YData: An Introduction to Data Science

Lecture 06: Census

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Announcements

- Homework 02 is posted and due February 18.

Table Review

Table Structure

- A Table is a sequence of labeled columns
- Labels are strings
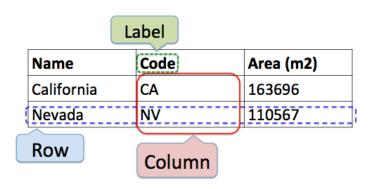- Columns are arrays, all with the same length

Name	Code	Area (m2)
California	CA	163696
Nevada	NV	110567

Label

Row

Column

Table Methods

- Creating and extending tables:
  - `Table().with_column` and `Table.read_table`
- Finding the size: `num_rows` and `num_columns`
- Referring to columns: labels, relabeling, and indices
  - `labels` and `relabeled`; column indices start at 0
- Accessing data in a column
  - `column` takes a label or index and returns an array
- Using array methods to work with data in columns
  - `item`, `sum`, `min`, `max`, and so on
- Creating new tables containing some of the original columns:
  - `select`, `drop`

Manipulating Rows

- `t.sort(column)` sorts the rows in increasing order

- `t.take(row_numbers)` keeps the numbered rows
  - Each row has an index, starting at 0

- `t.where(column, are.condition)` keeps all rows for which a column's value satisfies a condition

- `t.where(column, value)` keeps all rows containing a certain value in a column

- `t.with_row` makes a new table that has another row

Lists

Lists are Generic Sequences

A list is a sequence of values (just like an array), but the values can all have different types

```
[2 + 3, 'four', Table().with_column('K', [3, 4])]
```

- Lists can be used to create table rows
- If you create a table column from a list, it will be converted to an array automatically

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Discussion Questions

The table nba has columns NAME, POSITION, and SALARY.

a) Create an array containing the names of all point guards (PG) who make more than $15M/year

```
nba.where(1, 'PG').where(2, are.above(15)).column(0)
```

b) After evaluating these two expressions in order, what's the result of the second one?

```
nba.with_row(['Samosa', 'Mascot', 100])
nba.where('NAME', are.containing('Samo'))
```

Census Data

The Decennial Census

- Every ten years, the Census Bureau counts how many people there are in the U.S.

- In between censuses, the Bureau estimates how many people there are each year.

- Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution:
  "Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States ... according to their respective Numbers ..."

Analyzing Census Data

Leads to the discovery of interesting features and trends in the population

(DEMO)

Census Table Description

- Values have column-dependent interpretations
  - The SEX column: 1 is Male, 2 is Female
  - The POPESTIMATE2010 column: 7/1/2010 estimate

- In this table, some rows are sums of other rows
  - The SEX column: 0 is Total (of Male + Female)
  - The AGE column: 999 is Total of all ages

- Numeric codes are often used for storage efficiency

- Values in a column have the same type, but are not necessarily comparable (AGE 12 vs AGE 999)

https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2010-2015/national/asrh/nc-est2015-agesex-res.csv

Growth Rate

- Growth rate = g (for example 3%, or 0.03)

- Initial value x, final value y after t periods of time

  Value after 1 period $= x + xg$ $= x * (1+g)$

  Value after 2 periods $= x(1+g)(1+g)$ $= x * (1+g) ** 2$

  Value after t periods $= y$ $= x * (1+g) ** t$

  So $(1+g) ** t = y/x$ and so $1+g = (y/x) ** (1/t)$

  So **g = (y/x) ** (1/t) - 1**