Intro to Programming for Public Policy Week 5 Group Aggregation and Transformation

Eric Potash

May 3, 2018



Overview

- ► A common data analysis task is to create pivot tables or other group level summary statistics.
- ► This is done using pandas' groupby function

Split-apply-combine

- The basic workflow for groupby operations is called split-apply-combine:
 - ► First the data (e.g. a DataFrame) is *split* into groups
 - ▶ Next a function is *applied* to each group
 - Finally the results from all groups are combined

Split-apply-combine diagram

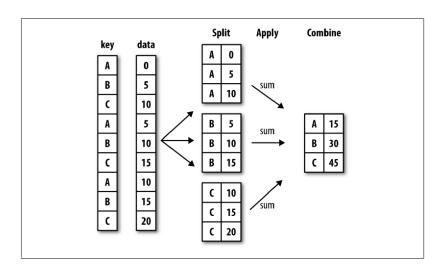


Figure 1: Group aggregation (Think Python, Figure 9.1)

value_counts()

- In fact, Series.value_counts() can be thought of as a group aggregation:
 - first, the series is split into groups of each value
 - Next each group's size is calculated
 - ► Finally, they are re-assembled into a new series with index the group's value and value the group's size

size()

The groupby function generalizes this. We can recreate value counts like this:

More generally, we can group by one series to aggregate a different one.

sum()

- Note that this requires the Series to be of the same size and same index.
- What data structure do we use for storing multiple series of the same size and index?

DataFrame

A DataFrame is ideal for groupby operations:

```
>>> df = pd.DataFrame({
                 'blue', 'green'],
    'value': [3, 4, 5, 7, 1, 2],
   'number': [1.5, 2.5, 3.5, 4, 5.5, 6]
>>> df['value'].groupby(df['color']).sum()
color
blue
green 13
red
Name: value, dtype: int64
```

GroupBy object

The intermediate result of groupby() is of the special type GroupBy:

Here we are calling groupby on the Series df['value']. We can also call it on the DataFrame df itself.

Column names

When grouping a DataFrame, you can pass the name of the column instead of a Series:

```
>>> gb = df.groupby('color')
>>> gb
<pandas.core.groupby.DataFrameGroupBy object at 0x7f30673c3</pre>
```

Now calling sum() will aggregate all remaining columns returning a DataFrame:

```
>>> gb.sum()
    number value
color
blue 9.0 6
green 12.5 13
red 1.5 3
```

Note that since size() does not depend on the column, it will still return a single Series.

Selecting a column

With a DataFrame you can select a column to aggregate:

```
>>> gb['value'].sum()
color
blue 6
green 13
red 3
Name: value, dtype: int64
```

Iterating over groups

We can iterate over the groups in the groupby object:

```
>>> for k, group in df.groupby('color'):
... print(k)
... print(group, '\n')
blue
 color number value
 blue 3.5
 blue 5.5
green
  color number value
 green 2.5
 green 4.0 7
  green 6.0 2
red
 color number value
   red
```

More functions

```
>>> df.groupby('color')['value'].mean()
color
blue 3.000000
green 4.333333
red 3.000000
Name: value, dtype: float64
>>> df.groupby('color').median()
      number value
color
blue 4.5 3
green 4.0
red
```

More functions to look up: std, var, quantile, min, max, etc.

Multiple functions using agg()

You can perform aggregate using multiple functions simultaneously using agg():

```
>>> gb = salaries.groupby('Department')['Annual Salary
>>> gb.agg(['mean', 'size'])
                           mean
                                 size
Department
ADMIN HEARNG
                   78683.692308
ANIMAL CONTRL
AVTATTON
BOARD OF ELECTION
                   53548.149533
BOARD OF ETHICS
BUDGET & MGMT
BUILDINGS
                   99246.761041
BUSINESS AFFAIRS
                   80577.073171
                                  171
CITY CLERK
CITY COUNCIL
                   64482.566801
                                  411
```

Multiple keys

You can also group by multiple keys:

```
>>> salaries.groupby(['Department', 'Job Titles'])\
            .size()
WATER MGMNT
              CONSTRUCTION LABORER
OEMC
              CROSSING GUARD
              FIREFIGHTER
FIRE
STREETS & SAN POOL MOTOR TRUCK DRIVER
              SANITATION LABORER
POLICE
              POLICE OFFICER (ASSNED DETECTIVE)
              SERGEANT
FTRE
              FIREFIGHTER-EMT
                                                 1473
POLICE
              POLICE OFFICER
dtype: int64
```

This extends the value_counts to multiple columns.



Overview

- ▶ In a group aggregation procedure, each group is reduced to a single row in the result
- Sometimes you want to perform a group operation that still produces one row for each row in the source data
- ▶ For this we use transform instead of agg

Group mean

- For example, to de-mean each employee's salary within their department:
 - Split into department groups
 - Subtract the mean from each row in the group
 - Concatenate the groups together
- ▶ The result has the same number of rows as the original data

De-mean code

```
def demean(s)
   return s - s.mean()
>>> gb = salaries.groupby('Department')
>>> salaries['Annual Salary Demeaned'] =\
        gb['Annual Salary'].transform(demean)
>>> salaries[['Annual Salary', 'Annual Salary Demeaned']]
   Annual Salary Annual Salary Demeaned
                         18046.942884
             NaN
                                     NaN
        50436.0
                           -14046.566801
```