

Plotting with Pandas

The `plot` method enables us Series and DataFrame objects. Many of the parameters get passed down to matplotlib. The kind argument sets out what type of plot you want.

About the Data

In this notebook, we will be working with 2 datasets:

- Facebook stock price throughout 2018 (obtained using the `stock_prices` package)
- European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018 (obtained from the oil forecasting survey (EUSO) using the `EUSO` API)

Setup

```
1 from pandas import read_csv
2 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
3 import pandas as pd
4 import numpy as np
5
6 # Facebook stock price throughout 2018
7 fb_data = read_csv('data/stock_prices', parse_dates=True, index_col='date')
8
9 # European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018
```

Evolution over time

Line plots help us see how a variable changes over time. They are the default for the kind argument, but we can pass kind='line' to be explicit in our intent.

```
1 # Facebook stock price throughout 2018
2 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
3 fb_data['open'].plot(kind='line')
4
5 # European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018
6 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
7 euso_data['open'].plot(kind='line')
```



We provided the kind argument in the previous example. However, we can use the color and linestyle arguments to get the desired result.

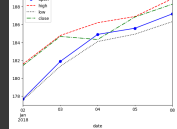
```
1 # Facebook stock price throughout 2018
2 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
3 fb_data['open'].plot(kind='line', color='blue', linestyle='solid')
4
5 # European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018
6 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
7 euso_data['open'].plot(kind='line', color='red', linestyle='dashed')
```



We can also plot many lines at once by simply passing a list of the columns to plot.

```
1 # Facebook stock price throughout 2018
2 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
3 fb_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='line')
4
5 # European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018
6 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
7 euso_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='line')
```

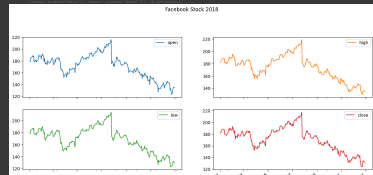
Now that we have the data, let's plot the evolution of the stock price over time.



Creating subplots

When plotting with pandas, creating subplots is simply a matter of passing subplot=True to the plot() method, and (optionally) specifying the kind of plot (kind='line').

```
1 # Facebook stock price throughout 2018
2 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
3 fb_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='line', subplot=True)
4
5 # European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018
6 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
7 euso_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='line', subplot=True)
```



Now that we have subplots, let's create a specific column to plot and pandas plotted all of them for us.

Visualizing relationships between variables

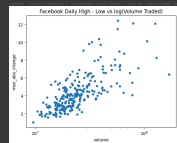
We make scatter plots to help visualize the relationship between two variables. Creating scatter plots requires we pass kind='scatter' along with a column for the x-axis and a column for the y-axis.

```
1 # Facebook stock price throughout 2018
2 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
3 fb_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='scatter', x='open', y='high')
4
5 # European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018
6 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
7 euso_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='scatter', x='open', y='high')
```



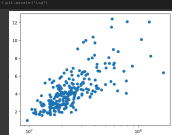
The relationship doesn't seem to be linear, but we can try log transforms on the x-axis since the scales of the axes are very different. With pandas, we simply pass log=True.

```
1 # Facebook stock price throughout 2018
2 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
3 fb_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='scatter', x='open', y='high', log=True)
4
5 # European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018
6 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
7 euso_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='scatter', x='open', y='high', log=True)
```



With matplotlib, we could use plt.scatter() to do the same thing.

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3 fb_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='scatter', x='open', y='high', log=True)
4
5 # European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018
6 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
7 euso_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='scatter', x='open', y='high', log=True)
```



Adding Transparency to Plots with alpha

Sometimes our plots have many overlapping values, but this can be expensive to see. This can be addressed by increasing the transparency of the plot. We can do this by using the alpha parameter in the plot() method. By default, the plot is completely transparent and is completely opaque. By default, this is 1, so we pass a lower value and repeat the scatter plot.

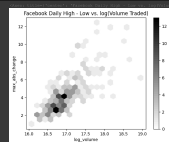
```
1 # Facebook stock price throughout 2018
2 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
3 fb_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='scatter', x='open', y='high', log=True, alpha=0.5)
4
5 # European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018
6 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
7 euso_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='scatter', x='open', y='high', log=True, alpha=0.5)
```



Headings

In the previous example, we can start to see the correlation, but it is not obvious. Headings are another plot type that displays the plot into a heading, which are divided according to the density of points. With pandas, this is done by using the kind='heatmap' argument. We also pass a column for the x-axis and a column for the y-axis.

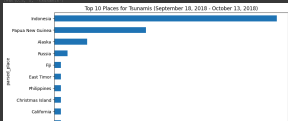
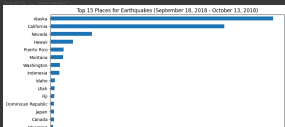
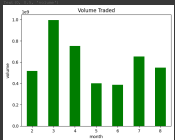
```
1 # Facebook stock price throughout 2018
2 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
3 fb_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='heatmap', x='open', y='high')
4
5 # European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018
6 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
7 euso_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='heatmap', x='open', y='high')
```



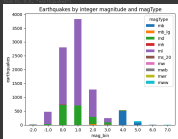
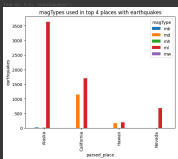
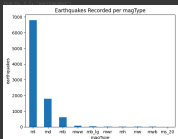
Visualizing Correlations with Heatmaps

Pandas doesn't offer heatmaps, however, if we are able to get our data into a matrix, we can use matplotlib's `corrmap` function.

```
1 # Facebook stock price throughout 2018
2 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
3 fb_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='heatmap', x='open', y='high')
4
5 # European data from September 18, 2018 - October 12, 2018
6 # Plot the evolution of the stock price over time
7 euso_data[['open', 'high', 'low', 'close']].plot(kind='heatmap', x='open', y='high')
```

Seeing that Indonesia is the top place for tsunamis during the time period we are looking at, we may want to look how many earthquakes and tsunamis Indonesia gets on a daily basis. We could show this as a line plot or with bars; since this section is about bars, we will use bars here.



- Normalized stacked bars

