

CS-GY 6313 / CUSP-GX 6006: Data Visualization - Spring '24

Homework #3: Temporal Visualization

In this homework, you will be working with visualizations of stock data. To achieve this, we'll be using [pandas](https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/user_guide/10min.html) (https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/user_guide/10min.html) to get the specific information we want (e.g. closing price) from four datasets we've aggregated in the `datasets/` directory. We'll provide example code on how to load in the required data, but your task is to complete the code.

Imports

Don't modify this code

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

%matplotlib inline
```

Importing from dataset file

Below is a helper function that imports raw data from the url provided, performs some pre-processing to change the date format into DateTime, and returns the final dataframe. Feel free to use this helper function in your code implementation.

Below is an example of using the helper function to import the stock data from `./datasets/amzn.csv` :

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In [2]: def import_df(filename):
df = pd.read_csv(filename)
df['dates'] = pd.to_datetime(df['dates'], format='%Y-%m-%d')
return df

example_df = import_df("amzn.csv")
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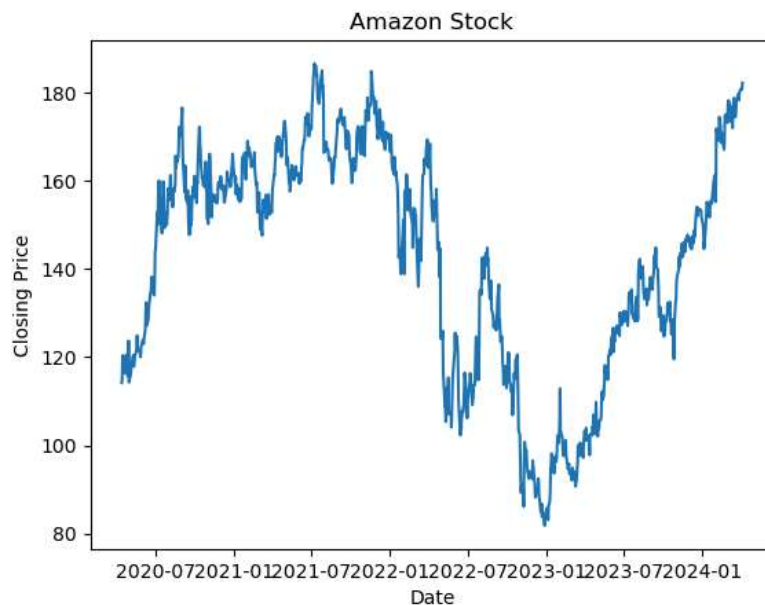
Now that you have the dates and closing prices of AMZN in a dataframe, you can plot! Remember that you can access and plot a specific column of a dataframe with the following code logic:

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x = df['x_axis']
y = df['y_axis']
plt.plot(x, y)
```

Below is an example using Amazon's raw stock data.

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In [3]: # Plot the dates vs. closing price for AMZN
fig = plt.figure()
plt.plot(example_df['dates'], example_df['closing price'])

plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Closing Price')
plt.title("Amazon Stock")
plt.show()
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Part 1: Curve-Based Visualization (5/15 points)

Temporally visualize the closing prices for the 1000 trading days of the 4 stocks as well as the mean (average) closing price across all 4 stocks for each day. Make sure to visualize all data in a single diagram, Color-code the plot so that each stock has a different color. Add a legend to let us know which plot represents which stock/data. An example is provided below:

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In [4]: # Part 1: Closing price of at least 4 stocks + the mean (or average) of those four stocks for the past 1000 trading days
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In [5]: # Load data from CSV files
meta_df = import_df("meta.csv")
goog_df = import_df("goog.csv")
amzn_df = import_df("amzn.csv")
aapl_df = import_df("aapl.csv")
goog_df = import_df("goog.csv")
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In [6]: # Combine the four dataframes into a single dataframe with proper labeling
data_frames = [meta_df, amzn_df, aapl_df, goog_df]
all_stocks = pd.concat(data_frames, axis=1, keys=['Meta', 'Amazon', 'Apple', 'Google'])

# Since the data has multi-level columns, we need to adjust for calculating the mean closing price
all_stocks['Mean_Closing_Price'] = all_stocks.xs('closing price', axis=1, level=1).mean(axis=1)

# Reset the index to use 'dates' for plotting
all_stocks.reset_index(inplace=True, drop=True)
all_stocks.head()
```

Out[6]:

	Meta			Amazon			Apple			Google			Mean_Closing_Price
	dates	closing price	volume	dates	closing price	volume	dates	closing price	volume	dates	closing price	volume	
0	2020-04-14	177.981155	21011800	2020-04-14	114.166000	161744000	2020-04-14	69.989937	194994800	2020-04-14	63.461498	49408000	106.399648
1	2020-04-15	176.782425	17423000	2020-04-15	115.384003	137332000	2020-04-15	69.351120	131154400	2020-04-15	63.123501	33434000	106.160262
2	2020-04-16	176.063202	23593200	2020-04-16	120.409500	240764000	2020-04-16	69.902161	157125200	2020-04-16	63.173500	50362000	107.387091
3	2020-04-17	179.050034	20974800	2020-04-17	118.750000	158600000	2020-04-17	68.953682	215250000	2020-04-17	64.162498	38980000	107.729053
4	2020-04-20	178.051086	16110700	2020-04-20	119.680496	115414000	2020-04-20	67.522430	130015200	2020-04-20	63.330502	33910000	107.146129

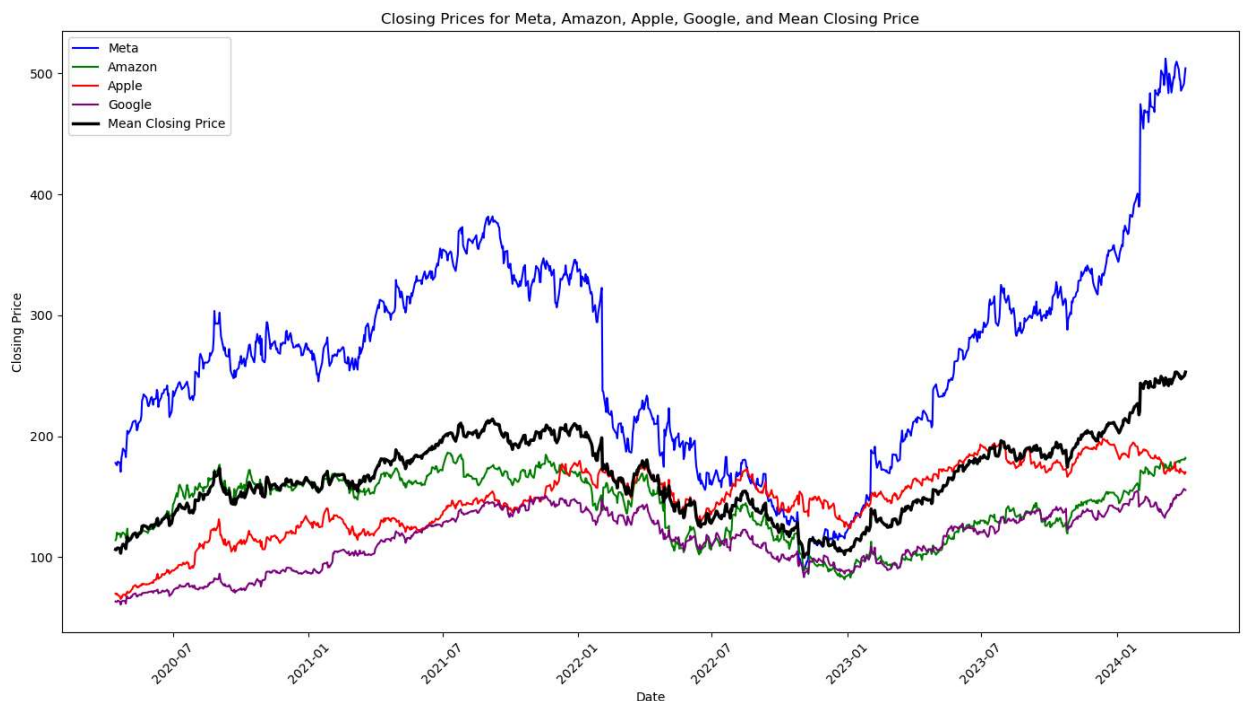
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In [7]: # min(1000, len(all_stocks['Meta']['dates']))

# Plotting each stock's closing prices
figure(figsize=(14, 8))

# Plotting Meta's closing price
plt.plot(all_stocks['Meta']['dates'][:n_days], all_stocks['Meta']['closing price'][:n_days], label='Meta', color='blue')
# Plotting Amazon's closing price
plt.plot(all_stocks['Amazon']['dates'][:n_days], all_stocks['Amazon']['closing price'][:n_days], label='Amazon', color='green')
# Plotting Apple's closing price
plt.plot(all_stocks['Apple']['dates'][:n_days], all_stocks['Apple']['closing price'][:n_days], label='Apple', color='red')
# Plotting Google's closing price
plt.plot(all_stocks['Google']['dates'][:n_days], all_stocks['Google']['closing price'][:n_days], label='Google', color='purple')

# Plotting the mean closing prices with a bold line
plt.plot(all_stocks['Meta']['dates'][:n_days], all_stocks['Mean_Closing_Price'][:n_days], label='Mean Closing Price', color='black', linewidth=3)

# Labeling the axes
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Closing Price')
plt.title('Closing Prices for Meta, Amazon, Apple, Google, and Mean Closing Price')
plt.legend()
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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Part 2: Stacked Area Visualization (7/15 points)

Your task here is to plot two different plots. The first plot is the *stacked area chart* of the *volumes* of the 4 stocks. The second plot is the same, except you need to plot the **percentage stacked area chart**. To achieve the latter, you will need to find the percentages of the total volume for each of your stocks on each day.

Make sure to color-code your area plots so that it's easy to distinguish the stocks, and add a legend to help us identify which data represents which stock. There is no need to visualize the mean data here.

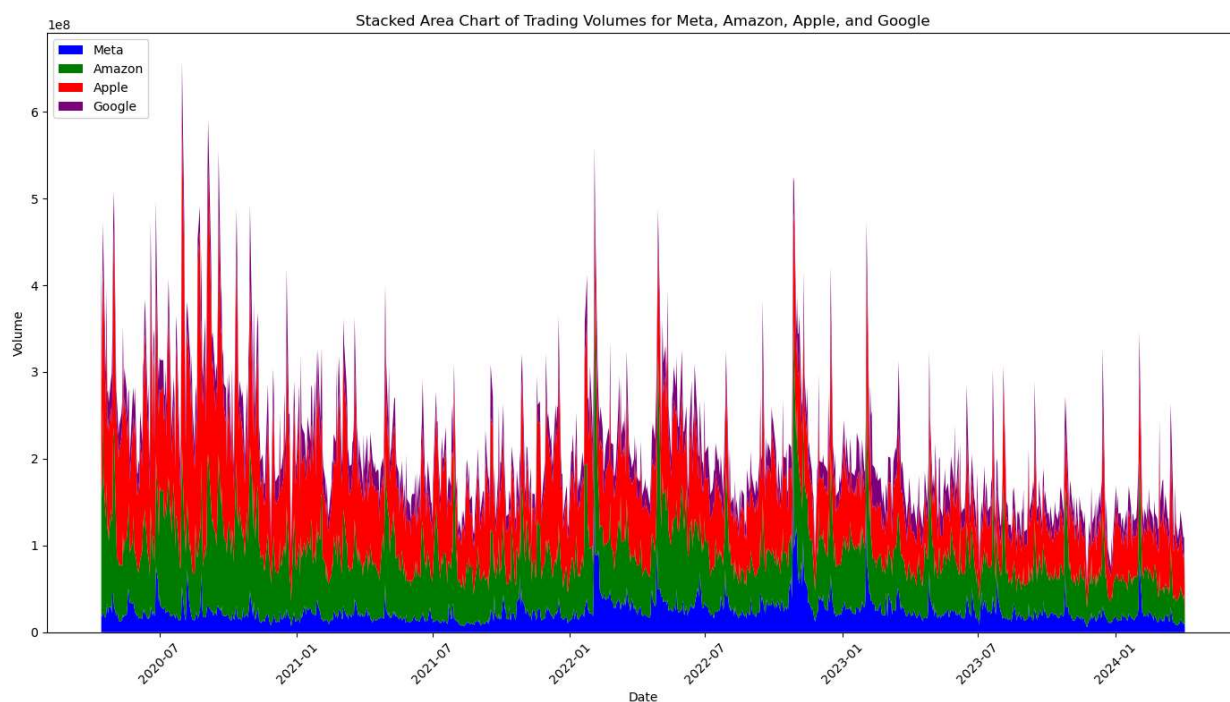
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In [8]: # Part 2: Both normal and percentage stacked area charts of the volume of the stocks for the past 1000 trading days
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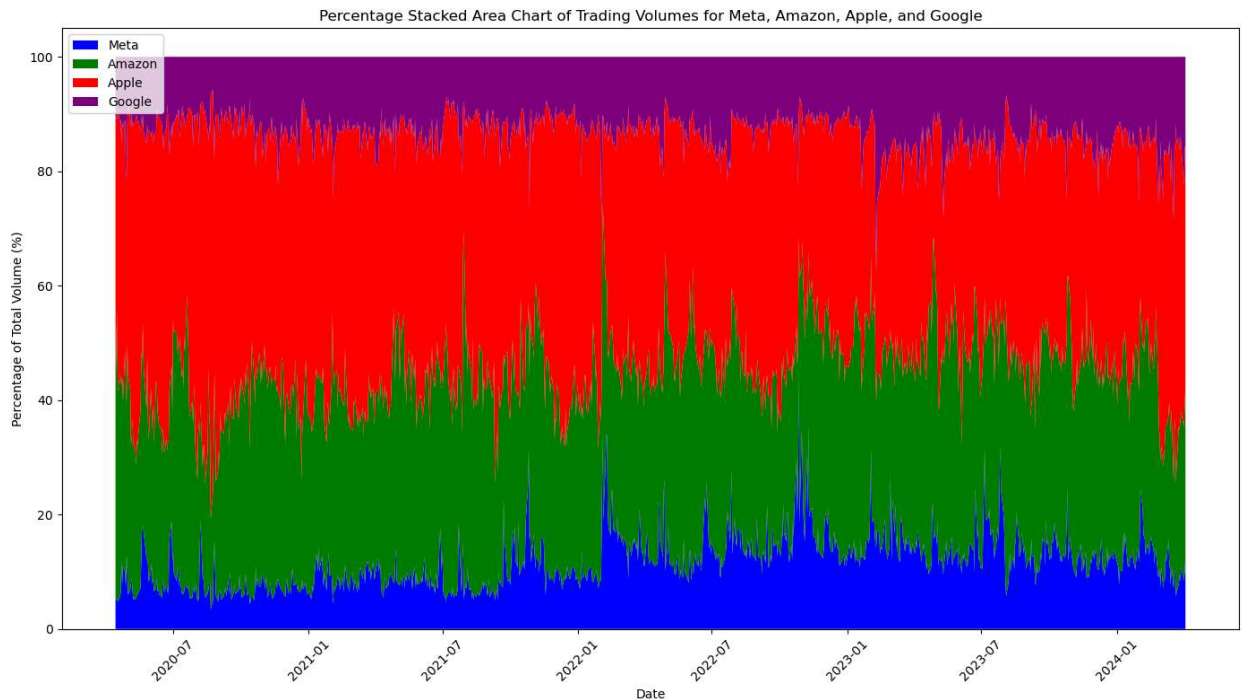
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In [9]: # Extract volumes for each stock
volumes = pd.DataFrame({
    'Meta': all_stocks['Meta']['volume'][:n_days],
    'Amazon': all_stocks['Amazon']['volume'][:n_days],
    'Apple': all_stocks['Apple']['volume'][:n_days],
    'Google': all_stocks['Google']['volume'][:n_days]
})

# Plot the actual volumes as a stacked area chart
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 8))
plt.stackplot(all_stocks['Meta']['dates'][:n_days], volumes['Meta'], volumes['Amazon'], volumes['Apple'], volumes['Google'], label=
plt.legend(loc='upper left')
plt.title('Stacked Area Chart of Trading Volumes for Meta, Amazon, Apple, and Google')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Volume')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# Calculate the percentage of total volume for each stock on each day
volumes_percentage = volumes.div(volumes.sum(axis=1), axis=0) * 100

# Plot the percentage stacked area chart
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 8))
plt.stackplot(all_stocks['Meta']['dates'][:n_days], volumes_percentage['Meta'], volumes_percentage['Amazon'], volumes_percentage['
plt.legend(loc='upper left')
plt.title('Percentage Stacked Area Chart of Trading Volumes for Meta, Amazon, Apple, and Google')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Percentage of Total Volume (%)')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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Part 3: Meaning behind the Data? (2/15 points)

Within 2-5 sentences for each, answer the following:

1. Do you notice any trends in the closing prices of each company's stock? What might these patterns indicate regarding the performance of these tech companies? (1 point)
2. Who occupies the biggest volume percentage across the four companies? What does this tell you about the performance of these tech companies? (1 point)

Feel free to write down your analyses inside this notebook or as a standalone document.

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(1) The stock prices of the firms increased significantly between July 2020 and July 2021, indicating a strong bullish market. This growing tendency was most likely caused by the increased reliance on digital services and technology as a result of global events. However, after this surge, the stocks saw a severe downturn that lasted until the end of 2022, when they reached their lows. Following these lows, all stocks showed a strong bounce. Meta's stock had the most dramatic changes, rebounding from a low of around 100 dollar to a high point of 500 dollar per share. Meta's stock volatility might be related to specific market reactions to corporate choices, regulatory concerns, or fluctuations in overall market opinion.

(2) The early jump in stock prices demonstrates that investors were confident in these tech businesses' development potential, which was fueled by growing demand for technology and digital services. However, the ensuing decrease may indicate overvaluation worries or corrections due to external economic factors.

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(1) Apple consistently has the biggest trade volume of Meta, Amazon, and Google. This large volume can be observed on multiple occasions in the data, where Apple's trading volume far outperforms that of the other businesses, frequently dramatically.

(2) Apple's high volume implies great liquidity, making it simpler for investors to purchase and sell shares without significantly impacting the price. High liquidity is frequently indicative of strong financial health and investment interest. Market Sentiment and Activity: High trade volumes might indicate that a stock is particularly active, with substantial investor interest focused on it. This may be due to recent news, earnings releases, or other market-moving events. For Apple, this might represent its position as a market leader, with rapid product changes and high user interest.

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