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Pandas Data Structures

- Series Object (1 dimensional, a row)
- DataFrame Object (2 dimensional, a table)
- Querying
 - `iloc[]`, for querying based on position
 - `loc[]`, for querying rows based on label
 - Querying the *DataFrame* directly
 - Projecting a subset of columns
 - Using a boolean mask to filter data

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Setting Data in Pandas

- To add new data
 - `df[column]=[a,b,c]`
- To set default data (or overwrite all data):
 - `df[column]=2`

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> population - index in separate DF
total: person name

Venn Diagram

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Full outer join (union)

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Inner join (intersection)

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- Chain Indexing:
 - `df.loc[“Washtenaw”][“Total Population”]`
 - Generally bad, pandas could return a copy of a view depending upon numpy
- Code smell
 - If you see a `][` you should think carefully about what you are doing (Tom Augspurger)

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(a,b) (c,d): Scales

df = students academic level grade 1 ≥ 3 difference

- Ratio scale:** measurement units are equally spaced. difference x apparent - clear in mind
 - mathematical operations of $+/*$ are all valid
 - E.g. height and weight
- Interval scale:** units are equally spaced, but there is no true zero. no clear absence of value / 0 degree meaningful. Ex: temperature Fahrenheit
- Ordinal scale:** the order of the units is important, but not evenly spaced. direction on a campus - 0 degree ≠ lack
 - Letter grades such as A+, A are a good example
- Nominal scale:** (categorical data) categories of data, but the categories have no order with respect to one another. x math function
 - E.g. Teams of a sport.
 - Team names
 - only 2 possible value → binary

importance = Statistics / ml.
Pol-functions - convert between measurement scales