

CHAPTER 3: DATA MANIPULATION WITH PANDAS

(Week 3-4: Lecture Notes)

WEEK 3: INTRODUCTION TO PANDAS AND READING DATA

3.1. INTRODUCTION: WHY PANDAS? (The Excel Killer)

In engineering, data is usually kept in tables (Rows and Columns).

- **Excel:** Great, but slows down after 100,000 rows, crashes at 1 million.
- **Pandas:** The "Excel" of Python. It processes millions of rows in seconds. (*Name Origin: Derived from "PANel DAta"*).

3.2. BASIC STRUCTURES: SERIES AND DATAFRAME

Pandas has two main building blocks:

1. **Series:** One-dimensional data. (A single column in Excel).
2. **DataFrame:** Two-dimensional data. (The entire table).

3.3. CREATING THE FIRST DATAFRAME

(Colab Application)

Step 1: Importing the Library

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
```

Step 2: Making a Table from a Dictionary

```
In [2]: # Construction Site Data
data = {
    "Material": ["Concrete", "Iron", "Cement", "Brick", "Sand"],
    "Quantity": [100, 50, 30, 20, 60],
    "Price": [2000, 15000, 3000, 1500, 500]
}

df = pd.DataFrame(data)
print(df)
```

	Material	Quantity	Price
0	Concrete	100	2000
1	Iron	50	15000
2	Cement	30	3000
3	Brick	20	1500
4	Sand	60	500

3.4. READING DATA FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES

CSV files are the bread and butter of a data scientist.

```
In [3]: # Let's pull the Titanic Dataset
url = "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/datasciencedojo/datasets/master/titanic.csv"
df = pd.read_csv(url)
```

3.5. GETTING TO KNOW THE DATA (Taking an X-Ray)

We loaded the data, but what is inside? Is there any corruption?

```
In [4]: # 1. First 5 rows
print("--- First 5 Rows ---")
print(df.head())

# 2. Dimensions (Rows, Columns)
print("\n--- Dimensions ---")
print(df.shape)

# 3. General Information (Fill rates and Data types)
print("\n--- General Info ---")
df.info()

# 4. Statistical Summary
print("\n--- Statistical Summary ---")
print(df.describe().T)

# 5. MISSING DATA CHECK (Very Important!)
# How many empty (NaN) cells in which column?
print("\n--- Missing Data Check ---")
print(df.isnull().sum())
```

--- First 5 Rows ---

	PassengerId	Survived	Pclass	\
0	1	0	3	
1	2	1	1	
2	3	1	3	
3	4	1	1	
4	5	0	3	

	Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	\
0	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	male	22.0	1	
1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th...	female	38.0	1	
2	Heikkinen, Miss. Laina	female	26.0	0	
3	Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel)	female	35.0	1	
4	Allen, Mr. William Henry	male	35.0	0	

	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
0	0	A/5 21171	7.2500	NaN	S
1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	C
2	0	STON/O2. 3101282	7.9250	NaN	S
3	0	113803	53.1000	C123	S
4	0	373450	8.0500	NaN	S

--- Dimensions ---

(891, 12)

--- General Info ---

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

RangeIndex: 891 entries, 0 to 890

Data columns (total 12 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	PassengerId	891 non-null	int64
1	Survived	891 non-null	int64
2	Pclass	891 non-null	int64
3	Name	891 non-null	object
4	Sex	891 non-null	object
5	Age	714 non-null	float64
6	SibSp	891 non-null	int64
7	Parch	891 non-null	int64
8	Ticket	891 non-null	object
9	Fare	891 non-null	float64
10	Cabin	204 non-null	object
11	Embarked	889 non-null	object

dtypes: float64(2), int64(5), object(5)

memory usage: 83.7+ KB

--- Statistical Summary ---

	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	\
PassengerId	891.0	446.000000	257.353842	1.00	223.5000	446.0000	668.5	
Survived	891.0	0.383838	0.486592	0.00	0.0000	0.0000	1.0	
Pclass	891.0	2.308642	0.836071	1.00	2.0000	3.0000	3.0	
Age	714.0	29.699118	14.526497	0.42	20.1250	28.0000	38.0	
SibSp	891.0	0.523008	1.102743	0.00	0.0000	0.0000	1.0	
Parch	891.0	0.381594	0.806057	0.00	0.0000	0.0000	0.0	
Fare	891.0	32.204208	49.693429	0.00	7.9104	14.4542	31.0	

	max
PassengerId	891.0000
Survived	1.0000
Pclass	3.0000

```
Age            80.0000
SibSp          8.0000
Parch          6.0000
Fare           512.3292
```

```
--- Missing Data Check ---
```

```
PassengerId    0
Survived        0
Pclass          0
Name            0
Sex             0
Age            177
SibSp           0
Parch           0
Ticket          0
Fare            0
Cabin          687
Embarked        2
dtype: int64
```

WEEK 4: CLEANING, FILTERING, AND MANIPULATION

We loaded the data. Now it is time to "sculpt" it.

4.1. COLUMN MANAGEMENT (Selecting and Renaming)

Sometimes column names come very messy (e.g., "Col_XA_12"). We must fix them.

```
In [5]: # 1. Selecting Columns
ages = df["Age"]
summary = df[["Name", "Age", "Fare"]]

# 2. Renaming Columns (Rename)
# Let's change "Fare" to "Ticket_Price".
df = df.rename(columns={"Fare": "Ticket_Price", "Sex": "Gender"})

# To make it permanent, we assigned it back to df. Or we could use inplace=True.
print(df.head())
```

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4	0	373450	8.0500	NaN	S

4.2. ROW SELECTING: LOC and ILOC

- **.iloc**: Position based (0th row).
- **.loc**: Label based (row named "John").

```
In [6]: print("--- 0th Row Information ---")
print(df.iloc[0])      # All info of the first row

print("\n--- First 5 Rows ---")
print(df.iloc[0:5])    # First 5 rows
```

```

--- 0th Row Information ---
PassengerId      1
Survived          0
Pclass           3
Name              Braund, Mr. Owen Harris
Gender            male
Age              22.0
SibSp             1
Parch            0
Ticket            A/5 21171
Ticket_Price      7.25
Cabin            NaN
Embarked          S
Name: 0, dtype: object

```

```

--- First 5 Rows ---

```

	PassengerId	Survived	Pclass	\
0	1	0	3	
1	2	1	1	
2	3	1	3	
3	4	1	1	
4	5	0	3	

	Name	Gender	Age	SibSp	\
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4.3. CONDITIONAL FILTERING (Writing Queries)

This is the code version of the filter in Excel. **Scenario:** Find those who are older than 30 AND whose Ticket Price is less than 100.

```

In [7]: # Single Condition
adults = df[ df["Age"] > 30 ]

# Multiple Conditions (&: And, |: Or)
my_filter = (df["Age"] > 30) & (df["Ticket_Price"] < 100)
cheap_adults = df[my_filter]

print(f"Shape of filtered data: {cheap_adults.shape}")

```

Shape of filtered data: (279, 12)

4.4. SORTING - Like in Excel

Sorting data by single or multiple criteria.

```
In [8]: # 1. Single Criteria: From most expensive to cheapest by Ticket
sorted_df = df.sort_values(by="Ticket_Price", ascending=False)
print(sorted_df.head(3))

# 2. Multiple Criteria (Multi-key Sort)
# Sort first by Class (Pclass) (Small to Large),
# Then by Price (Large to small).
multi_sorted_df = df.sort_values(by=["Pclass", "Ticket_Price"], ascending=[True,
print(multi_sorted_df.head(3))
```

	PassengerId	Survived	Pclass	Name \
258	259	1	1	Ward, Miss. Anna
737	738	1	1	Lesurer, Mr. Gustave J
679	680	1	1	Cardeza, Mr. Thomas Drake Martinez

	Gender	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Ticket_Price	Cabin	Embarked
258	female	35.0	0	0	PC 17755	512.3292	NaN	C
737	male	35.0	0	0	PC 17755	512.3292	B101	C
679	male	36.0	0	1	PC 17755	512.3292	B51 B53 B55	C

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737	male	35.0	0	0	PC 17755	512.3292	B101	C

4.5. MISSING DATA MANAGEMENT (Quick Intervention)

We will do detailed cleaning in week 5, but gaps give errors while analyzing. Let's learn simple intervention for now.

```
In [9]: # 1. Drop Empty Rows (Dropna)
# Deletes the row with even the slightest gap. (Risk of data loss!)
clean_df = df.dropna()

# 2. Fill Gaps (Fillna) - Safer
# Fill the gaps in the age column with the average age.
average_age = df["Age"].mean()
df["Age"] = df["Age"].fillna(average_age)

# Check
print("Missing values after filling:")
print(df.isnull().sum())
```

Missing values after filling:

```
PassengerId      0
Survived          0
Pclass           0
Name             0
Gender           0
Age             0
SibSp            0
Parch           0
Ticket           0
Ticket_Price      0
Cabin            687
Embarked         2
dtype: int64
```

4.6. NEW COLUMN AND INDEX RESET

As we process the data (filtering, sorting), row numbers (indices) get mixed up (1, 5, 100, 2...). We must fix this.

```
In [10]: # 1. Deriving New Column
df["Price_TL"] = df["Ticket_Price"] * 30

# 2. Resetting Index
# Fixes the mixed sequence numbers to (0, 1, 2, 3...).
# If we don't say drop=True, it keeps the old indices as a new column.
df = df.reset_index(drop=True)
print(df.head())
```

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3	Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel)	female	35.0	1	
4	Allen, Mr. William Henry	male	35.0	0	

	Parch	Ticket	Ticket_Price	Cabin	Embarked	Price_TL
0	0	A/5 21171	7.2500	NaN	S	217.500
1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	C	2138.499
2	0	STON/O2. 3101282	7.9250	NaN	S	237.750
3	0	113803	53.1000	C123	S	1593.000
4	0	373450	8.0500	NaN	S	241.500

5. STATISTICAL ANALYSIS (Groupby)

It is the logic of Pivot (Summary) table. **Question:** What is the average price of each ticket class (Pclass)?

```
In [11]: print( df.groupby("Pclass")["Ticket_Price"].mean() )
```


Pclass

1 84.154687

2 20.662183

3 13.675550

Name: Ticket_Price, dtype: float64

Lecture Summary

1. **Parenthesis Error:** `isnull()` is a function, if you don't put `()` at the end, it won't work. `sum()` is the same.
2. **Permanence (Inplace):** For your changes (rename, drop, sort) to be permanent, either assign `df = ...` or add `inplace=True` inside the parenthesis.
3. **Index Trap:** If you say `df.iloc[0]` after filtering, it looks for the original index 0 (which might be filtered out), not the one at the top of the list. Therefore, doing `reset_index()` after complex tasks saves lives.