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) Read from a SQL table/database

pd.read_json(json_string) - Read 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) - Write to a CSV file
df.to_excel(filename) - Write to an Excel file
df.to_sql(table_name, connection_object) Write to a SQL table

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

df.to_html(filename) - Save as an HTML table
df.to_clipboard() - Write 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) - Create a series from an iterable my_list

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

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

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

SELECTION

df[col] - Return column with label col as Series df[[col1, col2]] - Return 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'] - Rename columns
pd.isnull() - Checks for null Values, Returns
Boolean Arrray

pd.notnull() - Opposite of s.isnull()

df.dropna() - Drop all rows that contain null
values

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

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

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

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

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

s.replace([1,3],['one','three']) - Replace 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') - change the index
df.rename(index=lambda x: x + 1) - mass
renaming of index

FILTER, SORT, & GROUPBY

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) - Sort values by col1 in
ascending order

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

df.sort_values([col1,col2],

ascending=[True,False]) - Sort values by col1 in
ascending order then col2 in descending order
df.groupby(col) - Return a groupby object for
values from one column

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

df.groupby(col1)[col2].mean() - Return 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=max) - Create a pivot table
that groups by col1 and calculates the mean of
col2 and col3

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

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

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

JOIN/COMBINE

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

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

df1.join(df2,on=col1,how='inner') - SQL-style
join 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() - Return the mean of all columns

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

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

df.max() - finds the highest value in each column.
df.min() - finds the lowest value in each column.

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

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