

YData: Introduction to Data Science



Lecture 11: Joins

Overview

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Grouping

Grouping by one column

The `tb.group()` method aggregates all rows with the same value for a column into a single row in the resulting table.

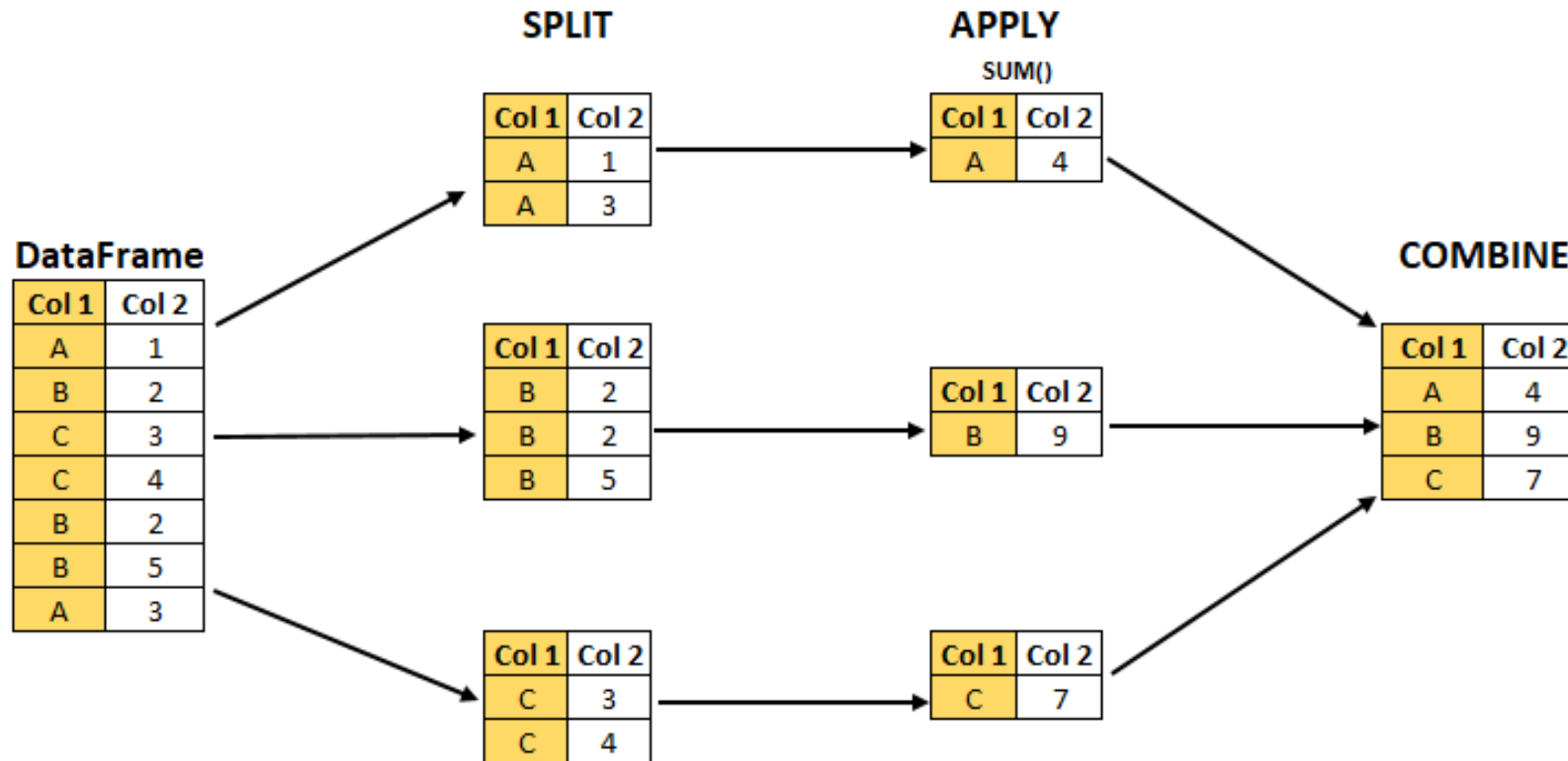
`tb.group("grouping col", agg_function)`

- "grouping col": column to group data by
- `agg_function`: function on how data in each group should be combined

Examples of aggregating functions:

- `len`: number of items in each group (default if no second argument is specified)
- `list`: list of all values in each group
- `sum`: total of all grouped values

Grouping: split-apply-combine



```
tb.group("Col 1", sum)
```

Grouping by multiple columns

The `tb.group()` method can also aggregate values in rows that share the combination of values in multiple columns

```
tb.group(["grouping col1", "grouping col2"], agg_function)
```

- `["grouping col1", "grouping col2"]`: list of columns to group by
- `agg_function`: function on how data in each group should be combined

Let's explore this in Jupyter!

Pivot Tables

Pivot Tables

Pivot tables aggregate values according to two categorical variables but the results are in a table

- i.e., same as grouping by two categorical variables but puts one variable as the rows and the other as columns

Produces a grid of counts or aggregated values two required arguments:

- First: variable that forms column labels of grid
- Second: variable that forms row labels of grid

Two optional arguments (include both or neither)

- **values** = 'column label to aggregate'
- **collect** = function with which to aggregate

Grouping

cat var 1 cat var 2

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Flavor	Color	count
bubblegum	pink	1
chocolate	dark brown	2
chocolate	light brown	1
strawberry	pink	2

Pivot Table

cat var 1

cat var 2

	Color	bubblegum	chocolate	strawberry
dark brown		0	2	0
light brown		0	1	0
pink		1	0	2

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Joins

Joining Two Tables

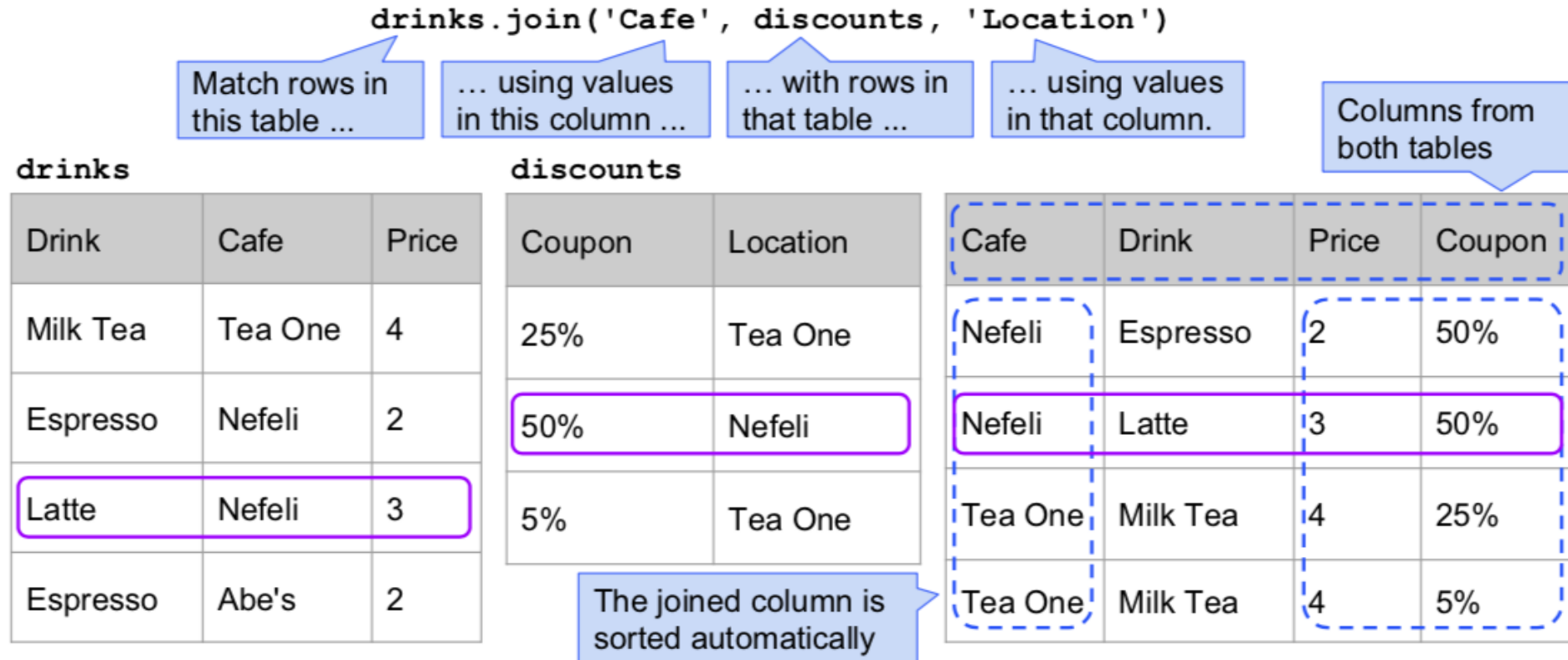
Joining involves combining the rows of two tables together into a new table

- A column in each table needs to be specified which indicates how the rows should be combined

```
tb1.join("col tb1", tb2, "col tb2")
```

- tb1: the first table
- "col tb1": a column in the first table
- tb2: the second table
- "col tb2": a column in the second table

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