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Overview of the tool used

The main advantage of python in comparison to other data analytic tools such as excel, would be Python's ability to handle large volumes of data without hindering productivity. Running scripts using the libraries on allows for more automation and ease of obtaining analysed data. With this task, the data was imported from python which ensures that data will not be lost or tampered with while performing data analysis. After defining the columns from the imported data, it was less tedious to run scripts than to perform individual analysis on excel.

Overview of the libraries used

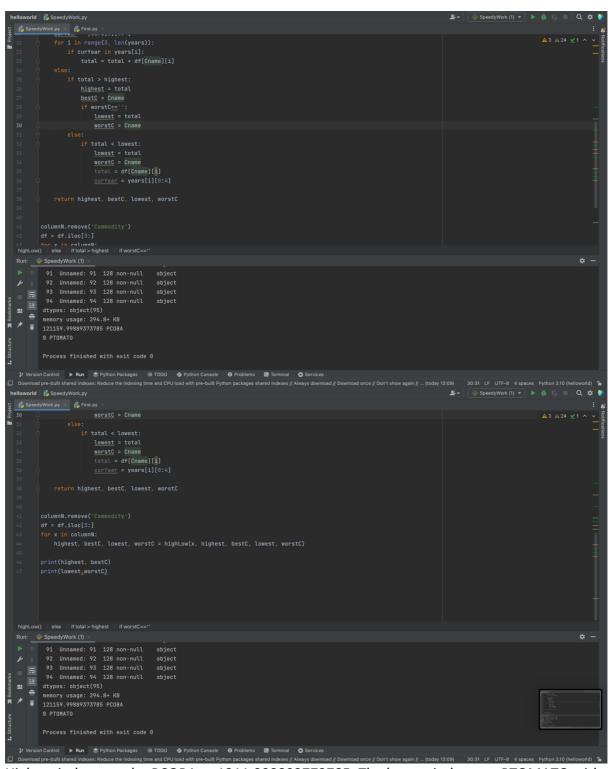
Numpy, pandas and matplotlib were used in the script. All three python libraries allow different functions to be performed. Pandas allows data analysis scripts to be conducted on python. It utilises two other libraries, being numpy and matplotlib. Matplotlib allows for data visualisation through a variety of charts such as bar and pie charts. Numpy permits mathematical operations in python. The combination of these three libraries is what allowed the following data and charts to be formed and analysed. In addition to these, seaborn was installed in order for a heatmap to be printed and shown.

Overview of the dataset

The dataset imported onto python tallied the prices of an array of commodities from the years 1990 to the current day. Certain commodities were not recorded at the start of the dataset time period, such as 'food and beverage', 'industrial input and 'agriculture price index'. There were a few years where the index was 0 for different industries such as PTOMATO, which was the lowest industry in the dataset. By contrast, the industry with the highest is PCOBA. The dataset, however, does not take into consideration external factors that affect the supply and demand of these commodities throughout the years. For example, overall weather by the month and year can severely affect the commodity price of agriculture. Transportation and geopolitics are another major factor that has an effect on the price of commodity. With that being said, higher priced indexes are still more valuable and wanted more so than lower commodities.

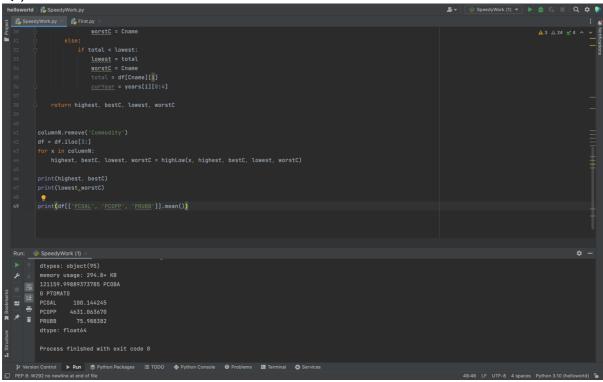
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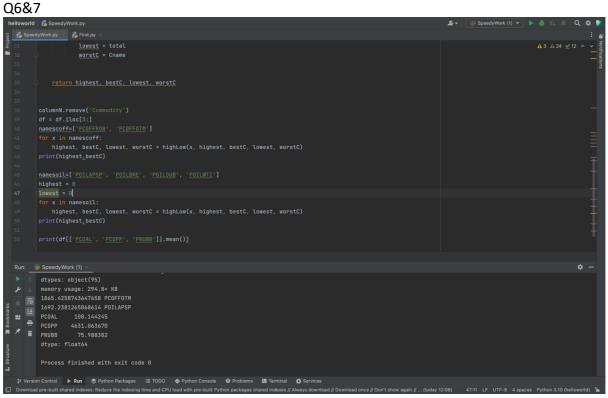


Highest index was the PCOBA at 1211.998893773785. The lowest index was PTOMATO with 0.

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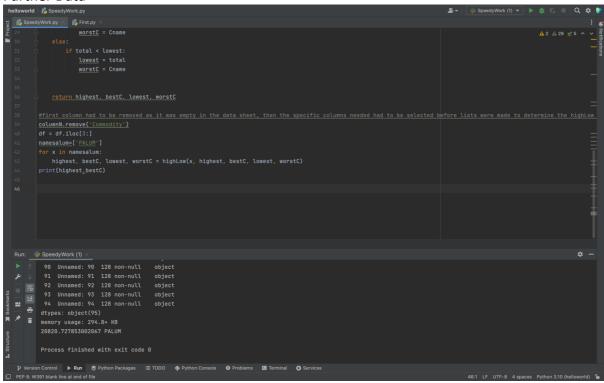


The average of the 3 respective columns to get the average price index for coal, copper and rubber. Average of coal, copper and rubber are 100.14, 4631.06 and 75.99.

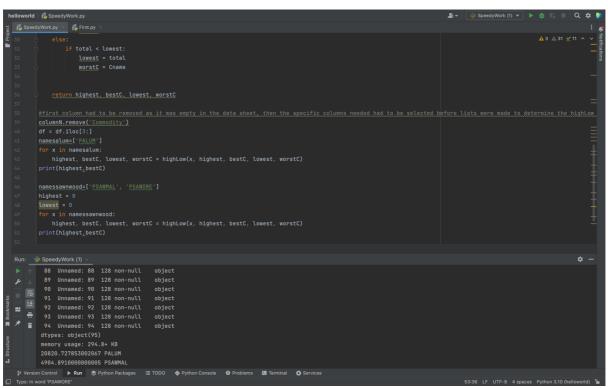


By defining two different lists for the columns containing different coffee and crude oil, the best type for each respective list. The best coffee for 2022 was PCOFFOTM with 1865.43(2dp). The best oil was POILAPSP with 1692.24(2dp).

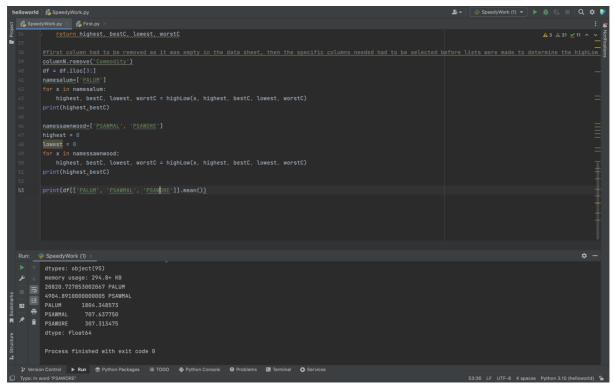
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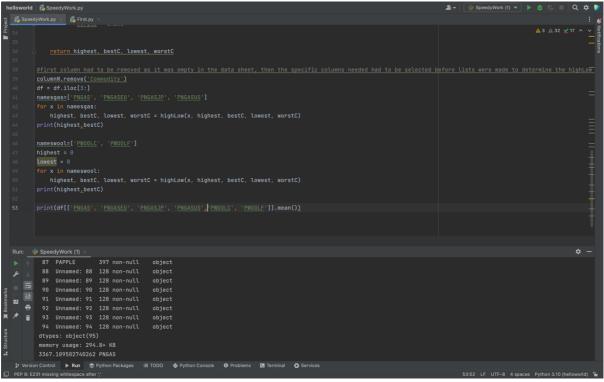
The best financial month for Aluminium had an index value of 20820.73(2dp).



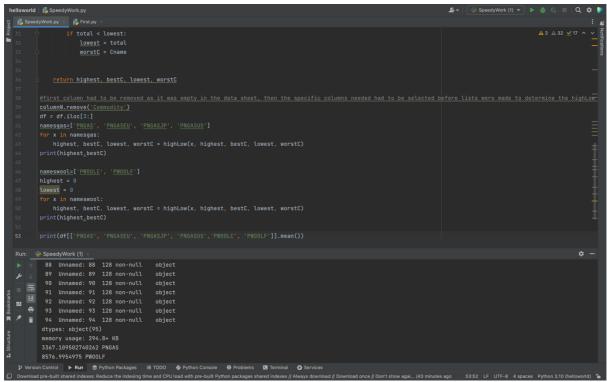
When looking at sawnwood, Hard sawnwood had the largest value out of both hard and soft sawnwood, with a value of 4904.89(2dp).



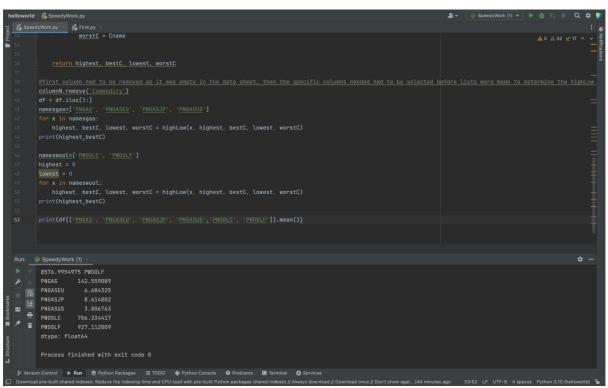
The average of all the values in their respective columns, this helps to confirm that hard sawnwood is more valuable than soft sawnwood.



Highest value natural gas, being 3367.11(2dp).



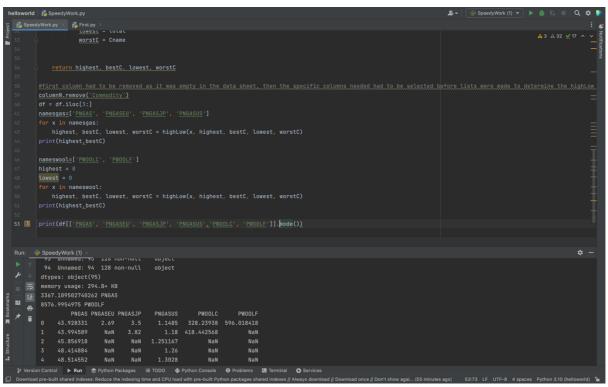
Fine wool has the highest value in the spreadsheet when compared to coarse wool. Highest value is 8576.9954975



Average of their respective columns. Fine wool still has a higher average than its coarse counterpart.

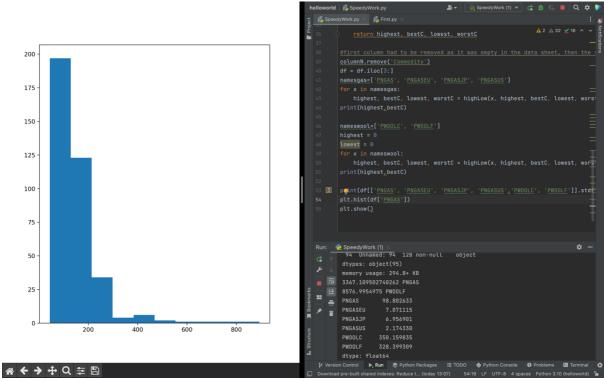
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Median of their respective columns.



Top 5 most common values in each column in the dataset. Only PNGAS has 5 different unique values. Other columns have 'NaN' which means that its Not A Number.

The standard deviation measures the spread of data in each column. The lower the standard deviation, the more the data points are to be found around the mean.



Histogram of the PNGAS column to show where majority of the data points lay, being between 50-200.