# Create time series dataframe with sliding windows

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I have a dataset that looks like this:



```
A B
5/8 2 3
6/8 4 2
7/8 3 5
8/8 3 2
```

and I want to finish like this

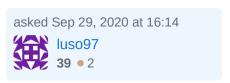
and also an equivalent that would take numeric indexes. This way I can decide whether flatten the data or create a 3d array for the ML training.

I have done it with df.iterrows() but it so slow. I also tried by making this code:

```
def addDatas(x,df,window):
    global df0o #Dataset to create
    if len(x)==window:
        y = df.loc[x.index];
        y.DateStarted = df.loc[x.index[-1]].created #index1 in table presented
        df0o = df0o.append(y)
        return 0;
    df0o= pd.DataFrame();
    #created is the date index in the first table
    dfTargets.rolling("5s",on="created").apply(lambda x :
    addDatas(x,dfTargets,5))
```

Both of these solutions work but they aren't fast enough and not usable with big chunks of data. I can help but think that there must be an easier way to do this that I don't know.

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## 2 Answers

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The following will work on any sortable index. It does create a copy of the dataframe in memory so that is a drawback of this approach if you are memory restricted.

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```
import pandas as pd

# Minimal example
df = pd.DataFrame(data={'index':['5/8','6/8','7/8','8/8'],'A':[2,4,3,3],'B':
[3,2,5,2]})

# Create a shifted version of the index 'index' column
df['index_2'] = df['index'].shift()

# Copy to df2, renaming columns and dropping null value (first shifted row)
df2 = df.copy().rename({'index':'index_2','index_2':'index'},axis=1).dropna()

# In original df overwrite index_2 to be equal to index column
df['index_2'] = df['index']

# Concatenate, set index, and sort by index
pd.concat([df,df2]).set_index(['index','index_2']).sort_index()
```

## Output:

```
В
index
       index_2
5/8
       5/8
               2
                  3
       6/8
               4
                  2
                  2
6/8
       6/8
               4
       7/8
               3
                  5
               3 5
7/8
       7/8
       8/8
               3 2
       8/8
               3
                  2
8/8
```

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great!, that's much simpler than what I did. thank you very much – luso97 Sep 30, 2020 at 7:07



df = pd.DataFrame({'A':[2,4,3,3], 'B':[3,2,5,2]}, index=['5/8', '6/8', '7/8',
'8/8'])





We produce first a list, call it *xi*, that has across its length values 2, except the first and last element.



```
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```

```
xi=[2]*len(df)
xi[0]=1
xi[-1]=1
```

This list will be used in np.repeat to repeat the desired elements. Basically, the following gives the desired data, except that an index missing:

```
ndf = df.loc[np.repeat(df.index.values, xi)]
```

The following prepares the first-level index:

```
ndf.set_index([np.repeat(ndf.index, [2,0]*int(len(ndf)/2)), ndf.index])
```

#### A B

#### new\_index

| 5/8 | 5/8 | 2 | 3 |
|-----|-----|---|---|
|     | 6/8 | 4 | 2 |
| 6/8 | 6/8 | 4 | 2 |
|     | 7/8 | 3 | 5 |
| 7/8 | 7/8 | 3 | 5 |
|     | 8/8 | 3 | 2 |

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