Lab 2: Table operations

Welcome to Lab 2! This week, we'll learn how to import a module and practice table operations!

Recommended Reading:

- Introduction to tables

First, set up the tests and imports by running the cell below.

```
# Just run this cell

import numpy as np
from datascience import *
```

1. Review: The building blocks of Python code

The two building blocks of Python code are *expressions* and *statements*. An **expression** is a piece of code that

- is self-contained, meaning it would make sense to write it on a line by itself, and
- usually evaluates to a value.

Here are two expressions that both evaluate to 3:

```
3
5 - 2
```

One important type of expression is the **call expression**. A call expression begins with the name of a function and is followed by the argument(s) of that function in parentheses. The function returns some value, based on its arguments. Some important mathematical functions are listed below.

Function	Description
`abs`	Returns the absolute value of its argument
`max`	Returns the maximum of all its arguments
`min`	Returns the minimum of all its arguments
`pow`	Raises its first argument to the power of its second argument
`round`	Rounds its argument to the nearest integer

Here are two call expressions that both evaluate to 3:

```
abs(2 - 5)
max(round(2.8), min(pow(2, 10), -1 * pow(2, 10)))
```

The expression `2 - 5` and the two call expressions given above are examples of **compound expressions**, meaning that they are actually combinations of several smaller expressions. `2 - 5` combines the expressions `2` and `5` by subtraction. In this case, `2` and `5` are called **subexpressions** because they're expressions that are part of a larger expression.

A **statement** is a whole line of code. Some statements are just expressions. The expressions listed above are examples.

Other statements *make something happen* rather than *having a value*. For example, an **assignment statement** assigns a value to a name.

A good way to think about this is that we're **evaluating the right-hand side** of the equals sign and **assigning it to the left-hand side**. Here are some assignment statements:

```
height = 1.3
the_number_five = abs(-5)
absolute_height_difference = abs(height - 1.688)
```

An important idea in programming is that large, interesting things can be built by combining many simple, uninteresting things. The key to understanding a complicated piece of code is breaking it down into its simple components.

For example, a lot is going on in the last statement above, but it's really just a combination of a few things. This picture describes what's going on.

Question 1.1. In the next cell, assign the name `new_year` to the larger number among the following two numbers:

1. the **absolute value** of $2^5 - 2^{11} - 2^1 + 1$, and
2. $5 \times 13 \times 31 + 5$.

Try to use just one statement (one line of code). Be sure to check your work by executing the test cell afterward.

```
new_year = 5*13*31+5
new_year
```

```
2020
```

We've asked you to use one line of code in the question above because it only involves mathematical operations. However, more complicated programming questions will more require more steps. It isn't always a good idea to jam these steps into a single line because it can make the code harder to read and harder to debug.

Good programming practice involves splitting up your code into smaller steps and using appropriate names. You'll have plenty of practice in the rest of this course!

2. Importing code

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Most programming involves work that is very similar to work that has been done before. Since writing code is time-consuming, it's good to rely on others' published code when you can. Rather than copy-pasting, Python allows us to **import modules**. A module is a file with Python code that has defined variables and functions. By importing a module, we are able to use its code in our own notebook.

Python includes many useful modules that are just an `import` away. We'll look at the `math` module as a first example. The `math` module is extremely useful in computing mathematical expressions in Python.

Suppose we want to very accurately compute the area of a circle with a radius of 5 meters. For that, we need the constant π, which is roughly 3.14. Conveniently, the `math` module has `pi` defined for us:

```
import math
radius = 5
area_of_circle = radius**2 * math.pi
area_of_circle
```

```
78.53981633974483
```

In the code above, the line `import math` imports the math module. This statement creates a module and then assigns the name `math` to that module. We are now able to access any variables or functions defined within `math` by typing the name of the module followed by a dot, then followed by the name of the variable or function we want.

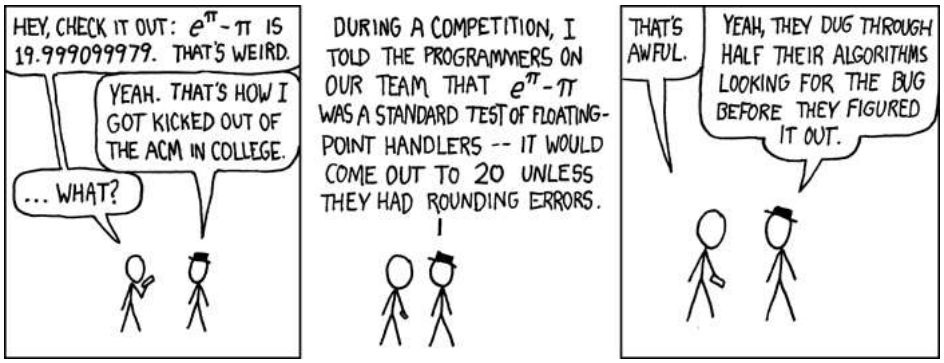
```
<module name>.<name>
```

Question 2.1. The module `math` also provides the name `e` for the base of the natural logarithm, which is roughly 2.71. Compute $e^{\pi} - \pi$, giving it the name `near_twenty`.

Remember: You can access `pi` from the `math` module as well!

```
near_twenty = pow(math.e,math.pi) - math.pi
near_twenty
```

```
19.99909997918947
```



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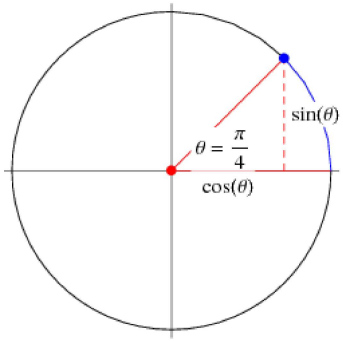
2.1. Accessing functions

In the question above, you accessed variables within the `math` module.

Modules also define **functions**. For example, `math` provides the name `sin` for the sine function. Having imported `math` already, we can write `math.sin(3)` to compute the sine of 3. (Note that this sine function considers its argument to be in radians, not degrees. 180 degrees are equivalent to π radians.)

Question 2.1.1. A $\frac{\pi}{4}$-radian (45-degree) angle forms a right triangle with equal base and height, pictured below. If the hypotenuse (the radius of the circle in the picture) is 1, then the height is $\sin(\frac{\pi}{4})$. Compute that value using `sin` and `pi` from the `math` module. Give the result the name `sine_of_pi_over_four`.



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```
sine_of_pi_over_four = math.sin(math.pi/4)
sine_of_pi_over_four
```

```
0.7071067811865475
```

For your reference, below are some more examples of functions from the `math` module.

Notice how different functions take in different numbers of arguments. Often, the documentation of the module will provide information on how many arguments are required for each function.

Hint: If you press `shift+tab` while next to the function call, the documentation for that function will appear

```
# Calculating logarithms (the logarithm of 8 in base 2).
# The result is 3 because 2 to the power of 3 is 8.
math.log(8, 2)
```

```
3.0
```

```
# Calculating square roots.
math.sqrt(5)
```

```
2.23606797749979
```

There are various ways to import and access code from outside sources. The method we used above — `import <module_name>` — imports the entire module and requires that we use `<module_name>.<name>` to access its code.

We can also import a specific constant or function instead of the entire module. Notice that you don't have to use the module name beforehand to reference that particular value. However, you do have to be careful about reassigning the names of the constants or functions to other values!

```
# Importing just cos and pi from math.
# We don't have to use `math.` in front of cos or pi
from math import cos, pi
print(cos(pi))

# We do have to use it in front of other functions from math, though
math.log(pi)
```

Or we can import every function and value from the entire module.

```
# Lastly, we can import everything from math using the *
# Once again, we don't have to use 'math.' beforehand
from math import *
log(pi)
```

Don't worry too much about which type of import to use. It's often a coding style choice left up to each programmer. In this course, you'll always import the necessary modules when you run the setup cell (like the first code cell in this lab).

Let's move on to practicing some of the table operations you've learned in lecture!

3. Table operations

The table `farmers_markets.csv` contains data on farmers' markets in the United States (data collected by the USDA). Each row represents one such market.

Run the next cell to load the `farmers_markets` table.

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

```
Drive already mounted at /content/drive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call drive.mount("/content/drive", force_remount=True).
```

```
import pandas as pd
farmers_markets = Table.read_table('/content/drive/MyDrive/Colab/lab01/farmers_markets.csv')
print(farmers_markets)
```

```
FMID    | MarketName                                | street                                                | city        | Cou
1012063 |  Caledonia Farmers Market Association - Danville | nan                                           | Danville    | Cal
1011871 |  Stearns Homestead Farmers' Market        | 6975 Ridge Road                                       | Parma       | Cuy
1011878 | 100 Mile Market                           | 507 Harrison St                                       | Kalamazoo   | Kal
1009364 | 106 S. Main Street Farmers Market         | 106 S. Main Street                                    | Six Mile    | nan
1010691 | 10th Steet Community Farmers Market       | 10th Street and Poplar                                | Lamar       | Bar
```

```
1002454 | 112st Madison Avenue                                | 112th Madison Avenue                                | New York   | New
1011100 | 12 South Farmers Market                             | 3000 Granny White Pike                              | Nashville  | Dav
1009845 | 125th Street Fresh Connect Farmers' Market          | 163 West 125th Street and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. | New York   | New
1005586 | 12th & Brandywine Urban Farm Market                 | 12th & Brandywine Streets                           | Wilmington | New
1008071 | 14&U Farmers' Market                                | 1400 U Street NW                                    | Washington | Dis
... (8536 rows omitted)
```

Let's examine our table to see what data it contains.

Question 3.1. Use the method `show` to display the first 5 rows of `farmers_markets`.

Note: The terms "method" and "function" are technically not the same thing, but for the purposes of this course, we will use them interchangeably.

Hint: `tbl.show(3)` will show the first 3 rows of `tbl`. Additionally, make sure not to call `.show()` without an argument, as this will crash your kernel!

```
farmers_markets.show(5)
```

FMID	MarketName	street	city	County	State	zip	x	y	
1012063	Caledonia Farmers Market Association - Danville	nan	Danville	Caledonia	Vermont	05828	-72.1403	44.411	htt
1011871	Stearns Homestead Farmers' Market	6975 Ridge Road	Parma	Cuyahoga	Ohio	44130	-81.7286	41.3751	
1011878	100 Mile Market	507 Harrison St	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	Michigan	49007	-85.5749	42.296	
1009364	106 S. Main Street Farmers Market	106 S. Main Street	Six Mile	nan	South Carolina	29682	-82.8187	34.8042	
1010691	10th Steet Community Farmers Market	10th Street and Poplar	Lamar	Barton	Missouri	64759	-94.2746	37.4956	

... (8541 rows omitted)

Notice that some of the values in this table are missing, as denoted by "nan." This means either that the value is not available (e.g. if we don't know the market's street address) or not applicable (e.g. if the market doesn't have a street address). You'll also notice that the table has a large number of columns in it!

num_columns

The table property `num_columns` returns the number of columns in a table. (A "property" is just a method that doesn't need to be called by adding parentheses.)

Example call: `<tbl>.num_columns`

Question 3.2. Use `num_columns` to find the number of columns in our farmers' markets dataset.

Assign the number of columns to `num_farmers_markets_columns`.

```
num_farmers_markets_columns = farmers_markets.num_columns
print("The table has", num_farmers_markets_columns, "columns in it!")
```

```
The table has 59 columns in it!
```

num_rows

Similarly, the property `num_rows` tells you how many rows are in a table.

```
# Just run this cell

num_farmers_markets_rows = farmers_markets.num_rows
print("The table has", num_farmers_markets_rows, "rows in it!")
```

```
The table has 8546 rows in it!
```

select

Most of the columns are about particular products -- whether the market sells tofu, pet food, etc. If we're not interested in that information, it just makes the table difficult to read. This comes up more than you might think, because people who collect and publish data may not know ahead of time what people will want to do with it.

In such situations, we can use the table method `select` to choose only the columns that we want in a particular table. It takes any number of arguments. Each should be the name of a column in the table. It returns a new table with only those columns in it. The columns are in the order *in which they were listed as arguments*.

For example, the value of `farmers_markets.select("MarketName", "State")` is a table with only the name and the state of each farmers' market in `farmers_markets`.

Question 3.3. Use `select` to create a table with only the name, city, state, latitude (`y`), and longitude (`x`) of each market. Call that new table `farmers_markets_locations`.

Hint: Make sure to be exact when using column names with `select`; double-check capitalization!

```
farmers_markets_locations = farmers_markets.select("MarketName", "city", "State", "x", "y")
farmers_markets_locations
```

MarketName	city	State	x	y
Caledonia Farmers Market Association - Danville	Danville	Vermont	-72.1403	44.411
Stearns Homestead Farmers' Market	Parma	Ohio	-81.7286	41.3751
100 Mile Market	Kalamazoo	Michigan	-85.5749	42.296
106 S. Main Street Farmers Market	Six Mile	South Carolina	-82.8187	34.8042
10th Steet Community Farmers Market	Lamar	Missouri	-94.2746	37.4956
112st Madison Avenue	New York	New York	-73.9493	40.7939
12 South Farmers Market	Nashville	Tennessee	-86.7907	36.1184
125th Street Fresh Connect Farmers' Market	New York	New York	-73.9482	40.809
12th & Brandywine Urban Farm Market	Wilmington	Delaware	-75.5345	39.7421
14&U Farmers' Market	Washington	District of Columbia	-77.0321	38.917

drop

`drop` serves the same purpose as `select`, but it takes away the columns that you provide rather than the ones that you don't provide. Like `select`, `drop` returns a new table.

Question 3.4. Suppose you just didn't want the `FMID` and `updateTime` columns in `farmers_markets`. Create a table that's a copy of `farmers_markets` but doesn't include those columns. Call that table `farmers_markets_without_fmid`.

```
farmers_markets_without_fmid =farmers_markets.drop("FMID", "updateTime")
farmers_markets_without_fmid
```

MarketName	street	city	County	State	zip	x	y	
Caledonia Farmers Market Association - Danville	nan	Danville	Caledonia	Vermont	05828	-72.1403	44.411	https://s
Stearns Homestead Farmers' Market	6975 Ridge Road	Parma	Cuyahoga	Ohio	44130	-81.7286	41.3751	
100 Mile Market	507 Harrison St	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	Michigan	49007	-85.5749	42.296	
106 S. Main Street Farmers Market	106 S. Main Street	Six Mile	nan	South Carolina	29682	-82.8187	34.8042	
10th Steet Community Farmers Market	10th Street and Poplar	Lamar	Barton	Missouri	64759	-94.2746	37.4956	
112st Madison Avenue	112th Madison Avenue	New York	New York	New York	10029	-73.9493	40.7939	
12 South Farmers Market	3000 Granny White Pike	Nashville	Davidson	Tennessee	37204	-86.7907	36.1184	
125th Street Fresh Connect Farmers' Market	163 West 125th Street and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd.	New York	New York	New York	10027	-73.9482	40.809	
12th & Brandywine Urban Farm Market	12th & Brandywine Streets	Wilmington	New Castle	Delaware	19801	-75.5345	39.7421	
14&U Farmers' Market	1400 U Street NW	Washington	District of Columbia	District of Columbia	20009	-77.0321	38.917	

... (8536 rows omitted)

Now, suppose we want to answer some questions about farmers' markets in the US. For example, which market(s) have the largest longitude (given by the `x` column)?

To answer this, we'll sort `farmers_markets_locations` by longitude.

```
farmers_markets_locations.sort('x')
```

MarketName	city	State	x	y
Trapper Creek Farmers Market	Trapper Creek	Alaska	-166.54	53.8748
Kekaha Neighborhood Center (Sunshine Markets)	Kekaha	Hawaii	-159.718	21.9704
Hanapepe Park (Sunshine Markets)	Hanapepe	Hawaii	-159.588	21.9101
Kalaheo Neighborhood Center (Sunshine Markets)	Kalaheo	Hawaii	-159.527	21.9251
Hawaiian Farmers of Hanalei	Hanalei	Hawaii	-159.514	22.2033
Hanalei Saturday Farmers Market	Hanalei	Hawaii	-159.492	22.2042
Kauai Culinary Market	Koloa	Hawaii	-159.469	21.9067
Koloa Ball Park (Knudsen) (Sunshine Markets)	Koloa	Hawaii	-159.465	21.9081
West Kauai Agricultural Association	Poipu	Hawaii	-159.435	21.8815
Kilauea Neighborhood Center (Sunshine Markets)	Kilauea	Hawaii	-159.406	22.2112

... (8536 rows omitted)

Oops, that didn't answer our question because we sorted from smallest to largest longitude. To look at the largest longitudes, we'll have to sort in reverse order.

```
farmers_markets_locations.sort('x', descending=True)
```

MarketName	city	State	x	y
Christian "Shan" Hendricks Vegetable Market	Saint Croix	Virgin Islands	-64.7043	17.7449
La Reine Farmers Market	Saint Croix	Virgin Islands	-64.7789	17.7322
Anne Heyliger Vegetable Market	Saint Croix	Virgin Islands	-64.8799	17.7099
Rothschild Francis Vegetable Market	St. Thomas	Virgin Islands	-64.9326	18.3428
Feria Agrícola de Luquillo	Luquillo	Puerto Rico	-65.7207	18.3782
El Mercado Familiar	San Lorenzo	Puerto Rico	-65.9674	18.1871
El Mercado Familiar	Gurabo	Puerto Rico	-65.9786	18.2526
El Mercado Familiar	Patillas	Puerto Rico	-66.0135	18.0069
El Mercado Familiar	Caguas zona urbana	Puerto Rico	-66.039	18.2324
El Maercado Familiar	Arroyo zona urbana	Puerto Rico	-66.0617	17.9686

... (8536 rows omitted)

(The `descending=True` bit is called an *optional argument*. It has a default value of `False`, so when you explicitly tell the function `descending=True`, then the function will sort in descending order.)

`sort`

Some details about sort:

1. The first argument to `sort` is the name of a column to sort by.
2. If the column has text in it, `sort` will sort alphabetically; if the column has numbers, it will sort numerically.
3. The value of `farmers_markets_locations.sort("x")` is a *copy* of `farmers_markets_locations`; the `farmers_markets_locations` table doesn't get modified. For example, if we called `farmers_markets_locations.sort("x")`, then running `farmers_markets_locations` by itself would still return the unsorted table.
4. Rows always stick together when a table is sorted. It wouldn't make sense to sort just one column and leave the other columns alone. For example, in this case, if we sorted just the `x` column, the farmers' markets would all end up with the wrong longitudes.

Question 3.5. Create a version of `farmers_markets_locations` that's sorted by **latitude (`y`)**, with the largest latitudes first. Call it `farmers_markets_locations_by_latitude`.

```
farmers_markets_locations_by_latitude = farmers_markets_locations.sort('y', descending=True)
farmers_markets_locations_by_latitude
```

MarketName	city	State	x	y
Tanana Valley Farmers Market	Fairbanks	Alaska	-147.781	64.8628
Ester Community Market	Ester	Alaska	-148.01	64.8459
Fairbanks Downtown Market	Fairbanks	Alaska	-147.72	64.8444
Nenana Open Air Market	Nenana	Alaska	-149.096	64.5566
Highway's End Farmers' Market	Delta Junction	Alaska	-145.733	64.0385
MountainTraders	Talkeetna	Alaska	-150.118	62.3231
Talkeetna Farmers Market	Talkeetna	Alaska	-150.118	62.3228
Denali Farmers Market	Anchorage	Alaska	-150.234	62.3163
Kenny Lake Harvest II	Valdez	Alaska	-145.476	62.1079
Copper Valley Community Market	Copper Valley	Alaska	-145.444	62.0879

... (8536 rows omitted)

Now let's say we want a table of all farmers' markets in California. Sorting won't help us much here because California is closer to the middle of the dataset.

Instead, we use the table method `where`.

```
california_farmers_markets = farmers_markets_locations.where('State', are.equal_to('California'))
california_farmers_markets
```

MarketName	city	State	x	y
Adelanto Stadium Farmers Market	Victorville	California	-117.405	34.5593
Alameda Farmers' Market	Alameda	California	-122.277	37.7742
Alisal Certified Farmers' Market	Salinas	California	-121.634	36.6733
Altadena Farmers' Market	Altadena	California	-118.158	34.2004
Alum Rock Village Farmers' Market	San Jose	California	-121.833	37.3678
Amador Farmers' Market-- Jackson	Jackson	California	-120.774	38.3488
Amador Farmers' Market-- Pine Grove	Pine Grove	California	-120.774	38.3488
Amador Farmers' Market-- Sutter Creek	Sutter Creek	California	-120.774	38.3488
Anderson Happy Valley Farmers Market	Anderson	California	-122.408	40.4487
Angels Camp Farmers Market-Fresh Fridays	Angels Camp	California	-120.543	38.0722

... (745 rows omitted)

Ignore the syntax for the moment. Instead, try to read that line like this:

> Assign the name **`california_farmers_markets`** to a table whose rows are the rows in the **`farmers_markets_locations`** table **`where`** the **`'State'`** **`s are equal to California`**.

where

Now let's dive into the details a bit more. `where` takes 2 arguments:

1. The name of a column. `where` finds rows where that column's values meet some criterion.
2. A predicate that describes the criterion that the column needs to meet.

The predicate in the example above called the function `are.equal_to` with the value we wanted, 'California'. We'll see other predicates soon.

`where` returns a table that's a copy of the original table, but **with only the rows that meet the given predicate**.

Question 3.6. Use `california_farmers_markets` to create a table called `berkeley_markets` containing farmers' markets in Berkeley, California.

```
berkeley_markets = california_farmers_markets.where("city", are.equal_to("Berkeley"))
berkeley_markets
```

MarketName	city	State	x	y
Downtown Berkeley Farmers' Market	Berkeley	California	-122.273	37.8697
North Berkeley Farmers' Market	Berkeley	California	-122.269	37.8802
South Berkeley Farmers' Market	Berkeley	California	-122.272	37.8478

Recognize any of them?

So far we've only been using `where` with the predicate that requires finding the values in a column to be *exactly* equal to a certain value. However, there are many other predicates. Here are a few:

Predicate	Example	Result
`are.equal_to`	`are.equal_to(50)`	Find rows with values equal to 50
`are.not_equal_to`	`are.not_equal_to(50)`	Find rows with values not equal to 50
`are.above`	`are.above(50)`	Find rows with values above (and not equal to) 50
`are.above_or_equal_to`	`are.above_or_equal_to(50)`	Find rows with values above 50 or equal to 50
`are.below`	`are.below(50)`	Find rows with values below 50
`are.between`	`are.between(2, 10)`	Find rows with values above or equal to 2 and below 10

4. Analyzing a dataset

Now that you're familiar with table operations, let's answer an interesting question about a dataset!

Run the cell below to load the `imdb` table. It contains information about the 250 highest-rated movies on IMDb.

```
# Just run this cell; you may need to change the file path in the file name below.

imdb = Table.read_table('/content/drive/MyDrive/Colab/imdb.csv')
imdb
```

Votes	Rating	Title	Year	Decade
88355	8.4	M	1931	1930
132823	8.3	Singin' in the Rain	1952	1950
74178	8.3	All About Eve	1950	1950
635139	8.6	Léon	1994	1990
145514	8.2	The Elephant Man	1980	1980
425461	8.3	Full Metal Jacket	1987	1980
441174	8.1	Gone Girl	2014	2010
850601	8.3	Batman Begins	2005	2000
37664	8.2	Judgment at Nuremberg	1961	1960
46987	8	Relatos salvajes	2014	2010

... (240 rows omitted)

Often, we want to perform multiple operations - sorting, filtering, or others - in order to turn a table we have into something more useful. You can do these operations one by one, e.g.

```
first_step = original_tbl.where("col1", are.equal_to(12))
second_step = first_step.sort('col2', descending=True)
```

However, since the value of the expression `original_tbl.where("col1", are.equal_to(12))` is itself a table, you can just call a table method on it:

```
original_tbl.where("col1", are.equal_to(12)).sort('col2', descending=True)
```

You should organize your work in the way that makes the most sense to you, using informative names for any intermediate tables you create.

Question 4.1. Create a table of movies released between **2010 and 2015 (inclusive)** with **ratings above 8.2**. The table should only contain the columns `Title` and `Rating`, **in that order**.

Assign the table to the name `above`.

Hint: Think about the steps you need to take, and try to put them in an order that make sense. Feel free to create intermediate tables for each step, but please make sure you assign your final table the name `above`!

```
above = imdb.where("Year", are.between(2010,2015)).select("Title", "Rating").where("Rating", are.above(8.2))
above.show()
```

Title	Rating