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

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

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], :]

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

```
[6]: 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
                         10649800 78866
                                               True
1
  Czech Republic Europe
2
        Hungary Europe 9772756 93030
                                               True
3
         Poland Europe
                         38386000 312696
                                              False
```

/tmp/ipykernel_805516/2667016646.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.

```
[7]: # 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.

	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 just [] instead of loc.
- Some examples for Series:

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 [] or 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.

```
[11]: 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
a
      NaN
b
     13.0
С
d
      NaN
      NaN
dtype: float64
Series a+c:
    NaN
а
    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']
- By table[table['population'] > 1e7] we get countries with more that 10 million people (CZ, PL).

```
[26]: 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
1 78866
2 93030
3 312696
Name: area, dtype: int64
```

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

```
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: []
```

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.

```
[14]: Region ID Region Year \
0 1 Total, all countries or areas 2010
1 Total, all countries or areas 2010
2 1 Total, all countries or areas 2010
```

```
1 Total, all countries or areas
      4
                                                    2010
                                                     Series
                                                                Value Footnotes
                  Population mid-year estimates (millions)
                                                              6985.60
      0
                                                                            NaN
         Population mid-year estimates for males (milli... 3514.41
                                                                          NaN
      1
         Population mid-year estimates for females (mil... 3471.20
                                                                          NaN
      3
                         Sex ratio (males per 100 females)
                                                               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, ...
[15]: # print the last 5 rows, to see if the bottom looks ok
      un_table.tail()
[15]:
                         Region Year
            Region ID
                       Zimbabwe
                                 2022
      7868
                  716
      7869
                  716
                       Zimbabwe
                                 2022
      7870
                  716
                                 2022
                       Zimbabwe
      7871
                  716
                       Zimbabwe
                                 2022
      7872
                  716
                       Zimbabwe
                                 2022
                                                        Series
                                                                Value \
            Population mid-year estimates for females (mil...
                                                                8.61
      7868
      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
                                            Population density
      7872
                                                                42.20
                                                  Footnotes \
      7868
            Projected estimate (medium fertility variant).
      7869 Projected estimate (medium fertility variant).
      7870 Projected estimate (medium fertility variant).
            Projected estimate (medium fertility variant).
      7871
      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, ...
            United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
      7871
      7872 United Nations Population Division, New York, ...
```

Total, all countries or areas

2010

3

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

```
[16]: 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).

```
[17]:
               Country Year
                              Population
      930 Afghanistan
                       2010
                                   28.19
          Afghanistan
      937
                                   33.75
                       2015
          Afghanistan
                                   38.97
      945
                       2020
      953
          Afghanistan
                                   41.13
                       2022
      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
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

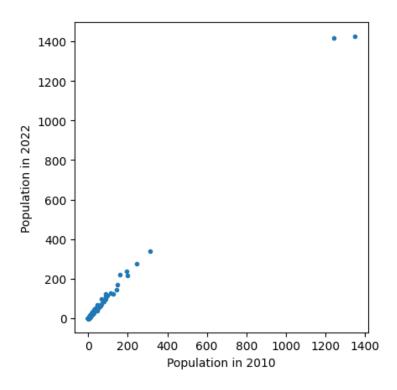
```
[19]: # compute the difference between years for each country (positive = increase)
pop['difference'] = pop['pop2022'] - pop['pop2010']
# relative difference, as a fraction of population in 2010
# (value 1 means 100% increase)
pop['relDifference'] = pop['difference'] / pop['pop2010']
pop.head()
```

[19]:	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

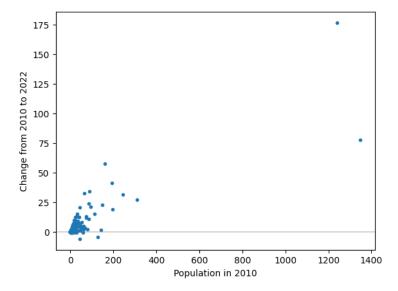
Now we will use this table to create some plots and tables.

- 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?

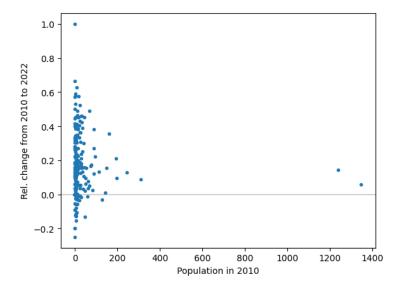
```
[20]: figure, axes = plt.subplots()
   axes.plot(pop.pop2010, pop.pop2022, '.')
   axes.set_aspect('equal')
   axes.set_xlabel('Population in 2010')
   axes.set_ylabel('Population in 2022')
   pass
```



```
[21]: 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
```



```
[22]: 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
```



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

[23]:	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	

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

[24]:	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

```
[25]: 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.