Pandas Overview

In [ ]:
```
#Read csv file
df = pd.read_csv(".data/Salaries.csv")
```

Note: The above command has many optional arguments to fine-tune the data import process.

There is a number of pandas commands to read other data formats:

```
pd.read_excel('myfile.xlsx',sheet_name='Sheet1', index_col=None, na_values=['NA'])
pd.read_stata('myfile.dta')
pd.read_sas('myfile.sas7bdat')
pd.read_hdf('myfile.h5','df')
```

Exploring data frames

In [3]:
```
#List first 5 records
df.head(5)
```

Out[3]:

	rank	discipline	phd	service	sex	salary
0	Prof	B	56	49	Male	186960
1	Prof	A	12	6	Male	93000
2	Prof	A	23	20	Male	110515
3	Prof	A	40	31	Male	131205
4	Prof	B	20	18	Male	104800

exercises

- ✓ Try to read the first 10, 20, 50 records;
- ✓ Can you guess how to view the last few records;

Data Frame data types

Pandas Type	Native Python Type	Description
object	string	The most general dtype. Will be assigned to your column if column has mixed types (numbers and strings).
int64	int	Numeric characters. 64 refers to the memory allocated to hold this character.
float64	float	Numeric characters with decimals. If a column contains numbers and NaNs(see below), pandas will default to float64, in case your missing value has a decimal.
datetime64, timedelta[ns]	N/A (but see the datetime module in Python's standard library)	Values meant to hold time data. Look into these for time series experiments.

Data Frames attributes/methods

df.attribute	description
dtypes	list the types of the columns
columns	list the column names
axes	list the row labels and column names
ndim	number of dimensions
size	number of elements
shape	return a tuple representing the dimensionality
values	numpy representation of the data

df.method()	description
head([n]), tail([n])	first/last n rows
describe()	generate descriptive statistics (for numeric columns only)
max(), min()	return max/min values for all numeric columns
mean(), median()	return mean/median values for all numeric columns
std()	standard deviation
sample([n])	returns a random sample of the data frame
dropna()	drop all the records with missing values

Data Frames *groupby* method

Using "group by" method we can:

- Split the data into groups based on some criteria
- Calculate statistics (or apply a function) to each group

In [ ]:
```
#Group data using rank
df_rank = df.groupby(['rank'])
```

In [ ]:
```
#Calculate mean value for each numeric column per each group
df_rank.mean()
```

rank	phd	service	salary
AssocProf	15.076923	11.307692	91786.230769
AsstProf	5.052632	2.210526	81362.789474
Prof	27.065217	21.413043	123624.804348

Data Frames: Slicing

There are a number of ways to subset the Data Frame:

- one or more columns
- one or more rows
- a subset of rows and columns

Rows and columns can be selected by their position or label

- When selecting one column, it is possible to use single set of brackets, but the resulting object will be a Series (not a DataFrame):

```
In [ ]: #Select column salary:
        df['salary']
```

- When we need to select more than one column and/or make the output to be a DataFrame, we should use double brackets:

```
In [ ]: #Select column salary:
        df[['rank','salary']]
```

Data Frames: Selecting rows

- Select a range of rows, we can specify the range using ":"

```
#Select rows by their position:
df[0:10]
```

Notice that the first row has a position 0, and the last value in the range is omitted:
So for 0:10 range the first 10 rows are returned with the positions starting with 0 and ending with 9

- Select a range of rows, using their labels by the method loc:

```
#Select rows by their labels:
df.loc[10:20,['rank','sex','salary']]
```

	rank	sex	salary
10	Prof	Male	128250
11	Prof	Male	134778
13	Prof	Male	162200
14	Prof	Male	153750
15	Prof	Male	150480
19	Prof	Male	150500

Data Frames: method iloc

- Select a range of rows and/or columns, using their positions by the method iloc:

```
df.iloc[0]  # First row of a data frame
df.iloc[i]  #(i+1)th row
df.iloc[-1] # Last row
```

```
df.iloc[:, 0]  # First column
df.iloc[:, -1] # Last column
```

```
df.iloc[0:7]      #First 7 rows
df.iloc[:, 0:2]   #First 2 columns
df.iloc[1:3, 0:2]#Second through third rows and first 2 columns
df.iloc[[0,5],[1,3]]  #1st and 6th rows and 2nd and 4th columns
```

Data Frames: Sorting

We can sort the data by a value in the column. By default the sorting will occur in ascending order and a new data frame is return.

In [ ]:
```
# Create a new data frame from the original sorted by the column Salary
df_sorted = df.sort_values( by ='service')
df_sorted.head()
```

Out[ ]:

	rank	discipline	phd	service	sex	salary
55	AsstProf	A	2	0	Female	72500
23	AsstProf	A	2	0	Male	85000
43	AsstProf	B	5	0	Female	77000
17	AsstProf	B	4	0	Male	92000
12	AsstProf	B	1	0	Male	88000

Data Frames: Sorting

We can sort the data using 2 or more columns:

In [ ]:
```
df_sorted = df.sort_values( by =['service', 'salary'], ascending = [True, False])
df_sorted.head(10)
```

Out[ ]:

	rank	discipline	phd	service	sex	salary
52	Prof	A	12	0	Female	105000
17	AsstProf	B	4	0	Male	92000
12	AsstProf	B	1	0	Male	88000
23	AsstProf	A	2	0	Male	85000
43	AsstProf	B	5	0	Female	77000
55	AsstProf	A	2	0	Female	72500
57	AsstProf	A	3	1	Female	72500
28	AsstProf	B	7	2	Male	91300
42	AsstProf	B	4	2	Female	80225
68	AsstProf	A	4	2	Female	77500

Missing Values

Missing values are marked as NaN

In [ ]:
```
# Read a dataset with missing values
Salaries_missing = pd.read_csv("./data/Salaries_missing.csv")
```

In [ ]:
```
# Select the rows that have at least one missing value
Salaries_missing[Salaries_missing.isnull().any(axis=1)].head()
```

Out[ ]:

	rank	discipline	phd	service	sex	salary
12	NaN	B	1.0	0.0	Male	88000.0
15	Prof	B	17.0	3.0	NaN	150480.0
20	AsstProf	NaN	4.0	4.0	Male	92000.0
21	Prof	A	33.0	30.0	Male	NaN
26	Prof	A	NaN	19.0	Male	148750.0

Missing Values

There are a number of methods to deal with missing values in the data frame:

df.method()	description
dropna()	Drop missing observations
dropna(how='all')	Drop observations where all cells is NA
dropna(axis=1, how='all')	Drop column if all the values are missing
dropna(thresh = 5)	Drop rows that contain less than 5 non-missing values
fillna(0)	Replace missing values with zeros
isnull()	returns True if the value is missing
notnull()	Returns True for non-missing values

Missing Values

- When summing the data, missing values will be treated as zero
- If all values are missing, the sum will be equal to NaN
- cumsum() and cumprod() methods ignore missing values but preserve them in the resulting arrays
- Missing values in GroupBy method are excluded (just like in R)
- Many descriptive statistics methods have *skipna* option to control if missing data should be excluded . This value is set to *True* by default

Aggregation Functions in Pandas

- Aggregation - computing a summary statistic about each group, i.e.
  - compute group sums or means
  - compute group sizes/counts
- Common aggregation functions:
  - min, max
  - count, sum, prod
  - mean, median, mode, mad
  - std, var
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df.method()	description
describe	Basic statistics (count, mean, std, min, quantiles, max)
min, max	Minimum and maximum values
mean, median, mode	Arithmetic average, median and mode
var, std	Variance and standard deviation
sem	Standard error of mean
skew	Sample skewness
kurt	kurtosis

Aggregation Functions in Pandas

- agg() method are useful when multiple statistics are computed per column:

In [ ]:
```
flights[['dep_delay','arr_delay']].agg(['min','mean','max'])
```

Out[ ]:

	dep_delay	arr_delay
min	-16.000000	-62.000000
mean	9.384302	2.298675
max	351.000000	389.000000