

Matplotlib Cheatsheet

This cheatsheet also contains a section that introduces basic **Pandas** Visualization methods.

Importing Matplotlib

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

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Basic Line plot

```
days = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] # x axis
money_spent = [10, 12, 12, 10, 14, 22, 24] # y axis
plt.plot(days, money_spent)
plt.show()
```

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Subplots

```
plt.subplot(rows, columns, index_of_subplot) # Create subplots

plt.subplot(1, 2, 1) # First Subplot
plt.plot(x, y, color='green') # Plot 1st subplot

plt.subplot(1, 2, 2) # Second Subplot
plt.plot(x, y, color='steelblue') # Plot 2nd subplot
```

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Styles

```
plt.plot(x,
         y,
         color = 'green','red','blue'... etc # optional
         linestyle= '.', '-' , '--' or '-.' # optional
         marker= 'o','*', 's','x','d','h' # optional
         linewidth= 1, 2, ... # optional
         alpha= 0.1 - 1 # optional
```

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Legends

```
# Create Legend
plt.legend(["first_line",
           "second_line",
           loc= 1 - 10])
```

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Figures

```
# Create Figure with custom size  
plt.figure(figsize=(width, height))  
plt.plot(x, y)
```

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Save Figures

```
plt.savefig('tall_and_narrow.png/ .svg/ .pdf')
```

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Modify Ticks

```
ax = plt.subplot(row, column, index) # Specify subplot to modify  
  
ax.set_xticks([1, 2, 4]) # x Attributes  
ax.set_yticks([0.1, 0.2, ...]) # y Attributes  
  
ax.set_xticklabels(["Jan", "Feb", "Apr"],  
    rotation=30) # rotation=degrees rotates the labels  
  
ax.set_yticklabels(["10%", "20%", ...]) # labeling y axis
```

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Axis and Labels

```
plt.axis(x_min, x_max, y_min, y_max) # Zoom in or out of the plot  
  
plt.xlabel("This is a label ") # Labeling the x-Axis  
plt.ylabel("This is a label" ) # Labeling the y-Axis  
plt.title("This is a title") # Labeling the Plot
```

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Add Text to Graph

```
plt.text(x_coord, y_coord, "text");
```

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Simple Bar Chart

```
plt.bar(range(len(y_values)), y_values)
```

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Scatter Plot

```
plt.scatter(x_values, y_values)
```

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Histogram

```
plt.hist(dataset, range=(0,100), bins=20) # Create one Histogram  
# Specifiy number of bins (default = 10)  
  
# Create multiple Histograms  
plt.hist(a, alpha=0.5, normed=True)  
plt.hist(b, histtype='step', linewidth=2 normed=True)
```

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Pandas- Visualization

Terms Used

df = Pandas DataFrame

series = Pandas Series

data = Pandas DataFrame or Series

Plotting a Dataframe

```
df.plot() # Plot all the columns  
#in the DataFrame with Index as x-axis
```

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Plotting a Series

```
series.plot()
```

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Plotting selected columns

```
df.plot('Name of X column',
        'Name of Y column',
        kind = 'bar','scatter','hist','box','kde','area'...)
# The default plot is always a line plot unless kind is stated
```

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Bar Plots

```
data.plot.bar() # Normal bar plot
data.plot.bart() # Horizontal plot

data.plot.bar(stacked=True) # Stacked bar plot
```

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Area Plots

```
data.plot.area() # Area plot
data.plot.area(stacked=False) # Non-Stacked area plot
```

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Pie plots

```
series.plot.pie() # Pie plot for Series

DataFrame.plot.pie(subplots=True) # Pie plot for DataFrame

series.plot.pie(labels= ['A', 'B', 'C'], colors= ['r', 'b', 'g'], autopct= '%.2f')
```

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Scatter plot

```
DataFrame.plot.scatter(x=' ', y=' ') Scatter plot

ax= df.plot.scatter(x='A',y='B',
                     color='None',
                     label='Group1')

df.plot.scatter(x='C',y='D',
                 color='Other',
                 label='Group2', ax= ax)# Multiple plots
```

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Histograms

```
data.plot.hist() #Histogram plot  
  
data.plot.hist(stacked=True, bins=10) # Stacked and bins size  
  
data.plot.hist(orientation='horizontal',  
    cumulative=True)  
  
data.diff().hist(color='g', alpha=0.5) # Subplots histograms
```

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