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How GroupBy operation works?

- It works based on the 'split-apply-combine' formula basically applied in R language.

The mechanism uses the Pandas Object: `pandas.groupby`

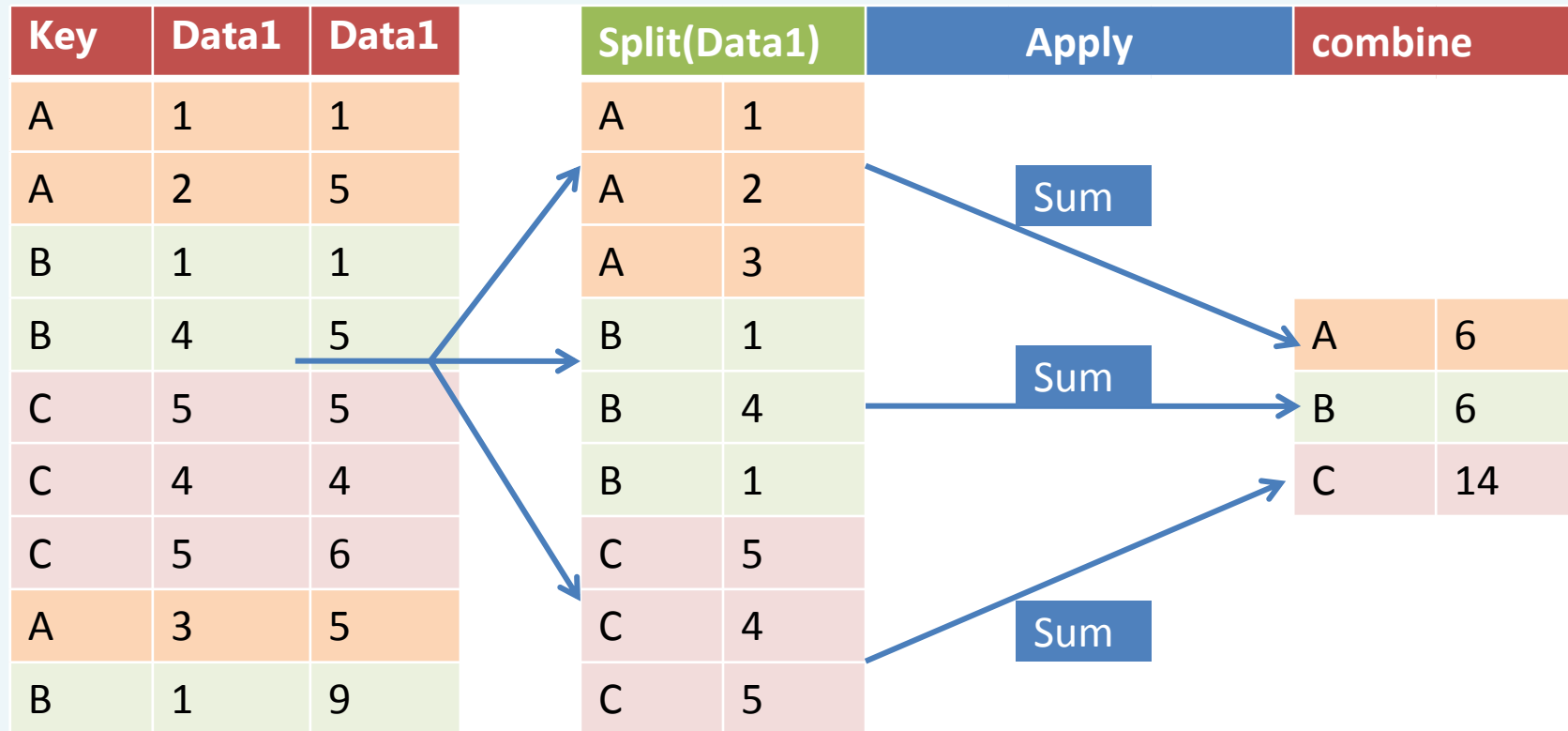
- By default groupby groups on axis=0(usually along rows); we can use axis=1 (along columns) to perform on any other axis.



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How to iterate over Groups?

- The Groupby operation can be used to iterate over groups using the Python's iterating objects like 'for' loop.



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How to work with Groupby operation?

- We can select column or subset of columns of a DataFrame by passing a list of column names to the groupby operation. It is referred as indexing a groupby object.
- We can pass dictionary as a key (or grouping parameter) to groupby object.
- We can pass list of elements with the length same as that of the DataFrame len object to groupby object.
- We can pass Python function's as a key for groupby operation.
- We can even use index level to group in groupby operation.



Data Aggregation

What is Data Aggregation?

- Data Aggregation refers to the data transformation that produces the scalar values from any array or array like object. Ex: sum, count, mean, median etc,.
- Pandas provides 'aggregate' or 'agg' method for Data Aggregation.



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Some commonly used Aggregation functions:

✂ Though the listed methods are not the final ones. Instead we can use our own aggregate functions by creating our self.

<input type="checkbox"/> count	Number of non-NA values in the group
<input type="checkbox"/> sum	Sum of non-NA values
<input type="checkbox"/> mean	Mean of non-NA values
<input type="checkbox"/> median	Arithmetic median of non-NA values
<input type="checkbox"/> std, var	Unbiased ($n - 1$ denominator) standard deviation
<input type="checkbox"/> min, max	Minimum and maximum of non-NA values
<input type="checkbox"/> prod	Product of non-NA values
<input type="checkbox"/> first, last	First and last non-NA values



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How to Aggregate when the Data file is too big?

✍ The following steps are followed in that situation.

- ❖ When the Data file is too big to compute aggregation; we can select the particular columns using Groupby object.
- ❖ Then use indexing on grouped object with the specific column again
- ❖ Finally pass a single or a list of aggregation function to the 'agg' object.



Apply: Method

How exactly the 'apply' function works?

It works systematically like:

- 'split-apply-combine'

But there exist a beautiful mechanism inside the 'apply' function.

