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Topic 04: Exploratory Data Analysis

Part 01: EDA Pass1

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Introduction

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

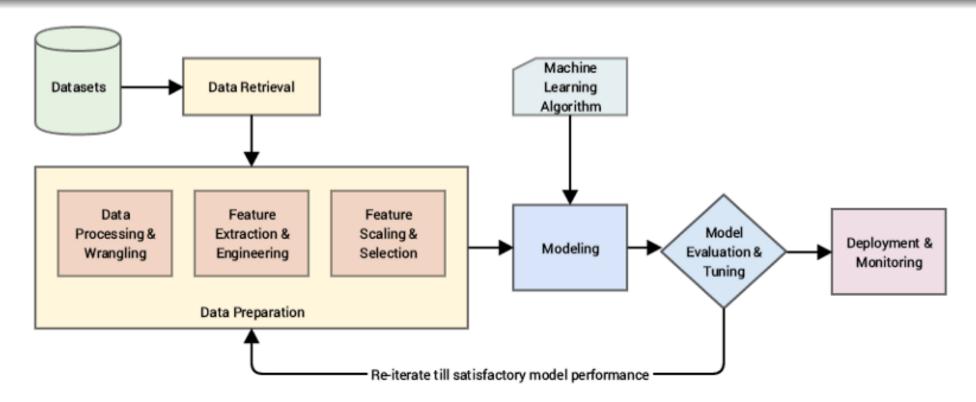
Aim

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

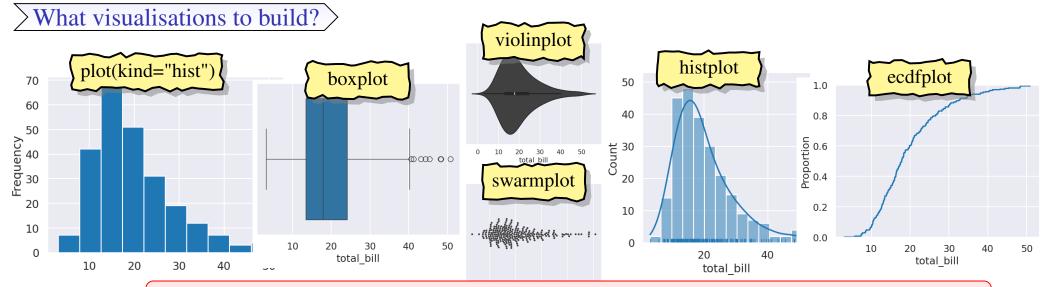


- Data preparation is the core of the data mining pipeline (typical estimates >50% of the time/effort).
- EDA is the data processing and wrangling.
- EDA informs the feature extraction, engineering, transformation and selection.

The Bad News — 'The curse of choice'

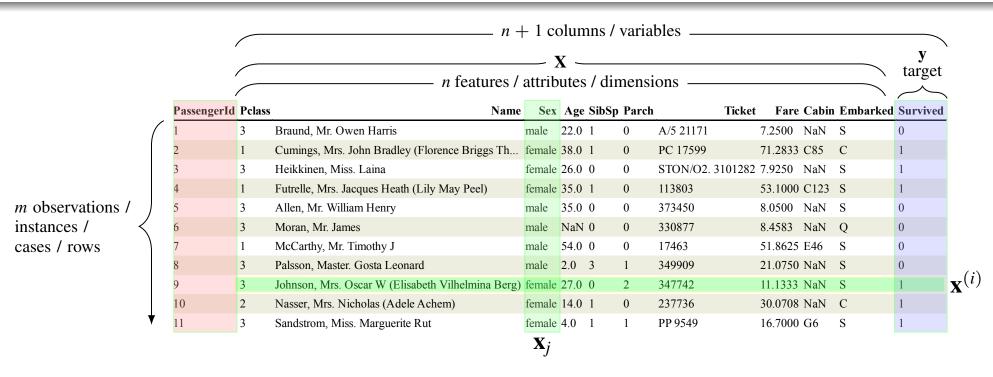
What questions to ask?

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 drown in statistics / charts.

Algae Blooms dataset

	Season	Size	Speed	max_pI	I min_O2	mean_Cl	mean_NO3	mean_NH4	mean_oPO4	mean_ <mark>PO4</mark>	mean_Chlor	a 1	a 2	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	187.05 <mark>7</mark> 01	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	97.580 <mark>0</mark> 0	10.500	9.2	2.9	7.5
5	winter	small	high	8.25	13.1	65.750	9.248	430.00000	18.25000	56.667 <mark>0</mark> 0	28.400	15.1	14.6	1.4
6	summer	small	high	8.15	10.3	73.250	1.535	110.00000	61.25000	111.75 000	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	winte	How	well ca	n we pi	redict the	(7) differ	ent algae po	opulation lev	vels using wa	ater sample	information?		0.0	0.0
10	spring	small	high	7.70	10.2	8.000	1.527	21.57100	12.75000	20.750 <mark>1</mark> 0	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

Titanic dataset

	Passenge	rld Sur	vived Pclass	Name	Sev	Ane	SibSn	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cahin	Embarked
0		0	3	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	22.0		0	A/5 21171	7.2500	•	S
	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female			0	PC 17599	71.2833		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		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		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 wen can	we predict a passenger's s Henry		_			A/5. 2151		NaN	S
13	3 14	0	3	Andersson, Mr. Anders Johan	male	39.0	1	5	347082	31.2750	NaN	S 13
14	- - 15 -	0	3	Vestrom, Miss. Hulda Amanda Adolfina	female	14.0	0	0	350406	7.8542	NaN	S
15	16	1	2	Hewlett, Mrs. (Mary D	female	55.0	0	0	248706	16 0000	NaN	S

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.

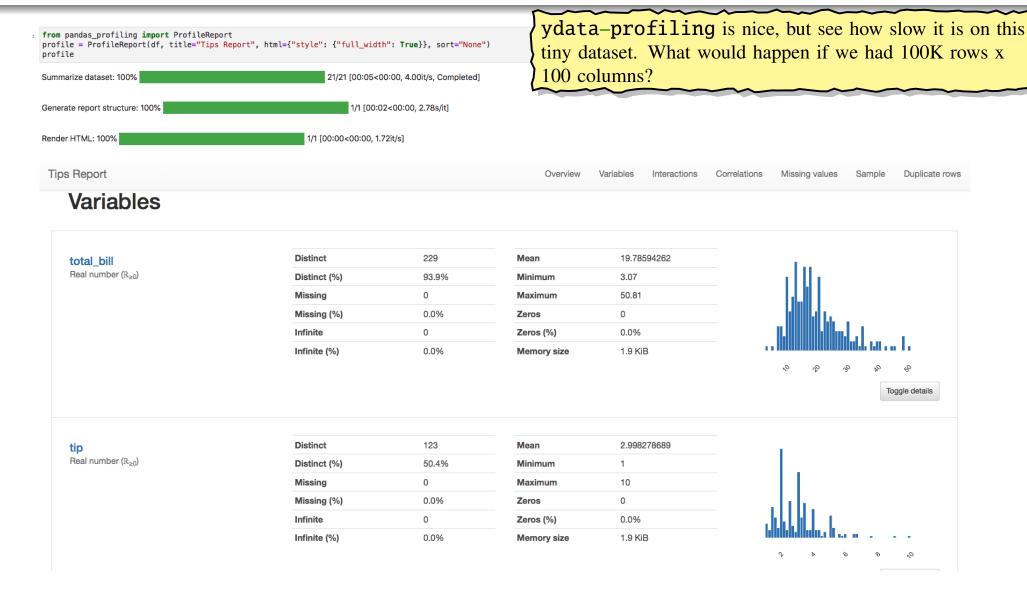
statsmodels is more focused on estimating statistical models.

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

Finally we set options ...

```
plt.style.use("seaborn-v0_8-darkgrid")
```

Before we start ... auto EDA using ydata-profiling



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

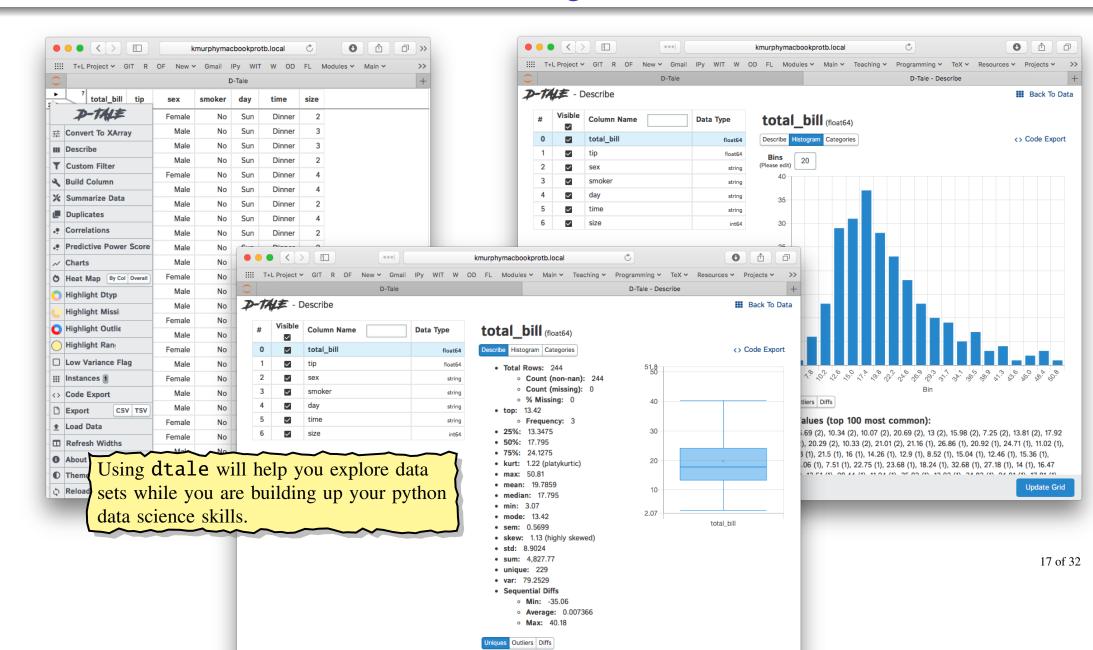
Well, almost zero code....

```
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("data/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
3	23.68	3.31	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 2
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8	15.04	1.96	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 2
9	14.78	3.23	Male	No	Sun	Dinner 2

df.info()

```
<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
                            object
    sex
    smoker
              244 non–null
                            object
    day
          244 non–null
                            object
    time
              244 non-null
                            object
    size
              244 non-null
                            int64
dtypes: float64(2), int64(1), object(4)
memory usage: 13.5+ KB
```

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.smoker = pd.Categorical(df.smoker)
df.sex = pd.Categorical(df.sex)
df.sex.unique()
                                                      df.smoker.unique()
['Female', 'Male']
                                                      ['No', 'Yes']
                                                     Categories (2, object): ['No', 'Yes']
Categories (2, object): ['Female', 'Male']
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']
```

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):
```

```
Non-Null Count Dtype
    Column
   total bill 244 non-null float64
   tip
             244 non-null
                           float64
             244 non-null category
    sex
   smoker
             244 non-null
                           category
   dav
             244 non-null
4
                           category
             244 non-null
   time
                           category
    size
             244 non-null
                           int64
dtypes: category(4), float64(2), int64(1)
memory usage: 7.4 KB
```

Titanic — load

- 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("data/train.csv")
print(df.shape)
df.head(25)

	PassengerId	Survived	Pclass		Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Tic	ket	Fare	Cabin	Embarke
0	1	0	3	Braund, Mr. Owen I	Harris	male	22.0	1	0	A/5 2117	1 7	.2500	NaN	S
1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence E Th		female	38.0	1	0	PC 1759	9 7	1.2833	C85	С
2	3	1	3	Heikkinen, Miss. La	nina	female	26.0	0		STON/O2 3101282	2. 7.	.9250	NaN	s
					<u> </u>	~		~					74.00	

- We could convert Sex or Embarked, to a category, but since their levels are not ordered there is no big advantage.
- We don't want to convert Name, Ticket and Cabin since we want to perform further text processing on these columns. For example, extracting title (Capt, Mr, Miss, etc.) out of Name.
- We have missing values (that are plausibly linked to target) that we need to deal with.

18 19	0	3	Vander Planke, Mrs. Julius (Emelia Maria Vande	female	31.0 1	0	345763	18.0000 NaN	S
19 20	1	3	Masselmani, Mrs. Fatima	female	NaN 0	0	2649	7.2250 NaN	С
20 21	0	2	Fynney, Mr. Joseph J	male	35.0 0	0	239865	26.0000 NaN	S
21 22	1	2	Beesley, Mr. Lawrence	male	34.0 0	0	248698	13.0000 D56	S
22 23	1	3	McGowan, Miss. Anna "Annie"	female	15.0 0	0	330923	8.0292 NaN	Q
23 24	1	1	Sloper, Mr. William Thompson	male	28.0 0	0	113788	35.5000 A6	S
24 25	0	3	Palsson, Miss. Torborg	female	80 3	1	3/10000	21 0750 NaN	c

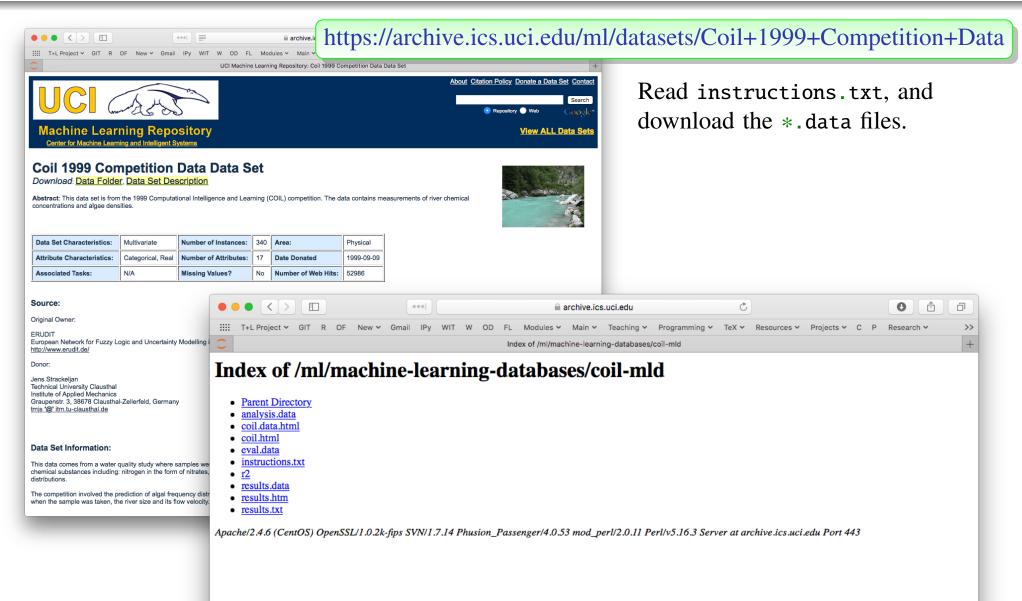
df.info()

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

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Passenger	 Id 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
dty	oes: float6	4(2), int64(5),	<pre>object(5)</pre>
memo	orv usage: 8	83.7+ KB	_

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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...
- 2 spring small medium 8.07000 ...
- ${f 3}$ autumn small medium ${f 8.06000} \dots$
- **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=r'\s+', header=None)

print(df.shape)
df.head()

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

0 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

1 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 0.6

2 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

3 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 0.6

4 autumn small medium 8.06000 9.00000 55.35000 10.41600 233.70000 58.22200 97.58000 10.500000 9.2 2.9 7.5 0.0 7.5 4.1
```

- Now, notice that the number of data rows 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.

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Algae_Blooms — load (3rd attempt)

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 578.00000 105.00000 170.00000 50.00000 0.0 0.0 0.0

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1 spring small medium 8.35000 8.00000 57.75000 1.28800	370,00000 428,75000 558,75000 1 30000
2 autumn small medium 8.10000 11.40000 40.02000 5.33000	<pre><class 'pandas.core.frame.datafra="" 0="" 100<="" 200="" antrias="" indaga="" panga="" pre="" to=""></class></pre>
3 spring small medium 8.07000 4.80000 77.36400 2.30200	RangeIndex: 200 entries, 0 to 199 Data columns (total 18 columns):
4 autumn small medium 8.06000 9.00000 55.35000 10.41600	# Column Non-Null Count Dtyp

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.

'ame'> ype 200 non-null object Season Size 200 non-null object Speed 200 non-null object object 200 non-null max_pH object min_02 200 non-null mean_Cl 200 non-null object 200 non-null object mean_NO3 200 non-null object mean_NH4 mean_oPO4 200 non-null object 26 of 32 mean_P04 200 non-null object 9 mean Chlor 200 non-null object 200 non-null float64 11 a1

Algae_Blooms — load (4th attempt)

Season Size Speed max_pH min_O2 mean_Cl mean_NO3 mean_NH4 mean_oPO4 mean_PO4 mean_Chlor a1 a2 a3 a

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

Now some variables have missing values

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

υατ	a columns (t	otal 18 column	S):	(^
#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype	(U
0	Season	200 non-null	object		
1	Size	200 non-null	object		
2	Speed	200 non-null	object		
3	max_pH	199 non-null	float64		
4	min_02	198 non-null	float64		
5	mean_Cl	190 non-null	float64		
6	mean_NO3	198 non-null	float64		
7	mean_NH4	198 non-null	float64		
8	mean_oPO4	198 non-null	float64	27 of	f 32
9	mean_P04	198 non-null	float64		
10	mean_Chlor	188 non-null	float64		
11	a1	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']
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']
```

Algae_Blooms — Identification of Missing Values (NA)

Which columns have missing values?

df.isna().sum()

Season	0
Size	0
Speed	0
max_pH	1
min_O2	2
mean_Cl	10
mean_NO3	2
mean_NH4	2
mean_oP04	2
mean_P04	2
mean_Chlor	12
a1	0
a2	0
a3	0
a4	0
a5	0
a6	0
a7	0
dtype: int64	1

- 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

Name: count, 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	1
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>

Handling missing values using pandas

- Step 1: Replace missing values with marked values. Examples: df[col].replace('XXXXXX',np.nan) or df[col].replace(',None)
- Step 2: Count the missing values by row and by column.
- Step 3: If a row or a column has too many(?) missing values, either drop it or add an extra boolean-valued feature df [hasCol]
- Step 4: If future processing can handle data with missing values, skip to step 7.
- Step 5: Otherwise, replace the missing values with representative(?) values...
- Step 5a: If the data is categorical, use a safe value such as its mode (the most commonly occurring value)
- Step 5b: If the column is numeric, unsorted, symmetrically distributed, without outliers, try df[col].fillna(df[col].mean(), inplace=True)
- Step 5c: If the column is numeric, unsorted, but is unsymmetrically distributed and/or has outliers, try df[col].fillna(df[col].median(), inplace=True)
- Step 6: If the column is numeric and sorted by row index, df[col] .interpolate() can fill in values, so 1, 3, 7, 8 becomes 1, 3, 5, 7, 8.
- Step 7: Proceed to EDA Pass 2

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.

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- ✓ 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.

After Loading and Initial Clean — Where are we?

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')
```

```
End of Pass 1...
```