

# How can I create a distribution plot in Matplotlib?

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Creating a distribution plot in Matplotlib is a simple process that allows you to visualize the distribution of data in a graphical form. To create a distribution plot, you first need to import the Matplotlib library into your Python code. Then, you can use the "hist" function to plot a histogram of the data and the "show" function to display the plot. You can also customize the plot by adding labels, titles, and changing the color and style of the plot. Overall, creating a distribution plot in Matplotlib is an effective way to visualize and analyze your data distribution.

## Create a Distribution Plot in Matplotlib

There are two common ways to create a distribution plot in Python:

### Method 1: Create Histogram Using Matplotlib

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

```
plt.hist(data, color='lightgreen', ec='black', bins=15)
```

Note that color controls the fill color of the bars, ec controls the edge color of the bars and bins controls the number of bins in the histogram.

### Method 2: Create Histogram with Density Curve Using Seaborn

```
import seaborn as sns
```

```
sns.displot(data, kde=True, bins=15)
```

**Note that `kde=True` specifies that a density curve should be overlaid on the histogram.**

**The following examples show how to use each method in practice to visualize the distribution of values in the following NumPy array:**

```
import numpy as np
```

```
#make this example reproducible.
```

```
np.random.seed(1)
```

```
#create numpy array with 1000 values that follow  
normal dist with mean=10 and sd=2
```

```
data = np.random.normal(size=1000, loc=10, scale=2)
```

```
#view first five values
```

```
data
```

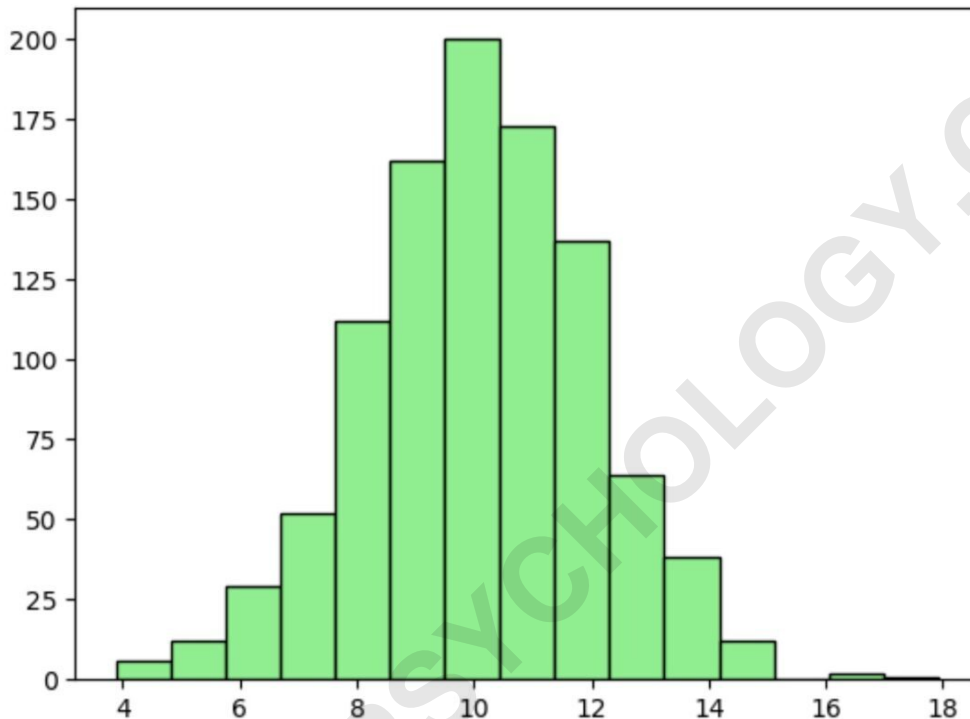
```
array()
```

### **Example 1: Create Histogram Using Matplotlib**

**We can use the following code to create a histogram in Matplotlib to visualize the distribution of values in the NumPy array:**

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

#create histogram
plt.hist(data, color='lightgreen', ec='black', bins=15)
```



The x-axis displays the values from the NumPy array and the y-axis displays the frequency of those values.

Note that the larger the value you use for the bins argument, the more bars there will be in the histogram.

**Example 2: Create Histogram with Density Curve Using Seaborn**

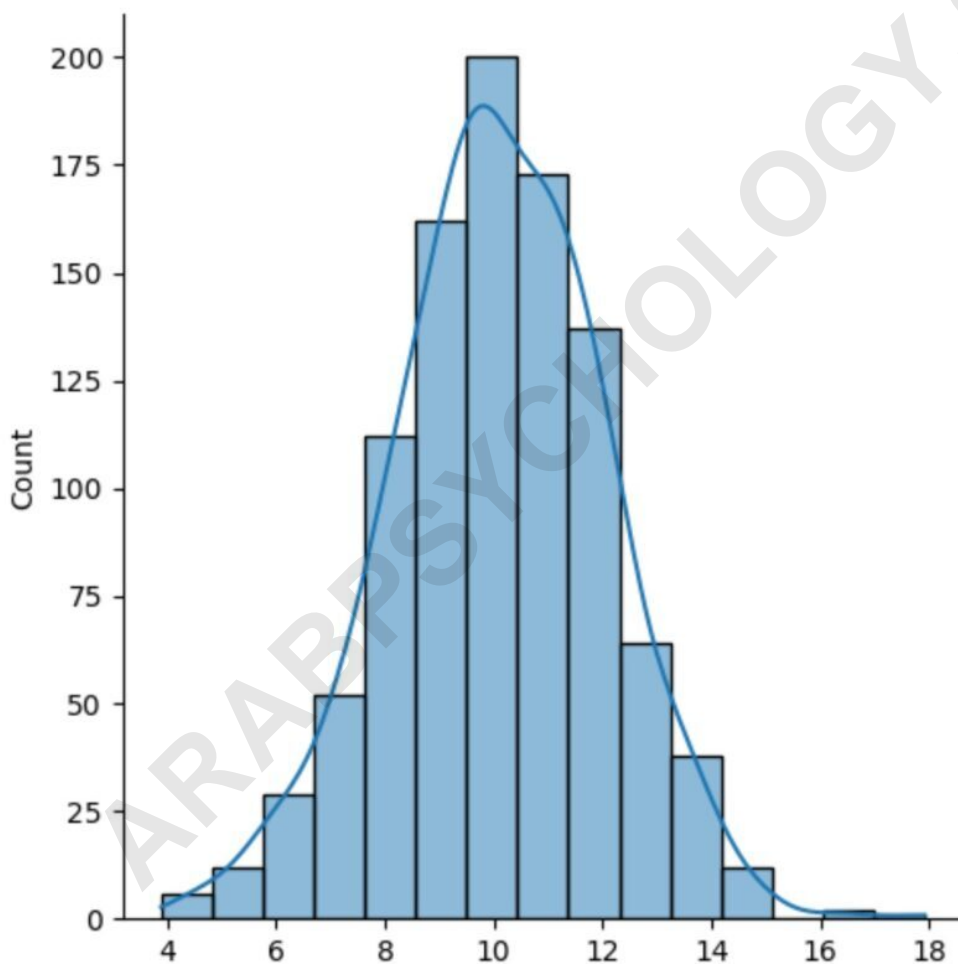
**We can use the following code to create a histogram**

with a overlaid on it using the seaborn data visualization library:

```
import seaborn as sns
```

```
#create histogram with density curve overlaid
```

```
sns.displot(data, kde=True, bins=15)
```



The result is a histogram with a density curve overlaid on it.

**The benefit of using a density curve is that it summarizes the shape of the distribution using a single continuous curve.**

**Note: You can find the complete documentation for the `seaborn displot()` function .**

**The following tutorials explain how to create other common charts in Python:**

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