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About the Tutorial

Seaborn is an open source, BSD-licensed Python library providing high level API for visualizing the data using Python programming language.

Audience

This tutorial takes you through the basics and various functions of Seaborn. It is specifically useful for people working on data analysis. After completing this tutorial, you will find yourself at a moderate level of expertise from where you can take yourself to higher levels of expertise.

Prerequisites

You should have a basic understanding of computer programming terminologies. A basic understanding of Python and any of the programming languages is a plus. Seaborn library is built on top of Matplotlib. Having basic idea of Matplotlib will help you understand this tutorial in a better way.

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1. Seaborn – Introduction

In the world of Analytics, the best way to get insights is by visualizing the data. Data can be visualized by representing it as plots which is easy to understand, explore and grasp. Such data helps in drawing the attention of key elements.

To analyse a set of data using Python, we make use of Matplotlib, a widely implemented 2D plotting library. Likewise, Seaborn is a visualization library in Python. It is built on top of Matplotlib.

Seaborn Vs Matplotlib

It is summarized that if Matplotlib "tries to make easy things easy and hard things possible", Seaborn tries to make a well-defined set of hard things easy too."

Seaborn helps resolve the two major problems faced by Matplotlib; the problems are :

- Default Matplotlib parameters
- Working with data frames

As Seaborn compliments and extends Matplotlib, the learning curve is quite gradual. If you know Matplotlib, you are already half way through Seaborn.

Important Features of Seaborn

Seaborn is built on top of Python's core visualization library Matplotlib. It is meant to serve as a complement, and not a replacement. However, Seaborn comes with some very important features. Let us see a few of them here. The features help in -

- Built in themes for styling matplotlib graphics
- Visualizing univariate and bivariate data
- Fitting in and visualizing linear regression models
- Plotting statistical tim e series data
- Seaborn works well with Num Py and Pandas data structures
- It comes with built in themes for styling Matplotlib graphics

In most cases, you will still use Matplotlib for simple plotting. The knowledge of Matplotlib is recommended to tweak Seaborn's default plots.



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2. Seaborn – Environment Setup

In this chapter, we will discuss the environment setup for Seaborn. Let us begin with the installation and understand how to get started as we move ahead.

Installing Seaborn and getting started

In this section, we will understand the steps involved in the installation of Seaborn.

Using Pip Installer

To install the latest release of Seaborn, you can use pip:

pip install seaborn

For Windows, Linux & Mac using Anaconda

Anaconda (from https://www.continuum.io) is a free Python distribution for SciPy stack. It is also available for Linux and Mac.

It is also possible to install the released version using conda:

conda install seaborn

To install the development version of Seaborn directly from github

pip install git+https://github.com/mwaskom/seaborn.git

Dependencies

Consider the following dependencies of Seaborn:

- Python 2.7 or 3.4+
- num py
- scipy
- pandas
- matplotlib



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3. Seaborn – Importing Datasets and Libraries

In this chapter, we will discuss how to import Datasets and Libraries. Let us begin by understanding how to import libraries.

Importing Libraries

Let us start by importing Pandas, which is a great library for managing relational (tableform at) datasets. Seaborn comes handy when dealing with DataFrames, which is most widely used data structure for data analysis.

The following command will help you import Pandas:

```
# Pandas for managing datasets
```

import pandas as pd

Now, let us import the Matplotlib library, which helps us customize our plots.

Matplotlib for additional customization

from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

We will import the Seaborn library with the following command:

Seaborn for plotting and styling

import seaborn as sb

Importing Datasets

We have imported the required libraries. In this section, we will understand how to import the required datasets.

Seaborn comes with a few important datasets in the library. When Seaborn is installed, the datasets download automatically.

You can use any of these datasets for your learning. With the help of the following function you can load the required dataset:



load_dataset()

Importing Data as Pandas DataFrame

In this section, we will import a dataset. This dataset loads as Pandas DataFrame by default. If there is any function in the Pandas DataFrame, it works on this DataFrame.

The following line of code will help you import the dataset:

```
# Seaborn for plotting and styling
import seaborn as sb
df = sb.load_dataset('tips')
print df.head()
```

The above line of code will generate the following output:

	total_bill	tip	sex	smoker	day	time	size
0	16.99	1.01	Female	No	Sun	Dinner	2
1	10.34	1.66	Male	No	Sun	Dinner	3
2	21.01	3.50	Male	No	Sun	Dinner	3
3	23.68	3.31	Male	No	Sun	Dinner	2
4	24.59	3.61	Female	No	Sun	Dinner	4

To view all the available data sets in the Seaborn library, you can use the following command with the **get_dataset_names()** function as shown below:

```
import seaborn as sb
print sb.get_dataset_names()
```

The above line of code will return the list of datasets available as the following output

```
[u'anscombe', u'attention', u'brain_networks', u'car_crashes', u'dots',
u'exercise', u'flights', u'fmri', u'gammas', u'iris', u'planets', u'tips',
u'titanic']
```

DataFrames store data in the form of rectangular grids by which the data can be overviewed easily. Each row of the rectangular grid contains values of an instance, and



each column of the grid is a vector which holds data for a specific variable. This means that rows of a DataFrame do not need to contain, values of same data type, they can be numeric, character, logical, etc. DataFrames for Python come with the Pandas library, and they are defined as two-dimensional labeled data structures with potentially different types of columns.

For more details on DataFrames, visit our **<u>tutorial</u>** on pandas.



4. Seaborn – Figure Aesthetic

Visualizing data is one step and further making the visualized data more pleasing is another step. Visualization plays a vital role in communicating quantitative insights to an audience to catch their attention.

Aesthetics means a set of principles concerned with the nature and appreciation of beauty, especially in art. Visualization is an art of representing data in effective and easiest possible way.

Matplotlib library highly supports customization, but knowing what settings to tweak to achieve an attractive and anticipated plot is what one should be aware of to make use of it. Unlike Matplotlib, Seaborn comes packed with customized themes and a high-level interface for customizing and controlling the look of Matplotlib figures.

Example

```
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
def sinplot(flip=1):
    x = np.linspace(0, 14, 100)
    for i in range(1, 5):
        plt.plot(x, np.sin(x + i * .5) * (7 - i) * flip)
sinplot()
plt.show()
```

This is how a plot looks with the defaults Matplotlib:



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To change the same plot to Seaborn defaults, use the **set()** function:

Example

```
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
def sinplot(flip=1):
    x = np.linspace(0, 14, 100)
    for i in range(1, 5):
        plt.plot(x, np.sin(x + i * .5) * (7 - i) * flip)
import seaborn as sb
sb.set()
sinplot()
plt.show()
```

Output



The above two figures show the difference in the default Matplotlib and Seaborn plots. The representation of data is same, but the representation style varies in both.

Basically, Seaborn splits the Matplotlib parameters into two groups:

- Plot styles
- Plotscale



Seaborn Figure Styles

The interface for manipulating the styles is **set_style()**. Using this function you can set the theme of the plot. As per the latest updated version, below are the five themes available.

- Darkgrid
- Whitegrid
- Dark
- White
- Ticks

Let us try applying a themefrom the above-mentioned list. The default theme of the plot will be **darkgrid** which we have seen in the previous example.

Example

```
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
def sinplot(flip=1):
    x = np.linspace(0, 14, 100)
    for i in range(1, 5):
        plt.plot(x, np.sin(x + i * .5) * (7 - i) * flip)
import seaborn as sb
sb.set_style("whitegrid")
sinplot()
plt.show()
```





The difference between the above two plots is the background color.

Removing Axes Spines

In the white and ticks themes, we can remove the top and right axis spines using the **despine()** function.

Example

```
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
def sinplot(flip=1):
    x = np.linspace(0, 14, 100)
    for i in range(1, 5):
        plt.plot(x, np.sin(x + i * .5) * (7 - i) * flip)
import seaborn as sb
sb.set_style("white")
sinplot()
sb.despine()
plt.show()
```



Output



In the regular plots, we use left and bottom axes only. Using the **despine**() function, we can avoid the unnecessary right and top axes spines, which is not supported in Matplotlib.

Overriding the Elements

If you want to customize the Seaborn styles, you can pass a dictionary of parameters to the **set_style()** function. Parameters available are viewed using **axes_style()** function.

Example

```
import seaborn as sb
print sb.axes_style
```

```
{'axes.axisbelow': False,
  'axes.edgecolor': 'white',
  'axes.facecolor': '#EAEAF2',
  'axes.grid': True,
  'axes.labelcolor': '.15',
```



```
'axes.linewidth': 0.0,
'figure.facecolor': 'white',
'font.family': [u'sans-serif'],
'font.sans-serif': [u'Arial',
u'Liberation Sans',
u'Bitstream Vera Sans',
u'sans-serif'],
'grid.color': 'white',
'grid.linestyle': u'-',
'image.cmap': u'Greys',
'legend.frameon': False,
'legend.numpoints': 1,
'legend.scatterpoints': 1,
'lines.solid_capstyle': u'round',
'text.color': '.15',
'xtick.color': '.15',
'xtick.direction': u'out',
'xtick.major.size': 0.0,
'xtick.minor.size': 0.0,
'ytick.color': '.15',
'ytick.direction': u'out',
'ytick.major.size': 0.0,
'ytick.minor.size': 0.0}
```



Altering the values of any of the parameter will alter the plot style.

Example

```
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
def sinplot(flip=1):
    x = np.linspace(0, 14, 100)
    for i in range(1, 5):
        plt.plot(x, np.sin(x + i * .5) * (7 - i) * flip)
import seaborn as sb
sb.set_style("darkgrid", {'axes.axisbelow': False})
sinplot()
sb.despine()
plt.show()
```





Scaling Plot Elements

We also have control on the plot elements and can control the scale of plot using the **set_context()** function. We have four preset templates for contexts, based on relative size, the contexts are named as follows:

- Paper
- Notebook
- Talk
- Poster

By default, context is set to notebook; and was used in the plots above.

Example

```
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
def sinplot(flip=1):
    x = np.linspace(0, 14, 100)
    for i in range(1, 5):
        plt.plot(x, np.sin(x + i * .5) * (7 - i) * flip)
import seaborn as sb
sb.set_style("darkgrid", {'axes.axisbelow': False})
sinplot()
sb.despine()
plt.show()
```





The output size of the actual plot is bigger in size when compared to the above plots.

Note: Due to scaling of images on our web page, you might miss the actual difference in our example plots.



5. Seaborn – Color Palette

Color plays an important role than any other aspect in the visualizations. When us ed effectively, color adds more value to the plot. A palette means a flat surface on which a painter arranges and mixes paints.

Building Color Palette

Seaborn provides a function called **color_palette()**, which can be used to give colors to plots and adding more aesthetic value to it.

Usage

seaborn.color_palette(palette=None, n_colors=None, desat=None)

Parameter

The following table lists down the parameters for building color palette:

palatte	Name of palette
	Number of colors in the palette. If None ,
n colors	the default will depend on how palette is
	specified. By default the value of n_colors
	is 6 colors.
desat	Proportion to desaturate each color.
	•

Return

Return refers to the list of RGB tuples. Following are the readily available Seaborn palettes:

- Deep
- Muted
- Bright
- Pastel



- Dark
- Colorblind

Besides these, one can also generate new palettes.

It is hard to decide which palette should be used for a given data set without knowing the characteristics of data. Being aware of it, we will classify the different ways for using **color_palette()** types:

- qualitative
- sequential
- diverging

We have another function **seaborn.palplot()** which deals with color palettes. This function plots the color palette as horizontal array. We will know more regarding **seaborn.palplot()** in the coming examples.

Qualitative Color Palettes

Qualitative or categorical palettes are best suitable to plot the categorical data.

Example

```
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sb
current_palette = sb.color_palette()
sb.palplot(current_palette)
plt.show()
```





We haven't passed any parameters in **color_palette()**; by default, we are seeing 6 colors. You can see the desired number of colors by passing a value to the **n_colors** parameter. Here, the **palplot()** is used to plot the array of colors horizontally.

Sequential Color Palettes

Sequential plots are suitable to express the distribution of data ranging from relative lower values to higher values within a range.

Appending an additional character's' to the color passed to the color parameter will plot the Sequential plot.

Example

```
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sb
current_palette = sb.color_palette()
sb.palplot(sb.color_palette("Greens"))
plt.show()
```

Output



Note: We need to append 's' to the parameter like 'Greens' in the above example.

Diverging Color Palette

Diverging palettes use two different colors. Each color represents variation in the value ranging from a common point in either direction.

Assume plotting the data ranging from -1 to 1. The values from -1 to 0 takes one color and 0 to +1 takes another color.

By default, the values are centered from zero. You can control it with parameter **center** by passing a value.



Example

```
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sb
current_palette = sb.color_palette()
sb.palplot(sb.color_palette("BrBG", 7))
plt.show()
```

Output



Setting the Default Color Palette

The functions **color_palette()** has a companion called **set_palette()**. The relationship between them is similar to the pairs covered in the aesthetics chapter. The arguments are same for both **set_palette()** and **color_palette()**, but the default Matplotlib parameters are changed so that the palette is used for all plots.

Example

```
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
def sinplot(flip=1):
    x = np.linspace(0, 14, 100)
    for i in range(1, 5):
        plt.plot(x, np.sin(x + i * .5) * (7 - i) * flip)
import seaborn as sb
sb.set_style("white")
```



```
sb.set_palette("husl")
sinplot()
```

plt.show()

Output



Plotting Univariate Distribution

Distribution of data is the foremost thing that we need to understand while analysing the data. Here, we will see how seaborn helps us in understanding the univariate distribution of the data.

Function **distplot()** provides the most convenient way to take a quick look at univariate distribution. This function will plot a histogram that fits the kernel density estimation of the data.

Usage

seaborn.distplot()

Parameters

The following table lists down the parameters and their description:



Parameter	Description
data	Series, 1d array or a list
bins	Specification of hist bins
hist	bool
kde	bool

These are basic and important parameters to look into.



6. Seaborn – Histogram

Histograms represent the data distribution by form ing bins along the range of the data and then drawing bars to show the number of observations that fall in each bin.

Seaborn comes with some datasets and we have used few datasets in our previous chapters. We have learnt how to load the dataset and how to look up the list of available datasets.

Let us use iris dataset for our further analysis.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.distplot(df['petal_length'],kde=False)
plt.show()
```





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7. Seaborn – Kernel Density Estimates

Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) is a way to estimate the probability density function of a continuous random variable. It is used for non-parametric analysis.

Setting the **hist** flag to False in **distplot** will yield the kernel density estimation plot.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.distplot(df['petal_length'],hist=False)
plt.show()
```

Output



Fitting Parametric Distribution

distplot() is used to visualize the parametric distribution of a dataset.



Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.distplot(df['petal_length'])
plt.show()
```

Output



Plotting Bivariate Distribution

Bivariate Distribution is used to determine the relation between two variables. This mainly deals with relationship between two variables and how one variable is behaving with respect to the other.

The best way to analyze Bivariate Distribution in seaborn is by using the **jointplot()** function.

Jointplot creates a multi-panel figure that projects the bivariate relationship between two variables and also the univariate distribution of each variable on separate axes.



Scatter Plot

Scatter plot is the most convenient way to visualize the distribution where each observation is represented in two-dimensional plot via x and y axis.

Example



Output



The above figure shows the relationship between the **petal_length** and **petal_width** in the Iris data. A trend in the plot says that positive correlation exists between the variables under study.



Hexbin Plot

Hexagonal binning is used in bivariate data analysis when the data is sparse in density i.e., when the data is very scattered and difficult to analyze through scatterplots.

An addition parameter called `kind' and value `hex' plots the hexbin plot.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.jointplot(x='petal_length',y='petal_width',data=df,kind='hex')
plt.show()
```



Output



Kernel Density Estimation

Kernel density estimation is a non-parametric way to estimate the distribution of a variable. In seaborn, we can plot a kde using **jointplot()**.

Pass value `kde' to the parameter kind to plot kernel plot.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.jointplot(x='petal_length',y='petal_width',data=df,kind='hex')
plt.show()
```



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Datasets under real-time study contain many variables. In such cases, the relation between each and every variable should be analyzed. Plotting Bivariate Distribution for (n,2) combinations will be a very complex and time taking process.

To plot multiple pairwise bivariate distributions in a dataset, you can use the **pairplot()** function. This shows the relationship for (n,2) combination of variable in a DataFrame as a matrix of plots and the diagonal plots are the univariate plots.

Axes

In this section, we will learn what are Axes, their usage, parameters, and so on.

Usage

seaborn.pairplot(data,...)

Parameters

Following table lists down the parameters for Axes:

Parameter	Description
data	Dataframe
hue	Variable in data to map plot aspects to different colors.
palette	Set of colors for mapping the hue variable
kind	Kind of plot for the non-identity relationships. {`scatter', `reg'}
diag_kind	Kind of plot for the diagonal subplots. {`hist', `kde'}

Except data, all other parameters are optional. There are few other parameters which **pairplot** can accept. The above mentioned are often used params.

Example

import pandas as pd



```
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.set_style("ticks")
sb.pairplot(df,hue='species',diag_kind="kde",kind="scatter",palette="husl")
plt.show()
```





We can observe the variations in each plot. The plots are in matrix format where the row name represents x axis and column name represents the y axis.

The diagonal plots are kernel density plots where the other plots are scatter plots as mentioned.



9. Seaborn – Plotting Categorical Data

In our previous chapters we learnt about scatter plots, hexbin plots and kde plots which are used to analyze the continuous variables under study. These plots are not suitable when the variable under study is categorical.

When one or both the variables under study are categorical, we use plots like striplot(), swarm plot(), etc,. Seaborn provides interface to do so.

Categorical Scatter Plots

In this section, we will learn about categorical scatter plots.

stripplot()

stripplot() is used when one of the variable under study is categorical. It represents the data in sorted order along any one of the axis.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.stripplot(x="species", y="petal_length", data=df)
plt.show()
```





In the above plot, we can clearly see the difference of **petal_length** in each species. But, the major problem with the above scatter plot is that the points on the scatter plot are overlapped. We use the 'Jitter' parameter to handle this kind of scenario.

Jitter adds some random noise to the data. This parameter will adjust the positions along the categorical axis.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.stripplot(x="species", y="petal_length", data=df, jitter=Ture)
plt.show()
```





Now, the distribution of points can be seen easily.

Swarmplot()

Another option which can be used as an alternate to `Jitter' is function **swarmplot()**. This function positions each point of scatter plot on the categorical axis and thereby avoids overlapping points:



Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.swarmplot(x="species", y="petal_length", data=df)
plt.show()
```







In categorical scatter plots which we dealt in the previous chapter, the approach becomes limited in the information it can provide about the distribution of values within each category. Now, going further, let us see what can facilitate us with performing comparison with in categories.

Box Plots

Boxplot is a convenient way to visualize the distribution of data through their quartiles.

Box plots usually have vertical lines extending from the boxes which are termed as whiskers. These whiskers indicate variability outside the upper and lower quartiles, hence Box Plots are also termed as **box-and-whisker plot** and **box-and-whisker diagram**. Any Outliers in the data are plotted as individual points.

Example

im port pandas as pd im port seaborn as sb from matplotlib im port pyplot as plt df = sb.load_dataset('iris') sb.swarm plot(x="species", y="petal_length", data=df) plt.show()





The dots on the plot indicates the outlier.

Violin Plots

Violin Plots are a combination of the box plot with the kernel density estimates. So, these plots are easier to analyze and understand the distribution of the data.

Let us use tips dataset called to learn more into violin plots. This dataset contains the information related to the tips given by the customers in a restaurant.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('tips')
sb.violinplot(x="day", y="total_bill", data=df)
plt.show()
```





The quartile and whisker values from the boxplot are shown inside the violin. As the violin plot uses KDE, the wider portion of violin indicates the higher density and narrow region represents relatively lower density. The Inter-Quartile range in boxplot and higher density portion in kde fall in the same region of each category of violin plot.

The above plot shows the distribution of total_bill on four days of the week. But, in addition to that, if we want to see how the distribution behaves with respect to sex, lets explore it in below example.



Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('tips')
sb.violinplot(x="day", y="total_bill",hue='sex', data=df)
plt.show()
```



Output

Now we can clearly see the spending behavior between male and female. We can easily say that, men make more bill than women by looking at the plot.

And, if the hue variable has only two classes, we can beautify the plot by splitting each violin into two instead of two violins on a given day. Either parts of the violin refer to each class in the hue variable.

Example

import pandas as pd



```
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('tips')
sb.violinplot(x="day", y="total_bill",hue='sex', data=df)
plt.show()
```







In most of the situations, we deal with estimations of the whole distribution of the data. But when it comes to central tendency estimation, we need a specific way to summarize the distribution. Mean and median are the very often used techniques to estimate the central tendency of the distribution.

In all the plots that we learnt in the above section, we made the visualization of the whole distribution. Now, let us discuss regarding the plots with which we can estimate the central tendency of the distribution.

Bar Plot

The **barplot()** shows the relation between a categorical variable and a continuous variable. The data is represented in rectangular bars where the length the bar represents the proportion of the data in that category.

Bar plot represents the estimate of central tendency. Let us use the `titanic' dataset to learn bar plots.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('titanic')
sb.barplot(x="sex", y="survived", hue="class", data=df)
plt.show()
```





In the above example, we can see that the average number of survivals of male and female in each class. From the plot we can understand that more number of females survived than males. In both males and females more number of survivals are from first class.

A special case in barplot is to show the no of observations in each category rather than computing a statistic for a second variable. For this, we use **countplot()**.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('titanic')
sb.countplot(x=" class ", data=df, palette="Blues");
plt.show()
```





Plot says that, the number of passengers in the third class are higher than first and second class.

Point Plots

Point plots serve same as bar plots but in a different style. Rather than the full bar, the value of the estimate is represented by the point at a certain height on the other axis.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('titanic')
sb.pointplot(x="sex", y="survived", hue="class", data=df)
plt.show()
```







12. Seaborn – Plotting Wide Form Data

It is always preferable to use `long-from' or `tidy' datasets. But at times when we are left with no option rather than to use a `wide-form' dataset, same functions can also be applied to ``wide-form" data in a variety of form ats, including Pandas Data Frames or two-dimensional Num Py arrays. These objects should be passed directly to the data parameter the x and y variables must be specified as strings

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.boxplot(data=df, orient="h")
plt.show()
```





Additionally, these functions accept vectors of Pandas or Num Py objects rather than variables in a Data Frame.



Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.boxplot(data=df, orient="h")
plt.show()
```

Output



The major advantage of using Seaborn for many developers in Python world is because it can take pandas DataFrame object as parameter.





13. Seaborn – Multi Panel Categorical Plots

Categorical data can we visualized using two plots, you can either use the functions **pointplot(**), or the higher-level function **factorplot()**.

Factorplot

Factorplot draws a categorical plot on a FacetGrid. Using `kind' parameter we can choose the plot like boxplot, violinplot, barplot and stripplot. FacetGrid uses pointplot by default.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('exercise')
sb.factorplot(x="time", y="pulse", hue="kind",data=df);
plt.show()
```







We can use different plot to visualize the same data using the \boldsymbol{kind} parameter.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('exercise')
sb.factorplot(x="time", y="pulse", hue="kind", kind='violin',data=df);
plt.show()
```

Output



In factorplot, the data is plotted on a facet grid.

What is Facet Grid?

Facet grid forms a matrix of panels defined by row and column by dividing the variables. Due of panels, a single plot looks like multiple plots. It is very helpful to analyze all combinations in two discrete variables.

Let us visualize the above the definition with an example.





Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('exercise')
sb.factorplot(x="time", y="pulse", hue="kind", kind='violin', col="diet",
data=df);
plt.show()
```

Output



The advantage of using Facet is, we can input another variable into the plot. The above plot is divided into two plots based on a third variable called `diet' using the `col' parameter.

We can make many column facets and align them with the rows of the grid:

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('titanic')
```



```
sb.factorplot("alive", col="deck",
col_wrap=3,data=df[df.deck.notnull()],kind="count")
```

plt.show()









Most of the times, we use datasets that contain multiple quantitative variables, and the goal of an analysis is often to relate those variables to each other. This can be done through the regression lines.

While building the regression models, we often check for **multicollinearity**, where we had to see the correlation between all the combinations of continuous variables and will take necessary action to remove multicollinearity if exists. In such cases, the following techniques helps.

Functions to Draw Linear Regression Models

There are two main functions in Seaborn to visualize a linear relationship determined through regression. These functions are **regplot()** and **Implot()**.

regplot vs Implot

regplot	Implot
accepts the x and y variables in a variety of	has data as a required parameter and the x
formats including simple numpy arrays,	and y variables must be specified as strings.
pandas Series objects, or as references to	This data format is called ``long-form" data
variables in a pandas DataFrame	

Let us now draw the plots.

Example

Plotting the regplot and then Implot with the same data in this example.

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('tips')
sb.regplot(x="total_bill", y="tip", data=df)
sb.lmplot(x="total_bill", y="tip", data=df)
```



plt.show()



Output



You can see the difference in the size between two plots.

We can also fit a linear regression when one of the variables takes discrete values

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('tips')
sb.lmplot(x="size", y="tip", data=df)
plt.show()
```





Fitting Different Kinds of Models

The simple linear regression model used above is very simple to fit, but in most of the cases, the data is non-linear and the above methods cannot generalize the regression line.

Let us use Anscombe's dataset with the regression plots:

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('anscombe')
sb.lmplot(x="x", y="y", data=df.query("dataset == 'I'"))
plt.show()
```



Output



In this case, the data is good fit for linear regression model with less variance.

Let us see another example where the data takes high deviation which shows the line of best fit is not good.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('anscombe')
sb.lmplot(x="x", y="y", data=df.query("dataset == 'II'"))
plt.show()
```



Output



The plot shows the high deviation of data points from the regression line. Such nonlinear, higher order can be visualized using the **Implot()** and **regplot()**. These can fit a polynomial regression model to explore simple kinds of nonlinear trends in the dataset:

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('anscombe')
sb.lmplot(x="x", y="y", data=df.query("dataset == 'II'"),order=2)
plt.show()
```


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15. Seaborn – Facet Grid

A useful approach to explore medium-dimensional data, is by drawing multiple instances of the same plot on different subsets of your dataset.

This technique is commonly called as "lattice", or "trellis" plotting, and it is related to the idea of "small multiples".

To use these features, your data has to be in a Pandas DataFrame.

Plotting Small Multiples of Data Subsets

In the previous chapter, we have seen the FacetGrid example where FacetGrid class helps in visualizing distribution of one variable as well as the relationship between multiple variables separately within subsets of your dataset using multiple panels.

A FacetGrid can be drawn with up to three dimensions: row, col, and hue. The first two have obvious correspondence with the resulting array of axes; think of the hue variable as a third dimension along a depth axis, where different levels are plotted with different colors.

FacetGrid object takes a dataframe as input and the names of the variables that will form the row, column, or hue dimensions of the grid.

The variables should be categorical and the data at each level of the variable will be used for a facet along that axis.

Example

import pandas as pd import seaborn as sb from matplotlib import pyplot as plt df = sb.load_dataset('tips') g = sb.FacetGrid(df, col="time") plt.show()



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In the above example, we have just initialized the **facetgrid** object which doesn't draw anything on them.

The main approach for visualizing data on this grid is with the **FacetGrid.map()** method. Let us look at the distribution of tips in each of these subsets, using a histogram.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('tips')
g = sb.FacetGrid(df, col="time")
g.map(plt.hist, "tip")
plt.show()
```

Output



The number of plots is more than one because of the parameter col. We discussed about col parameter in our previous chapters.

To make a relational plot, pass the multiple variable names.

Example



```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('tips')
g = sb.FacetGrid(df, col="sex", hue="smoker")
g.map(plt.scatter, "total_bill", "tip")
plt.show()
```





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16. Seaborn – Pair Grid

PairGrid allows us to draw a grid of subplots using the same plot type to visualize data.

Unlike FacetGrid, it uses different pair of variable for each subplot. It forms a matrix of sub-plots. It is also sometimes called as "scatterplot matrix".

The usage of pairgrid is similar to facetgrid. First initialise the grid and then pass the plotting function.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
g = sb.PairGrid(df)
g.map(plt.scatter);
plt.show()
```



Output



It is also possible to plot a different function on the diagonal to show the univariate distribution of the variable in each column.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
g = sb.PairGrid(df)
g.map_diag(plt.hist)
g.map_offdiag(plt.scatter);
plt.show()
```







We can customize the color of these plots using another categorical variable. For example, the iris dataset has four measurements for each of three different species of iris flowers so you can see how they differ.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
g = sb.PairGrid(df)
g.map_diag(plt.hist)
g.map_offdiag(plt.scatter);
plt.show()
```





We can use a different function in the upper and lower triangles to see different aspects of the relationship.

Example

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
```



```
g = sb.PairGrid(df)
g.map_upper(plt.scatter)
g.map_lower(sb.kdeplot, cmap="Blues_d")
g.map_diag(sb.kdeplot, lw=3, legend=False);
plt.show()
```



