1 Lab 2 – Tables and Data Manipulation

1.1 Data 6, Summer 2022

In this lab, we will be talking all about *Tables*. We use tables to store all sorts of data from sports statistics to population information. If there's data you have ever been curious about, it is very likely that the Internet has a table somewhere with that data!

Tables are integral to the foundation of Data Science, and we will go over how to **query** a table. **Querying** a table is, simply put, requesting information about the table. Some examples of common queries (in English, not code):

- How many data points are there?
- Which data points have a specific characteristic?
- What is the attribute of a specific data point?
- And many more!

There are so many ways we can use tables to get information we need, and there are several existing libraries in Python that we can use to do this! In this course, we will be using the datascience library. This is the standard library used both in Data 6 and Data 8 at UC Berkeley. If you take Data Science classes beyond those two, you'll learn more!

1.2 Table Creation

Let's take a look at a table in action. Python does not have any tables by default, so we can either *create* a new table from scratch or import a table from a file. First, let's see how we can make our own table from scratch.

We start out with an empty Table – this is the same idea as having an empty array or string. Note that Table is capitalized and there is nothing in the parentheses.

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In [2]: # Run this cell to load an empty table
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our_table = Table()
our_table
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Out [2]:

1.3 Adding Data: with_columns

Now, let's put some data in our table! To do so, we use the with_columns method. This method requires two arguments: 1. The name of the column as a string 2. An array of values to put in the column

An example call to with_columns looks like: my_tbl.with_columns("My New Column", my_array), where my_tbl is our table that we would like to add to and my_array is a previously-defined array.

Run the cell below to see how we can add multiple columns into our_table.

We need to make sure that the columns we add to the table have the same number of rows (the length of the array we pass in) as the table. Otherwise, we'll get an error.

Watch what happens if we try to add a new column that doesn't have enough data (you'll see an error!)

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In [4]: # Just run this cell
     our_table.with_columns("Too Few Rows", np.array([1, 2, 3]))
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ValueError Traceback (most recent call last)
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1 # Just run this cell
----> 2 our_table.with_columns("Too Few Rows", np.array([1, 2, 3]))
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File ~/.pyenv/versions/3.9.11/lib/python3.9/site-packages/datascience/tables.py:2593, i Table.with_co
   2591 for i in range(0, len(labels and values), 2):
            label, values = labels_and_values[i], labels_and_values[i+1]
            self = self.with_column(label, values, formatter)
-> 2593
   2594 return self
File ~/.pyenv/versions/3.9.11/lib/python3.9/site-packages/datascience/tables.py:2510, i Table.with_co
   2508 elif isinstance(formatter, dict):
            formatter = formatter["formatter"]
-> 2510 new_table.append_column(label, values, formatter)
   2511 return new_table
File ~/.pyenv/versions/3.9.11/lib/python3.9/site-packages/datascience/tables.py:1002, i Table.append
            values = np.array(tuple(values))
   1001 if self.num_rows != 0 and len(values) != self.num_rows:
-> 1002
            raise ValueError('Column length mismatch. New column does not have '
                             'the same number of rows as table.')
   1003
   1004 else:
            self._num_rows = len(values)
   1005
ValueError: Column length mismatch. New column does not have the same number of rows as table.
```

Question 1.1: Add a new column to our_table called "Number of Students" that contains the number of students in each department. James tells you that the *Data Science* department has 240 students, the *Economics* department has 905 students, the *Political Science* Department has 209 students, and the *Sociology* department has 63 students.

Assign this new table to the variable our_table_new_column

our_table_new_column

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In [5]: # Our table has 4 rows, so our new column needs an array with 4 items, 1 for each row
       students_array = make_array(240, 905, 209, 63) # SOLUTION
       our table new column = our table.with columns("Number of Students", students array) # SOLUTION
       our_table_new_column
Out[5]: Department
                         | Course Number | Number of Students
       Data Science
                         | 6
                                  | 240
       Economics
                        | 1
                                         1 905
       Political Science | 2
                                         1 209
                        l 121
                                         1 63
       Sociology
In [ ]: grader.check("q1_1")
In [8]: # This is our final table!
       # You may use this cell to explore the table and see what you can do with it so far!
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1.4 Table attributes: num_rows and num_columns

We can ask for all sorts of information about the table itself:

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In [9]: our_table_new_column.num_rows
Out[9]: 4
In [10]: our_table_new_column.num_columns
Out[10]: 3
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1.5 Accessing Data: column

We can also ask about the data in the table using the column method. As mentioned in lecture, we can pass in a label or an index to this method.

Note: Recall that index into the columns of a table using **zero-indexing** – 0 corresponds to the first column, 1 corresponds to the second, etc....

Question 1.2: Find the average number of students in each department by first accessing the "Number of Students" column as an array and then taking the average. Assign the average to avg_num_students.

Note: You may use any np functions here

1.6 Loading a Table

Although creating our own tables by hand can be useful, more often than not the data we want to work with is far too large to be able to type out by hand. More commonly, we load datasets in from other sources using the Table.read_table() method. We can pass in a *file path* to this method and it will load that data into a table we can use in Python!

1.6.1 Background on the Data

The dataset that we'll use in this lab comes from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), a health survey fielded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). From the BRFSS website: >The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is the nation's premier system of health-related telephone surveys that collect state data about U.S. residents regarding their health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services.

By collecting behavioral health risk data at the state and local level, BRFSS has become a powerful tool for targeting and building health promotion activities.

The dataset that you will investigate is a **subset of the 2022 BRFSS Survey**. We've taken all the data points corresponding to fully-completed surveys and, in our opinion, the most interesting columns. Since the entire data set is so large, we've randomly sampled 100,000 rows from the original data. While we've wrangled and cleaning the data set you'll use in your investigation, you're welcome to investigate the original source; you can do so via the Survey Data section of the BRFSS site.

1.7 Seeing a table: show()

The use of the show() method displays the first n rows of a table. Like print() this does not return a value, it just displays the value to us at the end of a cell.

Our `brfss` table has 100000 rows and 23 columns

Question 2.1: Fill in the num_rows_brfss and num_columns_brfss with the number of rows and columns in the original brfss table, respectively.

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In []: grader.check("q2_1")
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1.7.1 Investigating our Data

Now that we've loaded our data into the brfss table, let's take a closer look at its columns. Run the following cell to output the column names.

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'Physical Health',
'Mental Health',
'Personal Doctor',
'Health Plan',
'Sleep Time',
'Exercise',
'Diabetes',
'Diabetes Age',
'Binge Drinks',
'Sex',
'Children',
'100 Cigarettes',
'Days Smoking',
'Income Lower',
'Income Upper')
```

Based on these column names, it looks like the data includes questions about **telecommunications**, **housing**, **demographic information**, **mental and physical health**, **alcohol and drug consumption**, and **physical exercise**. Each column in the brfss table corresponds to a question asked in the official BRFSS Survey.

1.8 Data Manipulation

Now that we have a solid understanding of the basic table methods from the datascience library, let's put our skills to use! Even with a few tools, we are already able to arrive at powerful realizations about real world data.

Question 2.2: Assign num_alabama_rows to the the number of times the name Alabama appeared in the brfss table.

Hint: Use the table methods you've learned above!

Take a closer look at some of the columns in the brfss table. For the next two questions, we will be looking at the "Binge Drinks" column, which corresponds to this survey question: > Considering all types

of alcoholic beverages, how many times during the past 30 days did you have 5 or more drinks for men or 4 or more drinks for women on an occasion?

Notice that this column contains negative values, most notably -1. Why might this be the case? Discuss with the people around you and check in with your GSI to confirm.

Question 2.3: Create a new table called missing_binge_drinks which only contains rows from the brfss table where there is a -1 in the "Binge Drinks" column.

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In [23]: missing_binge_drinks = brfss.where("Binge Drinks", -1) # SOLUTION
    missing_binge_drinks
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Out[23]:	State	-	Day		${\tt Month}$		Year		Cell Phone	-	College Housing (Cell	L)	College Housing (1
	West Virginia	-	1	-	6		2020	1	Missing	-	Missing	1	Missing
	Georgia	-	0	-	6	1	2020	1	Missing	-	Missing	-	Missing
	Florida	-	2		8		2020		Missing	-	Missing	-	Missing
	Maine		0		10		2020		Missing	-	Missing		Missing
	Arizona		0		4	1	2020	1	Yes		Missing	-	Missing
	Texas		1		7	1	2020	1	Yes		Missing	-	Missing
	South Carolina	-	0		11		2020		Missing	-	Missing	-	Missing
	Maine	-	2		2		2020		Missing	-	Missing	-	Missing
	Ohio	-	1		9		2020		Yes	-	Missing	-	Missing
	Massachusetts	-	1	1	2		2020		Yes	-	Missing	1	Missing
	(51032 rows o	om:	itted))									

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In [ ]: grader.check("q2_3")
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Question 2.4 (*Discussion*): Say we wanted to find the average of one of the columns from our original table. How does the inclusion of -1 values *affect* this average? If we removed all the negative values, how would the average change?

Then, once you've answered, run the following cell to confirm your understanding.

Type your answer here, replacing this text.

SOLUTION: The average is lower with negative values. If we removed them, the average would be higher.

With negatives: 0.49044

Without negatives: 0.5016119932296285

Question 2.5: As an *extra challenge*, see if you can output Alabama's average number of children for all respondents who gave an answer (i.e. do not have a value of -1) without using the np.average function. You should use the table brfss_no_negatives_children that's defined in the cell above.

Note: We've provided some starter code. Feel free to use it or try another approach!

Out [26]: 0.5443698732289336

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In [ ]: grader.check("q2_5")
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Question 2.6: Using the no_missing_income table we've provided for you, determine the average income for respondents who: 1. Have a health insurance plan ("Yes" in "Health Plan" column) 2. Do not have a health insurance plan ("No" in "Health Plan" column) 3. Refused to answer this question ("Declined to Answer" in "Health Plan" column)

You may use the starter code provided for you, but are not required to.

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In [28]: no_missing_income = brfss.where("Income Upper", are.not_equal_to(-1))
    health_plan = no_missing_income.where("Health Plan", "Yes") # SOLUTION
    no_health_plan = no_missing_income.where("Health Plan", "No") # SOLUTION
    declined = no_missing_income.where("Health Plan", "Declined to Answer") # SOLUTION

average_plan = np.mean(health_plan.column("Income Upper")) # SOLUTION
    average_no_plan = np.mean(no_health_plan.column("Income Upper")) # SOLUTION
    average_declined = np.mean(declined.column("Income Upper")) # SOLUTION

print(f"Respondents with a Health Insurance Plan made: \t\t\frac{round(average_plan, 2)}")
    print(f"Respondents without a Health Insurance Plan made: \t\frac{t}{round(average_no_plan, 2)}")
    print(f"Respondents who refused to answer made: \t\t\frac{t}{round(average_declined, 2)}")
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Respondents with a Health Insurance Plan made: \$43832.35 Respondents without a Health Insurance Plan made: \$34940.18 Respondents who refused to answer made: \$30963.91

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In [ ]: grader.check("q2_6")
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With just over a week of data science under your belts, you're already able to uncover underlying **patterns** and trends within real world data. In this case, we've found that those with health insurance plans make, on average, almost 9,000 more dollars a year than those without health insurance plans.

What's valuable, too, is the information we gain when a population is *missing* or, in this case, *declines to* participate. Notice that the average salary of respondents who refused to answer was around 4,000 dollars lower than those without a Health Insurance Plan.

1.9 Done!

That's it! There's nowhere for you to submit this, as labs are not assignments. However, please ask any questions you have with this notebook in lab or on Ed.

To double-check your work, the cell below will rerun all of the autograder tests.

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In []: grader.check all()
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1.10 Submission

Make sure you have run all cells in your notebook in order before running the cell below, so that all images/graphs appear in the output. The cell below will generate a zip file for you to submit. **Please save before exporting!**