Data Science Cheat Sheet

Pandas

KEY

We'll use shorthand in this cheat sheet

- df A pandas DataFrame object
- s A pandas Series object

IMPORTS

Import these to start

import pandas as pd

import numpy as np

IMPORTING DATA

- pd.read_csv(filename) From a CSV file
- pd.read_table(filename) From a delimited text
 file (like TSV)
- pd.read_excel(filename) From an Excel file
- pd.read_sql(query, connection_object) -

Reads from a SQL table/database

- pd.read_json(json_string) Reads from a JSON
 formatted string, URL or file.
- pd.read_html(url) Parses an html URL, string or file and extracts tables to a list of dataframes
- pd.read_clipboard() Takes the contents of your
 clipboard and passes it to read_table()
- pd.DataFrame(dict) From a dict, keys for columns names, values for data as lists

EXPORTING DATA

- df.to_csv(filename) Writes to a CSV file
- df.to_excel(filename) Writes to an Excel file
- df.to_sql(table_name, connection_object) Writes to a SQL table
- df.to_json(filename) Writes to a file in JSON
- df.to_html(filename) Saves as an HTML table
- df.to_clipboard() Writes to the clipboard

CREATE TEST OBJECTS

Useful for testing

format

- pd.DataFrame(np.random.rand(20,5)) 5
- columns and 20 rows of random floats
- pd.Series(my_list) Creates a series from an
 iterable my_list
- df.index = pd.date_range('1900/1/30',
 periods=df.shape[0]) Adds a date index
- VIEWING/INSPECTING DATA

VIEWING/INSPECTING DATA

- df.head(n) First n rows of the DataFrame
- df.tail(n) Last n rows of the DataFrame
- df.shape Number of rows and columns
- df.info() Index, Datatype and Memory
 information
- df.describe() Summary statistics for numerical
 columns
- s.value_counts(dropna=False) Views unique
 values and counts
- df.apply(pd.Series.value_counts) Unique
 values and counts for all columns

SELECTION

- df[col] Returns column with label col as Series
- df[[col1, col2]] Returns Columns as a new
 DataFrame
- **s.iloc[0]** Selection by position
- s.loc[0] Selection by index
- df.iloc[0,:] First row
- df.iloc[0,0] First element of first column

DATA CLEANING

- df.columns = ['a','b','c'] Renames columns
- pd.isnull() Checks for null Values, Returns
 Boolean Array
- pd.notnull() Opposite of s.isnull()
- df.dropna() Drops all rows that contain null
 values
- df.dropna(axis=1) Drops all columns that
 contain null values
- df.dropna(axis=1,thresh=n) Drops all rows
 have have less than n non null values
- df.fillna(x) Replaces all null values with x
- s.fillna(s.mean()) Replaces all null values with the mean (mean can be replaced with almost any function from the statistics section)
- s.astype(float) Converts the datatype of the series to float
- s.replace(1, 'one') Replaces all values equal to
 1 with 'one'
- s.replace([1,3],['one','three']) Replaces
 all 1 with 'one' and 3 with 'three'
- df.rename(columns=lambda x: x + 1) Mass
 renaming of columns
- df.rename(columns={'old_name': 'new_
 name'}) Selective renaming
- df.set_index('column_one') Changes the index
- df.rename(index=lambda x: x + 1) Mass
 renaming of index

FILTER, SORT, & GROUPBY

- df[df[col] > 0.5] Rows where the col column
 is greater than 0.5
- df[(df[col] > 0.5) & (df[col] < 0.7)] Rows where 0.7 > col > 0.5
- df.sort_values(col1) Sorts values by col1 in
 ascending order
- df.sort_values(col2, ascending=False) Sorts
 values by col2 in descending order
- df.sort_values([col1,col2],
 ascending=[True,False]) Sorts values by

- **col1** in ascending order then **col2** in descending order
- df.groupby(col) Returns a groupby object for values from one column
- df.groupby([col1,col2]) Returns a groupby
 object values from multiple columns
- df.groupby(col1)[col2].mean() Returns the
 mean of the values in col2, grouped by the
 values in col1 (mean can be replaced with
 almost any function from the statistics section)
- df.pivot_table(index=col1,values=
 [col2,col3],aggfunc=mean) Creates a pivot
 table that groups by col1 and calculates the
 mean of col2 and col3
- df.groupby(col1).agg(np.mean) Finds the
 average across all columns for every unique
 column 1 group
- df.apply(np.mean) Applies a function across
 each column
- df.apply(np.max, axis=1) Applies a function
 across each row

JOIN/COMBINE

- df1.append(df2) Adds the rows in df1 to the
 end of df2 (columns should be identical)
- pd.concat([df1, df2],axis=1) Adds the
 columns in df1 to the end of df2 (rows should be
 identical)
- df1.join(df2,on=col1,how='inner') SQL-style
 joins the columns in df1 with the columns
 on df2 where the rows for col have identical
 values. how can be one of 'left', 'right',
 'outer', 'inner'

STATISTICS

These can all be applied to a series as well.

- df.describe() Summary statistics for numerical
 columns
- df.mean() Returns the mean of all columns
- df.corr() Returns the correlation between
 columns in a DataFrame
- df.count() Returns the number of non-null
 values in each DataFrame column
- df.max() Returns the highest value in each
 column
- df.min() Returns the lowest value in each column
- df.median() Returns the median of each column
- df.std() Returns the standard deviation of each
 column