

# **Data Wrangling**

### Reminder

Yesterday we cleaned the Titanic dataset (handled missing values, duplicates, datatypes).

**Today we'll transform** it so it becomes usable for insights and analysis.

## Notes on Data Wrangling

- Definition → Data wrangling is the process of transforming raw data into a structured, usable format.
- · Why important?
  - · Raw datasets are messy.
  - Analysis/ML requires tidy data (rows = observations, columns = features).
  - Enables pattern discovery and insights.

#### Common Wrangling Operations:

- 1. Filtering  $\rightarrow$  Selecting specific rows.
- 2. Grouping  $\rightarrow$  Summarizing by categories.
- 3. Merging  $\rightarrow$  Combining datasets.
- 4. Pivoting → Reshaping data.

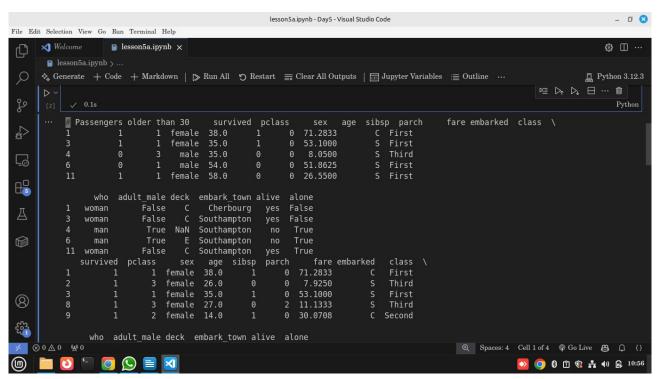
**We in Data Science**: Wrangling prepares datasets for visualization, dashboards, and machine learning models.

## Filtering

### **Practical**

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             titanic = sns.load_dataset("titanic")
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             older_than_30 = titanic[titanic["age"] > 30]
             print(older_than_30.head())
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             females = titanic[titanic["sex"] == "female"]
print(females.head())
females_30 = titanic[(titanic["sex"] == "female") & (titanic["age"] > 30)]
             print(females_30.head())
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#### Sample output



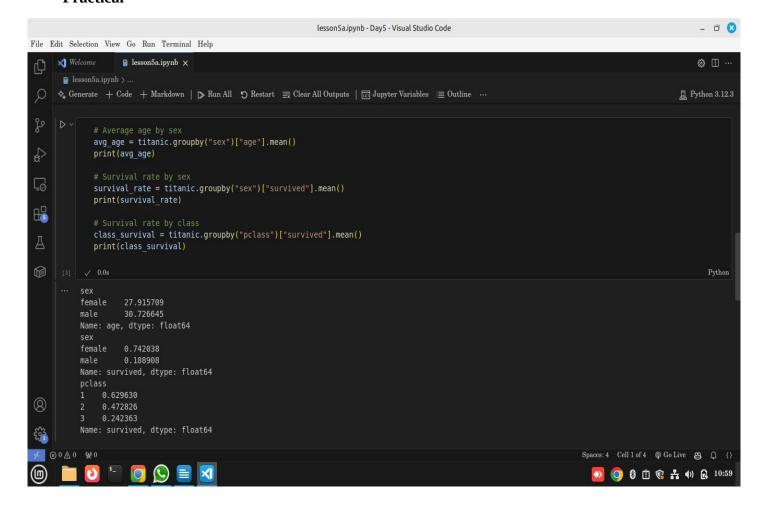
#### **Explanation**

- df[condition] → selects rows matching condition.
- & = AND, | = OR.
- Used for subsetting datasets.

**Use in Data Science**  $\rightarrow$  Filtering helps analysts zoom in on specific groups (e.g., "Find customers over 40 in Nairobi with purchases > \$500").

## GroupBy & Aggregations

#### **Practical**



#### **Explanation**

- groupby() → splits data into groups.
- .mean(), .sum(), .count() → applies aggregation.

**Use in Data Science** → GroupBy helps compare segments (e.g., "average salary by department", "churn rate by subscription plan").

## Merge & Join

## **Practical**

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#### **Explanation**

- pd.merge() combines datasets by keys (like SQL joins).
- Types → inner, left, right, outer.

**Use in Data Science** → Merging combines info from multiple sources (e.g., transactions + customer demographics).

### Pivot Tables

#### **Practical**

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#### **Explanation**

- Pivot tables reorganize data to show summaries across **two dimensions**.
- Example → Survival rate by sex *and* passenger class.

**Use in Data Science** → Pivot tables simplify comparisons (like Excel pivot tables for quick insights).

## Mini Challenge

#### ← On Titanic dataset:

- 1. Filter passengers under 18.
- 2. Group by class and calculate survival rate.
- 3. Pivot survival rates by sex and class.

### Reflection

- Wrangling transforms raw data into **analysis-ready datasets**.
- Without wrangling, you can't do visualization or ML.
- Which operation felt most powerful today? (Filtering, GroupBy, Merge, Pivot).