pydata_viz

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```
[1]: %load_ext autoreload %autoreload 2
```

1 Doing Data Viz in Python

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1.0.1 Goal of data analysis

Derive information and insights in order to improve our understanding and inform decision making

1.0.2 Relevance of data visualisation

- 1. Analysise and explore
- 2. Communicate findings

This talk is about showing you Python tools for how to achieve these goals, and some tips for how to use them.

1.1 Data Viz for exploratory data analysis

Dataset: Melbourne City Council Pedestrian Counting System dataset

Contains hourly counts of footfalls across sensors located around Melbourne CDB from 2009 to now.

1.1.1 Data prep

```
[4]: from pathlib import Path

DATA_PATH = Path("data/

Pedestrian_Counting_System___2009_to_Present__counts_per_hour_.csv")
```

```
[5]: import pandas as pd
```

```
data_df = pd.read_csv(DATA_PATH)
     data df.head()
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                                Queen St (West)
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[6]: def load and clean pedestrian data(path):
         df = pd.read_csv(path)
         df["datetime"] = pd.to_datetime(
             {
                 "day": df["Mdate"],
                 "year": df["Year"],
                 "hour": df["Time"],
                 "month": pd.to_datetime(df["Month"], format='%B').dt.month
             }
         )
         return df
     data_df = load_and_clean_pedestrian_data(DATA_PATH)
     data_df.head()
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1.1.2 Let's have a look at what's in the data

Q: How many years does the dataset cover?

```
[7]: YEARS = sorted(data_df["Year"].unique())
     YEARS
```

[7]: [2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020]

Q: How many sensors are in the datset?

```
[54]: SENSORS = data_df["Sensor_Name"].unique()
      SENSORS.shape
```

[54]: (69,)

Q: How many people are recorded each year?

```
[55]: | year_counts = data_df.groupby("Year")["Hourly_Counts"].sum()
      year_counts
```

```
[55]: Year
      2009
               62650110
      2010
               93459437
      2011
               90571965
      2012
              102215521
      2013
              117389820
      2014
              169500386
      2015
              209099687
      2016
              228757880
      2017
              216586414
      2018
              261909318
      2019
              266411675
      2020
               65584490
      Name: Hourly_Counts, dtype: int64
```

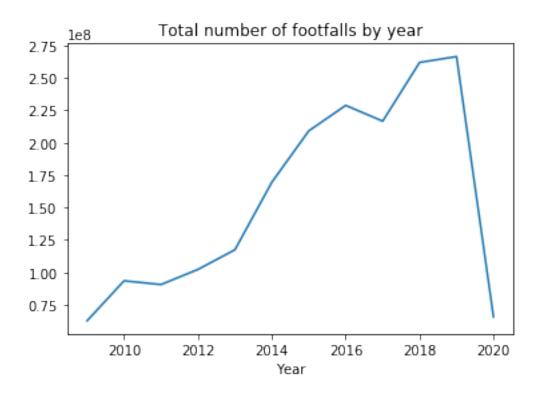
Just eyeballing the data isn't going to cut it. Let's visualise with Pandas' plotting API.

This uses the Matplotlib library, so first set it up and configure. The first line below tells Jupyter to automatically render Matplotlib plots in the cell's output.

```
[8]: %matplotlib inline
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
[9]:
    year_counts.plot(title="Total number of footfalls by year")
```

[9]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f6c52b64640>

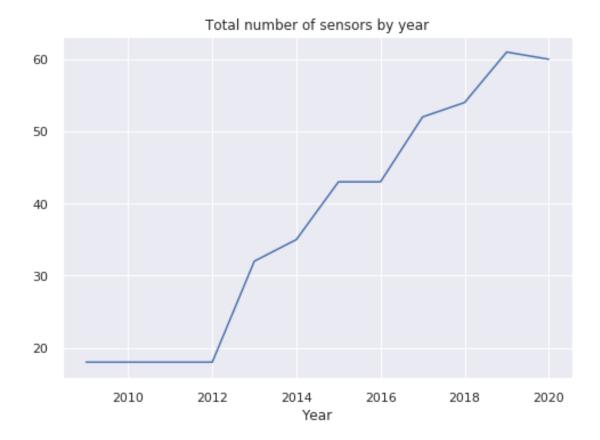


Tip: always title your plots.

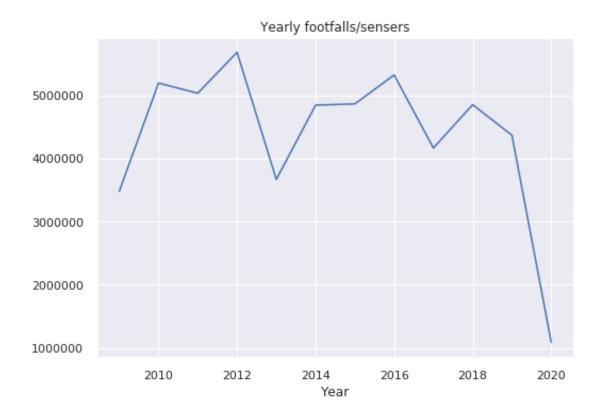
Problem is that the number of sensors increases.

```
[56]: num_sensors = data_df.groupby("Year")["Sensor_Name"].nunique()
num_sensors.plot(title="Total number of sensors by year");
```

[56]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f6c1a60da30>



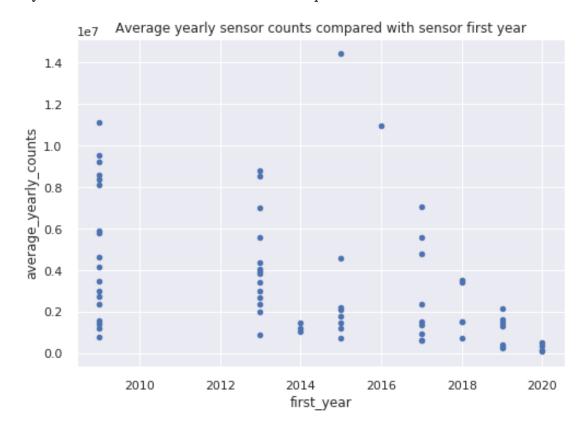
Let's normalise by number of sensors.



Not clear how helpful this is... maybe newer sensors are more likely to be in less travelled areas and our footfalls shouldn't be spread across them to the same weight as more trafficked sensors.

```
[59]: # can also use df.plot.scatter()
res_df.plot(kind="scatter", x="first_year", y="average_yearly_counts",
→title="Average yearly sensor counts compared with sensor first year");
```

'c' argument looks like a single numeric RGB or RGBA sequence, which should be avoided as value-mapping will have precedence in case its length matches with 'x' & 'y'. Please use a 2-D array with a single row if you really want to specify the same RGB or RGBA value for all points.



1.1.3 Pandas' plotting API

- Built on Matplotlib (has its own API, which Pandas hides)
- Really useful for quick exploratory visualisation for DataFrame and Series

Limitations

- 1. Doesn't look very pretty out of the box
- 2. Pandas plotting API is limited
- 3. Static image: can't zoom or toggle visibility of data

1.1.4 What are your options?

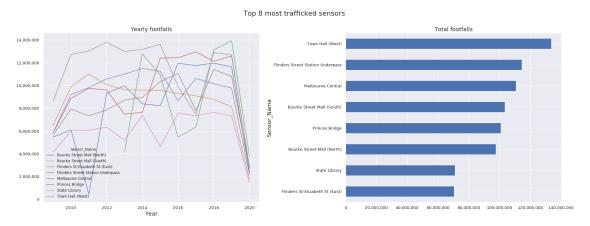
1. Improve Aesthetics using Matplotlib Themes

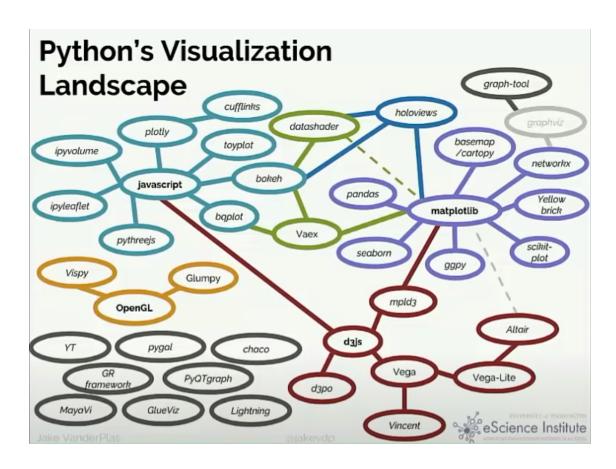
2. Work with Matplotlib's API

- Pandas's plot() produces Matplotlib objects Can break out into full Matplotlib API
- Matplotlib API is very powerful, but API can be hard to learn

```
[61]: from matplotlib import ticker
      # Tip: wrap up code to make a plot into a function. Useful for:
             - parameterising you plot
             - not polluting the global namespace/clobbering other identifiers
      def make_top_sensor_plot(df, num_sensors=8):
          # make and configure our split figure
          plt.rcParams.update(
              {"figure.titlesize": 22, "axes.titlesize": 18, "axes.labelsize": 18,
               "legend.fontsize": 12, "xtick.labelsize":13, "ytick.labelsize":13}
          fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2)
          plt.subplots_adjust(wspace=.4)
          fig.suptitle(f"Top {num_sensors} most trafficked sensors")
          ax1.set title("Yearly footfalls")
          ax2.set_title("Total footfalls")
          # make numeric axes comma separated integers
          ax1.yaxis.set_major_formatter(ticker.StrMethodFormatter('{x:,.0f}'))
          ax2.xaxis.set_major_formatter(ticker.StrMethodFormatter('{x:,.0f}'))
          # filter the data to the top 8 busiest sensors
          sensor_counts = df.groupby("Sensor_Name")["Hourly_Counts"].sum().nlargest(8)
          top_df = df[df["Sensor_Name"].isin(set(sensor_counts.index))]
          # plot their total counts by year in axis 1
          top_df.groupby("Sensor_Name").apply(
              lambda df:df.groupby("Year")["Hourly_Counts"].sum()
          ).unstack().transpose().plot(ax=ax1, figsize=(30, 10))
```

```
# plot their aggregate counts in axis 2
sensor_counts.sort_values(ascending=True).plot.barh(ax=ax2);
make_top_sensor_plot(data_df)
```





1.1.5 How to choose?

- What is the intended use case?
- data exploration
- data communication
- decision support
- Does your data have domain-specific needs?
- spatial data
- network data
- big data
- Does it need to be interactive?
- Does it need to be made available to end consumers?

1.2 Some Good General-purpose Libraries for Data Analysis

1.3 Seaborn

Seaborn is a library built on top of Matplotlib.

Provides: * API designed for statistical visualisation * Recipes for producing specialised plots * Improved visual appearance

Like Matplotlib, only produces static images

Links * Seaborn Overview * Gallery

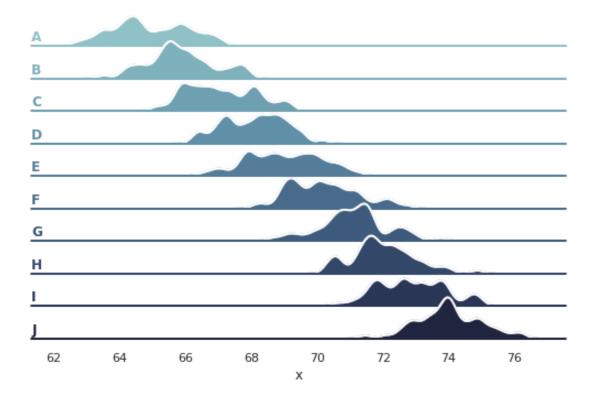
1.3.1 Seaborn Demos

```
[62]: # Ridgeplot
      # https://seaborn.pydata.org/examples/kde_ridgeplot.html
      import numpy as np
      import pandas as pd
      import seaborn as sns
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      sns.set(style="white", rc={"axes.facecolor": (0, 0, 0, 0)})
      # Create the data
      rs = np.random.RandomState(1979)
      x = rs.randn(500)
      g = np.tile(list("ABCDEFGHIJ"), 50)
      rand_df = pd.DataFrame(dict(x=x, g=g))
      m = rand_df.g.map(ord)
      rand_df["x"] += m
      # Initialize the FacetGrid object
      pal = sns.cubehelix palette(10, rot=-.25, light=.7)
      g = sns.FacetGrid(rand_df, row="g", hue="g", aspect=15, height=.5, palette=pal)
```

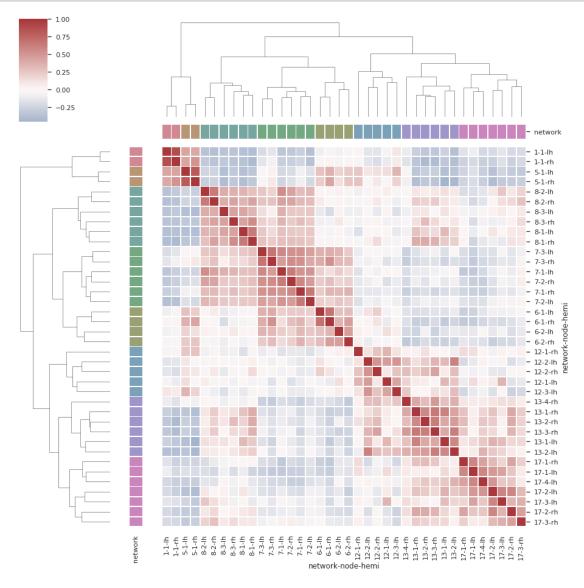
```
# Draw the densities in a few steps
g.map(sns.kdeplot, "x", clip_on=False, shade=True, alpha=1, lw=1.5, bw=.2)
g.map(sns.kdeplot, "x", clip_on=False, color="w", lw=2, bw=.2)
g.map(plt.axhline, y=0, lw=2, clip_on=False)
# Define and use a simple function to label the plot in axes coordinates
def label(x, color, label):
   ax = plt.gca()
   ax.text(0, .2, label, fontweight="bold", color=color,
            ha="left", va="center", transform=ax.transAxes)
g.map(label, "x")
# Set the subplots to overlap
g.fig.subplots_adjust(hspace=-.25)
# Remove axes details that don't play well with overlap
g.set_titles("")
g.set(yticks=[])
g.despine(bottom=True, left=True);
```

/home/ned/.pyenv/versions/3.8.3/envs/pydata-viz/lib/python3.8/site-packages/matplotlib/tight_layout.py:211: UserWarning:

Tight layout not applied. tight_layout cannot make axes height small enough to accommodate all axes decorations



```
[22]: # clustermap
      # https://seaborn.pydata.org/examples/structured_heatmap.html
      import pandas as pd
      import seaborn as sns
      sns.set()
      # Load the brain networks example dataset
      brain_df = sns.load_dataset("brain_networks", header=[0, 1, 2], index_col=0)
      # Select a subset of the networks
      used_networks = [1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17]
      used_columns = (brain_df.columns.get_level_values("network")
                                .astype(int)
                                .isin(used_networks))
      brain_df = brain_df.loc[:, used_columns]
      # Create a categorical palette to identify the networks
      network_pal = sns.husl_palette(8, s=.45)
      network_lut = dict(zip(map(str, used_networks), network_pal))
      # Convert the palette to vectors that will be drawn on the side of the matrix
```



1.4 Holoviews and Bokeh

Bokeh * A general-purpose interactive visualization library for modern web browsers * Can be embedded in jupyer Notebooks * Can be deployed as dashboards or interacrtive webapps * A number of other libraries are built on top of Bokeh

Holoviews * High-level declarative library for producing visualisations with a consise amount of code * Easier to use for data analysis than Bokeh * Can fall back to Bokeh API if needed * Can also target Plotly and Matplotlib backends * Good interactive support

Recomendation: Use Holoviews for analysis, falling back to Bokeh if needed

Links

[23]: # Density Grid

- Holoviews Gallery
- Bokeh Gallery
- Jupyer Notebook/Lab setup

1.4.1 Holoviews Demos

```
# https://holoviews.org/gallery/demos/bokeh/iris_density_grid.
       \rightarrow html\#demos-bokeh-qallery-iris-density-grid
      import holoviews as hv
      from holoviews import opts
      hv.extension('bokeh')
      from bokeh.sampledata.iris import flowers
      from holoviews.operation import gridmatrix
      iris_ds = hv.Dataset(flowers)
      density_grid = gridmatrix(iris_ds, diagonal_type=hv.Distribution, chart_type=hv.
       →Bivariate)
      point_grid = gridmatrix(iris_ds, chart_type=hv.Points)
      (density_grid * point_grid).opts(
          opts.Bivariate(bandwidth=0.5, cmap='Blues'),
          opts.Points(size=2, tools=['box select']))
[23]: :GridMatrix
                    [X,Y]
         :Overlay
            .Distribution.I :Distribution
                                             [sepal_width]
                                                             (Density)
            .Histogram.I
                                        [sepal_width]
                                                        (sepal_width_frequency)
                            :Histogram
[24]: # Chloropleth
      # https://holoviews.org/gallery/demos/bokeh/texas_choropleth_example.
      →html#demos-bokeh-gallery-texas-choropleth-example
      # uncomment on first run
      #import bokeh
      #bokeh.sampledata.download()
      import holoviews as hv
      from holoviews import opts
```

[24]: :Polygons [lons,lats] (detailed name,Unemployment)

```
[25]: # Topographic hillshading
      # https://holoviews.org/gallery/demos/bokeh/topographic_hillshading.
      →html#demos-bokeh-qallery-topographic-hillshading
      import holoviews as hv
      from holoviews import opts
      hv.extension('bokeh')
      import numpy as np
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      from matplotlib.cbook import get_sample_data
      from matplotlib.colors import LightSource
      dem = np.load(get_sample_data('jacksboro_fault_dem.npz'))
      z = dem['elevation']
      dx, dy = dem['dx'], dem['dy']
      dy = 111200 * dy
      dx = 111200 * dx * np.cos(np.radians(dem['ymin']))
      # Shade from the northwest, with the sun 45 degrees from horizontal
      ls = LightSource(azdeg=315, altdeg=45)
      cmap = plt.cm.gist_earth
      # Vary vertical exaggeration and blend mode and plot all combinations
      grid = hv.GridMatrix(kdims=['Vertical exaggeration', 'Blend mode', ])
      for ve in [0.1, 1, 10]:
          # Show the hillshade intensity image in the first row
```

```
[25]: :GridMatrix [Vertical exaggeration, Blend mode]
:RGB [x,y] (R,G,B,A)
```

1.5 Altair

- declarative statistical visualization library
- Aims to enable you to produce elegant visualisations with minimal amount of code
- Creates JSON specifications of Vega-Lite visualization grammar

Vega-Lite * a high-level grammar that enables rapid specification of interactive data visualizations * based on the Grammar of Graphics with extensions for interactivity * provides visual encoding rules and composition algebra for visual components * eg: plot = data(x,y) + point(opacity=0.5) + line fitted() + scale y log()

Links * Gallery * Vega-Lite * Vega-Lite: A Grammar of Interactive Graphics * Jupyter Notebook/Lab setup

1.5.1 Altair Demos

```
[26]: # Layered Histogram
# https://altair-viz.github.io/gallery/layered_histogram.html

import pandas as pd
import altair as alt
import numpy as np
np.random.seed(42)

# Generating Data
source = pd.DataFrame({
    'Trial A': np.random.normal(0, 0.8, 1000),
    'Trial B': np.random.normal(-2, 1, 1000),
    'Trial C': np.random.normal(3, 2, 1000)
})

alt.Chart(source).transform_fold(
    ['Trial A', 'Trial B', 'Trial C'],
```

```
as_=['Experiment', 'Measurement']
).mark_area(
    opacity=0.3,
    interpolate='step'
).encode(
    alt.X('Measurement:Q', bin=alt.Bin(maxbins=100)),
    alt.Y('count()', stack=None),
    alt.Color('Experiment:N')
)
```

[26]: alt.Chart(...)

```
[27]: # Chloropleth
      # https://altair-viz.qithub.io/qallery/choropleth.html
      import altair as alt
      from vega_datasets import data
      counties = alt.topo_feature(data.us_10m.url, 'counties')
      source = data.unemployment.url
      alt.Chart(counties).mark_geoshape().encode(
          color='rate:Q'
      ).transform_lookup(
          lookup='id',
          from_=alt.LookupData(source, 'id', ['rate'])
      ).project(
          type='albersUsa'
      ).properties(
          width=500,
          height=300
      )
```

[27]: alt.Chart(...)

```
y='Miles_per_Gallon:Q',
    color=alt.condition(brush, 'Origin:N', alt.value('lightgray'))
).add_selection(
    brush
)

bars = alt.Chart(source).mark_bar().encode(
    y='Origin:N',
    color='Origin:N',
    x='count(Origin):Q'
).transform_filter(
    brush
)

points & bars
```

[28]: alt.VConcatChart(...)

1.6 Plotly

- Library for making wide range of interactive, publication-quality graphs
- Good Jupyer notebook Support
- Python library is based on plotly.js JavaScript Library
- Declarative figure specification allows supporting multiple clients
- Python
- R
- JavaScript
- Good support for interactive visualisations
- FigureWidget and ipywidgets
- Dash

Recommendation: use Plotly Express for exploratory data analysis, falling back to full Plotly API when needed

Figurewidget

Links * Plotly Python Client Reference * Plotly Figure Specification Reference * Plotly Express Reference * Interactive Data Analysis with FigureWidget ipywidgets in Python * Jupyer Notebook/Lab setup * plotly.js

1.6.1 Plotly Express Demos

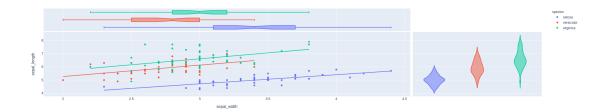
https://plotly.com/python/plotly-express/

```
[38]: import plotly.express as px
df = px.data.iris()
fig = px.scatter(df, x="sepal_width", y="sepal_length", color="species",

→marginal_y="violin",

marginal_x="box", trendline="ols")
```

fig.show()





```
[39]: import plotly.express as px
df = px.data.wind()
fig = px.bar_polar(df, r="frequency", theta="direction", color="strength",

→template="plotly_dark",

color_discrete_sequence= px.colors.sequential.Plasma_r)
fig.show()
```





1.6.2 Using Plotly's Figure API

All Plotly plots are described by the Figure API * Python dictionaries/JSON objects * Plotly Express functions all return figures * Can construct figures directly, or modify the figures returned

Recomendation: Use the plotly.graph_objects module to construct figures, for property validation and autocompletion

```
[66]: fig_dict = fig.to_dict()
#print(type(fig_dict))
```

<class 'plotly.graph_objs._figure.Figure'>

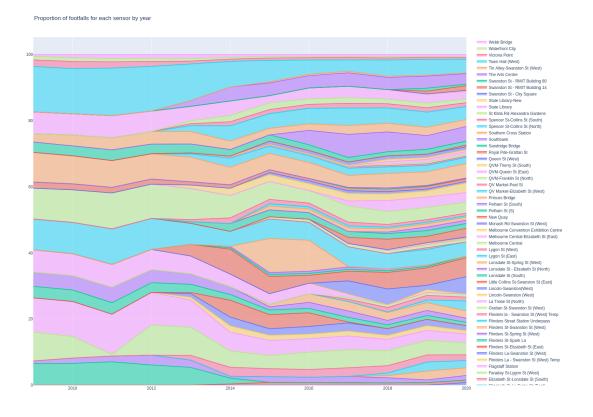
Plotly Figure API Demo Stacked Area chart of Sensor Counts by Year

```
[68]: import plotly.graph_objects as go

def make_stacked_sensor_plot(df, years=None, sensors=None, normalised=True):
    if years is not None:
        df = df[df["Year"].isin(years)]
    if sensors is not None:
```

```
df = df[df["Sensor_Name"].isin(sensors)]
    sensor_years_s = df.groupby(["Sensor_Name", "Year"])["Hourly_Counts"].sum()
    sensor_dfs = [(sensor, dfx.reset_index("Sensor_Name")) for sensor, dfx in__
 →sensor_years_s.groupby(level=0)]
    fig = go.Figure()
    for sensor, df in sensor_dfs:
        fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(
            x=df.index, y=df["Hourly_Counts"],
            #mode='lines',
            name=sensor,
            stackgroup='one',
            groupnorm='percent' if normalised else "",
        ))
    fig.update_layout(width=1500, height=1200, title="Proportion of footfallsu

→for each sensor by year")
    return fig
make_stacked_sensor_plot(data_df)
```



1.7 Making our Plots Interactive

TODO:

- make this interactive with ipywidgets (and Figure Widget)
- introduce voila
- then copy into separate notebook and deploy with ngrok
- will come back to this later for dashboards

1.8 Spatial Information Specific Libraries

Python Libraries that can helpvisualisang Spatial information

- GeoPandas
- GeoPlot
- Folium
- ipyleaflet
- GeoViews
- CartoPy
- QGIS

1.8.1 GeoPandas and Matplotlib

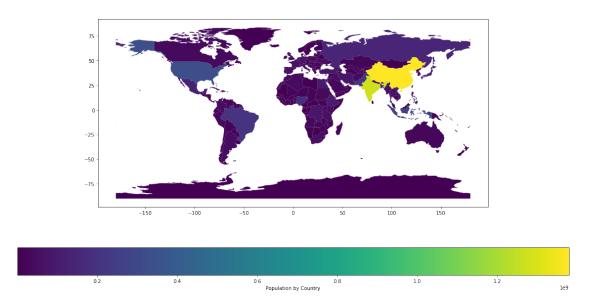
https://geopandas.org/mapping.html

```
[10]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import geopandas

world = geopandas.read_file(geopandas.datasets.get_path('naturalearth_lowres'))

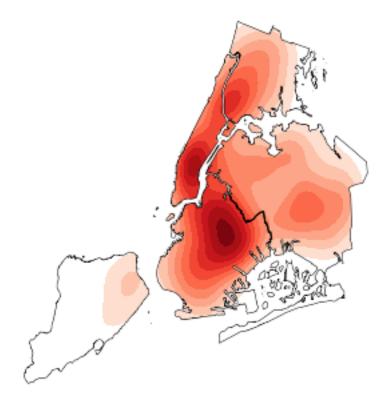
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(20,10))

world.plot(
    column='pop_est',
    ax=ax,
    legend=True,
    legend_kwds={
        'label': "Population by Country",
        'orientation': "horizontal"
    }
);
```



1.8.2 GeoPandas and GeoPlot

- GeoPlot Gallery
- CartoPy



1.8.3 Demo: Datashader

Datashader is a graphic pipeline system for creating meaningful representations of large datasets quickly and flexibly.

US Census Data Visualisation

1.8.4 An exercise for the Reader: Pedestrian Footfall Spatial Visualisation

Part 1: Create a spatial visualisation using the Pedestrian footfall dataset on

Part 2: Investigate the impact of COVID-19 on pedestrian traffic in Melbourne CBD

Note: For part 1 (and 2, depending on how you approach it), you will need to geocode the sensor names to lat/longs

```
'Monash Rd-Swanston St (West)', 'Tin Alley-Swanston St (West)',
'Southbank', 'Little Collins St-Swanston St (East)',
'Pelham St (S)', 'Melbourne Central-Elizabeth St (East)',
'QVM-Queen St (East)', 'QVM-Therry St (South)',
'Faraday St-Lygon St (West)', 'QVM-Franklin St (North)',
'Elizabeth St-Lonsdale St (South)', 'Lincoln-Swanston(West)',
'Elizabeth St-La Trobe St (East)',
'Lonsdale St - Elizabeth St (North)', 'Bourke St Bridge',
'Bourke St - Spencer St (North)', 'Swanston St - RMIT Building 80',
'Swanston St - RMIT Building 14', 'La Trobe St (North)',
'Town Hall (West)', 'Collins Place (South)',
'Collins Place (North)', 'Collins St (North)',
'Bourke Street Mall (South)', 'Bourke Street Mall (North)',
'Melbourne Central', 'State Library', 'Southern Cross Station',
'Victoria Point', 'New Quay', 'Waterfront City', 'Webb Bridge',
'Birrarung Marr', 'Princes Bridge',
'Flinders Street Station Underpass', 'Sandridge Bridge',
'QV Market-Elizabeth St (West)', 'Spencer St-Collins St (North)',
'Spencer St-Collins St (South)',
'Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre',
'Bourke St-Russell St (West)', 'Chinatown-Lt Bourke St (South)',
'Chinatown-Swanston St (North)', 'Flinders St-Elizabeth St (East)',
'QV Market-Peel St', 'The Arts Centre', 'Lygon St (West)',
'Lonsdale St (South)', 'Flinders La-Swanston St (West)',
'Flagstaff Station', 'Australia on Collins', 'City Square',
'Flinders St-Spring St (West)', 'Flinders St-Swanston St (West)',
'Pelham St (South)', 'Lincoln-Swanston (West)',
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'Royal Pde-Grattan St', 'Swanston St - City Square',
'State Library-New'], dtype=object)
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1.9 What Makes a Good Data Visualisation?

TODO

1.10 Making Interactive Dashboards

Contexts: * A dashboard for decision support (eg business intelligence) * Custom reports * Making an interactive notebook available for other people to explore * Custom tool for use in data project

Libraries: * Voila * Panel * Plotly Dash * Streamlit

Useful Talk Surveying these: Analytic Web Apps in Python * Video * Slides

1.10.1 Wrapping Up

- Python has a lot of visualisation tools to choose from
- Can be daunting to wade through them

- Think about the following questions:
- What kind of data will I be working with?
- What is the purpose of the visualisations?
- Who (if any) is the audience?
- How will they consume the visualisations?

Once you answer these questions, you will have narrowed it down to a much smaller number. Try all the candidates to see what works for you.

No one tool is going to meet all your visualisation needs, so you will need to mix it up across projects, and frequently within the one project.

Happy plotting!