

The groupby method

- The `groupby` method helps us answer questions that involve performing some computation separately **for each group**.
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```
In [5]: # The median 'bill_length_mm' of each 'species'.  
penguins.groupby('species')['bill_length_mm'].median()
```

```
Out[5]: species  
Adelie    38.85  
Chinstrap 49.55  
Gentoo    47.40  
Name: bill_length_mm, dtype: float64
```

aggregation method.
"separately, for each species, ..."

index automatically set to "species"



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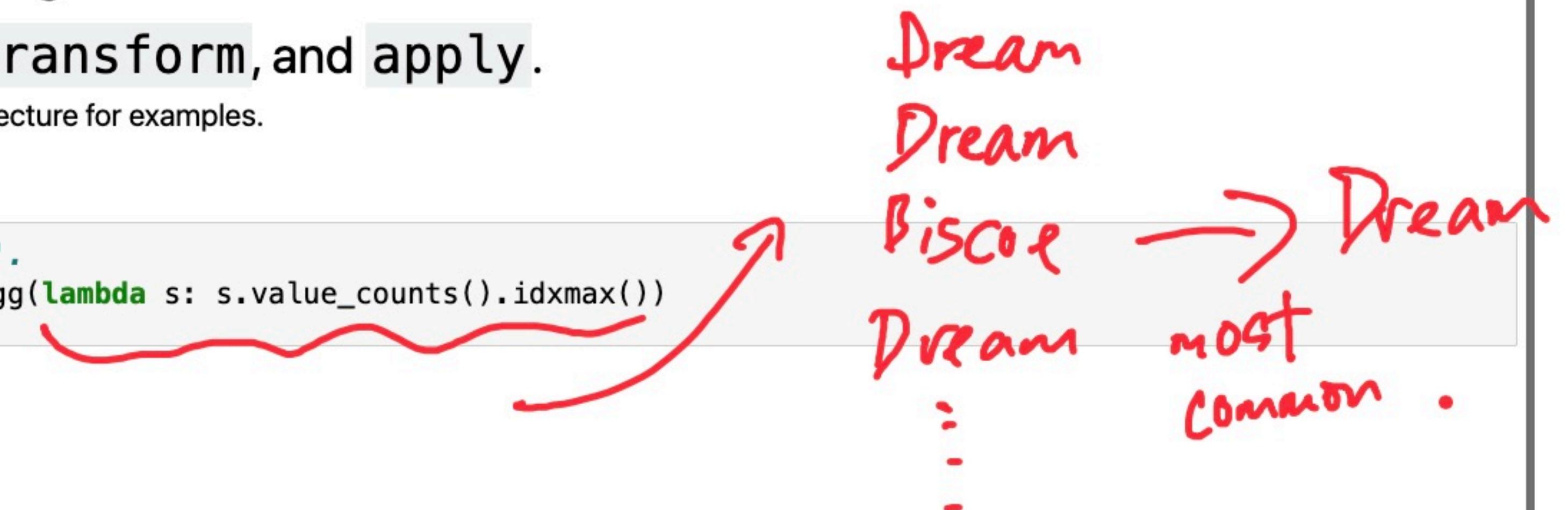
See "★ The grouping method cheat sheet" from last lecture for examples.

```
In [6]: # The most common 'island' per 'species'.
penguins.groupby('species')['island'].agg(lambda s: s.value_counts().idxmax())
```

```
Out[6]: species
Adelie      Dream
Chinstrap   Dream
Gentoo      Biscoe
Name: island, dtype: object
```

```
In [ ]: # Keeps the 'species' with at least 100 penguins.
...
```

Dream
Dream
Biscoe → Dream
Dream most common .
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Chinstrap   Dream
Gentoo     Biscoe
Name: island, dtype: object
```

```
In [7]: # Keeps the 'species' with at least 100 penguins.
penguins.groupby('species').filter(lambda df: df.shape[0] >= 100)
```

```
Out[7]:
```

	species	island	bill_length_mm	bill_depth_mm	flipper_length_mm	body_mass_g	sex
0	Adelie	Dream	41.3	20.3	194.0	3550.0	Male
1	Adelie	Torgersen	38.5	17.9	190.0	3325.0	Female
2	Adelie	Dream	34.0	17.1	185.0	3400.0	Female
...
326	Adelie	Dream	41.1	18.1	205.0	4300.0	Male
331	Adelie	Dream	39.7	17.9	193.0	4250.0	Male
332	Gentoo	Biscoe	45.1	14.5	207.0	5050.0	Female

265 rows × 7 columns

Chinstraps
missing!

not 333, because one species has fewer than 100 penguins



Grouping with multiple columns

- When we group with multiple columns, one group is created for **every unique combination** of elements in the specified columns.

In the output below, why are there only 5 rows, rather than $3 \times 3 = 9$ rows, when there are 3 unique 'species' and 3 unique 'island's?

```
In [8]: # Read this as:  
species_and_island = (  
    penguins.groupby(['species', 'island'])  
    [['bill_length_mm', 'bill_depth_mm']].mean()  
)  
species_and_island
```

for every combination of 'species' and 'island' in the DataFrame,
calculate the mean 'bill_length_mm' and the mean 'bill_depth_mm'.

Out[8]:

species	island		
		bill_length_mm	bill_depth_mm
Adelie	Biscoe	38.98	18.37
	Dream	38.52	18.24
	Torgersen	39.04	18.45
Chinstrap	Dream	48.83	18.42
Gentoo	Biscoe	47.57	15.00

Chinstrap penguins only
exist on one
island!

MultiIndex





Pivot tables: An extension of grouping

- Pivot tables are a compact way to display tables for humans to read.

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species		
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Chinstrap	3527.21	3938.97
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popular in
business
application
government data.





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- Notice that each value in the table is the average of 'body_mass_g' of penguins, for every combination of 'species' and 'sex'.
- You can think of pivot tables as grouping using two columns, then "pivoting" one of the group labels into columns.



```
index='species',  
columns='sex',  
values='body_mass_g',  
aggfunc='mean'  
)
```

easier to read

Out[11]:

	sex	Female	Male
species			
Adelie		3368.84	4043.49
Chinstrap		3527.21	3938.97
Gentoo		4679.74	5484.84

same info!

In [13]: penguins.groupby(['species', 'sex'])[['body_mass_g']].mean()

Out[13]:

		body_mass_g
species	sex	
Adelie	Female	3368.84
	Male	4043.49
Chinstrap	Female	3527.21
	Male	3938.97
Gentoo	Female	4679.74
	Male	5484.84

Out[20]:

species	island	
Gentoo	Biscoe	119
Chinstrap	Dream	68
Adelie	Dream	55
	Torgersen	47
	Biscoe	44

Name: count, dtype: int64

Biscoe Dream Torg. - .

Adelie
Chinstrap
Gentoo

- But the data is arguably easier to interpret when we do use `pivot_table`:

```
In [ ]: penguins.pivot_table(  
        index=''  
)
```

Torgersen 47
Biscoe 44
Name: count, dtype: int64

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```
In [22]: penguins.pivot_table(  
    index='species',  
    columns='island',  
    values='body_mass_g',  
    aggfunc='count'  
)
```

Out[22]:

	island	Biscoe	Dream	Torgersen
species				
Adelie	44.0	55.0	47.0	
Chinstrap	Nan	68.0	Nan	
Gentoo	119.0	Nan	Nan	

"values" doesn't really
matter if using
'count'!



Torgersen 47
Biscoe 44
Name: count, dtype: int64

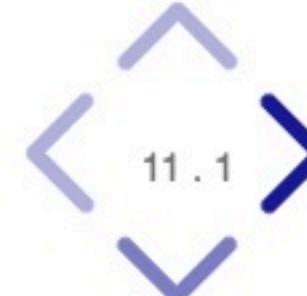
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In [22]: penguins.pivot_table(  
    index='species',  
    columns='island',  
    values='body_mass_g',  
    aggfunc='count'  
)
```

Out[22]:

	island	Biscoe	Dream	Torgersen
species				
Adelie	44.0	55.0	470	
Chinstrap	Nan	68.0	Nan	
Gentoo	119.0	Nan	Nan	

no Chinstraps on Torgersen!





Example: Phone sales

```
In [31]: # The DataFrame on the left contains information about phones on the market.  
# The DataFrame on the right contains information about the stock I have in my stores.  
dfs_side_by_side(phones, inventory)
```

	Model	Price	Screen	Handset	Units	Store
0	iPhone 16	799	6.1			
1	iPhone 16 Pro Max	1199	6.9			
2	Samsung Galaxy S24 Ultra	1299	6.8			
3	Pixel 9 Pro	999	6.3			

	Handset	Units	Store
0	iPhone 16 Pro Max	50	Briarwood
1	iPhone 16	40	Somerset
2	Pixel 9 Pro	10	Arbor Hills
3	Pixel 9 Pro	15	12 Oaks
4	iPhone 16	100	Briarwood
5	iPhone 15	5	Oakland Mall

$$\begin{aligned} & 50 \times 1199 \\ & + \\ & 40 \times 799 \\ & - \\ & : \\ & . \end{aligned}$$

- **Question:** If I sell all of the phones in my inventory, how much will I make in revenue?





In [41]: `phones.merge(inventory, left_on='Model', right_on='Handset', how='inner')`

Out[41]:

	Model	Price	Screen	Handset	Units	Store
0	iPhone 16	799	6.1	iPhone 16	40	Somerset
1	iPhone 16	799	6.1	iPhone 16	100	Briarwood
2	iPhone 16 Pro Max	1199	6.9	iPhone 16 Pro Max	50	Briarwood
3	Pixel 9 Pro	999	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	10	Arbor Hills
4	Pixel 9 Pro	999	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	15	12 Oaks

In [42]: `phones.merge(inventory, left_on='Model', right_on='Handset', how='left')`

Out[42]:

	Model	Price	Screen	Handset	Units	Store
0	iPhone 16	799	6.1	iPhone 16	40.0	Somerset
1	iPhone 16	799	6.1	iPhone 16	100.0	Briarwood
2	iPhone 16 Pro Max	1199	6.9	iPhone 16 Pro Max	50.0	Briarwood
3	Samsung Galaxy S24 Ultra	1299	6.8	Nan	Nan	
4	Pixel 9 Pro	999	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	10.0	Arbor Hills
5	Pixel 9 Pro	999	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	15.0	12 Oaks

↑ keeps every row from phones, even ones not in inventory!

missing value

In []: `phones.merge(inventory, left_on='Model', right_on='Handset', how='right')`





```
In [42]: phones.merge(inventory, left_on='Model', right_on='Handset', how='left')
```

Out[42]:

	Model	Price	Screen	Handset	Units	Store
0	iPhone 16	799	6.1	iPhone 16	40.0	Somerset
1	iPhone 16	799	6.1	iPhone 16	100.0	Briarwood
2	iPhone 16 Pro Max	1199	6.9	iPhone 16 Pro Max	50.0	Briarwood
3	Samsung Galaxy S24 Ultra	1299	6.8	Nan	Nan	Nan
4	Pixel 9 Pro	999	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	10.0	Arbor Hills
5	Pixel 9 Pro	999	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	15.0	12 Oaks

```
In [43]: phones.merge(inventory, left_on='Model', right_on='Handset', how='right')
```

Out[43]:

	Model	Price	Screen	Handset	Units	Store
0	iPhone 16 Pro Max	1199.0	6.9	iPhone 16 Pro Max	50	Briarwood
1	iPhone 16	799.0	6.1	iPhone 16	40	Somerset
2	Pixel 9 Pro	999.0	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	10	Arbor Hills
3	Pixel 9 Pro	999.0	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	15	12 Oaks
4	iPhone 16	799.0	6.1	iPhone 16	100	Briarwood
5	Nan	Nan	Nan	iPhone 15	5	Oakland Mall

↑
keeps all rows
from inventory,
even if not
in phones

```
In [ ]: phones.merge(inventory, left_on='Model', right_on='Handset', how='outer')
```

localhost

0	iPhone 16 Pro Max	1199.0	6.9	iPhone 16 Pro Max	50	Briarwood
1	iPhone 16	799.0	6.1	iPhone 16	40	Somerset
2	Pixel 9 Pro	999.0	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	10	Arbor Hills
3	Pixel 9 Pro	999.0	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	15	12 Oaks
4	iPhone 16	799.0	6.1	iPhone 16	100	Briarwood
5	NaN	NaN	NaN	iPhone 15	5	Oakland Mall

In [44]: `phones.merge(inventory, left_on='Model', right_on='Handset', how='outer')`

Out[44]:

	Model	Price	Screen	Handset	Units	Store
0	iPhone 16	799.0	6.1	iPhone 16	40.0	Somerset
1	iPhone 16	799.0	6.1	iPhone 16	100.0	Briarwood
2	iPhone 16 Pro Max	1199.0	6.9	iPhone 16 Pro Max	50.0	Briarwood
3	Samsung Galaxy S24 Ultra	1299.0	6.8	NaN	NaN	NaN
4	Pixel 9 Pro	999.0	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	10.0	Arbor Hills
5	Pixel 9 Pro	999.0	6.3	Pixel 9 Pro	15.0	12 Oaks
6	NaN	NaN	NaN	iPhone 15	5.0	Oakland Mall

↑
keeps
everything!

inventory.groupby('Handset')['Units'].sum()

	Handset	Units	Store
0	iPhone 16 Pro Max	50	Briarwood
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[suggest improvement](#)

inventory.groupby('Handset')['Units'].sum()

	Handset	Units	Store	Series
0	iPhone 16 Pro Max	50	Briarwood	0 50
1	iPhone 16	40	Somerset	1 40
2	Pixel 9 Pro	10	Arbor Hills	2 10
3	Pixel 9 Pro	15	12 Oaks	3 15
4	iPhone 16	100	Briarwood	4 100
5	iPhone 15	5	Oakland Mall	5 5

[suggest improvement](#)

inventory.groupby('Handset')['Units'].sum()

	Series	Handset	Series
0	50		
1	40	Pixel 9 Pro	25
2	10		
3	15	iPhone 15	5
4	100	iPhone 16	140
5	5	iPhone 16 Pro Max	50

[suggest improvement](#)

pin no-hover URL: <https://pandastutor.com/vis.html#code=%23%20The%20code%20below%20just%20i>



Name: model, dtype: object

```
In [46]: left = set(phones['Model'])  
left
```

```
Out[46]: {'Pixel 9 Pro', 'Samsung Galaxy S24 Ultra', 'iPhone 16', 'iPhone 16 Pro Max'}
```

```
In [47]: inventory['Handset']
```

```
Out[47]: 0    iPhone 16 Pro Max  
1        iPhone 16  
2    Pixel 9 Pro  
3    Pixel 9 Pro  
4        iPhone 16  
5        iPhone 15  
Name: Handset, dtype: object
```

```
In [48]: right = set(inventory['Handset'])  
right
```

```
Out[48]: {'Pixel 9 Pro', 'iPhone 15', 'iPhone 16', 'iPhone 16 Pro Max'}
```

- To quickly check which join key values are in the left DataFrame but not the right, or vice versa, create sets out of the join keys and use the difference method.

```
In [49]: left.difference(right)
```

```
Out[49]: {'Samsung Galaxy S24 Ultra'}
```

```
In [50]: right.difference(left)
```

```
Out[50]: {'iPhone 15'}
```

which elements are in left but not right?





Without writing code, how many rows are in
midwest_cities.merge(schools, on='city')?

- A. 4 B. 5 C. 6 D. 7 E. 8

In [52]: `dfs_side_by_side(midwest_cities, schools)`

	city	state	today_high_temp
0	Ann Arbor	Michigan	79
1	Detroit	Michigan	83
2	Chicago	Illinois	87
3	East Lansing	Michigan	87

	name	city	state	graduation_rate
0	University of Michigan	Ann Arbor	Michigan	0.87
1	University of Chicago	Chicago	Illinois	0.94
2	Wayne State University	Detroit	Michigan	0.78
3	Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore	Maryland	0.92
4	UC San Diego	La Jolla	California	0.81
5	Concordia U-Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor	Michigan	0.83
6	Michigan State University	East Lansing	Michigan	0.91

In []: ...

$$2 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 5$$

In []:



Followup activity

Without writing code, how many rows are in `midwest_cities.merge(schools, on='state')`?

$$4+4+1+4 = 13$$

In [53]: `dfs_side_by_side(midwest_cities, schools)`

	city	state	today_high_temp	name	city	state	graduation_rate
0	Ann Arbor	Michigan	79	University of Michigan	Ann Arbor	Michigan	0.87
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				UC San Diego	La Jolla	California	0.81
				Concordia U Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor	Michigan	0.83
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In []: ...

In []:

(don't sue me)

↑ kind of a butterfly wing



13 rows x 6 columns

In [57]: `dfs_side_by_side(midwest_cities, schools)`

			name	city	state	graduation_rate
	city	state				
0	Ann Arbor	Michigan	79			
1	Detroit	Michigan	83			
2	Chicago	Illinois	87			
3	East Lansing	Michigan	87			
4				University of Michigan	Ann Arbor	Michigan
5				University of Chicago	Chicago	Illinois
6				Wayne State University	Detroit	Michigan
7				Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore	Maryland
8				UC San Diego	La Jolla	California
9				Concordia U-Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor	Michigan
10				Michigan State University	East Lansing	Michigan

In [56]: `midwest_cities.merge(schools)`

Out [56]:

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if you don't specify
the "on",
it merges on
all shared
column names



- The Series `apply` method allows us to use a function on every element in a Series.

```
In [93]: def clean_term(term_string):
    return int(term_string.split()[0])
```

```
In [92]: int('60 months'.split()[0])
```

```
Out[92]: 60
```

```
In [94]: clean_term('544 months')
```

```
Out[94]: 544
```

```
In [95]: clean_term('36 months')
```

```
Out[95]: 36
```

```
In [96]: loans['term'].apply(clean_term)
```

```
Out[96]: 0      60
        1      36
        2      36
        ..
       6297    60
       6298    60
       6299    60
Name: term, Length: 6300, dtype: int64
```

clean-term: string → one int



- Mental model: the **operation that comes after** `.str` is used on every element of **the Series that comes before** `.str`.

s.str.operation

```
In [101]: # Here, we use .split() on every string in loans['term'].  
loans['term']
```

```
Out[101]: 0      60 months  
1      36 months  
2      36 months  
...  
6297    60 months  
6298    60 months  
6299    60 months  
Name: term, Length: 6300, dtype: object
```

```
In [103]: loans['term'].str.split()
```

```
Out[103]: 0      [60, months]  
1      [36, months]  
2      [36, months]  
...  
6297    [60, months]  
6298    [60, months]  
6299    [60, months]  
Name: term, Length: 6300, dtype: object
```

using `.split()` on every string in `loans['term']`

```
In [ ]:
```

```
In [ ]: ...
```

In [101]: # Here, we use .split() on every string in loans[term].
loans['term']

Out[101]: 0 60 months
1 36 months
2 36 months
...
6297 60 months
6298 60 months
6299 60 months
Name: term, Length: 6300, dtype: object

In [103]: loans['term'].str.split()

Out[103]: 0 [60, months]
1 [36, months]
2 [36, months]
...
6297 [60, months]
6298 [60, months]
6299 [60, months]
Name: term, Length: 6300, dtype: object

In [110]: loans['term'].str.split().str[0].astype(int)

Out[110]: 0 60
1 36
2 36
...
6297 60
6298 60
6299 60
Name: term, Length: 6300, dtype: int64

does [0] on every list in the one Series



In []: ...

- When dealing with values containing dates and times, it's good practice to convert the values to "timestamp" objects.

```
In [111]: # Stored as strings.  
loans['issue_d']
```

```
Out[111]: 0      Jun-2014  
1      Jun-2017  
2      Dec-2016  
...  
6297    Nov-2015  
6298    Dec-2014  
6299    Jun-2015  
Name: issue_d, Length: 6300, dtype: object
```

- To do so, we use the `pd.to_datetime` function.

It takes in a date format string; you can see examples of how they work [here](#).

each elt
is a
datetime

```
In [112]: pd.to_datetime(loans['issue_d'])
```

```
Out[112]: 0      2014-06-01  
1      2017-06-01  
2      2016-12-01  
...  
6297    2015-11-01  
6298    2014-12-01  
6299    2015-06-01  
Name: issue_d, Length: 6300, dtype: datetime64[ns]
```

- There are a few steps we've performed to clean up our dataset.

- Convert loan 'term's to integers.
- Convert loan issue dates, 'issue_d's, to timestamps.

- When we manipulate DataFrames, it's best to define individual functions for each step, then use the **pipe** method to chain them all together.

The `pipe` method takes in a function that maps DataFrame → anything, but typically anything is a DataFrame.

In [118]:

```
def clean_term_column(df):
    return df.assign(
        term=df['term'].str.split().str[0].astype(int)
    )
def clean_date_column(df):
    return (
        df
        .assign(date=pd.to_datetime(df['issue_d'], format='%b-%Y'))
        .drop(columns=['issue_d'])
    )
```

In []:

In []: # Same as above, just way harder to read and write.

...

takes in a DF

returns a DF.