



Data Visualization with Python

Cheat Sheet : Plotting with Matplotlib using Pandas

Plot Type	Description	Pandas Function	Example	Visual
Line Plot	Shows trends and changes over time	<pre>DataFrame.plot.line() DataFrame.plot(kind = "line")</pre>	<pre>df.plot(x="year", y="sales", kind="line")</pre>	
Area Plot	Displays data series as filled areas, showing the relationship between them	<pre>DataFrame.plot.area() DataFrame.plot(kind = "area")</pre>	<pre>df.plot(kind="area")</pre>	
Histogram	Displays bars representing the data count in each interval	<pre>Series.plot.hist() Series.plot(kind = "hist", bins = n)</pre>	<pre>s.plot(kind="hist", bins=50) df['age'].plot(kind="hist", bins=30)</pre>	
Bar Chart	Displays data using rectangular bars	<pre>DataFrame.plot.bar() DataFrame.plot(kind = "bar")</pre>	<pre>df.plot(kind="bar")</pre>	
Pie Chart	Displays data as a circular plot divided into slices, representing proportions or percentages of a whole	<pre>Series.plot.pie() Series.plot(kind = "pie") DataFrame.plot.pie(y, labels) DataFrame.plot(kind = "pie")</pre>	<pre>s.plot(kind="pie", autopct='%0.1f%%') df.plot(x="Category", y="Percentage", kind="pie")</pre>	
Box Plot	Displays the distribution of a dataset along with key statistical measures	<pre>DataFrame.plot.box() DataFrame.plot(kind = "box")</pre>	<pre>df.box.plot(kind="box")</pre>	
Scatter Plot	Uses Cartesian coordinates to display values for two variables	<pre>DataFrame.plot.scatter() DataFrame.plot(x, y, kind = "scatter")</pre>	<pre>df.plot(x="height", y="weight", kind="scatter")</pre>	

Cheat Sheet : Plotting directly with Matplotlib

Plot Type	Description	Matplotlib Function	Example	Visual
Line Plot	Shows trends and changes over time	<pre>plt.plot()</pre>	<pre>plt.plot(x, y, color='red', linewidth=2)</pre>	
Area Plot	Display data series as filled areas	<pre>plt.fill_between()</pre>	<pre>plt.fill_between(x, y1, y2, color='blue', alpha=0.5)</pre>	
Histogram	Displays bars representing the data count in each interval	<pre>plt.hist()</pre>	<pre>plt.hist(data, bins=30, color='orange', edgecolor='black')</pre>	
Bar Chart	Displays data using rectangular bars	<pre>plt.bar()</pre>	<pre>plt.bar(x, height, color='green', width=0.5)</pre>	
Pie Chart	Displays data as a circular plot divided into slices, representing proportions or percentages of a whole	<pre>plt.pie()</pre>	<pre>plt.pie(sizes, labels=labels, colors=colors, explode=explode)</pre>	
Box Plot	Displays the distribution of a dataset along with key statistical measures	<pre>plt.boxplot()</pre>	<pre>plt.boxplot(data, notch=True)</pre>	
Scatter Plot	Uses Cartesian coordinates to display values for two variables	<pre>plt.scatter()</pre>	<pre>plt.scatter(x, y, color='purple', marker='o', s=50)</pre>	
Subplotting	Creating multiple plots on one figure	<pre>plt.subplots()</pre>	<pre>fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=3, ncols=2)</pre>	
Customization	Customizing plot: adding labels, title, legend, grid	Various customization	<pre>plt.title('Title') plt.xlabel('X Label') plt.ylabel('Y Label') plt.legend() plt.grid(True)</pre>	

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Changelog

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