Accelerate Pandas Scripts with 1 Line of Code (FireDucks)

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Agenda

- Pandas: Its Pros & Cons
- Migration challenges from pandas to another library
- FireDucks and Its Offerings
- Tips and Tricks of Optimizing Large-scale Data processing workload
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Quick Introduction!

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Hello, I am a software professional with 11+ years of working experience across diverse areas of **HPC, Vector Supercomputing, Distributed Programming, Big Data and Machine Learning**. Currently, my team at NEC R&D Lab, Japan, is researching various data processing-related algorithms. Blending the mixture of different niche technologies related to compiler framework, high-performance computing, and multi-threaded programming, we have developed a Python library named FireDucks with highly compatible pandas APIs for DataFrame-related operations.

https://www.nec.com/en/global/solutions/hpc/sx/index.html

Mr. Kazuhisa Ishizaka
(Primary Author)

we wanted to develop some library using compiler technology

we wanted to speed-up python

Data Scientists often face issues with slow performance of pandas

User Program

pandas API

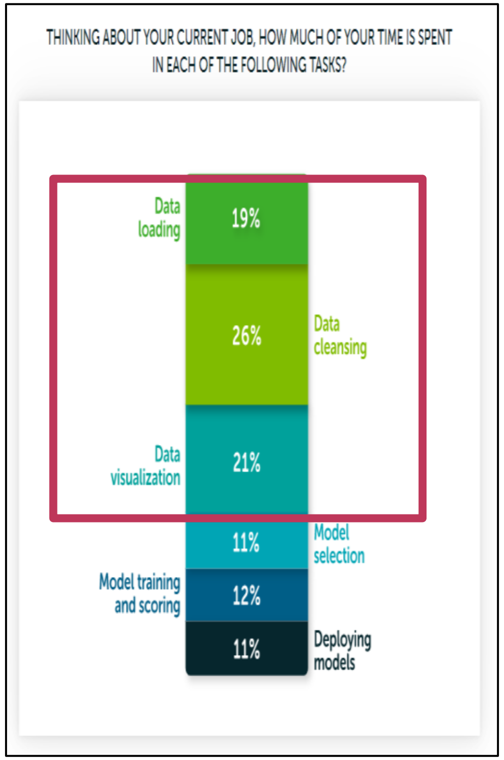
FireDucks

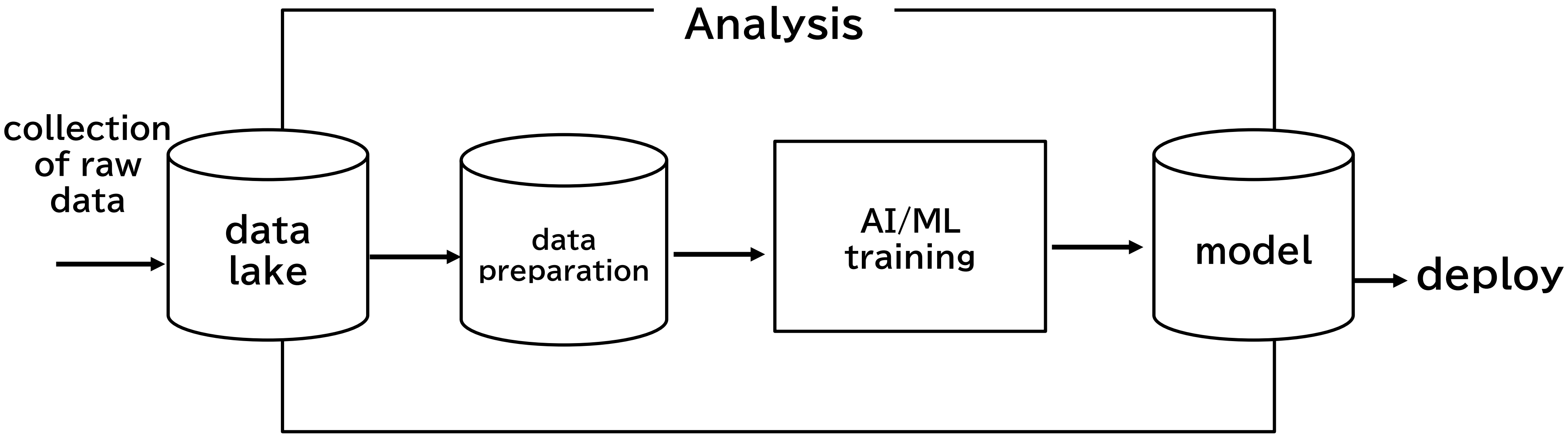
groupby | **join** | **dropna** | **filter** | **sort** | **corr**

compiler technologies

Workflow of a Data Scientist

almost 70% of efforts of a Data Scientist

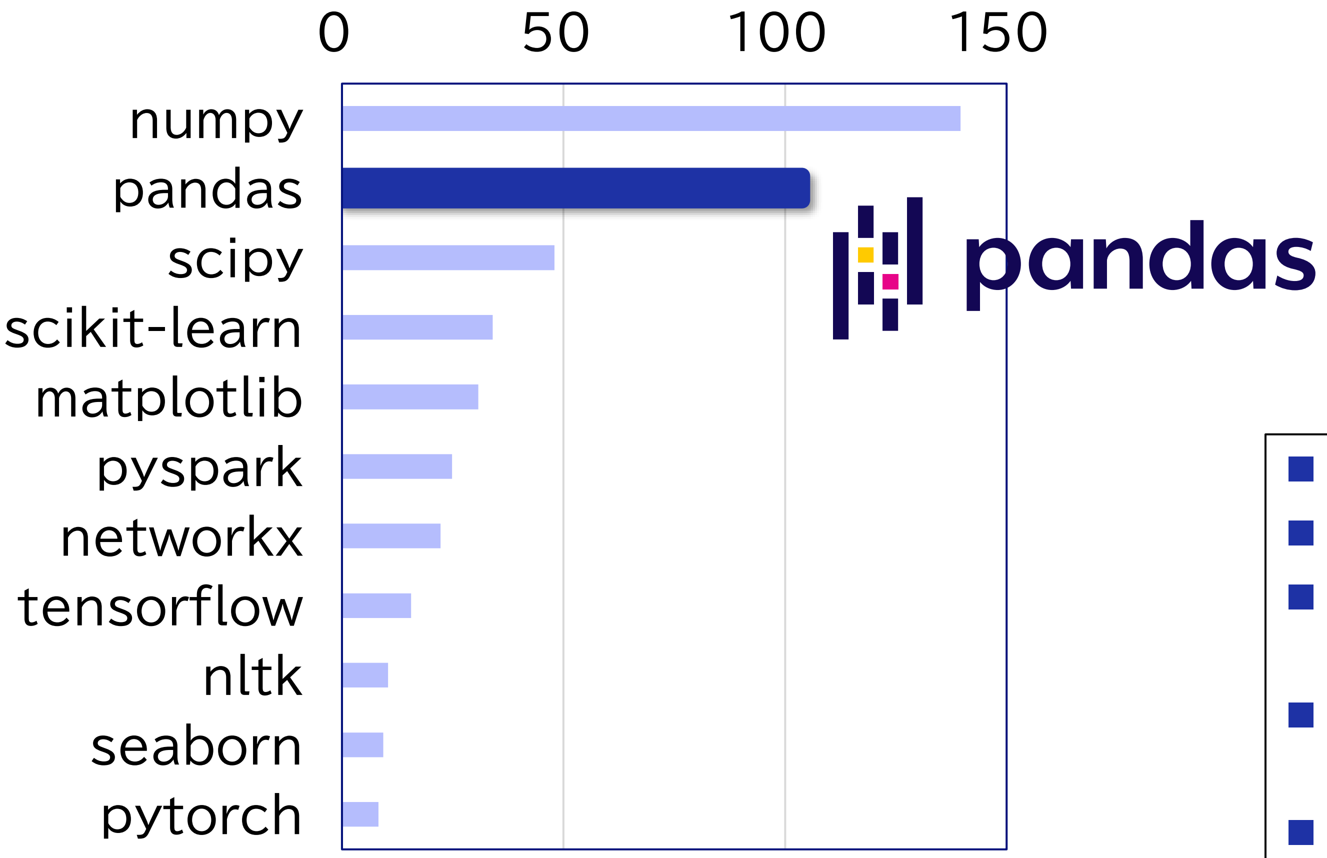




Anaconda:
The State of Data Science 2020

Pandas: Its Pros and Cons

◆ **Most popular Python library for data analytics.**



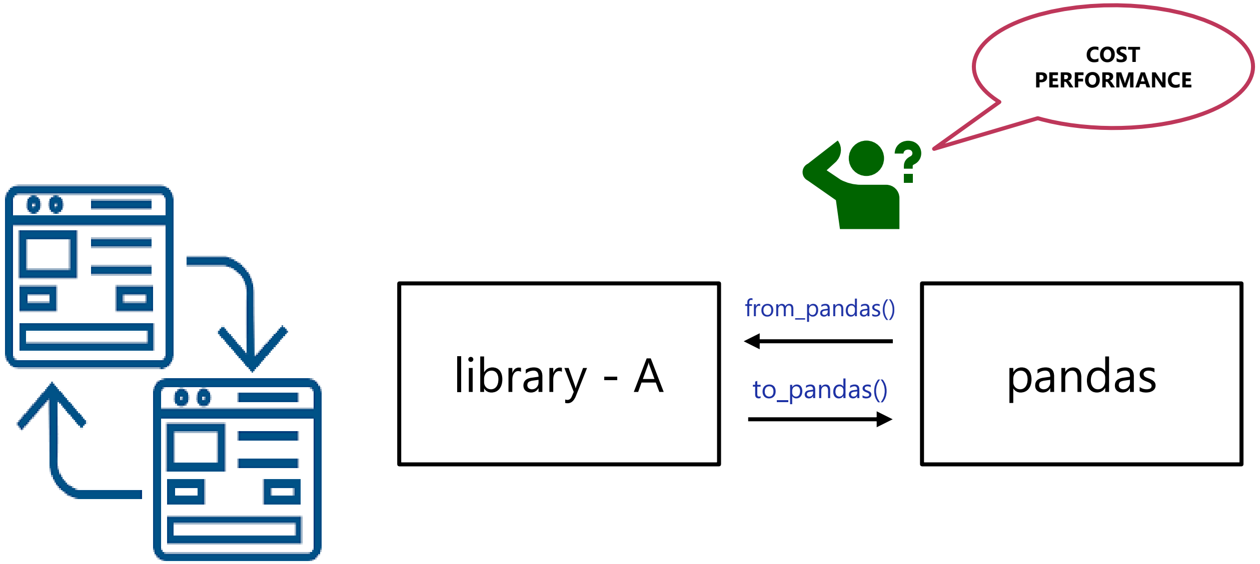
Monthly download from pypi.org
(Data Analytics Libraries)

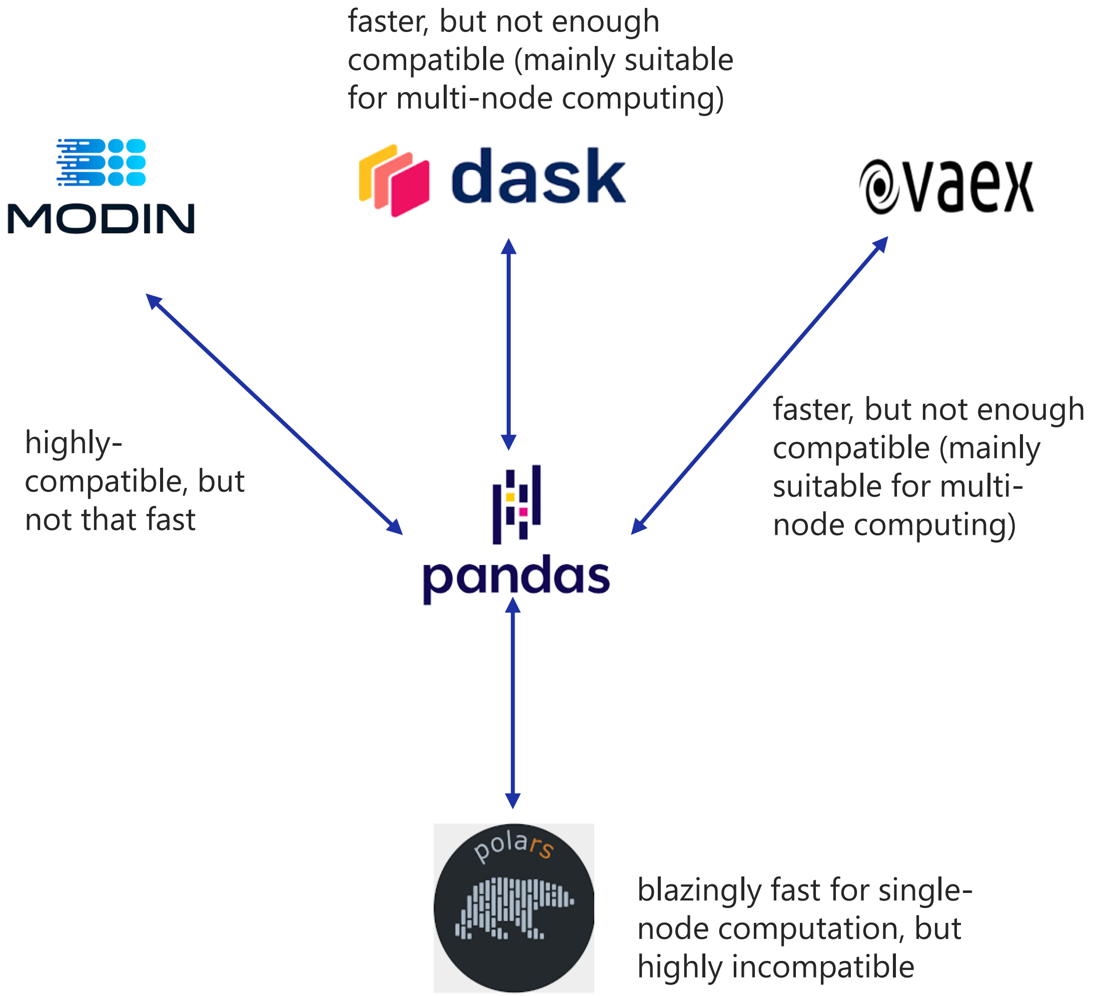
- It (mostly) doesn't support parallel computation.
- It doesn't have any auto-optimization feature.
- The choice of API heavily impacts the performance of a pandas application.
- Very slow execution reduces the efficiency of a data analyst.
- Long-running execution
  - produces higher cloud costs
  - attributes to higher CO2 emission

Challenges in Migration from pandas

Three most common challenges in switching from pandas:

- Needs to learn new library and their interfaces.
- Manual fallback to pandas when the target library doesn't support a method used in an existing pandas application.
- Performance can be evaluated, and results can be tested after the migration is completed.





Introducing FireDucks

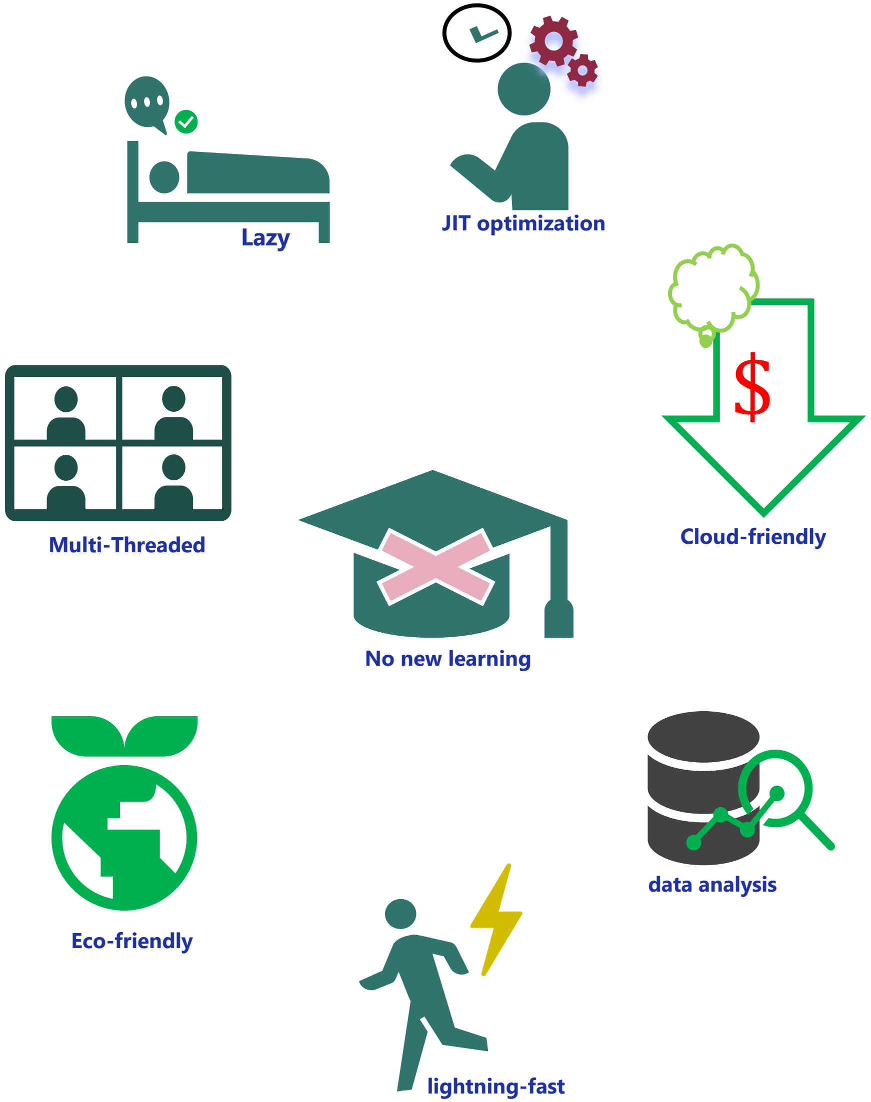
FireDucks (**F**lexible **IR** **E**ngine for DataFrame) is a high-performance compiler-accelerated DataFrame library with highly compatible pandas APIs.

Speed: significantly faster than pandas

- FireDucks is multithreaded to fully exploit the modern processor
- Lazy execution model with Just-In-Time optimization using a defined-by-run mechanism supported by MLIR (a subproject of LLVM).
  - supports both lazy and non-lazy execution models without modifying user programs (same API).

Ease of use: drop-in replacement of pandas

- FireDucks is highly compatible with pandas API
  - seamless integration is possible not only for an existing pandas program but also for any external libraries (like seaborn, scikit-learn, etc.) that internally use pandas dataframes.
- No extra learning is required
- No code modification is required



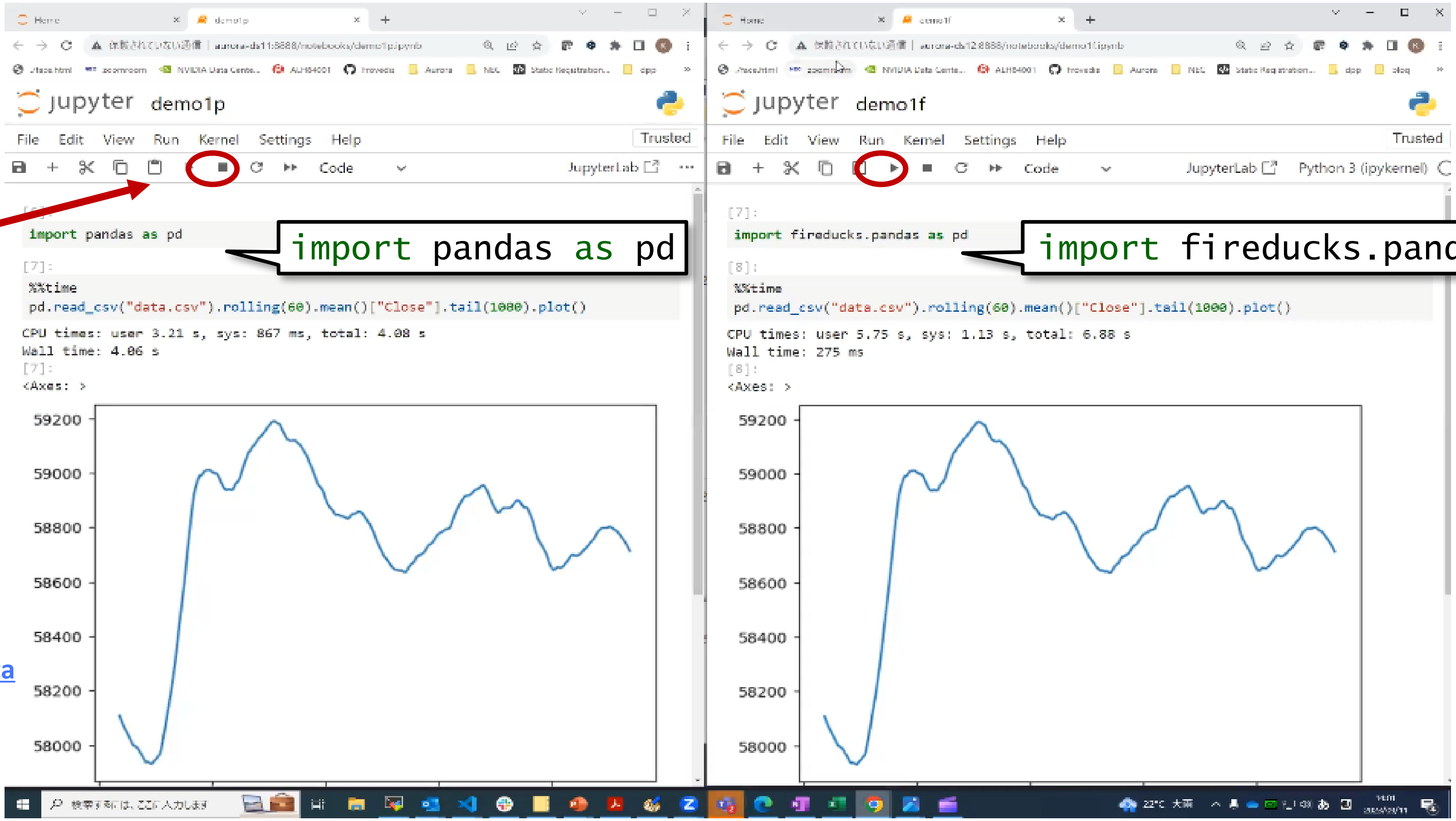
Let’s Have a Quick Demo!

```
pd.read_csv(“data.csv”).rolling(60).mean()[“Close”].tail(1000).plot()
```

Program to calculate moving average

pandas the difference is only in the import **FireDucks**

button to start execution




```
import pandas as pd
```

```
import fireducks.pandas as pd
```

pandas: 4.06s

~15x

FireDucks: 275ms

data.csv: [Bitcoin Historical Data]

Usage of FireDucks

1. Explicit Import

easy to import

```
# import pandas as pd
import fireducks.pandas as pd
```

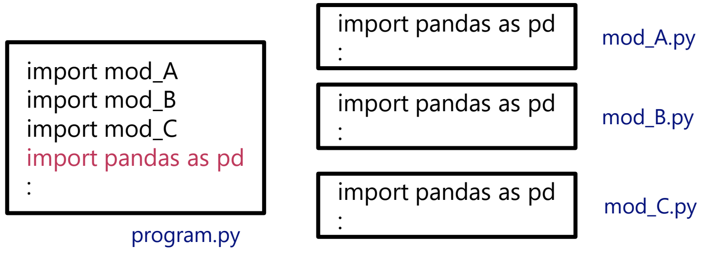
simply change the import statement

2. Import Hook

FireDucks provides command line option to automatically replace “**pandas**” with “**fireducks.pandas**”

```
$ python -m fireducks.pandas program.py
```

zero code modification



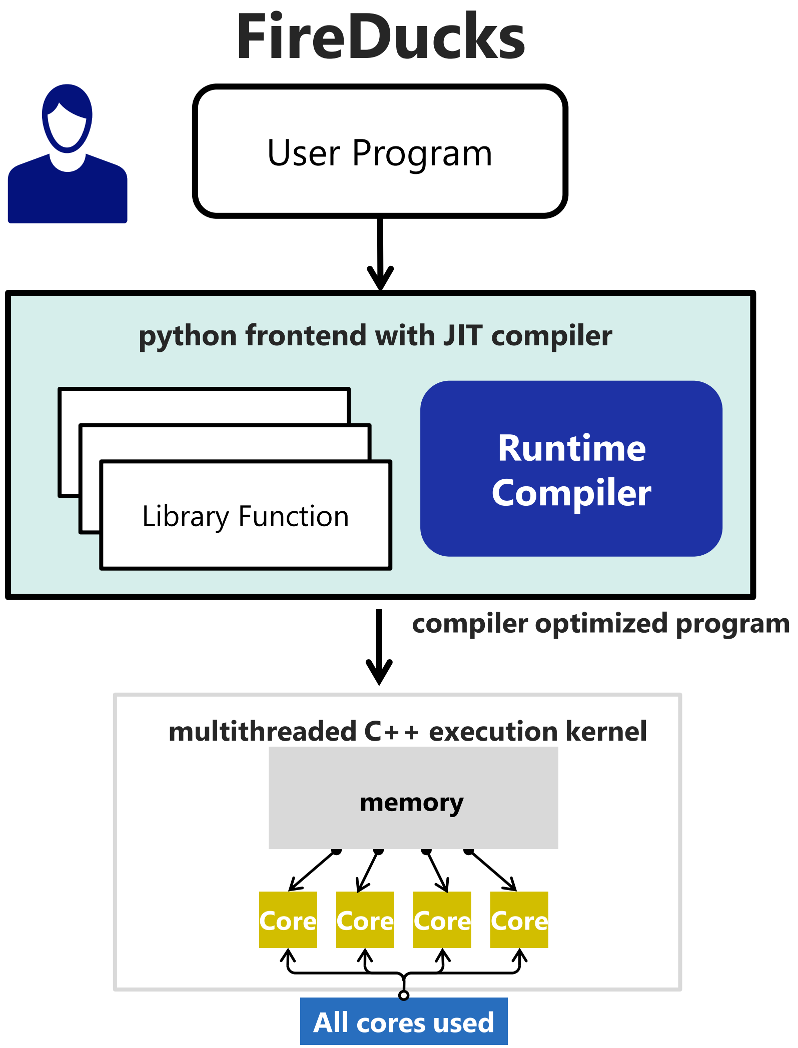
3. Notebook Extension

FireDucks provides simple import extension for interative notebooks.

```
%load_ext fireducks.pandas
import pandas as pd
```

simple integration in a notebook

Optimization Features



1. **Compiler Specific Optimizations**: Common Sub-expression Elimination, Dead-code Elimination, Constant Folding etc.
2. **Domain Specific Optimization**: Optimization at query-level: reordering instructions etc.
3. **Pandas Specific Optimization**: selection of suitable pandas APIs, selection of suitable parameter etc.

1. **Multi-threaded Computation**: Leverage all the available computational cores.
2. **Efficient Memory Management**: Data Structures backed by Apache Arrow
3. **Optimized Kernels**: Patented algorithms for Database like kernel operations: like sorting, join, filter, groupby, dropna etc. developed in C++ from scratch.

Compiler Specific Optimizations

- **Common mistakes often found in Kaggle notebooks**
  - same operation on the same data repeatedly
  - computation without further usage

The in-built compiler of FireDucks can auto-detect such issues and optimize at runtime.

```
# Find year and month-wise average sales
df["year"] = pd.to_datetime(df["time"]).dt.year
df["month"] = pd.to_datetime(df["time"]).dt.month
r = df.groupby(["year", "month"])["sales"].mean()
```

Common **S**ub-expression **E**limination

```
s = pd.to_datetime(df["time"])
df["year"] = s.dt.year
df["month"] = s.dt.month
r = df.groupby(["year", "month"])["sales"].mean()
```

```
def func(x: pd.DataFrame, y: pd.DataFrame):
    merged = x.merge(y, on="key")
    sorted = merged.sort_values(by="key")
    return merged.groupby("key").max()
```

Dead **C**ode **E**limination

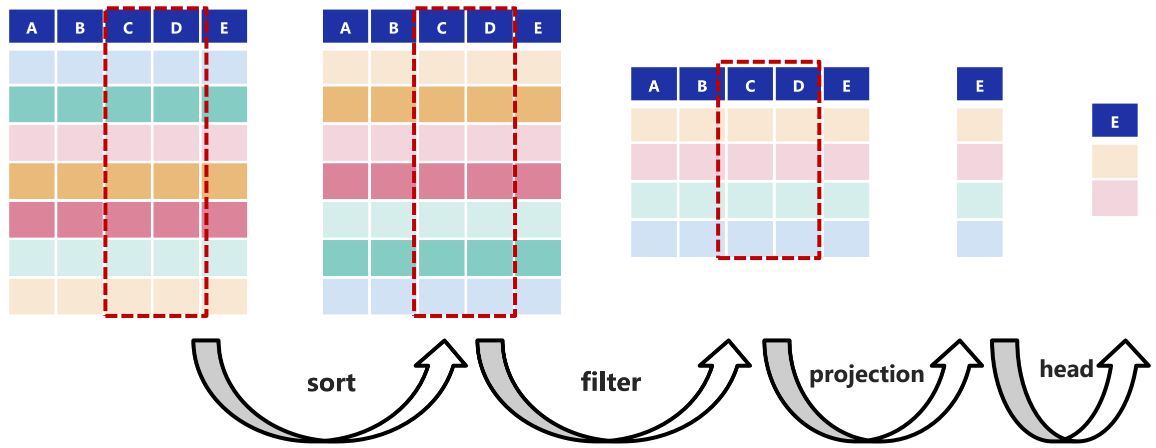
```
def func(x: pd.DataFrame, y: pd.DataFrame):
    merged = x.merge(y, on="key")
    return merged.groupby("key").max()
```

[Have you ever thought of speeding up your data analysis in pandas with a compiler?]

Attention: Execution order matters to boost-up your program performance!

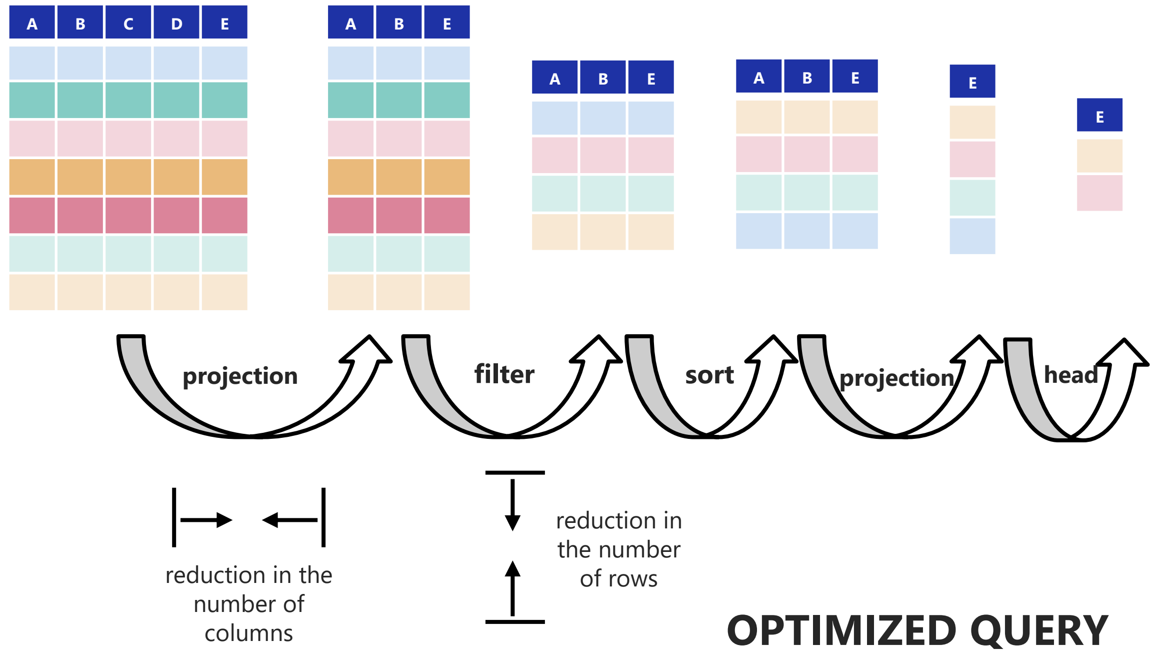
```
df.sort_values("A")
  .query("B > 1")["E"]
  .head(2)
```

※sort-order: yellow->red->green->blue



SAMPLE QUERY

```
df.loc[:, ["A", "B", "E"]]
  .query("B > 1")
  .sort_values("A")["E"]
  .head(2)
```

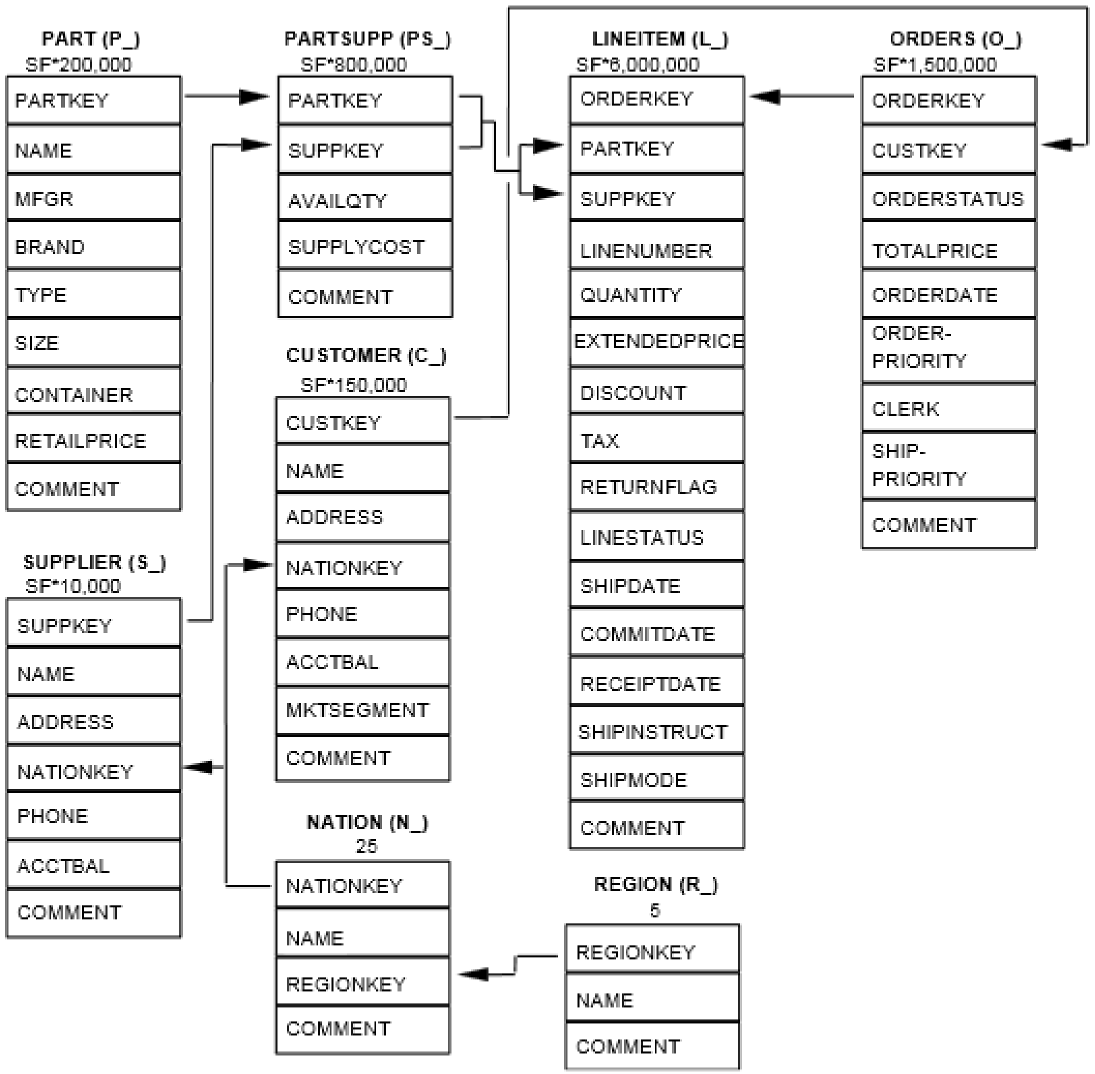


OPTIMIZED QUERY

Hands-on: Query #3 from TPC-H Benchmark (SQL -> pandas)

```
SELECT l_orderkey,
            sum(l_extendedprice * (1 - l_discount)) as revenue,
            o_orderdate,
            o_shippriority
FROM customer, orders, lineitem
WHERE
   c_mktsegment = 'BUILDING' AND
   c_custkey = o_custkey AND
   l_orderkey = o_orderkey AND
   o_orderdate < date '1995-03-15' AND
   l_shipdate > date '1995-03-15'
GROUP BY l_orderkey, o_orderdate, o_shippriority
ORDER BY revenue desc, o_orderdate
LIMIT 20;
```

```
rescols = ["l_orderkey", “revenue”, "o_orderdate", "o_shippriority“]
result = (
  customer.merge(orders, left_on="c_custkey", right_on="o_custkey")
     .merge(lineitem, left_on="o_orderkey", right_on="l_orderkey")
     .pipe(lambda df: df[df[“c_mktsegment"] == "BUILDING"])
     .pipe(lambda df: df[df["o_orderdate"] < datetime(1995, 3, 15)])
     .pipe(lambda df: df[df["l_shipdate"] > datetime(1995, 3, 15)])
     .assign(revenue=lambda df: df["l_extendedprice"] * (1 - df["l_discount"]))
     .groupby(["l_orderkey", "o_orderdate", "o_shippriority"], as_index=False)
     .agg({"revenue": "sum”})[rescols]
     .sort_values(["revenue", "o_orderdate"], ascending=[False, True])
     .head(10)
)
```



Hands-on: Query #3 from TPC-H Benchmark (pandas -> optimized pandas)

```
rescols = ["l_orderkey", "revenue", "o_orderdate", "o_shippriority"]
result = (
  customer.merge(orders, left_on="c_custkey", right_on="o_custkey")
     .merge(lineitem, left_on="o_orderkey", right_on="l_orderkey")
     .pipe(lambda df: df[df["c_mktsegment"] == "BUILDING"])
     .pipe(lambda df: df[df["o_orderdate"] < datetime(1995, 3, 15)])
     .pipe(lambda df: df[df["l_shipdate"] > datetime(1995, 3, 15)])
     .assign(revenue=lambda df: df["l_extendedprice"] * (1 - df["l_discount"]))
     .groupby(["l_orderkey", "o_orderdate", "o_shippriority"], as_index=False)
     .agg({"revenue": "sum"})[rescols]
     .sort_values(["revenue", "o_orderdate"], ascending=[False, True])
     .head(10)
)
```

Exec-time: 68.55 s

Such domain specific optimizations can be performed by FireDucks automatically

6.5x

```
# projection-filter: to reduce scope of "customer" table to be processed
cust = customer[["c_custkey", "c_mktsegment"]]
f_cust = cust[cust["c_mktsegment"] == "BUILDING"]

# projection-filter: to reduce scope of "orders" table to be processed
ord = orders[["o_custkey", "o_orderkey", "o_orderdate", "o_shippriority"]]
f_ord = ord[ord["o_orderdate"] < datetime(1995, 3, 15)]

# projection-filter: to reduce scope of "lineitem" table to be processed
litem = lineitem[["l_orderkey", "l_shipdate", "l_extendedprice", "l_discount"]]
f_litem = litem[litem["l_shipdate"] > datetime(1995, 3, 15)]

rescols = ["l_orderkey", "revenue", "o_orderdate", "o_shippriority"]
result = (
f_cust.merge(f_ord, left_on="c_custkey", right_on="o_custkey")
  .merge(f_litem, left_on="o_orderkey", right_on="l_orderkey")
  .assign(revenue=lambda df: df["l_extendedprice"] * (1 - df["l_discount"]))
  .pipe(lambda df: df[rescols])
  .groupby(["l_orderkey", "o_orderdate", "o_shippriority"], as_index=False)
  .agg({"revenue": "sum"})[rescols]
  .sort_values(["revenue", "o_orderdate"], ascending=[False, True])
  .head(10)
)
```

Exec-time: 10.33 s

Pandas Specific Optimization – Parameter Tuning

parameter tuning in pandas

department-wise average salaries sorted in descending order

```
res = (
    employee.groupby(“department")[“salary"]
                .mean()
                .sort_values(ascending=False)
)
```

groupby(“department“, sort=True)

```
res = (
    employee.groupby(“department“, sort=False)[“salary"]
                .mean()
                .sort_values(ascending=False)
)
```

department	salary (USD)
IT	85,000
Admin	60,000
Finance	100,000
IT	81,000
Finance	95,000
Corporate	78,000
Sales	80,000

employee table

department	salary (USD)
IT	85,000
IT	81,000

department	salary (USD)
Admin	60,000

department	salary (USD)
Finance	100,000
Finance	95,000

department	salary (USD)
Corporate	78,000

department	salary (USD)
Sales	80,000

creating groups

department	salary (USD)
IT	83,000
Admin	60,000
Finance	97,500
Corporate	78,000
Sales	80,000

group-wise average-salary

department	salary (USD)
Admin	60,000
Corporate	78,000
Finance	97,500
IT	83,000
Sales	80,000

group-wise average-salary
sorted by “department”

department	salary (USD)
Finance	97,500
IT	83,000
Sales	80,000
Corporate	78,000
Admin	60,000

group-wise average-salary
sorted by “department”

```
df.groupby(["A", "B"])["C"]
  .mean()
  .sort_values(ascending=False)
```

~50 sec

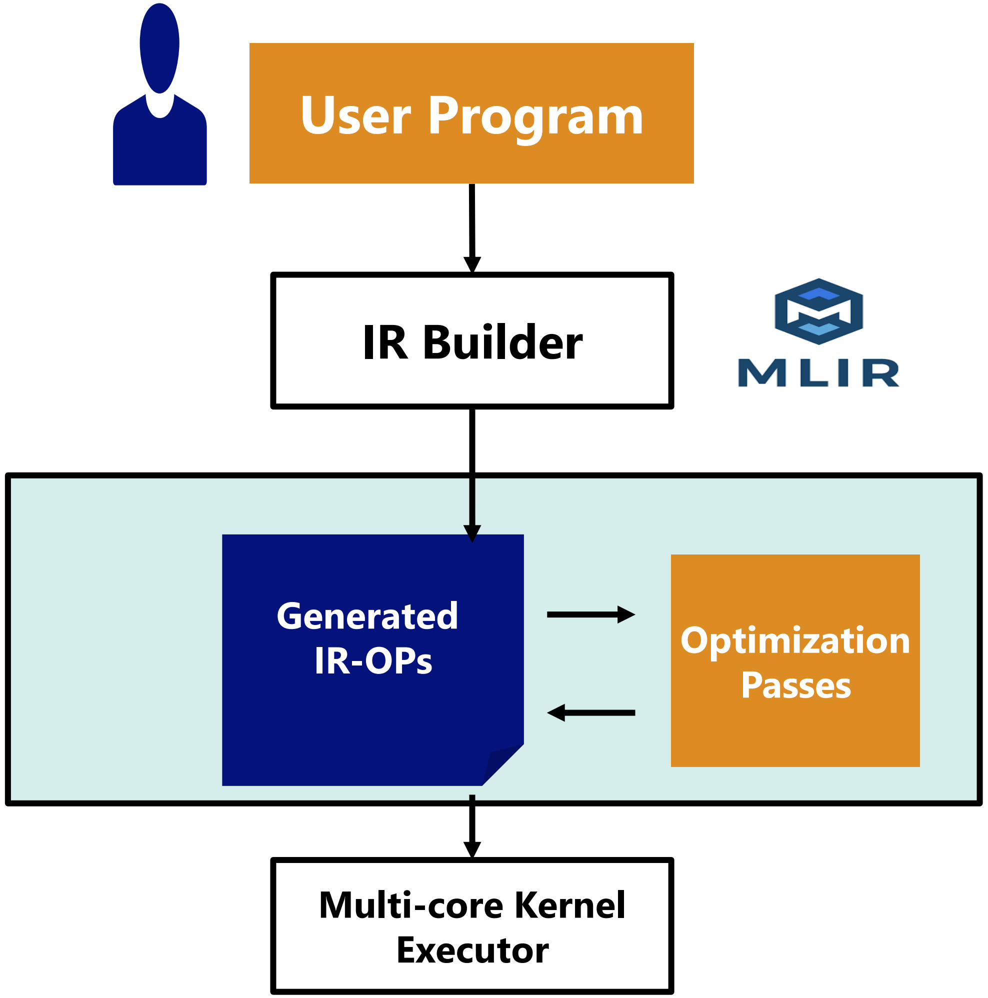
```
df.groupby(["A", "B"], sort=False)["C"]
  .mean()
  .sort_values(ascending=False)
```

~30 sec

100M samples with high-cardinality

How does FireDucks work?

※IR: Intermediate Representation



Primary Objective: <u>Write Once, Execute Anywhere</u>

```
sorted = df.sort_values("b")
result = sorted["a"]
```

↓

```
%v2 = "fireducks.sort_values"(%v1,"b")
%v3 = "fireducks.project"(%v2,["a"])
```

↓ **print (result)**

```
%v11 = "fireducks.project"(%v1,["a","b"])
%v2 = "fireducks.sort_values"(%v11,"b")
%v3 = "fireducks.project"(%v2,["a"])
```

↓

```
tmp = df[["a","b"]]
sorted = tmp.sort_values("b")
result = sorted["a"]
```

Benchmark (1): DB-Benchmark

Database-like ops benchmark (https://duckdblabs.github.io/db-benchmark)

groupby join

0.5 GB 5 GB 50 GB

basic questions

rank -1

Input table: 1,000,000,000 rows x 9 columns (50 GB)

FireDucks	0.12.5	2024-07-19	15s
DuckDB	1.0.0	2024-07-04	25s
ClickHouse	24.5.1.1763	2024-06-07	28s
Polars	1.1.0	2024-07-09	47s
Datafusion	38.0.1	2024-06-07	56s
data.table	1.15.99	2024-06-07	88s
DataFrames.jl	1.6.1	2024-06-07	91s
InMemoryDatasets	0.7.18	2023-10-17	218s
spark	3.5.1	2024-06-07	261s
R-arrow	16.1.0	2024-06-07	378s
collapse	2.0.14	2024-06-07	411s
(py)datatable	1.2.0a0	2024-06-07	1022s
dplyr	1.1.4	2024-06-07	1104s
pandas	2.2.2	2024-06-07	1126s
dask	2024.5.2	2024-06-07	out of memory
Modin		see README	pending

groupby

groupby join

0.5 GB 5 GB 50 GB

basic questions

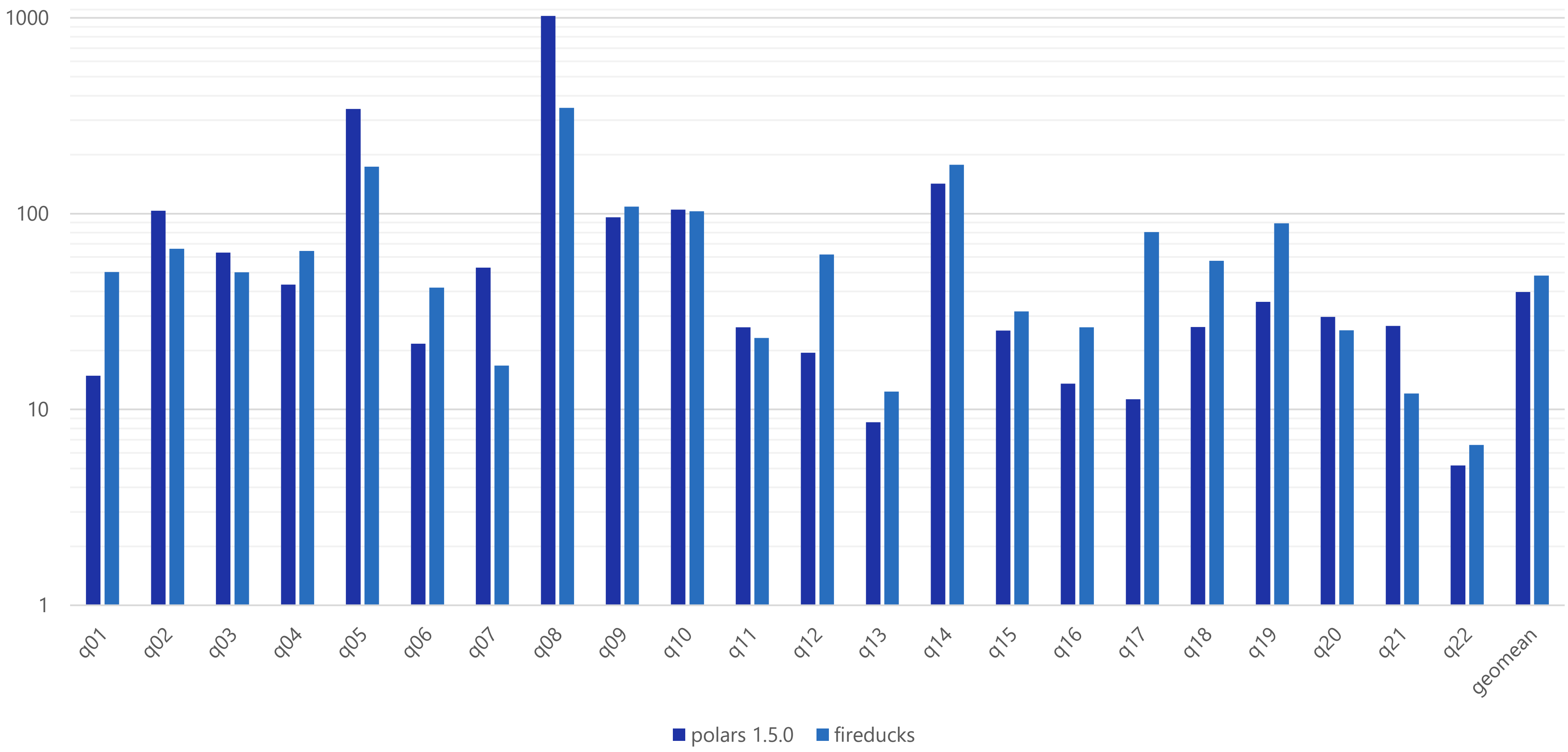
rank -1

Input table: 100,000,000 rows x 7 columns (5 GB)

FireDucks	0.12.5	2024-07-19	8s
DuckDB	1.0.0	2024-07-04	9s
Polars	1.1.0	2024-07-08	9s
Datafusion	38.0.1	2024-06-07	15s
InMemoryDatasets	0.7.18	2023-10-20	25s
ClickHouse	24.5.1.1763	2024-06-07	43s
data.table	1.15.99	2024-06-07	62s
collapse	2.0.14	2024-06-07	69s
DataFrames.jl	1.6.1	2024-06-07	77s
spark	3.5.1	2024-06-07	128s
dplyr	1.1.4	2024-06-07	214s
pandas	2.2.2	2024-06-07	244s
dask	2024.5.2	2024-06-07	635s
(py)datatable	1.2.0a0	2024-06-07	undefined exception
R-arrow	16.1.0	2024-06-07	out of memory
Modin		see README	pending

join

Benchmark (2): Speedup from pandas in TPC-H benchmark



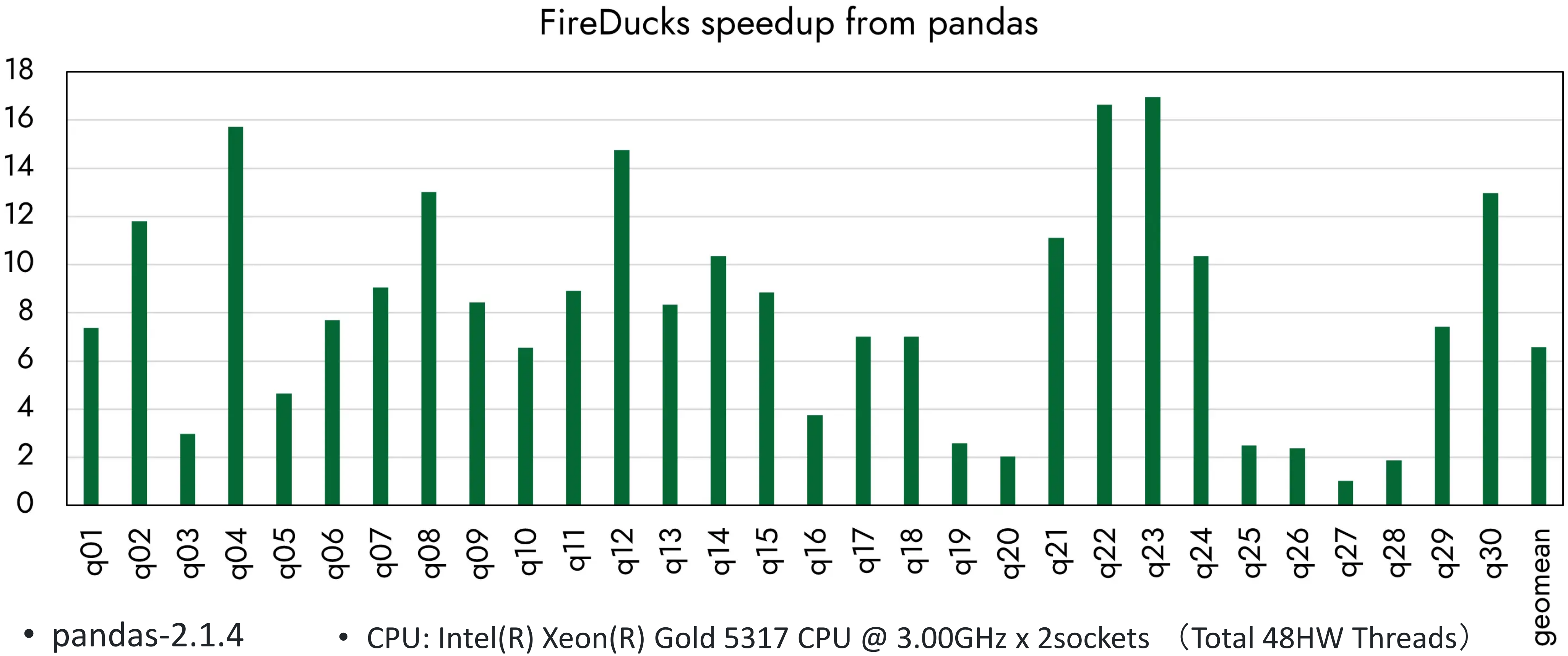
Server

Xeon Gold 5317 x2
(24 cores), 256GB

FireDucks: 48x
Polars: 40x

Benchmark (3): Speedup from pandas in TPCx-BB benchmark

ETL(Extract, Transform, Load) and ML Workflow



- pandas-2.1.4
- fireducks-0.9.3

- CPU: Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 5317 CPU @ 3.00GHz x 2sockets （Total 48HW Threads）
- Main memory: 256GB

Resource on FireDucks

Web site (User guide, benchmark, blog)

https://fireducks-dev.github.io/

X(twitter) (Release information)

https://x.com/fireducksdev

Github (Issue report)

https://github.com/fireducks-dev/fireducks

slack Q/A, communication

https://join.slack.com/t/fireducks/shared_invite/zt-2j4lucmtj-IGR7AWlXO62Lu605pnBJ2w

FireDucks

Compiler Accelerated DataFrame Library for Python with fully-compatible pandas API

Get Started

```
import fireducks.pandas as pd
```

News

Release fileducks-0.12.4 (Jul 09, 2024)

Have you ever thought of speeding up your data analysis in pandas with a compiler?(blog) (Jul 03, 2024)

Evaluation result of Database-like ops benchmark with FireDucks is now available. (Jun 18, 2024)

Accelerate pandas without any manual code changes

Do you have a pandas-based program that is slow? FireDucks can speed-up your programs without any manual code changes. You can accelerate your data analysis without worrying about slow performance due to single-threaded execution in pandas.

Let’s go for a test drive!

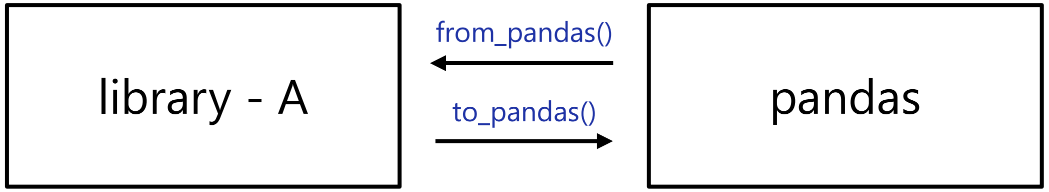
https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1qpej-X7CZsIeOqKuhBg4kq-cbGuJf1Zp?usp=sharing

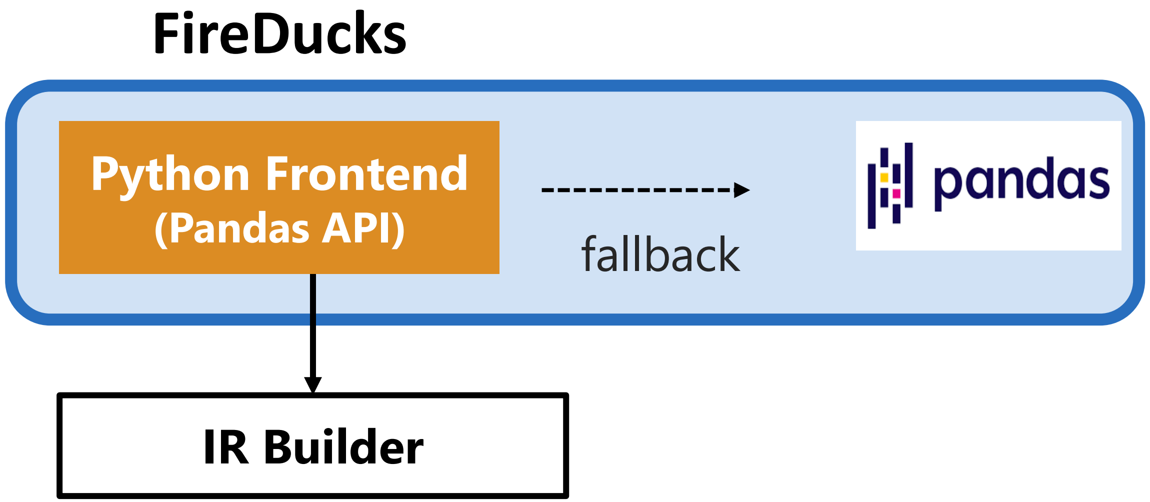
Thank You!

- Focus more into in-depth data exploration using "pandas".
- Let the "FireDucks" take care of the optimization for you!

Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ: Why FireDucks is highly compatible with pandas?






```
%load_ext fireducks.pandas    ← notebook extension for importhook
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
```

```
%%fireducks.profile           ← notebook specific profiler
df = pd.DataFrame({
    "id": np.random.choice(list("abcdef"), 10000),
    "val": np.random.choice(100, 10000)
})

r1 =(
    df.sort_values("id")
      .groupby("id")
      .head(2)
      .reset_index(drop=True)
)
                 pd.from_pandas(r1["val"].to_pandas().cumsum())
r1["val"] = r1["val"].cumsum()
r1.describe()
```

profiling-summary:: total: 42.4832 msec (fallback: 1.1448 msec)

	name	type	n_calls	duration (msec)
0	groupby_head	kernel	1	16.696805
1	sort_values	kernel	1	16.684564
2	from_pandas.frame.metadata	kernel	2	3.641694
3	to_pandas.frame.metadata	kernel	2	2.237987
4	describe	kernel	1	2.021135
5	DataFrame._repr_html_	fallback	1	1.021662
6	Series.cumsum	fallback	1	0.111802
7	setitem	kernel	1	0.010280
8	get_metadata	kernel	1	0.009650
9	reset_index	kernel	1	0.008050

When running a python script/program, you may like to set the environment variable to get fallback warning logs:
FIREDUCKS_FLAGS="-Wfallback"

Raise feature request when you encounter some expensive fallback hindering your program performance!

Directly **communicate** with us over our slack channel for any performance or API related queries!

FAQ: How to evaluate Lazy Execution?

```
def foo(employee, country):
    stime = time.time()
    m = employee.merge(country, on="C_Code")
    r = m[m["Gender"] == "Male"]
    print(f"fireducks time: {time.time() – stime} sec")
    return r
```

IR Builder

create_data_op(…)
merge_op(…)
filter_op(…)

fireducks time: 0.0000123 sec

```
def foo(employee, country):
    employee._evaluate()
    country._evaluate()
    stime = time.time()
    m = employee.merge(country, on="C_Code")
    r = m[m["Gender"] == "Male"]
    r._evaluate()
    print(f"fireducks time: {time.time() – stime} sec")
    return r
```

fireducks time: 0.02372143 sec

FIREDUCKS_FLAGS="--benchmark-mode"

Use this to disable lazy-execution mode when you do not want to make any changes in your existing application during performance evaluation.

FAQ: How to configure number of cores to be used?

OMP_NUM_THREADS=1

Use this to stop parallel execution, or configure this with the intended number of cores to be used

Alternatively, you can use the Linux taskset command to bind your program with specific CPU cores.

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