

DSC510: Introduction to Data Science and Analytics

Lab 2: Data Handling

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Data science project workflow

- 1. Problem definition** – understand the business/research question.
- 2. Data collection** – gather data from files, databases, APIs
- 3. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)** – explore structure, summarize with statistics, visualize patterns, detect anomalies. – LAB2, LAB3
 - EDA is iterative: usually do a first pass on raw data (before data preparation) to understand issues, then clean, then explore again more reliably
- 4. Data preparation** – fix/clean missing values, inconsistencies, errors, perform basic transformations. – LAB4, LAB5
- 5. Modeling** – build and evaluate machine learning models. – LAB 6, LAB7, LAB8
- 6. Deployment & monitoring/maintenance** – put the model into production, track performance and provide maintenance.

Can EDA be performed before data cleaning?



- EDA can be performed before and after data cleaning.
 - Practical approach in projects
 - Initial (dirty) EDA → inspect raw data as is to spot problems.
 - Data cleaning & preprocessing → fix missing values, errors, outliers.
 - Refined EDA → redo visualizations and statistics on the cleaned dataset.
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What is Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)?



- EDA is the process of exploring and understanding a dataset before formal modeling.
- It **combines summary statistics and visualizations**.
- Main goals:
 - Provides the first understanding of the dataset
 - Discover patterns and relationships between variables
 - Detect anomalies or missing data
 - Test initial hypotheses
 - look for evidences (numerical / visual) that either confirm or contradict your early ideas
 - Guides the choice of appropriate methods and algorithms



Python Libraries for Data Science

Many popular Python toolboxes/libraries:

Data Manipulation and Pre-processing (Labs 2, 4, 5)

- NumPy
- SciPy
- Pandas

Data Visualization (Lab 3)

- matplotlib
- seaborn

Machine Learning (Labs 6-11)

- SciKit-Learn

Introduction to Pandas



- Pre-installed in Anaconda
 - No need to install it separately
 - import it to a notebook using: `import pandas as pd`
 - `pd` is the de facto abbreviation for Pandas used by the data science community
- Primary data structures in Pandas:
 - Series
 - DataFrames



Pandas: Series & DataFrames Examples

- A **Series** is a one-dimensional array with axis labels

	0	50
axis 0	1	90
	2	100
	3	45

index dtype: int64

Axis labels are stored in the index. Series support both integer-based and string-based indexing. The default, if index is not set, is integer-based starting from 0.

<https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/reference/api/pandas.Series.html>

- A **DataFrame** is a two-dimensional tabular dataset with labeled axes

	names	grades
axis 0	0 bob	50
	1 ken	90
	2 art	100
	3 joe	45

Column labels

Index (row labels)

<https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/reference/api/pandas.DataFrame.html>



Pandas: Create Dataframes

- Pandas DataFrames can be created using various inputs like:
 - List
 - Dictionary
 - Series
 - Another DataFrame
 - Files (e.g. csv / json)
 - Databases (e.g SQLite, MySQL, PostgreSQL)



Read data using Pandas

```
In [ ]: # Read csv file (salaries.csv can be found here)
df = pd.read_csv('salaries.csv') # you can read a file from url as well:
df = pd.read_csv('https://www.cs.ucy.ac.cy/courses/DSC510/data/salaries.csv')
```

Note: `read_csv` command has many optional arguments to fine-tune the data import process.

- There is a number of pandas functions to read other data formats:

```
# Read json file
pd.read_json('myfile.json')

# Read excel file
pd.read_excel('myfile.xlsx', sheet_name='Sheet1', index_col=None, na_values=['NA'])

# Read xml file
pd.read_xml('myfile.xml')

# Read from database (connection to database must be established in advance)
pd.read_sql_query('select * from iris', conn)

...

```

Read data using Pandas: Example

```
In [ ]: # Read csv file (salaries of university faculty)
df = pd.read_csv('salaries.csv')
print(df)
```

```
1 rank, discipline, phd, service, sex, salary
2 Prof, B, 56, 49, Male, 186960
3 Prof, A, 12, 6, Male, 93000
4 Prof, A, 23, 20, Male, 110515
5 Prof, A, 40, 31, Male, 131205
6 Prof, B, 20, 18, Male, 104800
7 Prof, A, 20, 20, Male, 122400
8 AssocProf, A, 20, 17, Male, 81285
9 Prof, A, 18, 18, Male, 126300
10 Prof, A, 29, 19, Male, 94350
```

```
Out[ ]:
```

	rank	discipline	phd	service	sex	salary
0	Prof	B	56	49	Male	186960
1	Prof	A	12	6	Male	93000
2	Prof	A	23	20	Male	110515
3	Prof	A	40	31	Male	131205
4	Prof	B	20	18	Male	104800
..
73	Prof	B	18	10	Female	105450
74	AssocProf	B	19	6	Female	104542
75	Prof	B	17	17	Female	124312
76	Prof	A	28	14	Female	109954
77	Prof	A	23	15	Female	109646

By default, only 10 rows (first & last 5 rows) of the DataFrame are printed. If the number of columns is also large, only 4 columns (first & last 2) are printed.



Read data using Pandas: Example

```
In [ ]: # Read csv file (salaries of university faculty)
df = pd.read_csv('salaries.csv')
df # jupyter can print the value of the last statement of a cell without a
print() function in a more visually-appealing way
```

Out[]:

	rank	discipline	phd	service	sex	salary
0	Prof	B	56	49	Male	186960
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2	Prof	A	23	20	Male	110515
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A bit more reading

- A file may not always have a header row (column titles)
 - pandas assigns default (but not informative) column names (a list of integers)
 - can be implicitly specified while reading data file

```
In [ ]: # Read csv file (salaries2.csv can be found here)
```

```
df = pd.read_csv('salaries2.csv',  
                 names=['rank', 'discipline', 'phd', 'service', 'sex', 'salary'])
```

1	Prof,B,56,49,Male,186960
2	Prof,A,12,6,Male,93000
3	Prof,A,23,20,Male,110515
4	Prof,A,40,31,Male,131205
5	Prof,B,20,18,Male,104800
6	Prof,A,20,20,Male,122400
7	AssocProf,A,20,17,Male,81285
8	Prof,A,18,18,Male,126300
9	Prof,A,29,19,Male,94350
10	Prof,A,51,51,Male,57800



Explore DataFrames

```
In [ ]: #List first 5 records (rows)
df.head()
```

```
Out[ ]:   rank discipline  phd  service    sex   salary
0   Prof          B   56      49  Male  186960
1   Prof          A   12       6  Male   93000
2   Prof          A   23      20  Male  110515
3   Prof          A   40      31  Male  131205
4   Prof          B   20      18  Male  104800
```

```
#List first 15 records
df.head(15)
```

```
#List last 5 records
df.tail()
```



Data Frame data types

```
In [ ]: #Check data types for all columns  
df.dtypes
```

```
Out[ ]: rank          object  
discipline    object  
phd            int64  
service         int64  
sex             object  
salary          int64  
dtype: object
```

- The most general dtype. Will be assigned to your column if column has strings or mixed types (numbers and strings)
- Numeric characters. 64 refers to the memory allocated (in bits) to hold each value of the given column



Data Frames attributes

Pandas **DataFrames** have *attributes* and *methods*. See some attributes below.

df.attribute	description
dtypes	list the types of the columns
columns	list the column names
axes	list the row labels and column names
ndim	number of dimensions
size	number of elements (number of all values)
shape	return a tuple representing the dimensionality (rows, columns)
values	numpy representation of the data as a 2D array without index and column names

Explore DataFrames



```
In [ ]: #List DataFrame columns  
df.columns
```

```
Out[ ]: Index(['rank', 'discipline', 'phd', 'service', 'sex', 'salary'], dtype='object')
```

```
In [ ]: #Get DataFrame values  
df.values
```

```
Out[ ]: array([[ 'Prof', 'B', 56, 49, 'Male', 186960],  
                 ['Prof', 'A', 12, 6, 'Male', 93000],  
                 ['Prof', 'A', 23, 20, 'Male', 110515],  
                 ...  
                 ['Prof', 'B', 17, 17, 'Female', 124312],  
                 ['Prof', 'A', 28, 14, 'Female', 109954],  
                 ['Prof', 'A', 23, 15, 'Female', 109646]], dtype=object)
```



Data Frames methods

Unlike attributes, methods have *parentheses*. See some methods below.

All attributes and methods can be listed with a `dir()` function: `dir(df)`

<code>df.method()</code>	<code>description</code>
<code>head([n]), tail([n])</code>	first/last n rows
<code>describe()</code>	generate summary statistics (for numeric columns only)
<code>max(), min()</code>	return max/min values. Select all numeric columns using <code>numeric_only=True</code>
<code>sum()</code>	return the sum of values. Select all numeric columns using <code>numeric_only=True</code>
<code>mean(), median(), std()</code>	return mean/median/standard deviation. Select all numeric columns using <code>numeric_only=True</code>
<code>dropna()</code>	drop all rows with at least one missing value (set <code>axis</code> param to 1 to drop columns)
<code>drop()</code>	drop specified rows or columns
<code>count()</code>	count non-NA cells
<code>value_counts()</code>	returns counts of unique values in descending order so that the first element is the most frequently-occurring element
<code>apply()</code>	applies a function along an axis of the DataFrame
<code>replace()</code>	replaces values with other values
<code>cut()</code>	bin (group) values into discrete intervals
<code>astype(type)</code>	casts to a specified data type (e.g. <code>astype(int)</code>)

	phd	service	salary
count	78.000000	78.000000	78.000000
mean	19.705128	15.051282	108023.782051
std	12.498425	12.139768	28293.661022
min	1.000000	0.000000	57800.000000
25%	10.250000	5.250000	88612.500000
50%	18.500000	14.500000	104671.000000
75%	27.750000	20.750000	126774.750000
max	56.000000	51.000000	186960.000000





Select a column in a Data Frame

Method 1: Use the column name in square brackets:

```
df[ 'sex' ]
```

Can be used to select more than one column:

```
df[ [ 'salary', 'sex' ] ]
```

Method 2: Use the column name as an attribute:

```
df.sex
```

Note: there is an attribute *rank* for pandas data frames, so to select a column with a name "rank" we should use method 1.



Drop rows / columns

- drop () method can be used to **remove** index (**rows**) or **columns** by specifying label names and corresponding axis, or by specifying directly index or column names
 - Drops rows if axis = 0 or 'index' (default), drops columns of axis = 1 or 'columns'
 - Returns a new DataFrame without the removed rows or columns (original dataframe remains intact)

```
In [ ]: # drop 2 columns
df_new = df.drop(columns=['service', 'salary'])
# alternative command with the same effect
df_new = df.drop(['service', 'salary'], axis=1)
# drop index (rows) with index = 3 and 5
df_new = df.drop(index=[3, 5])
# alternative command with the same effect
df_new = df.drop([3, 5])
# alternative command with the same effect
df_new = df.drop([3, 5], axis=0)
```

	rank	discipline	phd	sex	income
0	Prof	B	56	Male	9161040
1	Prof	A	12	Male	558000
2	Prof	A	23	Male	2210300
3	Prof	A	40	Male	4067355

	rank	discipline	phd	service	sex	salary	income
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2	Prof	A	23	20	Male	110515	2210300
4	Prof	B	20	18	Male	104800	1886400
6	AssocProf	A	20	17	Male	81285	1381845



Dataframe processing operations

- Group-by method
 - splits data into groups by a categorical col, e.g. group faculty members by rank or gender
- Aggregate (or agg) method
 - an aggregation method is one which takes multiple individual values and returns a summary; in most of the cases, this summary is a single value
 - apply multiple aggregation methods on one or more columns or groups
- Splitting (binning) operation
 - bins (groups) values into discrete intervals; convert numerical to categorical, e.g. split faculty member into categorical groups based on their age: 25-39 young, 40-59 middle, 60+ old
- Filtering operation
 - selects a subset of data based on one or more conditions
- Slicing operation
 - selects a subset of data by row or column position/label
- Sorting operation
 - sorts data by the values of one or more column(s)



Grouping data using groupby()

- Using "group by" method we can:
 - Split the data into groups based on some criteria (e.g. the values of a column)
 - Once a groupby object is created, we can run aggregation methods (e.g. sum, mean) on each group and combine the results into a data structure

df

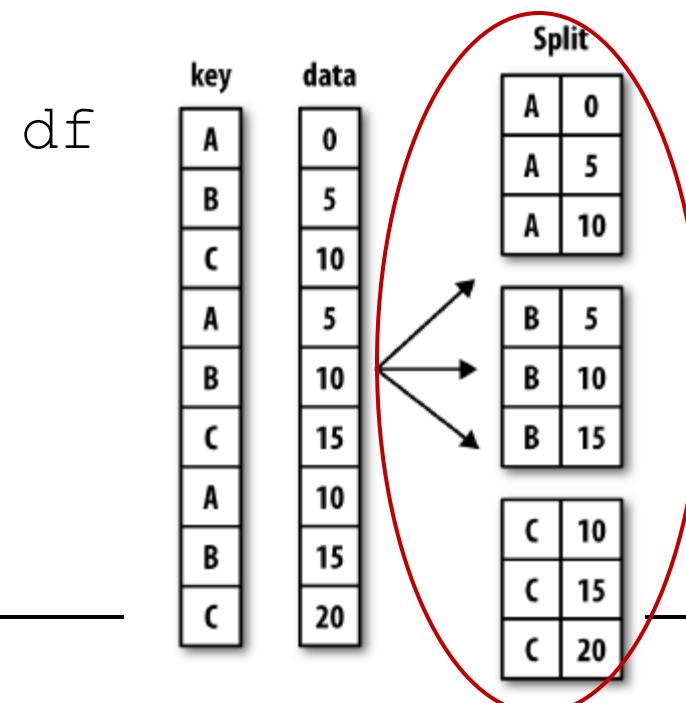
key	data
A	0
B	5
C	10
A	5
B	10
C	15
A	10
B	15
C	20



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`df.groupby('key')`

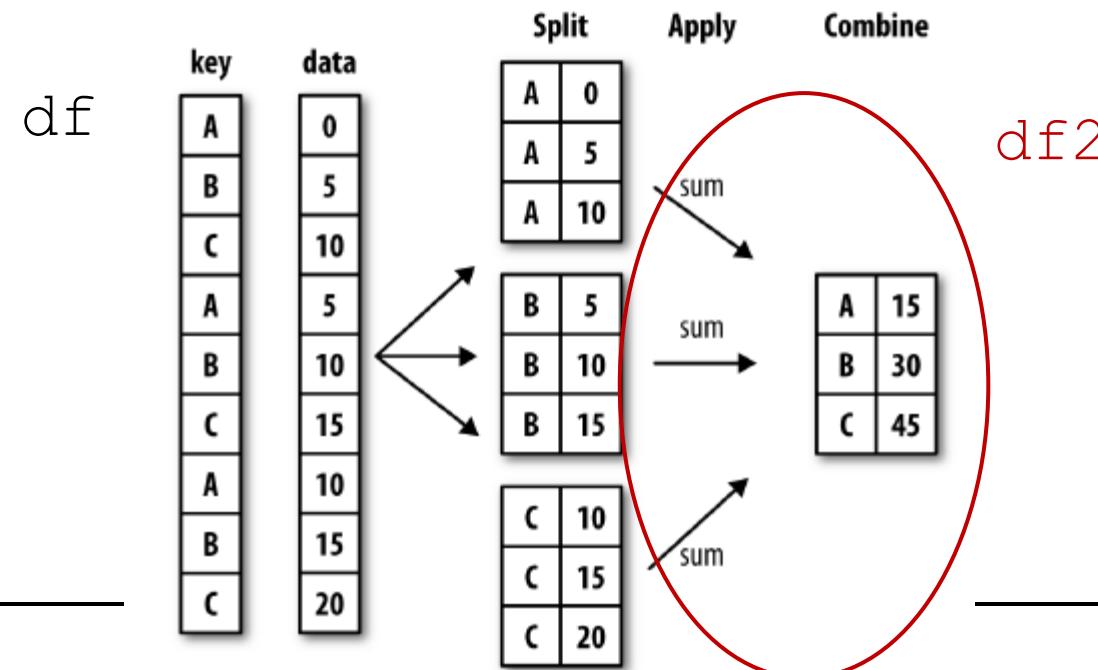




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```
df2 = df.groupby('key').sum()
```





Grouping data using groupby(): Example

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```
In [ ]: #Group data using rank column which has categorical data  
df_rank = df.groupby('rank')
```

```
In [ ]: #Calculate mean value for each numeric column per each group  
df_rank.mean(numeric_only=True)
```

Groups	rank	phd	service	salary
		AssocProf	15.076923	11.307692
	AsstProf	5.052632	2.210526	81362.789474
	Prof	27.065217	21.413043	123624.804348

When applying groupby, a new groupby object is returned having the specified group as index name



Grouping data using groupby()

- On the groupby object we can first isolate column(s) and then run aggregation functions (statistics) for each group:

```
In [ ]: # Isolate salary and calculate mean value for each rank:  
df_rank['salary'].mean(numeric_only=True)
```

Out []:

rank	salary
AssocProf	91786.230769
AsstProf	81362.789474
Prof	123624.804348
Name: salary, dtype: float64	

Group names

Note: If **single brackets** are used to select the column (e.g. ['salary'] instead of [[['salary']]]), then the output is **Pandas Series** object. When **double brackets** are used the output is a **DataFrame**.

```
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df_rank[['salary']].mean(numeric_only=True)
```

Out []:

rank	salary
AssocProf	91786.230769
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Prof	123624.804348

Although some operations may overlap, many operations (methods) applied on **Series** and **DataFrames** differ due to the structural differences between the 2 data structures.



Grouping data using groupby()

- groupby() can be performed on multiple columns

```
In [ ]: #Group data using rank and sex columns which have categorical data  
df_rank_sex = df.groupby(['rank', 'sex'])  
df_rank_sex.mean(numeric_only=True)
```

Multi-index:
multi-level
index

	rank	sex	phd	service	salary
AssocProf	Female		15.500000	11.500000	88512.800000
		Male	13.666667	10.666667	102697.666667
	Female		5.636364	2.545455	78049.909091
		Male	4.250000	1.750000	85918.000000
AsstProf	Female		23.722222	17.111111	121967.611111
		Male	29.214286	24.178571	124690.142857
Prof	Female				
		Male			

- groupby() performance notes:
 - by default, the group names are sorted during the groupby operation. You may want to pass sort=False for potential speedup:

```
In [ ]: df.groupby(['rank'], sort=False).mean(numeric_only=True)
```



Aggregations on multiple columns or groups

- `agg()` method allows applying **multiple** aggregation methods **on one or more columns or groups**
- `agg()` on applying **aggregation methods on column(s)**:

```
In [ ]: df = pd.read_csv('salaries.csv')
# get numeric columns
df_numeric = df[['phd', 'service', 'salary']]
# get mean values: the same as df_numeric.mean() - returns a Series
df_numeric.agg('mean')
```

```
Out[ ]: phd           19.705128
         service      15.051282
         salary      108023.782051
         dtype: float64
```

```
df_numeric.agg(['mean']) #returns a DataFrame
                        phd      service      salary
mean    19.705128   15.051282  108023.782051
```

```
In [ ]: # multiple aggregations for all columns - returns a DataFrame
         df_numeric.agg(['max', 'mean', 'std'])
```

```
Out[ ]:          phd      service      salary
max     56.000000  51.000000  186960.000000
mean    19.705128  15.051282  108023.782051
std     12.498425  12.139768  28293.661022
```



Aggregations on multiple columns or groups

```
In [ ]: # multiple statistics on specific columns  
df_numeric[['service','salary']].agg(['max','mean','std'])
```

```
Out[ ]:  
      service          salary  
max    51.000000  186960.000000  
mean   15.051282  108023.782051  
std    12.139768  28293.661022
```

```
In [ ]: # multiple different aggregations for each selected column(s)  
df_numeric.agg({'phd': ['max', 'mean', 'std'], 'service': ['count', 'mean']})
```

```
Out[ ]:  
      phd          service  
max    56.000000        NaN  
mean   19.705128     15.051282  
std    12.498425        NaN  
count      NaN     78.000000
```



Aggregations on multiple columns or groups

- `agg()` on applying aggregation methods **on groups (groupby)**

```
In [ ]: # multiple statistics for each professor rank (for all columns)
df.groupby('rank').agg(['max', 'mean', 'std'])
```

Out[]:

	rank	max	mean	phd	max	mean	service	max	salary	mean	std
				std			std				
AssocProf	26	15.076923	5.589597	24	11.307692	5.879124	119800	91786.230769	18571.183714		
AsstProf	11	5.052632	2.738079	6	2.210526	1.750522	97032	81362.789474	9381.245301		
Prof	56	27.065217	10.185834	51	21.413043	11.255766	186960	123624.804348	24850.287853		

```
In [ ]: #Calculate max, mean, std of the salary column for each professor rank
df.groupby('rank')[['salary']].agg(['max', 'mean', 'std'])
```

Out[]:

	rank	max	mean	std
AssocProf	119800	91786.230769	18571.183714	
AsstProf	97032	81362.789474	9381.245301	
Prof	186960	123624.804348	24850.287853	



Split data values into bins (groups)

- `cut()` method bins (groups) numerical values into discrete intervals
 - Useful for going from a numerical (continuous) variable to a discrete (categorical) variable
 - For example, `cut()` could convert ages to groups of age ranges e.g. (0-12] → child, (12-18] → teenager, (18-60] → adult, (60-∞] → elder)
 - Supports binning **into equal-sized bins, or a pre-specified array of bins**
 - Returns an array-like object representing the respective bin for each value of the column to be split
-



Split data values into bins (groups)

- Example 1: Split faculty members by their salary into 3 equal-sized bins (all bins have the same number of faculty members)

```
In [ ]: df['salary_bin'] = pd.cut(df.salary, bins=3)  
df['salary_bin']
```

```
Out[ ]: 0      (143906.667, 186960.0] belongs to the third bin  
1      (57670.84, 100853.333] belongs to the first bin  
2      (100853.333, 143906.667]  
3      (100853.333, 143906.667] } belong to the second bin  
4      (100853.333, 143906.667]  
      ...  
73     (100853.333, 143906.667]  
74     (100853.333, 143906.667]  
75     (100853.333, 143906.667]  
76     (100853.333, 143906.667]  
77     (100853.333, 143906.667]  
  
Name: salary, Length: 78, dtype: category  
Categories (3, interval[float64, right]): [(57670.84, 100853.333] < (100853.333,  
143906.667] < (143906.667, 186960.0)]
```

The result of the cut method is a new column that shows the bin each faculty member belongs to according to his/her salary



Split data values into bins (groups)

- Example 1: Split faculty members by their salary into 3 equal-sized bins (a label for each split can be defined)

```
In [ ]: df['salary_bin'] = pd.cut(df.salary, bins=3, labels=['low', 'medium', 'high'])  
df['salary_bin']
```

Out[]:

0	high	belongs to the third bin
1	low	belongs to the first bin
2	medium	} belong to the second bin
3	medium	
4	medium	
	...	
73	medium	
74	medium	
75	medium	
76	medium	
77	medium	

Name: salary, Length: 78, dtype: category
Categories (3, object): ['low' < 'medium' < 'high']



Split data values into bins (groups)

- Example 2: Split faculty members by their salary into 3 pre-specified array of bins

```
In [ ]: df['salary_bin'] = pd.cut(df.salary, bins=[0, 100000, 150000, np.inf], labels=['low',  
'medium', 'high'])  
df['salary_bin']
```

Out []:

0	high	belongs to the third bin
1	low	belongs to the first bin
2	medium	belong to the second bin
3	medium	
4	medium	
	...	
73	medium	
74	medium	
75	medium	
76	medium	
77	medium	

Name: salary, Length: 78, dtype: category
Categories (3, object): ['low' < 'medium' < 'high']

Salaries are split into 3 ranges:
0–100,000 → **low**
100,001–150,000 → **medium**
>150,000 → **high**



Data Frame: Filtering

- In order to filter data we can apply Boolean indexing. For example, if we want to filter rows in which the salary value is greater than \$120K:

```
In [ ]: #Select only those that earn more than 12000:  
df_sub = df[ df['salary'] > 120000 ]
```



0	True
1	False
2	False
3	True
4	False
...	...
73	False
74	False
75	True
76	False
77	False
Name:	salary, Length: 78, dtype: bool

Any Boolean operator can be used to subset the data:

> greater; \geq greater or equal;
< less; \leq less or equal;
== equal; != not equal;

```
In [ ]: #Select only those rows that contain female professors:  
df_f = df[ df['sex'] == 'Female' ]
```



Data Frame: Filtering

- Symbol & refers to AND condition which means meeting both the criteria:

```
df_1 = df[ (df['sex'] == 'Female') & (df['service'] > 20) ]
```

- Symbol | refers to OR condition which means meeting any of the criteria:

```
df_2 = df[ (df['sex'] == 'Female') | (df['service'] > 20) ]
```



Data Frame: Filtering

- Select rows which a specific column involves specific values

```
df_3 = df[ df['phd'].isin([5,10,15]) ]
```

- Select rows which a specific column contains a specific letter

```
df_4 = df[ df['rank'].str.contains('f') ]
```

- Select rows with NaN values in specific column

```
df_5 = df[ df['service'].isnull() ]
```

- Select rows with NaN values in any column

```
df_6 = df[ df.isnull().any(axis=1) ]
```



Data Frames: Slicing

- There is a number of ways to get a slice of the DataFrame:
 - select one or more columns
 - select one or more rows
 - select a subset of rows and columns
 - Rows and columns can be selected by their position or label
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Data Frames: Slicing (selecting columns)

- When selecting one column, it is possible to use single set of brackets, but the resulting object will be a Series (not a DataFrame):

```
In [ ]: #Select salary column:  
df['salary']
```

- When we need to select **more than one columns** and/or make the output to be a DataFrame, we must use double brackets:

```
In [ ]: #Select rank and salary columns:  
df[['rank', 'salary']]
```



Data Frames: Slicing (selecting rows)

- If we need to select a subset of rows, we can specify the range using :

```
In [ ]: #Select rows by their position:  
df[10:20]
```

- The first row has a position 0, and the last value in the range is not returned:
 - So for 0:10 range the first 10 rows are returned with the positions starting with 0 and ending with 9
- BUT (*):

```
In [ ]: #Does not show the first row. USE iloc instead (see next slide)  
df[0] # single [] select columns, if first column name is not 0 => error
```

(*) The primary purpose of the DataFrame indexing operator, [] is to select columns.



Data Frames: method `iloc`

- If we need to select a single **row using its integer position** we can use the method `iloc`:

```
In [ ]: #Select a row by its position:  
df.iloc[0]
```

```
Out[ ]: rank           Prof  
discipline          B  
phd                 56  
service              49  
sex                  Male  
salary              186960  
Name: 0, dtype: object
```

← Result as Pandas Series

```
In [ ]: #Select a row by its position (returns Dataframe):  
df.iloc[[0]]
```

	rank	discipline	phd	service	sex	salary
0	Prof	B	56	49	Male	186960

← Result as Pandas DataFrame



Data Frames: method `iloc`

- If we need to select a range of rows and/or columns, using their (integer) positions we can use method `iloc`:

```
In [ ]: #Select rows and columns by their positions:  
df.iloc[10:20, [0, 3, 4, 5]]
```

Out []:

	rank	service	sex	salary
10	Prof	33	Male	128250
11	Prof	23	Male	134778
12	AsstProf	0	Male	88000
13	Prof	33	Male	162200
14	Prof	19	Male	153750
15	Prof	3	Male	150480
16	AsstProf	3	Male	75044
17	AsstProf	0	Male	92000
18	Prof	7	Male	107300
19	Prof	27	Male	150500



Data Frames: method `iloc` (summary)

```
df.iloc[0]    # First row of a data frame  
df.iloc[i]    # (i+1)th row  
df.iloc[-1]   # Last row
```

```
df.iloc[:, 0]  # All rows of the first column  
df.iloc[:, -1] # All rows of the last column
```

```
df.iloc[0:7]      # First 7 rows  
df.iloc[:, 0:2]    # All rows of the first 2 columns  
df.iloc[1:3, 0:2]  # Second through third rows and first 2 columns  
df.iloc[[0,5], [1,3]] # 1st and 6th rows and 2nd and 4th columns
```



Data Frames: method loc

- If we need to select a range of rows and/or columns, using their labels we can use method loc:

```
In [ ]: #Select rows and columns by their labels:  
df.loc[10:20, ['rank', 'sex', 'salary']]
```

```
Out[ ]:
```

	rank	sex	salary
10	Prof	Male	128250
11	Prof	Male	134778
12	AsstProf	Male	88000
13	Prof	Male	162200
14	Prof	Male	153750
15	Prof	Male	150480
16	AsstProf	Male	75044
17	AsstProf	Male	92000
18	Prof	Male	107300
19	Prof	Male	150500
20	AsstProf	Male	92000



Data Frames: Sorting

- We can sort the data by the values of a specified column. By default, the sorting will occur in ascending order (change using ascending Boolean parameter) and a new dataframe is returned.

```
In [ ]: # Create a new data frame from the original, sorted by the column service  
df_sorted = df.sort_values(by = 'service')  
df_sorted.head()
```

```
Out[ ]:

|    | rank     | discipline | phd | service | sex    | salary |
|----|----------|------------|-----|---------|--------|--------|
| 55 | AsstProf | A          | 2   | 0       | Female | 72500  |
| 23 | AsstProf | A          | 2   | 0       | Male   | 85000  |
| 43 | AsstProf | B          | 5   | 0       | Female | 77000  |
| 17 | AsstProf | B          | 4   | 0       | Male   | 92000  |
| 12 | AsstProf | B          | 1   | 0       | Male   | 88000  |


```



Data Frames: Sorting

- We can sort the data using 2 or more columns:

```
In [ ]: df_sorted = df.sort_values( by =['service', 'salary'], ascending = [True, False])
df_sorted.head(10)
```

Out[]:

	rank	discipline	phd	service	sex	salary
52	Prof	A	12	0	Female	105000
17	AsstProf	B	4	0	Male	92000
12	AsstProf	B	1	0	Male	88000
23	AsstProf	A	2	0	Male	85000
43	AsstProf	B	5	0	Female	77000
55	AsstProf	A	2	0	Female	72500
57	AsstProf	A	3	1	Female	72500
28	AsstProf	B	7	2	Male	91300
42	AsstProf	B	4	2	Female	80225
68	AsstProf	A	4	2	Female	77500