## Intro to Programming for Public Policy Week 5 Pandas

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### **Types**

- So far we've used built-in python types of lists, dictionary, and sets
- NumPy provides a type called ndarray (n-dimensional array)

## Benefits of ndarray

- ndarrays are fast and space efficiency multidimensional arrays
- ► They provide vectorized arithmetic operations and broadcasting capabilities
- ► The numpy library provides many useful mathematical functions, especially matrix operations

## Limitations of ndarray

- NumPy does not provide high-level data analysis functionality
- But having an understanding of NumPy arrays and array-oriented computing will help

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Conveniently get its dimensions using the shape attribute:

```
>>> arr.shape (2, 3)
```

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Multiplication is element-wise:

## Indexing

On the surface, you can index an ndarray like a list:

## Assignment

Unlike with a regular list, you can assign a value to a slice of an ndarray:

#### Mathematical functions

#### NumPy ndarrays have many builtin mathematical functions:

```
>>> arr = np.array([[0, 1.5, 2.0],
                     [-1.0, 3.0, 5.0]
>>> arr.sum()
>>> arr.min()
>>> arr.max()
>>> arr.std()
0.83748963509340746
```

## Mathematical functions per axis

In addition to calculating these values across the entire ndarray you can calculate per axis:

## **Pandas**

#### Overview

- Pandas is an important module for data analysis in python
- ▶ Pandas builds on numpy to provide data structures with:
  - Mixed types
  - Column and row names
  - ▶ Time series functionality
  - ▶ Lots of input and output formats (CSV, MS Excel, etc.)
  - ► Easy plotting with matplotlib



There are two main data structures (types) in pandas: Series and DataFrame.

## Pandas Series

#### Overview

A Series is a one-dimensional object (like a list or a 1d ndarray). Additionally, a Series stores an array of data labels, called its index.

#### Series creation

Create a series from a list:

```
>>> import pandas as pd
>>> s = pd.Series([3,10,5,4,-1])
>>> s
0      3
1      10
2      5
3      4
4     -1
dtype: int64
```

#### Notes:

- ▶ Python represents the Series with the index on the left and the values on the right.
- ► Since we didn't specify an index, the default is like a list: 0 through N-1 where N is the length of the data.
- Pandas automatically assigned a datatype (dtype) of integer (int64) to this Series

## Specifying an index

To specify a label for each point in the Series, called an index:

## Using an index

Now we can use the index to select from the series:

Selecting multiple values returns a (sub-)Series.

## **Operations**

```
>>> s*2
Dorothy 6
Alice 20
Chris 10
Bob -20
dtype: int64
```

```
Dorothy False
Alice True
Chris False
Bob False
dtype: bool
```

```
>>> s.sum()
```

## Boolean filtering

You can subset a Series with series of the same index that has boolean values:

## in keyword

The in operator checks the index of a Series:

```
>>> 'Alice' in s
True
>>> 'Eric' in s
False
```

#### Alternative constructor

You can also think of a Series like a dictionary where the keys are the index. Unlike a dictionary, a Series is ordered. You can construct a series from a dictionary:

## Missing values

You can also specify an index when passing a dictionary:

Missing entries have the special value NaN (not-a-number).

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▶ You can use this series for indexing or in its own right:

```
>>> s2.notnull().sum()
2
```

## Series alignment

If you perform an operation between two Series with different indexes, the result will be indexed by their union:

```
>>> s + s2
Alice NaN
Bob NaN
California NaN
Chris NaN
Dorothy NaN
Texas NaN
Utah NaN
dtype: float64
```

# Pandas DataFrame

#### Overview

- ▶ A DataFrame is like a table or a spreadsheet
- ▶ It has an ordered list of columns
- ► The columns can have mixed types (e.g. numeric, boolean, string, etc.)

## DataFrame anatomy

- Each column is a pandas Series
- ► The columns all share the same index, called the row index of the data frame
- The names of the columns form a second index, called the column index

## Constructing a DataFrame

The most common way to construct a DataFrame in python is using a dictionary where the keys are column names and the values are equal length lists of data:

```
>>> data = {
                 'Nevada', 'Nevada'],
       'year': [2000, 2001, 2002, 2001, 2002],
       'pop': [1.5, 1.7, 3.6, 2.4, 2.9]}
>>> df = pd.DataFrame(data)
>>> df
  pop state
              year
 1.5 Ohio 2000
 1.7 Ohio 2001
 3.6 Ohio 2002
 2.4 Nevada 2001
  2.9 Nevada 2002
```

#### Row-index

You can also pass a row index to the DataFrame constructor:

```
>>> df = pd.DataFrame(data,
            index=['one', 'two', 'three',
                   'four', 'five'])
>>> df
             state
                   year
       pop
             Ohio
one
             Ohio 2001
two
three
             Ohio 2002
four 2.4 Nevada 2001
five
            Nevada 2002
```

## Retrieving a column

- ► A column can be accessed in two equivalent ways
- ► They return a series that is named and index is the same as the DataFrame.

```
>>> df.state
one         Ohio
two         Ohio
three         Ohio
four         Nevada
five         Nevada
Name: state, dtype: object
```

```
>>> df['pop']
one 2000
two 2001
three 2002
four 2001
five 2002
Name: year, dtype: int64
```

## Retrieving multiple columns

Retrieve multiple columns using the dict notation and passing a list of column names:

```
>>> df[['year', 'state']]
        year    state
one    2000    Ohio
two    2001    Ohio
three    2002    Ohio
four    2001    Nevada
five    2002    Nevada
```

## Retrieving rows

#### Retrieve rows using .loc[]:

```
>>> df.loc['three']
pop     3.6
state    Ohio
year     2002
Name: three, dtype: object
```

```
>>> df.loc[['two','four']]
        pop state year
two 1.7 Ohio 2001
four 2.4 Nevada 2001
```

## Boolean Series indexing

As with Series, we can subset rows using booleans:

## Boolean Series logic

You can perform logic on boolean series to create more complicated queries. Instead of using the usual python and, or, and not operators, we must use special symbols &, | and ~:

```
>>> (df.state == 'Ohio') & (df.year > 2000)
one    False
two    True
three    True
four    False
five    False
dtype: bool
```

```
>>> ~(df.state == 'Nevada')
one    True
two    True
three    True
four    False
five    False
Name: state, dtype: bool
```

## Boolean Series logic indexing

## Create and assigning columns

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You can initialize a new column with a constant value:

Or you can use a list. If the column exists its values are updated:

```
>>> df['debt'] = [1.0, 3.0, 2.0, 4.0, 2.5]
```

#### More column creation

#### You can also create a column using existing columns:

```
>>> df['debt_per_pop'] = df.debt / df['pop']
           state year debt debt_per_pop
      pop
one
            Ohio
            Ohio 2001 1.5
                                0.882353
two
            Ohio 2002 1.5
three
four
          Nevada 2001 1.5
                                0.625000
                                0.517241
five
          Nevada 2002
```