

# Dataframe operations

Spark DataFrames allow operations similar to Pandas dataframes. We demonstrate some of those.

For more see the official guide and [this article](#).

## But first, some important details

Spark and datahub can run in two modes:

- **Local mode** which means that it is run on the same computer as the head node. This convenient for small jobs and for debugging. Can also be done on your laptop.
- **Remote mode** in which the head node and the worker nodes are separate. This mode requires that the spark cluster is up and running. In this case the full resources of the clusters are available. This mode is useful when processing hard jobs.

```
In [1]: import os
import sys

import pyspark
from pyspark import SparkContext
from lib import sparkConfig
```

172.17.0.2

```
In [2]: %%time
#sc.stop() # uncomment if sparkContext already exists
sc = SparkContext() #conf=sparkConfig.conf)
sc
```

```
CPU times: user 15.7 ms, sys: 5.82 ms, total: 21.6 ms
Wall time: 1.58 s
```

Out[2]: **SparkContext**

[Spark UI](#)

**Version**

v3.2.1

**Master**

local[\*]

**AppName**

pyspark-shell

```
In [3]: %%time
        from pyspark import SparkContext
        from pyspark.sql import SQLContext
        from pyspark.sql.types import Row, StructField, StructType, StringType,

        sqlContext = SQLContext(sc)
        sqlContext
```

CPU times: user 2.24 ms, sys: 1.84 ms, total: 4.08 ms

Wall time: 69.7 ms

```
/usr/local/spark/python/pyspark/sql/context.py:77: FutureWarnin
g: Deprecated in 3.0.0. Use SparkSession.builder.getOrCreate()
instead.
    warnings.warn(
```

```
Out[3]: <pyspark.sql.context.SQLContext at 0xfffffaced190>
```

```
In [4]: %%time
parquet_path='/datasets/weather/datasets/weather-parquet/'
df=sqlContext.read.parquet(parquet_path)
```

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CPU times: user 2.93 ms, sys: 1.11 ms, total: 4.04 ms
Wall time: 1.76 s
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```
In [5]: df.printSchema()
```

```
root
|-- Station: string (nullable = true)
|-- Measurement: string (nullable = true)
|-- Year: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Values: binary (nullable = true)
```

```
In [6]: %%time
print(df.count())
df.show(1)
```

12720632

Station	Measurement	Year	Values
AG000060390	TAVG	2022	[79 00 6C 00 66 0...

only showing top 1 row

CPU times: user 0 ns, sys: 2.91 ms, total: 2.91 ms

Wall time: 1.58 s

# .(describe)

The method `df.describe()` computes five statistics for each column of the dataframe `df`.

The statistics are **count,mean,std,min,max**

```
In [7]: df.describe().select('Station', 'Measurement', 'Year').show()
```

Station	Measurement	Year
12720632	12720632	12720632
null	null	1977.4126412901496
null	null	31.931757686816614
ACW00011604	ACMC	1764
ZI000067991	WV20	2022

# groupby and agg

The method `groupby(col)` groups rows according the value of the column `(col)`.

The method `.agg(spec)` computes a summary for each group specified in `spec`

```
In [8]: df.groupby('Measurement').agg({'Year': 'min', 'Station': 'count'}).shc
```

Measurement	count(Station)	min(Year)
WESD	123619	1952
PGTM	31995	1948
AWDR	730	1996
SX13	60	1982
WT07	19790	1891
WT13	7659	1996
SX33	524	1982
EVAP	27035	1893
SN53	201	1982
WT10	2487	1886
SN35	59	2005
TMIN	1388531	1764
WT21	2434	1996
DATX	7766	1863
WT14	38509	1851
WT19	4928	1992
SX02	3373	1982
MDPR	515120	1832
WT09	30516	1852
SX51	178	1982

only showing top 20 rows

# Using SQL Queries on DataFrames

There are two main ways to manipulate DataFrames:

# Imperative Manipulation

Using python methods such as `.select` and `.groupby`.

- Advantage: order of operations is specified
- Disadvantage: you need to describe both **what** is the result you want and **how** to get it.

# Declarative Manipulation (SQL)

- Advantage: You need to describe only **what** is the result you want
- Disadvantage: SQL does not have primitives for common analysis operations such as **covariance**

Counting the number of occurrences of each measurement,  
comparatively

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In [10]: %%time
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In [11]: D=[(r.measurement,e['count']) for e in L]
print('The most common measurements')
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```

```
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```

```
Out[11]: [('PRCP', 3256604),
          ('TMIN', 1388531),
          ('TMAX', 1384761),
          ('SNOW', 1257297),
          ('SNWD', 1208442),
          ('TOBS', 536759)]
```

```
In [12]: print('The most rare measurements')
sorted(D,key=lambda x:x[1], reverse=False)[:6]
```

The most rare measurements

```
Out[12]: [('SN57', 1), ('SX15', 2), ('SX57', 2), ('SX17', 2), ('SN14',
2), ('SX14', 3)]
```

# Counting the number of occurrences of each measurement, declaratively

Registering a dataframe as a table in a database.

In order to apply SQL commands to a dataframe, it has to first be registered as a table in the database managed by sqlContext.

```
In [13]: sqlContext.registerDataFrameAsTable(df, 'weather') #using older sqlConte
```

```
In [14]: %%time
query="""
SELECT measurement,COUNT(measurement) AS count,
          MIN(year) AS MinYear

FROM weather
GROUP BY measurement
ORDER BY count DESC
"""

print(query)
sqlContext.sql(query).show(5)
```

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```
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|measurement|  count|MinYear|
+-----+-----+-----+
|          PRCP|3256604|  1781|
|          TMIN|1388531|  1764|
|          TMAX|1384761|  1764|
|          SNOW|1257297|  1840|
|          SNWD|1208442|  1857|
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```

only showing top 5 rows

CPU times: user 2.53 ms, sys: 1.2 ms, total: 3.73 ms

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- This is a quick-and-dirty solution.
- A better way is to use [built-in sparkSQL functions](#)
- Or if you can't find what you need, you can try and create a [User-Defined-Function\\* \(UDF\)](#)

```
In [15]: df.rdd.map(lambda row:(row.Station,row.Year)).take(5)
```

```
Out[15]: [('AG000060390', 2022),  
          ('AGE00147716', 2022),  
          ('AGM00060360', 2022),  
          ('AGM00060421', 2022),  
          ('AGM00060430', 2022)]
```

## Aggregations

- **Aggregation** can be used, in combination with built-in spark SQL functions, to compute statistics of a dataframe.
- Computation will be fast thanks to combined optimizations with database operations.
- A partial list: `count()`, `approx_count_distinct()`, `avg()`, `max()`, `min()`
- Of these, the interesting one is `approx_count_distinct()` which uses sampling to get an approximate count fast.

```
In [17]: df.agg({'station': 'approx_count_distinct'}).show()
```

```
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|approx_count_distinct(station)|
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|                               |128546|
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```

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CPU times: user 7.28 ms, sys: 2.84 ms, total: 10.1 ms
Wall time: 947 ms
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print('with accuracy 0.001: ',df.approxQuantile('Year', [0.1*i for i in

with accuracy 0.001: [1931.0, 1951.0, 1962.0, 1972.0, 1982.0,
1991.0, 2000.0, 2009.0, 2015.0]
CPU times: user 11.5 ms, sys: 6.71 ms, total: 18.2 ms
Wall time: 5.19 s
```

## Reading rows selectively from Parquet

Suppose we are only interested in snow measurements. We can apply an SQL query directly to the Parquet files. As the data is organized in columnar structures, we can do the selection efficiently without loading the whole file to memory.

Here the file is small, but in real applications it can consist of hundreds of millions of records. In such cases loading the data first to memory and then filtering it is very wasteful.

```
In [29]: query="""SELECT station,measurement,year
FROM parquet.`%s`
WHERE measurement=\\"SNOW\\" """%parquet_path
print(query)
df2 = sqlContext.sql(query)
print(df2.count(),df2.columns)
df2.show(5)
```

```
SELECT station,measurement,year
FROM parquet.`/datasets/weather/datasets/weather-parquet/`
WHERE measurement="SNOW"
1257297 ['station', 'measurement', 'year']
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| station|measurement|year|
+-----+-----+-----+
|BF1SS000005|      SNOW|2022|
|CA001016335|      SNOW|2022|
|CA0010253G0|      SNOW|2022|
|CA00102BFHH|      SNOW|2022|
|CA001036570|      SNOW|2022|
+-----+-----+-----+
only showing top 5 rows
```

# Summary

- Dataframes can be manipulated declaratively, which allows for more optimization.
- Dataframes can be stored and retrieved from Parquet files.
- It is possible refer to directly to a parquet file in an SQL query.
- See you next time!