Tables_Histograms_and_Boxplots_in_Python

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0.0.1 Visualizing Data in Python

Tables, Histograms, Boxplots, and Slicing for Statistics When working with a new dataset, one of the most useful things to do is to begin to visualize the data. By using tables, histograms, box plots, and other visual tools, we can get a better idea of what the data may be trying to tell us, and we can gain insights into the data that we may have not discovered otherwise.

Today, we will be going over how to perform some basic visualisations in Python, and, most importantly, we will learn how to begin exploring data from a graphical perspective.

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In [1]: # We first need to import the packages that we will be using
   import seaborn as sns # For plotting
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # For showing plots

# Load in the data set
   tips_data = sns.load_dataset("tips")
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Visualizing the Data - Tables When you begin working with a new data set, it is often best to print out the first few rows before you begin other analysis. This will show you what kind of data is in the dataset, what data types you are working with, and will serve as a reference for the other plots that we are about to make.

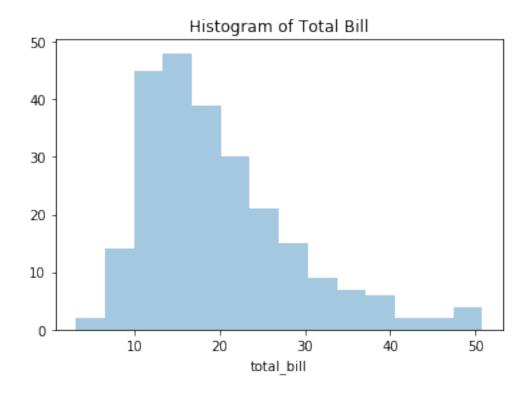
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Describing Data Summary statistics, which include things like the mean, min, and max of the data, can be useful to get a feel for how large some of the variables are and what variables may be the most important.

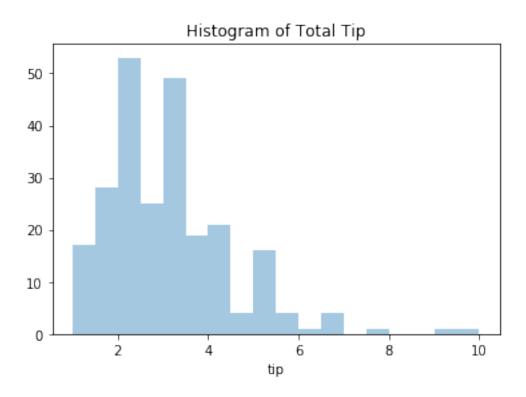
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                  8.902412
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Creating a Histogram After we have a general 'feel' for the data, it is often good to get a feel for the shape of the distribution of the data.

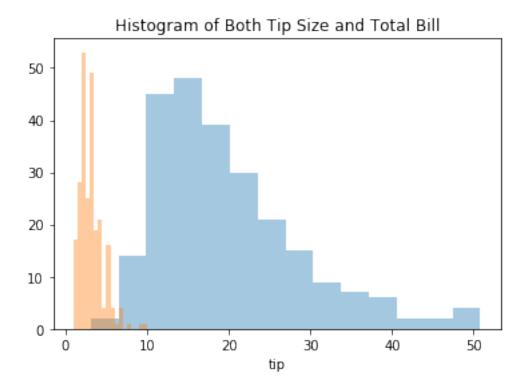
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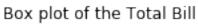
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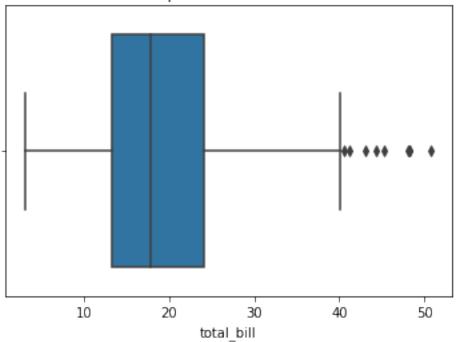


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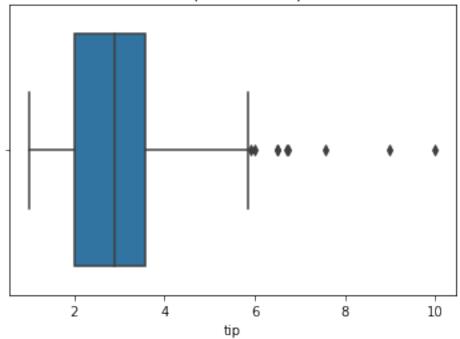


Creating a Boxplot Boxplots do not show the shape of the distribution, but they can give us a better idea about the center and spread of the distribution as well as any potential outliers that may exist. Boxplots and Histograms often complement each other and help an analyst get more information about the data

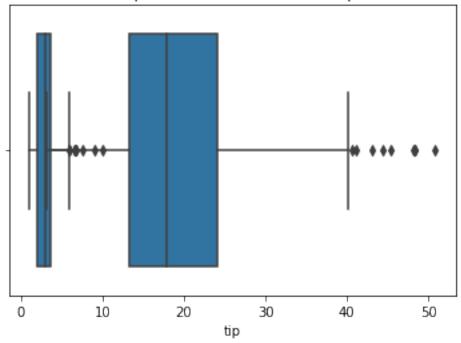




Box plot of the Tip







Creating Histograms and Boxplots Plotted by Groups While looking at a single variable is interesting, it is often useful to see how a variable changes in response to another. Using graphs, we can see if there is a difference between the tipping amounts of smokers vs. non-smokers, if tipping varies according to the time of the day, or we can explore other trends in the data as well.

