

Week2

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1 Basic Plotting with matplotlib

You can show matplotlib figures directly in the notebook by using the `%matplotlib notebook` and `%matplotlib inline` magic commands.

`%matplotlib notebook` provides an interactive environment.

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In [1]: %matplotlib notebook
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In [4]: import matplotlib as mpl
        mpl.get_backend()
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Out[4]: 'nbAgg'
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In [5]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        plt.plot?
```

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In [7]: # because the default is the line style '-',
        # nothing will be shown if we only pass in one point (3,2)
        plt.plot(3, 2)
```

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<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>
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<IPython.core.display.HTML object>
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Out[7]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa94c3e2b70>]
```

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In [49]: # we can pass in '.' to plt.plot to indicate that we want
        # the point (3,2) to be indicated with a marker '.'
        plt.plot(3, 2, '.')
```

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Out[49]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa94c38bb38>]
```

Let's see how to make a plot without using the scripting layer.

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In [51]: # First let's set the backend without using mpl.use() from the scripting I
from matplotlib.backends.backend_agg import FigureCanvasAgg
from matplotlib.figure import Figure

# create a new figure
fig = Figure()

# associate fig with the backend
canvas = FigureCanvasAgg(fig)

# add a subplot to the fig
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)

# plot the point (3,2)
ax.plot(3, 2, '.')
```

save the figure to test.png
you can see this figure in your Jupyter workspace afterwards by going to
<https://hub.coursera-notebooks.org/>
canvas.print_png('test.png')

We can use html cell magic to display the image.

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In [10]: %%html
        <img src='test.png' />

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

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In [52]: # create a new figure
plt.figure()

# plot the point (3,2) using the circle marker
plt.plot(3, 2, 'o')
```

get the current axes
ax = plt.gca()

Set axis properties [xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax]
ax.axis([0,6,0,10])

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<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>
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<IPython.core.display.HTML object>
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Out[52]: [0, 6, 0, 10]
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```
In [53]: # create a new figure
plt.figure()

# plot the point (1.5, 1.5) using the circle marker
plt.plot(1.5, 1.5, 'o')
# plot the point (2, 2) using the circle marker
plt.plot(2, 2, 'o')
# plot the point (2.5, 2.5) using the circle marker
plt.plot(2.5, 2.5, 'o')
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<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

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Out[53]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa8e8afe940>]
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```
In [54]: # get current axes
ax = plt.gca()
# get all the child objects the axes contains
ax.get_children()
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Out[54]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa8e8af4f98>,
<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa92989de48>,
<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa8e8afe940>,
<matplotlib.spines.Spine at 0x7fa929898be0>,
<matplotlib.spines.Spine at 0x7fa9298987b8>,
<matplotlib.spines.Spine at 0x7fa929898940>,
<matplotlib.spines.Spine at 0x7fa92988d2e8>,
<matplotlib.axis.XAxis at 0x7fa92988d710>,
<matplotlib.axis.YAxis at 0x7fa92991f828>,
<matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7fa92984d5f8>,
<matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7fa92984d668>,
<matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7fa92984d6d8>,
<matplotlib.patches.Rectangle at 0x7fa92984d710>]
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2 Scatterplots

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In [55]: import numpy as np
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x = np.array([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8])
y = x
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plt.figure()
plt.scatter(x, y) # similar to plt.plot(x, y, '.'), but the underlying ch
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<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

Out [55]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7fa8e8a90fd0>

In [57]: **import** numpy as np

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x = np.array([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8])
y = x

# create a list of colors for each point to have
# ['green', 'green', 'green', 'green', 'green', 'green', 'green', 'red']
colors = ['green']*(len(x)-1)
colors.append('red')

plt.figure()

# plot the point with size 100 and chosen colors
plt.scatter(x, y, s=100, c=colors)
```

<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

Out [57]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7fa9299e1c88>

In [58]: *# convert the two lists into a list of pairwise tuples*

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zip_generator = zip([1,2,3,4,5], [6,7,8,9,10])

print(list(zip_generator))
# the above prints:
# [(1, 6), (2, 7), (3, 8), (4, 9), (5, 10)]

zip_generator = zip([1,2,3,4,5], [6,7,8,9,10])
# The single star * unpacks a collection into positional arguments
print(*zip_generator)
# the above prints:
# (1, 6) (2, 7) (3, 8) (4, 9) (5, 10)
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[(1, 6), (2, 7), (3, 8), (4, 9), (5, 10)]
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(1, 6) (2, 7) (3, 8) (4, 9) (5, 10)
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In [59]: *# use zip to convert 5 tuples with 2 elements each to 2 tuples with 5 elements each*

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print(list(zip((1, 6), (2, 7), (3, 8), (4, 9), (5, 10))))
# the above prints:
# [(1, 2, 3, 4, 5), (6, 7, 8, 9, 10)]
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zip_generator = zip([1,2,3,4,5], [6,7,8,9,10])
# let's turn the data back into 2 lists
x, y = zip(*zip_generator) # This is like calling zip((1, 6), (2, 7), (3, 8), (4, 9), (5, 10))
print(x)
print(y)
# the above prints:
# (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
# (6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

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

In [63]: plt.figure()
# plot a data series 'Tall students' in red using the first two elements of x and y
plt.scatter(x[:2], y[:2], s=100, c='red', label='Tall students')
# plot a second data series 'Short students' in blue using the last three elements of x and y
plt.scatter(x[2:], y[2:], s=100, c='blue', label='Short students')

<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

Out[63]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7fa94c40ccf8>

In [66]: # plt?

In [67]: # add a label to the x axis
plt.xlabel('The number of times the child kicked a ball')
# add a label to the y axis
plt.ylabel('The grade of the student')
# add a title
plt.title('Relationship between ball kicking and grades')

Out[67]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7fa94c888908>

In [68]: # add a legend (uses the labels from plt.scatter)
plt.legend()

Out[68]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7fa94c45a828>

In [69]: # add the legend to loc=4 (the lower right hand corner), also gets rid of the legend title
plt.legend(loc=4, frameon=False, title='Legend')

Out[69]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7fa947891cc0>

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In [70]: # get children from current axes (the legend is the second to last item in list)
plt.gca().get_children()
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Out[70]: [<matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7fa94c431ef0>,
<matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7fa94c40ccf8>,
<matplotlib.spines.Spine at 0x7fa94c3ad0f0>,
<matplotlib.spines.Spine at 0x7fa9299fce10>,
<matplotlib.spines.Spine at 0x7fa8e895a320>,
<matplotlib.spines.Spine at 0x7fa8e8abaf98>,
<matplotlib.axis.XAxis at 0x7fa9299e19e8>,
<matplotlib.axis.YAxis at 0x7fa94787df28>,
<matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7fa94c888908>,
<matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7fa94c8883c8>,
<matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7fa94c8881d0>,
<matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7fa947891cc0>,
<matplotlib.patches.Rectangle at 0x7fa94c888550>]
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In [72]: # get the legend from the current axes
legend = plt.gca().get_children()[-2]
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In [73]: # you can use get_children to navigate through the child artists
legend.get_children()[0].get_children()[1].get_children()[0].get_children()
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Out[73]: [<matplotlib.offsetbox.HPacker at 0x7fa9478a2860>,
<matplotlib.offsetbox.HPacker at 0x7fa9478a2898>]
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In [74]: # import the artist class from matplotlib
from matplotlib.artist import Artist

def rec_gc(art, depth=0):
    if isinstance(art, Artist):
        # increase the depth for pretty printing
        print(" " * depth + str(art))
        for child in art.get_children():
            rec_gc(child, depth+2)

# Call this function on the legend artist to see what the legend is made of
rec_gc(plt.legend())
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Legend

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<matplotlib.offsetbox.VPacker object at 0x7fa94787dbe0>
  <matplotlib.offsetbox.TextArea object at 0x7fa94787df98>
    Text(0,0,'None')
  <matplotlib.offsetbox.HPacker object at 0x7fa9478755f8>
    <matplotlib.offsetbox.VPacker object at 0x7fa947875a90>
      <matplotlib.offsetbox.HPacker object at 0x7fa94787d518>
        <matplotlib.offsetbox.DrawingArea object at 0x7fa947875be0>
          <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection object at 0x7fa947875c00>
          <matplotlib.offsetbox.TextArea object at 0x7fa9478754e0>
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        Text(0,0,'Tall students')
<matplotlib.offsetbox.HPacker object at 0x7fa94787de80>
        <matplotlib.offsetbox.DrawingArea object at 0x7fa947875588>
        <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection object at 0x7fa947875588>
        <matplotlib.offsetbox.TextArea object at 0x7fa947875a20>
        Text(0,0,'Short students')
FancyBboxPatch(0,0;1x1)

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3 Line Plots

```
In [75]: import numpy as np
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linear_data = np.array([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8])
exponential_data = linear_data**2

plt.figure()
# plot the linear data and the exponential data
plt.plot(linear_data, '-o', exponential_data, '-o')

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<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>
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<IPython.core.display.HTML object>
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Out[75]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa929a1ccc0>,
<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa929a1ce48>]
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In [76]: # plot another series with a dashed red line
plt.plot([22,44,55], '--r')
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Out[76]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa94790ea90>]
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In [77]: plt.xlabel('Some data')
plt.ylabel('Some other data')
plt.title('A title')
# add a legend with legend entries (because we didn't have labels when we
plt.legend(['Baseline', 'Competition', 'Us'])

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Out[77]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7fa8e8954518>
```

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In [78]: # fill the area between the linear data and exponential data
plt.gca().fill_between(range(len(linear_data)),
                        linear_data, exponential_data,
                        facecolor='blue',
                        alpha=0.25)

```

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Out[78]: <matplotlib.collections.PolyCollection at 0x7fa8e8a55ef0>
```

Let's try working with dates!

```
In [79]: plt.figure()

         observation_dates = np.arange('2017-01-01', '2017-01-09', dtype='datetime64[ns]', freq='D')

         plt.plot(observation_dates, linear_data, '-o', observation_dates, exponential_data, '-o')

<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

Out[79]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa8e8904400>,
          <matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa8e88d4898>]
```

Let's try using pandas

```
In [80]: import pandas as pd

         plt.figure()
         observation_dates = np.arange('2017-01-01', '2017-01-09', dtype='datetime64[ns]', freq='D')
         observation_dates = map(pd.to_datetime, observation_dates) # trying to plot with pandas
         plt.plot(observation_dates, linear_data, '-o', observation_dates, exponential_data, '-o')

<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>
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AttributeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)

/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/matplotlib/units.py in get_converter(unit)
    144         # get_converter
--> 145         if not np.all(xravel.mask):
    146             # some elements are not masked
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AttributeError: 'numpy.ndarray' object has no attribute 'mask'
```

During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:


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TypeError                                                    Traceback (most recent call last)

<ipython-input-80-31d150774667> in <module>()
      4 observation_dates = np.arange('2017-01-01', '2017-01-09', dtype='datetime64[ns]')
      5 observation_dates = map(pd.to_datetime, observation_dates) # trying to
----> 6 plt.plot(observation_dates, linear_data, '-o', observation_dates, exponential_data)

/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/matplotlib/pyplot.py in plot(*args, **kwargs)
3316         mplDeprecation)
3317     try:
-> 3318         ret = ax.plot(*args, **kwargs)
3319     finally:
3320         ax._hold = washold

/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/matplotlib/axes/_init__.py in inner(ax, *args, **kwargs)
1890         warnings.warn(msg % (label_namer, func.__name__),
1891                       RuntimeWarning, stacklevel=2)
-> 1892     return func(ax, *args, **kwargs)
1893     pre_doc = inner.__doc__
1894     if pre_doc is None:

/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/matplotlib/axes/_axes.py in plot(self, *args, **kwargs)
1404         kwargs = cbook.normalize_kwargs(kwargs, _axis_map)
1405
-> 1406         for line in self._get_lines(*args, **kwargs):
1407             self.add_line(line)
1408             lines.append(line)

/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/matplotlib/axes/_base.py in _grab_next_args(self, *args, **kwargs)
414         isplit = 2
415
--> 416         for seg in self._plot_args(remaining[:isplit], kwargs):
417             yield seg
418             remaining = remaining[isplit:]

/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/matplotlib/axes/_base.py in _plot_args(self, remaining, kwargs)
383         x, y = index_of(tup[-1])
384
--> 385         x, y = self._xy_from_xy(x, y)
386
387         if self.command == 'plot':

```

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/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/matplotlib/axes/_base.py in _xy_from
215     def _xy_from_xy(self, x, y):
216         if self.axes.xaxis is not None and self.axes.yaxis is not None:
--> 217             bx = self.axes.xaxis.update_units(x)
218             by = self.axes.yaxis.update_units(y)
219

```

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/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/matplotlib/axis.py in update_units(s
1411     """
1412
--> 1413     converter = munits.registry.get_converter(data)
1414     if converter is None:
1415         return False

```

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/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/matplotlib/units.py in get_converter
156         if (not isinstance(next_item, np.ndarray) or
157             next_item.shape != x.shape):
--> 158             converter = self.get_converter(next_item)
159         return converter
160

```

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/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/matplotlib/units.py in get_converter
159         return converter
160
--> 161     if converter is None and iterable(x) and (len(x) > 0):
162         thisx = safe_first_element(x)
163         if classx and classx != getattr(thisx, '__class__', None):

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TypeError: object of type 'map' has no len()

```

In [81]: plt.figure()
        observation_dates = np.arange('2017-01-01', '2017-01-09', dtype='datetime64[ns]', freq='D')
        observation_dates = list(map(pd.to_datetime, observation_dates)) # convert to datetime
        plt.plot(observation_dates, linear_data, '-o', observation_dates, exponential_data, '-o')

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<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

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Out[81]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa8e87cc6a0>,
          <matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fa8e871a2e8>]

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In [82]: x = plt.gca().xaxis

        # rotate the tick labels for the x axis
        for item in x.get_ticklabels():
            item.set_rotation(45)

In [83]: # adjust the subplot so the text doesn't run off the image
        plt.subplots_adjust(bottom=0.25)

In [84]: ax = plt.gca()
        ax.set_xlabel('Date')
        ax.set_ylabel('Units')
        ax.set_title('Exponential vs. Linear performance')

Out[84]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7fa8e87686d8>

In [85]: # you can add mathematical expressions in any text element
        ax.set_title("Exponential ( $x^2$ ) vs. Linear ( $x$ ) performance")

Out[85]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7fa8e87686d8>

```

4 Bar Charts

```

In [42]: plt.figure()
        xvals = range(len(linear_data))
        plt.bar(xvals, linear_data, width = 0.3)

<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

Out[42]: <Container object of 8 artists>

In [87]: new_xvals = []

        # plot another set of bars, adjusting the new xvals to make up for the first
        for item in xvals:
            new_xvals.append(item+0.3)

        plt.bar(new_xvals, exponential_data, width = 0.3 ,color='red')

Out[87]: <Container object of 8 artists>

In [88]: from random import randint
        linear_err = [randint(0,15) for x in range(len(linear_data))]

        # This will plot a new set of bars with errorbars using the list of random
        plt.bar(xvals, linear_data, width = 0.3, yerr=linear_err)

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Out[88]: <Container object of 8 artists>

```
In [47]: # stacked bar charts are also possible
plt.figure()
xvals = range(len(linear_data))
plt.bar(xvals, linear_data, width = 0.3, color='b')
plt.bar(xvals, exponential_data, width = 0.3, bottom=linear_data, color='r')
```

<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

Out[47]: <Container object of 8 artists>

```
In [89]: # or use barh for horizontal bar charts
plt.figure()
xvals = range(len(linear_data))
plt.barh(xvals, linear_data, height = 0.3, color='b')
plt.barh(xvals, exponential_data, height = 0.3, left=linear_data, color='r')
```

<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

Out[89]: <Container object of 8 artists>

In []:

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