

Lecture 26: List Comprehensions and matplotlib

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List Comprehensions

Goal: double a list of numbers

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5] -> [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]

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Function def

```
def double(nums):  
    doubles = []  
    for n in nums:  
        doubles.append(n * 2)  
    return doubles
```

okay...

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Map with lambda

```
map(lambda n: n * 2, nums)
```

oh, nice :)

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List comprehension

beautiful :')

```
[n * 2 for n in nums]
```

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[]

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```
[          for n in nums]
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1. Square brackets
2. For-each over input list
3. Output expression to produce

Let's try some more

Given a list of positive numbers, like:

```
nums = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

- Make a list of these numbers' squares
 - [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
- Make a list of these numbers, but negative
 - [-1, -2, -3, -4, -5]

Now, you try list comprehensions!

Given a list of positive numbers, like:

```
nums = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

- Make a list of these numbers with 10 added to them
 - [11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
- Make a list of these numbers cast to strings with “!!” appended on the end
 - ['1!!!', '2!!!', '3!!!', '4!!!', '5!!!']

List Comprehensions

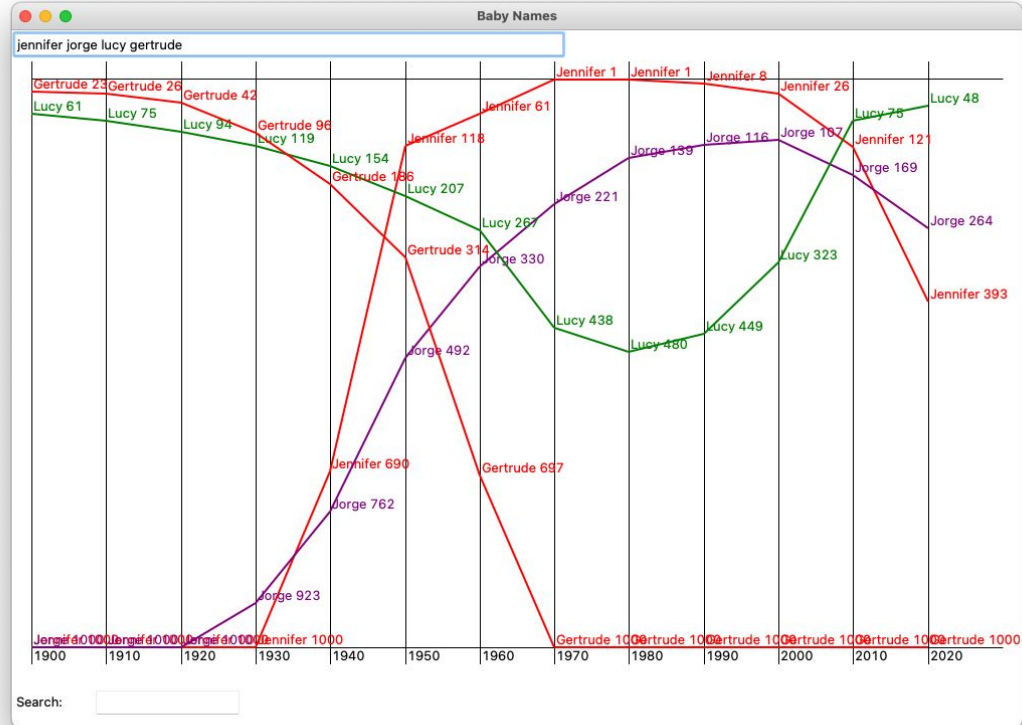
very nice

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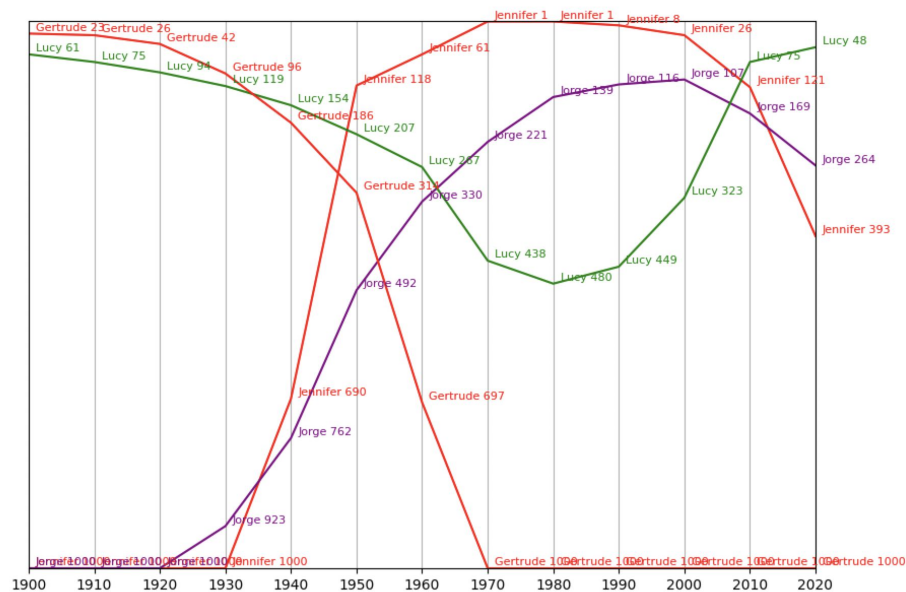
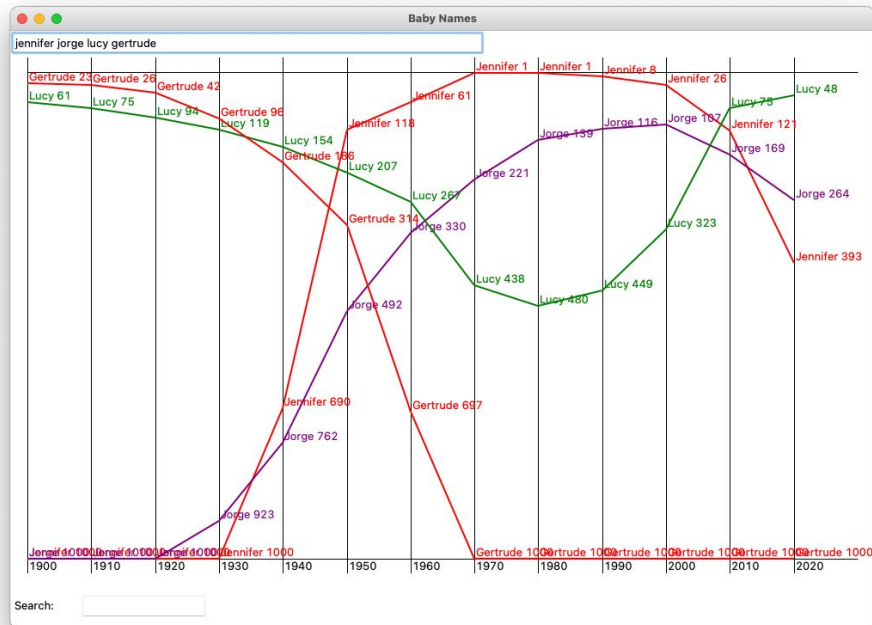
- Like `map()`, but a bit more readable
- Cool? Elegant?
- Fits problems that are in a specific form
 - We have list XXX and want it in form YYY

matplotlib

Remember this?

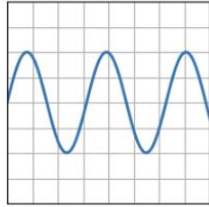


matplotlib can do it, too

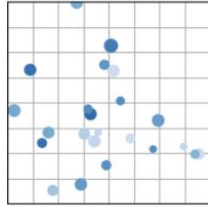


Generating Visualizations IRL

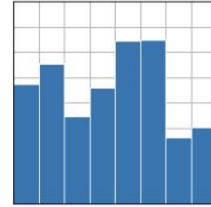
- It's tedious to draw all the shapes on a graph
- Python module for making visualizations more easily - so many options!



plot(x, y)



scatter(x, y)



bar(x, height)

To install: `python3 -m pip install matplotlib`

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Which is stored as a dictionary:

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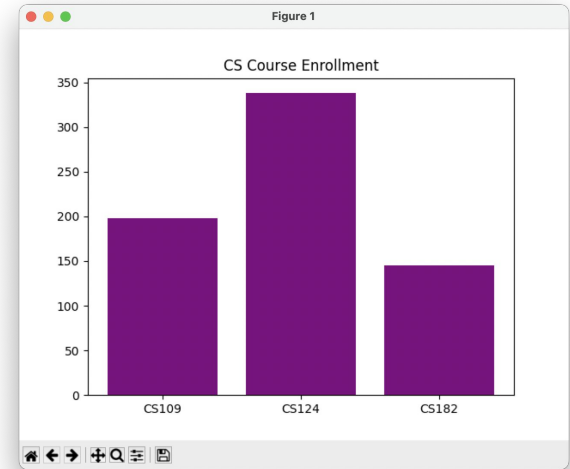
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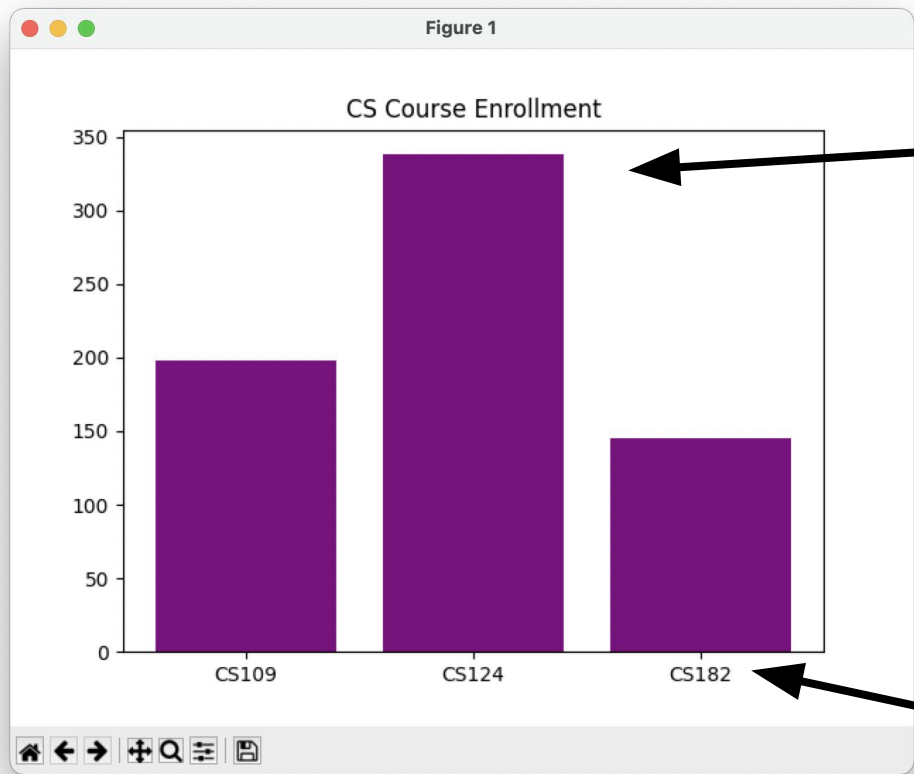
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```
x_vals = ???
```

```
y_vals = ???
```



y values
(enrollments)

x values
(course names)

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x_vals = ['CS109', 'CS124', 'CS182']

y_vals = [enrolls['CS109'], enrolls['CS124'], enrolls['CS182']]

# y_vals in this example are [198, 338, 145]
```

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x_vals = ['CS109', 'CS124', 'CS182']

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plt.bar(x_vals, y_vals, color='purple')
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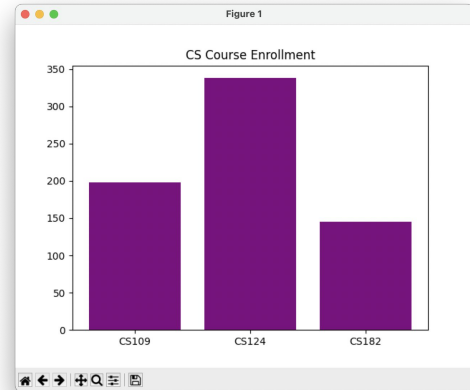
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```
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```
plt.show()
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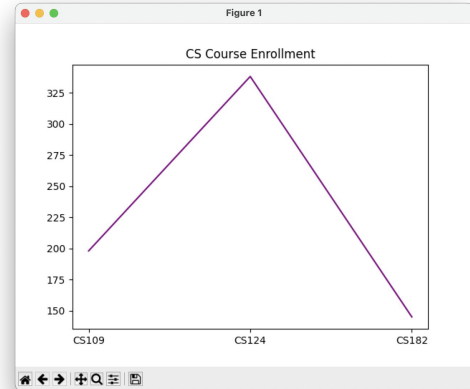
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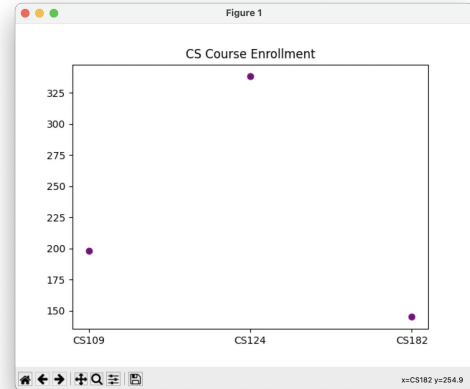
```
x_vals = ['CS109', 'CS124', 'CS182']
```

```
y_vals = [enrolls['CS109'], enrolls['CS124'], enrolls['CS182']]
```

```
plt.scatter(x_vals, y_vals, color='purple')
```

```
plt.title('CS Course Enrollment')
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plt.show()
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Example: CS Course Enrollment

What if my dataset was a little larger:

CS109 has 198 students

CS124 has 338 students

CS182 has 145 students

CS103 has 419 students

CS106A has 463 students

CS106B has 318 students

CS107 has 285 students

CS108 has 62 students

...

Example: CS Course Enrollment

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enrolls = {'CS109': 198, 'CS124': 338, 'CS182': 145,  
'CS103': 419, 'CS106A': 463, 'CS106B': 318, 'CS107': 285,  
'CS108': 62, ...}
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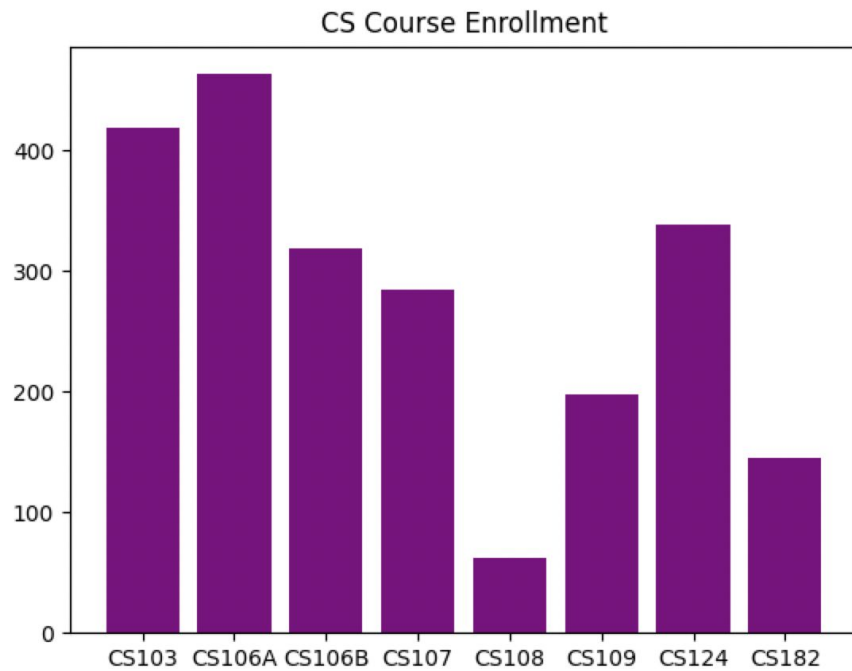
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x_vals = ['CS109', 'CS124', 'CS182', 'CS103', ...]  
y_vals = [enrolls['CS109'], enrolls['CS124'], enrolls['CS182'], ...]
```

*Wait a minute, I don't want to
type all that!*

PyCharm Demo ([zip file](#))

Figure 1



x= y=80.

Example: CS Course Enrollment

```
enrolls = {'CS103': 419, 'CS106A': 463, 'CS106B': 318,  
'CS107': 285, 'CS108': 62, 'CS109': 198, 'CS124': 338,  
'CS182': 145, ...}
```

```
x_vals = ['CS103', 'CS106A', 'CS106B', ...]
```

```
y_vals = [enrolls[course] for course in x_vals]
```

List comprehensions to the rescue!