- location: the id of the sensor, either FR04014, BETR801 or London Westminster
- parameter: the parameter measured by the sensor, either  $NO_2$  or Particulate matter
- value: the measured value
- unit: the unit of the measured parameter, in this case 'µg/m<sup>3</sup>'

and the index of the DataFrame is datetime, the datetime of the measurement.

**Note:** The air-quality data is provided in a so-called *long format* data representation with each observation on a separate row and each variable a separate column of the data table. The long/narrow format is also known as the tidy data format.

```
In [4]: air_quality = pd.read_csv("data/air_quality_long.csv",
                                   index_col="date.utc", parse_dates=True)
   . . . :
In [5]: air_quality.head()
Out[5]:
                                 city country location parameter value
                                                                            unit
date.utc
2019-06-18 06:00:00+00:00 Antwerpen
                                           BE BETR801
                                                             pm25
                                                                     18.0 \mu g/m^3
2019-06-17 08:00:00+00:00 Antwerpen
                                           BE BETR801
                                                             pm25
                                                                     6.5 \, \mu \text{g/m}^3
2019-06-17 07:00:00+00:00 Antwerpen
                                           BE BETR801
                                                                     18.5
                                                                          μg/m<sup>3</sup>
                                                             pm25
2019-06-17 06:00:00+00:00 Antwerpen
                                           BE BETR801
                                                                     16.0
                                                                          μg/m³
                                                             pm25
2019-06-17 05:00:00+00:00 Antwerpen
                                           BE BETR801
                                                                     7.5
                                                                           μg/m³
                                                             pm25
```

#### How to reshape the layout of tables?

#### Sort table rows

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I want to sort the titanic data according to the age of the passengers.

```
In [6]: titanic.sort_values(by="Age").head()
Out[6]:
    PassengerId Survived Pclass
                                                         Name
                                                                 Sex
                                                                      Age _
→SibSp Parch Ticket
                      Fare Cabin Embarked
803
           804
                      1
                           3 Thomas, Master. Assad Alexander
                                                                male
                                                                     0.42
           2625 8.5167
                           NaN
                                   С
→ ()
755
           756
                            2
                   1
                                     Hamalainen, Master. Viljo
                                                                     0.67
                                                                male
        1 250649 14.5000
                                     S
                           NaN
→ 1
                           3
644
           645
                     1
                                        Baclini, Miss. Eugenie
                                                              female
                                                                     0.75
→ 2
           2666 19.2583
                           NaN
                                     С
           470
                   1
                            3
469
                                  Baclini, Miss. Helene Barbara
                                                             female
                                                                     0.75
→ 2
            2666 19.2583
                           NaN
                                     С
78
            79
                     1
                            2
                                  Caldwell, Master. Alden Gates
                                                                male 0.83
→ ()
        2 248738 29.0000 NaN
```

I want to sort the titanic data according to the cabin class and age in descending order.

				(60	munuea m	om previous page)
851	852	0	3 Svensson, Mr. Johan	male	74.0	0
<b>→</b> 0	347060 7.7750	NaN	S			
116	117	0	3 Connors, Mr. Patrick	male	70.5	0
<b>→</b> 0	370369 7.7500	NaN	Q			
280	281	0	3 Duane, Mr. Frank	male	65.0	0
<b>→</b> 0	336439 7.7500	NaN	Q			
483	484	1	<pre>3 Turkula, Mrs. (Hedwig)</pre>	female	63.0	0
<b>→</b> 0	4134 9.5875	NaN	S			
326	327	0	3 Nysveen, Mr. Johan Hansen	male	61.0	0
<b>→</b> 0	345364 6.2375	NaN	S			
1						

With Series.sort\_values(), the rows in the table are sorted according to the defined column(s). The index will follow the row order.

More details about sorting of tables is provided in the using guide section on *sorting data*.

#### Long to wide table format

Let's use a small subset of the air quality data set. We focus on  $NO_2$  data and only use the first two measurements of each location (i.e. the head of each group). The subset of data will be called no2\_subset

```
# filter for no2 data only
In [8]: no2 = air_quality[air_quality["parameter"] == "no2"]
```

```
# use 2 measurements (head) for each location (groupby)
In [9]: no2_subset = no2.sort_index().groupby(["location"]).head(2)
In [10]: no2_subset
Out[10]:
                                 city country
                                                          location parameter value
→unit
date.utc
2019-04-09 01:00:00+00:00 Antwerpen
                                                                         no2
                                                                               22.5 μg/
                                           BE
                                                          BETR801
2019-04-09 01:00:00+00:00
                                Paris
                                           FR
                                                          FR04014
                                                                         no2
                                                                               24.4 \mu g/
2019-04-09 02:00:00+00:00
                                           GB London Westminster
                               London
                                                                         no2
                                                                               67.0 µg/
ن m<sup>3</sup>
                                                          BETR801
2019-04-09 02:00:00+00:00 Antwerpen
                                                                               53.5 μg/
                                           BE
                                                                         no2
2019-04-09 02:00:00+00:00
                               Paris
                                           FR
                                                          FR04014
                                                                         no2
                                                                               27.4 µg/
2019-04-09 03:00:00+00:00
                               London
                                           GB London Westminster
                                                                                67.0 μg/
->m<sup>3</sup>
```

I want the values for the three stations as separate columns next to each other

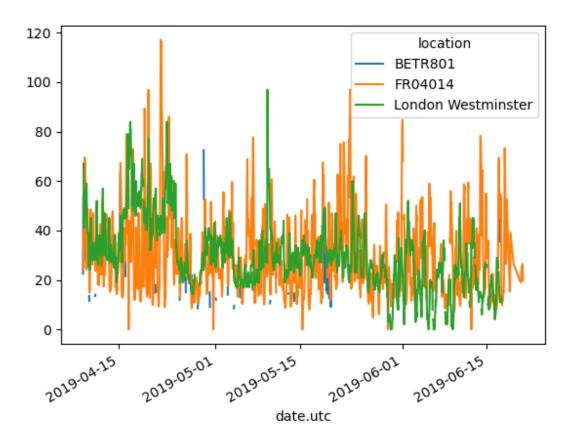
2019-04-09 02:00:00+00:00	53.5	27.4	67.0
2019-04-09 03:00:00+00:00	NaN	NaN	67.0

The pivot\_table() function is purely reshaping of the data: a single value for each index/column combination is required.

As pandas support plotting of multiple columns (see *plotting tutorial*) out of the box, the conversion from *long* to *wide* table format enables the plotting of the different time series at the same time:

```
In [12]: no2.head()
Out [12]:
                              city country location parameter value
                                                                         unit
date.utc
2019-06-21 00:00:00+00:00 Paris
                                        FR FR04014
                                                                  20.0 \, \mu g/m^3
                                                           no2
                                                                  21.8 μg/m<sup>3</sup>
2019-06-20 23:00:00+00:00 Paris
                                        FR FR04014
                                                           no2
2019-06-20 22:00:00+00:00 Paris
                                        FR FR04014
                                                           no2
                                                                  26.5 \, \mu g/m^3
2019-06-20 21:00:00+00:00 Paris
                                        FR FR04014
                                                           no2
                                                                  24.9 \, \mu g/m^3
2019-06-20 20:00:00+00:00 Paris
                                                                  21.4 \mu g/m^3
                                        FR FR04014
                                                           no2
```

```
In [13]: no2.pivot(columns="location", values="value").plot()
Out[13]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f534422df50>
```



**Note:** When the index parameter is not defined, the existing index (row labels) is used.

For more information about pivot (), see the user guide section on pivoting DataFrame objects.

#### Pivot table

I want the mean concentrations for  $NO_2$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  in each of the stations in table form

In the case of pivot (), the data is only rearranged. When multiple values need to be aggregated (in this specific case, the values on different time steps) pivot\_table() can be used, providing an aggregation function (e.g. mean) on how to combine these values.

Pivot table is a well known concept in spreadsheet software. When interested in summary columns for each variable separately as well, put the margin parameter to True:

```
In [15]: air_quality.pivot_table(values="value", index="location",
                                columns="parameter", aggfunc="mean",
                                margins=True)
   . . . . :
Out [15]:
parameter
                         no2
                                   pm25
                                               All
location
BETR801
                   26.950920 23.169492 24.982353
                                    NaN 29.374284
FR04014
                   29.374284
London Westminster 29.740050 13.443568 21.491708
                   29.430316 14.386849 24.222743
```

For more information about pivot\_table(), see the user guide section on pivot tables.

**Note:** If case you are wondering, pivot\_table() is indeed directly linked to groupby(). The same result can be derived by grouping on both parameter and location:

```
air_quality.groupby(["parameter", "location"]).mean()
```

Have a look at groupby() in combination with unstack() at the user guide section on combining stats and groupby.

### Wide to long format

Starting again from the wide format table created in the previous section:

```
In [16]: no2_pivoted = no2.pivot(columns="location", values="value").reset_index()
In [17]: no2_pivoted.head()
Out[17]:
location
                         date.utc BETR801 FR04014 London Westminster
        2019-04-09 01:00:00+00:00 22.5 24.4
        2019-04-09 02:00:00+00:00 53.5
                                              27.4
                                                                    67.0
        2019-04-09 03:00:00+00:00 54.5
                                               34.2
                                                                    67.0
2.
        2019-04-09 04:00:00+00:00 34.5
2019-04-09 05:00:00+00:00 46.5
3
                                               48.5
                                                                    41.0
4
                                              59.5
                                                                    41.0
```

I want to collect all air quality  $NO_2$  measurements in a single column (long format)

The pandas.melt() method on a DataFrame converts the data table from wide format to long format. The column headers become the variable names in a newly created column.

The solution is the short version on how to apply <code>pandas.melt()</code>. The method will <code>melt</code> all columns NOT mentioned in <code>id\_vars</code> together into two columns: A columns with the column header names and a column with the values itself. The latter column gets by default the name <code>value</code>.

The pandas.melt() method can be defined in more detail:

```
In [20]: no_2 = no2_pivoted.melt(id_vars="date.utc",
                                     value_vars=["BETR801",
   . . . . :
                                                   "FR04014",
   . . . . :
                                                   "London Westminster"],
   . . . . :
                                     value_name="NO_2",
   . . . . :
                                     var_name="id_location")
   . . . . :
In [21]: no_2.head()
Out [21]:
                     date.utc id_location NO_2
0 2019-04-09 01:00:00+00:00 BETR801 22.5
1 2019-04-09 02:00:00+00:00
                                   BETR801 53.5
2 2019-04-09 03:00:00+00:00
                                  BETR801 54.5
3 2019-04-09 04:00:00+00:00 BETR801 34.5
4 2019-04-09 05:00:00+00:00 BETR801 46.5
```

The result in the same, but in more detail defined:

• value\_vars defines explicitly which columns to melt together

- value\_name provides a custom column name for the values column instead of the default columns name value
- var\_name provides a custom column name for the columns collecting the column header names. Otherwise it takes the index name or a default variable

Hence, the arguments value\_name and var\_name are just user-defined names for the two generated columns. The columns to melt are defined by id\_vars and value\_vars.

Conversion from wide to long format with pandas.melt() is explained in the user guide section on reshaping by melt.

- Sorting by one or more columns is supported by sort\_values
- The pivot function is purely restructering of the data, pivot\_table supports aggregations
- The reverse of pivot (long to wide format) is melt (wide to long format)

A full overview is available in the user guide on the pages about reshaping and pivoting.

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
```

For this tutorial, air quality data about  $NO_2$  is used, made available by openaq and downloaded using the py-openaq package.

The air\_quality\_no2\_long.csv data set provides  $NO_2$  values for the measurement stations FR04014, BETR801 and London Westminster in respectively Paris, Antwerp and London.

```
In [2]: air_quality_no2 = pd.read_csv("data/air_quality_no2_long.csv",
  . . . :
                                     parse_dates=True)
   . . . :
In [3]: air_quality_no2 = air_quality_no2[["date.utc", "location",
                                           "parameter", "value"]]
   . . . :
In [4]: air_quality_no2.head()
Out[4]:
                    date.utc location parameter value
0 2019-06-21 00:00:00+00:00 FR04014 no2
                                                 20.0
  2019-06-20 23:00:00+00:00 FR04014
                                                  21.8
                                           no2
  2019-06-20 22:00:00+00:00 FR04014
                                           no2
                                                  26.5
  2019-06-20 21:00:00+00:00 FR04014
                                           no2
                                                  24.9
  2019-06-20 20:00:00+00:00 FR04014
                                                  21.4
                                            no2
```

For this tutorial, air quality data about Particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers is used, made available by openaq and downloaded using the py-openaq package.

The air\_quality\_pm25\_long.csv data set provides  $PM_{25}$  values for the measurement stations FR04014, BETR801 and London Westminster in respectively Paris, Antwerp and London.

```
Out [7]:
                   date.utc location parameter value
  2019-06-18 06:00:00+00:00 BETR801 pm25
                                                18.0
  2019-06-17 08:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                                 6.5
                                         pm25
  2019-06-17 07:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                         pm25
                                                18.5
  2019-06-17 06:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                         pm25
                                                16.0
  2019-06-17 05:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                                 7.5
                                         pm25
```

### How to combine data from multiple tables?

### **Concatenating objects**

I want to combine the measurements of  $NO_2$  and  $PM_{25}$ , two tables with a similar structure, in a single table

```
In [8]: air_quality = pd.concat([air_quality_pm25, air_quality_no2], axis=0)
In [9]: air_quality.head()
Out[9]:
                   date.utc location parameter value
  2019-06-18 06:00:00+00:00 BETR801 pm25
                                                18.0
  2019-06-17 08:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                                 6.5
                                          pm25
  2019-06-17 07:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                          pm25
                                                 18.5
  2019-06-17 06:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                                 16.0
                                          pm25
  2019-06-17 05:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                          pm25
                                                  7.5
```

The concat () function performs concatenation operations of multiple tables along one of the axis (row-wise or column-wise).

By default concatenation is along axis 0, so the resulting table combines the rows of the input tables. Let's check the shape of the original and the concatenated tables to verify the operation:

```
In [10]: print('Shape of the `air_quality_pm25` table: ', air_quality_pm25.shape)
Shape of the `air_quality_pm25` table: (1110, 4)

In [11]: print('Shape of the `air_quality_no2` table: ', air_quality_no2.shape)
Shape of the `air_quality_no2` table: (2068, 4)

In [12]: print('Shape of the resulting `air_quality` table: ', air_quality.shape)
Shape of the resulting `air_quality` table: (3178, 4)
```

Hence, the resulting table has 3178 = 1110 + 2068 rows.

**Note:** The **axis** argument will return in a number of pandas methods that can be applied **along an axis**. A DataFrame has two corresponding axes: the first running vertically downwards across rows (axis 0), and the second running horizontally across columns (axis 1). Most operations like concatenation or summary statistics are by default across rows (axis 0), but can be applied across columns as well.

Sorting the table on the datetime information illustrates also the combination of both tables, with the parameter column defining the origin of the table (either no2 from table air\_quality\_no2 or pm25 from table air\_quality\_pm25):

In this specific example, the parameter column provided by the data ensures that each of the original tables can be identified. This is not always the case. the concat function provides a convenient solution with the keys argument, adding an additional (hierarchical) row index. For example:

```
In [16]: air_quality_.head()
Out[16]:
                       date.utc location parameter value
PM25 0 2019-06-18 06:00:00+00:00 BETR801 pm25
                                                 18.0
      2019-06-17 08:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                           pm25
                                                  6.5
       2019-06-17 07:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                          pm25
                                                  18.5
    3 2019-06-17 06:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                          pm25
                                                  16.0
    4 2019-06-17 05:00:00+00:00 BETR801
                                          pm25
                                                  7.5
```

**Note:** The existence of multiple row/column indices at the same time has not been mentioned within these tutorials. *Hierarchical indexing* or *MultiIndex* is an advanced and powerfull pandas feature to analyze higher dimensional data.

Multi-indexing is out of scope for this pandas introduction. For the moment, remember that the function reset\_index can be used to convert any level of an index to a column, e.g. air\_quality.reset\_index(level=0)

Feel free to dive into the world of multi-indexing at the user guide section on advanced indexing.

More options on table concatenation (row and column wise) and how concat can be used to define the logic (union or intersection) of the indexes on the other axes is provided at the section on *object concatenation*.

#### Join tables using a common identifier

Add the station coordinates, provided by the stations metadata table, to the corresponding rows in the measurements table.

**Warning:** The air quality measurement station coordinates are stored in a data file air\_quality\_stations. csv, downloaded using the py-openaq package.

```
In [17]: stations_coord = pd.read_csv("data/air_quality_stations.csv")
```

```
In [18]: stations_coord.head()
Out[18]:
 location coordinates.latitude coordinates.longitude
0 BELAL01
                      51,23619
                                               4.38522
                       51.17030
                                                4.34100
  BELHB23
  BELLD01
                       51.10998
                                               5.00486
                       51.12038
                                                5.02155
  BELLD02
  BELR833
                       51.32766
                                                4.36226
```

**Note:** The stations used in this example (FR04014, BETR801 and London Westminster) are just three entries enlisted in the metadata table. We only want to add the coordinates of these three to the measurements table, each on the corresponding rows of the air quality table.

```
In [19]: air_quality.head()
Out [19]:
                      date.utc
                                         location parameter value
2067 2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00 London Westminster no2
                                                             23.0
1003 2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00
                                         FR04014
                                                       no2
                                                             25.0
     2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00
                                          BETR801
                                                      pm25
                                                             12.5
     2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00
1098
                                          BETR801
                                                       no2
                                                             50.5
1109
     2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00 London Westminster
                                                      pm25
                                                              8.0
```

```
In [20]: air_quality = pd.merge(air_quality, stations_coord,
                                how='left', on='location')
   . . . . :
In [21]: air_quality.head()
Out [21]:
                    date.utc
                                         location parameter value coordinates.
→latitude coordinates.longitude
0 2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00 London Westminster
                                                        no2
                                                              23.0
                                                                                 51.

→ 49467

                      -0.13193
1 2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00
                                          FR04014
                                                        no2
                                                              25.0
                                                                                 48.
<del>→</del>83724
                       2.39390
2 2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00
                                          FR04014
                                                        no2
                                                              25.0
                                                                                 48.
→83722
                       2.39390
3 2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00
                                          BETR801
                                                       pm25
                                                              12.5
                                                                                 51.
→20966
                      4.43182
4 2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00
                                                               50.5
                                                                                 51.
                                          BETR801
                                                        no2
→20966
                       4.43182
```

Using the <code>merge()</code> function, for each of the rows in the <code>air\_quality</code> table, the corresponding coordinates are added from the <code>air\_quality\_stations\_coord</code> table. Both tables have the column <code>location</code> in common which is used as a key to combine the information. By choosing the <code>left</code> join, only the locations available in the <code>air\_quality</code> (left) table, i.e. FR04014, BETR801 and London Westminster, end up in the resulting table. The <code>merge</code> function supports multiple join options similar to database-style operations.

Add the parameter full description and name, provided by the parameters metadata table, to the measurements table

Warning: The air quality parameters metadata are stored in a data file air\_quality\_parameters.csv, downloaded using the py-openaq package.

```
In [22]: air_quality_parameters = pd.read_csv("data/air_quality_parameters.csv")
In [23]: air_quality_parameters.head()
Out [23]:
                                              description name
    id
                                             Black Carbon BC
0
    bc
1
                                          Carbon Monoxide CO
    CO
2.
   no2
                                         Nitrogen Dioxide NO2
3
                                                    Ozone 03
    03
  pm10 Particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in... PM10
```

```
In [24]: air_quality = pd.merge(air_quality, air_quality_parameters,
                           how='left', left_on='parameter', right_on='id')
In [25]: air_quality.head()
Out [25]:
                 date.utc
                                  location parameter ...
                                                          id
                     description name
0 2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00 London Westminster
                                              no2 ...
                                                         no2
                 Nitrogen Dioxide NO2
  2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00
                                  FR04014
                                              no2 ...
                                                          no2
                 Nitrogen Dioxide NO2
  2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00 FR04014
                                               no2 ...
                                                          no2
                 Nitrogen Dioxide NO2
3 2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00
                                  BETR801
                                               pm25 ...
                                                         pm25 Particulate
→matter less than 2.5 micrometers i... PM2.5
4 2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00
                                   BETR801
                                                no2 ...
                                                         no2
                 Nitrogen Dioxide
                                  NO2
[5 rows x 9 columns]
```

Compared to the previous example, there is no common column name. However, the parameter column in the air\_quality\_table and the id column in the air\_quality\_parameters\_name both provide the measured variable in a common format. The left\_on and right\_on arguments are used here (instead of just on) to make the link between the two tables.

pandas supports also inner, outer, and right joins. More information on join/merge of tables is provided in the user guide section on *database style merging of tables*. Or have a look at the *comparison with SQL* page.

- Multiple tables can be concatenated both column as row wise using the concat function.
- For database-like merging/joining of tables, use the merge function.

See the user guide for a full description of the various facilities to combine data tables.

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
In [2]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

For this tutorial, air quality data about  $NO_2$  and Particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers is used, made available by openaq and downloaded using the py-openaq package. The air\_quality\_no2\_long.csv" data set provides  $NO_2$  values for the measurement stations FR04014, BETR801 and London Westminster in respectively Paris, Antwerp and London.

```
In [3]: air_quality = pd.read_csv("data/air_quality_no2_long.csv")
In [4]: air_quality = air_quality.rename(columns={"date.utc": "datetime"})
```

```
In [5]: air_quality.head()
Out[5]:
    city country
                                    datetime location parameter value
                                                                           unit
         FR 2019-06-21 00:00:00+00:00 FR04014 no2
  Paris
                                                                  20.0 \, \mu g/m^3
              FR 2019-06-20 23:00:00+00:00 FR04014
  Paris
                                                                   21.8
                                                                         μq/m<sup>3</sup>
                                                             no2
                  2019-06-20 22:00:00+00:00
                                                                   26.5
  Paris
              FR
                                              FR04014
                                                             no2
                                                                          μg/m<sup>3</sup>
  Paris
              FR
                  2019-06-20 21:00:00+00:00
                                              FR04014
                                                             no2
                                                                   24.9
                                                                         μq/m<sup>3</sup>
              FR 2019-06-20 20:00:00+00:00 FR04014
                                                                   21.4 \mu g/m^3
4
  Paris
                                                             no2
```

```
In [6]: air_quality.city.unique()
Out[6]: array(['Paris', 'Antwerpen', 'London'], dtype=object)
```

#### How to handle time series data with ease?

#### Using pandas datetime properties

I want to work with the dates in the column datetime as datetime objects instead of plain text

```
In [7]: air_quality["datetime"] = pd.to_datetime(air_quality["datetime"])
In [8]: air_quality["datetime"]
Out[8]:
      2019-06-21 00:00:00+00:00
      2019-06-20 23:00:00+00:00
1
2
      2019-06-20 22:00:00+00:00
      2019-06-20 21:00:00+00:00
3
      2019-06-20 20:00:00+00:00
2063
     2019-05-07 06:00:00+00:00
2064
      2019-05-07 04:00:00+00:00
2065
      2019-05-07 03:00:00+00:00
2066
      2019-05-07 02:00:00+00:00
2067 2019-05-07 01:00:00+00:00
Name: datetime, Length: 2068, dtype: datetime64[ns, UTC]
```

Initially, the values in datetime are character strings and do not provide any datetime operations (e.g. extract the year, day of the week,...). By applying the to\_datetime function, pandas interprets the strings and convert these to datetime (i.e. datetime64[ns, UTC]) objects. In pandas we call these datetime objects similar to datetime. datetime from the standard library a pandas. Timestamp.

**Note:** As many data sets do contain datetime information in one of the columns, pandas input function like <code>pandas.read\_csv()</code> and <code>pandas.read\_json()</code> can do the transformation to dates when reading the data using the <code>parse\_dates</code> parameter with a list of the columns to read as Timestamp:

```
pd.read_csv("../data/air_quality_no2_long.csv", parse_dates=["datetime"])
```

Why are these pandas. Timestamp objects useful. Let's illustrate the added value with some example cases.

What is the start and end date of the time series data set working with?

```
In [9]: air_quality["datetime"].min(), air_quality["datetime"].max()
Out[9]:
(Timestamp('2019-05-07 01:00:00+0000', tz='UTC'),
   Timestamp('2019-06-21 00:00:00+0000', tz='UTC'))
```

Using pandas. Timestamp for datetimes enable us to calculate with date information and make them comparable. Hence, we can use this to get the length of our time series:

```
In [10]: air_quality["datetime"].max() - air_quality["datetime"].min()
Out[10]: Timedelta('44 days 23:00:00')
```

The result is a pandas. Timedelta object, similar to datetime.timedelta from the standard Python library and defining a time duration.

The different time concepts supported by pandas are explained in the user guide section on time related concepts.

I want to add a new column to the DataFrame containing only the month of the measurement

```
In [11]: air_quality["month"] = air_quality["datetime"].dt.month
In [12]: air_quality.head()
Out [12]:
    city country
                                     datetime location parameter value
                                                                            unit month
  Paris FR 2019-06-21 00:00:00+00:00 FR04014 no2
                                                                    20.0 \, \mu g/m^3
                                                                                        6
              FR 2019-06-20 23:00:00+00:00 FR04014
                                                                     21.8 \mu q/m^3
  Paris
                                                              no2
  Paris
             FR 2019-06-20 22:00:00+00:00 FR04014
                                                             no2
                                                                     26.5 \, \mu g/m^3
                                                                                        6
3 Paris FR 2019-06-20 21:00:00+00:00 FR04014 no2 24.9 \mu g/m^3 4 Paris FR 2019-06-20 20:00:00+00:00 FR04014 no2 21.4 \mu g/m^3
                                                                                        6
```

By using Timestamp objects for dates, a lot of time-related properties are provided by pandas. For example the month, but also year, weekofyear, quarter,... All of these properties are accessible by the dt accessor.

An overview of the existing date properties is given in the *time and date components overview table*. More details about the dt accessor to return datetime like properties is explained in a dedicated section on the *dt accessor*.

What is the average  $NO_2$  concentration for each day of the week for each of the measurement locations?

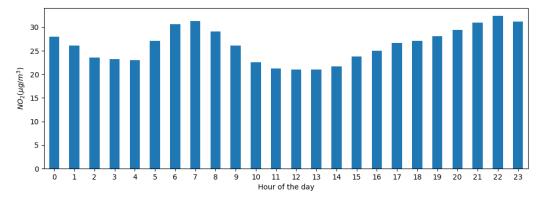
```
In [13]: air_quality.groupby(
             [air_quality["datetime"].dt.weekday, "location"])["value"].mean()
   . . . . :
   . . . . :
Out [13]:
datetime location
         BETR801
                                27.875000
         FR04014
                                24.856250
         London Westminster 23.969697
1
         BETR801
                                22.214286
         FR04014
                               30.999359
5
         FR04014
                               25.266154
          London Westminster
                                24.977612
          BETR801
                                21.896552
          FR04014
                                23.274306
          London Westminster
                                24.859155
Name: value, Length: 21, dtype: float64
```

Remember the split-apply-combine pattern provided by groupby from the *tutorial on statistics calculation*? Here, we want to calculate a given statistic (e.g. mean  $NO_2$ ) for each weekday and for each measurement location. To group on weekdays, we use the datetime property weekday (with Monday=0 and Sunday=6) of pandas Timestamp,

which is also accessible by the dt accessor. The grouping on both locations and weekdays can be done to split the calculation of the mean on each of these combinations.

**Danger:** As we are working with a very short time series in these examples, the analysis does not provide a long-term representative result!

Plot the typical  $NO_2$  pattern during the day of our time series of all stations together. In other words, what is the average value for each hour of the day?



Similar to the previous case, we want to calculate a given statistic (e.g. mean  $NO_2$ ) for each hour of the day and we can use the split-apply-combine approach again. For this case, the datetime property hour of pandas Timestamp, which is also accessible by the dt accessor.

#### **Datetime as index**

In the *tutorial on reshaping*, pivot () was introduced to reshape the data table with each of the measurements locations as a separate column:

2019-05-07 02:00:00+00:00	45.0	27.7	19.0	
2019-05-07 03:00:00+00:00	NaN	50.4	19.0	
2019-05-07 04:00:00+00:00	NaN	61.9	16.0	
2019-05-07 05:00:00+00:00	NaN	72.4	NaN	

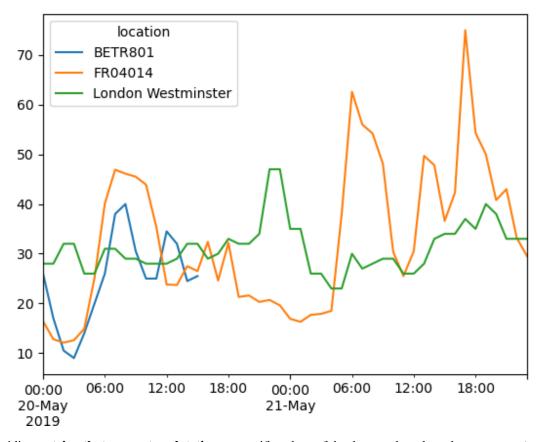
**Note:** By pivoting the data, the datetime information became the index of the table. In general, setting a column as an index can be achieved by the set\_index function.

Working with a datetime index (i.e. DatetimeIndex) provides powerful functionalities. For example, we do not need the dt accessor to get the time series properties, but have these properties available on the index directly:

Some other advantages are the convenient subsetting of time period or the adapted time scale on plots. Let's apply this on our data.

Create a plot of the  $NO_2$  values in the different stations from the 20th of May till the end of 21st of May

```
In [21]: no_2["2019-05-20":"2019-05-21"].plot();
```



By providing a string that parses to a datetime, a specific subset of the data can be selected on a DatetimeIndex.

More information on the DatetimeIndex and the slicing by using strings is provided in the section on *time series indexing*.

# Resample a time series to another frequency

Aggregate the current hourly time series values to the monthly maximum value in each of the stations.

A very powerful method on time series data with a datetime index, is the ability to resample() time series to another frequency (e.g., converting secondly data into 5-minutely data).

The resample () method is similar to a groupby operation:

- it provides a time-based grouping, by using a string (e.g. M, 5H,...) that defines the target frequency
- it requires an aggregation function such as mean, max,...

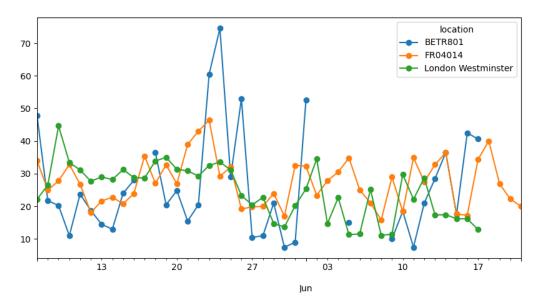
An overview of the aliases used to define time series frequencies is given in the offset aliases overview table.

When defined, the frequency of the time series is provided by the freq attribute:

```
In [24]: monthly_max.index.freq
Out[24]: <MonthEnd>
```

Make a plot of the daily median  $NO_2$  value in each of the stations.

```
In [25]: no_2.resample("D").mean().plot(style="-o", figsize=(10, 5));
```



More details on the power of time series resampling is provided in the user gudie section on resampling.

- Valid date strings can be converted to datetime objects using to\_datetime function or as part of read functions.
- Datetime objects in pandas supports calculations, logical operations and convenient date-related properties using the dt accessor.
- A DatetimeIndex contains these date-related properties and supports convenient slicing.
- Resample is a powerful method to change the frequency of a time series.

A full overview on time series is given in the pages on time series and date functionality.

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
```

This tutorial uses the titanic data set, stored as CSV. The data consists of the following data columns:

- PassengerId: Id of every passenger.
- Survived: This feature have value 0 and 1. 0 for not survived and 1 for survived.
- Pclass: There are 3 classes: Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3.
- Name: Name of passenger.
- Sex: Gender of passenger.
- Age: Age of passenger.

- SibSp: Indication that passenger have siblings and spouse.
- Parch: Whether a passenger is alone or have family.
- Ticket: Ticket number of passenger.
- Fare: Indicating the fare.
- Cabin: The cabin of passenger.
- Embarked: The embarked category.

```
In [2]: titanic = pd.read_csv("data/titanic.csv")
In [3]: titanic.head()
Out[31:
  PassengerId Survived Pclass
                                                                    Name
  Sex ... Parch
                      Ticket
                                   Fare Cabin Embarked
0
                  0
          1
                          3
                                               Braund, Mr. Owen Harris
              0
                      A/5 21171 7.2500 NaN
→ male ...
                                                    S
          2 1
                        1 Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th...
⇒female ...
                        PC 17599 71.2833 C85
                                                     С
          3
                  1
                          3
                                                    Heikkinen, Miss. Laina
               0 STON/02. 3101282 7.9250 NaN
→female ...
                                                     S
                  1 1 Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel) _
3
        4
                0
                          113803 53.1000 C123
→female ...
                   0
                          3
                                                   Allen, Mr. William Henry
\hookrightarrow male ...
                          373450 8.0500
                                          NaN
[5 rows x 12 columns]
```

## How to manipulate textual data?

Make all name characters lowercase

```
In [4]: titanic["Name"].str.lower()
Out [4]:
0
                                  braund, mr. owen harris
       cumings, mrs. john bradley (florence briggs th...
1
2
                                  heikkinen, miss. laina
3
            futrelle, mrs. jacques heath (lily may peel)
4
                                 allen, mr. william henry
886
                                    montvila, rev. juozas
887
                             graham, miss. margaret edith
888
                johnston, miss. catherine helen "carrie"
889
                                    behr, mr. karl howell
890
                                      dooley, mr. patrick
Name: Name, Length: 891, dtype: object
```

To make each of the strings in the Name column lowercase, select the Name column (see *tutorial on selection of data*), add the str accessor and apply the lower method. As such, each of the strings is converted element wise.

Similar to datetime objects in the *time series tutorial* having a dt accessor, a number of specialized string methods are available when using the str accessor. These methods have in general matching names with the equivalent built-in string methods for single elements, but are applied element-wise (remember *element wise calculations*?) on each of the values of the columns.

Create a new column Surname that contains the surname of the Passengers by extracting the part before the comma.

```
In [5]: titanic["Name"].str.split(",")
Out [5]:
0
                              [Braund, Mr. Owen Harris]
       [Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs ...
1
2
                               [Heikkinen, Miss. Laina]
         [Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel)]
3
4
                             [Allen, Mr. William Henry]
886
                                [Montvila, Rev. Juozas]
887
                         [Graham, Miss. Margaret Edith]
             [Johnston, Miss. Catherine Helen "Carrie"]
888
889
                                [Behr, Mr. Karl Howell]
890
                                  [Dooley, Mr. Patrick]
Name: Name, Length: 891, dtype: object
```

Using the Series.str.split() method, each of the values is returned as a list of 2 elements. The first element is the part before the comma and the second element the part after the comma.

```
In [6]: titanic["Surname"] = titanic["Name"].str.split(",").str.get(0)
In [7]: titanic["Surname"]
Out[7]:
          Braund
         Cumings
1
       Heikkinen
2
3
        Futrelle
4
          Allen
         . . .
886
       Montvila
887
         Graham
888
        Johnston
889
           Behr
890
          Dooley
Name: Surname, Length: 891, dtype: object
```

As we are only interested in the first part representing the surname (element 0), we can again use the str accessor and apply Series.str.get() to extract the relevant part. Indeed, these string functions can be concatenated to combine multiple functions at once!

More information on extracting parts of strings is available in the user guide section on splitting and replacing strings.

Extract the passenger data about the Countess on board of the Titanic.

```
In [8]: titanic["Name"].str.contains("Countess")
Out[8]:
0
       False
1
       False
2
       False
3
       False
       False
       . . .
886
      False
887
      False
888
      False
889
     False
890
      False
Name: Name, Length: 891, dtype: bool
```

(Interested in her story? SeeWikipedia!)

The string method <code>Series.str.contains()</code> checks for each of the values in the column <code>Name</code> if the string contains the word <code>Countess</code> and returns for each of the values <code>True</code> (<code>Countess</code> is part of the name) of <code>False</code> (<code>Countess</code> is notpart of the name). This output can be used to subselect the data using conditional (boolean) indexing introduced in the <code>subsetting</code> of <code>data tutorial</code>. As there was only 1 <code>Countess</code> on the <code>Titanic</code>, we get one row as a result.

**Note:** More powerful extractions on strings is supported, as the <code>Series.str.contains()</code> and <code>Series.str.extract()</code> methods accepts regular expressions, but out of scope of this tutorial.

More information on extracting parts of strings is available in the user guide section on *string matching and extracting*.

```
Which passenger of the titanic has the longest name?
```

```
In [10]: titanic["Name"].str.len()
Out[10]:
0
       2.3
1
       51
2
       22
3
        44
4
       24
886
       2.1
       28
887
888
       40
889
       21
890
       19
Name: Name, Length: 891, dtype: int64
```

To get the longest name we first have to get the lenghts of each of the names in the Name column. By using pandas string methods, the <code>Series.str.len()</code> function is applied to each of the names individually (element-wise).

```
In [11]: titanic["Name"].str.len().idxmax()
Out[11]: 307
```

Next, we need to get the corresponding location, preferably the index label, in the table for which the name length is the largest. The idxmax`() method does exactly that. It is not a string method and is applied to integers, so no str is used.

Based on the index name of the row (307) and the column (Name), we can do a selection using the loc operator, introduced in the tutorial on subsetting.

In the 'Sex' columns, replace values of 'male' by 'M' and all 'female' values by 'F'

```
In [13]: titanic["Sex_short"] = titanic["Sex"].replace({"male": "M",
                                                             "female": "F"})
   . . . . :
In [14]: titanic["Sex_short"]
Out [14]:
0
       М
       F
2
       F
3
       F
4
       М
      . .
886
       Μ
887
       F
888
       F
889
       М
890
      M
Name: Sex_short, Length: 891, dtype: object
```

Whereas replace () is not a string method, it provides a convenient way to use mappings or vocabularies to translate certain values. It requires a dictionary to define the mapping {from : to}.

**Warning:** There is also a replace () methods available to replace a specific set of characters. However, when having a mapping of multiple values, this would become:

```
titanic["Sex_short"] = titanic["Sex"].str.replace("female", "F")
titanic["Sex_short"] = titanic["Sex_short"].str.replace("male", "M")
```

This would become cumbersome and easily lead to mistakes. Just think (or try out yourself) what would happen if those two statements are applied in the opposite order...

- String methods are available using the str accessor.
- · String methods work element wise and can be used for conditional indexing.
- The replace method is a convenient method to convert values according to a given dictionary.

A full overview is provided in the user guide pages on working with text data.

# 1.4.5 Essential basic functionality

Here we discuss a lot of the essential functionality common to the pandas data structures. Here's how to create some of the objects used in the examples from the previous section:

#### Head and tail

To view a small sample of a Series or DataFrame object, use the head() and tail() methods. The default number of elements to display is five, but you may pass a custom number.

```
In [4]: long_series = pd.Series(np.random.randn(1000))
In [5]: long_series.head()
Out [5]:
   -1.157892
1
   -1.344312
2
    0.844885
   1.075770
3
4
  -0.109050
dtype: float64
In [6]: long_series.tail(3)
Out[6]:
     -0.289388
997
998
    -1.020544
    0.589993
999
dtype: float64
```

### Attributes and underlying data

pandas objects have a number of attributes enabling you to access the metadata

- shape: gives the axis dimensions of the object, consistent with ndarray
- · Axis labels
  - **Series**: *index* (only axis)
  - DataFrame: index (rows) and columns

Note, these attributes can be safely assigned to!

```
In [7]: df[:2]
Out[7]:
                            В
                  Α
2000-01-01 -0.173215 0.119209 -1.044236
2000-01-02 -0.861849 -2.104569 -0.494929
In [8]: df.columns = [x.lower() for x in df.columns]
In [9]: df
Out[9]:
                            b
2000-01-01 -0.173215 0.119209 -1.044236
2000-01-02 -0.861849 -2.104569 -0.494929
2000-01-03 1.071804 0.721555 -0.706771
2000-01-04 -1.039575 0.271860 -0.424972
2000-01-05 0.567020 0.276232 -1.087401
2000-01-06 -0.673690 0.113648 -1.478427
2000-01-07 0.524988 0.404705 0.577046
2000-01-08 -1.715002 -1.039268 -0.370647
```

Pandas objects (*Index*, *Series*, *DataFrame*) can be thought of as containers for arrays, which hold the actual data and do the actual computation. For many types, the underlying array is a numpy.ndarray. However, pandas and 3rd party libraries may *extend* NumPy's type system to add support for custom arrays (see *dtypes*).

To get the actual data inside a *Index* or *Series*, use the .array property

array will always be an <code>ExtensionArray</code>. The exact details of what an <code>ExtensionArray</code> is and why pandas uses them is a bit beyond the scope of this introduction. See <code>dtypes</code> for more.

If you know you need a NumPy array, use to\_numpy() or numpy.asarray().

When the Series or Index is backed by an <code>ExtensionArray</code>, <code>to\_numpy()</code> may involve copying data and coercing values. See <code>dtypes</code> for more.

to\_numpy() gives some control over the dtype of the resulting numpy.ndarray. For example, consider date-times with timezones. NumPy doesn't have a dtype to represent timezone-aware datetimes, so there are two possibly useful representations:

- 1. An object-dtype numpy . ndarray with Timestamp objects, each with the correct tz
- 2. A datetime64 [ns] -dtype numpy.ndarray, where the values have been converted to UTC and the time-zone discarded

Timezones may be preserved with dtype=object

Or thrown away with dtype='datetime64[ns]'

Getting the "raw data" inside a <code>DataFrame</code> is possibly a bit more complex. When your <code>DataFrame</code> only has a single data type for all the columns, <code>DataFrame.to\_numpy()</code> will return the underlying data:

If a DataFrame contains homogeneously-typed data, the ndarray can actually be modified in-place, and the changes will be reflected in the data structure. For heterogeneous data (e.g. some of the DataFrame's columns are not all the same dtype), this will not be the case. The values attribute itself, unlike the axis labels, cannot be assigned to.

**Note:** When working with heterogeneous data, the dtype of the resulting ndarray will be chosen to accommodate all of the data involved. For example, if strings are involved, the result will be of object dtype. If there are only floats and integers, the resulting array will be of float dtype.

In the past, pandas recommended <code>Series.values</code> or <code>DataFrame.values</code> for extracting the data from a Series or DataFrame. You'll still find references to these in old code bases and online. Going forward, we recommend avoiding <code>.values</code> and using <code>.array</code> or <code>.to\_numpy()..values</code> has the following drawbacks:

- 1. When your Series contains an *extension type*, it's unclear whether <code>Series.values</code> returns a NumPy array or the extension array. <code>Series.array</code> will always return an <code>ExtensionArray</code>, and will never copy data. <code>Series.to\_numpy()</code> will always return a NumPy array, potentially at the cost of copying / coercing values.
- 2. When your DataFrame contains a mixture of data types, <code>DataFrame.values</code> may involve copying data and coercing values to a common dtype, a relatively expensive operation. <code>DataFrame.to\_numpy()</code>, being a method, makes it clearer that the returned NumPy array may not be a view on the same data in the DataFrame.

#### **Accelerated operations**

pandas has support for accelerating certain types of binary numerical and boolean operations using the numexpr library and the bottleneck libraries.

These libraries are especially useful when dealing with large data sets, and provide large speedups. numexpr uses smart chunking, caching, and multiple cores. bottleneck is a set of specialized cython routines that are especially fast when dealing with arrays that have nans.

Here is a sample (using 100 column x 100,000 row DataFrames):

Operation	0.11.0 (ms)	Prior Version (ms)	Ratio to Prior
df1 > df2	13.32	125.35	0.1063
df1 * df2	21.71	36.63	0.5928
df1 + df2	22.04	36.50	0.6039

You are highly encouraged to install both libraries. See the section *Recommended Dependencies* for more installation info.

These are both enabled to be used by default, you can control this by setting the options:

```
pd.set_option('compute.use_bottleneck', False)
pd.set_option('compute.use_numexpr', False)
```

# Flexible binary operations

With binary operations between pandas data structures, there are two key points of interest:

- Broadcasting behavior between higher- (e.g. DataFrame) and lower-dimensional (e.g. Series) objects.
- Missing data in computations.

We will demonstrate how to manage these issues independently, though they can be handled simultaneously.

### Matching / broadcasting behavior

DataFrame has the methods add(), sub(), mul(), div() and related functions radd(), rsub(), ... for carrying out binary operations. For broadcasting behavior, Series input is of primary interest. Using these functions, you can use to either match on the *index* or *columns* via the **axis** keyword:

```
In [18]: df = pd.DataFrame({
            'one': pd.Series(np.random.randn(3), index=['a', 'b', 'c']),
            'two': pd.Series(np.random.randn(4), index=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']),
            'three': pd.Series(np.random.randn(3), index=['b', 'c', 'd'])})
   . . . . :
In [19]: df
Out[19]:
       one
              two
                        three
a 1.394981 1.772517 NaN
b 0.343054 1.912123 -0.050390
c 0.695246 1.478369 1.227435
      NaN 0.279344 -0.613172
d
In [20]: row = df.iloc[1]
In [21]: column = df['two']
In [22]: df.sub(row, axis='columns')
Out [22]:
                     three
NaN
                 two
       one
a 1.051928 -0.139606
b 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
c 0.352192 -0.433754 1.277825
       NaN -1.632779 -0.562782
In [23]: df.sub(row, axis=1)
Out [23]:
                      three
                two
a 1.051928 -0.139606
                         NaN
b 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
c 0.352192 -0.433754 1.277825
       NaN -1.632779 -0.562782
In [24]: df.sub(column, axis='index')
Out [24]:
```

```
one two
                   three
a -0.377535 0.0
                    NaN
b -1.569069 0.0 -1.962513
c -0.783123 0.0 -0.250933
       NaN 0.0 -0.892516
In [25]: df.sub(column, axis=0)
Out [25]:
                  three
       one two
a -0.377535 0.0
                   NaN
b -1.569069 0.0 -1.962513
c -0.783123 0.0 -0.250933
     NaN 0.0 -0.892516
```

Furthermore you can align a level of a MultiIndexed DataFrame with a Series.

```
In [26]: dfmi = df.copy()
In [27]: dfmi.index = pd.MultiIndex.from_tuples([(1, 'a'), (1, 'b'),
                                                   (1, 'c'), (2, 'a')],
                                                  names=['first', 'second'])
   . . . . :
   . . . . :
In [28]: dfmi.sub(column, axis=0, level='second')
Out [28]:
                                      three
                   one
                             t.wo
first second
             -0.377535 0.000000
                                        NaN
      а
      b
             -1.569069 0.000000 -1.962513
             -0.783123 0.000000 -0.250933
2
                   NaN -1.493173 -2.385688
```

Series and Index also support the divmod() builtin. This function takes the floor division and modulo operation at the same time returning a two-tuple of the same type as the left hand side. For example:

```
In [29]: s = pd.Series(np.arange(10))
In [30]: s
Out [30]:
0
     0
     1
2
     2
3
     3
4
     4
5
     5
6
7
     9
dtype: int64
In [31]: div, rem = divmod(s, 3)
In [32]: div
Out [32]:
\cap
     0
```