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

- https://pandas.pydata.org/, documentation, overview, tutorial
- 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

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

- https://numpy.org/, tutorial, reference
- 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.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from IPython.display import Markdown
```

1.2.1 Creating Series and DataFrame

```
region
                            population
                                                  landlocked
          country
                                            area
0
         Slovakia
                    Europe
                                5450421
                                           49035
                                                         True
1
   Czech Republic
                    Europe
                               10649800
                                           78866
                                                         True
          Hungary
2
                    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 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:

```
region population
                                                landlocked
          country
                                           area
0
         Slovakia
                   Europe
                               5450421
                                          49035
                                                        True
   Czech Republic
                   Europe
                              10649800
                                          78866
                                                        True
1
2
                                          93030
                                                        True
          Hungary
                   Europe
                               9772756
3
           Poland
                   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 area landlocked Slovakia Europe 5450421 49035 True Hungary Europe 9772756 93030 True 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 ne wvalues to 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).

```
[4]: 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.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
1	Czech Republic	Europe	10649800	78866	True
2	Hungary	Europe	9772756	93030	True
3	Poland	Europe	38386000	312696	False

/tmp/ipykernel_982246/1022731433.py:9: 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.

```
[5]: # 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.

```
[6]: display(Markdown("**`table.columns` is an object of class `Index`:**"), table.
      ⇔columns)
     display(Markdown("**`table.columns.values` is an array of column names:**"),
             table.columns.values)
     display(Markdown("**`table.index.values` is an array of row names, here equal⊔

→to location:**"),
             table.index.values)
     display(Markdown("**`index` for Series `areas`:**"), areas.index.values)
     display(Markdown("**`table` after setting country name as index:**"))
     table2 = table.set_index('country')
     display(table2)
     display(Markdown("**`reset index` will put the index back as a column:**"))
     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:
                                          area landlocked
                    region population
    country
                                         49035
    Slovakia
                    Europe
                               5450421
                                                       True
    Czech Republic Europe
                                         78866
                              10649800
                                                       True
    Hungary
                    Europe
                               9772756
                                         93030
                                                       True
                              38386000 312696
    Poland
                    Europe
                                                      False
    reset index will put the index back as a column:
              country region population
                                             area landlocked
    0
             Slovakia Europe
                                  5450421
                                             49035
                                                          True
                                             78866
    1 Czech Republic Europe
                                 10649800
                                                          True
              Hungary Europe
    2
                                  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.
- Some examples for Series:

```
[7]: 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']:
```

populationsz.ioc biovakia j

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 < 10e6produce Series of boolean values.
 - Those can be then used in [] or loc.

```
[8]: # creating two Series with country as index
     populations2 = populations.set_axis(countries)
     areas2 = areas.set_axis(countries)
     display(Markdown("**`populations2 / areas2`:**"), populations2 / areas2)
     display(Markdown("**`populations2 / 1e6`:**"), populations2 / 1e6)
     display(Markdown("**`populations2 > 10e6`:**"), populations2 > 10e6)
     display(Markdown("**`areas2[populations2 > 10e6]`:**"), areas2.loc[populations2]
      →> 10e6])
     display(Markdown("**`np.log10(populations2)`:**"), np.log10(populations2))
    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
                      False
    Hungary
    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.

```
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 e 30
- dtype: int64

Series c:

0 100 1 200 dtype: int64

Series a+b:

a 21.0
b NaN
c 13.0
d NaN
e NaN
dtype: float64

Series a+c:

- a NaN
- b NaN
- c NaN
- d NaN
- 0 NaN
- 1 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.
- Columns can be added 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).

```
[10]: 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
           78866
     1
     2
           93030
     3
          312696
     Name: area, dtype: int64
     table.area:
     0
           49035
           78866
     1
     2
           93030
     3
          312696
     Name: area, dtype: int64
     Adding density:
     table['density'] = table['population'] / table['area']
     table[0:2]:
               country region population
                                              area landlocked
                                                                   density
              Slovakia Europe
     0
                                    5450421
                                             49035
                                                          True 111.153686
        Czech Republic Europe
                                   10649800 78866
                                                          True
                                                                135.036644
     table[table['population'] > 1e7]:
               country region population
                                               area landlocked
                                                                    density
                                   10649800
        Czech Republic Europe
                                                           True 135.036644
                                              78866
     1
```

1.2.9 Query

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• Method query is very useful for selecting DataFrame rows satisfying some properties.

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• In examples below, @ substitutes variable value.

Poland Europe

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

False 122.758206

table.query("country=='Slovakia'"):

```
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: []</pre>
```

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 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.

```
[12]: # original source:
      # url = 'https://data.un.org/_Docs/SYB/CSV/
       →SYB65_1_202209_Population, %20Surface%20Area%20and%20Density.csv'
      # our local copy:
      url = 'https://bbrejova.github.io/viz/data/Un_population.csv'
      column_names = ['Region ID', 'Region', 'Year',
                      'Series', 'Value', 'Footnotes', 'Source']
      un_table = pd.read_csv(url, encoding='latin-1', names=column_names, skiprows=2,_
       →thousands=",")
      # print the first 5 rows to check the result
      un_table.head()
[12]:
         Region ID
                                           Region Year \
                    Total, all countries or areas
                                                   2010
      0
                 1 Total, all countries or areas
      1
                                                   2010
                 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
        Population mid-year estimates for males (milli... 3514.41
                                                                         NaN
      2 Population mid-year estimates for females (mil... 3471.20
                                                                         NaN
                         Sex ratio (males per 100 females)
      3
                                                              101.20
                                                                           NaN
      4
            Population aged 0 to 14 years old (percentage)
                                                               27.10
                                                                           NaN
                                                    Source
      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, ...
[13]: # print the last 5 rows, to see if the bottom looks ok
      un_table.tail()
[13]:
            Region ID
                         Region Year \
      7868
                  716
                       Zimbabwe
                                 2022
      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
      7869
                            Sex ratio (males per 100 females)
                                                                89.40
               Population aged 0 to 14 years old (percentage)
      7870
                                                                40.60
                   Population aged 60+ years old (percentage)
      7871
                                                                 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).
                                                        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, ...
[14]: # check types of columns; strings are imported as object, which is expected
      un_table.dtypes
[14]: Region ID
                     int64
      Region
                    object
      Year
                     int64
      Series
                    object
                   float64
      Value
                    object
      Footnotes
      Source
                    object
```

• Each country has data for several years.

dtype: object

- 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).

```
[24]:
               Country Year
                             Population
          Afghanistan
      930
                        2010
                                   28.19
     937
          Afghanistan
                        2015
                                   33.75
          Afghanistan
      945
                        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 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.

```
[26]: display(Markdown("**Original `country_pop` table:**"), country_pop.head())

pop = (country_pop.query("Year==2010 or Year==2022")
    .pivot(index='Country', columns=['Year'], values='Population')
    .rename(columns={2010:'pop2010', 2022:'pop2022'}))

display(Markdown("**New `pop` table:**"), pop.head())
```

Original country_pop table:

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

```
[17]: # compute the difference between years for each country (positive = increase)

pop['difference'] = pop['pop2022'] - pop['pop2010']

# relative difference, percentual increase compared to 2010

pop['relDifference'] = pop['difference'] / pop['pop2010']

pop.head()
```

[17]:	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?

```
[18]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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
```

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

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

```
[21]: pop.sort_values('relDifference').head(10)
```

[21]:	Year	pop2010	pop2022	difference	relDifference
	Country				
	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

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

[22]:	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

[23]: pop.loc[['Slovakia','Czechia','Hungary','Poland','Austria','Ukraine'], :]

[23]:	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.