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```
[]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
fb = pd.read_csv('data/fb_2018.csv', index_col='date', parse_dates=True).assign(
    trading_volume=lambda x: pd.cut(x.volume, bins=3, labels=['low', 'med', 'high'])
    )
    fb.head()
```

[]:		open	high	low	close	volume	<pre>trading_volume</pre>
	date						
	2018-01-02	177.68	181.58	177.5500	181.42	18151903	low
	2018-01-03	181.88	184.78	181.3300	184.67	16886563	low
	2018-01-04	184.90	186.21	184.0996	184.33	13880896	low
	2018-01-05	185.59	186.90	184.9300	186.85	13574535	low
	2018-01-08	187.20	188.90	186.3300	188.28	17994726	low

## 1 Time-based selection and filtering

Remember, when we have a DatetimeIndex , we can use datetime slicing. We can provide a range of dates. We only get three days back because the stock market is closed on the weekends:

```
[]: fb['2018-10-11':'2018-10-15'] #fething data from October 11 to October 15
```

```
[]:
                  open
                          high
                                     low
                                           close
                                                    volume trading_volume
    date
    2018-10-11 150.13 154.81 149.1600
                                          153.35
                                                  35338901
                                                                     low
    2018-10-12 156.73
                        156.89
                                151.2998
                                          153.74
                                                  25293492
                                                                     low
    2018-10-15 153.32 155.57
                                152.5500
                                          153.52 15433521
                                                                     low
```

We can select ranges of months and quarters

```
[]: fb['2018-q1'].equals(fb['2018-01':'2018-03'])
```

```
<ipython-input-3-f01e3c270a70>:1: FutureWarning: Indexing a DataFrame with a
datetimelike index using a single string to slice the rows, like
`frame[string]`, is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Use
```

`frame.loc[string]` instead.

fb['2018-q1'].equals(fb['2018-01':'2018-03'])

#### []: True

The first() method will give us a specified length of time from the beginning of the time series. Here, we ask for a week. January 1, 2018 was a holiday—meaning the market was closed. It was also a Monday, so the week here is only four days

```
[]: fb.first('1W')
[]:
                   open
                           high
                                      low
                                             close
                                                      volume trading_volume
     date
     2018-01-02 177.68
                         181.58
                                 177.5500
                                            181.42
                                                    18151903
                                                                        low
     2018-01-03 181.88
                         184.78
                                 181.3300
                                            184.67
                                                    16886563
                                                                        low
     2018-01-04 184.90
                         186.21
                                 184.0996
                                            184.33
                                                    13880896
                                                                        low
     2018-01-05 185.59
                         186.90
                                 184.9300
                                            186.85
                                                                        low
                                                    13574535
```

The last() method will take from the end

```
[]: fb.last('1W')

[]: open high low close volume trading_volume date 2018-12-31 134.45 134.64 129.95 131.09 24625308 low
```

For the next few examples, we need datetimes, so we will read in the stock data per minute file

```
[]: stock_data_per_minute = pd.read_csv(
    'data/fb_week_of_may_20_per_minute.csv', index_col='date', parse_dates=True,
    date_parser=lambda x: pd.to_datetime(x, format='%Y-%m-%d %H-%M')
)
stock_data_per_minute.head()
```

```
[]:
                                                    low
                                                             close
                                                                      volume
                               open
                                         high
     date
     2019-05-20 09:30:00
                          181.6200
                                     181.6200
                                               181.6200
                                                         181.6200
                                                                    159049.0
                          182.6100
                                     182.6100
     2019-05-20 09:31:00
                                               182.6100
                                                         182.6100
                                                                    468017.0
     2019-05-20 09:32:00
                          182.7458
                                     182.7458
                                               182.7458
                                                         182.7458
                                                                     97258.0
     2019-05-20 09:33:00
                           182.9500
                                               182.9500
                                                                     43961.0
                                     182.9500
                                                          182.9500
     2019-05-20 09:34:00
                          183.0600
                                     183.0600
                                               183.0600
                                                          183.0600
                                                                     79562.0
```

We can use the Grouper to roll up our data to the daily level along with first and last

```
})
[]:
                   open
                              high
                                         low
                                               close
                                                           volume
     date
     2019-05-20
                 181.62
                         184.1800
                                    181.6200
                                              182.72
                                                      10044838.0
                         185.5800
     2019-05-21
                 184.53
                                    183.9700
                                              184.82
                                                       7198405.0
     2019-05-22
                184.81
                         186.5603
                                    184.0120
                                              185.32
                                                       8412433.0
     2019-05-23 182.50
                         183.7300
                                    179.7559
                                              180.87
                                                      12479171.0
     2019-05-24
                182.33
                         183.5227
                                    181.0400
                                              181.06
                                                       7686030.0
[]: stock_data_per_minute.groupby(pd.Grouper(freq='2D')).agg({ #we can try at 2D_1
      ⇔which means every 2 Days
     'open': 'first',
     'high': 'max',
     'low': 'min',
     'close': 'last',
     'volume': 'sum'
     })
[]:
                             high
                                               close
                                                           volume
                   open
                                         low
     date
                         185.5800
     2019-05-20
                 181.62
                                    181.6200
                                              184.82
                                                      17243243.0
                         186.5603
                                    179.7559
     2019-05-22
                 184.81
                                              180.87
                                                      20891604.0
     2019-05-24
                 182.33
                         183.5227
                                    181.0400
                                              181.06
                                                       7686030.0
    The at time() method allows us to pull out all datetimes that match a certain time.
    Here, we can grab all the rows from the time the stock market opens (930 AM)
[]: stock_data_per_minute.at_time('9:30')
[]:
                            open
                                     high
                                              low
                                                    close
                                                              volume
     date
     2019-05-20 09:30:00
                          181.62
                                   181.62
                                          181.62
                                                   181.62
                                                            159049.0
     2019-05-21 09:30:00
                          184.53
                                   184.53
                                           184.53
                                                   184.53
                                                             58171.0
     2019-05-22 09:30:00
                          184.81
                                   184.81
                                           184.81
                                                   184.81
                                                             41585.0
     2019-05-23 09:30:00
                          182.50
                                   182.50
                                           182.50
                                                   182.50
                                                            121930.0
     2019-05-24 09:30:00
                          182.33
                                  182.33
                                          182.33
                                                   182.33
                                                             52681.0
    We can use between_time() to grab data for the last two minutes of trading daily
[]: stock_data_per_minute.between_time('15:59', '16:00')
[]:
                              open
                                       high
                                                 low
                                                        close
                                                                   volume
     date
     2019-05-20 15:59:00
                          182.915
                                    182.915
                                             182.915
                                                      182.915
                                                                 134569.0
     2019-05-20 16:00:00
                          182.720
                                    182.720
                                             182.720
                                                      182.720
                                                                1113672.0
     2019-05-21 15:59:00
                          184.840
                                    184.840
                                             184.840
                                                      184.840
                                                                  61606.0
     2019-05-21 16:00:00
                          184.820
                                    184.820
                                             184.820
                                                      184.820
                                                                 801080.0
```

```
2019-05-22 15:59:00
                    185.290 185.290 185.290 185.290
                                                        96099.0
2019-05-22 16:00:00
                    185.320
                            185.320 185.320 185.320
                                                      1220993.0
2019-05-23 15:59:00
                    180.720
                            180.720 180.720
                                             180.720
                                                       109648.0
2019-05-23 16:00:00
                    180.870 180.870 180.870
                                             180.870 1329217.0
2019-05-24 15:59:00
                   181.070 181.070 181.070 181.070
                                                        52994.0
2019-05-24 16:00:00
                    181.060
                            181.060 181.060 181.060
                                                       764906.0
```

On average, are more shares traded within the first 30 minutes of trading or in the last 30 minutes? We can combine between\_time() with Groupers and filter() from the aggregation.ipynb notebook to answer this question. For the week in question, more are traded on average around opening time than closing time

```
[]: shares_traded_in_first_30_min = stock_data_per_minute\
    .between_time('9:30', '10:00')\
    .groupby(pd.Grouper(freq='1D'))\
    .filter(lambda x: (x.volume > 0).all())\
    .volume.mean()
    shares_traded_in_last_30_min = stock_data_per_minute\
    .between_time('15:30', '16:00')\
    .groupby(pd.Grouper(freq='1D'))\
    .filter(lambda x: (x.volume > 0).all())\
    .volume.mean()
    shares_traded_in_first_30_min - shares_traded_in_last_30_min
```

[]: 18592.967741935485

In cases where time doesn't matter, we can normalize the times to midnight

```
[]: before after
0 2019-05-20 09:30:00 2019-05-20
1 2019-05-20 09:31:00 2019-05-20
2 2019-05-20 09:32:00 2019-05-20
3 2019-05-20 09:33:00 2019-05-20
4 2019-05-20 09:34:00 2019-05-20
```

2019-05-20 09:31:00

2019-05-20 09:32:00

Note that we can also use normalize() on a Series object after accessing the dt attribute

```
[]: stock_data_per_minute.index.to_series().dt.normalize().head()

[]: date
    2019-05-20 09:30:00 2019-05-20
```

2019-05-20

2019-05-20

```
2019-05-20 09:33:00 2019-05-20 2019-05-20 09:34:00 2019-05-20 Name: date, dtype: datetime64[ns]
```

### 2 Shifting for lagged data

2018-03-19

185.09

We can use shift() to create some lagged data. By default, the shift will be one period. For example, we can use shift() to create a new column that indicates the previous day's closing price. From this new column, we can calculate the price change due to after hours trading (after the close one day right up to the open the following day)

```
[]: fb.assign(
     prior_close=lambda x: x.close.shift(),
     after_hours_change_in_price=lambda x: x.open - x.prior_close,
     abs_change=lambda x: x.after_hours_change_in_price.abs()
     ).nlargest(5, 'abs_change')
[]:
                   open
                           high
                                    low
                                          close
                                                    volume trading_volume
     date
     2018-07-26 174.89
                        180.13 173.75
                                         176.26
                                                 169803668
                                                                     high
     2018-04-26 173.22 176.27 170.80
                                         174.16
                                                  77556934
                                                                      med
     2018-01-12 178.06 181.48 177.40
                                         179.37
                                                  77551299
                                                                      med
     2018-10-31 155.00 156.40 148.96 151.79
                                                  60101251
                                                                      low
     2018-03-19 177.01 177.17 170.06 172.56
                                                  88140060
                                                                      med
                prior_close after_hours_change_in_price abs_change
     date
     2018-07-26
                      217.50
                                                   -42.61
                                                                42.61
                                                                13.53
     2018-04-26
                      159.69
                                                    13.53
     2018-01-12
                      187.77
                                                    -9.71
                                                                 9.71
                                                                 8.78
     2018-10-31
                      146.22
                                                     8.78
```

The tshift() method will shift the DatetimeIndex rather than the data. However, if the goal is to to add/subtract time we can use pd.Timedelta

-8.08

8.08

When working with stock data, we only have data for the dates the market was open. We can use first\_valid\_index() to give us the index of the first non-null entry in our data. For September 2018, this is September 4th

```
[]: fb['2018-09'].first_valid_index()
```

<ipython-input-21-d8ca41528993>:1: FutureWarning: Indexing a DataFrame with a
datetimelike index using a single string to slice the rows, like
`frame[string]`, is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Use
`frame.loc[string]` instead.
 fb['2018-09'].first\_valid\_index()

[]: Timestamp('2018-09-04 00:00:00')

Conversely, we can use last\_valid\_index() to get the last entry of non-null data. For September 2018, this is September 28th

```
[]: fb['2018-09'].last_valid_index()
```

<ipython-input-22-ef6e024573c9>:1: FutureWarning: Indexing a DataFrame with a
datetimelike index using a single string to slice the rows, like
`frame[string]`, is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Use
`frame.loc[string]` instead.
 fb['2018-09'].last\_valid\_index()

[]: Timestamp('2018-09-28 00:00:00')

We can use asof() to find the last non-null data before the point we are looking for, if it isn't in the index. From the previous result, we know that the market was not open on September 30th. It also isn't in the index

```
[]: fb.index.asof('2018-09-30')
```

[]: Timestamp('2018-09-28 00:00:00')

If we ask for it, we will get the data from the index we got from fb['2018-09'].last\_valid\_index(), which was September 28th

### 3 Differenced data

Using the diff() method is a quick way to calculate the difference between the data and a lagged version of it. By default, it will yield the result of data - data.shift()

```
[]: (
   fb.drop(columns='trading_volume')
   - fb.drop(columns='trading_volume').shift()
   ).equals(
   fb.drop(columns='trading_volume').diff()
)
```

[]: True

We can use this to see how Facebook stock changed day-over-day

```
NaN
2018-01-02
                          NaN
                                 NaN
            NaN
                  NaN
2018-01-03 4.20
                 3.20
                       3.7800
                                3.25 -1265340.0
2018-01-04 3.02
                 1.43
                       2.7696 -0.34 -3005667.0
2018-01-05 0.69
                 0.69
                       0.8304
                                2.52 -306361.0
2018-01-08 1.61 2.00
                      1.4000
                                1.43 4420191.0
```

We can specify the number of periods, can be any positive or negative integer

```
[]: fb.drop(columns='trading_volume').diff(-3).head()
```

```
[]: open high low close volume date 2018-01-02 -7.91 -5.32 -7.3800 -5.43 4577368.0 2018-01-03 -5.32 -4.12 -5.0000 -3.61 -1108163.0 2018-01-04 -3.80 -2.59 -3.0004 -3.54 1487839.0 2018-01-05 -1.35 -0.99 -0.7000 -0.99 3044641.0 2018-01-08 -1.20 0.50 -1.0500 0.51 8406139.0
```

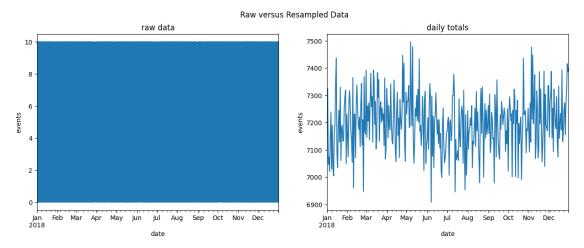
# 4 Resampling

Sometimes the data is at a granularity that isn't conducive to our analysis. Consider the case where we have data per minute for the full year of 2018. Let's see what happens if we try to plot this.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

np.random.seed(0)
index = pd.date_range('2018-01-01', freq='T', periods=365*24*60)
raw = pd.DataFrame(
np.random.uniform(0, 10, size=index.shape[0]), index=index
)
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(15, 5))
```

```
raw.plot(legend=False, ax=axes[0], title='raw data')
raw.resample('1D').sum().plot(legend=False, ax=axes[1], title='daily totals')
for ax in axes:
    ax.set_xlabel('date')
    ax.set_ylabel('events')
plt.suptitle('Raw versus Resampled Data')
plt.show()
```



The plot on the left has so much data we can't see anything. However, when we aggregate to the daily totals, we see the data. We can alter the granularity of the data we are working with using resampling. Recall our minute-by-minute stock data

```
[]: stock_data_per_minute.head()
[]:
                                                     low
                                                              close
                                                                       volume
                               open
                                         high
     date
     2019-05-20 09:30:00
                           181.6200
                                                                     159049.0
                                     181.6200
                                                181.6200
                                                          181.6200
     2019-05-20 09:31:00
                           182.6100
                                     182.6100
                                                182.6100
                                                          182.6100
                                                                     468017.0
     2019-05-20 09:32:00
                           182.7458
                                     182.7458
                                                                      97258.0
                                                182.7458
                                                          182.7458
     2019-05-20 09:33:00
                           182.9500
                                     182.9500
                                                182.9500
                                                          182.9500
                                                                      43961.0
     2019-05-20 09:34:00
                           183.0600
                                     183.0600
                                                183.0600
                                                          183.0600
                                                                      79562.0
```

We can resample this to get to a daily frequency:

```
[]: stock_data_per_minute.resample('1D').agg({
   'open': 'first',
   'high': 'max',
   'low': 'min',
   'close': 'last',
   'volume': 'sum'
})
```

```
[]:
                  open
                            high
                                       low
                                             close
                                                        volume
    date
    2019-05-20 181.62
                       184.1800
                                  181.6200 182.72 10044838.0
    2019-05-21 184.53
                       185.5800
                                  183.9700 184.82
                                                    7198405.0
    2019-05-22 184.81
                        186.5603
                                  184.0120
                                            185.32
                                                     8412433.0
                                  179.7559
    2019-05-23 182.50
                        183.7300
                                            180.87
                                                    12479171.0
    2019-05-24 182.33
                       183.5227
                                  181.0400 181.06
                                                     7686030.0
```

### We can downsample to quarterly data

```
[]: fb.resample('Q').mean()
```

<ipython-input-39-f6fd3d834d43>:1: FutureWarning: The default value of
numeric\_only in DataFrameGroupBy.mean is deprecated. In a future version,
numeric\_only will default to False. Either specify numeric\_only or select only
columns which should be valid for the function.

fb.resample('Q').mean()

```
[]:
                                  high
                                               low
                                                         close
                                                                      volume
                      open
    date
    2018-03-31
                179.472295
                                        177.040428 179.551148 3.292640e+07
                            181.794659
    2018-06-30 180.373770
                            182.277689
                                        178.595964 180.704688 2.405532e+07
                            182.890886
                                        178.955229
                                                    181.028492
    2018-09-30 180.812130
                                                               2.701982e+07
    2018-12-31 145.272460
                            147.620121
                                        142.718943 144.868730 2.697433e+07
```

We can also use apply(). Here, we show the quarterly change from start to end

```
[]: fb2 = pd.DataFrame(fb.drop(columns='trading_volume').resample('Q').apply(
    lambda x: x.last('1D').values - x.first('1D').values
))
fb2
```

```
[]:
date
```

```
2018-03-31 [[-22.53, -20.16000000000025, -23.4100000000...
2018-06-30 [[39.5099999999999, 38.39970000000024, 39.84...
2018-09-30 [[-25.0399999999999, -28.65999999999997, -2...
2018-12-31 [[-28.58000000000013, -31.24000000000001, -31...
```

Consider the following melted stock data by the minute. We don't see the OHLC data directly

[]: price date

```
2019-05-20 09:30:00 181.6200
2019-05-20 09:31:00 182.6100
2019-05-20 09:32:00 182.7458
2019-05-20 09:33:00 182.9500
2019-05-20 09:34:00 183.0600
```

We can use the ohlc() method after resampling to recover the OHLC columns

```
[]: melted_stock_data.resample('1D').ohlc()['price']
```

```
[]:
                  open
                            high
                                             close
                                       low
    date
                181.62 184.1800
    2019-05-20
                                  181.6200
                                            182.72
    2019-05-21
                184.53 185.5800
                                  183.9700
                                            184.82
    2019-05-22 184.81
                       186.5603
                                            185.32
                                  184.0120
    2019-05-23 182.50 183.7300
                                  179.7559 180.87
    2019-05-24 182.33 183.5227
                                  181.0400 181.06
```

Alternatively, we can upsample to increase the granularity. Note this will introduce NaN values:

```
[]: fb.resample('6H').asfreq().head()
```

[]:			open	high	low	close	volume	trading_volume
	date							
	2018-01-02	00:00:00	177.68	181.58	177.55	181.42	18151903.0	low
	2018-01-02	06:00:00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
	2018-01-02	12:00:00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
	2018-01-02	18:00:00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
	2018-01-03	00:00:00	181.88	184.78	181.33	184.67	16886563.0	low

There are many ways to handle these NaN values. We can forward-fill with pad()

```
[]: fb.resample('6H').pad().head()
```

<ipython-input-51-39179f05e435>:1: FutureWarning: pad is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Use ffill instead.

fb.resample('6H').pad().head()

[]:			open	high	low	close	volume	trading_volume
	date							
	2018-01-02 00:	00:00 1	177.68	181.58	177.55	181.42	18151903	low
	2018-01-02 06:	00:00 1	177.68	181.58	177.55	181.42	18151903	low
	2018-01-02 12:	00:00	177.68	181.58	177.55	181.42	18151903	low
	2018-01-02 18:	00:00	177.68	181.58	177.55	181.42	18151903	low
	2018-01-03 00:	00:00	181.88	184.78	181.33	184.67	16886563	low

We can specify a specific value or a method with fillna()

```
[]: fb.resample('6H').fillna('nearest').head()
```

```
[]:
                            open
                                    high
                                                    close
                                                             volume trading_volume
                                              low
     date
     2018-01-02 00:00:00
                          177.68
                                  181.58
                                          177.55
                                                   181.42
                                                           18151903
                                                                                low
     2018-01-02 06:00:00
                          177.68
                                  181.58
                                          177.55
                                                   181.42
                                                           18151903
                                                                                low
     2018-01-02 12:00:00
                          181.88
                                  184.78
                                          181.33
                                                   184.67
                                                           16886563
                                                                                low
     2018-01-02 18:00:00
                          181.88 184.78
                                          181.33
                                                   184.67
                                                           16886563
                                                                                low
     2018-01-03 00:00:00
                          181.88 184.78
                                          181.33
                                                   184.67
                                                           16886563
                                                                                low
```

We can use asfreq() and assign() to specify the action per column

```
[]: fb.resample('6H').asfreq().assign(
    volume=lambda x: x.volume.fillna(0), # put 0 when market is closed
    close=lambda x: x.close.fillna(method='ffill'), # carry forward
    # take the closing price if these aren't available
    open=lambda x: np.where(x.open.isnull(), x.close, x.open),
    high=lambda x: np.where(x.high.isnull(), x.close, x.high),
    low=lambda x: np.where(x.low.isnull(), x.close, x.low)
    ).head()
```

```
[]:
                                                  close
                                                             volume trading_volume
                                   high
                           open
                                            low
    date
    2018-01-02 00:00:00
                         177.68 181.58
                                        177.55 181.42
                                                         18151903.0
                                                                               low
    2018-01-02 06:00:00
                         181.42 181.42 181.42
                                                 181.42
                                                                0.0
                                                                               NaN
                         181.42 181.42 181.42
                                                 181.42
    2018-01-02 12:00:00
                                                                0.0
                                                                               NaN
    2018-01-02 18:00:00
                         181.42 181.42 181.42
                                                 181.42
                                                                               NaN
                                                                0.0
    2018-01-03 00:00:00 181.88 184.78 181.33
                                                 184.67
                                                         16886563.0
                                                                               low
```

# 5 Merging

We saw merging examples the querying\_and\_merging notebook. However, they all matched based on keys. With time series, it is possible that they are so granular that we never have the same time for multiple entries. Let's work with some stock data at different granularities

```
[]: fb_prices.head()
```

[]: FB date

```
2019-05-20 09:30:00
                          181.6200
                          182.6100
     2019-05-20 09:31:00
     2019-05-20 09:32:00
                          182.7458
     2019-05-20 09:33:00
                          182.9500
     2019-05-20 09:34:00
                          183.0600
[]: aapl_prices.head()
[]:
                               AAPL
     date
     2019-05-20 09:30:00
                          183.5200
     2019-05-20 09:31:52
                          182.8710
     2019-05-20 09:32:36
                          182.5000
     2019-05-20 09:33:34
                          182.1067
     2019-05-20 09:34:55
                          181.5000
    The Facebook prices are at the minute granularity
```

```
[]: fb_prices.index.second.unique()
```

```
[]: Int64Index([0], dtype='int64', name='date')
```

However, the Apple prices have information for the second

```
[]: aapl_prices.index.second.unique()
[]: Int64Index([0, 52, 36, 34, 55, 35, 7, 12, 59, 17, 5, 20, 26, 23, 54, 49, 19,
                53, 11, 22, 13, 21, 10, 46, 42, 38, 33, 18, 16, 9, 56, 39,
                31, 58, 48, 24, 29, 6, 47, 51, 40, 3, 15, 14, 25, 4, 43, 8, 32,
                27, 30, 45, 1, 44, 57, 41, 37, 28],
               dtype='int64', name='date')
```

We can perform an asof merge to try to line these up the best we can. We specify how to handle the mismatch with the direction and tolerance parameters. We will fill in with the direction of nearest and a tolerance of 30 seconds. This will place the Apple data with the minute that it is closest to, so 93152 will go with 932 and 93707 will go with 937. Since the times are on the index, we pass left index and right index, as we did with merges earlier this chapter

```
[]: pd.merge_asof(
     fb_prices, aapl_prices,
     left_index=True, right_index=True, # datetimes are in the index
     # merge with nearest minute
     direction='nearest', tolerance=pd.Timedelta(30, unit='s')
     ).head()
```

[]: AAPL FΒ date

```
2019-05-20 09:30:00 181.6200 183.5200

2019-05-20 09:31:00 182.6100 NaN

2019-05-20 09:32:00 182.7458 182.8710

2019-05-20 09:33:00 182.9500 182.5000

2019-05-20 09:34:00 183.0600 182.1067
```

If we don't want to lose the seconds information with the Apple data, we can use pd.merge\_ordered() instead, which will interleave the two. Note this is an outer join by default ( how parameter). The only catch here is that we need to reset the index in order to join on it

```
[]: pd.merge_ordered(
   fb_prices.reset_index(), aapl_prices.reset_index()
   ).set_index('date').head()
```

```
[]:
                                   FΒ
                                           AAPL
     date
     2019-05-20 09:30:00
                            181.6200
                                       183.520
     2019-05-20 09:31:00
                            182.6100
                                            NaN
     2019-05-20 09:31:52
                                  {\tt NaN}
                                       182.871
     2019-05-20 09:32:00
                            182.7458
                                            {\tt NaN}
     2019-05-20 09:32:36
                                  NaN
                                       182.500
```

We can pass a fill\_method to handle NaN values

```
[]: pd.merge_ordered(
   fb_prices.reset_index(), aapl_prices.reset_index(),
   fill_method='ffill'
   ).set_index('date').head()
```

```
[]:
                               FΒ
                                      AAPL
    date
    2019-05-20 09:30:00
                         181.6200
                                   183.520
    2019-05-20 09:31:00
                         182.6100
                                  183.520
    2019-05-20 09:31:52
                         182.6100 182.871
    2019-05-20 09:32:00
                         182.7458 182.871
    2019-05-20 09:32:36
                         182.7458 182.500
```