Pandas

What will you learn?

- 1. Introduction to Pandas
- 2. Reading the Data
- 3. Functionalities of Pandas: Creation, Viewing, Editing
- 4. Manipulating Data
- 5. Handling NaN
- 6. Handling Duplicates: Row Index, Column Names
- 7. Handling String Data

Pandas is an open source library which provides high-performance, easy-to-use data structures and data analysis tools for the Python programming language. Pandas has a lot of functions that will help in reading and writing data and also for data manipulation. Thus we will be using pandas throughout the course.

Pandas behave like an excel file.

Lets import pandas and read some data.

```
In [ ]: #Import Pandas
import pandas as pd
```

Reading Data

We will use **read_csv()** function. It reads a comma-separated values (csv) file into DataFrame.

```
In [ ]: #Loading data with read_csv() function. Here we are providing path to the csv file
    #If the file is in your system you can provide its path as well.
    iris = pd.read_csv("https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/iris/
In [ ]: type(iris)
Out[ ]: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame
```

Pandas Dataframes

DataFrame is an object for data manipulation. You can think of it as a 2D tabular structure, where every row is a dataset entry and columns represents features of data.

```
In [ ]: iris
```

Out[]:		5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
	0	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
	1	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	Iris-setosa
	2	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	Iris-setosa
	3	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
	4	5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	Iris-setosa
	•••					
	144	6.7	3.0	5.2	2.3	Iris-virginica
	145	6.3	2.5	5.0	1.9	Iris-virginica
	146	6.5	3.0	5.2	2.0	Iris-virginica
	147	6.2	3.4	5.4	2.3	Iris-virginica
	148	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	Iris-virginica

149 rows × 5 columns

By default, the first row of the csv file has been used as column names. We will soon see how to fix that.

Creating copy of DataFrame

```
In []: df = iris

## Above statement simply makes df refer to the data frame object that iris is refe

## So now both iris and df refer to the same dataframe object and any changes done

## So effectively this is not creating another dataframe object.
```

If we wish to create a copy then we will use **copy()** function for that

```
In [ ]: df = iris.copy()
In [ ]: df.shape
Out[ ]: (149, 5)
```

As you can see, we have 149 rows and 5 columns. But actually, this should have been 150 rows, as we already know, the Iris Dataset has information of 3 different types of flower, 50 each. This happened because the first row was taken as the column name. To fix this, we do the following:

```
In [ ]: #Ignoring header -> If you don't want first row to be treated as a header, you can
iris = pd.read_csv("https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/iris/
iris
```

```
Out[]:
                         2
           0 5.1 3.5 1.4 0.2
                                  Iris-setosa
            1 4.9 3.0 1.4 0.2
                                  Iris-setosa
           2 4.7 3.2 1.3
                            0.2
                                  Iris-setosa
           3 4.6 3.1 1.5 0.2
                                  Iris-setosa
              5.0 3.6 1.4
                            0.2
                                  Iris-setosa
              6.7
                   3.0 5.2 2.3
                                Iris-virginica
         146 6.3 2.5 5.0 1.9
                               Iris-virginica
         147 6.5 3.0 5.2 2.0
                               Iris-virginica
              6.2 3.4 5.4 2.3
                               Iris-virginica
              5.9 3.0 5.1 1.8 Iris-virginica
        150 rows × 5 columns
         df = iris.copy()
         df.shape
         (150, 5)
Out[]:
         To see the datatypes of each column we do the following:
         df.dtypes
In [ ]:
               float64
Out[]:
               float64
         2
               float64
         3
               float64
                object
         dtype: object
         Currently, our columns have no names.
         df.columns
In [ ]:
         Int64Index([0, 1, 2, 3, 4], dtype='int64')
Out[ ]:
         To give them a name, we simply change the value of df.columns
```

df.columns = ['sl', 'sw', 'pl', 'pw', 'flower_type']

Out[]:		sl	sw	pl	pw	flower_type
	0	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
	1	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
	2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	Iris-setosa
	3	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	Iris-setosa
	4	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
	•••					
	145	6.7	3.0	5.2	2.3	Iris-virginica
	146	6.3	2.5	5.0	1.9	Iris-virginica
	147	6.5	3.0	5.2	2.0	Iris-virginica
	148	6.2	3.4	5.4	2.3	Iris-virginica
	149	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	Iris-virginica

150 rows \times 5 columns

We may get a quick analysis of our data using describe()

```
In [ ]:
          df.describe()
Out[]:
                          sl
                                                  pΙ
                                     sw
                                                             pw
          count 150.000000
                             150.000000 150.000000 150.000000
                    5.843333
                                3.054000
                                            3.758667
                                                        1.198667
          mean
            std
                   0.828066
                                0.433594
                                            1.764420
                                                        0.763161
            min
                   4.300000
                                2.000000
                                            1.000000
                                                        0.100000
           25%
                    5.100000
                                2.800000
                                            1.600000
                                                        0.300000
           50%
                    5.800000
                                3.000000
                                            4.350000
                                                        1.300000
           75%
                    6.400000
                                3.300000
                                            5.100000
                                                        1.800000
                    7.900000
                                4.400000
                                            6.900000
                                                        2.500000
            max
```

Some Basic Functionalties

Viewing the DataFrame

We have the **head()** and **tail()** function for viewing the dataframe.

head()

This function returns the first n rows for the object based on position. It is useful for quickly testing if your object has the right type of data in it.

By default, value of n = 5.

In []:	df.head()								
Out[]:	: sl sw pl pw		flower_type						
	0 5.1 3.5 1.4 0.2 Iris-		Iris-setosa						
	1	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa			
	2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	Iris-setosa			
	3 4.6 3.1 1.5 (0.2	Iris-setosa					
	4	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa			
In []:	df	• hea	ıd(10	9)					
Out[]:	sl sw		pl	pw	flower_type				
	0	5.1	3 5	1 4	0.2	Iris-setosa			
	U	J. I	3.5	1.7	0.2	1115-36103a			
		4.9		1.4		Iris-setosa			
	1	4.9		1.4					
	1	4.9	3.0 3.2	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa			
	1 2 3	4.9 4.7 4.6	3.0 3.2 3.1	1.4	0.2 0.2 0.2	Iris-setosa Iris-setosa			
	1 2 3 4	4.9 4.7 4.6	3.0 3.2 3.1 3.6	1.4 1.3 1.5 1.4	0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2	Iris-setosa Iris-setosa Iris-setosa			
	1 2 3 4 5	4.9 4.7 4.6 5.0	3.0 3.2 3.1 3.6 3.9	1.4 1.3 1.5 1.4 1.7	0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.4	Iris-setosa Iris-setosa Iris-setosa			
	1 2 3 4 5 6	4.9 4.7 4.6 5.0 5.4 4.6	3.0 3.2 3.1 3.6 3.9	1.4 1.3 1.5 1.4 1.7	0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.4	Iris-setosa Iris-setosa Iris-setosa Iris-setosa			
	1 2 3 4 5 6	4.9 4.7 4.6 5.0 5.4 4.6 5.0	3.0 3.2 3.1 3.6 3.9 3.4 3.4	1.4 1.3 1.5 1.4 1.7	0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.3	Iris-setosa Iris-setosa Iris-setosa Iris-setosa Iris-setosa			

tail()

This function returns the last n rows for the object based on position. It is useful for quickly testing if your object has the right type of data in it.

By default, value of n = 5.

```
In [ ]: df.tail()
```

```
Out[]:
                          pl pw flower_type
                 sl sw
          145 6.7
                     3.0
                         5.2
                               2.3
                                    Iris-virginica
          146
               6.3
                     2.5 5.0
                                    Iris-virginica
                               1.9
                6.5
                    3.0 5.2
                               2.0
                                    Iris-virginica
               6.2 3.4 5.4
                               2.3
                                    Iris-virginica
                5.9 3.0 5.1
                               1.8
                                    Iris-virginica
         df.tail(11)
In [ ]:
Out[]:
                 sl sw
                          рl
                                   flower_type
                              pw
          139 6.9
                     3.1
                         5.4
                               2.1
                                    Iris-virginica
          140
               6.7
                     3.1 5.6
                               2.4
                                    Iris-virginica
          141
                6.9
                     3.1 5.1
                               2.3
                                    Iris-virginica
          142 5.8
                    2.7 5.1
                               1.9
                                    Iris-virginica
          143
                6.8
                     3.2 5.9
                               2.3
                                    Iris-virginica
               6.7
                    3.3 5.7
                                    Iris-virginica
          144
                               2.5
          145
                6.7
                     3.0 5.2
                               2.3
                                    Iris-virginica
          146 6.3 2.5 5.0
                                    Iris-virginica
                               1.9
```

Accessing Data

6.5 3.0 5.2

6.2 3.4 5.4

5.9 3.0 5.1

2.0

2.3

1.8

Iris-virginica

Iris-virginica

Iris-virginica

Sometimes, we may want to look at a single column from the DataFrame. This can be done simply as:

```
In [ ]:
         ## Viewing sl column
         df.sl
                5.1
Out[ ]:
         1
                4.9
         2
                4.7
         3
                4.6
                5.0
         145
                6.7
         146
                6.3
         147
                6.5
         148
                6.2
         149
                5.9
         Name: sl, Length: 150, dtype: float64
         and
         df['sl']
In [ ]:
```

```
5.1
Out[ ]:
         1
                 4.9
         2
                 4.7
         3
                 4.6
                 5.0
         145
                 6.7
         146
                 6.3
         147
                 6.5
         148
                 6.2
         149
         Name: sl, Length: 150, dtype: float64
```

Checking for NULL values



150 rows × 5 columns

```
In [ ]:
        # To get a direct overview
         df.isnull().sum()
Out[]:
         SW
        p1
        pw
        flower_type
        dtype: int64
```

Selection

iloc[]

We can use the **iloc[]** function to access values in dataframe.

It is a purely integer-location based indexing for selection by position. iloc[] is primarily integer position based (from 0 to length-1 of the axis), but may also be used with a boolean array.

Allowed inputs are:

- 1. An integer, e.g. 5.
- 2. A list or array of integers, e.g. [4, 3, 0].
- 3. A slice object with ints, e.g. 1:7.
- 4. A boolean array.

loc[]

This accesses a group of rows and columns by label(s) or a boolean array.

.loc[] is primarily label based, but may also be used with a boolean array.

Allowed inputs are:

- 1. A single label, e.g. 5 or 'a', (note that 5 is interpreted as a label of the index, and never as an integer position along the index).
- 2. A list or array of labels, e.g. ['a', 'b', 'c'].
- 3. A slice object with labels, e.g. 'a':'f'.
- 4. A boolean array of the same length as the axis being sliced, e.g. [True, False, True].

```
        cobra
        max_speed
        shield

        viper
        4
        5

        sidewinder
        7
        8
```

sidewinder

8

DataFrame from Dictionary

```
Out[]: a b c d

0 1 2 3 4

1 100 200 300 400

2 1000 2000 3000 4000
```

Manipulating data

Deletion of data

drop()

Remove rows or columns by specifying label names and corresponding axis, or by specifying directly index or column names. When using a multi-index, labels on different levels can be removed by specifying the level.

It returns us a DataFrame without the removed index or column labels, or None if inplace=True.

```
In [ ]:
         df.head()
Out[]:
                      pl pw
                              flower_type
             sl sw
         0 5.1 3.5 1.4 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         1 4.9 3.0 1.4 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         2 4.7 3.2 1.3 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         3 4.6 3.1 1.5 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         4 5.0 3.6 1.4 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
In [ ]: | a = df.drop(0)
         a.head()
Out[ ]:
             sl sw
                             flower_type
                      pl pw
         1 4.9 3.0 1.4 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         2 4.7 3.2 1.3 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         3 4.6 3.1 1.5 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
           5.0 3.6 1.4 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         5 5.4 3.9 1.7 0.4
                                Iris-setosa
```

To actually change the data in the original dataframe, we use the parameter 'inplace = True'

```
df.head()
Out[]:
                     pl pw flower_type
         0 5.1 3.5 1.4 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         1 4.9 3.0 1.4 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         2 4.7 3.2 1.3 0.2
                               Iris-setosa
         3 4.6 3.1 1.5 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         4 5.0 3.6 1.4 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
In [ ]: df.drop(0, inplace = True)
         df.head()
             sl sw
Out[]:
                     pl pw flower_type
         1 4.9 3.0 1.4 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         2 4.7 3.2 1.3 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         3 4.6 3.1 1.5 0.2
                               Iris-setosa
         4 5.0 3.6 1.4 0.2
                                Iris-setosa
         5 5.4 3.9 1.7 0.4
                                Iris-setosa
         Let's try to do this again
         df.drop(0, inplace = True) #Error Generated
In [ ]:
```

```
df.head()
```

```
KeyError
                                          Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-32-215644c67776> in <module>()
----> 1 df.drop(0, inplace = True)
                                    #Error Generated
      2 df.head()
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/pandas/core/frame.py in drop(self, labels,
axis, index, columns, level, inplace, errors)
   4172
                    level=level,
   4173
                    inplace=inplace,
-> 4174
                    errors=errors,
                )
   4175
   4176
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/pandas/core/generic.py in drop(self, label
s, axis, index, columns, level, inplace, errors)
   3887
               for axis, labels in axes.items():
   3888
                    if labels is not None:
-> 3889
                        obj = obj._drop_axis(labels, axis, level=level, errors=err
ors)
   3890
   3891
                if inplace:
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/pandas/core/generic.py in _drop_axis(self,
 labels, axis, level, errors)
   3921
                        new_axis = axis.drop(labels, level=level, errors=errors)
   3922
-> 3923
                        new axis = axis.drop(labels, errors=errors)
   3924
                    result = self.reindex(**{axis_name: new_axis})
   3925
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/pandas/core/indexes/base.py in drop(self, 1
abels, errors)
   5285
                if mask.any():
   5286
                    if errors != "ignore":
-> 5287
                        raise KeyError(f"{labels[mask]} not found in axis")
   5288
                    indexer = indexer[~mask]
   5289
                return self.delete(indexer)
KeyError: '[0] not found in axis'
```

The reason for this is, after dropping 0, the indexing did not change automatically. Now, the labels do not begin from 0, but 1.

As we learnt in the definition, we are removing rows by their labels. To remove rows by their indices, we may do the following:

```
In [ ]: df.drop(df.index[0], inplace = True)
    df.head()
```

```
        Out[]:
        sl
        sw
        pl
        pw
        flower_type

        2
        4.7
        3.2
        1.3
        0.2
        Iris-setosa

        3
        4.6
        3.1
        1.5
        0.2
        Iris-setosa

        4
        5.0
        3.6
        1.4
        0.2
        Iris-setosa

        5
        5.4
        3.9
        1.7
        0.4
        Iris-setosa

        6
        4.6
        3.4
        1.4
        0.3
        Iris-setosa
```

```
In [ ]: df.drop(df.index[3], inplace = True) ## Label 5 removed
    df.head()
```

```
        Out[]:
        sl
        sw
        pl
        pw
        flower_type

        2
        4.7
        3.2
        1.3
        0.2
        Iris-setosa

        3
        4.6
        3.1
        1.5
        0.2
        Iris-setosa

        4
        5.0
        3.6
        1.4
        0.2
        Iris-setosa

        6
        4.6
        3.4
        1.4
        0.3
        Iris-setosa

        7
        5.0
        3.4
        1.5
        0.2
        Iris-setosa
```

We may also remove many labels in one go.

```
In [ ]: df.drop(df.index[[3, 4]], inplace = True) ## Label 6, 7 removed
df.head()
```

```
        Out[]:
        sl
        sw
        pl
        pw
        flower_type

        2
        4.7
        3.2
        1.3
        0.2
        Iris-setosa

        3
        4.6
        3.1
        1.5
        0.2
        Iris-setosa

        4
        5.0
        3.6
        1.4
        0.2
        Iris-setosa

        8
        4.4
        2.9
        1.4
        0.2
        Iris-setosa

        9
        4.9
        3.1
        1.5
        0.1
        Iris-setosa
```

In a similar manner, we may remove columns.

```
In [ ]: df.drop('sl') ## Error Generated
```

```
KeyError
                                          Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-36-396628fddc03> in <module>()
---> 1 df.drop('sl') ## Error Generated
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/pandas/core/frame.py in drop(self, labels,
 axis, index, columns, level, inplace, errors)
   4172
                    level=level,
   4173
                   inplace=inplace,
-> 4174
                   errors=errors,
   4175
                )
   4176
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/pandas/core/generic.py in drop(self, label
s, axis, index, columns, level, inplace, errors)
                for axis, labels in axes.items():
   3888
                    if labels is not None:
-> 3889
                        obj = obj._drop_axis(labels, axis, level=level, errors=err
ors)
   3890
                if inplace:
   3891
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/pandas/core/generic.py in _drop_axis(self,
 labels, axis, level, errors)
                        new_axis = axis.drop(labels, level=level, errors=errors)
   3921
   3922
                    else:
-> 3923
                        new_axis = axis.drop(labels, errors=errors)
   3924
                    result = self.reindex(**{axis_name: new_axis})
   3925
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/pandas/core/indexes/base.py in drop(self, 1
abels, errors)
   5285
                if mask.any():
                    if errors != "ignore":
   5286
-> 5287
                        raise KeyError(f"{labels[mask]} not found in axis")
   5288
                    indexer = indexer[~mask]
   5289
                return self.delete(indexer)
KeyError: "['sl'] not found in axis"
```

An error is generated because the drop function is currently looking for a row with label 'sl'. We need to change the axis.

```
In [ ]: df.drop('sl', axis = 1)
```

Conditional Insights

We may use concept of boolean indexing in DataFrame to access a particular type of data, and draw inferenced from it.

```
In [ ]: df
```

Out[]:		sl	sw	pl	pw	flower_type
	2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	Iris-setosa
	3	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	Iris-setosa
	4	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
	8	4.4	2.9	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
	9	4.9	3.1	1.5	0.1	Iris-setosa
	•••					
	145	6.7	3.0	5.2	2.3	Iris-virginica
	146	6.3	2.5	5.0	1.9	Iris-virginica
	147	6.5	3.0	5.2	2.0	Iris-virginica
	148	6.2	3.4	5.4	2.3	Iris-virginica
	149	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	Iris-virginica

145 rows × 5 columns

Lets try to gain insights of data correspondign to Iris-virginica.

```
In [ ]: df[df.flower_type == 'Iris-virginica'].describe()
Out[]:
                       sl
                                            рl
                                 sw
                                                     pw
          count 50.00000 50.000000
                                     50.000000
                                                50.00000
                            2.974000
                  6.58800
                                      5.552000
                                                 2.02600
          mean
            std
                  0.63588
                           0.322497
                                      0.551895
                                                 0.27465
                           2.200000
                  4.90000
                                      4.500000
                                                 1.40000
           min
           25%
                  6.22500
                            2.800000
                                      5.100000
                                                 1.80000
                  6.50000
                            3.000000
                                      5.550000
                                                 2.00000
           50%
           75%
                  6.90000
                            3.175000
                                      5.875000
                                                 2.30000
                  7.90000
                            3.800000
                                      6.900000
                                                 2.50000
           max
```

Addition of data

loc()

```
In [ ]: df.loc[0] = [1, 2, 3, 4, 'Iris-virginica']
    df.tail()
```

```
Out[ ]:
                               pw flower_type
                 sl sw
                           рl
           146 6.3
                     2.5
                          5.0
                                     Iris-virginica
                               1.9
           147 6.5 3.0 5.2
                                    Iris-virginica
                               2.0
                6.2
                     3.4 5.4
                               2.3
                                     Iris-virginica
           149
               5.9
                    3.0 5.1
                                    Iris-virginica
                               1.8
                1.0
                     2.0 3.0
                               4.0
                                    Iris-virginica
```

We may directly create new columns also according to our needs.

```
df["diff_of_sl_sw"] = df['sl'] - df['sw']
         df.head()
Out[]:
             sl sw
                      рl
                          pw
                              flower_type diff_of_sl_sw
            4.7 3.2
                     1.3
                          0.2
                                Iris-setosa
                                                    1.5
           4.6 3.1
                    1.5
                         0.2
                                                    1.5
                                Iris-setosa
            5.0 3.6
                         0.2
                                                    1.4
                    1.4
                                Iris-setosa
            4.4 2.9
                    1.4
                          0.2
                                                    1.5
                                Iris-setosa
         9 4.9 3.1 1.5 0.1
                                Iris-setosa
                                                    1.8
In [ ]: df.drop('diff_of_sl_sw', axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

Reset Index

After removing certain rows, the order of indices got changed. We can reset it using the **reset_index()** function.

```
In [ ]:
         df.reset_index()
Out[ ]:
                index
                                  рl
                                      pw
                                           flower_type
             0
                                             Iris-setosa
                    2 4.7 3.2
                                1.3
                                       0.2
                       4.6 3.1
                                1.5
                                       0.2
                                              Iris-setosa
             2
                       5.0 3.6
                                1.4
                                       0.2
                                              Iris-setosa
                       4.4 2.9
                                 1.4
                                              Iris-setosa
             4
                       4.9 3.1
                                 1.5
                                       0.1
                                              Iris-setosa
          141
                  146 6.3 2.5 5.0
                                      1.9
                                            Iris-virginica
          142
                  147 6.5 3.0 5.2
                                       2.0
                                            Iris-virginica
          143
                       6.2 3.4 5.4
                                       2.3
                                            Iris-virginica
                                            Iris-virginica
          144
                       5.9 3.0 5.1
                                       1.8
          145
                    0 1.0 2.0 3.0
                                      4.0
                                            Iris-virginica
```

146 rows × 6 columns

But this has created an additional column with old indices. To avoid that, we do:

In []:	<pre>df.reset_index(drop = True)</pre>							
ut[]:		sl	sw	pl	pw	flower_type		
	0	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	Iris-setosa		
	1	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	Iris-setosa		
	2	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa		
	3	4.4	2.9	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa		
	4	4.9	3.1	1.5	0.1	Iris-setosa		
	•••							
	141	6.3	2.5	5.0	1.9	Iris-virginica		
	142	6.5	3.0	5.2	2.0	Iris-virginica		
	143	6.2	3.4	5.4	2.3	Iris-virginica		
	144	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	Iris-virginica		
	145	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	Iris-virginica		

146 rows × 5 columns

Handling NaN

Values considered "missing"

As data comes in many shapes and forms, pandas aims to be flexible with regard to handling missing data. While NaN is the default missing value marker for reasons of computational speed and convenience, we need to be able to easily detect this value with data of different types: floating point, integer, boolean, and general object. In many cases, however, the Python None will arise and we wish to also consider that "missing" or "not available" or "NA".

To make detecting missing values easier (and across different array dtypes), pandas provides the **isna()** and **notna()** functions, which are also methods on Series and DataFrame objects.

Because NaN is a float, a column of integers with even one missing values is cast to floatingpoint dtype

NaN values can create inaccuracies in our estimations and calculations. There are two ways we can handle NaN:

- 1. we either remove them,
- 2. or we fill them.

Our current data does not have any NaN values, so we will create some.

```
In [ ]: import numpy as np
```

```
df = iris.copy()
         df.columns = ['sl', 'sw', 'pl', 'pw', 'flower_type']
In [ ]: df.iloc[2:4, 1:3] = np.nan
         df.head()
Out[ ]:
              sl
                         pl pw flower_type
            5.1
                  3.5
                        1.4
                             0.2
                                    Iris-setosa
         1 4.9
                  3.0
                        1.4
                             0.2
                                    Iris-setosa
         2 4.7
                 NaN
                       NaN 0.2
                                    Iris-setosa
         3 4.6
                 NaN
                       NaN
                            0.2
                                    Iris-setosa
         4 5.0
                  3.6
                        1.4 0.2
                                    Iris-setosa
         df.describe()
In [ ]:
Out[]:
                                                pΙ
                                    sw
                                                           pw
          count 150.000000 148.000000 148.000000 150.000000
          mean
                   5.843333
                               3.052703
                                          3.790541
                                                      1.198667
                   0.828066
                                                      0.763161
            std
                              0.436349
                                          1.754618
                   4.300000
                              2.000000
                                          1.000000
                                                      0.100000
           min
           25%
                   5.100000
                              2.800000
                                          1.600000
                                                      0.300000
           50%
                   5.800000
                               3.000000
                                          4.400000
                                                      1.300000
           75%
                   6.400000
                              3.300000
                                          5.100000
                                                      1.800000
           max
                   7.900000
                               4.400000
                                          6.900000
                                                      2.500000
```

Dropping NaN

dropna(): This will remove the row or column entries with NaN values.

```
df.dropna(inplace = True) ## Remove NaN inside df only
In [ ]:
         df.reset_index(drop = True, inplace = True) ## Reset the indices
         df.head()
In [ ]:
Out[ ]:
                     pl pw
                            flower_type
             sl sw
         0 5.1 3.5
                   1.4
                        0.2
                               Iris-setosa
         1 4.9 3.0
                   1.4 0.2
                               Iris-setosa
           5.0 3.6 1.4
                        0.2
                               Iris-setosa
           5.4 3.9 1.7
                        0.4
                               Iris-setosa
           4.6 3.4 1.4 0.3
                               Iris-setosa
```

As you may observe, we have removed the row with NaN. If we want to remove the column, we shall use 'axis' parameter.

Filling NaN

fillna(): You can also fill NaN using a dict or Series that is alignable. The labels of the dict or index of the Series must match the columns of the frame you wish to fill.

Generally we fill the NaN values with the mean, but depending on the type of data, and your own analysis, you may decide to will NaN in some other way.

```
df.iloc[2:4, 1:3] = np.nan
         df.head()
                         рl
                                  flower_type
Out[]:
              sl
                  SW
                             pw
         0 5.1
                  3.5
                             0.2
                         1.4
                                    Iris-setosa
         1 4.9
                  3.0
                             0.2
                        1.4
                                    Iris-setosa
            5.0
                 NaN
                       NaN
                             0.2
                                    Iris-setosa
            5.4
                 NaN
                       NaN
                             0.4
                                    Iris-setosa
         4 4.6
                  3.4
                         1.4
                             0.3
                                    Iris-setosa
In [ ]: df.sw.fillna(df.sw.mean(), inplace = True)
         df.pl.fillna(df.pl.mean(), inplace = True)
         df.head()
Out[ ]:
              sl
                      sw
                                    pw
                                         flower_type
         0 5.1 3.500000 1.400000
                                    0.2
                                           Iris-setosa
         1 4.9 3.000000 1.400000
                                    0.2
                                           Iris-setosa
         2 5.0 3.043151 3.821233 0.2
                                           Iris-setosa
            5.4 3.043151 3.821233
                                           Iris-setosa
            4.6 3.400000 1.400000 0.3
                                           Iris-setosa
```

Note: Since all the NaN values belonged to 'Iris-setosa', a better value to fill NaN's would have been the mean of those values of 'sw', where flower type is Iris-setosa.

```
df.iloc[2:4, 1:3] = np.nan
In [ ]:
         df.head()
Out[]:
             sl
                        рl
                            pw
                                 flower_type
         0 5.1
                  3.5
                            0.2
                        1.4
                                   Iris-setosa
            4.9
                  3.0
                        1.4
                            0.2
                                   Iris-setosa
                            0.2
         2 5.0
                 NaN
                      NaN
                                   Iris-setosa
            5.4
                 NaN
                      NaN
                            0.4
                                   Iris-setosa
                            0.3
            4.6
                  3.4
                        1.4
                                   Iris-setosa
         df_setosa = df[df.flower_type == 'Iris-setosa']
         df.sw.fillna(df_setosa.sw.mean(), inplace = True)
         df.pl.fillna(df_setosa.pl.mean(), inplace = True)
         df.head()
```

Out[

]:		sl	sw	pl	pw	flower_type
	0	5.1	3.500000	1.400000	0.2	Iris-setosa
	1	4.9	3.000000	1.400000	0.2	Iris-setosa
	2	5.0	3.415217	1.463043	0.2	Iris-setosa
	3	5.4	3.415217	1.463043	0.4	Iris-setosa
	4	4.6	3.400000	1.400000	0.3	Iris-setosa

Duplicate Labels

Index objects are not required to be unique; you can have duplicate row or column labels.

But one of pandas' roles is to clean messy, real-world data before it goes to some downstream system. And real-world data has duplicates, even in fields that are supposed to be unique.

Lets see how duplicate labels change the behavior of certain operations, and how prevent duplicates from arising during operations, or to detect them if they do.

Consequences of Duplicate Labels

Some pandas methods (Series.reindex() for example) just don't work with duplicates present. The output can't be determined, and so pandas raises.

Other methods, like indexing, can give very surprising results. Typically indexing with a scalar will reduce dimensionality. Slicing a DataFrame with a scalar will return a Series. Slicing a Series with a scalar will return a scalar. But with duplicates, this isn't the case.

We have duplicates in the columns. If we slice 'B', we get back a Series

```
In []: print(df1["B"]) # a series
type(df1["B"])

0  2
1  5
Name: B, dtype: int64
pandas.core.series.Series

But slicing 'A' returns a DataFrame
```

```
In [ ]: print(df1["A"]) # a DataFrame
    type(df1["A"])
```

A A

Duplicate Label Detection

array([False, True, False])

Out[]:

You can check whether an Index (storing the row or column labels) is unique with **Index.is_unique**:

```
In []: df2
Out[]: A
    a 0
    a 1
    b 2

In []: df2.index.is_unique
Out[]: False
In []: df2.columns.is_unique
Out[]: True
    Index.duplicated() will return a boolean ndarray indicating whether a label is repeated.
In []: df2.index.duplicated()
```

Handling Strings in Data

Our algorithms can make calculations over numerical data. String data is very hard to compute quantitaviely.

It wont make sense to ignore string data. For example, if a dataset is to evaluate shopping habits, and we have a column for gender with categories as 'male' and 'female', we cannot just ignore this, as the habits of both the gender will be very different from each other.

So, to handle such cases, we convert the string data to numerical data.

In []:	df					
Out[]:		sl	sw	pl	pw	flower_type
	0	5.1	3.500000	1.400000	0.2	Iris-setosa
	1	4.9	3.000000	1.400000	0.2	Iris-setosa
	2	5.0	3.415217	1.463043	0.2	Iris-setosa
	3	5.4	3.415217	1.463043	0.4	Iris-setosa
	4	4.6	3.400000	1.400000	0.3	Iris-setosa
	•••					
	143	6.7	3.000000	5.200000	2.3	Iris-virginica
	144	6.3	2.500000	5.000000	1.9	Iris-virginica
	145	6.5	3.000000	5.200000	2.0	Iris-virginica
	146	6.2	3.400000	5.400000	2.3	Iris-virginica
	147	5.9	3.000000	5.100000	1.8	Iris-virginica

148 rows × 5 columns

Lets create a dummy column to understand the process.

```
In [ ]: df['Gender'] = 'Female'
    df.iloc[0:10, 5] = 'Male'
    df
```

Out[]: sl pl pw flower_type Gender sw **0** 5.1 3.500000 1.400000 0.2 Iris-setosa Male **1** 4.9 3.000000 1.400000 0.2 Male Iris-setosa **2** 5.0 3.415217 1.463043 0.2 Iris-setosa Male **3** 5.4 3.415217 1.463043 Iris-setosa Male 4.6 3.400000 1.400000 0.3 Iris-setosa Male 143 6.7 3.000000 5.200000 Iris-virginica Female **144** 6.3 2.500000 5.000000 1.9 Iris-virginica Female **145** 6.5 3.000000 5.200000 Iris-virginica Female **146** 6.2 3.400000 5.400000 Iris-virginica Female **147** 5.9 3.000000 5.100000 Iris-virginica 1.8 Female

148 rows × 6 columns

```
In [ ]: def func(s):
    if s == 'Male':
        return 0
    else:
        return 1

df['Sex'] = df.Gender.apply(func)
del df['Gender']
df
```

Out[]:		sl	sw	pl	pw	flower_type	Sex
	0	5.1	3.500000	1.400000	0.2	Iris-setosa	0
	1	4.9	3.000000	1.400000	0.2	Iris-setosa	0
	2	5.0	3.415217	1.463043	0.2	Iris-setosa	0
	3	5.4	3.415217	1.463043	0.4	Iris-setosa	0
	4	4.6	3.400000	1.400000	0.3	Iris-setosa	0
	•••						
	143	6.7	3.000000	5.200000	2.3	Iris-virginica	1
	144	6.3	2.500000	5.000000	1.9	Iris-virginica	1
	145	6.5	3.000000	5.200000	2.0	Iris-virginica	1
	146	6.2	3.400000	5.400000	2.3	Iris-virginica	1
	147	5.9	3.000000	5.100000	1.8	Iris-virginica	1

148 rows × 6 columns

Now, we may apply algorithms which take into consideration the 'Sex' column too.