

# PANDAS BASICS

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#### What is Pandas?

- **Pandas** is a Python package providing fast, flexible, and expressive data structures designed to make working with "relational" or "labeled" data both easy and intuitive. It aims to be the fundamental high-level building block for doing practical, real world data analysis in Python.
- The two primary data structures of pandas, Series (1-dimensional) and DataFrame (2-dimensional), handle the vast majority of typical use cases in finance, statistics, social science, and many areas of engineering.
- Data frames are tabular, meaning that they are based on rows and columns like you would see in a spreadsheet.
- Pandas is built on top of NumPy and is intended to integrate well within a scientific computing environment with many other 3rd party libraries.



#### Here are just a few of the things that pandas does well:

- Easy handling of missing data (represented as NaN) in floating point as well as non-floating point data.
- Size mutability: columns can be inserted and deleted from DataFrame and higher dimensional objects.
- Automatic and explicit data alignment: objects can be explicitly aligned to a set of labels, or the user cansimply ignore the labels and let Series, DataFrame, etc. automatically align the data for you in computations.
- Powerful, flexible group by functionality to perform split-apply-combine operations on data sets, for both aggregating and transforming data.
- Make it easy to convert ragged, differently-indexed data in other Python and NumPy data structures into DataFrame objects.
- Intelligent label-based slicing, fancy indexing, and subsetting of large data sets.
- Intuitive merging and joining data sets.
- Flexible reshaping and pivoting of data sets.



#### **Pandas Installation**

- conda environment conda install pandas
- Installing from PyPI
   python -m pip install pandas
- Installing pandas on Linux
  - In the following table, we will present some of the common Linux distributions package names for Matplotlib and the tools we can use to install the package:

Debian or Ubuntu (And other Debian derivatives)	sudo apt-get install python3-pandas
Fedora	sudo dnf install python3-pandas
Red Hat	sudo yum install python3-matplotlib
Centos/RHEL	sudo dnf install python3-pandas



## 1. Understanding a pandas DataFrame

- A pandas DataFrame (in a Jupyter Notebook) appears to be nothing more than an ordinary table of data consisting of rows and columns. Hiding beneath the surface are the three components, the index, columns, and data (also known as values) that you must be aware of in order to maximize the DataFrame's full potential.
- Analyse the labeled anatomy of the DataFrame:
- Note
  - In this Notebook we will be using a **Titanic** dataset. A dataset about passengers in Titanic.



Column name Columns axis = 1Name → Passengerld Survived Pclass Sex Age SibSp Parch Ticket Fare Cabin Embarked Braund, Mr. Owen Harris male 22.0 A/5 21171 7.2500 NaN S 0 Cumings, Mrs. John **1**)k Index 2 Bradley (Florence Briggs female 38.0 PC 17599 71.2833 C85 С Th... STON/O2. 2 3 3 Heikkinen, Miss. Laina female 26.0 0 7.9250 NaN S label 1 3101282 Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel) 3 4 female 35.0 1 0 113803 53.1000 C123 S 8.0500 5 Allen, Mr. William Henry male 35.0 373450 (NaN) S 0 0 Index Data Missing value axis = 0



## The variables that describe the passengers are:

PassengerId: and id given to each traveller on the boat.

**Pclass**: the passenger class. It has three possible values: 1,2,3.

The Name: a word or set of words by which a person or thing is usually known.

The Sex: males or females considered as separate groups.

The Age: the number of years that someone has lived.

**SibSp**: number of siblings and spouses traveling with the passenger.

Parch: number of parents and children traveling with the passenger.

The ticket number: a number (identifier) piece of paper that shows you have paid for a journey.

The ticket Fare: amount paid for a ticket.

The cabin number: a number for private room on a ship for a passenger.

The embarkation: It has three possible values S,C,Q.



In [1]: # Load library

In [2]: import pandas as pd

In [3]: #Create url

In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'

In [5]: # Load data as a DataFrame

In [6]: dataframe = pd.read\_csv(url)

In [7]: # Show first 5 rows

In [8] dataframe.head(5)



	Passengerld	Survived	Pclass	Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
0	1	0	3	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	male	22.0	1	0	A/5 21171	7.2500	NaN	S
1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female	38.0	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С
2	3	1	3	Heikkinen, Miss. Laina	female	26.0	0	0	STON/O2. 3101282	7.9250	NaN	s
3	4	1	1	Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel)	female	35.0	1	0	113803	53.1000	C123	s
4	5	0	3	Allen, Mr. William Henry	male	35.0	0	0	373450	8.0500	NaN	S

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#### Things to notice in this DataFrame

- First, in a data frame each row corresponds to one observation (e.g., a passenger) and each column corresponds to one feature (gender, age, etc.). For example, bylooking at the first observation we can see that **Heikkinen**, **Miss. Laina** stayed in first class, was 26 years old, was female, and survived the disaster.
- Second, each column contains a name (e.g., Name, PClass, Age) and each row contains an index number (e.g., 0 for the lucky Miss Elisabeth Walton Allen). We will use these to select and manipulate observations and features.



## 2. Creating a DataFrame

- First method:
  - Create a dataframe and add columns independently.

```
In [1]: #Load library
```

```
In [2]: import pandas as pd
```

```
In [3]: # Create a DataFrame
```

In [5]: #Add columns to a DataFrame

```
In [6]: df['Name'] = ['John', 'Rebecca', 'Lisa', 'Godfrey', 'Vivan']
```

```
In [7]: df['Age'] = [19,16,27,18,91]
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In [8]: df['Country'] = ['Kenya', 'Uganda', 'Rwanda', 'Tanzania', 'Burundi']

In [9]: #show DataFrame

In [10] df

	Name	Age	Country
0	John	19	Kenya
1	Rebecca	16	Uganda
2	Lisa	27	Rwanda
3	Godfrey	18	Tanzania
4	Vivan	91	Burundi



Second method :
 Create a dataframe and add columns at the same time.

```
In [1]: #Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: # Create a DataFrame
In [4]: df = pd.DataFrame(columns=['Name', 'Age', 'Country'],
           data=[
              ['John', 19, 'Kenya'],
               ['Rebecca',16,'Uganda'],
              ['Lisa',27,'Rwanda'],
              ['Godfrey',18,'Tanzania'],
              ['Vivan',91,'Burundi']
              ])
```

In [5]: df

	Name	Age	Country
0	John	19	Kenya
1	Rebecca	16	Uganda
2	Lisa	27	Rwanda
3	Godfrey	18	Tanzania
4	Vivan	91	Burundi



#### 3. Creating a Series

dtype: object

```
In [1]: #Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: #Create a Series
In [4]: series = pd.Series(index=['Name', 'Age', 'Country'], data=['John', 19, 'Uganda'])
In [5]: #show series
In [6]:Series
Out [1]: Name
                         John
                         19
        Age
                        Uganda
       Country
```



#### A series can be used to create a DataFrame as follows

```
In [1]: #Load library
```

In [2]: import pandas as pd

In [3]: #Create a DataFrame

In [4]: df = pd.DataFrame().append(series, ignore\_index=True)

In [5]: #show DataFrame

In [6]: df

	Age	Country	Name
0	19.0	Uganda	John



#### 4.Describing a DataFrame

 Describing a DataFrame involve looking at its short summary of descriptive statistical measures.

```
In [1]: #Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: #Create url
In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'
In [5]: #Load data as a DataFrame
In [6]: dataframe = pd.read csv(url)
In [7]: #show statistics
In [8]: dataframe.describe()
```



We can also take a look at the number of row and columns.

In [1]: dataframe.shape

Out [1]: (891,12)

• DataFrame has 891 rows(instances/samples) and 12 columns(features).

#### **5.**Navigating DataFrames.

- You need to select individual data or slices of a DataFrame.
  - loc
    - is useful when the index of the DataFrame is a label (e.g., a string).
  - iloc
    - works by looking for the position in the DataFrame. For example, iloc[0] will return the first row regardless of whether the index is an integer or a label.

In [1]: # Select three rows

In [2]: dataframe.iloc[1:4] # also dataframe.iloc[:4]



	Passengerld	Survived	Pclass	Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female	38.0	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С
2	3	1	3	Heikkinen, Miss. Laina	female	26.0	0	0	STON/O2. 3101282	7.9250	NaN	s
3	4	1	1	Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel)	female	35.0	1	0	113803	53.1000	C123	S

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• DataFrames do not need to be numerically indexed. We can set the index of a DataFrame to any value where the value is unique to each row. For example, we can set the index to be passenger names and then select rows using a name:

```
In [1]: #set index
In [2]: dataframe = dataframe.set_index(dataframe['Name'])
In [3]: #use index to slice and show row
In [4]: dataframe.loc['Heikkinen, Miss. Laina']
```



Out [1]: PassangerId 3 Survived Pclass 3 Name Heikkinen, Miss. Laina Female Sex 26 Age SibSp Patch Ticket STON/02. 3101282 Fare 7.925 Cabin NaN Embarked S

Name: Heikkinen, Miss. Laina

dtype:object



## **6.Selecting Rows Based on Conditionals**

In [1]: # Load library

In [2]: import pandas as pd

In [3]: # Create URL

In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'

In [5]: # Load data

In [6]: dataframe = pd.read\_csv(url)

In [7]: # Show top two rows where column 'sex' is 'female'

In [8]: dataframe[dataframe['Sex'] == 'female'].head(2)

	Passengerld	Survived	Pclass	Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female	38.0	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С
2	3	1	3	Heikkinen, Miss. Laina	female	26.0	0	0	STON/O2. 3101282	7.9250	NaN	S



• Multiple conditions are easy as well. For example, here we select all the rows where the passenger is a female 65 or older:

In [1]: # Show top two rows where column 'sex' is 'female' and 'age' >=27

In [2]: dataframe[(dataframe['Sex'] == 'female') & (dataframe['Age'] >= 27)].head(2)

	Passengerld	Survived	Pclass	Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female	38.0	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С
3	4	1	1	Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel)	female	35.0	1	0	113803	53.1000	C123	S



### 7. Replacing Values

• pandas' replace() is an easy way to find and replace values. For example, we can replace any instance of "female" in the Sex column with "Woman":

```
In [1]: # Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: # Create URL
In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'
In [5]: # Load data
In [6]: dataframe = pd.read csv(url)
In [7]: # Replace values, show two rows
In [8]: dataframe['Sex'].replace("female", "woman").head(2)
Out [1]: 0
               male
               woman
        Name: Sex, dtype:object
```

• We can also replace multiple values at the same time:

```
In [1]: # Replace "female" and "male with "Woman" and "Man"
In [2]: dataframe['Sex'].replace(["female", "male"], ["Woman", "Man"]).head(5)
Out [1]: 0
              Man
              Woman
        2
              Woman
        3
              Woman
        4
              Man
        Name: Sex, dtype:object
```



#### 8. Renaming Columns

• Rename columns using the rename() method:

```
In [1]: # Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: # Create URL
In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'
In [5]: # Load data
In [6]: dataframe = pd.read csv(url)
In [7]: # Rename column, show two rows
In [8]: dataframe.rename(columns={'PClass': 'Passenger Class'}).head(2)
```



	Passengerld	Survived	Passenger Class	Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
0	1	0	3	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	male	22.0	1	0	A/5 21171	7.2500	NaN	s
1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female	38.0	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С



• Notice that the rename() method can accept a dictionary as a parameter. We can use the dictionary to change multiple column names at once:

In [1]: # Rename columns, show two rows

In [2]: dataframe.rename(columns={'PClass': 'Passenger Class', 'Sex': 'Gender'}).head(2)

	Passengerld	Survived	Passenger Class	Name	Gender	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
0	1	0	3	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	male	22.0	1	0	A/5 21171	7.2500	NaN	S
1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female	38.0	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С



#### 9. Finding the Minimum, Maximum, Sum, Average, and Count

```
In [1]: # Load library
 In [2]: import pandas as pd
 In [3]: # Create URL
 In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'
 In [5]: # Load data
 In [6]: dataframe = pd.read csv(url)
 In [7]: # Calculate statistics
 In [8]: print('Maximum:', dataframe['Age'].max())
 In [9]: print('Minimum:', dataframe['Age'].min())
In [10]: print('Mean:', dataframe['Age'].mean())
In [11]: print('Sum:', dataframe['Age'].sum())
In [12]: print('Count:', dataframe['Age'].count())
```



Out [1]: Maximum: 80.0

Mean:

Minimum: 0.42

29.96611764705882

Sum: 21205.17

Count: 714



### 10.Finding Unique Values

• Use unique to view an array of all unique values in a column:

```
In [1]: # Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: # Create URL
In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'
In [5]: # Load data
In [6]: dataframe = pd.read csv(url)
In [7]: # Select unique values
In[8]: dataframe['Sex'].unique()
Out [1]: array(['male', 'female'],dtype:object)
```



• Alternatively, value\_counts() will display all unique values with the number of times each value appears:

```
In [1] dataframe['Sex'].value_counts()
Out [1]: male 577
female 314
Name: Sex, dtype: object
```



### 11. Handling Missing Values

• isnull() and notnull() return booleans indicating whether a value is missing:

```
In [1]: # Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: # Create URL
In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'
In [5] # Load data
In [6]: dataframe = pd.read csv(url)
In [7]: # Select missing values, show two rows
In [6]: dataframe[dataframe['Age'].isnull()].head(2)
```



	Passengerld	Survived	Pclass	Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
	6	0	3	Moran, Mr. James	male	NaN	0	0	330877	8.4583	NaN	Q
1	18	1	2	Williams, Mr. Charles Eugene	male	NaN	0	0	244373	13.0000	NaN	S



### 12.Deleting a Column

• The best way to delete a column is to use drop() with the parameter axis=1 (i.e., the column axis):

```
In [1]: # Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: # Create URL
In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'
In [5]: # Load data
In [6]: dataframe = pd.read csv(url)
In [7]: # Delete column
In [8]: dataframe.drop('Age', axis=1).head(2)
```



	Passengerld	Survived	Pclass	Name	Sex	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
0	1	0	3	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	male	1	0	A/5 21171	7.2500	NaN	S
1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С



• You can also use a list of column names as the main argument to drop multiple columns at once:

In [1]: # Drop columns

In [2]: dataframe.drop(['Age', 'Sex'], axis=1).head(2)

	Passengerld	Survived	Pclass	Name	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
0	1	0	3	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	1	0	A/5 21171	7.2500	NaN	S
1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С



#### 13.Deleting a Row

• Use a boolean condition to create a new DataFrame excluding the rows you want to delete:

```
In [1]: # Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: # Create URL
In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'
In [5]: # Load data
In [6]: dataframe = pd.read csv(url)
In [7]: # Delete rows, show first two rows of output
In [8]: dataframe[dataframe['Sex'] != 'male'].head(2)
```



	Passengerld	Survived	Pclass	Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
	1 2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female	38.0	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С
:	2 3	1	3	Heikkinen, Miss. Laina	female	26.0	0	0	STON/O2. 3101282	7.9250	NaN	S



### **14.Dropping Duplicate Rows**

• Use drop\_duplicates(), but be mindful of the parameters:

```
In [1]: # Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: # Create URL
In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'
In [5]: # Load data
In [6]: dataframe = pd.read csv(url)
In [8]: # Drop duplicates, show first two rows of output
In [9]: dataframe.drop_duplicates(keep='last').head(2)
```



	Passengerld	Survived	Pclass	Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
(	1	0	3	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	male	22.0	1	0	A/5 21171	7.2500	NaN	S
	1 2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female	38.0	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С



### 15. Grouping Rows by Values

• groupby() is one of the most powerful features in pandas:

```
In [1]: # Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: # Create URL
In [4]: url = 'Data/Titanic.csv'
In [5]: # Load data
In [6]: dataframe = pd.read csv(url)
In [7]: # Group rows by the values of the column 'Sex', calculate mean
In [8]: # of each group
In [8]: dataframe.groupby('Sex').mean()
```

	Passengerld	Survived	Pclass	Age	SibSp	Parch	Fare
Sex	(						
female	431.028662	0.742038	2.159236	27.915709	0.694268	0.649682	44.479818
male	454.147314	0.188908	2.389948	30.726645	0.429809	0.235702	25.523893



## 15. Concatenating DataFrames

• Use concat with axis=0 to concatenate along the row axis:

```
In [1]: # Load library
In [2]: import pandas as pd
In [3]: # Create DataFrame
In [4]: data a = \{'id': ['1', '2', '3'],
'first': ['Alex', 'Amy', 'Allen'],
'last': ['Anderson', 'Ackerman', 'Ali']}
In [5]: dataframe a = pd.DataFrame(data a, columns = ['id', 'first', 'last'])
```



```
In [6]: # Create DataFrame
In [7]: data b = \{'id': ['4', '5', '6'],
'first': ['Billy', 'Brian', 'Bran'],
'last': ['Bonder', 'Black', 'Balwner']}
In [8]:dataframe b = pd.DataFrame(data b, columns = ['id', 'first', 'last'])
In [9]: # Concatenate DataFrames by rows
In[10]: pd.concat([dataframe a, dataframe b], axis=0)
```

	id	first	last
0	1	Alex	Anderson
1	2	Amy	Ackerman
2	3	Allen	Ali
0	4	Billy	Bonder
1	5	Brian	Black
2	6	Bran	Balwner



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