# PivotTable_ed

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A pivot table is a way of summarizing data in a DataFrame for a particular purpose. It makes heavy use of the aggregation function. A pivot table is itself a DataFrame, where the rows represent one variable that you're interested in, the columns another, and the cell's some aggregate value. A pivot table also tends to includes marginal values as well, which are the sums for each column and row. This allows you to be able to see the relationship between two variables at just a glance.

[1]:
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# Lets take a look at pivot tables in pandas
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
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[2]:
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# Here we have the Times Higher Education World University Ranking dataset,␣
 ↪which is one of the most
# influential university measures. Let's import the dataset and see what it␣
 ↪looks like
df = pd.read_csv('datasets/cwurData.csv')
df.head()
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[2]:

| | world_rank | institution | country | national_rank | quality_of_education | alumni_employment | quality_of_faculty | publications | influence | citations | broad_impact | patents | score | year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | Harvard University | USA | 1 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | NaN | 5 | 100.00 | 2012 |
| 1 | 2 | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | USA | 2 | 9 | 17 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 4 | NaN | 1 | 91.67 | 2012 |
| 2 | 3 | Stanford University | USA | 3 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | NaN | 15 | 89.50 | 2012 |
| 3 | 4 | University of Cambridge | United Kingdom | 1 | 10 | 24 | 4 | 16 | 16 | 11 | NaN | 50 | 86.17 | 2012 |
| 4 | 5 | California Institute of Technology | USA | 4 | 2 | 29 | 7 | 37 | 22 | 22 | NaN | 18 | 85.21 | 2012 |

[3]:
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# Here we can see each institution's rank, country, quality of education, other␣
 ↪metrics, and overall score.
# Let's say we want to create a new column called Rank_Level, where␣
 ↪institutions with world ranking 1-100 are
# categorized as first tier and those with world ranking 101 - 200 are second␣
 ↪tier, ranking 201 - 300 are
# third tier, after 301 is other top universities.

# Now, you actually already have enough knowledge to do this, so why don't you␣
 ↪pause the video and give it a
# try?

# Here's my solution, I'm going to create a function called create_category␣
 ↪which will operate on the first
# column in the dataframe, world_rank
def create_category(ranking):
    # Since the rank is just an integer, I'll just do a bunch of if/elif␣
 ↪statements
    if (ranking >= 1) & (ranking <= 100):
        return "First Tier Top Unversity"
    elif (ranking >= 101) & (ranking <= 200):
        return "Second Tier Top Unversity"
    elif (ranking >= 201) & (ranking <= 300):
        return "Third Tier Top Unversity"
    return "Other Top Unversity"

# Now we can apply this to a single column of data to create a new series
df['Rank_Level'] = df['world_rank'].apply(lambda x: create_category(x))
# And lets look at the result
df.head()
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[3]:

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | Harvard University | USA | 1 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | NaN | 5 | 100.00 | 2012 |
| 1 | 2 | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | USA | 2 | 9 | 17 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | Stanford University | USA | 3 | 17 | 11 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | University of Cambridge | United Kingdom | 1 | 10 | 24 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 5 | California Institute of Technology | USA | 4 | 2 | 29 | 7 | | | | | | | |

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1            12          4           4           NaN         1   91.67  2012
2             4          2           2           NaN        15   89.50  2012
3            16         16          11           NaN        50   86.17  2012
4            37         22          22           NaN        18   85.21  2012

                  Rank_Level
0  First Tier Top Unversity
1  First Tier Top Unversity
2  First Tier Top Unversity
3  First Tier Top Unversity
4  First Tier Top Unversity
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[4]:
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# A pivot table allows us to pivot out one of these columns a new column␣
 ↪headers and compare it against
# another column as row indices. Let's say we want to compare rank level versus␣
 ↪country of the universities
# and we want to compare in terms of overall score

# To do this, we tell Pandas we want the values to be Score, and index to be␣
 ↪the country and the columns to be
# the rank levels. Then we specify that the aggregation function, and here␣
 ↪we'll use the NumPy mean to get the
# average rating for universities in that country

df.pivot_table(values='score', index='country', columns='Rank_Level',␣
 ↪aggfunc=[np.mean]).head()
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[4]:
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                                mean                       \
Rank_Level First Tier Top Unversity Other Top Unversity
country
Argentina                      NaN           44.672857
Australia                  47.9425           44.645750
Austria                        NaN           44.864286
Belgium                    51.8750           45.081000
Brazil                         NaN           44.499706


Rank_Level Second Tier Top Unversity Third Tier Top Unversity
country
Argentina                       NaN                     NaN
Australia                   49.2425               47.285000
Austria                         NaN               47.066667
Belgium                     49.0840               46.746667
Brazil                      49.5650                     NaN
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# We can see a  hierarchical dataframe where the index, or rows, are by country␣
 ↪and the columns have two
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# levels, the top level indicating that the mean value is being used and the␣
 ↪second level being our ranks. In
# this example we only have one variable, the mean, that we are looking at, so␣
 ↪we don't really need a
# heirarchical index.

# We notice that there are some NaN values, for example, the first row,␣
 ↪Argentia. The NaN values indicate that
# Argentia has only observations in the "Other Top Unversities" category
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[6]:
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# Now, pivot tables aren't limited to one function that you might want to apply.
 ↪ You can pass a named
# parameter, aggfunc, which is a list of the different functions to apply, and␣
 ↪pandas will provide you with
# the result using hierarchical column names.  Let's try that same query, but␣
 ↪pass in the max() function too

df.pivot_table(values='score', index='country', columns='Rank_Level',␣
 ↪aggfunc=[np.mean, np.max]).head()
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[6]:
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                                mean                       \
Rank_Level First Tier Top Unversity Other Top Unversity
country
Argentina                       NaN           44.672857
Australia                   47.9425           44.645750
Austria                         NaN           44.864286
Belgium                     51.8750           45.081000
Brazil                          NaN           44.499706

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Rank_Level Second Tier Top Unversity Third Tier Top Unversity
country
Argentina                        NaN                    NaN
Australia                    49.2425              47.285000
Austria                          NaN              47.066667
Belgium                      49.0840              46.746667
Brazil                       49.5650                    NaN

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Rank_Level First Tier Top Unversity Other Top Unversity
country
Argentina                       NaN                45.66
Australia                     51.61                45.97
Austria                         NaN                46.29
Belgium                       52.03                46.21
Brazil                          NaN                46.08
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Rank_Level Second Tier Top Unversity Third Tier Top Unversity
country
Argentina                          NaN                    NaN
Australia                        50.40                  47.47
Austria                            NaN                  47.78
Belgium                          49.73                  47.14
Brazil                           49.82                    NaN
```

[7]:
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# So now we see we have both the mean and the max. As mentioned earlier, we can␣
 ↪also summarize the values
# within a given top level column. For instance, if we want to see an overall␣
 ↪average for the country for the
# mean and we want to see the max of the max, we can indicate that we want␣
 ↪pandas to provide marginal values
df.pivot_table(values='score', index='country', columns='Rank_Level',␣
 ↪aggfunc=[np.mean, np.max],
               margins=True).head()
```

[7]:
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                                mean                     \
Rank_Level First Tier Top Unversity Other Top Unversity
country
Argentina                      NaN           44.672857
Australia                  47.9425           44.645750
Austria                        NaN           44.864286
Belgium                    51.8750           45.081000
Brazil                         NaN           44.499706

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Rank_Level Second Tier Top Unversity Third Tier Top Unversity        All
country
Argentina                       NaN                    NaN  44.672857
Australia                   49.2425              47.285000  45.825517
Austria                         NaN              47.066667  45.139583
Belgium                     49.0840              46.746667  47.011000
Brazil                      49.5650                    NaN  44.781111

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Rank_Level First Tier Top Unversity Other Top Unversity
country
Argentina                      NaN              45.66
Australia                    51.61              45.97
Austria                        NaN              46.29
Belgium                      52.03              46.21
Brazil                         NaN              46.08


Rank_Level Second Tier Top Unversity Third Tier Top Unversity    All
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country
Argentina                      NaN                      NaN  45.66
Australia                    50.40                    47.47  51.61
Austria                        NaN                    47.78  47.78
Belgium                      49.73                    47.14  52.03
Brazil                       49.82                      NaN  49.82
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[8]:
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# A pivot table is just a multi-level dataframe, and we can access series or␣
 ↪cells in the dataframe in a similar way
# as we do so for a regular dataframe.

# Let's create a new dataframe from our previous example
new_df=df.pivot_table(values='score', index='country', columns='Rank_Level',␣
 ↪aggfunc=[np.mean, np.max],
                      margins=True)
# Now let's look at the index
print(new_df.index)
# And let's look at the columns
print(new_df.columns)
```

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Index(['Argentina', 'Australia', 'Austria', 'Belgium', 'Brazil', 'Bulgaria',
       'Canada', 'Chile', 'China', 'Colombia', 'Croatia', 'Cyprus',
       'Czech Republic', 'Denmark', 'Egypt', 'Estonia', 'Finland', 'France',
       'Germany', 'Greece', 'Hong Kong', 'Hungary', 'Iceland', 'India', 'Iran',
       'Ireland', 'Israel', 'Italy', 'Japan', 'Lebanon', 'Lithuania',
       'Malaysia', 'Mexico', 'Netherlands', 'New Zealand', 'Norway', 'Poland',
       'Portugal', 'Puerto Rico', 'Romania', 'Russia', 'Saudi Arabia',
       'Serbia', 'Singapore', 'Slovak Republic', 'Slovenia', 'South Africa',
       'South Korea', 'Spain', 'Sweden', 'Switzerland', 'Taiwan', 'Thailand',
       'Turkey', 'USA', 'Uganda', 'United Arab Emirates', 'United Kingdom',
       'Uruguay', 'All'],
      dtype='object', name='country')
MultiIndex([('mean',  'First Tier Top Unversity'),
            ('mean',       'Other Top Unversity'),
            ('mean', 'Second Tier Top Unversity'),
            ('mean',  'Third Tier Top Unversity'),
            ('mean',                       'All'),
            ('amax',  'First Tier Top Unversity'),
            ('amax',       'Other Top Unversity'),
            ('amax', 'Second Tier Top Unversity'),
            ('amax',  'Third Tier Top Unversity'),
            ('amax',                       'All')],
           names=[None, 'Rank_Level'])
```

[9]:
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# We can see the columns are hierarchical. The top level column indices have␣
 ↪two categories: mean and max, and
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# the lower level column indices have four categories, which are the four rank␣
 ↪levels. How would we query this
# if we want to get the average scores of First Tier Top Unversity levels in␣
 ↪each country? We would just need
# to make two dataframe projections, the first for the mean, then the second␣
 ↪for the top tier
new_df['mean']['First Tier Top Unversity'].head()
```

[9]:
```
country
Argentina        NaN
Australia    47.9425
Austria          NaN
Belgium      51.8750
Brazil           NaN
Name: First Tier Top Unversity, dtype: float64
```

[10]:
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# We can see that the output is a series object which we can confirm by␣
 ↪printing the type. Remember that when
# you project a single column of values out of a DataFrame you get a series.
type(new_df['mean']['First Tier Top Unversity'])
```

[10]:
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pandas.core.series.Series
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[11]:
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# What if we want to find the country that has the maximum average score on␣
 ↪First Tier Top University level?
# We can use the idxmax() function.
new_df['mean']['First Tier Top Unversity'].idxmax()
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[11]:
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'United Kingdom'
```

[12]:
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# Now, the idxmax() function isn't special for pivot tables, it's a built in␣
 ↪function to the Series object.
# We don't have time to go over all pandas functions and attributes, and I want␣
 ↪to encourage you to explore
# the API to learn more deeply what is available to you.
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[13]:
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# If you want to achieve a different shape of your pivot table, you can do so␣
 ↪with the stack and unstack
# functions. Stacking is pivoting the lowermost column index to become the␣
 ↪innermost row index. Unstacking is
# the inverse of stacking, pivoting the innermost row index to become the␣
 ↪lowermost column index. An example
# will help make this clear

# Let's look at our pivot table first to refresh what it looks like
new_df.head()
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[13]:
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                                    mean                          \
Rank_Level First Tier Top Unversity Other Top Unversity
country
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Argentina                        NaN          44.672857
Australia                    47.9425          44.645750
Austria                          NaN          44.864286
Belgium                      51.8750          45.081000
Brazil                           NaN          44.499706

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```

[14]:
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# Now let's try stacking, this should move the lowermost column, so the tiers␣
 ↪of the university rankings, to
# the inner most row
new_df=new_df.stack()
new_df.head()
```

[14]:
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                                          mean   amax
country   Rank_Level
Argentina Other Top Unversity        44.672857  45.66
          All                        44.672857  45.66
Australia First Tier Top Unversity   47.942500  51.61
          Other Top Unversity        44.645750  45.97
          Second Tier Top Unversity  49.242500  50.40
```

[15]:
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# In the original pivot table, rank levels are the lowermost column, after␣
 ↪stacking, rank levels become the
# innermost index, appearing to the right after country

# Now let's try unstacking
new_df.unstack().head()
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[15]:
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                                mean                          \
Rank_Level First Tier Top Unversity Other Top Unversity
country
Argentina                        NaN           44.672857
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Austria                          NaN           44.864286
Belgium                      51.8750           45.081000
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Rank_Level Second Tier Top Unversity Third Tier Top Unversity        All
country
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Australia                     49.2425             47.285000  45.825517
Austria                           NaN             47.066667  45.139583
Belgium                       49.0840             46.746667  47.011000
Brazil                        49.5650                   NaN  44.781111

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Rank_Level First Tier Top Unversity Other Top Unversity
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Australia                      51.61             45.97
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Belgium                        52.03             46.21
Brazil                           NaN             46.08


Rank_Level Second Tier Top Unversity Third Tier Top Unversity    All
country
Argentina                         NaN                   NaN  45.66
Australia                       50.40                 47.47  51.61
Austria                           NaN                 47.78  47.78
Belgium                       49.73                 47.14  52.03
Brazil                        49.82                   NaN  49.82
```

[16]:
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# That seems to restore our dataframe to its original shape. What do you think␣
 ↪would happen if we unstacked twice in a row?
new_df.unstack().unstack().head()
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[16]:
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       Rank_Level                country
mean   First Tier Top Unversity  Argentina        NaN
                                 Australia    47.9425
                                 Austria          NaN
                                 Belgium      51.8750
                                 Brazil           NaN
dtype: float64
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[17]:
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# We actually end up unstacking all the way to just a single column, so a␣
 ↪series object is returned. This
# column is just a "value", the meaning of which is denoted by the␣
 ↪heirarachical index of operation, rank, and
# country.
```

So that's pivot tables. This has been a pretty short description, but they're incredibly useful when dealing with numeric data, especially if you're trying to summarize the data in some form. You'll regularly be creating new pivot tables on slices of data, whether you're exploring the data yourself or preparing data for others to report on. And of course, you can pass any function you want to the aggregate function, including those that you define yourself.