ECE5984 – Applications of Machine Learning Lecture 6 – Python

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Course Updates

- Quiz 2 on February 10
 - Covers lectures 4-7
- At the end of the semester, I will replace your lowest quiz grade with your next lowest grade
- HW1 is posted
 - Due on Feb 8
 - Submit via Canvas
- Remember to email me with project teams (3-4 members) if you wish





Today's Objectives

Python

- Concept
- numpy and scikit-learn

Intro to Python from UNC

A simple example



We will be using Python in this course, along with the numpy, scikit and pandas libraries (and maybe others)

- You can use any reasonable Python development environment
 - PyCharm from JetBrains (documentation is posted)
 - Anaconda and Spyder
 - Jupyter
 - Google CoLab
 - text editor and command line (just kidding, don't do this!)
- You will find that parts of Python will remind you of Java or C++
- and numpy has many similarities to Matlab
- This course does <u>not</u> have the goal to make you a great Python coder
 - I am not one
- but it's the best environment for us to explore the material of this course





numpy and scikit-learn are packages that add-on to Python, to allow additional capabilities

- NumPy enables many nice math capabilities
 - Linear algebra is the most significant
 - Mathematical data types, various algorithms...
 - Think of the capabilities of Matlab
 - https://numpy.org/
- scikit-learn supports machine learning and data analysis
 - we will be introducing this as the need arises
 - <u>https://scikit-learn.org/stable/</u>





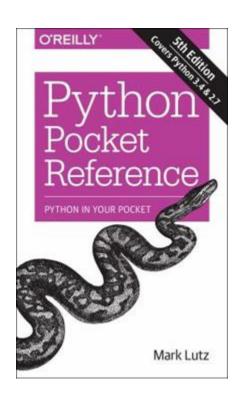
- Typically, read data into a DataFrame object
- There are many functions for operating directly on a DataFrame
- I will usually also convert the data table into one or more numpy arrays
 - suitable for scikit-learn, OpenCV and other analytics packages
- https://pandas.pydata.org/





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- This is a useful reference to Python
- It's about \$12



- Anaconda distribution
 - https://www.anaconda.com
- PyCharm Python IDE
 - https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/
- Official Python documentation
 - https://www.python.org/doc/
- A decent Python tutorial
 - https://www.w3schools.com/python/
- Numpy
 - https://numpy.org/





I am going to quickly walk through some slides from Professor Liu at the University of North Carolina

- A bit of Python origins
- Python syntax
- Brief intro to numpy



Python: An Introduction

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- Introduction
- Running Python
- Python Programming
 - Data types
 - Control flows
 - Classes, functions, modules
- Hands-on Exercises



What is python?

- Object oriented language
- Interpreted language
- Supports dynamic data type
- Independent from platforms
- Focused on development time
- Simple and easy grammar
- High-level internal object data types
- Automatic memory management
- It's free (open source)!



Language properties

- Everything is an object
- Modules, classes, functions
- Exception handling
- Dynamic typing, polymorphism
- Static scoping
- Operator overloading
- Indentation for block structure



High-level data types

- Numbers: int, long, float, complex
- Strings: immutable
- Lists and dictionaries: containers
- Other types for e.g. binary data, regular expressions, introspection
- Extension modules can define new "built-in" data types



Comments

Start with # and go to end of line

What about C, C++ style comments?

• NOT supported!



Python Syntax

- Much of it is similar to C syntax
- Exceptions:
 - missing operators: ++, --
 - no curly brackets, { } , for blocks;uses whitespace
 - different keywords
 - lots of extra features
 - no type declarations!



Simple data types

- Numbers
 - Integer, floating-point, complex!

- Strings
 - characters are strings of length 1

Booleans are False or True





- The usual notations and operators
 - ◆ 12, 3.14, 0xFF, 0377, (-1+2)*3/4**5, abs(x), 0<x<=5
- C-style shifting & masking
 - ◆ 1<<16, x&0xff, x|1, ~x, x^y
 </p>
- Integer division truncates :-(
 - ◆ 1/2 -> 0 # float(1)/2 -> 0.5
- Long (arbitrary precision), complex
 - ◆ 2L**100 -> 1267650600228229401496703205376L
 - ◆ 1j**2 -> (-1+0j)



Strings and formatting

```
i = 10
d = 3.1415926
s = "I am a string!"
print("%d\t%f\t%s" % (i, d, s))
print("newline\n")
print("no newline")
```



- No need to declare
- Need to assign (initialize)
 - use of uninitialized variable raises exception
- Not typed

```
if friendly: greeting = "hello world"
else: greeting = 12**2
print greeting
```

- *Everything* is a variable:
 - functions, modules, classes



Reference semantics

- Assignment manipulates references
 - ◆ x = y does not make a copy of y
 - x = y makes x reference the object y references
- Very useful; but beware!
- Example:

```
>>> a = [1, 2, 3]; b = a
>>> a.append(4); print b
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

Simple data types: operators

- Assignment using =
 - but semantics are different!

Can also use + to concatenate strings



Strings

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"helloworld"

concatenation

"hellohello"

repetition

• "hello"[0]

"h"

indexing

• "hello"[-1]

"o"

(from end)

• "hello"[1:4]

"ell"

slicing

• len("hello")

5

size

"hello" < "jello"</p>

1

comparison

• "e" in "hello"

1

search

New line:

"escapes: \n "

Line continuation:

triple quotes ""

Quotes:

'single quotes', "raw strings"



Simple Data Types

Triple quotes useful for multi-line strings

```
>>> s = """ a long
... string with "quotes" or anything else"""
>>> s
' a long\012string with "quotes" or anything
else'
>>> len(s)
45
```



Methods in string

- upper()
- lower()
- capitalize()
- count(s)
- find(s)
- rfind(s)
- index(s)

- strip(), lstrip(), rstrip()
- replace(a, b)
- expandtabs()
- split()
- join()
- center(), ljust(), rjust()



Compound Data Type: List

List:

- A container that holds a number of other objects, in a given order
- Defined in square brackets

```
a = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
print a[1] # number 2
some_list = []
some_list.append("foo")
some_list.append(12)
print len(some list) # 2
```





- a = [99, "bottles of beer", ["on", "the", "wall"]]
- Flexible arrays, not Lisp-like linked lists
- Same operators as for strings
 - ◆ a+b, a*3, a[0], a[-1], a[1:], len(a)
- Item and slice assignment
 - a[0] = 98
 - a[1:2] = ["bottles", "of", "beer"]-> [98, "bottles", "of", "beer", ["on", "the", "wall"]]
 - del a[-1] # -> [98, "bottles", "of", "beer"]



More list operations

>>>	a	=	rar	nge	(5)	
-----	---	---	-----	-----	-----	--

[0,1,2,3,4]

5

5.5

>>> a.reverse()



Operations in List

- append
- insert
- index
- count
- sort
- reverse
- remove
- pop
- extend

- Indexing
- Slicing
- Concatenation
- Repetition
- Membership test
- Length





- List in a list
- E.g.,
 - $\bullet >>> s = [1,2,3]$
 - >>> t = ['begin', s, 'end']
 - >>> t
 - ['begin', [1, 2, 3], 'end']
 - >>> t[1][1]
 - 2





- Dictionaries: curly brackets
 - What is dictionary?
 - Refer value through key; "associative arrays"
 - Like an array indexed by a string
 - An unordered set of key: value pairs
 - Values of any type; keys of almost any type



Methods in Dictionary

- keys()
- values()
- items()
- has_key(key)
- clear()
- copy()
- get(key[,x])
- setdefault(key[,x])
- update(D)
- popitem()



Dictionary details

- Keys must be immutable:
 - numbers, strings, tuples of immutables
 - these cannot be changed after creation
 - reason is hashing (fast lookup technique)
 - not lists or other dictionaries
 - these types of objects can be changed "in place"
 - no restrictions on values
- Keys will be listed in arbitrary order
 - again, because of hashing





- What is a tuple?
 - A tuple is an ordered collection which cannot be modified once it has been created.
 - In other words, it's a special array, a read-only array.
- How to make a tuple? In round brackets

```
• E.g.,

>>> t = ()

>>> t = (1, 2, 3)

>>> t = (1, )

>>> t = 1,

>>> a = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

>>> print a[1] # 2
```



Operations in Tuple

Indexing

e.g., T[i]

Slicing

e.g., T[1:5]

Concatenation

e.g., T + T

Repetition

e.g., T * 5

Membership test e.g., 'a' in T

Length

e.g., len(T)



List vs. Tuple

- What are common characteristics?
 - Both store arbitrary data objects
 - Both are of sequence data type
- What are differences?
 - Tuple doesn't allow modification
 - Tuple doesn't have methods
 - Tuple supports format strings
 - Tuple supports variable length parameter in function call.
 - Tuples slightly faster



Data Type Wrap Up

- Integers: 2323, 3234L
- Floating Point: 32.3, 3.1E2
- Complex: 3 + 2j, 1j
- Lists: l = [1,2,3]
- Tuples: t = (1,2,3)
- Dictionaries: d = {'hello': 'there', 2:15}



Data Type Wrap Up

- Lists, Tuples, and Dictionaries can store any type (including other lists, tuples, and dictionaries!)
- Only lists and dictionaries are mutable
- All variables are references





- The raw_input(string) method returns a line of user input as a string
- The parameter is used as a prompt
- The string can be converted by using the conversion methods int(string), float(string), etc.

```
f = file("foo", "r")
line = f.readline()
print line,
f.close()
# Can use sys.stdin as input;
# Can use sys.stdout as output.
```



Files: Input

input = open('data', 'r')	Open the file for input
S = input.read()	Read whole file into one String
S = input.read(N)	Reads N bytes (N >= 1)
L = input.readlines()	Returns a list of line strings



Files: Output

output = open('data', 'w')	Open the file for writing
output.write(S)	Writes the string S to file
output.writelines(L)	Writes each of the strings in list L to file
output.close()	Manual close



open() and file()

These are identical:

```
f = open(filename, "r")
f = file(filename, "r")
```

- The open () version is older
- The file() version is the recommended way to open a file now
 - uses object constructor syntax (next lecture)



OOP Terminology

- class -- a template for building objects
- instance -- an object created from the template (an instance of the class)
- method -- a function that is part of the object and acts on instances directly
- constructor -- special "method" that creates new instances





- Objects:
 - What is an object?
 - data structure, and
 - functions (methods) that operate on it

```
class thingy:
    # Definition of the class here, next slide
t = thingy()
t.method()
print t.field
```

- Built-in data structures (lists, dictionaries) are also objects
 - though internal representation is different



Defining a class

```
class Thingy:
    """This class stores an arbitrary object."""
    def init (self, value):
                                            constructor
        """Initialize a Thingy."""
        self.value = value
                                             method
    def showme(self):
        """Print this object to stdout."""
        print "value = %s" % self.value
```



Using a class (1)

```
t = Thingy(10) # calls __init__ method
t.showme() # prints "value = 10"
```

- t is an instance of class Thingy
- showme is a method of class Thingy
- init__ is the constructor method of class Thingy
 - when a Thingy is created, the __init__ method is called
- Methods starting and ending with ___ are "special" methods



Using a class (2)

```
print t.value # prints "10"

• value is a field of class Thingy

t.value = 20 # change the field value
print t.value # prints "20"
```



"Special" methods

- All start and end with ___ (two underscores)
- Most are used to emulate functionality of built-in types in user-defined classes
- e.g. operator overloading
 - __add__, __sub__, _mult__, ...
 - see python docs for more information



Control flow (1)

```
if, if/else, if/elif/else
if a == 0:
    print "zero!"
elif a < 0:
    print "negative!"
else:
    print "positive!"</pre>
```

- Notes:
 - blocks delimited by indentation!
 - colon (:) used at end of lines containing control flow keywords



Control flow (3)

while loops



Control flow (4)

for loops

```
for a in range(10):
    print a
```

really a "foreach" loop





Common for loop idiom:

```
a = [3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9]
for i in range(len(a)):
    print a[i]
```





Common while loop idiom: f = open(filename, "r") while True: line = f.readline() if not line: break # do something with line



Control flow (7): odds & ends

- continue statement like in C
- pass keyword:

```
if a == 0:
```

pass # do nothing

else:

whatever



Defining functions

```
def foo(x):
    y = 10 * x + 2
    return y
```

- All variables are local unless specified as global
- Arguments passed by value



Executing functions

```
def foo(x):
    y = 10 * x + 2
    return y
```

print foo(10) # 102



Why use modules?

- Code reuse
 - Routines can be called multiple times within a program
 - Routines can be used from multiple programs
- Namespace partitioning
 - Group data together with functions used for that data
- Implementing shared services or data
 - Can provide global data structure that is accessed by multiple subprograms





- Modules are functions and variables defined in separate files
- Items are imported using from or import
 - from module import function
 - function()
 - import module
 - module.function()
- Modules are namespaces
 - Can be used to organize variable names, i.e.
 - atom.position = atom.position molecule.position



Access other code by <u>importing modules</u>

```
import math
print math.sqrt(2.0)
```

or:

```
from math import sqrt
print sqrt(2.0)
```

or:

```
from math import *
print sqrt(2.0)
```

Can import multiple modules on one line:

```
import sys, string, math
```

Only one "from x import y" per line



Example: NumPy Modules

- http://numpy.scipy.org/
- NumPy has many of the features of Matlab, in a free, multiplatform program. It also allows you to do intensive computing operations in a simple way
- Numeric Module: Array Constructors
 - ones, zeros, identity
 - arrayrange
- LinearAlgebra Module: Solvers
 - Singular Value Decomposition
 - Eigenvalue, Eigenvector
 - Inverse
 - Determinant
 - Linear System Solver



Arrays and Constructors

- → >>> a = ones((3,3),float)
- ◆ >>> print a
- **•** [[1., 1., 1.],
- **•** [1., 1., 1.],
- **•** [1., 1., 1.]]
- → >>> b = zeros((3,3),float)
- ◆ >>> b = b + 2.*identity(3) #"+" is overloaded
- ◆ >>> c = a + b
- → >>> print c
- **•** [[3., 1., 1.],
- **•** [1., 3., 1.],
- **•** [1., 1., 3.]]



Overloaded operators

- → >>> b = 2.*ones((2,2),float) #overloaded
- >>> print b
- **•** [[2.,2.],
- **•** [2.,2.]]
- ◆ >>> b = b+1 # Addition of a scalar is
- >>> print b # element-by-element
- **•** [[3.,3.],
- **•** [3.,3.]]
- ◆ >>> c = 2.*b # Multiplication by a scalar is
- >>> print c # element-by-element
- **•** [[6.,6.],
- **•** [6.,6.]]



Array functions

- >>> from LinearAlgebra import *
- >>> a = zeros((3,3),float) + 2.*identity(3)
- >>> print inverse(a)
- **◆** [[0.5, 0., 0.],
- **•** [0., 0.5, 0.],
- **•** [0., 0., 0.5]]
- >>> print determinant(inverse(a))
- **•** 0.125
- >>> print diagonal(a)
- **•** [0.5,0.5,0.5]
- >>> print diagonal(a,1)
- **•** [0.,0.]
- transpose(a), argsort(), dot()



Catching Exceptions

```
#python code a.py
x = 0
try:
    print 1/x
except ZeroDivisionError, message:
    print "Can't divide by zero:"
    print message
>>>python a.py
Can't divide by zero:
integer division or modulo by zero
```



Try-Finally: Cleanup

```
f = open(file)
try:
    process_file(f)
finally:
    f.close() # always executed
print "OK" # executed on success only
```



Python: Pros & Cons

Pros

- Free availability (like Perl, Python is open source).
- Stability (Python is in release 2.6 at this point and, as I noted earlier, is older than Java).
- Very easy to learn and use
- Good support for objects, modules, and other reusability mechanisms.
- Easy integration with and extensibility using C and Java.

Cons

- Smaller pool of Python developers compared to other languages, such as Java
- Lack of true multiprocessor support
- Absence of a commercial support point, even for an Open Source project (though this situation is changing)
- Software performance slow, not suitable for high performance applications

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 - http://pypi.python.org/pypi

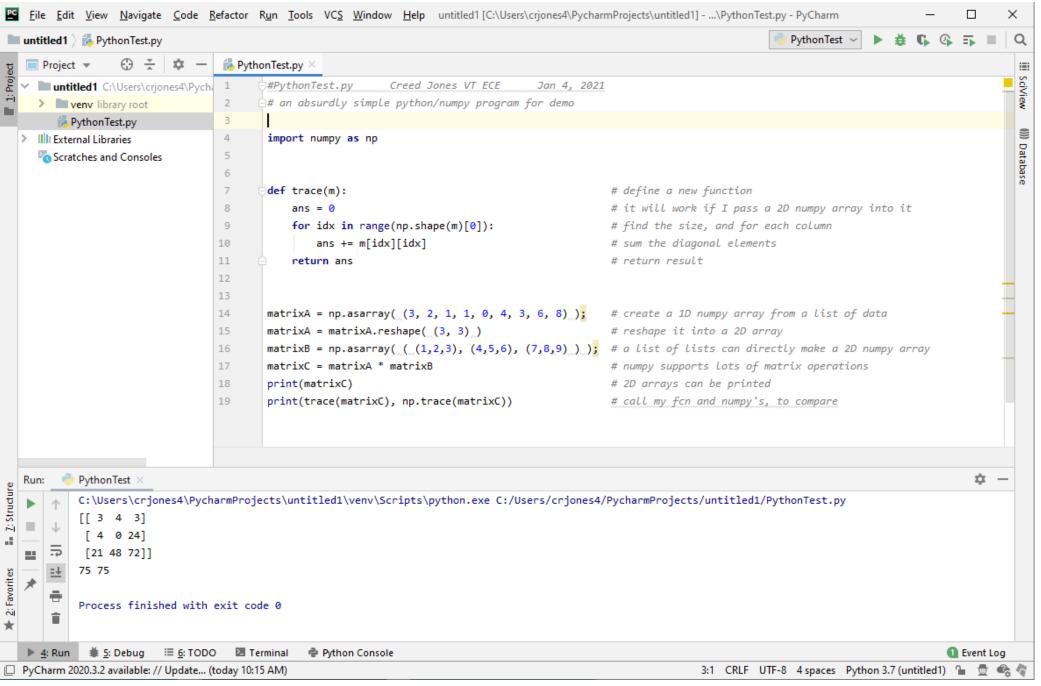




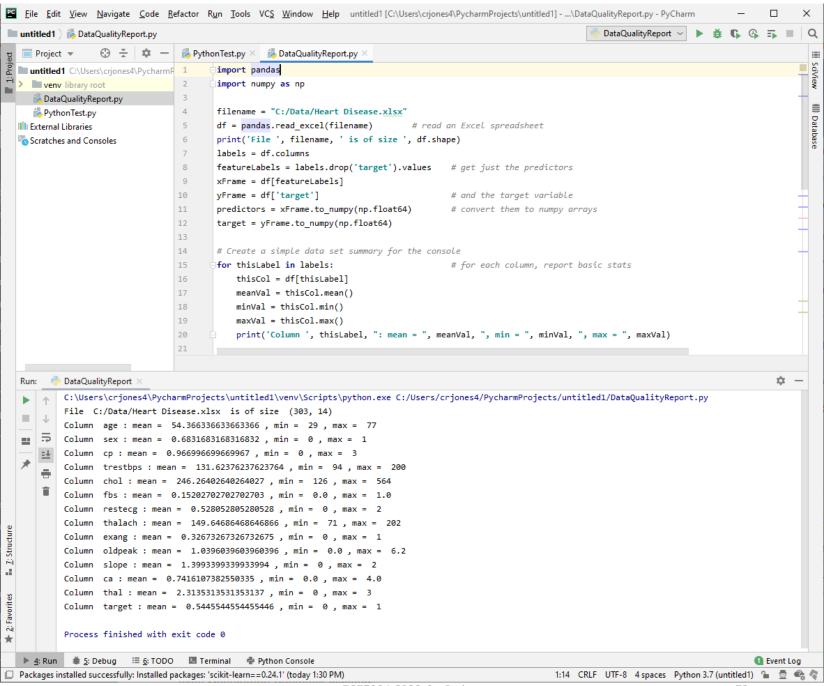
I like to use PyCharm, but you can use many different environments for Python development

- JetBrains PyCharm
 - https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/
- Anaconda / Spyder
 - https://www.anaconda.com/
- Jupyter
 - https://jupyter.org/
- Google CoLab
 - https://colab.research.google.com/notebooks/intro.ipynb

```
#PythonTest.py Creed Jones VT ECE Jan 4, 2021
# an absurdly simple python/numpy program for demo
import numpy as np
                                                       # define a new function
def trace(m):
                                                       # it will work if I pass a 2D numpy array
   ans = 0
into it
   for idx in range(np.shape(m)[0]):
                                                       # find the size, and for each column
       ans += m[idx][idx]
                                                       # sum the diagonal elements
   return ans
                                                       # return result
matrixA = np.asarray((3, 2, 1, 1, 0, 4, 3, 6, 8));
                                                    # create a 1D numpy array from a
                                                       # list of data
matrixA = matrixA.reshape( (3, 3) )
                                                       # reshape it into a 2D array
matrixB = np.asarray( ((1,2,3),(4,5,6),(7,8,9)) ); # a list of lists can directly make
                                                       # a 2D numpy array
matrixC = matrixA * matrixB
                                                       # numpy supports lots of matrix operations
                                                       # 2D arrays can be printed
print(matrixC)
print(trace(matrixC), np.trace(matrixC))
                                                       # call my fcn and numpy's, to compare
```



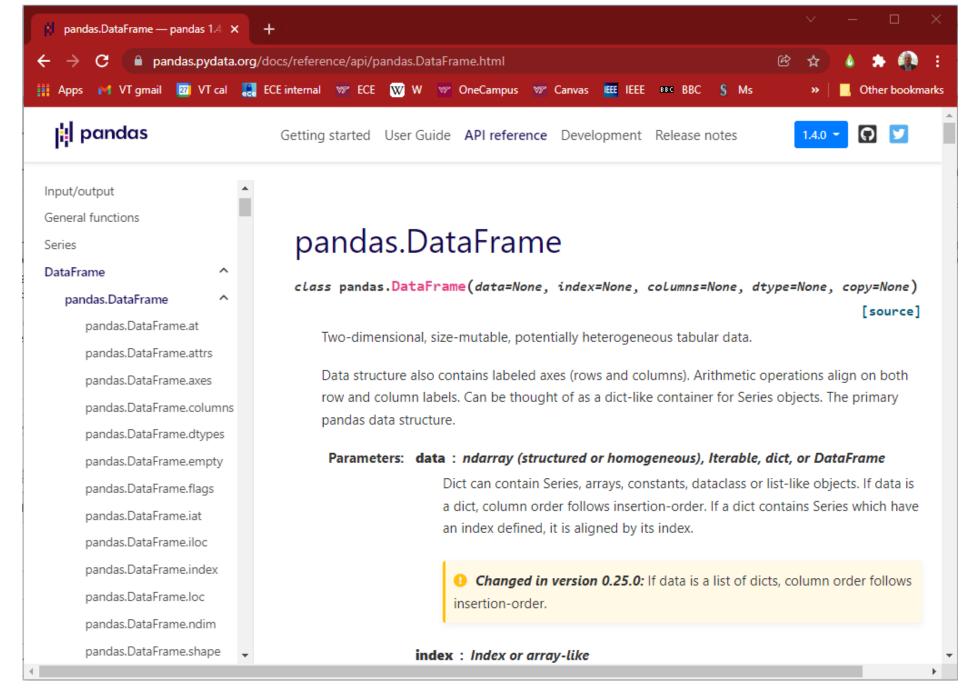








```
import pandas
import numpy as np
filename = "C:/Data/Heart Disease.xlsx"
df = pandas.read excel(filename) # read an Excel spreadsheet
print('File {0} is of size {1}'.format(filename, df.shape))
labels = df.columns
featureLabels = labels.drop('target').values
                                              # get just the predictors
xFrame = df[featureLabels]
yFrame = df['target']
                                               # and the target variable
predictors = xFrame.to_numpy(np.float64)
                                               # convert them to numpy arrays
target = yFrame.to_numpy(np.float64)
# Create a simple data set summary for the console
for thisLabel in labels:
                                               # for each column, report basic stats
    thisCol = df[thisLabel]
   meanV = thisCol.mean()
   minV = thisCol.min()
   maxV = thisCol.max()
    print('Col {0}: mean = {1}, min = {2}, max = {3}'.format(thisLabel, meanV, minV, maxV))
```





Python supports object-oriented programming



```
class ClassName:
    def __init__(self, defVal):  # kinda like a constructor in C++/Java
        self.var1 = 42
        self.var2 = defVal
        pass

def f1(self, valIn):  # member function
        self.var1 += valIn
```

I <u>highly</u> recommend using OOD/OOP from the very beginning...

```
StatsReport.py
 SimpleStatsV2.py
 import pandas
                                                            import pandas
 import StatsReport
                                                            class StatsReport:
                                                                def init (self):
 filename = "C:/Data/Heart Disease.xlsx"
                                                                    self.statsdf = pandas.DataFrame()
 df = pandas.read excel(filename) # read Excel spreadsheet
 print('File {0} is of size {1}'.format(filename, df.shape))
                                                                    self.statsdf['stat'] = ['mean', 'min', 'max']
 labels = df.columns
                                                                    pass
 report = StatsReport.StatsReport()
                                                                def addCol(self, label, d):
                                                                    self.statsdf[label] = [d.mean(), d.min(), d.max()]
 # Create a simple data set summary for the console
 for thisLabel in labels: # for each column, report stats
     thisCol = df[thisLabel]
                                                                def to string(self):
     report.addCol(thisLabel, thisCol)
                                                                     return self.statsdf.to string()
 print(report.to string())
File C:/Data/Heart Disease.xlsx is of size (303, 14)
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                                                                               0.528053
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```

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min

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A simple example