Data structuring, part III

The Pandas way

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10 things I hate about pandas

- Correction: Integers and NaN do work now!
- Check out this <u>documentation (https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/integer_na.html)</u> from July 2019.

Recap

Which datatypes beyond numeric does pandas handle natively?

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What can we do to missing values and duplicates?

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Agenda

- 1. the split apply combine framework
- 2. joining datasets
- 3. reshaping data
- 4. methods chaining

Loading the software and data

```
In [24]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns

tips = sns.load_dataset('tips')
titanic = sns.load_dataset('titanic')
```

Reshaping data

Stacking data

A DataFrame can be collapsed into a Series with the **stack** command:

```
In [17]: df = pd.DataFrame([[1,2],[3,4]],columns=['EU','US'],index=[2000,2010])
    print(df, '\n')
    stacked = df.stack() # going from wide to long format
    # stacked=stacked.reset_index()
    # stacked.columns = ['year', 'place', 'value']
EU US
2000 1 2
2010 3 4
```

Note: The stacked DataFrame is in long/tidy format, the original is wide.

To wide format

Likewise we can transform a long DataFrame with the unstack

More stuff

Other cool functions include

- melt which only stacks certain columns
- pivot which makes you to reshape the dataframe like in Excel

Split-apply-combine

Split-apply-combine (1)

What is the split-apply-combine framework?

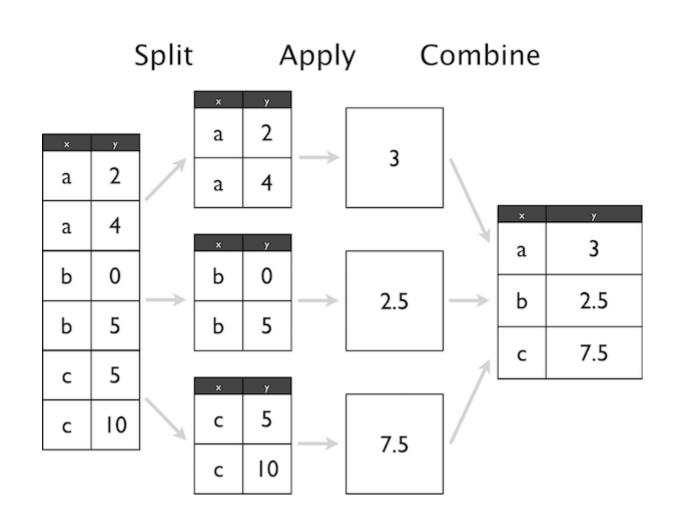
A procedure to

- 1. split a DataFrame into subsets of data
- 2. apply certain functions (sorting, mean, other custom stuff)
- 3. combine it back into a DataFrame

Application example: compute mean personal income.

Split-apply-combine (2)

How do we *split* observations by x and *apply* the calculation mean of y?*



groupby (1)

A powerful tool in DataFrames is the groupby method. Example:

```
In [19]: split_var = 'sex'
apply_var = 'total_bill'

# tips\
# .groupby(split_var)\
# [apply_var]\
# .mean()
```

groupby (2)

What does the groupby method do?

• It implements *split-apply-combine*

Can other functions be applied?

- Yes: mean, std, min, max all work.
- Using .apply() method and inserting your *homemade* function works too.

groupby (3)

Does groupby work for multiple variables, functions?

```
time total bill
                                                tip
     sex
                                std median
                                                          std median
                      mean
                                               mean
           Lunch 18.048485 7.953435 16.58 2.882121
    Male
                                                    1.329017
                                                               2.31
    Male Dinner 21.461452 9.460974 19.63 3.144839 1.529116
                                                               3.00
         Lunch 16.339143 7.500803 13.42 2.582857
2 Female
                                                    1.075108
                                                               2.01
3 Female Dinner 19.213077 8.202085 17.19 3.002115 1.193483
                                                               3.00
```

Note grouping with multiple variables uses a <u>MultiIndex</u> (https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/generated/pandas.MultiIndex.html) which we do not cover.

groupby (4)

Can we use groupby in a loop?

Yes, we can iterate over a groupby object. Example:

```
In [5]:
    results = {}
    for group, group_df in tips.groupby('sex'):
        group_mean = group_df.total_bill.mean()
        results[group] = group_mean

    print(group)
    results

Female

Out[5]: {'Female': 18.056896551724137, 'Male': 20.744076433121034}
```

ProTip: groupby is an iterable we can also use with multiprocessing for parallel computing.

groupby (5)

How do we get our groupby output into the original dataframe?

- Option 1: you use transform.
- Option 2: you merge it (not recommended)

Why is this useful?

Useful for fixed effects computation

Joining DataFrames

Until now we've worked with one DataFrame at a time.

We will now learn to put them together.

Some DataFrames

Let's make some data to play with

```
In [38]: left = pd.DataFrame({'key': ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D'], 'value_left': range(4)})
    right = pd.DataFrame({'key': ['C', 'D', 'E', 'F'], 'value_right': range(4,8)})
    print(left,'\n', right)
```

```
      key
      value_left

      0
      A
      0

      1
      B
      1

      2
      C
      2

      3
      D
      3

      key
      value_right

      0
      C
      4

      1
      D
      5

      2
      E
      6

      3
      F
      7
```

Merging data

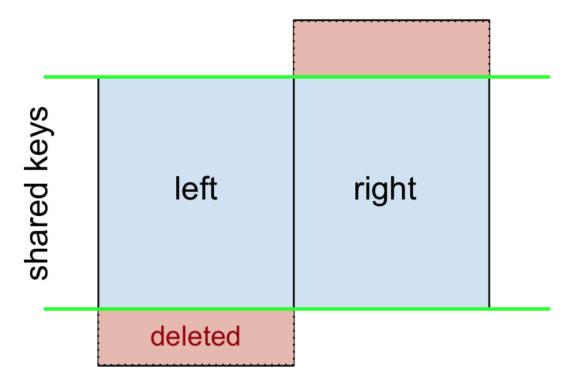
The forthcoming figures all follow this convention:

- blue: rows in merge output
- red: rows excluded from output (i.e., removed)
- green: missing values replaced with NaNs

We use merge which is pandas function and a method for dataframes.

Inner merge (default)

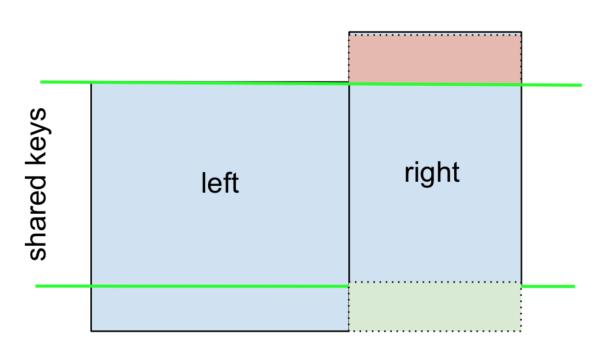
This merge only uses only shared keys



how='inner'

Left merge

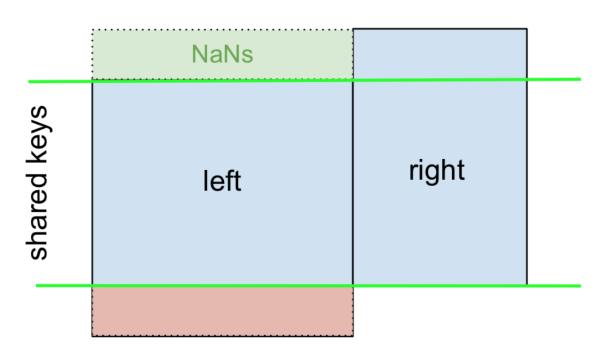
This merge uses only *left* keys



how='left'

Right merge

This merge uses only right keys

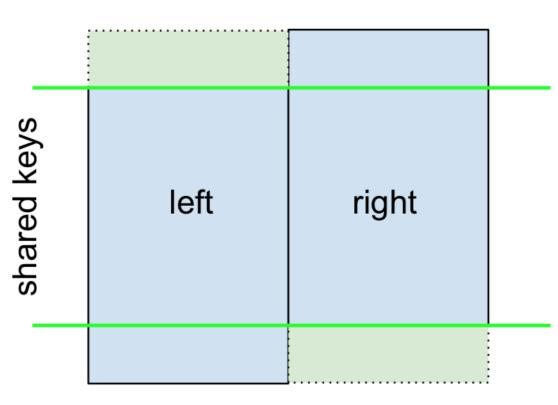


how='right'

Outer merge

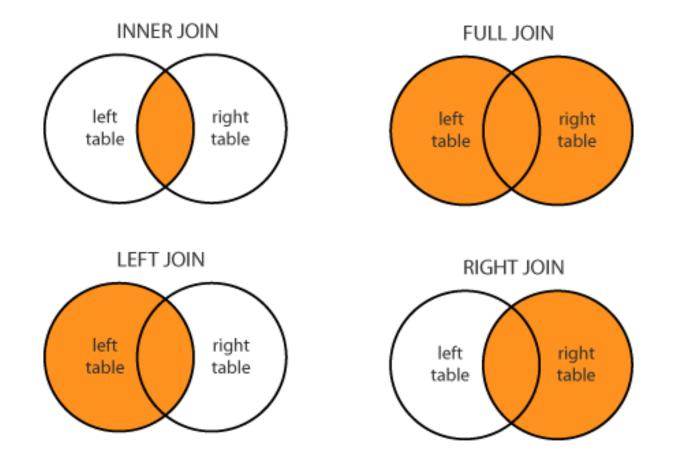
This merge uses all keys

```
In [66]:
         print(pd.merge(left, right, on='key', how='outer'))
           key value_left value_right
           Α
                      0.0
                                   NaN
            В
                      1.0
                                   NaN
           C
                      2.0
                                   4.0
           D
                      3.0
                                   5.0
                                   6.0
                      NaN
                      NaN
                                   7.0
```



how='outer'

Overview of merge types



More merge type exists, see <u>this post</u> (<u>https://stackoverflow.com/questions/53645882/pandas-merging-101</u>) for details.

Joining DataFrames

We can also join by keys in the index. This is possible with join or concat:

- both methods work vertically and horizontally.
- concat works with multiple DataFrames at once;

Requirement: overlapping index keys or column names.

```
In [78]: df0 = left.set_index('key')
    df1 = right.set_index('key')
```

Horizontal join

Works like merge where keys is now the index!

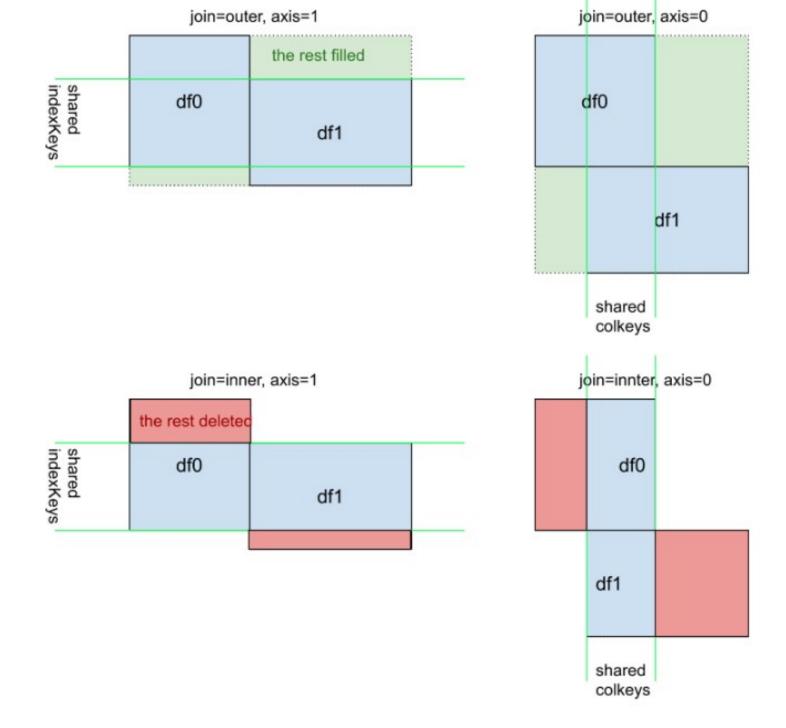
Vertical join

concat on axis=0 stacks the dataframes on top of each other!

```
In [83]:
         print(pd.concat([df0, df1], join='outer', axis=0, sort=False))
              value_left value_right
         key
                     0.0
                                   NaN
                     1.0
                                   NaN
                     2.0
                                   NaN
                      3.0
                                   NaN
                     NaN
                                   4.0
                                   5.0
                     NaN
                                   6.0
                     NaN
                     NaN
                                   7.0
```

Vertical and horizontal

An overview of concat / join operations (left: horizontal, right: vertical)



Putting it together

2000-01-07 3.101249

Name: Adj Close, dtype: float64

```
In [37]: from pandas_datareader import data
    stocks = ['aapl', 'goog', 'msft', 'amzn', 'fb']
    def load_stock(s):
        return data.DataReader(s, data_source='yahoo', start='2000')['Adj Close']
    load_stock('aapl').head()
    # stock_dfs = {s:load_stock(s) for s in stocks} # dictionary of all stock price
    # stock_df = pd.concat(stock_dfs, axis=1) # horizontal join
    # stock_df.plot(logy=True, figsize=(10,3))
Out[37]: Date
    2000-01-03     3.488905
    2000-01-04     3.194754
    2000-01-05     3.241507
    2000-01-06     2.960991
```

Methods chaining

Method chain

We iteratively apply methods on dataframes. Example:

Method chain (2)

Suppose we want to filter out teenagers and adults - is this possible?

Method chain (3)

And how do we make new variables?

```
In [43]:
         print(titanic.assign(has_sibsp=lambda df: df.sibsp>0)[['sibsp','has_sibsp']].head(10))
            sibsp
                   has_sibsp
                        True
                        True
         1
                       False
                        True
         4
                       False
                       False
         6
                       False
                        True
         8
                0
                       False
         9
                1
                        True
```

Method chain (4)

The lines get very long, what do we do?

Beyond pandas

If you want more sophisticated data processing tools for big data.

Single machine

multiprocessing and joblib for executing code in parallel (using multiple cores)

Multiple machines (cluster)

- dask uses a pandas like syntax, also useful for parallelizing
- pyspark is Python based but uses a (multiple machines)

The end

Return to agenda