



## L06: Data Visualisation

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### Visualisation Libraries

- Implement **data discovery** and analysis by creating **graphical** representations of our data.
  - **Matplotlib**: <https://matplotlib.org/>
    - Interfaces with or underlies many Python plotting utilities
    - Enables export to all of the common vector and raster graphics formats
      - PDF, SVG, JPG, PNG, BMP, GIF, PS, etc.
    - Use to fine-tune plot details
  - **Pandas**: <https://pandas.pydata.org/>
    - Has own methods to create very simple graphs
    - Tries to automate some details (e.g., labelling)
  - **Seaborn**: <https://seaborn.pydata.org/>
    - Builds on top of Matplotlib
    - Attempts to improve readability and aesthetics
  - **Plotly**: <https://plotly.com/python/> (**Further, independent resource**)
    - Interactive plots
    - Builds on top of the Plotly.js JavaScript library
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### Matplotlib

- `matplotlib` is a major plotting library for Python. It is included in Anaconda 3 and works nicely in Jupyter Notebooks.
  - **Low-level** plotting
  - Several other Python plotting libraries use `matplotlib` as a base.
  - Originally developed to mimic plotting in the **Matlab** language.
  - Plots can be highly customised, but the process is often rather **verbose** (lots of code).
- Within a Jupyter notebook its main functionality is typically imported as `plt` :

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

- To display images in-line (typically enabled by default), use a bit of IPython "magic":

```
%matplotlib inline
```

- To display images with an interactive panel, use:

```
%matplotlib notebook
```

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- The **simplest method** for drawing `matplotlib` plots is to use various functions to generate plots, then modifying the result to adjust details.

```
In [ ]: # Load pyplot/numpy
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Version check
from matplotlib import __version__ as mplversion
mplversion
```

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## Line plot: `plt.plot()`

- Line plots connect a collection of ordered coordinate points.

```
In [ ]: # Very simple line plot

## NOTE: The default x-axis values are a count of array elements.

data = np.arange(100)
plt.plot(data)
```

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## Figures and subplots: `plt.figure()` and `plt.subplots()`

- Plots in `matplotlib` reside in a `Figure` **object**.
- On its own, `plt.figure()` will be blank.
- One or more `subplots` are needed to fill the space.
- `subplots` are `Axes` **objects** (recently these were more specifically `AxesSubplot` objects).
- In most spaces in this notebook, the `Figure` and `Axes` objects are formed in the background automatically and are no longer accessible after cell execution.

**Tip:** In Jupyter, all plot commands for a single plot need to reside within a **single cell** because plots are reset after execution.

...unless you are storing and modifying a plot object as a variable for later use...

```
In [ ]: ## Let's also play with the notebook's display properties.
...
Allows multiple statements/outputs to be displayed at once
Options:
```

```

'all', 'last', 'last_expr', 'none', 'last_expr_or_assign'

Default:
    'last_expr'
...

get_ipython().ast_node_interactivity = 'all';

## NOTE: If you terminate a cell with ';', then only the last statement
# will display output.

```

```

In [ ]: # Make a 2x2 subplot figure with only 3 subplots.

fig = plt.figure()
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(2, 2, 1) # Axes object, 1-based (nrow, ncols, position)
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(2, 2, 2)
ax3 = fig.add_subplot(2, 2, 3)

# Create data
data = np.random.randn(100).cumsum()

# Plot data as a green dotted line (shorthand style option)
plt.plot(data,
         'g:') # Automatically placed in most recently created subplot

# Add to other subplots (any order is ok)
(vals, bins, _) = ax1.hist(np.random.randn(100), bins=20,
                          color='k', alpha=0.3)

ax2.scatter(np.arange(30), np.arange(30) + 3 * np.random.randn(30))
ax2.set_xlabel('time')

### NOTE: plot commands return objects!

```

```

In [ ]: # Inspect object
ax1

```

```

In [ ]: # Quicker way to work with subplots:

nrows = 2
ncols = 3
fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows, ncols, sharex=True, sharey=True)

# Configure a list of colours to match the shape of `axes`
colors = [['r', 'b', 'y'],
          ['g', 'k', 'c']]

# Explicitly loop over both dimensions
for i in range(nrows):
    for j in range(ncols):
        axes[i, j].hist(np.random.randn(500),
                       bins=50,
                       color=colors[i][j],
                       alpha=0.5)

# Remove space between subplots
plt.subplots_adjust(wspace=0, hspace=0)

```

```

In [ ]: # Inspect axes
axes

```

- There are a multitude of configurable options.
- Please, explore the many arguments available.
- For example, you can change the sizing of the output figures for **all plots** in the notebook by modifying the `rcParams` :

```
import matplotlib
matplotlib.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (4.5, 3)  ## (width, height) in inches
```

- There are **TONS** of default styling parameters:  
<https://matplotlib.org/stable/tutorials/introductory/customizing.html>

You are already familiar with some of its functionality from the discussion of `pandas` plots!

- The **simplest method** for drawing `matplotlib` plots is to use its various functions to generate plots, then modifying the result to adjust details.

```
In [ ]: ## Before we proceed, let's disable the notebook multiple display
        ## by reverting back to the default settings

get_ipython().ast_node_interactivity = 'last_expr'
```

```
In [ ]: # Plot features examples

plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))

plt.plot(data,
         color = 'c',
         linestyle = ':',
         marker = 'o',
         markerfacecolor = 'm',
         label = r'line label, $\theta = \frac{5 - \frac{1}{x}}{4}$')

plt.ylabel('y-axis')
plt.title('title here')
plt.suptitle('Higher title for all subplots')

ax = plt.gca() # get current axis
ax.set_xticks([10,20,30,40])
ax.set_xticklabels(["one", "two", "three", "four"],
                  rotation=40)
ax.set_xlabel('x-axis')
plt.legend(loc='upper left')
plt.savefig('example_plot.png', dpi=300) ## Format inferred from extension
```

```
In [ ]: ## Repeating the plt.plot() before the figure is closed
        # will add lines to the current `Axes` instance.

plt.plot(data)
plt.plot(data + 5)
plt.plot(data - 5, marker='x');
```

## Scatter plots: `plt.scatter()`

- To visualise how two variables are **related**.

- Helps us to quickly identify associations between two variables.
- Colour and size can also be specified, allowing us to represent **3 or 4 variables** at once.

```
In [ ]: import pandas as pd

# Loading Data Set
diamonds = pd.read_csv("data/diamonds.csv")
```

```
In [ ]: # Creating the plot
plt.scatter(diamonds['carat'], diamonds['price'])
plt.xlabel('Carat')
plt.ylabel('Price');
```

```
In [ ]: # Scatter plot with varying sizes and colours.

# Subset data
subset = diamonds.iloc[800:900].copy()

# Configure sizes using min/max scaling (and cubing)
size = 2000 * ((subset.table - subset.table.min()) /
               (subset.table.max() - subset.table.min()))**3

# Configure color values for the color categories
ucol = subset.color.unique()
colmap = dict(zip(ucol, np.linspace(1, 254, len(ucol))))
subset['plot_color'] = subset.color.map(colmap)

# Plot
plt.scatter(subset['carat'],
            subset['price'],
            s=size,
            c=subset.plot_color,
            alpha=0.5)
plt.xlabel('Carat')
plt.ylabel('Price');
```

```
In [ ]: # Inspect
subset['plot_color']
```

```
In [ ]: # Examine a small (5%) random sample of the data
diamonds_tmp = diamonds.sample(frac=0.05)

plt.scatter(diamonds_tmp['carat'],
            diamonds_tmp['price'],
            c=diamonds_tmp['table'])

cbar = plt.colorbar() ## Add a colorbar
plt.xlabel("Carat")
plt.ylabel("Price")
cbar.ax.set_ylabel('Table'); ## Label the colorbar
```

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## Bar plots: `plt.bar()`

- Good for displaying **categorical** data, one bar per category.

```
In [ ]: # Bar Plot: specify x vs. y data

# Create a count variable
```

```
cc = diamonds['cut'].value_counts()
```

```
plt.bar(cc.index, cc)
plt.xlabel('Cut')
plt.ylabel('Count');
```

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## Named colours

- Colour specification in `matplotlib` can be done in a variety of ways:
  - Shorthand: `'r', 'g', 'y'`
  - Names: `'blue', 'tab:blue', 'peachpuff'`
  - RGB(A)
  - CMYK
  - HSV (Hue, Saturation, Value)
  - HTML codes: `'#FF0000'`

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Explore *named colors*:

```
import matplotlib.colors as mcolors
```

[https://matplotlib.org/stable/gallery/color/named\\_colors.html](https://matplotlib.org/stable/gallery/color/named_colors.html)

```
In [ ]: import matplotlib.colors as mcolors
mcolors.TABLEAU_COLORS
```

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### Let's try another bar plot example, this time for the mean price by cut.

- We will implement the plot in a different way, manually specifying where to place the bars and how to label and position them.

```
In [ ]: # Group by cut
diamonds_bycut = diamonds.groupby('cut')

# Calculate average price and reorder the result
bc = diamonds_bycut[['price']].mean().loc[cc.index]

plt.bar(np.arange(len(bc)), bc['price'],
        color=[x for x in mcolors.TABLEAU_COLORS],
        width=0.5)
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_xticks(np.arange(len(bc))) ## Tick numerical position in x [0-4]
ax.set_xticklabels(bc.index, rotation=40)
ax.set_xlabel('Cut')
ax.set_ylabel('Average price');
```

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### A different version of the previous figure...

```
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# Calculate average price and reorder the result
bc = diamonds_bycut[['price']].mean().loc[cc.index]

plt.bar(np.arange(len(bc)), bc['price'],
        color=[x for x in mcolors.TABLEAU_COLORS],
```

```

        width=0.5)
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_xticks(np.arange(len(bc)))  ## Tick numerical position in x [0-4]
ax.set_xticklabels(bc.index, rotation=40)
ax.set_xlabel('Cut')
ax.set_ylabel('Average price')
ax.set_ylim((3250, max(bc.price)*1.05));

```

```

In [ ]: # Inspect the values
bc.loc[cc.index]

```

## Pie charts: `plt.pie()`

- **Pie charts** (and the related donut plot) are common alternative to bar plots.
- However, many people discourage their use.
  - Gaining insights based on the comparison of angles and areas is challenging for many.
  - With a large number of categories, it can be difficult to differentiate between sectors and compare similar ones.
- That said, here is how you can make one using `plt.pie()`:

```

In [ ]: # Pie Chart

# Create an array for a single "exploded" wedge
ex = np.zeros(len(cc))
ex[-1] = 0.4

# Pie returns a long bit of plotting information. Ignore its result.
_ = plt.pie(cc.values, labels = cc.index,
            explode = ex,          ## explode
            autopct = '%1.1f%%',  ## display percentage
            shadow = True)         ## enable shadow effect

```

## Histograms: `plt.hist()`

- **Histograms** divide the values into multiple **bins**, each corresponding to a different range of values.
- Based on `numpy.histogram()` to bin and count.
- By default, `plt.hist()` will set the range from the minimum to the maximum of the data.
  - Configurable via `range` parameter (tuple)

### Bins

- The `bins` parameter can set the number (int, default of 10) or edges (sequence) of the bins.
  - Also allows some specific methods as strings ( `'auto'`, `'sturges'`, ... )
  - [https://numpy.org/doc/stable/reference/generated/numpy.histogram\\_bin\\_edges.html#numpy.histogram\\_bin\\_edges](https://numpy.org/doc/stable/reference/generated/numpy.histogram_bin_edges.html#numpy.histogram_bin_edges)
- Plotting too few bins might cause you to miss some details.
- Helpfully returns the values and the bin edges.

```
In [ ]: # Most basic example. All defaults.

## NOTE: Difference in size of value and bins arrays.
#       No Labels.

values, bins, _ = plt.hist(diamonds['price'])
print(f'values = {values}, size = {len(values)}')
print(f'bins = {bins}, size = {len(bins)}')
```

```
In [ ]: ## Enable 'auto' binning

values, bins, _ = plt.hist(diamonds['price'], bins = 'auto')
print(f'values = {values}, size = {len(values)}')
print(f'bins = {bins}, size = {len(bins)}')
```

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## Box and whisker plots: `plt.boxplots`

- **Box and whisker** plots allow us to see the **distribution** of the data and compare distributions in different categories.
  - **Box**: denote the 1st and 3rd **quartile**, with a line for the **median**
  - **Whiskers**: show the largest value occurring within 1.5 x the **interquartile range** (1st to 3rd quartiles)
  - **Outliers**: shown as circles for any data points **outside** the whiskers.

```
In [ ]: # A time series of the daily mean temperature of the Fisher river over 4 year.
# Data by K. W. Hipel and A. I. McLeod (1994), sourced from Hyndman,
# R.J. Time Series Data Library, https://github.com/FinYang/tsdl.

river = pd.read_csv('data/river.csv')
river

## Make a boxplot with labelled elements

# Use river temperature dataset
vname = 'Mean daily temperature'
data = list(river[vname])

# Modify to ensure outliers are present
data.extend([55,60,-55,-60])

# Configure plot
plt.figure(figsize=(2.5,6))
stats = plt.boxplot(data, labels=['river'])
plt.title('Labelled Boxplot')
plt.ylabel(vname)
plt.xlim(0.9,1.3)
offset = 1.1
plt.annotate('Outliers', xy=(offset,55))
plt.annotate('Outliers', xy=(offset,-60))
for item in stats['whiskers']:
    plt.annotate('Whisker', xy=(offset, item.get_ydata()[1]), va='center')
plt.annotate('1st Quartile', xy=(offset, stats['boxes'][0].get_ydata()[-1]), va='center')
plt.annotate('3rd Quartile', xy=(offset, stats['boxes'][0].get_ydata()[-2]), va='center')
plt.annotate('Median', xy=(offset, stats['medians'][0].get_ydata()[1]), va='center');
```



```
In [ ]: # Looking at the distribution of depth values for each diamond cut:
```

```
# Empty list for depth data
cuts = []

# Custom order of cuts
cutlabel = ['Fair', 'Good', 'Very Good', 'Premium', 'Ideal']

# Add depth data to the list
for c in cutlabel:
    cuts.append(diamonds.loc[diamonds.cut == c, 'depth'])

plt.boxplot(cuts, labels=cutlabel)
plt.xlabel('Cut')
plt.ylabel('Depth')
```

```
In [ ]: ## Closer look at the data for Fair and Premium as histograms
```

```
# Prepare subplot figure (rows, columns, figsize=(width, height))
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize = (12, 4))

# Plot histograms
_ = ax[0].hist(cuts[0], bins='auto', label=cutlabel[0])
_ = ax[0].hist(cuts[3], bins='auto', label=cutlabel[3], alpha=0.7)
ax[0].set_title('linear')
ax[0].set_xlabel('depth')
ax[0].set_ylabel('count')
ax[0].legend()

# Plot histograms on Log scale
_ = ax[1].hist(cuts[0], bins='auto')
_ = ax[1].hist(cuts[3], bins='auto', alpha=0.7)
ax[1].set_title('logarithmic')
ax[1].set_xlabel('depth')
ax[1].set_ylabel('count')
plt.yscale('log')

fig.tight_layout()
```

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## Density Estimates

- Histograms show a *coarse* estimate of the **density** of a variable.
- The **density** is the *underlying* probability function of a variable.
  - That is, estimate the probability density function (PDF) if a random variable.
- Various approaches can be used to **estimate** a smoothed density for a continuous variable.
- **Kernel density estimate** (KDE)
  - Places a kernel function centered at each data point to generate a **smooth** density estimate.
  - Often,  $K$  is a **Gaussian** density with a variance (or bandwidth) selected automatically from the data.

$$\hat{g}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N K(x - x_i)$$

- Let's look at the diamond price information:

```
In [ ]: ## Use pandas plot.hist() to quickly recall the data
```

```
diamonds['price'].plot.hist(bins=100)
```

```
In [ ]: # Import a helper package
```

```
import scipy.stats
```

```
# Create kernel function
```

```
# https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.stats.gaussian\_kde.html
```

```
kernel = scipy.stats.gaussian_kde(diamonds['price'])
```

```
# Generate x-values to use in kernel function (much larger range than needed)
```

```
xs = np.linspace(-1000, max(diamonds['price']), 1000)
```

```
# Apply function and plot
```

```
plt.plot(xs, kernel(xs), label='KDE')
```

```
_ = plt.hist(diamonds['price'], bins=100, density=True, label='hist')
```

```
plt.legend();
```

#### NOTE:

- The density estimate is non-zero below a price of zero.
- The density estimate is non-zero outside the range of the data.
- Above method works best for a unimodal distribution. Multi-modal distributions tend to be overly smoothed.

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## Simple Plots with Pandas

- `pandas` has some built-in functionality for quickly generating **simple plots** from `DataFrame`s and `Series` objects.
- This is built on top of `matplotlib`.

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### Line plot: `.plot()`

- 1-dimensional data
- $y = f(x)$
- $x$  vs.  $y$
- Groups of 1-dimensional data

<https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/version/2.2.2/reference/api/pandas.DataFrame.plot.html>

```
In [ ]: # Recall: simple cross tabulation
```

```
cross = pd.crosstab(diamonds['cut'], diamonds['clarity'])
```

```
cross
```

```
In [ ]: # plot the number of entries for Fair-cut diamonds of all clarity
```

```
cross.loc['Fair'].plot()
```

```
In [ ]: # Plot the count of IF-clarity diamonds versus the count of VS1-clarity diamonds for  
# corresponding cuts
```

```
cross.plot.line(x='IF', y='VS1')
```

```
## WARNING: this is a silly plot!
```

```
In [ ]: # Without specifying individual columns
```

```
cross.plot()  
plt.ylabel('label')
```

---

## Histograms: `plot.hist()`

- Showing the frequency of values in a given column in the `DataFrame`

<https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/version/2.2.2/reference/api/pandas.DataFrame.hist.html>

```
In [ ]: # Quickly see histograms for all of the columns
```

```
## NOTE: None of the categorical dimensions are shown.
```

```
diamonds.hist();
```

```
In [ ]: # Call on matplotlib to fine-tune the final display subfigure spacing.
```

```
#### NOTE: We no longer benefit from a trailing ';' because it is  
#           not the last command in the cell.
```

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

```
diamonds.hist()
```

```
plt.tight_layout()
```

```
In [ ]: # Delve deeper to quickly visualise histograms for depth,  
# grouped by the cut category.
```

```
## NOTE: Custom configuration -
```

```
#           - Use consistent, pre-defined bins that span data range  
#           - `column` selects data of interest  
#           - `by` groups the data by a category  
#           - `bins` specifies bin edge values  
#           - `sharex` and `sharey` force the same range in each panel
```

```
# Use numpy help
```

```
import numpy as np
```

```
# Set up 100 linearly spaced bin edges for the data range
```

```
# - to be used in all cases
```

```
bins = np.linspace(diamonds['depth'].min(), diamonds['depth'].max(), 100)
```

```
# Display customised histograms
```

```
diamonds.hist(column='depth', by='cut', bins=bins, sharex=True, sharey=True)
```

```
plt.tight_layout()
```

---

## Scatter plots: `plot.scatter()`

- Visualise how two variables are related to one another.
  - Here, we will specify which columns of the `DataFrame` we would like to compare on the `x` and `y` axes.

<https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/version/2.2.2/reference/api/pandas.DataFrame.plot.scatter.html>

```
In [ ]: # How are carat and price related - in light of the x-dimension Length?
```

```
## NOTE:
# - `c` specifies a kind of colour value
# - `cmap` is a pyplot argument for a colormap
# - `sharex` - we have seen before, but in this case,
#             it fixes a glitch in the xlabel display

diamonds.plot.scatter(x='carat',
                      y='price',
                      c='x',
                      cmap='gist_ncar_r',
                      sharex=False)
plt.title('Scatterplot'); # mpl customisation
```

---

## Scatter plots: `.plot.bar()` and `.plot.barh()`

- Bar charts are usually used to compare **numerical data** for a relatively small number of categories.
  - This works well with **grouped** data.

<https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/version/2.2.2/reference/api/pandas.DataFrame.plot.bar.html>

```
In [ ]: # with horizontal bars, outlined in red:
```

```
diamonds_bycolor = diamonds.groupby('color')
diamonds_bycolor[['price']].mean().plot.barh(edgecolor='r');
```

```
In [ ]: # Further group the data by color and cut
```

```
# Aggregate by mean price
# unstack the resulting multiIndex data
multi = diamonds.groupby(['color', 'cut']).agg({'price': ['mean']}).unstack()

# Use `droplevel()` twice to remove 'price' and 'mean' labels
multi.columns = multi.columns.droplevel().droplevel()

multi.plot.bar()

# A different way to label the axis
plt.gca().set_ylabel('Mean price')
```

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## Parallel Plots: `pd.plotting.parallel_coordinates()`

- One way of visualising data with more than **two dimensions** is to use a **parallel plot**.
- **Great to differentiate clustered data.**

- Each variable is shown as an axis, side by side.
- Data points are drawn as lines across the axes.
- `parallel_coordinates` requires a `DataFrame` and a column of categorical data to use as category names.
- **Best when:** all data features are on approximately the same scale.

[https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/version/2.2.2/reference/api/pandas.plotting.parallel\\_coordinates.html](https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/version/2.2.2/reference/api/pandas.plotting.parallel_coordinates.html)

```
In [ ]: # Import functionality
from pandas.plotting import parallel_coordinates

# Read iris plant data
iris = pd.read_csv("data/iris.csv")

iris.head()

# Select to break down data by Species
parallel_coordinates(iris, 'Species');

## NOTE: This works best when the variables are of a similar scale.
#         Allows us to look for differences in similar categories of objects.
```

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## Seaborn

- `seaborn` is a library built on `matplotlib` that takes away some of the extra work required to produce nicely labelled plots in Python.
- `seaborn` can act on `pandas DataFrames` and a specification of which columns to use for each aspect of the plot.
  - It also works with `numpy` arrays.
- It is particularly good for **multivariate** data visualisation.
- Typically imported as `sns` :

```
import seaborn as sns
```

- Employs "*facet grids*" to incorporate categorical variables with additional grouping dimensions easily.
  - Handles **aggregation** and **summarisation** automatically.

```
In [ ]: import seaborn as sns
```

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### Line plots: `sns.relplot()`

- Creates **relational plots** to show the relationship between 2 datasets.
- Can specify `kind='line'` or `kind='scatter'`
- Easily specify colors and sizes and line styles to differentiate data further.

```
In [ ]: ## Load example flight data from seaborn
```

```
flights = sns.load_dataset("flights")  
flights.head()
```

```
In [ ]: sns.relplot(data=flights, x="year", y="passengers", hue="month",  
                  kind="line")
```

```
In [ ]: # Enable the default theme
```

```
sns.set_theme()  
sns.relplot(data=flights, x="year", y="passengers", hue="month", kind="line")
```

---

## Bar plot: `sns.countplot()` and `sns.catplot()`

- `countplot` shows the counts of observations in each categorical bin using bars.
  - A count plot can be thought of as a **histogram** across a categorical, instead of quantitative, variable.
- `catplot` shows the relationship between a **numerical and one or more categorical variables** using one of several visual representations

```
In [ ]: sns.countplot(x="cut", data=diamonds)
```

```
## Look how it labels it for us!
```

```
## See how there's evidence of matplotlib (Axes object).
```

```
In [ ]: # Grouping variables
```

```
sns.countplot(x="cut", hue = 'color', data=diamonds)
```

```
## So much simpler than before!
```

```
In [ ]: # Plot against a numerical value in specified order
```

```
sns.catplot(x='cut',  
            y='price',  
            hue='color',  
            data=diamonds,  
            order=cutlabel,  
            kind="bar")
```

```
## NOTE: it has automatically calculated the mean and added error bars
```

```
In [ ]: # Enhanced box plot with a larger number of quantiles
```

```
sns.catplot(x='cut', y='price', data=diamonds, order=cutlabel, kind="boxen")
```

```
In [ ]: # Violin plots include both boxplot and KDE information.
```

```
# Can be further subdivided to compare a binary category.
```

```
sns.catplot(x='cut', y='price', data=diamonds, order=cutlabel, kind="violin")
```

```
In [ ]: # Simpler implementation
```

```
sns.catplot(x='cut', y='price', data=diamonds, order=cutlabel, kind="point")
```

## Joint Plots: `sns.jointplot()`

- Scatterplot with marginal distributions (and linear regression lines)

```
In [ ]: # Iris
sns.jointplot(x='Sepal.Length', y='Petal.Length', data=iris, kind='scatter', hue='Species')
```

```
In [ ]: # Add kde
sns.jointplot(x='Sepal.Length',
              y='Petal.Length',
              data=iris,
              hue='Species',
              kind='kde')
```

## Pair plots: `sns.pairplot()`

- To visualise relationships between multiple variables we can use pair plots:

```
In [ ]: # Iris Dataset
sns.pairplot(iris)
```

```
In [ ]: # Adding a hue level gives KDE along the diagonal,
sns.pairplot(iris, hue="Species", kind='kde')
```

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## Seaborn: See also...

- `sns.histplot()`
- `sns.boxplot()`
- `sns.displot()`
- `sns.kdeplot()`
- `sns.scatterplot()`

```
In [ ]: # Simple 4-variable scatter plot
plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
sns.scatterplot(x='carat', y='price', hue='clarity',
                data=diamonds.sample(frac=0.1), alpha=0.5, size='table')
```

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## Time Series

- When working with time series data, it is useful to have a data type for storing **dates** and **times**.
  - Data may have **fixed** or **irregular** record time frequencies.
    - **Timestamps**: specific instants in time
    - **Intervals**: indicated by a start and end timestamp
    - Fixed **Periods**: a specific month or year, *a special instance of an interval*
    - **Experiment or elapsed time**: a series of timestamps denoting a measure of time relative to a reference time

```
In [ ]: # datetime stores both the date and time, down to the microsecond.

from datetime import datetime

now = datetime.now()
```

```

print(type(now))

print(now)

print(now.year, now.month, now.day, now.minute, now.second, now.microsecond, now.weekday(), now)

print(f'isocalendar: {now.isocalendar()}')

print(f'UTC time: {now.utcnow()}') # (Year, week number, day of week number)

print(f'Custom format: {now.strftime("%y-%m-%d_%H:%M:%S")}')
```

```
In [ ]: # We can find the difference between two datetime objects
```

```

now2 = datetime.now()

delta = now2 - now

print(type(delta))
print(delta)
```

```
In [ ]: # We can compare times that we define, too:
```

```

delta = datetime.now() - datetime(1970, 1, 1)

print(delta)
print(f'Converted to seconds: {delta.total_seconds()}')
```

```
In [ ]: # Inspect river data (read from file above)
```

```
river
```

```
In [ ]: # Quick plot
```

```

river.info()
river.plot() # Makes a simple line plot (only 1 column).
```

```
In [ ]: # Change the `index` column
```

```

river = pd.read_csv('data/river.csv', index_col=0)
river
```

```
In [ ]: # Retry plot
```

```

river.info()
river.plot() # Makes a simple line plot (only 1 column).
```

```
In [ ]: # Use `parse_dates=True` to try parsing the index values
```

```
## NOTE: index type will now become DatetimeIndex
```

```

river = pd.read_csv('data/river.csv', index_col=0, parse_dates=True)
river.info()
```

```
In [ ]: # Plot labels are much improved!
```

```
river.plot();
```

```
## But we could still benefit from some units!
```

```
In [ ]: # Adding a label
```

```

river.plot()
plt.ylabel('[$\degree$ C$']')
```



**.resample()** - Resample time-series data (new frequency)

```
In [ ]: Wmax = river.resample('W').max()
Wmax.columns=['Weekly Maximum Temperature']
ax = Wmax.plot()

Wmin = river.resample('W').min()
Wmin.columns=['Weekly Minimum Temperature']
Wmin.plot(ax=ax)

plt.ylabel('[$\degree C$]')
plt.title('Weekly Temperature Range');
```

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**.rolling()** - rolling window calculations (smoothing)

```
In [ ]: window = 30
river.rolling(window).mean().plot()
plt.ylabel('[$\degree C$]')
plt.title('30-Day Rolling Average');
```

```
In [ ]: # Connection to f-strings

day = datetime(1936, 8, 1)
print(f"{day} was a {day:%A}")
```

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The `datetime` object's `strftime()` method accepts format codes that can also be used in f-strings.

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/datetime.html#strftime-and-strptime-format-codes>

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## Plotly

- Python graphing library for **interactive** plotting.
  - *Figures dynamically resize when you change the size of your browser window.*
- Builds on top of the Plotly.js JavaScript library.
- Typically imported as `px`:

```
import plotly.express as px
```

- Figures are represented in Python as `dicts` or as instances of the `plotly.graph_objects.Figure` class:

```
import plotly.graph_objects as go
```

```
In [ ]: # plotly imports
import plotly.express as px
import plotly.graph_objects as go
```

```
In [ ]: # Example
label = ["A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F"]
source = [0, 3, 1, 1, 0, 4, 5] ## correspond to label index
target = [2, 3, 2, 5, 4, 1, 2] ## correspond to label index
value = [10, 4, 6, 7, 2, 8, 1] ## correspond to source/target pair
```

```

fig = go.Figure(data=[
    go.Sankey(

        # Define nodes
        node=dict(label=label, ),

        # Add Links
        link=dict(
            source=source,
            target=target,
            value=value,
        ))
])

fig.update_layout(title_text="Second Sankey Graph", font_size=15)
fig.show()

```

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## Additional Resources

- **Pandas plotting**
  - Chart visualisation: [https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/user\\_guide/visualization.html](https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/user_guide/visualization.html)
- **Matplotlib**
  - Pyplot tutorial: <https://matplotlib.org/stable/tutorials/introductory/pyplot.html>
  - Gallery of examples: <https://matplotlib.org/stable/gallery/index.html>
  - More tutorials: <https://matplotlib.org/stable/tutorials/index.html>
  - **Colormaps**: [https://matplotlib.org/stable/gallery/color/colormap\\_reference.html](https://matplotlib.org/stable/gallery/color/colormap_reference.html)
  - Shorthand styles for **format strings**:  
[https://matplotlib.org/3.7.3/api/\\_as\\_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.plot.html#:~:text=Notes-,Format%20Strings,A%20format%20string](https://matplotlib.org/3.7.3/api/_as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.plot.html#:~:text=Notes-,Format%20Strings,A%20format%20string)
- **Seaborn**
  - Example gallery: <http://seaborn.pydata.org/examples/index.html>
  - Tutorial: <https://seaborn.pydata.org/tutorial.html>
  - Many examples given on documentation page for each kind of plot.
- **Plotly, (Further, independent resource)**
  - <https://plotly.com/python/basic-charts/>
  - <https://plotly.com/python/statistical-charts/>
- **Time Processing:**
  - `datetime` : <https://docs.python.org/3.11/library/datetime.html>
    - for manipulating dates and times
  - `time` : <https://docs.python.org/3.11/library/time.html>
    - various time-related functions
  - `calendar` : <https://docs.python.org/3.11/library/calendar.html>
    - General calendar-related functions

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## Further Reading

- McKinney, W. (2022). *Python for Data Analysis : Data Wrangling with Pandas, NumPy, and IPython*
  - **Chapter 9:** Plotting and Visualisation

- **Chapter 11:** Time Series
  - Mukhiya S.K. and Ahmed, U. (2020). *Hands-On Exploratory Data Analysis with Python*
    - **Chapter 2:** Visual Aids for EDA
    - **Chapter 8:** Time Series Analysis
  - VanderPlas, J. (2017). *Python Data Science Handbook*
    - **Part 4:** Visualisation with Matplotlib
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## In This Week's Practical

### 3 Datasets:

- `faithful.csv` : geyser eruption timings
    - Explore histograms and joint plots.
  - `marine-historical-2021-en.csv` : Hong Kong Marine Water Quality indicators from several stations in 2021
    - **Slightly complex** data cleaning
    - Explore many visualisation types alongside new `pandas` manipulations and figure customisation tools.
  - `longley.csv` : U.S. macroeconomic variables 1947-1962
    - Explore correlation matrices and their visualisation with the `seaborn` heatmap.
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## Next Week

Machine Learning with `sklearn`