

# Wide and long data formats

RESHAPING DATA WITH PANDAS



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# You will learn

- Wide and long formats
- Long to wide transformation
- Wide to long transformation
- Stacking and unstacking columns
- Reshaping and handling complex data, such as string columns or JSON data

# Why it is important

- Tidy datasets
- Data is not in the appropriate format for analysis:
  - Human readable vs. statistical analysis
- Nested data in DataFrames is complex to handle
- Get summary statistics for multi-level index DataFrames

# Shape of data

- The way in which a dataset is organized in rows and columns

```
fifa_players = pd.read_csv("fifa_players.csv")  
fifa_players
```

	name	age	nationality	club
0	Lionel Messi	32	Argentina	Barcelona
1	Cristiano Ronaldo	34	Portugal	Juventus
2	Neymar da Silva	27	Brazil	Saint-Germain

```
fifa_players.shape
```

```
(3, 4)
```

# Wide format

```
fifa_players
```

```
   name  age nationality  club
0  Lionel Messi    32  Argentina  Barcelona
1 Cristiano Ronaldo  34   Portugal   Juventus
2  Neymar da Silva   27    Brazil Saint-Germain
```

# Wide format

```
fifa_players
```

```
      name | age | nationality | club
0  Lionel Messi | 32 | Argentina | Barcelona
1 Cristiano Ronaldo | 34 | Portugal | Juventus
2  Neymar da Silva | 27 | Brazil | Saint-Germain
      ^^
```

- Each feature is in a separate column

# Wide format

```
fifa_players
```

```
   name  age nationality  club
0  Lionel Messi    32  Argentina  Barcelona <--
1 Cristiano Ronaldo  34   Portugal  Juventus <--
2  Neymar da Silva   27    Brazil Saint-Germain <--
```

- Each feature is in a separate column
- Each rows contains many features of the same player

# Wide format

```
fifa_players
```

```
      name  age nationality      club
0  Lionel Messi   32   Argentina  Barcelona
-----
1  Cristiano Ronaldo  NaN  <- Portugal   Juventus
-----
2  Neymar da Silva   27     Brazil Saint-Germain
```

- Each feature is in a separate column
- Each row contains many features of the same player
- No repetition but large number of missing values
- Simple statistics and imputation



# Long format

```
fifa_players_long.head()
```

	name	variable	value
0	Cristiano Ronaldo	nationality	Portugal
1	Cristiano Ronaldo	club	Juventus
2	Lionel Messi	age	32
3	Lionel Messi	nationality	Argentina
4	Lionel Messi	club	Barcelona

# Long format

```
fifa_players_long.head()
```

	name	variable	value
0	Cristiano Ronaldo	nationality	Portugal <--
1	Cristiano Ronaldo	club	Juventus
2	Lionel Messi	age	32
3	Lionel Messi	nationality	Argentina <--
4	Lionel Messi	club	Barcelona

- Each row represents one feature

# Long format

```
fifa_players_long.head()
```

	name	variable	value	
0	Cristiano Ronaldo	nationality	Portugal	<--
1	Cristiano Ronaldo	club	Juventus	<--
2	Lionel Messi	age	32	
3	Lionel Messi	nationality	Argentina	
4	Lionel Messi	club	Barcelona	

- Each row represents one feature
- Multiple rows for each player

# Long format

```
fifa_players_long.head()
```

```
   |          name | variable  value
0 | Cristiano Ronaldo | nationality  Portugal
1 | Cristiano Ronaldo |      club   Juventus
2 |   Lionel Messi |      age      32
3 |   Lionel Messi | nationality  Argentina
4 |   Lionel Messi |      club   Barcelona
   ^^^^^^^^^^^^^
```

- Each row represents one feature
- Multiple rows for each player
- A column ( `name` ) to identify same player

# Long format

```
fifa_players_long.head()
```

	name	variable	value
0	Cristiano Ronaldo	nationality	Portugal
1	Cristiano Ronaldo	club	Juventus
2	Lionel Messi	age	32
3	Lionel Messi	nationality	Argentina
4	Lionel Messi	club	Barcelona

- Each row represents one feature
- Multiple rows for each player
- A column ( `name` ) to identify same player
- Tidy data:
  - Better to summarize data
  - Key-value pairs
  - Preferred for analysis and graphing

# Reshaping data

- Transforming a DataFrame or Series structure to adjust it for analysis
  - Transposing a DataFrame

```
fifa_players.set_index('club')
```

	name	age	nationality
club			
Barcelona	Lionel Messi	32	Argentina
Juventus	Cristiano Ronaldo	NaN	Portugal
Saint-Germain	Neymar da Silva	27	Brazil

# Reshaping data

- Transforming a DataFrame or Series structure to adjust it for analysis
  - Transposing a DataFrame

```
fifa_players.set_index('club')[['name', 'nationality']]
```

club	name	nationality
Barcelona	Lionel Messi	Argentina
Juventus	Cristiano Ronaldo	Portugal
Saint-Germain	Neymar da Silva	Brazil

# Reshaping data

- Transforming a DataFrame or Series structure to adjust it for analysis
  - Transposing a DataFrame

```
fifa_players.set_index('club')[['name', 'nationality']].transpose()
```

club	Barcelona	Juventus	Saint-Germain
name	Lionel Messi	Cristiano Ronaldo	Neymar da Silva
nationality	Argentina	Portugal	Brazil



# Reshaping data

- Converting data from wide to long format and vice versa
- Unit of analysis:
  - Long format -> characteristic of a player
  - Wide format -> each player

# Wide to long transformation

- Performed using `pandas` functions, such as:
  - `.melt()`
  - `.wide_to_long()`

# Long to wide format

- Transform data using `pandas` methods, for example:
  - `.pivot()`
  - `.pivot_table()`

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# Reshaping using pivot method

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# From long to wide

- Demonstrate relationship between two columns
- Time series operations with the variables
- Operation that requires columns to be the unique variable


<sup>1</sup> [https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/user\\_guide/reshaping.html](https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/user_guide/reshaping.html)

# From long to wide

	Name	Year	Weight
0	John	2013	80
1	Mary	2013	65
2	Mary	2014	68
3	John	2014	83
4	Laura	2014	71

# Pivot method

	Name	Year	Weight
0	John	2013	80
1	Mary	2013	65
2	Mary	2014	68
3	John	2014	83
4	Laura	2014	71




Name	John	Mary	Laura
Year			
2013	80	65	NaN
2014	83	68	71

```
df.pivot(           ,           ,           )
```



# Pivot method

	Name	Year	Weight
0	John	2013	80
1	Mary	2013	65
2	Mary	2014	68
3	John	2014	83
4	Laura	2014	71




Name	John	Mary	Laura
Year			
2013	80	65	NaN
2014	83	68	71

`df.pivot(index= , columns= , values= )`

# Pivot method

	Name	Year	Weight
0	John	2013	80
1	Mary	2013	65
2	Mary	2014	68
3	John	2014	83
4	Laura	2014	71




Name	John	Mary	Laura
Year			
2013	80	65	NaN
2014	83	68	71

```
df.pivot(index="Year", columns=, values=)
```

# Pivot method

	Name	Year	Weight
0	John	2013	80
1	Mary	2013	65
2	Mary	2014	68
3	John	2014	83
4	Laura	2014	71




Name	John	Mary	Laura
Year			
2013	80	65	NaN
2014	83	68	71

```
df.pivot(index="Year", columns="Name", values=)
```

# Pivot method

	Name	Year	Weight
0	John	2013	80
1	Mary	2013	65
2	Mary	2014	68
3	John	2014	83
4	Laura	2014	71




Name	John	Mary	Laura
Year			
2013	80	65	NaN
2014	83	68	71

```
df.pivot(index="Year", columns="Name", values="Weight")
```

# Pivot method

	Name	Year	Weight
0	John	2013	80
1	Mary	2013	65
2	Mary	2014	68
3	John	2014	83
4	Laura	2014	71



Name	John	Mary	Laura
Year			
2013	80	65	NaN
2014	83	68	71

```
df.pivot(index="Year", columns="Name", values="Weight")
```

# Pivoting a dataset

```
fifa = pd.read_csv('fifa_players.csv')  
fifa.head()
```

	name	variable	metric_system	imperial_system
0	Cristiano Ronaldo	weight	83	183.00
1	J. Oblak	weight	87	191.00
2	Cristiano Ronaldo	height	187	6.13
3	J. Oblak	height	188	6.16

# Pivoting a dataset

```
fifa.pivot(index='name'
```

```
)
```

# Pivoting a dataset

```
fifa.pivot(index='name', columns='variable')
```



# Pivoting a dataset

```
fifa.pivot(index='name', columns='variable', values='metric_system')
```

	variable	height	weight
	name		
Cristiano Ronaldo		187	83
J. Oblak		188	87


# Pivoting multiple columns

```
fifa.pivot(index='name', columns='variable', values=['metric_system', 'imperial_system'])
```

variable name	metric_system		imperial_system	
	height	weight	height	weight
Cristiano Ronaldo	187	83	6.13	183.0
J. Oblak	188	87	6.16	191.0

# Pivoting multiple columns

	Name	Year	Weight	Age
0	John	2013	80	30
1	Mary	2013	65	28
2	Mary	2014	68	29
3	John	2014	83	31
4	Laura	2014	71	34



	Weight			Age		
Name	John	Mary	Laura	John	Mary	Laura
Year						
2013	80	65	NaN	30	28	NaN
2014	83	68	71	31	29	34

```
df.pivot(index="Year", columns="Name")
```

# Pivoting multiple columns

```
fifa.pivot(index="name", columns="variable")
```

variable name	metric_system		imperial_system	
	height	weight	height	weight
Cristiano Ronaldo	187	83	6.13	183.0
J. Oblak	188	87	6.16	191.0

# Duplicate entries error

```
another_fifa.head()
```

	name	variable	metric_system	imperial_system
0	Cristiano Ronaldo	weight	83	183.00
1	J. Oblak	weight	87	191.00
2	Cristiano Ronaldo	height	187	6.13
3	J. Oblak	height	188	6.16
4	Cristiano Ronaldo	height	187	6.14

# Duplicate entries error

```
another_fifa.head()
```

	name	variable	metric_system	imperial_system
0	Cristiano Ronaldo	weight	83	183.00
1	J. Oblak	weight	87	191.00
2	Cristiano Ronaldo	height	187	6.13 <--
3	J. Oblak	height	188	6.16
4	Cristiano Ronaldo	height	187	6.14 <--

# Duplicate entries error

```
another_fifa.pivot(index="name", columns="variable")
```

```
ValueError: Index contains duplicate entries, cannot reshape
```

```
another_fifa = another_fifa.drop(4, axis=0)  
another_fifa.pivot(index="name", columns="variable")
```

	metric_system		imperial_system	
variable	height	weight	height	weight
name				
Cristiano Ronaldo	187	83	6.13	183.0
J. Oblak	188	87	6.16	191.0

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# Pivot tables

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# Pivot method limitations

```
another_fifa.head()
```

	name	variable	metric_system	imperial_system
0	Cristiano Ronaldo	weight	83	183.00
1	J. Oblak	weight	87	191.00
2	Cristiano Ronaldo	height	187	6.13
3	J. Oblak	height	188	6.16
4	Cristiano Ronaldo	height	187	6.14

```
another_fifa.pivot(index="name", columns="variable")
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  ValueError: Index contains duplicate entries, cannot reshape
```

# Pivot method limitations

- General purpose pivoting
- Index/column pair must be unique
- Cannot aggregate values

# Pivot table

- A DataFrame containing statistics that summarizes the data of a larger DataFrame


Name	John	Mary
Year		
2013	80.5	66.5
2014	83	68

# Pivot table

	Name	Year	Weight
0	John	2013	80
1	John	2013	81
2	Mary	2013	67
3	Mary	2013	66
4	John	2014	82
5	John	2014	84
6	Mary	2014	69
7	Mary	2014	67

# Pivot table

	Name	Year	Weight
0	John	2013	80
1	John	2013	81
2	Mary	2013	67
3	Mary	2013	66
4	John	2014	82
5	John	2014	84
6	Mary	2014	69
7	Mary	2014	67




Name	John	Mary
Year		
2013	80.5	66.5
2014	83	68

`df.pivot_table(` , , , )

# Pivot table

	Name	Year	Weight
0	John	2013	80
1	John	2013	81
2	Mary	2013	67
3	Mary	2013	66
4	John	2014	82
5	John	2014	84
6	Mary	2014	69
7	Mary	2014	67




Name	John	Mary
Year		
2013	80.5	66.5
2014	83	68

```
df.pivot_table(index="Year", columns="Name",
```

# Pivot table

	Name	Year	Weight
0	John	2013	80
1	John	2013	81
2	Mary	2013	67
3	Mary	2013	66
4	John	2014	82
5	John	2014	84
6	Mary	2014	69
7	Mary	2014	67



Name	John	Mary
Year		
2013	80.5	66.5
2014	83	68

```
df.pivot_table(index="Year", columns="Name", values="Weight", aggfunc="mean")
```



# Pivot table

```
another_fifa.pivot_table(index="name", columns="variable", aggfunc="mean")
```

variable name	metric_system		imperial_system	
	height	weight	height	weight
Cristiano Ronaldo	187	83	6.135	183.0
J. Oblak	188	87	6.160	191.0

# Hierarchical indexes

```
fifa_players.head(6)
```

	first	last	movement	overall	attacking
0	Lionel	Messi	shooting	92	70
1	Cristiano	Ronaldo	shooting	93	89
2	Lionel	Messi	passing	92	92
3	Cristiano	Ronaldo	passing	82	83
4	Lionel	Messi	passing	96	88
5	Cristiano	Ronaldo	passing	89	84

# Hierarchical indexes

```
fifa_players.head(6)
```

	first	last	movement	overall	attacking
0	Lionel	Messi	shooting	92	70
1	Cristiano	Ronaldo	shooting	93	89
2	Lionel	Messi	passing	92	92
3	Cristiano	Ronaldo	passing	82	83
4	Lionel	Messi	passing	96	88
5	Cristiano	Ronaldo	passing	89	84

```
fifa_players.pivot_table(index=, columns="movement", values=, aggfunc=)
```

# Hierarchical indexes

```
fifa_players.head(6)
```

	first	last	movement	overall	attacking
0	Lionel	Messi	shooting	92	70
1	Cristiano	Ronaldo	shooting	93	89
2	Lionel	Messi	passing	92	92
3	Cristiano	Ronaldo	passing	82	83
4	Lionel	Messi	passing	96	88
5	Cristiano	Ronaldo	passing	89	84

```
fifa_players.pivot_table(index=["first", "last"], columns="movement", values=, aggfunc=)
```

# Hierarchical indexes

```
fifa_players.head(6)
```

	first	last	movement	overall	attacking
0	Lionel	Messi	shooting	92	70
1	Cristiano	Ronaldo	shooting	93	89
2	Lionel	Messi	passing	92	92
3	Cristiano	Ronaldo	passing	82	83
4	Lionel	Messi	passing	96	88
5	Cristiano	Ronaldo	passing	89	84

```
fifa_players.pivot_table(index=["first", "last"], columns="movement", values=["overall", "attacking"], aggfunc="max")
```

		attacking		overall	
		passing	shooting	passing	shooting
first	last				
Cristiano	Ronaldo	84	89	89	93
Lionel	Messi	92	70	96	92

# Margins

```
fifa_players.pivot_table(index=["first", "last"], columns="movement", aggfunc="count", )
```

# Margins

```
fifa_players.pivot_table(index=["first", "last"], columns="movement", aggfunc="count", margins=True)
```

		attacking			overall		
movement		passing	shooting	All	passing	shooting	All
First	Last						
Cristiano	Ronaldo	2	1	3	2	1	3
Lionel	Messi	2	1	3	2	1	3
All		4	2	6	4	2	6

# Pivot or pivot table?

*Does the DataFrame have more than one value for each index/column pair?*

*Do you need to have a multi-index in your resulting pivoted DataFrame?*

*Do you need summary statistics of your large DataFrame?*

**Yes!** Use `.pivot_table()`



**Let's practice!**  
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