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What is the purpose of data wrangling?

Data wrangling is the process of converting data from the initial format to a format that may be better for analysis.

What is the fuel consumption (L/100k) rate for the diesel car?

Import data

You can find the "Automobile Dataset" from the following link: https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/autos/imports-85.data. We will be using this dataset throughout this course.

Import pandas

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
```

This function will download the dataset into your browser

Reading the dataset from the URL and adding the related headers

First, we assign the URL of the dataset to "filename".

This dataset was hosted on IBM Cloud object. Click <u>HERE</u> for free storage.

```
filename = "https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBMDeveloperSkil
```

Then, we create a Python list $\boldsymbol{\textbf{headers}}$ containing name of headers.

you will need to download the dataset; if you are running locally, please comment out the following

Use the Pandas method read_csv() to load the data from the web address. Set the parameter "names" equal to the Python list "headers".

```
df = pd.read_csv(filename, names = headers)
```

Use the method **head()** to display the first five rows of the dataframe.

To see what the data set looks like, we'll use the head() method.
df.head()

	symboling	normalized- losses	make	fuel- type	aspiration	num- of- doors	body- style	drive- wheels	engine- location	wheel- base	•••	engine- size	fuel- system	bore	stroke
0	3	?	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6		130	mpfi	3.47	2.68
1	3	?	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6		130	mpfi	3.47	2.68
2	1	?	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	hatchback	rwd	front	94.5		152	mpfi	2.68	3.47
3	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	99.8		109	mpfi	3.19	3.40
4	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	4wd	front	99.4		136	mpfi	3.19	3.40
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As we can see, several question marks appeared in the dataframe; those are missing values which may hinder our further analysis.

So, how do we identify all those missing values and deal with them?

How to work with missing data?

Steps for working with missing data:

- 1. Identify missing data
- 2. Deal with missing data
- 3. Correct data format

Identify and handle missing values

Identify missing values

Convert "?" to NaN

In the car dataset, missing data comes with the question mark "?". We replace "?" with NaN (Not a Number), Python's default missing value marker for reasons of computational speed and convenience. Here we use the function:

```
.replace(A, B, inplace = True)
```

to replace A by B.

import numpy as np

```
# replace "?" to NaN
df.replace("?", np.nan, inplace = True)
df.head(5)
```

	symboling	normalized- losses	make	fuel- type	aspiration	num- of- doors	body- style	drive- wheels	engine- location	wheel- base	 engine- size	fuel- system	bore	stroke
0	3	NaN	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	 130	mpfi	3.47	2.68
1	3	NaN	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	 130	mpfi	3.47	2.68
2	1	NaN	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	hatchback	rwd	front	94.5	 152	mpfi	2.68	3.47
3	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	99.8	 109	mpfi	3.19	3.40
4	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	4wd	front	99.4	 136	mpfi	3.19	3.40
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Evaluating for Missing Data

The missing values are converted by default. We use the following functions to identify these missing values. There are two methods to detect missing data:

1. .isnull()

2. .notnull()

The output is a boolean value indicating whether the value that is passed into the argument is in fact missing data.

```
missing_data = df.isnull()
missing_data.head(5)
```

	symboling	normalized- losses	make	fuel- type	aspiration	num- of- doors		drive- wheels	engine- location		 engine- size	fuel- system	bore	stroke	compr
0	False	True	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	 False	False	False	False	
1	False	True	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	 False	False	False	False	
2	False	True	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	 False	False	False	False	
3	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	 False	False	False	False	
4	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	 False	False	False	False	
5 rc	ws × 26 colur	nns													

[&]quot;True" means the value is a missing value while "False" means the value is not a missing value.

Count missing values in each column

Using a for loop in Python, we can quickly figure out the number of missing values in each column. As mentioned above, "True" represents a missing value and "False" means the value is present in the dataset. In the body of the for loop the method ".value_counts()" counts the number of "True" values.

```
for column in missing data.columns.values.tolist():
     print(column)
     print (missing_data[column].value_counts())
     print("")
    symboling
    Name: symboling, dtype: int64
    normalized-losses
    False
            164
    True
             41
    Name: normalized-losses, dtype: int64
    False
             205
    Name: make, dtype: int64
    fuel-type
    False 205
Name: fuel-type, dtype: int64
            205
    aspiration
    False
            205
    Name: aspiration, dtype: int64
    num-of-doors
    False
             203
    True
    Name: num-of-doors, dtype: int64
    body-style
    False
            205
    Name: body-style, dtype: int64
    drive-wheels
    Name: drive-wheels, dtype: int64
    engine-location
    False
            205
    Name: engine-location, dtype: int64
    wheel-base
    False
             205
    Name: wheel-base, dtype: int64
    length
             205
    False
    Name: length, dtype: int64
```

```
width
False 205
Name: width, dtype: int64

height
False 205
Name: height, dtype: int64

curb-weight
False 205
Name: curb-weight, dtype: int64
```

Based on the summary above, each column has 205 rows of data and seven of the columns containing missing data:

- 1. "normalized-losses": 41 missing data
- 2. "num-of-doors": 2 missing data
- 3. "bore": 4 missing data
- 4. "stroke": 4 missing data
- 5. "horsepower": 2 missing data
- 6. "peak-rpm": 2 missing data
- 7. "price": 4 missing data

Deal with missing data

How to deal with missing data?

- 1. Drop data
 - a. Drop the whole row
 - b. Drop the whole column
- 2. Replace data
 - a. Replace it by mean
 - b. Replace it by frequency
 - c. Replace it based on other functions

Whole columns should be dropped only if most entries in the column are empty. In our dataset, none of the columns are empty enough to drop entirely. We have some freedom in choosing which method to replace data; however, some methods may seem more reasonable than others. We will apply each method to many different columns:

Replace by mean:

- "normalized-losses": 41 missing data, replace them with mean
- "stroke": 4 missing data, replace them with mean
- "bore": 4 missing data, replace them with mean
- "horsepower": 2 missing data, replace them with mean
- "peak-rpm": 2 missing data, replace them with mean

Replace by frequency:

- "num-of-doors": 2 missing data, replace them with "four".
 - o Reason: 84% sedans is four doors. Since four doors is most frequent, it is most likely to occur

Drop the whole row:

- "price": 4 missing data, simply delete the whole row
 - Reason: price is what we want to predict. Any data entry without price data cannot be used for prediction; therefore any row now without price data is not useful to us

Calculate the mean value for the "normalized-losses" column

```
avg_norm_loss = df["normalized-losses"].astype("float").mean(axis=0)
print("Average of normalized-losses:", avg_norm_loss)

Average of normalized-losses: 122.0
```

Replace "NaN" with mean value in "normalized-losses" column

```
df["normalized-losses"].replace(np.nan, avg_norm_loss, inplace=True)
```

Calculate the mean value for the "bore" column

```
avg_bore=df['bore'].astype('float').mean(axis=0)
print("Average of bore:", avg_bore)
    Average of bore: 3.3297512437810943

Replace "NaN" with the mean value in the "bore" column

df["bore"].replace(np.nan, avg_bore, inplace=True)
```

Ouestion #1:

Based on the example above, replace NaN in "stroke" column with the mean value.

```
# Write your code below and press Shift+Enter to execute
avg_stroke=df["stroke"].astype("float").mean(axis=0)
print("Average of stroke:", avg_stroke)
df["stroke"].replace(np.nan,avg_stroke,inplace=True)
   Average of stroke: 3.255422885572139
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Calculate the mean value for the "horsepower" column
avg horsepower = df['horsepower'].astype('float').mean(axis=0)
print("Average horsepower:", avg_horsepower)
    Average horsepower: 104.25615763546799
Replace "NaN" with the mean value in the "horsepower" column
df['horsepower'].replace(np.nan, avg_horsepower, inplace=True)
Calculate the mean value for "peak-rpm" column
avg peakrpm=df['peak-rpm'].astype('float').mean(axis=0)
print("Average peak rpm:", avg_peakrpm)
   Average peak rpm: 5125.369458128079
Replace "NaN" with the mean value in the "peak-rpm" column
df['peak-rpm'].replace(np.nan, avg_peakrpm, inplace=True)
To see which values are present in a particular column, we can use the ".value_counts()" method:
df['num-of-doors'].value_counts()
    four
          114
    two
           89
    Name: num-of-doors, dtype: int64
```

We can see that four doors are the most common type. We can also use the ".idxmax()" method to calculate the most common type automatically:

The replacement procedure is very similar to what we have seen previously:

```
#replace the missing 'num-of-doors' values by the most frequent
df["num-of-doors"].replace(np.nan, "four", inplace=True)
```

Finally, let's drop all rows that do not have price data:

```
# simply drop whole row with NaN in "price" column
df.dropna(subset=["price"], axis=0, inplace=True)
```

```
# reset index, because we droped two rows
df.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
```

df.head()

	symboling	normalized- losses	make	fuel- type	aspiration	num- of- doors	body- style	drive- wheels	engin locati
0	3	122.0	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	fro
1	3	122.0	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	fro
2	1	122.0	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	hatchback	rwd	fro
3	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	fro
4	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	4wd	fro
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Good! Now, we have a dataset with no missing values.

Correct data format

We are almost there!

The last step in data cleaning is checking and making sure that all data is in the correct format (int, float, text or other).

In Pandas, we use:

.dtype() to check the data type

.astype() to change the data type

Let's list the data types for each column

df.dtypes

symboling	int64
normalized-losses	object
make	object
fuel-type	object
aspiration	object
num-of-doors	object
body-style	object
drive-wheels	object
engine-location	object
wheel-base	float64
length	float64
width	float64
height	float64
curb-weight	int64
engine-type	object
num-of-cylinders	object
engine-size	int64
fuel-system	object
bore	object
stroke	object

compression-ratio float64 horsepower object peak-rpm object city-mpg int64 highway-mpg price object dtype: object

As we can see above, some columns are not of the correct data type. Numerical variables should have type 'float' or 'int', and variables with strings such as categories should have type 'object'. For example, 'bore' and 'stroke' variables are numerical values that describe the engines, so we should expect them to be of the type 'float' or 'int'; however, they are shown as type 'object'. We have to convert data types into a proper format for each column using the "astype()" method.

Convert data types to proper format

```
df[["bore", "stroke"]] = df[["bore", "stroke"]].astype("float")
df[["normalized-losses"]] = df[["normalized-losses"]].astype("int")
df[["price"]] = df[["price"]].astype("float")
df[["peak-rpm"]] = df[["peak-rpm"]].astype("float")
```

Let us list the columns after the conversion

df.dtypes

symboling int64 normalized-losses int64 make object fuel-type object aspiration obiect num-of-doors object body-style object drive-wheels object engine-location object wheel-base float64 length float64 float64 height float64 curb-weight int64 engine-type object num-of-cylinders object engine-size int64 fuel-system object bore float64 stroke float64 compression-ratio float64 horsepower object peak-rpm float64 city-mpg int64 int64 highway-mpg float64 price dtype: object

Wonderful!

Now we have finally obtained the cleaned dataset with no missing values with all data in its proper format.

Data Standardization

Data is usually collected from different agencies in different formats. (Data standardization is also a term for a particular type of data normalization where we subtract the mean and divide by the standard deviation.)

What is standardization?

Standardization is the process of transforming data into a common format, allowing the researcher to make the meaningful comparison.

Example

Transform mpg to L/100km:

In our dataset, the fuel consumption columns "city-mpg" and "highway-mpg" are represented by mpg (miles per gallon) unit. Assume we are developing an application in a country that accepts the fuel consumption with L/100km standard.

We will need to apply data transformation to transform mpg into L/100km.

The formula for unit conversion is:

L/100km = 235 / mpg

We can do many mathematical operations directly in Pandas.

df.head()

	symboling	normalized- losses	make	fuel- type	aspiration	num- of- doors	body- style	drive- wheels	engine- location	wheel- base	 engine- size	fuel- system	bore	stroke
0	3	122	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	 130	mpfi	3.47	2.68
1	3	122	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	 130	mpfi	3.47	2.68
2	1	122	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	hatchback	rwd	front	94.5	 152	mpfi	2.68	3.47
3	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	99.8	 109	mpfi	3.19	3.40
4	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	4wd	front	99.4	 136	mpfi	3.19	3.40
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Convert mpg to L/100km by mathematical operation (235 divided by mpg) df['city-L/100km'] = 235/df["city-mpg"]

check your transformed data
df.head()

	symboling	normalized- losses	make	fuel- type	aspiration	num- of- doors	body- style	drive- wheels	engine- location	wheel- base	 fuel- system	bore	stroke	compressi ra
0	3	122	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	 mpfi	3.47	2.68	
1	3	122	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	 mpfi	3.47	2.68	
2	1	122	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	hatchback	rwd	front	94.5	 mpfi	2.68	3.47	
3	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	99.8	 mpfi	3.19	3.40	
4	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	4wd	front	99.4	 mpfi	3.19	3.40	
5 ro	ws × 27 colur	nns												

Question #2:

According to the example above, transform mpg to L/100km in the column of "highway-mpg" and change the name of column to "highway-L/100km".

```
# Write your code below and press Shift+Enter to execute
df["highway-mpg"]=235/df["highway-mpg"]
df.rename(columns={'highway-mpg':'highway-L/100km'}, inplace=True)
df.head()
```

	symboling	normalized- losses	make	fuel- type	aspiration	num- of- doors	body- style	drive- wheels	engine- location	wheel- base	 fuel- system	bore	stroke	compressi ra
0	3	122	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	 mpfi	3.47	2.68	
1	3	122	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	 mpfi	3.47	2.68	
2	1	122	alfa- romero	gas	std	two	hatchback	rwd	front	94.5	 mpfi	2.68	3.47	
3	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	99.8	 mpfi	3.19	3.40	
4	2	164	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	4wd	front	99.4	 mpfi	3.19	3.40	
5 ro	ows × 27 colu	nns												

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Data Normalization

Why normalization?

Normalization is the process of transforming values of several variables into a similar range. Typical normalizations include scaling the variable so the variable average is 0, scaling the variable so the variable so the variable values range from 0 to 1.

Example

To demonstrate normalization, let's say we want to scale the columns "length", "width" and "height".

Target: would like to normalize those variables so their value ranges from 0 to 1

Approach: replace original value by (original value)/(maximum value)

```
# replace (original value) by (original value)/(maximum value)
df['length'] = df['length']/df['length'].max()
df['width'] = df['width']/df['width'].max()
```

Question #3:

According to the example above, normalize the column "height".

```
# Write your code below and press Shift+Enter to execute
df["height"]=df["height"]/df["height"].max()
```

```
df[["length","width","height"]].head()
```

	length	width	height
0	0.811148	0.890278	0.816054
1	0.811148	0.890278	0.816054
2	0.822681	0.909722	0.876254
3	0.848630	0.919444	0.908027
4	0.848630	0.922222	0.908027

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Here we can see we've normalized "length", "width" and "height" in the range of [0,1].

Binning

Why binning?

Binning is a process of transforming continuous numerical variables into discrete categorical 'bins' for grouped analysis.

Example:

In our dataset, "horsepower" is a real valued variable ranging from 48 to 288 and it has 59 unique values. What if we only care about the price difference between cars with high horsepower, medium horsepower, and little horsepower (3 types)? Can we rearrange them into three 'bins' to simplify analysis?

We will use the pandas method 'cut' to segment the 'horsepower' column into 3 bins.

Example of Binning Data In Pandas

Convert data to correct format:

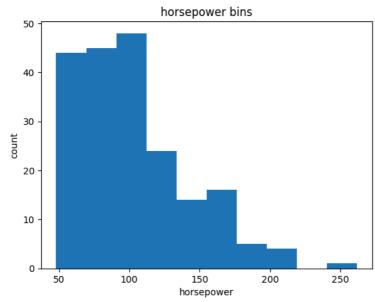
```
df["horsepower"]=df["horsepower"].astype(int, copy=True)
```

Let's plot the histogram of horsepower to see what the distribution of horsepower looks like.

```
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib as plt
from matplotlib import pyplot
plt.pyplot.hist(df["horsepower"])

# set x/y labels and plot title
plt.pyplot.xlabel("horsepower")
plt.pyplot.ylabel("count")
plt.pyplot.title("horsepower bins")
```

Text(0.5, 1.0, 'horsepower bins')



We would like 3 bins of equal size bandwidth so we use numpy's $linspace(start_value, end_value, numbers_generated function.$

Since we want to include the minimum value of horsepower, we want to set start_value = min(df["horsepower"]).

Since we want to include the maximum value of horsepower, we want to set end_value = max(df["horsepower"]).

Since we are building 3 bins of equal length, there should be 4 dividers, so numbers_generated = 4.

We build a bin array with a minimum value to a maximum value by using the bandwidth calculated above. The values will determine when one bin ends and another begins.

We set group names:

```
group_names = ['Low', 'Medium', 'High']
```

We apply the function "cut" to determine what each value of <code>df['horsepower']</code> belongs to.

df['horsepower-binned'] = pd.cut(df['horsepower'], bins, labels=group_names, include_lowest=Tru
df[['horsepower','horsepower-binned']].head(20)

	horsepower	horsepower-binned
0	111	Low
1	111	Low
2	154	Medium
3	102	Low
4	115	Low
5	110	Low
6	110	Low
7	110	Low
8	140	Medium
9	101	Low
10	101	Low
11	121	Medium
12	121	Medium
13	121	Medium
14	182	Medium
15	182	Medium
16	182	Medium
17	48	Low
18	70	Low
19	70	Low

Let's see the number of vehicles in each bin:

```
df["horsepower-binned"].value_counts()
```

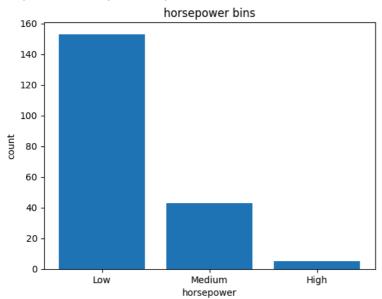
```
Low 153
Medium 43
High 5
```

Name: horsepower-binned, dtype: int64

Let's plot the distribution of each bin:

```
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib as plt
from matplotlib import pyplot
pyplot.bar(group_names, df["horsepower-binned"].value_counts())
# set x/y labels and plot title
plt.pyplot.xlabel("horsepower")
plt.pyplot.ylabel("count")
plt.pyplot.title("horsepower bins")
```

Text(0.5, 1.0, 'horsepower bins')



Look at the dataframe above carefully. You will find that the last column provides the bins for "horsepower" based on 3 categories ("Low", "Medium" and "High").

We successfully narrowed down the intervals from 59 to 3!

Bins Visualization

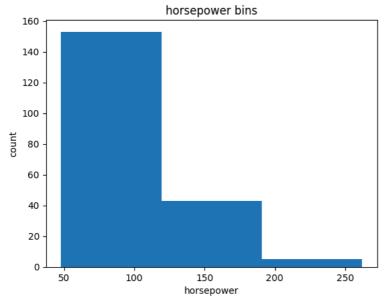
Normally, a histogram is used to visualize the distribution of bins we created above.

```
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib as plt
from matplotlib import pyplot
```

```
# draw historgram of attribute "horsepower" with bins = 3
plt.pyplot.hist(df["horsepower"], bins = 3)

# set x/y labels and plot title
plt.pyplot.xlabel("horsepower")
plt.pyplot.ylabel("count")
plt.pyplot.title("horsepower bins")
```

Text(0.5, 1.0, 'horsepower bins')



The plot above shows the binning result for the attribute "horsepower".

Indicator Variable (or Dummy Variable)

What is an indicator variable?

An indicator variable (or dummy variable) is a numerical variable used to label categories. They are called 'dummies' because the numbers themselves don't have inherent meaning.

Why we use indicator variables?

We use indicator variables so we can use categorical variables for regression analysis in the later modules.

Example

We see the column "fuel-type" has two unique values: "gas" or "diesel". Regression doesn't understand words, only numbers. To use this attribute in regression analysis, we convert "fuel-type" to indicator variables.

We will use pandas' method 'get_dummies' to assign numerical values to different categories of fuel type.

df.columns

Get the indicator variables and assign it to data frame "dummy_variable_1":

```
dummy_variable_1 = pd.get_dummies(df["fuel-type"])
dummy_variable_1.head()
```

	diesel	gas
0	0	1
1	0	1
2	0	1
3	0	1
4	0	1

Change the column names for clarity:

dummy_variable_1.rename(columns={'gas':'fuel-type-gas', 'diesel':'fuel-type-diesel'}, inplace=T
dummy_variable_1.head()

	fuel-type-diesel	fuel-type-gas
0	0	1
1	0	1
2	0	1
3	0	1
4	0	1

In the dataframe, column 'fuel-type' has values for 'gas' and 'diesel' as 0s and 1s now.

```
# merge data frame "df" and "dummy_variable_1"
df = pd.concat([df, dummy_variable_1], axis=1)
# drop original column "fuel-type" from "df"
df.drop("fuel-type", axis = 1, inplace=True)
df.head()
```

	symboling	normalized- losses	make	aspiration	num- of- doors	body- style	drive- wheels	engine- location	wheel- base	length		compression- ratio	horsepower	рі
0	3	122	alfa- romero	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	0.811148		9.0	111	50
1	3	122	alfa- romero	std	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	0.811148		9.0	111	50
2	1	122	alfa- romero	std	two	hatchback	rwd	front	94.5	0.822681		9.0	154	50
3	2	164	audi	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	99.8	0.848630		10.0	102	55
4	2	164	audi	std	four	sedan	4wd	front	99.4	0.848630		8.0	115	55
5 rows × 29 columns														

The last two columns are now the indicator variable representation of the fuel-type variable. They're all 0s and 1s now.

Question #4:

Similar to before, create an indicator variable for the column "aspiration"

```
# Write your code below and press Shift+Enter to execute
dummy_variable2=pd.get_dummies(df['aspiration'])
```

dummy_variable2.rename(columns={'std':'aspiration-std','turbo':'aspiration-turbo'},inplace=True
dummy_variable2.head()

	aspiration-std	aspiration-turbo
0	1	0
1	1	0
2	1	0
3	1	0
4	1	0

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Question #5:

Merge the new dataframe to the original dataframe, then drop the column 'aspiration'.

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# Write your code below and press Shift+Enter to execute
df=pd.concat([df,dummy_variable2],axis=1)
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df.drop('aspiration',axis=1,inplace=True)

df.head()

	symboling	normalized- losses	make	num- of- doors		drive- wheels	engine- location	wheel- base	length	width	•••	peak- rpm	city- mpg	highway- L/100km	pric
0	3	122	alfa- romero	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	0.811148	0.890278		5000.0	21	8.703704	13495.
1	3	122	alfa- romero	two	convertible	rwd	front	88.6	0.811148	0.890278		5000.0	21	8.703704	16500.
2	1	122	alfa- romero	two	hatchback	rwd	front	94.5	0.822681	0.909722		5000.0	19	9.038462	16500.