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.

```
<IPython.core.display.HTML object>
```

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.

ndarrays

There are several ways to create numpy arrays.

Useful properties of ndarrays:

```
[5]: 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

2
(2, 3)

6
dtype('int64')
```

Quick array creation.

It is cheaper to create an array with placeholders than extending it later.

Create sequences of numbers

```
[7]: np.linspace(0, 1, num=4)  # Linearly distributed numbers between 0 and 1
    np.arange(0, 1, step=0.3)  # Fixed step size
    np.arange(12).reshape(3,4)  # Create and reshape
    np.eye(4)  # Identity matrix
```

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.

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

(array([20, 30, 40, 50]), array([0, 1, 2, 3]))

array([20, 29, 38, 47])

array([0, 1, 4, 9])

array([False, False, True, True], dtype=bool)

array([21, 31, 41, 51])
```

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

```
[9]: A, B = np.array([[1,1], [0,1]]), np.array([[2,0], [3,4]]) # assign multiple
    A
    B
    A * B
    np.dot(A, B)
```

Upcasting: Operations with arrays of different types choose the more general/precise one.

```
[10]: 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

(dtype('int64'), dtype('float64'), dtype('float64'))
```

ndarrays have most unary operations (max,min,sum,...) built in

By specifying the axis parameter you can apply an operation along a specified axis of an array

Universal Functions

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

Shape Manipulation

Transpose, flatten, reshape,...

```
[14]: a = np.floor(10*np.random.random((3,4)))
     a.transpose()
     b = a.ravel() # flatten array
     b.reshape(3, -1) # reshape in 2 rows (and as many columns as needed)
array([[ 6.,
             5., 2., 5.],
      [ 1., 8., 2., 3.],
      [ 2., 6.,
                3., 8.11)
array([[ 6., 1., 2.],
      [5., 8., 6.],
      [ 2., 2., 3.],
      [5., 3., 8.]])
array([ 6., 5., 2., 5., 1., 8., 2., 3., 2., 6., 3., 8.])
array([[ 6., 5., 2.,
                     5.],
      [ 1., 8., 2.,
                     3.],
      [ 2., 6., 3., 8.]])
```

Arrays can be split and stacked together

```
[15]: a = np.floor(10*np.random.random((2,6)))
    a
    b, c = np.hsplit(a, 2) # Idem: vsplit for vertical splits
    b
    c
    np.hstack((b, c)) # Idenm: vstack for vertical stacks

array([[ 3., 4., 4., 6., 8., 3.],
        [ 2., 9., 6., 5., 3., 1.]])
```

Indexing and Slicing

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

For multi-dimensional arrays, axes are comma-separated: [x,y,z].

Note: dots (...) represent as many colons (:) as needed * x[1,2,...] = x[1,2,:,:] * x[...,3] = x[.,:,:,3] * x[4,...,5,:] = x[4,:,:,5,:]

Arrays can also be indexed by arrays of integers and booleans.

```
[25]: a = np.arange(12)**2
    i = np.array([ 1,1,3,8,5 ])
    a
    a[i]

array([ 0,   1,   4,   9,  16,  25,  36,  49,  64,  81, 100, 121])

array([ 1,  1,  9, 64, 25])
```

A matrix of indices returns a matrix with the corresponding values.

```
[26]: j = np.array([[ 3, 4], [9, 7]])
        a[j]
array([[ 9, 16],
        [81, 49]])
```

With boolean indices we explicitly choose which items in the array we want and which ones we don't.

Iterating

Iterating is done with respect to the first axis:

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

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

Assigning an array to another variable does NOT create a copy

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

```
[33]: a = np.arange(12)
    a
        c = a.view()
        c.resize((2, 6))
    c

array([ 0,  1,  2,  3,  4,  5,  6,  7,  8,  9, 10, 11])

array([[ 0,  1,  2,  3,  4,  5],
        [ 6,  7,  8,  9, 10, 11]])

[34]: a[0] = 123
        c # c is also changed now

array([[123,   1,   2,  3,  4,  5],
        [ 6,  7,  8,  9, 10, 11]])
```

Slicing an array returns a view of it.

```
[35]: c
    s = c[:, 1:3]
    s[:] = 10
    s
    c

array([[123,    1,    2,    3,    4,    5],
        [ 6,    7,    8,    9,   10,   11]])

array([[10, 10],
        [10, 10]])
```

```
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.

```
[36]: d = a.copy()
    d[0] = -42
    d

array([-42, 10, 10, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 10, 9, 10, 11])

[37]: a

array([123, 10, 10, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 10, 9, 10, 11])
```

Numpy: further reading

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

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

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.

```
[38]: 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))

array([[ 1.,  0.,  0.,  0.],
       [ 0.,  1.,  0.,  0.],
       [ 0.,  0.,  1.,  0.],
       [ 0.,  0.,  1.,  0.],
       [ 0.,  0.,  0.,  1.]])

<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).

Further reading

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

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)

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,...

```
1
a
b
     3
С
     5
dtype: int64
     1
b
     2
     3
dtype: int64
b
     2.0
     3.0
С
     NaN
dtype: float64
 Functions like a numpy array, however with index labels as indices
[41]: a = pd.Series({'a' : 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3 })
      a['b']
              # Retrieves a value
      a[['a','b']] # and can also be sliced
     1
а
     2
     3
dtype: int64
2
     1
     2
b
dtype: int64
 numpy array operations on Series preserve the index value
[42]: a
      a[a > 1]
      a * 2
      np.sqrt(a)
     1
     2
b
     3
dtype: int64
```

```
b
     2
     3
С
dtype: int64
     2
а
     4
b
С
     6
dtype: int64
а
     1.00
b
     1.41
     1.73
dtype: float64
```

Operations over multiple Series will align the indices

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,...

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

```
[45]: dates = pd.date_range('20130101', periods=4)
      df = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(4,4),index=dates,columns=list('ABCD'))
      df
                     В
                           С
               Α
2013-01-01 -2.42 1.89 0.53 -0.97
2013-01-02 -0.79 1.12 0.42 -0.35
2013-01-03 -0.38 -2.38 -0.94
                              0.39
2013-01-04 0.28 -1.16 0.09 1.54
[46]: df.index
      df.columns
      df.values
DatetimeIndex(['2013-01-01', '2013-01-02', '2013-01-03', '2013-01-04'], dtype='d
Index(['A', 'B', 'C', 'D'], dtype='object')
array([[-2.417, 1.887, 0.526, -0.967],
       [-0.794, 1.121, 0.422, -0.35],
       [-0.384, -2.378, -0.935, 0.393],
       [0.275, -1.162, 0.088, 1.543]]
 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
[47]: dfs = pd.read_csv('data.csv')
      dfs.set_value(0, 'a', 10)
      dfs.to_csv('data.csv', index=False) # Don't export the row index
        b
                d message
            С
0
  10
       2
           3
                4
                    hello
           7
      6
              8
                    world
    9
      10
          11 12
                       foo
      b
           С
              d message
    а
  10
      2
           3
                4
                    hello
            7
    5
       6
               8
                    world
```

foo

2

10 11 12

Simple operations

```
[48]: df.head() # First 5 rows
     df.tail() # Last 5 rows
                     С
                   В
              Α
2013-01-01 -2.42 1.89 0.53 -0.97
2013-01-02 -0.79 1.12 0.42 -0.35
2013-01-03 -0.38 -2.38 -0.94 0.39
2013-01-04 0.28 -1.16 0.09 1.54
                      С
              Α
                   В
                              D
2013-01-01 -2.42
                1.89 0.53 -0.97
2013-01-02 -0.79 1.12 0.42 -0.35
2013-01-03 -0.38 -2.38 -0.94 0.39
2013-01-04 0.28 -1.16 0.09 1.54
[49]: # Quick stats
     df.describe()
         Α
              В
                 С
count 4.00 4.00 4.00 4.00
mean -0.83 - 0.13 0.03 0.15
     1.15 1.98 0.67 1.08
std
min -2.42 -2.38 -0.94 -0.97
25%
     -1.20 -1.47 -0.17 -0.50
50% -0.59 -0.02 0.25 0.02
75%
     -0.22 1.31 0.45 0.68
     0.28 1.89 0.53 1.54
max
[50]: # Transpose
     df.T
  2013-01-01 2013-01-02 2013-01-03 2013-01-04
       -2.42
                 -0.79
                             -0.38
                                          0.28
Α
В
        1.89
                   1.12
                              -2.38
                                         -1.16
       0.53
                   0.42
                             -0.94
                                          0.09
С
       -0.97
                  -0.35
                              0.39
                                          1.54
[51]: df.sort_index(axis=1, ascending=False) # Sort by index labels
     df.sort(columns='B') # Sort by values
                  С
              D
                        В
2013-01-01 -0.97 0.53 1.89 -2.42
2013-01-02 -0.35 0.42 1.12 -0.79
2013-01-03 0.39 -0.94 -2.38 -0.38
2013-01-04 1.54 0.09 -1.16 0.28
```

```
A B C D
2013-01-03 -0.38 -2.38 -0.94 0.39
2013-01-04 0.28 -1.16 0.09 1.54
2013-01-02 -0.79 1.12 0.42 -0.35
2013-01-01 -2.42 1.89 0.53 -0.97
```

Selecting and slicing

```
[52]: df['A'] # Get single column by label
     df.A # Shorthand
2013-01-01 -2.42
2013-01-02 -0.79
2013-01-03 -0.38
2013-01-04
           0.28
Freq: D, Name: A, dtype: float64
2013-01-01 -2.42
2013-01-02 -0.79
2013-01-03 -0.38
2013-01-04 0.28
Freq: D, Name: A, dtype: float64
[53]: 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
                  B C D
2013-01-01 -2.42 1.89 0.53 -0.97
2013-01-02 -0.79 1.12 0.42 -0.35
             Α
2013-01-01 -2.42 1.89
2013-01-02 -0.79 1.12
                B C D
             Α
2013-01-02 -0.79 1.12 0.42 -0.35
2013-01-03 -0.38 -2.38 -0.94 0.39
                  В
             Α
2013-01-02 -0.79 1.12
2013-01-03 -0.38 -2.38
```

```
A B 2013-01-01 -2.42 1.89 2013-01-02 -0.79 1.12
```

query() retrieves data matching a boolean expression

```
[54]: df
     df.query('A > 0.4') # Identical to df[df.A > 0.4]
     df.query('A > B') # Identical to df[df.A > df.B]
                  В С
             Α
2013-01-01 -2.42 1.89 0.53 -0.97
2013-01-02 -0.79 1.12 0.42 -0.35
2013-01-03 -0.38 -2.38 -0.94 0.39
2013-01-04 0.28 -1.16 0.09 1.54
Empty DataFrame
Columns: [A, B, C, D]
Index: []
             Α
               B C D
2013-01-03 -0.38 -2.38 -0.94 0.39
2013-01-04 0.28 -1.16 0.09 1.54
```

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

Operations

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

```
[55]: df.mean() # Mean of all values per column df.mean(axis=1) # Other axis: means per row

A -0.83
B -0.13
C 0.03
D 0.15
dtype: float64

2013-01-01 -0.24
2013-01-02 0.10
2013-01-03 -0.83
2013-01-04 0.19
Freq: D, dtype: float64
```

All of numpy's universal functions also work with dataframes

```
[56]: np.abs(df)
               Α
                    в с
            2.42 1.89 0.53 0.97
2013-01-01
2013-01-02 0.79 1.12 0.42
                              0.35
2013-01-03 0.38
                  2.38 0.94
                              0.39
2013-01-04 0.28 1.16 0.09
                              1.54
 Other (custom) functions can be applied with apply(funct)
[57]: df
      df.apply(np.max)
      df.apply(lambda x: x.max() - x.min())
                     ВС
2013-01-01 -2.42 1.89 0.53 -0.97
2013-01-02 -0.79 1.12
                       0.42 - 0.35
2013-01-03 -0.38 -2.38 -0.94 0.39
2013-01-04 0.28 -1.16 0.09 1.54
Α
     0.28
В
     1.89
     0.53
С
     1.54
D
dtype: float64
     2.69
Α
     4.26
В
С
     1.46
     2.51
D
dtype: float64
 Data can be aggregated with groupby()
[58]: df = pd.DataFrame({'A' : ['foo', 'bar', 'foo', 'bar'], 'B' : ['one', 'one'
                         'C' : np.random.randn(4), 'D' : np.random.randn(4)})
      df
      df.groupby('A').sum()
      df.groupby(['A','B']).sum()
            В
                 С
0 foo
          one 0.34 1.30
1 bar
          one 0.84 - 0.05
2 foo
          two -0.95 - 1.67
3 bar three -0.33 1.45
        С
              D
Α
bar 0.50 1.40
```

foo -0.61 -0.38

```
C D
A B
bar one 0.84 -0.05
three -0.33 1.45
foo one 0.34 1.30
two -0.95 -1.67
```

Data wrangling (some examples)

Merge: combine two dataframes based on common keys

```
[59]: 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)
  data1 key
0
      0
           b
1
       1
          b
2
       2
           а
   data2 key
0
      0 a
       1
         b
   data1 key data2
0
       0
          b
                  1
       1
1
           b
                  1
2
       2
                  0
           а
```

Append: append one dataframe to another

Remove duplicates

```
[61]: df = pd.DataFrame({'k1': ['one'] * 3, 'k2': [1, 1, 2]})
          df
          df.drop_duplicates()

          k1     k2
0     one     1
1     one     1
2     one     2

          k1     k2
0     one     1
2     one     2
```

Replace values

k1 k2 0 1.0 NaN 1 NaN 2.0

Discretization and binning

```
[63]: 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)

array([0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2, 1, 3, 2, 2, 1], dtype=int8)

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

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)

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

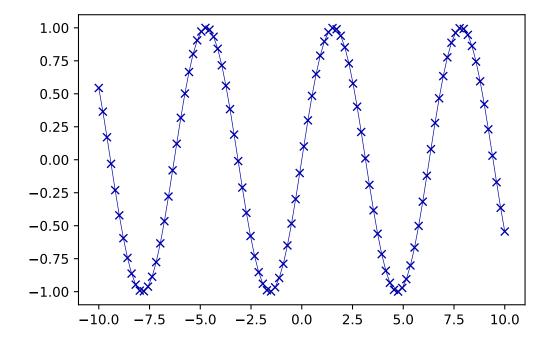
Low-level usage

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

```
plot(x, y) Plot x vs y, default settings plot(x, y, 'bo') Plot x vs y, blue circle markers plot(y, 'r+') Plot y (x = array 0..N-1), red plusses
```

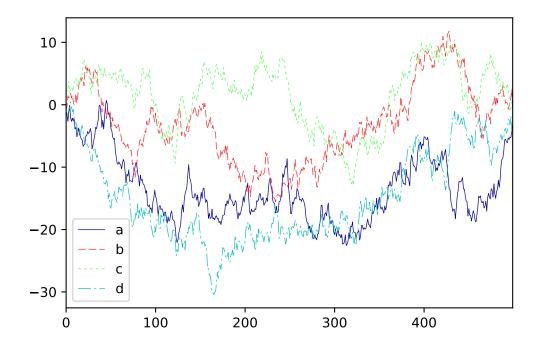
Every plotting function is completely customizable through a large set of options.

```
[71]: x = np.linspace(-10, 10, 100) # Sequence for X-axis
    y = np.sin(x) # sine values
    p = plt.plot(x, y, marker="x") # Line plot with marker x
```

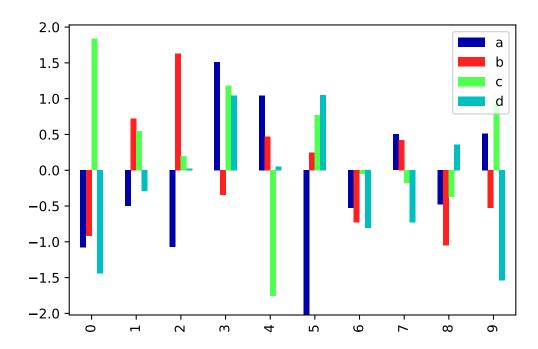


pandas + matplotlib

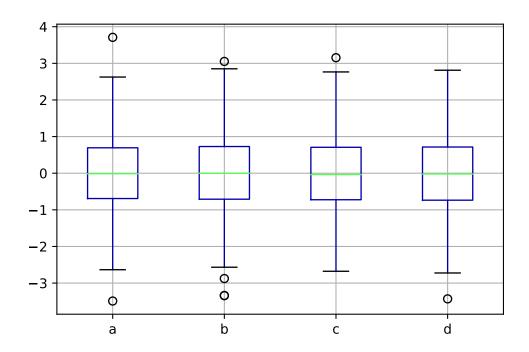
pandas DataFrames offer an easier, higher-level interface for matplotlib functions



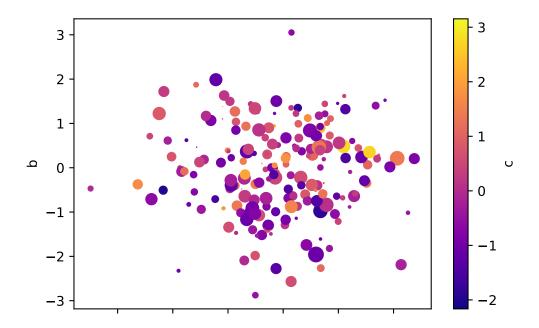
[66]: p = df[:10].plot(kind='bar') # First 10 arrays as bar plots



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

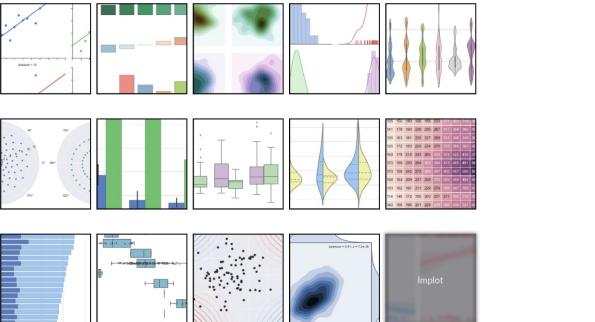


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Advanced plotting libraries

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



Further reading links

- Matplotlib examples Plotting with pandas Seaborn examples