YData: Introduction to Data Science



Lecture 11: Joins

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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.

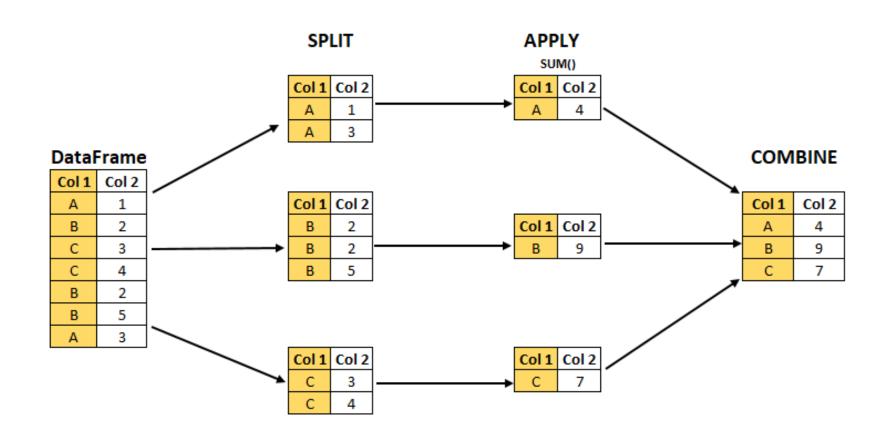
tb.group("grouping col", agg_function)

- "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

Pivot Tables

Pivot Tables

Pivot tables aggregate values according to two categorical variables and create a table where:

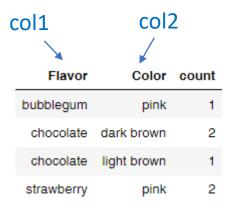
- The columns are the levels of one variable (first argument)
- The rows are the levels of other variable (second argument)

tb.pivot("col1", "col2")

Two optional arguments (include both or neither)

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

Grouping: tb.group(["col1" col2"])



Pivot Table: tb.pivot("col1", "col2")

col1

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

Let's explore this in Jupyter!

Joins

Joining Two Tables

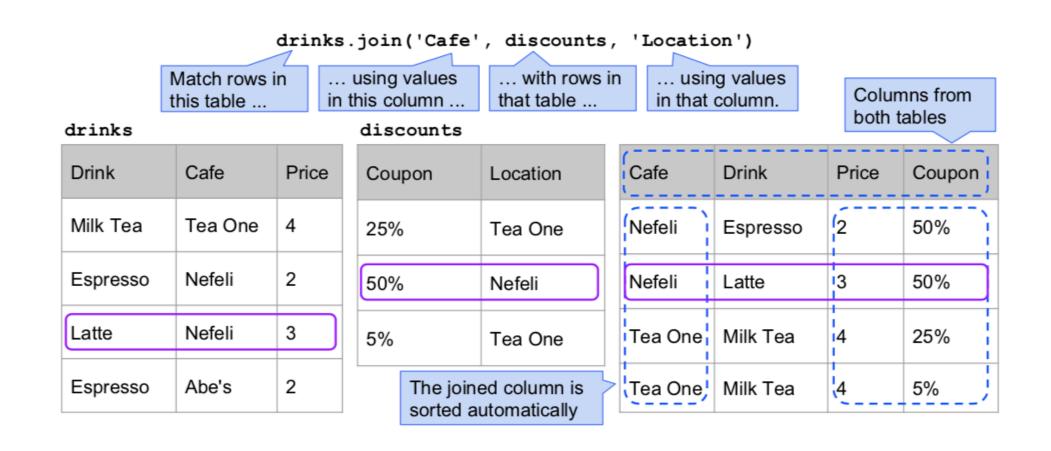
Joining involves combining the rows of two tables together into a new table

 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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