## **Introduction to Pandas**

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Many datasets you'll encounter are *tabular*; in other words, the data can be organized with tables and columns. We've seen how to organize this data with lists of lists, but this is cumbersome. Now we'll learn Pandas, a Python module built specifically for tabular data. If you become comfortable with Pandas, you'll likely start preferring it over Excel for analyzing tables.

We need to install Pandas:

```
pip install pandas
```

Then import it:

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

The as pd expression may be new for you. This just gives the pandas module a new name in our code, so we can type things like pd.some\_function() to call a function named some\_function rather than type out pandas.some\_function. You could also have just used import pandas or even given it another name with an import like import pandas as silly\_bear, but we recommend you import as "pd", because most pandas users do so by convention.

We'll also be using two new data types (Series and DataFrame) from Pandas very often, so let's import these directly so we don't even need to prefix their use with pd..

```
In [2]: from pandas import Series, DataFrame
```

## **Pandas Series**

Pandas tables are built as collections of Pandas Series . A Series is a sophisticated data structure that combines many of the features of both Python lists and dicts.

You can think of a Series as a dictionary where the values are ordered and, in addition to having a key, are labeled with integer positions (0, 1, 2, etc).

# Careful with the Vocabulary!

The terms we'll use when talking about Series are not very consistent with the terms we used for lists and dicts. I would happily invent new terminology and teach it to you, but I think it's better to teach you the vocubalary you'll see used outside of CS 301.

A pandas integer position refers to a 0, 1, 2, etc. label, and is equivalent to a list's index.

A pandas *index* refers to the programmer-chosen label (which could be a string, int, etc) on a value, and is equivalent to a dict's *key*.

After all the fuss we've made about disntinguishing a list's index from a dict's key, it's fair for you to be unhappy about what "index" means in the context of pandas.

## Series vs. Dictionary

It is easy to convert a dict to a Series:

In this case, the values are 7, 8, and 9, and the corresponding indexes are "one", "two", and "three".

dtype stands for data type. In this case, it means that the series contains integers, each of which require 64 bits of memory (this detail is not important for us). Although you could create a Series containing different types of data (as with lists), we'll avoid doing so because working with Series of one type will often be more convenient. You may mix values of different types in a Series (just like we regularly do with lists), but this is discouraged.

A Series can be expected to keep the same order (unless we intentionally change it), unlike a dict.

Let's lookup a value using some indexes, using .loc[???]:

Instead of .loc we can use .iloc to do lookup by integer position:

If you don't use .loc or .iloc, pandas tries to figure out which one you mean:

```
In [97]: print(s["one"])
    print(s[0])
    7
    7
```

Of course, this can create ambiguities (should s[0] produce "A" or "C"?).

```
In [102]: s[0]
Out[102]: 'C'
```

We can always convert a Series back to a dict. The pandas indexes become dict keys.

```
In [103]: # Series to dict
dict(s)
Out[103]: {2: 'A', 1: 'B', 0: 'C'}
```

### Series vs. List

We can also convert back and forth between lists as Series:

```
In [108]: |\text{num list} = [100, 200, 300]
           print(type(num_list))
           num_series = Series(num_list) # create Series from list
           print(type(num_series))
           <class 'list'>
           <class 'pandas.core.series.Series'>
In [109]: # displaying a list:
          num list
Out[109]: [100, 200, 300]
In [110]: # displaying a Series:
           num series
Out[110]: 0
                100
           1
                200
                300
          dtype: int64
```

Notice that both the list and the Series contain the same values. However, there are some differences:

- the Series is displayed vertically
- the indexes for the series are explicitly displayed by the values
- at the end, it says "dtype: int64"

When we create a Series from a list, there is no difference between the integer position and index. s.iloc[X] is the same as s.loc[X].

```
In [112]: num_series.iloc[0], num_series.loc[0]
Out[112]: (100, 100)
```

Going from a Series back to a list is just as easy as going from a list to a Series:

```
In [113]: list(num_series)
Out[113]: [100, 200, 300]
```

# **Indexing and Slicing**

Except for negative indexing, indexing and slicing for a Series is much like it is for a list.

```
In [14]: letter_list = ["A", "B", "C", "D"]
          letter_series = Series(letter_list)
          letter_series
Out[14]: 0
              Α
              В
          2
               С
          3
              D
         dtype: object
In [15]: | letter_list[0]
Out[15]: 'A'
In [16]: letter series[0]
Out[16]: 'A'
In [17]: letter_list[3]
Out[17]: 'D'
In [18]:
         letter_series[3]
Out[18]: 'D'
         letter_list[-1]
In [19]:
Out[19]: 'D'
```

```
In [114]: # but be careful! Series don't support negative indexes to the extent t
    hat lists do
    try:
        print(letter_series[-1]) # BAD
    except Exception as e:
        print(type(e))
    letter_series.iloc[-1] # OK

    <class 'KeyError'>
Out[114]: 'D'
```

Series slicing works much like list slicing:

```
In [115]: print("list slice:")
          print(letter list[:2])
          print("\nseries slice:")
          print(letter_series[:2])
          list slice:
          ['A', 'B']
          series slice:
          0
               Α
               В
          dtype: object
In [116]: print("list slice:")
          print(letter list[2:])
          print("\nseries slice:")
          print(letter series[2:])
          list slice:
          ['C', 'D']
          series slice:
          2
               D
          dtype: object
```

Be careful! Notice the indices for the slice. It is not creating a new Series indexed from zero, as you would expect with a list.

```
In [117]: # although we CANNOT always do negative indexing with a Series
    # we CAN use negative numbers in a Series slice
    print("list slice:")
    print(letter_list[:-1])
    print("\nseries slice:")
    print(letter_series[:-1])

list slice:
    ['A', 'B', 'C']

series slice:
    0     A
    1     B
    2     C
    dtype: object
```

You should think of Series(["A", "B", "C"]) as being similar to this:

We can also slice a Series constructed from a dictionary (remember that you may not slice a regular Python dict ):

## **Element-Wise Operations**

With Series, it is easy to apply the same operation to every value in the Series with a single line of code (instead of with a loop).

For example, suppose we wanted to add 1 to every item in a list. We would need to write something like this:

With a Series, we can do the same like this:

This probably feels more intuitive for those of you familar with vector math.

It also means multiplication means something very different for lists than for Series.

Whereas a "+" means concatenate for lists, it means element-wise addition for Series:

One implication of this is that you might not get what you expect if you add Series of different sizes:

The 10 gets added with the 1, and the 20 gets added with the 2, but there's nothing in the second series to add with 30. 30 plus nothing doesn't make sense, so Pandas gives "NaN". This stands for "Not a Number".

# **Boolean Element-Wise Operation**

Consider the following:

```
In [128]:
           nums = Series([1,9,8,2])
           nums
Out[128]:
           0
                 1
                 9
           1
           2
                 8
           3
                 2
           dtype: int64
In [129]:
           nums > 5
Out[129]:
           0
                False
           1
                  True
           2
                  True
           3
                 False
           dtype: bool
```

This example shows that you can do element-wise comparisons as well. The result is a Series of booleans. If the value in the original Series is greater than 5, we see True at the same position in the output Series. Otherwise, the value at the same position in the output Series is False.

We can also chain these operations together:

```
In [130]:
           nums = Series([7,5,8,2,3])
           nums
Out[130]:
                 7
           1
                 5
           2
                 8
           3
                 2
                 3
           dtype: int64
In [131]:
           mod 2 = nums % 2
           mod 2
Out[131]:
           0
                 1
           1
                 1
           2
                 0
           3
                 0
           4
           dtype: int64
```

As you can see, we first obtained an integer Series ( mod\_2 ) by computing the value of every number modulo 2 ( mod\_2 ) will of course contain only 1's and 0's).

We then create a Boolean series (odd) by comparing the mod 2 series to 1.

If a number in the nums Series is odd, then the value at the same position in the odd series will be True.

# **Data Alignment**

Notice what happens when we create a series from a list:

We see the following:

- the first position has index 0 and value 100
- the second position has index 1 and value 200
- the third position has index 2 and value 300

One interesting difference between lists and Series is that with Series, the index does not always need to correspond so closely with the position; that's just a default that can be overridden. We've already seen one way to do this (creating a Series from a dict). We can also build a Series with two aligned lists (one for the values and one for the index).

Now we see indexes are assigned based on the argument we passed for index (not the position):

- the first position has index 2 and value 100
- the second position has index 1 and value 200
- the third position has index 0 and value 300

When we do element-wise operations between two Series, Pandas lines up the data based on index, not position. As a concrete example, consider three Series:

```
In [137]:
          X = Series([100, 200, 300])
           Y = Series([10, 20, 30])
           Z = Series([10, 20, 30], index=[2,1,0])
In [138]:
Out[138]: 0
                100
                200
           1
           2
                300
           dtype: int64
In [139]:
Out[139]: 0
                10
                20
           2
                30
           dtype: int64
In [140]:
Out[140]: 2
                10
           1
                20
           0
                30
           dtype: int64
```

**Note:** Y and Z are nearly the same (numbers 10, 20, and 30, in that order), except for the index. Let's see the difference between X+Y and Y+Z:

```
In [141]:
           X+Y
Out[141]: 0
                 110
                 220
           1
           2
                 330
           dtype: int64
In [142]:
           X+Z
Out[142]: 0
                 130
                 220
           1
                 310
           dtype: int64
```

For X+Y, Pandas adds the number at index 0 in X (100) with the value at index 0 in Y (10), such that the value in the output at index 0 is 110.

For X+Z, Pandas adds the number at index 0 in X (100) with the value at index 0 in Y (30), such that the value in the output at index 0 is 130. It doesn't matter that the first number in Z is 10, because Pandas does elementwise operations based on index, not position.

# **Boolean Indexing**

We've seen this syntax before:

```
obj[X]
```

For a dictionary, x is a key, and for a list, x is an index. With a Series, x could be either of these things, or, interestingly, obj and x could both be a Series. In this last scenario, x must specifically be a Series of booleans. This type of lookup is often called "boolean indexing", or sometimes "fancy indexing."

```
letters = Series(["A", "B", "C", "D"])
In [143]:
           letters
Out[143]: 0
               Α
               В
          2
               С
          3
               D
          dtype: object
In [144]: bool series = Series([True, True, False, False])
          bool series
Out[144]: 0
                 True
          1
                True
          2
               False
               False
          dtype: bool
In [145]:
          # we can used the bool series almost like an index
           # to pull values out of letters:
          letters[bool series]
Out[145]: 0
               Α
          dtype: object
          # We could also create the Boolean Series on the fly:
In [146]:
           letters[Series([True, True, False, False])]
Out[146]:
               Α
                В
          dtype: object
```

As with element wise operations, fancy indexing aligns both Series:

```
In [149]: s = Series({"w": 6, "x": 7, "y": 8, "z": 9})
b = Series({"w": True, "x": False, "y": False, "z": True})
s[b]
Out[149]: w 6
z 9
dtype: int64
```

# **Combining Element-Wise Operations with Selection**

As we just saw, we can use a Boolean series (let's call it B) to select values from another Series (let's call it S).

A common pattern is to create B by performing operation on S, then using B to select from S. Let's try doing this to pull all the numbers greater than 5 from a Series.

### Example 1: extract number >5

```
In [151]:
          B = S > 5
           В
Out[151]: 0
               False
          1
                True
          2
               False
          3
               False
           4
                 True
          dtype: bool
In [152]: # this will pull out values from S at index 1 and 4,
          # because the values in B at index 1 and 4 are True
Out[152]: 1
                9
          dtype: int64
```

### **Example 2: extract upper case letters**

Let's try to pull out all the upper case strings from a series:

```
words = Series(["APPLE", "boy", "CAT", "dog"])
In [153]:
          words
Out[153]: 0
               APPLE
          1
                 boy
          2
                  CAT
                  dog
          dtype: object
In [154]:
          # we can use .str.upper() to get upper case version of words
          upper words = words.str.upper()
          upper words
Out[154]: 0
               APPLE
          1
                  BOY
          2
                  CAT
                 DOG
          dtype: object
In [155]: # B will be True where the original word equals the upper-case version
          B = words == upper words
          В
Out[155]: 0
                True
          1
               False
          2
                True
               False
          dtype: bool
```

We have done this example in several steps to illustrate what is happening, but it could have been simplified. Recall that B is words == upper\_words. Thus we could have done this without ever storing a Boolean series in B:

Let's simplify one step further (instead of using upper\_words, let's paste the expression we used to compute it earlier):

### **Example 3: extract odd numbers**

Let's try to pull out all the odd numbers from this Series:

nums % 2 well produce a Series of 1's (for odd numbers) and 0's (for even numbers). Thus nums % 2 == 1 produces a Boolean Series of True's (for odd numbers) and False's (for even numbers). Let's use that Boolean Series to pull out the odd numbers:

### Example 4: using and and/or or

One might be able to perform operations like this in Pandas:

```
Series([True, False]) or Series([False, False])
```

Unfortunately, that doesn't work, because Python doesn't let modules like Pandas override the behavior of and or . Instead, you must use & and | for these respectively.

Let's try to get the numbers between 10 and 20:

```
In [64]: s = Series([5, 55, 11, 12, 999])
Out[64]: 0
                 5
                55
                11
          3
                12
          4
               999
          dtype: int64
In [65]:
          s >= 10
Out[65]: 0
               False
          1
                True
          2
                True
          3
                True
                True
          dtype: bool
          s <= 20
In [66]:
Out[66]: 0
                True
          1
               False
          2
                True
          3
                True
               False
          dtype: bool
```

```
(s >= 10) \& (s <= 20)
Out[67]: 0
               False
          1
               False
          2
                True
          3
                True
               False
          dtype: bool
In [68]: s[(s >= 10) \& (s <= 20)]
Out[68]: 2
               11
          3
               12
          dtype: int64
```

Cool, we got all the numbers between 10 and 20! Notice we needed extra parentheses, though. and | are high precedence, so we need those to make the logical operators occur last.

# **Pandas DataFrame**

Pandas will often be used to deal with tabular data (much as in Excel).

In many tables, all the data in the same column is similar, so Pandas represents each column in a table as a Series object. A table is represented as a DataFrame, which is just a collection of named Series (one for each column).

We can use a dictionary of aligned Series objects to create a dictionary. For example:

```
In [69]: name_column = Series(["Alice", "Bob", "Cindy", "Dan"])
    score_column = Series([100, 150, 160, 120])

table = DataFrame({'name': name_column, 'score': score_column})
table
```

Out[69]:

	name	score
0	Alice	100
1	Bob	150
2	Cindy	160
3	Dan	120

Or, if we want, we can create a DataFrame table from a dictionary of lists, and Pandas will implicitly create the Series for each column for us:

#### Out[70]:

	name	score
0	Alice	100
1	Bob	150
2	Cindy	160
3	Dan	120

# **Accessing DataFrame Values**

There are a few things we might want to do:

- 1. extract a column of data
- 2. extract a row of data
- 3. extract a single cell
- 4. modify a single cell

```
In [71]: # we'll use the DataFrame of scores defined
# in the previous section
df
```

#### Out[71]:

	паше	Score
0	Alice	100
1	Bob	150
2	Cindy	160
3	Dan	120

```
In [72]: # let's grab the name cell using DataFrame["COL NAME"]
    df["name"]
Out[72]: 0 Alice
```

```
Out[72]: 0 Alice
1 Bob
2 Cindy
3 Dan
```

Name: name, dtype: object

```
In [73]: # or we could extract the score column:
         df["score"]
Out[73]: 0
              100
         1
              150
         2
              160
         3
              120
         Name: score, dtype: int64
In [74]: # if we want to generate some simple stats over a column,
          # we can use .describe()
         df["score"].describe()
Out[74]: count
                     4.000000
         mean
                   132.500000
                    27.537853
         std
         min
                   100.000000
         25%
                   115.000000
         50%
                   135.000000
         75%
                   152.500000
         max
                   160.000000
         Name: score, dtype: float64
In [75]: \# lookup is done for columns by default (df[x] looks up column named x)
         # we can also lookup a row, but we need to use df.loc[y]. ("loc" stands
          for location)
          # for example, let's get Bob's row:
         df.loc[1]
Out[75]: name
                   Bob
         score
                   150
         Name: 1, dtype: object
In [76]: # if we want a particular cell, we can use df.loc[row,col].
          # for example, this is Bob's score:
         df.loc[1, "score"]
Out[76]: 150
In [77]: # we can also use this to modify cells:
         df.loc[1, "score"] += 5
Out[77]:
            name score
             Alice
                   100
          0
              Bob
          1
                   155
          2 Cindy
          3
              Dan
                   120
```

# **Reading CSV Files**

Most of the time, we'll let Pandas directly load a CSV file to a DataFrame (instead of creating a dictionary of lists ourselves). We can easily do this with pd.read\_csv(path) (recall that we imported pandas as import pandas as pd):

```
In [160]: # movies is a DataFrame
    movies = pd.read_csv('IMDB-Movie-Data.csv')

# how many are there?
    print("Number of movies:", len(movies))
```

Number of movies: 998

```
In [161]: # it's large, but we can preview the first few with DataFrame.head()
movies.head()
```

#### Out[161]:

	Index	Title	Genre	Director	Cast	Year	Runtime	R
0	0	Guardians of the Galaxy	Action,Adventure,Sci-Fi	James Gunn	Chris Pratt, Vin Diesel, Bradley Cooper, Zoe S	2014	121	
1	1	Prometheus	Adventure, Mystery, Sci-Fi	Ridley Scott	Noomi Rapace, Logan Marshall- Green, Michael	2012	124	
2	2	Split	Horror,Thriller	M. Night Shyamalan	James McAvoy, Anya Taylor-Joy, Haley Lu Richar	2016	117	
3	3	Sing	Animation,Comedy,Family	Christophe Lourdelet	Matthew McConaughey,Reese Witherspoon, Seth Ma	2016	108	
4	4	Suicide Squad	Action,Adventure,Fantasy	David Ayer	Will Smith, Jared Leto, Margot Robbie, Viola D	2016	123	

```
In [162]: # we can pull out Runtime minutes if we like
          runtime = movies["Runtime"]
           # it's still long (same length as movies), but let's preview the first 1
           0 runtime minutes
          runtime.head(10)
Out[162]: 0
                121
          1
                124
          2
               117
          3
               108
           4
               123
          5
               103
          6
               128
          7
                89
          8
                141
          9
                116
          Name: Runtime, dtype: int64
In [163]: # what is the mean runtime, in hours?
          runtime.mean() / 60
Out[163]: 1.8861723446893788
In [164]: # what if we want stats about movies from 2016?
           # use .head() on results to make it shorter
           (movies["Year"] == 2016).head()
Out[164]: 0
               False
          1
               False
          2
                True
           3
                 True
                True
          Name: Year, dtype: bool
```

#### Observe:

- 0 is False because the movie at index 0 is from 2014 (look earlier)
- 1 is False because the movie at index 1 is from 2012
- 2-4 are True because the movies at indexes 2-4 are from 2016
- ...

Let's pull out the movies from 2016 using this Boolean Series:

```
In [165]: movies_2016 = movies[movies["Year"] == 2016]
   print("there are " + str(len(movies_2016)) + " movies in 2016")
   movies_2016.head(10)
```

there are 296 movies in 2016

#### Out[165]:

	Index Title		Title Genre		Cast	Year	Runtime
2	2	Split	Horror,Thriller	M. Night Shyamalan	James McAvoy, Anya Taylor-Joy, Haley Lu Richar	2016	117
3	3	Sing	Animation,Comedy,Family	Christophe Lourdelet	Matthew McConaughey,Reese Witherspoon, Seth Ma	2016	108
4	4	Suicide Squad	Action,Adventure,Fantasy	David Ayer	Will Smith, Jared Leto, Margot Robbie, Viola D	2016	123
5	5	The Great Wall	Action,Adventure,Fantasy	Yimou Zhang	Matt Damon, Tian Jing, Willem Dafoe, Andy Lau	2016	103
6	6	La La Land	Comedy,Drama,Music	Damien Chazelle	Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Rosemarie DeWitt, J	2016	128
7	7	Mindhorn	Comedy	Sean Foley	Essie Davis, Andrea Riseborough, Julian Barrat	2016	89
8	8	The Lost City of Z	Action,Adventure,Biography	James Gray	Charlie Hunnam, Robert Pattinson, Sienna Mille	2016	141
9	9	Passengers	Adventure, Drama, Romance	Morten Tyldum	Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt, Michael Sheen,	2016	116
10	10	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	Adventure,Family,Fantasy	David Yates	Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston, Alison Su	2016	133
11	11	Hidden Figures	Biography, Drama, History	Theodore Melfi	Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Mon	2016	127

```
In [166]: # let's get some general stats about movies from 2016
movies_2016.describe()
```

Out[166]:

	Index	Year	Runtime	Rating
count	296.000000	296.0	296.000000	296.000000
mean	374.986486	2016.0	107.337838	6.433446
std	299.342658	0.0	17.438533	1.023419
min	2.000000	2016.0	66.000000	2.700000
25%	105.750000	2016.0	94.000000	5.800000
50%	297.000000	2016.0	106.000000	6.500000
75%	615.250000	2016.0	118.000000	7.200000
max	997.000000	2016.0	163.000000	8.800000

We see (among other things) that the average Runtime is 107.34 minutes.

# **Conclusion**

Data comes in many different forms, but tabular data is especially common. The Pandas module helps us work with tabular data and integrates with ipython, making it fast and easy to compute simple statistics over columns within our dataset. In this lesson, we learned to do the following:

- · perform element-wise operations on Series
- · use Pandas data alignment to do computation involving two Series
- select specific values from a Series using another Boolean Series via boolean indexing
- organize tabular data as a collection of Series in a DataFrame
- populate a DataFrame from a CSV file

```
In [ ]:
```