```
2012-01-01 00:00:01.000
                           204
Freq: 250L, dtype: int64
In [301]: ts[:2].resample('250L').ffill(limit=2)
Out[301]:
2012-01-01 00:00:00.000
                           308.0
2012-01-01 00:00:00.250
                           308.0
2012-01-01 00:00:00.500
                           308.0
2012-01-01 00:00:00.750
                            NaN
2012-01-01 00:00:01.000
                           204.0
Freq: 250L, dtype: float64
```

### Sparse resampling

Sparse timeseries are the ones where you have a lot fewer points relative to the amount of time you are looking to resample. Naively upsampling a sparse series can potentially generate lots of intermediate values. When you don't want to use a method to fill these values, e.g. fill\_method is None, then intermediate values will be filled with NaN.

Since resample is a time-based groupby, the following is a method to efficiently resample only the groups that are not all NaN.

```
In [302]: rng = pd.date_range('2014-1-1', periods=100, freq='D') + pd.Timedelta('1s')
In [303]: ts = pd.Series(range(100), index=rng)
```

If we want to resample to the full range of the series:

```
In [304]: ts.resample('3T').sum()
Out[304]:
2014-01-01 00:00:00
2014-01-01 00:03:00
                        0
                        \cap
2014-01-01 00:06:00
2014-01-01 00:09:00
                        0
2014-01-01 00:12:00
2014-04-09 23:48:00
                        0
2014-04-09 23:51:00
                        Ω
2014-04-09 23:54:00
                        0
2014-04-09 23:57:00
                        0
2014-04-10 00:00:00
                       99
Freq: 3T, Length: 47521, dtype: int64
```

We can instead only resample those groups where we have points as follows:

```
Out[308]:
2014-01-01
               0
2014-01-02
               1
2014-01-03
               2
2014-01-04
               3
2014-01-05
              4
2014-04-06
              95
2014-04-07
              96
2014-04-08
              97
2014-04-09
             98
2014-04-10
             99
Length: 100, dtype: int64
```

### **Aggregation**

Similar to the *aggregating API*, *groupby API*, and the *window functions API*, a Resampler can be selectively resampled.

Resampling a DataFrame, the default will be to act on all columns with the same function.

We can select a specific column or columns using standard getitem.

```
In [312]: r['A'].mean()
Out [312]:
2012-01-01 00:00:00 -0.033823
2012-01-01 00:03:00 0.056909
2012-01-01 00:06:00 -0.058837
2012-01-01 00:09:00
                     0.063123
2012-01-01 00:12:00
                     0.186340
2012-01-01 00:15:00
                    -0.085954
Freq: 3T, Name: A, dtype: float64
In [313]: r[['A', 'B']].mean()
Out [313]:
                           Α
2012-01-01 00:00:00 -0.033823 -0.121514
2012-01-01 00:03:00 0.056909 0.146731
```

```
2012-01-01 00:06:00 -0.058837 0.047046

2012-01-01 00:09:00 0.063123 -0.026158

2012-01-01 00:12:00 0.186340 -0.003144

2012-01-01 00:15:00 -0.085954 -0.016287
```

You can pass a list or dict of functions to do aggregation with, outputting a DataFrame:

On a resampled DataFrame, you can pass a list of functions to apply to each column, which produces an aggregated result with a hierarchical index:

```
In [315]: r.agg([np.sum, np.mean])
Out [315]:
                                                                             С
                                                      В
                                      mean
                             sum
                                                   sum
                                                             mean
                                                                           sum
                                                                                     mean
2012 - 01 - 01 \ 00:00:00 \ -6.088060 \ -0.033823 \ -21.872530 \ -0.121514 \ -14.660515 \ -0.081447
2012 - 01 - 01 \ 00:03:00 \ 10.243678 \ 0.056909 \ 26.411633 \ 0.146731 \ -4.377642 \ -0.024320
2012-01-01 00:06:00 -10.590584 -0.058837
                                             8.468289 0.047046 -9.363825 -0.052021
2012 - 01 - 01 \ 00:09:00 \ 11.362228 \ 0.063123 \ -4.708526 \ -0.026158 \ -11.975895 \ -0.066533
2012 - 01 - 01 \ 00:12:00 \ 33.541257 \ 0.186340 \ -0.565895 \ -0.003144 \ 13.455299 \ 0.074752
2012-01-01 00:15:00 -8.595393 -0.085954 -1.628689 -0.016287 -5.004580 -0.050046
```

By passing a dict to aggregate you can apply a different aggregation to the columns of a DataFrame:

The function names can also be strings. In order for a string to be valid it must be implemented on the resampled object:

```
In [317]: r.agg({'A': 'sum', 'B': 'std'})
Out [317]:

A B

2012-01-01 00:00:00 -6.088060 1.001294

2012-01-01 00:03:00 10.243678 1.074597

2012-01-01 00:06:00 -10.590584 0.987309

2012-01-01 00:09:00 11.362228 0.944953

2012-01-01 00:12:00 33.541257 1.095025

2012-01-01 00:15:00 -8.595393 1.035312
```

Furthermore, you can also specify multiple aggregation functions for each column separately.

```
In [318]: r.agg({'A': ['sum', 'std'], 'B': ['mean', 'std']})
Out [318]:

A

Sum

Std

mean

Std

2012-01-01 00:00:00 -6.088060 1.043263 -0.121514 1.001294

2012-01-01 00:03:00 10.243678 1.058534 0.146731 1.074597

2012-01-01 00:06:00 -10.590584 0.949264 0.047046 0.987309

2012-01-01 00:09:00 11.362228 1.028096 -0.026158 0.944953

2012-01-01 00:12:00 33.541257 0.884586 -0.003144 1.095025

2012-01-01 00:15:00 -8.595393 1.035476 -0.016287 1.035312
```

If a DataFrame does not have a datetimelike index, but instead you want to resample based on datetimelike column in the frame, it can passed to the on keyword.

```
In [319]: df = pd.DataFrame({'date': pd.date_range('2015-01-01', freq='W', periods=5),
                               'a': np.arange(5)},
                              index=pd.MultiIndex.from_arrays([
   . . . . . :
   . . . . . :
                                  [1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
                                  pd.date_range('2015-01-01', freq='W', periods=5)],
   . . . . . :
                                  names=['v', 'd']))
   . . . . . :
   . . . . . :
In [320]: df
Out [320]:
                    date a
1 2015-01-04 2015-01-04 0
2 2015-01-11 2015-01-11 1
3 2015-01-18 2015-01-18 2
4 2015-01-25 2015-01-25 3
5 2015-02-01 2015-02-01 4
In [321]: df.resample('M', on='date').sum()
Out [321]:
date
2015-01-31 6
2015-02-28
```

Similarly, if you instead want to resample by a datetimelike level of MultiIndex, its name or location can be passed to the level keyword.

### Iterating through groups

With the Resampler object in hand, iterating through the grouped data is very natural and functions similarly to itertools.groupby():

```
In [323]: small = pd.Series(
  ....: range(6),
             index=pd.to_datetime(['2017-01-01T00:00:00',
                                    '2017-01-01T00:30:00',
                                    '2017-01-01T00:31:00',
  . . . . . :
                                    '2017-01-01T01:00:00',
  . . . . . :
                                    '2017-01-01T03:00:00',
  . . . . . :
                                    '2017-01-01T03:05:00'])
  . . . . . :
  . . . . . : )
  . . . . . :
In [324]: resampled = small.resample('H')
In [325]: for name, group in resampled:
  ....: print("Group: ", name)
            print("-" * 27)
            print(group, end="\n\n")
Group: 2017-01-01 00:00:00
2017-01-01 00:00:00
2017-01-01 00:30:00 1
2017-01-01 00:31:00 2
dtype: int64
Group: 2017-01-01 01:00:00
2017-01-01 01:00:00 3
dtype: int64
Group: 2017-01-01 02:00:00
Series([], dtype: int64)
Group: 2017-01-01 03:00:00
2017-01-01 03:00:00 4
2017-01-01 03:05:00 5
dtype: int64
```

See *Iterating through groups* or Resampler.\_\_iter\_\_ for more.

# 2.14.11 Time span representation

Regular intervals of time are represented by Period objects in pandas while sequences of Period objects are collected in a PeriodIndex, which can be created with the convenience function period\_range.

#### **Period**

A Period represents a span of time (e.g., a day, a month, a quarter, etc). You can specify the span via freq keyword using a frequency alias like below. Because freq represents a span of Period, it cannot be negative like "-3D".

```
In [326]: pd.Period('2012', freq='A-DEC')
Out[326]: Period('2012-1-1', freq='D')
In [327]: pd.Period('2012-01-01', 'D')
Out[327]: Period('2012-01-01', 'D')
In [328]: pd.Period('2012-1-1 19:00', freq='H')
Out[328]: Period('2012-01-01 19:00', 'H')
In [329]: pd.Period('2012-1-1 19:00', freq='5H')
Out[329]: Period('2012-01-01 19:00', '5H')
```

Adding and subtracting integers from periods shifts the period by its own frequency. Arithmetic is not allowed between Period with different freq (span).

```
In [330]: p = pd.Period('2012', freq='A-DEC')
In [331]: p + 1
Out[331]: Period('2013', 'A-DEC')
In [332]: p - 3
Out[332]: Period('2009', 'A-DEC')
In [333]: p = pd.Period('2012-01', freq='2M')
In [334]: p + 2
Out[334]: Period('2012-05', '2M')
In [335]: p - 1
Out[335]: Period('2011-11', '2M')
In [336]: p == pd.Period('2012-01', freq='3M')
IncompatibleFrequency
                                          Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-336-4b67dc0b596c> in <module>
----> 1 p == pd.Period('2012-01', freq='3M')
/pandas-release/pandas/pandas/_libs/tslibs/period.pyx in pandas._libs.tslibs.period._
→Period.__richcmp__()
IncompatibleFrequency: Input has different freq=3M from Period(freq=2M)
```

If Period freq is daily or higher (D, H, T, S, L, U, N), offsets and timedelta-like can be added if the result can have the same freq. Otherwise, ValueError will be raised.

```
In [337]: p = pd.Period('2014-07-01 09:00', freq='H')
In [338]: p + pd.offsets.Hour(2)
Out[338]: Period('2014-07-01 11:00', 'H')
In [339]: p + datetime.timedelta(minutes=120)
Out[339]: Period('2014-07-01 11:00', 'H')
In [340]: p + np.timedelta64(7200, 's')
Out[340]: Period('2014-07-01 11:00', 'H')
```

```
In [1]: p + pd.offsets.Minute(5)
Traceback
...
ValueError: Input has different freq from Period(freq=H)
```

If Period has other frequencies, only the same offsets can be added. Otherwise, ValueError will be raised.

```
In [341]: p = pd.Period('2014-07', freq='M')
In [342]: p + pd.offsets.MonthEnd(3)
Out[342]: Period('2014-10', 'M')
```

```
In [1]: p + pd.offsets.MonthBegin(3)
Traceback
...
ValueError: Input has different freq from Period(freq=M)
```

Taking the difference of Period instances with the same frequency will return the number of frequency units between them:

```
In [343]: pd.Period('2012', freq='A-DEC') - pd.Period('2002', freq='A-DEC')
Out[343]: <10 * YearEnds: month=12>
```

### PeriodIndex and period\_range

Regular sequences of Period objects can be collected in a PeriodIndex, which can be constructed using the period\_range convenience function:

The PeriodIndex constructor can also be used directly:

```
In [346]: pd.PeriodIndex(['2011-1', '2011-2', '2011-3'], freq='M')
Out[346]: PeriodIndex(['2011-01', '2011-02', '2011-03'], dtype='period[M]', freq='M')
```

Passing multiplied frequency outputs a sequence of Period which has multiplied span.

If start or end are Period objects, they will be used as anchor endpoints for a PeriodIndex with frequency matching that of the PeriodIndex constructor.

Just like DatetimeIndex, a PeriodIndex can also be used to index pandas objects:

```
In [349]: ps = pd.Series(np.random.randn(len(prng)), prng)
In [350]: ps
Out [350]:
2011-01
        -2.916901
        0.514474
2011-02
        1.346470
2011-03
        0.816397
2011-04
        2.258648
2011-05
2011-06 0.494789
2011-07 0.301239
2011-08 0.464776
2011-09 -1.393581
2011-10 0.056780
2011-11 0.197035
2011-12
        2.261385
2012-01 -0.329583
Freq: M, dtype: float64
```

PeriodIndex supports addition and subtraction with the same rule as Period.

```
In [351]: idx = pd.period_range('2014-07-01 09:00', periods=5, freq='H')
In [352]: idx
Out[352]:
PeriodIndex(['2014-07-01 09:00', '2014-07-01 10:00', '2014-07-01 11:00',
             '2014-07-01 12:00', '2014-07-01 13:00'],
            dtype='period[H]', freq='H')
In [353]: idx + pd.offsets.Hour(2)
Out [353]:
PeriodIndex(['2014-07-01 11:00', '2014-07-01 12:00', '2014-07-01 13:00',
             '2014-07-01 14:00', '2014-07-01 15:00'],
            dtype='period[H]', freq='H')
In [354]: idx = pd.period_range('2014-07', periods=5, freq='M')
In [355]: idx
Out[355]: PeriodIndex(['2014-07', '2014-08', '2014-09', '2014-10', '2014-11'], dtype=
→'period[M]', freq='M')
In [356]: idx + pd.offsets.MonthEnd(3)
```

```
Out[356]: PeriodIndex(['2014-10', '2014-11', '2014-12', '2015-01', '2015-02'], dtype=

→ 'period[M]', freq='M')
```

PeriodIndex has its own dtype named period, refer to Period Dtypes.

### **Period dtypes**

PeriodIndex has a custom period dtype. This is a pandas extension dtype similar to the *timezone aware dtype* (datetime64[ns, tz]).

The period dtype holds the freq attribute and is represented with period[freq] like period[D] or period[M], using frequency strings.

```
In [357]: pi = pd.period_range('2016-01-01', periods=3, freq='M')
In [358]: pi
Out[358]: PeriodIndex(['2016-01', '2016-02', '2016-03'], dtype='period[M]', freq='M')
In [359]: pi.dtype
Out[359]: period[M]
```

The period dtype can be used in .astype(...). It allows one to change the freq of a PeriodIndex like .asfreq() and convert a DatetimeIndex to PeriodIndex like to\_period():

### PeriodIndex partial string indexing

You can pass in dates and strings to Series and DataFrame with PeriodIndex, in the same manner as DatetimeIndex. For details, refer to DatetimeIndex Partial String Indexing.

```
In [365]: ps['2011-01']
Out[365]: -2.9169013294054507

In [366]: ps[datetime.datetime(2011, 12, 25):]
Out[366]:
```

```
2011-12 2.261385

2012-01 -0.329583

Freq: M, dtype: float64

In [367]: ps['10/31/2011':'12/31/2011']

Out[367]:

2011-10 0.056780

2011-11 0.197035

2011-12 2.261385

Freq: M, dtype: float64
```

Passing a string representing a lower frequency than PeriodIndex returns partial sliced data.

```
In [368]: ps['2011']
Out [368]:
2011-01 -2.916901
         0.514474
2011-02
2011-03
         1.346470
2011-04
          0.816397
2011-05
          2.258648
2011-06
          0.494789
2011-07
         0.301239
2011-08 0.464776
2011-09 -1.393581
2011-10 0.056780
2011-11 0.197035
2011-12 2.261385
Freq: M, dtype: float64
In [369]: dfp = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(600, 1),
                             columns=['A'],
                             index=pd.period_range('2013-01-01 9:00',
   . . . . . :
   . . . . . :
                                                    periods=600,
                                                    freq='T'))
   . . . . . :
   . . . . . :
In [370]: dfp
Out [370]:
2013-01-01 09:00 -0.538468
2013-01-01 09:01 -1.365819
2013-01-01 09:02 -0.969051
2013-01-01 09:03 -0.331152
2013-01-01 09:04 -0.245334
2013-01-01 18:55 0.522460
2013-01-01 18:56 0.118710
2013-01-01 18:57 0.167517
2013-01-01 18:58 0.922883
2013-01-01 18:59 1.721104
[600 rows x 1 columns]
In [371]: dfp['2013-01-01 10H']
Out [371]:
2013-01-01 10:00 -0.308975
```

```
2013-01-01 10:01 0.542520

2013-01-01 10:02 1.061068

2013-01-01 10:03 0.754005

2013-01-01 10:04 0.352933

...

2013-01-01 10:55 -0.865621

2013-01-01 10:56 -1.167818

2013-01-01 10:57 -2.081748

2013-01-01 10:58 -0.527146

2013-01-01 10:59 0.802298

[60 rows x 1 columns]
```

As with DatetimeIndex, the endpoints will be included in the result. The example below slices data starting from 10:00 to 11:59.

```
In [372]: dfp['2013-01-01 10H':'2013-01-01 11H']
Out[372]:

A

2013-01-01 10:00 -0.308975
2013-01-01 10:01  0.542520
2013-01-01 10:02  1.061068
2013-01-01 10:03  0.754005
2013-01-01 10:04  0.352933
...

2013-01-01 11:55 -0.590204
2013-01-01 11:56  1.539990
2013-01-01 11:57 -1.224826
2013-01-01 11:58  0.578798
2013-01-01 11:59 -0.685496

[120 rows x 1 columns]
```

### Frequency conversion and resampling with PeriodIndex

The frequency of Period and PeriodIndex can be converted via the asfreq method. Let's start with the fiscal year 2011, ending in December:

```
In [373]: p = pd.Period('2011', freq='A-DEC')
In [374]: p
Out[374]: Period('2011', 'A-DEC')
```

We can convert it to a monthly frequency. Using the how parameter, we can specify whether to return the starting or ending month:

```
In [375]: p.asfreq('M', how='start')
Out[375]: Period('2011-01', 'M')
In [376]: p.asfreq('M', how='end')
Out[376]: Period('2011-12', 'M')
```

The shorthands 's' and 'e' are provided for convenience:

```
In [377]: p.asfreq('M', 's')
Out[377]: Period('2011-01', 'M')
In [378]: p.asfreq('M', 'e')
Out[378]: Period('2011-12', 'M')
```

Converting to a "super-period" (e.g., annual frequency is a super-period of quarterly frequency) automatically returns the super-period that includes the input period:

```
In [379]: p = pd.Period('2011-12', freq='M')
In [380]: p.asfreq('A-NOV')
Out[380]: Period('2012', 'A-NOV')
```

Note that since we converted to an annual frequency that ends the year in November, the monthly period of December 2011 is actually in the 2012 A-NOV period.

Period conversions with anchored frequencies are particularly useful for working with various quarterly data common to economics, business, and other fields. Many organizations define quarters relative to the month in which their fiscal year starts and ends. Thus, first quarter of 2011 could start in 2010 or a few months into 2011. Via anchored frequencies, pandas works for all quarterly frequencies Q-JAN through Q-DEC.

Q-DEC define regular calendar quarters:

```
In [381]: p = pd.Period('2012Q1', freq='Q-DEC')
In [382]: p.asfreq('D', 's')
Out[382]: Period('2012-01-01', 'D')
In [383]: p.asfreq('D', 'e')
Out[383]: Period('2012-03-31', 'D')
```

Q-MAR defines fiscal year end in March:

```
In [384]: p = pd.Period('2011Q4', freq='Q-MAR')
In [385]: p.asfreq('D', 's')
Out[385]: Period('2011-01-01', 'D')
In [386]: p.asfreq('D', 'e')
Out[386]: Period('2011-03-31', 'D')
```

# 2.14.12 Converting between representations

Timestamped data can be converted to PeriodIndex-ed data using to\_period and vice-versa using to\_timestamp:

```
In [387]: rng = pd.date_range('1/1/2012', periods=5, freq='M')
In [388]: ts = pd.Series(np.random.randn(len(rng)), index=rng)
In [389]: ts
Out[389]:
2012-01-31    1.931253
2012-02-29    -0.184594
2012-03-31    0.249656
```

```
2012-04-30 -0.978151
2012-05-31 -0.873389
Freq: M, dtype: float64
In [390]: ps = ts.to_period()
In [391]: ps
Out [391]:
2012-01 1.931253
2012-02 -0.184594
2012-03 0.249656
2012-04 -0.978151
2012-05 -0.873389
Freq: M, dtype: float64
In [392]: ps.to_timestamp()
Out [392]:
2012-01-01
           1.931253
2012-02-01 -0.184594
2012-03-01
           0.249656
          -0.978151
2012-04-01
2012-05-01 -0.873389
Freq: MS, dtype: float64
```

Remember that 's' and 'e' can be used to return the timestamps at the start or end of the period:

```
In [393]: ps.to_timestamp('D', how='s')
Out[393]:
2012-01-01    1.931253
2012-02-01    -0.184594
2012-03-01    0.249656
2012-04-01    -0.978151
2012-05-01    -0.873389
Freq: MS, dtype: float64
```

Converting between period and timestamp enables some convenient arithmetic functions to be used. In the following example, we convert a quarterly frequency with year ending in November to 9am of the end of the month following the quarter end:

```
In [394]: prng = pd.period_range('1990Q1', '2000Q4', freq='Q-NOV')
In [395]: ts = pd.Series(np.random.randn(len(prng)), prng)
In [396]: ts.index = (prng.asfreq('M', 'e') + 1).asfreq('H', 's') + 9

In [397]: ts.head()
Out[397]:
1990-03-01 09:00    -0.109291
1990-06-01 09:00    -0.637235
1990-09-01 09:00    -1.735925
1990-12-01 09:00    2.096946
1991-03-01 09:00    -1.039926
Freq: H, dtype: float64
```

## 2.14.13 Representing out-of-bounds spans

If you have data that is outside of the Timestamp bounds, see *Timestamp limitations*, then you can use a PeriodIndex and/or Series of Periods to do computations.

To convert from an int 64 based YYYYMMDD representation.

```
In [400]: s = pd.Series([20121231, 20141130, 99991231])
In [401]: s
Out [401]:
     20121231
1
    20141130
    99991231
dtype: int64
In [402]: def conv(x):
          return pd.Period(year=x // 10000, month=x // 100 % 100,
                                day=x % 100, freq='D')
   . . . . . :
In [403]: s.apply(conv)
Out [403]:
    2012-12-31
    2014-11-30
    9999-12-31
dtype: period[D]
In [404]: s.apply(conv)[2]
Out[404]: Period('9999-12-31', 'D')
```

These can easily be converted to a PeriodIndex:

## 2.14.14 Time zone handling

pandas provides rich support for working with timestamps in different time zones using the pytz and dateutil libraries or class: datetime.timezone objects from the standard library.

### Working with time zones

By default, pandas objects are time zone unaware:

```
In [407]: rng = pd.date_range('3/6/2012 00:00', periods=15, freq='D')
In [408]: rng.tz is None
Out[408]: True
```

To localize these dates to a time zone (assign a particular time zone to a naive date), you can use the tz\_localize method or the tz keyword argument in <code>date\_range()</code>, <code>Timestamp</code>, or <code>DatetimeIndex</code>. You can either pass pytz or dateutil time zone objects or Olson time zone database strings. Olson time zone strings will return pytz time zone objects by default. To return dateutil time zone objects, append dateutil/ before the string.

- In pytz you can find a list of common (and less common) time zones using from pytz import common\_timezones, all\_timezones.
- dateutil uses the OS time zones so there isn't a fixed list available. For common zones, the names are the same as pytz.

```
In [409]: import dateutil
# pytz
In [410]: rng_pytz = pd.date_range('3/6/2012 00:00', periods=3, freq='D',
                                    tz='Europe/London')
   . . . . . :
In [411]: rng_pytz.tz
Out[411]: <DstTzInfo 'Europe/London' LMT-1 day, 23:59:00 STD>
# dateutil
In [412]: rng_dateutil = pd.date_range('3/6/2012 00:00', periods=3, freq='D')
In [413]: rng_dateutil = rng_dateutil.tz_localize('dateutil/Europe/London')
In [414]: rng_dateutil.tz
Out[414]: tzfile('/usr/share/zoneinfo/Europe/London')
# dateutil - utc special case
In [415]: rng_utc = pd.date_range('3/6/2012 00:00', periods=3, freq='D',
                                   tz=dateutil.tz.tzutc())
  . . . . . :
   . . . . . :
In [416]: rng_utc.tz
Out [416]: tzutc()
```

#### New in version 0.25.0.

```
In [418]: rng_utc.tz
Out[418]: datetime.timezone.utc
```

Note that the UTC time zone is a special case in dateutil and should be constructed explicitly as an instance of dateutil.tz.tzutc. You can also construct other time zones objects explicitly first.

To convert a time zone aware pandas object from one time zone to another, you can use the tz\_convert method.

**Note:** When using pytz time zones, <code>DatetimeIndex</code> will construct a different time zone object than a <code>Timestamp</code> for the same time zone input. A <code>DatetimeIndex</code> can hold a collection of <code>Timestamp</code> objects that may have different UTC offsets and cannot be succinctly represented by one <code>pytz</code> time zone instance while one <code>Timestamp</code> represents one point in time with a specific UTC offset.

```
In [428]: dti = pd.date_range('2019-01-01', periods=3, freq='D', tz='US/Pacific')
In [429]: dti.tz
Out[429]: <DstTzInfo 'US/Pacific' LMT-1 day, 16:07:00 STD>
In [430]: ts = pd.Timestamp('2019-01-01', tz='US/Pacific')
In [431]: ts.tz
Out[431]: <DstTzInfo 'US/Pacific' PST-1 day, 16:00:00 STD>
```

**Warning:** Be wary of conversions between libraries. For some time zones, pytz and dateutil have different definitions of the zone. This is more of a problem for unusual time zones than for 'standard' zones like US/Eastern.

**Warning:** Be aware that a time zone definition across versions of time zone libraries may not be considered equal. This may cause problems when working with stored data that is localized using one version and operated on with a different version. See *here* for how to handle such a situation.

Warning: For pytz time zones, it is incorrect to pass a time zone object directly into the datetime. datetime constructor (e.g., datetime.datetime(2011, 1, 1, tz=pytz.timezone('US/Eastern'))). Instead, the datetime needs to be localized using the localize method on the pytz time zone object.

Under the hood, all timestamps are stored in UTC. Values from a time zone aware <code>DatetimeIndex</code> or <code>Timestamp</code> will have their fields (day, hour, minute, etc.) localized to the time zone. However, timestamps with the same UTC value are still considered to be equal even if they are in different time zones:

```
In [432]: rng_eastern = rng_utc.tz_convert('US/Eastern')
In [433]: rng_berlin = rng_utc.tz_convert('Europe/Berlin')
In [434]: rng_eastern[2]
Out[434]: Timestamp('2012-03-07 19:00:00-0500', tz='US/Eastern', freq='D')
In [435]: rng_berlin[2]
Out[435]: Timestamp('2012-03-08 01:00:00+0100', tz='Europe/Berlin', freq='D')
In [436]: rng_eastern[2] == rng_berlin[2]
Out[436]: True
```

Operations between Series in different time zones will yield UTC Series, aligning the data on the UTC timestamps:

```
'2013-01-03 00:00:00+00:00'],
dtype='datetime64[ns, UTC]', freq='D')
```

To remove time zone information, use  $tz\_localize(None)$  or  $tz\_convert(None)$ .  $tz\_localize(None)$  will remove the time zone yielding the local time representation.  $tz\_convert(None)$  will remove the time zone after converting to UTC time.

```
In [443]: didx = pd.date_range(start='2014-08-01 09:00', freq='H',
                               periods=3, tz='US/Eastern')
   . . . . . :
In [444]: didx
Out [444]:
DatetimeIndex(['2014-08-01 09:00:00-04:00', '2014-08-01 10:00:00-04:00',
               '2014-08-01 11:00:00-04:00'],
              dtype='datetime64[ns, US/Eastern]', freq='H')
In [445]: didx.tz_localize(None)
Out [445]:
DatetimeIndex(['2014-08-01 09:00:00', '2014-08-01 10:00:00',
               '2014-08-01 11:00:00'],
              dtype='datetime64[ns]', freq='H')
In [446]: didx.tz_convert(None)
Out [446]:
DatetimeIndex(['2014-08-01 13:00:00', '2014-08-01 14:00:00',
               '2014-08-01 15:00:00'],
              dtype='datetime64[ns]', freq='H')
# tz_convert(None) is identical to tz_convert('UTC').tz_localize(None)
In [447]: didx.tz_convert('UTC').tz_localize(None)
Out [447]:
DatetimeIndex(['2014-08-01 13:00:00', '2014-08-01 14:00:00',
               '2014-08-01 15:00:00'],
              dtype='datetime64[ns]', freq='H')
```

### **Ambiguous times when localizing**

tz\_localize may not be able to determine the UTC offset of a timestamp because daylight savings time (DST) in a local time zone causes some times to occur twice within one day ("clocks fall back"). The following options are available:

- 'raise': Raises a pytz. Ambiguous Time Error (the default behavior)
- 'infer': Attempt to determine the correct offset base on the monotonicity of the timestamps
- 'NaT': Replaces ambiguous times with NaT
- bool: True represents a DST time, False represents non-DST time. An array-like of bool values is supported for a sequence of times.

This will fail as there are ambiguous times ('11/06/2011 01:00')

```
In [2]: rng_hourly.tz_localize('US/Eastern')
AmbiguousTimeError: Cannot infer dst time from Timestamp('2011-11-06 01:00:00'), try_
using the 'ambiguous' argument
```

Handle these ambiguous times by specifying the following.

### Nonexistent times when localizing

A DST transition may also shift the local time ahead by 1 hour creating nonexistent local times ("clocks spring forward"). The behavior of localizing a timeseries with nonexistent times can be controlled by the nonexistent argument. The following options are available:

- 'raise': Raises a pytz.NonExistentTimeError (the default behavior)
- 'NaT': Replaces nonexistent times with NaT
- 'shift\_forward': Shifts nonexistent times forward to the closest real time
- 'shift\_backward': Shifts nonexistent times backward to the closest real time
- timedelta object: Shifts nonexistent times by the timedelta duration

```
In [452]: dti = pd.date_range(start='2015-03-29 02:30:00', periods=3, freq='H')
# 2:30 is a nonexistent time
```

Localization of nonexistent times will raise an error by default.

```
In [2]: dti.tz_localize('Europe/Warsaw')
NonExistentTimeError: 2015-03-29 02:30:00
```

Transform nonexistent times to NaT or shift the times.

```
In [454]: dti.tz_localize('Europe/Warsaw', nonexistent='shift_forward')
Out [454]:
DatetimeIndex(['2015-03-29 03:00:00+02:00', '2015-03-29 03:30:00+02:00',
               '2015-03-29 04:30:00+02:00'],
              dtype='datetime64[ns, Europe/Warsaw]', freq='H')
In [455]: dti.tz_localize('Europe/Warsaw', nonexistent='shift_backward')
Out [455]:
DatetimeIndex(['2015-03-29 01:59:59.999999999+01:00',
                         '2015-03-29 03:30:00+02:00',
                         '2015-03-29 04:30:00+02:00'],
              dtype='datetime64[ns, Europe/Warsaw]', freq='H')
In [456]: dti.tz_localize('Europe/Warsaw', nonexistent=pd.Timedelta(1, unit='H'))
Out [456]:
DatetimeIndex(['2015-03-29 03:30:00+02:00', '2015-03-29 03:30:00+02:00',
               '2015-03-29 04:30:00+02:00'],
              dtype='datetime64[ns, Europe/Warsaw]', freq='H')
In [457]: dti.tz_localize('Europe/Warsaw', nonexistent='NaT')
Out [457]:
DatetimeIndex(['NaT', '2015-03-29 03:30:00+02:00',
               '2015-03-29 04:30:00+02:00'],
              dtype='datetime64[ns, Europe/Warsaw]', freq='H')
```

#### Time zone series operations

A Series with time zone naive values is represented with a dtype of datetime64 [ns].

```
In [458]: s_naive = pd.Series(pd.date_range('20130101', periods=3))
In [459]: s_naive
Out[459]:
0     2013-01-01
1     2013-01-02
2     2013-01-03
dtype: datetime64[ns]
```

A Series with a time zone aware values is represented with a dtype of datetime64 [ns, tz] where tz is the time zone

```
In [460]: s_aware = pd.Series(pd.date_range('20130101', periods=3, tz='US/Eastern'))
In [461]: s_aware
Out[461]:
0     2013-01-01 00:00:00-05:00
1     2013-01-02 00:00:00-05:00
2     2013-01-03 00:00:00-05:00
dtype: datetime64[ns, US/Eastern]
```

Both of these Series time zone information can be manipulated via the .dt accessor, see the dt accessor section.

For example, to localize and convert a naive stamp to time zone aware.

```
In [462]: s_naive.dt.tz_localize('UTC').dt.tz_convert('US/Eastern')
Out[462]:
0     2012-12-31    19:00:00-05:00
1     2013-01-01    19:00:00-05:00
2     2013-01-02    19:00:00-05:00
dtype: datetime64[ns, US/Eastern]
```

Time zone information can also be manipulated using the astype method. This method can localize and convert time zone naive timestamps or convert time zone aware timestamps.

```
# localize and convert a naive time zone
In [463]: s_naive.astype('datetime64[ns, US/Eastern]')
Out [463]:
  2012-12-31 19:00:00-05:00
   2013-01-01 19:00:00-05:00
  2013-01-02 19:00:00-05:00
dtype: datetime64[ns, US/Eastern]
# make an aware tz naive
In [464]: s_aware.astype('datetime64[ns]')
Out [464]:
  2013-01-01 05:00:00
  2013-01-02 05:00:00
  2013-01-03 05:00:00
dtype: datetime64[ns]
# convert to a new time zone
In [465]: s_aware.astype('datetime64[ns, CET]')
Out [465]:
  2013-01-01 06:00:00+01:00
  2013-01-02 06:00:00+01:00
  2013-01-03 06:00:00+01:00
dtype: datetime64[ns, CET]
```

**Note:** Using <code>Series.to\_numpy()</code> on a <code>Series</code>, returns a NumPy array of the data. NumPy does not currently support time zones (even though it is *printing* in the local time zone!), therefore an object array of Timestamps is returned for time zone aware data:

By converting to an object array of Timestamps, it preserves the time zone information. For example, when converting back to a Series:

```
In [468]: pd.Series(s_aware.to_numpy())
Out[468]:
0  2013-01-01 00:00:00-05:00
```

```
1 2013-01-02 00:00:00-05:00
2 2013-01-03 00:00:00-05:00
dtype: datetime64[ns, US/Eastern]
```

However, if you want an actual NumPy datetime64 [ns] array (with the values converted to UTC) instead of an array of objects, you can specify the dtype argument:

## 2.15 Time deltas

Timedeltas are differences in times, expressed in difference units, e.g. days, hours, minutes, seconds. They can be both positive and negative.

Timedelta is a subclass of datetime.timedelta, and behaves in a similar manner, but allows compatibility with np.timedelta64 types as well as a host of custom representation, parsing, and attributes.

# **2.15.1 Parsing**

You can construct a Timedelta scalar through various arguments:

```
In [1]: import datetime
# strings
In [2]: pd.Timedelta('1 days')
Out[2]: Timedelta('1 days 00:00:00')
In [3]: pd.Timedelta('1 days 00:00:00')
Out[3]: Timedelta('1 days 00:00:00')
In [4]: pd.Timedelta('1 days 2 hours')
Out[4]: Timedelta('1 days 02:00:00')
In [5]: pd.Timedelta('-1 days 2 min 3us')
Out[5]: Timedelta('-2 days +23:57:59.999997')
# like datetime.timedelta
# note: these MUST be specified as keyword arguments
In [6]: pd.Timedelta(days=1, seconds=1)
Out[6]: Timedelta('1 days 00:00:01')
# integers with a unit
In [7]: pd.Timedelta(1, unit='d')
Out[7]: Timedelta('1 days 00:00:00')
# from a datetime.timedelta/np.timedelta64
In [8]: pd.Timedelta(datetime.timedelta(days=1, seconds=1))
Out[8]: Timedelta('1 days 00:00:01')
```

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```
In [9]: pd.Timedelta(np.timedelta64(1, 'ms'))
Out[9]: Timedelta('0 days 00:00:00.001000')
# negative Timedeltas have this string repr
# to be more consistent with datetime.timedelta conventions
In [10]: pd.Timedelta('-1us')
Out[10]: Timedelta('-1 days +23:59:59.999999')
# a NaT
In [11]: pd.Timedelta('nan')
Out [11]: NaT
In [12]: pd.Timedelta('nat')
Out [12]: NaT
# ISO 8601 Duration strings
In [13]: pd.Timedelta('PODTOH1MOS')
Out[13]: Timedelta('0 days 00:01:00')
In [14]: pd.Timedelta('PODTOHOMO.000000123S')
Out[14]: Timedelta('0 days 00:00:00.000000')
```

New in version 0.23.0: Added constructor for ISO 8601 Duration strings

DateOffsets (Day, Hour, Minute, Second, Milli, Micro, Nano) can also be used in construction.

```
In [15]: pd.Timedelta(pd.offsets.Second(2))
Out[15]: Timedelta('0 days 00:00:02')
```

Further, operations among the scalars yield another scalar Timedelta.

### to\_timedelta

Using the top-level pd.to\_timedelta, you can convert a scalar, array, list, or Series from a recognized timedelta format / value into a Timedelta type. It will construct Series if the input is a Series, a scalar if the input is scalar-like, otherwise it will output a TimedeltaIndex.

You can parse a single string to a Timedelta:

```
In [17]: pd.to_timedelta('1 days 06:05:01.00003')
Out[17]: Timedelta('1 days 06:05:01.000030')
In [18]: pd.to_timedelta('15.5us')
Out[18]: Timedelta('0 days 00:00:00.000015')
```

or a list/array of strings:

The unit keyword argument specifies the unit of the Timedelta:

#### Timedelta limitations

Pandas represents Timedeltas in nanosecond resolution using 64 bit integers. As such, the 64 bit integer limits determine the Timedelta limits.

```
In [22]: pd.Timedelta.min
Out[22]: Timedelta('-106752 days +00:12:43.145224')
In [23]: pd.Timedelta.max
Out[23]: Timedelta('106751 days 23:47:16.854775')
```

## 2.15.2 Operations

You can operate on Series/DataFrames and construct timedelta64 [ns] Series through subtraction operations on datetime64 [ns] Series, or Timestamps.

```
In [24]: s = pd.Series(pd.date_range('2012-1-1', periods=3, freq='D'))
In [25]: td = pd.Series([pd.Timedelta(days=i) for i in range(3)])
In [26]: df = pd.DataFrame({'A': s, 'B': td})
In [27]: df
Out [27]:
           Α
0 2012-01-01 0 days
1 2012-01-02 1 days
2 2012-01-03 2 days
In [28]: df['C'] = df['A'] + df['B']
In [29]: df
Out [29]:
                В
0 2012-01-01 0 days 2012-01-01
1 2012-01-02 1 days 2012-01-03
2 2012-01-03 2 days 2012-01-05
In [30]: df.dtypes
Out [30]:
     datetime64[ns]
     timedelta64[ns]
     datetime64[ns]
dtype: object
```

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```
In [31]: s - s.max()
Out[31]:
0 -2 days
1 -1 days
2 0 days
dtype: timedelta64[ns]
In [32]: s - datetime.datetime(2011, 1, 1, 3, 5)
Out[32]:
0 364 days 20:55:00
1 365 days 20:55:00
2 366 days 20:55:00
dtype: timedelta64[ns]
In [33]: s + datetime.timedelta(minutes=5)
Out [33]:
  2012-01-01 00:05:00
   2012-01-02 00:05:00
  2012-01-03 00:05:00
dtype: datetime64[ns]
In [34]: s + pd.offsets.Minute(5)
Out [34]:
0 2012-01-01 00:05:00
1 2012-01-02 00:05:00
2 2012-01-03 00:05:00
dtype: datetime64[ns]
In [35]: s + pd.offsets.Minute(5) + pd.offsets.Milli(5)
Out [35]:
  2012-01-01 00:05:00.005
  2012-01-02 00:05:00.005
  2012-01-03 00:05:00.005
dtype: datetime64[ns]
```

### Operations with scalars from a timedelta64[ns] series:

```
In [36]: y = s - s[0]
In [37]: y
Out[37]:
0     0 days
1     1 days
2     2 days
dtype: timedelta64[ns]
```

### Series of timedeltas with NaT values are supported:

```
In [38]: y = s - s.shift()
In [39]: y
Out[39]:
0    NaT
1    1 days
2    1 days
dtype: timedelta64[ns]
```