

L3: Data Wrangling with Python

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What is Data Wrangling?



DISCOVERY:

Familiarizing yourself with data to conceptualize how you might employ it



STRUCTURING:

Transforming raw data to readily use it



CLEANING:

Removing inherent errors in data that might distort your analysis



ENRICHING:

Determining whether to enrich or augment your existing data



VERIFYING:

Confirming your data is consistent and high quality



PUBLISHING:

Making your data available for analysis

Raw data has its challenges

Data comes in all shapes and size :

binary files, text (csv) files, PDFs, stone tablets, images (jpg)

Different files have different formatting

 Spaces instead of NULLs, spaces instead of coma, extra rows, different column names

"Dirty" data

- unwanted anomalies
- Duplicates
- missing data

Typical workflow in the lab involves data wrangling



Data collection/gathering



Data preparation (pre-analysis)



Data analysis

Why data preparation







Data preparation (pre-analysis)



Data analysis

For further analysis data needs to be:

- well constructed
- clean
- accurately formatted
- suitable for statistical analysis

Concrete pre-processing steps

- 1) Cleaning data
- 2) Concatenating and merging data
- 3) Normalizing data
- 4) Running functions on the data
- 5) Data encoding

1) Cleaning data: example data-set

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	1.0	Mickéy Mousé	56.0	70kgs	72	69	71	-	-	-
1	2.0	Donald Duck	34.0	154.89lbs	-	-	-	85	84	76
2	3.0	Mini Mouse	16.0	NaN	-	-	-	65	69	72
3	4.0	Scrooge McDuck	NaN	78kgs	78	79	72	-	-	-
4	5.0	Pink Panther	54.0	198.658lbs	-	-	-	69	NaN	75
5	6.0	Huey McDuck	52.0	189lbs	-	-	-	68	75	72
6	7.0	Dewey McDuck	19.0	56kgs	-	-	-	71	78	75
7	8.0	Scööpy Doo	32.0	78kgs	78	76	75	-	-	-
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9	9.0	Huey McDuck	52.0	189lbs		-	-	68	75	72
10	10.0	Louie McDuck	12.0	45kgs	-	-	-	92	95	87

Do you notice any issues with that data-set?

Missing data

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missing data can be dealt with by the following methods:

- delete : remove record
- mean : use mean of column
- most frequent: replace by most frequent value of column

Blank lines

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Blank records need to be removed from data-set

Data format inconsistent

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Convert data to make uniform (same unit and format of all entries)

Multiple parameters in one column

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Separate into individual parameter entries (here one column for first and one for last name)

Duplicate entries

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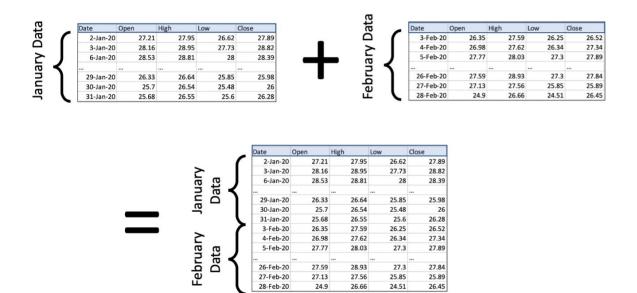
Remove duplicates/multiple entries of the same data-point

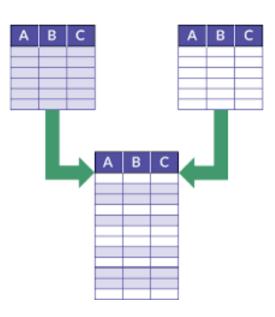
Same parameter in different columns

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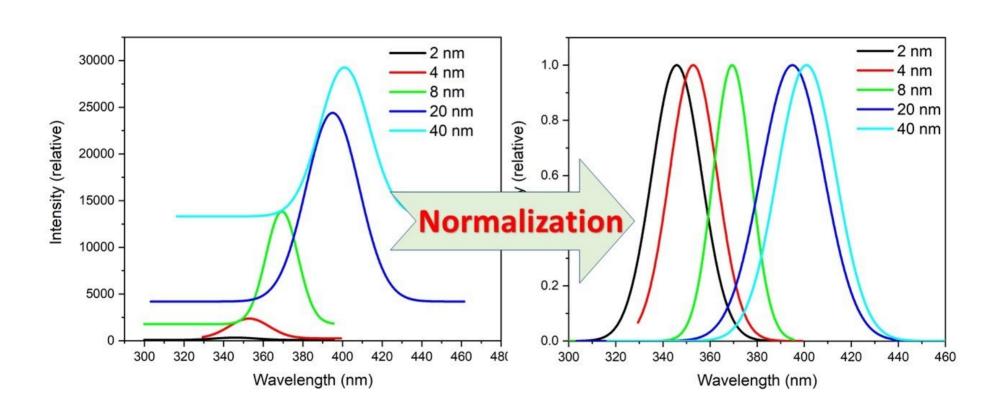
Merge columns containing the same information

2) Concatenating and merging data

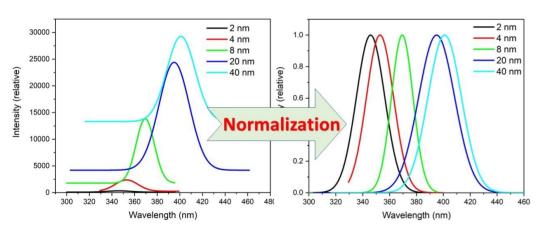




3) Normalize data



2) Common normalization/standardization methods



- correct for horizontal offset : baseline subtraction, mean subtraction
- Rescale: common minimum-maximum range (e.g. [0,1], [-1,1], [0,100])
- Standardization: subtract mean and normalized by Standard deviation (Guassian data):

z-score
$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$\mu = \text{Mean}$$

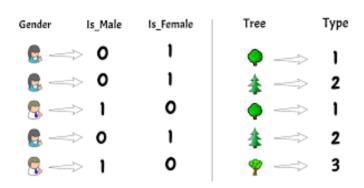
$$\sigma = \text{Standard Deviation}$$

- Log transformation: for data following exponential distribution (large spread, reduces impact of extreme values)
- Normalization by sum: normalize each datapoint by the sum of all values in the dataset, i.e., the sum of all values is 1 (e.g. probability distributions)

4) Running functions on the data

- combining data : add, mean
- mathematical functions : sin(), cos(), exp()
- custom functions : def ...()

4) Data encoding



 put data in format suitable for further analysis

