

## Join in pandas

In pandas, the `join()` function is used to join two or more DataFrame objects based on common columns or indexes. It allows you to combine data from multiple DataFrames into a single DataFrame based on matching values in the specified columns or indexes.

Here's an example to demonstrate how the `join()` function works:

Let's say we have two DataFrames, `df1` and `df2`, representing sales data for different regions:

```
import pandas as pd

# Creating DataFrame 1
data1 = {'Region': ['North', 'South', 'East', 'West'],
         'Sales': [1000, 1500, 1200, 1800]}
df1 = pd.DataFrame(data1)

# Creating DataFrame 2
data2 = {'Region': ['North', 'South', 'East', 'West'],
         'Profit': [200, 300, 250, 400]}
df2 = pd.DataFrame(data2)
```

DataFrame `df1`:

|   | Region | Sales |
|---|--------|-------|
| 0 | North  | 1000  |
| 1 | South  | 1500  |
| 2 | East   | 1200  |
| 3 | West   | 1800  |

DataFrame `df2`:

|   | Region | Profit |
|---|--------|--------|
| 0 | North  | 200    |
| 1 | South  | 300    |
| 2 | East   | 250    |
| 3 | West   | 400    |

Now, we can use the `join()` function to join these two DataFrames based on the 'Region' column:

```
df3 = df1.join(df2.set_index('Region'), on='Region')
```

DataFrame df3 after joining:

|   | Region | Sales | Profit |
|---|--------|-------|--------|
| 0 | North  | 1000  | 200    |
| 1 | South  | 1500  | 300    |
| 2 | East   | 1200  | 250    |
| 3 | West   | 1800  | 400    |

In the above example, we used the `join()` function to join `df1` and `df2` based on the 'Region' column. The resulting DataFrame `df3` contains all the columns from both `df1` and `df2`, with matching rows joined together. The `on='Region'` parameter specifies the column to be used for joining.

Note that by default, the `join()` function performs a left join, meaning all the rows from the left DataFrame (`df1` in this case) are included in the result, and only the matching rows from the right DataFrame (`df2` in this case) are added. Other join types like inner join, right join, and outer join can also be performed using the `join()` function by specifying the `how` parameter.

