Recap of Python Operations Cheat Sheet

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☐ Core Operations

Arithmetic: $df['age'] + 5 \rightarrow Add 5 \text{ to all ages}$ • df['capital_gain'] - 1000 \rightarrow Deduct 1000 • $df['hours'] * 2 \rightarrow Double hours$ df['age'] / 2 \rightarrow Float division • / df['qty'] // 10 \rightarrow Integer division • // df['score'] ** $2 \rightarrow Square values$ • ** df['index'] % $7 \rightarrow Modulo operation$ Comparisons: df['income'] == '>50K' → High earners df['edu'] != 'Bachelors' → Non-Bachelors != df['age'] > 40 → Senior filter • > • < $df['hours'] < 30 \rightarrow Part-time$ $df['exp'] >= 5 \rightarrow 5 + yrs experience$ df['score'] \leq 100 \rightarrow Valid scores • <= Assignment: age $+= 5 \rightarrow Increment age$ balance -= 100 \rightarrow Deduct balance factor *= 1.1 \rightarrow 10• *= total /= $2 \rightarrow \text{Halve total}$ • //= items $//= 5 \rightarrow \text{Batch grouping}$ base **= $3 \rightarrow \text{Cube base}$ index % = $10 \rightarrow \text{Cycle index}$

</> Strings

- Key Methods:
 .strip() \rightarrow " Data ".strip() \rightarrow Clean edges
- .upper()/.lower() \rightarrow "text".upper() \rightarrow "TEXT"
- $\bullet \ .split()/.join() \to \text{\tt "a,b,c".split(",")} \to List$
- .replace() \rightarrow "01/02".replace("/","-") \rightarrow Date format

≡ Lists

Operations:

- .append() → lst.append(5)
- .insert() \rightarrow lst.insert(0,5)
- .remove() → lst.remove('a')
- sorted() → sorted(1st) new list

Comprehension:

```
squares = [x**2 \text{ for } x \text{ in nums}]
               if x > 0
```



Operations:

- add() → unique.add("new")
- remove() → unique.discard("old")
- union() \rightarrow set1 | set2
- intersection() \rightarrow set1 & set2

Example:

```
categories = set(df['category'])
if "Tech" in categories:
    process_tech()
```

Dictionaries

Methods:

- .keys() \rightarrow List all keys
- .values() → List all values
- .get() → dict.get('key', default)
- $.update() \rightarrow Merge dicts$

Example:

```
employee = {
    'name': 'Alice',
    'dept': 'Data Science',
    'projects': 5
```

p Control Flow

Conditionals:

```
if temp > 30:
   category = "Hot"
elif temp > 20:
   category = "Mild"
   category = "Cold"
Loops:
for idx, row in df.iterrows():
```

File Handling

if row['age'] > 65: mark_retired(idx)

Pandas I/O:

```
# Read CSV with limited cols
df = pd.read_csv('data.csv',
                 usecols=['age','income'])
# Save filtered
df[df['score']>80].to_excel('high.xlsx')
```

* Debugging

try/except:

```
try:
    ratio = a / b
except ZeroDivisionError:
    ratio = 0
finally:
    log_calc()
```

Type Checking:

if not isinstance(val, (int,float)): raise ValueError("Numeric input needed")

Best Practices

- Type Hints: def process(df:pd.DataFrame)->None:
- Docstrings: """Perform stats"""
 - Error Handling: Use specific exceptions
- **Vectorization:** Prefer pandas ops over loops