

COM6018 Data Science with Python

Week 5: Using Matplotlib

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In this lab

- Reading datasets from CSV files
- Making complex figures with subplots
- Exploring distributions with scatter plots
- Generating pie charts and stackplots
- Plotting geographic data
- Plotting a contour map of a mathematical function

The Task

- You are provided with some complex datasets.
- For each dataset you are shown a plot or plots that you need to reproduce.
- You need to write Matplotlib code to produce something as similar as possible.

The Data

We will be using data from three separate datasets

- `data/renewable_energy.csv` - Renewable energy production in the UK

<https://ourworldindata.org/renewable-energy>

- `data/iris.csv` - Measurements of iris flowers

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/iris>

- `data/wind_farms_uk.csv` - Locations of wind farms in the UK

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_offshore_wind_farms_in_the_United_Kingdom

Plot 1

Global renewable energy production over time.

Plot 1b

Renewable energy production broken down by region.

Plot 2

The share of renewable energy sources changing over time.

Plot 3

Using the Iris data. Distribution of petal and sepal, lengths and widths.

Plot 4

Using the wind farm data. Location and size of wind farms in the UK.

Plot 5

Visualising the function $f(x, y) = \sin(4x) + \cos(xy)$.

Obtaining the Jupyter Notebook

If you have cloned and pulled the module's GitHub repository then you should see,

```
materials/labs/  
├── 050_using_matplotlib.ipynb  
├── ... etc  
├── data  
│   ├── renewable_energy.csv  
│   ├── iris.csv  
│   ├── wind_farms_uk.csv  
│   └── ... etc
```

The lab is `050_using_matplotlib.ipynb`, and it will need the data files `data/renewable_energy.csv`, `data/iris.csv` and `data/wind_farms_uk.csv`,

Or you can download the notebook and data via links on Blackboard.

Getting Help

- If you are stuck just raise a hand to ask for help.
- Feel free to discuss the lab with your neighbours.
- Re-read the Matplotlib tutorial notes
 - In the Git repo at `tutorials/050_Introducing_Matplotlib.ipynb`
 - or online at <https://uos-com-6018.github.io/COM6018>
- Use the Matplotlib <https://matplotlib.org/> documentation for reference.