Assignment 3

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1 Assignment 3 - More Pandas

This assignment requires more individual learning then the last one did - you are encouraged to check out the pandas documentation to find functions or methods you might not have used yet, or ask questions on Stack Overflow and tag them as pandas and python related. And of course, the discussion forums are open for interaction with your peers and the course staff.

1.0.1 Question 1 (20%)

Load the energy data from the file Energy Indicators.xls, which is a list of indicators of energy supply and renewable electricity production from the United Nations for the year 2013, and should be put into a DataFrame with the variable name of energy.

Keep in mind that this is an Excel file, and not a comma separated values file. Also, make sure to exclude the footer and header information from the datafile. The first two columns are unneccessary, so you should get rid of them, and you should change the column labels so that the columns are:

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['Country', 'Energy Supply', 'Energy Supply per Capita', '% Renewable']
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Convert Energy Supply to gigajoules (there are 1,000,000 gigajoules in a petajoule). For all countries which have missing data (e.g. data with "...") make sure this is reflected as np. NaN values. Rename the following list of countries (for use in later questions):

"Republic of Korea": "South Korea", "United States of America": "United States", "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland": "United Kingdom", "China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region": "Hong Kong"

There are also several countries with numbers and/or parenthesis in their name. Be sure to remove these,

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e.g.
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Next, load the GDP data from the file world_bank.csv, which is a csv containing countries' GDP from 1960 to 2015 from World Bank. Call this DataFrame GDP.

^{&#}x27;Bolivia (Plurinational State of)' should be 'Bolivia',

^{&#}x27;Switzerland17' should be 'Switzerland'.

Make sure to skip the header, and rename the following list of countries:

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"Korea, Rep.": "South Korea", "Iran, Islamic Rep.": "Iran", "Hong Kong SAR, China": "Hong Kong"
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Finally, load the Sciamgo Journal and Country Rank data for Energy Engineering and Power Technology from the file scimagojr-3.xlsx, which ranks countries based on their journal contributions in the aforementioned area. Call this DataFrame ScimEn.

Join the three datasets: GDP, Energy, and ScimEn into a new dataset (using the intersection of country names). Use only the last 10 years (2006-2015) of GDP data and only the top 15 countries by Scimagojr 'Rank' (Rank 1 through 15).

The index of this DataFrame should be the name of the country, and the columns should be ['Rank', 'Documents', 'Citable documents', 'Citations', 'Self-citations', 'Citations per document', 'H index', 'Energy Supply', 'Energy Supply per Capita', '% Renewable', '2006', '2007', '2008', '2009', '2010', '2011', '2012', '2013', '2014', '2015'].

This function should return a DataFrame with 20 columns and 15 entries.

```
In [2]: def answer_one():
            import pandas as pd
            import numpy as np
            energy = pd.read_excel('Energy Indicators.xls', skip_footer=38, skiprows=17, parse_c
            col_names = ['Country', 'Energy Supply', 'Energy Supply per Capita', '% Renewable']
            energy.columns = col_names
            energy.loc[energy['Energy Supply'] == '...'] = np.NaN
            energy[['Energy Supply', 'Energy Supply per Capita']] = energy[['Energy Supply', 'En
            energy['Energy Supply'] = energy['Energy Supply']*10**6
            energy['Country'] = energy['Country'].str.replace(r" \(.*\)","")
            energy['Country'] = energy['Country'].str.replace(r"([0-9]+)$","")
            replace_dict={"Republic of Korea": "South Korea",
                          "United States of America": "United States",
                          "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland": "United Kingdo
                          "China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region": "Hong Kong"}
            energy['Country'].replace(to_replace=replace_dict, inplace=True)
            energy.reset_index()
            energy = energy.set_index('Country')
            GDP = pd.read_csv('world_bank.csv', skiprows=4)
            replace_dict = {"Korea, Rep.": "South Korea",
                            "Iran, Islamic Rep.": "Iran",
                            "Hong Kong SAR, China": "Hong Kong"
            GDP['Country Name'].replace(to_replace=replace_dict, inplace=True)
            years_to_keep = np.arange(2006, 2016).astype(str)
            GDP = GDP[np.append(['Country Name'], years_to_keep)]
            GDP.reset_index()
            GDP = GDP.rename(columns={'Country Name': 'Country'})
            GDP = GDP.set_index('Country')
            ScimEn = pd.read_excel('scimagojr-3.xlsx', header=0)
            ScimEn.reset_index()
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ScimEn = ScimEn.set_index('Country')
            first_merge = pd.merge(energy, GDP, how='outer', left_index=True, right_index=True)
            result = pd.merge(ScimEn, first_merge, how='outer', left_index=True, right_index=True
            result = result.reset_index().dropna(thresh=result.shape[1]-10).set_index('Country')
            result = result.loc[result['Rank']<=15]</pre>
            return result
        answer_one()
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Australia

Brazil	1.214900e+10		59.0	69.648030	
Canada	1.043100e+10		296.0	61.945430	
China	1.271910e+11		93.0	19.754910	
France	1.059700e+10		166.0	17.020280	
Germany	1.326100e+10		165.0	17.901530	
India	3.319500e+10		26.0	14.969080	
Iran	9.172000e+09		119.0	5.707721	
Italy	6.530000e+09		109.0	33.667230	
Japan	1.898400e+10		149.0	10.232820	
Russian Federation	3.070900e+10		214.0	17.288680	
South Korea	1.100700e+10		221.0	2.279353	
Spain	4.923000e+09		106.0	37.968590	
United Kingdom	7.920000e+09		124.0	10.600470	
United States	9.083800e+10		286.0	11.570980	
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Australia	1.021939e+12	1.060340e+12	1.099644e+12	1.119654e+12	
Brazil	1.845080e+12	1.957118e+12	2.056809e+12	2.054215e+12	
Canada	1.564469e+12	1.596740e+12	1.612713e+12	1.565145e+12	
China	3.992331e+12	4.559041e+12	4.997775e+12	5.459247e+12	
France	2.607840e+12	2.669424e+12	2.674637e+12	2.595967e+12	
Germany	3.332891e+12	3.441561e+12	3.478809e+12	3.283340e+12	
India	1.265894e+12	1.374865e+12	1.428361e+12	1.549483e+12	
Iran	3.895523e+11	4.250646e+11	4.289909e+11	4.389208e+11	
Italy	2.202170e+12	2.234627e+12	2.211154e+12	2.089938e+12	
Japan	5.496542e+12	5.617036e+12	5.558527e+12	5.251308e+12	
Russian Federation	1.385793e+12	1.504071e+12	1.583004e+12	1.459199e+12	
South Korea	9.410199e+11	9.924316e+11	1.020510e+12	1.439199e+12 1.027730e+12	
	1.414823e+12	1.468146e+12	1.484530e+12	1.431475e+12	
Spain	2.419631e+12		2.470614e+12	2.367048e+12	
United Kingdom		2.482203e+12		1.459484e+13	
United States	1.479230e+13	1.505540e+13	1.501149e+13	1.4594840+13	
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Brazil	2.208872e+12	2.295245e+12	2.339209e+12	2.409740e+12	
Canada	1.613406e+12	1.664087e+12	1.693133e+12	1.730688e+12	
China	6.039659e+12	6.612490e+12	7.124978e+12	7.672448e+12	
France			2.706968e+12		
	2.646995e+12	2.702032e+12		2.722567e+12	
Germany	3.417298e+12	3.542371e+12	3.556724e+12	3.567317e+12	
India	1.708459e+12	1.821872e+12	1.924235e+12	2.051982e+12	
Iran	4.677902e+11	4.853309e+11	4.532569e+11	4.445926e+11	
Italy	2.125185e+12	2.137439e+12	2.077184e+12	2.040871e+12	
Japan	5.498718e+12	5.473738e+12	5.569102e+12	5.644659e+12	
Russian Federation	1.524917e+12	1.589943e+12	1.645876e+12	1.666934e+12	
South Korea	1.094499e+12	1.134796e+12	1.160809e+12	1.194429e+12	
Spain	1.431673e+12	1.417355e+12	1.380216e+12	1.357139e+12	

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Canada
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China
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France
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                   3.624386e+12 3.685556e+12
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India
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Japan
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Russian Federation 1.678709e+12 1.616149e+12
South Korea
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                   1.375605e+12 1.419821e+12
Spain
United Kingdom
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United States
                   1.615662e+13 1.654857e+13
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1.0.2 Question 2 (6.6%)

The previous question joined three datasets then reduced this to just the top 15 entries. When you joined the datasets, but before you reduced this to the top 15 items, how many entries did you lose?

This function should return a single number.

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
energy = pd.read_excel('Energy Indicators.xls', skip_footer=38, skiprows=17, parse_c
col_names = ['Country', 'Energy Supply', 'Energy Supply per Capita', '% Renewable']
energy.columns = col_names
energy.loc[energy['Energy Supply'] == '...'] = np.NaN
energy[['Energy Supply', 'Energy Supply per Capita']] = energy[['Energy Supply', 'Energy Supply']*10**6
```

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energy['Country'] = energy['Country'].str.replace(r" \((.*\)","")
            energy['Country'] = energy['Country'].str.replace(r"([0-9]+)$","")
            replace_dict={"Republic of Korea": "South Korea",
                          "United States of America": "United States",
                          "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland": "United Kingdo
                          "China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region": "Hong Kong"}
            energy['Country'].replace(to_replace=replace_dict, inplace=True)
            energy.reset_index()
            energy = energy.set_index('Country')
            en_shape = energy.shape
            GDP = pd.read_csv('world_bank.csv', skiprows=4)
            replace_dict = {"Korea, Rep.": "South Korea",
                            "Iran, Islamic Rep.": "Iran",
                            "Hong Kong SAR, China": "Hong Kong"
            GDP['Country Name'].replace(to_replace=replace_dict, inplace=True)
            years_to_keep = np.arange(2006, 2016).astype(str)
            GDP = GDP[np.append(['Country Name'],years_to_keep)]
            GDP.reset_index()
            GDP = GDP.rename(columns={'Country Name': 'Country'})
            GDP = GDP.set_index('Country')
            GDP_shape = GDP.shape
            ScimEn = pd.read_excel('scimagojr-3.xlsx', header=0)
            ScimEn.reset_index()
            ScimEn = ScimEn.set_index('Country')
            ScimEn_shape = ScimEn.shape
            first_merge = pd.merge(energy, GDP, how='outer', left_index=True, right_index=True)
            result = pd.merge(ScimEn, first_merge, how='outer', left_index=True, right_index=True
            \#result = result.reset\_index().dropna(thresh=result.shape[1]-10).set\_index('Country')
            result = result.shape[0]-15
            return result
        answer_two()
Out[3]: 307
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1.1 Answer the following questions in the context of only the top 15 countries by Scimagojr Rank (aka the DataFrame returned by answer_one())

1.1.1 Question 3 (6.6%)

What is the average GDP over the last 10 years for each country? (exclude missing values from this calculation.)

This function should return a Series named avgGDP with 15 countries and their average GDP sorted in descending order.

```
In [4]: def answer_three():
           import numpy as np
           Top15 = answer_one()
           years_to_keep = np.arange(2006, 2016).astype(str)
           Top15['avgGDP'] = Top15[years_to_keep].mean(axis=1)
           return Top15['avgGDP'].sort_values(ascending=False)
       answer_three()
Out[4]: Country
       United States
                           1.536434e+13
       China
                            6.348609e+12
       Japan
                           5.542208e+12
       Germany
                           3.493025e+12
       France
                           2.681725e+12
                          2.487907e+12
       United Kingdom
       Brazil
                           2.189794e+12
       Italy
                           2.120175e+12
       India
                           1.769297e+12
       Canada
                           1.660647e+12
       Russian Federation 1.565459e+12
       Spain
                           1.418078e+12
       Australia
                           1.164043e+12
       South Korea
                           1.106715e+12
                            4.441558e+11
       Iran
       Name: avgGDP, dtype: float64
```

1.1.2 Question 4 (6.6%)

By how much had the GDP changed over the 10 year span for the country with the 6th largest average GDP?

This function should return a single number.

1.1.3 Question 5 (6.6%)

What is the mean Energy Supply per Capita?

This function should return a single number.

1.1.4 Question 6 (6.6%)

What country has the maximum % Renewable and what is the percentage? *This function should return a tuple with the name of the country and the percentage.*

1.1.5 Question 7 (6.6%)

Create a new column that is the ratio of Self-Citations to Total Citations. What is the maximum value for this new column, and what country has the highest ratio?

This function should return a tuple with the name of the country and the ratio.

1.1.6 Question 8 (6.6%)

Create a column that estimates the population using Energy Supply and Energy Supply per capita. What is the third most populous country according to this estimate?

This function should return a single string value.

1.1.7 Question 9 (6.6%)

Create a column that estimates the number of citable documents per person. What is the correlation between the number of citable documents per capita and the energy supply per capita? Use the .corr() method, (Pearson's correlation).

This function should return a single number.

(Optional: Use the built-in function plot9() to visualize the relationship between Energy Supply per Capita vs. Citable docs per Capita)

```
In [11]: def answer_nine():
             import numpy as np
             Top15 = answer_one()
             Top15['PopEst'] = Top15['Energy Supply']/Top15['Energy Supply per Capita']
             Top15['Citable docs per Person'] = Top15['Citable documents']/Top15['PopEst']
             result = Top15.corr()
             return result.loc['Citable docs per Person', 'Energy Supply per Capita']
         answer_nine()
Out[11]: 0.79400104354429435
In [ ]: def plot9():
            import matplotlib as plt
            %matplotlib inline
            Top15 = answer_one()
            Top15['PopEst'] = Top15['Energy Supply'] / Top15['Energy Supply per Capita']
            Top15['Citable docs per Capita'] = Top15['Citable documents'] / Top15['PopEst']
            Top15.plot(x='Citable docs per Capita', y='Energy Supply per Capita', kind='scatter'
In []: #plot9() # Be sure to comment out plot9() before submitting the assignment!
```

1.1.8 Question 10 (6.6%)

Create a new column with a 1 if the country's % Renewable value is at or above the median for all countries in the top 15, and a 0 if the country's % Renewable value is below the median.

This function should return a series named HighRenew whose index is the country name sorted in ascending order of rank.

```
In [12]: def answer_ten():
             import numpy as np
             Top15 = answer_one()
             Top15['median % Renewable'] = Top15['% Renewable'].median()
             Top15['HighRenew'] = Top15['% Renewable'] >= Top15['median % Renewable']
             return Top15['HighRenew'].sort_values(ascending=True)
         answer_ten()
Out[12]: Country
         Australia
                               False
         India
                               False
         Iran
                               False
         Japan
                               False
         South Korea
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         United Kingdom
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         United States
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         Brazil
                                True
         Canada
                                True
         China
                                True
         France
                                True
         Germany
                                True
         Italy
                                True
         Russian Federation
                                True
         Spain
                                True
         Name: HighRenew, dtype: bool
```

1.1.9 Question 11 (6.6%)

Use the following dictionary to group the Countries by Continent, then create a dateframe that displays the sample size (the number of countries in each continent bin), and the sum, mean, and std deviation for the estimated population of each country.

```
This function should return a DataFrame with index named Continent ['Asia', 'Australia',
'Europe', 'North America', 'South America'] and columns
                                                            ['size', 'sum', 'mean',
'std']
In [13]: def answer_eleven():
             import numpy as np
             import pandas as pd
             Top15 = answer_one()
             ContinentDict = {'China':'Asia',
                               'United States': 'North America',
                                'Japan':'Asia',
                                'United Kingdom': 'Europe',
                               'Russian Federation': 'Europe',
                               'Canada':'North America',
                                'Germany': 'Europe',
                                'India': 'Asia',
                                'France': 'Europe',
                                'South Korea': 'Asia',
                                'Italy': 'Europe',
                                'Spain': 'Europe',
                               'Iran': 'Asia',
                                'Australia': 'Australia',
                               'Brazil': 'South America'}
             Top15 = Top15.reset_index()
             Top15['Continent'] = Top15['Country'].map(ContinentDict)
             Top15['PopEst'] = Top15['Energy Supply'] / Top15['Energy Supply per Capita']
             result = Top15.copy()
             result = result[['Continent', 'PopEst']]
             result = result.groupby('Continent')['PopEst'].agg({'size': np.size,'sum': np.sum,'
             #result = grouped.agg(['np.size', 'sum', 'mean', 'std'])
             idx = pd.IndexSlice
             #result = result.loc[:, idx['PopEst']]
             #result = result.reset_index()
             #result = result.set_index('Continent')
             return result
         answer_eleven()
Out [13]:
                        size
                                       sum
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                                                                    std
         Continent
         Asia
                         5.0 2.898666e+09 5.797333e+08 6.790979e+08
         Australia
                         1.0 2.331602e+07 2.331602e+07
                                                                    NaN
                         6.0 4.579297e+08 7.632161e+07 3.464767e+07
         Europe
         North America
                         2.0 3.528552e+08 1.764276e+08 1.996696e+08
         South America 1.0 2.059153e+08 2.059153e+08
                                                                    NaN
```

1.1.10 Question 12 (6.6%)

Cut % Renewable into 5 bins. Group Top15 by the Continent, as well as these new % Renewable bins. How many countries are in each of these groups?

This function should return a **Series** with a MultiIndex of Continent, then the bins for % Renewable. Do not include groups with no countries.

```
In [14]: def answer_twelve():
             import numpy as np
             import pandas as pd
             Top15 = answer_one()
             ContinentDict = {'China':'Asia',
                                'United States': 'North America',
                                'Japan':'Asia',
                                'United Kingdom': 'Europe',
                                'Russian Federation': 'Europe',
                                'Canada':'North America',
                                'Germany': 'Europe',
                                'India': 'Asia',
                                'France': 'Europe',
                                'South Korea': 'Asia',
                                'Italy': 'Europe',
                                'Spain': 'Europe',
                                'Iran':'Asia',
                                'Australia': 'Australia',
                                'Brazil': 'South America'}
             Top15 = Top15.reset_index()
             Top15['Continent'] = Top15['Country'].map(ContinentDict)
             Top15['% Renewable'] = pd.cut(Top15['% Renewable'], 5)
             result = Top15.groupby(['Continent', '% Renewable'])['Country'].count()
             result = result.reset_index()
             #result.drop('Country', axis=1, inplace=True)
             result = result.set_index(['Continent', '% Renewable'])
             return result['Country']
         answer_twelve()
Out[14]: Continent
                         % Renewable
                         (2.212, 15.753]
         Asia
                                              4
                         (15.753, 29.227]
                                              1
                         (2.212, 15.753]
         Australia
                                              1
                         (2.212, 15.753]
         Europe
                                              1
                         (15.753, 29.227]
                                              3
                                              2
                         (29.227, 42.701]
         North America (2.212, 15.753]
                                              1
                         (56.174, 69.648]
                                              1
         South America (56.174, 69.648]
                                              1
         Name: Country, dtype: int64
```

1.1.11 Question 13 (6.6%)

Convert the Population Estimate series to a string with thousands separator (using commas). Do not round the results.

```
e.g. 317615384.61538464 -> 317,615,384.61538464
```

This function should return a Series PopEst whose index is the country name and whose values are the population estimate string.

```
In [15]: def answer_thirteen():
             import numpy as np
             Top15 = answer_one()
             Top15['PopEst'] = Top15['Energy Supply']/Top15['Energy Supply per Capita']
             Top15['PopEst'] = Top15['PopEst'].apply('{:,}'.format)
             return Top15['PopEst']
         answer_thirteen()
Out[15]: Country
         Australia
                                23,316,017.316017315
         Brazil
                                205,915,254.23728815
         Canada
                                 35,239,864.86486486
         China
                               1,367,645,161.2903225
                                 63,837,349.39759036
         France
                                 80,369,696.96969697
         Germany
         India
                               1,276,730,769.2307692
         Iran
                                 77,075,630.25210084
         Italy
                                59,908,256.880733944
                                127,409,395.97315437
         Japan
         Russian Federation
                                       143,500,000.0
         South Korea
                                49,805,429.864253394
         Spain
                                  46,443,396.2264151
         United Kingdom
                               63,870,967.741935484
         United States
                                317,615,384.61538464
         Name: PopEst, dtype: object
```

1.1.12 Optional

Use the built in function plot_optional() to see an example visualization.

```
ax.annotate(txt, [Top15['Rank'][i], Top15['% Renewable'][i]], ha='center')
```

print("This is an example of a visualization that can be created to help understand
This is a bubble chart showing % Renewable vs. Rank. The size of the bubble corresponds
2014 GDP, and the color corresponds to the continent.")

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