00 Tutorial 1b - Python for Data Analysis

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1 Python for scientific computing

Python has extensive packages to help with data analysis:

- numpy: matrices, linear algebra, Fourier transform, pseudorandom number generators
- scipy: advanced linear algebra and maths, signal processing, statistics
- pandas: DataFrames, data wrangling and analysis
- matplotlib: visualizations such as line charts, histograms, scatter plots.

1.1 NumPy

NumPy is the fundamental package required for high performance scientific computing in Python. It provides:

- ndarray: fast and space-efficient n-dimensional numeric array with vectorized arithmetic operations
- Functions for fast operations on arrays without having to write loops
- Linear algebra, random number generation, Fourier transform
- Integrating code written in C, C++, and Fortran (for faster operations)

pandas provides a richer, simpler interface to many operations. We'll focus on using ndarrays here because they are heavily used in scikit-learn.

1.1.1 ndarrays

There are several ways to create numpy arrays.

```
In [75]: # Convert sequences of sequences of sequences ... to n-dim array
        np.array([(1.5, 2, 3), (4, 5, 6)])
Out[75]: array([[ 1.5, 2., 3.],
                [4., 5., 6.]])
In [76]: # Define element type at creation time
        np.array([[1, 2], [3, 4]], dtype=complex)
Out[76]: array([[ 1.+0.j, 2.+0.j],
                [3.+0.j, 4.+0.j]
  Useful properties of ndarrays:
In [77]: my_array = np.array([[1, 0, 3], [0, 1, 2]])
        my_array.ndim
                         # number of dimensions (axes), also called the rank
        my_array.shape # a matrix with n rows and m columns has shape (n,m)
        my_array.size # the total number of elements of the array
        my_array.dtype # type of the elements in the array
        my_array.itemsize # the size in bytes of each element of the array
Out[77]: 2
Out[77]: (2, 3)
Out[77]: 6
Out[77]: dtype('int64')
Out[77]: 8
   Quick array creation.
It is cheaper to create an array with placeholders than extending it later.
In [78]: np.ones(3) # Default type is float64
        np.zeros([2, 2])
        np.empty([2, 2]) # Fills the array with whatever sits in memory
        np.random.random((2,3))
        np.random.randint(5, size=(2, 4))
Out[78]: array([ 1., 1., 1.])
Out[78]: array([[ 0., 0.],
                [0., 0.]
Out[78]: array([[ 0., 0.],
                [0., 0.]
Out[78]: array([[ 0.681, 0.545, 0.669],
                [0.181, 0.47, 0.682]
```

```
Out[78]: array([[3, 3, 2, 3], [4, 1, 1, 0]])
```

Create sequences of numbers

1.1.2 Basic Operations

Arithmetic operators on arrays apply elementwise. A new array is created and filled with the result. Some operations, such as += and *=, act in place to modify an existing array rather than create a new one.

```
In [80]: a = np.array([20, 30, 40, 50])
    b = np.arange(4)
    a, b  # Just printing
    a-b
    b**2
    a > 32
    a += 1
    a

Out[80]: (array([20, 30, 40, 50]), array([0, 1, 2, 3]))
Out[80]: array([20, 29, 38, 47])
Out[80]: array([0, 1, 4, 9])
Out[80]: array([False, False, True, True], dtype=bool)
Out[80]: array([21, 31, 41, 51])
```

The product operator * operates elementwise. The matrix product can be performed using dot()

```
In [81]: A, B = np.array([[1,1], [0,1]]), np.array([[2,0], [3,4]]) # assign multiple variables in
         В
         A * B
         np.dot(A, B)
Out[81]: array([[1, 1],
                [0, 1]])
Out[81]: array([[2, 0],
                [3, 4]])
Out[81]: array([[2, 0],
                [0, 4]])
Out[81]: array([[5, 4],
                [3, 4]])
   Upcasting: Operations with arrays of different types choose the more general/precise one.
In [82]: a = np.ones(3, dtype=np.int) # initialize to integers
         b = np.linspace(0, np.pi, 3) # default type is float
         a.dtype, b.dtype, (a + b).dtype
Out[82]: (dtype('int64'), dtype('float64'), dtype('float64'))
   ndarrays have most unary operations (max,min,sum,...) built in
In [83]: a = np.random.random((2,3))
         a.sum(), a.min(), a.max()
Out[83]: array([[ 0.988, 0.559, 0.106],
                [ 0.376, 0.511, 0.252]])
Out[83]: (2.7933370658694319, 0.10627410057221587, 0.98806590974860331)
   By specifying the axis parameter you can apply an operation along a specified axis of an array
In [84]: b = np.arange(12).reshape(3,4)
         b.sum(axis=0)
         b.sum(axis=1)
Out[84]: array([[ 0,  1,  2,  3],
                [4, 5, 6, 7],
                [8, 9, 10, 11]])
Out[84]: array([12, 15, 18, 21])
Out[84]: array([ 6, 22, 38])
```

1.1.3 Universal Functions

NumPy provides familiar mathematical functions such as sin, cos, exp, sqrt, floor,... In NumPy, these are called "universal functions" (ufunc), and operate elementwise on an array, producing an array as output.

1.1.4 Shape Manipulation

Transpose, flatten, reshape,...

Arrays can be split and stacked together

1.1.5 Indexing and Slicing

Arrays can be indexed and sliced using [start:stop:stepsize]. Defaults are [0:ndim:1]

```
In [88]: a = np.arange(10)**2
Out[88]: array([ 0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81])
In [89]: a[2]
Out[89]: 4
In [90]: a[3:10:2]
Out[90]: array([ 9, 25, 49, 81])
In [91]: a[::-1] # Defaults are used if indices not stated
Out[91]: array([81, 64, 49, 36, 25, 16, 9, 4, 1, 0])
In [92]: a[::2]
Out[92]: array([ 0, 4, 16, 36, 64])
  For multi-dimensional arrays, axes are comma-separated: [x,y,z].
In [93]: b = np.arange(16).reshape(4,4)
        b[2,3] # row 2, column 3
Out[93]: array([[ 0, 1, 2, 3],
                [4, 5, 6, 7],
                [8, 9, 10, 11],
                [12, 13, 14, 15]])
Out[93]: 11
In [94]: b[0:3,1] # Values 0 to 3 in column 1
        b[:,1] # The whole column 1
Out[94]: array([1, 5, 9])
Out[94]: array([ 1, 5, 9, 13])
```

```
In [95]: b[1:3, : ] # Rows 1:3, all columns
Out[95]: array([[ 4, 5, 6, 7],
                [8, 9, 10, 11]])
In [96]: # Return the last row
         b[-1]
Out[96]: array([12, 13, 14, 15])
   Note: dots (...) represent as many colons (:) as needed * x[1,2,...] = x[1,2,...] * x[...,3] = x[...,3] = x[...,3]
* x[4,...,5,:] = x[4,:,:,5,:]
   Arrays can also be indexed by arrays of integers and booleans.
In [97]: a = np.arange(12)**2
         i = np.array([1,1,3,8,5])
         a[i]
Out[97]: array([ 0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100, 121])
Out[97]: array([ 1, 1, 9, 64, 25])
   A matrix of indices returns a matrix with the corresponding values.
In [98]: j = np.array([[3, 4], [9, 7]])
         a[j]
Out[98]: array([[ 9, 16],
                [81, 49]])
   With boolean indices we explicitly choose which items in the array we want and which ones
we don't.
In [99]: a = np.arange(12).reshape(3,4)
         a[np.array([False,True,True]), :]
         b = a > 4
         a[b]
Out[99]: array([[ 0, 1, 2, 3],
                [4, 5, 6, 7],
                [8, 9, 10, 11]])
Out[99]: array([[ 4, 5, 6, 7],
                [8, 9, 10, 11]])
Out[99]: array([[False, False, False, False],
                [False, True, True,
                                        True],
                [ True, True, True, True]], dtype=bool)
Out[99]: array([5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11])
```

1.1.6 Iterating

Iterating is done with respect to the first axis:

Operations on each element can be done by flattening the array (or nested loops)

1.1.7 Copies and Views (or: how to shoot yourself in a foot)

Assigning an array to another variable does NOT create a copy

```
In [102]: a = np.arange(12)
         b = a
          a
Out[102]: array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11])
In [103]: b[0] = -100
         b
Out[103]: array([-100,
                                2,
                                      3,
                                            4,
                                                  5,
                                                        6,
                                                              7,
                                                                    8,
                                                                          9,
                          1,
                                                                               10,
                   11])
In [104]: a
                                                        6,
Out[104]: array([-100,
                          1,
                                2,
                                      3,
                                            4,
                                                  5,
                                                              7,
                                                                    8,
                                                                          9,
                                                                               10,
                   11])
```

The view() method creates a NEW array object that looks at the same data.

```
In [105]: a = np.arange(12)
         c = a.view()
         c.resize((2, 6))
Out[105]: array([ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11])
Out[105]: array([[ 0,  1,  2,  3,  4,  5],
               [6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11]])
In [106]: a[0] = 123
         c # c is also changed now
Out[106]: array([[123,
                       1,
                           2, 3, 4, 5],
                     7, 8, 9, 10, 11]])
               [ 6,
  Slicing an array returns a view of it.
In [107]: c
         s = c[:, 1:3]
         s[:] = 10
         S
Out[107]: array([[123,
                       1, 2, 3, 4,
                                         5],
               [ 6, 7,
                           8, 9, 10, 11]])
Out[107]: array([[10, 10],
               [10, 10]])
Out[107]: array([[123, 10, 10, 3, 4,
                                         5],
               [ 6, 10, 10,
                              9, 10, 11]])
  The copy() method makes a deep copy of the array and its data.
In [108]: d = a.copy()
         d[0] = -42
Out[108]: array([-42, 10, 10, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 10, 9, 10, 11])
In [109]: a
Out[109]: array([123, 10, 10, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 10, 9, 10, 11])
```

1.1.8 Numpy: further reading

- Numpy Tutorial: http://wiki.scipy.org/Tentative_NumPy_Tutorial
- "Python for Data Analysis" by Wes McKinney (O'Reilly)

1.2 SciPy

SciPy is a collection of packages for scientific computing, among others:

- scipy.integrate: numerical integration and differential equation solvers
- scipy.linalg: linear algebra routines and matrix decompositions
- scipy.optimize: function optimizers (minimizers) and root finding algorithms
- scipy.signal: signal processing tools
- scipy.sparse: sparse matrices and sparse linear system solvers
- scipy.stats: probability distributions, statistical tests, descriptive statistics

1.2.1 Sparse matrices

Sparse matrices are used in scikit-learn for (large) arrays that contain mostly zeros. You can convert a dense (numpy) matrix to a sparse matrix.

```
In [110]: from scipy import sparse
          eye = np.eye(4)
          eye
          sparse_matrix = sparse.csr_matrix(eye) # Compressed Sparse Row matrix
          sparse_matrix
         print("{}".format(sparse_matrix))
Out[110]: array([[ 1., 0., 0., 0.],
                 [0., 1., 0., 0.],
                 [0., 0., 1., 0.],
                [0., 0., 0., 1.]])
Out[110]: <4x4 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float64'>'
                 with 4 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>
  (0, 0)
               1.0
  (1, 1)
               1.0
  (2, 2)
               1.0
  (3, 3)
               1.0
```

When the data is too large, you can create a sparse matrix by passing the values and coordinates (COO format).

1.2.2 Further reading

Check the SciPy reference guide for tutorials and examples of all SciPy capabilities.

1.3 pandas

pandas is a Python library for data wrangling and analysis. It provides:

- DataFrame: a table, similar to an R DataFrame that holds any structured data
 - Every column can have its own data type (strings, dates, floats,...)
- A great range of methods to apply to this table (sorting, querying, joining,...)
- Imports data from a wide range of data formats (CVS, Excel) and databases (e.g. SQL)

1.3.1 Series

A one-dimensional array of data (of any numpy type), with indexed values. It can be created by passing a Python list or dict, a numpy array, a csv file,...

```
In [112]: import pandas as pd
          pd.Series([1,3,np.nan]) # Default integers are integers
          pd.Series([1,3,5], index=['a','b','c'])
          pd.Series({'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}) # when given a dict, the keys will be used for t
          pd.Series({'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}, index = ['b', 'c', 'd']) # this will try to mate
Out[112]: 0
               1.0
               3.0
               NaN
          dtype: float64
Out[112]: a
               1
               3
               5
          dtype: int64
Out[112]: a
               1
               2
               3
          dtype: int64
Out[112]: b
               2.0
               3.0
               NaN
          d
          dtype: float64
```

Functions like a numpy array, however with index labels as indices

```
Out[113]: a
               1
               3
          dtype: int64
Out[113]: 2
Out[113]: a
          dtype: int64
   numpy array operations on Series preserve the index value
In [114]: a
          a[a > 1]
          a * 2
          np.sqrt(a)
Out[114]: a
               1
               3
          dtype: int64
Out[114]: b
               2
          dtype: int64
Out[114]: a
               2
               4
          dtype: int64
Out[114]: a
               1.00
               1.41
               1.73
          dtype: float64
   Operations over multiple Series will align the indices
In [115]: a = pd.Series({'John' : 1000, 'Mary': 2000, 'Andre': 3000 })
          b = pd.Series({'John' : 100, 'Andre': 200, 'Cecilia': 300 })
          a + b
Out[115]: Andre
                      3200.0
          Cecilia
                         NaN
          John
                      1100.0
          Mary
                         NaN
          dtype: float64
```

1.3.2 DataFrame

A DataFrame is a tabular data structure with both a row and a column index. It can be created by passing a dict of arrays, a csv file,...

```
In [116]: data = {'state': ['Ohio', 'Ohio', 'Nevada', 'Nevada'], 'year': [2000, 2001, 2001, 2002
         'pop': [1.5, 1.7, 2.4, 2.9]}
         pd.DataFrame(data)
         pd.DataFrame(data, columns=['year', 'state', 'pop', 'color']) # Will match indices
Out[116]:
            pop
                  state year
         0 1.5
                   Ohio 2000
         1 1.7
                   Ohio 2001
         2 2.4 Nevada 2001
         3 2.9 Nevada 2002
Out[116]:
                   state pop color
            year
         0 2000
                    Ohio 1.5
                               NaN
         1 2001
                    Ohio 1.7
                               NaN
         2 2001 Nevada 2.4
                               NaN
         3 2002 Nevada 2.9
                               NaN
```

It can be composed with a numpy array and row and column indices, and decomposed

```
In [117]: dates = pd.date_range('20130101',periods=4)
           df = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(4,4),index=dates,columns=list('ABCD'))
Out [117]:
                                  В
                                        C
           2013-01-01 -0.61 -1.84 0.53 1.73
           2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49 -1.39 -1.28
           2013-01-03 -0.65 -1.38 -1.79 -0.32
           2013-01-04 0.16 -0.60 0.04 -0.11
In [118]: df.index
           df.columns
           df.values
Out[118]: DatetimeIndex(['2013-01-01', '2013-01-02', '2013-01-03', '2013-01-04'], dtype='datetimeIndex(['2013-01-01', '2013-01-02', '2013-01-03', '2013-01-04'],
Out[118]: Index(['A', 'B', 'C', 'D'], dtype='object')
Out[118]: array([[-0.609, -1.84, 0.526, 1.726],
                   [-0.203, -0.489, -1.394, -1.277],
                   [-0.653, -1.378, -1.789, -0.321],
                   [0.16, -0.597, 0.037, -0.114]
```

DataFrames can easily read/write data from/to files

• read_csv(source): load CSV data from file or url

```
read_table(source, sep=','): load delimited data with separator
df.to_csv(target): writes the DataFrame to a file
```

```
In [119]: dfs = pd.read_csv('data.csv')
          dfs
          dfs.set_value(0, 'a', 10)
          dfs.to_csv('data.csv', index=False) # Don't export the row index
Out [119]:
                           d message
              a
                  b
                      С
          0
             10
                  2
                      3
                           4
                                hello
              5
                      7
                               world
          1
                  6
                           8
          2
              9 10
                    11 12
                                  foo
Out[119]:
              a
                  b
                      С
                           d message
                  2
                      3
                           4
                                hello
          0
             10
          1
              5
                  6
                      7
                           8
                               world
          2
              9 10
                                  foo
                    11 12
```

1.3.3 Simple operations

In [120]: df.head() # First 5 rows

```
df.tail() # Last 5 rows

Out[120]: A B C D
    2013-01-01 -0.61 -1.84 0.53 1.73
    2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49 -1.39 -1.28
    2013-01-03 -0.65 -1.38 -1.79 -0.32
    2013-01-04 0.16 -0.60 0.04 -0.11
```

Out[120]:

A B C D

2013-01-01 -0.61 -1.84 0.53 1.73

2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49 -1.39 -1.28

2013-01-03 -0.65 -1.38 -1.79 -0.32

2013-01-04 0.16 -0.60 0.04 -0.11

Out [121]: Α В C count 4.00 4.00 4.00 4.00e+00 mean -0.33 -1.08 -0.66 3.58e-03 0.38 0.64 1.11 1.25e+00 std -0.65 -1.84 -1.79 -1.28e+00 min 25% -0.62 -1.49 -1.49 -5.60e-01 -0.41 -0.99 -0.68 -2.17e-01 50% 75% -0.11 -0.57 0.16 3.46e-01 0.16 -0.49 0.53 1.73e+00 max

In [122]: # Transpose df.T

```
2013-01-01 2013-01-02 2013-01-03 2013-01-04
Out[122]:
                 -0.61
                         -0.20
                                        -0.65
                                                     0.16
         Α
                 -1.84
                             -0.49
                                         -1.38
                                                    -0.60
         В
         C
                  0.53
                             -1.39
                                         -1.79
                                                     0.04
         D
                  1.73
                             -1.28
                                         -0.32
                                                    -0.11
In [123]: df.sort_index(axis=1, ascending=False) # Sort by index labels
         df.sort(columns='B') # Sort by values
Out[123]:
                        D
                             С
                                    В
         2013-01-01 1.73 0.53 -1.84 -0.61
         2013-01-02 -1.28 -1.39 -0.49 -0.20
         2013-01-03 -0.32 -1.79 -1.38 -0.65
         2013-01-04 -0.11 0.04 -0.60 0.16
Out[123]:
                              В
         2013-01-01 -0.61 -1.84 0.53 1.73
         2013-01-03 -0.65 -1.38 -1.79 -0.32
         2013-01-04 0.16 -0.60 0.04 -0.11
         2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49 -1.39 -1.28
1.3.4 Selecting and slicing
In [124]: df['A'] # Get single column by label
                 # Shorthand
         df.A
Out[124]: 2013-01-01
                    -0.61
         2013-01-02
                    -0.20
         2013-01-03 -0.65
                    0.16
         2013-01-04
         Freq: D, Name: A, dtype: float64
Out[124]: 2013-01-01 -0.61
         2013-01-02 -0.20
         2013-01-03 -0.65
         2013-01-04
                      0.16
         Freq: D, Name: A, dtype: float64
In [125]: df[0:2]
                         # Get rows by index number
         df.iloc[0:2,0:2] # Get rows and columns by index number
         df['20130102':'20130103']
                                      # or row label
         df.loc['20130102':'20130103', ['A','B']] # or row and column label
         df.ix[0:2, ['A', 'B']] # allows mixing integers and labels
Out[125]:
                        Α
                              В
                                    C
         2013-01-01 -0.61 -1.84 0.53 1.73
         2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49 -1.39 -1.28
Out[125]:
         2013-01-01 -0.61 -1.84
         2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49
```

```
Out[125]:
                               B C
          2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49 -1.39 -1.28
          2013-01-03 -0.65 -1.38 -1.79 -0.32
Out[125]:
                               В
          2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49
          2013-01-03 -0.65 -1.38
Out[125]:
          2013-01-01 -0.61 -1.84
          2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49
  query() retrieves data matching a boolean expression
In [126]: df
          df.query('A > 0.4') # Identical to df[df.A > 0.4]
          df.query('A > B')
                              # Identical to df[df.A > df.B]
Out [126]:
                               В
                                     С
                         Α
          2013-01-01 -0.61 -1.84 0.53 1.73
          2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49 -1.39 -1.28
          2013-01-03 -0.65 -1.38 -1.79 -0.32
          2013-01-04 0.16 -0.60 0.04 -0.11
Out[126]: Empty DataFrame
         Columns: [A, B, C, D]
          Index: []
Out[126]:
                               В
                                     C
          2013-01-01 -0.61 -1.84 0.53 1.73
          2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49 -1.39 -1.28
          2013-01-03 -0.65 -1.38 -1.79 -0.32
          2013-01-04 0.16 -0.60 0.04 -0.11
```

Note: similar to NumPy, indexing and slicing returns a *view* on the data. Use copy() to make a deep copy.

1.3.5 Operations

DataFrames offer a wide range of operations: max, mean, min, sum, std,...

```
Out[127]: 2013-01-01
                       -0.05
          2013-01-02
                       -0.84
          2013-01-03
                       -1.04
          2013-01-04
                       -0.13
          Freq: D, dtype: float64
   All of numpy's universal functions also work with dataframes
In [128]: np.abs(df)
Out [128]:
                                     С
                                           D
                               В
                            1.84 0.53 1.73
          2013-01-01 0.61
          2013-01-02 0.20 0.49
                                  1.39 1.28
          2013-01-03 0.65 1.38 1.79 0.32
          2013-01-04 0.16 0.60 0.04 0.11
   Other (custom) functions can be applied with apply(funct)
In [129]: df
          df.apply(np.max)
          df.apply(lambda x: x.max() - x.min())
Out[129]:
                               В
                                     C
                                           D
          2013-01-01 -0.61 -1.84 0.53 1.73
          2013-01-02 -0.20 -0.49 -1.39 -1.28
          2013-01-03 -0.65 -1.38 -1.79 -0.32
          2013-01-04 0.16 -0.60 0.04 -0.11
Out[129]: A
               0.16
          В
              -0.49
          С
               0.53
               1.73
          dtype: float64
Out[129]: A
               0.81
          В
               1.35
          С
               2.32
               3.00
          dtype: float64
   Data can be aggregated with groupby()
In [130]: df = pd.DataFrame({'A' : ['foo', 'bar', 'foo', 'bar'], 'B' : ['one', 'one', 'two', 'the
                             'C' : np.random.randn(4), 'D' : np.random.randn(4)})
          df
          df.groupby('A').sum()
```

df.groupby(['A','B']).sum()

```
Out[130]:
               Α
                      В
                            С
             foo
                    one 0.91 -0.58
          1 bar
                    one 0.20 - 0.70
          2 foo
                    two -0.60 -0.28
          3 bar
                 three -1.14 -1.07
Out[130]:
                  С
          bar -0.94 -1.76
          foo 0.30 -0.86
Out[130]:
                        С
                              D
              В
          bar one
                     0.20 -0.70
              three -1.14 -1.07
                     0.91 -0.58
          foo one
                    -0.60 -0.28
              two
```

1.3.6 Data wrangling (some examples)

Merge: combine two dataframes based on common keys

```
In [131]: df1 = pd.DataFrame({'key': ['b', 'b', 'a'], 'data1': range(3)})
          df2 = pd.DataFrame({'key': ['a', 'b'], 'data2': range(2)})
          df1
          df2
          pd.merge(df1, df2)
Out[131]:
             data1 key
          0
                 0
                     b
          1
                 1
                     b
          2
                 2
Out[131]:
             data2 key
          0
                 0
          1
                 1
                      b
Out[131]:
             data1 key
                         data2
                 0
                             1
          1
                 1
                     b
                             1
          2
                 2
                             0
```

Append: append one dataframe to another

```
Out[132]: 0
                          2
                 1
         0 0.55 -0.86 -0.26 0.47
         1 0.15 1.14 1.44 0.11
Out[132]: 0
                     1
         0 -0.97 0.39 0.38 -0.17
Out[132]:
                          2
                                3
             0
                     1
         0 0.55 -0.86 -0.26 0.47
         1 0.15 1.14 1.44 0.11
         2 -0.97 0.39 0.38 -0.17
  Remove duplicates
In [133]: df = pd.DataFrame({'k1': ['one'] * 3, 'k2': [1, 1, 2]})
         df.drop_duplicates()
Out[133]:
             k1 k2
         0 one
         1 one
                  1
         2 one
Out[133]:
             k1 k2
         0 one
                  1
         2
                  2
            one
  Replace values
In [134]: df = pd.DataFrame({'k1': [1, -1], 'k2': [-1, 2]}) # Say that -1 is a sentinel for miss
         df.replace(-1, np.nan)
Out[134]:
         k1 k2
         0
               -1
            1
         1 -1
                 2
Out[134]:
            k1
                  k2
         0 1.0 NaN
         1 NaN 2.0
  Discretization and binning
In [135]: ages = [20, 22, 25, 27, 21, 23, 37, 31, 61, 45, 41, 32]
         bins = [18, 25, 35, 60, 100]
         cats = pd.cut(ages, bins)
         cats.labels
         pd.value_counts(cats)
Out[135]: array([0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2, 1, 3, 2, 2, 1], dtype=int8)
```

```
Out[135]: (18, 25] 5
(35, 60] 3
(25, 35] 3
(60, 100] 1
dtype: int64
```

1.3.7 Further reading

- Pandas docs: http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/
- https://bitbucket.org/hrojas/learn-pandas
- Python for Data Analysis (O'Reilly) by Wes McKinney (the author of pandas)

1.4 matplotlib

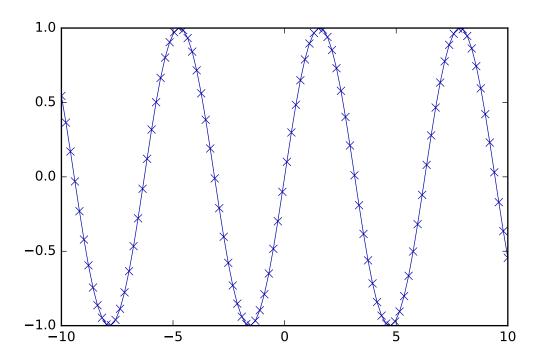
matplotlib is the primary scientific plotting library in Python. It provides:

- Publication-quality visualizations such as line charts, histograms, and scatter plots.
- Integration in pandas to make plotting much easier.
- Interactive plotting in Jupyter notebooks for quick visualizations.
 - Requires some setup. See preamble and %matplotlib.
- Many GUI backends, export to PDF, SVG, JPG, PNG, BMP, GIF, etc.
- Ecosystem of libraries for more advanced plotting, e.g. Seaborn

1.4.1 Low-level usage

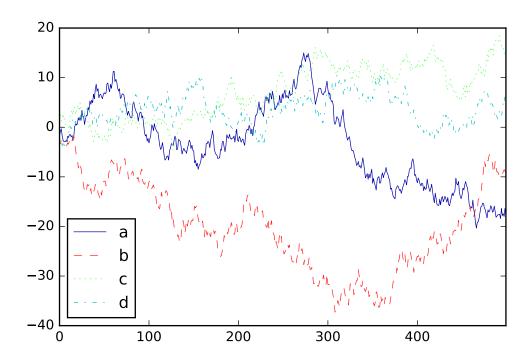
plot() is the main function to generate a plot (but many more exist):

Every plotting function is completely customizable through a large set of options.

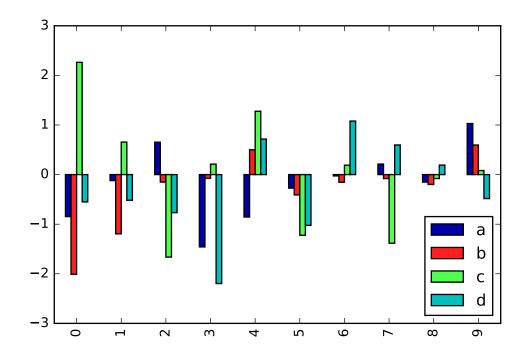


1.4.2 pandas + matplotlib

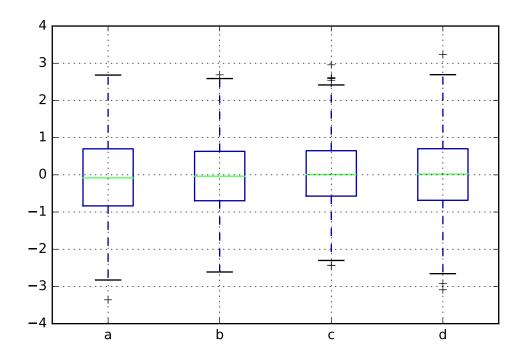
pandas DataFrames offer an easier, higher-level interface for matplotlib functions



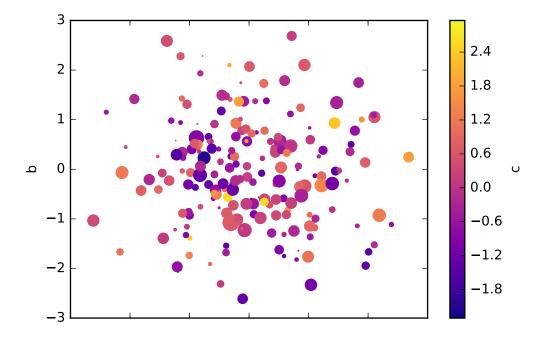
In [138]: p = df[:10].plot(kind='bar') # First 10 arrays as bar plots



In [139]: p = df.boxplot() # Boxplot for each of the 4 series



Out[140]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x117d7ca90>



1.4.3 Advanced plotting libraries

Several libraries, such as Seaborn offer more advanced plots and easier interfaces. Seaborn Examples

1.4.4 Further reading links

- Matplotlib examples
- Plotting with pandas
- Seaborn examples