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In [30]: import math
```

Data Types in Python

The following data types can be used in base python:

- **boolean**
- **integer**
- **float**
- **string**
- **list**
- **None**
- complex
- object
- set
- dictionary

We will only focus on the **bolded** ones

Let's connect these data types to the the variable types we learned from the [Variable Types video](https://www.coursera.org/learn/understanding-visualization-data/lecture/iDodZ/variable-types) (<https://www.coursera.org/learn/understanding-visualization-data/lecture/iDodZ/variable-types>).

Numerical or Quantitative (taking the mean makes sense)

- Discrete
 - Integer (int) #Stored exactly
- Continuous
 - Float (float) #Stored similarly to scientific notation. Allows for decimal places but loses precision.

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In [31]: type(4)
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Out[31]: int
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In [32]: type(0)
```

```
Out[32]: int
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In [33]: type(-3)
```

```
Out[33]: int
```

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In [34]: #try taking the mean
numbers = [2, 3, 4, 5]
print(sum(numbers)/len(numbers))
type(sum(numbers)/len(numbers)) #In Python 3 returns float, but in Python 2 would return
3.5
```

Out[34]: float

Floats

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In [35]: 3/5
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Out[35]: 0.6

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In [36]: 6*10**(-1)
```

Out[36]: 0.60000000000000001

```
In [37]: type(3/5)
```

Out[37]: float

```
In [38]: type(math.pi)
```

Out[38]: float

```
In [39]: type(4.0)
```

```
Out[39]: float
```

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In [40]: # Try taking the mean  
numbers = [math.pi, 3/5, 4.1]  
print(sum(numbers)/len(numbers))  
type(sum(numbers)/len(numbers))
```

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2.6138642178632643
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Out[40]: float
```

Categorical or Qualitative

- Nominal
 - Boolean (bool)
 - String (str)
 - None (NoneType)
- Ordinal
 - Only defined by how you use the data
 - Often important when creating visuals
 - Lists can hold ordinal information because they have indices

Boolean

```
In [41]: # Boolean  
         type(True)
```

Out[41]: bool

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In [42]: # Boolean  
         if 6 < 5:  
             print("Yes!")
```

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In [43]: myList = [True, 6<5, 1==3, None is None]  
         for element in myList:  
             print(type(element))
```

```
<class 'bool'>  
<class 'bool'>  
<class 'bool'>  
<class 'bool'>
```

```
In [44]: print(sum(myList)/len(myList))  
         type(sum(myList)/len(myList))
```

0.5

Out[44]: float

String

```
In [45]: type("This sentence makes sense")
```

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Out[45]: str
```

```
In [46]: type("Makes sentence this sense")
```

```
Out[46]: str
```

```
In [47]: type("math.pi")
```

```
Out[47]: str
```

```
In [48]: strList = ['dog', 'koala', 'goose']  
sum(strList)/len(strList)
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TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-48-b0bd059010c7> in <module>()  
      1 strList = ['dog', 'koala', 'goose']  
----> 2 sum(strList)/len(strList)  
  
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and 'str'
```

Nonetype

```
In [49]: # None  
type(None)
```

Out[49]: NoneType

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In [50]: # None  
x = None  
type(x)
```

Out[50]: NoneType

```
In [51]: noneList = [None]*5  
sum(noneList)/len(noneList)
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TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-51-7df95c7db77e> in <module>()  
      1 noneList = [None]*5  
----> 2 sum(noneList)/len(noneList)
```

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TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and 'NoneType'
```

Lists

A list can hold many types and can also be used to store ordinal information.

```
In [52]: # List
myList = [1, 1.1, "This is a sentence", None]
for element in myList:
    print(type(element))
```

```
<class 'int'>
<class 'float'>
<class 'str'>
<class 'NoneType'>
```

```
In [53]: sum(myList)/len(myList)
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TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-53-01620fe6b2d4> in <module>()
----> 1 sum(myList)/len(myList)
```

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TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'float' and 'str'
```



```
In [54]: # List
myList = [1, 2, 3]
for element in myList:
    print(type(element))
sum(myList)/len(myList) # note that this outputs a float
```

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<class 'int'>
<class 'int'>
<class 'int'>
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Out[54]: 2.0
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In [55]: myList = ['third', 'first', 'medium', 'small', 'large']
myList[0]
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Out[55]: 'third'
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In [56]: myList.sort()
myList
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Out[56]: ['first', 'large', 'medium', 'small', 'third']
```

There are more datatypes available when using different libraries such as Pandas and Numpy, which we will introduce to you as we use them.