

Data Visualization with Python

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```
1 import pandas as pd
```

Matplotlib

<https://matplotlib.org/>

Overview: A comprehensive library for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations in

- **Versatile Plotting:** Supports various plot types, including line, bar, scatter, histogram, and more
- **Customization:** Offers extensive options for customizing colors, labels, titles, and styles.
- **Integration:** Works seamlessly with NumPy and Pandas for data manipulation and analysis.
- **Interactivity:** Capable of generating interactive plots for use in Jupyter notebooks and web app

Load Matplotlib Library

we are going to call the Matplotlib package. Then we will load the data we want to plot and do a bit of cleanup

```
1  # import the library
2
3  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4
5  # load dataframe
6
7  scotus = pd.read_csv("scotus_approval.csv")
8
9  # set datetime
10
11  scotus["date"] = pd.to_datetime(scotus["date"])
12  scotus
13
14  # filter pollster to YouGov
15
16  scotus = scotus[scotus["pollster"] == "YouGov"]
17  scotus
```

Matplotlib: **plot** function

The `plot()` function in Matplotlib is a versatile method used to create a wide range of plots.

- **Data Input:** Accepts data in various formats, including DataFrames, lists, and NumPy arrays.
- **Automatic Axis Handling:** Automatically assigns the x-axis and y-axis based on the data structure.
- **Default Plot Type:** By default, it creates a line plot for numeric data. Different plot types can be specified using the `kind` parameter.
- **Customization Options:** Allows customization of various plot elements, including titles, labels, and styles.

```
1 scotus.plot()
```

Axis/Variable Handling

Custom Axis Assignment: You can explicitly define which columns to use for the x-axis and y-axis using the x and y parameters. This allows for greater flexibility in visualizing specific relationships within your data.

```
1 # set date and yes appoval
2
3 scotus.plot(x="date", y="yes")
4
5
6 # Show the plot
7 plt.show()
```

Style the Graph

The `plot()` function provides several parameters that allow for customization of various plot elements, including color, line width, and more.

```
1 # Style the graph
2 scotus.plot(x="date", y="yes",
3             color="red",      # color
4             linewidth=0.75,   # line size
5             linestyle='--',  # Dotted line style
6             marker='o',       # Circle markers for each data point
7             markersize=5      # Size of the markers
8             )
```


Add Labels

the plt object is part of the Matplotlib library's pyplot module, which provides a collection of functions for creating static, interactive, and animated visualizations in Python.

```
1  scotus.plot(x="date", y="yes",
2              color="red",      # Color
3              linewidth=0.75,   # Line size
4              linestyle='--',   # Dotted line style
5              marker='o',       # Circle markers for each data point
6              markersize=5      # Size of the markers
7              )
8
9  # Adding labels and title
10 plt.title("YouGov Approval Ratings Over Time")
11 plt.xlabel("Date")
12 plt.ylabel("Approval Ratings (%)")
13
14 ## remove labels
15
16 plt.xlabel("")
```

Adjusting Plot Elements with plt

you can fine-tune the plot's appearance using various plt entries. These adjustments help improve readability and ensure the visual presentation aligns with the intended message.

Adjusting Plot Elements with plt

```
1 # Plot the 'yes' approval ratings
2 scotus.plot(x="date", y="yes",
3             color="red",          # Color of the line
4             linewidth=0.75,      # Width of the line
5             linestyle='--',     # Dotted line style
6             marker='o',          # Circle markers for each data point
7             markersize=5         # Size of the markers
8             )
9
10 # Adding title and axis labels with custom font sizes
11 plt.title("YouGov Approval Ratings Over Time", fontsize=26, color = "coral")
12 plt.xlabel("")
13 plt.ylabel("Approval Ratings (%)", fontweight = "bold")
14
15 # Remove legend
16 plt.legend().set_visible(False)
17
18 # Adding grid for better readability
19 plt.grid(True)
```

Adjusting Scales

In Matplotlib, you can adjust the scales of the axes to improve the clarity of your data visualization. Below is an example of how to set a continuous scale on the y-axis:

Adjusting Scales

```
1 import matplotlib.dates as mdates
2
3 scotus.plot(x="date", y="yes",
4             color="red",          # Color of the line
5             linewidth=0.75,       # Width of the line
6             linestyle='--',      # Dotted line style
7             marker='o',          # Circle markers for each data point
8             markersize=5         # Size of the markers
9             )
10
11 # Adding title and axis labels with custom font sizes
12 plt.title("Scotus Approval Ratings Over Time".upper(), fontsize=20, color="
13 plt.xlabel("") # No label for the x-axis
14 plt.ylabel("Approval Ratings (%)", fontweight="bold") # Bold y-axis label
15
16
17 # Remove legend
18 plt.legend().set_visible(False)
19
```

Add additional variables

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 import matplotlib.dates as mdates
3 import pandas as pd
4
5 # Assume scotus DataFrame is already loaded and 'date' is in datetime format
6
7 # Plotting approval ratings
8 plt.plot(scotus["date"], scotus["yes"],
9          color="coral",
10          linewidth=1.5,
11          linestyle="--",
12          marker="o",
13          markersize=6,
14          alpha=0.7,
15          label="Approval") # Label for legend
16
17 # Plotting disapproval ratings
18 plt.plot(scotus["date"], scotus["no"],
19          color="slateblue",
```

Seaborn

<https://seaborn.pydata.org/>

Overview: A Python data visualization library based on Matplotlib, designed for statistical graphics and enhanced aesthetics.

Key Features: - **Built-in Themes:** Offers aesthetic themes to enhance the visual appeal of plots. - **Statistical Functions:** Provides a wide range of statistical functions for data analysis.

Load Seaborn

```
1 import seaborn as sns
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import pandas as pd
4
5
6 reviews = pd.read_csv("customer_reviews.csv")
7 reviews.dtypes
```


Create a Bar Plot

```
1 sns.countplot(data = reviews, x = "Department_Name")
2
3 # Add title and labels
4 plt.title('Count of Reviews by Department')
5 plt.xlabel('Department Name')
6 plt.ylabel('')
7
8 # Show plot
9 plt.show()
```

Set a Style

Seaborn offers several built-in themes to enhance the aesthetics of your visualizations.

Style Options

- `"darkgrid"`: Light background with gridlines, great for visibility.
- `"whitegrid"`: Similar to darkgrid but with a white background.
- `"dark"`: Dark background without gridlines.
- `"white"`: Clean white background, minimal distractions.
- `"ticks"`: Adds ticks to the axes for a more refined look.

Set a Style

```
1 # Set Seaborn style
2 sns.set_style("darkgrid")
3
4 sns.countplot(data = reviews, x = "Department_Name")
5
6 # Add title and labels
7 plt.title('Count of Reviews by Department')
8 plt.xlabel('Department Name')
9 plt.ylabel('')
10
11 # Show plot
12 plt.show()
```

Set a Palette

A well-chosen color palette can enhance the readability and aesthetic appeal of your visualizations. Seaborn supports various palettes, including those from [Color Brewer](#), which are specifically designed for effective data visualization.

Set a Palette

```
1  # Set Seaborn style
2  sns.set_style("darkgrid")
3
4  # Define Color Brewer palette
5  brewer_palette = sns.color_palette("YlOrRd")
6
7  # Create countplot with Color Brewer palette
8  sns.countplot(data=reviews, x="Department_Name", palette=brewer_palette)
9
10 # Add title and labels
11 plt.title('Count of Reviews by Department')
12 plt.xlabel('Department Name')
13 plt.ylabel('Number of Reviews') # Added ylabel for clarity
14
15 # Show plot
16 plt.show()
```

Plotly

<https://plotly.com/python/>

Overview: Plotly is a powerful library for creating interactive visualizations in

Key Features:

- **Interactive Visualizations:** Easily create plots that allow for zooming, panning
- **Versatile Plotting:** Supports various chart types, including line, bar, scatter
- **Customization:** Offers extensive options for customizing colors, labels, titles
- **Integration:** Works seamlessly with Pandas and NumPy, allowing for smooth
- **Web Integration:** Built for the web, making it easy to embed visualizations

Create a Histogram

```
1 import plotly.graph_objects as go
2
3 # Assuming reviews is a DataFrame containing data
4 # Create a Plotly histogram figure
5 fig = go.Figure(data=[go.Histogram(x=reviews["Age"])] )
6
7 # Display the histogram
8 fig.show()
```

Add Bins

Adding bins to a histogram is crucial for visualizing the distribution of data. In Plotly, you can specify the number of bins to better understand the frequency of data points within specified ranges.

Add Bins

```
1 # Create a Plotly histogram figure with additional options
2 fig = go.Figure(data=[go.Histogram(x=reviews["Age"],
3                                     # Set number of bins
4                                     nbinsx=20,
5                                     )])
6
7 # Update layout for better appearance
8 fig.update_layout(title="Histogram of Age",
9                   xaxis_title="Age",
10                  yaxis_title="Frequency",
11
12                  )
13
14 # Display the histogram
15 fig.show()
```

Change theme

You can change the theme in Plotly by using the `plotly` package.

1. `plotly`

- The default Plotly theme with a classic look.

2. `ggplot2`

- Inspired by the `ggplot2` library, this theme provides a clean, modern look.

3. `seaborn`

- Inspired by the Seaborn library, this theme emphasizes a clean, professional look.

4. `simple_white`

- A minimalist theme with a white background,

5. **presentation**

- Designed for creating presentation-ready plots

6. **xgridoff**

- A theme with grid lines removed, providing a clean look

7. **ygridoff**

- Similar to xgridoff but removes vertical grid lines

8. **plotly_white**

- A theme with a white background and light gray grid lines

Change theme

```
1 import plotly.io as pio
2
3 # Set the default theme
4 pio.templates.default = "ggplot2" # Change to any available theme like 'pl
5
6
7 # Create a Plotly histogram figure with additional options
8 fig = go.Figure(data=[go.Histogram(
9     x=reviews["Age"],
10    # Set number of bins
11    nbinsx=20,
12    opacity=0.7,
13    # Set fill and line colors
14    marker=dict(
15        color='#ffbf00', # Fill color
16        line=dict(color='#f08080', width=3) # Line color and width
17    )
18 )])
19
```

Size of the Graph

```
1 # Set the default theme
2 pio.templates.default = "ggplot2" # Change to any available theme like 'pl
3
4 # Create a Plotly histogram figure with additional options
5 fig = go.Figure(data=[go.Histogram(
6     x=reviews["Age"],
7     # Set number of bins
8     nbinsx=20,
9     opacity=0.7,
10    # Set fill and line colors
11    marker=dict(
12        color='#ffbf00', # Fill color
13        line=dict(color='#f08080', width=3) # Line color and width
14    )
15 )])
16
17 # Update layout for better appearance, including figure size
18 fig.update_layout(
19     title="Histogram of Age"
```

