# Compare time series growth rates

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#### Comparing stock performance

- Stock price series: hard to compare at different levels
- Simple solution: normalize price series to start at 100
- Divide all prices by first in series, multiply by 100
  - Same starting point
  - All prices relative to starting point
  - Difference to starting point in percentage points



#### Normalizing a single series (1)

```
google = pd.read_csv('google.csv', parse_dates=['date'], index_col='date')
google.head(3)
```

```
price
date
2010-01-04 313.06
2010-01-05 311.68
2010-01-06 303.83
```

```
first_price = google.price.iloc[0] # int-based selection
first_price
```

```
313.06
```

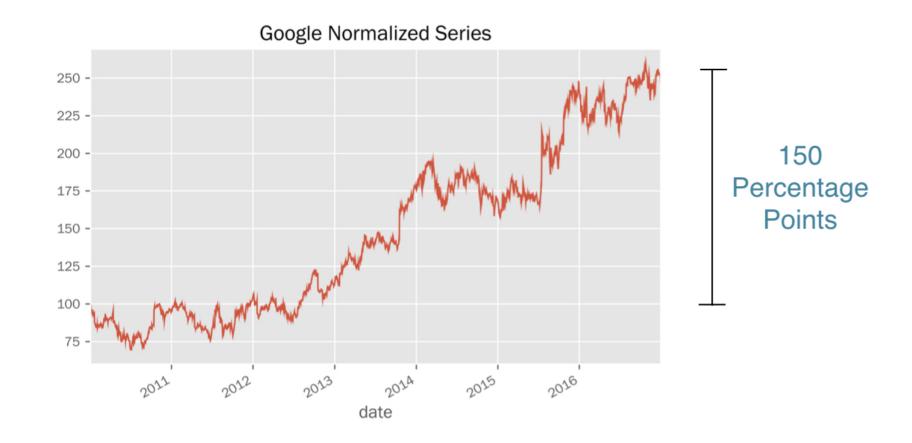
```
first_price == google.loc['2010-01-04', 'price']
```

True



#### Normalizing a single series (2)

```
normalized = google.price.div(first_price).mul(100)
normalized.plot(title='Google Normalized Series')
```





#### Normalizing multiple series (1)

```
DatetimeIndex: 1761 entries, 2010-01-04 to 2016-12-30
Data columns (total 3 columns):

AAPL 1761 non-null float64
G00G 1761 non-null float64
YH00 1761 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(3)
```

```
prices.head(2)
```

```
AAPL G00G YH00
Date
2010-01-04 30.57 313.06 17.10
2010-01-05 30.63 311.68 17.23
```



#### Normalizing multiple series (2)

```
      Date

      2010-01-04
      1.000000
      1.000000

      2010-01-05
      1.001963
      0.995592
      1.007602

      2010-01-06
      0.985934
      0.970517
      1.004094
```

• .div(): automatic alignment of Series index & DataFrame columns



#### Comparing with a benchmark (1)

```
index = pd.read_csv('benchmark.csv', parse_dates=['date'], index_col='date')
index.info()
DatetimeIndex: 1826 entries, 2010-01-01 to 2016-12-30
Data columns (total 1 columns):
SP500
        1762 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(1)
prices = pd.concat([prices, index], axis=1).dropna()
prices.info()
DatetimeIndex: 1761 entries, 2010-01-04 to 2016-12-30
Data columns (total 4 columns):
AAPL
        1761 non-null float64
GOOG
       1761 non-null float64
        1761 non-null float64
YHOO
SP500
        1761 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(4)
```



#### Comparing with a benchmark (2)

```
prices.head(1)
```

```
AAPL G00G YH00 SP500
2010-01-04 30.57 313.06 17.10 1132.99
```

```
normalized = prices.div(prices.iloc[0]).mul(100)
normalized.plot()
```





#### Plotting performance difference

```
diff = normalized[tickers].sub(normalized['SP500'], axis=0)
```

```
G00G YH00 AAPL
2010-01-04 0.000000 0.0000000 0.0000000
2010-01-05 -0.752375 0.448669 -0.115294
2010-01-06 -3.314604 0.043069 -1.772895
```

• .sub(..., axis=0): Subtract a Series from each DataFrame column by aligning indexes

#### Plotting performance difference

diff.plot()





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# Changing the time series frequency: resampling

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#### Changing the frequency: resampling

- DateTimeIndex : set & change freq using .asfreq()
- But frequency conversion affects the data
  - Upsampling: fill or interpolate missing data
  - Downsampling: aggregate existing data
- pandas API:
  - o .asfreq(), .reindex()
  - resample() + transformation method

#### Getting started: quarterly data

```
dates = pd.date_range(start='2016', periods=4, freq='Q')
data = range(1, 5)
quarterly = pd.Series(data=data, index=dates)
quarterly
```

```
2016-03-31 1

2016-06-30 2

2016-09-30 3

2016-12-31 4

Freq: Q-DEC, dtype: int64 # Default: year-end quarters
```

#### **Upsampling:** quarter => month

```
monthly = quarterly.asfreq('M') # to month-end frequency
```

```
2016-03-31
             1.0
2016-04-30
             NaN
2016-05-31
             NaN
2016-06-30
             2.0
2016-07-31
             NaN
2016-08-31
             NaN
2016-09-30
             3.0
2016-10-31
             NaN
2016-11-30
             NaN
2016-12-31
             4.0
Freq: M, dtype: float64
```

Upsampling creates missing values

```
monthly = monthly.to_frame('baseline') # to DataFrame
```



#### Upsampling: fill methods

```
monthly['ffill'] = quarterly.asfreq('M', method='ffill')
monthly['bfill'] = quarterly.asfreq('M', method='bfill')
monthly['value'] = quarterly.asfreq('M', fill_value=0)
```



### Upsampling: fill methods

• bfill: backfill

• ffill: forward fill

	baseline	ffill	bfill	value
2016-03-31	1.0	1	1	1
2016-04-30	NaN	1	2	0
2016-05-31	NaN	1	2	0
2016-06-30	2.0	2	2	2
2016-07-31	NaN	2	3	0
2016-08-31	NaN	2	3	0
2016-09-30	3.0	3	3	3
2016-10-31	NaN	3	4	0
2016-11-30	NaN	3	4	0
2016-12-31	4.0	4	4	4

#### Add missing months: .reindex()

- .reindex():
  - conform DataFrame to new index
  - same filling logic as.asfreq()

```
quarterly.reindex(dates)
```

```
2016-01-31
              NaN
2016-02-29
              NaN
2016-03-31
              1.0
2016-04-30
              NaN
2016-05-31
              NaN
2016-06-30
              2.0
2016-07-31
              NaN
2016-08-31
              NaN
2016-09-30
              3.0
2016-10-31
              NaN
2016-11-30
              NaN
2016-12-31
              4.0
```

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# Upsampling & interpolation with .resample()

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#### Frequency conversion & transformation methods

- .resample():similar to .groupby()
- Groups data within resampling period and applies one or several methods to each group
- New date determined by offset start, end, etc
- Upsampling: fill from existing or interpolate values
- Downsampling: apply aggregation to existing data

#### Getting started: monthly unemployment rate

```
unrate = pd.read_csv('unrate.csv', parse_dates['Date'], index_col='Date')
unrate.info()
```

```
DatetimeIndex: 208 entries, 2000-01-01 to 2017-04-01

Data columns (total 1 columns):

UNRATE 208 non-null float64 # no frequency information

dtypes: float64(1)
```

```
unrate.head()
```

Reporting date: 1st day of month



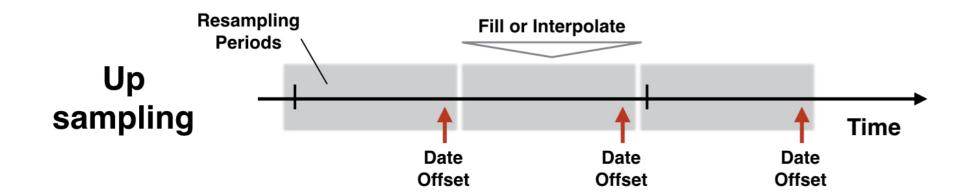
#### Resampling Period & Frequency Offsets

- Resample creates new date for frequency offset
- Several alternatives to calendar month end

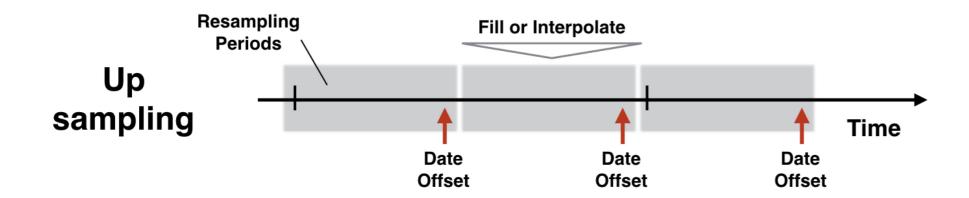
Frequency	Alias	Sample Date
Calendar Month End	М	2017-04-30
Calendar Month Start	MS	2017-04-01
Business Month End	ВМ	2017-04-28
Business Month Start	BMS	2017-04-03

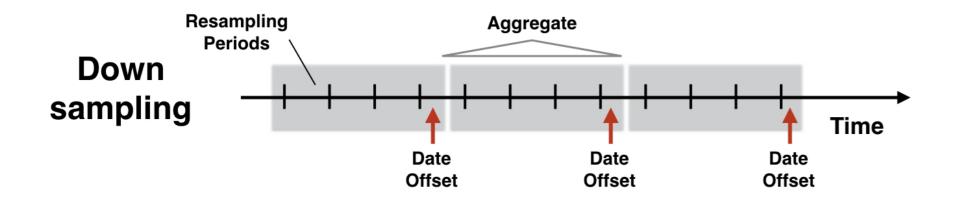


#### Resampling logic



#### Resampling logic





#### Assign frequency with .resample()

```
Unrate.asfreq('MS').info()

DatetimeIndex: 208 entries, 2000-01-01 to 2017-04-01
Freq: MS
Data columns (total 1 columns):
UNRATE     208 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(1)
```

```
unrate.resample('MS') # creates Resampler object
```



#### Assign frequency with .resample()

```
unrate.asfreq('MS').equals(unrate.resample('MS').asfreq())
```

#### True

resample(): returns data only when calling another method



#### Quarterly real GDP growth

```
gdp = pd.read_csv('gdp.csv')
gdp.info()
DatetimeIndex: 69 entries, 2000-01-01 to 2017-01-01
Data columns (total 1 columns):
       69 non-null float64 # no frequency info
qpd
dtypes: float64(1)
gdp.head(2)
            gpd
DATE
2000-01-01 1.2
2000-04-01 7.8
```



#### Interpolate monthly real GDP growth

```
gdp_1 = gdp.resample('MS').ffill().add_suffix('_ffill')
```

```
gpd_ffill

DATE

2000-01-01 1.2

2000-02-01 1.2

2000-03-01 1.2

2000-04-01 7.8
```



#### Interpolate monthly real GDP growth

```
gdp_2 = gdp.resample('MS').interpolate().add_suffix('_inter')
```

```
gpd_inter

DATE

2000-01-01 1.200000

2000-02-01 3.400000

2000-03-01 5.600000

2000-04-01 7.800000
```

• .interpolate(): finds points on straight line between existing data

#### Concatenating two DataFrames

```
df1 = pd.DataFrame([1, 2, 3], columns=['df1'])
df2 = pd.DataFrame([4, 5, 6], columns=['df2'])
pd.concat([df1, df2])
```

```
df1 df2
0 1.0 NaN
1 2.0 NaN
2 3.0 NaN
0 NaN 4.0
1 NaN 5.0
2 NaN 6.0
```



#### Concatenating two DataFrames

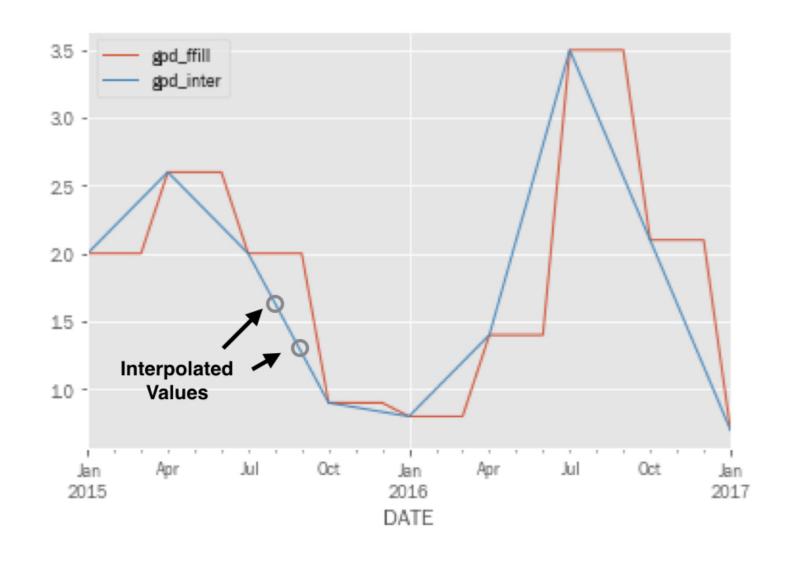
```
pd.concat([df1, df2], axis=1)
```

```
df1 df2
0 1 4
1 2 5
2 3 6
```

axis=1 : concatenate horizontally

#### Plot interpolated real GDP growth

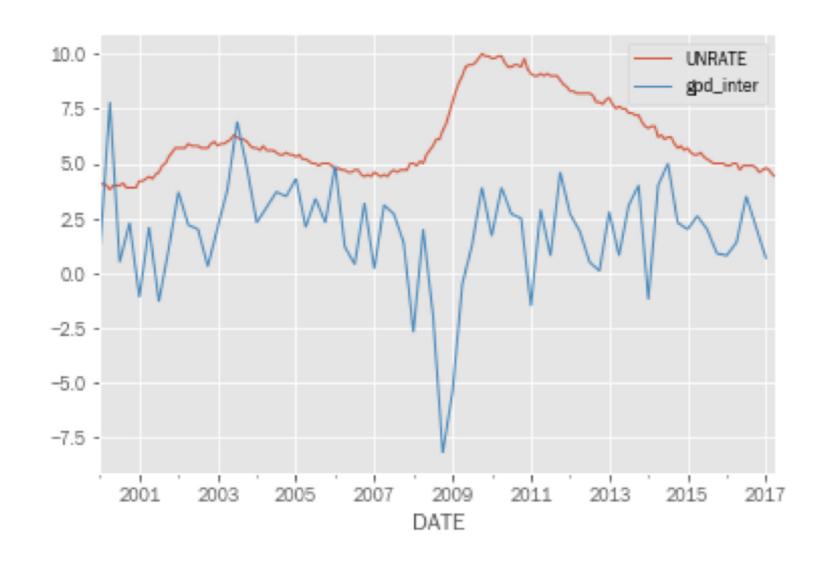
pd.concat([gdp\_1, gdp\_2], axis=1).loc['2015':].plot()





#### Combine GDP growth & unemployment

pd.concat([unrate, gdp\_inter], axis=1).plot();





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# Downsampling & aggregation

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#### Downsampling & aggregation methods

- So far: upsampling, fill logic & interpolation
- Now: downsampling
  - hour to day
  - day to month, etc
- How to represent the existing values at the new date?
  - Mean, median, last value?

#### Air quality: daily ozone levels

```
ozone = pd.read_csv('ozone.csv',
                     parse_dates=['date'],
                     index_col='date')
ozone.info()
DatetimeIndex: 6291 entries, 2000-01-01 to 2017-03-31
Data columns (total 1 columns):
         6167 non-null float64
Ozone
dtypes: float64(1)
ozone = ozone.resample('D').asfreq()
ozone.info()
DatetimeIndex: 6300 entries, 1998-01-05 to 2017-03-31
Freq: D
Data columns (total 1 columns):
         6167 non-null float64
Ozone
dtypes: float64(1)
```



#### Creating monthly ozone data

```
ozone.resample('M').mean().head()
```

```
ozone.resample('M').median().head()
```

```
Ozone

date

2000-01-31  0.010443

2000-02-29  0.011817

2000-03-31  0.016810

2000-04-30  0.019413

2000-05-31  0.026535
```

```
.resample().mean() : Monthly
average, assigned to end of
calendar month
```

#### Creating monthly ozone data

```
ozone.resample('M').agg(['mean', 'std']).head()
```

```
      Ozone mean

      date

      2000-01-31
      0.010443
      0.004755

      2000-02-29
      0.011817
      0.004072

      2000-03-31
      0.016810
      0.004977

      2000-04-30
      0.019413
      0.006574

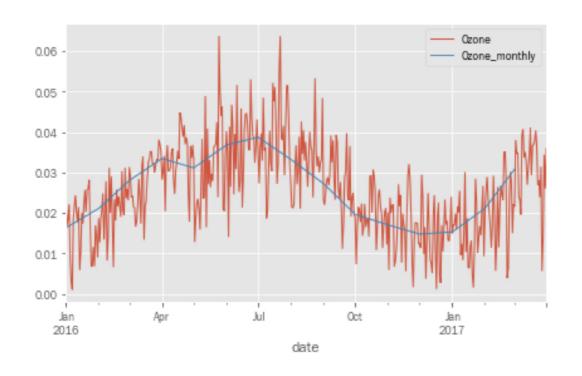
      2000-05-31
      0.026535
      0.008409
```

• .resample().agg(): List of aggregation functions like groupby



#### Plotting resampled ozone data

```
ozone = ozone.loc['2016':]
ax = ozone.plot()
monthly = ozone.resample('M').mean()
monthly.add_suffix('_monthly').plot(ax=ax)
```



ax=ax:
Matplotlib let's you plot again on
the axes object returned by the
first plot

#### Resampling multiple time series

```
DatetimeIndex: 6300 entries, 2000-01-01 to 2017-03-31
Freq: D
Data columns (total 2 columns):
Ozone 6167 non-null float64
PM25 6167 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(2)
```



#### Resampling multiple time series

```
data = data.resample('BM').mean()
data.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
DatatimaTradavi.2007.cortnica.2000.01.71.to.2017.07.71
```

```
DatetimeIndex: 207 entries, 2000-01-31 to 2017-03-31
Freq: BM

Data columns (total 2 columns):
ozone 207 non-null float64

pm25 207 non-null float64

dtypes: float64(2)
```

#### Resampling multiple time series

```
df.resample('M').first().head(4)
```

```
      Ozone
      PM25

      date
      2000-01-31 0.005545 20.800000

      2000-02-29 0.016139 6.500000
      6.500000

      2000-03-31 0.017004 8.493333
      8.493333

      2000-04-30 0.031354 6.889474
```

```
df.resample('MS').first().head()
```

```
      Ozone
      PM25

      date
      2000-01-01
      0.004032
      37.320000

      2000-02-01
      0.010583
      24.800000

      2000-03-01
      0.007418
      11.106667

      2000-04-01
      0.017631
      11.700000

      2000-05-01
      0.022628
      9.700000
```



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