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1 Pivot Tables

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.

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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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# 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	3	3	3	NaN	18	85.21	2012

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4             37          22          22            NaN       18    85.21  2012
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[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]:

	world_rank	institution	country	national_rank	quality_of_education	alumni_employment	quality_of_faculty	\
0	1	Harvard University	USA	1	7	9	1	
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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   publications  influence  citations  broad_impact  patents   score  year  \
0             1          1          1           NaN        5  100.00  2012
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
```

[5]:
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# We can see a  hierarchical dataframe where the index, or rows, are by country␣
 ↪and the columns have two
# 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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# 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]:

	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

	amax		\
Rank_Level	First Tier Top Unversity	Other Top Unversity	
country			
Argentina	NaN	45.66	
Australia	51.61	45.97	
Austria	NaN	46.29	

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Belgium                        52.03                46.21
Brazil                           NaN                46.08


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
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[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

                              amax                     \
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
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
# 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]:
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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'
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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
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# 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
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

                                amax                       \
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
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
```

[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()
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[14]:
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                                      mean    amax
country   Rank_Level
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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
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[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
All                        58.350675           44.738871
Argentina                        NaN           44.672857
Australia                  47.942500           44.645750
Austria                          NaN           44.864286
Belgium                    51.875000           45.081000

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Rank_Level Second Tier Top Unversity Third Tier Top Unversity        All
country
All                         49.06545                46.843450  47.798395
Argentina                        NaN                      NaN  44.672857
Australia                   49.24250                47.285000  45.825517
Austria                          NaN                47.066667  45.139583
Belgium                     49.08400                46.746667  47.011000

                              amax                       \
Rank_Level First Tier Top Unversity Other Top Unversity
country
All                          100.00               46.34
Argentina                       NaN               45.66
Australia                     51.61               45.97
Austria                         NaN               46.29
Belgium                       52.03               46.21


Rank_Level Second Tier Top Unversity Third Tier Top Unversity     All
country
All                             51.29                    47.93  100.00
Argentina                         NaN                      NaN   45.66
Australia                       50.40                    47.47   51.61
Austria                           NaN                    47.78   47.78
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Belgium                        49.73                    47.14    52.03
```

[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  All          58.350675
                                 Argentina          NaN
                                 Australia    47.942500
                                 Austria            NaN
                                 Belgium      51.875000
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.