Chapter1_BasicDataHandling

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1 Chapter I: Basic Data Handling

```
[]: # step 0:
    # py -m pip install pandas
    # py -m pip install numpy

# import pandas
import pandas as pd # alias with a shorter name for reference
import numpy as np
```

1.0.1 Importing Data Sets from Files

The first step in any data science project is get data into a programming environment. Functions from Python package *pandas* can be used to import microsoft excel and csv files.

To import a data file into a programming environment, the path to the file needs to be specified. You need to know where files are stored on your computer, and how to navigate to them. Here is an example of how to import a data file into Python.

The *path* variable stores the location to the file being imported. Passing it to the pd.read_csv function allows the file to be located imported into the Python environment. The iris dataset now stored as a pandas dataframe in a variable called *iris_df*.

1.0.2 Investigating Dataframes

You can view the iris dataset by calling the variable it was assigned to.

```
[]:
     iris df
[]:
                 SepalLengthCm
                                  {\tt SepalWidthCm}
                                                  PetalLengthCm
                                                                    PetalWidthCm \
            Ιd
                                             3.5
                                                              1.4
                             5.1
                                                                              0.2
     0
             1
     1
             2
                             4.9
                                             3.0
                                                              1.4
                                                                              0.2
     2
             3
                             4.7
                                             3.2
                                                              1.3
                                                                              0.2
     3
             4
                             4.6
                                             3.1
                                                              1.5
                                                                              0.2
```

4	5	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2
	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••
145	146	6.7	3.0	5.2	2.3
146	147	6.3	2.5	5.0	1.9
147	148	6.5	3.0	5.2	2.0
148	149	6.2	3.4	5.4	2.3
149	150	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8

Species

- 0 Iris-setosa
- 1 Iris-setosa
- 2 Iris-setosa
- 3 Iris-setosa
- 4 Iris-setosa
- 145 Iris-virginica
- 146 Iris-virginica
- 147 Iris-virginica
- 148 Iris-virginica
- 149 Iris-virginica

[150 rows x 6 columns]

You can view the top n rows by using the head() method. Or the bottom n rows by using the tail() method.

[]: iris_df.head(5)

[]:	Id	${\tt SepalLengthCm}$	${\tt SepalWidthCm}$	${\tt PetalLengthCm}$	${\tt PetalWidthCm}$	Species
0	1	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
1	2	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
2	3	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	Iris-setosa
3	4	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	Iris-setosa
4	5	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa

Or the bottom n rows by using the tail() method.

[]: iris_df.tail(5)

Г1:		Id	SepalLengthCm	SepalWidthCm	PetalLengthCm	PetalWidthCm	\
	145	146	6.7	3.0	5.2	2.3	•
	146	147	6.3	2.5	5.0	1.9	
	147	148	6.5	3.0	5.2	2.0	
	148	149	6.2	3.4	5.4	2.3	
	149	150	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	

Species

145 Iris-virginica

```
146 Iris-virginica147 Iris-virginica148 Iris-virginica149 Iris-virginica
```

You can view the column in the iris dataset by using the columns attribute.

```
[]: iris_df.columns
```

You can confirm that this dataframe is a pandas dataframe by calling the type command.

```
[]: type(iris_df)
```

[]: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame

You can check the data type of each column by calling the dtypes attribute.

```
[]: iris_df.dtypes
```

```
[]: Id int64
SepalLengthCm float64
SepalWidthCm float64
PetalLengthCm float64
PetalWidthCm float64
Species object
dtype: object
```

1.0.3 Basic Dataframe Actions

Using the *pandas* package, you can merge dataframes together, add rows/columns, perform column-wise calculations, and sort rows.

Two pandas dataframes can be combined into a single dataframe using the *join* method. The *left_on* and *right_on* parameters allows you to specify which column exists in both dataframes to match rows together correctly.

```
[]: iris_all = iris_types.merge(iris_attributes, left_on='Id', right_on='Id')
iris_all.head(5)
```

```
Ιd
[]:
                          SepalLengthCm SepalWidthCm PetalLengthCm PetalWidthCm
                Species
                                     5.1
            Iris-setosa
                                                   3.5
                                                                    1.4
                                                                                  0.2
         2
            Iris-setosa
                                     4.9
                                                    3.0
                                                                   1.4
                                                                                  0.2
     1
                                     4.7
                                                   3.2
     2
            Iris-setosa
                                                                    1.3
                                                                                  0.2
     3
            Iris-setosa
                                     4.6
                                                    3.1
                                                                    1.5
                                                                                   0.2
            Iris-setosa
                                     5.0
                                                    3.6
                                                                    1.4
                                                                                  0.2
```

Rows can be added to pandas dataframes by using the .loc method. A new row is added to a dataframe by appending it after the last row.

```
[]: # create a new row as a list
new_row = [151, "New Flower", 5.0, 3.15, 1.2, 0.1]

# add list to the end of the dataframe as a new row
iris_all.loc[len(iris_all.index)] = new_row

#
iris_all.tail(1)
```

[]: Id Species SepalLengthCm SepalWidthCm PetalLengthCm PetalWidthCm 150 151 New Flower 5.0 3.15 1.2 0.1

We can add a column to a pandas dataframe declaring a new column and assigning values to it.

```
[]: iris_all['new_column'] = iris_all['SepalLengthCm'] - iris_all['SepalWidthCm'] iris_all.head(2)
```

```
[]:
        Ιd
                Species
                         SepalLengthCm
                                         SepalWidthCm PetalLengthCm PetalWidthCm \
            Iris-setosa
                                                                                0.2
         1
                                    5.1
                                                  3.5
                                                                  1.4
     1
            Iris-setosa
                                    4.9
                                                  3.0
                                                                  1.4
                                                                                0.2
```

new_column 0 1.6 1 1.9

Column-wise calculations can be performed on pandas dataframes. The describe method can be used to get basic statistics about each numeric column in the dataframe.

```
[]: iris_all.describe()
```

```
[]:
                       SepalLengthCm
                                       SepalWidthCm
                                                     PetalLengthCm PetalWidthCm
                    Ιd
     count 151.000000
                           151.000000
                                         151.000000
                                                         151.000000
                                                                       151.000000
             76.000000
                             5.837748
                                           3.054636
                                                           3.741722
                                                                         1.191391
    mean
             43.734045
                                                           1.770814
                                                                         0.765849
                             0.828150
                                           0.432217
     std
```

```
min
         1.000000
                          4.300000
                                         2.000000
                                                         1.000000
                                                                        0.100000
25%
        38.500000
                          5.100000
                                         2.800000
                                                                        0.300000
                                                         1.550000
50%
        76.000000
                          5.800000
                                         3.000000
                                                         4.300000
                                                                        1.300000
75%
                                                         5.100000
       113.500000
                          6.400000
                                         3.300000
                                                                        1.800000
       151.000000
                          7.900000
                                         4.400000
                                                         6.900000
                                                                        2.500000
max
       new_column
       151.000000
count
         2.783113
mean
std
         0.975566
min
         1.000000
25%
         1.800000
50%
         3.000000
75%
         3.600000
         5.100000
max
```

You can calculate the median of a numeric column by using the median method.

```
[]: iris_all['SepalLengthCm'].median()
```

[]: 5.8

You can calculate the sum of a numeric column by using the sum method.

```
[]: iris_all['SepalWidthCm'].sum()
```

[]: 461.25

You can sort a row based on the contents of a specific column using using the sort_values method. The ascending parameter controls the direction of sorting.

```
[]: iris_sorted = iris_all.sort_values(by='SepalLengthCm', ascending=False) iris_sorted.head(5)
```

[]:		Id	Species	${\tt SepalLengthCm}$	${\tt SepalWidthCm}$	${\tt PetalLengthCm}$	\
	131	132	Iris-virginica	7.9	3.8	6.4	
	122	123	Iris-virginica	7.7	2.8	6.7	
	118	119	Iris-virginica	7.7	2.6	6.9	
	135	136	Iris-virginica	7.7	3.0	6.1	
	117	118	Iris-virginica	7.7	3.8	6.7	

	PetalWidthCm	new column
131	2.0	4.1
122	2.0	4.9
118	2.3	5.1
135	2.3	4.7
117	2.2	3.9