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Data Wrangling

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Wrangling

• Data wrangling, sometimes referred to as data munging, is the process of transforming and mapping data from one "raw" data form into another format with the intent of making it more appropriate and valuable for a variety of downstream purposes such as analytics.

• This may include further munging, data visualization, data aggregation, training a statistical model, as well as many other potential uses.

numpy

• pandas

• matplotlib

- numpy
 - Matrix representation
 - Linear algebra
 - Fast

4.1	3.4	2.6
12.6	8.1	1.2
6.2	10.4	5.8

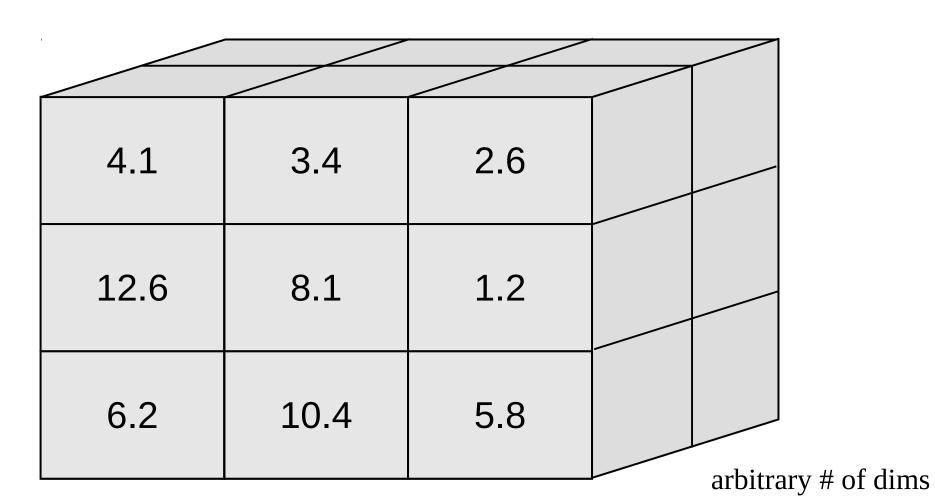
dtype = float

4	3	2
12	8	1
6	10	5

dtype = int32

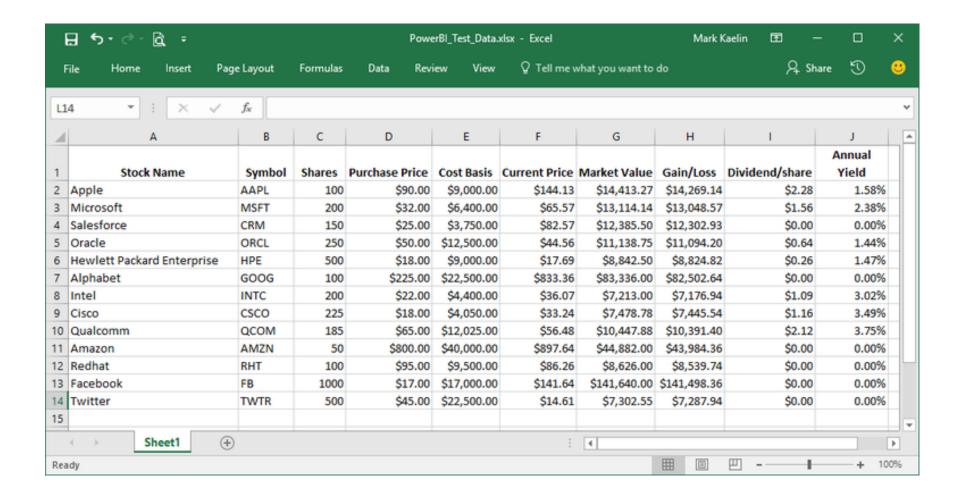
4+9j	3+6j	2+4j
12+4j	8+9j	1+8j
6+8j	10+6j	5+2j

dtype = complex



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Dataframe



Dataframe

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1	Stock Name	Symbol	Shares	Purchase Price	Cost Basis	Curi
2	Apple	AAPL	100	\$90.00	\$9,000.00	
3	Microsoft	MSFT	200	\$32.00	\$6,400.00	
4	Salesforce	CRM	150	\$25.00	\$3,750.00	
5	Oracle	ORCL	250	\$50.00	\$12,500.00	
6	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	HPE	500	\$18.00	\$9,000.00	
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 - Lots of slicing and dicing options
- matplotlib
 - Matlab-style plotting

Wrangling

So let's go wrangle some data

Pandas

• Pandas can read/write a variety of data formats...

- CSV

- JSON

- HTML

Local clipboard

- MS Excel

HDF5 Format

Feather Format

Parquet Format

Msgpack

- Stata

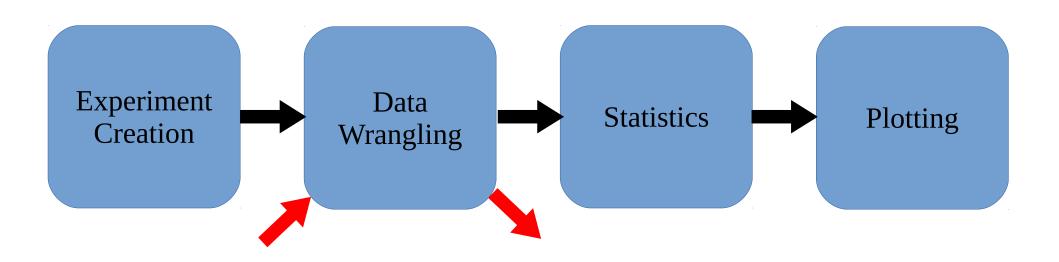
- SAS (read only)

Python Pickle Format

- SQL

Google Big Query

The Pipeline



Take-homes

• You've now seen some **data wrangling** done in Python

- You've seen some of the functionality that **relevant packages** provide
 - pandas
 - jupyter (notebook)
 - matplotlib

• You have some sense of the **flexibility** provided by these tools

Outline

- 1. Overview
- 2. Ways of using Python
- 3. Python basics
- 4. Data set overview
- 5. Data wrangling
- 6. Statistics
- 7. Plotting
- 8. Experiment creation