

- The final method to create a DataFrame uses a dictionary containing Series, where the keys contain the column names.

Example 14.13 `s1 = Series(arange(0.0,5))`
`s2 = Series(arange(1.0,3))`
`DataFrame({'one': s1, 'two': s2})`

- Excel data can be read by `read_excel`.

Example 14.14 `from pandas import read_excel`
`gdp_korea = read_excel('gdp_korea', 'Sheet1')`
`gdp_korea['Q1-2011', 'Q2-2011']`
`gdp_korea.iloc[0:3, 0:3]`
`gdp=gdp_korea.iloc[0,:]`

- `drop()`, `dropna()` and `drop_duplicates()` can all be used to drop rows or columns from a DataFrame.
- `fillna()` fills NaN or other null values with other values.
- T and transpose are identical – both swap rows and columns of a DataFrame.

Example 14.15 `np.transpose(gdp_korea)`

- `sort_values` and `sort_index` provide methods to sort a DataFrame. `sort_values` sorts the contents of the DataFrame along either axis using the contents of a single column.

Example 14.16 `gdp_korea=np.transpose(gdp_korea)`
`gdp_korea.sort_index(ascending=0)`

- `pivot` reshapes a table using column values.
- `stack` and `unstack` transform a DataFrame to a Series (`stack`) and back to a DataFrame (`unstack`).
- `append` appends rows of another DataFrame to the end of an existing DataFrame.
- `concat` is a core function which concatenates two or more DataFrames.
- `reindex` changes the labels while null-filling any missing values, which is useful for selecting subsets of a DataFrame or re-ordering rows.
- `merge` and `join` provide operations for merging the DataFrames using row labels or the contents of columns.
- `apply` executes a function along the columns or rows of a DataFrame.
- `pivot_table` provides a method to summarize data by groups.

- `groupby` produces a `DataFrameGroupBy` object which is a `groupedDataFrame`, and is useful when a `DataFrame` has columns containing group data (e.g., sex or race in cross-sectional data).
- `filter` allows groups to be selected based on some function.

14.2 Statistical Functions

- `count` returns number of non-null values.
- `describe` provides a summary of the Series or DataFrame.
- Growth rates are computed using `pct_change`.

15 Custom Function and Modules

Functions are declared using the `def` keyword, and the value produced is returned using the `return` keyword.

Exercise 15.17 *def square(x):*
*return x**2*

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# call the function
x=2
y=square(x)
print(x,y)
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Exercise 15.18 *import numpy as np*
def lp_norm(x,y):
d = x-y
p=2
*return sum(abs(d)**p)**(1/p)*