

EXPLORE || DIGITAL SKILLS

Data Mining with CINDY

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- Introduction to the CINDY framework for optimal visualisations;
- Use the CINDY framework for data visualisation;
- Represent and perform visualisation of different data types in the CINDY framework .



Meet CINDY!

CINDY is a framework that comes with a checklist for understanding the relationship between data.

Summary Statistics			Relationships between 2 variables				
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C Categorical	String ≤25 uniques	Ordered bar chart 80/20	Heatmap Chi2	Stacked bar chart	Boxplot	Time Series	Categorised Heatmap
I Identifier	String >25 uniques	Rank order SSST		Heatmap Chi2	Rank Order (mean)	Fan (Percentile) Chart	Categorised Heatmap
N Numerical	Integers, Float, Decimal	Histogram Mean, Stdev			Scatter Plot Correlation	Time Series (mean)	Graduated Heatmap
D Dates	Timestamp	Time series Stationarity				Histogram Mean diff	Time-lapse Heatmap
x y Geo-spatial	x, y Lat, lon	Polygons Points					

CINDY Checklist

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C

Categorical

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Identifier

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Numerical

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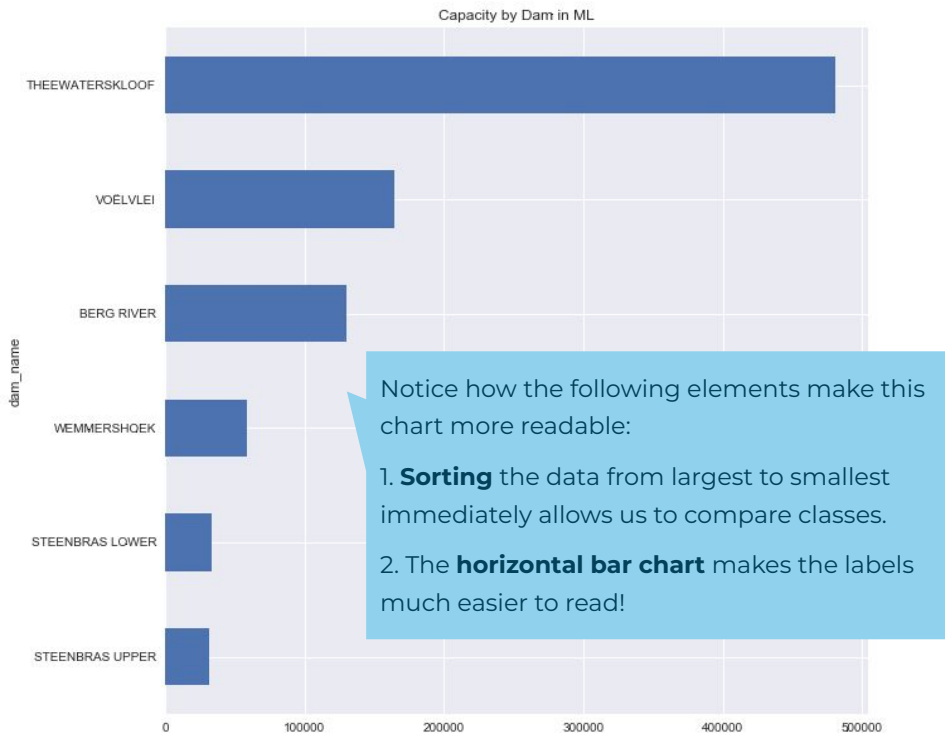
Dates

X
Y

Geo-spatial

Categorical Variables – Bar Chart

Barchart for Categorical Variables



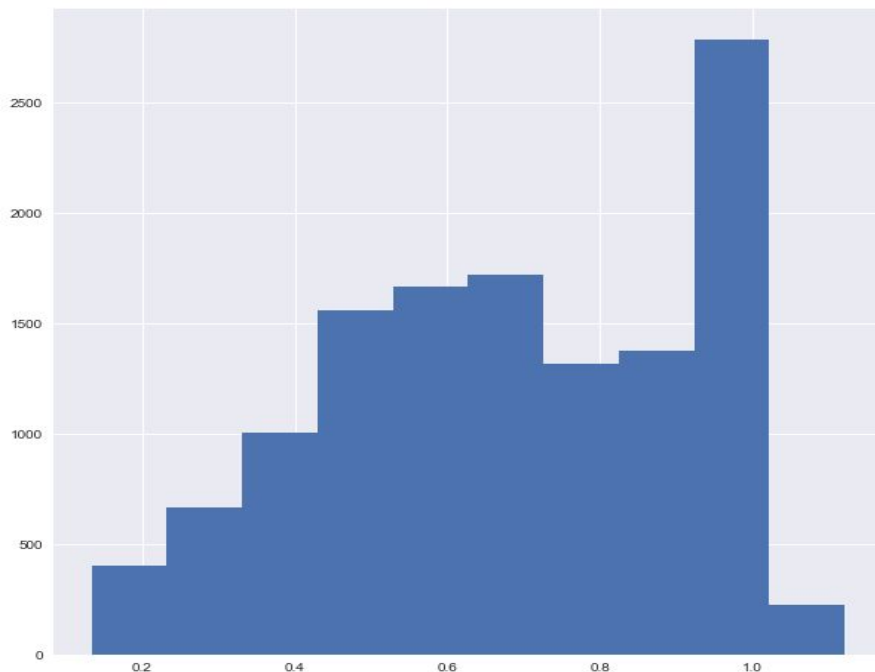
Things to look out for in bar charts:

- Count **unique values**.
- Check for **nulls**.
- Apply **80/20 principle** on categorical variables- Use this to focus analysis on the most important categories.
- Look for **groupings/lookups** – combine categorical variables into more interpretable combinations and results.
- Categorical variables provide a good way to **link data between datasets**.

Numerical Variables – Histogram

Histogram for Numerical Variables

Histogram of dam level capacity



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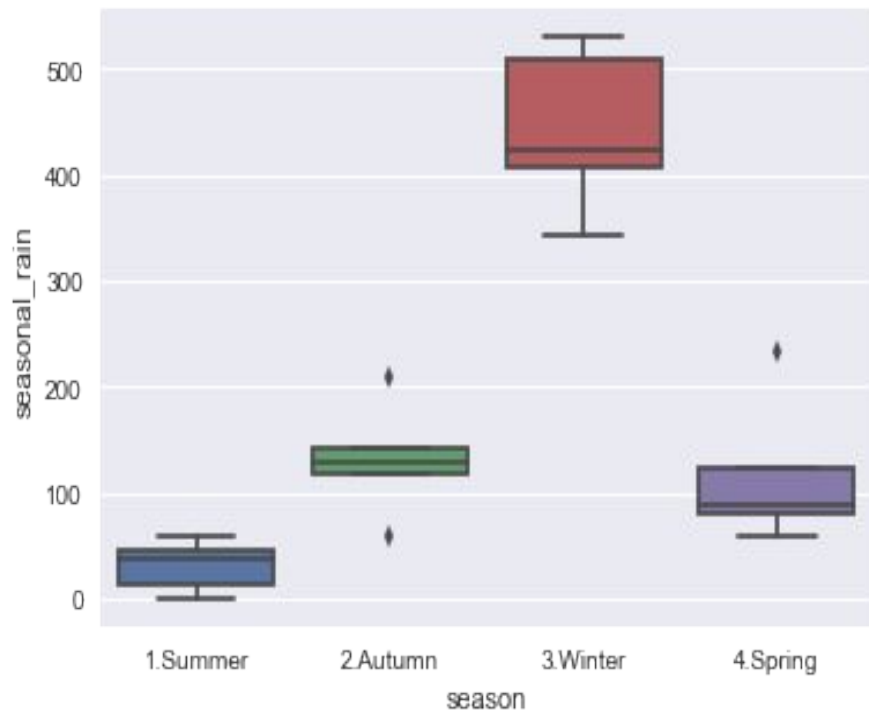
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pandas.DataFrame.hist()
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Things to look out for in histograms:

- Check for **nulls**.
- **Summary statistics** are very helpful to understand numerical variables:
 - **Mean** and **standard deviation**.
 - Percentiles (especially the **median**).
- Identify the closest **distribution function**.
- **Outliers identification**.

Numerical Variables by Category - Box Plot

Box plots

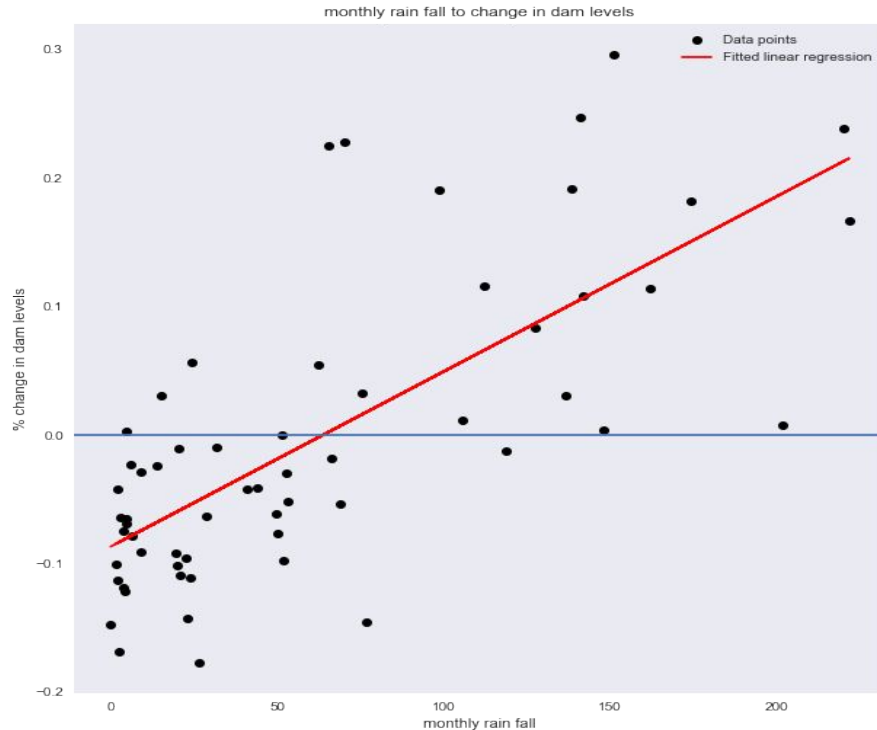


Things to look out for in a box plot:

- Box plots provide information about the **5 number summary** of a dataset:
 - minimum value
 - first quartile (Q1)
 - median
 - third quartile (Q3)
 - maximum value
- Often used for descriptive analyses or during the preliminary investigation of a large data set.
- **Box plots** are used to indicate whether the distribution in a dataset is skewed or used for the identification of outliers in the dataset.

Relationships between Numerical Variables - Scatter Plot

Scatter Plot



Things to look out for in scatterplots:

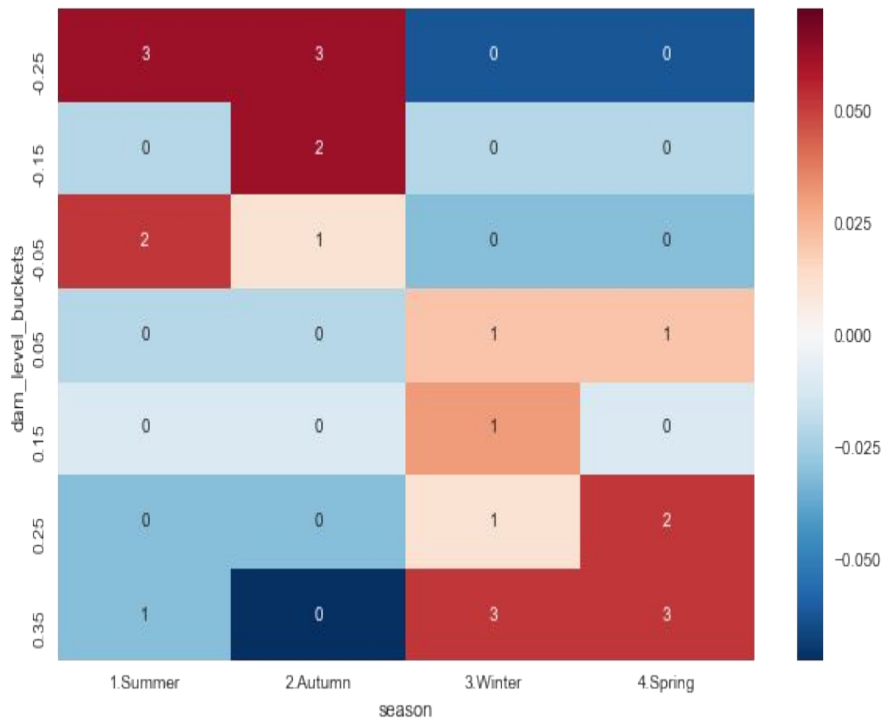
- A **line of best fit** is used to assess the **relationship of variables** in the dataset. The line of best fit (**linear regression**) equation is given as:

$$y = \alpha + \beta x$$

- β - impact of independent variable (x) on the dependent variable (y); this will indicate the slope of the line of best fit.
- α - indicates the y intercept (when $x=0$).
- R^2 - the **coefficient of determination**. This indicates the percentage of variation explained by the other variable
- Outliers directly impact results of linear regression.

Relationships between Numerical Variables - Contingency Table with a Heatmap

Contingency Tables with Heatmap



Things to look out for in contingency tables:

- **Contingency table** tabulates the state of a combination of 2 or more categorical variables.
- **Chi² test (test for independence)** helps determine if the **distribution** of one **categorical variable** matches another or differs from another and is calculated using the equation:

$$chi^2 = \sum \frac{(Observed - expected)^2}{expected}$$

- **Heatmap** - cells are shaded according to the difference in the observation vs expectation counts.
- In the example to the left, **Red cells** represent combinations based on a higher probability of occurrence.

Conclusion

In this train you have learned how to:

- Use the CINDY framework to represent and analyse your data.
- Integrate the use of the CINDY framework to aid in selection of the best method for visualisation and representation of data.



Appendix

Additional sources:

- [Data mining](#)
- [Descriptive statistics](#)
- [Linear Regression](#)

