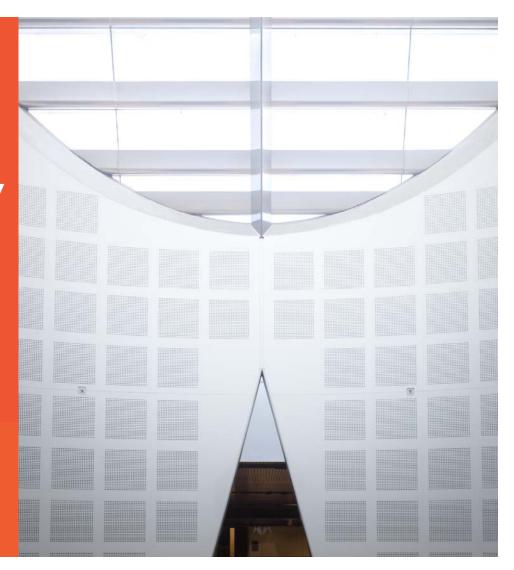
DATA 2001: Data Science: Big Data and Data Diversity

Data analysis with Python

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Python Recap

- general program syntax
- variables and types
 - integer and float numbers, string types, type conversion
 - list, dictionary, tuple and set
- condition statements (if/elif/else)
- for loops, ranges
- functions
 - print(), len(), lower(), upper(), ...
 - Recursive functions
 - nesting of functions; example: print(len(str.upper()))

Data analysis with Python

Objective

Learn Python tools for exploring a new data set programmatically.

Lecture

- Data types, cleaning, preprocessing
- Descriptive statistics, e.g., median, quartiles, IQR, outliers
- Descriptive visualisation, e.g., boxplots, confidence intervals

Readings

Data Science from Scratch: Ch 4-5

Exercises

- matplotlib: Visualisation
- numpy/scipy: Descriptive stats

TODO in W2/W3

- Grok Python modules
- Explore the survey data

Preliminaries: Types of Data



Data Types

- Text
- Images
- Videos
- Categorical
 - Nominal
 - Dichotomous
 - Ordinal
- Quantitative
 - Interval
 - Ratio

Categorical Data

 A categorical variable is also known as a discrete or qualitative variable and has two or more categories. It is further divided into two variants, nominal and ordinal. These variables are typically coded as numerical values.

Nominal Data

This is an unordered category data. This type of variable may be coded in numeric form but these numerical values have no mathematical interpretation and are just labeling to denote categories. For example, colours: black, red and white can be coded as 1, 2 and 3.

What main industry have you worked in?*

Choose

What key experience do you have?*

Relational databases

NoSQL

Information retrieval

— Values are names

— No ordering is implied

— Eg jersey numbers

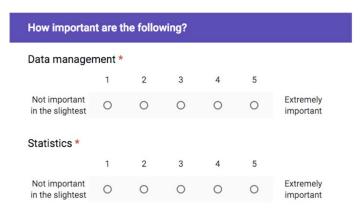
Dichotomous Data

 A dichotomous is a type of nominal data that can only have two possibile values, e.g. true or false, or presence or absence. These are also sometimes referred as binary or Boolean variables.

- True (1) or false (0)
- Gender: male / female

Ordinal Data

 This is ordered categorical data in which there is strict monotonic order. For example, human height (small, medium and high) can be coded into numbers small = 1, medium = 2, high = 3.



- Values are ordered
- No distance is implied
- Eg rank, agreement

Interval Data

It is a variable in which the interval between values has meaning and there is no true zero value.



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- Values encode differences
- equal intervals between values
- No true zero
- Addition is defined
- Eg Celsius temperature

Ratio Data

It is variable that has a true value of zero and represents the total absence of the variable being measured. For example, it makes sense to say a Kelvin temperature of 100 is twice as hot as a Kelvin temperature of 50 because it represents twice as much the thermal energy (unlike Fahrenheit temperatures of 100 and 50).

How many years professional experience do you have? *
Your answer
How many years programming experience do you have?
Your answer
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- Values encode differences
- Zero is defined
- Multiplication defined
- Ratio is meaningful
- Eg length, weight, income

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Calculating descriptive statistics

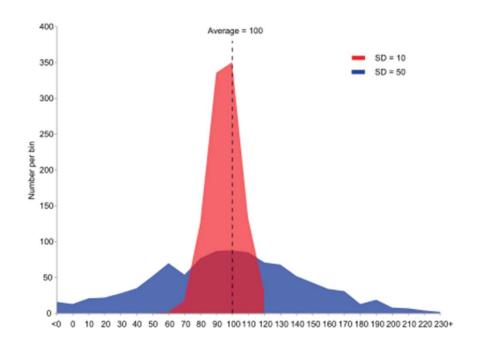
- Median and percentiles good here too
- Mean is the sum of values divided by the number of values:

$$\frac{\sum X_i}{N}$$

$$\frac{\sum (X_i - mean)^2}{N - 1}$$

$$\sqrt{\text{var} iance}$$

What does variance and standard deviation tell us?



Samples from two populations with the same mean but different variances. The red population has mean 100 and variance 100 (SD=10) while the blue population has mean 100 and variance 2500 (SD=50).

Levels of Measurement

	Nominal	Ordinal	Interval	Ratio
Countable	✓	✓	✓	✓
Order defined		✓	✓	✓
Difference defined (addition, subtraction)			✓	✓
Zero defined (multiplication, division)				✓

Measures of Central Tendency

	Nominal	Ordinal	Interval	Ratio
Mode	✓	✓	✓	✓
Median		✓	✓	✓
Mean			✓	✓

Measures of Dispersion

	Nominal	Ordinal	Interval	Ratio
Counts / Distribution	✓	✓	✓	✓
Minimum, Maximum		✓	✓	✓
Range		✓	✓	✓
Percentiles		✓	✓	✓
Standard deviation, Variance			✓	✓

What about text data?

How would you define data science in one sentence? *

Your answer

- Not defined as traditional data type in statistics
- Requires interpretation,
 coding or conversion
- More in future lectures...

Data Acquisition and Cleaning



Data Acquisition – Where does data come from?

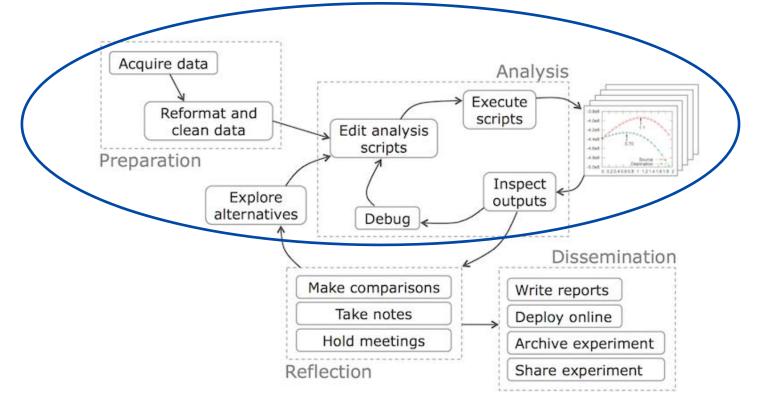
- File Access
 - You or your organisation might already have a data set, or a colleagues provides you access to data.
 - Or: Web Download from an online data server
 - Typical exchange formats: CSV, Excel, sometimes also XML
- Programmatically
 - Scrapping the web (HTML)
 - or using APIs of Web Services (XML/JSON)
 - -> Cf. textbook, Ch 9
- Database Access
- Collect data yourself, eg. via a survey

This week: Using data from our online survey

Cleaning and Transforming Data

- Real data is often 'dirty'
- Important to do some data cleaning and transforming first
- Typical steps involved:
 - type and name conversion
 - filtering of missing or inconsistent data
 - unifying semantic data representations
 - matching of entries from different sources
- Later also:
 - Rescaling and optional dimensionality reduction

Exploratory analysis workflow



We'll revisit some descriptive questions with Python

- What industries do we know? What would we like to go into?
- What areas of data science are considered important?
- How do professional/programming experience compare?
- How does programming experience differ across industries?
- What skills do we know? What would we like to learn?

And look at a text question

- Which industries are most desirable? Do past/future differ?
- What areas are considered most important? Reliable?
- What skills co-occur most? How strong is the association?
- Are there natural clusters corresponding to profiles?
- Is there a significant dependence between experience?
- What terms/topics characterise our DS definitions?

Exercise: Upload survey data and notebook to Jupyter

- 1. Download data and notebook from Canvas page
- 2. Login to one of these Jupyter Servers
 - https://soit-ucpu-pro-1.ucc.usyd.edu.au
 - https://soit-ucpu-pro-2.ucc.usyd.edu.au
 - https://soit-ucpu-pro-3.ucc.usyd.edu.au
 - https://ucpul.ug.it.usyd.edu.au
 - Log in with unikey as username and password
 - Both servers are linked to your ICT shared folder here at Usyd
 - Note: folders are created at 1st login to one of the SIT lab machines
- 3. Upload data and notebook to Jupyter Hub

Read data using csv

- Python csv module
 - Reads/writes comma-separated values with escaping
 - csv.reader reads rows into arrays
 - csv.DictReader reads rows into dictionaries
- Python pprint module
 - pretty print of complex data structures
 - pprint formats a dictionary read by CSV so it's easier to read

```
import csv
import pprint
data = list(csv.DictReader(open('ds_survey_responses.csv')))
pprint.pprint(data[0])
```

Descriptive Statistics



Frequency distributions using collections. Counter

- The collections module provides several useful data structures
- Counter
 - Takes a list or other iterable as input and counts its entries
 - Returns a count of how often each item appears

Sort and print each k (value) v (count) pair

Calculating the mode with collections. Counter

- Recall that the **mode** is the most frequent value
- We can use the most_common() method to calculate it

Define a mode function

First argument is the data set

Second argument is the column key

```
c = Counter([row[column_key] for row in data])
    return c.most common(1)[0][0]
print("Communication mode:", mode(data, IMPORT_COMMUNICATION))
```

Values, access the first value, Return the value (not the count)

Frequency distribution and mode

- Calculate frequency distribution using Counter
 - calculate distributions of industries
- Calculate mode using Counter
 - calculate the mode of industries

Example in Jupyter

Cleaning data: convert to correct types

- The Python csv module reads everything as string types
- Need to convert as appropriate (e.g., int, float, timestamp)
 - int() creates integer objects, e.g., -1, 101
 - float() creates floating point object, e.g., 3.14, 2.71
 - datetime.strptime() creates datetime objects from strings

A function to convert values in a given column

Use "not a number" (nan) as default value numpy knows to ignore for some stats

```
1 import numpy as np
2 DEFAULT_VALUE = np.nan
 3
   def clean(data, column key, convert function, default value):
       special values= {'1 year' : 1.0, '2years' : 2.0, '2 years': 2.0, 'Ten' : 10, 'Half a year': 0.5, '6 months': 0.5,
 5
       for row in data:
 6
           old value = row[column key]
 7
           new value = default value
 8
           trv:
 9
               if old value in special values.keys():
10
                   new value = special values[old value]
11
12
               else:
                   new value = convert function(old value)
13
           except (ValueError, TypeError):
14
               print('Replacing {} with {} in column {}'.format(row[column key], new value, column key))
15
           row[column key] = new value
16
17
18 clean(data, BACKGROUND_YEARS_PROFESSIONAL, float, DEFAULT_VALUE)
19 clean(data, BACKGROUND YEARS PROGRAMMING, float, DEFAULT VALUE)
```

A function to convert values in a given column

Define *clean* function that cleans given data

```
1 import numpy as np
 2 DEFAULT VALUE = np.nan
   def clean(data, column key, convert function, default value):
                                                                         Ten': 10, 'Half a year': 0.5, '6 months': 0.5,
       special values-
 6
       for row in data:
           old value = row[column key]
 7
           new value = default value
 8
 9
           try:
               if old value in special values.keys():
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18 clean(data, BACKGROUND_YEARS_PROFESSIONAL, float, DEFAULT_VALUE)
19 clean(data, BACKGROUND YEARS PROGRAMMING, float, DEFAULT VALUE)
```

A function to convert/clean values in a given column

list of known strings and their numerical equivalent

```
import numpy as np
DEFAULT_VALUE = np.nan
def clean(data, column key, convert function, default value):
  special values= {'1 year' : 1.0, '2years' : 2.0, '2 years': 2.0, 'Ten' : 10, 'Half a year': 0.5, '6 months': 0.5)
   for row in data:
       old value = row[column key]
       new value = default value
                                                                           replace known strings
       try:
          If old_value in special_values.keys():
                                                                           with valid number
             new value = special values[old value]
               new value = convert function(old value)
       except (ValueError, TypeError):
           print('Replacing {} with {} in column {}'.format(row[column key], new value, column key))
       row[column key] = new value
clean(data, BACKGROUND YEARS PROFESSIONAL, float, DEFAULT VALUE)
clean(data, BACKGROUND YEARS PROGRAMMING, float, DEFAULT VALUE)
```

A function to convert values in a given column

Get original value from row Set new value to default

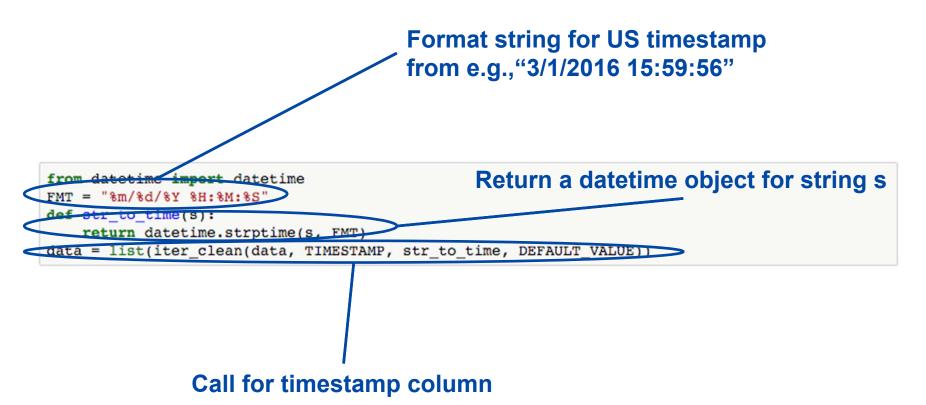
```
1 import numpy as np
 2 DEFAULT VALUE = np.nan
 3
   def clean(data, column key, convert function, default value):
       special_values= {'1 year : 1.0, '2years' : 2.0, '2 years': 2.0, 'Ten' : 10, 'Half a year : 0.5, 6 months : 0
 5
                                                                                       catching errors
 6
       for pow in data:
           old value = row[column_key]
 7
           new value = default value
 8
 9
           trv:
               if old value in special values.keys():
10
                   new value = special values[old value]
11
               else:
12
                   new_value - convert function(old value)
13
           except (ValueError, TypeError):
14
               print('Replacing {} with {} in column {}'.format(row[column_key], new_value, column_key))
15
           row[column key] = new value
16
17
18 clean(data, BACKGROUND_YEARS_PROFESSIONAL, float, DEFAULT_VALUE)
19 clean(data, BACKGROUND_YEARS_PROGRAMMING, float, DEFAULT_VALUE)
```

Cleaning float data

```
import numpy as np
DEFAULT VALUE = np.nan
def clean(data, column key, convert function, default value):
    special values= {'1 year': 1.0, '2 years': 2.0, '2 years': 2.0, 'Ten': 10, 'Half a year': 0.5, '6 months': 0.5}
    for row in data:
        old value = row[column key]
        new value = default value
        try:
            if old value in special values.keys():
                new_value = special_values[old_value]
            else:
                new value = convert function(old value)
        except (ValueError, TypeError):
           print('Replacing {} with {} in column {}'.format(row[column_key], new_value, column_key))
        row[column key] = new value
clean(data, BACKGROUND YEARS PROFESSIONAL, float, DEFAULT VALUE)
clean(data, BACKGROUND YEARS PROGRAMMING, float, DEFAULT VALUE)
```

Call for professional and programming experience columns Page 35

Cleaning float data



Central tendancy and dispersion with numpy

- Numpy provides various statistics for numeric data
- Median, percentiles, mean, standard deviation, etc
- nan* versions calculate same statistics, ignoring NaN values
- Reference page for numpy statistics:
 http://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/routines.statistics.html

Calculating central tendency and dispersion

Calculate stats for professional and programming experience

inter-quartile range

```
import numby as np
for column key in [BACKGROUND YEARS PROFESSIONAL, BACKGROUND YEARS PROGRAMMING]:
    v = [row[column key] for row in data] # grab values
    print(column key.upper())
    print("* Min..Max: {}...{}".format(np.nanmin(v), np.nanmax(v)))
    print("* Range: {}".format(np.nanmax(v)-np.nanmin(v)))
    print("* Mean: {}".format(np.nanmean(v)))
    print("* Standard deviation: {}".format(np.nanstd(v)))
    print("* Median: {}".format(np.nanmedian(v)))
    g1 = np.nanpercentile(v, 25)
    print("* 25th percentile (Q1): {}".format(q1))
    g3 = np.nanpercentile(v, 75)
    print("* 75th percentile (Q3): {}".format(q3))
                                                            Calculate min/max, range,
    igr = g3-g1
    print("* IQR: {}".format(iqr))
                                                           mean, standard deviation,
                                                           median, 25/75<sup>th</sup> percentiles,
```

Binning and Histograms

Create histogram of 7 bins

```
ranging from 0 to 35
v = []
for row in data:
    v.append(row[BACKGROUND_YEARS_PROFESSIONAL])
freqs, bins = np.histogram(v, bins=7, range=(0,35)) # calculate frequencies and bin start/end
for i, freq in enumerate(freqs):
    # Note that bins[i] <= bin values < bins[i+1]
    bin str = '[\{\}..\{\})'.format(int(bins[i]), int(bins[i+1]))
    print(bin str, ':', freq)
```

Jupyter Exercise: Cleaning, Statistics and Histograms

- Clean data
 - Cleaning float data
 - Cleaning timestamp data
- Statistics and histograms
 - Statistics with numpy
 - Binning and histograms
 - Which statistics best convey dispersion of experience data?
- More histograms
 - calculate histogram of programming experience
 - calculate histogram with bin size of 2 (EXTRA)

Visualisation



Visualising data with matplotlib

- Matplotlib provides functionality for creating various plots
- Bar charts, line charts, scatter plots, etc

- Reference page for pyplot:
 http://matplotlib.org/api/pyplot_api.html
- Documentation:http://matplotlib.org/contents.html

Creating a bar chart

Use Counter to get frequency distribution Reorder according to IMPORT_KEYS Add default count of 0 for missing values

```
from collections import OrderedDict
IMPORT KEYS = ['1', '2', '3', '4', '5']
def make importance plot(data, column key, title):
    c - Counter(row[column key] for row in data)
   d = OrderedDict([(k,c[k]) if k in c else (k,0) for k in IMPORT KEYS1)
    # bars are by default width 0.8, so we'll add 0.1 to the left coordinates
   xs = [i+0.1 for i, in enumerate(IMPORT_KEYS)]
    plt.bar(xs, d.values())
    plt.ylabel('Number of responses')
   plt.axis([0,5,0,35])
   plt.title(title)
   plt.xticks([i + 0.5 for i, in enumerate(IMPORT KEYS)], IMPORT KEYS)
   plt.show()
for a in IMPORT AREAS:
    title = 'Importance of {}'.format(a.lower())
   make importance plot(data, a, title)
```

Creating a bar chart

List of indices for x axis

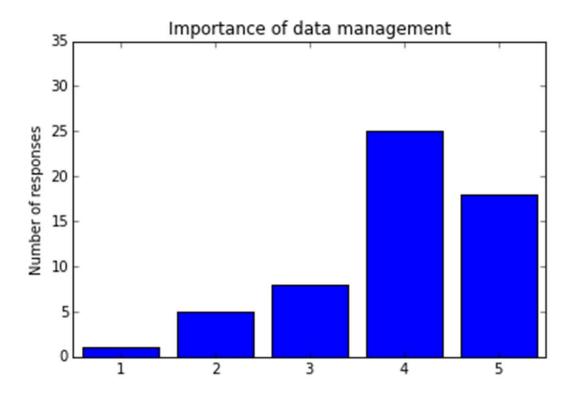
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from collections import OrderedDict
IMPORT KEYS = ['1', '2', '3', '4', '5']
def make importance plot(data, column key, title):
    c = Counter(row[column key] for row in data)
    d = OrderedDict([(k,c[k]) if k in c else (k,0) for k in IMPORT_KEYS])
    # bars are by default width 0.8, so we'll add 0.1 to the left coordinate
    xs = [i+0.1 for i, in enumerate(IMPORT_KEYS)]
plt.bar(xs, d.values())
                                                                         Create bar chart
    plt.ylabel('Number of responses')
 \bigcirc plt.axis([0,5,0,35])
    plt.title(title)
    plt.xticks([i + 0.5 for i, _ in enumerate(IMPORT_KEYS)], IMPORT_KEYS)
    plt.show()
for a in IMPORT AREAS:
                                                    Set axis ranges:
    title = 'Importance of {}'.format(a.lower())
                                                    x: 0..5; y: 0..35
   make_importance_plot(data, a, title)
```

Creating a bar chart

```
from collections import OrderedDict
IMPORT_KEYS = ['1', '2', '3', '4', '5']
def make importance plot(data, column key, title):
   c = Counter(row[column key] for row in data)
   d = OrderedDict([(k,c[k]) if k in c else (k,0) for k in IMPORT KEYS])
    # bars are by default width 0.8, so we'll add 0.1 to the left coordinates
   xs = [i+0.1 for i, in enumerate(IMPORT_KEYS)]
                                                                         Center x ticks
   plt.bar(xs, d.values())
                                                                         under bars, and
   plt.ylabel('Number of responses')
   plt.axis([0,5,0,35])
                                                                         pass in labels
    plt.title(title)
plt.xticks([i + 0.5 for i, _ in enumerate(IMPORT_KEYS)], IMPORT_KEYS)
    plt.show()
for a in IMPORT AREAS:
    title = 'Importance of {}'.format(a.lower()
   make importance plot(data, a, title)
```

Make a plot for each area

A bar chart for data management ratings

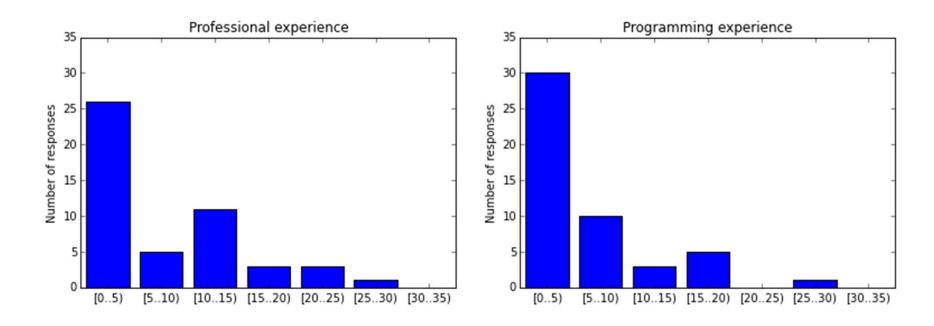


Plotting a histogram

Yield bin_label, frequency pairs

```
def iter histogram(data, column key):
   v = [row[column key] for row in data] # grab values
    freqs, bins = np.histogram(v, bins=7, range=(0,35))
    for i, freq in enumerate(freqs):
      vield ('[{}...{})'.format(int(bins[i]), int(bins[i+1])), freq)
def make histogram plot(data, column key, title):
   d = OrderedDict(iter histogram(data, column key))
   keys = list(d.keys())
   xs = [i+0.1 for i, in enumerate(keys)]
   plt.bar(xs, d.values())
                                                       Create plots for professional
   plt.ylabel('Number of responses')
                                                       and programming experience
   plt.axis([0,7,0,35])
   plt.title(title)
   plt.xticks([i + 0.5 for i, _ in enumerate(keys)], keys)
   plt.show()
make histogram plot(data, BACKGROUND YEARS PROFESSIONAL, 'Professional experience'
make histogram plot(data, BACKGROUND YEARS PROGRAMMING, 'Programming experience'
```

Histograms for experience (bin size 5 years)

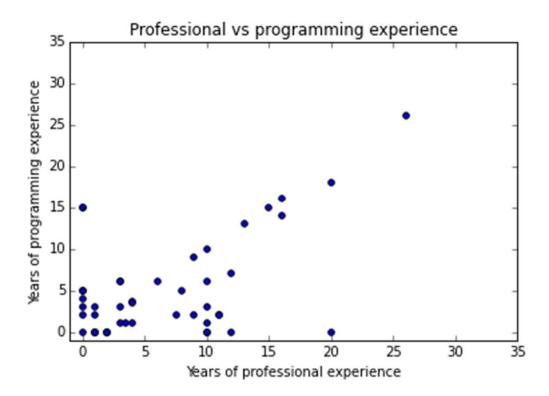


Creating a scatter plot

Create scatter plot

```
professional_experience = [row[BACKEROUND_YEARS_PROFESSIONAL] for row in data]
programming_experience = [row[BACKEROUND_YEARS_PROGRAMMING] for row in data]
plt.scatter(professional_experience, programming_experience)
plt.title('Professional vs programming experience')
plt.xlabel('Years of professional experience')
plt.ylabel('Years of programming experience')
plt.axis([-1,35,-1,35])
plt.show()
```

A scatter plot comparing experience



Jupyter Exercise: Visualisation with Matplotlib

- Bar charts
 - Making a bar chart
 - create bar charts of know and future industries
- Histogram
 - Making a histogram
 - Are mean and standard deviation useful summary statistics here?
- Scatter plots
 - Making a scatterplot

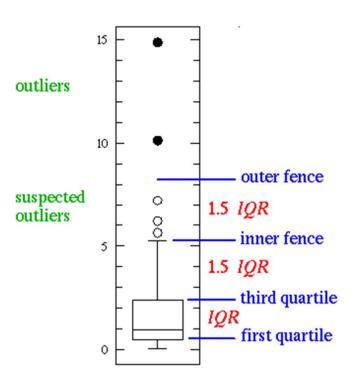
Box plots and correlation



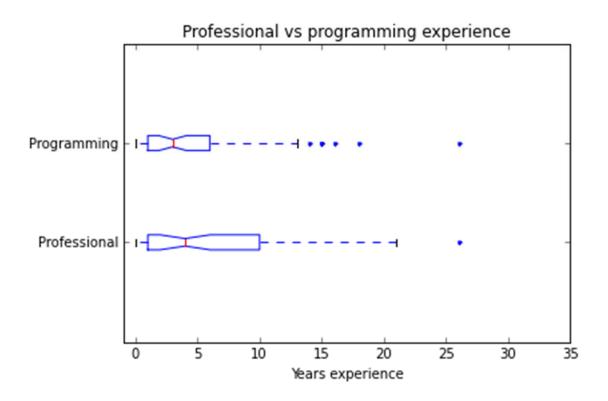
Using boxplots to compare distributions

- Mean and stdev are not informative when data is skewed
- Box plots summarise data based on 5 numbers:
 - Lower inner fence Q1–1.5*IQR
 - First quartile (Q1) equivalent to 25th percentile
 - Median (Q2) equivalent to 50th percentile
 - Third quartile (Q3) equivalent to 75th percentile
 - Upper inner fence Q3+1.5*IQR
- Values outside fences are outliers
- Sometimes include outer fences at 3*IQR

Box Plots illustrated



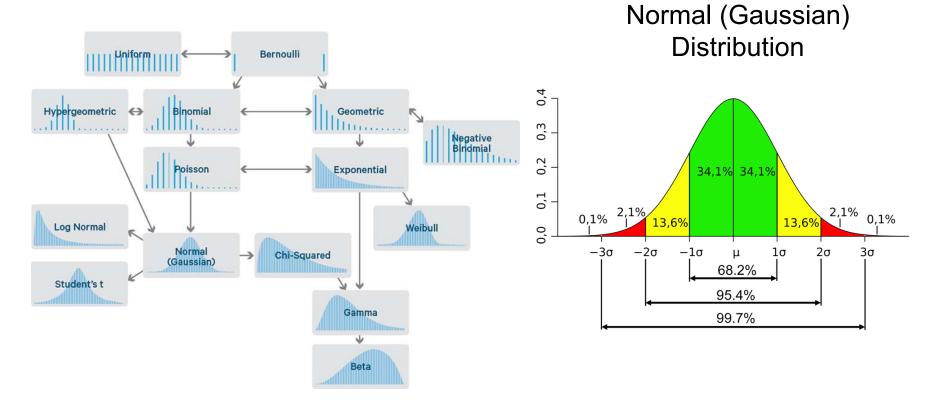
A box plot comparing experience distributions



Using correlation statistics to measure dependence

- Scipy includes various correlation statistics
 - Parametric test
 - Pearson's r for two normally distributed variables
 - Non-Parametric test
 - Spearman's *rh*o for ratio data, ordinal data, etc (rank-order correlation)
 - Kendall's tau for ordinal variables
- List of various scipy statistics including correlation coefficients:
 http://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy-0.14.0/reference/stats.html

Types of Data Distribution



Calculating correlation

Since correlation is paired, grab values where both variables are defined

```
from scipy import stats
# only keep rows where both professional and programming experience are defined
prof, prog = [], []
for row in data:
    if row[BACKGROUND_YEARS_PROFESSIONAL] is np.nan:
        continue # ignore rows with no value for professional experience
    elif row[BACKGROUND_YEARS_PROGRAMMING] is np.nan:
        continue # ignore rows with no value for programming experience
    else:
        prof.append(row[BACKGROUND_YEARS_PROFESSIONAL])
        prog.append(row[BACKGROUND_YEARS_PROGRAMMING])
    print("Pearson (r, p): {}".format(stats.pearsonr(prof, prog)))
    print(stats.spearmanr(prof, prog))
```

Calculate Person's r and Spearman's rho

EXERCISE 5: Box plots and correlation

Box plots

- Visualising distributions with box plots
- Which experience variable has more outliers?
- Which experience variable has a tighter distribution?

Correlation

- Calculating correlation between two variables
- Complete code to calculate correlation between importance ratings

Text Data



A simple whitespace tokeniser

```
Convert text string to lower case
lef tokenise(text):
   for word in text.lower().split():
                                                 and split on whitespace
       yield word.strip('.,')
                                                 Remove leading/trailing '.' and ','
def is valid word(w):
   if w == '':
                                                               Ignore empty strings
       return False
   else:
       return True
def iter ds def words(d):
                                                              Yield each word token
   for row in d:
                                                              from each definition
       for word in tokenise(row[GOALS_DEFINITION]):
           if is valid word(word):
              yield word
from collections import Counter
                                                                        Count words
c = Counter(iter ds def words(data))
```

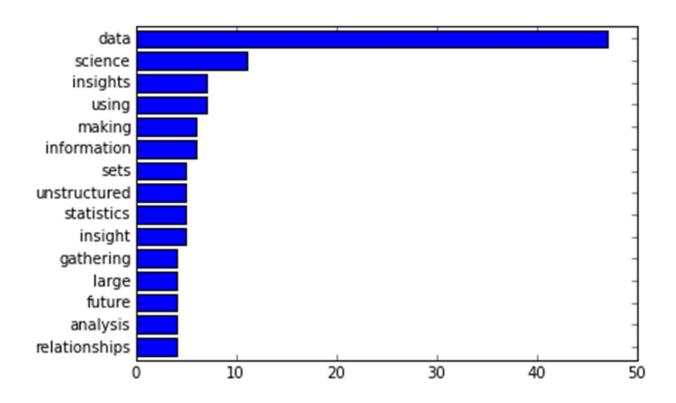
Removing stop words

```
STOP WORDS = frozenset([ # http://www.nltk.org/book/ch02.html#stopwords index term
    'i', 'me', 'my', 'myself', 'we', 'our', 'ours', 'ourselves', 'you', 'your', 'yours',
   'yourself', 'yourselves', 'he', 'him', 'his', 'himself', 'she', 'her', 'hers',
   'herself', 'it', 'its', 'itself', 'they', 'them', 'their', 'theirs', 'themselves',
    'what', 'which', 'who', 'whom', 'this', 'that', 'these', 'those', 'am', 'is', 'are',
    'was', 'were', 'be', 'been', 'being', 'have', 'has', 'had', 'having', 'do', 'does',
    'did', 'doing', 'a', 'an', 'the', 'and', 'but', 'if', 'or', 'because', 'as', 'until',
   'while', 'of', 'at', 'by', 'for', 'with', 'about', 'against', 'between', 'into',
   'through', 'during', 'before', 'after', 'above', 'below', 'to', 'from', 'up', 'down',
   'in', 'out', 'on', 'off', 'over', 'under', 'again', 'further', 'then', 'once', 'here',
    'there', 'when', 'where', 'why', 'how', 'all', 'any', 'both', 'each', 'few', 'more',
   'most', 'other', 'some', 'such', 'no', 'nor', 'not', 'only', 'own', 'same', 'so',
    'than', 'too', 'very', 's', 't', 'can', 'will', 'just', 'don', 'should', 'now'
    is valid word(w):
   if w == '':
                                                      Ignore empty strings
        return False
   if w.lower() in STOP WORDS:
                                                      and words in stop list
       return False
   else:
        return True
c = Counter(iter ds def words(data))
```

Plotting most frequent words

Yield words and their frequencies if they occur 4 or more times

A term frequency bar chart



EXERCISE 6: Calculating term frequencies

- Text data

- Simple tokenisation and word counts
- Removing stop words
- Plotting term frequencies
- What are the most important words?
- How might we avoid repeated terms (e.g., insights, insight)?
- Data science: using information; making insights?

Review



Notes

- Python a good example of a scripting language for DS
- programmatic approaches allow for more powerful / flexible data preparation and analysis,
 - and more control on the visualisations
- Many useful support libraries available in the Python ecosystem
 - numpy, scipy, matplotlib
- Exercises went quite a bit into Python code already
 - Note: column-oriented data (arrays) would have made some processing easier than the row-oriented data read from CSV

Additional reading (not examinable)

- matplotlib API referencehttp://matplotlib.org/api/pyplot_api.html
- NumPy and SciPy documentation http://docs.scipy.org/doc/
- Data Analysis with Python (O'Reilly)
 http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0636920023784.do