# 1 Lecture 2: Data processing in Pandas library

Data Visualization · 1-DAV-105

Lecture by Broňa Brejová

#### 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

```
[1]: 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
0
                             5450421
                                       49035
                                                    True
1
  Czech Republic Europe
                            10649800
                                       78866
                                                    True
2
         Hungary Europe
                             9772756
                                       93030
                                                    True
3
          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:

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

## table.iloc[1, 2]:

np.int64(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], :]

```
landlocked
    country region
                     population
                                    area
0
  Slovakia
             Europe
                        5450421
                                   49035
                                                True
2
   Hungary
             Europe
                        9772756
                                   93030
                                                True
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).

```
[]: 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
       Slovensko Europe
                            5450421
                                      49035
                                                  True
0
  Czech Republic Europe
                           10649800
                                      78866
                                                   True
1
2
         Hungary Europe
                            9772756
                                      93030
                                                  True
3
          Poland Europe
                           38386000 312696
                                                 False
```

/tmp/ipykernel\_858765/2667016646.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.

```
[6]: # 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.

```
table3 = table2.reset_index()
display(table3)
```

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 use just [] instead of loc, but this is sometimes ambiguous whether you mean iloc or loc.
- Some examples for Series:

```
populations2['Czech Republic'])
```

## populations2 Series with index:

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

## populations2 / areas2:

```
Slovakia 111.153686
Czech Republic 135.036644
Hungary 105.049511
```

Poland 122.758206

dtype: float64

#### 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.

```
[10]: 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:
     10
     20
a
     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
b
    NaN
С
    NaN
    NaN
d
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']
- By table[table['population'] > 1e7] we get countries with more that 10 million people (CZ, PL).

```
[11]: 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[table['population'] > 1e7]`:**"),
        table[table['population'] > 1e7])
```

table['area']:

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

The same but for Hungary and using a function:

country region population

2 Hungary Europe

• While loc[] and iloc[] raise an exception if the requested value is not found, query can return an empty table.

```
[12]: display(Markdown("**`table.query(\"country=='Slovakia'\")`:**"),
              table.query("country=='Slovakia'"))
      def get_country(table, country):
        """Get a given country from the table"""
        return table.query("country == @country")
      display(Markdown("**The same but for Hungary and using a function:**"),
              get_country(table, 'Hungary'))
      display(Markdown("**Query with an empty result:**"))
      display(Markdown("`table.query(\"population < 10e6 and not landlocked\")`:"))</pre>
      display(table.query("population < 10e6 and not landlocked"))</pre>
     table.query("country=='Slovakia'"):
         country region population
                                        area
                                              landlocked
                                                              density
     O Slovakia Europe
                              5450421
                                       49035
                                                    True 111.153686
```

landlocked

density

True 105.049511

area

9772756 93030

## 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".
  - We have used a CSV file in Homework 1: a table with life expectancies of different countries in different years.
- 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.

```
[13]:
         Region ID
                                            Region Year \
      0
                    Total, all countries or areas
                                                    2010
                   Total, all countries or areas
      1
                                                    2010
      2
                 1 Total, all countries or areas
                                                    2010
      3
                 1 Total, all countries or areas
                                                    2010
                 1 Total, all countries or areas
                                                    2010
                                                     Series
                                                               Value Footnotes \
      0
                  Population mid-year estimates (millions)
                                                             6985.60
                                                                           NaN
      1
        Population mid-year estimates for males (milli... 3514.41
                                                                         NaN
        Population mid-year estimates for females (mil...
                                                           3471.20
                                                                         NaN
                         Sex ratio (males per 100 females)
      3
                                                              101.20
                                                                           NaN
      4
                                                               27.10
            Population aged 0 to 14 years old (percentage)
                                                                           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, ...
[14]: # print the last 5 rows, to see if the bottom looks ok
      un_table.tail()
[14]:
            Region ID
                         Region
                                 Year
      7868
                  716
                       Zimbabwe
                                 2022
      7869
                  716 Zimbabwe
                                 2022
      7870
                  716 Zimbabwe 2022
                  716 Zimbabwe 2022
      7871
      7872
                  716 Zimbabwe 2022
                                                        Series Value \
            Population mid-year estimates for females (mil...
      7868
                                                               8.61
      7869
                            Sex ratio (males per 100 females)
                                                                89.40
      7870
               Population aged 0 to 14 years old (percentage)
                                                                40.60
      7871
                   Population aged 60+ years old (percentage)
                                                                 4.80
      7872
                                           Population density
                                                                42.20
                                                  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).
      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, ...
```

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

```
[15]: 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).

```
[16]: # get all rows for Afghanistan, choose the label for the first of them
      first_country = un_table.query('Region == "Afghanistan"').index[0]
      # get all rows from the first Afghanistan onwards and all columns
      un_countries = un_table.iloc[first_country:, :]
      # get only rows with total population and select only some columns using loc
      country_pop = (un_countries
                     .query('Series=="Population mid-year estimates (millions)"')
                     .loc[:, ['Region', 'Year', 'Value']]
                     .rename(columns={'Value':'Population', 'Region':'Country'}))
      # print the start of the result
      country_pop.head()
```

```
[16]:
              Country Year Population
     930 Afghanistan
                       2010
                                  28.19
     937 Afghanistan
                                  33.75
                       2015
     945 Afghanistan
                       2020
                                  38.97
```

```
953 Afghanistan 2022 41.13
960 Albania 2010 2.91
```

## 1.4 Tidy data, wide and long tables

- The original UN table has in Value column 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 it 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
   Afghanistan 2010
930
                            28.19
937
    Afghanistan 2015
                            33.75
    Afghanistan 2020
                            38.97
945
    Afghanistan 2022
                            41.13
953
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
```

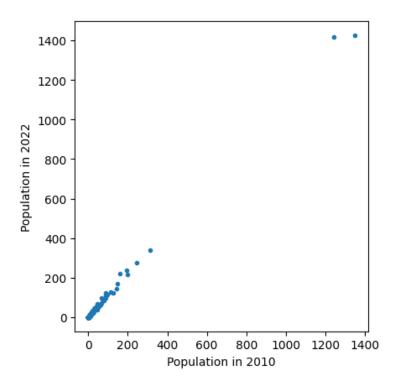
```
[18]: # compute the difference between years for each country (positive = increase)
pop['difference'] = pop['pop2022'] - pop['pop2010']
# relative difference, as a fraction of population in 2010
# (value 1 means 100% increase)
pop['relDifference'] = pop['difference'] / pop['pop2010']
pop.head()
```

[18]:	Year	pop2010	pop2022	difference	relDifference
	Country				
	Afghanistan	28.19	41.13	12.94	0.459028
	Albania	2.91	2.84	-0.07	-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

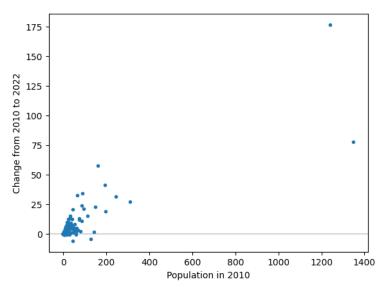
Now we will use this table to create some plots and tables.

- 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?

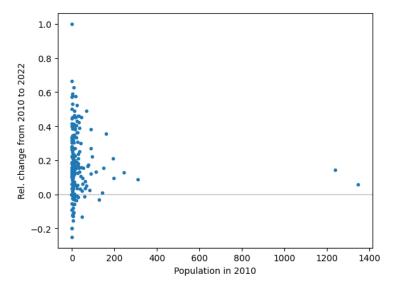
```
[19]: figure, axes = plt.subplots()
   axes.plot(pop.pop2010, pop.pop2022, '.')
   axes.set_aspect('equal')
   axes.set_xlabel('Population in 2010')
   axes.set_ylabel('Population in 2022')
   pass
```



```
[20]: 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
```



```
[21]: 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
```



# [22]: pop.sort\_values('relDifference').head(10)

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

```
[23]: pop.sort_values('relDifference', ascending=False).head(10)
```

[23]:	Year	pop2010	pop2022	difference	relDifference
	Country				
	Anguilla	0.01	0.02	0.01	1.000000

Turks and Caicos Islands	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.666667
Jordan	6.93	11.29	4.36	0.629149
Oman	2.88	4.58	1.70	0.590278
Qatar	1.71	2.70	0.99	0.578947
Niger	16.65	26.21	9.56	0.574174
Mayotte	0.21	0.33	0.12	0.571429
Equatorial Guinea	1.09	1.67	0.58	0.532110
Angola	23.36	35.59	12.23	0.523545
Bonaire, St. Eustatius & Saba	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.500000

```
[]: neighbor_countries = ['Slovakia', 'Czechia', 'Hungary', 'Poland', 'Austria', □

→'Ukraine']

neighbors = pop.loc[neighbor_countries, : ]

display(neighbors)
```

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.
- 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.