Data Processing in Python Using Pandas



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- This session will introduce you to Pandas
- Pandas is the most popular way to store and process data in Python
- We'll discuss:
 - Pandas dataframes
 - Data processing operations
- We'll compare some Pandas' commands to commands in Stata

Why Pandas if I already know Stata?

- General Python data work: Almost all Python data work libraries builds on Pandas
- ML: If you ever want to implement machine learning using Python, you'll likely need Pandas
- Cloud platforms: Cloud platforms assume Python much more often than Stata, and Pandas is the library assumed for data processing
- **Big data:** though Pandas is not suitable for big data, the most popular Python big data tools expect you to know it

Getting started

- We'll use Google Colab today
- It is similar to a Google Doc but for coding, and runs Python by default

Getting started

- Go to https://colab.research.google.com
- Click on NEW NOTEBOOK if you're already logged in, or go to File > New notebook if you're not



Do this if you're already logged in



Do this if you're not – you'll be prompted to log in



The Pandas library

- Pandas is an external library for Python, it isn't part of Python's base installation
- In Google colab it is already installed. To use it in your local computer Python installation, you will have to install it using pip install pandas in the command line
- Use the following command to import Pandas to your notebook:

import pandas as pd

Dataframes

- A dataframe is a two-dimensional data structure
- The Stata equivalent to dataframes are datasets
- A dataframe is a data structure where each row represents a unit of observation and each column represents an observation's attribute

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity
0	1	Maize	471	5
1	1	Onion	260	18
2	1	Sorghum	469	4
3	1	Spinach	338	4
4	2	Maize	489	9
10	3	Tomato	96	5
11	3	Wheat	173	1
12	4	Maize	272	13
13	4	Soy	63	15
14	4	Watermelon	269	4

15 rows × 4 columns

Creating a dataframe

There are several ways to create a dataframe from scratch. One of the easiest is:

1. Define a list of strings with the column names

```
[1] column_names = ['crop', 'quantity']
```

2. Define a list for each observation

```
[2] obs1 = ['Maize', 10]
obs2 = ['Onion', 8]
```

3. Wrap all of the observation lists in another list

```
[3] data = [obs1, obs2]
```

Creating a dataframe

4. Use the lists data and column_names as inputs in the pd.DataFrame() command

```
[6] df = pd.DataFrame(data=data, columns=column_names)
```

5. Now your dataframe is defined in the variable df. You can use that name to refer to or see a representation of it, as in:

```
[7] df
```

	crop	quantity
0	Maize	10
1	Onion	8

Creating a dataframe

Another way to create a dataframe from zero is to define an empty dataframe and then create its columns individually.

```
[8] df = pd.DataFrame()  # empty df
  df['crop'] = ['Maize', 'Onion'] # crop col
  df['quantity'] = [10, 8] # quantity col
  df
```

	crop	quantity
0	Maize	10
1	Onion	8



Importing and exploring data

Importing data to a dataframe from a file

- In our work, we don't usually need to define a dataframe from scratch
- More often, we load pre-existing data files
- To load a .csv file into a dataframe, we use the command pd.read_csv()

Importing data to a dataframe from a file

```
pd.read_csv()
```

```
[9] data_location = 'https://osf.io/925cv/download'
    crops = pd.read_csv(data_location)
```

Importing data to a dataframe from a file

```
pd.read_csv()
```

```
[9] data_location = 'https://osf.io/925cv/download'
crops = pd.read_csv(data_location)
```

- data_location is a string with the location of our file
- It can be a URL or a path in your local disk though a path in your local disk won't work directly with Colab
- pd.read_csv() is the Pandas function to read .csv files into dataframes. It takes the file location string as input

Importing data to a dataframe from a file

]	crops				
	f	armerid	crop	Price	Quantity
	0	1	Maize	471	5
	1	1	Onion	260	18
	2	1	Sorghum	469	4
	3	1	Spinach	338	4
	4	2	Maize	489	9
	10	3	Tomato	96	5
	11	3	Wheat	173	1
	12	4	Maize	272	13
	13	4	Soy	63	15
	14	4	Watermelon	269	4
	15 row	s x 4 colum	ins		

15 rows × 4 columns

Importing data to a dataframe from a file

Pandas can also read other type of files:

- .dta files with the command pd.read_stata()
- .sav files with the command pd.read_spss()

Though we won't provide examples for them today

Exploring a dataframe

 Running the dataframe name as a command will show a representation of it. If the dataframe has too many rows or columns, Python will print only the first and last rows and columns.

 Though not exactly the same, this is the closest Python has to Stata's browse command

10]	crop	ps			
		farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity
	0	1	Maize	471	5
	1	1	Onion	260	18
	2	1	Sorghum	469	4
	3	1	Spinach	338	4
	4	2	Maize	489	9
	10	3	Tomato	96	5
	11	3	Wheat	173	1
	12	4	Maize	272	13
	13	4	Soy	63	15
	14	4	Watermelon	269	4
	15 rc	ws × 4 colum	ıns		

Exploring a dataframe

We can also use the .head() and .tail() attributes to return the first and last observations of a dataframe

9] cr	ops.head()			
	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity
0	1	Maize	471	5
1	1	Onion	260	18
2	1	Sorghum	469	4
3	1	Spinach	338	4
4	2	Maize	489	9

Exploring a dataframe

To see how many rows and columns a dataframe has, we use the .shape attribute:

```
[11] crops.shape (15, 4)
```

The result is a tuple (an immutable list) whose elements are the number of rows and columns

Exploring a dataframe

We can also get the number of rows with the len() function:

```
[12] len(crops)

15
```

The result of len() is an integer.

Exploring a dataframe

To check the column names, we use the .columns attribute:

```
[13] crops.columns
Index(['farmerid', 'crop', 'Price', 'Quantity'], dtype='object')
```



Indexing

 Every row and column of a dataframe has a label

 Row labels are represented by the index

 Column labels are represented by the column names

index		column names					
Į.	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity			
ó	1	Maize	471	5			
1	1	Onion	260	18			
2	1	Sorghum	469	4			
3	1	Spinach	338	4			
4	2	Maize	489	9			
10	3	Tomato	96	5			
11	3	Wheat	173	1			
12	4	Maize	272	13			
13	4	Soy	63	15			
14	4	Watermelon	269	4			

15 rows × 4 columns

Column indexing

We can subset a single column of a dataframe using two methods:

- df.column_name
- df["column_name"]

Remember that in Python we can use both double or single quotes interchangeably most of the times.

Column indexing

```
[11] price = crops.Price
                                                     [12] price = crops['Price']
     price
                                                          price
     0
           471
                                                                 471
           260
                                                                260
           469
                                                                469
           338
                                                                338
           489
                                                                489
          . . .
                                                                . . .
            96
                                                          10
                                                                 96
     10
           173
                                                          11
                                                                173
     11
           272
                                                          12
                                                                272
     13
          63
                                                          13
                                                                 63
                                                          14
                                                                269
           269
     14
                                                          Name: Price, Length: 15, dtype: int64
     Name: Price, Length: 15, dtype: int64
```

Column indexing

- One difference between the two methods is that the first method doesn't allow column name references, while the second does
- The second method also allows to index column names with spaces in the middle

```
[16] col name = 'Price'
    price = df[col name]
    price
           471
           260
           469
           338
           489
    10
            96
           173
           272
            63
    14
           269
    Name: Price, Length: 15, dtype: int16
```

Multi-column indexing

- We can use a syntax similar to the second method to index more than one column at the same time
- Instead of including a string with one column name inside the brackets, we include a list of strings with the column names to index

```
df[["col_name1", "col_name2", "col_name3", ...]]
```

Note that inside the outer brackets we have a list of strings

Multi-column indexing

```
[19] price_quantity = crops[['Price', 'Quantity']]
    price_quantity
```

	Price	Quantity
0	471	5
1	260	18
2	469	4
3	338	4
4	489	9
10	96	5
11	173	1
12	272	13
13	63	15
14	269	4

15 rows × 2 columns

[18] columns_to_index = ['Price', 'Quantity']
 price_quantity = crops[columns_to_index]
 price quantity

	Price	Quantity
0	471	5
1	260	18
2	469	4
3	338	4
4	489	9
10	96	5
11	173	1
12	272	13
13	63	15
14	269	4

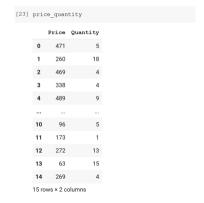
15 rows × 2 columns

Multi-column indexing

A one-column index operation returns a Pandas series. A multicolumn index returns another dataframe.

```
[22] price

0     471
1     260
2     469
3     338
4     489
...
10     96
11     173
12     272
13     63
14     269
Name: Price, Length: 15, dtype: int16
```



Row indexing

There are basically two methods to index rows in Pandas. The simplest is .iloc[], which is used to index the i-th row or rows:

- Indexing a single row: df.iloc[i]
- Indexing a range of continuous rows from i until (j-1): df.iloc[i:j]
- Indexing the i-th and j-th non-continuous rows: df.iloc[[i, j]]

Very important: In Python, every numeric index starts at zero, not at one

Row indexing

• Indexing a single row: df.iloc[i]

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity	
0	1	Maize	471	5	
1	1	Onion	260	18	
2	1	Sorghum	469	4	
3	1	Spinach	338	4	
4	2	Maize	489	9	
10	3	Tomato	96	5	
11	3	Wheat	173	1	
12	4	Maize	272	13	
13	4	Soy	63	15	
14	4	Watermelon	269	4	
15 rows × 4 columns					

Note that the outcome of indexing a single row is a Pandas series, not a dataframe

Row indexing

Indexing a range of continuous rows from i until (j-1): df.iloc[i:j]

```
[15] # Indexing from rows 5 to 9:

rows_5_9 = crops[5:10]

rows_5_9
```

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity
5	2	Onion	190	20
6	2	Soy	182	8
7	2	Tomato	252	13
8	2	Watermelon	428	13
9	3	Sorghum	12	11

Note that the index of the resulting dataframe doesn't start with zero anymore. We'll explain more about this in a while.

Row indexing

Indexing the i-th and j-th non-continuous rows: df.iloc[[i, j]]

```
[14] # Indexing three non-consecutive rows:
    rows_2_0_9 = crops.iloc[[2, 0, 9]]
    rows_2_0_9
```

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity
2	1	Sorghum	469	4
0	1	Maize	471	5
9	3	Sorghum	12	11

The index of the resulting dataframe is not sorted, it keeps the order in which we selected the rows to subset

Row indexing

The second method to index rows in Pandas is .loc[]. It subsets the rows whose index values coincide with the input inside the brackets.

- Until now, the dataframes we've worked with had an index which coincided with the row number
- That's not always the case, as we'll soon see
- The command to index the row whose index value is i is this: df.loc[i]

We'll show more on the diference between the .loc[] and iloc[] methods in the next slide

Row indexing



Single-value indexing

To index a single value of a dataframe, we need to index a column and the row-index value .loc[] or position .iloc[]

```
[14] crops.iloc[4]['crop'] [15] crops['crop'].iloc[4]

'Maize' 'Maize'
```

We can specify the row first and the column later, or viceversa

Filtering

- In Stata, we use the command keep if column_condition to filter observations
- Pandas' syntax to filter is heavier, as we shall see soon

Filtering

• To filter values of a dataframe, we use brackets and include a list or Pandas series with boolean values inside them:

```
df[list_with_booleans]
```

 The observations filtered-in are the ones that have a value of True in their cooresponding position

Filtering

Note that the list or Pandas series with booleans needs to have the same length as the dataframe

```
[19] boolean list = [True] * 5 + [False] * 10
     boolean list
     [True,
      True.
      True,
      True,
      True.
      False,
      False.
      False,
      False.
      False,
      False.
      False,
      False,
      False,
      False]
```

[20]	crops[boolean_list]						
		farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity		
	0	1	Maize	471	5		
	1	1	Onion	260	18		
	2	1	Sorghum	469	4		
	3	1	Spinach	338	4		
	4	2	Maize	489	9		

Filtering

- Other than a list with booleans, we can use a Pandas series with booleans
- The advantage of this is that we can generate them very easily when operating a dataframe column with a logical condition

```
[22] crops['Ouantity'] < 6
            True
           False
            True
            True
           False
            . . .
     10
            True
     11
            True
     12
           False
     13
           False
     14
            True
     Name: Ouantity, Length: 15, dtype: bool
```

Filtering

```
[24] quantity_less_6 = crops['Quantity'] < 6
fewest_crops = crops[quantity_less_6]
fewest_crops</pre>
```

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity
0	1	Maize	471	5
2	1	Sorghum	469	4
3	1	Spinach	338	4
10	3	Tomato	96	5
11	3	Wheat	173	1
14	4	Watermelon	269	4

Filtering

We can also use more than one condition at the same time:

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity
10	3	Tomato	96	5

Important: When using more than one condition, each of them must be enclosed in parentheses.



Creating new columns

Creating new columns

Creating new columns

• To create a new column in a dataframe, we define it using the brackets as in:

```
df[new_col_name] = value
```

• Other than a value, we can use columns operations to define new columns

Creating new columns

Creating new columns

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity	Revenue
0	1	Maize	471	5	2355
1	1	Onion	260	18	4680
2	1	Sorghum	469	4	1876
3	1	Spinach	338	4	1352
4	2	Maize	489	9	4401
10	3	Tomato	96	5	480
11	3	Wheat	173	1	173
12	4	Maize	272	13	3536
13	4	Soy	63	15	945
14	4	Watermelon	269	4	1076

15 rows × 5 columns 42



Group by

• The syntax to group a dataframe is:

```
df.groupby(by = "col_name").sum()
```

- This will return a grouped dataframe by col_name, where every other column contains a sum of its previous values by col_name
- Other possible operations are: .mean(), .std(), .quantile()
- We can also group by more than one column, by replacing "col_name" with a list of strings containing the column names to group by

Group by

[7] crops

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity	Revenue
0	1	Maize	471	5	2355
1	1	Onion	260	18	4680
2	1	Sorghum	469	4	1876
3	1	Spinach	338	4	1352
4	2	Maize	489	9	4401
10	3	Tomato	96	5	480
11	3	Wheat	173	1	173
12	4	Maize	272	13	3536
13	4	Soy	63	15	945
14	4	Watermelon	269	4	1076

	Revenue
farmerid	
1	10263
2	18497
3	785
4	5557

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15 rows × 5 columns

Group by

- After grouping, the resulting dataframe has the group column as index
- This means that farmer_revenue
 has a meaningful index, an index
 that has information itself and is
 different than the row number
- Meaningful indices can be useful in some cases, but that's out of the topics we'll cover today

[31] farmer_revenue

1 10263 2 18497 3 785 4 5557		Revenue
2 184973 785	farmerid	
3 785	1	10263
	2	18497
4 5557	3	785
	4	5557

Group by

To move farmerid back to the columns, use the attribute .reset_index(). We could have also used the argument as_index=False in .groupby() in the first place for this.







Merge

The basic syntax to merge two dataframes is:

Merge

The type of merge can be one of these values:

- "left": keep only observations from left df, similar to Stata's keep(master) option
- "right": keep only observations from right df, similar to Stata's keep(using)
- "inner": keep all matched observations, similar to keep(match)
- "outer": keep all observations, similar to not using Stata's keep() option

Merge

To show how a merge is done, we first read a second dataframe:

[31]			https://cead_csv(hh_		kn/Download'
		hhid	hhmembers	head_age	
	0	1	9	56	
	1	2	6	59	
	2	3	3	40	
	3	4	9	78	
	4	5	8	61	
	15	16	7	25	
	16	17	6	38	
	17	18	4	46	
	18	19	3	21	
	19	20	2	26	
	20 rc	ws×3 c	columns		

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Merge

	hhid	hhmembers	head_age	farmerid	Revenue
0	1	9	56	1.0	10263.0
1	2	6	59	2.0	18497.0
2	3	3	40	3.0	785.0
3	4	9	78	4.0	5557.0
4	5	8	61	NaN	NaN
15	16	7	25	NaN	NaN
16	17	6	38	NaN	NaN
17	18	4	46	NaN	NaN
18	19	3	21	NaN	NaN
19	20	2	26	NaN	NaN

	hhid	hhmembers	head_age	farmerid	Revenue
0	1	9	56	1	10263
1	2	6	59	2	18497
2	3	3	40	3	785
3	4	9	78	4	5557

Merge

- An inner merge will only keep the matched observations
- An outer merge will include all obervations
- In Pandas we don't specify if it's a merge from one to many or one to one

Merge

- If a column is repeated in both dataframes, they will be added with the suffixes "_x" and "_y" to differentiate them. To avoid this, it's better to index only the columns we'll need to use before merging
- If we want to generate a column with the source of each row, we need to add the argument indicator=True. This is similar to the variable _merge that Stata creates by default

Append

Appending two dataframes in Pandas:

```
df.append(other_df)
```

This appends other_df to the end of df.

Append

[38] location = 'https://osf.io/azvmf/Download'
more_crops = pd.read_csv(location)
more_crops

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity
0	5	Maize	429	7
1	5	Onion	237	20
2	5	Sorghum	427	6
3	5	Spinach	308	6
4	6	Maize	445	11
10	7	Tomato	87	7
11	7	Wheat	157	3
12	8	Maize	248	15
13	8	Soy	57	17
14	8	Watermelon	245	6

[39] crops_total = crops.append(more_crops)
 crops_total

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity	Revenue
0	1	Maize	471	5	2355.0
1	1	Onion	260	18	4680.0
2	1	Sorghum	469	4	1876.0
3	1	Spinach	338	4	1352.0
4	2	Maize	489	9	4401.0
10	7	Tomato	87	7	NaN
11	7	Wheat	157	3	NaN
12	8	Maize	248	15	NaN
13	8	Soy	57	17	NaN
14	8	Watermelon	245	6	NaN

30 rows × 5 columns

15 rows × 4 columns

Append

- The resulting dataframe has 30 rows but the last value we see in the index is
 14
- This is because append operations keep the index of the original dataframes intact. The index is now composed of two consecutive counts from 0-14, duplicated
- To reset the index, we can use the attribute .reset_index(drop=True) or the argument ignore_index=True inside .append()

Important: Don't think of the dataframe index as a row unique identifier. It can have duplicated values

Append

[40] crops_total = crops_total.reset_index(drop=True)
 crops total

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity	Revenue
0	1	Maize	471	5	2355.0
1	1	Onion	260	18	4680.0
2	1	Sorghum	469	4	1876.0
3	1	Spinach	338	4	1352.0
4	2	Maize	489	9	4401.0
25	7	Tomato	87	7	NaN
26	7	Wheat	157	3	NaN
27	8	Maize	248	15	NaN
28	8	Soy	57	17	NaN
29	8	Watermelon	245	6	NaN

30 rows × 5 columns

	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity	Revenue	
0	1	Maize	471	5	2355.0	
1	1	Onion	260	18	4680.0	
2	1	Sorghum	469	4	1876.0	
3	1	Spinach	338	4	1352.0	
4	2	Maize	489	9	4401.0	
25	7	Tomato	87	7	NaN	
26	7	Wheat	157	3	NaN	
27	8	Maize	248	15	NaN	
28	8	Soy	57	17	NaN	
29	8	Watermelon	245	6	NaN	

30 rows × 5 columns



Replacing column values

- To replace an entire column with a single value, we just overwrite the column with: df[col_name] = new_value
- To replace certain values based on a condition, we use df.loc[] again

Replacing column values

The syntax to replace values based on conditions is:

```
df.loc[row_indexer, col_indexer] = new_value
```

- row_indexer: a list or Pandas series with booleans. Dataframe observations
 with a value of True for their corresponding row order will be replaced
- col_indexer: a string with the column name to replace. Can be a list of strings for more than column
- new_value: the new value we want to use

Replacing column values

```
[43] crops_total['is_onion'] = False
    crops_total.loc[crops_total['crop'] == 'Onion', 'is_onion'] = True
    crops_total
```

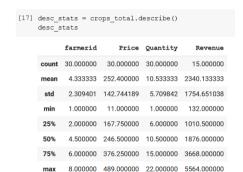
	farmerid	crop	Price	Quantity	Revenue	is_onion
0	1	Maize	471	5	2355.0	False
1	1	Onion	260	18	4680.0	True
2	1	Sorghum	469	4	1876.0	False
3	1	Spinach	338	4	1352.0	False
4	2	Maize	489	9	4401.0	False
25	7	Tomato	87	7	NaN	False
26	7	Wheat	157	3	NaN	False
27	8	Maize	248	15	NaN	False
28	8	Soy	57	17	NaN	False
29	8	Watermelon	245	6	NaN	False

30 rows × 6 columns



Descriptive statistics

- The attribute .describe() returns a dataframe with descriptive statistics
- By default, it includes only columns with numeric types
- It can also be applied on a single column when indexing



Descriptive statistics

- We can also get statistics for individual columns
- Some attributes for this are:

```
.mean(), .sum(), .std(), .min(),
.max(), .median(), .quantile(),
.count()
```

```
[22] crops_total['Price'].mean()
    252.4

[23] crops_total[crops_total['crop'] == 'Maize']['Quantity'].median()
    10.0

[25] crops_total[crops_total['crop'] == 'Tomato']['Quantity'].quantile(0.75)
    13.5

[26] crops_total['Quantity'].min()
    1
```

Descriptive statistics

To tabulate the values of a column, use the atribute .value_counts()

```
Maize 6
Sorghum 4
Tomato 4
Onion 4
Watermelon 4
Soy 4
Spinach 2
Wheat 2
Name: crop, dtype: int64
```

You can use the argument dropna=False to include the counts of NaN values



Exporting to csv

Exporting to csv

Exporting to csv

Finally, we can export the dataframe <code>crops_total</code> to a csv file using the attribute <code>.to_csv()</code>

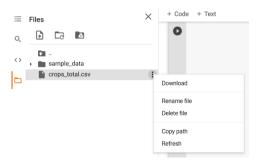
```
[29] export_file = 'crops_total.csv'
     crops_total.to_csv(export_file, index=False)
```

Pandas by default includes a column with the index when exporting. We use the argument index=False to omit it.

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Downloading from Colab

- Given that we used Colab for these exercises, the resulting file was exported to Colab's cloud storage
- To download the file to yor computer, click the folder icon to the left, locate the file, click on the vertical ellipsis next to it and click Download





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- Pandas is a huge data processing library
- We've barely skimmed the surface of its features today. It can do any data wrangling operation possible to do in Stata
- Its official documentation is exceptionally clear and detailed, especially for Python standards. Check it out here: https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/
- Some examples of Python data work libraries that use Pandas or build on its syntax:
 - Data visualization: altair, seaborn, matplotlib
 - Machine Learning: scikit-learn
 - Big data: koalas
 - GIS analysis: geopandas