Intro to Data Science: The Art of Visualizations

Information and practical exercises to add to your current toolkit or take the first step in launching a new career.



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Workshop Rundown

We're going to talk about:

- Need for Data Scientists
- Visualization Principles
- ☐ Relevant Packages in Python
- ☐ Interactive Coding

Big Data By The Numbers

90%	90% of the data in the world today has been created in the last two years alone. [IBM, May 2013]
40K	Google, on average, processes more than 40,000 searches PER SECOND [Forbes, May 2018]
60s	Every minute, we watch 4.1M YouTube videos, send 16M text messages, swipe Tinder 990,000 times, and send \$51,892 in transactions on Venmo.

How Is Data Science Useful?

Data Science allows organizations to develop meaningful insights from large amounts of data to help stakeholders make better decisions.

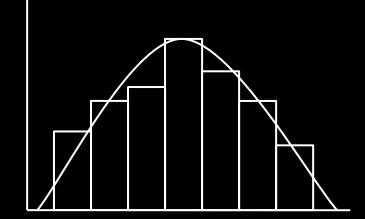
Some specific steps in that process:

- ☐ Data Wrangling
- Analytics
- Predictions

Why Are Visualizations Important?

They answer questions about our data:

- ☐ For ourselves: during data exploration
- ☐ For others: presenting our work and findings



Decisions In Design

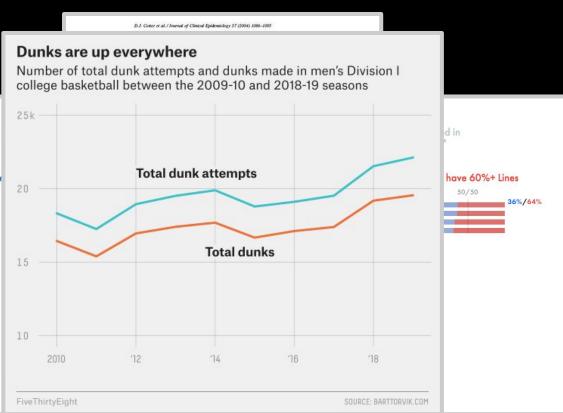


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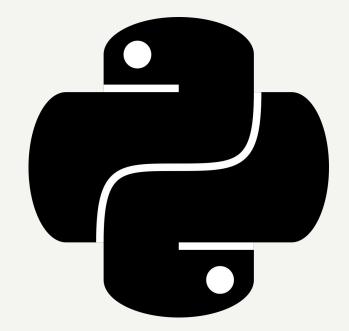
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Python Basics

Python for Data Science

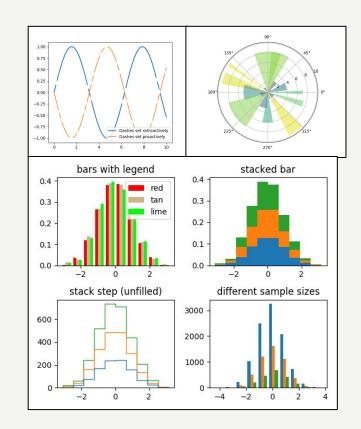
- Intuitive First Language
- ☐ Customizable Control
- ☐ Robust External Libraries



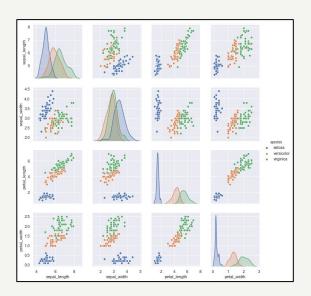
Packages: Matplotlib

Foundational 2D plotting library

- ☐ Makes easy things easy and hard things possible
- ☐ Plots, histograms, power spectra, bar charts, error charts, scatterplots, etc.



Packages: Seaborn



Attractive data visualization library based on Matplotlib

- ☐ High-level interface for drawing attractive and informative statistical graphics.
- ☐ Closely integrated with pandas data structures.
- ☐ Convenient views onto the overall structure of complex datasets

Starter Code Slide



Starter Code

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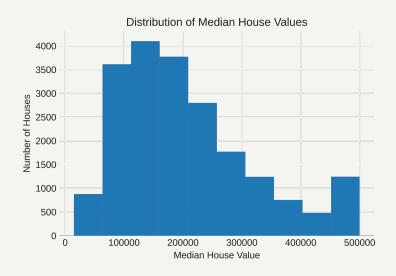
We'll be using a Google-hosted Python notebook called Colaboratory

- ☐ Click File
- ☐ Select Save a Copy in Drive
- ☐ This is your personal version of the notebook let's get started!

What Is The Distribution Of House Values?

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# First we create our plot
plt.hist(housing['median_house_value'])

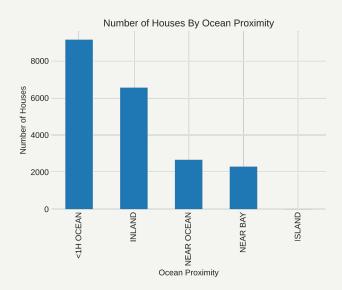
# We can add labels
plt.title('Distribution of Median House Values')
plt.xlabel('Median House Value')
plt.ylabel('Number of Houses')
```



How Close To The Ocean Are The Houses?

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# Bar chart for those values here:
housing['ocean_proximity'].value_counts().plot(kind = 'bar')

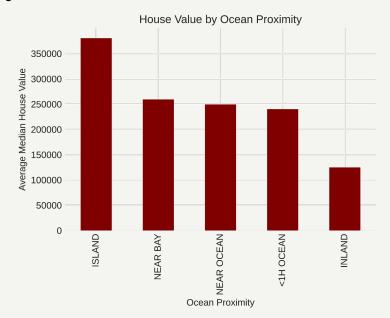
# Labels
plt.title('Number of Houses By Ocean Proximity')
plt.xlabel('Ocean Proximity')
plt.ylabel('Number of Houses');
```



How Does Ocean Proximity Relate To House Value?

```
# Plotting those values here with bar chart:
ocean_prox_house_val.plot(
    kind = 'bar', color = 'maroon')

# Labels
plt.title('House Value by Ocean Proximity')
plt.xlabel('Ocean Proximity')
plt.ylabel('Average Median House Value');
```

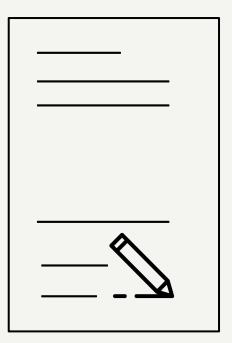


Challenge #1

Flex your visualization knowledge:

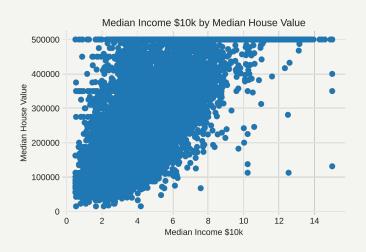
Industry Overview

- How is another continuous variable related to ocean_proximity?
- ☐ Pick a different column and generate another groupby bar chart with it.
- ☐ Don't forget to update any relevant labels!



Is There A Relationship Between Income And House Value?

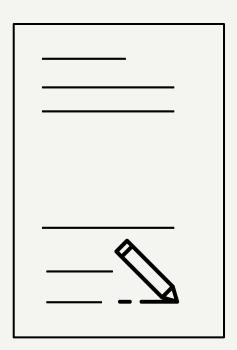
```
# Median Income vs House Value scatter plot
plt.scatter(housing['median_income'], housing['median_house_value'])
plt.title('Median Income $10k by Median House Value')
plt.xlabel('Median Income $10k')
plt.ylabel('Median House Value');
```



Challenge #2

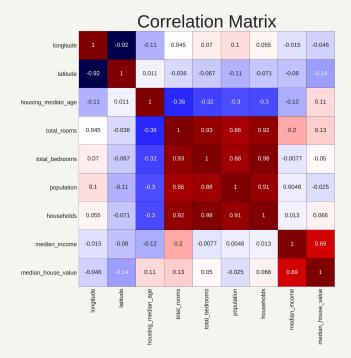
Test your knowledge again:

- ☐ What's another relationship between two continuous variables?
- ☐ Generate another scatter plot to illustrate it.
- Don't forget to update any relevant labels!



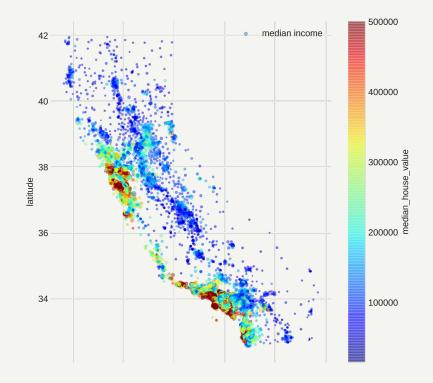
What are the Correlations Between All Continuous Variables?

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# Visualize our correlation matrix with a heatmap:
plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
sns.heatmap(housing.corr(),
    linewidths = 0.25,
    square = True,
    linecolor= 'black',
    annot = True);
plt.title('Correlation Matrix', fontsize = 30)
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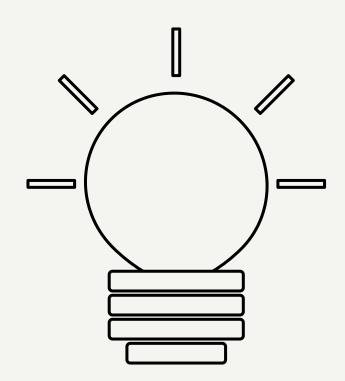
Final Visualization

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# Creating our final visualization
housing.plot(kind = 'scatter',
   x = 'longitude',
   y = 'latitude'
   figsize = (7,7),
   alpha = 0.4,
   s = housing['median_income'] * 1.5,
   label = 'Median Income',
   c = 'median_house_value',
   cmap = plt.get_cmap('jet'),
   colorbar = True);
plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
```



Today We Learned

- ☐ Data Science Demand
- ☐ Visualization Principles
- ☐ Histograms
- ☐ Bar Charts
- ☐ Heatmaps
- ☐ Scatter Plots





Common Questions

You might also be wondering

- ☐ What are the outcomes of your students for this field?
- ☐ How do I show my work to a potential employer?
- ☐ Is this course entirely online?
- ☐ What should I do from here?



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