Data Wrangling
with pandas
Cheat Sheet
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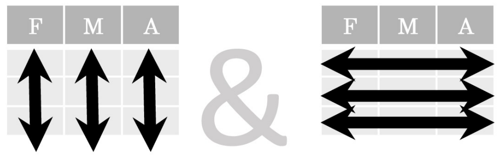
Tidy Data – A foundation for wrangling in pandas

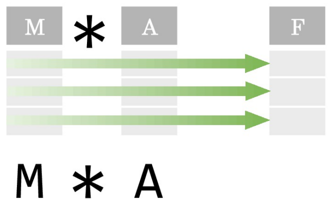
In a tidy data set:



Each **variable** is saved in its own **column**

Each **observation** is saved in its own **row**

Tidy data complements pandas's **vectorized operations**. pandas will automatically preserve observations as you manipulate variables. No other format works as intuitively with pandas.



Syntax – Creating DataFrames

	a	b	c
1	4	7	10
2	5	8	11
3	6	9	12

```
df = pd.DataFrame(
        {"a" : [4 ,5, 6],
         "b" : [7, 8, 9],
         "c" : [10, 11, 12]},
      index = [1, 2, 3])
```
Specify values for each column.

```
df = pd.DataFrame(
     [[4, 7, 10],
      [5, 8, 11],
      [6, 9, 12]],
     index=[1, 2, 3],
     columns=['a', 'b', 'c'])
```
Specify values for each row.

		a	b	c
n	v			
d	1	4	7	10
	2	5	8	11
e	2	6	9	12

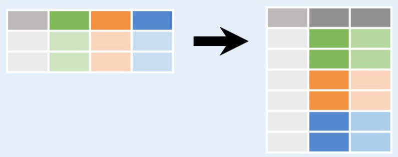
```
df = pd.DataFrame(
          {"a" : [4 ,5, 6],
           "b" : [7, 8, 9],
           "c" : [10, 11, 12]},
index = pd.MultiIndex.from_tuples(
          [('d',1),('d',2),('e',2)],
             names=['n','v']))
```
Create DataFrame with a MultiIndex

Method Chaining

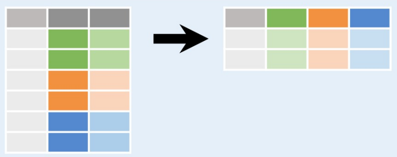
Most pandas methods return a DataFrame so that another pandas method can be applied to the result. This improves readability of code.

```
df = (pd.melt(df)
        .rename(columns={
                'variable' : 'var',
                'value' : 'val'})
        .query('val >= 200')
     )
```

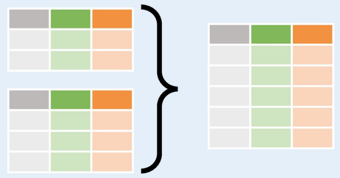
Reshaping Data – Change the layout of a data set



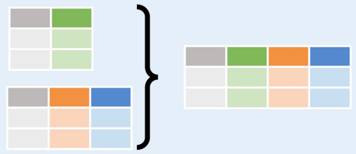
`pd.melt(df)`
Gather columns into rows.



`df.pivot(columns='var', values='val')`
Spread rows into columns.



`pd.concat([df1,df2])`
Append rows of DataFrames



`pd.concat([df1,df2], axis=1)`
Append columns of DataFrames

`df.sort_values('mpg')`
Order rows by values of a column (low to high).

`df.sort_values('mpg',ascending=False)`
Order rows by values of a column (high to low).

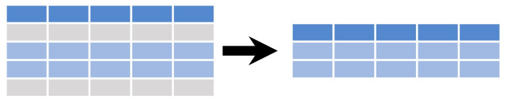
`df.rename(columns = {'y':'year'})`
Rename the columns of a DataFrame

`df.sort_index()`
Sort the index of a DataFrame

`df.reset_index()`
Reset index of DataFrame to row numbers, moving index to columns.

`df.drop(['Length','Height'], axis=1)`
Drop columns from DataFrame

Subset Observations (Rows)



`df[df.Length > 7]`
Extract rows that meet logical criteria.

`df.drop_duplicates()`
Remove duplicate rows (only considers columns).

`df.head(n)`
Select first n rows.

`df.tail(n)`
Select last n rows.

`df.sample(frac=0.5)`
Randomly select fraction of rows.

`df.sample(n=10)`
Randomly select n rows.

`df.iloc[10:20]`
Select rows by position.

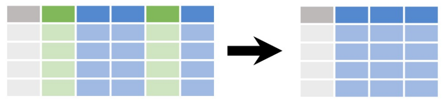
`df.nlargest(n, 'value')`
Select and order top n entries.

`df.nsmallest(n, 'value')`
Select and order bottom n entries.

Logic in Python (and pandas)

<	Less than	!=	Not equal to
>	Greater than	`df.column.isin(values)`	Group membership
==	Equals	`pd.isnull(obj)`	Is NaN
<=	Less than or equals	`pd.notnull(obj)`	Is not NaN
>=	Greater than or equals	`&,|,~,^,df.any(),df.all()`	Logical and, or, not, xor, any, all

Subset Variables (Columns)



`df[['width','length','species']]`
Select multiple columns with specific names.

`df['width']` *or* `df.width`
Select single column with specific name.

`df.filter(regex='regex')`
Select columns whose name matches regular expression *regex*.

regex (Regular Expressions) Examples

`'\.'`	Matches strings containing a period '.'
`'Length$'`	Matches strings ending with word 'Length'
`'^Sepal'`	Matches strings beginning with the word 'Sepal'
`'^x[1-5]$'`	Matches strings beginning with 'x' and ending with 1,2,3,4,5
`''^(?!Species$).*'`	Matches strings except the string 'Species'

`df.loc[:,'x2':'x4']`
Select all columns between x2 and x4 (inclusive).

`df.iloc[:,[1,2,5]]`
Select columns in positions 1, 2 and 5 (first column is 0).

`df.loc[df['a'] > 10, ['a','c']]`
Select rows meeting logical condition, and only the specific columns .