Workshop "Introduction to Python"

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1 Introduction, Warm Up, Set Up

- Python puzzles / recap
 - data types
 - control structures
 - classes and objects
 - modules
- Python runtime and development environments
 - Python interpreter
 - editors, IDEs
 - Jupyter notebooks, Anaconda
 - virtual environment, Docker

1.1 Python Puzzles / Recap

What will the Python3 interpreter return on the following statements...

1.1.1 Data Types

```
In [ ]: a = 3 # integer
       b = 2
       a * b
In [ ]: c = 2.0 # floating point number
       a * c
In [ ]: t = True # boolean value
       f = False
       t and f
In [ ]: t or f
In [ ]: s = 'foo' # string
       s + s
In [ ]: s[0]
In [ ]: l = [1, 2, 3] # list
        l[0]
In [ ]: l[3]
In [ ]: l[-1]
In [ ]: d = {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3, 'b': 1.5} # dictionary
       d['b']
```

Mutable and Immutable Data Types

- tuples are immutable, i.e. once created you cannot change the content
- lists, dictionaries, sets are mutableg
- numbers and strings are also immutable
- immutable data types avoid programming errors and also allow for certain optimizations

1.1.2 Control Structures

Loops

If-Else Conditions

Functions

Functions are... - code blocks only executed when called - reusable (can be called repeatedly from various places in the code) - the primary method to organize code and make it readable and understandable

1.1.3 Classes and Objects

The object-oriented programming paradigm combines data and code in "objects". Every "object" is an instance of a "class". The "class" defines - the data types and possible values an object of the class holds - "methods" - functions to read, write or interact with data values hold by the object

Object Methods

Variables of built-in data types are all objects of built-in classes and provide multiple methods...

```
In [ ]: s.capitalize() # call a method of a string object
```

Tip: many Python editors let you show a list of available methods for a given object variable.

In the Jupyter notebook editor: enter s. and press <tab> to get a list of methods of str objects.

```
In [ ]: #s.
In [ ]: type(s)
In [ ]: help(str)
In [ ]: help(str.endswith)
In [ ]: !pydoc str.endswith # `!` runs another command (not the Python interpreter)
```

What could be methods provided by the list built-in class? Think about it before calling help(list)!

Defining Classes

```
In [ ]: class Sentiment:
```

```
values = {'sad', 'neutral', 'happy'}
    def __init__(self, value='neutral'):
        if value not in Sentiment.values:
            raise ValueError("Only the following values are supported: %s"
                             % Sentiment.values)
        self.value = value
    def get(self):
        return self.happy_or_not
    def __repr__(self):
        return self.value
    @staticmethod
    def guess(text):
        if 'happy' in text or 'excited' in text:
            return Sentiment('happy')
        if 'sad' in text or 'angry' in text:
            return Sentiment('sad')
        return Sentiment('neutral')
im_feeling = Sentiment.guess("I'm really happy!")
print(im_feeling)
```

```
In [ ]: im_feeling = Sentiment('sick')
```

1.1.4 Modules

Modules make Python code reusable.

Create a Python Module

Copy the definition of the class "Sentiment" into a file sentiment.py in the folder scripts. Now you can load the class by...

The Python Standard Library

The Python Standard Library includes many modules to handle file formats, process texts, use the internet, etc., etc. Just import one of the modules or functions or classes defined there:

Third-Party Modules

To install a package from the Python Package Index, run pip install <package>...

```
In [ ]: !pip install matplotlib
```

... but before run pip list or pip show matplotlib (or just try import matplotlib) to figure out whether it is already installed.

1.2 Python Runtime and Development Environments

1.2.1 The Python Interpreter

- installed from python.org
- on Linux: already installed or installable as package of the Linux Distribution (Debina, Ubuntu, Red Hat, SuSE, etc.)
- otherwise: it's recommended to rely on a distribution which bundles the Python interpreter with common Python modules and tools esp. Anaconda, a distribution of Python and R for scientific computing

1.2.2 Jupyter Notebooks

The Jupyter notebook is an environment to interactively create a "notebook", a JSON-encoded document containing a list of input/output pairs (code, text using Markdown markup, images/plots). Notebooks are served by the notebook server and viewed/edited in the browser or can be converted into various document formats.

1.2.3 Editor and IDE

A good editor or an integrated development environment (IDE) will speed up coding by providing autocompletion, syntax highlighting and syntax checking. If your code gets bigger, an IDE supports the development by automated builds and deployments of the code, a runtime for tests and a visual debugger to locate errors ("bugs") in your code.

Unfortunately, there are many good IDEs available for Python, to list just a few:

- PyDev
- Visual Studio Code
- PyCharm (commercial)

1.2.4 Virtual Environment and Docker

Why you need encapsulated environments to run applications or projects? The documentation of the Python virtual environments explains...

Python applications will often use packages and modules that don't come as part of the standard library. Applications will sometimes need a specific version of a library, because the application may require that a particular bug has been fixed or the application may be written using an obsolete version of the library's interface.

This means it may not be possible for one Python installation to meet the requirements of every application. If application A needs version 1.0 of a particular module but application B needs version 2.0, then the requirements are in conflict and installing either version 1.0 or 2.0 will leave one application unable to run.

1. create a virtual environment in current director in the subfolder .venv/

```
virtualenv .venv
```

2. activate the environment

```
source .venv/bin/activate
```

3. install packages (placed below ./.venv/)

```
pip install ...
```

- 4. run Python...
- 5. deactivate the environment

deactivate

Docker allows to bundle a Python interpreter, specific modules and additional software, pack it as runtime image and run it in a "container".

2 Working with Structured Data

- read data from local files
- read CSV and JSON
- first steps data analysis with data frames and the pandas library
- basic plotting of data

2.1 Example: "Tree Cadastre of the City of Konstanz"

First, get the tree cadastre data from the open data portal of the city of Konstanz. Save it on the file path shown below. The CSV file is then loaded into a pandas "DataFrame":

Note: Pandas could read the CSV directly from the WWW if a URL is passed. With internet access and supposed the download URL is still valid, the data frame is also loaded by

```
df = pd.read_csv('https://opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/c160f0a79a584ddf80cc65477fe58f4e_0.csv')
```

But lets have a first and quick look into the data using pandas methods:

```
In [2]: df.head() # first lines of the table
```

Out[2]:	Χ	Υ	OBJECTID	baumId	baumi	Nr baum	art	hoeheM	\
0	9.159063	47.739307	1	2		1	52	12.0	
1	9.158918	47.739471	2	4		4	182	11.0	
2	9.159193	47.739428	3	5		3	52	11.0	
3	9.158987	47.739541	4	6		5	37	14.0	
4	9.159219	47.739676	5	9		8	284	22.0	
	kronendur	chmesserM	stammumfan	gCM			loc	cation	\
0		6	7	2.0 Bub	enbad	Dingels	dorf	(754)	
1		12	16	9.0 Bub	enbad	Dingels	dorf	(754)	
2		7	7	4.0 Bub	enbad	Dingels	dorf	(754)	
3		7	13	5.0 Bub	enbad	Dingels	dorf	(754)	
4		20	38	0.0 Bub	enbad	Dingels	dorf	(754)	
Name_d		_dt	Nam	e_lat	AGOL_Na	me			
0	Erle,	Schwarz-E	rle Al	nus glut	inosa	Aln	ıus		
1	Nuss	baum, Walnı	JSS	Juglans	гедіа	Jugla	ıns		
2	Erle,	Schwarz-E	rle Al	nus glut	inosa	Aln	ius		

```
Acer pseudoplatanus Acer Acer Pappel, Schwarz-Pappel Populus nigra Populus
```

In [3]: df.describe() # descriptive statistics (numerical columns)

Out[3]:		X	Υ	OBJECTID	baumId	baumNr	\
	count	15711.000000	15711.000000	15711.000000	15711.000000	15711.000000	
	mean	9.169897	47.681721	7856.000000	13361.111832	57.941315	
	std	0.022084	0.023527	4535.519375	9558.292963	109.965696	
	min	9.106630	47.653444	1.000000	2.000000	0.000000	
	25%	9.153555	47.666961	3928.500000	5844.500000	5.000000	
	50%	9.170588	47.674747	7856.000000	12181.000000	20.000000	
	75%	9.180610	47.683773	11783.500000	17923.500000	58.000000	
	max	9.217534	47.748520	15711.000000	39080.000000	805.000000	
		baumart	hoeheM	kronendurchme	sserM stammu	mfangCM	
	count	15711.000000	15706.000000	15711.0	00000 15704	.000000	
	mean	307.457959	10.688718	6.1	24944 113	.009488	
	std	206.677390	6.416883	3.8	83879 83	.834009	
	min	1.000000	1.000000	0.0	00000 0	.000000	
	25%	77.000000	5.000000	3.0	00000 50	.000000	
	50%	322.000000	9.000000	6.0	00000 93	.000000	
	75%	501.000000	15.000000	8.0	00000 157	.000000	
	max	637.000000	40.000000	30.0	00000 900	.000000	

In [4]: df.nunique() # number of unique values in each column

Out[4]:	X	15705
	Υ	15705
	OBJECTID	15711
	baumId	15711
	baumNr	801
	baumart	296
	hoeheM	36
	kronendurchmesserM	26
	stammumfangCM	464
	location	775
	Name_dt	294
	Name_lat	296
	AGOL_Name	35
	dtype: int64	

... and we identify the following columns (cf. the provided tree cadastre metadata):

- the pandas row index
- "X" and "Y": geographic coordinates (longitude and latitude)
- "OBJECTID", "baumid", "baumNr": three different tree IDs
- "baumart": a nummeric species ID
- "hoeheM": the tree height (m)
- "kronendurchmesserM": treetop diameter (m)
- "stammumfangCM": trunk perimeter (cm)
- "location": coarse location of the tree (street name)
- "Name_dt": German tree name

- "Name_lat": Latin tree name
- "AGOL_Name": vendor-specific name ("AGOL" = "ArcGIS Online")

We clean up the data a little bit: - translate the German column names - drop the columns not used later on - use the column "OBJECTID" as row index

```
In [5]: df.rename(columns={'hoeheM': 'height (m)',
                           'kronendurchmesserM': 'treetop diameter (m)',
                           'stammumfangCM': 'trunk perimeter (cm)'},
                  inplace=True)
        df.drop(columns=['baumId', 'baumNr', 'baumart', 'AGOL_Name'], inplace=True)
        df.set_index('OBJECTID', inplace=True)
        df.head()
Out[5]:
                                    Y height (m) treetop diameter (m) \
       OBJECTID
        1
                                            12.0
                 9.159063 47.739307
                                                                      6
                 9.158918 47.739471
                                             11.0
                                                                     12
                 9.159193 47.739428
                                                                     7
                                            11.0
                 9.158987 47.739541
                                            14.0
                                                                     7
                 9.159219 47.739676
                                            22.0
                                                                     20
                  trunk perimeter (cm)
                                                          location \
       OBJECTID
                                 72.0 Bubenbad Dingelsdorf (754)
        1
       2
                                 169.0 Bubenbad Dingelsdorf (754)
                                 74.0 Bubenbad Dingelsdorf (754)
        4
                                 135.0 Bubenbad Dingelsdorf (754)
                                 380.0 Bubenbad Dingelsdorf (754)
                                                     Name_lat
                                Name_dt
       OBJECTID
                      Erle, Schwarz-Erle
                                              Alnus glutinosa
                      Nussbaum, Walnuss
                                                Juglans regia
       3
                      Erle, Schwarz-Erle
                                              Alnus glutinosa
        4
                      Ahorn, Berg-Ahorn Acer pseudoplatanus
                 Pappel, Schwarz-Pappel
                                               Populus nigra
```

2.2 Count Items

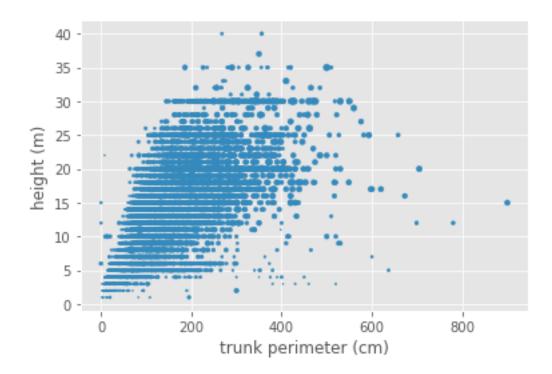
```
Malus domestica
                                                     539
        Salix alba
                                                     536
        Acer platanoides
                                                     523
        Acer pseudoplatanus
                                                     517
        Pyrus communis
                                                     513
        Carpinus betulus
                                                     503
        Acer campestre
                                                     428
        Juglans regia
                                                     397
        Aesculus hippocastanum
                                                     372
        Fagus sylvatica
                                                     293
        Fraxinus excelsior 'Westhof's Glorie'
                                                     261
        Tilia platyphyllos
                                                     252
        Prunus avium
                                                     250
        Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'
                                                     244
        Gleditsia triacanthos 'Inermis'
                                                     234
In [7]: # also show the top N German names
        df['Name_dt'].value_counts().head(20).to_frame()
Out[7]:
                                           Name_dt
        Platane
                                               952
        Birke, Sand-Birke
                                               809
        Eiche, Stiel-Eiche, Sommer-Eiche
                                               667
        Esche, Esche gemeine
                                               614
        Linde, Winter-Linde
                                               605
        Kultur-Apfel
                                               539
        Weide, Silber-Weide
                                               536
        Ahorn, Spitz-Ahorn
                                               523
        Ahorn, Berg-Ahorn
                                               517
        Birne, Holz-Birne
                                               513
        Weißbuche, Hainbuche
                                               503
        Ahorn, Feld-Ahorn
                                               428
        Nussbaum, Walnuss
                                               397
        Rosskastanie
                                               372
        Buche, Rotbuche
                                               293
        Straßen-Esche
                                               261
        Linde, Sommer-Linde
                                               252
        Kirsche, Vogel-Kirsche
                                               250
        Linde "Greespire"
                                               244
        Dornenlose Gleditschie
                                               234
```

Obviously, German names are less specific (there are more items of "Platane" than "Platanus x acerifolia"). To avoid inconsistencies we'll use the Latin names in the next steps. Because not everybody knows Latin well enough or studied botanology, let's prepare a translation table to see the Latin and German names site by site. We will later look how we could get the tree names in other languages as well.

Out[8]:			count
	Name_lat	Name_dt	
	Platanus x acerifolia	Platane	887
	Betula pendula	Birke, Sand-Birke	809
	Quercus robur	Eiche, Stiel-Eiche, Sommer-Eiche	667
	Fraxinus excelsior	Esche, Esche gemeine	614
	Tilia cordata	Linde, Winter-Linde	605
	Malus domestica	Kultur-Apfel	539
	Salix alba	Weide, Silber-Weide	536
	Acer platanoides	Ahorn, Spitz-Ahorn	523
	Acer pseudoplatanus	Ahorn, Berg-Ahorn	517
	Pyrus communis	Birne, Holz-Birne	513
	Carpinus betulus	Weißbuche, Hainbuche	503
	Acer campestre	Ahorn, Feld-Ahorn	428
	Juglans regia	Nussbaum, Walnuss	397
	Aesculus hippocastanum	Rosskastanie	372
	Fagus sylvatica	Buche, Rotbuche	293
	Fraxinus excelsior 'Westhof's Glorie'	Straßen-Esche	261
	Tilia platyphyllos	Linde, Sommer-Linde	252
	Prunus avium	Kirsche, Vogel-Kirsche	250
	Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'	Linde "Greespire"	244
	Gleditsia triacanthos 'Inermis'	Dornenlose Gleditschie	234

2.3 Plotting

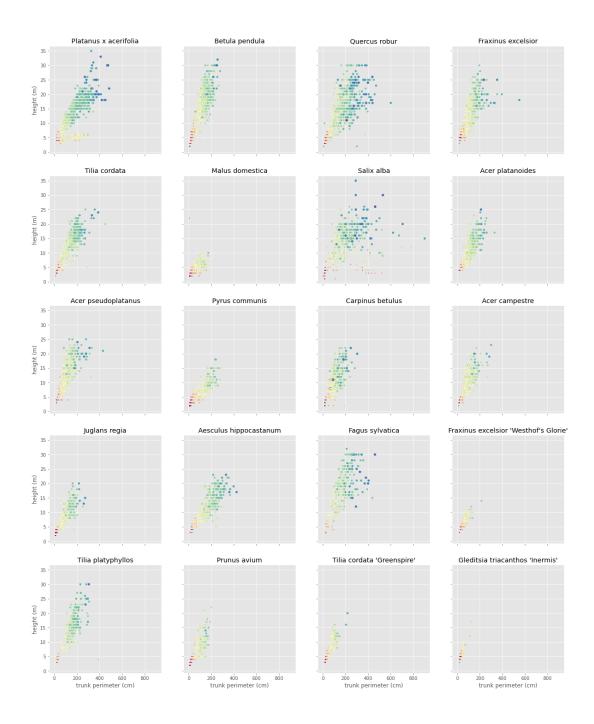
We start with a first trivial scatter plot of the 3 metric values using the plot method of the DataFrame. We choose the matplotlib's style "ggplot" which mimics a popular plotting package for R. There are many more styles available.



Insights from the first plot: - data gathering: heights above 25m are rather estimates - some noise, eg. hight trees with thin truncs - tree height and trunk circumference correlate

To take into account the tree types, we'll focus on the top-20 most frequent names only and plot them on a 4x5 matrix:

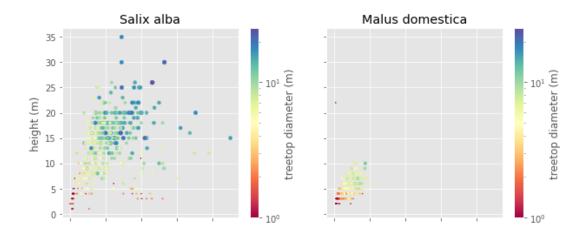
```
In [10]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=5, ncols=4, sharex=True, sharey=True,
                                  squeeze=False, figsize=[20,25])
         n = 0
         for tree in top_trees.index.to_list():
             plot = df[df['Name_lat']==tree].plot(
                 kind='scatter',
                 ax=axes[int(n/4),n%4],
                 title=tree,
                 x='trunk perimeter (cm)',
                 y='height (m)',
                 s='treetop diameter (m)', # show by point size
                 c='treetop diameter (m)', # also indicated by color
                 colormap='Spectral',
                 norm=matplotlib.colors.LogNorm(vmin=1, vmax=25),
                 colorbar=None)
         plt.savefig('figures/trees_size_by_species.svg')
```



Notes about choosing the colormap for the treetop diameter: - the point size is hard to catch, while color is easier to discriminate (if not colorblind) - a spectral color map represents a continuous scale and allows for maximum discrimination - the range 1m - 25m (few trees reach 30m) is mapped on a logarithmic scale to make the smaller diameters (60% are 6m or smaller) look more different for small trees

See below the plot of willows and apple trees side by side. Try to change the color normalization!

```
Out[11]: count
                  15711.000000
         mean
                      6.124944
         std
                      3.883879
         min
                      0.000000
         5%
                      1.000000
         10%
                      1.000000
         15%
                      2.000000
         20%
                      2.000000
         25%
                      3.000000
         30%
                      4.000000
                      4.000000
         35%
                      5.000000
         40%
                      5.000000
         45%
         50%
                      6.000000
         55%
                      6.000000
         60%
                      6.000000
                      7.000000
         65%
         70%
                      8.000000
         75%
                      8.000000
         80%
                      9.000000
         85%
                     10.000000
         90%
                     12.000000
         95%
                     13.000000
                     30.000000
         max
         Name: treetop diameter (m), dtype: float64
In [12]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=2, sharex=True, sharey=True,
                                   squeeze=False, figsize=[10,4])
         n = 0
         for tree in ['Salix alba', 'Malus domestica']:
             df[df['Name_lat']==tree].plot(
                 kind='scatter',
                 ax=axes[0,n],
                 title=tree,
                 x='trunk perimeter (cm)',
                 y='height (m)',
                 s='treetop diameter (m)',
                 c='treetop diameter (m)',
                 colormap='Spectral',
                 norm=matplotlib.colors.LogNorm(vmin=1, vmax=25),
                 #norm=matplotlib.colors.Normalize(vmin=1, vmax=25),
                 colorbar=True)
             n += 1
```



2.4 Processing JSON

JSON is a standardized and common data format to store and interchange data independent from any programming language. JSON data types are numbers, Unicode strings, boolean values, the null value (None), arrays (Python lists) and objects (Python dictionaries). The JSON data types and the JSON syntax are similar to Python. But there are subtle differences and we use the json module of the Python standard libary to read or write JSON data:

```
In [13]: import json
         data = [{"key1": "value1", "key2": 2, 'key3': [1, 2, 3]}, True, False, None, 17, 1.123]
         json_data = json.dumps(data)
         json_data
Out[13]: '[{"key1": "value1", "key2": 2, "key3": [1, 2, 3]}, true, false, null, 17, 1.123]'
In [14]: json.loads(json_data)
Out[14]: [{'key1': 'value1', 'key2': 2, 'key3': [1, 2, 3]},
          True,
          False,
          None,
          17,
          1.123]
In [15]: # load translations of tree names from a JSON file
         tree_translations = json.load(open('data/trees-wikispecies.json'))
In [16]: list(tree_translations.keys())[:10]
Out[16]: ['Platanus x acerifolia',
          'Platanus × hispanica',
          'Betula pendula',
          'Quercus robur',
          'Fraxinus excelsior',
```

```
'Tilia cordata',
'Malus domestica',
'Salix alba',
'Acer platanoides',
'Acer pseudoplatanus']
```

2.4.1 Remark: Get Translations from Wikispecies

The translations of the tree names were obtained from the Wikispecies project via the Mediawiki API. We will later learn how to use an API (Application Programming Interface) and how to send requests over the internet. But here very short

```
import json
import requests
query_params = {
    'action': 'query',
    'format': 'json',
    'prop': 'iwlinks|langlinks|description',
    'lllimit': 200,
    'llprop': 'url|langname'
}
trees_wikispecies = {}
for tree in top trees.index.to list():
    if tree in trees_wikispecies:
        continue
    query_params['titles'] = tree.replace(' ', '_')
    response = requests.get('https://species.wikimedia.org/w/api.php',
                            params=query_params)
    trees_wikispecies[tree] = json.loads(response.text)
with open('trees-wikispecies.json', 'w') as fp:
    json.dump(trees_wikispecies, fp)
```

The script trees_wikispecies.py was used to create the data file

Because the data was queried from Wikispecies, the values per tree represent response to a query and we need to navigate into the result object to get the translations.

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```
{'prefix': 'en', '*': 'Royal_Botanic_Gardens,_Kew'}],
'langlinks': [{'lang': 'ar',
 'url': 'https://ar.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D8%BA%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%AF%D9%8A%D8%B4%D9%8A%D8%A9 %D8%AB%D9%84%D8%A7
 'langname': 'Arabic',
 '*': 0000000' 000000 {'0000000,
{'lang': 'az',
 'url': 'https://az.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%9C%C3%A7tikan_%C5%9Feytana%C4%9Fac%C4%B1',
 'langname': 'Azerbaijani',
 '*': 'Üçtikan şeytanağacı'},
{'lang': 'ca',
 'url': 'https://ca.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ac%C3%A0cia_de_tres_punxes',
 'langname': 'Catalan',
 '*': 'Acàcia de tres punxes'},
{'lang': 'ceb',
 'url': 'https://ceb.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gleditsia_triacanthos',
 'langname': 'Cebuano',
 '*': 'Gleditsia triacanthos'},
{'lang': 'cs',
 'url': 'https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/D%C5%99ezovec_trojtrnn%C3%BD',
 'langname': 'Czech',
 '*': 'Dřezovec trojtrnný'},
{'lang': 'da',
 'url': 'https://da.wikipedia.org/wiki/Almindelig_tretorn',
 'langname': 'Danish',
 '*': 'Almindelig tretorn'},
{'lang': 'de',
 'url': 'https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amerikanische_Gleditschie',
 'langname': 'German',
 '*': 'Amerikanische Gleditschie'},
{'lang': 'en',
 'url': 'https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honey_locust',
 'langname': 'English',
 '*': 'Honey locust'},
{'lang': 'eo',
 'url': 'https://eo.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kristodorna_gledi%C4%89io',
 'langname': 'Esperanto',
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 '*': 'Akazia hiruarantza'},
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 '*': '0000000'},
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 '*': 'Gleditsia triacanthos'},
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 '*': 'Tridyglė gledičija'},
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```
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               '*': 'Glădiță'},
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               'url': 'https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%93%D0%BB%D0%B5%D0%B4%D0%B8%D1%87%D0%B8%D1%8F %D1%82%D1%80%D1%91
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               '*': 'Gleditsia triacanthos'},
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               '*': 'B□ k□t ba gai'},
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               'langname': 'Waray',
               '*': 'Gleditsia triacanthos'},
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               'url': 'https://zh.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E7%BE%8E%E5%9B%BD%E7%9A%82%E8%8D%9A',
               'langname': 'Chinese',
               '*': 'DDDD'}],
             'description': 'species of tree',
             'descriptionsource': 'central'}}}
In [18]: languages = ['fr', 'ru', 'ar']
```

'url': 'https://nv.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naazt%C3%A1n%C3%AD',

```
for lang in languages:
             df['Name_' + lang] = pd.Series([''] * df.shape[0], index=df.index)
         for tree in top_trees.index.to_list():
             if tree not in tree_translations:
                 continue
             for _id, result in tree_translations[tree]['query']['pages'].items():
                 for lang in languages:
                     for langlink in result['langlinks']:
                         if langlink['lang'] in languages:
                             # print(tree, langlink)
                             # add the translation to the table
                             df.loc[df['Name_lat']==tree, 'Name_' + langlink['lang']] = langlink['*']
In [19]: name_cols = ['Name_lat', 'Name_dt', *['Name_' + lang for lang in languages]]
         tree_name_translation = df.loc[df['Name_lat'].isin(top_trees.index), name_cols]
         tree_name_translation['count'] = 1
         tree_name_translation.groupby(name_cols).sum().sort_values('count', ascending=False)
Out[19]:
         Name lat
                                                Name dt
                                                                                  Name fr
                                                                                                             Name ru
         Platanus x acerifolia
                                                Platane
                                                                                  Platane commun
                                                                                                             Платан кленол
         Betula pendula
                                                Birke, Sand-Birke
                                                                                  Bouleau verruqueux
                                                                                                             Берёза повисл
         Quercus robur
                                                Eiche, Stiel-Eiche, Sommer-Eiche Chêne pédonculé
                                                                                                             Дуб черешчаты
         Fraxinus excelsior
                                                Esche, Esche gemeine
                                                                                 Frêne élevé
                                                                                                             Ясень обыкнов
         Tilia cordata
                                                Linde, Winter-Linde
                                                                                  Tilleul à petites feuilles Липа сердцеви
         Malus domestica
                                                Kultur-Apfel
                                                                                 Pommier domestique
                                                                                                             Яблоня домашн
         Salix alba
                                                Weide, Silber-Weide
                                                                                 Salix alba
                                                                                                             Ива белая
         Acer platanoides
                                                Ahorn, Spitz-Ahorn
                                                                                 Érable plane
                                                                                                             Клён остролис
         Acer pseudoplatanus
                                                Ahorn, Berg-Ahorn
                                                                                 Érable sycomore
                                                                                                             Клён белый
         Pyrus communis
                                                Birne, Holz-Birne
                                                                                 Poirier commun
                                                                                                             Груша обыкнов
         Carpinus betulus
                                                Weißbuche, Hainbuche
                                                                                 Charme commun
                                                                                                             Граб обыкнове
         Acer campestre
                                                Ahorn, Feld-Ahorn
                                                                                 Érable champêtre
                                                                                                             Клён полевой
         Juglans regia
                                                Nussbaum, Walnuss
                                                                                 Noyer commun
                                                                                                             Орех грецкий
         Aesculus hippocastanum
                                                Rosskastanie
                                                                                 Aesculus hippocastanum
                                                                                                             Конский кашта
         Fagus sylvatica
                                                Buche, Rotbuche
                                                                                 Hêtre commun
                                                                                                             Бук европейск
         Fraxinus excelsior 'Westhof's Glorie' Straßen-Esche
                                                                                 Frêne élevé
                                                                                                             Ясень обыкнов
         Tilia platyphyllos
                                                Linde, Sommer-Linde
                                                                                  Tilleul à grandes feuilles Липа крупноли
         Prunus avium
                                                Kirsche, Vogel-Kirsche
                                                                                 Prunus avium
                                                                                                             Черешня
         Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'
                                                Linde "Greespire"
                                                                                 Tilleul à petites feuilles Липа сердцеви
         Gleditsia triacanthos 'Inermis'
                                                Dornenlose Gleditschie
                                                                                 Févier d'Amérique
                                                                                                             Гледичия трёх
```

2.4.2 Remark: Advanced JSON processing with jq

add new columns to cadastre table

Processing deeply nested JSON is cumbersome because the Pythone code may also require nested loops or recursive function calls. The JSON processor jq allows for easy processing (filter and transform) of JSON data. There exist Python bindings but it is primarily a command-line tool:

1. download one tree record from Wikispecies using curl:

```
curl 'https://species.wikimedia.org/w/api.php?action=query&format=json&prop=iwlinks|langlinks|description&lllimit=>data/wikispecies-quercus-robur.json
```

```
2. inspect the JSON result (nicely formatted):
     jq . <data/wikispecies-quercus-robur.json</pre>
  3. step by step drill down to extract the data
     <data/quercus_robur-wikimedia-species.json \</pre>
       | head
     which will extract a map <language,name of tree>:
     af
            Steeleik
            000000 000
     аг
            000000 000
     arz
            Quercus robur
     ast
            Yay palıdı
     a7
            000 000000
     azb
     bat-smg Ōžouls
     be
            Дуб звычайны
            Обикновен дъб
     bg
            Hrast lužnjak
     bs
Using the jq Python bindings you could extract the data by ...
In [20]: import jq
```

Out[20]: 'Chêne pédonculé'

2.5 Mapping Geographic Data

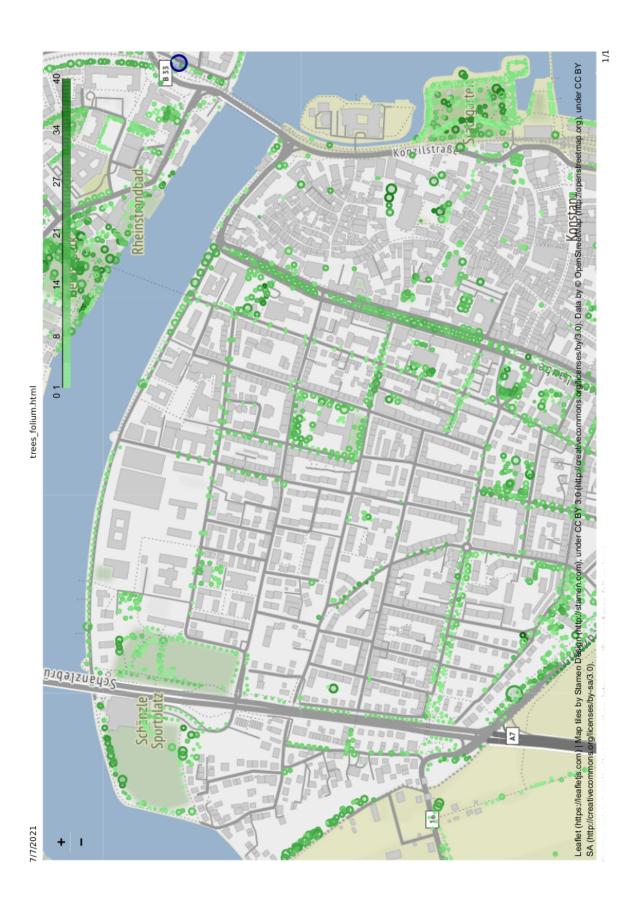
To show the trees on the map we use the package Folium. See also the quickstart and API docs.

```
def color_height(height):
             if 1.0 <= height <= 40.0:
                 return colormap(height)
             else:
                 return 'darkblue'
         def map_tree(row):
             marker = folium.CircleMarker(
                        location=(row['Y'], row['X']),
                        tooltip=folium.Tooltip(row['Name_lat']),
                        radius=row['treetop diameter (m)']/4,
                        fill=True,
                        color=color_height(row['height (m)']),
             marker.add_to(map)
         # for development: select a subset because plotting 16k trees takes long
         # df[df['location']=='Münsterplatz (27)']
         # df.head(500)
         df.apply(map_tree, axis=1)
         map.add_child(colormap, name='height (m)')
Out[21]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7fe9766db070>
```

vmin=1, vmax=40).to_step(n=12)

2.6 Links and References

- Pandas getting started
- matplotlib cheatsheet (beginners sheet)
- processing JSON data from the course "Data Analysis and Visualization with Python for Social Scientists" (https://datacarpentry.org/python-socialsci/)



3 The Twitter API

- what is an API?
- get access to the Twitter API
- use a client: DocNow/twarc
- tweets, user timelines, followers, trends
- text statistics, language, sentiment

3.1 What is an API?

The Application Programming Interface (API) allows computer programs to interact with software libraries (the pandas API) or services (eg. Twitter or Mediawiki) in a similar way a user interface allows humans to interact with computers.

3.2 Why social media and why Twitter?

Social media is an important data source for social science research:

social media platforms are, in one sense, vast collections of freely available unscripted opinions, experiences and insights on any number of topics" (Phillip D. Brooker Section ??)

The Twitter API is easy to set up and usage is less restrictive compared to the APIs of other social media platforms.

3.3 Get Access to the Twitter API

Before apply for access you definitely should read about the restrictions on using and sharing Twitter data. You may also start browsing the API documentation.

After having registered for an API account, you need to follow the documentation about getting started.

Note that

- the registration and setup process requires some time
- the examples given below can only replayed if you have registered for the Twitter API

3.4 Install and Setup Twarc

Twarc is

a command line tool and Python library for archiving Twitter JSON data. Each tweet is represented as a JSON object that is exactly what was returned from the Twitter API. Tweets are stored as line-oriented JSON, twarc will handle Twitter API's rate limits for you. In addition to letting you collect tweets twarc can also help you collect users, trends and hydrate tweet ids. (from the Twarc documentation)

Installation and setup is done in just two steps:

• install

pip install twarc

• configure twarc to use your Twitter API credentials

twarc configure

or for version 2 of the API

twarc2 configure

See the Twarc documentation for more details and also for first examples to work with Twarc.

We will use twarc2 to access version 2 of the Twitter API. We focus on the command-line tool only - there is no need to use the Twarc API unless there are very specific requirements or using Twarc is part of a more complex data acquisition process.

First, we call twarc2 --help to figure out which options and commands are provided:

```
In [1]: !twarc2 --help
Usage: twarc2 [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
 Collect data from the Twitter V2 API.
Options:
  --consumer-key TEXT
                              Twitter app consumer key (aka "App Key")
  --consumer-secret TEXT
                              Twitter app consumer secret (aka "App Secret")
  --access-token TEXT
                              Twitter app access token for user
                              authentication.
  --access-token-secret TEXT Twitter app access token secret for user
                              authentication.
  --bearer-token TEXT
                              Twitter app access bearer token.
  --app-auth / --user-auth
                              Use application authentication or user
                              authentication. Some rate limits are higher with
                              user authentication, but not all endpoints are
                              supported. [default: app-auth]
  -l, --log TEXT
  --verbose
  --metadata / --no-metadata Include/don't include metadata about when and
                              how data was collected. [default: metadata]
  --config FILE
                              Read configuration from FILE.
```

--help Show this message and exit.

Commands:

configure Set up your Twitter app keys.

conversation Retrieve a conversation thread using the tweet id. conversations Fetch the full conversation threads that the input...

counts Return counts of tweets matching a query.

flatten "Flatten" tweets, or move expansions inline with tweet...

followers Get the followers for a given user.

following Get the users who are following a given user.

hydrate Hydrate tweet ids.

mentions Retrieve max of 800 of the most recent tweets mentioning...

sample Fetch tweets from the sample stream.

search Search for tweets.

stream Fetch tweets from the live stream.

stream-rules List, add and delete rules for your stream. timeline Retrieve recent tweets for the given user.

timelines Fetch the timelines of every user in an input source of...

tweet Look up a tweet using its tweet id or URL.

users Get data for user ids or usernames.

version Return the version of twarc that is installed.

... and to get the command-specific options:

In [2]: !twarc2 timeline --help

Usage: twarc2 timeline [OPTIONS] USER_ID [OUTFILE]

Retrieve recent tweets for the given user.

Options:

--limit INTEGER Maximum number of tweets to return
--since-id INTEGER Match tweets sent after tweet id
--until-id INTEGER Match tweets sent prior to tweet id
--exclude-retweets Exclude retweets from timeline
--exclude-replies Exclude replies from timeline

--start-time [%Y-%m-%d|%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S]

Match tweets created after time (ISO 8601/RFC 3339), e.g. 2021-01-01T12:31:04

--end-time [%Y-%m-%d|%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S]

Match tweets sent before time (ISO 8601/RFC

3339)

--use-search Use the search/all API endpoint which is not

limited to the last 3200 tweets, but requires Academic Product Track access.

--hide-progress Hide the Progress bar. Default: show

progress, unless using pipes.

--help Show this message and exit.

3.5 Analyzing Tweets from a User Timeline

For a first trial we download 500 tweets from the timeline of [@EXCInequality](https://twitter.com/EXCInequality) and save it to a file:

```
twarc2 timeline EXCInequality --limit 500 >data/twitter/timeline.EXCInequality.jsonl
```

Note that the Twitter developer terms of use do not allow to share the content of tweets. That's why not tweet data is included in this repository, or only in aggregations on the level of words. You need to apply for API access in order to replay the examples.

```
In [3]: import json
    import pandas as pd

def load_tweets(file):
    tweets = []
    with open(file) as stream:
        for line in stream:
            api_response = json.loads(line)
            for tweet in api_response['data']:
                tweets.append(tweet)
    return tweets

tweets = load_tweets('data/twitter/timeline.EXCInequality.jsonl')

len(tweets)
Out[3]: 500
```

Let's look into the one of the tweets to understand the data structure and compare this with the tweet object model documentation.

```
In [4]: #tweets[1]
```

Note: it's possible to load the tweets into a pandas dataframe but some cells still contain nested JSON elements:

```
df = pd.DataFrame(tweets)
```

Pandas provides normalization routines to flatten nested data.

But we will work with the JSON data directly and first extract which hashtags are frequently used in the Tweets of [@EXCInequality](https://twitter.com/EXCInequality):

```
In [5]: from collections import Counter

aggregation_on = ('hashtags', 'tag')

# instead of hashtags count other items in the `entities` object:
# aggregation_on = ('annotations', 'normalized_text')
# aggregation_on = ('mentions', 'username')
# aggregation on = ('urls', 'url')
```

```
counts = Counter()
        for t in tweets:
            if 'entities' not in t:
                continue
            if aggregation_on[0] in t['entities']:
                for obj in t['entities'][aggregation_on[0]]:
                    counts[obj[aggregation_on[1]]] += 1
        counts.most_common()[0:20]
Out[5]: [('inequality', 35),
         ('UniKonstanz', 22),
         ('jobsinscience', 22),
         ('ClusterColloquium', 21),
         ('jobsinacademia', 21),
         ('COVID19', 18),
         ('PolicyPaper', 11),
         ('ThePoliticsOfInequality', 9),
         ('InequalityMagazine', 9),
         ('FunFriday', 9),
         ('Konstanz', 8),
         ('Homeoffice', 7),
         ('unikonstanz', 7),
         ('outsoon', 6),
         ('research', 5),
         ('PGS21', 4),
         ('Ungleichheit', 4),
         ('NewPublication', 4),
         ('Exzellenzcluster', 4),
         ('EqualPayDay', 4)]
```

3.5.1 Find the Most Commonly Used Words in Tweets

We will now look into the tweets itself and - split the text into words - count word occurrences and - generate a word cloud to visualize word frequencies or the "importance" of words

```
In [6]: words = Counter()

    for t in tweets:
        for word in t['text'].split(' '):
            words[word] += 1

    words.most_common()[0:10]

Out[6]: [('the', 313),
            ('of', 256),
            ('to', 230),
            ('in', 228),
```

```
('and', 226),
('RT', 199),
('a', 178),
('on', 128),
('for', 121),
('is', 103)]
```

This initial attempt shows that we need to skip over the most common functional words, in text processing called "stop words".

```
In [7]: from stop_words import get_stop_words
        stop_words = set(get_stop_words('en'))
        stop_words.update(get_stop_words('de'))
        def word_counts(tweets):
            words = Counter()
            for t in tweets:
                for word in t['text'].split(' '):
                    word = word.lower()
                    if word in stop_words:
                        continue
                    words[word] += 1
            return words
        word_counts(tweets).most_common()[0:25]
Out[7]: [('rt', 199),
         ('&', 81),
         ('-', 73),
         ('@unikonstanz', 55),
         ('@unikonstanz:', 52),
         ('cluster', 48),
         ('new', 45),
         ('research', 45),
         ('@excinequality', 30),
         ('talk', 29),
         ('work', 28),
         ('just', 27),
         ('us', 27),
         ('#inequality', 27),
         ('project', 26),
         ('-', 26),
         ('can', 24),
         ('one', 24),
         ('policy', 23),
         ('#unikonstanz', 23),
         ('social', 22),
         ('paper', 21),
         ('great', 21),
         ('inequality', 21),
         ('political', 20)]
```

... and we also need to skip mentions, hashtags, URLs and everything which does not look like a word. We simply skip all words containing any other characters except letters (alphabetical characters). Note that this approach is simple and effective but it will also remove words such as "Covid-19".

```
In [8]: stop_words.add('rt') # retweet
        def word_counts(tweets):
            words = Counter()
            for t in tweets:
                for word in t['text'].split(' '):
                    word = word.lower()
                    if word in stop_words:
                        continue
                    if not word.isalpha():
                        # skip words containing non-alphabetical characters
                        continue
                    words[word] += 1
            return words
        word_counts(tweets).most_common()[0:25]
Out[8]: [('cluster', 48),
         ('new', 45),
         ('research', 45),
         ('talk', 29),
         ('work', 28),
         ('just', 27),
         ('us', 27),
         ('project', 26),
         ('can', 24),
         ('one', 24),
         ('policy', 23),
         ('social', 22),
         ('paper', 21),
         ('great', 21),
         ('inequality', 21),
         ('political', 20),
         ('welcome', 20),
         ('join', 20),
         ('job', 20),
         ('take', 18),
         ('looking', 18),
         ('first', 18),
         ('public', 16),
         ('politics', 16),
         ('senior', 15)]
```

Word clouds are generated using the wordcloud package, see also: - API docs of the WordCloud class - more examples

```
In [9]: from wordcloud import WordCloud
```

Out[9]:



3.5.2 Words Used by the Official Twitter Accounts of German Political Parties

Let's download tweets from the official Twitter accounts of the political parties currently. We wrap the calls of Twarc into a loop in the command-line shell and limit the download to a single month and max. 50k tweets:

```
mkdir -p data/twitter/ppart/timeline/
for pp in CDU CSU spdde Die_Gruenen dieLinke AfD; do
```

```
twarc2 timeline $pp \
           --start-time 2021-06-01 \
           --end-time 2021-07-01 \
           --limit 50000 \
           >data/twitter/ppart/timeline/$pp.jsonl
done
Then we load the data in Python, extract the word counts and generate the word clouds...
In [10]: parties = 'CDU CSU spdde Die_Gruenen dieLinke AfD'.split()
        words = \{\}
         for party in parties:
             tweets = load_tweets('data/twitter/ppart/timeline/%s.jsonl' % party)
             words[party] = word_counts(tweets)
             # show some stats
            print(party, len(tweets), 'tweets')
             print('\t', word_counts(tweets).most_common()[0:3])
CDU 188 tweets
         [('heute', 21), ('deutschland', 19), ('uhr', 13)]
CSU 179 tweets
         [('heute', 18), ('bayern', 16), ('land', 12)]
spdde 765 tweets
         [('heute', 72), ('sagt', 53), ('mehr', 46)]
Die_Gruenen 280 tweets
         [('sagt', 32), ('müssen', 25), ('robert', 24)]
dieLinke 444 tweets
         [('linke', 33), ('menschen', 28), ('soziale', 23)]
AfD 206 tweets
         [('braucht', 14), ('mehr', 13), ('dank', 12)]
In [11]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=2, ncols=3, figsize=[36,24])
         n = 0
         for party in parties:
             wordcloud = WordCloud(width=400, height=400,
                                   background_color='lightgrey') \
                         .generate_from_frequencies(words[party])
             axis = axes[int(n/3),n%3]
             axis.imshow(wordcloud)
             axis.axis('off') # do not show x/y scale
             n += 1
```

plt.show()













3.6 Links and References

- Phillip Brooker's book Programming with Python for Social Scientists includes a chapter about using the Twitter API
- https://developer.twitter.com/en/products/twitter-api
- https://twitter.com/TwitterAPI
- https://developer.twitter.com/en/use-cases/do-research
- https://developer.twitter.com/en/products/twitter-api/academic-research
- https://twarc-project.readthedocs.io/en/latest/
- https://scholarslab.github.io/learn-twarc/
- https://github.com/DocNow/twarc/tree/main/utils (for JSON data downloaded using the v1 API)