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An Exploration Of Pandas For A New User, And Visualising What Is Going On With Coronavirus



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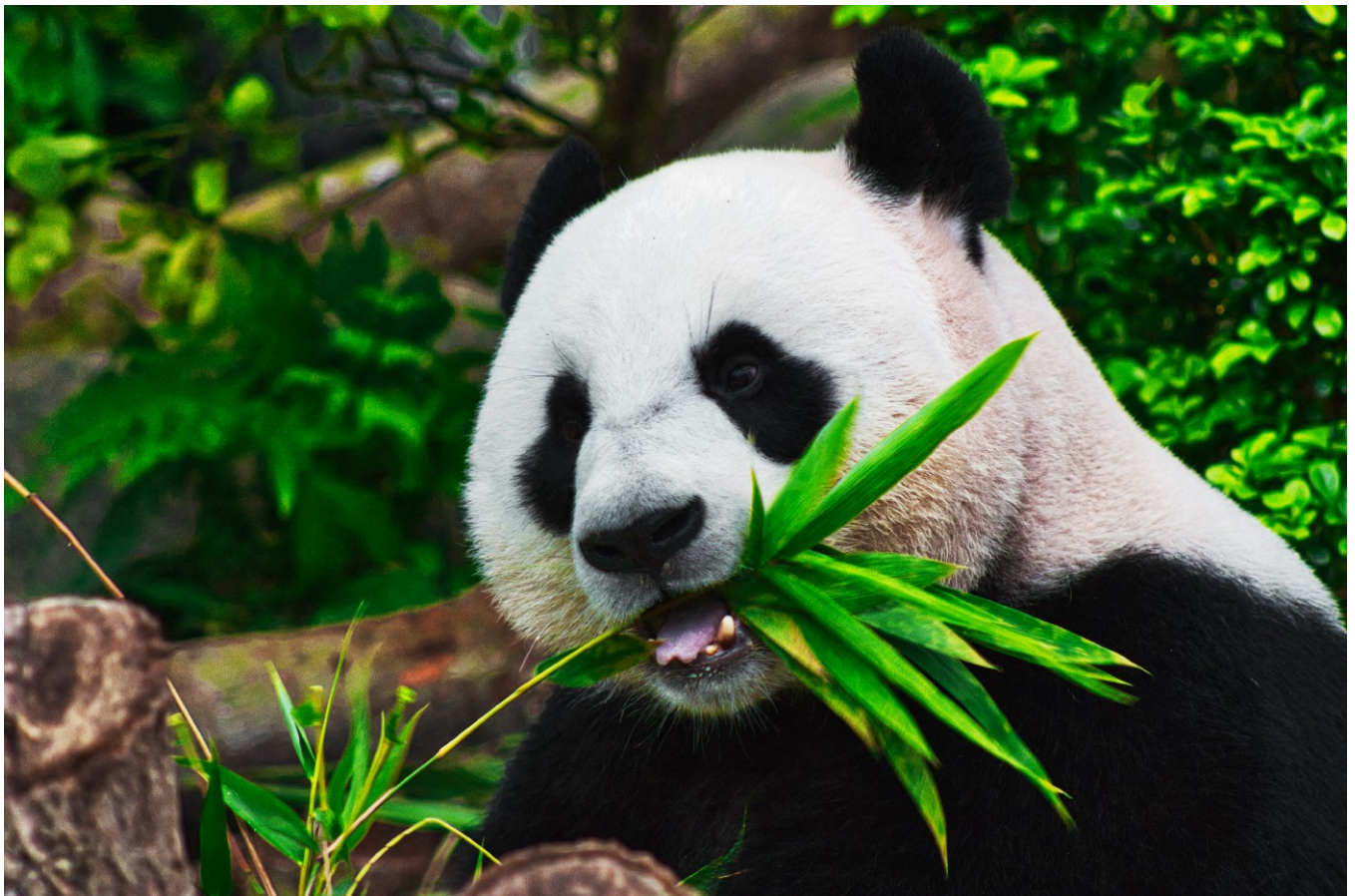


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I've been learning Python for a few weeks, and recently been looking more into Pandas.

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Since coronavirus is all over the news, I thought it would be good to try and visualise some of this data.

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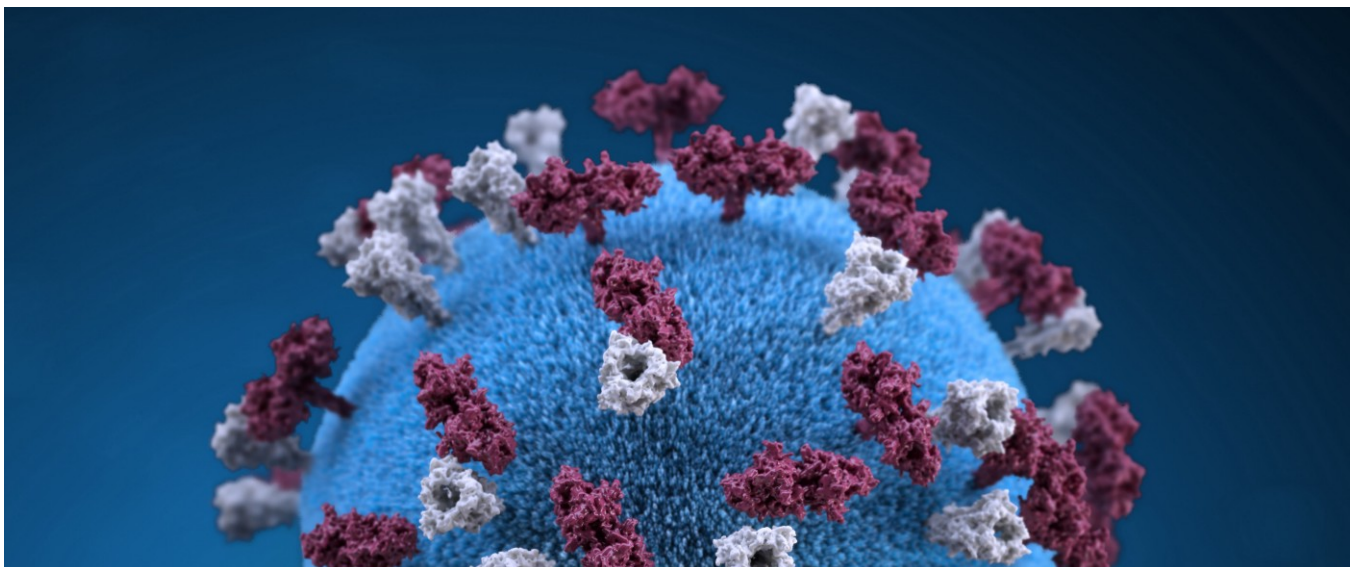
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I started off by installing jupyter notebooks and creating a new project. I then looked for a source to scrape data from. I settled on this source:

<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/datasets/covid-19/master/time-series-19-covid-combined.csv> which lists fields I was interested in:

- Country
- Date
- Confirmed
- Recovered
- Deaths



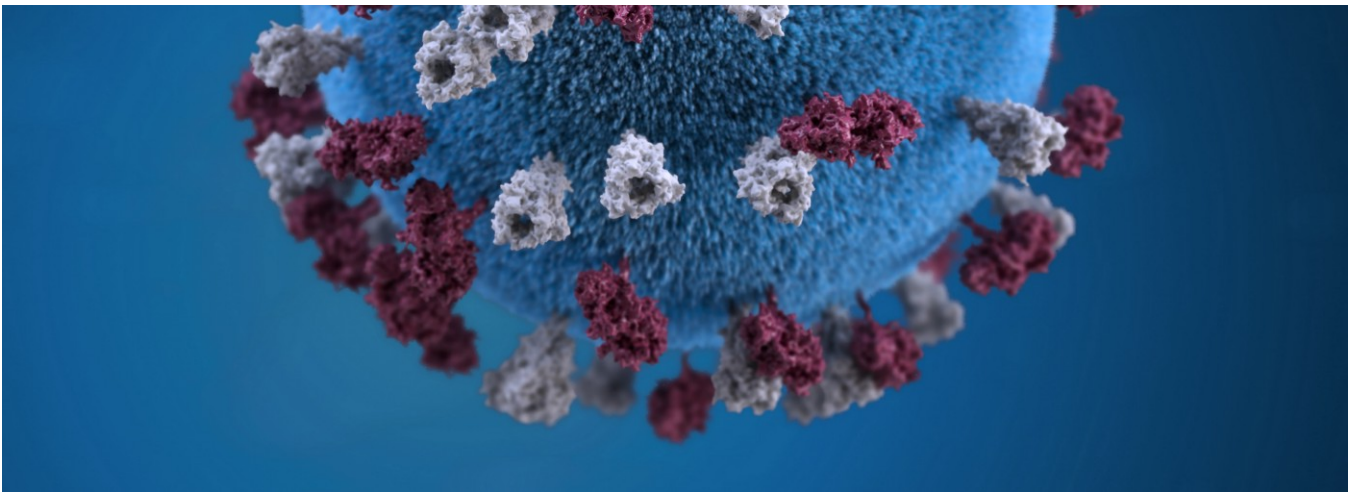


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I've been flicking back and forth between jupyter and the pandas documentation, and I did manage to get some interesting information out, some of it a bit weird but I guess I need to play with it a bit more.

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import io
import requests
url="https://raw.githubusercontent.com/datasets/covid-19/master/time-series-19-covid-combined.csv"
s=requests.get(url).content
dataset=pd.read_csv(io.StringIO(s.decode('utf-8')))
```

dataset.columns

This outputted a list of the columns the dataframe

```
['Province/State', 'Country/Region', 'Lat', 'Long', 'Date',  
'Confirmed', 'Recovered', 'Deaths']
```

I then wanted to look at the countries in the dataframe, just to check the information I am working with

```
dataset['Country/Region'].unique()
```

Which resulted in


```
[ 'Mainland China', 'Thailand', 'Japan', 'South Korea', 'Taiwan',
  'US', 'Macau', 'Hong Kong', 'Singapore', 'Vietnam', 'France',
  'Nepal', 'Malaysia', 'Canada', 'Australia', 'Cambodia', 'Sri Lanka',
  'Germany', 'Finland', 'United Arab Emirates', 'Philippines',
  'India', 'Italy', 'UK', 'Russia', 'Sweden', 'Spain', 'Belgium',
  'Others', 'Egypt', 'Iran', 'Lebanon', 'Iraq', 'Oman', 'Afghanistan',
  'Bahrain', 'Kuwait', 'Algeria', 'Croatia', 'Switzerland', 'Austria',
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  'Monaco', 'Qatar', 'Ecuador', 'Azerbaijan', 'Czech Republic',
  'Armenia', 'Dominican Republic', 'Indonesia', 'Portugal', 'Andorra',
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  'Bhutan', 'Cameroon', 'Colombia', 'Costa Rica', 'Peru', 'Serbia',
  'Slovakia', 'Togo', 'Vatican City', 'French Guiana', 'Malta',
  'Martinique', 'Bulgaria', 'Maldives', 'Bangladesh', 'Moldova',
  'Paraguay', 'Albania', 'Cyprus', 'St. Martin', 'Brunei']
```



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Awesome, so I thought I would limit the columns to what I wanted, so I ran this:

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a =
dataset[['Country/Region','Date','Confirmed','Recovered','Deaths']]
a.head().to_csv()
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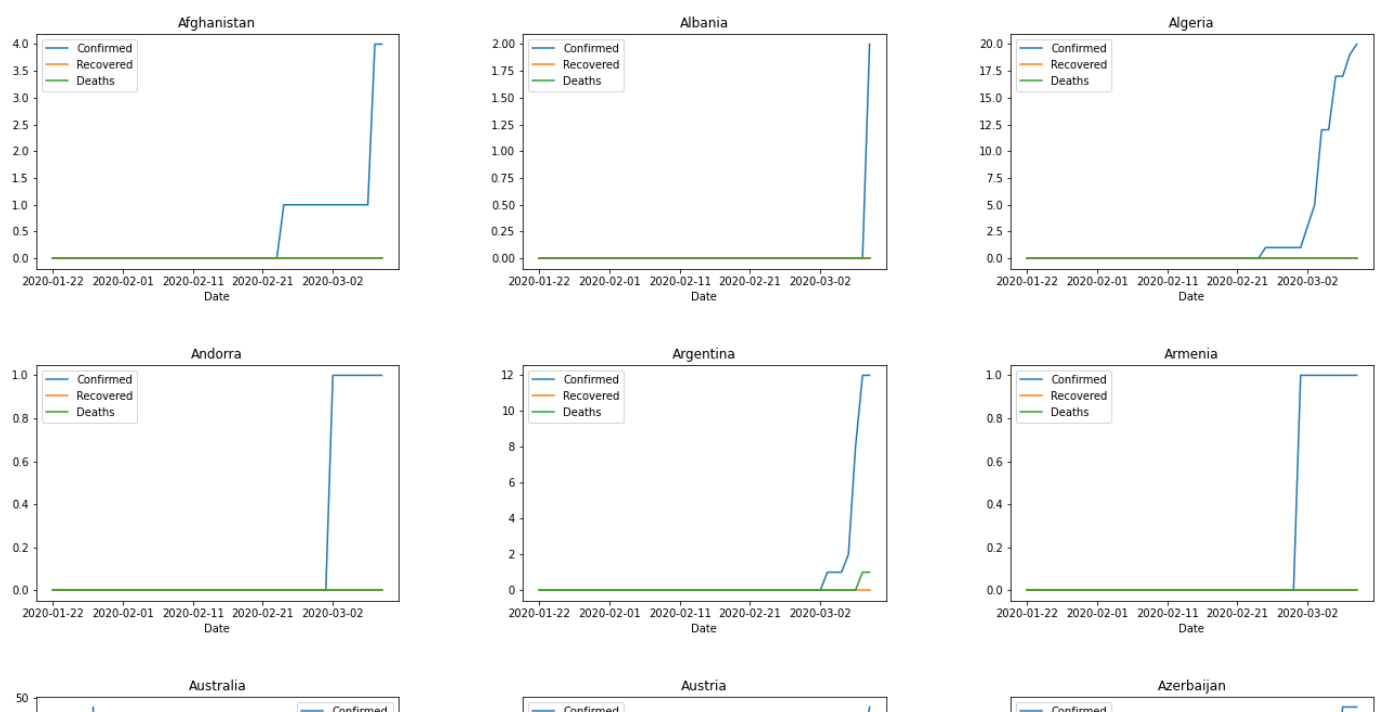
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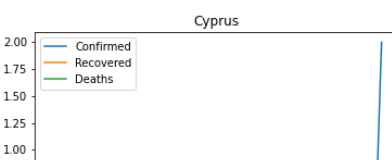
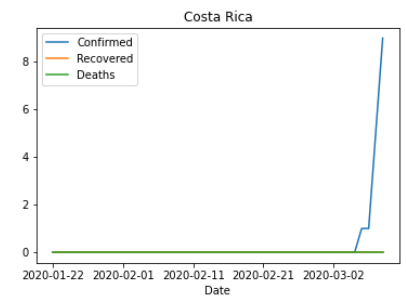
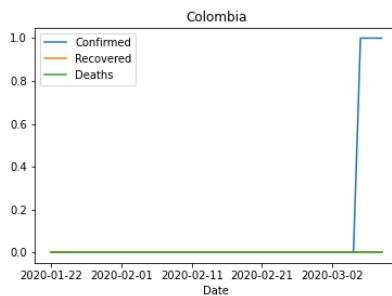
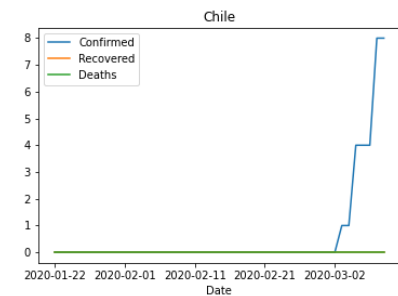
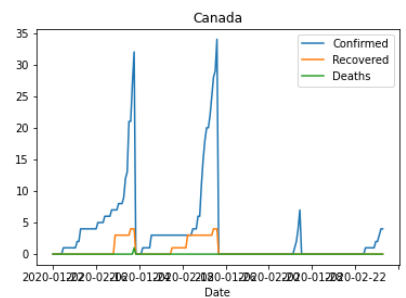
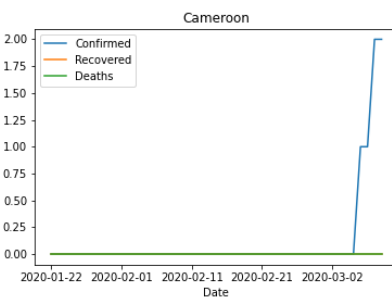
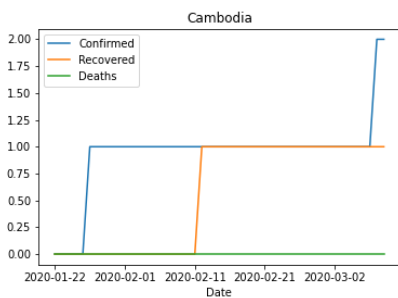
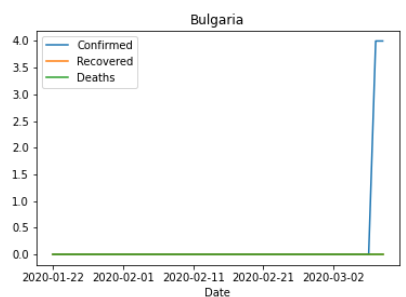
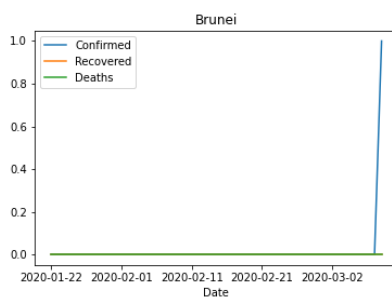
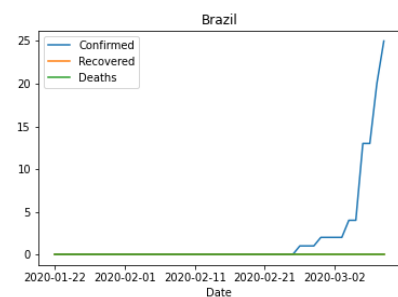
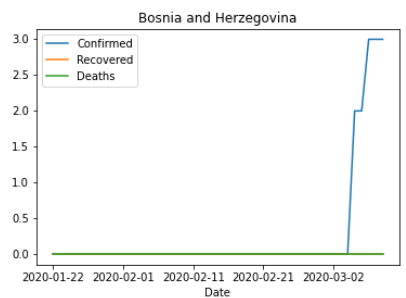
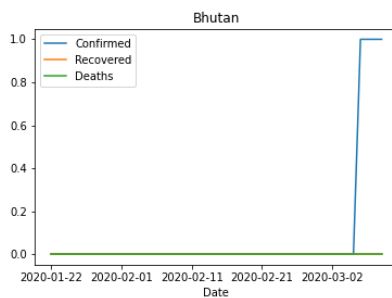
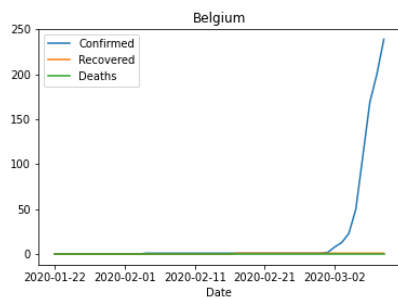
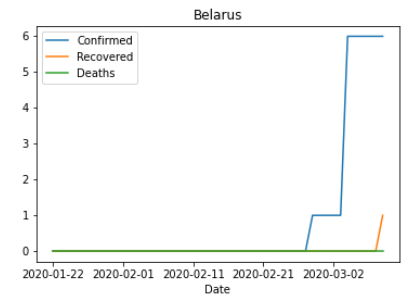
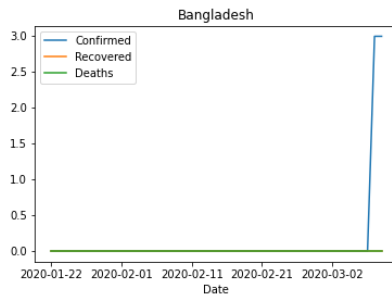
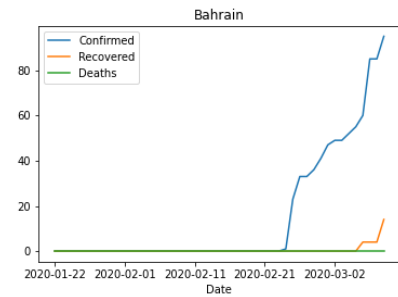
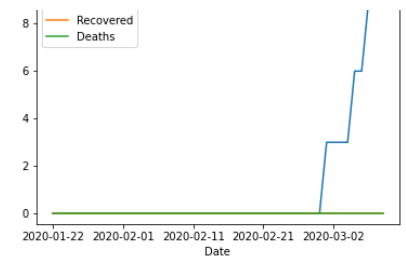
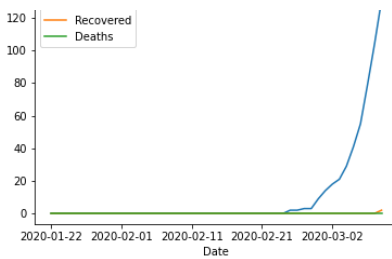
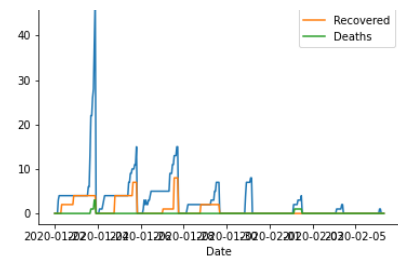
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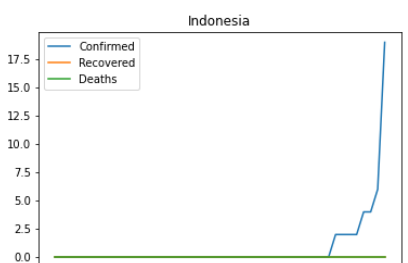
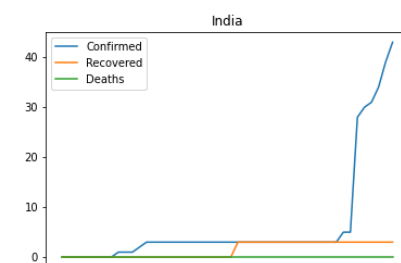
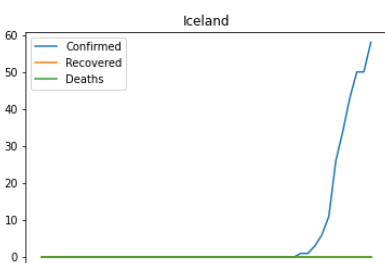
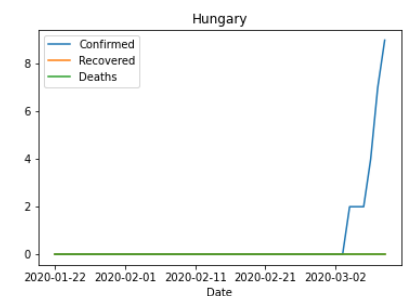
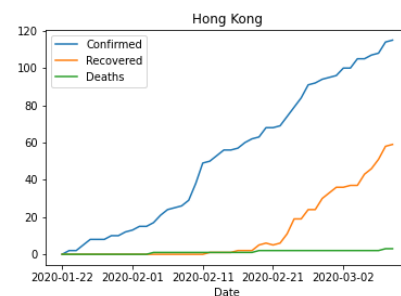
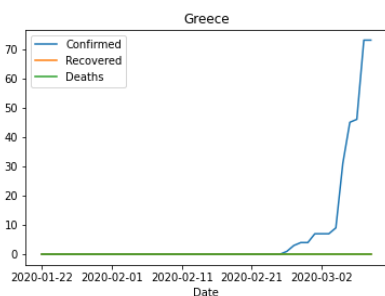
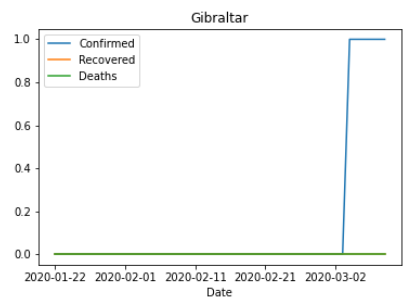
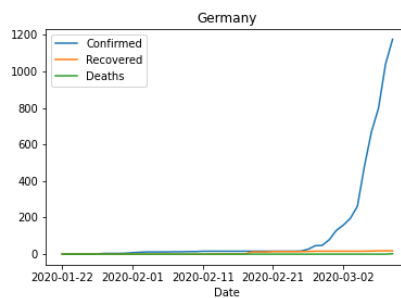
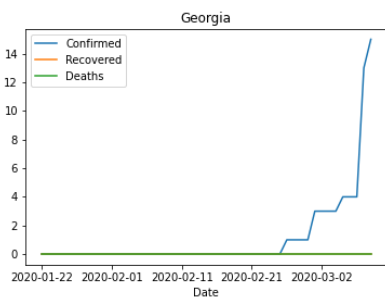
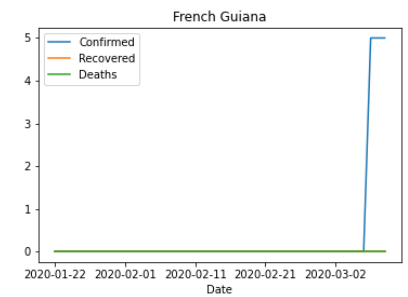
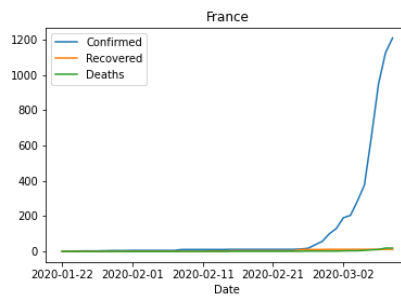
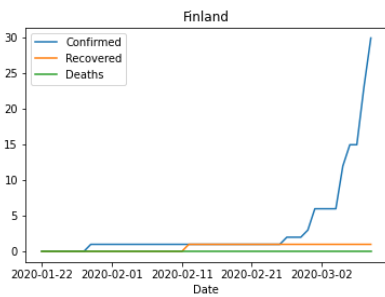
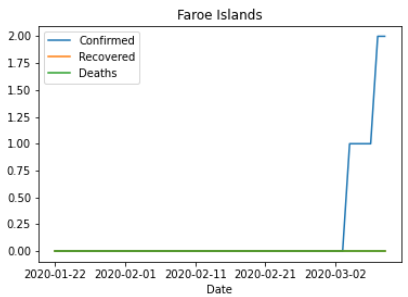
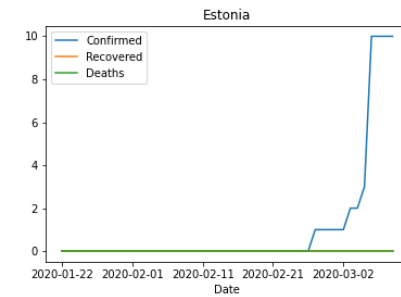
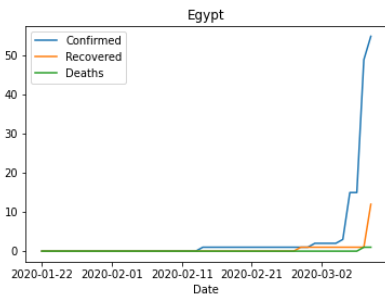
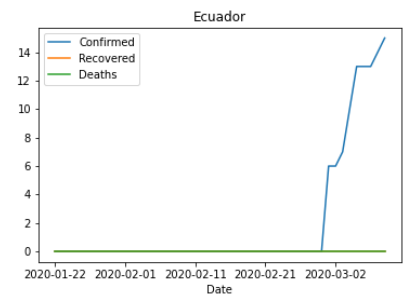
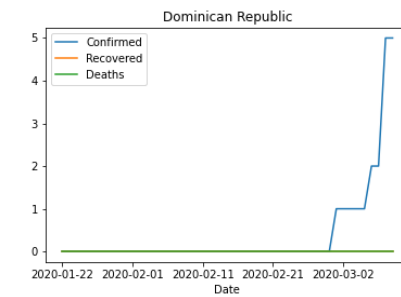
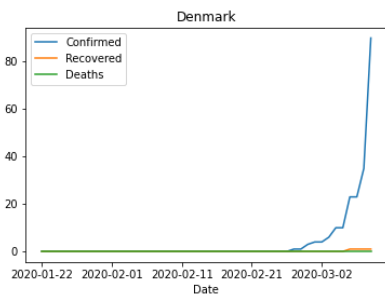
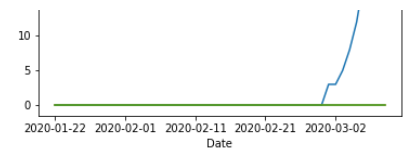
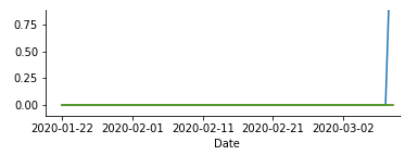
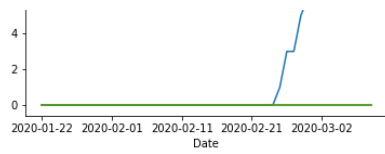
Now I need to change the index to be the date, and then for each country in the dataframe, plot a graph showing the Confirmed, Recovered and Deaths

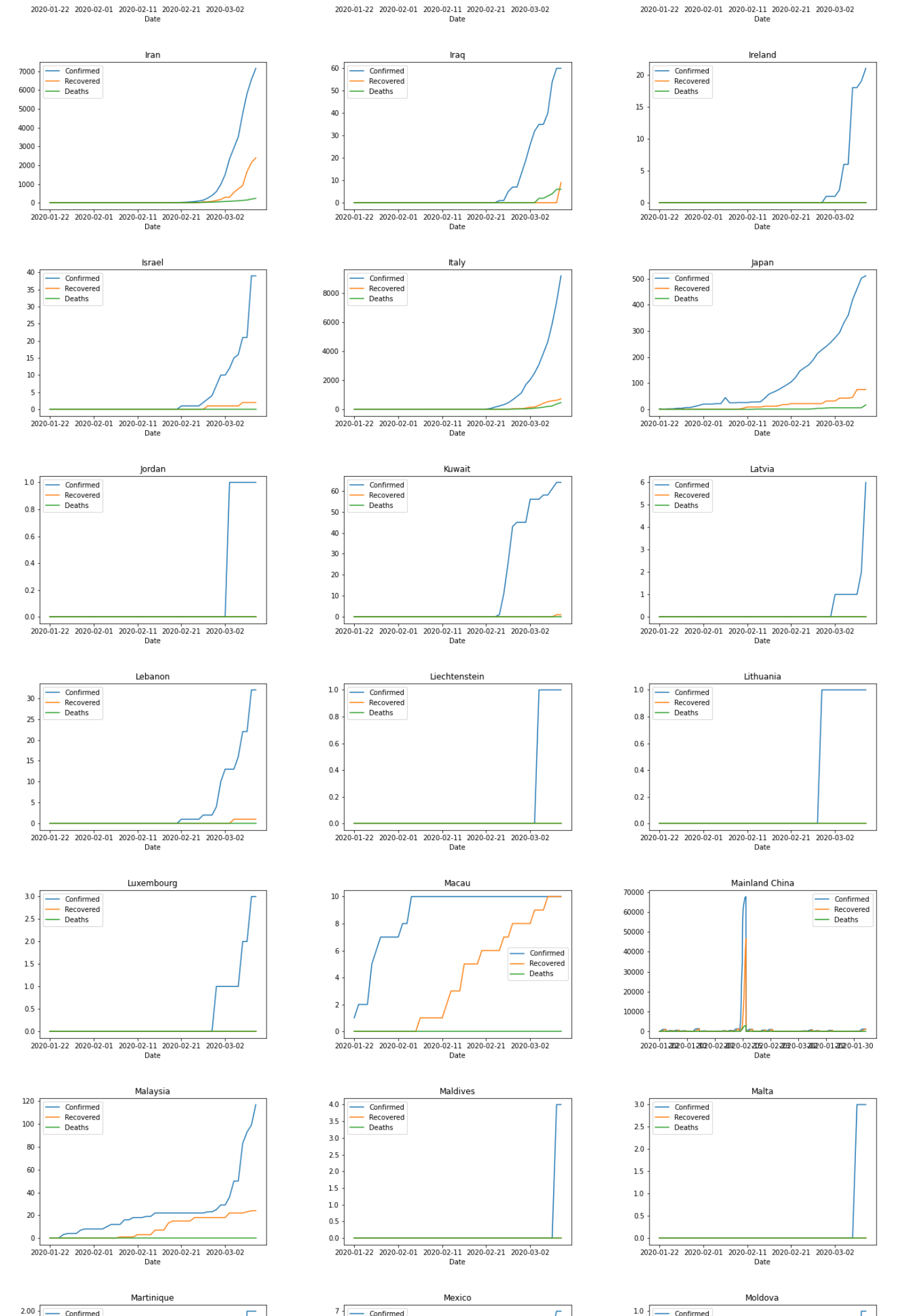
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b=a.set_index('Date')
for country in b['Country/Region'].unique():
    c=b[b['Country/Region']==country]
    c.plot(title=country)
    plt.savefig(country+'.png')
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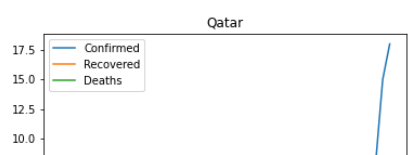
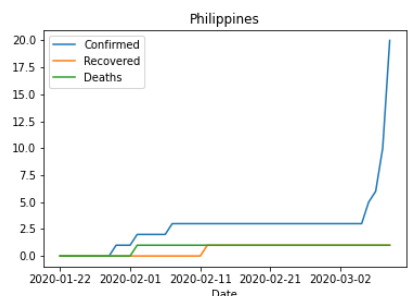
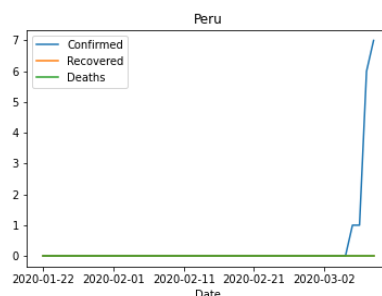
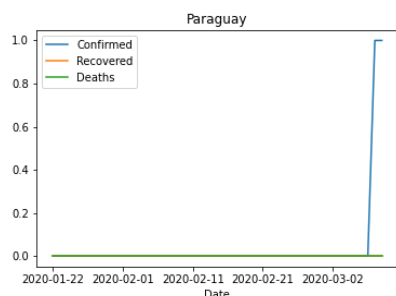
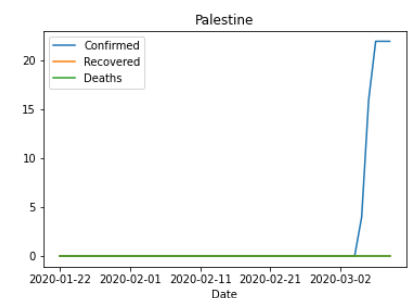
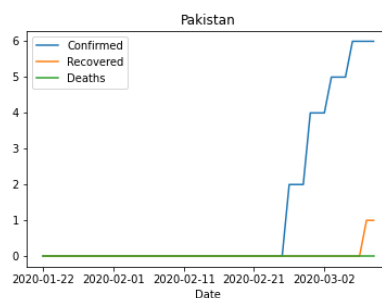
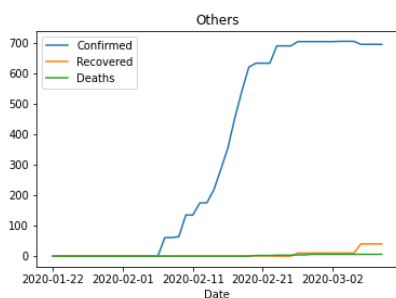
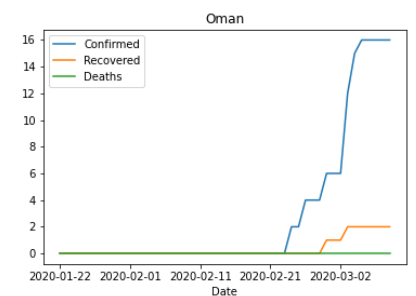
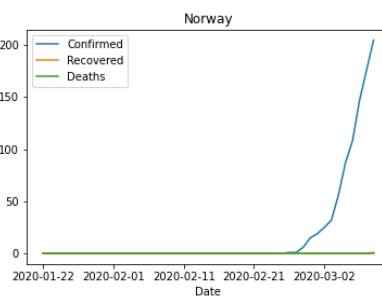
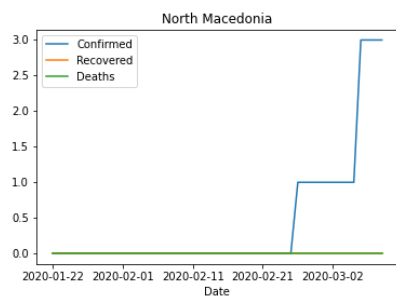
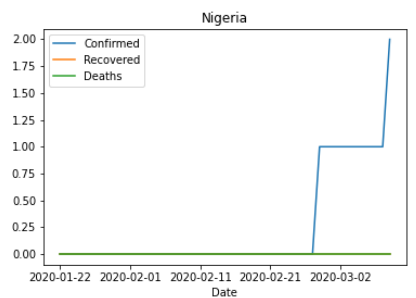
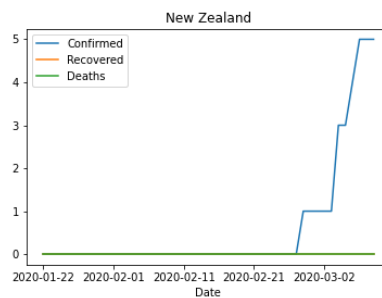
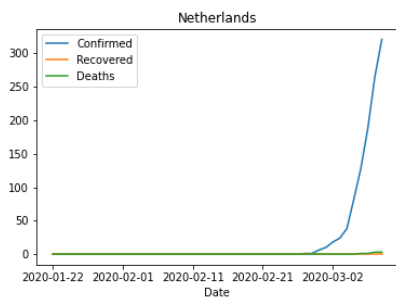
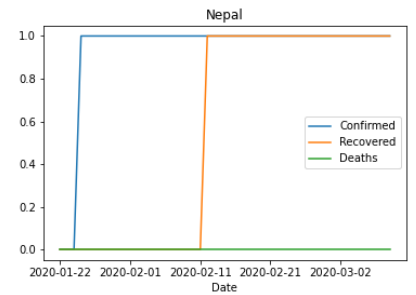
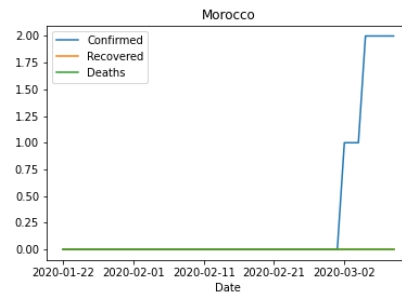
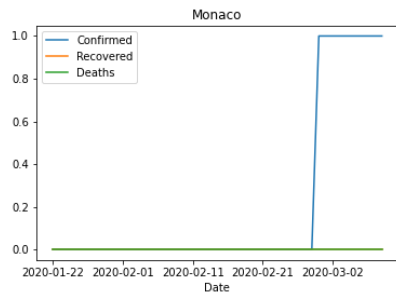
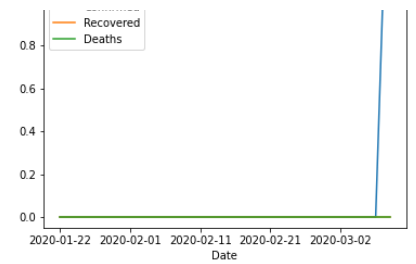
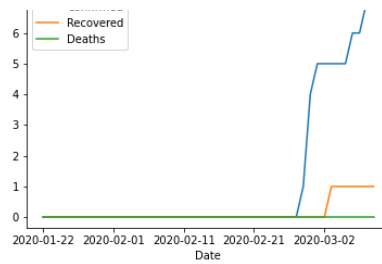
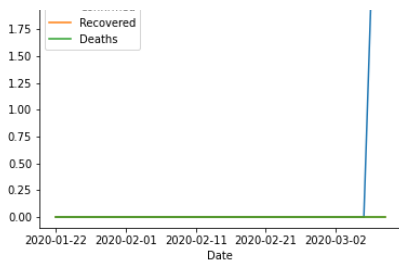
I found it quite cool for my first jump into Pandas, anyway here are the graphs I produced!

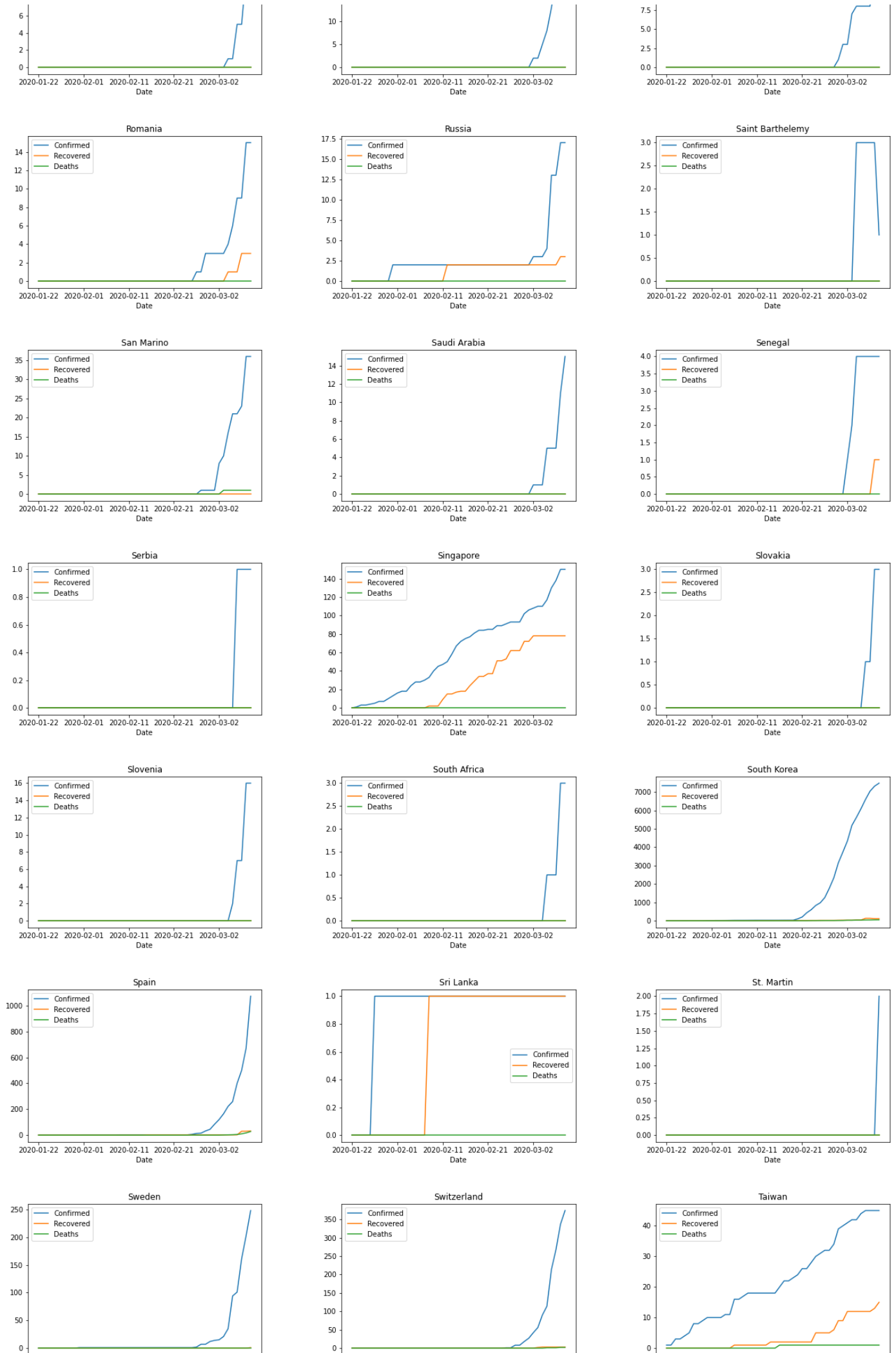


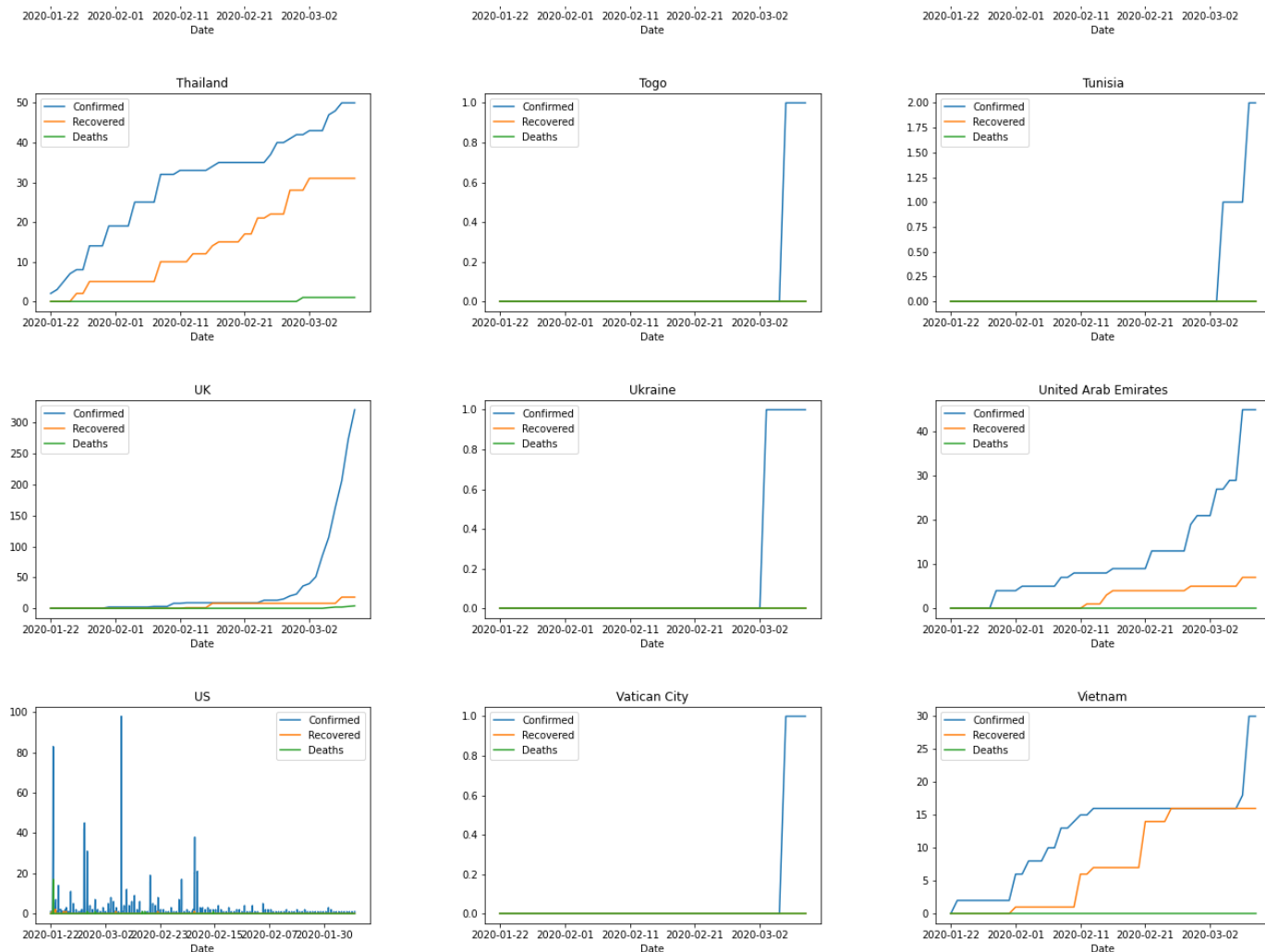












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