



# DAT Class 6

Extracting, Merging, Grouping



# Creating and Manipulating Data in Pandas

Python For Data

# Pandas: Creating Data

- Variables are manipulated using vectorized code
- Means you basically treat columns and datasets as a single variable
- A bit different from regular Python: no loops!

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- You can think of pandas methods for creating data falling into two categories: general and particular.
- 3 general methods:
  - `np.where()`
  - `np.select()`
  - `df.apply()`

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- `np.where()`:
  - Simple way to create if/else statement to create new variables
- `np.select()`:
  - Advanced version of `np.where()`
    - can create multiple conditions

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# Pandas: Creating Data

Methods for specific ways of changing data:

- `pd.cut()` – turn a numeric category into predefined bins
- `df.map()` – change values in a column from one to another
- `df.replace()` – replace specific values with something else

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## Group Exercise: Section 1 of Lab



Take 10-12 minutes and complete section I of the accompanying lab.



# Merging Data

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# Pandas: Merging Data

Pandas allows you to combine multiple dataframes together

- Very similar to UNION and JOIN in SQL
- Corresponding methods are:
  - `df.merge`
  - `pd.concat`

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# Pandas: Merging Data

df.merge():

- similar to JOIN
- important arguments:
  - **on**: column to join on
    - defaults to joining on **every** column
    - can also choose subsets
  - **how**: how to do the JOIN/merge:
    - inner, outer, left, right
  - **left\_on/right\_on**: which columns to use for each dataframe
  - **left\_index/right\_index**: set to True if you want to merge on index

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## Group Exercise: Section 2 of Lab



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# Pandas: Grouping Data

A pandas groupby statement has the following characteristics:

- Columns that you are grouping on:
  - Can be either single values or a list
- Columns that you are selecting from your groupby object
- Aggregators that you are returning
  - Can either be pre-specified or custom
  - Can be single or multiple

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# Pandas: Grouping Data

## Resampling:

Similar to groupby, except it allows you to apply it to continuous time.

Gives you the ability to define a fairly particular time sequence to view data on. Complete list is here:

<http://bit.ly/date-offsets>

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