

- ▼ Exploratory data analysis in Python.
- ▼ Let us understand how to explore the data in python.



Exploratory Data Analysis with Python

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▼ Introduction

What is Exploratory Data Analysis ?

Exploratory Data Analysis or (EDA) is understanding the data sets by summarizing their main characteristics often plotting them visually. This step is very important especially when we arrive at modeling the data in order to apply Machine learning. Plotting in EDA consists of Histograms, Box plot, Scatter plot and many more. It often takes much time to explore the data. Through the process of EDA, we can ask to define the problem statement or definition on our data set which is very important.

How to perform Exploratory Data Analysis ?

This is one such question that everyone is keen on knowing the answer. Well, the answer is it depends on the data set that you are working. There is no one method or common methods in order to perform EDA, whereas in this tutorial you can understand some common methods and plots that would be used in the EDA process.

What data are we exploring today ?

Since I am a huge fan of cars, I got a very beautiful data-set of cars from Kaggle. The data-set can be downloaded from [here](#). To give a piece of brief information about the data set this data contains more of 10, 000 rows and more than 10 columns which contains features of the car such as Engine Fuel Type, Engine HP, Transmission Type, highway MPG, city MPG and many more. So in this tutorial, we will explore the data and make it ready for modeling.

▼ Importing the required libraries for EDA

Below are the libraries that are used in order to perform EDA (Exploratory data analysis) in this tutorial.

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns                #visualisation
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt      #visualisation
%matplotlib inline
sns.set(color_codes=True)
```

▼ 2. Loading the data into the data frame.

Loading the data into the pandas data frame is certainly one of the most important steps in EDA, as we can see that the value from the data set is comma-separated. So all we have to do is to just read the CSV into a data frame and pandas data frame does the job for us.

To get or load the dataset into the notebook, all I did was one trivial step. In Google Colab at the left-hand side of the notebook, you will find a > (greater than symbol). When you click that you will find a tab with three options, you just have to select Files. Then you can easily upload your file with the help of the Upload option. No need to mount to the google drive or use any specific libraries just upload the data set and your job is done. One thing to remember in this step is that uploaded files will get deleted when this runtime is recycled. This is how I got the data set into the notebook.

```
df = pd.read_csv("data.csv")
# To display the top 5 rows
df.head(5)
```

	Make	Model	Year	Engine Fuel Type	Engine HP	Engine Cylinders	Transmission Type	Driven_Wheels	Number of Doors	Market	Category	Vehicle Size	Vehicle Style
0	BMW	Series M	2011	premium unleaded (required)	335.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	2.0	Tuner,Factory,Luxury,High- Performance		Compact	Coupe
1	BMW	Series	2011	premium unleaded (required)	300.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	2.0	Luxury,Performance		Compact	Convertible
2	BMW	Series	2011	premium unleaded (required)	300.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	2.0	Luxury,High- Performance		Compact	Coupe

df.tail(5) # To display the botton 5 rows

	Make	Model	Year	Engine Fuel Type	Engine HP	Engine Cylinders	Transmission Type	Driven_Wheels	Number of Doors	Market	Category	V
11909	Acura	ZDX	2012	premium unleaded (required)	300.0	6.0	AUTOMATIC	all wheel drive	4.0	Crossover,Hatchback,Luxury		
11910	Acura	ZDX	2012	premium unleaded (required)	300.0	6.0	AUTOMATIC	all wheel drive	4.0	Crossover,Hatchback,Luxury		
11911	Acura	ZDX	2012	premium unleaded (required)	300.0	6.0	AUTOMATIC	all wheel drive	4.0	Crossover,Hatchback,Luxury		
11912	Acura	ZDX	2013	premium unleaded (recommended)	300.0	6.0	AUTOMATIC	all wheel drive	4.0	Crossover,Hatchback,Luxury		
11913	Lincoln	Zephyr	2006	regular unleaded	221.0	6.0	AUTOMATIC	front wheel drive	4.0		Luxury	

▼ 3. Checking the types of data

Here we check for the datatypes because sometimes the MSRP or the price of the car would be stored as a string, if in that case, we have to convert that string to the integer data only then we can plot the data via a graph. Here, in this case, the data is already in integer format so nothing to worry.

```
df.dtypes
```

```
Model          object
Year           int64
Engine Fuel Type  object
Engine HP      float64
Engine Cylinders float64
Transmission Type object
Driven_Wheels   object
Number of Doors float64
Market Category object
Vehicle Size    object
Vehicle Style   object
highway MPG     int64
city mpg        int64
Popularity      int64
MSRP            int64
dtype: object
```

▼ 4. Dropping irrelevant columns

This step is certainly needed in every EDA because sometimes there would be many columns that we never use in such cases dropping is the only solution. In this case, the columns such as Engine Fuel Type, Market Category, Vehicle style, Popularity, Number of doors, Vehicle Size doesn't make any sense to me so I just dropped for this instance.

```
df = df.drop(['Engine Fuel Type', 'Market Category', 'Vehicle Style', 'Popularity', 'Number of Doors', 'Vehicle Size'], axis=1)
df.head(5)
```

	Make	Model	Year	Engine HP	Engine Cylinders	Transmission Type	Driven_Wheels	highway MPG	city mpg	MSRP
0	BMW	1 Series M	2011	335.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	26	19	46135
1	BMW	1 Series	2011	300.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	28	19	40650
2	BMW	1 Series	2011	300.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	28	20	36350
3	BMW	1 Series	2011	230.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	28	18	29450
4	BMW	1 Series	2011	230.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	28	18	34500

▼ 5. Renaming the columns

In this instance, most of the column names are very confusing to read, so I just tweaked their column names. This is a good approach it improves the readability of the data set.

```
df = df.rename(columns={"Engine HP": "HP", "Engine Cylinders": "Cylinders", "Transmission Type": "Transmission", "Driven_Wheels": "Driven_Wheels"})
df.head(5)
```

	Make	Model	Year	HP	Cylinders	Transmission	Drive Mode	MPG-H	MPG-C	Price
0	BMW	1 Series M	2011	335.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	26	19	46135
1	BMW	1 Series	2011	300.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	28	19	40650
2	BMW	1 Series	2011	300.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	28	20	36350
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▼ 6. Dropping the duplicate rows

This is often a handy thing to do because a huge data set as in this case contains more than 10,000 rows often have some duplicate data which might be disturbing, so here I remove all the duplicate value from the data-set. For example prior to removing I had 11914 rows of data but after removing the duplicates 10925 data meaning that I had 989 of duplicate data.

```
df.shape
```

```
(11914, 10)
```

```
duplicate_rows_df = df[df.duplicated()]
print("number of duplicate rows: ", duplicate_rows_df.shape)
```

```
number of duplicate rows: (989, 10)
```

Now let us remove the duplicate data because it's ok to remove them.

```
df.count()      # Used to count the number of rows
```

```
Make           11914
```



```

Model      11914
Year       11914
HP         11845
Cylinders  11884
Transmission 11914
Drive Mode 11914
MPG-H      11914
MPG-C      11914
Price      11914
dtype: int64

```

So seen above there are 11914 rows and we are removing 989 rows of duplicate data.

```

df = df.drop_duplicates()
df.head(5)

```

	Make	Model	Year	HP	Cylinders	Transmission	Drive Mode	MPG-H	MPG-C	Price
0	BMW	1 Series M	2011	335.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	26	19	46135
1	BMW	1 Series	2011	300.0	6.0	MANUAL	rear wheel drive	28	19	40650
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```
df.count()
```

```

Make      10925
Model     10925
Year      10925
HP        10856
Cylinders 10895
Transmission 10925
Drive Mode 10925
MPG-H     10925

```

```
MPG-C      10925
Price      10925
dtype: int64
```

▼ 7. Dropping the missing or null values.

This is mostly similar to the previous step but in here all the missing values are detected and are dropped later. Now, this is not a good approach to do so, because many people just replace the missing values with the mean or the average of that column, but in this case, I just dropped that missing values. This is because there is nearly 100 missing value compared to 10,000 values this is a small number and this is negligible so I just dropped those values.

```
print(df.isnull().sum())
```

```
Make      0
Model     0
Year      0
HP        69
Cylinders 30
Transmission  0
Drive Mode  0
MPG-H     0
MPG-C     0
Price     0
dtype: int64
```

This is the reason in the above step while counting both Cylinders and Horsepower (HP) had 10856 and 10895 over 10925 rows.

```
df = df.dropna()    # Dropping the missing values.
df.count()
```

```
Make          10827
Model         10827
Year          10827
HP            10827
Cylinders     10827
Transmission  10827
Drive Mode    10827
MPG-H         10827
MPG-C         10827
Price         10827
dtype: int64
```

Now we have removed all the rows which contain the Null or N/A values (Cylinders and Horsepower (HP)).

```
print(df.isnull().sum()) # After dropping the values
```

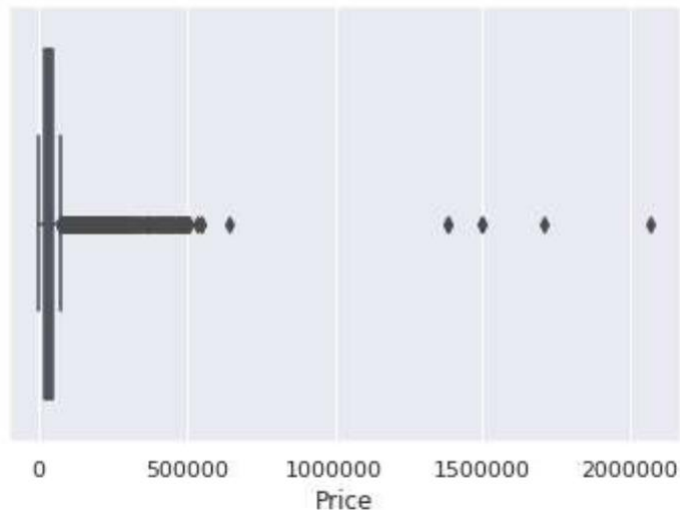
```
Make          0
Model         0
Year          0
HP            0
Cylinders     0
Transmission  0
Drive Mode    0
MPG-H         0
MPG-C         0
Price         0
dtype: int64
```

▼ 8. Detecting Outliers

An outlier is a point or set of points that are different from other points. Sometimes they can be very high or very low. It's often a good idea to detect and remove the outliers. Because outliers are one of the primary reasons for resulting in a less accurate model. Hence it's a good idea to remove them. The outlier detection and removing that I am going to perform is called IQR score technique. Often outliers can be seen with visualizations using a box plot. Shown below are the box plot of MSRP, Cylinders, Horsepower and EngineSize. Herein all the plots, you can find some points are outside the box they are none other than outliers. The technique of finding and removing outlier that I am performing in this assignment is taken help of a tutorial from [towards data science](https://towardsdatascience.com/outlier-detection-using-iqr-score-technique-1e1e1e1e1e1e).

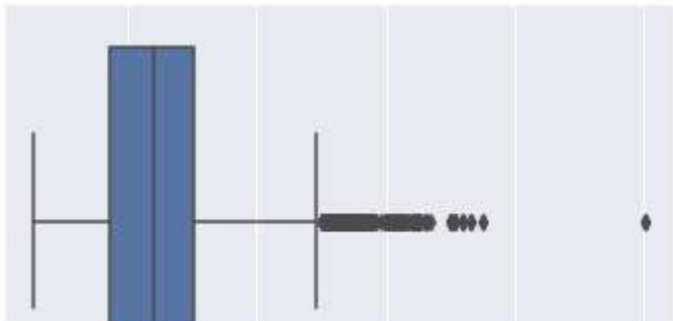
```
sns.boxplot(x=df['Price'])
```

<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f0d36a38be0>



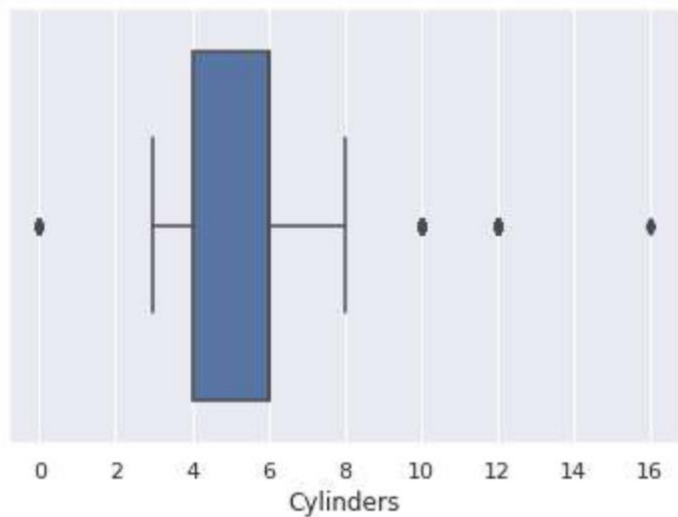
```
sns.boxplot(x=df['HP'])
```

```
<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f0d369b3ba8>
```



```
sns.boxplot(x=df['Cylinders'])
```

```
<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f0d3413ff28>
```



```
Q1 = df.quantile(0.25)
Q3 = df.quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3 - Q1
print(IQR)
```

```
Year          9.0
HP          130.0
Cylinders      2.0
```

```
MPG-H      8.0
MPG-C      6.0
Price      21327.5
dtype: float64
```

Don't worry about the above values because it's not important to know each and every one of them because it's just important to know how to use this technique in order to remove the outliers.

```
df = df[~((df < (Q1 - 1.5 * IQR)) |(df > (Q3 + 1.5 * IQR))).any(axis=1)]
df.shape

(9191, 10)
```

As seen above there were around 1600 rows were outliers. But you cannot completely remove the outliers because even after you use the above technique there maybe 1–2 outlier unremoved but that ok because there were more than 100 outliers. Something is better than nothing.

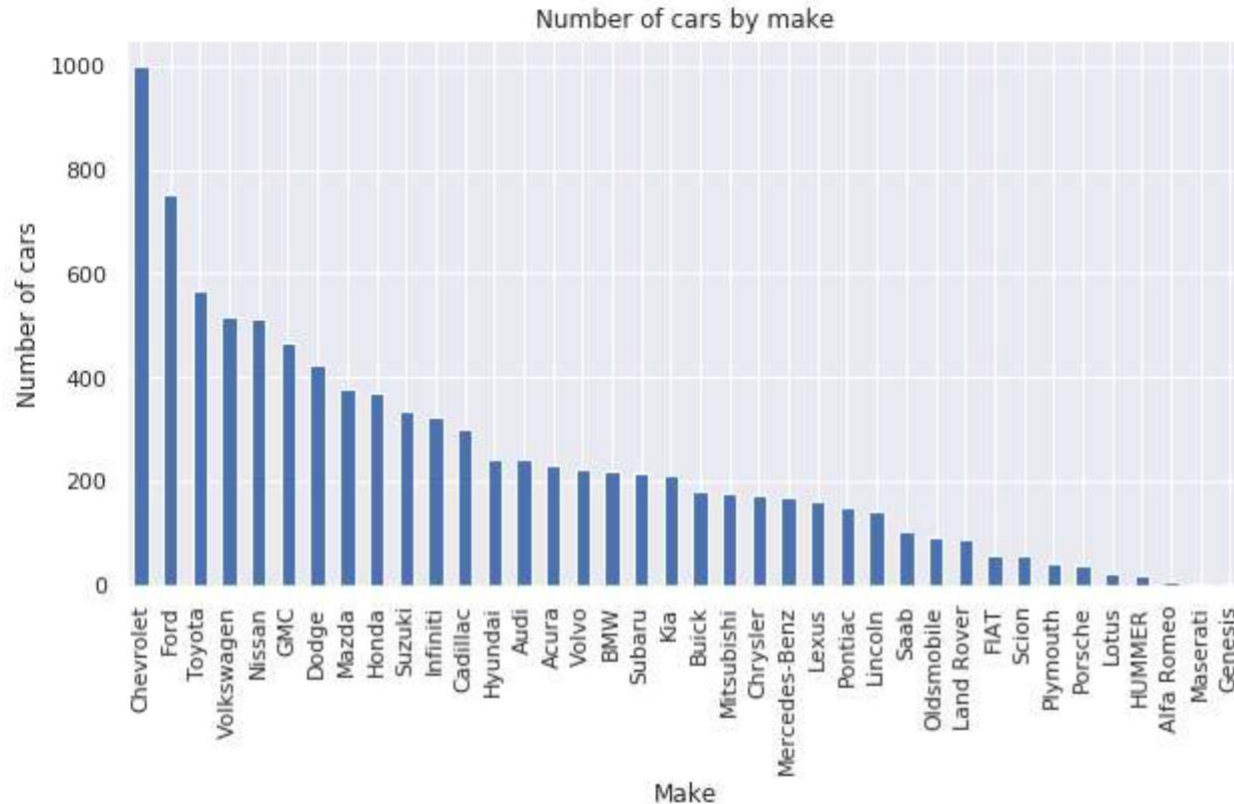
➤ 9. Plot different features against one another (scatter), against frequency (histogram)

➤ Histogram

Histogram refers to the frequency of occurrence of variables in an interval. In this case, there are mainly 10 different types of car manufacturing companies, but it is often important to know who has the most number of cars. To do this histogram is one of the trivial solutions which lets us know the total number of car manufactured by a different company.

```
df.Make.value_counts().nlargest(40).plot(kind='bar', figsize=(10,5))
plt.title("Number of cars by make")
```

```
plt.ylabel('Number of cars')
plt.xlabel('Make');
```

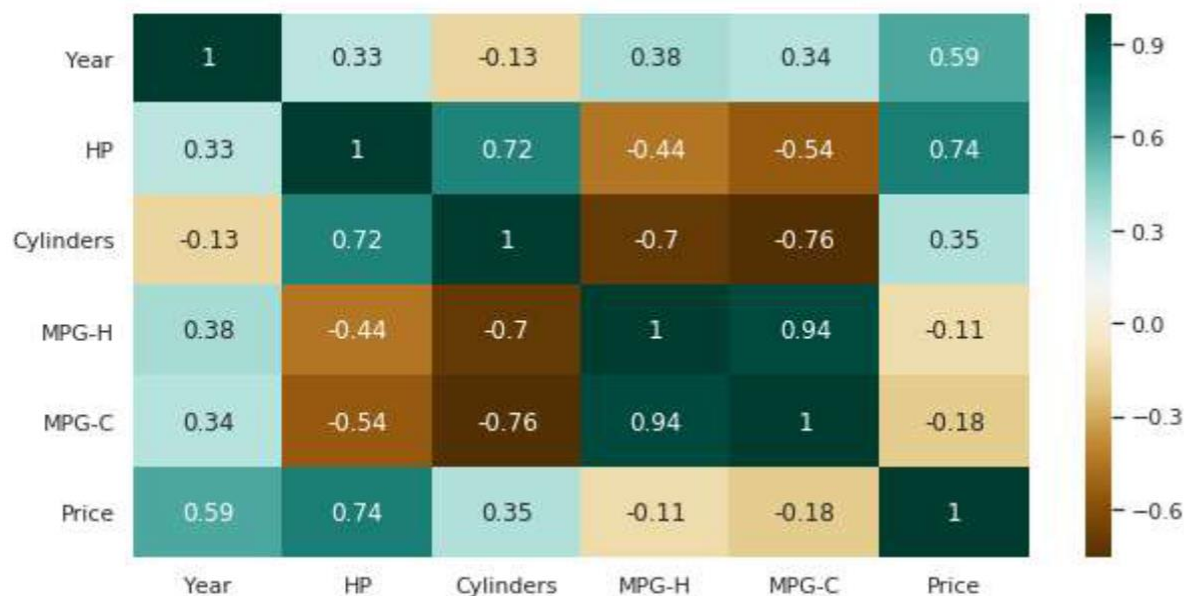


▼ Heat Maps

Heat Maps is a type of plot which is necessary when we need to find the dependent variables. One of the best way to find the relationship between the features can be done using heat maps. In the below heat map we know that the price feature depends mainly on the Engine Size, Horsepower, and Cylinders.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
c= df.corr()
sns.heatmap(c,cmap="BrBG",annot=True)
c
```

	Year	HP	Cylinders	MPG-H	MPG-C	Price
Year	1.000000	0.326726	-0.133920	0.378479	0.338145	0.592983
HP	0.326726	1.000000	0.715237	-0.443807	-0.544551	0.739042
Cylinders	-0.133920	0.715237	1.000000	-0.703856	-0.755540	0.354013
MPG-H	0.378479	-0.443807	-0.703856	1.000000	0.939141	-0.106320
MPG-C	0.338145	-0.544551	-0.755540	0.939141	1.000000	-0.180515
Price	0.592983	0.739042	0.354013	-0.106320	-0.180515	1.000000



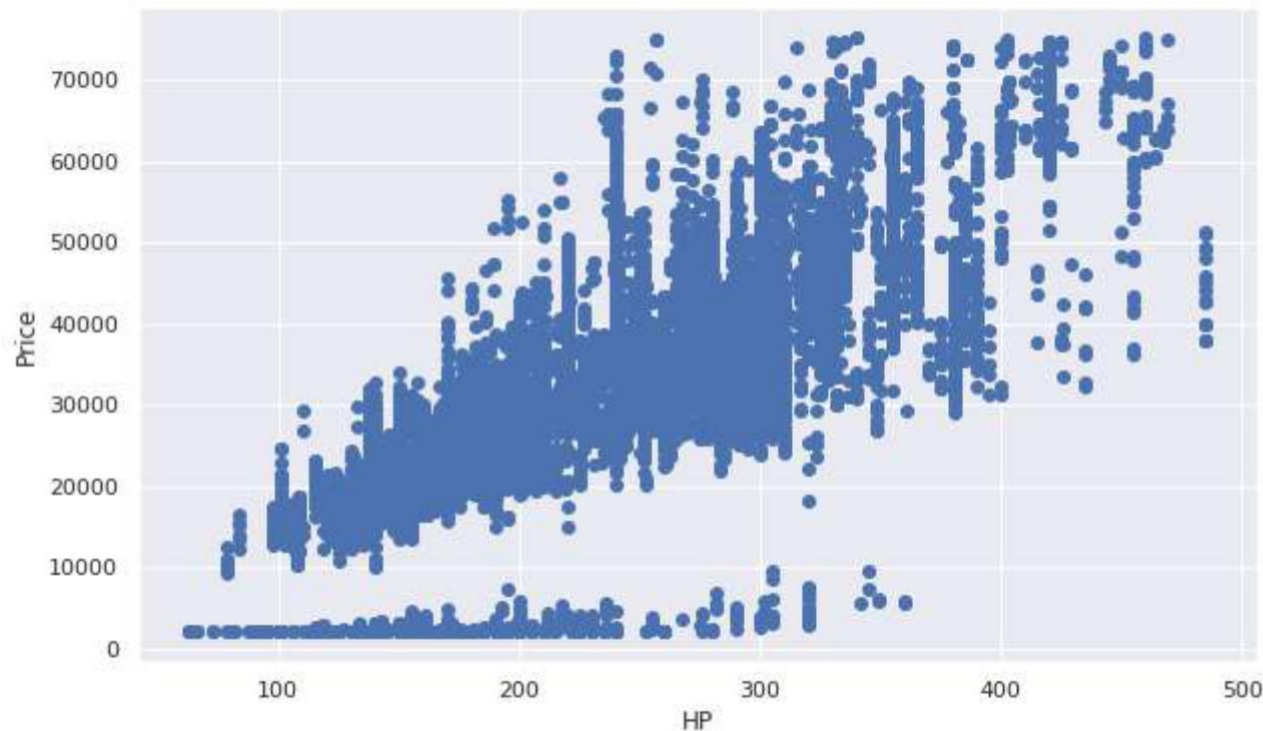
▼ Scatterplot

We generally use scatter plots to find the correlation between two variables. Here the scatter plots are plotted between Horsepower and Price and we can see the plot below. With the plot given below, we can easily draw a trend line. These features provide a good scattering of points.

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,6))
```



```
ax.scatter(df['HP'], df['Price'])  
ax.set_xlabel('HP')  
ax.set_ylabel('Price')  
plt.show()
```



Hence the above are some of the steps involved in Exploratory data analysis, these are some general steps that you must follow in order to perform EDA. There are many more yet to come but for now, this is more than enough idea as to how to perform a good EDA given any data sets. Stay tuned for more updates.

Thank you.

