Cleaning Data

About the data

In this notebook, we will using daily temperature data from the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) API. We will use the Global Historical Climatology Network - Daily (GHCND) dataset; see the documentation here.

This data was collected from the LaGuardia Airport station in New York City for October 2018. It contains:

- the daily minimum temperature (TMIN)
- the daily maximum temperature (TMAX)
- the daily average temperature (TAVG)

Note: The NCEI is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and, as you can see from the URL for the API, this resource was created when the NCEI was called the NCDC. Should the URL for this resource change in the future, you can search for "NCEI weather API" to find the updated one.

In addition, we will be using S&P 500 stock market data (obtained using the stock_analysis package we will build in chapter 7) and data for bitcoin for 2017 through 2018. For the first edition, the bitcoin data was collected from CoinMarketCap using the stock_analysis package; however, changes in the website led to the necessity of changing the data source to Yahoo! Finance. The bitcoin data that was collected before the CoinMarketCap website change should be equivalent to the historical data that can be viewed on this page.

Setup

We need to import pandas and read in the temperature data to get started:

```
import pandas as pd
df = pd.read csv('data/nyc temperatures.csv')
df.head()
                                                                 value
                  date datatype
                                            station attributes
  2018-10-01T00:00:00
                           TAVG
                                  GHCND: USW00014732
                                                          H,,S,
                                                                  21.2
                                                                  25.6
  2018-10-01T00:00:00
                           TMAX
                                  GHCND: USW00014732
                                                       ,,W,2400
1
                                                       ,,W,2400
  2018-10-01T00:00:00
                           TMIN
                                  GHCND: USW00014732
                                                                  18.3
  2018-10-02T00:00:00
                           TAVG
                                  GHCND: USW00014732
                                                          H,,S,
                                                                  22.7
                                  GHCND: USW00014732
4 2018-10-02T00:00:00
                           TMAX
                                                       ,,W,2400
                                                                  26.1
```

Renaming Columns

We start out with the following columns:

```
df.columns
Index(['date', 'datatype', 'station', 'attributes', 'value'],
dtype='object')
```

We want to rename the value column to indicate it contains the temperature in Celsius and the attributes column to say flags since each value in the comma-delimited string is a different flag about the data collection. For this task, we use the rename() method and pass in a dictionary mapping the column names to their new names. We pass inplace=True to change our original dataframe instead of getting a new one back:

```
df.rename(
    columns={
        'value': 'temp_C',
        'attributes': 'flags'
    }, inplace=True
)
```

Those columns have been successfully renamed:

```
df.columns
Index(['date', 'datatype', 'station', 'flags', 'temp_C'],
dtype='object')
```

We can also perform string operations on the column names with rename():

```
df.rename(str.upper, axis='columns').columns
Index(['DATE', 'DATATYPE', 'STATION', 'FLAGS', 'TEMP_C'],
dtype='object')
```

Type Conversion

The date column is not currently being stored as a datetime:

```
df.dtypes

date object
datatype object
station object
flags object
temp_C float64
dtype: object
```

Let's perform the conversion with pd.to_datetime():

Now we get useful information when we use describe() on this column:

```
df.date.describe(datetime is numeric=True)
count
                          93
         2018-10-16 00:00:00
mean
         2018-10-01 00:00:00
min
25%
         2018-10-08 00:00:00
50%
         2018-10-16 00:00:00
         2018-10-24 00:00:00
75%
         2018-10-31 00:00:00
max
Name: date, dtype: object
```

We can use tz localize() on a DatetimeIndex object to convert to a desired timezone:

```
pd.date_range(start='2018-10-25', periods=2,
freq='D').tz_localize('EST')

DatetimeIndex(['2018-10-25 00:00:00-05:00', '2018-10-26 00:00:00-
05:00'], dtype='datetime64[ns, EST]', freq=None)
```

This also works with Series/DataFrame objects that have an index of type DatetimeIndex. Let's read in the CSV again for this example and set the date column to be the index and stored as a datetime:

```
eastern = pd.read csv(
    'data/nyc temperatures.csv', index col='date', parse dates=True
).tz localize('EST')
eastern.head()
                          datatype
                                              station attributes
value
date
2018-10-01 00:00:00-05:00
                             TAVG GHCND: USW00014732
                                                           H,,S,
21.2
2018-10-01 00:00:00-05:00
                              TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                                        ,,W,2400
25.6
2018-10-01 00:00:00-05:00
                              TMIN GHCND: USW00014732
                                                        ,,W,2400
```

```
18.3

2018-10-02 00:00:00-05:00 TAVG GHCND:USW00014732 H,,S,

22.7

2018-10-02 00:00:00-05:00 TMAX GHCND:USW00014732 ,,W,2400

26.1
```

We can use tz_convert() to convert to another timezone from there. If we convert the Eastern datetimes to UTC, they will now be at 5 AM, since pandas will use the offsets to convert:

```
eastern.tz convert('UTC').head()
                           datatype
                                               station attributes
value
date
2018-10-01 05:00:00+00:00
                               TAVG
                                     GHCND: USW00014732
                                                             H,,S,
21.2
2018-10-01 05:00:00+00:00
                               TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                                          ,,W,2400
25.6
                                                          ,,W,2400
2018-10-01 05:00:00+00:00
                               TMIN
                                     GHCND: USW00014732
18.3
2018-10-02 05:00:00+00:00
                               TAVG
                                     GHCND: USW00014732
                                                             H,,S,
22.7
2018-10-02 05:00:00+00:00
                               TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                                          ,,W,2400
26.1
```

We can change the period of the index as well. We could change the period to be monthly to make it easier to aggregate later. (Aggregation will be discussed in chapter 4.)

```
eastern.tz localize(None).to period('M').index
PeriodIndex(['2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10',
             '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10',
             '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10',
             '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10',
             '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10',
             '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10',
             '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10'.
             '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10',
             '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
```

```
'2018-10',
'2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10',
'2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10',
'2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
'2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10', '2018-10',
```

We now get a PeriodIndex object, which we can change back into a DatetimeIndex object with to timestamp():

```
eastern.tz localize(None).to period('M').to timestamp().index
DatetimeIndex(['2018-10-01',
                                '2018-10-01',
                                               '2018-10-01',
                                                               '2018-10-01',
                                '2018-10-01',
                 '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01',
                '2018-10-01',
                                               '2018-10-01',
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01',
                                               '2018-10-01',
                '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01',
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01',
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01',
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01',
                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01',
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01',
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01',
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
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                '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01',
                '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01',
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01',
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01',
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01',
                                '2018-10-01',
                                               '2018-10-01',
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                                '2018-10-01'
                                               '2018-10-01'
                                                               '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01'
                '2018-10-01',
                                '2018-10-01',
                                               '2018-10-01', '2018-10-01',
                '2018-10-01'],
               dtype='datetime64[ns]', name='date', freq=None)
```

We can use the assign() method for working with multiple columns at once (or creating new ones). Since our date column has already been converted, we need to read in the data again:

```
df = pd.read_csv('data/nyc temperatures.csv').rename(
    columns={
        'value': 'temp C',
        'attributes': 'flags'
    }
new df = df.assign(
    date=pd.to datetime(df.date),
    temp F=(df.temp C * 9/5) + 32
new df.dtypes
date
            datetime64[ns]
datatype
                     object
station
                     object
flags
                    object
temp C
                    float64
temp F
                    float64
dtype: object
```

The date column now has datetimes and the temp F column was added:

```
new df.head()
        date datatype
                                  station
                                              flags
                                                     temp C
                                                              temp F
                                                               70.16
0 2018-10-01
                 TAVG GHCND: USW00014732
                                                        21.2
                                              H,,S,
1 2018-10-01
                 TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                                        25.6
                                                               78.08
                                           ,,W,2400
2 2018-10-01
                 TMIN GHCND: USW00014732
                                           ,,W,2400
                                                        18.3
                                                               64.94
                                              H,,S,
                                                               72.86
3 2018-10-02
                 TAVG
                       GHCND: USW00014732
                                                        22.7
4 2018-10-02
                 TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                           ,,W,2400
                                                        26.1
                                                               78.98
```

We can also use <code>astype()</code> to perform conversions. Let's create columns of the integer portion of the temperatures in Celsius and Fahrenheit. We will use <code>lambda functions</code> (first introduced in <code>Chapter 2</code>, <code>Working with Pandas DataFrames</code>), so that we can use the values being created in the <code>temp_F</code> column to calculate the <code>temp_F_whole</code> column. It is very common (and useful) to use <code>lambda functions</code> with <code>assign()</code>:

```
0 2018-10-01
                 TAVG GHCND: USW00014732
                                               H,,S,
                                                         21.2
21
1 2018-10-01
                  TMAX
                        GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         25.6
25
2 2018-10-01
                  TMIN GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         18.3
                  TAVG GHCND: USW00014732
3 2018-10-02
                                                         22.7
                                               H,,S,
22
4 2018-10-02
                  TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         26.1
26
           temp F whole
   temp F
0
    70.16
                      70
1
    78.08
                      78
2
    64.94
                      64
3
    72.86
                      72
4
    78.98
                      78
```

Creating categories:

```
df with categories = df.assign(
    station=df.station.astype('category'),
    datatype=df.datatype.astype('category')
df with categories.dtypes
date
                datetime64[ns]
datatype
                       category
station
                       category
flags
                         object
temp C
                        float64
temp C whole
                          int64
temp F
                        float64
temp_F_whole
                          int64
dtype: object
df with categories.describe(include='category')
       datatype
                            station
             93
                                 93
count
              3
unique
                                  1
           TAVG
                 GHCND: USW00014732
top
             31
                                 93
freq
```

Our categories have no order, but this is something that pandas supports:

```
pd.Categorical(
    ['med', 'med', 'low', 'high'],
    categories=['low', 'med', 'high'],
```

```
ordered=True
)
['med', 'med', 'low', 'high']
Categories (3, object): ['low' < 'med' < 'high']</pre>
```

Reordering, reindexing, and sorting

Say we want to find the days that reached the hottest temperatures in the weather data; we can sort our values by the temp C column with the largest on top to find this:

```
df[df.datatype == 'TMAX'].sort values(by='temp C',
ascending=False).head(10)
         date datatype
                                    station
                                                 flags
                                                         temp C
temp_C_whole \
19 2018-10-07
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           27.8
27
                                              ,,W,2400
28 2018-10-10
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                                           27.8
27
31 2018-10-11
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           26.7
26
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                                           26.1
10 2018-10-04
                                              ,,W,2400
26
4
   2018-10-02
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           26.1
26
   2018-10-01
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                                           25.6
1
                                              ,,W,2400
25
25 2018-10-09
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           25.6
25
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
7
  2018-10-03
                   TMAX
                                                           25.0
25
13 2018-10-05
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           22.8
22
22 2018-10-08
                   TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           22.8
22
            temp F whole
    temp_F
19
     82.04
                       82
28
                       82
     82.04
31
     80.06
                       80
10
     78.98
                       78
4
     78.98
                       78
1
     78.08
                       78
25
     78.08
                       78
     77.00
                       77
7
13
     73.04
                       73
22
     73.04
                       73
```

However, this isn't perfect because we have some ties, and they aren't sorted consistently. In the first tie between the 7th and the 10th, the earlier date comes first, but the opposite is true with the tie between the 4th and the 2nd. We can use other columns to break ties and specify how to sort each with ascending. Let's break ties with the date column and show earlier dates before later ones:

```
df[df.datatype == 'TMAX'].sort values(by=['temp C', 'date'],
ascending=[False, True]).head(10)
         date datatype
                                    station
                                                 flags
                                                         temp C
temp C whole \
19 2018-10-07
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           27.8
27
28 2018-10-10
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           27.8
27
31 2018-10-11
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           26.7
26
   2018-10-02
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                                           26.1
4
                                              ,,W,2400
26
10 2018-10-04
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           26.1
26
                                                           25.6
1
   2018-10-01
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
25
25 2018-10-09
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           25.6
25
7
   2018-10-03
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                                           25.0
                                              ,,W,2400
25
13 2018-10-05
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           22.8
22
22 2018-10-08
                   TMAX
                         GHCND: USW00014732
                                              ,,W,2400
                                                           22.8
22
    temp F
            temp F whole
19
     82.04
                        82
28
     82.04
                       82
31
     80.06
                       80
4
     78.98
                        78
10
                        78
     78.98
                        78
1
     78.08
25
     78.08
                       78
7
     77.00
                       77
13
     73.04
                       73
22
     73.04
                       73
```

Notice that the index was jumbled in the past 2 results. Here, our index only stores the row number in the original data, but we may not need to keep track of that information. In this case, we can pass in ignore_index=True to get a new index after sorting:

```
df[df.datatype == 'TMAX'].sort values(by=['temp C', 'date'],
ascending=[False, True], ignore index=True).head(10)
        date datatype
                                   station
                                               flags
                                                       temp C
temp C whole \
0 2018-10-07
                  TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                                         27.8
                                            ,,W,2400
27
1 2018-10-10
                 TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         27.8
27
2 2018-10-11
                  TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         26.7
26
3 2018-10-02
                  TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         26.1
26
4 2018-10-04
                  TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         26.1
26
5 2018-10-01
                  TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         25.6
25
6 2018-10-09
                  TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         25.6
25
7 2018-10-03
                  TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         25.0
25
8 2018-10-05
                  TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         22.8
22
9 2018-10-08
                  TMAX GHCND: USW00014732
                                            ,,W,2400
                                                         22.8
22
   temp F
           temp F whole
    82.04
0
                      82
    82.04
                      82
1
2
    80.06
                      80
3
    78.98
                      78
4
    78.98
                      78
5
    78.08
                      78
6
    78.08
                      78
7
    77.00
                      77
8
    73.04
                      73
    73.04
                      73
```

When just looking for the n-largest values, rather than wanting to sort all the data, we can use nlargest():

```
df[df.datatype == 'TAVG'].nlargest(n=10, columns='temp C')
         date datatype
                                  station flags temp C temp C whole
27 2018-10-10
                  TAVG
                        GHCND: USW00014732 H,,S,
                                                    23.8
                                                                    23
30 2018-10-11
                  TAVG
                                                                    23
                        GHCND: USW00014732 H,,S,
                                                    23.4
18 2018-10-07
                  TAVG GHCND: USW00014732 H,,S,
                                                    22.8
                                                                    22
```

```
22
3 2018-10-02
                 TAVG
                        GHCND: USW00014732 H,,S,
                                                    22.7
6 2018-10-03
                 TAVG
                        GHCND: USW00014732 H,,S,
                                                    21.8
                                                                    21
                       GHCND: USW00014732 H,,S,
                                                                    21
24 2018-10-09
                 TAVG
                                                    21.8
9 2018-10-04
                 TAVG
                       GHCND: USW00014732 H,,S,
                                                    21.3
                                                                    21
                                                                    21
0 2018-10-01
                 TAVG
                       GHCND: USW00014732 H,,S,
                                                    21.2
21 2018-10-08
                 TAVG
                        GHCND: USW00014732 H,,S,
                                                    20.9
                                                                    20
12 2018-10-05
                 TAVG GHCND: USW00014732 H,,S,
                                                   20.3
                                                                    20
           temp_F_whole
   temp F
27
     74.84
                      74
                      74
30
    74.12
    73.04
                      73
18
    72.86
                      72
3
6
    71.24
                      71
    71.24
24
                      71
9
    70.34
                      70
0
    70.16
                      70
21
    69.62
                      69
    68.54
12
                      68
```

We use nsmallest() for the n-smallest values.

```
df.nsmallest(n=5, columns=['temp C', 'date'])
         date datatype
                                  station flags
                                                     temp C
temp C whole \
65 2018-10-22
                  TMIN GHCND: USW00014732
                                           ,,W,2400
                                                        5.6
77 2018-10-26
                  TMIN
                        GHCND: USW00014732
                                           ,,W,2400
                                                        5.6
62 2018-10-21
                  TMIN
                       GHCND: USW00014732 , , W, 2400
                                                        6.1
                                           ,,W,2400
74 2018-10-25
                  TMIN
                        GHCND: USW00014732
                                                        6.1
                                                        6.7
53 2018-10-18
                  TMIN GHCND: USW00014732 ,,W,2400
    temp_F temp_F_whole
     42.08
65
                      42
77
     42.08
                      42
     42.98
                      42
62
```

```
74 42.98 42
53 44.06 44
```

The sample() method will give us rows (or columns with axis=1) at random. We can provide a seed (random state) to make this reproducible. The index after we do this is jumbled:

```
df.sample(5, random_state=0).index
Int64Index([2, 30, 55, 16, 13], dtype='int64')
```

We can use **sort** index() to order it again:

```
df.sample(5, random_state=0).sort_index().index
Int64Index([2, 13, 16, 30, 55], dtype='int64')
```

The sort index() method can also sort columns alphabetically:

```
df.sort index(axis=1).head()
  datatype
                 date
                           flags
                                             station
                                                      temp C
temp_C_whole
                                  GHCND: USW00014732
      TAVG 2018-10-01
                           H,,S,
                                                        21.2
21
1
      TMAX 2018-10-01 ,,W,2400
                                  GHCND: USW00014732
                                                        25.6
25
2
      TMIN 2018-10-01 ,,W,2400
                                  GHCND: USW00014732
                                                        18.3
18
3
      TAVG 2018-10-02
                           H,,S,
                                  GHCND: USW00014732
                                                        22.7
22
4
      TMAX 2018-10-02 ,,W,2400 GHCND:USW00014732
                                                        26.1
26
   temp F
           temp_F_whole
0
    70.16
                      70
1
    78.08
                      78
                     64
2
    64.94
3
    72.86
                      72
4
    78.98
                      78
```

This can make selection with loc easier for many columns:

```
df.sort index(axis=1).head().loc[:,'temp C':'temp F whole']
                                   temp F whole
   temp C
           temp C whole
                           temp F
                            70.16
0
     21.2
                      21
                                              70
1
     25.6
                      25
                            78.08
                                              78
                            64.94
2
     18.3
                      18
                                              64
```

2	22 7	22	72.86	72
3	22.7 26.1	22		72
4	20.1	20	78.98	78

We must sort the index to compare two dataframes. If the index is different, but the data is the same, they will be marked not-equal:

```
df.equals(df.sort_values(by='temp_C'))
False
```

Sorting the index solves this issue:

```
df.equals(df.sort_values(by='temp_C').sort_index())
True
```

Let's set the date column as our index:

```
df.set index('date', inplace=True)
df.head()
           datatype
                                             flags temp C temp C whole
                                 station
date
2018-10-01
               TAVG
                      GHCND: USW00014732
                                                       21.2
                                                                        21
                                             H,,S,
2018-10-01
               TMAX
                      GHCND: USW00014732
                                          ,,W,2400
                                                       25.6
                                                                        25
2018-10-01
               TMIN
                                                                        18
                      GHCND: USW00014732
                                          ,,W,2400
                                                       18.3
2018-10-02
                                             H,,S,
                                                                        22
               TAVG
                      GHCND: USW00014732
                                                       22.7
2018-10-02
               TMAX
                      GHCND: USW00014732
                                          ,,W,2400
                                                       26.1
                                                                        26
            temp F
                     temp F whole
date
2018-10-01
             70.16
                               70
2018-10-01
             78.08
                               78
2018-10-01
             64.94
                               64
2018-10-02
             72.86
                               72
2018-10-02
             78.98
                               78
```

Now that we have an index of type <code>DatetimeIndex</code>, we can do datetime slicing and indexing. As long as we provide a date format that pandas understands, we can grab the data. To select all of 2018, we simply use <code>df.loc['2018']</code>, for the fourth quarter of 2018 we can use <code>df.loc['2018-Q4']</code>, grabbing October is as simple as using <code>df.loc['2018-10']</code>; these can also be combined to build ranges. Let's grab October 11, 2018 through October 12, 2018 (inclusive of both endpoints)—note that using <code>loc[]</code> is optional for ranges:

df['2018-10-11':'2018-10-12']									
	datatype	station	flags	temp_C	temp_C_whole				
\ date									
2018-10-11	TAVG	GHCND: USW00014732	Н,,Ѕ,	23.4	23				
2018-10-11	TMAX	GHCND: USW00014732	,,W,2400	26.7	26				
2018-10-11	TMIN	GHCND: USW00014732	,,W,2400	21.7	21				
2018-10-12	TAVG	GHCND: USW00014732	Н,,Ѕ,	18.3	18				
2018-10-12	TMAX	GHCND: USW00014732	,,W,2400	22.2	22				
2018-10-12	TMIN	GHCND: USW00014732	,,W,2400	12.2	12				
	temp_F	temp_F_whole							
date 2018-10-11 2018-10-11 2018-10-12 2018-10-12 2018-10-12	74.12 80.06 71.06 64.94 71.96 53.96	74 80 71 64 71 53							

We can also use reset_index() to get a fresh index and move our current index into a column for safe keeping. This is especially useful if we had data, such as the date, in the index that we don't want to lose:

```
df['2018-10-11':'2018-10-12'].reset index()
        date datatype
                                               flags
                                   station
                                                       temp C
temp_C_whole \
0 2018-10-11
                  TAVG
                        GHCND: USW00014732
                                               H,,S,
                                                         23.4
23
1 2018-10-11
                  TMAX
                        GHCND: USW00014732
                                             ,,W,2400
                                                         26.7
26
2 2018-10-11
                                             ,,W,2400
                                                         21.7
                  TMIN
                        GHCND: USW00014732
21
3 2018-10-12
                  TAVG
                        GHCND: USW00014732
                                               H,,S,
                                                         18.3
18
4 2018-10-12
                  TMAX
                        GHCND: USW00014732
                                             ,,W,2400
                                                         22.2
5 2018-10-12
                  TMIN
                        GHCND: USW00014732
                                             ,,W,2400
                                                         12.2
12
   temp_F temp_F_whole
```

```
0
    74.12
                         74
1
    80.06
                         80
2
    71.06
                         71
3
    64.94
                         64
4
    71.96
                         71
5
    53.96
                         53
```

Reindexing allows us to conform our axis to contain a given set of labels. Let's turn to the S&P 500 stock data in the sp500.csv file to see an example of this. Notice we only have data for trading days (weekdays, excluding holidays):

```
sp = pd.read csv(
    'data/sp500.csv', index_col='date', parse_dates=True
).drop(columns=['adj close'])
sp.head(10).assign(
    day of week=lambda x: x.index.day name()
                   high
                                 low
                                              open
                                                          close
volume \
date
2017-01-03
            2263.879883
                         2245.129883 2251.570068
                                                    2257.830078
3770530000
2017-01-04
            2272.820068
                         2261.600098
                                      2261.600098
                                                    2270.750000
3764890000
            2271.500000
                         2260.449951
                                      2268.179932
                                                    2269.000000
2017-01-05
3761820000
2017-01-06
                         2264.060059
                                      2271.139893
                                                    2276,979980
            2282.100098
3339890000
2017-01-09
            2275,489990
                         2268.899902
                                                    2268,899902
                                      2273.590088
3217610000
                                      2269.719971
2017-01-10
            2279.270020
                         2265.270020
                                                    2268.899902
3638790000
                                      2268.600098
                                                    2275.320068
2017-01-11
            2275.320068
                         2260.830078
3620410000
2017-01-12
            2271.780029
                         2254.250000
                                      2271.139893
                                                    2270.439941
3462130000
2017-01-13
            2278.679932
                         2271.510010
                                      2272.739990
                                                    2274.639893
3081270000
2017-01-17
            2272.080078
                         2262.810059
                                      2269.139893
                                                    2267.889893
3584990000
           day_of_week
date
2017-01-03
               Tuesday
2017-01-04
             Wednesday
2017-01-05
              Thursday
```

```
2017-01-06 Friday
2017-01-09 Monday
2017-01-10 Tuesday
2017-01-11 Wednesday
2017-01-12 Thursday
2017-01-13 Friday
2017-01-17 Tuesday
```

If we want to look at the value of a portfolio (group of assets) that trade on different days, we need to handle the mismatch in the index. Bitcoin, for example, trades daily. If we sum up all the data we have for each day (aggregations will be covered in chapter 4, so don't fixate on this part), we get the following:

```
bitcoin = pd.read csv(
    'data/bitcoin.csv', index_col='date', parse_dates=True
).drop(columns=['market cap'])
# every day's closing price = S&P 500 close + Bitcoin close (same for
other metrics)
portfolio = pd.concat([sp, bitcoin],
sort=False).groupby(level='date').sum()
portfolio.head(10).assign(
    day of week=lambda x: x.index.day name()
)
                   high
                                 low
                                              open
                                                          close
volume \
date
                          958.700000
2017-01-01
            1003.080000
                                       963.660000
                                                     998.330000
147775008
2017-01-02
            1031.390000
                          996.700000
                                       998.620000
                                                    1021.750000
222184992
2017-01-03
            3307.959883
                         3266.729883
                                      3273.170068
                                                    3301,670078
3955698000
2017-01-04
            3432.240068
                         3306.000098
                                      3306.000098
                                                    3425,480000
4109835984
2017-01-05
            3462,600000
                         3170.869951 3424.909932
                                                    3282,380000
4272019008
                         3148.000059
                                      3285.379893
2017-01-06
            3328.910098
                                                   3179.179980
3691766000
2017-01-07
             908.590000
                          823.560000
                                       903.490000
                                                     908.590000
279550016
                                       908.170000
                                                     911.200000
2017-01-08
             942.720000
                          887.250000
158715008
2017-01-09
            3189.179990
                         3148.709902 3186.830088
                                                    3171.729902
3359486992
2017-01-10
            3194.140020
                         3166.330020
                                      3172.159971 3176.579902
```

```
3754598000
           day of week
date
2017-01-01
                Sunday
2017-01-02
                Monday
2017-01-03
               Tuesday
2017-01-04
             Wednesday
2017-01-05
              Thursday
2017-01-06
                Friday
2017-01-07
              Saturday
2017-01-08
                Sunday
2017-01-09
                Monday
2017-01-10
               Tuesday
```

It may not be immediately obvious what is wrong with the previous data, but with a visualization we can easily see the cyclical pattern of drops on the days the stock market is closed. (Don't worry about the plotting code too much, we will cover it in depth in chapters 5 and 6).

We will need to import matplotlib now:

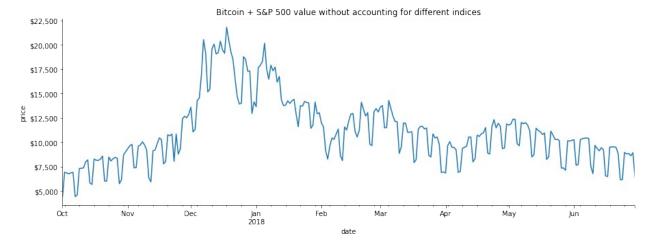
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # we use this module for plotting
from matplotlib.ticker import StrMethodFormatter # for formatting the
axis
```

Now we can see why we need to reindex:

```
# plot the closing price from Q4 2017 through Q2 2018
ax = portfolio['2017-Q4':'2018-Q2'].plot(
    y='close', figsize=(15, 5), legend=False,
    title='Bitcoin + S&P 500 value without accounting for different
indices'
)

# formatting
ax.set_ylabel('price')
ax.yaxis.set_major_formatter(StrMethodFormatter('${x:,.0f}'))
for spine in ['top', 'right']:
    ax.spines[spine].set_visible(False)

# show the plot
plt.show()
```



We need to align the index of the S&P 500 to match bitcoin in order to fix this. We will use the reindex () method, but by default we get NaN for the values that we don't have data for:

```
sp.reindex(bitcoin.index).head(10).assign(
    day_of_week=lambda x: x.index.day_name()
)
                    high
                                   low
                                                            close
                                                open
volume \
date
2017-01-01
                     NaN
                                   NaN
                                                               NaN
                                                 NaN
NaN
2017-01-02
                     NaN
                                   NaN
                                                 NaN
                                                               NaN
NaN
            2263.879883
2017-01-03
                          2245.129883
                                        2251.570068
                                                      2257.830078
3.770530e+09
2017-01-04
            2272.820068
                          2261,600098
                                        2261,600098
                                                      2270.750000
3.764890e+09
2017-01-05
            2271.500000
                          2260.449951
                                        2268.179932
                                                      2269.000000
3.761820e+09
                          2264,060059
                                        2271.139893
                                                      2276,979980
2017-01-06
            2282.100098
3.339890e+09
2017-01-07
                     NaN
                                   NaN
                                                               NaN
                                                 NaN
NaN
2017-01-08
                     NaN
                                   NaN
                                                 NaN
                                                               NaN
NaN
2017-01-09
            2275.489990
                          2268.899902
                                        2273.590088
                                                      2268.899902
3.217610e+09
                          2265.270020
2017-01-10
            2279.270020
                                        2269.719971
                                                      2268.899902
3.638790e+09
           day_of_week
date
2017-01-01
                 Sunday
```

```
2017-01-02
                Monday
2017-01-03
               Tuesday
2017-01-04
             Wednesday
2017-01-05
              Thursday
2017-01-06
                 Friday
2017-01-07
              Saturday
2017-01-08
                Sunday
2017-01-09
                Monday
2017-01-10
               Tuesday
```

So now we have rows for every day of the year, but all the weekends and holidays have NaN values. To address this, we can specify how to handle missing values with the method argument. In this case, we want to forward-fill, which will put the weekend and holiday values as the value they had for the Friday (or end of trading week) before:

```
sp.reindex(bitcoin.index, method='ffill').head(10)\
    .assign(day of week=lambda x: x.index.day name())
                   high
                                  low
                                                           close
                                              open
volume \
date
2017-01-01
                    NaN
                                  NaN
                                                NaN
                                                             NaN
NaN
2017-01-02
                    NaN
                                  NaN
                                                NaN
                                                             NaN
NaN
2017-01-03
            2263.879883
                         2245.129883
                                       2251.570068
                                                     2257.830078
3.770530e+09
                                                     2270.750000
2017-01-04
            2272.820068
                         2261.600098
                                       2261.600098
3.764890e+09
2017-01-05
                          2260.449951
                                       2268.179932
            2271.500000
                                                     2269.000000
3.761820e+09
2017-01-06
            2282.100098
                         2264.060059
                                       2271.139893
                                                     2276.979980
3.339890e+09
            2282.100098
2017-01-07
                         2264.060059
                                       2271.139893
                                                     2276.979980
3.339890e+09
2017-01-08
            2282.100098
                          2264.060059
                                       2271.139893
                                                     2276.979980
3.339890e+09
                                                     2268.899902
                         2268.899902
                                       2273.590088
2017-01-09
            2275.489990
3.217610e+09
2017-01-10
                         2265,270020
                                       2269.719971
                                                     2268,899902
            2279.270020
3.638790e+09
           day_of_week
date
2017-01-01
                Sunday
                Monday
2017-01-02
2017-01-03
               Tuesday
2017-01-04
             Wednesday
```

```
2017-01-05 Thursday
2017-01-06 Friday
2017-01-07 Saturday
2017-01-08 Sunday
2017-01-09 Monday
2017-01-10 Tuesday
```

To isolate the changes happening with the forward-filling, we can use the compare() method. It shows us the values that differ across identically-labeled dataframes (same names and same columns). Here, we can see that only weekends and holidays (Monday, January 16, 2017 was MLK day) have values forward-filled. Notice that consecutive days have the same values.

```
sp.reindex(bitcoin.index)\
    .compare(sp.reindex(bitcoin.index, method='ffill'))\
    .head(10).assign(day of week=lambda x: x.index.day name())
                                                                     close
           high
                                low
                                                  open
/
           self
                        other self
                                           other self
                                                              other self
date
2017-01-07
                  2282,100098
                                     2264.060059
                                                   NaN
                                                        2271.139893
                                                                       NaN
            NaN
                               NaN
2017-01-08
            NaN
                  2282.100098
                               NaN
                                     2264.060059
                                                   NaN
                                                        2271.139893
                                                                       NaN
2017-01-14
                 2278,679932
                                     2271.510010
                                                        2272.739990
            NaN
                               NaN
                                                   NaN
                                                                       NaN
2017-01-15
            NaN
                  2278.679932
                               NaN
                                     2271.510010
                                                   NaN
                                                        2272.739990
                                                                       NaN
2017-01-16
                 2278.679932
                                     2271.510010
                                                        2272.739990
            NaN
                               NaN
                                                   NaN
                                                                       NaN
2017-01-21
            NaN
                 2276.959961
                               NaN
                                    2265.010010
                                                   NaN
                                                        2269.959961
                                                                       NaN
2017-01-22
            NaN
                  2276.959961
                               NaN
                                     2265.010010
                                                   NaN
                                                        2269.959961
                                                                       NaN
2017-01-28
                 2299,020020
                                     2291.620117
                                                        2299,020020
            NaN
                               NaN
                                                   NaN
                                                                       NaN
2017-01-29
                 2299.020020
                                     2291.620117
                                                   NaN
                                                        2299.020020
                                                                       NaN
            NaN
                               NaN
2017-02-04
                  2298.310059
                               NaN
                                     2287.879883
                                                   NaN
                                                        2288.540039
                                                                       NaN
            NaN
                         volume
                                                day of week
                   other
                           self
                                         other
date
2017-01-07
            2276.979980
                            NaN
                                  3.339890e+09
                                                   Saturday
2017-01-08
            2276.979980
                            NaN
                                  3.339890e+09
                                                     Sunday
2017-01-14
            2274.639893
                            NaN
                                  3.081270e+09
                                                   Saturday
2017-01-15
            2274.639893
                                 3.081270e+09
                                                     Sunday
                            NaN
```

```
2274.639893
2017-01-16
                            NaN
                                 3.081270e+09
                                                    Monday
2017-01-21
            2271.310059
                            NaN
                                 3.524970e+09
                                                  Saturday
2017-01-22
            2271.310059
                            NaN
                                 3.524970e+09
                                                    Sunday
                            NaN
2017-01-28
            2294.689941
                                 3.135890e+09
                                                  Saturday
2017-01-29
            2294.689941
                            NaN
                                 3.135890e+09
                                                    Sunday
2017-02-04
            2297.419922
                            NaN
                                 3.597970e+09
                                                  Saturday
```

This isn't perfect though. We probably want 0 for the volume traded and to put the closing price for the open, high, low, and close on the days the market is closed:

```
import numpy as np
sp reindexed = sp.reindex(bitcoin.index).assign(
    volume=lambda x: x.volume.fillna(0), # put 0 when market is closed
    close=lambda x: x.close.fillna(method='ffill'), # carry this
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)
sp reindexed.head(10).assign(
    day of week=lambda x: x.index.day name()
)
                   high
                                 low
                                             open
                                                          close
volume \
date
2017-01-01
                    NaN
                                 NaN
                                              NaN
                                                            NaN
0.000000e+00
2017-01-02
                    NaN
                                 NaN
                                              NaN
                                                            NaN
0.000000e+00
2017-01-03
                         2245.129883 2251.570068
                                                   2257.830078
            2263.879883
3.770530e+09
2017-01-04
            2272.820068
                         2261.600098
                                      2261.600098
                                                   2270.750000
3.764890e+09
2017-01-05
            2271.500000
                         2260.449951 2268.179932
                                                   2269.000000
3.761820e+09
2017-01-06
            2282.100098
                         2264.060059
                                      2271.139893
                                                   2276.979980
3.339890e+09
2017-01-07
                                      2276.979980
            2276.979980
                         2276.979980
                                                   2276.979980
0.000000e+00
2017-01-08
            2276.979980
                         2276.979980 2276.979980
                                                   2276,979980
0.000000e+00
2017-01-09 2275.489990
                         2268.899902
                                      2273.590088
                                                   2268,899902
3.217610e+09
2017-01-10
           2279.270020
                         2265.270020
                                      2269.719971
                                                   2268,899902
3.638790e+09
```

```
day of week
date
2017-01-01
                Sunday
2017-01-02
                Monday
2017-01-03
               Tuesday
2017-01-04
             Wednesday
2017-01-05
              Thursday
2017-01-06
                 Friday
2017-01-07
              Saturday
2017-01-08
                Sunday
2017-01-09
                Monday
2017-01-10
               Tuesday
```

If we create a visualization comparing the reindexed data to the first attempt, we see how reindexing helped maintain the asset value when the market was closed:

```
# every day's closing price = S&P 500 close adjusted for market
closure + Bitcoin close (same for other metrics)
fixed portfolio = sp reindexed + bitcoin
# plot the reindexed portfolio's closing price from Q4 2017 through Q2
2018
ax = fixed portfolio['2017-Q4':'2018-Q2'].plot(
    y='close', label='reindexed portfolio of S&P 500 + Bitcoin',
figsize=(15, 5), linewidth=2,
    title='Reindexed portfolio vs. portfolio with mismatched indices'
)
# add line for original portfolio for comparison
portfolio['2017-Q4':'2018-Q2'].plot(
    y='close', ax=ax, linestyle='--', label='portfolio of S&P 500 +
Bitcoin w/o reindexing'
# formatting
ax.set ylabel('price')
ax.yaxis.set major formatter(StrMethodFormatter('${x:,.0f}'))
for spine in ['top', 'right']:
    ax.spines[spine].set visible(False)
# show the plot
plt.show()
```

