

**DSFA**  
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# Lecture 4

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Data Types

# Announcements

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- Website: [cornell-dsfa.org](https://cornell-dsfa.org).
  - If you are just joining...
  - Reminder: HW 1 out, due Friday by 6PM, bonus point for turn-in on Thursday.
    - Need help? See office hours in Zoom, and Ed Discussions via Canvas.
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# Announcements

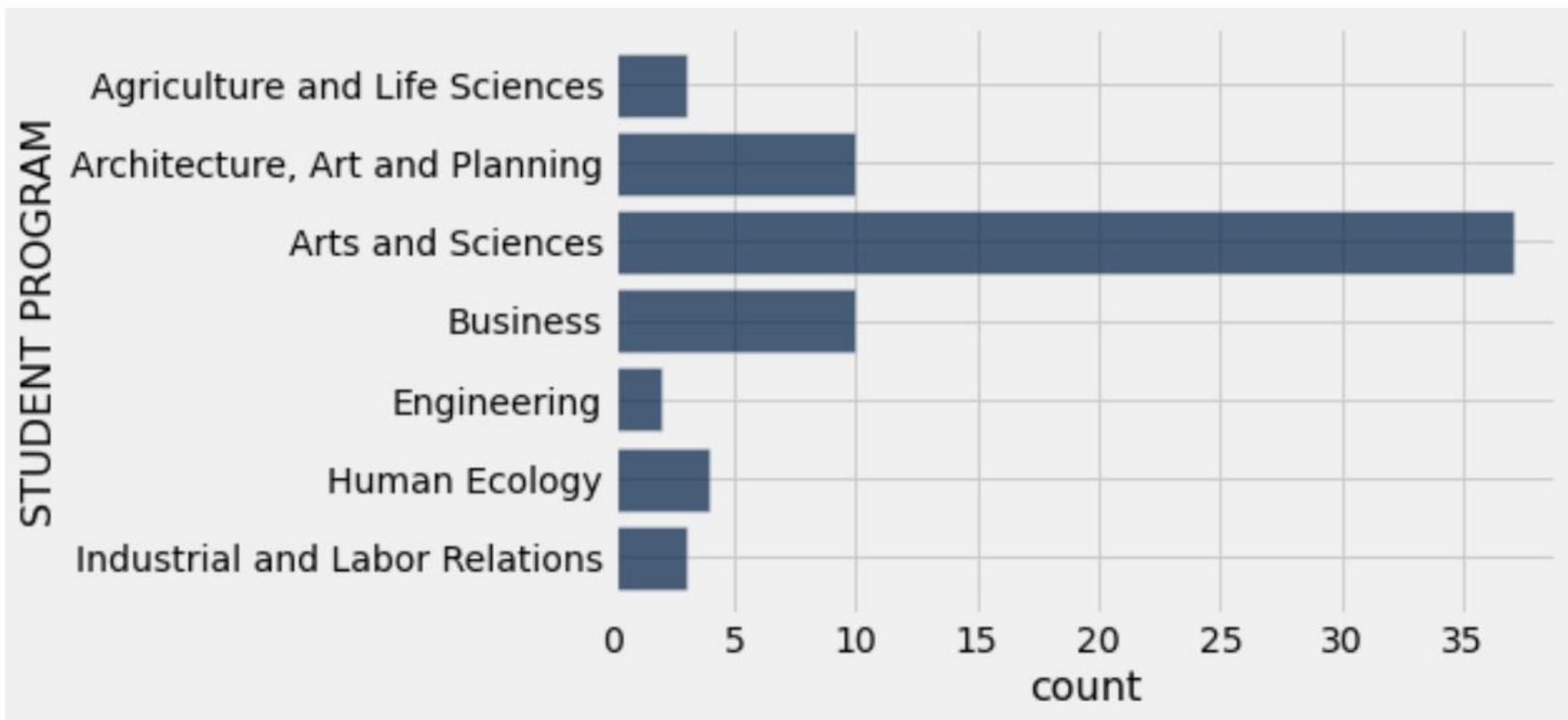
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- If you want to follow along for the lecture notebook, go to Canvas->Assignments->Lecture Demos.
    - If lec04.ipynb not there, try clicking “Actions” (upper right corner), “Reset assignment”. Note: this will erase (I think) whatever you had in previous lecture demo notebooks.
    - Note: You need to run the first cell in the demo!
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# Tables

# Table Structure

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- We organize our data in tables
- A Table is a sequence of labeled columns
- Data within a column should be of the same "type"

The diagram shows a table with three columns: Name, Code, and Area (m2). The Code column is highlighted with a blue box and labeled 'Label'. The entire table is highlighted with a blue box and labeled 'Row'. The Code column is also highlighted with a blue box and labeled 'Column'. The text '(Demo)' is written in blue below the table.

Name	Code	Area (m2)
California	CA	163696
Nevada	NV	110567

(Demo)

# Table Operations

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- `t.select(label)` - constructs a new table with just the specified columns
- `t.sort(label)` - constructs a new table, with rows sorted by the specified column

(Demo)

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# Visualization

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- `t.barh(label)` - horizontal bar chart with specified column as the y-axis categories

(Demo)

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# Table Operations

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- `t.where(label, condition)` - constructs a new table with just the rows that match the condition

(Demo)

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# Arithmetic

# Arithmetic Operators

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Operation	Operator	Example	Value
Addition	+	$2 + 3$	5
Subtraction	-	$2 - 3$	-1
Multiplication	*	$2 * 3$	6
Division	/	$7 / 3$	2.66667
Remainder	%	$7 \% 3$	1
Exponentiation	**	$2 ** 0.5$	1.41421

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(Demo)

# PEMDAS

( ) :  $x^2$  :  $\times$  or  $\div$  :  $+$  or  $-$

LEFT TO RIGHT LEFT TO RIGHT



Penguins Eat  
Many Donuts  
After School

Parenttheses  
Exponents  
Multiplication  
Division  
Addition  
Subtraction

# Ints and Floats

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Python has two numeric types

- `int`: an integer of any size
- `float`: a number with an optional fractional part

An `int` never has a decimal point; a `float` always does

A `float` might be printed using scientific notation

Three limitations of float values:

- They have limited size (but the limit is huge)
  - They have limited precision of 15-16 decimal places
  - After arithmetic, the final few decimal places can be wrong
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# Strings

# Text and Strings

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A string value is a snippet of text of any length

- `'a'`
- `'word'`
- `"there can be 2 sentences. Here's the second!"`

Strings that contain numbers can be converted to numbers

- `int('12')`
- `float('1.2')`

Any value can be converted to a string

- `str(5)`

(Demo)

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# Discussion Question

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Assume you have run the following statements

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x = 3
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y = '4'
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z = '5.6'
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What's the source of the error in each example?

A. `x + y`

B. `x + int(y + z)`

C. `str(x) + int(y)`

D. `str(x, y) + z`

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# Arrays and Ranges

# Arrays

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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
- When two arrays are added, they must have the same size; corresponding elements are added in the result
- A column of a table is an array

(Demo)

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# Ranges

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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 includes `start` but excludes `end`

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