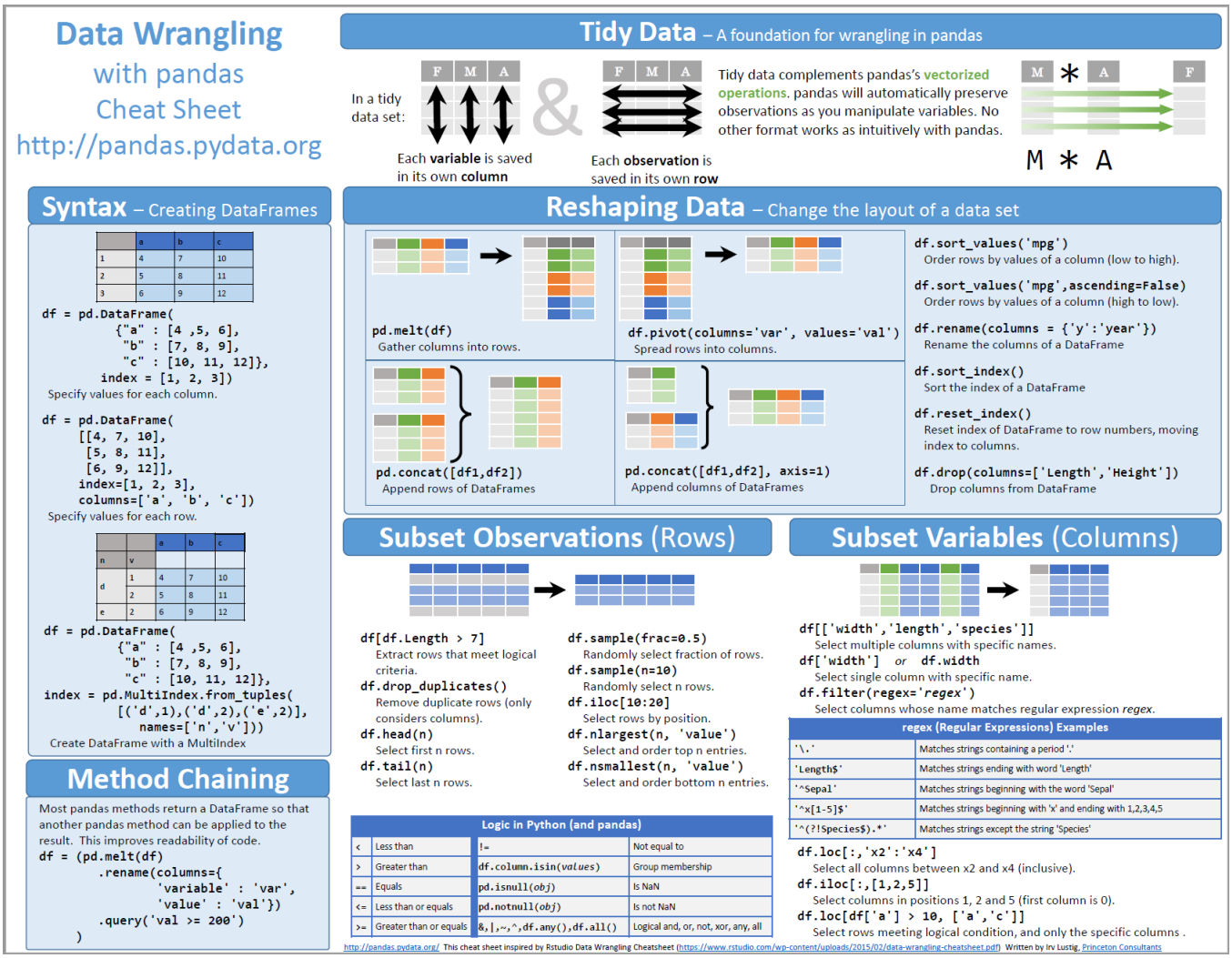
Pandas: Further Readings and Cheat Sheet

Pandas official documentation is very extensive. To make navigating through it easier, here are some good places for a broader and/or more detailed overview:

- Essential Basic Functionality
- Tutorials
- Cookbook

Below is a handy **Pandas cheat sheet**!



Summarize Data

`df['w'].value_counts()`
Count number of rows with each unique value of variable

`len(df)`
# of rows in DataFrame.

`df['w'].nunique()`
# of distinct values in a column.

`df.describe()`
Basic descriptive statistics for each column (or GroupBy)

pandas provides a large set of **summary functions** that operate on different kinds of pandas objects (DataFrame columns, Series, GroupBy, Expanding and Rolling (see below)) and produce single values for each of the groups. When applied to a DataFrame, the result is returned as a pandas Series for each column. Examples:

`sum()`
Sum values of each object.

`count()`
Count non-NA/null values of each object.

`median()`
Median value of each object.

`quantile([0.25,0.75])`
Quantiles of each object.

`apply(function)`
Apply function to each object.

`min()`
Minimum value in each object.

`max()`
Maximum value in each object.

`mean()`
Mean value of each object.

`var()`
Variance of each object.

`std()`
Standard deviation of each object.

Group Data

`df.groupby(by="col")`
Return a GroupBy object, grouped by values in column named "col".

`df.groupby(level="ind")`
Return a GroupBy object, grouped by values in index level named "ind".

All of the summary functions listed above can be applied to a group. Additional GroupBy functions:

`size()`
Size of each group.

`agg(function)`
Aggregate group using function.

The examples below can also be applied to groups. In this case, the function is applied on a per-group basis, and the returned vectors are of the length of the original DataFrame.

`shift(1)`
Copy with values shifted by 1.

`rank(method='dense')`
Ranks with no gaps.

`rank(method='min')`
Ranks. Ties get min rank.

`rank(pct=True)`
Ranks rescaled to interval [0, 1].

`rank(method='first')`
Ranks. Ties go to first value.

`shift(-1)`
Copy with values lagged by 1.

`cumsum()`
Cumulative sum.

`cummax()`
Cumulative max.

`cummin()`
Cumulative min.

`cumprod()`
Cumulative product.

Handling Missing Data

`df.dropna()`
Drop rows with any column having NA/null data.

`df.fillna(value)`
Replace all NA/null data with value.

Make New Columns

`df.assign(Area=lambda df: df.Length*df.Height)`
Compute and append one or more new columns.

`df['Volume'] = df.Length*df.Height*df.Depth`
Add single column.

`pd.qcut(df.col, n, labels=False)`
Bin column into n buckets.

pandas provides a large set of **vector functions** that operate on all columns of a DataFrame or a single selected column (a pandas Series). These functions produce vectors of values for each of the columns, or a single Series for the individual Series. Examples:

`max(axis=1)`
Element-wise max.

`clip(lower=-10,upper=10)`
Trim values at input thresholds

`min(axis=1)`
Element-wise min.

`abs()`
Absolute value.

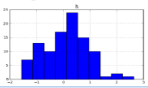
Windows

`df.expanding()`
Return an Expanding object allowing summary functions to be applied cumulatively.

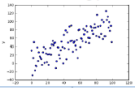
`df.rolling(n)`
Return a Rolling object allowing summary functions to be applied to windows of length n.

Plotting

`df.plot.hist()`
Histogram for each column



`df.plot.scatter(x='w',y='h')`
Scatter chart using pairs of points



Combine Data Sets

adf

x1	x2
A	1
B	2
C	3

+

bdf

x1	x3
A	T
B	F
D	T

=

Standard Joins

x1	x2	x3
A	1	T
B	2	F
C	3	NaN

`pd.merge(adf, bdf, how='left', on='x1')`
Join matching rows from bdf to adf.

x1	x2	x3
A	1.0	T
B	2.0	F
D	NaN	T

`pd.merge(adf, bdf, how='right', on='x1')`
Join matching rows from adf to bdf.

x1	x2	x3
A	1	T
B	2	F

`pd.merge(adf, bdf, how='inner', on='x1')`
Join data. Retain only rows in both sets.

x1	x2	x3
A	1	T
B	2	F
C	3	NaN
D	NaN	T

`pd.merge(adf, bdf, how='outer', on='x1')`
Join data. Retain all values, all rows.

Filtering Joins

x1	x2
A	1
B	2

`adf[adf.x1.isin(bdf.x1)]`
All rows in adf that have a match in bdf.

x1	x2
C	3

`adf[~adf.x1.isin(bdf.x1)]`
All rows in adf that do not have a match in bdf.

ydf

x1	x2
A	1
B	2
C	3

+

zdf

x1	x2
B	2
C	3
D	4

=

Set-like Operations

x1	x2
B	2
C	3

`pd.merge(ydf, zdf)`
Rows that appear in both ydf and zdf (Intersection).

x1	x2
A	1
B	2
C	3
D	4

`pd.merge(ydf, zdf, how='outer')`
Rows that appear in either or both ydf and zdf (Union).

x1	x2
A	1

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pd.merge(ydf, zdf, how='outer',
         indicator=True)
.query('_merge == "left_only"')
.drop(columns=['_merge'])
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Rows that appear in ydf but not zdf (Setdiff).

http://pandas.pydata.org/ This cheat sheet inspired by Rstudio Data Wrangling Cheatsheet (https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/data-wrangling-cheatsheet.pdf) Written by Irv Lustig, Princeton Consultants