



**BC COMS 1016:  
Intro to Comp Thinking & Data Science**

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**Lecture 4  
Arrays, Sequences, Tables**

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**Thursday 01/27/22**



- HW00 due tonight
  - Individual assignment
  - Only 41 submissions (as of 10am today)
  - You can use 2 late days
  
- Lab01 due Monday
  
- Lab00:
  - If you haven't gotten it in yet, do it before the other assignments
  
- HW01
  - Will be released tonight
  - Due Thursday 02/03

# Office Hours & Next few classes



- Today:
  - Adam 1pm-2pm after class
  
- Next week:
  - Tuesday still remote
  - Thursday TBD
  
- Tuesday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>:
  - TA review or watch last year's recording or no class
  - Your choice

# Gradescope – Results vs Code View



Results Code

STUDENT  
Adam Poliak

AUTOGRADER SCORE  
- / **16.0**

QUESTION 2  
Question 1 - / 2.0 pts

QUESTION 3  
Question 4.3 - / 1.0 pts

QUESTION 4  
Question 6.1 - / 2.0 pts

QUESTION 5  
Question 6.2 - / 1.0 pts

QUESTION 6  
Question 6.3 - / 1.0 pts

QUESTION 7  
Question 6.4 - / 1.0 pts

QUESTION 8  
Question 9.2 - / 0.0 pts

Results Code

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FAILED TESTS

- q2\_1 - Public (0.0/1.0)
- q2\_2 - Public (0.0/1.0)
- q3\_1 - Public (0.0/1.0)
- q3\_2 - Public (0.0/1.0)
- q3\_3 - Public (0.0/1.0)
- q4\_1 - Public (0.0/1.0)
- q4\_2 - Public (0.0/1.0)
- q5\_1 - Public (0.0/1.0)
- q5\_2 - Public (0.0/1.0)
- q5\_3 - Public (0.0/3.0)
- q5\_4 - Public (0.0/1.0)
- q8\_1 - Public (0.0/1.0)
- q7\_1 - Public (0.0/1.0)

PASSED TESTS

- q9\_1 - Public (0.0/0.0)

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Question 1 - / 2.0 pts

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Question 4.3 - / 1.0 pts

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Question 6.1 - / 2.0 pts

QUESTION 5  
Question 6.2 - / 1.0 pts





- Exploration **Week 1 - 5**
  - Introduction to Python
  - Working with data
  
- Inference **Week 6 - 10**
  - Probability
  - Statistics
  
- Prediction **Week 11-14**
  - Machine Learning
  - Regression & Classification



- Exploration **Week 1 - 5**
  - Discover patterns
  - Articulate insights
  
- Inference **Week 6 - 10**
  - Make reliable conclusions about the world
  - Statistics is useful
  
- Prediction **Week 11-14**
  - Informed guesses about unseen data

# Types – Every value has a type



We've seen 5 types so far:

- int: 2
- float: 2.2
- str: 'Red fish, blue fish'
- builtin\_function\_or\_method: abs, max, min
- Table



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# Tables

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- A Table is a sequence of labeled columns
- Row: represents one individual
- Column: represents one attribute of the individuals

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California	CA	163696
Nevada	NV	110567





- Creating and extending tables:
  - `Table().with_column` and `Table.read_table`
- Finding the size:
  - `num_rows` , `num_columns`
- Referring to columns: labels, relabeling and indices
  - `labels` and `relabelled`; column indices start at 0



- `t.select(...)` – constructs a new table with just the specified columns
- `t.drop(...)` – constructs a new table in which the specified columns are omitted
  
- These operations create a new table



- `.select(<Column Name>)`
  - Returns a new table with the specified columns
- `.select(<Int i>)`
  - Returns a new table with the column at index I
- `drop(<Column Name>)`
  - Returns a new table without the specified columns
- `.drop(<Int i>)`
  - Returns a new table without the column at index i



- `t.sort(label)` – constructs a new table with rows sorted by the specified column
- `t.where(label, condition)` – constructs a new table with just the rows that match the condition
- More are listed at <http://coms1016.barnard.edu/python-reference.html>



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**Array**  
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An array contains a sequence of values

- All elements of an array should have the same type
- Arithmetic is applied to each element individually
- Adding arrays add elements (**if same length!**)
- A column of a table is in an array
  - All values in a single column are the same type



A range is an array of consecutive numbers

- `np.arange(end)`:  
An array of increasing integers from 0 up to end
- `np.arange(start, end)`:  
An array of increasing integers from start up to end
- `np.arange(start, end, step)`:  
A range with step between consecutive values

The range always include start but excludes end

# Array Functions & Methods



Name	Chapter	Description
<code>max(array)</code>	3.3	Returns the maximum value of an array
<code>min(array)</code>	3.3	Returns the minimum value of an array
<code>sum(array)</code>	3.3	Returns the sum of the values in an array
<code>abs(num), np.abs(array)</code>	3.3	Take the absolute value of number or each number in an array.
<code>round(num), np.round(array)</code>	3.3	Round number or array of numbers to the nearest integer.
<code>len(array)</code>	3.3	Returns the length (number of elements) of an array
<code>make_array(val1, val2, ...)</code>	5	Makes a numpy array with the values passed in
<code>np.average(array)</code> <code>np.mean(array)</code>	5.1	Returns the mean value of an array
<code>np.std(array)</code>	14.2	Returns the standard deviation of an array
<code>np.diff(array)</code>	5.1	Returns a new array of size <code>len(arr)-1</code> with elements equal to the difference between adjacent elements; <code>val_2 - val_1</code> , <code>val_3 - val_2</code> , etc.
<code>np.sqrt(array)</code>	5.1	Returns an array with the square root of each element
<code>np.arange(start, stop, step)</code> <code>np.arange(start, stop)</code> <code>np.arange(stop)</code>	5.2	An array of numbers starting with <code>start</code> , going up in increments of <code>step</code> , and going up to but excluding <code>stop</code> . When <code>start</code> and/or <code>step</code> are left out, default values are used in their place. Default step is 1; default start is 0.
<code>array.item(index)</code>	5.3	Returns the i-th item in an array (remember Python indices start at 0!)
<code>np.random.choice(array, n)</code> <code>np.random.choice(array)</code>	9	Picks one (by default) or some number 'n' of items from an array at random. By default, with replacement.
<code>np.count_nonzero(array)</code>	9	Returns the number of non-zero (or <code>True</code> ) elements in an array.
<code>np.append(array, item)</code>	9.2	Returns a copy of the input array with <code>item</code> (must be the same type as the other entries in the array) appended to the end.
<code>percentile(percentile, array)</code>	13.1	Returns the corresponding percentile of an array.



# Tables & Arrays



- Accessing data in a column
  - `Column` takes a label or index and returns an array
- Using array methods to work with data in columns
  - `item`, `sum`, `min`, `max`, and so on
- Creating new tables containing some of the original columns
  - `select`, `drop`





# Questions in notebook



The table `nba` has columns

`PLAYER`, `POSITION`, and `SALARY`

```
table = Table.read_table('https://www.inferentialthinking.com/data/nba_salaries.csv')
```

1. Create an array containing the names of all centers (C) who make more than \$15M/year

```
centers = table.where('POSITION', 'C')
```

```
centers.where('\ '15-\ '16 SALARY', are.above(15)).column('PLAYER')
```

Answer:

'Dwight Howard', 'Roy Hibbert', 'Marc Gasol', 'Enes Kanter', 'DeMarcus Cousins'





# Attribute Types



All values in a column of a table should be both the same type **and** be comparable to each other

- **Numerical** – values are from a numerical scale
  - Numerical measurements are ordered
  - Differences are meaningful
  
- **Categorical** – values from a fixed inventory
  - May or may not have an ordering
  - Categories are the same or different





Values as numbers are not guaranteed to be numerical

- Census example: SEX code (0, 1, 2)
- Arithmetic on these “numbers” is meaningless
- The variable SEX is still categorical, even though numbers were used for the categories





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# Census Data

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- Every ten years, Census Bureau counts how many people there are in the U.S.
- Census Bureau estimates how many people are in US during the other 9 years
- U.S. Constitution Article 1, Section 2:
  - “Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States ... according to their respective Numbers ...”



- <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/pepest/datasets/>
- <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/pepest/datasets/2010-2015/national/totals/>
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