

### Introduction to Python Pandas

- ► Core Library Importance: pandas is a fast, powerful, flexible and easy to use open source data analysis and manipulation tool, built on top of the <a href="Python">Python</a> programming language. Pandas is essential for efficient data manipulation and analysis in Python.
- ▶ Wide Adoption: Its popularity stems from community support, extensive documentation, and suitability for diverse data science tasks.
- Versatile Functionality: Pandas offers tools for data cleaning, transformation, and exploration.

#### Installation of Pandas

Installing Pandas: Install Pandas via pip using

pip install pandas

**Specifying Versions:** To install a specific version, use

pip install pandas==2.2.1

#### Pandas Data Structures: Series

- ▶ Pandas Series: A Pandas Series is a one-dimensional labeled array, facilitating index-based data access and manipulation.
- ▶ **Key Features:** Series include automatic alignment of data by labels and support for various data types efficiently.
- ▶ **Use Cases:** Commonly used for time series data, Series manage chronological values seamlessly for analysis purposes.

#### Pandas Data Structures: DataFrame

- ▶ DataFrame Structure: A DataFrame is a two-dimensional labeled array that accommodates heterogeneous data types.
- ▶ Data Handling Abilities: It allows for complex data operations like filtering, aggregation, and reshaping.
- ► Typical Use Cases: Commonly utilized for storing and manipulating datasets in data analysis.

#### Creating a Pandas DataFrame

- ► Creating DataFrames from Lists: Utilize pd.DataFrame(list) for seamless conversion of Python lists into Pandas DataFrames, enhancing data structure.
- ▶ Building DataFrames from Dictionaries: Employ pd.DataFrame(dict) to convert dictionaries into DataFrames, permitting labeled columns based on dictionary keys.
- Forming DataFrames with NumPy Arrays: Integrate np.array with pd.DataFrame for generating DataFrames from NumPy arrays.

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#### Reading Data with Pandas

- Reading CSV Files: Use pd.read\_csv('file\_path.csv') to load data from CSV files, ensuring proper delimiter configuration.
- ▶ Reading hd5 data: Utilize pd.read\_hdf('file\_name.h5') for import of data from HDF5 (Hierarchical Data Format) files.

### Writing Data with Pandas

Writing CSV Files: Utilize df.to\_csv('output.csv') for exporting DataFrames as CSV files, ensuring data integrity and structure.

### Data Inspection and Exploration

- ▶ Data Inspection Methods: Utilize head(), tail(), describe(), and info() for insight into dataset structure and statistics.
- Understanding Head and Tail: head() previews initial entries, while tail() displays final entries.
- ▶ **Descriptive Statistics:** describe() generates summary statistics like mean, std, min, and max, to describe data distribution.

## Data Selection, Filtering, Indexing and Slicing

- **Selecting Columns and Rows:** Utilize bracket notation or dot notation for precise column and row selection within DataFrames.
- **Boolean Indexing:** Apply boolean conditions to filter DataFrames, allowing targeted data analysis based on specific criteria.
- Chaining Selection Techniques: Combine methods seamlessly by chaining selection techniques, enhancing flexibility and efficiency in data retrieval.
- Indexing Techniques Overview: Secondary indexing capabilities are essential for efficient data access and organization in Pandas DataFrames.
- ▶ **Using loc Function:** loc allows label-based indexing, enabling users to retrieve rows and columns using index labels effectively.
- Using iloc Function: iloc provides position-based indexing, facilitating precise access to data based on integer-location references.

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## Handling Time Series Data

- ▶ Datetime Indexing: Utilize Pandas' datetime capabilities for indexing data, enhancing time series analysis through organized temporal data.
- Resampling Techniques: Pandas supports resampling methods, allowing users to manipulate time series frequencies efficiently and accurately.

#### Merging and Joining DataFrames

- Merging DataFrames: Merge combines two DataFrames based on common fields.
  - <u>merge()</u>: Combine two <u>Series</u> or <u>DataFrame</u> objects with SQL-style joining
- ▶ **Joining Techniques:** Join methods facilitate relational merges similar to SQL operations.
  - <u>DataFrame.join()</u>: Merge multiple <u>DataFrame</u> objects along the columns
- Concatenation Methods: Concat stacks DataFrames vertically or horizontally.
  - ▶ Merge multiple <u>Series</u> or <u>DataFrame</u> objects along a shared index or column
  - <u>concat()</u> makes a full copy of the data, and iteratively reusing <u>concat()</u> can create unnecessary copies

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#### Data Cleaning in Pandas

- ► Handling Missing Values: Employ fillna() to substitute missing data, ensuring continuity and quality in datasets through imputation.
- Removing Duplicates: Utilize drop\_duplicates() for elimination of duplicate records.

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#### **Data Transformation**

- Applying Functions: Utilize apply() to execute functions across DataFrame rows or columns, enhancing data transformation flexibility.
- Mapping Values: Map() allows element-wise transformations within a Series, crucial for straightforward value conversions and replacements.
- ► Lambda Functions: Leverage lambda functions in conjunction with apply() for concise, custom transformations on DataFrame elements.

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#### **GroupBy Functionality**

- ► **GroupBy (split-apply-combine) Overview:** The GroupBy operation allows data aggregation through specification of key columns for analysis of subsets of data. This refers to a chain of three steps:
  - ▶ **Split** a frame into groups.
  - ▶ **Apply** some operations to each of those smaller tables.
  - **Combine** the results.
- ▶ Aggregation Functions: Utilize functions like sum() and mean() to compute aggregated statistics applicable across grouped data subsets.
- ► Flexible Grouping: GroupBy supports flexible operations, accommodating different aggregation strategies based on dataset characteristics.

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# Electroweak symmetry breaking mechanism

## Higgs decay event shapes

- Read higgs-boson/training/training.csv into pandas dataframe
- Inspect dataframe using describe() and head()
- Plot several distributions
- ► Higgs Boson Machine Learning Challenge | Kaggle

## Example distribution of Higgs boson and background event shapes

