Advanced graphics

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Software requirements



Data sets

Atlantic hurricane database track data, 1975-2015

```
storms = pd.read_csv("storms.csv")
storms_2015 = storms[storms['year'] == 2015]
```

US economic time series

```
economics = pd.read_csv("economics.csv")
```

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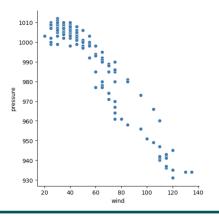
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```



Reminder



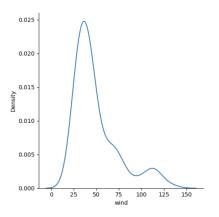
Scatterplot





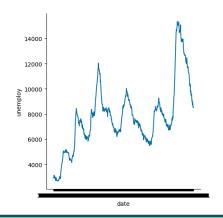
Density plot

sns.displot(storms_2015, x = "wind", kind = "kde")





Time series plot





Finetuning graphics



Finetuning within in a plot

Finetuning through arguments and functions:

```
color or c Color for points/lines
alpha Transparancy of colors
marker Symbol for points
linestyle Type of line
s Size of points/lines
```

If the values should depend on some variable, then use the hue and palette parameters (information from those variables is mapped to the visual representation)



Specifying colors

There are many options, such as using single characters for simple, shorthand notation:

- 'b' as blue
- 'g' as green
- 'r' as red
- 'c' as cyan
- 'm' as magenta
- 'y' as yellow
- 'k' as black
- 'w' as white
- → For a list of other options: click here



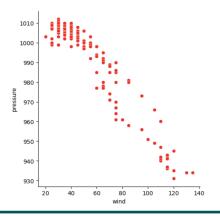
Specifying colors: full name

Another option is to use the full name of a color



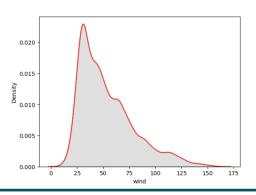


Named colors: scatterplot



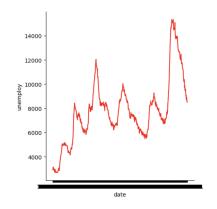


Named colors: density plot



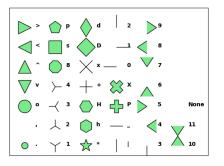


Named colors: time series plot





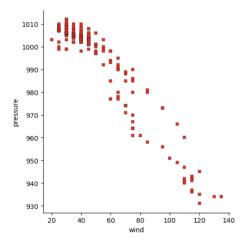
Plot symbols



Specify fill color with parameter color, edge color with edgecolor and size with s

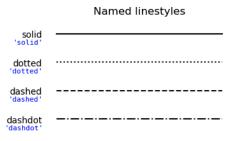








Line types: density plot



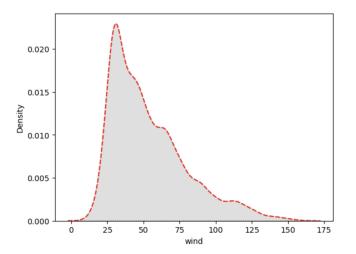
Other options, such as more white space between dots are possible, but not named. See the jupyter notebook of this lecture for those options.



Line types: density plot

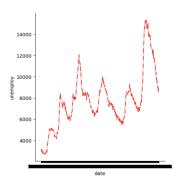


Line types: density plot





Line types: time series plot





Arguments for finetuning within a plotrevisited

Finetuning through arguments and functions:

```
color or c Color for points/lines
alpha Transparancy of colors
```

marker Symbol for points

linestyle Type of line

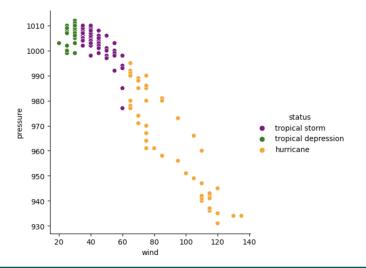
s Size of points/lines



Colors: scatterplot



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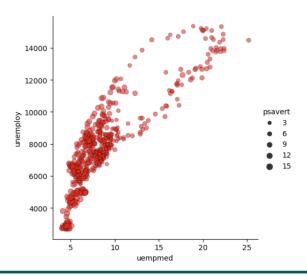




Size: scatterplot



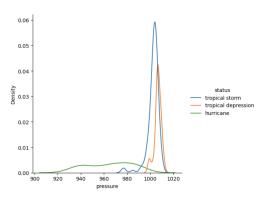
Size: scatterplot





Colors: density plot

```
sns.displot(storms_2015, x = "pressure",
hue = "status", kind = "kde")
```

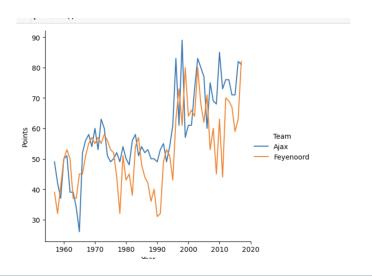




Colors: time series plot



Colors: time series plot





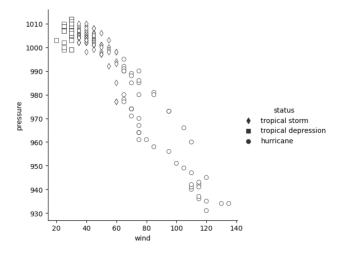
Exercises

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 \longrightarrow Do Exercise 1

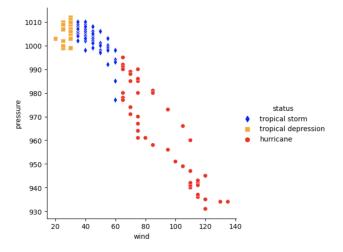










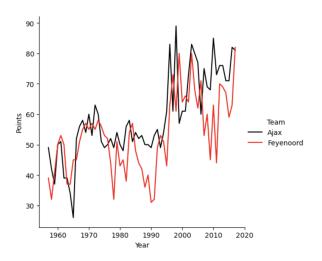




Colors: time series plot



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Removing or adding legends

— For some plots, the legend might not provide new information, while for other plots the legend might be highly informative.

In both pandas as seaborn the legend can be removed by setting the argument legend to False



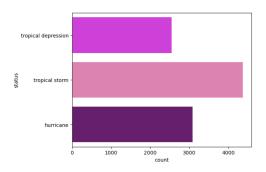
Flipping coordinates

- → Some plots (e.g., barplots or conditional boxplots), are better displayed horizontally than vertically
 - Lengths are easier to judge for humans than heights
 - Easier to fit group labels

 \longrightarrow Flipping coordinates can be done by swapping x and y in a barplot or boxplot.



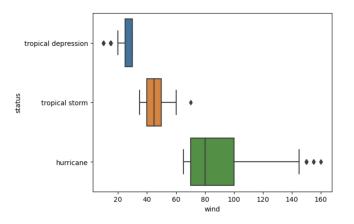
Flipping coordinates: barplot





Flipping coordinates: conditional boxplots

sns.boxplot(data = storms, x = "wind", y = "status")





Axis limits and annotation

Axis limits:

```
set_xlim() x-Axis limits
set_ylim() y-Axis limits
```

— Two values for lower and upper limit, get current axes using function plt.gca()

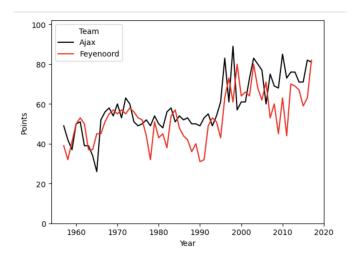
Annotation: use functions on the current axes to add title and labels set_title() Plot title set_xlabel() x-Axis label set_ylabel() y-Axis label



Axis limits: time series plot



Axis limits: time series plot





Exercises

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→ Do Exercise 2



Adding to plots



Layers

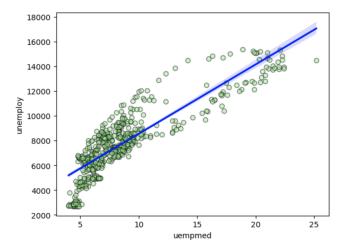
- \longrightarrow matplotlib works in layers
- --- Allows to add additional information to a plot
- \longrightarrow Made easy by seaborn



Adding a scatterplot smoother



Adding a scatterplot smoother

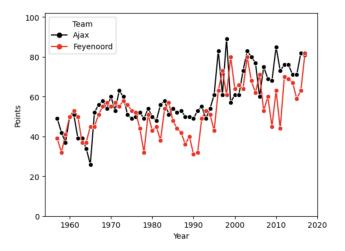




Plotting both points and lines



Plotting both points and lines





Adding vertical lines

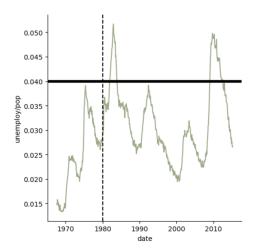
```
# Turn date into a datetime type to get the axis correct
economics['date'] = pd.to_datetime(economics['date'])
# Calculate the unemployement relative to the population
economics['unemploy_pop'] =
      economics['unemploy']/economics['pop']
# Create figure
sns.relplot(economics, kind = "line",
            x = "date", y = "unemploy_pop",
            color = "#9aad88")
```



Adding vertical lines



Adding vertical lines





General settings for finetuning

Use style sheets to change the general settings

- sns.set() for the 'default' of seaborn
- sns.set_theme(style="white", palette= "pastel") to change the style to white using pastel colors e.g.
- sns.reset_defaults() to reset to the default of Python
- → Many more options: click here
- → If the same setting should be used for all points/lines/areas, you can change the general settings



Conclusions



Conclusions

- Library pandas offers a less flexible framework and less lengthy code.
- Library seaborn offers a wrapper around matplotlib which is still quite flexible and can produce high-quality graphics for publications.
- Sometimes seaborn does not suffice and one can use the more flexible library matplotlib, this can result in quite lengthy code.



Exercises

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 \longrightarrow Do Exercise 3 and 4

