Data Science Cheat Sheet

Pandas

KEY

We'll use shorthand in this cheat sheet df - A pandas DataFrame object

s - A pandas Series object

IMPORTS

Import these to start
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

IMPORTING DATA

pd.read_csv(filename) - From a CSV file
pd.read_table(filename) - From a delimited text
file (like TSV)

pd.read_excel(filename) - From an Excel file
pd.read_sql(query, connection_object) Reads from a SQL table/database

pd.read_json(json_string) - Reads from a JSON formatted string, URL or file.

pd.read_html(url) - Parses an html URL, string or file and extracts tables to a list of dataframes

pd.read_clipboard() - Takes the contents of your clipboard and passes it to read_table()

pd.DataFrame(dict) - From a dict, keys for columns names, values for data as lists

EXPORTING DATA

df.to_csv(filename) - Writes to a CSV file
df.to_excel(filename) - Writes to an Excel file
df.to_sql(table_name, connection_object) Writes to a SQL table

df.to_json(filename) - Writes to a file in JSON
format

df.to_html(filename) - Saves as an HTML table
df.to_clipboard() - Writes to the clipboard

CREATE TEST OBJECTS

Useful for testing

pd.DataFrame(np.random.rand(20,5)) - 5
columns and 20 rows of random floats

pd.Series(my_list) - Creates a series from an
 iterable my_list

df.index = pd.date_range('1900/1/30',
periods=df.shape[0]) - Adds a date index

VIEWING/INSPECTING DATA

df.head(n) - First n rows of the DataFrame

df.tail(n) - Last n rows of the DataFrame

df.shape() - Number of rows and columns

df.info() - Index, Datatype and Memory
information

df.describe() - Summary statistics for numerical

s.value_counts(dropna=False) - Views unique values and counts

df.apply(pd.Series.value_counts) - Unique values and counts for all columns

SELECTION

df[col] - Returns column with label col as Series
df[[col1, col2]] - Returns Columns as a new

DataFrame
s.iloc[0] - Selection by position

s.loc[0] - Selection by index

df.iloc[0,:] - First row

df.iloc[0,0] - First element of first column

DATA CLEANING

df.columns = ['a','b','c'] - Renames columns
pd.isnull() - Checks for null Values, Returns
Boolean Array

pd.notnul1() - Opposite of s.isnul1()
df.dropna() - Drops all rows that contain null

df.dropna(axis=1) - Drops all columns that contain null values

df.dropna(axis=1,thresh=n) - Drops all rows have have less than **n** non null values

df.fillna(x) - Replaces all null values with x

s.fillna(s.mean()) - Replaces all null values with the mean (mean can be replaced with almost any function from the statistics section)

s.astype(float) - Converts the datatype of the series to float

s.replace(1, 'one') - Replaces all values equal to
 1 with 'one'

s.replace([1,3],['one','three']) - Replaces
all 1 with 'one' and 3 with 'three'

df.rename(columns=lambda x: x + 1) - Mass
renaming of columns

df.rename(columns={'old_name': 'new_
 name'}) - Selective renaming

df.set_index('column_one') - Changes the index
df.rename(index=lambda x: x + 1) - Mass

FILTER, SORT, & GROUPBY

renaming of index

df[df[col] > 0.5] - Rows where the col column
 is greater than 0.5

df[(df[col] > 0.5) & (df[col] < 0.7)]Rows where 0.7 > col > 0.5

df.sort_values(col1) - Sorts values by col1 in
 ascending order

df.sort_values(col2,ascending=False) - Sorts
 values by col2 in descending order

df.sort_values([col1,col2],
 ascending=[True,False]) - Sorts values by

col1 in ascending order then **col2** in descending order

df.groupby(col) - Returns a groupby object for values from one column

df.groupby([col1,col2]) - Returns a groupby object values from multiple columns

df.groupby(col1)[col2].mean() - Returns the
 mean of the values in col2, grouped by the
 values in col1 (mean can be replaced with
 almost any function from the statistics section)

df.pivot_table(index=col1,values=
 [col2,col3],aggfunc=mean) - Creates a pivot
 table that groups by col1 and calculates the
 mean of col2 and col3

df.groupby(col1).agg(np.mean) - Finds the average across all columns for every unique column 1 group

df.apply(np.mean) - Applies a function across each column

df.apply(np.max, axis=1) - Applies a function
across each row

JOIN/COMBINE

df1.append(df2) - Adds the rows in df1 to the
end of df2 (columns should be identical)

pd.concat([df1, df2],axis=1) - Adds the
 columns in df1 to the end of df2 (rows should be
 identical)

df1.join(df2,on=col1,how='inner') - SQL-style
joins the columns in df1 with the columns
on df2 where the rows for col have identical
values.how can be one of 'left', 'right',
'outer', 'inner'

STATISTICS

These can all be applied to a series as well.

df.describe() - Summary statistics for numerical
columns

df.mean() - Returns the mean of all columns

df.corr() - Returns the correlation between columns in a DataFrame

df.count() - Returns the number of non-null values in each DataFrame column

df.max() - Returns the highest value in each

df.min() - Returns the lowest value in each column

df.median() - Returns the median of each column

df.std() - Returns the standard deviation of each
column