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In [1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
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In [2]: def f1(a1, a2):
    n = 0
    for i in a1:
        if i in a2:
            n += 1
    for i in a2:
        if i in a1:
            n += 1
    return n
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In [3]: def f3(a1, a2):
    n = 0
    n = map(lambda x, y: f1(x, y), a1, a2)
    return list(n)
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In [4]: N = 5
data = pd.DataFrame(np.random.uniform(1,9,(N,2)), columns=['A', 'B'], dtype=str)
%timeit data1 = data['A'].combine(data['B'], f1)
%timeit data1 = data.apply(lambda x: f1(x['A'], x['B']), axis=1)
%timeit data1 = f3(data['A'], data['B'])
%timeit data1 = [f1(x, y) for x, y in zip(data['A'], data['B'])]
%timeit data1 = f3(data['A'].values, data['B'].values)
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218  $\mu$ s  $\pm$  4.19  $\mu$ s per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)  
698  $\mu$ s  $\pm$  1.07  $\mu$ s per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)  
37  $\mu$ s  $\pm$  20.5 ns per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 10000 loops each)  
36.5  $\mu$ s  $\pm$  26.5 ns per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 10000 loops each)  
16.9  $\mu$ s  $\pm$  15.3 ns per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 100000 loops each)

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In [5]: N = 500
data = pd.DataFrame(np.random.uniform(1,9,(N,2)), columns=['A', 'B'], dtype=str)
%timeit data1 = data['A'].combine(data['B'], f1)
%timeit data1 = data.apply(lambda x: f1(x['A'], x['B']), axis=1)
%timeit data1 = f3(data['A'], data['B'])
%timeit data1 = [f1(x, y) for x, y in zip(data['A'], data['B'])]
%timeit data1 = f3(data['A'].values, data['B'].values)
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13 ms  $\pm$  11.7  $\mu$ s per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 100 loops each)  
11.2 ms  $\pm$  18.8  $\mu$ s per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 100 loops each)  
1.02 ms  $\pm$  1.47  $\mu$ s per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)  
982  $\mu$ s  $\pm$  733 ns per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)  
1.01 ms  $\pm$  1  $\mu$ s per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)

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In [ ]: N = 50000
data = pd.DataFrame(np.random.uniform(1,9,(N,2)), columns=['A', 'B'], dtype=str)
%timeit data1 = data['A'].combine(data['B'], f1)
%timeit data1 = data.apply(lambda x: f1(x['A'], x['B']), axis=1)
%timeit data1 = f3(data['A'], data['B'])
%timeit data1 = [f1(x, y) for x, y in zip(data['A'], data['B'])]
%timeit data1 = f3(data['A'].values, data['B'].values)
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1.29 s  $\pm$  3.74 ms per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 1 loop each)  
1.04 s  $\pm$  2.83 ms per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 1 loop each)  
99.6 ms  $\pm$  58.6  $\mu$ s per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 10 loops each)  
96.7 ms  $\pm$  121  $\mu$ s per loop (mean  $\pm$  std. dev. of 7 runs, 10 loops each)