Pandas DataFrame Cheat Sheet - Udayakumar M

Preliminaries

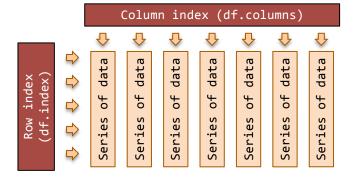
Start by importing these Python modules

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
from pandas import DataFrame, Series
```

Note: these are the recommended import aliases

The conceptual model

<u>DataFrame object</u>: The pandas DataFrame is a twodimensional table of data with column and row indexes. The columns are made up of pandas Series objects.



<u>Series object</u>: an ordered, one-dimensional array of data with an index. All the data in a Series is of the same data type. Series arithmetic is vectorised after first aligning the Series index for each of the operands.

```
s1 = Series(range(0,4)) # -> 0, 1, 2, 3
s2 = Series(range(1,5)) # -> 1, 2, 3, 4
s3 = s1 + s2 # -> 1, 3, 5, 7
s4 = Series(['a','b'])*3 # -> 'aaa','bbb'
```

The index object: The pandas Index provides the axis labels for the Series and DataFrame objects. It can only contain hashable objects. A pandas Series has one Index; and a DataFrame has two Indexes.

```
# --- get Index from Series and DataFrame
idx = s.index
idx = df.columns
                  # the column index
idx = df.index
                  # the row index
# --- some Index attributes
b = idx.is monotonic decreasing
b = idx.is monotonic increasing
b = idx.has duplicates
i = idx.nlevels
                  # multi-level indexes
# --- some Index methods
a = idx.values() # get as numpy array
                  # get as a python list
l = idx.tolist()
idx = idx.astype(dtype)# change data type
b = idx.equals(o) # check for equality
idx = idx.union(o) # union of two indexes
i = idx.nunique() # number unique labels
label = idx.min() # minimum label
label = idx.max() # maximum label
```

Get your data into a DataFrame

Load a DataFrame from a CSV file

Note: refer to pandas docs for all arguments

From inline CSV text to a DataFrame

```
from StringIO import StringIO # python2.7
#from io import StringIO # python 3
data = """, Animal, Cuteness, Desirable
row-1, dog, 8.7, True
row-2, bat, 2.6, False"""
df = pd.read_csv(StringIO(data),
    header=0, index_col=0,
    skipinitialspace=True)
```

Note: *skipinitialspace=True* allows a pretty layout

Load DataFrames from a Microsoft Excel file

```
# Each Excel sheet in a Python dictionary
workbook = pd.ExcelFile('file.xlsx')
dictionary = {}
for sheet_name in workbook.sheet_names:
    df = workbook.parse(sheet_name)
    dictionary[sheet_name] = df
```

Note: the parse() method takes many arguments like read csv() above. Refer to the pandas documentation.

Load a DataFrame from a MySQL database

Data in Series then combine into a DataFrame

```
# Example 1 ...
s1 = Series(range(6))
s2 = s1 * s1
s2.index = s2.index + 2# misalign indexes
df = pd.concat([s1, s2], axis=1)

# Example 2 ...
s3 = Series({'Tom':1, 'Dick':4, 'Har':9})
s4 = Series({'Tom':3, 'Dick':2, 'Mar':5})
df = pd.concat({'A':s3, 'B':s4}, axis=1)
```

Note: 1st method has in integer column labels
Note: 2nd method does not guarantee col order
Note: index alignment on DataFrame creation

Get a DataFrame from data in a Python dictionary

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Create play/fake data (useful for testing)

```
# --- simple
df = DataFrame(np.random.rand(50,5))
# --- with a time-stamp row index:
df = DataFrame(np.random.rand(500,5))
df.index = pd.date range('1/1/2006',
       periods=len(df), freq='M')
# --- with alphabetic row and col indexes
import string
import random
r = 52 \# note: min r is 1; max r is 52
c = 5
df = DataFrame(np.random.randn(r, c),
       columns = ['col'+str(i) for i in
                    range(c)],
       index = list((string.uppercase +
          string.lowercase)[0:r]))
df['group'] = list(
    ''.join(random.choice('abcd')
        for _ in range(r))
```

Saving a DataFrame

Saving a DataFrame to a CSV file

```
df.to_csv('name.csv', encoding='utf-8')
```

Saving DataFrames to an Excel Workbook

```
from pandas import ExcelWriter
writer = ExcelWriter('filename.xlsx')
df1.to_excel(writer,'Sheet1')
df2.to_excel(writer,'Sheet2')
writer.save()
```

Saving a DataFrame to MySQL

```
import pymysql
from sqlalchemy import create_engine
e = create_engine('mysql+pymysql://' +
    'USER:PASSWORD@localhost/DATABASE')
df.to_sql('TABLE',e, if_exists='replace')
```

<u>Note</u>: if_exists → 'fail', 'replace', 'append'

Saving a DataFrame to a Python dictionary

dictionary = df.to_dict()

Saving a DataFrame to a Python string

```
string = df.to_string()
Note: sometimes may be useful for debugging
```

Working with the whole DataFrame

Peek at the DataFrame contents

```
df.info()  # index & data types
n = 4
dfh = df.head(n)  # get first n rows
dft = df.tail(n)  # get last n rows
dfs = df.describe()  # summary stats cols
top_left_corner_df = df.iloc[:5, :5]
```

DataFrame non-indexing attributes

```
dfT = df.T  # transpose rows and cols
l = df.axes  # list row and col indexes
(r, c) = df.axes  # from above
s = df.dtypes  # Series column data types
b = df.empty  # True for empty DataFrame
i = df.ndim  # number of axes (2)
t = df.shape  # (row-count, column-count)
(r, c) = df.shape  # from above
i = df.size  # row-count * column-count
a = df.values  # get a numpy array for df
```

DataFrame utility methods

```
dfc = df.copy() # copy a DataFrame
dfr = df.rank() # rank each col (default)
dfs = df.sort() # sort each col (default)
dfc = df.astype(dtype) # type conversion
```

DataFrame iteration methods

```
df.iteritems()# (col-index, Series) pairs
df.iterrows() # (row-index, Series) pairs

# example ... iterating over columns
for (name, series) in df.iteritems():
    print('Col name: ' + str(name))
    print('First value: ' +
        str(series.iat[0]) + '\n')
```

Maths on the whole DataFrame (not a complete list)

```
df = df.abs() # absolute values
df = df.add(o) # add df, Series or value
s = df.count() # non NA/null values
df = df.cummax() # (cols default axis)
df = df.cummin() # (cols default axis)
df = df.cumsum() # (cols default axis)
df = df.cumprod() # (cols default axis)
df = df.diff() # 1st diff (col def axis)
df = df.div(o) # div by df, Series, value
df = df.dot(o) # matrix dot product
s = df.max() # max of axis (col def)
s = df.mean() # mean (col default axis)
s = df.median()# median (col default)
s = df.min() # min of axis (col def)
df = df.mul(o) # mul by df Series val
               # sum axis (cols default)
s = df.sum()
```

<u>Note</u>: The methods that return a series default to working on columns.

DataFrame filter/select rows or cols on label info

```
df = df.filter(items=['a', 'b']) # by col
df = df.filter(items=[5], axis=0) #by row
df = df.filter(like='x') # keep x in col
df = df.filter(regex='x') # regex in col
df = df.select(crit=(lambda x:not x%5))#r
```

<u>Note</u>: select takes a Boolean function, for cols: axis=1

Note: filter defaults to cols; select defaults to rows

Working with Columns

A DataFrame column is a pandas Series object

Get column index and labels

Change column labels

Selecting columns

```
s = df['colName'] # select col to Series
df = df[['colName']] # select col to df
df = df[['a','b']] # select 2 or more
df = df[['c','a','b']]# change order
s = df[df.columns[0]] # select by number
df = df[df.columns[[0, 3, 4]] # by number
s = df.pop('c') # get col & drop from df
```

Selecting columns with Python attributes

```
s = df.a  # same as s = df['a']
# cannot create new columns by attribute
df.existing_col = df.a / df.b
df['new_col'] = df.a / df.b
```

Trap: column names must be valid identifiers.

Adding new columns to a DataFrame

```
df['new_col'] = range(len(df))
df['new_col'] = np.repeat(np.nan,len(df))
df['random'] = np.random.rand(len(df))
df['index_as_col'] = df.index
df1[['b','c']] = df2[['e','f']]
df3 = df1.append(other=df2)
```

<u>Trap</u>: When adding an indexed pandas object as a new column, only items from the new series that have a corresponding index in the DataFrame will be added. The receiving DataFrame is not extended to accommodate the new series. To merge, see below. <u>Trap</u>: when adding a python list or numpy array, the column will be added by integer position.

Swap column contents - change column order

```
df[['B', 'A']] = df[['A', 'B']]
```

Dropping columns (mostly by label)

```
df = df.drop('col1', axis=1)
df.drop('col1', axis=1, inplace=True)
df = df.drop(['col1','col2'], axis=1)
s = df.pop('col') # drops from frame
del df['col'] # even classic python works
df.drop(df.columns[0], inplace=True)
```

Vectorised arithmetic on columns

```
df['proportion']=df['count']/df['total']
df['percent'] = df['proportion'] * 100.0
```

Apply numpy mathematical functions to columns

```
df['log_data'] = np.log(df['col1'])
df['rounded'] = np.round(df['col2'], 2)
```

Note: Many more mathematical functions

Columns value set based on criteria

```
df['b']=df['a'].where(df['a']>0,other=0)
df['d']=df['a'].where(df.b!=0,other=df.c)
```

Note: where other can be a Series or a scalar

Data type conversions

```
s = df['col'].astype(str) # Series dtype
na = df['col'].values # numpy array
pl = df['col'].tolist() # python list
```

Note: useful dtypes for Series conversion: int, float, str **Trap**: index lost in conversion from Series to array or list

Common column-wide methods/attributes

```
value = df['col'].dtype # type of data
value = df['col'].size # col dimensions
value = df['col'].count()# non-NA count
value = df['col'].sum()
value = df['col'].prod()
value = df['col'].min()
value = df['col'].max()
value = df['col'].mean()
value = df['col'].median()
value = df['col'].cov(df['col2'])
s = df['col'].describe()
s = df['col'].value_counts()
```

Find index label for min/max values in column

```
label = df['col1'].idxmin()
label = df['col1'].idxmax()
```

Common column element-wise methods

Note: also rolling_min(), rolling_max(), and many more.

Append a column of row sums to a DataFrame

```
df['Total'] = df.sum(axis=1)
Note: also means, mins, maxs, etc.
```

Multiply every column in DataFrame by Series

```
df = df.mul(s, axis=0) # on matched rows
Note: also add, sub, div, etc.
```

Selecting columns with .loc, .iloc and .ix

```
df = df.loc[:, 'col1':'col2'] # inclusive
df = df.iloc[:, 0:2] # exclusive
```

Get the integer position of a column index label

```
j = df.columns.get_loc('col_name')
```

Test if column index values are unique/monotonic

```
if df.columns.is_unique: pass # ...
b = df.columns.is_monotonic_increasing
b = df.columns.is_monotonic_decreasing
```

Working with rows

Get the row index and labels

Change the (row) index

Adding rows

```
df = original_df.append(more_rows_in_df)
```

Hint: convert to a DataFrame and then append. Both DataFrames should have same column labels.

Dropping rows (by name)

```
df = df.drop('row_label')
df = df.drop(['row1','row2']) # multi-row
```

Boolean row selection by values in a column

<u>Trap</u>: bitwise "or", "and" "not" (ie. | & ~) co-opted to be Boolean operators on a Series of Boolean

Trap: need parentheses around comparisons.

Selecting rows using isin over multiple columns

```
# fake up some data
data = {1:[1,2,3], 2:[1,4,9], 3:[1,8,27]}
df = pd.DataFrame(data)

# multi-column isin
lf = {1:[1, 3], 3:[8, 27]} # look for
f = df[df[list(lf)].isin(lf).all(axis=1)]
```

Selecting rows using an index

```
idx = df[df['col'] >= 2].index
print(df.ix[idx])
```

Select a slice of rows by integer position

[inclusive-from : exclusive-to [: step]] default start is 0; default end is len(df)

```
df = df[:]  # copy DataFrame
df = df[0:2]  # rows 0 and 1
df = df[-1:]  # the last row
df = df[2:3]  # row 2 (the third row)
df = df[:-1]  # all but the last row
df = df[::2]  # every 2nd row (0 2 ..)
```

<u>Trap</u>: a single integer without a colon is a column label for integer numbered columns.

Select a slice of rows by label/index

[inclusive-from : inclusive-to [: step]]

```
df = df['a':'c'] # rows 'a' through 'c'
```

Trap: doesn't work on integer labelled rows

Append a row of column totals to a DataFrame

Iterating over DataFrame rows

```
for (index, row) in df.iterrows(): # pass
```

Trap: row data type may be coerced.

Sorting DataFrame rows values

Random selection of rows

```
import random as r
k = 20 # pick a number
selection = r.sample(range(len(df)), k)
df_sample = df.iloc[selection, :]
```

Note: this sample is not sorted

Sort DataFrame by its row index

```
df.sort_index(inplace=True) # sort by row
df = df.sort_index(ascending=False)
```

Drop duplicates in the row index

Test if two DataFrames have same row index

```
len(a)==len(b) and all(a.index==b.index)
```

Get the integer position of a row or col index label

```
i = df.index.get loc('row label')
```

<u>Trap</u>: index.get_loc() returns an integer for a unique match. If not a unique match, may return a slice or mask.

Get integer position of rows that meet condition

```
a = np.where(df['col'] >= 2) #numpy array
```

Test if the row index values are unique/monotonic

```
if df.index.is_unique: pass # ...
b = df.index.is_monotonic_increasing
b = df.index.is_monotonic_decreasing
```

Working with cells

Selecting a cell by row and column labels

```
value = df.at['row', 'col']
value = df.loc['row', 'col']
value = df['col'].at['row'] # tricky
```

Note: .at[] fastest label based scalar lookup

Setting a cell by row and column labels

```
df.at['row, 'col'] = value
df.loc['row, 'col'] = value
df['col'].at['row'] = value # tricky
```

Selecting and slicing on labels

```
df = df.loc['row1':'row3', 'col1':'col3']
```

Note: the "to" on this slice is inclusive.

Setting a cross-section by labels

```
df.loc['A':'C', 'col1':'col3'] = np.nan
df.loc[1:2,'col1':'col2']=np.zeros((2,2))
df.loc[1:2,'A':'C']=othr.loc[1:2,'A':'C']
```

Remember: inclusive "to" in the slice

Selecting a cell by integer position

Selecting a range of cells by int position

```
df = df.iloc[2:4, 2:4] # subset of the df
df = df.iloc[:5, :5] # top left corner
s = df.iloc[5, :] # returns row as Series
df = df.iloc[5:6, :] # returns row as row
```

Note: exclusive "to" - same as python list slicing.

Setting cell by integer position

Setting cell range by integer position

Remember: exclusive-to in the slice

ix for mixed label and integer position indexing

```
value = df.ix[5, 'col1']
df = df.ix[1:5, 'col1':'col3']
```

Views and copies

From the manual: Setting a copy can cause subtle errors. The rules about when a view on the data is returned are dependent on NumPy. Whenever an array of labels or a Boolean vector are involved in the indexing operation, the result will be a copy.

In summary: indexes and addresses

In the main, these notes focus on the simple, single level Indexes. Pandas also has a hierarchical or multi-level Indexes (aka the MultiIndex).

A DataFrame has two Indexes

- Typically, the <u>column index</u> (df.columns) is a list of strings (observed variable names) or (less commonly) integers (the default is numbered from 0 to length-1)
- Typically, the <u>row index</u> (df.index) might be:
 - Integers for case or row numbers (default is numbered from 0 to length-1);
 - Strings for case names; or
 - DatetimeIndex or PeriodIndex for time series data (more below)

Indexing

```
# --- selecting columns
s = df['col_label']
                        # scalar
df = df[['col_label']]
                        # one item list
df = df[['L1', 'L2']]
                        # many item list
df = df[index]
                        # pandas Index
df = df[s]
                        # pandas Series
# --- selecting rows
df = df['from':'inc_to']# label slice
df = df[3:7]
                        # integer slice
df = df[df['col'] > 0.5]# Boolean Series
df = df.loc['label']
                        # single label
df = df.loc[container] # lab list/Series
df = df.loc['from':'to']# inclusive slice
df = df.loc[bs]
                        # Boolean Series
                        # single integer
df = df.iloc[0]
df = df.iloc[container] # int list/Series
df = df.iloc[0:5]
                        # exclusive slice
                        # loc then iloc
df = df.ix[x]
# --- select DataFrame cross-section
     r and c can be scalar, list, slice
df.loc[r, c] # label accessor (row, col)
df.iloc[r, c]# integer accessor
df.ix[r, c] # label access int fallback
df[c].iloc[r]# chained - also for .loc
# --- select cell
     r and c must be label or integer
df.at[r, c] # fast scalar label accessor
df.iat[r, c] # fast scalar int accessor
df[c].iat[r] # chained - also for .at
# --- indexing methods
v = df.get_value(r, c) # get by row, col
df = df.set_value(r,c,v)# set by row, col
df = df.xs(key, axis) # get cross-section
df = df.filter(items, like, regex, axis)
df = df.select(crit, axis)
```

Note: the indexing attributes (.loc, .iloc, .ix, .at .iat) can be used to <u>get</u> and <u>set</u> values in the DataFrame.

Note: the .loc, iloc and .ix indexing attributes can accept python slice objects. But .at and .iat do not.

Note: .loc can also accept Boolean Series arguments **Avoid**: chaining in the form df[col_indexer][row_indexer] **Trap**: label slices are inclusive, integer slices exclusive.

Joining/Combining DataFrames

Three ways to join two DataFrames:

- merge (a database/SQL-like join operation)
- concat (stack side by side or one on top of the other)
- combine_first (splice the two together, choosing values from one over the other)

Merge on indexes

How: 'left', 'right', 'outer', 'inner'

How: outer=union/all; inner=intersection

Merge on columns

Trap: When joining on columns, the indexes on the passed DataFrames are ignored.

<u>Trap</u>: many-to-many merges on a column can result in an explosion of associated data.

Join on indexes (another way of merging)

Note: DataFrame.join() joins on indexes by default. DataFrame.merge() joins on common columns by default.

Simple concatenation is often the best

```
df=pd.concat([df1,df2],axis=0)#top/bottom
df = df1.append([df2, df3]) #top/bottom
df=pd.concat([df1,df2],axis=1)#left/right
```

<u>Trap</u>: can end up with duplicate rows or cols **Note**: concat has an ignore_index parameter

Combine_first

Uses the non-null values from df1. The index of the combined DataFrame will be the union of the indexes from df1 and df2.

Groupby: Split-Apply-Combine

The pandas "groupby" mechanism allows us to <u>split</u> the data into groups, <u>apply</u> a function to each group independently and then <u>combine</u> the results.

Grouping

```
gb = df.groupby('cat') # by one columns
gb = df.groupby(['c1','c2']) # by 2 cols
gb = df.groupby(level=0) # multi-index gb
gb = df.groupby(level=['a','b']) # mi gb
print(gb.groups)
```

Note: groupby() returns a pandas groupby object **Note**: the groupby object attribute .groups contains a dictionary mapping of the groups.

<u>Trap</u>: NaN values in the group key are automatically dropped – there will never be a NA group.

Iterating groups - usually not needed

```
for name, group in gb:
    print (name)
    print (group)
```

Selecting a group

```
dfa = df.groupby('cat').get_group('a')
dfb = df.groupby('cat').get_group('b')
```

Applying an aggregating function

```
# apply to a column ...
s = df.groupby('cat')['col1'].sum()
s = df.groupby('cat')['col1'].agg(np.sum)
# apply to the every column in DataFrame
s = df.groupby('cat').agg(np.sum)
df_summary = df.groupby('cat').describe()
df_row_ls = df.groupby('cat').head(1)
```

Note: aggregating functions reduce the dimension by one – they include: mean, sum, size, count, std, var, sem, describe, first, last, min, max

Applying multiple aggregating functions

```
gb = df.groupby('cat')

# apply multiple functions to one column
dfx = gb['col2'].agg([np.sum, np.mean])
# apply to multiple fns to multiple cols
dfy = gb.agg({
    'cat': np.count_nonzero,
    'col1': [np.sum, np.mean, np.std],
    'col2': [np.min, np.max]
})
```

Note: gb['col2'] above is shorthand for df.groupby('cat')['col2'], without the need for regrouping.

Transforming functions

```
# transform to group z-scores, which have
# a group mean of 0, and a std dev of 1.
zscore = lambda x: (x-x.mean())/x.std()
dfz = df.groupby('cat').transform(zscore)

# replace missing data with group mean
mean_r = lambda x: x.fillna(x.mean())
dfm = df.groupby('cat').transform(mean_r)
```

<u>Note</u>: can apply multiple transforming functions in a manner similar to multiple aggregating functions above,

Applying filtering functions

Filtering functions allow you to make selections based on whether each group meets specified criteria

```
# select groups with more than 10 members
eleven = lambda x: (len(x['col1']) >= 11)
df11 = df.groupby('cat').filter(eleven)
```

Group by a row index (non-hierarchical index)

```
df = df.set_index(keys='cat')
s = df.groupby(level=0)['col1'].sum()
dfg = df.groupby(level=0).sum()
```

Pivot Tables

Pivot

Pivot tables move from long format to wide format data

```
df = DataFrame(np.random.rand(100,1))
df.columns = ['data'] # rename col
df.index = pd.period range('3/3/2014',
       periods=len(df), freq='M')
df['year'] = df.index.year
df['month'] = df.index.month
# pivot to wide format
df = df.pivot(index='year',
   columns='month', values='data')
# melt to long format
dfm = df
dfm['year'] = dfm.index
dfm = pd.melt(df, id_vars=['year'],
   var_name='month', value_name='data')
# unstack to long format
# reset index to remove multi-level index
dfu=df.unstack().reset index(name='data')
```

Value counts

```
s = df['col1'].value_counts()
```

Working with dates, times and their indexes

Dates and time - points and spans

With its focus on time-series data, pandas has a suite of tools for managing dates and time: either as a point in time (a Timestamp) or as a span of time (a Period).

```
t = pd.Timestamp('2013-01-01')
t = pd.Timestamp('2013-01-01 21:15:06')
t = pd.Timestamp('2013-01-01 21:15:06.7')
p = pd.Period('2013-01-01', freq='M')
```

<u>Note</u>: Timestamps should be in range 1678 and 2261 years. (Check Timestamp.max and Timestamp.min).

A Series of Timestamps or Periods

<u>Note</u>: While Periods make a very useful index; they may be less useful in a Series.

From non-standard strings to Timestamps

<u>Also</u>: %B = full month name; %m = numeric month; %y = year without century; and more ...

Dates and time - stamps and spans as indexes

An index of Timestamps is a DatetimeIndex. An index of Periods is a PeriodIndex.

<u>Hint</u>: unless you are working in less than seconds, prefer PeriodIndex over DateTimeImdex.

Period frequency constants (not a complete list)

Name	Description
U	Microsecond
L	Millisecond
S	Second
T	Minute
Н	Hour
D	Calendar day
В	Business day
W-{MON, TUE,}	Week ending on
MS	Calendar start of month
M	Calendar end of month
QS-{JAN, FEB,}	Quarter start with year starting
	(QS – December)
Q-{JAN, FEB,}	Quarter end with year ending (Q
	December)
AS-{JAN, FEB,}	Year start (AS - December)
A-{JAN, FEB,}	Year end (A - December)

From DatetimeIndex to Python datetime objects

```
dti = pd.DatetimeIndex(pd.date_range(
    start='1/1/2011', periods=4, freq='M'))
s = Series([1,2,3,4], index=dti)
na = dti.to_pydatetime()  #numpy array
na = s.index.to_pydatetime()  #numpy array
```

Frome Timestamps to Python dates or times

```
df['date'] = [x.date() for x in df['TS']]
df['time'] = [x.time() for x in df['TS']]
```

<u>Note</u>: converts to datatime.date or datetime.time. But does not convert to datetime.datetime.

From DatetimeIndex to PeriodIndex and back

<u>Note</u>: from period to timestamp defaults to the point in time at the start of the period.

Working with a PeriodIndex

Get a range of Timestamps

Error handling with dates

The tail of a time-series DataFrame

```
df = df.last("5M") # the last five months
```

Upsampling and downsampling

Time zones

<u>Note</u>: by default, Timestamps are created without time zone information.

Row selection with a time-series index

Also: year, month, day [of month], hour, minute, second, dayofweek [Mon=0 .. Sun=6], weekofmonth, weekofyear [numbered from 1], week starts on Monday], dayofyear [from 1], ...

The Series.dt accessor attribute

DataFrame columns that contain datetime-like objects can be manipulated with the .dt accessor attribute

Working with missing and non-finite data

Working with missing data

Pandas uses the not-a-number construct (np.nan and float('nan')) to indicate missing data. The Python None can arise in data as well. It is also treated as missing data; as is the pandas not-a-time construct (pandas.NaT).

Missing data in a Series

```
s = Series( [8,None,float('nan'),np.nan])
    #[8,    NaN,    NaN,    NaN]
s.isnull() #[False, True, True, True]
s.notnull()#[True, False, False, False]
s.fillna(0)#[8,    0,    0,    0]
```

Missing data in a DataFrame

```
df = df.dropna() # drop all rows with NaN
df = df.dropna(axis=1) # same for cols
df=df.dropna(how='all') #drop all NaN row
df=df.dropna(thresh=2) # drop 2+ NaN in r
# only drop row if NaN in a specified col
df = df.dropna(df['col'].notnull())
```

Recoding missing data

Non-finite numbers

With floating point numbers, pandas provides for positive and negative infinity.

Pandas treats integer comparisons with plus or minus infinity as expected.

Testing for finite numbers

(using the data from the previous example)

```
b = np.isfinite(s)
```

Working with Categorical Data

Categorical data

The pandas Series has an R factors-like data type for encoding categorical data.

<u>Note</u>: the key here is to specify the "category" data type. <u>Note</u>: categories will be ordered on creation if they are sortable. This can be turned off. See ordering below.

Convert back to the original data type

Ordering, reordering and sorting

```
s = Series(list('abc'), dtype='category')
print (s.cat.ordered)
s=s.cat.reorder_categories(['b','c','a'])
s = s.sort()
s.cat.ordered = False
```

Trap: category must be ordered for it to be sorted

Renaming categories

```
s = Series(list('abc'), dtype='category')
s.cat.categories = [1, 2, 3] # in place
s = s.cat.rename_categories([4,5,6])
# using a comprehension ...
s.cat.categories = ['Group ' + str(i)
for i in s.cat.categories]
```

Trap: categories must be uniquely named

Adding new categories

```
s = s.cat.add_categories([4])
```

Removing categories

```
s = s.cat.remove_categories([4])
s.cat.remove_unused_categories() #inplace
```

Working with strings

Working with strings

```
# assume that df['col'] is series of
strings
s = df['col'].str.lower()
s = df['col'].str.upper()
s = df['col'].str.len()

# the next set work like Python
df['col'] += 'suffix'  # append
df['col'] *= 2  # duplicate
s = df['col1'] + df['col2'] # concatenate
```

Most python string functions are replicated in the pandas DataFrame and Series objects.

Regular expressions

```
s = df['col'].str.contains('regex')
s = df['col'].str.startswith('regex')
s = df['col'].str.endswith('regex')
s = df['col'].str.replace('old', 'new')
df['b'] = df.a.str.extract('(pattern)')
```

Note: pandas has many more regex methods.

Basic Statistics

Summary statistics

```
s = df['col1'].describe()
df1 = df.describe()
```

DataFrame – key stats methods

```
df.corr()  # pairwise correlation cols
df.cov()  # pairwise covariance cols
df.kurt()  # kurtosis over cols (def)
df.mad()  # mean absolute deviation
df.sem()  # standard error of mean
df.var()  # variance over cols (def)
```

Value counts

```
s = df['col1'].value_counts()
```

Cross-tabulation (frequency count)

Quantiles and ranking

```
quants = [0.05, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 0.95]
q = df.quantile(quants)
r = df.rank()
```

Histogram binning

Regression

Smoothing example using rolling_apply

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