Data Management in Python -

Importing & Exporting Data

(CSV, TXT, XLSX, SAS, STATA, SPSS, MySQL, PostgreSQL and Oracle)

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Data Snapshot

basic_salary data consist salary of each employee with it's Location & Grade.

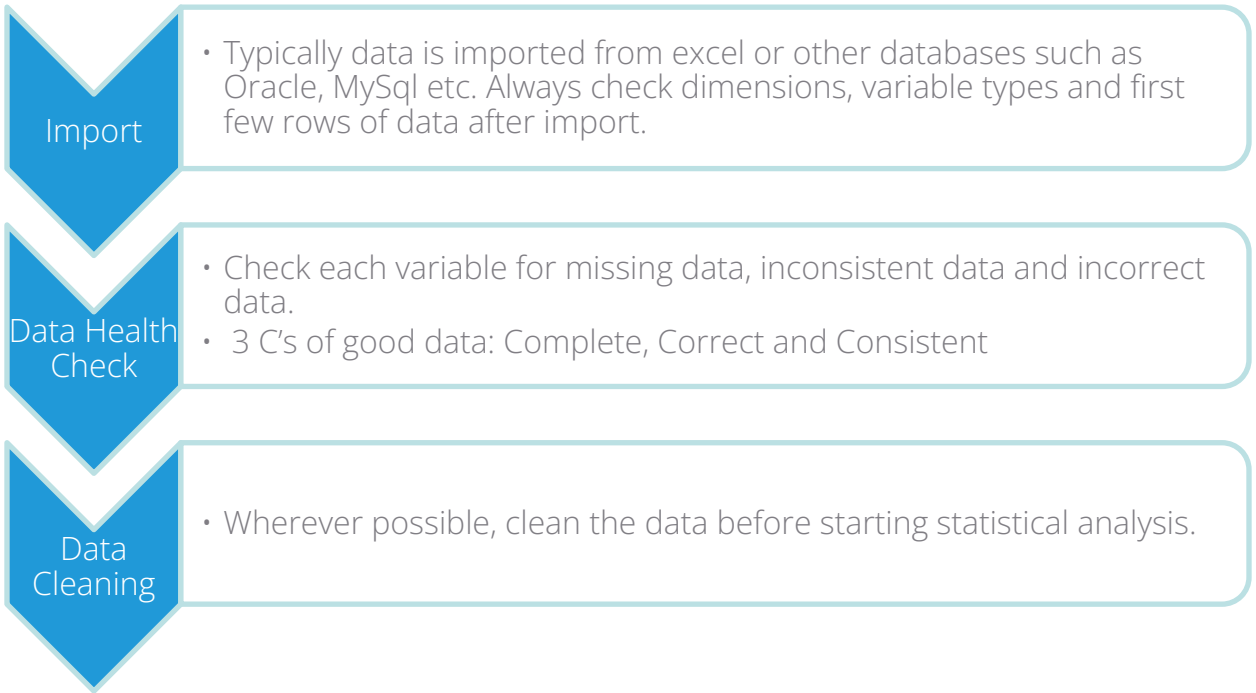
Variables

Observations

First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba	ms
Alan	Brown	GR1	DELHI	17990	16070
Agatha	Williams	GR2	MUMBAI	12390	6630
Rajesh	Kolte	GR1	MUMBAI	19250	14960

Columns	Description	Type	Measurement	Possible values
First_Name	First Name	character	-	-
Last_Name	Last Name	character	-	-
Grade	Grade	character	GR1, GR2	2
Location	Location	character	DELHI, MUMBAI	2
ba	Basic Allowance	numeric	Rs.	positive values
ms	Management Supplements	numeric	Rs.	positive values

First Look at the Data



Why Data Checking is Important?

After importing the data into Python and before analysing the data, it is very important to understand your data & check that it has maintained the correct format and also to know how your data looks like, how are the variables treated, what types of variables data contains, how many missing observations are there in your data, how many rows and columns does it contain, etc. so that you get familiar with the data with which you are working. This preliminary step is the foundation for further data analysis, it helps you make your initial inferences about the data before you can start modelling/testing it.

```
# Import basic_salary data
import pandas as pd
# current directory is already specified
salary_data_org= pd.read_csv('basic_salary.csv')
```

Dimension of Data and Names of the Columns

Use the following commands to know how many rows and columns are there in our data and the names of the columns it contains:

```
# Retrieve the dimension of data

salary_data_org.shape

(12, 6)
```

- **shape** gives row and column dimension of the data. This data contains 12 rows and 6 columns.
- Alternatively, **data.shape[0]** and **data.shape[1]** can be used separately to know no. of rows and columns respectively.

```
# Get the Names of the columns

list(salary_data_org)

['First_Name', 'Last_Name', 'Grade', 'Location', 'ba', 'ms']
```

- **list()** gives column names.
- You can also use **salary_data.columns** instead to get the column names

Internal Structure of Data

When Python reads data, it treats different variable types in different ways. `info()` compactly displays a dataframe's internal structure:

```
salary_data_org.info()
```

```
# Output
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 12 entries, 0 to 11
Data columns (total 6 columns):
First_Name    12 non-null object
Last_Name     12 non-null object
Grade         12 non-null object
Location      12 non-null object
ba            12 non-null int64
ms            11 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(1), int64(1), object(4)
memory usage: 656.0+ bytes
```

Character variables are entered into a dataframe as object in Python

This gives us the following information:

- Type of the variable.
- Memory usage of the data

Check Levels of a Categorical Variable

Our data has 4 object variables. A variable of data type 'object' is a categorical variable but in Python it has to be explicitly converted to the data type 'category' to be treated as one. Let's convert the variable Location to 'category' and check the number of levels it has using the `column.cat.categories` method:

```
salary_data_org['Location']=salary_data_org['Location'].astype('category')
salary_data_org['Location'].cat.categories
```

```
Index(['DELHI', 'MUMBAI'], dtype='object')
```

Check the Size of an Object

Suppose we want to know how much memory space is used to store `salary_data` object, we can use `memory_usage()` function to get an estimate in bytes.

```
salary_data_org.memory_usage()
```

```
Index          80
First_Name     96
Last_Name      96
Grade          96
Location      108
ba             96
ms             96
dtype: int64
```

Number of Missing Observations

Our data might contain some missing values or observations. In Python, missing data are usually recorded as NaN. We can check the number of missing observations like this:

```
salary_data_org.isnull().sum()
First_Name     0
Last_Name      0
Grade          0
Location       0
ba             0
ms             1
dtype: int64
```

- **isnull()** returns a Boolean dataframe that returns TRUE for each null value'
- **sum()** displays the sum of missing observations.

First n Rows of Data

To check how your data looks, without revealing the entire data set, which could have millions of rows and thousands of columns, we can use `head()` to obtain first n observations.

```
salary_data_org.head()
```

```
# Output
```

	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba	ms
0	Alan	Brown	GR1	DELHI	17990	16070.0
1	Agatha	Williams	GR2	MUMBAI	12390	6630.0
2	Rajesh	Kolte	GR1	MUMBAI	19250	14960.0
3	Ameet	Mishra	GR2	DELHI	14780	9300.0
4	Neha	Rao	GR1	MUMBAI	19235	15200.0

By default, `head()` displays the first 5 rows

First n Rows of Data

The no. of rows to be displayed can be customised to n

```
salary_data_org.head(n=2)
```

```
# Output
```

	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba	ms
0	Alan	Brown	GR1	DELHI	17990	16070.0
1	Agatha	Williams	GR2	MUMBAI	12390	6630.0

Last n Rows of Data

Now we will see the last n rows of our data using `tail()`. By default, it displays last 5 rows.

```
salary_data_org.tail()
```

```
# Output
```

	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba	ms
7	John	Patil	GR2	MUMBAI	13500	10760.0
8	Sneha	Joshi	GR1	DELHI	20660	NaN
9	Gaurav	Singh	GR2	DELHI	13760	13220.0
10	Adela	Thomas	GR2	DELHI	13660	6840.0
11	Anup	Save	GR2	MUMBAI	11960	7880.0

The no. of rows to be displayed can be customised to n

```
salary_data_org.tail(n=2)
```

```
# Output
```

	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba	ms
10	Adela	Thomas	GR2	DELHI	13660	6840.0
11	Anup	Save	GR2	MUMBAI	11960	7880.0

Summarising Data

We can also inspect our data using `describe()`. This function gives summary of objects including datasets, variables, linear models, etc

```
# Variables are summarised based on their type
salary_data_org.describe(include='all')
```

describe() is essentially applied to each column and it summarises all the columns.
It only provides summary of numeric variables until explicitly programmed to include factor variables using **include ='all'.**

	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba	ms
count	12	12	12	12.0	11.0	
unique	12	12	2	2	NaN	NaN
top	Rajesh	Kolte	GR2	MUMBAI	NaN	NaN
freq	1	1	7	7	NaN	NaN
mean	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	16154.58	11004.54
std	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	3739.37	3711.18
min	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	11960.0	6630.0
25%	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	13472.5	7360.0
50%	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	14270.0	10760.0
75%	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	19238.75	14225.0
max	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	23280.0	16070.0

Change Variable Names – rename()

Our data is saved as an object named salary_data.

Suppose we want to change the name of some variable (column) and its values. Let's rename the 'ba' variable to 'basic_allowance' -

```
salary_data = salary_data_org.rename(columns={'ba':'basic_allowance'})
list(salary_data)
```

```
['First_Name', 'Last_Name', 'Grade', 'Location', 'basic_allowance',
'ms']
```

- **rename()** uses name of the data object and assign **{'old name':'new name'}.**
- The result needs to be saved in an object because **rename()** doesn't modify the object directly.
- You can rename multiple column names like this:
- **salary_data=salary_data.rename(columns= {'ba':'basic_allowance', 'ms':'management_supplements'})**

Derive a New Variable

Add a new variable to **salary_data** containing values as 5% of **ba**. We will use the **assign()** function to accomplish this:

```
salary_data=salary_data.assign(newvariable=salary_data['basic_allowance'
]*0.05)
salary_data.head(n=3)
```

```
# Output
```

```
    First_Name    Last_Name    Grade  Location    basic_allowance ms
newvariable
0   Alan            Brown     GR1    DELHI       17990 16070.0     899.5
1   Agatha        Williams     GR2    MUMBAI      12390 6630.0      619.5
2   Rajesh        Kolte  GR1    MUMBAI     19250 14960.0     962.5
```

Recode a Categorical Variable – replace()

One data manipulation task that you need to do in pretty much any data analysis is recode data. It's almost never the case that the data are set up exactly the way you need them for your analysis.

Let's recode Location 'MUMBAI' as 1 and 'DELHI' as 2.

```
salary_data.Location.replace(to_replace=['MUMBAI','DELHI'],value=[1,2],
inplace=True)
salary_data.head(n=3)
```

- **replace()** can be used to replace any part of a dataframe with another value.
- **to_replace=** takes the value(s) to be replaced.
- **value=** takes the value(s) they need to be replaced with.
- **inplace= True** modifies the data directly i.e. you don't have to save the result back into salary_data.

```
# Output
  First_Name Last_Name Grade  Location  basic_allowance       ms  newvariable
0       Alan     Brown   GR1         2            17990  16070.0        899.5
1     Agatha  Williams   GR2         1            12390   6630.0        619.5
2     Rajesh     Kolte   GR1         1            19250  14960.0        962.5
```

Make a note of this syntax. It's great for recoding within Python programs.

Recode a Continuous Variable into Categorical Variable – cut()

Categorise the employees on the basis of their ba in three categories, namely, Low, Medium and High. Converting a continuous variable to categorical is called binning. Pandas makes it efficient to bin variables through the `pd.cut()` function:

```
ba_labels = ['low','medium','high']
bins = [0,14000,19000,24000]
salary_data['Category'] = pd.cut(salary_data['basic_allowance'], bins,
labels=ba_labels)
salary_data.head()
```

```
# Output
```

```
  First_Name Last_Name Grade  Location  basic_allowance       ms  newvariable
\
0       Alan     Brown   GR1         2            17990  16070.0       899.50
1     Agatha  Williams   GR2         1            12390   6630.0       619.50
2     Rajesh     Kolte   GR1         1            19250  14960.0       962.50
3      Ameet    Mishra   GR2         2            14780   9300.0       739.00
4       Neha       Rao   GR1         1            19235  15200.0       961.75

  Category
0   medium
1      low
2     high
3   medium
4     high
```

Create a Decile Object – quantile()

Interpret the deciles of **ba**

```
Decile_ba=salary_data['basic_allowance'].quantile(q=[0.1,0.2,0.3,0.4,0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8,0.9])
Decile_ba
```

```
# Output
0.1    12490.0
0.2    13412.0
0.3    13548.0
0.4    13700.0
0.5    14270.0
0.6    16706.0
0.7    18861.5
0.8    19247.0
0.9    20519.0
Name: basic_allowance, dtype: float64
```

Interpretation:

- The first decile is 10%, implies that one-tenth of the '**basic_allowance'** fall below or equal to 12490, and the remaining nine-tenth fall above 12490. 14270 is the median, thus half of the employees'

Remove Columns from a Data Frame

Remove the column Last_Name from salary_data.

```
salary_data.drop('Last_Name',axis=1,inplace=True)
salary_data.head()
```

```
# Output
```

```
  First_Name Grade  Location  basic_allowance       ms  newvariable
Category
0       Alan   GR1         2            17990  16070.0       899.50
medium
1     Agatha   GR2         1            12390   6630.0       619.50
low
2     Rajesh   GR1         1            19250  14960.0       962.50
high
3      Ameet   GR2         2            14780   9300.0       739.00
medium
4       Neha   GR1         1            19235  15200.0       961.75
high
```

Remove Rows from a Data Frame

We can remove unwanted rows from our data by using their index nos.

Suppose we want to remove rows 2, 3 and 4 (i.e index 1,2 and 3)from salary_data

then we will write the following command:

```
salary_data.drop(salary_data.index[1:4], axis=0, inplace=True)
salary_data.head(n=4)
```

```
# Output
```

	First_Name	Grade	Location	basic_allowance	ms	newvariable	Category
0	Alan	GR1	2	17990	16070.0	899.50	medium
4	Neha	GR1	1	19235	15200.0	961.75	high
5	Sagar	GR2	1	13390	6700.0	669.50	low
6	Aaron	GR1	1	23280	13490.0	1164.00	high

Remove Rows from a Data Frame

Remove only rows which has Location as 'MUMBAI' i.e. 1

```
salary_data.drop(salary_data[salary_data.Location==1].index,
inplace=True)
salary_data
```

```
# Output
```

	First_Name	Grade	Location	basic_allowance	ms	newvariable	Category
0	Alan	GR1	2	17990	16070.0	899.5	medium
8	Sneha	GR1	2	20660	NaN	1033.0	high
9	Gaurav	GR2	2	13760	13220.0	688.0	low
10	Adela	GR2	2	13660	6840.0	683.0	low

Quick Recap

In this session, we learnt how to check data features in Python and why we should do it.

Dimensions and Variable Names	• `shape` returns the count of rows and columns • `list(data)` returns variable names or column names.
Compact Internal Structure, Levels of Categorical Variable and Size of an Object	• `info()` returns many useful pieces of information like class of the object, data type of each column. • `column.cat.categories()` returns the value of the levels of the object • `memory_usage()` returns the size of an object in bytes.
Check the missing values (if any), First and Last n Rows	• `isnull()` returns a Boolean dataframe telling whether the data has missing values or not. • `head()` returns the first n rows of data. • `tail()` returns the last n rows of data.
Summarise Data	• `describe()` summarises the data based on the type of variable it contains.

Quick Recap

In this session, we learnt how to modify data in different ways.

Change Variable Names	• `rename()` can be used to change names of single or multiple variables
Derive a New Variable	• `assign()` adds a new variable in the dataframe
Recoding	• `replace()` or `cut()` let you change the content of data
Create a Decile Object	• `quantile()` is used for creating a decile object
Remove Variables or Rows	• `drop()` is used to remove unwanted columns or rows from the data, either by specifying the variable names or using index