# 1 Lecture 2: Data processing in Pandas library

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#### 1.1 Tabular data

- We will often work with data in the form of tables.
- Columns represent different features / variables (príznaky, atribúty, veličiny, premenné).
- Rows represent different items / data points / observations (countries, people, dates of measurement, ...).
- A small example:

Country	Region	Population	Area (km2)	Landlocked
Slovakia	Europe	5450421	49035	yes
Czech Republic	Europe	10649800	78866	yes
Hungary	Europe	9772756	93030	yes
Poland	Europe	38386000	312696	no

## 1.2 Pandas library

- Pandas is a Python library for data manipulation and analysis.
- It is fast and has many functions for data import and export in various formats.
- Documentation, overview, tutorial

Basic data structures

- Series: 1D table, all elements of the same type.
- DataFrame: 2D table, elements within each column of the same type.

#### NumPy library

- NumPy is a library of efficient multi-dimensional arrays used for numerical computations.
- We will mostly use Pandas, but some NumPy functions will be useful.
- Tutorial, reference

```
[93]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from IPython.display import Markdown
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

## 1.2.1 Creating Series and DataFrames

- Bellow we show two manual ways of creating a DataFrame containing the small table of countries above.
- The first way gets a Series for each column, the second way gets a dictionary (or a tuple) for each row.
- We will usually read tabular data from files, see an example in the second half this lecture.

```
country region population
                                       area landlocked
        Slovakia Europe
                            5450421
0
                                      49035
                                                   True
  Czech Republic Europe
1
                            10649800
                                      78866
                                                   True
2
         Hungary Europe
                            9772756
                                      93030
                                                   True
          Poland Europe
                           38386000 312696
                                                  False
```

	country	region	population	area	landlocked
0	Slovakia	Europe	5450421	49035	True
1	Czech Republic	Europe	10649800	78866	True
2	Hungary	Europe	9772756	93030	True
3	Poland	Europe	38386000	312696	False

#### 1.2.2 Accessing elements of Series and DataFrame by position

- Attribute ndim is the number of dimensions. E.g. areas.ndim is 1, table.ndim is 2.
- Attribute shape is a tuple holding the size in each dimension. E.g. areas.shape is (4,), table.shape is (4,5).
- Rows and columns are numbered 0, 1, ...
- To access a particular column / row, use some\_series.iloc[row] or some\_table.iloc[row, column].
- Rows and columns in iloc can be
  - a single number e.g. 0,

```
- a slice (range) e.g. 0:2 or : for everything,
```

- a list of positions e.g. [0, 2, 3]
- a list of boolean values [True, False, True, True].
- The result is a single element or a Series / DataFrame of a smaller size.

#### table:

```
country
                   region
                            population
                                           area
                                                 landlocked
0
         Slovakia
                   Europe
                               5450421
                                          49035
                                                        True
   Czech Republic
                    Europe
                              10649800
                                          78866
                                                        True
1
2
                                          93030
                                                        True
          Hungary
                    Europe
                               9772756
           Poland
3
                    Europe
                              38386000
                                         312696
                                                       False
```

## table.iloc[1, 2]:

10649800

## table.iloc[[0, 2, 3], 0:2]

```
country region
0 Slovakia Europe
2 Hungary Europe
3 Poland Europe
```

## table.iloc[[True, False, True, True], :]

```
country
             region population
                                          landlocked
                                    area
0
  Slovakia
             Europe
                        5450421
                                   49035
                                                True
             Europe
                                   93030
                                                True
2
    Hungary
                        9772756
3
     Poland Europe
                       38386000
                                  312696
                                               False
```

#### 1.2.3 Views vs. copies

- Accessing parts of tables by iloc may return a partial copy or simply a "view".
- If we later modify this result, it is not clear if the original table is modified.
- Direct assignment of new values to a part of the table works: some\_table.iloc[row, column] = new\_value modifies some\_table.
- To copy a table, use other\_table = some\_table.copy(deep=True).

```
[97]: table2 = table.copy(deep=True)
    # create a copy of the original table

table2.iloc[0,0] = 'Slovensko'
display(table2)
# table2 now has Slovensko instead of Slovakia
```

```
countries2 = table2.iloc[: , 0]
# countries2 is now a view or a copy of one column of table2
countries2.iloc[2] = 'Maďarsko'
display(table2)
# table2 now can have Hungary or Maďarsko
# we get a warning
```

```
country region population
                                   area landlocked
0
       Slovensko Europe
                         5450421
                                   49035
                                               True
  Czech Republic Europe
                         10649800 78866
                                               True
1
2
        Hungary Europe 9772756 93030
                                               True
3
         Poland Europe
                         38386000 312696
                                              False
```

/tmp/ipykernel\_1087193/2667016646.py:10: SettingWithCopyWarning: A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user\_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy countries2.iloc[2] = 'Maďarsko'

	country	region	population	area	landlocked
0	Slovensko	Europe	5450421	49035	True
1	Czech Republic	Europe	10649800	78866	True
2	Maďarsko	Europe	9772756	93030	True
3	Poland	Europe	38386000	312696	False

## 1.2.4 Inplace operations

- Many operations return a new table.
- If you do not need the original table, you can specify option inplace=True.
- The example below sorts a table by a specified column, returning a new table or replacing the old one.

```
[98]: # copy original table to table2
table2 = table.copy(deep=True)

# table3 is a copy of table2 sorted by population size
table3 = table2.sort_values(by="population")

# display both table2 and table3
display(Markdown("**Original table2:**"), table2)
display(Markdown("**Sorted table3:**"), table3)

# now change table2 to be sorted by name of the country
table2.sort_values(by="country", inplace=True)
display(Markdown("**Sorted table2:**"), table2)
```

## Original table2:

country region population area landlocked

0	Slovakia	Europe	5450421	49035	True
1	Czech Republic	Europe	10649800	78866	True
2	Hungary	Europe	9772756	93030	True
3	Poland	Europe	38386000	312696	False

#### Sorted table3:

	country	region	population	area	landlocked
0	Slovakia	Europe	5450421	49035	True
2	Hungary	Europe	9772756	93030	True
1	Czech Republic	Europe	10649800	78866	True
3	Poland	Europe	38386000	312696	False

#### Sorted table2:

	country	region	population	area	landlocked
1	Czech Republic	Europe	10649800	78866	True
2	Hungary	Europe	9772756	93030	True
3	Poland	Europe	38386000	312696	False
0	Slovakia	Europe	5450421	49035	True

#### 1.2.5 Indexes

- Rows and columns have both an integer location (0,1,2,...) and an index (name).
- In our table, column names are 'country', 'region' etc.
- We have not named rows, so a default location-based index was constructed.
  - See the sorted tables above—their index labels are kept from the original.
- Indexes can be obtained by attributes index and columns.
- We can set the country name as an index using set\_index, the opposite is reset\_index (in Series, use set\_axis and reset\_index).
- Index can be more complex (multiindex), we will see later.

```
table.columns is an object of class Index:
Index(['country', 'region', 'population', 'area', 'landlocked'], dtype='object')
table.columns.values is an array of column names:
array(['country', 'region', 'population', 'area', 'landlocked'],
      dtype=object)
table.index.values is an array of row names, here equal to location:
array([0, 1, 2, 3])
index for Series areas:
array([0, 1, 2, 3])
```

table after setting country name as index:

	region	population	area	landlocked
country				
Slovakia	Europe	5450421	49035	True
Czech Republic	Europe	10649800	78866	True
Hungary	Europe	9772756	93030	True
Poland	Europe	38386000	312696	False

## reset index will put the index back as a column:

	country	region	population	area	landlocked
0	Slovakia	Europe	5450421	49035	True
1	Czech Republic	Europe	10649800	78866	True
2	Hungary	Europe	9772756	93030	True
3	Poland	Europe	38386000	312696	False

#### 1.2.6 Accessing elements by index

- Method some table.loc[row, column] is an analog of iloc, but using indexes rather than locations.
- You can also use [], and pandas will try to guess whether it is an index or location (but sometimes it may guess wrong, so it is better to use explict iloc and loc).
- Some examples for Series:

```
[100]: populations2 = populations.set_axis(countries)
       display(Markdown("**`populations2` Series with index:**"), populations2)
       display(Markdown("**`populations2.loc['Slovakia']`**:"),
               populations2.loc['Slovakia'])
       display(Markdown("**`populations2.loc[['Slovakia', 'Poland']]`**:"),
               populations2.loc[['Slovakia','Poland']])
       display(Markdown("**`populations2[1]` and `populations2['Czech Republic']`**:"))
       display(populations2[1], populations2['Czech Republic'])
```

populations2 Series with index:

```
Slovakia
                   5450421
Czech Republic
                  10649800
Hungary
                   9772756
Poland
                  38386000
dtype: int64
populations2.loc['Slovakia']:
5450421
populations2.loc[['Slovakia', 'Poland']]:
Slovakia
             5450421
Poland
            38386000
dtype: int64
populations2[1] and populations2['Czech Republic']:
10649800
10649800
```

#### 1.2.7 Operations and functions on Series

- Operations such as +, \* can be applied on two Series, causing them to be used on each corresponding pair of elements.
- For example, populations / areas will compute population density for each country.
- You can also use a single number (scalar) as an operand, e.g. populations / 1e6 will get population in millions.
- NumPy also contains functions that can be applied to each element of a series, e.g. np.log(populations).
- Relational operators such as populations < 10e6 produce Series of boolean values.
  - Those can be then used in [] or loc.

#### populations2 / areas2:

```
Slovakia 111.153686
Czech Republic 135.036644
Hungary 105.049511
Poland 122.758206
dtype: float64
```

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populations2 / 1e6:

 Slovakia
 5.450421

 Czech Republic
 10.649800

 Hungary
 9.772756

 Poland
 38.386000

dtype: float64

## populations2 > 10e6:

Slovakia False Czech Republic True Hungary False Poland True

dtype: bool

## areas2[populations2 > 10e6]:

Czech Republic 78866 Poland 312696

dtype: int64

## np.log10(populations2):

 Slovakia
 6.736430

 Czech Republic
 7.027341

 Hungary
 6.990017

 Poland
 7.584173

dtype: float64

**Beware:** when we combine two Series, e.g. by +, Pandas will use index, not position, to pair up elements.

```
[102]: a = pd.Series([1, 2, 3, 4], index=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'])
b = pd.Series([10, 20, 30], index=['c', 'a', 'e'])
c = pd.Series([100, 200])
display(Markdown("**Series a:**"), a)
display(Markdown("**Series b:**"), b)
display(Markdown("**Series c:**"), c)
display(Markdown("**Series a+b:**"), a + b)
display(Markdown("**Series a+c:**"), a + c)
```

#### Series a:

a 1

b 2

c 3

d 4

dtype: int64

#### Series b:

c 10

a 20

```
30
dtype: int64
Series c:
0
     100
     200
dtype: int64
Series a+b:
     21.0
b
      NaN
     13.0
С
d
      NaN
      NaN
dtype: float64
Series a+c:
    NaN
a
    NaN
b
    NaN
С
d
    NaN
0
    NaN
    NaN
dtype: float64
```

## 1.2.8 Working with DataFrame columns

- DataFrame is similar to a dictionary of Series objects (columns).
- For example, table['area'] or table.area is the column of country areas.
- New columns can be added to a DataFrame: table['density'] = table['population'] / table['area']
- But table[0:2] are the first 2 rows of the table.
  - To be save, use loc[] / iloc[] rather than just [].
- By table[table['population'] > 1e7] we get countries with more that 10 million people (CZ, PL).

```
[103]: display(Markdown("**`table['area']`:**"), table['area'])
    display(Markdown("**`table.area`:**"), table.area)
    display(Markdown("**Adding density:**"))
    display(Markdown("`table['density'] = table['population'] / table['area']`"))
    table['density'] = table['population'] / table['area']
    display(Markdown("**`table[0:2]`:**"), table[0:2])
    display(Markdown("**`table[table['population'] > 1e7]`:**"),
        table[table['population'] > 1e7])
```

#### table['area']:

- 0 49035
- 1 78866

```
2
      93030
     312696
3
Name: area, dtype: int64
table.area:
      49035
1
      78866
2
      93030
     312696
Name: area, dtype: int64
Adding density:
table['density'] = table['population'] / table['area']
table[0:2]:
                                        area landlocked
          country region population
                                                             density
         Slovakia Europe
                              5450421
                                       49035
                                                    True 111.153686
  Czech Republic Europe
                             10649800 78866
                                                    True 135.036644
table[table['population'] > 1e7]:
          country region population
                                         area landlocked
                                                              density
  Czech Republic Europe
                                                     True 135.036644
                             10649800
                                        78866
3
           Poland Europe
                             38386000 312696
                                                    False 122.758206
```

#### 1.2.9 Selecting table rows with query

- Method query is very useful for selecting DataFrame rows satisfying some properties.
- In examples below, @ substitutes variable value.
- While loc[] and iloc[] raise an exception if the requested value is not found, query can return an empty table.

```
country region population area landlocked density
0 Slovakia Europe 5450421 49035 True 111.153686
```

### The same but for Hungary and using a function:

```
country region population area landlocked density 2 Hungary Europe 9772756 93030 True 105.049511
```

#### Query with an empty result:

```
table.query("population < 10e6 and not landlocked"):

Empty DataFrame

Columns: [country, region, population, area, landlocked, density]

Index: []
```

## 1.2.10 Importing and exporting data

- Import and export is possible using many file formats (text-based CSV, JSON, HTML; binary Excel, HDF5 etc.).
- We will mostly use CSV (=comma separated values) format.
  - Each table row is one line of the file.
  - Columns are separated by commas.
  - Columns containing commas or end-of-line characters may be enclosed in quotation marks.
  - Sometimes a different column separator is used, e.g. tab "\t".
- Writing our table to a csv file: table.to\_csv("countries.csv").
  - If run in Colab, this will create a temporary file, which you can save on your computer (see the right panel, tab Files).
- Conversely, table2 = pd.read\_csv("countries.csv", index\_col=0) will read data from the file to a new DataFrame called table2.
- Input and output functions allow you to set many optional arguments to tweak the format.

## 1.3 Example: a table of country populations from the United Nations

- Obtained from the UN webpage https://data.un.org/
- We will read the table in CSV format directly from a URL.
- We need to play a bit with settings:
  - We skip the top two lines.
  - We supply our own (simpler) column names.
  - We specify character encoding (default is UTF8) and that thousands are separted by a comma in numerical values, such as 1,000,000.
  - Note that empty fields (missing values) are imported as np.NaN.

```
un table.head()
[105]:
          Region ID
                                             Region
                                                     Year
                     Total, all countries or areas
                                                     2010
       0
       1
                     Total, all countries or areas
                                                     2010
       2
                  1 Total, all countries or areas
                                                     2010
                  1 Total, all countries or areas
       3
                                                     2010
                  1 Total, all countries or areas
                                                     2010
                                                      Series
                                                                Value Footnotes \
                   Population mid-year estimates (millions)
                                                                            NaN
       1
        Population mid-year estimates for males (milli... 3514.41
                                                                          NaN
                                                            3471.20
       2
         Population mid-year estimates for females (mil...
                                                                          NaN
       3
                          Sex ratio (males per 100 females)
                                                               101.20
                                                                            NaN
       4
             Population aged 0 to 14 years old (percentage)
                                                                27.10
                                                                            NaN
       O United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
       1 United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
       2 United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
       3 United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
       4 United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
[106]: # print the last 5 rows, to see if the bottom looks ok
       un_table.tail()
[106]:
             Region ID
                          Region
                                  Year
                        Zimbabwe
       7868
                                  2022
                   716
       7869
                   716 Zimbabwe
                                  2022
       7870
                   716
                        Zimbabwe
                                  2022
       7871
                   716
                        Zimbabwe
                                  2022
       7872
                   716 Zimbabwe
                                  2022
                                                         Series Value \
       7868
             Population mid-year estimates for females (mil...
                                                                8.61
                             Sex ratio (males per 100 females)
       7869
                                                                 89.40
       7870
                Population aged 0 to 14 years old (percentage)
                                                                 40.60
       7871
                    Population aged 60+ years old (percentage)
                                                                  4.80
                                            Population density 42.20
       7872
                                                   Footnotes \
       7868 Projected estimate (medium fertility variant).
       7869 Projected estimate (medium fertility variant).
       7870 Projected estimate (medium fertility variant).
       7871 Projected estimate (medium fertility variant).
       7872 Projected estimate (medium fertility variant).
```

# print the first 5 rows to check the result

```
Source
```

```
7868 United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
7869 United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
7870 United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
7871 United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
7872 United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
```

```
[107]: # check types of columns; strings are imported as object, which is expected un_table.dtypes
```

```
[107]: Region ID int64
Region object
Year int64
Series object
Value float64
Footnotes object
Source object
dtype: object
```

- Each country has data for several years.
- There are several values per country and year, e.g. total population, the number of men and women, sizes of three age groups.
- The first part of the table contains various continents and regions, later individual countries arranged alphabetically from 'Afghanistan' to 'Zimbabwe'.

#### 1.3.1 A simple table with total population across years

We will create a simpler table country\_pop.

- It will contain only countries, not regions.
- It will contain only rows with total population, all available years.
- It will contain columns Country (originally Region) , Year, and Population (originally Value).

```
[108]:
                Country
                          Year
                                Population
       930
            Afghanistan
                          2010
                                      28.19
       937
            Afghanistan
                                      33.75
                          2015
       945
            Afghanistan
                          2020
                                      38.97
            Afghanistan
       953
                          2022
                                      41.13
       960
                Albania
                          2010
                                       2.91
```

## 1.4 Tidy data, wide and long tables

- The original UN table has in column Value various values, including population size, sex ratio, population density, etc.
- In general, one column of a table should contain values of the same type.
- This is true in our country\_pop table with columns Country, Year, and Population.
- This type of table is called **long** and is usually preferable.
- For some analysis, we may want to have countries as rows and years as columns; this is called a wide table.
- Pandas has methods to convert between the two formats, e.g. wide\_to\_long, melt, pivot, unstack etc.
- See the article Tidy data by Hadley Wickham for a longer discussion.

## 1.5 Back to example: comparing populations in 2010 and 2022

- We select only two years from country\_pop.
- Function pivot will use the column Country as the row index, values from column Year as new column names and values from column Population as values to populate the table itself.
- Finally we rename the columns so that they are strings starting with a letter; otherwise they are harder to be used in query.

#### Original country\_pop table:

```
Country Year
                        Population
930
    Afghanistan
                  2010
                             28.19
    Afghanistan
                             33.75
937
                  2015
945
    Afghanistan 2020
                             38.97
    Afghanistan
                             41.13
953
                  2022
960
         Albania 2010
                              2.91
```

#### New pop table:

```
Year
                pop2010 pop2022
Country
Afghanistan
                   28.19
                            41.13
Albania
                    2.91
                             2.84
Algeria
                  35.86
                            44.90
American Samoa
                    0.05
                             0.04
Andorra
                    0.07
                             0.08
```

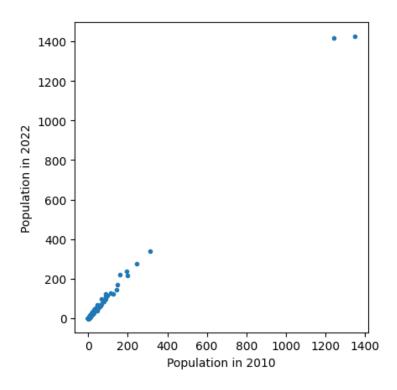
```
[110]: # compute the difference between years for each country (positive = increase)
pop['difference'] = pop['pop2022'] - pop['pop2010']
# relative difference, as a fraction of population in 2010
# (value 1 means 100% increase)
pop['relDifference'] = pop['difference'] / pop['pop2010']
pop.head()
```

```
[110]: Year
                       pop2010 pop2022 difference relDifference
       Country
       Afghanistan
                         28.19
                                   41.13
                                               12.94
                                                            0.459028
       Albania
                                               -0.07
                          2.91
                                    2.84
                                                           -0.024055
       Algeria
                         35.86
                                   44.90
                                                9.04
                                                            0.252091
       American Samoa
                          0.05
                                    0.04
                                               -0.01
                                                           -0.200000
       Andorra
                          0.07
                                    0.08
                                                0.01
                                                            0.142857
```

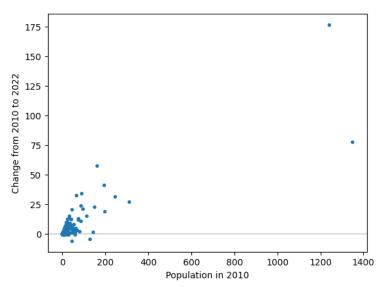
Now we will use this table to create some plots and tables.

- What can you observe from these data displays?
- Are some of these visualizations more useful than others or are they complementary? How could we improve them?
- What other questions you could ask about this table and how would you answer them using plots or tables?

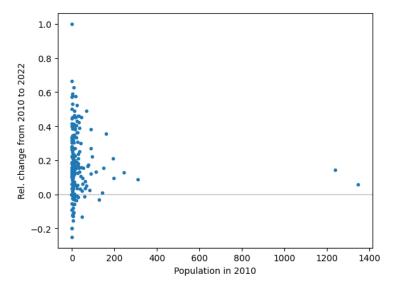
```
[111]: figure, axes = plt.subplots()
    axes.plot(pop.pop2010, pop.pop2022, '.')
    axes.set_aspect('equal')
    axes.set_xlabel('Population in 2010')
    axes.set_ylabel('Population in 2022')
    pass
```



```
[112]: figure, axes = plt.subplots()
   axes.axhline(0, color="lightgrey")
   axes.plot(pop.pop2010, pop.difference, '.')
   axes.set_xlabel('Population in 2010')
   axes.set_ylabel('Change from 2010 to 2022')
   pass
```



```
[113]: figure, axes = plt.subplots()
   axes.axhline(0, color="lightgrey")
   axes.plot(pop.pop2010, pop.relDifference, '.')
   axes.set_xlabel('Population in 2010')
   axes.set_ylabel('Rel. change from 2010 to 2022')
   pass
```



#### pop.sort\_values('relDifference').head(10) [114]: Year pop2022 difference relDifference pop2010 Country 0.04 0.03 -0.01 Saint Martin (French part) -0.250000 American Samoa 0.05 0.04 -0.01 -0.200000 Marshall Islands 0.05 0.04 -0.01 -0.200000 3.23 -0.58 -0.152231 Bosnia and Herzegovina 3.81 -5.98 Ukraine 45.68 39.70 -0.130911 Puerto Rico 3.72 3.25 -0.47-0.126344 Lithuania 3.14 2.75 -0.39-0.124204 2.10 -0.25 -0.119048 Latvia 1.85 Republic of Moldova 3.68 3.27 -0.41-0.111413 Bulgaria 7.59 6.78 -0.81 -0.106719 pop.sort\_values('relDifference', ascending=False).head(10) [115]:

[115]: Year

Country Anguilla

```
0.03
                                             0.05
                                                          0.02
Turks and Caicos Islands
                                                                      0.666667
Jordan
                                    6.93
                                            11.29
                                                          4.36
                                                                      0.629149
                                    2.88
Oman
                                             4.58
                                                          1.70
                                                                      0.590278
                                             2.70
                                    1.71
                                                          0.99
Qatar
                                                                      0.578947
Niger
                                   16.65
                                            26.21
                                                          9.56
                                                                      0.574174
                                    0.21
                                             0.33
                                                                      0.571429
Mayotte
                                                          0.12
Equatorial Guinea
                                    1.09
                                             1.67
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                                                                      0.532110
Angola
                                            35.59
                                  23.36
                                                         12.23
                                                                      0.523545
Bonaire, St. Eustatius & Saba
                                    0.02
                                             0.03
                                                          0.01
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Year	pop2010	pop2022	difference	relDifference
Country				
Slovakia	5.40	5.64	0.24	0.044444
Czechia	10.46	10.49	0.03	0.002868
Hungary	9.99	9.97	-0.02	-0.002002
Poland	38.60	39.86	1.26	0.032642
Austria	8.36	8.94	0.58	0.069378
Ukraine	45.68	39.70	-5.98	-0.130911

# 1.6 Summary and outlook

- We will work mostly with tabular data.
- We will store them in DataFrame from Pandas library.
- This is more convenient and more efficient than regular Python lists.
- $\bullet\,$  We have seen several functions for basic manipulation:
  - iloc[], loc[], query, head, set\_index, reset\_index, rename, pivot, copy, sort\_values, operations and functions on Series.
- Next lecture will be focused on examples of different chart types.
- More Pandas later.