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CLEANING DATA IN PYTHON



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Chapter 1 - Common data problems

Why do we need to clean data?



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Garbage in Garbage out

Data type constraints

Datatype	Example
Text data	First name, last name, address ...
Integers	# Subscribers, # products sold ...
Decimals	Temperature, \$ exchange rates ...
Binary	Is married, new customer, yes/no, ...
Dates	Order dates, ship dates ...
Categories	Marriage status, gender ...

Python data type
<code>str</code>
<code>int</code>
<code>float</code>
<code>bool</code>
<code>datetime</code>
<code>category</code>

Strings to integers

```
# Import CSV file and output header
sales = pd.read_csv('sales.csv')
sales.head(2)
```

	SalesOrderID	Revenue	Quantity
0	43659	23153\$	12
1	43660	1457\$	2

```
# Get data types of columns
sales.dtypes
```

```
SalesOrderID    int64
Revenue         object
Quantity        int64
dtype: object
```

String to integers

```
# Get DataFrame information  
sales.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>  
RangeIndex: 31465 entries, 0 to 31464  
Data columns (total 3 columns):  
SalesOrderID      31465 non-null int64  
Revenue           31465 non-null object  
Quantity          31465 non-null int64  
dtypes: int64(2), object(1)  
memory usage: 737.5+ KB
```

String to integers

```
# Print sum of all Revenue column  
sales['Revenue'].sum()
```

```
'23153$1457$36865$32474$472$27510$16158$5694$6876$40487$807$6893$9153$6895$4216..'
```

```
# Remove $ from Revenue column  
sales['Revenue'] = sales['Revenue'].str.strip('$')  
sales['Revenue'] = sales['Revenue'].astype('int')
```

```
# Verify that Revenue is now an integer  
assert sales['Revenue'].dtype == 'int'
```

The assert statement

```
# This will pass  
assert 1+1 == 2
```

```
# This will not pass  
assert 1+1 == 3
```

```
AssertionError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
      assert 1+1 == 3  
AssertionError:
```

Numeric or categorical?

```
... marriage_status ...  
...          3      ...  
...          1      ...  
...          2      ...
```

0 = Never married 1 = Married 2 = Separated 3 = Divorced

```
df['marriage_status'].describe()
```

```
marriage_status  
...  
mean          1.4  
std           0.20  
min           0.00  
50%          1.8 ...
```

Numeric or categorical?

```
# Convert to categorical
df["marriage_status"] = df["marriage_status"].astype('category')

df.describe()
```

```
marriage_status
count          241
unique           4
top              1
freq           120
```

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Data range constraints

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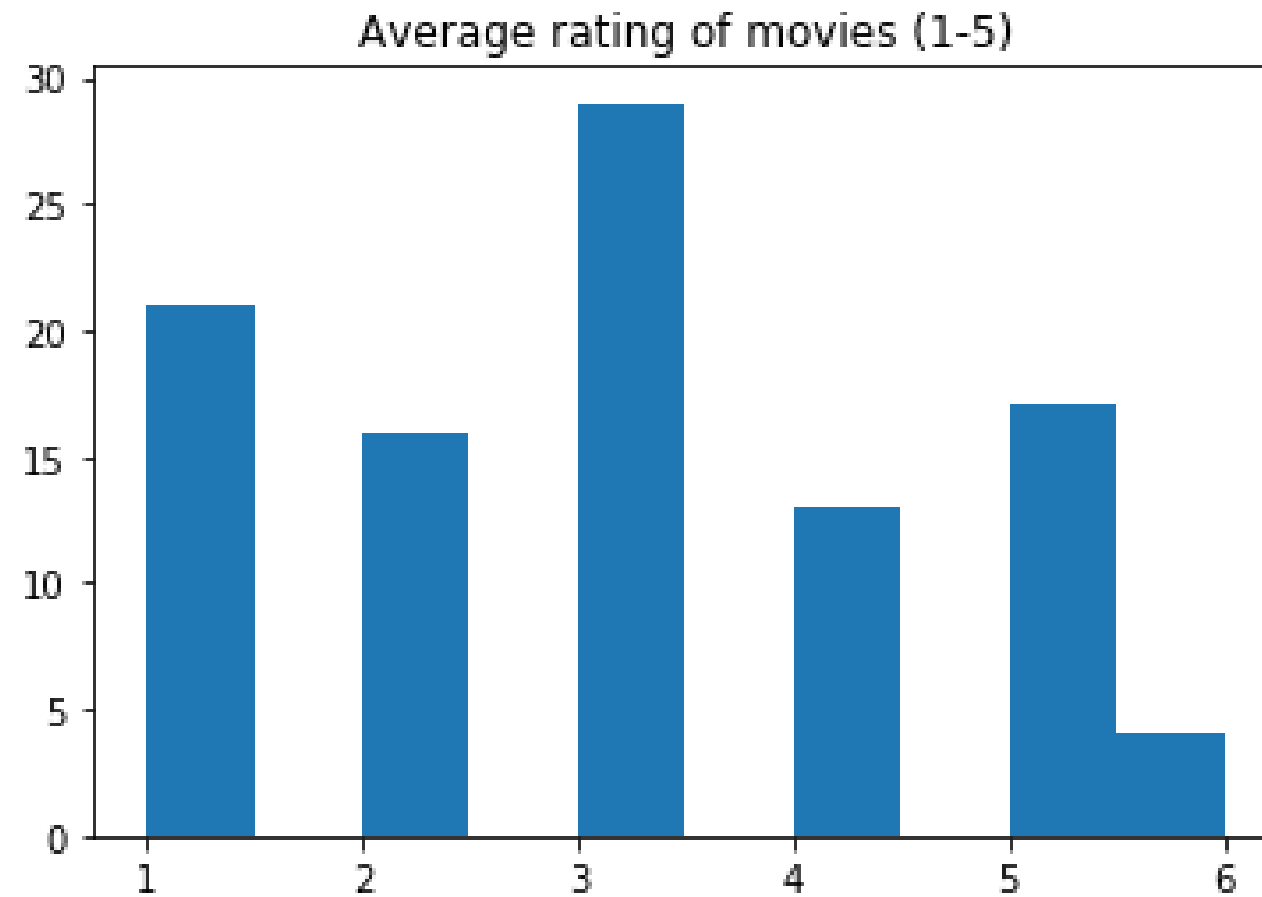
Motivation

```
movies.head()
```

```
   movie_name  avg_rating
0  The Godfather         5
1  Frozen 2           3
2  Shrek              4
...
```

Motivation

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.hist(movies['avg_rating'])
plt.title('Average rating of movies (1-5)')
```



Motivation

Can future sign-ups exist?

```
# Import date time
import datetime as dt
today_date = dt.date.today()
user_signups[user_signups['subscription_date'] > dt.date.today()]
```

	subscription_date	user_name	...	Country
0	01/05/2021	Marah	...	Nauru
1	09/08/2020	Joshua	...	Austria
2	04/01/2020	Heidi	...	Guinea
3	11/10/2020	Rina	...	Turkmenistan
4	11/07/2020	Christine	...	Marshall Islands
5	07/07/2020	Ayanna	...	Gabon

How to deal with out of range data?

- Dropping data
- Setting custom minimums and maximums
- Treat as missing and impute
- Setting custom value depending on business assumptions

Movie example

```
import pandas as pd
# Output Movies with rating > 5
movies[movies['avg_rating'] > 5]
```

```
      movie_name  avg_rating
23  A Beautiful Mind         6
65   La Vita e Bella         6
77           Amelie         6
```

```
# Drop values using filtering
movies = movies[movies['avg_rating'] <= 5]

# Drop values using .drop()
movies.drop(movies[movies['avg_rating'] > 5].index, inplace = True)

# Assert results
assert movies['avg_rating'].max() <= 5
```

Movie example

```
# Convert avg_rating > 5 to 5
movies.loc[movies['avg_rating'] > 5, 'avg_rating'] = 5
```

```
# Assert statement
assert movies['avg_rating'].max() <= 5
```

Remember, no output means it passed

Date range example

```
import datetime as dt
import pandas as pd
# Output data types
user_signups.dtypes
```

```
subscription_date    object
user_name            object
Country              object
dtype: object
```

```
# Convert to DateTime
user_signups['subscription_date'] = pd.to_datetime(user_signups['subscription_date'])
```

```
# Assert that conversion happened
assert user_signups['subscription_date'].dtype == 'datetime64[ns]'
```


Date range example

```
today_date = dt.date.today()
```

Drop the data

```
# Drop values using filtering
user_signups = user_signups[user_signups['subscription_date'] < today_date]

# Drop values using .drop()
user_signups.drop(user_signups[user_signups['subscription_date'] > today_date].index, inplace = True)
```

Hardcode dates with upper limit

```
# Drop values using filtering
user_signups.loc[user_signups['subscription_date'] > today_date, 'subscription_date'] = today_date

# Assert is true
assert user_signups.subscription_date.max().date() <= today_date
```

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Uniqueness constraints

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What are duplicate values?

All columns have the same values

first_name	last_name	address	height	weight
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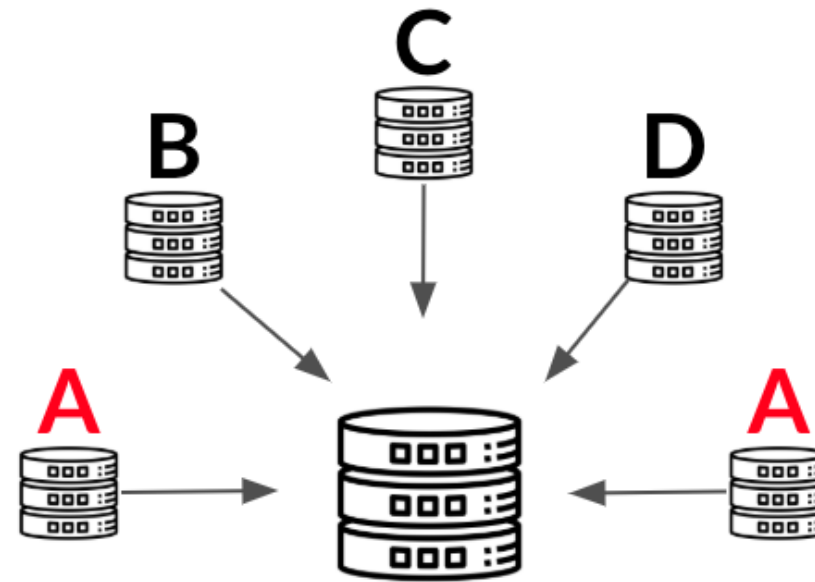


**Bugs and design
errors**

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Join or merge
Errors



Bugs and design
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How to find duplicate values?

```
# Print the header  
height_weight.head()
```

	first_name	last_name	address	height	weight
0	Lane	Reese	534-1559 Nam St.	181	64
1	Ivor	Pierce	102-3364 Non Road	168	66
2	Roary	Gibson	P.O. Box 344, 7785 Nisi Ave	191	99
3	Shannon	Little	691-2550 Consectetuer Street	185	65
4	Abdul	Fry	4565 Risus St.	169	65

How to find duplicate values?

```
# Get duplicates across all columns
duplicates = height_weight.duplicated()
print(duplicates)
```

```
1      False
...      ....
22     True
23     False
...      ...
```

How to find duplicate values?

```
# Get duplicate rows
duplicates = height_weight.duplicated()
height_weight[duplicates]
```

	first_name	last_name	address	height	weight
100	Mary	Colon	4674 Ut Rd.	179	75
101	Ivor	Pierce	102-3364 Non Road	168	88
102	Cole	Palmer	8366 At, Street	178	91
103	Desirae	Shannon	P.O. Box 643, 5251 Consectetuer, Rd.	196	83

How to find duplicate rows?

The `.duplicated()` method

`subset` : List of column names to check for duplication.

`keep` : Whether to keep `first` (`'first'`), `last` (`'last'`) or `all` (`False`) duplicate values.

```
# Column names to check for duplication
column_names = ['first_name', 'last_name', 'address']
duplicates = height_weight.duplicated(subset = column_names, keep = False)
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How to find duplicate rows?

```
# Output duplicate values
height_weight[duplicates]
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The `.drop_duplicates()` method

`subset` : List of column names to check for duplication.

`keep` : Whether to keep `first` (`'first'`), `last` (`'last'`) or `all` (`False`) duplicate values.

`inplace` : Drop duplicated rows directly inside DataFrame without creating new object (`True`).

```
# Drop duplicates
height_weight.drop_duplicates(inplace = True)
```

How to treat duplicate values?

```
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column_names = ['first_name', 'last_name', 'address']
duplicates = height_weight.duplicated(subset = column_names, keep = False)
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How to treat duplicate values?

The `.groupby()` and `.agg()` methods

```
# Group by column names and produce statistical summaries
column_names = ['first_name', 'last_name', 'address']
summaries = {'height': 'max', 'weight': 'mean'}
height_weight = height_weight.groupby(by = column_names).agg(summaries).reset_index()

# Make sure aggregation is done
duplicates = height_weight.duplicated(subset = column_names, keep = False)
height_weight[duplicates].sort_values(by = 'first_name')
```

```
first_name    last_name    address    height    weight
```

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