Project 4: Visualization with Matplotlib

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# Deliverable Table

The purpose of this table is to provide a complete view of the concepts covered in chapter 4 of *"Python Data Science Handbook"* (VanderPlas, 2016) and provide a general page location for where the topic was demonstrated.

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Additionally, here is a link to my GitHub were the datasets and the Jupyter Notebook for the project can be downloaded: https://github.com/jwmathis/SSE591\_Project3.git. In order to run the file, Python and Pandas package must be installed.

# 1. Introduction

Matplotlib provides a comprhensive and flexible interface for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations in Python. While libraries like Pandas and NumPy are essential for data manipulation and numerical computations, Matplotlib excels at presenting this data in a visual format that can uncover insights and trends. Because of its wide range of plotting functions and customization options, it makes it an invaluable tool for data scientists who aim to present their data clearly and effectively. Additionally, its integration with Pandas and NumPy allows for seamless data visualization directly from the libraries respective data structures.

This report aims to demonstrate my proficiency in Python data visualization techniques as covered in Chapter 4 of the “Python Data Science Handbook” by Jake VanderPlas (2016). This report attempts to illustrate the core concepts and functionalities of the Pandas library by implementing the concepts into practical examples. The code presented in this report was developed using Visual Studio Code with Jupyter Notebook extensions. I will provide detailed explanations, highlighting key features and operations that make Matplotlib an essential tool for data analysis.

# 2. Adapting SIR Model for Visualization

Using my previous SIR model from Project 2 that covered using the NumPy library, I decided to revisit the project code to construct graphs for various scenarios using Matplotlib.

# 3. Adapting Movie Analysis Model for Visualization

# 4. Conclusion

This report documents my journey in learning Pandas, a powerful data manipulation library in Python. Key concepts I explored include data structures essential for handling and analyzing structured data. I learned to perform various data operations, including data indexing, merging datasets, grouping data and more.

By using real data, I was able to explore how to go about cleaning the data up properly before beginning to analyze it. Many errors I encountered were related to missing values and data types, which are significantly different from syntax errors I encountered in previous projects. However, through practice and persistence, I was able to clean the data up and obtain datasets that could be analyzed properly using Pandas.

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