

[220] Tabular Data

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Cheaters caught: 0

Learning Objectives Today

CSV format

- purpose
- syntax
- comparison to spreadsheet

Reading CSV files

- without header
- with header
- type casting

Chapter 14 of Sweigart, to (and including)
“Reading Data from Reader Objects in a for Loop”

Today's Outline

Spreadsheets

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Reading a CSV to a list of lists

Coding examples

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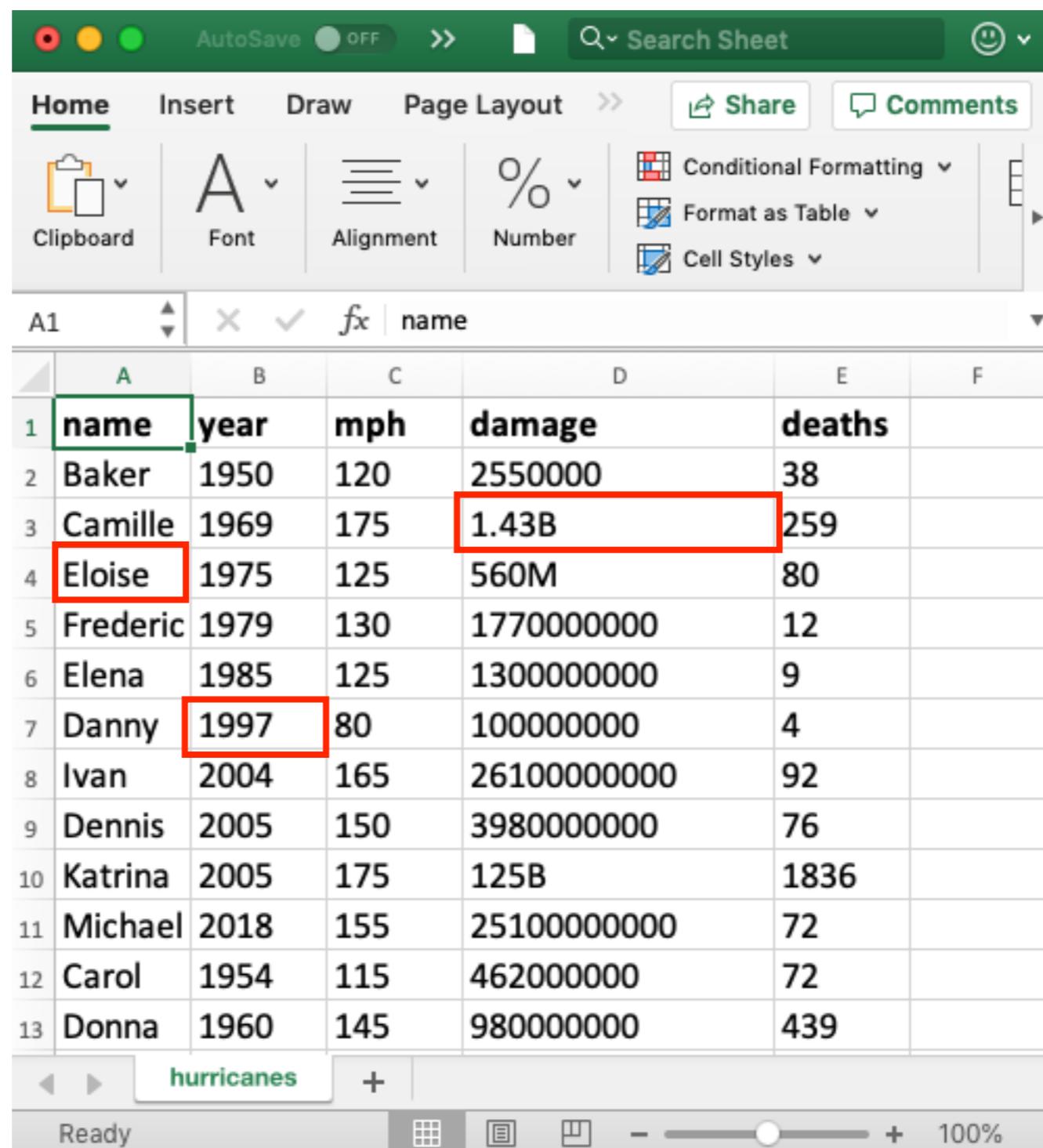
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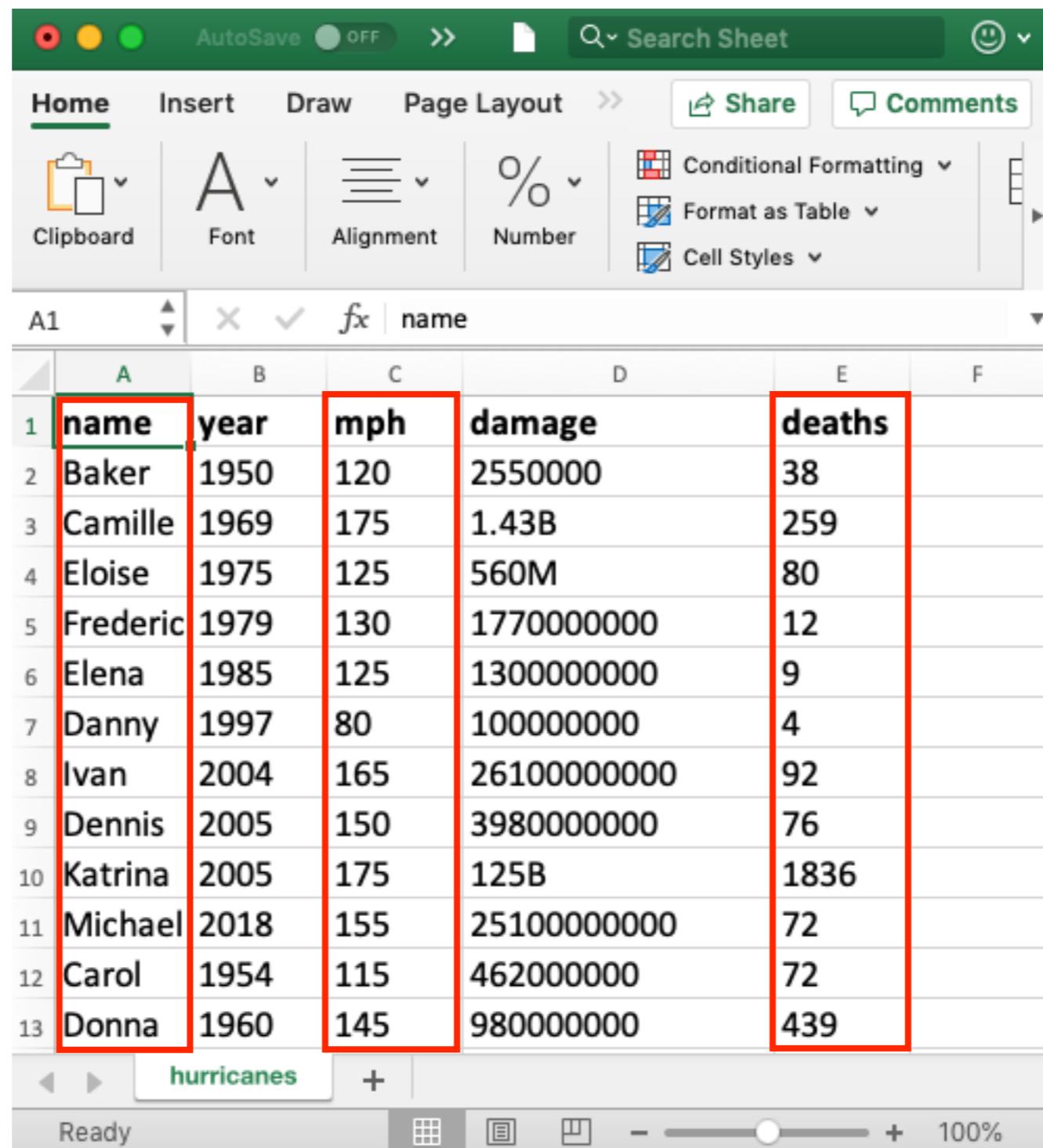
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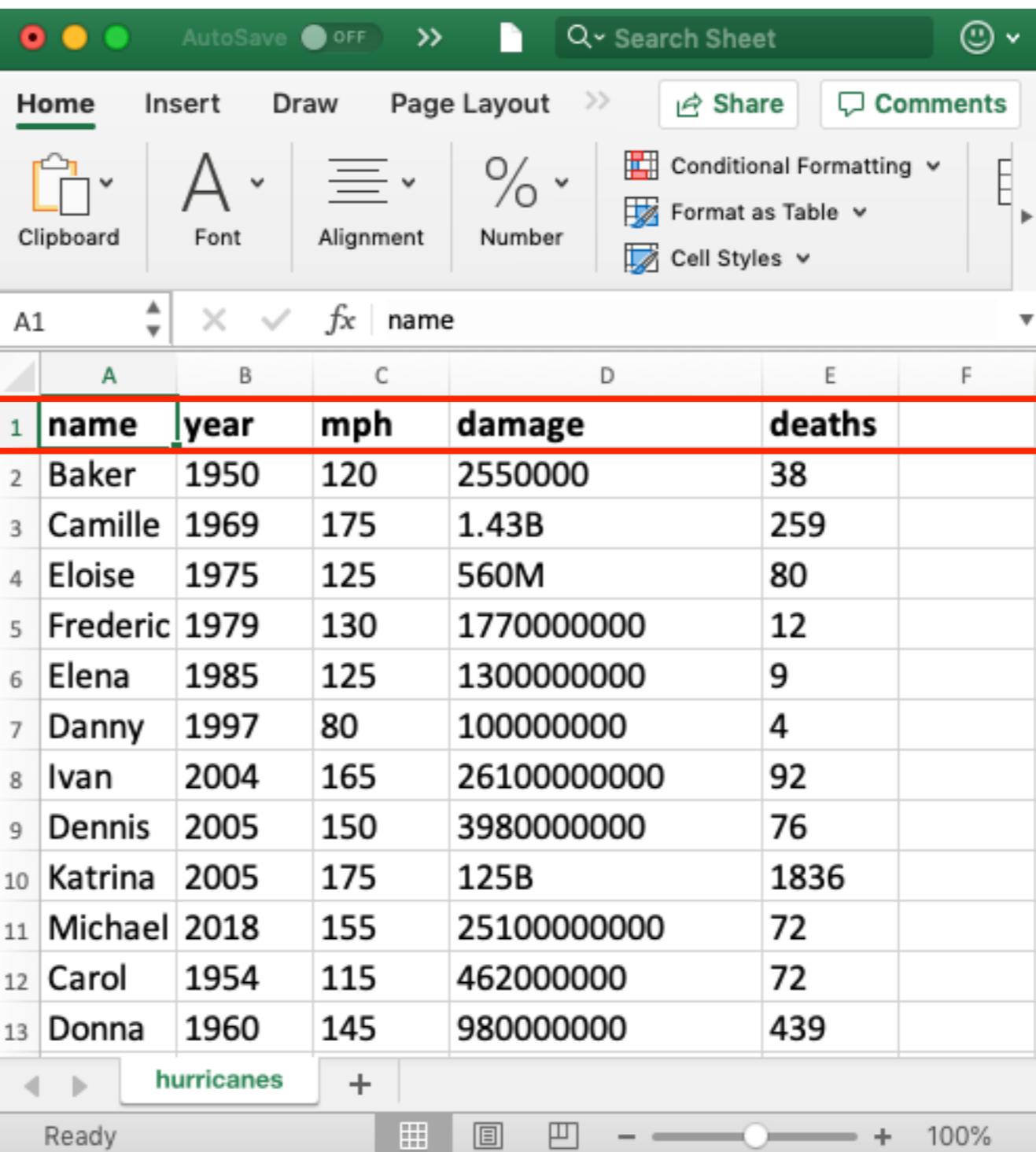
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Excel Files

Extension: .xlsx

Format: **binary** → just 0's and 1's, not human-readable characters.
Need special software...

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ty-mac:lec-15$ cat hurricanes.xlsx
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Writing code to read data from
Excel files is tricky, unless you
use special modules

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CSVs

CSV is a simple data format that stands for
Comma-Separated Values

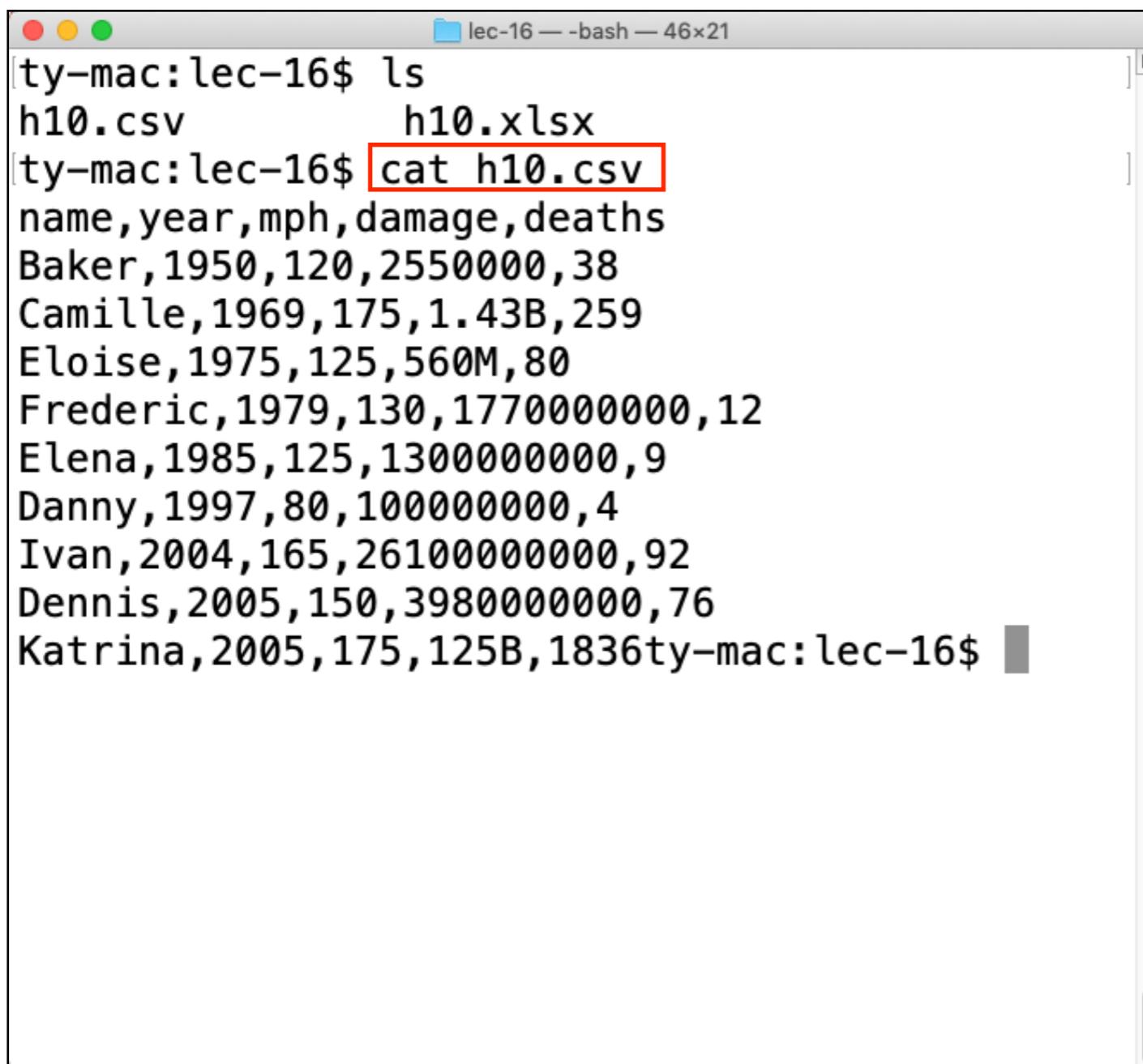
CSVs are like simple spreadsheets

- organize cells of data into rows and columns
 - only one sheet per file
 - only holds strings
 - no way to specify font, borders, cell size, etc
- you'll do lots of type casting/conversion!
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CSV Files

Extension: .csv

Format: plain text → just open in any editor (notepad, textedit, idle, etc) and you'll be able to read it



A screenshot of a Mac OS X terminal window titled "lec-16 — bash — 46x21". The window shows the command "ls" followed by two files: "h10.csv" and "h10.xlsx". Below this, the command "cat h10.csv" is run, displaying its contents. The CSV file contains data about hurricanes, with columns for name, year, mph, damage, and deaths. The data rows are:

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Writing code that understands
CSV files is easy

Basic Syntax

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Corresponding CSV

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We call characters that act as separators “**delimiters**”

Newlines delimit rows

The comma is a delimiter between cells in a row

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Advanced Syntax

We won't go into details here, but there are some complexities

Motivation for more complicated syntax

- *what if a cell contains a newline?*
- *what if we want a comma inside a cell?*
- *what if a cell contains a quote?*
- *what if we want to use different delimiters between rows/cells?*

usually better to use a general CSV module than roll your own

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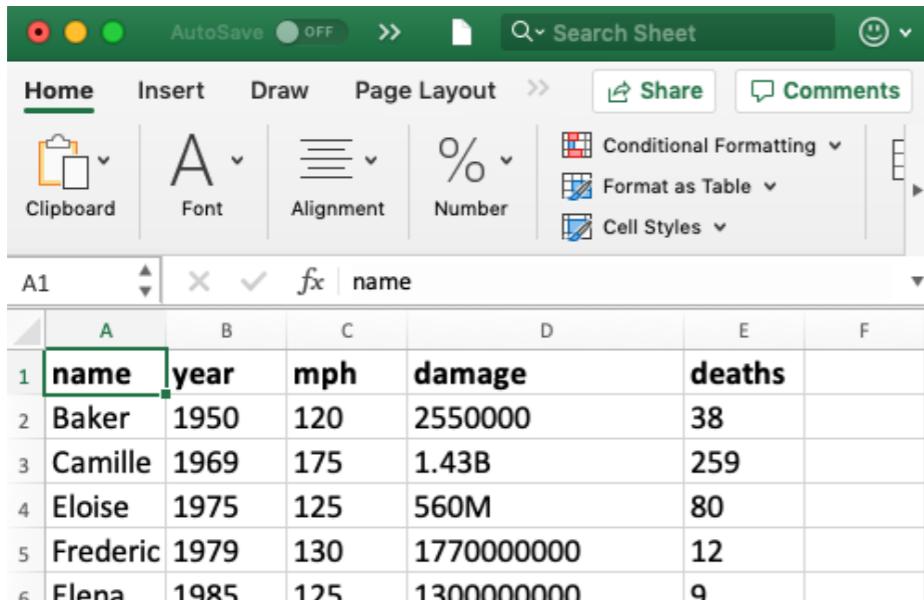
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list of lists

[...]

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[ "name", "year", ... ],  
[ "Baker", "1950", ... ],
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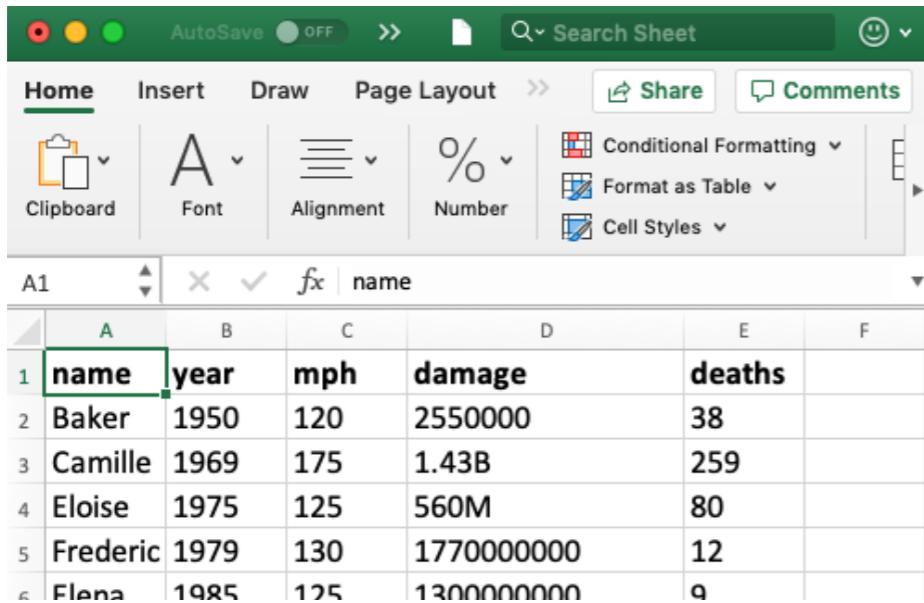
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we'll come
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3. Python Program

Analysis Code

`rows[1][0] → ???`

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`["name", "year", ...],
["Baker", "1950", ...],`

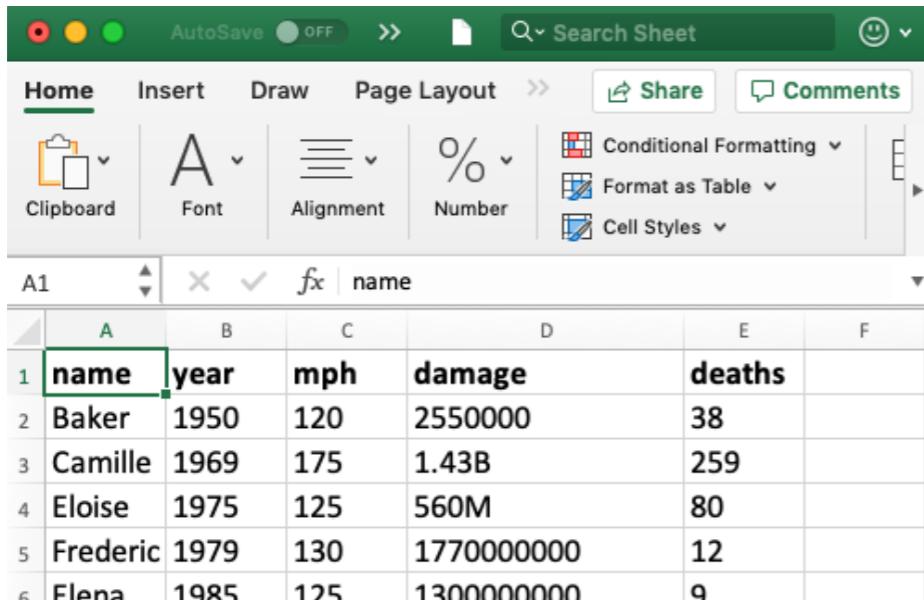
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Analysis Code

`rows[1][0] → "Baker"`

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`["name", "year", ...],
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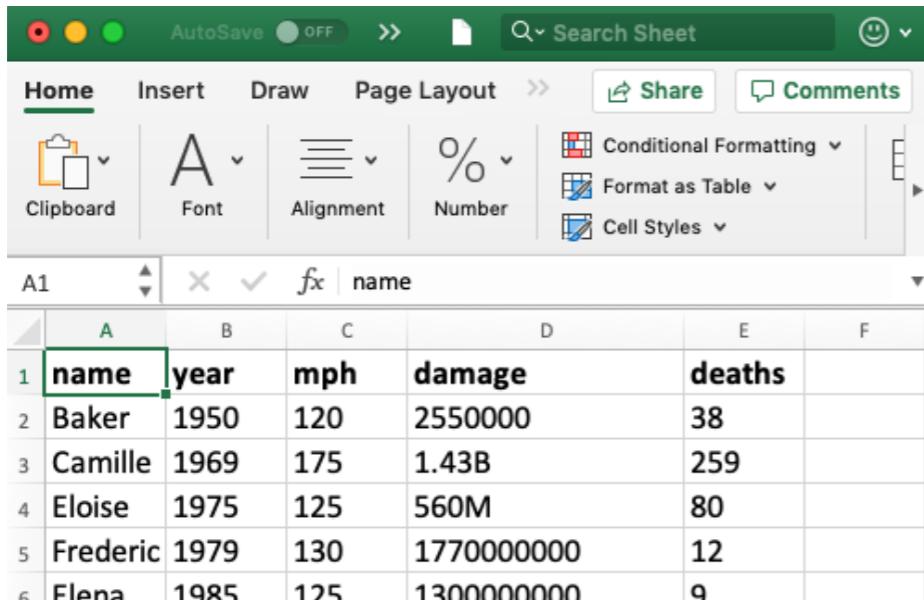
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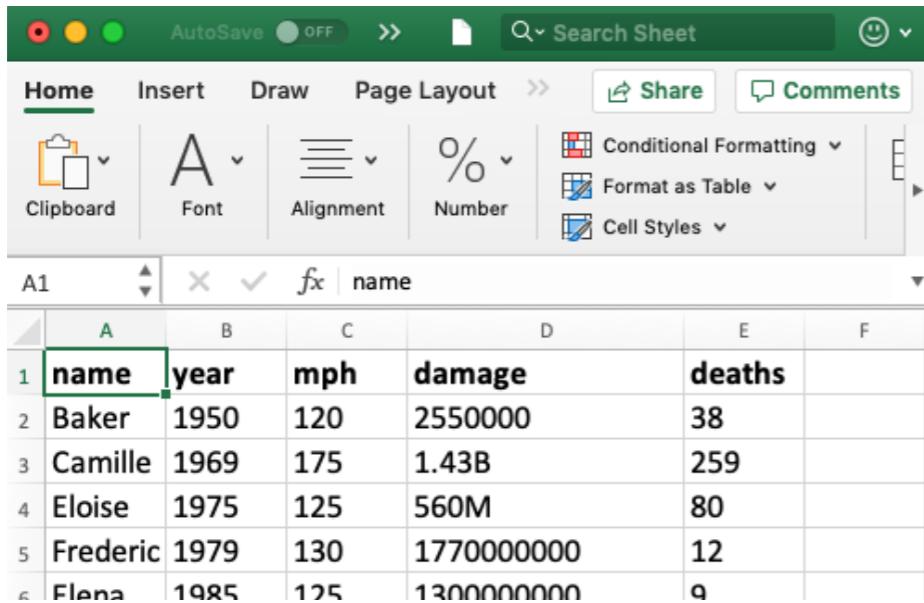
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Analysis Code

`rows[3][1] → "1975"`

[

`["name", "year", ...],
["Baker", "1950", ...],`

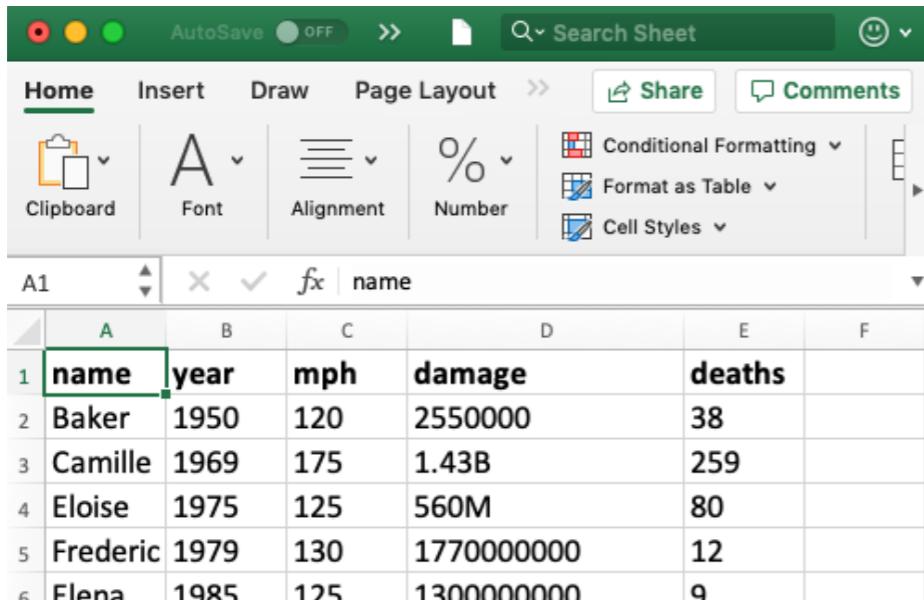
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`rows[1][-1] → ???`

[

`["name", "year", ...],
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Analysis Code

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rows[1][-1] → "38"
```

list of lists

[

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[ "name", "year", ... ],  
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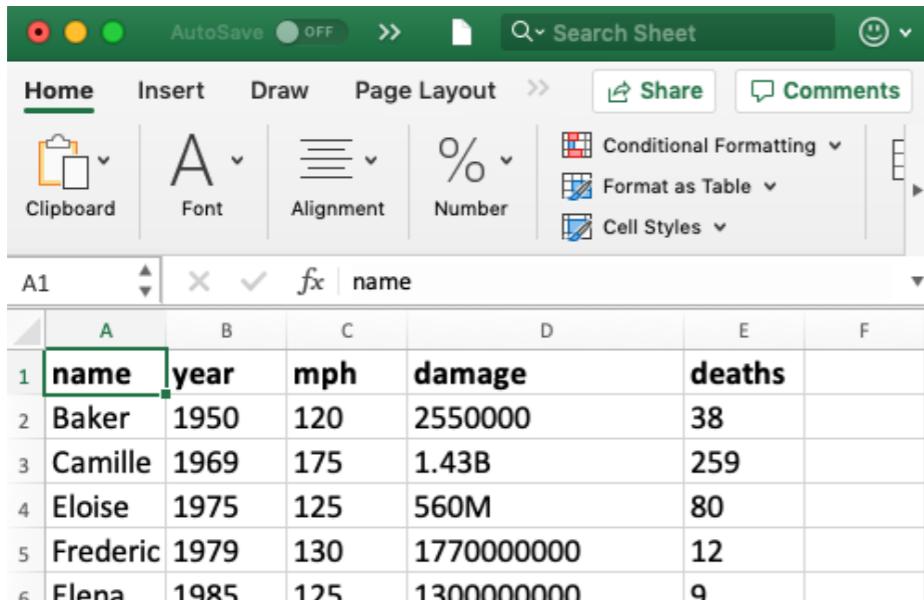
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I. spreadsheet in Excel



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2. CSV file saved somewhere

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list of lists

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What does this look like?

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Code

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exampleData = list(exampleReader)
```

example.csv

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4/6/2015 12:46,Pears,14
4/8/2015 8:59,Oranges,52
4/10/2015 2:07,Apples,152
4/10/2015 18:10,Bananas,23
4/10/2015 2:40,Strawberries,98

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exampleData
output
```

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```

I. move code to a function

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2. move out imports

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```
import csv

def process_csv():
    import csv
    exampleFile = open('example.csv')
    exampleReader = csv.reader(exampleFile)
    exampleData = list(exampleReader)
    return exampleData
```

3. return data to get it out of the function

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```

4. generalize input

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import csv

def process_csv(filename):
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    exampleFile = open(filename)
    exampleReader = csv.reader(exampleFile)
    exampleData = list(exampleReader)
    return exampleData
```

4. generalize input

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import csv
```

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def process_csv(filename):
    import csv
    exampleFile = open(filename)
    exampleReader = csv.reader(exampleFile)
    exampleData = list(exampleReader)
    return exampleData
```

Reminder!
cite code
copied online

5. cite the code

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```
import csv

# copied from https://automatetheboringstuff.com/chapter14/
def process_csv(filename):
    exampleFile = open(filename, encoding="utf-8")
    exampleReader = csv.reader(exampleFile)
    exampleData = list(exampleReader)
    exampleFile.close()
    return exampleData
```

keep this handy for copy/paste

Today's Outline

Spreadsheets

CSVs

Reading a CSV to a list of lists

Coding examples

Demo I: Restaurant Location Lookup

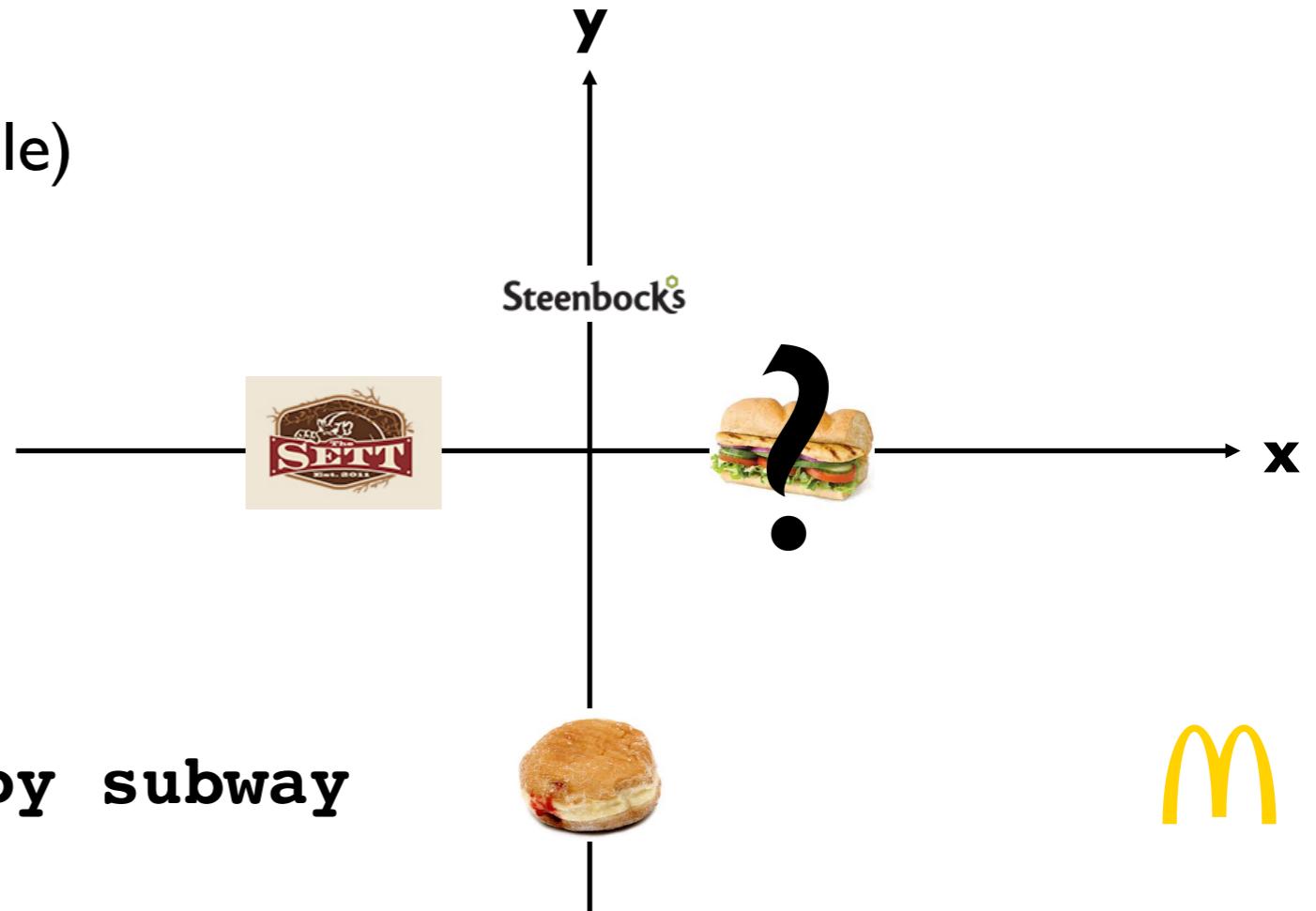
Goal: given a restaurant name, give x,y coordinates for it

Input:

- Restaurant name (and a CSV file)

Output:

- X, Y coordinates



Example:

```
prompt> python rlookup.py subway
```

```
x=1, y=0
```

```
prompt> python rlookup.py mcdonalds
```

```
x=4, y=-3
```

Demo 2: Nearest Restaurant Search

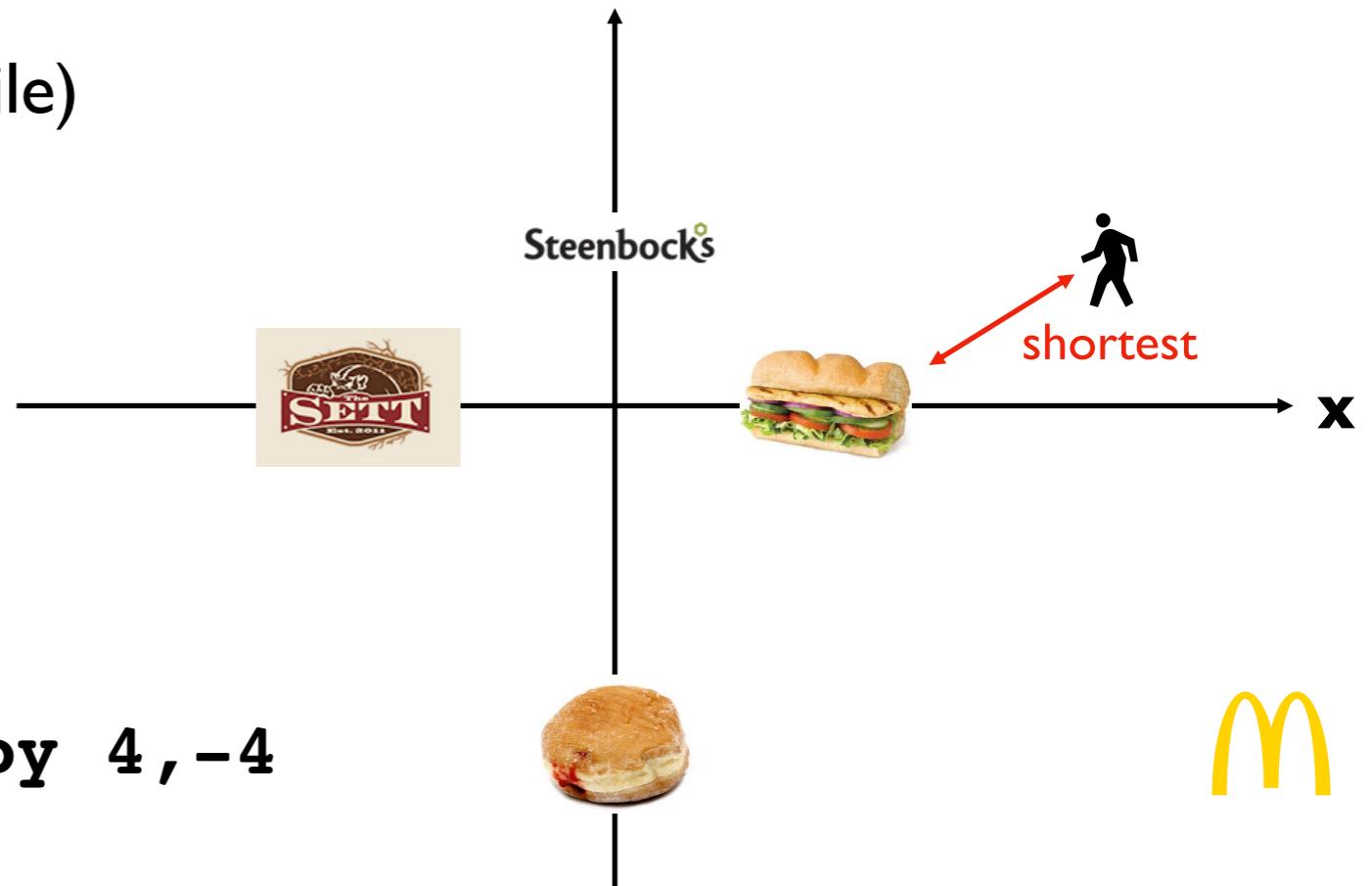
Goal: given a location, find the nearest restaurant

Input:

- X, Y coordinates (and a CSV file)

Output:

- nearest restaurant



Example:

```
prompt> python nearest.py 4,-4
```

McDonalds

```
prompt> python nearest.py -2,0
```

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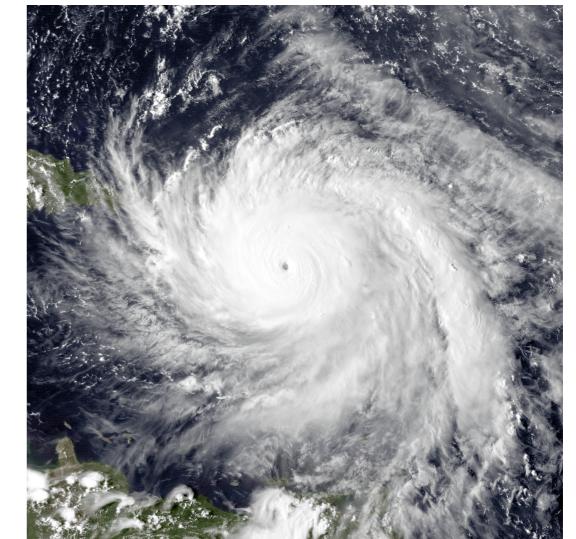


Demo 3: Hurricane Column Dump

Goal: column name, print that data for all hurricanes

Input:

- column name (and a CSV file)



Output:

- data in given column, associated with name

Example:

```
prompt> python dump.py hurricanes.csv year
```

Baker: 1950

Camille: 1969

Eloise: 1975

...

Demo 4: Hurricanes per Year

Goal: column name, print that data for all hurricanes

Input:

- none typed (only a CSV file)



Output:

- the number of hurricanes in each year

Example:

```
prompt> python yearly.py
```

```
1967: 23
```

```
1968: 29
```

```
1969: 15
```

```
...
```

Demo 5: Hurricane Names and Stereotypes



CrossMark
click for updates

Female hurricanes are deadlier than male hurricanes

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Do people judge hurricane risks in the context of gender-based expectations? We use more than six decades of death rates from US hurricanes to show that feminine-named hurricanes cause significantly more deaths than do masculine-named hurricanes. Laboratory experiments indicate that this is because hurricane names lead to gender-based expectations about severity and this, in turn, guides respondents' preparedness to take protective action. This finding indicates an unfortunate and unintended consequence of the gendered naming of hurricanes, with important implications for policymakers, media practitioners, and the general public concerning hurricane communication and preparedness.

gender stereotypes | implicit bias | risk perception | natural hazard communication | bounded rationality

violence and destruction (23, 24). We extend these findings to hypothesize that the anticipated severity of a hurricane with a masculine name (Victor) will be greater than that of a hurricane with a feminine name (Victoria). This expectation, in turn, will affect the protective actions that people take. As a result, a hurricane with a feminine vs. masculine name will lead to less protective action and more fatalities.

Archival Study

To test this hypothesis, we used archival data on actual fatalities caused by hurricanes in the United States (1950–2012). Ninety-four Atlantic hurricanes made landfall in the United States during this period (25). Nine independent coders who were blind to the hypothesis rated the masculinity vs. femininity of historical hurricane names on two items (1 = very masculine, 11 = very

this analysis is tricky and much debated

what would it take to try to replicate this study?

simple version: classify names and count deaths