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Topic 04 : Exploratory Data Analysis

Part 01 : Exploratory Data Analysis

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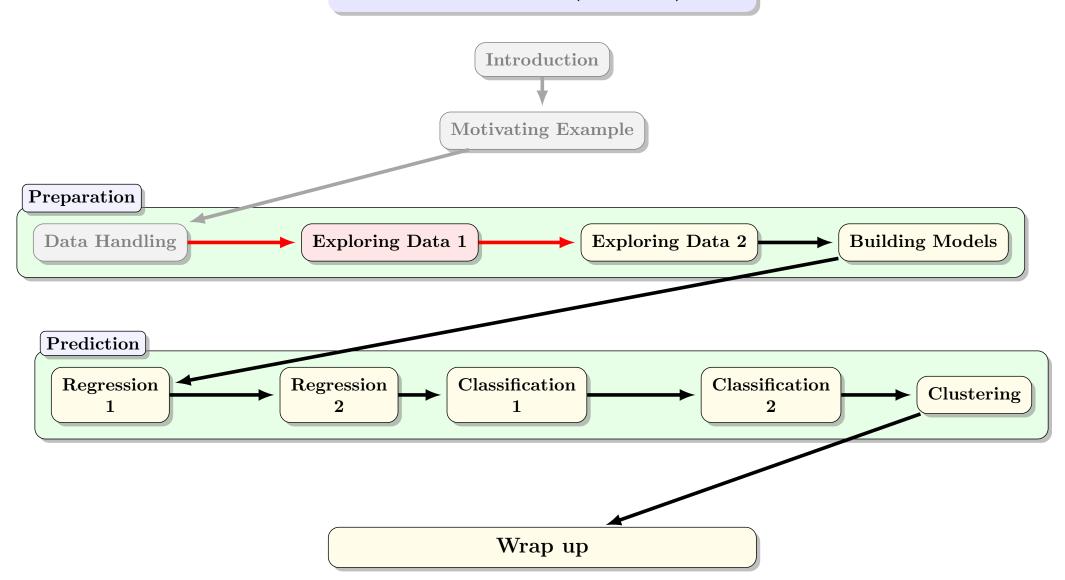
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#### Outline

- EDA Process
- Datasets = Tips, Titanic and Algae Blooms

## Data Mining (Week 4)



# Exploratory Data Analysis — Summary

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Example Datasets
- 1.2 Before we start ...

- 2. First Pass Load Dataset and Initial Clean
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## Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

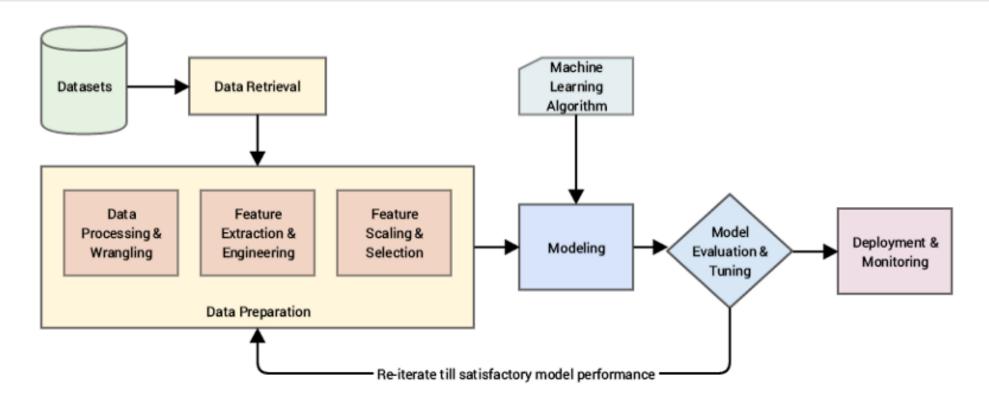
## Aim

To understand and summarise a dataset to ensure that the features which are feed to machine learning algorithms are refined and that the results are valid and can correctly interpreted.

### Benefits

- Develop insight about the dataset and understanding of the underlying structure.
- Extract important parameters and relationships that hold between them.
- Test underlying assumptions.
- Identify issues that affect model performance outliers, missing values.

## Data Pipeline

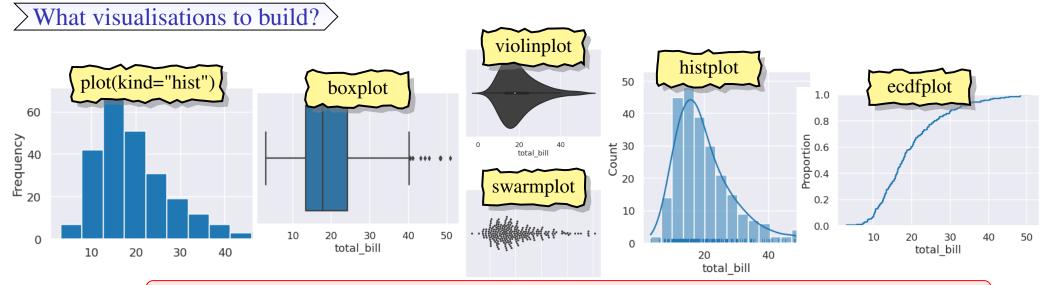


- Data preparation is the core of the data mining pipeline (typical estimates >50% of the time/effort).
- EDA is the data processing and wrangling.
- EDA informs the feature extraction, engineering, transformation and selection.

## The Bad News — 'The curse of choice'

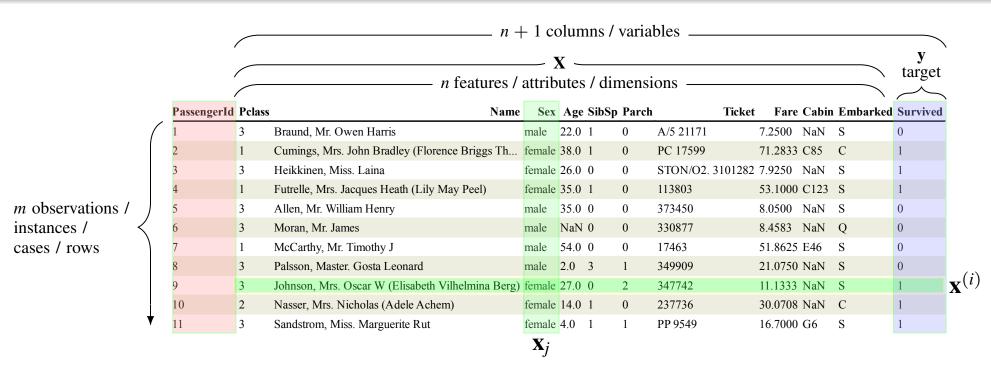
### What questions to ask?

Dataset global questions: How many features? How many observations? What is the data type of each feature? Any null values? ... Feature specific questions: What is the distribution of each variable? Do there appear to be outliers? What features are related? ... Missing value questions: Are null value a result of the way data was recorded? Can we drop the rows with null values without it significantly affecting your analysis? Can we justify filling in the missing values with the mean or median for that variable? If the data is time-series data, can we fill the missing values with interpolation? Are there so many missing values for a variable that we should drop that variable from the dataset? ... Outlier questions: Why are outliers present? Do the outliers represent real observations (i.e. not errors)? Should we exclude these observations? If not, should we winsorise the values? ... Correlations/Relationships questions: Which variables are most correlated with your target variable? (If applicable) Is there multicollinearity? (Two features that have a correlation > 0.8) How will this affect your model? Do you have variables that represent the same information? Can one be dropped? ...



Have a plan, be selective, understand strengths/weaknesses of metrics/visualisations

# Terminology / Notation



- A labeled dataset consists of m rows  $\times$  (n + 1) columns / variables.
- Use bold to represent vectors and matrices.
- Use superscript in parenthesis to indicate particular observation / instance/ case / row ......  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$

## **Example Datasets**

We will use a few datasets today to illustrate the various features:

## Tips

- Small dataset of total bills, and tips for different servers with gender, day, time and group size.
- Clean, no missing values, some outliers.
- Task: exploratory data analysis

### >Titanic >

- Classic dataset with passenger information for the Titanic's fatal voyage, and whether they survived.
- Has missing values and information rich text fields (Name, ticket number).
- Task: classification predict whether a passenger survived.

### > Algae Blooms

- Water quality study where samples were taken from different rivers over time.
- Recorded levels of (seven) chemical substances and population of (six) algae species and other information on the sample conditions.
- Task: regression predict algae population level (7 separate populations).

	total_bill	tip	sex	smoker	day	time size
0	16.99	1.01	Female	No	Sun	Dinner 2
1	10.34	1.66	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 3
2	21.01	3.50	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 3
3	23.68	3.31	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 2
4	24.59	3.61	Female	No	Sun	Dinner 4
5	25.29	4.71	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 4
6	8.77	2.00	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 2
7	26.88	3.12	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 4
8	15.04	1.96	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 2
9	14.78	3.23	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 2

No target column, so mainly just an exploratory data analysis problem. But questions of interest:

- How do factors sex, smoker, day, time, or size affect tip / percentage tip?
- Does size vary with day, time, smoker?

But some questions don't make sense

• What is the relationship between sex and smoker? — why should they be related?

This is the downside of automatic EDA tools such as pandas—profiling—you will drowned in statistics / charts.

# Algae Blooms dataset

	Season	Size	Speed	max_pH	min_O2	mean_Cl	mean_NO3	mean_NH4	mean_oPO4	mean_P <mark>04</mark>	mean_Chlor	a1	a2	a
0	winter	small	medium	8.00	9.8	60.800	6.238	578.00000	105.00000	170.00000	50.000	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	spring	small	medium	8.35	8.0	57.750	1.288	370.00000	428.75000	558.75000	1.300	1.4	7.6	4.8
2	autumn	small	medium	8.10	11.4	40.020	5.330	346.66699	125.66700	187.05701	15.600	3.3	53.6	1.9
3	spring	small	medium	8.07	4.8	77.364	2.302	98.18200	61.18200	138.70000	1.400	3.1	41.0	18.
4	autumn	small	medium	8.06	9.0	55.350	10.416	233.70000	58.22200	97.58000	10.500	9.2	2.9	7.5
5	winter	small	high	8.25	13.1	65.750	9.248	430.00000	18.25000	56.66700	28.400	15.1	14.6	1.4
6	summer	small	high	8.15	10.3	73.250	1.535	110.00000	61.25000	111.75000	3.200	2.4	1.2	3.2
7	autumn	small	high	8.05	10.6	59.067	4.990	205.66701	44.66700	77.43400	6.900	18.2	1.6	0.0
8	winter	small	medium	8.70	3.4	21.950	0.886	102.75000	36.30000	71.00000	5.544	25.4	5.4	2.5
9	winter	Н	ow well	can we p	redict the	e (7) differ	rent algae po	pulation lev	els using wat	er sample in	formation?	7.0	0.0	0.0
10	spring	small	hìgh	7.70	10.2	8.000	1.527	21.57100	12.75000	20.75000	0.800	16.6	0.0	0.0
11	summer	small	high	7.45	11.7	8.690	1.588	18.42900	10.66700	19.00000	0.600	32.1	0.0	0.0
12	winter	small	high	7.74	9.6	5.000	1.223	27.28600	12.00000	17.00000	41.000	43.5	0.0	2.1
13	summer	small	high	7.72	11.8	6.300	1.470	8.00000	16.00000	15.00000	0.500	31.1	1.0	3.4
14	winter	small	high	7.90	9.6	3.000	1.448	46.20000	13.00000	61.60000	0.300	52.2	5.0	7.8
15	autumn	small	high	7.55	11.5	4.700	1.320	14.75000	4.25000	98.25000	1.100	69.9	0.0	1.7
16	winter	small	high	7.78	12.0	7.000	1.420	34.33300	18.66700	50.00000	1.100	46.2	0.0	0.0
17	spring	small	high	7.61	9.8	7.000	1.443	31.33300	20.00000	57.83300	0.400	31.8	0.0	3.1
18	summer	small	high	7.35	10.4	7.000	1.718	49.00000	41.50000	61.50000	0.800	50.6	0.0	9.9
19	spring	small	medium	7.79	3.2	64.000	2.822	8777.59961	564.59998	771.59998	4.500	0.0	0.0	0.0

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# Titanic dataset

	Passenge	rId Sur	vived Pclass	Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarke	d
0	1	0	3	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	male	22.0	1	0	A/5 21171	7.2500	NaN	S	
1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female	38.0	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С	
2	3	1	3	Heikkinen, Miss. Laina	female	26.0	0	0	STON/O2. 3101282	7.9250	NaN	S	
3	4	1	1	Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel)	female	35.0	1	0	113803	53.1000	C123	S	
4	5	0	3	Allen, Mr. William Henry	male	35.0	0	0	373450	8.0500	NaN	S	
5	6	0	3	Moran, Mr. James	male	NaN	0	0	330877	8.4583	NaN	Q	
6	7	0	1	McCarthy, Mr. Timothy J	male	54.0	0	0	17463	51.8625	E46	S	
7	8	0	3	Palsson, Master. Gosta Leonard	male	2.0	3	1	349909	21.0750	NaN	S	
8	9	1	3	Johnson, Mrs. Oscar W (Elisabeth Vilhelmina Berg)	female	27.0	0	2	347742	11.1333	NaN	S	
9	10	1	2	Nasser, Mrs. Nicholas (Adele Achem)	female	14.0	1	0	237736	30.0708	NaN	С	
10	11	1	3	Sandstrom, Miss. Marguerite Rut	female	4.0	1	1	PP 9549	16.7000	G6	S	
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12	- : 13		10w well call	we predict a passenger's s	male				•	8.0500	NaN	S	
	-	Ü		Henry	iliaio	20.0			1,0.2101	0.0000	11411		10
13	3 14 -	0	3	Andersson, Mr. Anders Johan	male	39.0	1	5	347082	31.2750	NaN	S	13 of
14	± 15	0	3	Vestrom, Miss. Hulda Amanda Adolfina	female	14.0	0	0	350406	7.8542	NaN	S	
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# Before we start ... Loading libraries

We start by loading in the core data science modules...

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

matplotlib is an excellent visualisation library but some plots needs additional configuration. seaborn sits above matplotlib and has a collection of visualisations optimised for statistical analysis. . . .

```
import seaborn as sns
```

Next, we import some statistical modules ...

```
import scipy.stats as stats
import statsmodels.api as sm
import pingouin as pg
```

scipy.stats has a large number of distributions, parametric and nonparametric statistical tests, and descriptive statistics.

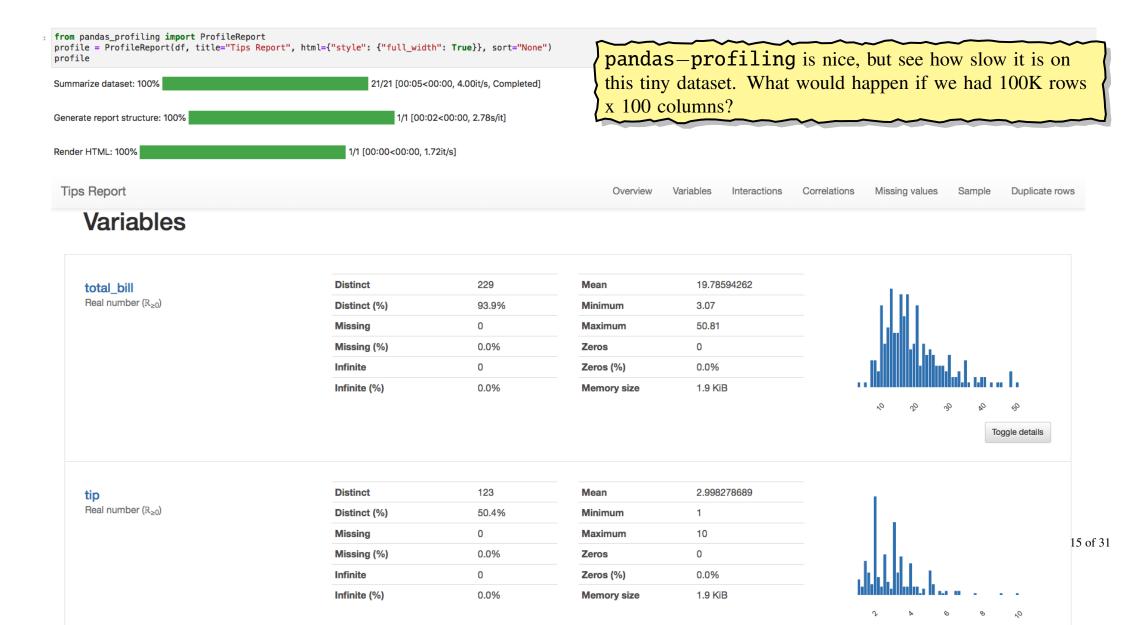
statsmodels is more focused on estimating statistical models.

pingouin overlaps with bits of scipy.stats and statsmodels but generates more details and nicer visualisations.

Finally we set options ...

```
plt.style.use("seaborn-darkgrid")
```

# Before we start ... auto EDA using pandas—profiling



# Before we start ... zero-code EDA using dtale

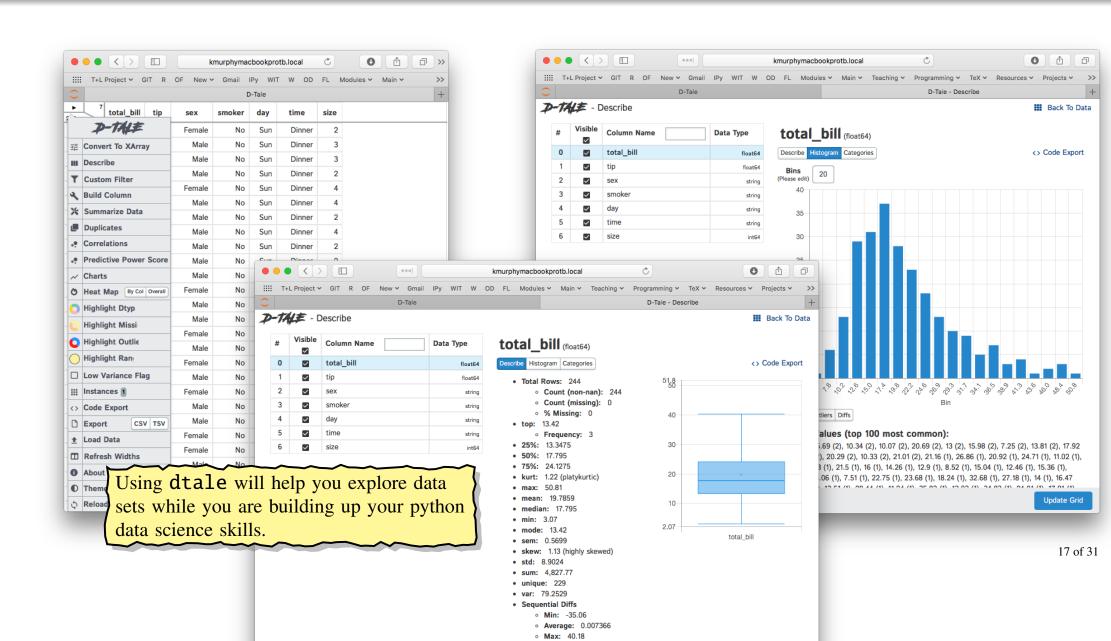
Well, almost zero code....

```
import pandas as pd
import dtale

# Read the Tips data into a dataframe, check it looks OK
df = pd.read_csv('tips.csv')
df.head()

# Run dtale to visualize the structure of the dataframe
dtale.show(df)
```

# Before we start ... zero-code EDA using dtale



# First Pass — Load Dataset and Initial Clean

- Load dataset
- Check variables names
- Verify variable types
- Identify (and possibly address) missing values

## Tips — Load

```
df = pd.read_csv("tips.csv")
print(df.shape)
df.head(10) (244, 7)
```

	total_bill	tip	sex	smoker	day	time size
0	16.99	1.01	Female	No	Sun	Dinner 2
1	10.34	1.66	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 3
2	21.01	3.50	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 3
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### df.info()

Issue: categorical data treated as object (string).

## Tips — Fix Data Types

```
df.sex.unique()
                                                       df.smoker.unique()
array(['Female', 'Male'], dtype=object)
                                                      array(['No', 'Yes'], dtype=object)
df.sex = pd.Categorical(df.sex)
                                                       df.smoker = pd.Categorical(df.smoker)
df.sex.unique()
                                                       df.smoker.unique()
['Female', 'Male']
                                                      ['No', 'Yes']
Categories (2, object): ['Female', 'Male']
                                                      Categories (2, object): ['No', 'Yes']
df.day.unique()
array(['Sun', 'Sat', 'Thur', 'Fri'], dtype=object)
df.day = pd.Categorical(df.day, categories=['Thur', 'Fri', 'Sun', 'Sat'], ordered=True)
df.day.unique()
['Sun', 'Sat', 'Thur', 'Fri']
Categories (4, object): ['Thur' < 'Fri' < 'Sun' < 'Sat']</pre>
```

# Tips — fix datatypes

```
df.time = pd.Categorical(df.time, categories=['Lunch', 'Dinner'], ordered=True)
df.time.unique()
```

```
['Dinner', 'Lunch']
Categories (2, object): ['Lunch' < 'Dinner']</pre>
```

df.info()

#### Converting to category will:

- Simplify visualisation (order can be preserved).
- Reduce memory usage (not that big a deal for us).
- Speed up I/O (depending on file format).
- ⇒ Convert to category is a bigger deal for features where the levels have an order.

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 244 entries, 0 to 243
Data columns (total 7 columns):
    Column
              Non-Null Count Dtype
   total bill 244 non—null float64
    tip
              244 non-null float64
              244 non-null category
    sex
    smoker
              244 non-null category
              244 non-null category
 4
    day
              244 non-null category
    time
              244 non-null int64
    size
dtypes: category(4), float64(2), int64(1)
memory usage: 7.4 KB
```

## Titanic — load

PassengerId Survived Pclass

Name.

- Dataset is split into two parts:
  - train.csv 891 rows with Survived column, used in EDA and model training.
  - test.csv 418 rows without the Survived column, used in competition scoring.

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df = pd.read\_csv("train.csv")
print(df.shape)
df.head(25)

	1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female 38.0 1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С
_	2_	3	1	3	Heikkinen, Miss. Laina	female 26.0 0	0	STON/O2. 3101282	7.9250	NaN	S
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Name Sex Age SibSp Parch

• We have missing values (that are plausibly linked to target) that we need to deal with.

Cabin since we want to perform further text processing on these columns. For example,

extracting title (Capt, Mr, Miss, etc.) out of

<b>18</b> 19	0	3	Vander Planke, Mrs. Julius (Emelia Maria Vande	female	31.0 1	0	345763	18.0000 NaN	S
<b>19</b> 20	1	3	Masselmani, Mrs. Fatima	female	NaN 0	0	2649	7.2250 NaN	C
<b>20</b> 21	0	2	Fynney, Mr. Joseph J	male	35.0 0	0	239865	26.0000 NaN	S
<b>21</b> 22	1	2	Beesley, Mr. Lawrence	male	34.0 0	0	248698	13.0000 D56	S
<b>22</b> 23	1	3	McGowan, Miss. Anna "Annie"	female	15.0 0	0	330923	8.0292 NaN	Q
<b>23</b> 24	1	1	Sloper, Mr. William Thompson	male	28.0 0	0	113788	35.5000 A6	S

df.info()

Column

memory usage: 83.7+ KB

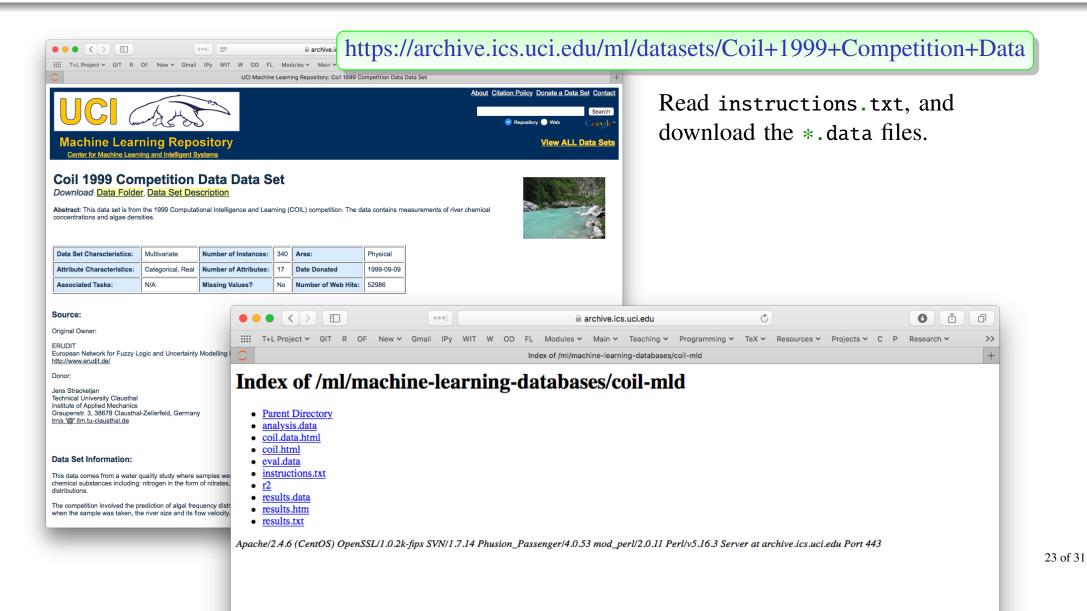
class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
 RangeIndex: 891 entries, 0 to 890
 Data columns (total 12 columns):

Non-Null Count Dtype

0	PassengerId	d 891 non-null	int64
1	Survived	891 non-null	int64
2	Pclass	891 non-null	int64
3	Name	891 non-null	object
4	Sex	891 non-null	object
5	Age	714 non-null	float64
6	SibSp	891 non-null	int64
7	Parch	891 non-null	int64
8	Ticket	891 non-null	object
9	Fare	891 non-null	float64
10	Cabin	204 non-null	object
11	Embarked	889 non-null	object
dtyp	es: float64	(2), int $64(5)$ ,	<pre>object(5)</pre>

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## $Algae_Blooms - load$



Pandas function pd.read\_table, is a more general function than read\_csv.

```
df = pd.read_table('src/Analysis.txt')
print(df.shape)
df.head()
(199, 1)
```

winter small medium  $8.00000\ 9.80000\ 60.80000\ 6.23800\ 578.00000\ 105.00000\ 170.00000\ 50.00000\ 0.00000\ 0.00000\ 34.20000\ 8.30000\ 0.00000$ 

- **0** spring small medium 8.35000 ...
- 1 autumn small medium 8.10000 1...
- $\mathbf{2}$  spring small medium  $8.07000\ldots$
- 3 autumn small medium 8.06000 ...
- **4** winter small high 8.25000 13....

Two problems, first row was treated as column headers, and we need to specify the character(s) used to separate columns

```
df = pd.read_table('src/Analysis.txt', sep='\s+', header=None)

print(df.shape)
df.head()

O 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

winter small medium 8.00000 9.80000 60.80000 6.23800 578.00000 105.00000 170.00000 50.00000 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 34.2 8.3

spring small medium 8.35000 8.00000 57.75000 1.28800 370.00000 428.75000 558.75000 1.30000 1.4 7.6 4.8 1.9 6.7 0.0

autumn small medium 8.10000 11.40000 40.02000 5.33000 346.66699 125.66700 187.05701 15.60000 3.3 53.6 1.9 0.0 0.0 0.0

spring small medium 8.07000 4.80000 77.36400 2.30200 98.18200 61.18200 138.70000 1.40000 3.1 41.0 18.9 0.0 1.4 0.0

4 autumn small medium 8.06000 9.00000 55.35000 10.41600 233.70000 58.22200 97.58000 10.50000 9.2 2.9 7.5 0.0 7.5 4.3
```

- Now, notice that the number of data row changed from 199 to 200 since the first row is now counted as a data row. And now we are using default columns names.
- The "\s+" matches one or more spaces. This is an example of a regex.
- We need to name the columns.

#### Season Size Speed max\_pH min\_O2 mean\_Cl mean\_NO3 mean\_NH4 mean\_oPO4 mean\_PO4 mean\_Chlor a1 a2 a3

```
        0
        winter
        small medium 8.00000
        9.80000
        60.80000
        6.23800

        1
        spring
        small medium 8.35000
        8.00000
        57.75000
        1.28800

        2
        autumn
        small medium 8.10000
        11.40000
        40.02000
        5.33000

        3
        spring
        small medium 8.07000
        4.80000
        77.36400
        2.30200

        4
        autumn
        small medium 8.06000
        9.00000
        55.35000
        10.41600
```

Dataframe looks a bit better, but why are numeric columns converted as **object**? Reading instructions.txt we see that missing values are indicated by XXXXXXX.

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 200 entries, 0 to 199
Data columns (total 18 columns):
    Column
               Non-Null Count Dtype
               200 non-null object
    Season
    Size
               200 non-null object
                             object
    Speed
               200 non-null
               200 non-null
                             object
    max_pH
    min O2
               200 non-null object
 4
 5
               200 non-null object
    mean_Cl
                             object
               200 non-null
    mean_NO3
                             object
    mean_NH4
               200 non-null
    mean_oPO4 200 non-null
                             object
                                          26 of 31
 9
    mean PO4
               200 non-null
                             object
    mean_Chlor 200 non-null object
 11
    a1
               200 non-null
                             float64
 12
    a2
               200 non-null
                             float64
```

#### Season Size Speed max\_pH min\_O2 mean\_Cl mean\_NO3 mean\_NH4 mean\_oPO4 mean\_PO4 mean\_Chlor a1 a2 a3

	<b>0</b> winter	small medium 8.00	9.8	60.800	6.238	[
	1 spring	small medium 8.35	8.0	57.750	1.288	
	<b>2</b> autumn	small medium 8.10	11.4	40.020	5.330	
	3 spring	small medium 8.07	4.8	77.364	2.302	(
,	<b>4</b> autumn	small medium 8.06	9.0	55.350	10.416	2

Data columns (total 18 columns):

# Column Non-Null Count Dtype

RangeIndex: 200 entries, 0 to 199

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

Now some variables have missing values

Also we should convert Season, Size and Speed to category and ensure the levels are ordered.

```
200 non-null object
   Season
   Size
             200 non-null object
                           object
   Speed
             200 non-null
             199 non-null
                           float64
   max_pH
4
   min O2
             198 non-null
                           float64
             190 non-null float64
   mean_Cl
             198 non-null float64
   mean_NO3
   mean_NH4
             198 non-null
                           float64
   mean_oPO4 198 non-null
                           float64
                                         27 of 31
9
   mean_P04
             198 non-null
                           float64
  mean_Chlor 188 non-null float64
11
   a1
             200 non-null
                           float64
12
   a2
             200 non-null
                           float64
```

## Algae\_Blooms — Fix Data Types

The three categorical variables have levels with a natural order  $\Rightarrow$  convert to category and specify order:

```
df.Season = pd.Categorical(df.Season, categories=['spring', 'summer', 'autumn', 'winter'], ordered=Ti
print(df.Season.unique())
['winter', 'spring', 'autumn', 'summer']
Categories (4, object): ['spring' < 'summer' < 'autumn' < 'winter']</pre>
df.Size = pd.Categorical(df.Size, categories=['small', 'medium', 'large'], ordered=True)
print(df.Size.unique())
['small', 'medium', 'large']
Categories (3, object): ['small' < 'medium' < 'large']
df.Speed = pd.Categorical(df.Speed, categories=['low', 'medium', 'high'], ordered=True)
print(df.Speed.unique())
['medium', 'high', 'low']
Categories (3, object): ['low' < 'medium' < 'high']</pre>
```

# Algae\_Blooms — Identification of Missing Values (NA)

Which columns have missing values?

df.isna().sum()

Season Size Speed max\_pH min\_02 mean Cl 10 mean\_NO3 mean NH4 mean\_oP04 mean PO4 mean Chlor a1 a2 a3 a4 a5 a6 a7 dtype: int64

- Two columns (features) account for 22 NAs, but cannot just drop them as will lose a lot of information.
- Two rows (observations) account for 12 NAs ⇒ remove.
- Removing other rows with a NA will result in a los of 14 rows (7% of the data), instead will impute later.

Which rows have missing values?
How many NAs per row?

df.isna().sum(axis=1).value\_counts()

0 184
1 7
2 7
6 2
dtype: int64

Rows / Cols to drop?

df.loc[df.isna().sum(axis=1)==6]

#### $Season\ Size\ Speed\ max\_pH\ min\_O2\ mean\_Cl\ mean\_NO3\ mean\_NH4\ mean\_oPO4\ mean\_PO4\ mean\_Chlor$

61 summer small medium 6.4	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	14.0	NaN :
198 winter large medium 8.0	7.6	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN (

df = df.loc[df.isna().sum(axis=1)<6].copy()
print(df.shape) (198, 18)</pre>

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# After Loading and Initial Clean — Where are we?

## Tips

- ✓ Loaded data, corrected dtypes (categorical with order levels)
- ✓ Sanitised column names not needed, but note column name size shadows pandas dataframe function size ⇒ so use df["size"] instead of df.size.
- ✓ No missing values

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- ✓ Loaded data no conversion of dtypes needed . . . . . . (but if you don't plots/crosstab order won't agree)
- ✓ Sanitised column names not needed.
- Missing values in Age (177/891=20%), Cabin (687/891=77%), and Embarked (2/891=0.2%).
  - A feature with 77% missing values should be considered for deletion, but what if the presence of a missing value actually tells us something?  $\Rightarrow$  convert to a boolean feature.

## Algae Blooms

- ✓ Loaded data, corrected dtypes (categorical with ordered levels)
- Sanitised column names.
- Missing values
  - Removed two rows with 6 NA each, accounted for 12/33=36% of the missing values.
  - Remaining, 21 NAs are concentrated in mean\_CL (8) and mean\_Chlor (10). EDA will suggest options.

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### Next we might

- Save result of initial clean:
  - To either a CSV (if we don't mind losing dtype metadata)

```
df.to_csv('data/Analysis.csv', index=False)
```

• To (say) pickle format (to keep dtype metadata)

```
df.to_pickle('data/Analysis.pkl')
```

Later can read dataframe back in using

```
df = pd.read_pickle('data/Analysis.pkl')
print(df.shape)
df.head(1)
```

• If the dataset is large (>100K rows), save a (reproducible) sample of the dataset for later EDA to speed up calculations (especially visualisations).

```
df.sample(frac=.25, random_state=42).to_pickle('data/Analysis_sample.pkl')
```