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# 1 Cleaning, Transforming and Storing your Data

Now we know a little about selecting, filtering and sorting our data, we can move on to cleaning and transforming our data too.

Data is rarely perfect, missing values, anomalous values and duplicates can cause all sorts of issues in analysis. It may also be that data is not interpreted correctly straight away, and that we need to tell Pandas what kind of data it's looking at.

Once we've got on top of that we can also explore how Pandas powerful summarisation tools can help us understand our data better.

## **Pandas Documentation**

```
[]: import pandas as pd
     filename = 'spotify_top_songs.csv'
     songs_df = pd.read_csv(filename)
     songs_df.head()
[]:
                                          track_name
                                                           artists
                       track_id
        5mjYQaktjmjcMKcUIcqz4s
                                                      Kenya Grace
                                           Strangers
     1 56y1jOTKOXSvJzVv9vHQBK
                                 Paint The Town Red
                                                          Doja Cat
     2 1reEeZH9wNt4z1ePYLyC7p
                                                        Tate McRae
                                              greedy
     3 59NraMJsLaMCVtwXTSia8i
                                               Prada
                                                             cassö
     4 5aIVCx5tnk0ntmdiinnYvw
                                               Water
                                                              Tyla
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                                                2023-09-01
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                         alt z
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                                                2023-09-13
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     3
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                                                2023-08-11
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                     Top 50 - United Kingdom
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                     Top 50 - United Kingdom
                                                        0.673
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# 1.1 Data Cleaning

Data cleaning can involve a range of techniques, but the unifying goal is to get your data into a state that is ready for analysis. This could include: - Removing rows where data is missing - Replacing missing data with another value. - Replacing data that may be oddly formatted to make it more analysis compatible. - Transforming the type of data in a column to correct mistakes or to make it more useful.

If we examine the .info() we can quickly identify if there are missing values that Pandas knows about by comparing the total entries with the 'Non-Null Count' for each column.

## 1.1.1 Dropping and filling missing data

```
[]: songs_df.info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1280 entries, 0 to 1279
Data columns (total 14 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype			
0	track_id	1280 non-null	object			
1	track_name	1280 non-null	object			
2	artists	1280 non-null	object			
3	genre	1280 non-null	object			
4	release_year	1280 non-null	int64			
5	release_date	1280 non-null	object			
6	explicit	1280 non-null	bool			
7	popularity	1280 non-null	int64			
8	duration_ms	1280 non-null	int64			
9	playlist_name	1280 non-null	object			
10	danceability	1280 non-null	float64			
11	loudness	1280 non-null	float64			
12	speechiness	1279 non-null	float64			
13	playlist_type	1280 non-null	object			
dtypes: bool(1), float64(3), int64(3), object(7)						
memo	memory usage: 131.4+ KB					

We can identify which row is missing that value for speechiness using a special filter called .isna()

```
[]: songs_df[songs_df['speechiness'].isna()]
```

```
[]:
                      track_id track_name
                                                artists
                                                                          genre
       5mjYQaktjmjcMKcUIcqz4s Strangers
                                           Kenya Grace singer-songwriter pop
                                   explicit popularity
        release_year release_date
                                                          duration_ms
                2023
                       2023-09-01
                                                               172964
     0
                                      False
                                                      97
                  playlist name
                                 danceability
                                                loudness
                                                          speechiness playlist type
       Top 50 - United Kingdom
                                         0.628
                                                  -8.307
                                                                  NaN
                                                                           mixed_pop
```

There are multiple approaches to missing data, depending on your analysis. The simplest approach is to simply drop any rows that have any missing data. .dropna() will do this for us, returning a version of the dataframe where every row has a value for every column.

If you only want to drop rows with a missing value in a specific column(s) you can use the subset= argument. You must pass it a list of column names, even when only checking one column.

We can see that the total number of rows is now one less than the original dataframe.

```
[]: songs_df.dropna(subset=['speechiness']).info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 1279 entries, 1 to 1279
Data columns (total 14 columns):

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#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype		
0	track_id	1279 non-null	object		
1	track_name	1279 non-null	object		
2	artists	1279 non-null	object		
3	genre	1279 non-null	object		
4	release_year	1279 non-null	int64		
5	release_date	1279 non-null	object		
6	explicit	1279 non-null	bool		
7	popularity	1279 non-null	int64		
8	duration_ms	1279 non-null	int64		
9	playlist_name	1279 non-null	object		
10	danceability	1279 non-null	float64		
11	loudness	1279 non-null	float64		
12	speechiness	1279 non-null	float64		
13	playlist_type	1279 non-null	object		
dtype	dtypes: bool(1), float64(3), int64(3), object(7)				
memor	ry usage: 141.1	- KB			

As .dropna() returns a version of the dataframe without the offending rows, if we want to continue working with the cleaned version, we simply overwrite the variable with the new dataframe.

This is shown below as a comment as we don't want to actually do that just yet!

```
[]: | # songs_df = songs_df.dropna()
```

If we wanted to keep the row, we could instead replace the missing value with another value such as the average value for that column. There are other ways to generate replacement data but they

have their issues. In general it is usually better to drop these rows unless you absolutely have to keep them.

Again to save the transformed result we overwrite, but this time we overwrite the specific column in the dataframe. Shown below as a comment to avoid committing changes.

```
[]:  # avg_speechiness = songs_df['speechiness'].mean()  # songs_df['speechiness'] = songs_df['speechiness'].fillna(avg_speechiness)
```

### 1.1.2 When missing data doesn't look missing

Sometimes datasets can fool you into thinking they're more complete than they are. According to .info() there are no missing values in the genre column. However if we look at the data we can see an odd value called \*\*\*00PS!\*\*\*. This looks like a placeholder value entered if data collection went wrong.

We can replace this with a NaN or NA, an object that represents a missing value - when we used .isna, .dropna and .fillna Pandas was specifically looking for these NA objects.

First let's check how many of these odd placeholder values we have.

0	track_id	50 non-null	object
1	track_name	50 non-null	object
2	artists	50 non-null	object
3	genre	50 non-null	object
4	release_year	50 non-null	int64
5	release_date	50 non-null	object
6	explicit	50 non-null	bool
7	popularity	50 non-null	int64
8	duration_ms	50 non-null	int64
9	playlist_name	50 non-null	object
10	danceability	50 non-null	float64
11	loudness	50 non-null	float64
12	speechiness	50 non-null	float64
13	playlist_type	50 non-null	object
dtype	es: bool(1), flo	oat64(3), int64(	3), object(7)

memory usage: 5.5+ KB

We can .replace() all these values with NaN objects so that we have a clearer picture of our data, and can then have the option to use our other missing data cleaning methods.

```
[]: songs_df['genre'] = songs_df['genre'].replace('***OOPS!***', pd.NA)
songs_df.info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1280 entries, 0 to 1279
Data columns (total 14 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype		
0	track_id	1280 non-null	object		
1	track_name	1280 non-null	object		
2	artists	1280 non-null	object		
3	genre	1230 non-null	object		
4	release_year	1280 non-null	int64		
5	release_date	1280 non-null	object		
6	explicit	1280 non-null	bool		
7	popularity	1280 non-null	int64		
8	duration_ms	1280 non-null	int64		
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10	danceability	1280 non-null	float64		
11	loudness	1280 non-null	float64		
12	speechiness	1279 non-null	float64		
13	playlist_type	1280 non-null	object		
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memo	memory usage: 131.4+ KB				

Now we have a more accurate representation of our missing values let's go ahead an just drop any row with missing data using .dropna().

```
[]: songs_df = songs_df.dropna()
songs_df.head()
```

	so	ngs_df.head()							
[]:		track_id		tra	ack_name		artists	\	
	1	56y1jOTKOXSvJzVv9vHQBK	P	aint The	Town Red	Ι	Ooja Cat		
	2	1reEeZH9wNt4z1ePYLyC7p			greedy		e McRae		
	5	2FDTHlrBguDzQkp7PVj16Q		;	Sprinter		Dave		
	6	1BxfuPKGuaTgP7aM0Bbdwr		Crue	1 Summer	Taylo	or Swift		
	7	3vkCueOmm7xQDoJ17W1Pm3	My L	ove Mine	All Mine	·	Mitski		
		genre release	e_year	release_c	date ex	plicit	popular:	ity \	
	1	dance pop	2023	2023-09	9-20	True		87	
	2	alt z	2023	2023-09	9-13	True		31	
	5	uk hip hop	2023	2023-0	6-01	True		94	
	6	pop	2019	2019-08	8-23	False		99	
	7	brooklyn indie	2023	2023-09	9-15	False		93	
		duration_ms	playl	ist_name	danceab	ility	${\tt loudness}$	speechiness	\
	1	230480 Top 50 - U	Jnited	Kingdom		0.864	-7.683	0.1940	
	2	131872 Top 50 - U	Jnited	Kingdom		0.750	-3.190	0.0322	
	5	229133 Top 50 - U	Jnited	Kingdom		0.916	-8.067	0.2410	
	6	178426 Top 50 – J	Jnited	Kingdom		0.552	-5.707	0.1570	
	7	137773 Top 50 - U	Jnited	Kingdom		0.504	-14.958	0.0321	

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Unless you want to retain the index to match back to the original data later, often it is a good idea to .reset\_index() before continuing. We use drop=True to ensure the original index is not retained and just cleaned away entirely.

```
[]: songs_df = songs_df.reset_index(drop=True)
```

# 1.1.3 Fixing Wrong data types

Sometimes either due to the way data was interpreted when Pandas loaded it, or due to the way data was created, it won't necessarily be the right type of data.

In our dataset we have a release\_year column, and currently it is listed as an object

```
[]: songs_df.info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1229 entries, 0 to 1228
Data columns (total 14 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	track_id	1229 non-null	object
1	track_name	1229 non-null	object
2	artists	1229 non-null	object
3	genre	1229 non-null	object
4	release_year	1229 non-null	int64
5	release_date	1229 non-null	object
6	explicit	1229 non-null	bool
7	popularity	1229 non-null	int64
8	duration_ms	1229 non-null	int64
9	playlist_name	1229 non-null	object
10	danceability	1229 non-null	float64
11	loudness	1229 non-null	float64
12	speechiness	1229 non-null	float64
13	playlist_type	1229 non-null	object
d+wn	$as \cdot bool(1) fl$	0at64(3) int64(	3) $object(7)$

dtypes: bool(1), float64(3), int64(3), object(7)

memory usage: 126.1+ KB

If we look at the release\_date value for the first row, we can see it is actually a string, and if we ask Pandas to .describe() it to us it can do very little as it thinks they are just words, rather than dates.

We can recast the column as a date by using pd.to\_datetime() which takes a column of strings and returns a column of dates.

```
[]: songs_df['release_date'] = pd.to_datetime(songs_df['release_date'])
songs_df['release_date'].describe(datetime_is_numeric=True)
```

```
[]: count 1229
mean 2001-01-04 20:20:53.702196864
min 1954-01-01 00:00:00
25% 1983-03-23 00:00:00
50% 2008-03-28 00:00:00
75% 2020-05-22 00:00:00
max 2023-10-13 00:00:00
Name: release_date, dtype: object
```

#### 1.2 Exercises 1

Take a look at section 1 of the exercises sheet. Complete the tasks before moving on.

#### 1.3 Data Transformations

We can use Pandas to quickly transform our data to provide us quick insights into the data that would otherwise be difficult or impossible to achieve manually. For example we can: - Count the number of times particular values are used, good for categorical data. - Use groupby to compare different subsets of data quickly.

#### 1.3.1 Value Counts

A simple but powerful method for quickly summarising a column of categorical data, often string data. For example we could ask how many tracks are in the dataset per playlist, and get the answer easily using .value counts().

```
All Out 90s
                                     100
All Out 80s
                                     100
All Out 60s
                                     100
All Out 70s
                                      99
All Out 50s
                                      99
Every Official UK Number 1 Ever
                                      93
The Pop List
                                      88
alt/pop
                                      59
Cheesy Hits!
                                      50
Top 50 - United Kingdom
                                      47
Today's Top Hits
                                      47
Every UK Number One: 2023
                                      47
Name: playlist_name, dtype: int64
```

Or the most mentioned artist...

```
[]: artist_counts = songs_df['artists'].value_counts().head(10) artist_counts
```

```
[]: Ed Sheeran
                        21
     Olivia Rodrigo
                        17
     Drake
                        17
     Taylor Swift
                        15
     Billie Eilish
                        13
     The Weeknd
                        11
     Coldplay
                        11
     Calvin Harris
                        11
     Lewis Capaldi
                        10
     Rihanna
                        10
```

Name: artists, dtype: int64

One thing to note is that value\_counts returns a Series (column), just like any other column in a dataframe. It sets the index to be the unique values from the column it is counting, in our case, artist names.

This means that if you have a particular value in mind you want to check, you can use the .loc to select the specific value, or for convenience omit .loc and just use square brackets [].

```
[]: artist_counts.loc['Billie Eilish']
```

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We could also use this index in other operations. For example we could filter our dataset to only contain records of our top 10 most mentioned artists.

```
[]: top_10_artists = artist_counts.index top_10_artists
```

```
'Billie Eilish', 'The Weeknd', 'Coldplay', 'Calvin Harris',
            'Lewis Capaldi', 'Rihanna'],
           dtype='object')
[]: top_10_filter = songs_df['artists'].isin(top_10_artists)
     top_10_artists_df = songs_df[top_10_filter]
     top_10_artists_df.head()
[]:
                        track id
                                                                            track name
         1BxfuPKGuaTgP7aM0Bbdwr
                                                                          Cruel Summer
     3
     5
         1kuGVB7EU95pJ0bxwvfwKS
                                                                               vampire
     7
         2YSzYUF3jWqb9YP9VXmpjE
                                                                    IDGAF (feat. Yeat)
         6wf7Yu7cxBSPrRlWeSeK0Q
                                   What Was I Made For? [From The Motion Picture ...
         3IX0yuEVvDbnqUwMBB3ouC
                                                                       bad idea right?
                                             release_year release_date
                                                                          explicit \
                artists
                                      genre
     3
           Taylor Swift
                                                      2019
                                                             2019-08-23
                                                                             False
                                        pop
     5
         Olivia Rodrigo
                                                      2023
                                                             2023-09-08
                                                                              True
                                        pop
     7
                  Drake
                          canadian hip hop
                                                      2023
                                                             2023-10-06
                                                                              True
     11
          Billie Eilish
                                    art pop
                                                      2023
                                                             2023-07-13
                                                                             False
     13
         Olivia Rodrigo
                                                      2023
                                                             2023-09-08
                                                                              True
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                           178426
                                   Top 50 - United Kingdom
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     5
                 95
                           219724
                                   Top 50 - United Kingdom
                                                                      0.511
                                                                               -5.745
     7
                 89
                           260111
                                   Top 50 - United Kingdom
                                                                      0.663
                                                                               -8.399
                           222369
                                   Top 50 - United Kingdom
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                  96
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                                                                              -17.665
                           184783 Top 50 - United Kingdom
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     5
              0.0578
                          mixed_pop
     7
              0.2710
                          mixed_pop
     11
              0.0307
                          mixed_pop
     13
              0.0955
                          mixed_pop
     .value_counts() also allows us to get proportions rather than frequencies by using the argument
    normalize=True. The simplest way to interpret the numbers is as a percentage. For example 0.1
    is 10\%, 0.04 is 4\% etc.
[]: songs_df['genre'].value_counts(normalize=True)
                         0.109845
[ ]: pop
     dance pop
                         0.080553
     album rock
                         0.075671
     adult standards
                         0.045566
     alt z
                         0.022783
```

[]: Index(['Ed Sheeran', 'Olivia Rodrigo', 'Drake', 'Taylor Swift',

electro 0.000814 dutch edm 0.000814 indie rock 0.000814 danish pop 0.000814 acoustic blues 0.000814

Name: genre, Length: 190, dtype: float64

# 1.3.2 Grouping Data

.group by allows us to quickly seperate our dataset up into groups based on the values in one or more columns.

```
[]: grouped = songs_df.groupby('playlist_name')
grouped
```

[]: <pandas.core.groupby.generic.DataFrameGroupBy object at 0x110b85e80>

```
[]: grouped.get_group('Cheesy Hits!').head()
```

[]:		track_id	${\tt track\_name}$	artists	\
	182	2WfaOiMkCvy7F5fcp2zZ8L	Take on Me	a-ha	
	183	OGjEhVFGZW8afUYGChu3Rr	Dancing Queen	ABBA	
	184	4kbj5MwxO1bq9wjT5g9HaA	Shut Up and Dance	WALK THE MOON	
	185	2kQuhkFX7uSVepCD3h29g5	Smack That	Akon	
	186	47BBI51FKFwOMlIiX6m8ya	I Want It That Way	Backstreet Boys	

	genre	release_year	release_date	explicit	popularity	\
182	new romantic	1985	1985-06-01	False	88	
183	europop	1976	1976-01-01	False	86	
184	dance rock	2014	2014-12-02	False	85	
185	dance pop	2006	2006-01-01	True	85	
186	bov band	1999	1999-05-18	False	84	

	${\tt duration\_ms}$	<pre>playlist_name</pre>	danceability	loudness	speechiness	\
182	225280	Cheesy Hits!	0.573	-7.638	0.0540	
183	230400	Cheesy Hits!	0.543	-6.514	0.0428	
184	199080	Cheesy Hits!	0.578	-3.804	0.0619	
185	212360	Cheesy Hits!	0.939	-5.171	0.0467	
186	213306	Cheesy Hits!	0.689	-5.830	0.0270	

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185 mixed_pop
186 mixed_pop
```

More importantly we can apply operations to our single grouped object and have them applied to each group seperately with the results returned all together. For example, let's ask what the average popularity score is for each different playlist.

# []: grouped.mean()['popularity'].sort\_values(ascending=False)

```
[]: playlist_name
     Today's Top Hits
                                         90.914894
     All Out 2010s
                                         86.780000
     Top 50 - United Kingdom
                                         86.638298
    Hit Rewind
                                         85.110000
     All Out 2000s
                                         82.940000
     Cheesy Hits!
                                         80.140000
     Every UK Number One: 2023
                                         79.978723
     All Out 90s
                                         79.810000
     All Out 80s
                                         79.720000
     All Out 70s
                                         78.787879
     All Out 60s
                                         74.210000
    The Pop List
                                         72.954545
    All Out 50s
                                         62.363636
    Every Official UK Number 1 Ever
                                         58.655914
     alt/pop
                                         55.203390
```

Name: popularity, dtype: float64

We can use different aggregations by using the appropriate method such as .mean, .count, .sum, .median and .nunique.

# []: grouped.nunique()[['track\_name', 'artists']]

[]:	track_name	artists
playlist_name		
All Out 2000s	100	70
All Out 2010s	100	58
All Out 50s	98	54
All Out 60s	100	64
All Out 70s	98	65
All Out 80s	100	73
All Out 90s	100	75
Cheesy Hits!	50	48
Every Official UK Number 1 Ever	93	56
Every UK Number One: 2023	47	39
Hit Rewind	100	70
The Pop List	88	68
Today's Top Hits	47	40
Top 50 - United Kingdom	47	36
alt/pop	59	52

We can ask for different types of aggregation per column using .agg

```
[]: aggregations = {'track_id':'count', 'artists':'nunique', 'popularity':'mean'} grouped.agg(aggregations)
```

[]:	track_id	artists	popularity
playlist_name			
All Out 2000s	100	70	82.940000
All Out 2010s	100	58	86.780000
All Out 50s	99	54	62.363636
All Out 60s	100	64	74.210000
All Out 70s	99	65	78.787879
All Out 80s	100	73	79.720000
All Out 90s	100	75	79.810000
Cheesy Hits!	50	48	80.140000
Every Official UK Number 1 Ever	93	56	58.655914
Every UK Number One: 2023	47	39	79.978723
Hit Rewind	100	70	85.110000
The Pop List	88	68	72.954545
Today's Top Hits	47	40	90.914894
Top 50 - United Kingdom	47	36	86.638298
alt/pop	59	52	55.203390

Lastly, we can also group by more than one variable to break down the data further.

```
[]: songs_df.groupby(['release_year','explicit']).agg(aggregations).loc[2020:]
```

```
[]:
                             track_id artists popularity
     release_year explicit
     2020
                  False
                                    13
                                                  65.153846
                   True
                                    14
                                              8
                                                  73.142857
     2021
                  False
                                    15
                                              7
                                                  71.466667
                  True
                                    10
                                              5
                                                  66.100000
     2022
                  False
                                    23
                                             12
                                                  80.130435
                                                   80.125000
                  True
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                                              6
     2023
                  False
                                                   71.870130
                                   154
                                            104
                                             42
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                  True
                                    82
```

You can also aggregate the same column twice in different ways by using a different syntax in .agg.

```
[]: mean_popularity median_popularity n_tracks playlist_name
All Out 2000s 82.940000 82.5 100
All Out 2010s 86.780000 86.0 100
All Out 50s 62.363636 61.0 99
```

All Out 60s	74.210000	73.0	100
All Out 70s	78.787879	78.0	99
All Out 80s	79.720000	79.0	100
All Out 90s	79.810000	79.0	100
Cheesy Hits!	80.140000	80.0	50
Every Official UK Number 1 Ever	58.655914	74.0	93
Every UK Number One: 2023	79.978723	82.0	47
Hit Rewind	85.110000	85.0	100
The Pop List	72.954545	73.0	88
Today's Top Hits	90.914894	92.0	47
Top 50 - United Kingdom	86.638298	89.0	47
alt/pop	55.203390	55.0	59

## 1.3.3 Storing your data

Whether you have gone through the process of cleaning your dataset, or you've produced some aggregations that you want to easily refer to later, you'll want to store your data in some way.

Whilst there are many options, the two simplest ways to store data are either to create a .csv file, or to use a pickle file.

**CSV** CSV files are a standard data format that are very common. They can be opened in other programmes like Microsoft Excel and are simple enough to be widely compatible.

The downside is that their simplicity means they can't store more complex types of data such as dates, meaning that you would have to do a little work upon loading the data to set the correct data types.

We've already seen the Pandas command for loading csv files (.read\_csv()). We can create our own using .to csv.

```
[]: explicit_summary = songs_df.groupby('explicit').agg(aggregations)
explicit_summary
```

```
[]: track_id artists popularity explicit False 1005 514 76.289552 True 224 106 77.691964
```

```
[]: explicit_summary.to_csv('explicit_summary.csv')
```

Pickle Files Gets its name from the idea of 'pickling' as in preserving something. Pickle files can store all sorts of complex data types. Unlike a CSV where data is translated into a simple text representation, pickle files store the actual dataframe object from Python. This means the data is stored and reloaded exactly as it is. the downside is that it has very little compatibility beyond being reloaded by Pandas, and often there can be problems trying to load a pickle file anywhere other than in the same place it was created.

```
[]: songs_df.to_pickle('cleaned_songs_df.pkl')
```

```
[]: songs_df_2 = pd.read_pickle('cleaned_songs_df.pkl')
     songs_df_2.head()
[]:
                       track_id
                                            track_name
                                                              artists
                                                                        \
        56y1jOTKOXSvJzVv9vHQBK
                                    Paint The Town Red
                                                             Doja Cat
     0
     1 1reEeZH9wNt4z1ePYLyC7p
                                                           Tate McRae
                                                 greedy
     2 2FDTHlrBguDzQkp7PVj16Q
                                               Sprinter
                                                                 Dave
     3 1BxfuPKGuaTgP7aM0Bbdwr
                                          Cruel Summer
                                                         Taylor Swift
     4 3vkCueOmm7xQDoJ17W1Pm3
                                 My Love Mine All Mine
                                                               Mitski
                        release_year release_date
                                                     explicit
                                                               popularity \
                 genre
     0
             dance pop
                                 2023
                                        2023-09-20
                                                         True
                                                                        87
     1
                                 2023
                                                         True
                                                                        31
                 alt z
                                        2023-09-13
     2
            uk hip hop
                                 2023
                                                         True
                                                                        94
                                        2023-06-01
     3
                                 2019
                                        2019-08-23
                                                        False
                                                                        99
                   pop
                                                        False
        brooklyn indie
                                 2023
                                        2023-09-15
                                                                        93
        duration_ms
                                               danceability loudness
                                                                         speechiness \
                                playlist_name
     0
                     Top 50 - United Kingdom
                                                                              0.1940
             230480
                                                       0.864
                                                                 -7.683
     1
             131872
                     Top 50 - United Kingdom
                                                       0.750
                                                                -3.190
                                                                              0.0322
     2
                     Top 50 - United Kingdom
             229133
                                                       0.916
                                                                -8.067
                                                                              0.2410
                     Top 50 - United Kingdom
     3
             178426
                                                       0.552
                                                                -5.707
                                                                              0.1570
     4
                     Top 50 - United Kingdom
             137773
                                                       0.504
                                                               -14.958
                                                                              0.0321
       playlist_type
     0
           mixed_pop
     1
           mixed_pop
     2
           mixed_pop
     3
           mixed_pop
     4
           mixed_pop
```

# 1.4 Exercises 2

Take a look at section 2 of the exercises sheet. Complete the tasks.

If there is time, work through the appropriate chapter of the McLevey textbook OR the recommended DataCamp course.

See Moodle for details.