Programming Principles in Python (CSCI 503/490)

Data

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pandas

- Contains high-level data structures and manipulation tools designed to make data analysis fast and easy in Python
- Built on top of NumPy
- Built with the following requirements:
  - Data structures with labeled axes (aligning data)
  - Support time series data
  - Do arithmetic operations that include metadata (labels)
  - Handle missing data
  - Add merge and relational operations

Series

- A one-dimensional array (with a type) with an **index**
- Index defaults to numbers but can also be text (like a dictionary)
- Allows easier reference to specific items
- `obj = pd.Series([7,14,-2,1])`
- Basically two arrays: `obj.values` and `obj.index`
- Can specify the index explicitly and use strings
- ```
  obj2 = pd.Series([4, 7, -5, 3],
                   index=['d', 'b', 'a', 'c'])
  ```
- Kind of like fixed-length, ordered dictionary + can create from a dictionary
- ```
  obj3 = pd.Series({'Ohio': 35000, 'Texas': 71000,
                    'Oregon': 16000, 'Utah': 5000})
  ```

Data Frame

- A dictionary of Series (labels for each series)
- A spreadsheet with row keys (the index) and column headers
- Has an index shared with each series
- Allows easy reference to any cell
- ```
  df = DataFrame({'state': ['Ohio', 'Ohio', 'Ohio', 'Nevada'],
                  'year': [2000, 2001, 2002, 2001],
                  'pop': [1.5, 1.7, 3.6, 2.4]})
  ```
- Index is automatically assigned just as with a series but can be passed in as well via index kwarg
- Can reassign column names by passing columns kwarg
  ```

DataFrame Access and Manipulation

- `df.values → 2D NumPy array`
- Accessing a column:
  - `df["<column>"]`
  - `df.<column>`
  - Both return Series
  - Dot syntax only works when the column is a valid identifier
- Assigning to a column:

```
- df["<column>"] = <scalar> # all cells set to same value
- df["<column>"] = <array>  # values set in order
- df["<column>"] = <series> # values set according to match
                            # between df and series indexes
```

Indexing

- Same as with NumPy arrays but can use Series's index labels
- Slicing with labels: NumPy is **exclusive**, Pandas is **inclusive**!
  - `s = Series(np.arange(4))`
    `s[0:2] # gives two values like numpy`
  - `s = Series(np.arange(4), index=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'])`
    `s['a':'c'] # gives three values, not two!`
- Obtaining data subsets
  - `[…]`: get columns by label
  - `loc[…]`: get rows/cols by label
  - `iloc[…]`: get rows/cols by position (integer index)
- For single cells (scalars), also have `at` and `iat`

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Cell: `df.loc[341,'Species']`

Column: `df['Island']`

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Row: `df.loc[2]`

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Cell: `df.loc[341,'Species']`

Missing Data

Column: `df['Island']`

Assignment 7

- Musical Artists Datasets
- Downloading and uncompressing files
- Finding files using OS libraries
- Load per-artist numpy arrays, each saved in the .npy format
- Store per-month dataframes, each in a csv file

Arithmetic

- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide are element-wise like numpy
- …but use labels to align
- …and missing labels lead to `NaN` (not a number) values

```
In [28]: obj3
Out[28]:
Ohio      35000
Oregon    16000
Texas     71000
Utah       5000
dtype: int64
```

```
In [29]: obj4
Out[29]:
California      NaN
Ohio          35000
Oregon        16000
Texas         71000
dtype: float64
```

```
In [30]: obj3 + obj4
Out[30]:
California       NaN
Ohio           70000
Oregon         32000
Texas         142000
Utah             NaN
dtype: float64
```

- also have `.add`, `.subtract`, … that allow `fill_value` argument
- `obj3.add(obj4, fill_value=0)`

Filtering

- Same as with numpy arrays but allows use of column-based criteria
  - `data[data < 5] = 0`
  - `data[data['three'] > 5]`
- `data < 5` → boolean data frame, can be used to select specific elements
- Multiple criteria, use `&`, `|`, and `~`; remember parentheses!
  - `data[(data['three'] > 5) & (data['two'] < 10)]`
- Also can check for missing values via `isna()`/`isnull()`/`notnull()`
  - `data[data['three'].notnull() & data['two'].isnull()]`

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DataFrame Index

- Similar to index for Series
- Immutable
- Can be shared with multiple structures (DataFrames or Series)
- `in` operator works with: `'Ohio' in df.index`
- Can choose new index column(s) with `set_index()`
- `reindex` creates a new object with the data conformed to new index
  - `obj2 = obj.reindex(['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'])`
  - can fill in missing values in different ways

Sorting

- `sort_values` method on series
  - `obj.sort_values()`
- Missing values (`NaN`) are at the end by default (`na_position` controls, can be first)
- `sort_values` on DataFrame:
  - `df.sort_values(<list-of-columns>)`
  - `df.sort_values(by=['a', 'b'])`
- Also a `sort_index` method to sort by the index
  - `df.sort_index()`

Statistics

- `sum`: column sums (`axis=1` gives sums over rows)
- missing values are excluded unless the whole slice is `NaN`
- `idxmax, idxmin` are like argmax, argmin (return index)
- `describe`: shortcut for easy stats!

```
In [204]: df.describe()
Out[204]:
             one       two
count  3.000000  2.000000
mean   3.083333 -2.900000
std    3.493685  2.262742
min    0.750000 -4.500000
25%    1.075000 -3.700000
50%    1.400000 -2.900000
75%    4.250000 -2.100000
max    7.100000 -1.300000
```

```
In [205]: obj = Series(['a', 'a', 'b', 'c'] * 4)

In [206]: obj.describe()
Out[206]:
count     16
unique     3
top        a
freq       8
dtype: object
```

Unique Values and Value Counts

- `unique()` returns an array with only the unique values (no index)
  - `s = Series(['c','a','d','a','a','b','b','c','c'])`
    `s.unique() # array(['c', 'a', 'd', 'b'])`
- Also `nunique()` to count number of unique entries
- Data Frames use `drop_duplicates`
- `value_counts` returns a Series with index frequencies:
  - `s.value_counts() # Series({'c': 3,'a': 3,'b': 2,'d': 1})`

Reading & Writing Data in Pandas

Format	Data Description	Reader	Writer
text	CSV	read_csv	to_csv
text	Fixed-Width Text File	read_fwf	
text	JSON	read_json	to_json
text	HTML	read_html	to_html
text	Local clipboard	read_clipboard	to_clipboard
	MS Excel	read_excel	to_excel
binary	OpenDocument	read_excel	
binary	HDF5 Format	read_hdf	to_hdf
binary	Feather Format	read_feather	to_feather
binary	Parquet Format	read_parquet	to_parquet
binary	ORC Format	read_orc	
binary	Msgpack	read_msgpack	to_msgpack
binary	Stata	read_stata	to_stata
binary	SAS	read_sas	
binary	SPSS	read_spss	
binary	Python Pickle Format	read_pickle	to_pickle
SQL	SQL	read_sql	to_sql
SQL	Google BigQuery	read_gbq	to_gbq

[https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/io.html]

read_csv

- Convenient method to read csv files
- Lots of different options to help get data into the desired format
- Basic: `df = pd.read_csv(fname)`
- Parameters:
  - `path`: where to read the data from
  - `sep` (or `delimiter`): the delimiter (`','`, `' '`, `'\t'`, `'\s+'`)
  - `header`: if `None`, no header
  - `index_col`: which column to use as the row index
  - `names`: list of header names (e.g. if the file has no header)
  - `skiprows`: number of list of lines to skip

Writing CSV data with pandas

- Basic: `df.to_csv(<fname>)`
- Change delimiter with sep kwarg:
  - `df.to_csv('example.dsv', sep='|')`
- Change missing value representation
  - `df.to_csv('example.dsv', na_rep='NULL')`
- Don't write row or column labels:
  - `df.to_csv('example.csv', index=False, header=False)`
- Series may also be written to csv

Handling Missing Data

Argument	Description
`dropna`	Filter axis labels based on whether values for each label have missing data, with varying thresholds for how much missing data to tolerate.
`fillna`	Fill in missing data with some value or using an interpolation method such as `'ffill'` or `'bfill'`.
`isnull`	Return like-type object containing boolean values indicating which values are missing / NA.
`notnull`	Negation of `isnull`.

[W. McKinney, Python for Data Analysis]

Derived Data

- Create new columns from existing columns
  - `r["PctFail"] = r['Fail'] / r['Total']`
  - `r = r.assign(PctFail= r['Fail'] / r['Total'])`
- Note that operations are computed in a vectorized manner
- Similarities to functional paradigm (map/filter):
  - specify the operation once
  - no loops
  - interpreted as an operation on the entire column

inplace

- Generally, when we modify a data frame, we reassign:
  - `rdf = df.reset_index()`
  - This is usually very **efficient**
  - Allows for method chaining
- There are versions where you can do this "inplace":
  - `df.reset_index(inplace=True)`
  - This means **no reassignment**, but it isn't usually any faster nor better
  - Sometimes still creates a copy
  - Will likely be deprecated

Documentation

- pandas documentation is pretty good
- Lots of recipes on stackoverflow for particular data manipulations/queries