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Activity 6.1: Plotly data dashboard

Plotly Dash apps give a point-&-click interface to models written in Python, vastly expanding the notion of what's possible in a traditional "dashboard". With Dash apps, data scientists and engineers put complex Python analytics in the hands of business decision-makers and operators. In this activity, you will learn basic building blocks of Plotly to create Dash apps.

Hardware Required

No hardware is required.

Software Required

Plotly library and Dash module
Python 3

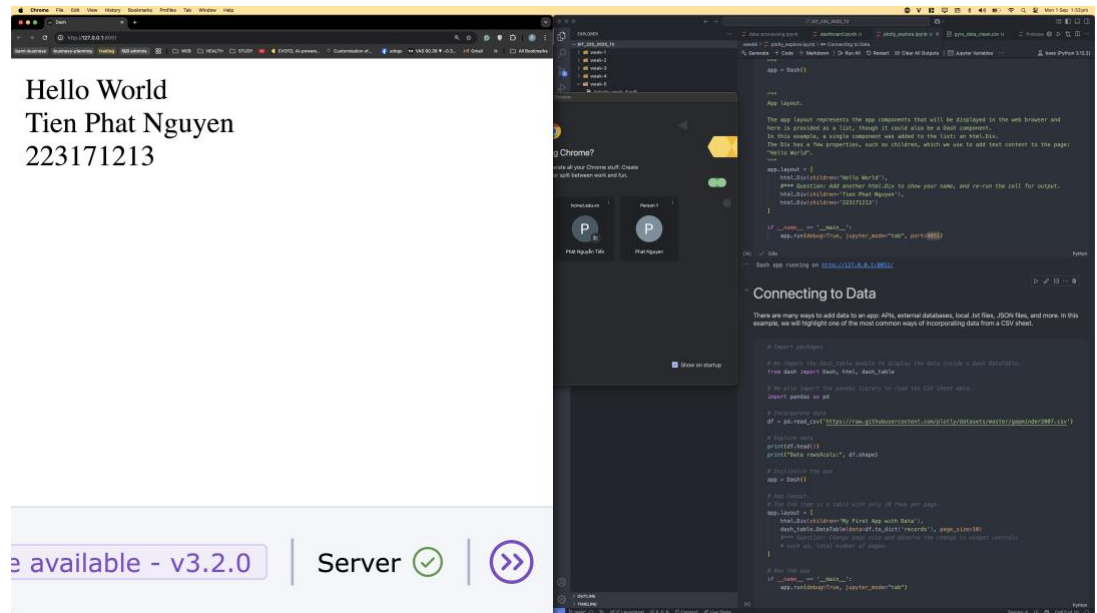
Steps

| Step | Action |
|------|--|
| 1 | <p>Install Plotly and dash using the command below in the command line.</p> <pre>\$ pip install plotly dash</pre> <p>You can download Jupyter Notebook from here (https://github.com/deakin-deep-dreamer/sit225/blob/main/week_6/plotly_explore.ipynb) and run all the cells. The Notebook contains multiple sections such as Hello World which follows a sample code in a following cell. If you run the Hello world cell it will show Plotly Dash web page. The cell also includes a Question (**** Question) which you will need to carry out to get a modified output. You will need to capture the output and share the screenshot in the following steps.</p> |

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Question: **Hello World** cell has a question - add another html.Div to show your name, and re-run the cell for output. You will need to update the code, run the cell, capture the screenshot of the output and paste it here.

Answer: <Your answer>



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Question: Connecting to Data cell has a question - change page size and observe the change in widget controls such as, total number of pages. You will need to update the code, run the cell, capture the screenshot of the output and paste it here.

Answer: <Your answer>

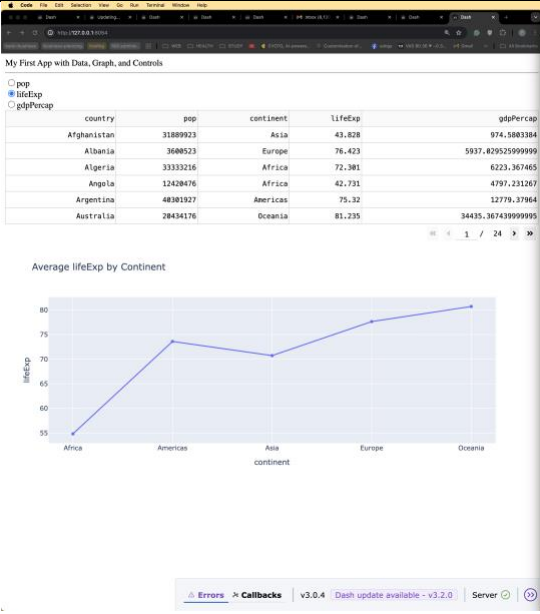
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Question: Visualising data cell has a question - explore another histfunc other than 'avg' used above and observe behaviour. You will need to update the code, run the cell, capture the screenshot of the output and paste it here.

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Question: **Controls and Callbacks** cell has a question - use line graphs instead of histogram. You will need to update the code, run the cell, capture the screenshot of the output and paste it here.

Answer: <Your answer>

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| |  <p>The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a Plotly Dash application. At the top, there's a title 'My First App with Data, Graph, and Controls'. Below it, there are two radio buttons for 'pop' and 'gdpPerCap', with 'pop' selected. A table displays data for various countries, including Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, and Australia, with columns for country, pop, continent, lifeExp, and gdpPerCap. Below the table is a line graph titled 'Average lifeExp by Continent' showing life expectancy on the y-axis (ranging from 55 to 80) and continent on the x-axis (Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania). The graph shows a general upward trend in life expectancy across the continents.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Question: Now you have learned how to use Plotly Dash for visualising your data, describe how you will be using this tool for your desired sensor monitoring dashboard with a number of sensors including DHT22 or accelerometer data.</p> <p>Answer: <Your answer></p> <p>I will use Plotly Dash to build a live dashboard showing each sensor stream with line graphs updating in near real time and simple tables for recent values. It help me combine interactive controls so I can choose which metric to view, set time range filters, and compare average vs current readings, but sometimes the layout may not be very optimize. I also need be careful because sometimes data refresh too fast, charts becomes messy,</p> |
| 7 | <p>Question: Convert the Notebook to PDF and merge with this activity sheet PDF. You will need this merged PDF to combine with this week's OnTrack task for submission.</p> <p>Answer: <Your answer></p> |

Pass Task:

```
from dash import Dash, dcc, html, Input, Output, State, dash_table
import plotly.express as px

app = Dash(__name__)

app.layout = html.Div([
    html.H2("Gyroscope Data Explorer"),
    html.Div([
        html.Label("Chart Type:"),
        dcc.Dropdown(
            id='chart-type',
            options=[
                {'label': 'Line Chart', 'value': 'line'},
                {'label': 'Scatter Plot', 'value': 'scatter'},
                {'label': 'Distribution (Histogram)', 'value': 'histogram'}
            ],
            value='line'
        ),
        html.Label("Variables:"),
        dcc.Dropdown(
            id='variables',
            options=[
                {'label': 'x', 'value': 'x'},
                {'label': 'y', 'value': 'y'},
                {'label': 'z', 'value': 'z'},
                {'label': 'All', 'value': 'all'}
            ],
            value='all',
            multi=False
        ),
        html.Label("Number of Samples:"),
        dcc.Input(
            id='num-samples',
            type='number',
            value=100,
            min=1,
            max=total_samples
        ),
        html.Button('Previous', id='prev-btn', n_clicks=0),
        html.Button('Next', id='next-btn', n_clicks=0),
    ], style={'columnCount': 2}),
    dcc.Graph(id='gyro-graph'),
    html.H4("Summary Statistics"),
    dash_table.DataTable(
        id='summary-table',
        columns=[
            {'name': stat, 'id': stat} for stat in ['variable', 'mean', 'std', 'min', 'max']
        ],
        data=[]
    )
])
```

This code sets up a Dash app that shows gyroscope data by creating a web layout with dropdowns for choosing the chart type and variables, an input box for the number of samples, and “Previous/Next” buttons for navigation. It then displays the selected chart in a Graph component and a data table below to show summary statistics like mean, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum.

```

@app.callback(
    Output('gyro-graph', 'figure'),
    Output('summary-table', 'data'),
    Input('chart-type', 'value'),
    Input('variables', 'value'),
    Input('num-samples', 'value'),
    Input('prev-btn', 'n_clicks'),
    Input('next-btn', 'n_clicks'),
    State('gyro-graph', 'figure')
)
def update_graph(chart_type, var_sel, n_samples, prev_clicks, next_clicks, existing_fig):
    if not isinstance(n_samples, int) or n_samples <= 0:
        n_samples = total_samples

    offset = (next_clicks - prev_clicks) * n_samples
    start = max(0, min(offset, total_samples - n_samples))
    end = start + n_samples
    dff = df.iloc[start:end]

    if var_sel == 'all':
        cols = ['x', 'y', 'z']
    else:
        cols = [var_sel]

    if chart_type == 'line':
        fig = px.line(dff, y=cols, x='ts', title="Line Chart of Gyroscope")
    elif chart_type == 'scatter':
        fig = px.scatter(dff, y=cols, x='ts', title="Scatter Plot of Gyroscope")
    else: # histogram
        fig = px.histogram(dff, x=cols, title="Distribution of Gyroscope", nbins=30)

    summary = []
    for c in cols:
        summary.append({
            'variable': c,
            'mean': round(dff[c].mean(), 3),
            'std': round(dff[c].std(), 3),
            'min': round(dff[c].min(), 3),
            'max': round(dff[c].max(), 3),
        })
    return fig, summary

```

This callback function first checks if the user's sample number is valid and then calculates which rows of the DataFrame to show by using the difference between next and previous clicks to set an offset and slice the data. After that, it decides which gyroscope variables (x, y, z, or a single axis) to plot and chooses the right Plotly Express chart type—line, scatter, or histogram—based on the user's dropdown selection. Finally, it computes simple statistics (mean, standard deviation, min, max) for each chosen variable and returns both the updated figure and a summary table.

Github: https://github.com/tienphatnguyendev/SIT_225_2025_T2/tree/main/week-6

Video: <https://deakin.au.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=20ab2f11-0fa3-452e-b5b8-b34b005f11b0>

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# Fill in student ID and name
#
student_id = "223171213"
student_first_last_name = "Tien Phat Nguyen"
print(student_id, student_first_last_name)

223171213 Tien Phat Nguyen

# install plotly and dash, if not yet already
! pip install plotly dash

import plotly, dash
print(plotly.__version__)
print(dash.__version__)

Requirement already satisfied: plotly in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (5.22.0)
Requirement already satisfied: dash in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (3.0.4)
Requirement already satisfied: tenacity>=6.2.0 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from plotly) (8.2.2)
Requirement already satisfied: packaging in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from plotly) (23.2)
Requirement already satisfied: Flask<3.1,>=1.0.4 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from dash) (3.0.3)
Requirement already satisfied: Werkzeug<3.1 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from dash) (3.0.3)
Requirement already satisfied: importlib-metadata in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from dash) (7.0.1)
Requirement already satisfied: typing-extensions>=4.1.1 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from dash) (4.11.0)
Requirement already satisfied: requests in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from dash) (2.31.0)
Requirement already satisfied: retrying in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from dash) (1.3.4)
Requirement already satisfied: nest-asyncio in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from dash) (1.6.0)
Requirement already satisfied: setuptools in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from dash) (69.5.1)
Requirement already satisfied: Jinja2>=3.1.2 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from Flask<3.1,>=1.0.4-
>dash) (3.1.4)
Requirement already satisfied: itsdangerous>=2.1.2 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from Flask<3.1,>=1.0.4-
>dash) (2.2.0)
Requirement already satisfied: click>=8.1.3 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from Flask<3.1,>=1.0.4-
>dash) (8.1.7)
Requirement already satisfied: blinker>=1.6.2 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from Flask<3.1,>=1.0.4-

```

```
>dash) (1.6.2)
Requirement already satisfied: MarkupSafe>=2.1.1 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from Werkzeug<3.1->dash)
(2.1.3)
Requirement already satisfied: zipp>=0.5 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from importlib-metadata-
>dash) (3.17.0)
Requirement already satisfied: charset-normalizer<4,>=2 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from requests->dash)
(2.0.4)
Requirement already satisfied: idna<4,>=2.5 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from requests->dash)
(3.7)
Requirement already satisfied: urllib3<3,>=1.21.1 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from requests->dash)
(2.2.2)
Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2017.4.17 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from requests->dash)
(2024.7.4)
Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.7.0 in
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages (from retrying->dash)
(1.16.0)
5.22.0
3.0.4
```

Hello world

Building and launching an app with Dash can be done with just 5 lines of code. Follow the tutorial (<https://dash.plotly.com/tutorial>) for more detail.

```
from dash import Dash, html

"""
Initialize the app.

This line is known as the Dash constructor and is responsible for
initializing your app.
It is almost always the same for any Dash app you create.
"""
app = Dash()

"""
App layout.

The app layout represents the app components that will be displayed in
the web browser and
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here is provided as a list, though it could also be a Dash component. In this example, a single component was added to the list: an `html.Div`.

The Div has a few properties, such as `children`, which we use to add text content to the page: "Hello World".

```
"""
app.layout = [
    html.Div(children='Hello World'),
    *** Question: Add another html.Div to show your name, and re-run the cell for output.
    html.Div(children='Tien Phat Nguyen'),
    html.Div(children='223171213')
]

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True, jupyter_mode="tab", port=8051)
```

Dash app running on <http://127.0.0.1:8051/>

<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

Connecting to Data

There are many ways to add data to an app: APIs, external databases, local .txt files, JSON files, and more. In this example, we will highlight one of the most common ways of incorporating data from a CSV sheet.

```
# Import packages

# We import the dash_table module to display the data inside a Dash DataTable.
from dash import Dash, html, dash_table

# We also import the pandas library to read the CSV sheet data.
import pandas as pd

# Incorporate data
df =
pd.read_csv('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/plotly/datasets/master/gapminder2007.csv')

# Explore data
print(df.head())
print("Data rowsXcols:", df.shape)

# Initialize the app
app = Dash()
```

```

# App layout.
# The 2nd item is a table with only 10 rows per page.
app.layout = [
    html.Div(children='My First App with Data'),
    dash_table.DataTable(data=df.to_dict('records'), page_size=20)
    *** Question: Change page size and observe the change in widget controls
    # such as, total number of pages.
]

# Run the app
if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True, jupyter_mode="tab", port=8052)

```

| | country | pop | continent | lifeExp | gdpPercap |
|---|-------------|------------|-----------|---------|--------------|
| 0 | Afghanistan | 31889923.0 | Asia | 43.828 | 974.580338 |
| 1 | Albania | 3600523.0 | Europe | 76.423 | 5937.029526 |
| 2 | Algeria | 33333216.0 | Africa | 72.301 | 6223.367465 |
| 3 | Angola | 12420476.0 | Africa | 42.731 | 4797.231267 |
| 4 | Argentina | 40301927.0 | Americas | 75.320 | 12779.379640 |

Data rowsXcols: (142, 5)
Dash app running on http://127.0.0.1:8052/
<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

Visualising data

The Plotly graphing library has more than 50 chart types to choose from. In this example, we will make use of the histogram chart.

```

# Import packages

# We import the dcc module (DCC stands for Dash Core Components).
# This module includes a Graph component called dcc.Graph, which is
# used to render interactive graphs.
from dash import Dash, html, dash_table, dcc

# We also import the plotly.express library to build the interactive
# graphs.
import plotly.express as px

import pandas as pd

# Incorporate data
df =
pd.read_csv('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/plotly/datasets/master/
gapminder2007.csv')

```

```

# Explore data
print(df.head())
print("Data rowsXcols:", df.shape)

# Initialize the app
app = Dash()

# App layout
# 3rd component is an interactive graph (interaction not shown in this example).
#
# Using the plotly.express library, we build the histogram chart
# and assign it to the figure property of the dcc.Graph. This displays
# the histogram in our app.
#
app.layout = [
    html.Div(children='My First App with Data and a Graph'),
    dash_table.DataTable(data=df.to_dict('records'), page_size=10),
    dcc.Graph(figure=px.histogram(df, x='continent', y='lifeExp',
    histfunc='avg')),
    *** Question: Explore another histfunc other than 'avg' used
    above and observe behaviour.
    dcc.Graph(figure=px.histogram(df, x='continent', y='lifeExp',
    histfunc='count'))
]

# Run the app
if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True, jupyter_mode="tab", port=8053)

```

| | country | pop | continent | lifeExp | gdpPercap |
|---|-------------|------------|-----------|---------|--------------|
| 0 | Afghanistan | 31889923.0 | Asia | 43.828 | 974.580338 |
| 1 | Albania | 3600523.0 | Europe | 76.423 | 5937.029526 |
| 2 | Algeria | 33333216.0 | Africa | 72.301 | 6223.367465 |
| 3 | Angola | 12420476.0 | Africa | 42.731 | 4797.231267 |
| 4 | Argentina | 40301927.0 | Americas | 75.320 | 12779.379640 |

Data rowsXcols: (142, 5)

Dash app running on http://127.0.0.1:8053/

<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

Controls and Callbacks

So far you have built a static app that displays tabular data and a graph. However, as you develop more sophisticated Dash apps, you will likely want to give the app user more freedom to interact with the app and explore the data in greater depth. To achieve that, you will need to add controls to the app by using the callback function.

In this example we will add radio buttons to the app layout. Then, we will build the callback to create the interaction between the radio buttons and the histogram chart.

```
# Import packages

# We import dcc like we did in the previous section to use dcc.Graph.
# In this example, we need dcc for dcc.Graph as well as the radio
# buttons component, dcc.RadioItems.
#
# To work with the callback in a Dash app, we import the callback
# module and the two arguments
# commonly used within the callback: Output and Input.
#
from dash import Dash, html, dash_table, dcc, callback, Output, Input
import pandas as pd
import plotly.express as px

# Incorporate data
df =
pd.read_csv('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/plotly/datasets/master/
gapminder2007.csv')

# Initialize the app
app = Dash()

# App layout
app.layout = [
    html.Div(children='My First App with Data, Graph, and Controls'),
    html.Hr(),
    dcc.RadioItems(options=['pop', 'lifeExp', 'gdpPercap'],
value='lifeExp', id='controls-and-radio-item'),
    dash_table.DataTable(data=df.to_dict('records'), page_size=6),
    dcc.Graph(figure={}, id='controls-and-graph')
    #*** Question: Use line graphs instead of histogram.
]

#
# Notice that we add that RadioItems component to the layout, directly
# above the DataTable.
# There are three options, one for every radio button.
# The lifeExp option is assigned to the value property, making it the
# currently selected value.
#
# Both the RadioItems and the Graph components were given id names:
# these will be used by
# the callback to identify the components.
#
# The inputs and outputs of our app are the properties of a particular
# component.
# In this example, our input is the value property of the component
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that has the ID "controls-and-radio-item".
# If you look back at the layout, you will see that this is currently
lifeExp.
# Our output is the figure property of the component with the ID
"controls-and-graph", which
# is currently an empty dictionary (empty graph).
#
# The callback function's argument col_chosen refers to the component
property of the input lifeExp.
# We build the histogram chart inside the callback function, assigning
the chosen radio item to the
# y-axis attribute of the histogram. This means that every time the
user selects a new radio item,
# the figure is rebuilt and the y-axis of the figure is updated.
#
# Finally, we return the histogram at the end of the function. This
assigns the histogram to the figure
# property of the dcc.Graph, thus displaying the figure in the app.
#

# Add controls to build the interaction
@callback(
    Output(component_id='controls-and-graph',
            component_property='figure'),
    Input(component_id='controls-and-radio-item',
           component_property='value')
)
def update_graph(col_chosen):
    df_avg = df.groupby('continent')[col_chosen].mean().reset_index()
    fig = px.line(df_avg, x='continent', y=col_chosen,
                  title=f'Average {col_chosen} by Continent',
                  markers=True)

    return fig

# Run the app
if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True, jupyter_mode="tab", port=8054)

Dash app running on http://127.0.0.1:8054/
<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

```