
upsetplot Documentation

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This is another Python implementation of UpSet plots by Lex et al. [Lex2014]. UpSet plots are used to visualise set overlaps; like Venn diagrams but more readable. Documentation is at <https://upsetplot.readthedocs.io>.

This upsetplot library tries to provide a simple interface backed by an extensible, object-oriented design.

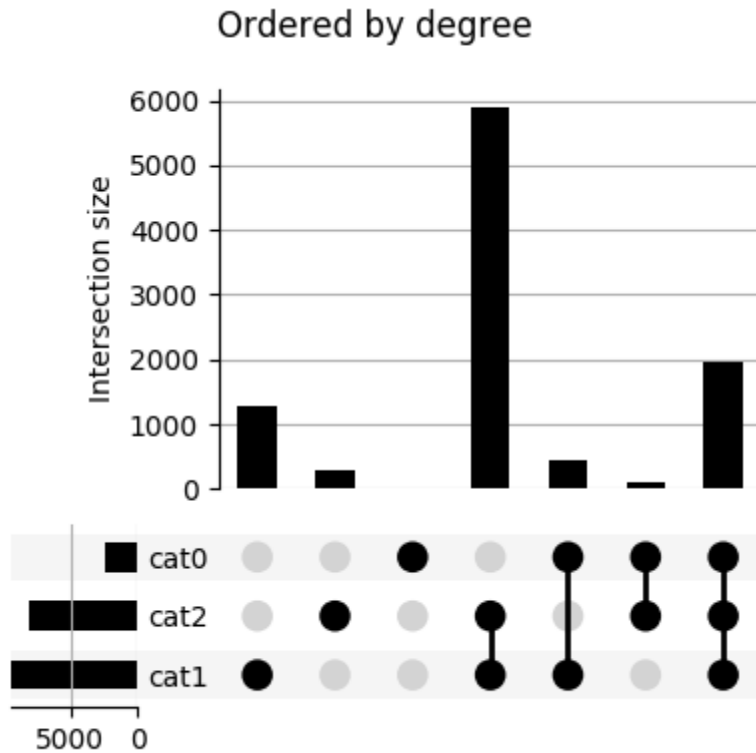
The basic input format is a `pandas.Series` containing counts corresponding to subset sizes, where each subset is an intersection of named categories. The index of the Series indicates which rows pertain to which categories, by having multiple boolean indices, like example in the following:

```
>>> from upsetplot import generate_counts
>>> example = generate_counts()
>>> example
cat0  cat1  cat2
False False False      56
          True  True      283
          True False    1279
          True  True    5882
True   False False      24
          True  True       90
          True False     429
          True  True    1957
Name: value, dtype: int64
```

Then:

```
>>> from upsetplot import plot
>>> plot(example)
>>> from matplotlib import pyplot
>>> pyplot.show()
```

makes:



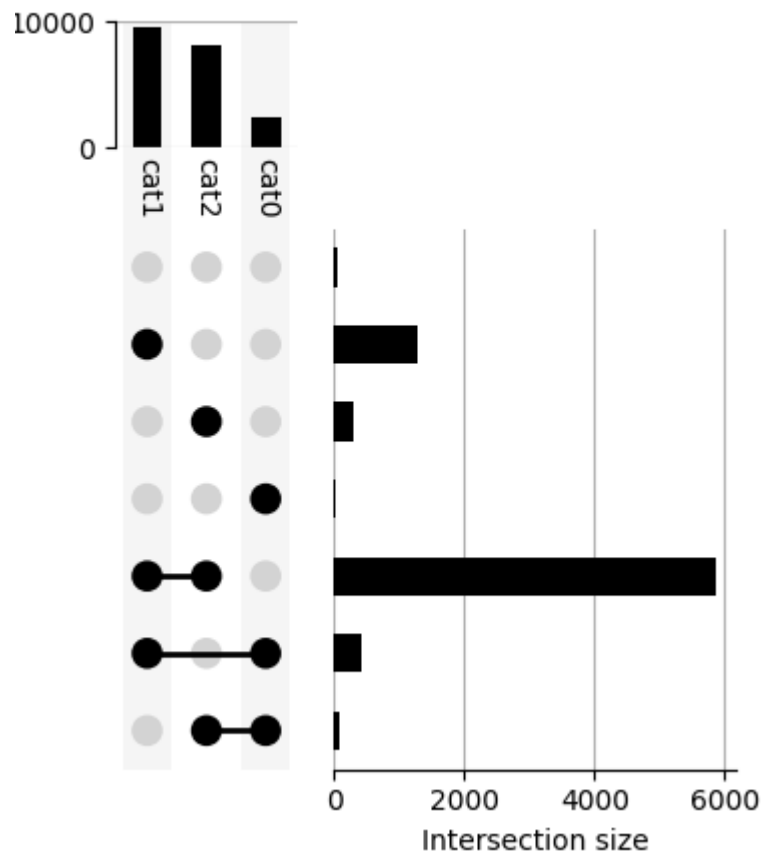
This plot shows the cardinality of every category combination seen in our data. The leftmost column counts items absent from any category. The next three columns count items only in `cat1`, `cat2` and `cat3` respectively, with following columns showing cardinalities for items in each combination of exactly two named sets. The rightmost column counts items in all three sets.

CHAPTER 1

Rotation

We call the above plot style “horizontal” because the category intersections are presented from left to right. [Vertical plots](#) are also supported!

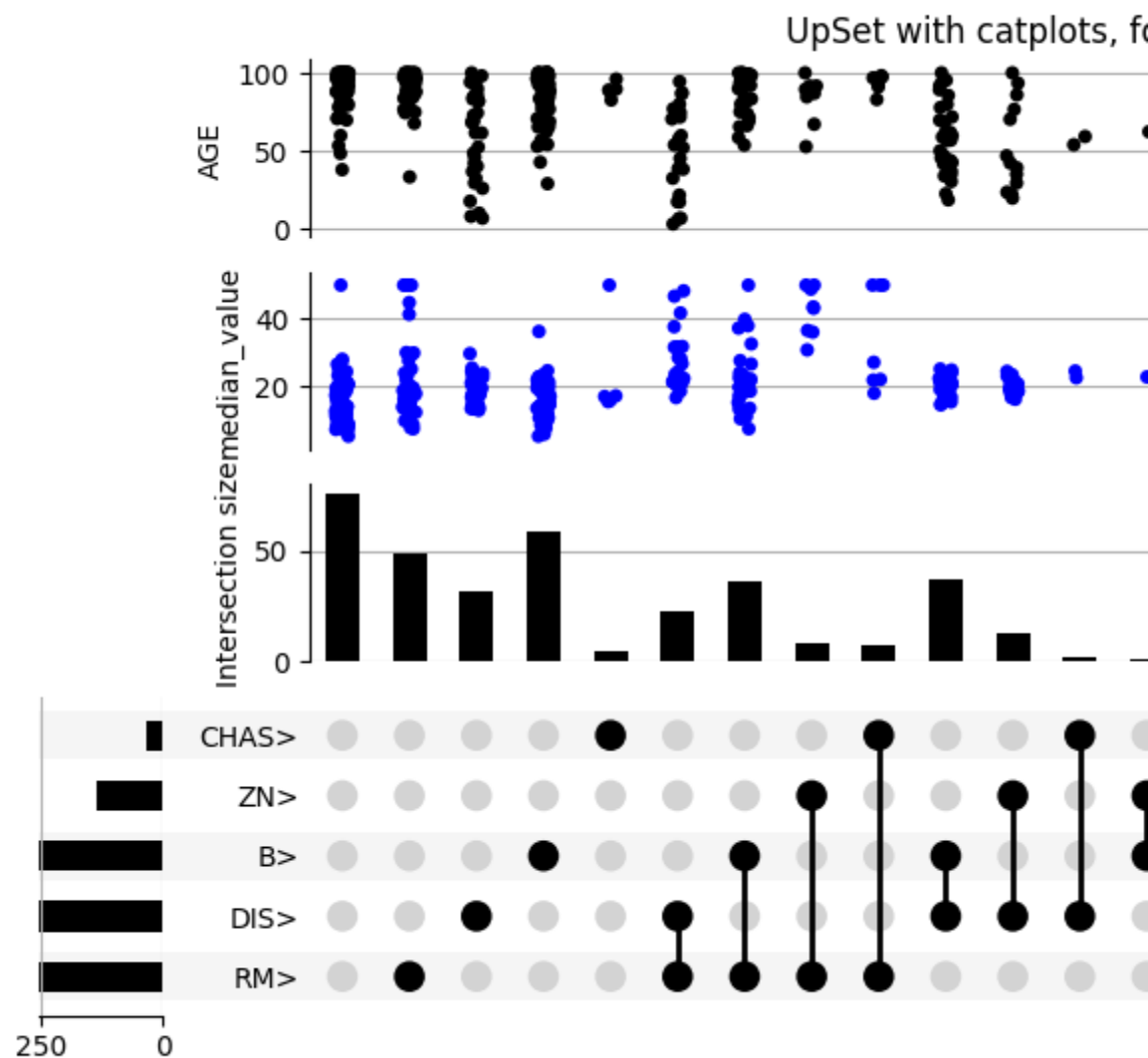
A vertical plot



CHAPTER 2

Distributions

Providing a DataFrame rather than a Series as input allows us to expressively [plot the distribution of variables](#) in each subset.



CHAPTER 3

Loading datasets

While the dataset above is randomly generated, you can prepare your own dataset for input to upsetplot. A helpful tool is `from_memberships`, which allows us to reconstruct the example above by indicating each data point's category membership:

```
>>> from upsetplot import from_memberships
>>> example = from_memberships(
...     [[],
...     ['cat2'],
...     ['cat1'],
...     ['cat1', 'cat2'],
...     ['cat0'],
...     ['cat0', 'cat2'],
...     ['cat0', 'cat1'],
...     ['cat0', 'cat1', 'cat2'],
...     ],
...     data=[56, 283, 1279, 5882, 24, 90, 429, 1957]
... )
>>> example
cat0  cat1  cat2
False False False      56
      True  True      283
      True False     1279
      True  True     5882
True  False False      24
      True  True       90
      True False     429
      True  True     1957
dtype: int64
```

See also `from_contents`, another way to describe categorised data.

3.1 Installation

To install the library, you can use `pip`:

```
$ pip install upsetplot
```

Installation requires:

- pandas
- matplotlib >= 2.0
- seaborn to use `UpSet.add_catplot`

It should then be possible to:

```
>>> import upsetplot
```

in Python.

3.2 Why an alternative to py-upset?

Probably for petty reasons. It appeared `py-upset` was not being maintained. Its input format was undocumented, inefficient and, IMO, inappropriate. It did not facilitate showing plots of each subset's distribution as in Lex et al's work introducing UpSet plots. Nor did it include the horizontal bar plots illustrated there. It did not support Python 2. I decided it would be easier to construct a cleaner version than to fix it.

3.3 References

3.3.1 Examples

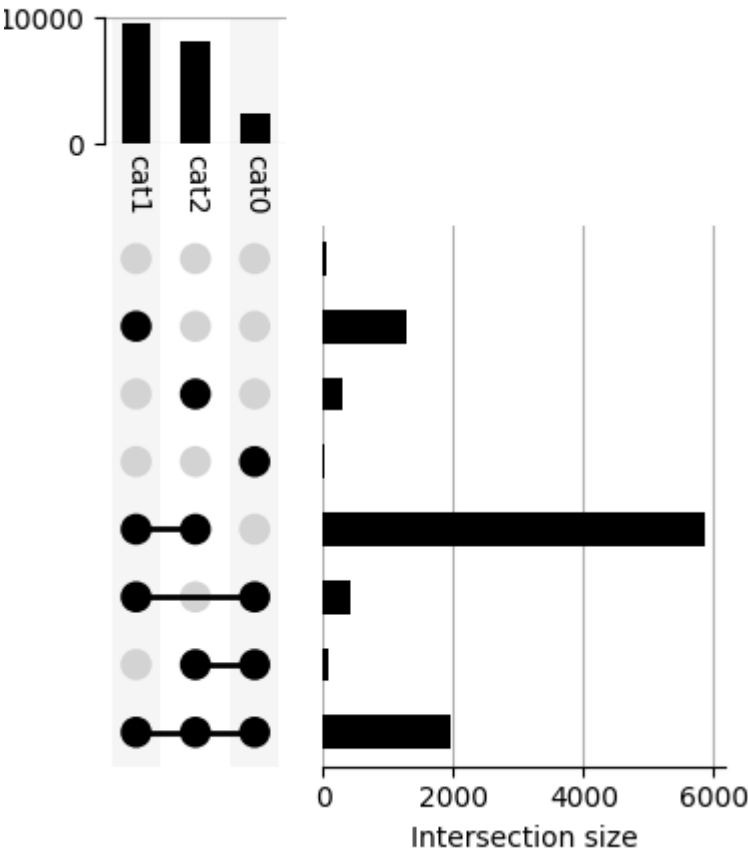
Introductory examples for `upsetplot`.

Note: Click [here](#) to download the full example code

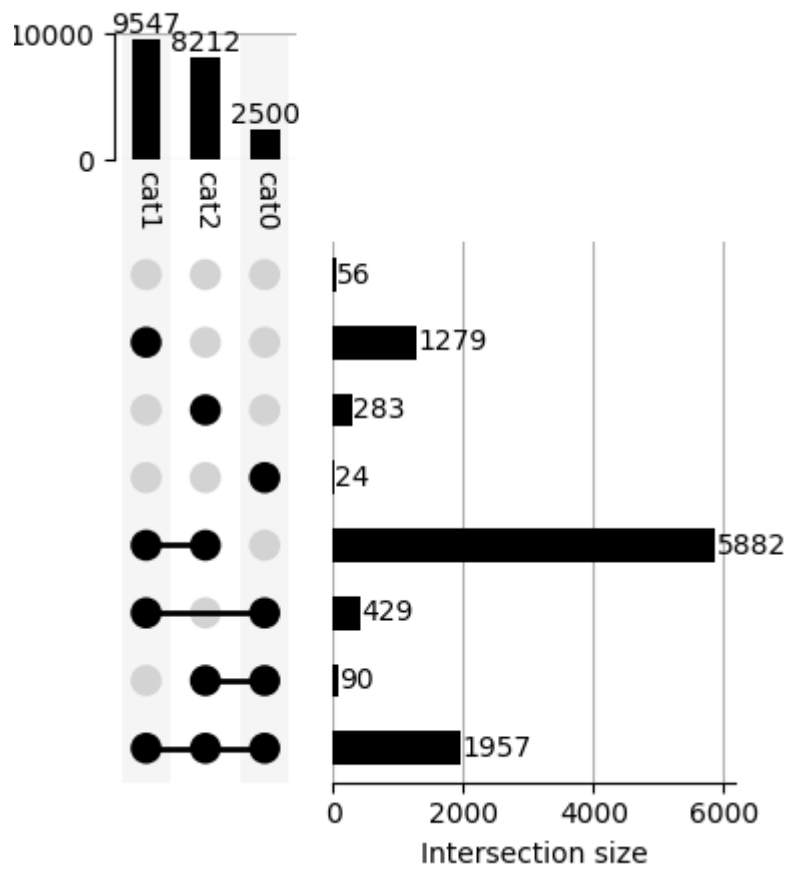
Vertical orientation

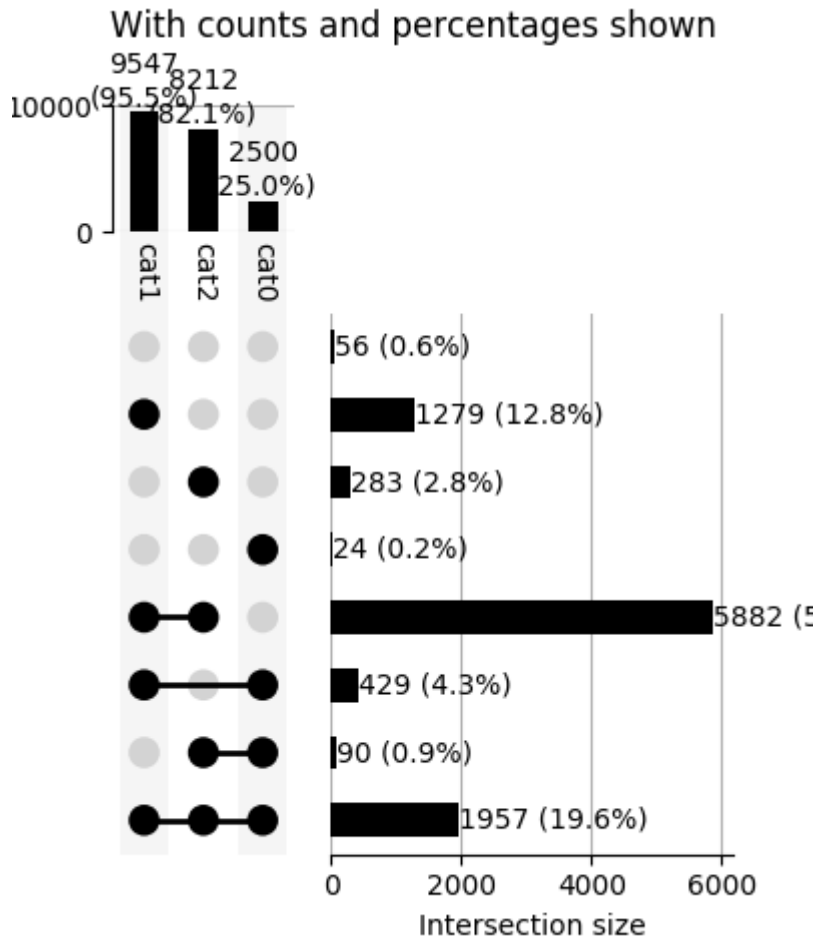
This illustrates the effect of `orientation='vertical'`.

A vertical plot



A vertical plot with counts shown





```
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
from upsetplot import generate_counts, plot

example = generate_counts()
plot(example, orientation='vertical')
plt.suptitle('A vertical plot')
plt.show()

plot(example, orientation='vertical', show_counts='%d')
plt.suptitle('A vertical plot with counts shown')
plt.show()

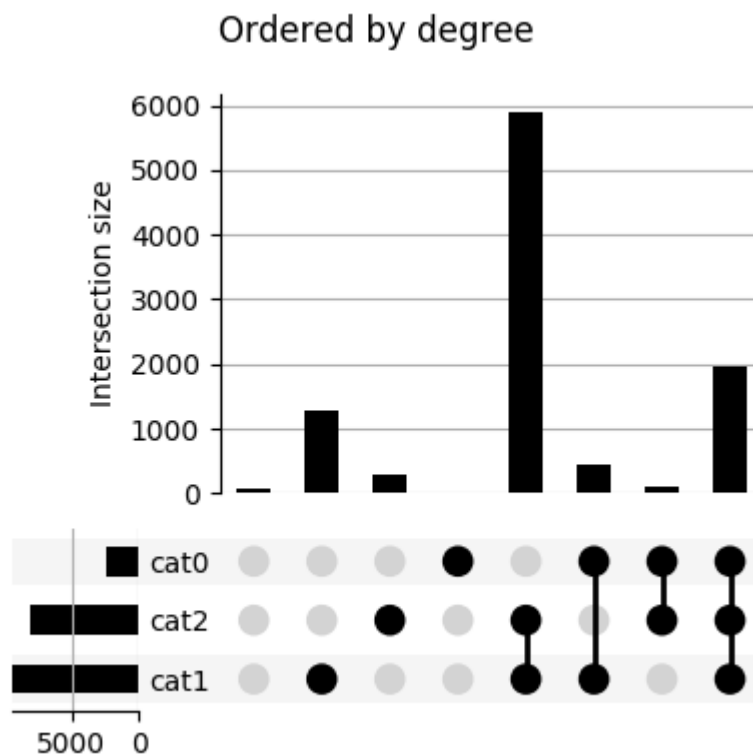
plot(example, orientation='vertical', show_counts='%d', show_percentages=True)
plt.suptitle('With counts and percentages shown')
plt.show()
```

Total running time of the script: (0 minutes 0.789 seconds)

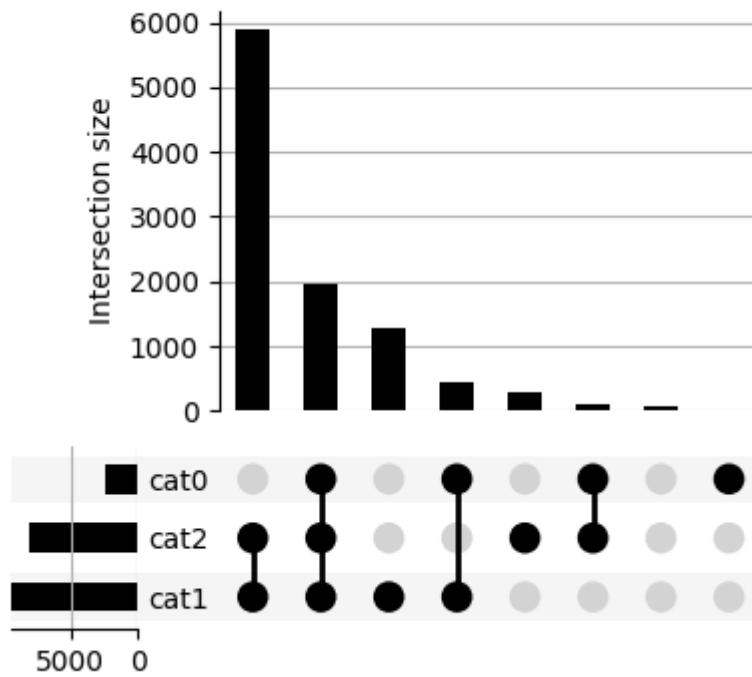
Note: Click [here](#) to download the full example code

Plotting with generated data

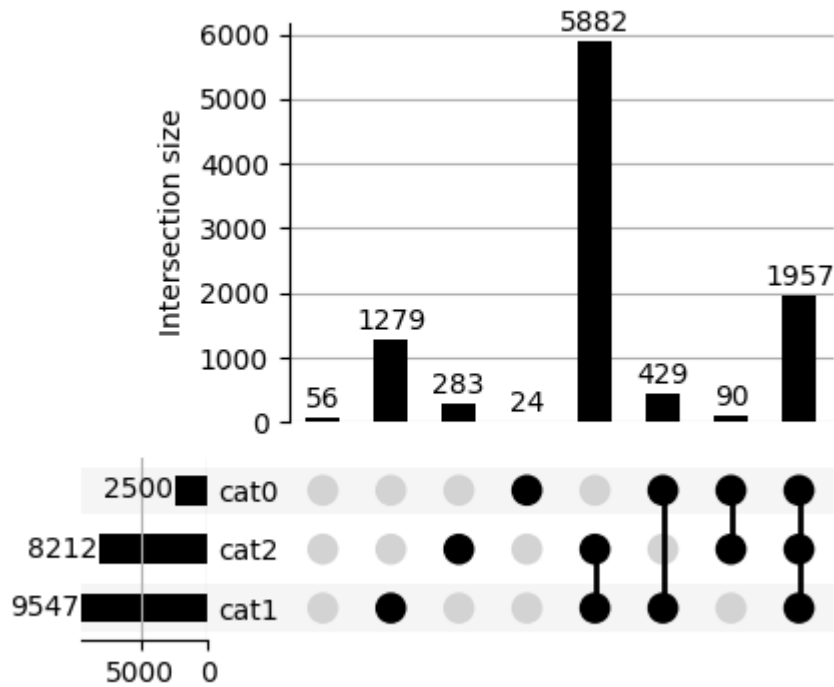
This example illustrates basic plotting functionality using generated data.

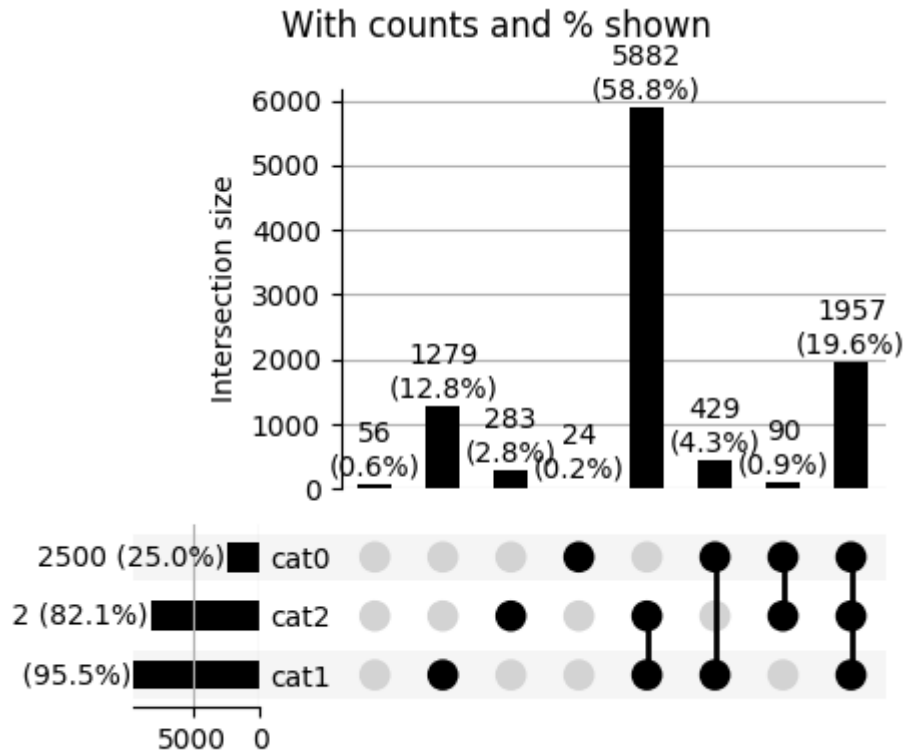


Ordered by cardinality



With counts shown





Out:

```
cat0  cat1  cat2
False False False    56
      True  False   283
      True  False  1279
      True   True   5882
True   False False    24
      True  False    90
      True  False   429
      True   True   1957
Name: value, dtype: int64
```

```
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
from upsetplot import generate_counts, plot

example = generate_counts()
print(example)

plot(example)
plt.suptitle('Ordered by degree')
plt.show()

plot(example, sort_by='cardinality')
plt.suptitle('Ordered by cardinality')
```

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```
plt.show()

plot(example, show_counts='%d')
plt.suptitle('With counts shown')
plt.show()

plot(example, show_counts='%d', show_percentages=True)
plt.suptitle('With counts and % shown')
plt.show()
```

Total running time of the script: (0 minutes 0.976 seconds)

Note: Click [here](#) to download the full example code

Above-average features in Boston

Explore above-average neighborhood characteristics in the Boston dataset.

Here we take some features correlated with house price, and look at the distribution of median house price when each of these features is above average.

The most correlated features are:

ZN proportion of residential land zoned for lots over 25,000 sq.ft.

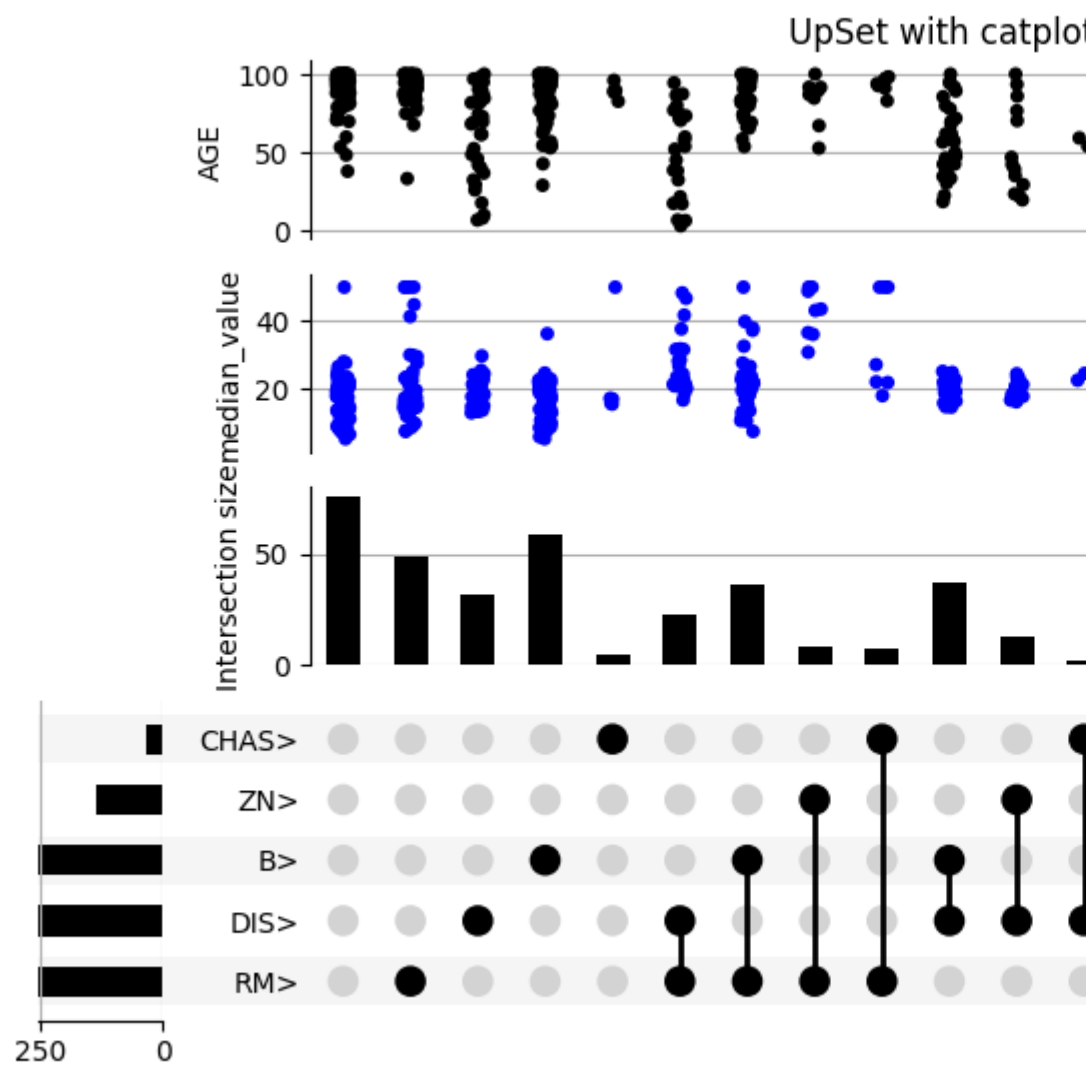
CHAS Charles River dummy variable (= 1 if tract bounds river; 0 otherwise)

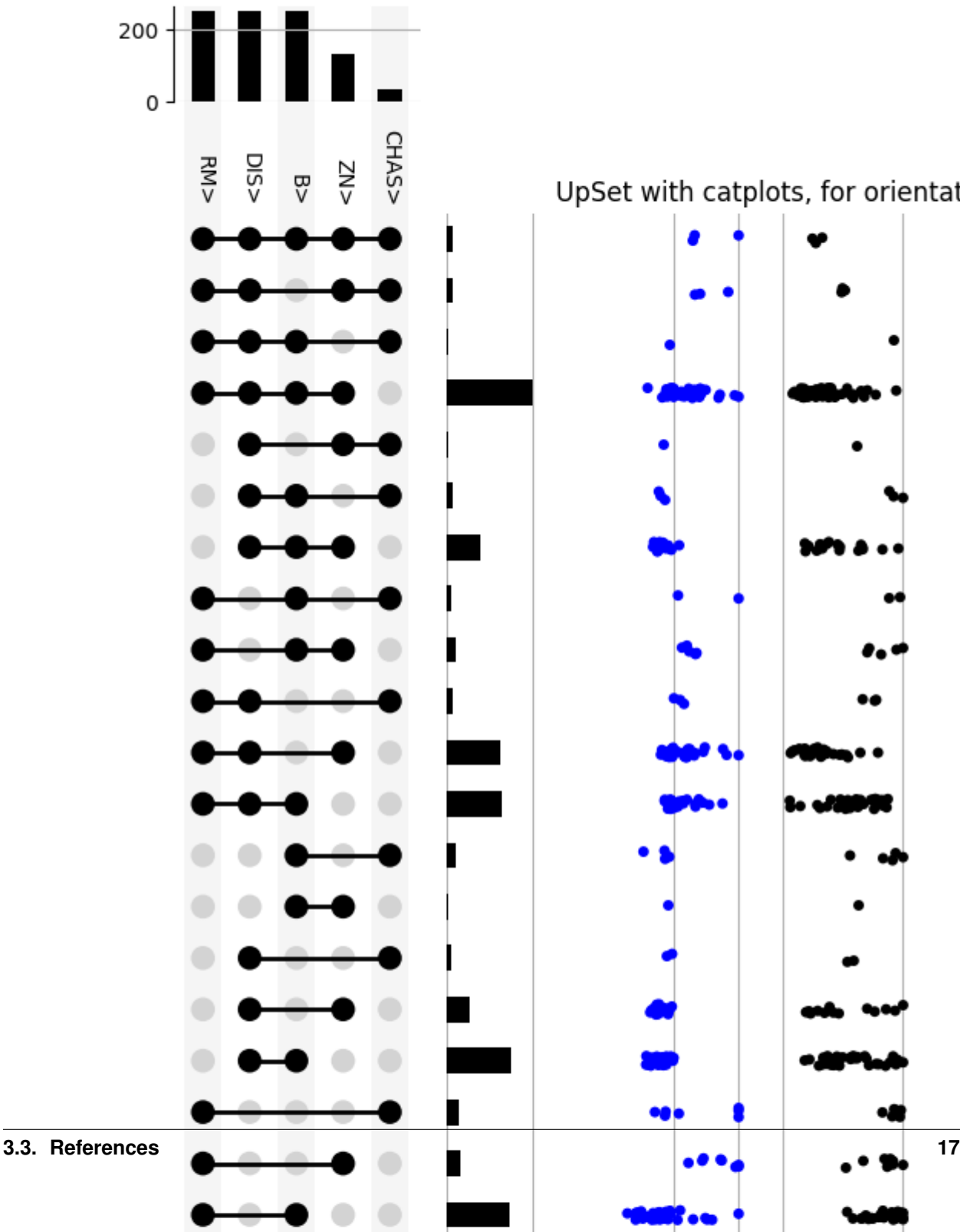
RM average number of rooms per dwelling

DIS weighted distances to five Boston employment centres

B $1000(\text{Bk} - 0.63)^2$ where Bk is the proportion of blacks by town

This kind of dataset analysis may not be a practical use of UpSet, but helps to illustrate the `UpSet.add_catplot()` feature.





```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.datasets import load_boston
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
from upsetplot import UpSet

# Load the dataset into a DataFrame
boston = load_boston()
boston_df = pd.DataFrame(boston.data, columns=boston.feature_names)

# Get five features most correlated with median house value
correls = boston_df.corrwith(pd.Series(boston.target),
                             method='spearman').sort_values()
top_features = correls.index[-5:]

# Get a binary indicator of whether each top feature is above average
boston_above_avg = boston_df > boston_df.median(axis=0)
boston_above_avg = boston_above_avg[top_features]
boston_above_avg = boston_above_avg.rename(columns=lambda x: x + '>')

# Make this indicator mask an index of boston_df
boston_df = pd.concat([boston_df, boston_above_avg],
                      axis=1)
boston_df = boston_df.set_index(list(boston_above_avg.columns))

# Also give us access to the target (median house value)
boston_df = boston_df.assign(median_value=boston.target)

# UpSet plot it!
upset = UpSet(boston_df, subset_size='count', intersection_plot_elements=3)
upset.add_catplot(value='median_value', kind='strip', color='blue')
upset.add_catplot(value='AGE', kind='strip', color='black')
upset.plot()
plt.title("UpSet with catplots, for orientation='horizontal'")
plt.show()

# And again in vertical orientation

upset = UpSet(boston_df, subset_size='count', intersection_plot_elements=3,
              orientation='vertical')
upset.add_catplot(value='median_value', kind='strip', color='blue')
upset.add_catplot(value='AGE', kind='strip', color='black')
upset.plot()
plt.title("UpSet with catplots, for orientation='vertical'")
plt.show()
```

Total running time of the script: (0 minutes 2.968 seconds)

3.3.2 Data Format Guide

Basic data format

UpSetPlot can take a Pandas Series or DataFrame object with Multi-index as input. Each Set is a level in pandas . MultiIndex with boolean values.

Use Series as input

Below is a minimal example using Series as input:

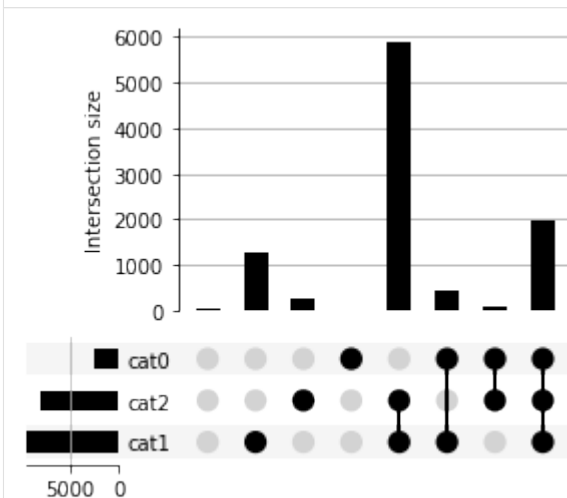
```
[19]: from upsetplot import generate_counts
example_counts = generate_counts()
example_counts
```

```
[19]: cat0  cat1  cat2
False  False  False      56
        True   False    283
        True   False   1279
        True   True    5882
True    False  False     24
        True   False     90
        True   False    429
        True   True    1957
Name: value, dtype: int64
```

This is a `pandas.Series` with 3-level Multi-index. Each level is a Set: `cat0`, `cat1`, and `cat2`. Each row is a unique subset with boolean values in indices indicating memberships of each row. The value in each row indicates the number of observations in each subset. `upsetplot` will simply plot these numbers when supplied with a Series:

```
[20]: from upsetplot import UpSet
plt = UpSet(example_counts).plot()
```

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Alternatively, we can supply a Series with each observation in a row:

```
[3]: from upsetplot import generate_samples
example_samples = generate_samples().value
example_samples
```

```
[3]: cat0  cat1  cat2
False  True   True   1.652317
        True   True   1.510447
        False  True   1.584646
        True   True   1.279395
        True   True   2.338243
        ...
```

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```

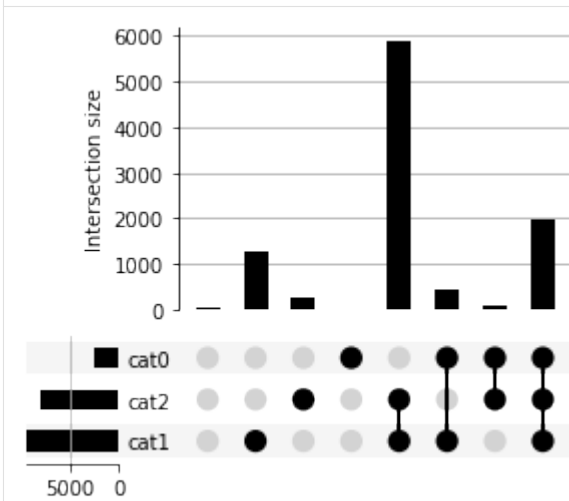
      True      1.701618
      True      1.577837
True    True    True    1.757554
False   True    True    1.407799
True    True    True    1.709067
Name: value, Length: 10000, dtype: float64

```

In this case, we can use `subset_size='count'` to have upsetplot count the number of observations in each unique subset and plot them:

```
[21]: from upsetplot import UpSet
plt = UpSet(example_samples, subset_size='count').plot()
```

```
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```



Use DataFrame as input:

A DataFrame can also be used as input to carry additional information.

```
[5]: from upsetplot import generate_samples
example_samples_df = generate_samples()
example_samples_df.head()
```

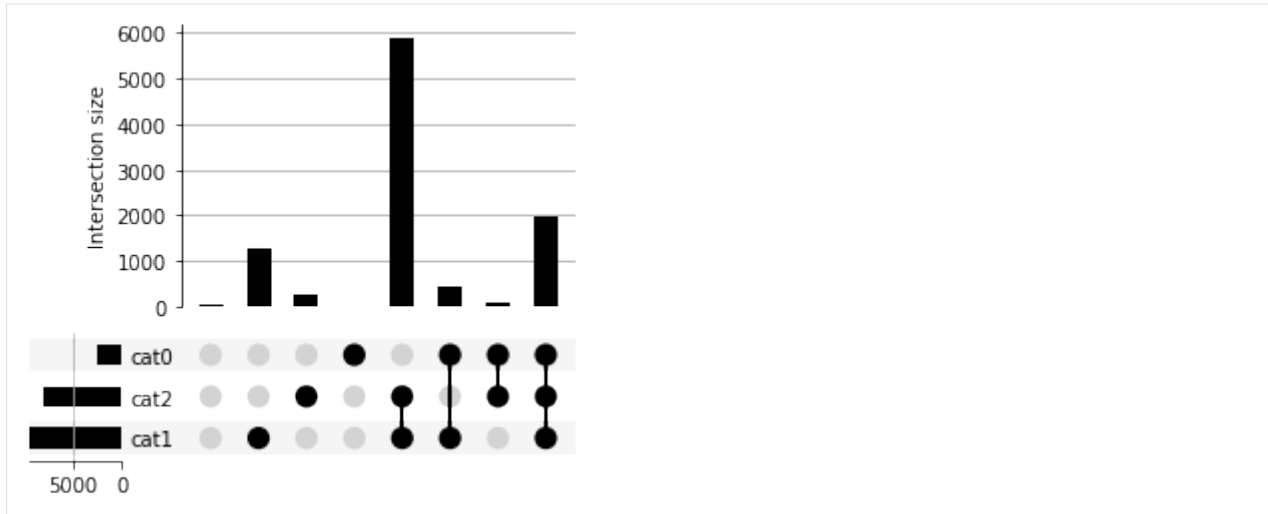
```
[5]:
cat0  cat1  cat2  index  value
False True   True    0  1.652317
      True   True    1  1.510447
      False True    2  1.584646
      True  True    3  1.279395
      True  True    4  2.338243

```

In this data frame, each observation has two variables: `index` and `value`. If we simply want to count the number of observations in each unique subset, we can use `subset_size='count'`:

```
[22]: from upsetplot import UpSet
plt = UpSet(example_samples_df, subset_size='count').plot()
```

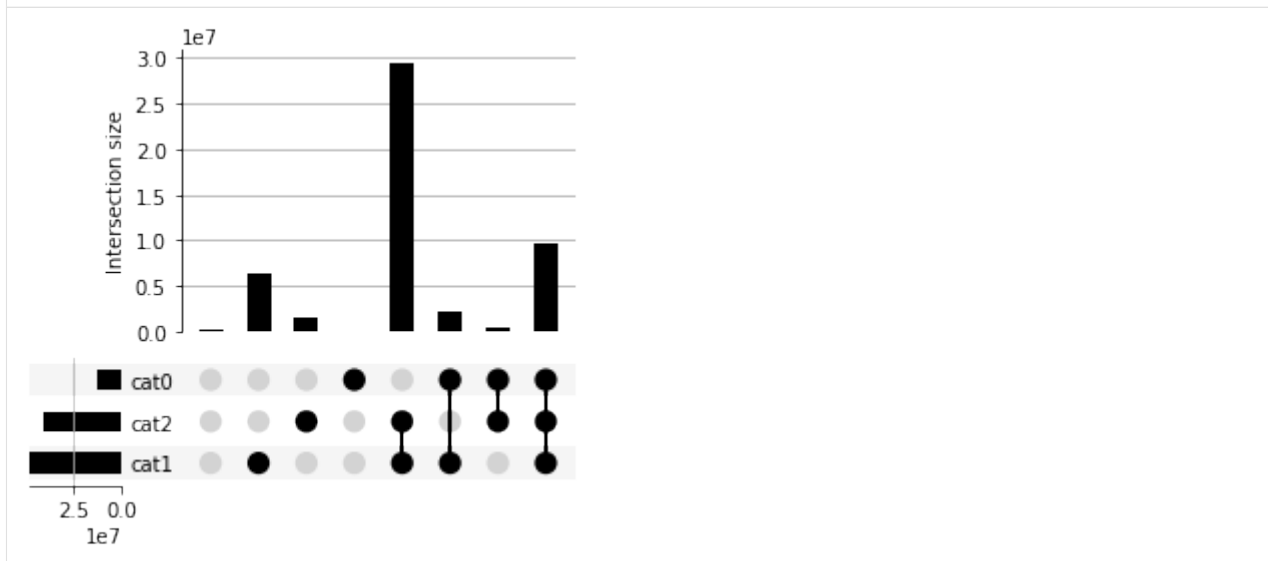
```
3 8 2
```



If for some reason, we want to plot the sum of a variable in each subset (eg. `index`), we can use `sum_over='index'`. This will make `upsetplot` to take sum of a given variable in each unique subset and plot that number:

```
[7]: from upsetplot import UpSet
plt = UpSet(example_samples_df, sum_over='index', subset_size='sum').plot()
```

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Convert Data to UpSet-compatible format

We can convert data from common formats to be compatible with `upsetplot`.

Suppose we have three sets:

```
[8]: mammals = ['Cat', 'Dog', 'Horse', 'Sheep', 'Pig', 'Cattle', 'Rhinoceros', 'Moose']
herbivores = ['Horse', 'Sheep', 'Cattle', 'Moose', 'Rhinoceros']
domesticated = ['Dog', 'Chicken', 'Horse', 'Sheep', 'Pig', 'Cattle', 'Duck']
(mammals, herbivores, domesticated)
```

```
[8]: ([ 'Cat', 'Dog', 'Horse', 'Sheep', 'Pig', 'Cattle', 'Rhinoceros', 'Moose'],
      [ 'Horse', 'Sheep', 'Cattle', 'Moose', 'Rhinoceros'],
      [ 'Dog', 'Chicken', 'Horse', 'Sheep', 'Pig', 'Cattle', 'Duck'])
```

We can construct a data frame ready for plotting:

```
[9]: import pandas as pd

# make a data frame for each set
mammal_df = pd.DataFrame({'mammal': True, 'Name': mammals})
herbivore_df = pd.DataFrame({'herbivore': True, 'Name': herbivores})
domesticated_df = pd.DataFrame({'domesticated': True, 'Name': domesticated})

# Merge three data frames together
animals_df = mammal_df.merge(
    herbivore_df.merge(domesticated_df, on = 'Name', how = 'outer'),
    on = 'Name', how = 'outer')

# Replace NaN with False
animals_df = animals_df.fillna(False)

# Make sets index for the data frame
animals_df = animals_df.set_index(['mammal', 'herbivore', 'domesticated'])

animals_df
```

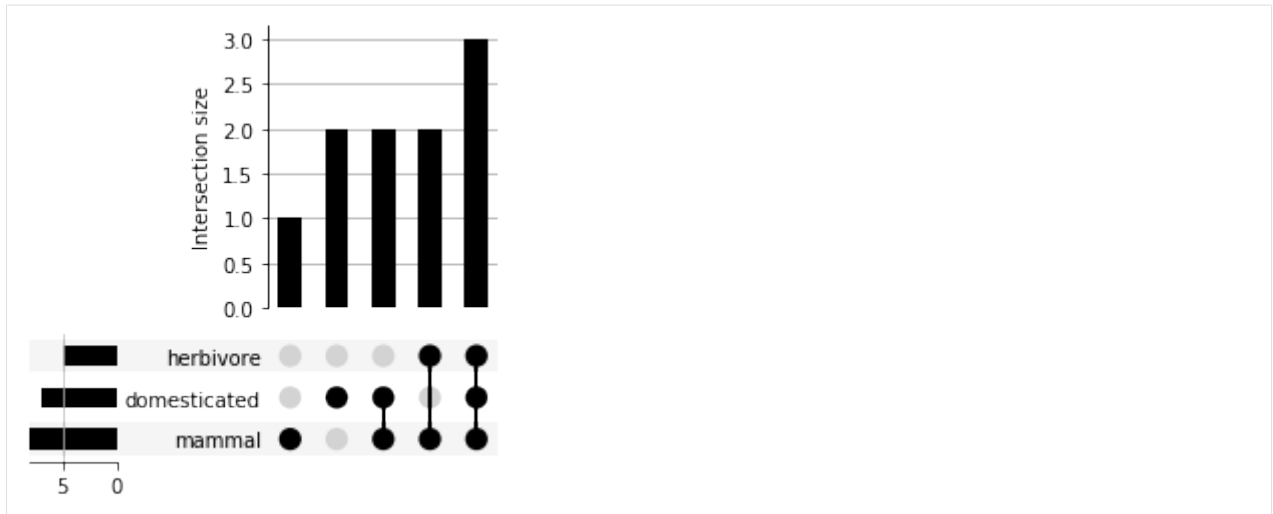
```
[9]:
```

			Name
mammal	herbivore	domesticated	
True	False	False	Cat
		True	Dog
	True	True	Horse
		True	Sheep
	False	True	Pig
	True	True	Cattle
		False	Rhinoceros
		False	Moose
False	False	True	Chicken
		True	Duck

Now we can plot:

```
[10]: from upsetplot import UpSet
plt = UpSet(animals_df, subset_size='count').plot()

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```



upsetplot actually provides a function `from_contents` to do this for you.

`from_contents` takes a [dictionary](#) as input. The input dictionary should have set names as key and a [list](#) of set members as values:

```
[11]: from upsetplot import from_contents
animals_df = from_contents({'mammal': mammals, 'herbivore': herbivores, 'domesticated': domesticated})
animals_df
```

```
[11]:      id
mammal herbivore domesticated
True    False      False      Cat
          True       True      Dog
          True       True     Horse
          True       True     Sheep
          False      True      Pig
          True       True     Cattle
          True       False  Rhinoceros
          True       False   Moose
False   False      True     Chicken
          True       True      Duck
```

Converting any Data Frame to “UpSet-ready” format

Let’s take a look at the `movies` dataset used in the [original publication](#) by Alexander Lex et al. and UpSetR package.

```
[12]: movies = pd.read_csv("../movies.csv")
movies.head()
```

```
[12]:      Name  ReleaseDate  Action  Adventure  \
0      Toy Story (1995)    1995        0         0
1      Jumanji (1995)    1995        0         1
2      Grumpier Old Men (1995)  1995        0         0
3      Waiting to Exhale (1995)  1995        0         0
4  Father of the Bride Part II (1995)  1995        0         0
```

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	Children	Comedy	Crime	Documentary	Drama	Fantasy	...	Horror	Musical	\
0	1	1	0	0	0	0	...	0	0	
1	1	0	0	0	0	1	...	0	0	
2	0	1	0	0	0	0	...	0	0	
3	0	1	0	0	1	0	...	0	0	
4	0	1	0	0	0	0	...	0	0	

	Mystery	Romance	SciFi	Thriller	War	Western	AvgRating	Watches
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.15	2077
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.20	701
2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3.02	478
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.73	170
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.01	296

[5 rows x 21 columns]

In this table, each movie occupies a row with each column being a feature of the film. columns 3 to 19 records the genre each film belong in, with 1 indicating that the movie belongs to this genre.

Since upsetplot requires its set data be boolean values, we convert the numerical coding in this dataset to boolean values and set them as index:

```
[13]: genres = list(movies.columns[2:len(movies.columns)-2])
movies_genre = movies[genres].astype(bool)
movies_genre = pd.concat([movies_genre,
                          movies[[col for col in movies.columns if col not in_
→genres]]],
                          axis=1).set_index(genres)
movies_genre.head()
```

```
[13]:
→
→                                     Name \
Action Adventure Children Comedy Crime Documentary Drama Fantasy Noir  Horror Musical
→Mystery Romance SciFi Thriller War  Western
False False      True      True  False False      False False  False False False
→False False      False False  False False      False True    False False False
→      True      True      False False  False False      False True    False False
→False False      False False  False False      False False  False False False
→      False      False True  False False  False False      False False  False False
→False True      False False  False False      False False      Grumpier Old Men (1995)
→      False      False False  False False      True False  False False False
→False False      False False  False False      False False      Waiting to Exhale (1995)
→False False      False False  False False      False False  False False False
→False False      False False  False False      False False      Father of the Bride Part II (1995)

→
→                                     ReleaseDate \
Action Adventure Children Comedy Crime Documentary Drama Fantasy Noir  Horror Musical
→Mystery Romance SciFi Thriller War  Western
False False      True      True  False False      False False  False False False
→False False      False False  False False      1995      False False False
→      True      True      False False  False False      False True    False False
→False False      False False  False False      1995      False True    False False
→      False      False True  False False  False False      False False  False False
→False True      False False  False False      1995      True False    False False
→False False      False False  False False      1995      True False    False False
```

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False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
						1995						
						AvgRating	\					
Action	Adventure	Children	Comedy	Crime	Documentary	Drama	Fantasy	Noir	Horror	Musical		
False	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True
False	False	True	True	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
False	False	False	False	False	False	4.15						
True	True	True	False	False	False	False	True	False	False	False	False	False
False	False	False	False	False	False	3.20						
False	False	False	True	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
False	True	False	False	False	False	3.02						
True	True	True	True	True	True	True	False	False	False	False	False	False
False	False	False	False	False	False	2.73						
False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
False	False	False	False	False	False	3.01						
						Watches						
Action	Adventure	Children	Comedy	Crime	Documentary	Drama	Fantasy	Noir	Horror	Musical		
False	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True
False	False	True	True	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
False	False	False	False	False	False	2077						
True	True	True	False	False	False	False	True	False	False	False	False	False
False	False	False	False	False	False	701						
False	False	False	True	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
False	True	False	False	False	False	478						
True	True	True	True	True	True	True	False	False	False	False	False	False
False	False	False	False	False	False	170						
False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
False	False	False	False	False	False	296						

Now let's plot!

```
[23]: import upsetplot as upset
      plt = upset.UpSet(movies_genre, subset_size='count').plot()
```

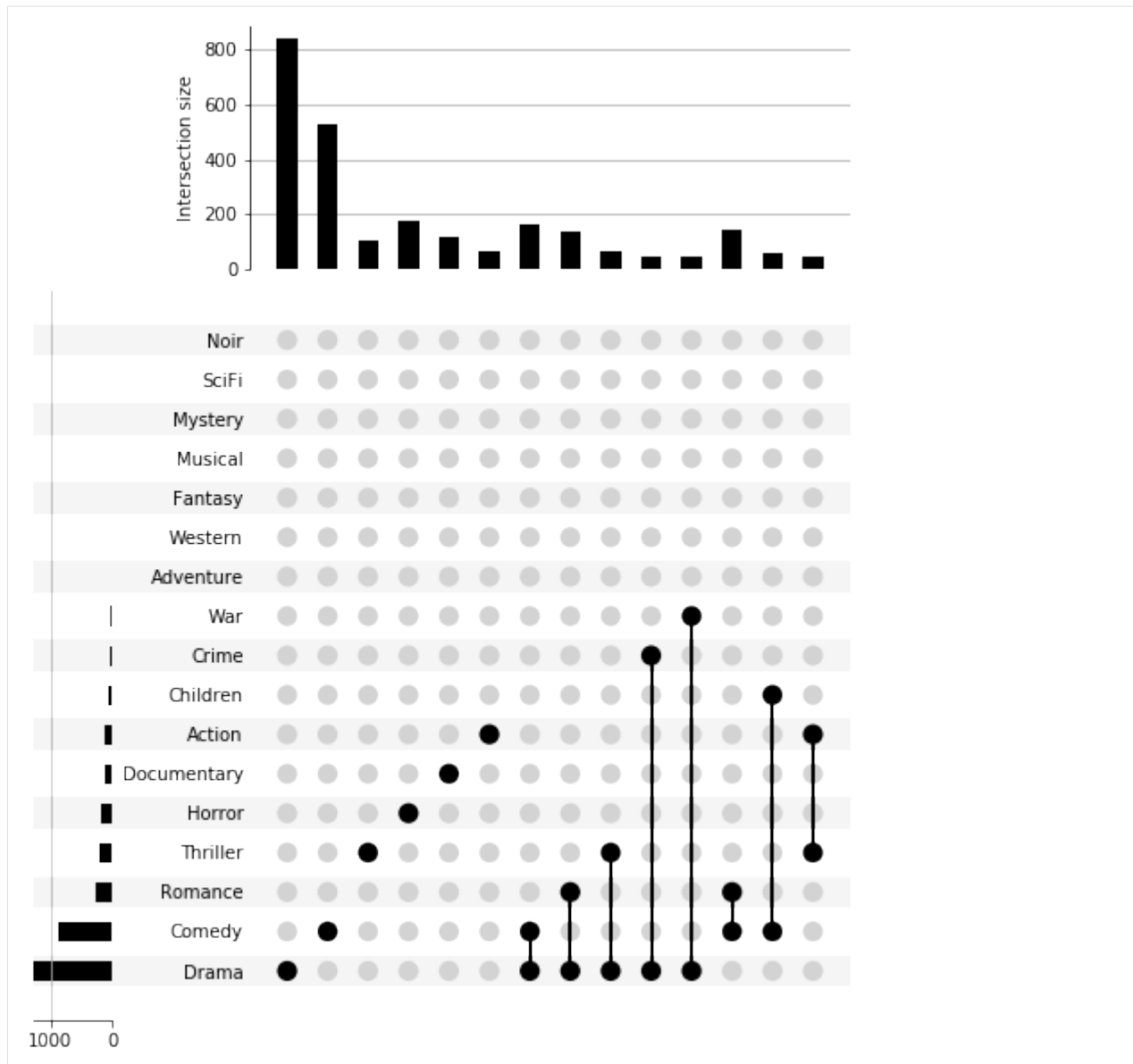
17 280 2



Above plot gives every single subset based on the input data. Since we have a 17-level multi-index, we are seeing $2^{17} = 131072$ possible subsets (although in this dataset we have only 280 total subsets). In cases like this, it can be helpful to set an observation threshold to exclude low-count subsets. This can be achieved by grouping data manually and filter by counts:

```
[24]: movies_genre_grouped = movies_genre.groupby(level=genres).count()
      movies_genre_subset = movies_genre_grouped[movies_genre_grouped.Name > 40]
      plt = upset.UpSet(movies_genre_subset.Name).plot()
```

17	14	2
----	----	---



3.3.3 API Reference

Plotting

`upsetplot.plot(data, fig=None, **kwargs)`

Make an UpSet plot of data on fig

Parameters

data [pandas.Series or pandas.DataFrame] Values for each set to plot. Should have multi-index where each level is binary, corresponding to set membership. If a DataFrame, `sum_over` must be a string or False.

fig [matplotlib.figure.Figure, optional] Defaults to a new figure.

kwargs Other arguments for *UpSet*

Returns

subplots [dict of matplotlib.axes.Axes] Keys are 'matrix', 'intersections', 'totals', 'shading'

```
class upsetplot.UpSet (data,                      orientation='horizontal',      sort_by='degree',
                        sort_categories_by='cardinality', subset_size='auto',    sum_over=None,
                        facecolor='black',    with_lines=True,    element_size=32,    intersec-
                        tion_plot_elements=6,    totals_plot_elements=2,    show_counts="",
                        show_percentages=False)
```

Manage the data and drawing for a basic UpSet plot

Primary public method is `plot()`.

Parameters

data [pandas.Series or pandas.DataFrame] Elements associated with categories (a DataFrame), or the size of each subset of categories (a Series). Should have MultiIndex where each level is binary, corresponding to category membership. If a DataFrame, `sum_over` must be a string or False.

orientation [{ 'horizontal' (default), 'vertical' }] If horizontal, intersections are listed from left to right.

sort_by [{ 'cardinality', 'degree' }] If 'cardinality', subset are listed from largest to smallest. If 'degree', they are listed in order of the number of categories intersected.

sort_categories_by [{ 'cardinality', None }] Whether to sort the categories by total cardinality, or leave them in the provided order.

subset_size [{ 'auto', 'count', 'sum' }] Configures how to calculate the size of a subset. Choices are:

'auto' (default) If data is a DataFrame, count the number of rows in each group, unless `sum_over` is specified. If data is a Series with at most one row for each group, use the value of the Series. If data is a Series with more than one row per group, raise a `ValueError`.

'count' Count the number of rows in each group.

'sum' Sum the value of the data Series, or the DataFrame field specified by `sum_over`.

sum_over [str or None] If `subset_size='sum'` or `'auto'`, then the intersection size is the sum of the specified field in the data DataFrame. If a Series, only None is supported and its value is summed.

facecolor [str] Color for bar charts and dots.

with_lines [bool] Whether to show lines joining dots in the matrix, to mark multiple categories being intersected.

element_size [float or None] Side length in pt. If None, size is estimated to fit figure

intersection_plot_elements [int] The intersections plot should be large enough to fit this many matrix elements. Set to 0 to disable intersection size bars.

totals_plot_elements [int] The totals plot should be large enough to fit this many matrix elements.

show_counts [bool or str, default=False] Whether to label the intersection size bars with the cardinality of the intersection. When a string, this formats the number. For example, `'%d'` is equivalent to True.

show_percentages [bool, default=False] Whether to label the intersection size bars with the percentage of the intersection relative to the total dataset. This may be applied with or without `show_counts`.

Methods

<code>add_catplot(self, kind[, value, elements])</code>	Add a seaborn catplot over subsets when <code>plot()</code> is called.
<code>make_grid(self[, fig])</code>	Get a SubplotSpec for each Axes, accounting for label text width
<code>plot(self[, fig])</code>	Draw all parts of the plot onto fig or a new figure
<code>plot_intersections(self, ax)</code>	Plot bars indicating intersection size
<code>plot_matrix(self, ax)</code>	Plot the matrix of intersection indicators onto ax
<code>plot_totals(self, ax)</code>	Plot bars indicating total set size

<code>plot_shading</code>	
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add_catplot (*self*, *kind*, *value=None*, *elements=3*, ***kw*)
Add a seaborn catplot over subsets when `plot()` is called.

Parameters

kind [str] One of {"point", "bar", "strip", "swarm", "box", "violin", "boxen"}

value [str, optional] Column name for the value to plot (i.e. `y` if `orientation='horizontal'`), required if `data` is a `DataFrame`.

elements [int, default=3] Size of the axes counted in number of matrix elements.

****kw** [dict] Additional keywords to pass to `seaborn.catplot()`.

Our implementation automatically determines 'ax', 'data', 'x', 'y' and 'orient', so these are prohibited keys in `kw`.

Returns

None

make_grid (*self*, *fig=None*)
Get a SubplotSpec for each Axes, accounting for label text width

plot (*self*, *fig=None*)
Draw all parts of the plot onto fig or a new figure

Parameters

fig [matplotlib.figure.Figure, optional] Defaults to a new figure.

Returns

subplots [dict of matplotlib.axes.Axes] Keys are 'matrix', 'intersections', 'totals', 'shading'

plot_intersections (*self*, *ax*)
Plot bars indicating intersection size

plot_matrix (*self*, *ax*)
Plot the matrix of intersection indicators onto ax

plot_totals (*self*, *ax*)
Plot bars indicating total set size

Dataset loading and generation

`upsetplot.from_contents(contents, data=None, id_column='id')`

Build data from category listings

Parameters

contents [Mapping (or iterable over pairs) of strings to sets] Keys are category names, values are sets of identifiers (int or string).

data [DataFrame, optional] If provided, this should be indexed by the identifiers used in `Python Documentation contents`.

id_column [str, default='id'] The column name to use for the identifiers in the output.

Returns

DataFrame data is returned with its index indicating category membership, including a column named according to `id_column`. If data is not given, the order of rows is not assured.

Notes

The order of categories in the output DataFrame is determined from `Python Documentation contents`, which may have non-deterministic iteration order.

Examples

```
>>> from upsetplot import from_contents
>>> contents = {'cat1': ['a', 'b', 'c'],
...             'cat2': ['b', 'd'],
...             'cat3': ['e']}
>>> from_contents(contents) # doctest: +NORMALIZE_WHITESPACE
      id
cat1 cat2 cat3
True  False False  a
      True  False  b
      False False  c
False True  False  d
      False True   e
>>> import pandas as pd
>>> contents = {'cat1': [0, 1, 2],
...             'cat2': [1, 3],
...             'cat3': [4]}
>>> data = pd.DataFrame({'favourite': ['green', 'red', 'red',
...                                     'yellow', 'blue']})
>>> from_contents(contents, data=data) # doctest: +NORMALIZE_WHITESPACE
      id favourite
cat1 cat2 cat3
True  False False  0    green
      True  False  1     red
      False False  2     red
False True  False  3  yellow
      False True   4    blue
```

`upsetplot.from_memberships(memberships, data=None)`

Load data where each sample has a collection of category names

The output should be suitable for passing to `UpSet` or `plot`.

Parameters

memberships [sequence of collections of strings] Each element corresponds to a data point, indicating the sets it is a member of. Each category is named by a string.

data [Series-like or DataFrame-like, optional] If given, the index of category memberships is attached to this data. It must have the same length as **memberships**. If not given, the series will contain the value 1.

Returns

DataFrame or Series **data** is returned with its index indicating category membership. It will be a Series if **data** is a Series or 1d numeric array. The index will have levels ordered by category names.

Examples

```
>>> from upsetplot import from_memberships
>>> from_memberships([
...     ['cat1', 'cat3'],
...     ['cat2', 'cat3'],
...     ['cat1'],
...     []
... ]) # doctest: +ELLIPSIS, +NORMALIZE_WHITESPACE
cat1  cat2  cat3
True   False True    1
False  True   True    1
True   False False   1
False  False  False   1
Name: ones, dtype: ...
>>> # now with data:
>>> import numpy as np
>>> from_memberships([
...     ['cat1', 'cat3'],
...     ['cat2', 'cat3'],
...     ['cat1'],
...     []
... ], data=np.arange(12).reshape(4, 3)) # doctest: +NORMALIZE_WHITESPACE
      0  1  2
cat1  cat2  cat3
True  False True  0  1  2
False True   True  3  4  5
True  False False  6  7  8
False False  False  9 10 11
```

`upsetplot.generate_counts(seed=0, n_samples=10000, n_categories=3)`

Generate artificial counts corresponding to set intersections

Parameters

seed [int] A seed for randomisation

n_samples [int] Number of samples to generate statistics over

n_categories [int] Number of categories (named “cat0”, “cat1”, ...) to generate

Returns

Series Counts indexed by boolean indicator mask for each category.

See also:

`generate_samples` Generates a DataFrame of samples that these counts are derived from.

`upsetplot.generate_samples(seed=0, n_samples=10000, n_categories=3)`

Generate artificial samples assigned to set intersections

Parameters

seed [int] A seed for randomisation

n_samples [int] Number of samples to generate

n_categories [int] Number of categories (named “cat0”, “cat1”, ...) to generate

Returns

DataFrame Field ‘value’ is a weight or score for each element. Field ‘index’ is a unique id for each element. Index includes a boolean indicator mask for each category.

Note: Further fields may be added in future versions.

See also:

`generate_counts` Generates the counts for each subset of categories corresponding to these samples.

3.3.4 Changelog

What’s new in version 0.4.4

- Fixed a regression which caused the first column to be hidden (#125)

What’s new in version 0.4.3

- Fixed issue with the order of catplots being reversed for vertical plots (#122 with thanks to [Enrique Fernandez-Blanco](#))
- Fixed issue with the x limits of vertical plots (#121).

What’s new in version 0.4.2

- Fixed large x-axis plot margins with high number of unique intersections (#106 with thanks to [Yidi Huang](#))

What’s new in version 0.4.1

- Fixed the calculation of percentage which was broken in 0.4.0. (#101)

What’s new in version 0.4

- Added option to display both the absolute frequency and the percentage of the total for each intersection and category. (#89 with thanks to [Carlos Melus](#) and [Aaron Rosenfeld](#))
- Improved efficiency where there are many categories, but valid combinations are sparse, if `sort_by='degree'`. (#82)
- Permit truthy (not necessarily bool) values in index. (#74 with thanks to [@ZaxR](#))

- `intersection_plot_elements` can now be set to 0 to hide the intersection size plot when `add_catplot` is used. (#80)

What's new in version 0.3

- Added `from_contents` to provide an alternative, intuitive way of specifying category membership of elements.
- To improve code legibility and intuitiveness, `sum_over=False` was deprecated and a `subset_size` parameter was added. It will have better default handling of DataFrames after a short deprecation period.
- `generate_data` has been replaced with `generate_counts` and `generate_samples`.
- Fixed the display of the “intersection size” label on plots, which had been missing.
- Trying to improve nomenclature, upsetplot now avoids “set” to refer to the top-level sets, which are now to be known as “categories”. This matches the intuition that categories are named, logical groupings, as opposed to “subsets”. To this end:
 - `generate_counts` (formerly `generate_data`) now names its categories “cat1”, “cat2” etc. rather than “set1”, “set2”, etc.
 - the `sort_sets_by` parameter has been renamed to `sort_categories_by` and will be removed in version 0.4.

What's new in version 0.2.1

- Return a Series (not a DataFrame) from `from_memberships` if data is 1-dimensional.

What's new in version 0.2

- Added `from_memberships` to allow a more convenient data input format.
- `plot` and `UpSet` now accept a `pandas.DataFrame` as input, if the `sum_over` parameter is also given.
- Added an `add_catplot` method to `UpSet` which adds Seaborn plots of set intersection data to show more than just set size or total.
- Shading of subset matrix is continued through to totals.
- Added a `show_counts` option to show counts at the ends of bar plots. (#5)
- Defined `_repr_html_` so that an `UpSet` object will render in Jupyter notebooks. (#36)
- Fix a bug where an error was raised if an input set was empty.

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