Plotting time-series data

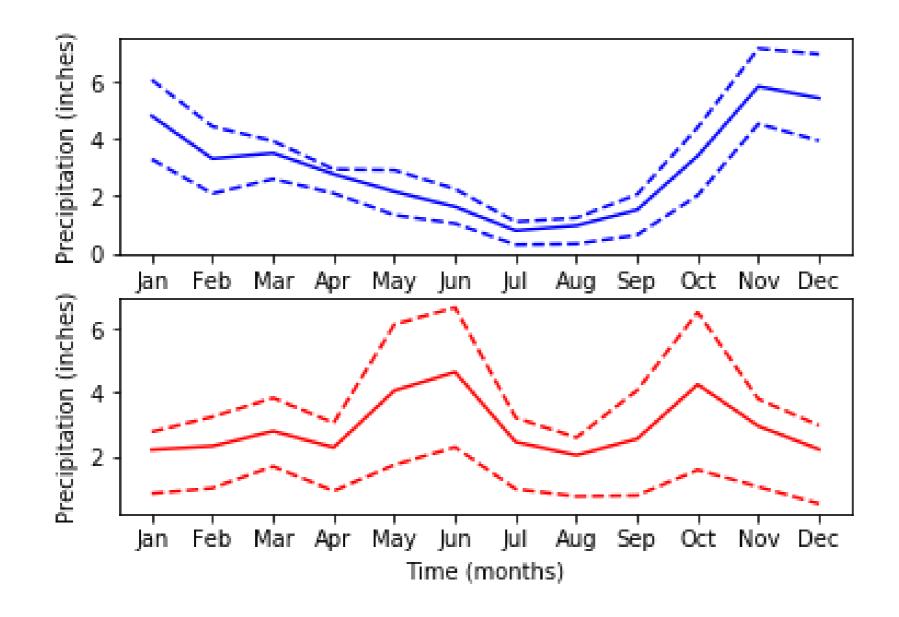
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Time-series data



Climate change time-series

date, co2, relative_temp 1958-03-06,315.71,0.1 1958-04-06,317.45,0.01 1958-05-06,317.5,0.08 1958-06-06, -99.99, -0.05 1958-07-06,315.86,0.06 1958-08-06,314.93,-0.06 2016-08-06, 402.27, 0.98 2016-09-06,401.05,0.87 2016-10-06, 401.59, 0.89 2016-11-06, 403.55, 0.93

A measurement was taken on the 6th day of every month from 1958 to 2016.

```
climate_change =
pd.read_csv('climate_change.csv',
parse_dates = ['date'], index_col =
['date'])
```

DateTimeIndex

climate_change.index

```
DatetimeIndex(['1958-03-06', '1958-04-06', '1958-05-06', '1958-06-06', '1958-07-06', '1958-08-06', '1958-09-06', '1958-10-06', '1958-11-06', '1958-12-06', ...

'2016-03-06', '2016-04-06', '2016-05-06', '2016-06-06', '2016-10-06', '2016-11-06', '2016-12-06'],

dtype='datetime64[ns]', name='date', length=706, freq=
```

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```
climate_change['relative_temp']
```

```
0.10
       0.01
       0.08
      -0.05
       0.06
      -0.06
      -0.03
       0.04
      . . .
       0.98
701
702
       0.87
703
       0.89
       0.93
704
       0.81
705
Name:co2, Length: 706, dtype: float64
```

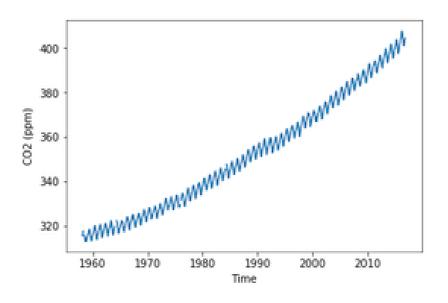
```
climate_change['co2']
```

```
315.71
       317.45
       317.50
          NaN
       315.86
       314.93
       313.20
          NaN
       402.27
701
702
       401.05
703
       401.59
       403.55
704
       404.45
705
Name:co2, Length: 706, dtype: float64
```

Plotting time-series data

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig, ax = plt.subplots()

ax.plot(climate_change.index, climate_change['co2'])
ax.set_xlabel('Time')
ax.set_ylabel('CO2 (ppm)')
plt.show()
```

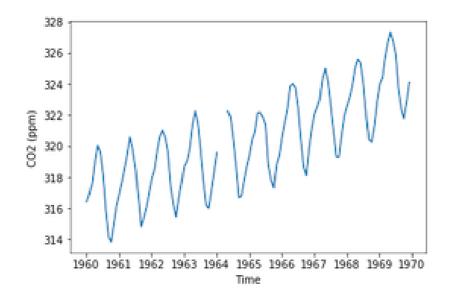


There are some small seasonal fluctuations in the amount of CO2 measured, and an overall increase in the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere from about 320 parts per million to about 400 parts per million.

Zooming in on a decade

```
sixties = climate_change["1960-01-01":"1969-12-31"]
```

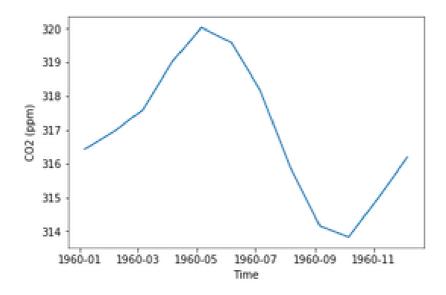
```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(sixties.index, sixties['co2'])
ax.set_xlabel('Time')
ax.set_ylabel('CO2 (ppm)')
plt.show()
```



The missing values in this time series are represented as breaks in the line plotted by Matplotlib.

Zooming in on one year

```
sixty_nine = climate_change["1969-01-01":"1969-12-31"]
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(sixty_nine.index, sixty_nine['co2'])
ax.set_xlabel('Time')
ax.set_ylabel('CO2 (ppm)')
plt.show()
```



Let's practice timeseries plotting!

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Plotting time-series with different variables

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Plotting two time-series together

climate_change

```
co2 relative_temp

date

1958-03-06 315.71 0.10

1958-04-06 317.45 0.01

1958-07-06 315.86 0.06

... ... 2016-11-06 403.55 0.93

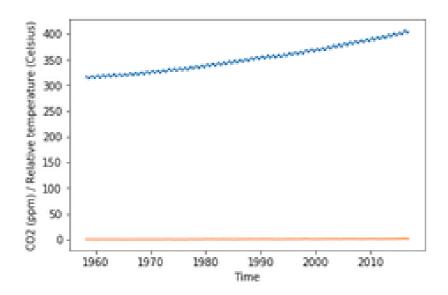
2016-12-06 404.45 0.81

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```



Plotting two time-series together

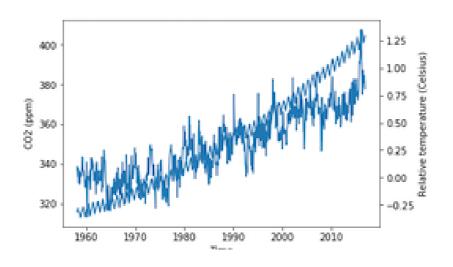
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(climate_change.index, climate_change["co2"])
ax.plot(climate_change.index, climate_change["relative_temp"])
ax.set_xlabel('Time')
ax.set_ylabel('CO2 (ppm) / Relative temperature')
plt.show()
```



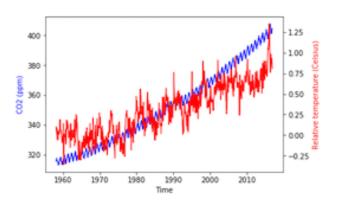
Using twin axes

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(climate_change.index, climate_change["co2"])
ax.set_xlabel('Time')
ax.set_ylabel('C02 (ppm)')

ax2 = ax.twinx()
ax2.plot(climate_change.index, climate_change["relative_temp"])
ax2.set_ylabel('Relative temperature (Celsius)')
plt.show()
```



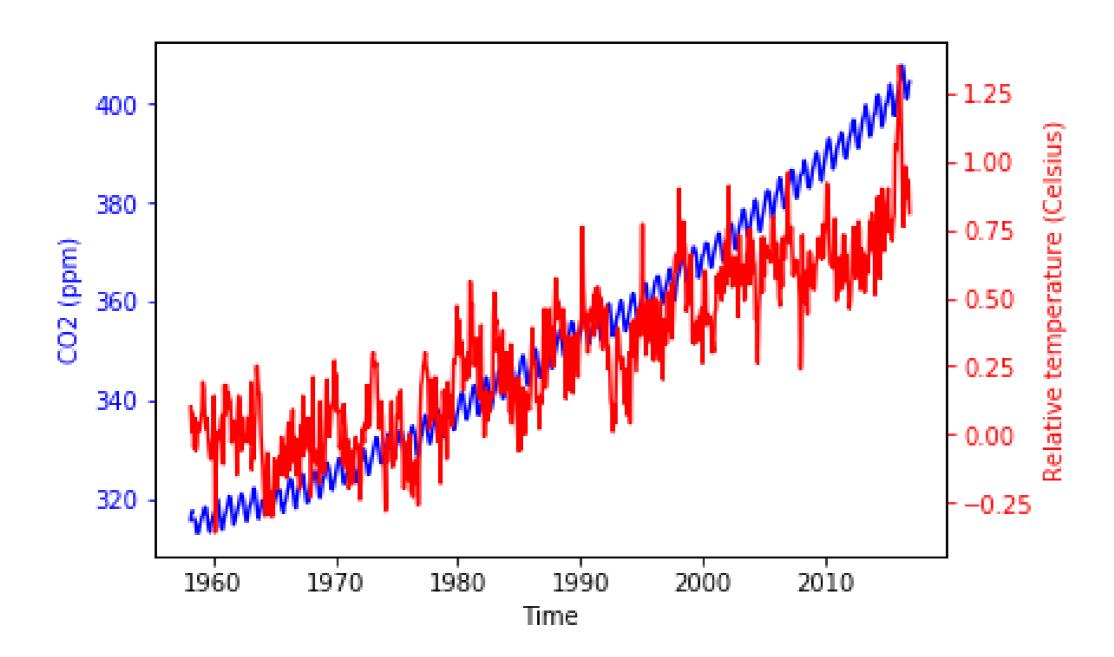
Separating variables by color



Coloring the ticks

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(climate_change.index, climate_change["co2"],
        color='blue')
ax.set_xlabel('Time')
ax.set_ylabel('CO2 (ppm)', color='blue')
ax.tick_params('y', colors='blue')
ax2 = ax.twinx() Use the Axes twinx method to create a twin Axes that shares the x-axis.
ax2.plot(climate_change.index,
         climate_change["relative_temp"],
         color='red')
ax2.set_ylabel('Relative temperature (Celsius)',
color='red')
                                         This method takes either y or x as its first argument, pointing to the fact that
                                         we are modifying the parameters of the y-axis ticks and tick labels.
ax2.tick_params('y', colors='red')
plt.show()
```

Coloring the ticks

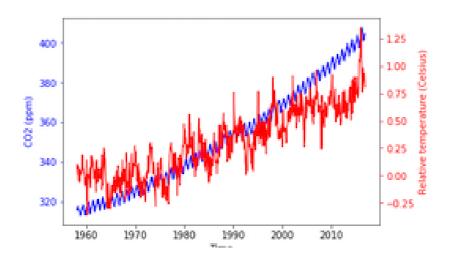




A function that plots time-series

```
def plot_timeseries(axes, x, y, color, xlabel, ylabel):
    axes.plot(x, y, color=color)
    axes.set_xlabel(xlabel)
    axes.set_ylabel(ylabel, color=color)
    axes.tick_params('y', colors=color)
```

Using our function



Create your own function!

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Annotating timeseries data

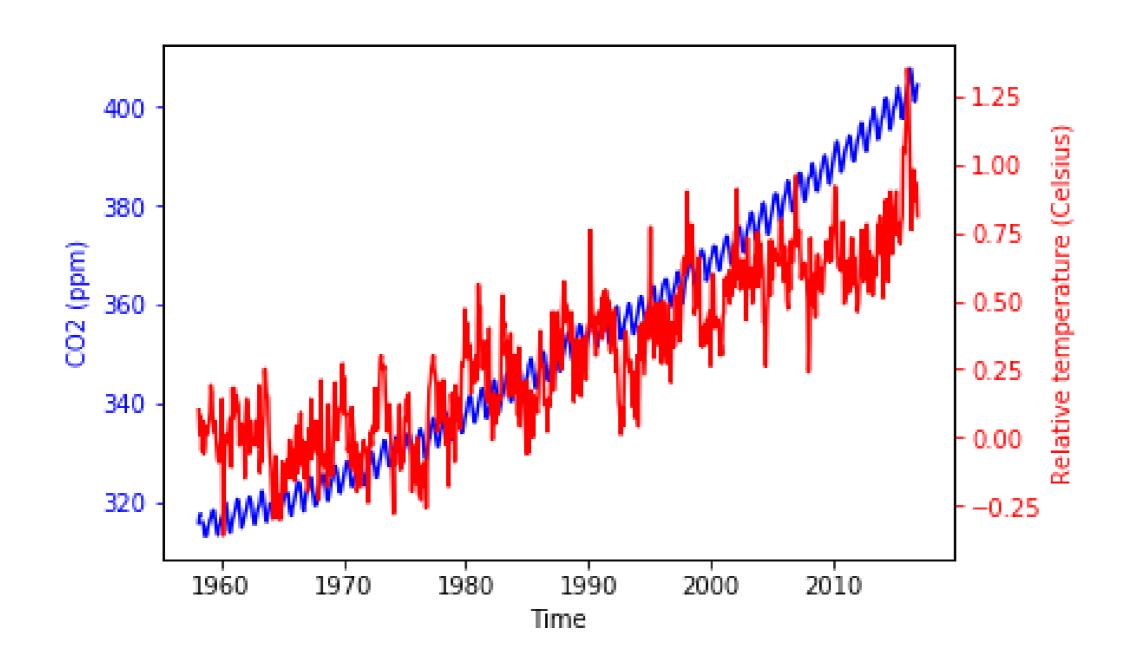
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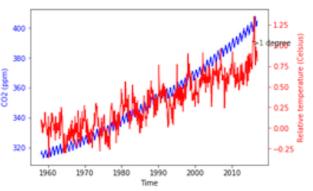
Time-series data



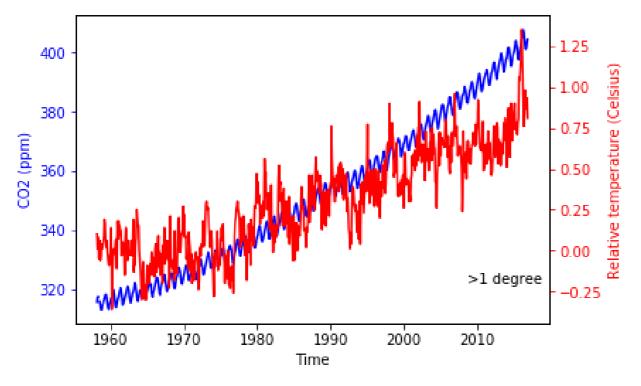


Annotaation

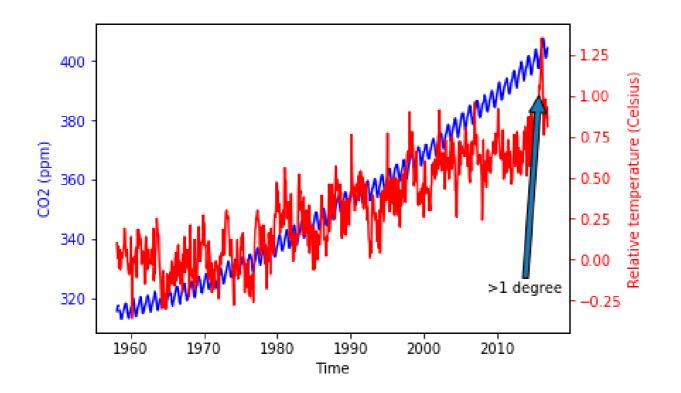
Annotations are usually small pieces of text that refer to a particular part of the visualization, focusing our attention on some feature of the data and explaining this feature.



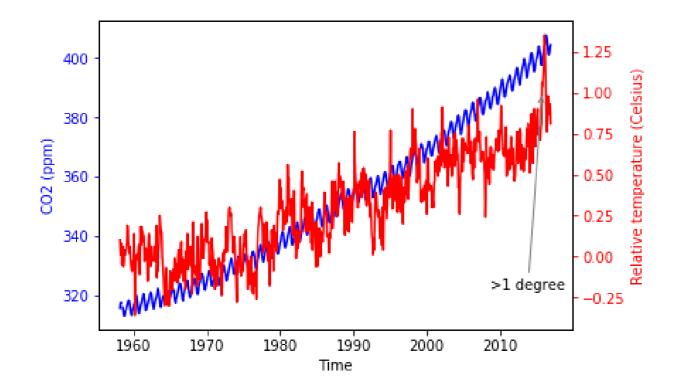
Positioning the text



Adding arrows to annotation



Customizing arrow properties



Customizing annotations

https://matplotlib.org/users/annotations.html



Practice annotating plots!

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