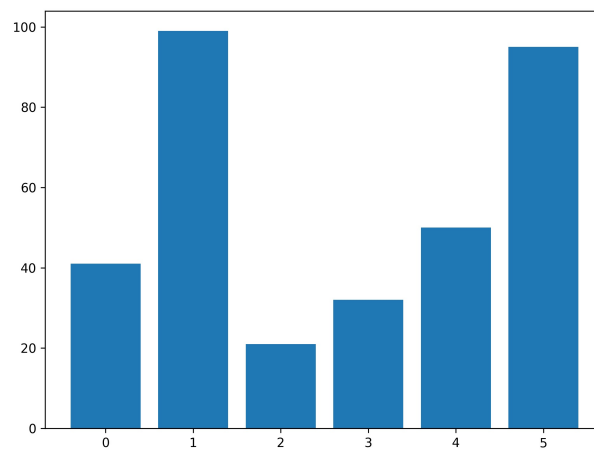
Bar chart anyone?

```
# create the data
x_data = [i for i in range(6)]
y_data = [random.randint(20,
```

```
# set the figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
```

```
# pass the x locations and bar
rects = plt.bar(x_data, y_data
```

```
# save and display plot
plt.savefig('sample_plot_8.pn
plt.show()
```



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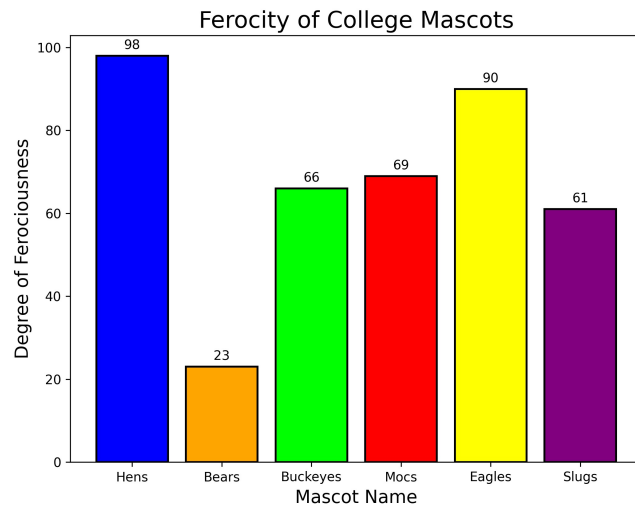
Let's make the bar chart pretty

```
# labels for the bars
x_labels = ['Hens', 'Bears',
            'Eagles', 'Slugs']

# colors for the bars
bar_colors = ['blue', 'orange',
              'yellow', 'purple']

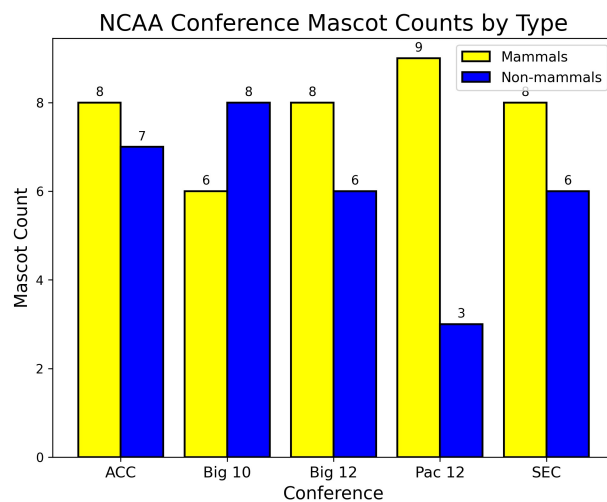
# create the plot
rects = plt.bar(x_data, y_data,
                 color=bar_colors, edgecolor='black')

# axis labels and title
plt.xlabel('Mascot Name')
plt.ylabel('Degree of Ferociousness')
plt.title('Ferocity of College Mascots')
```



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A grouped bar chart



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Grouped bar chart code

```

# labels for the bars
conferences = ['ACC', 'Big 10', 'Big 12', 'Pac 12', 'SEC']
# mapping conference names to number of teams
size_map = {'ACC':15, 'Big 10':14, 'Big 12':14, 'Pac 12':12, 'SEC':14 }

x_data = [i for i in range(5)]

# randomly generate number of mammals
mammals = [random.randint(2, 10) for _ in range(5)]
# number of non-mammals = conference size - number of mammals
other = [size_map[conferences[i]] - mammals[i] for i in range(5)]

rects1 = plt.bar(x - width/2, mammals, width, edgecolor='black', linewidth=1.5, color='yellow', label='Mammals')
rects2 = plt.bar(x + width/2, other, width, edgecolor='black', linewidth=1.5, color='blue', label='Non-mammals')

# place tick marks on both sides of plot but tick labels on left side only
plt.tick_params(axis='y', left=True, right=True, labelleft=True, labelright=False)
# set tick labels
plt.xticks(ticks=x_data, labels=conferences, fontsize=TICKSIZE)

```

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HowTo: Values at top of bars

```

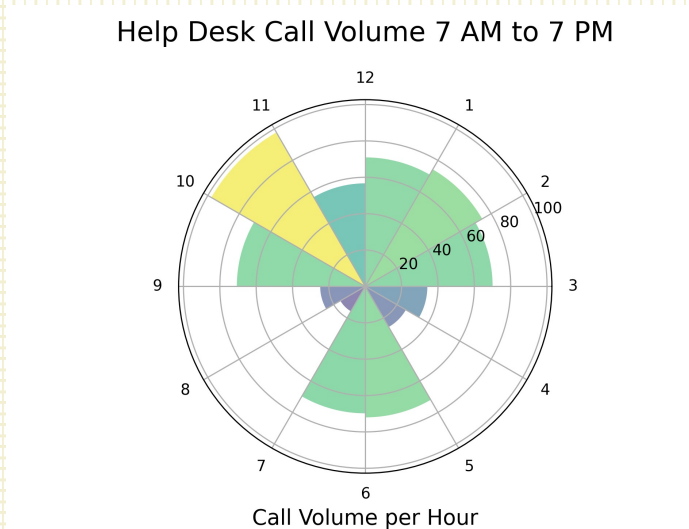
# function to label the bars with numeric values
def rect_num_labels(bars):
    for rect in bars:
        height = rect.get_height()
        plt.annotate('{}'.format(height),
                    xy=(rect.get_x() + rect.get_width() / 2, height),
                    xytext=(0, 3),           # 3 points vertical offset
                    textcoords='offset points', # set offset unit to points (rather than pixels)
                    ha='center', va='bottom')

def main():
    ...
    rects1 = plt.bar(x - width/2, mammals, width, edgecolor='black', linewidth=1.5, color='yellow', label='Mammals')
    rects2 = plt.bar(x + width/2, other, width, edgecolor='black', linewidth=1.5, color='blue', label='Non-mammals')
    ...
    # call function to label the rectangles
    rect_num_labels(rects1)
    rect_num_labels(rects2)

```

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How to make the polar bar chart



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How to make the polar bar chart

```

# Number of wedges; one per hour
N = 12

# creates np array of angles at which wedges are centered -
# linspace creates evenly spaced values
theta = np.linspace(0.0, 2 * np.pi, N, endpoint=False)

# creates np array of radii in range 0.0 -- 99.99...
radii = 100 * np.random.rand(N)

# creates np array of wedge widths
# we want each wedge to represent an hour
width = 2 * np.pi / 12 * np.ones(12)

# colors come from the specified colormap (cm.viridis)
# are related to the radii of the wedges
colors = plt.cm.viridis(radii / 100.0)

# set for polar axes
ax = plt.subplot(111, projection='polar')

# create the plot
# align: align left edge of wedge with ticks
# color: the colormap used above
# alpha: degree of opacity
pb = ax.bar(theta, radii, width=width, align='edge',
           color=colors, alpha=0.6)

# we want 12 evenly-spaced positions starting at 0 degrees
# and moving counterclockwise
xtick_pos = [i * (2 * np.pi / 12) for i in range(N)]
xtick_labels = ['3', '2', '1', '12', '11', '10', '9', '8', '7', '6', '5', '4']
plt.xticks(xtick_pos, labels=xtick_labels)

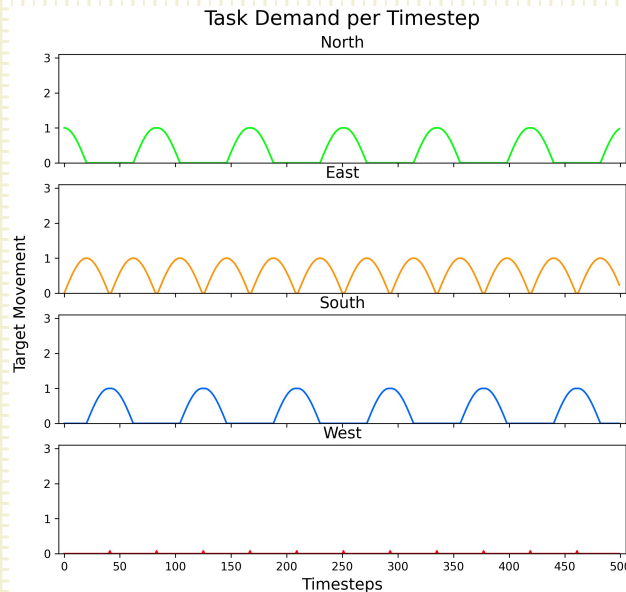
# set top of plot at (0.82 * height) to make room for title
plt.subplots_adjust(top=0.82)

# create the label and plot title
plt.xlabel('Call Volume per Hour', fontsize=LABELSIZE)
plt.title('Help Desk Call Volume 7 AM to 7 PM\n',
         fontsize=TITLESIZE)

```

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How to make the multi-plot



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How to make the multi-plot

```
# create the grid of subplots
```

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=4, ncols=1, sharex=True, figsize=(10, 8))
```

```
# create the subplots
```

```
for i in range(len(task_dict)):
```

```
    sns.lineplot(ax=axes[i], y=data[i], x=timesteps, color=plot_colors[i])
```

```
    axes[i].set_title(task_dict[i], fontsize=LABELSIZE)
```

```
    axes[i].set_ylim(0, 3.1)
```

```
    axes[i].set_xlim(-5, num_pts + 5)
```

```
# create the x labels
```

```
x_tick_labels = [str(i) for i in range(num_pts + 5) if i % tick_interval == 0]
```

```
axes[0].set_xticks([i for i in range(num_pts + 5) if i % tick_interval == 0])
```

```
axes[0].set_xticklabels(x_tick_labels, fontsize=TICKSIZE)
```

```
# this allows "global" axis labels (rather than labels for each subplot)
```

```
fig.add_subplot(111, frameon=False)
```

```
plt.tick_params(labelcolor='none', top=False, bottom=False, left=False, right=False)
```

```
plt.xlabel('Timesteps', fontsize=LABELSIZE)
```

```
plt.ylabel('Target Movement', fontsize=LABELSIZE)
```

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Quiz 1

Problem 2:

Write Python code that takes two lists (assume that they already exist) named **list1** and **list2** and prints all combinations of an element from **list1** followed by an element from **list2**. Each combination should be printed on a separate line.

Solution:

```
for e in list1:
    for f in list2:
        print('{} {}'.format(e, f))
```

Alternate solution 1:

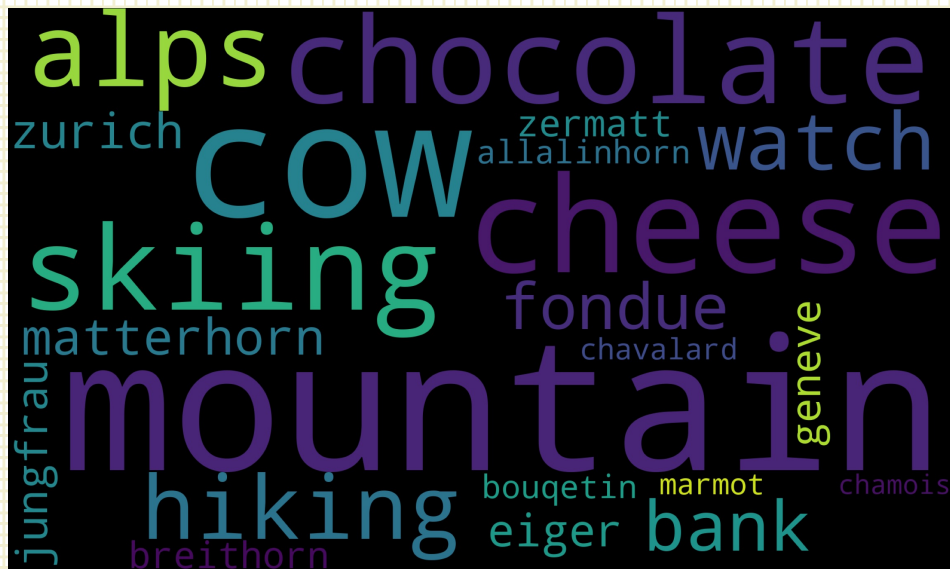
```
pairs = [(e, f) for e in list1 for f in list2]
for p in pairs:
    print(p)
```

Alternate solution 2:

```
pairs = itertools.product(list1, list2)
for p in pairs:
    print(p)
```

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And now for something completely different...



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How to make the word cloud

```
from wordcloud import WordCloud
```

```
cloud = WordCloud(width=2000, height=1200, background_color='black', collocations=False).generate(' '.join(words))
```

```
plt.imshow(cloud)
plt.axis('off')
```

words is a list of the words to display

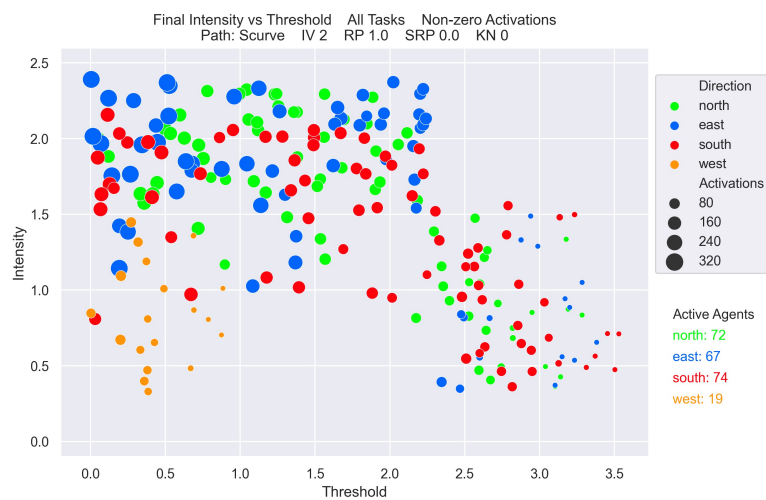
Tying this to recorded lecture:

join is a function that creates a string from a list of strings

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Coming attractions

Plotting with Seaborn



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Quiz 1

Problem 1:

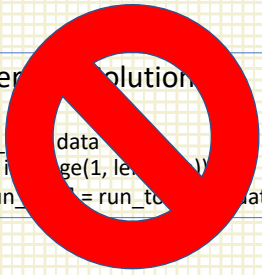
Write Python code that takes a list named **data** and creates a list called **run_tot** that contains a running total of the elements in **data**. In other words, each element **i** of **run_tot** is the sum of all elements with indices **j** \leq **i**. YOU MAY **NOT** USE A LIST COMPREHENSION. Assume that **data** already exists.

Solution:

```
run_tot = [data[0]]
for i in range(1, len(data)):
    run_tot.append(run_tot[i-1] + data[i])
```

Alternate Solution 1:

```
run_tot = data
for i in range(1, len(data)):
    run_tot[i] = run_tot[i-1] + data[i]
```



Alternate Solution 2:

```
run_tot = deepcopy(data)
for i in range(1, len(data)):
    run_tot[i] = run_tot[i-1] + data[i]
```