

Pandas (*)

Pandas (Panel Data) is an open source Python library for data analysis (*).

To describe Pandas we use the Jupyter Notebook editor, part of Anaconda installation

To start using Pandas we import the following modules:



It is usual to refer to **numpy** module as **np** and **pandas** module as **pd**

Pandas has the following data structures:

Series - is a one-dimensional array that can hold any data type (int, float, string, objects, etc.). It has an axis label, known as index.

DataFrame - is a two-dimensional data structure where each column can have different data types. The DataFrame concept is similar to a spreadsheet or SQL table.

(*) https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/index.html



Pandas – data structures - Series

To create a Series in Pandas: s = pd.Series(data, index=index)

data can be:

- a Python dict
- a Python list
- a ndarray
- a scalar value

index is a list of axis labels:

- if data is an array, **index** must be of same length
- if there is no **index**, one will be created [0,...,len(data)-1]
- index can have non-unique values
- when data is a dict and there is no index the index will be the dict keys



Pandas - Create a Series - examples

Import NumPy and Pandas modules

Out[3]: RangeIndex(start=0, stop=4, step=1)

```
In [1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
```

Creates a Series from a Python list. If no index is passed one will be created by default

Creates a Series from an ndarray using NumPy randn function (samples from a standard normal distribution)

```
In [4]: s2 = pd.Series(np.random.randn(4), index = ["a","b","c","d"])
s2
Out[4]: a    1.558118
    b    0.276449
    c    0.406288
    d   -1.285551
    dtype: float64

In [5]: s2.index
Out[5]: Index(['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'], dtype='object')
```

Creates a Series from a dict. If no index is passed dict keys will be the index

Pandas alligns the values by the indexes. It uses NumPy np.nan (Not a Number) if there is no value.

Creates a Series from a scalar value

```
In [8]: s5 = pd.Series(5, index = ['a','b','c'])
s5
Out[8]: a    5
    b    5
    c    5
    dtype: int64
```



Pandas Series - examples

Series acts very similarly to a ndarray and can be used as a valid argument to most NumPy functions

A Series element can be accessed as in a ndarray

```
In [9]: s2[0]
 Out[9]: 1.5581183754618142
          Slicing can be used but includes the index
In [10]: s2[:3]
Out[10]: a
               1.558118
               0.276449
               0.406288
          dtype: float64
          A list of boolean can be used to access the values
In [11]: s2[s2 > s2.mean()]
Out[11]: a
               1.558118
               0.276449
               0.406288
          dtype: float64
          A list of numeric indexes can be used to access the values
In [12]: s2[[3,0,1]]
              -1.285551
               1.558118
               0.276449
```

Series can be used with most NumPy functions

```
In [14]: s2.dtype
Out[14]: dtype('float64')
```

A Pandas array can be obtained without index

```
In [15]: s2.array
Out[15]: <PandasArray>
       [1.558118, 0.276449, 0.406288, -1.285551]
       Length: 4, dtype: float64
```

A Series can be converted to a NumPy array

```
In [16]: s2.to_numpy()
Out[16]: array([ 1.558118,  0.276449,  0.406288, -1.285551])
```

dtype: float64



Pandas Series - examples

Series is like a fixed-size dict in that you can access the values by index label

```
In [17]: s2["a"]
Out[17]: 1.558118
In [18]: s2["b"] = 20
In [19]: s2
Out[19]: a
               1.558118
               20.000000
                0.406288
               -1.285551
         dtype: float64
In [20]: "c" in s2
Out[20]: True
         Operations between Series automatically
         align the data based on labels
In [21]: s2[1:] + s2[:-1]
Out[21]: a
                     NaN
               40.000000
                0.812576
                     NaN
         dtype: float64
          The result of an operation between unaligned Series
```

The result of an operation between unaligned Series will have the union of the indexes involved

Series can have a name attribute

```
In [22]: s6 = pd.Series(np.random.randn(4), name = 'something')
Out[22]: 0
             -1.325993
              -0.937542
              -0.524005
              0.710252
         Name: something, dtype: float64
In [23]: s6.name
Out[23]: 'something'
         that can be renamed
In [24]: s6.rename('different',inplace=True)
Out[24]: 0
             -1.325993
             -0.937542
             -0.524005
              0.710252
         Name: different, dtype: float64
In [25]: s6.name
Out[25]: 'different'
```



Pandas – data structures - DataFrame

A DataFrame accepts different kind of inputs:

- Dict of 1D ndarrays, lists, dicts, or Series
- 2-D numpy.ndarray
- Structured or record ndarray
- A Series
- Another DataFrame

The input can optionally have index (row labels) and columns (column labels) arguments.

If axis labels are not used, they will be built based on common sense rules



Pandas – Create a DataFrame - examples

A DataFrame can be created from a dict of Series or dicts

```
In [26]: d = {
    "one": pd.Series([1.0, 2.0, 3.0], index=["a", "b", "c"]),
    "two": pd.Series([1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0], index=["a", "b", "c", "d"]),
}
df = pd.DataFrame(d)
df

Out[26]:
    one two
    a    1.0    1.0
    b    2.0    2.0
    c    3.0    3.0
    d NaN    4.0
```

Values are alligned by the index and NaN is assigned for no existing values

If columns is passed along with a dict of data the passed columns override the keys in the dict.

The row and column labels can be accessed respectively by accessing the index and columns attributes

```
In [29]: df.index
Out[29]: Index(['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'], dtype='object')
In [30]: df.columns
Out[30]: Index(['one', 'two'], dtype='object')
```

Create a DataFrame from dict of ndarrays / lists

```
In [31]: d = {"one": [1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0], "two": [4.0, 3.0, 2.0, 1.0]}
```

If no index is passed the index will be range(n), n is the array length

The arrays and index must all be the same length

```
In [33]: pd.DataFrame(d, index=["a", "b", "c", "d"])

Out[33]:

one two

a 1.0 4.0
b 2.0 3.0
c 3.0 2.0
d 4.0 1.0
```