

BC COMS 1016: Intro to Comp Thinking & Data Science

Lecture 9 – Comparisons, Control Statements, Randomness

Announcements



- HW03 - Functions, Histograms, and Groups
 - Due Monday (02/21)
- No lab this week
- Checkpoint/Project 1:
 - Paired assignment that covers the previous section of the course material
 - Released this morning (02/17) and in two weeks Thursday 03/03

Group vs Pivot



pivot groups together rows that share a combination of values.

*It differs from **group** because it organizes the resulting values in a grid*



Group vs Pivot

Pivot

- One combo of grouping variables **per entry**

Group

- One combo of grouping variables **per row**

```
more_cones.pivot('Flavor', 'Color', values='Price', collect=sum)
```

Color	bubblegum	chocolate	strawberry
dark brown	0	10.5	0
light brown	0	4.75	0
pink	4.75	0	8.8

```
more_cones.groupby(['Flavor', 'Color'], sum)
```

Flavor	Color	Price sum
bubblegum	pink	4.75
chocolate	dark brown	10.5
chocolate	light brown	4.75
strawberry	pink	8.8

Group vs Pivot



Pivot

- One combo of grouping variables **per entry**
- **Two** grouping variables: columns and rows
- Aggregate values of **values column**
- Missing combos = **0 (or empty string)**

Group

- One combo of grouping variables **per row**
- **Any number** of grouping variables
- Aggregate values of **all other columns** in table
- Missing combos **absent**

Table Review



`t.select(column, ...)` or `t.drop(column, ...)`

`t.take([row, ...])` or `t.exclude([row, ...])`

`t.sort(column, descending=False)`

`t.where(column, are.condition(...))`

`t.apply(function, column, ...)`

`t.group(column)` or `t.group(column, function)`

`t.group([column, ...])` or `t.group([column, ...], function)`

`t.pivot(cols, rows)` or `t.pivot(cols, rows, vals, function)`

`t.join(column, other_table, other_table_column)`

<https://coms1016.barnard.edu/python-reference.html>



Comparisons



Comparison Operators

Operator	Table predicate
<code>==</code>	<code>are.equal_to</code>
<code>!=</code>	<code>are.not_equal_to</code>
<code>></code>	<code>are.above</code>
<code>>=</code>	<code>are.above_or_equal_to</code>
<code><</code>	<code>are.below</code>
<code><=</code>	<code>are.below_or_equal_to</code>

The result of a comparison expression is a **bool** value:
True, False



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`x = 2`

`y = 3`

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Assignment
Statements

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Assignment
Statements

$x > 1$

$x > y$

$y \geq 3$

$x == y$

$x != 2$

$2 < x < 5$



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`x = 2`

`y = 3`

Assignment
Statements

`x > 1`

`x > y`

`y >= 3`

`x == y`

`x != 2`

`2 < x < 5`

Comparison
Expressions

Combining Comparisons



The result of a comparison expression is a **bool** value

a = True

b = False

not b

a or b

a and not b

a and b

not (a or b)

b and b

Combining Comparisons



The result of a comparison expression is a **bool** value

`a = True`

`b = False`

Evaluate to True

`not b`

`a or b`

`a and not b`

`a and b`

`not (a or b)`

`b and b`

Evaluate to False



Aggregating Comparisons

Summing an array or list of **bool** values count the number of **True** values

`1 + 0 + 1` == 2

`True + False + True` == 2

`sum([1 , 0 , 1])` == 2

`sum([True, False, True])` == 2



Control Statements

Control Statements



These statements *control* the sequence of computations that are performed

- The keywords **if** and **for** begin control statements
- The purpose of **if** is to define functions that choose different behavior based on their arguments



Random Selection

Random Selection



`np.random.choice`

- Selects at random
- With replacement
- From an array
- A specific number of times

`np.random.choice(some_array, sample_size)`

Appending Arrays





A Longer Array

- `np.append(array_1, value):`
 - new array with value appended to array_1
 - value has to be of the same type as elements of array_1

- `np.append(array_1, array_2):`
 - new array with array_2 appended to array_1
 - Elements of array_2 have to be of the same type as elements of array_1



Iteration

for statements



- **for** is a keyword that begins a control statement
- The purpose of **for** is to perform a computation for every element in a list or array