CIS545 Recitation 3: Integration and Visualization

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Data Visualization

https://informationisbeautiful.net/

General Steps for Data Viz

1. Look at your data

- a. What variables do we have?
- b. How many entries?

2. Identify the message and its components

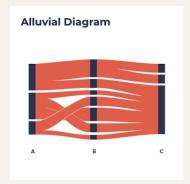
- a. What question am I trying to answer?
- b. Who am I trying to answer it for?
- c. What variables do I need?

3. Select your chart

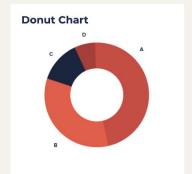
- a. Identify the type of relationship (comparison, distribution, etc.)
- b. https://datavizproject.com/

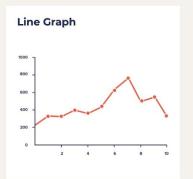
4. Refine

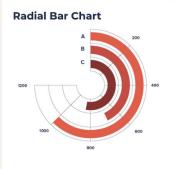
- a. Add labels, titles, legends, etc.
- b. Pick meaningful colors

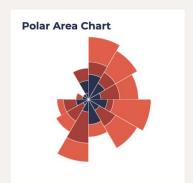


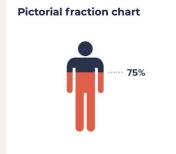




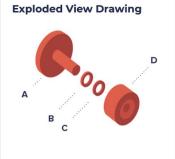












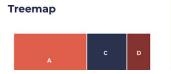












Python Tools for Data Visualization

An Overview of:

- pandas
- seaborn
- ggplot
- plot.ly

Non-Python Tools:

- <u>Tableau</u>
- <u>D3.js</u>

How to Use Data Visualization Tools

- Don't: learn each tool from scratch!
 - Instead, always go from purpose/idea → tool
- Do: <u>find a template for your visualization and</u> <u>substitute in your variables</u>
 - think of data visualization packages not as scripting languages, but as formatting tools
 - each tool has its own way of breaking down the components of the graph, so it's a lot easier to base it off a template than starting from scratch
 - WARNING: the code blocks for visualization will initially look VERY involved but don't be discouraged and slowly break it down into its functional components

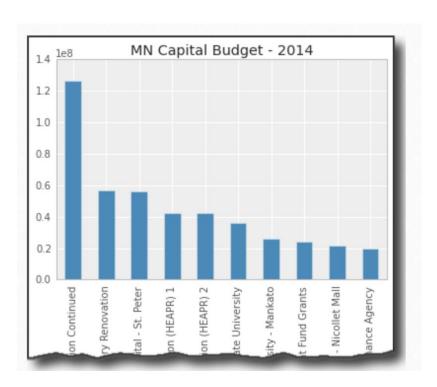
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pandas and seaborn

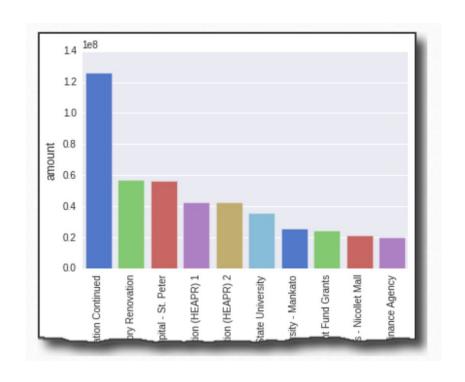
- Pandas: built-in visualization component for in the library
 - User Guide

- Seaborn: aims to make default data visualizations more visually appealing with more formatting options
 - User Guide

pandas



seaborn



ggplot

- Originally created for R
- Aims to break up graphs into semantic components such as scales and layers
- User Guide

```
p = ggplot(budget, aes(x="detail",y="amount")) + \
    geom_bar(stat="bar", labels=budget["detail"].tolist()) +\
    ggtitle("MN Capital Budget - 2014") + \
    xlab("Spending Detail") + \
    ylab("Amount") + scale_y_continuous(labels='millions') + \
    theme(axis_text_x=element_text(angle=90))
print p
```

plot.ly

- Built on top of D3.js, a JavaScript library for producing interactive data visualizations in web browsers
- Available for both Python and R
- Components of graphs are treated like the concept of an "object" common in languages in like Java
- <u>3D Scatter Plots Example</u>

```
layout = Layout(
    title='2014 MN Capital Budget',
    font=Font(
        family='Raleway, sans-serif'
),
    showlegend=False,
    xaxis=XAxis(
        tickangle=-45
),
    bargap=0.05
)
```

Data Viz Demo

(Back to the Notebook!)

Thank You!