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Lecture 09

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Filtering rows

The query() method can be used for filtering rows, it evaluates a string expression in the context of the data frame.

```
1 df.query('weight > 50 & height < 165')</pre>
 1 df.query('date == "2022-02-01"')
Empty DataFrame
                                                          id
                                                                weight
                                                                             height
                                                                                          date
Columns: [id, weight, height, date]
                                                         202 79.477217 162.607949 2025-02-01
                                                  anna
Index: []
                                                  carol 960 51.663463 156.062230 2025-02-03
   df.query('weight > 50')
                                                      qid = 202
                                                   2 df.query('id == @qid')
              weight
                           height
        id
                                        date
       202
           79.477217
                       162.607949 2025-02-01
                                                         id
                                                               weight
                                                                            height
                                                                                         date
anna
       535
           97.369002
                       175.888696 2025-02-02
                                                       202
                                                            79.477217
                                                                        162.607949 2025-02-01
bob
                                                  anna
           51,663463
                       156.062230 2025-02-03
carol
      960
dave
      370
           67.517056 171.197477 2025-02-04
```

Selecting Columns

Beyond the use of loc() and iloc() there is also the filter() method which can be used to select columns (or indices) by name with pattern matching

```
df.filter(items=["id","weight"])
                                                     1 df.filter(regex="ght$")
        id
               weight
                                                             weight
                                                                          height
            79.477217
                                                          79.477217
                                                                      162.607949
       202
anna
                                                   anna
bob
       535
            97.369002
                                                   bob
                                                          97.369002
                                                                     175.888696
            51,663463
                                                   carol 51.663463
                                                                     156.062230
carol
       960
       370
            67.517056
                                                          67.517056 171.197477
dave
                                                   dave
            29.780742
                                                          29.780742 167.607252
erin
       206
                                                   erin
    df.filter(like = "i")
                                                       df.filter(like="a", axis=0)
               weight
                           height
                                                           id
                                                                  weight
                                                                               height
        id
                                                                                            date
       202
            79.477217
                       162.607949
                                                          202
                                                               79.477217
                                                                           162.607949 2025-02-01
anna
                                                   anna
                                                                           156.062230 2025-02-03
       535
            97.369002
                       175.888696
                                                          960
                                                               51.663463
bob
                                                   carol
       960
            51.663463
                       156,062230
                                                   dave
                                                          370
                                                               67.517056
                                                                           171.197477 2025-02-04
carol
dave
       370
            67.517056
                       171.197477
       206
            29.780742
                       167,607252
erin
```

Adding columns

Indexing with assignment allows for inplace modification of a DataFrame, while assign() creates a new object (but is chainable)

```
1 df['student'] = [True, True, True, False, None]
 2 df['age'] = [19, 22, 25, None, None]
 3 df
       id
              weight
                          height
                                       date student
                                                      age
           79.477217
      202
                       162.607949 2025-02-01
                                               True
                                                     19.0
anna
bob
      535
                      175.888696 2025-02-02
                                                    22.0
           97.369002
                                             True
carol
      960
           51,663463
                      156.062230 2025-02-03
                                             True
                                                     25.0
           67.517056
                      171.197477 2025-02-04
                                              False
dave
      370
                                                      NaN
           29.780742
                      167.607252 2025-02-05
erin
      206
                                               None
                                                      NaN
    df.assign(
      student = lambda x: np.where(x.student, "yes", "no"),
      rand = np.random.rand(5)
 4 )
       id
              weight
                          height
                                       date student
                                                      age
                                                               rand
      202
           79.477217
                       162.607949 2025-02-01
                                                     19.0
                                                ves
                                                           0.938553
anna
bob
      535
           97.369002
                      175.888696 2025-02-02
                                                     22.0 0.000779
                                                yes
           51.663463
                      156.062230 2025-02-03
                                                     25.0 0.992212
carol
      960
                                                ves
      370
           67.517056
                      171.197477 2025-02-04
                                                           0.617482
dave
                                                      NaN
                                                 no
           29.780742
                      167.607252 2025-02-05
                                                      NaN 0.611653
erin
      206
                                                 no
```

Removing columns (and rows)

Columns or rows can be removed via the drop() method,

```
1 df.drop(['student'])
KeyError: "['student'] not found in axis"
    df.drop(['student'], axis=1)
        id
               weight
                           height
                                        date
                                               age
                       162.607949 2025-02-01
       202
            79.477217
                                              19.0
anna
           97.369002
                       175.888696 2025-02-02
bob
       535
                                              22.0
                       156.062230 2025-02-03
carol
       960
            51.663463
                                              25.0
           67.517056
                       171.197477 2025-02-04
dave
       370
                                               NaN
           29.780742 167.607252 2025-02-05
erin
       206
                                               NaN
    df.drop(['anna','dave'])
        id
               weight
                           height
                                        date student
                                                       age
                       175.888696 2025-02-02
       535
            97.369002
                                                True
                                                      22.0
bob
carol
       960
            51.663463
                       156.062230 2025-02-03
                                                True
                                                      25.0
erin
       206
           29.780742 167.607252 2025-02-05
                                                None
                                                       NaN
```

```
df.drop(columns = df.columns == "age")
KeyError: '[False, False, False, False, True] not found in axis'
 1 df.drop(columns = df.columns[df.columns == "age"])
                                        date student
        id
              weight
                           height
       202
           79.477217
                       162.607949 2025-02-01
                                                True
anna
       535
           97.369002
                       175.888696 2025-02-02
                                                True
bob
           51,663463
                       156.062230 2025-02-03
                                               True
carol
      960
dave
      370
           67.517056
                       171.197477 2025-02-04
                                               False
           29.780742 167.607252 2025-02-05
erin
       206
                                               None
    df.drop(columns = df.columns[df.columns.str.contains("ght")])
        id
                 date student
                                age
      202 2025-02-01
                        True
                              19.0
anna
      535 2025-02-02
                              22.0
bob
                        True
      960 2025-02-03
                        True
                              25.0
carol
```

370 2025-02-04

206 2025-02-05

dave

erin

False

None

NaN

NaN

Sorting

DataFrames can be sorted on one or more columns via sort_values(),

```
1 df
                           height
        id
               weight
                                         date student
                                                        age
       202
            79.477217
                       162.607949 2025-02-01
                                                       19.0
                                                 True
anna
bob
       535
            97.369002
                       175.888696 2025-02-02
                                                 True
                                                       22.0
      960
            51.663463
                       156.062230 2025-02-03
                                                       25.0
carol
                                                 True
dave
       370
            67.517056
                       171.197477 2025-02-04
                                                False
                                                        NaN
       206
            29.780742
                       167.607252 2025-02-05
                                                        NaN
erin
                                                 None
    df.sort_values(by=["student","id"], ascending=[True,False])
        id
               weight
                           height
                                         date student
                                                        age
       370
            67.517056
                       171.197477 2025-02-04
dave
                                                False
                                                        NaN
            51.663463
                       156.062230 2025-02-03
                                                       25.0
carol
       960
                                                 True
       535
            97.369002
                       175.888696 2025-02-02
                                                       22.0
bob
                                                 True
       202
           79.477217
                       162.607949 2025-02-01
                                                 True
                                                       19.0
anna
            29.780742
                       167.607252 2025-02-05
                                                        NaN
erin
       206
                                                 None
```

join vs merge vs concat

All three can be used to combine data frames,

- concat() stacks DataFrames on either axis, with basic alignment based on (row) indexes. join argument only supports "inner" and "outer".
- merge() aligns based on one or more shared columns. how supports "inner", "outer", "left", "right", and "cross".
- join() uses merge() behind the scenes, but prefers to join based on (row) indexes. Also has different default how compared to merge(), "left" vs "inner".

Pivoting - long to wide

```
df
   country
                     type count
             year
0
             1999
                    cases
                            0.7K
1
             1999
                             19M
          Α
                       pop
2
             2000
                               2K
                    cases
3
             2000
                             20M
                       pop
             1999
                             37K
4
                    cases
5
             1999
                            172M
                       pop
6
             2000
                             80K
                    cases
             2000
                            174M
                       pop
8
             1999
                    cases
                            212K
9
             1999
                               1T
                       pop
10
             2000
                            213K
                    cases
11
             2000
                               1T
                       pop
```

```
1 df_wide = df.pivot(
2   index=["country","year"],
3   columns="type",
4   values="count"
5 )
6 df_wide
```

```
type
              cases
                       pop
country year
Α
         1999
               0.7K
                       19M
         2000
                       20M
                  2K
         1999
                37K
В
                      172M
         2000
                80K
                      174M
C
         1999
               212K
                        1T
         2000
               213K
                        1T
```

pivot indexes

name='type')

```
country year cases
                       pop
       A 1999 0.7K
                       19M
0
1
                       20M
          2000
                  2K
2
       B 1999
                37K
                     172M
       B 2000 80K
                     174M
4
       C 1999
                212K
                        1T
5
          2000
                213K
                        1T
```

Wide to long (melt)

```
1 df

country 1999 2000
0 A 0.7K 2K
1 B 37K 80K
2 C 212K 213K
```

```
1 df_long = df.melt(
2   id_vars="country",
3   var_name="year",
4   value_name="value"
5 )
6 df_long
```

```
country year value
0 A 1999 0.7K
1 B 1999 37K
2 C 1999 212K
3 A 2000 2K
4 B 2000 80K
5 C 2000 213K
```

Exercise 1 - Tidying

How would you tidy the following data frame so that the rate column is split into cases and population columns?

```
1 df = pd.DataFrame({
2   "country": ["A","A","B","B","C","C"],
3   "year": [1999, 2000, 1999, 2000, 1999, 2000],
4   "rate": ["0.7K/19M", "2K/20M", "37K/172M", "80K/174M", "212K/1T", "213K/1T"]
5  })
6 df
```

```
country year rate
0 A 1999 0.7K/19M
1 A 2000 2K/20M
2 B 1999 37K/172M
3 B 2000 80K/174M
4 C 1999 212K/1T
5 C 2000 213K/1T
```

Split-Apply-Combine

cereal data

```
cereal = pd.read_csv("https://sta663-sp25.github.io/slides/data/cereal.csv")
cereal
```

```
mfr
                                                               rating
                         name
                                                ... sugars
                    100% Bran
                                       Nabisco
                                                           68.402973
0
1
            100% Natural Bran
                                  Quaker Oats
                                                           33.983679
                                     Kellogg's
2
                     All-Bran
                                                           59.425505
3
    All-Bran with Extra Fiber
                                     Kellogg's
                                                         0 93.704912
4
               Almond Delight
                               Ralston Purina
                                                            34.384843
. .
72
                      Triples
                                General Mills
                                                            39.106174
                               General Mills
73
                         Trix
                                                            27.753301
74
                   Wheat Chex
                               Ralston Purina
                                                            49.787445
75
                     Wheaties
                               General Mills
                                                            51.592193
76
                               General Mills
                                                            36.187559
          Wheaties Honey Gold
```

[77 rows x 6 columns]

groupby

Groups can be created within a DataFrame via groupby() - these groups are then used by the standard summary methods (e.g. sum(), mean(), std(), etc.).

```
{'General Mills': [5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 22, 31, 36, 40, 42, 47, 51, 59, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76], 'Kellogg's': [2, 3, 6, 16, 17, 19, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, 38, 39, 46, 48, 49, 50, 53, 58, 60, 62, 66, 67], 'Maltex': [43], 'Nabisco': [0, 20, 63, 64, 65, 68], 'Post': [9, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 37, 52], 'Quaker Oats': [1, 10, 35, 41, 54, 55, 56, 57], 'Ralston Purina': [4, 8, 15, 23, 44, 45, 61, 74]}
```

groupby and arregation methods

```
1 cereal.groupby("type").mean()
```

TypeError: agg function failed [how->mean,dtype->object]

```
calories sugars rating
type
Cold 107.162162 7.175676 42.095218
Hot 100.000000 1.333333 56.737708
```

```
1 cereal.groupby("mfr").size()
```

```
mfr
General Mills 22
Kellogg's 23
Maltex 1
Nabisco 6
Post 9
Quaker Oats 8
Ralston Purina 8
dtype: int64
```

Selecting groups

Groups can be accessed via get_group()

```
1 cereal.groupby("type").get group("Hot")
                                     mfr type
                                                calories
                       name
                                                           sugars
                                                                      rating
    Cream of Wheat (Ouick)
                                           Hot
                                                     100
                                                                   64.533816
20
                                 Nabisco
43
                                  Maltex
                                           Hot
                                                     100
                                                                  54.850917
                      Maypo
57
            Ouaker Oatmeal
                             Quaker Oats
                                                     100
                                                                   50.828392
                                          Hot
    cereal.groupby("mfr").get_group("Post")
                                               mfr
                                                                    rating
                                        name
                                                     ... sugars
9
                                Bran Flakes
                                              Post
                                                                 53.313813
27
    Fruit & Fibre Dates; Walnuts; and Oats
                                              Post
                                                             10
                                                                 40.917047
29
                             Fruity Pebbles
                                                                 28.025765
                                              Post
30
                               Golden Crisp
                                             Post
                                                                 35, 252444
                                                             15
32
                          Grape Nuts Flakes
                                                                 52.076897
                                             Post
33
                                 Grape-Nuts
                                              Post
                                                                 53.371007
34
                         Great Grains Pecan
                                              Post
                                                                 45.811716
37
                                                                 28.742414
                                 Honey-comb
                                             Post
                                                             11
52
                      Post Nat. Raisin Bran
                                                                 37.840594
                                              Post
                                                             14
```

[9 rows x 6 columns]

Iterating groups

DataFrameGroupBy's can also be iterated over,

```
for name, group in cereal.groupby("type"):
      print(f"# {name}\n{group}\n\n")
# Cold
                                            mfr
                                                                rating
                                                 ... sugars
                          name
                                       Nabisco
                                                             68.402973
0
                     100% Bran
            100% Natural Bran
                                   Quaker Oats
                                                             33.983679
2
                      All-Bran
                                     Kellogg's
                                                             59.425505
3
    All-Bran with Extra Fiber
                                     Kellogg's
                                                             93.704912
               Almond Delight
                               Ralston Purina
                                                             34.384843
4
. .
72
                       Triples
                                 General Mills
                                                             39.106174
73
                          Trix
                                 General Mills
                                                             27.753301
74
                   Wheat Chex Ralston Purina
                                                             49.787445
75
                      Wheaties
                                 General Mills
                                                             51.592193
76
          Wheaties Honey Gold
                                 General Mills
                                                             36.187559
[74 rows x 6 columns]
# HA+
```

Aggregation

The aggregate() function or agg() method can be used to compute summary statistics for each group,

```
1 cereal.groupby("mfr").agg("mean")
TypeError: agg function failed [how->mean,dtype->object]
   cereal.groupby("mfr").agg("mean", numeric_only = True)
                  calories
                                         rating
                              sugars
mfr
General Mills
                111.363636
                            7.954545
                                      34.485852
Kellogg's
                108.695652
                            7.565217
                                      44.038462
Maltex
                100.000000
                            3.000000
                                      54.850917
Nabisco
                 86.66667
                            1.833333
                                      67.968567
                                      41.705744
Post
                108.888889
                            8.777778
Ouaker Oats
               95.000000
                            5.500000
                                      42.915990
Ralston Purina 115,000000
                            6.125000
                                      41.542997
```

Aggregation by column

```
1 cereal.groupby("mfr").agg({
2  "calories": ['min', 'max'],
3  "sugars": ['median'],
4  "rating": ['sum', 'count']
5 })
```

	calories		sugars	rating	
	min	max	median	sum	count
mfr					
General Mills	100	140	8.5	758.688737	22
Kellogg's	50	160	7.0	1012.884634	23
Maltex	100	100	3.0	54.850917	1
Nabisco	70	100	0.0	407.811403	6
Post	90	120	10.0	375.351697	9
Quaker Oats	50	120	6.0	343.327919	8
Ralston Purina	90	150	5.5	332.343977	8

Named aggregation

It is also possible to use special syntax to aggregate specific columns into a named output column,

```
1 cereal.groupby("mfr", as_index=False).agg(
2  min_cal = ("calories", "min"),
3  max_cal = ("calories", max),
4  med_sugar = ("sugars", "median"),
5  avg_rating = ("rating", np.mean)
6 )
```

	mfr	min_cal	max_cal	med_sugar	avg_rating
0	General Mills	100	140	8.5	34.485852
1	Kellogg's	50	160	7.0	44.038462
2	Maltex	100	100	3.0	54.850917
3	Nabisco	70	100	0.0	67.968567
4	Post	90	120	10.0	41.705744
5	Quaker Oats	50	120	6.0	42.915990
6	Ralston Purina	90	150	5.5	41.542997

Transformation

The transform() method returns a DataFrame with the aggregated result matching the size (or length 1) of the input group(s),

```
calories
      calories
                              rating
                                                                            rating
                   sugars
                                                                 sugars
     86,666667
                1.833333
                           67.968567
                                                  107.162162
                                                               7.175676
                                                                         42.095218
0
     95.000000
                5.500000
                           42.915990
                                                  107.162162
                                                               7.175676
                                                                         42.095218
    108.695652
                7.565217
                           44.038462
                                                  107.162162
                                                              7.175676
                                                                         42.095218
3
                                                  107.162162
    108.695652
                7.565217
                           44.038462
                                                               7.175676
                                                                         42.095218
    115.000000
                6.125000
                                                  107.162162
                                                               7.175676
                           41.542997
                                                                         42.095218
. .
72
    111.363636
                7.954545
                           34.485852
                                                  107.162162
                                                               7.175676
                                                                         42.095218
73
    111.363636
                7.954545
                           34.485852
                                                  107.162162
                                                               7.175676
                                                                         42.095218
    115.000000
                6.125000
                           41.542997
                                                  107.162162
                                                               7.175676
                                                                         42.095218
74
                                              74
75
    111.363636
                7.954545
                           34.485852
                                                  107.162162
                                                              7.175676
                                                                         42.095218
                                              75
76
    111.363636
                           34.485852
                                                  107.162162
                7.954545
                                              76
                                                               7.175676
                                                                         42.095218
```

Practical transformation

transform() will generally be most useful via a user defined function, the lambda is applied to each column of each group.

```
1 ( cereal
2   .drop(["name","type"], axis=1)
3   .groupby("mfr")
4   .transform( lambda x: (x - np.mean(x))/np.std(x, axis=0) )
5 )
```

```
calories sugars rating
0 -1.767767 1.597191 0.086375
1 0.912871 0.559017 -0.568474
2 -1.780712 -0.582760 1.088220
3 -2.701081 -1.718649 3.512566
4 -0.235702 0.562544 -1.258442
...
72 -0.134568 -1.309457 0.528580
73 -0.134568 1.069190 -0.770226
74 -0.707107 -0.937573 1.449419
75 -1.121403 -1.309457 1.957022
76 -0.134568 0.012013 0.194681
```

Filtering groups

filter() also respects groups and allows for the inclusion / exclusion of groups based on user specified criteria,

filter

Group sizes

```
mfr
                            name
                                                  ... sugars
                                                                  rating
2
                        All-Bran
                                      Kellogg's
                                                               59.425505
3
      All-Bran with Extra Fiber
                                      Kellogg's
                                                              93.704912
                                  General Mills
5
        Apple Cinnamon Cheerios
                                                              29.509541
6
                    Apple Jacks
                                      Kellogg's
                                                              33.174094
                         Basic 4
                                  General Mills
                                                              37.038562
11
                                  General Mills
                                                               50.764999
                        Cheerios
          Cinnamon Toast Crunch General Mills
12
                                                              19.823573
                                 General Mills
13
                        Clusters
                                                              40.400208
14
                    Cocoa Puffs
                                  General Mills
                                                              22.736446
16
                     Corn Flakes
                                      Kellogg's
                                                              45.863324
17
                       Corn Pops
                                      Kellogg's
                                                              35.782791
                  Count Chocula
                                  General Mills
18
                                                              22.396513
19
             Cracklin' Oat Bran
                                      Kellogg's
                                                               40.448772
21
                                      Kellogg's
                                                               46.895644
                         Crispix
         Crispy Wheat & Raisins
                                  General Mills
22
                                                              36.176196
24
                     Froot Loops
                                                               32.207582
2 5
                  Eracted Elakas
                                                               21 /25072
```



polars

Polars is a blazingly fast DataFrame library for manipulating structured data. The core is written in Rust, and available for Python, R and NodeJS.

The goal of Polars is to provide a lightning fast DataFrame library that:

- Utilizes all available cores on your machine.
- Optimizes queries to reduce unneeded work/memory allocations.
- Handles datasets much larger than your available RAM.
- A consistent and predictable API.
- Adheres to a strict schema (data-types should be known before running the query).

```
1 import polars as pl
2 pl.__version__
```

^{&#}x27;1.21.0'

Series

Just like Pandas, Polars also has a Series type used for columns. For a complete list of polars dtypes see here.

<pre>1 pl.Series</pre>	("ints", [1, 2, 3, 4, 5])	1 pl.Series("bools", [True, False, True, False
shape: (5,)		shape: (5,)
	ints	bools
	i64	bool
	1	true
	2	false
	3	true
	4	false
	5	true
1 pl.Series	("dbls", [1., 2., 3., 4., 5.])	1 pl.Series("strs", ["A", "B", "C", "D", "E"]
shape: (5,)		shape: (5,)
	dbls	strs
	f64	str
	1.0	"A"
	2.0	"B"
	3.0	"C"
	4.0	"D"
	5.0	"E"

Missing values

In Polars, missing data is represented by the value null. This missing value null is used for all data types, including numerical types.

```
pl.Series("ints",
                                           pl.Series("bools",
                                                                              1 pl.Series("ints",
        [1, 2, 3, None])
                                             [True, False, True, None]
                                                                                   [1, 2, 3, np.nan])
                                     shape: (4,)
shape: (4,)
                                                                           TypeError: unexpected value
                                                                           while building Series of type
                ints
                                                     bools
                                                                            Int64; found value of type
                i64
                                                     bool
                                                                           Float64: NaN
                                                     true
                                                                           Hint: Try setting
                                                     false
                2
                                                                            `strict=False` to allow
                3
                                                     true
                                                                            passing data with mixed types.
                null
                                                     null
                                                                              1 pl.Series("dbls",
     pl.Series("dbls",
                                          pl.Series("strs",
                                                                                   [1., 2., 3., np.nan])
                                             ["A", "B", "C", None])
        [1., 2., 3., None])
                                                                           shape: (4,)
shape: (4,)
                                     shape: (4,)
                                                                                           dbls
                dbls
                                                      strs
                                                                                           f64
                f64
                                                      str
                                                                                           1.0
                                                      "A"
                1.0
                                                                                           2.0
                                                      "B"
                2.0
                                                                                           3.0
                                                      "C"
                3.0
                                                                                           NaN
                null
                                                      null
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```

Missing value checking

Checking for missing values can be done via the is_null() method

```
pl.Series("ints",
                                                                  pl.Series("dbls",
        [1, 2, 3, None]).is_null()
                                                                     [1., 2., 3., np.nan]).is_null()
shape: (4,)
                                                            shape: (4,)
                                                                                        dbls
                           ints
                           bool
                                                                                        bool
                           false
                                                                                       false
                           false
                                                                                        false
                           false
                                                                                        false
                                                                                        false
                           true
     pl.Series("dbls",
                                                                  pl.Series("bools",
        [1., 2., 3., None]).is_null()
                                                                     [True, False, True, None]).is null()
shape: (4,)
                                                            shape: (4,)
                           dbls
                                                                                       bools
                           bool
                                                                                       bool
                           false
                                                                                       false
                           false
                                                                                       false
                           false
                                                                                       false
                           true
                                                                                       true
```

DataFrames

Data Frames can be constructed in the same was as Pandas,

```
1 df = pl.DataFrame(
2 {
3     "name": ["anna","bob","carol", "dave", "erin"],
4     "id": np.random.randint(100, 999, 5),
5     "weight": np.random.normal(70, 20, 5),
6     "height": np.random.normal(170, 15, 5),
7     "date": pd.date_range(start='2/1/2025', periods=5, freq='D')
8     },
9     schema_overrides = {"id": pl.UInt16, "weight": pl.Float32}
10 )
11 df
```

shape: (5, 5)

name	id	weight	height	date
str	u16	f32	f64	datetime[ns]
"anna"	202	79.477219	162.607949	2025-02-01 00:00:00
"bob"	535	97.369003	175.888696	2025-02-02 00:00:00
"carol"	960	51.663464	156.06223	2025-02-03 00:00:00
"dave"	370	67.517059	171.197477	2025-02-04 00:00:00
"erin"	206	29.780743	167.607252	2025-02-05 00:00:00

Expressions

Polars makes use of lazy evaluation to improve its flexibility and computational performance.

```
1 bmi_expr = pl.col("weight") / (pl.col("height") ** 2)
2 bmi_expr
```

```
[(col("weight")) / (col("height").pow([dyn int: 2]))]
```

This represents a potential computation that can be executed later. Much of the power of Polars comes from the ability to chain together / compose these expressions.

Contexts

Contexts are the environments in which expressions are evaluated - examples of common contexts include: select, with_columns, filter, and group_by.

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(0.00106

name	id	weight	height	date	bmi
str	u16	f32	f64	datetime[ns]	f64
"anna"	202	79.477219	162.607949	2025-02-01 00:00:00	0.003006
"bob"	535	97.369003	175.888696	2025-02-02 00:00:00	0.003147
"carol"	960	51.663464	156.06223	2025-02-03 00:00:00	0.002121
"dave"	370	67.517059	171.197477	2025-02-04 00:00:00	0.002304
"erin"	206	29.780743	167.607252	2025-02-05 00:00:00	0.00106

filter()

```
1 df.filter(
2  pl.col("height") > 160,
3  pl.col("id") < 500
4 )</pre>
```

shape: (3, 5)

1	df.filter(
2	(pl.col("height") > <mark>160</mark>)
3	(pl.col("id") < 500)
4)

shape: (4, 5)

name	id	weight	height	date	name	id	weight	height	date
str	u16	f32	f64	datetime[ns]	str	u16	f32	f64	datetime[ns
"anna"	202	79.477219	162.607949	2025-02-01 00:00:00	"anna"	202	79.477219	162.607949	2025-02-01 00:00:00
"dave"	370	67.517059	171.197477	2025-02-04 00:00:00	"bob"	535	97.369003	175.888696	2025-02-02 00:00:00
"erin"	206	29.780743	167.607252	2025-02-05 00:00:00	"dave"	370	67.517059	171.197477	2025-02-04 00:00:00
					"erin"	206	29.780743	167.607252	2025-02-05 00:00:00

group_by() & agg()

```
1 df.group_by(
2   id_range = pl.col("id") - pl.col("id") % 100
3 ).agg(
4   pl.len(),
5   pl.col("name"),
6   bmi_expr.alias("bmi"),
7   pl.col("weight", "height").mean().name.prefix("avg_"),
8   med_height = pl.col("height").median()
9 )
```

shape: (4, 7)

id_range	len	name	bmi	avg_weight	avg_height	med_height
u1 6	u32	list[str]	list[f64]	f32	f64	f64
900	1	["carol"]	[0.002121]	51.663464	156.06223	156.06223
500	1	["bob"]	[0.003147]	97.369003	175.888696	175.888696
300	1	["dave"]	[0.002304]	67.517059	171.197477	171.197477
200	2	["anna", "erin"]	[0.003006, 0.00106]	54.628983	165.107601	165.107601

More expression expansion

```
num_cols = pl.col(pl.Float64, pl.Float32)

df.with_columns(
    ((num_cols - num_cols.mean())/num_cols.std()).name.suffix("_std")

)
```

shape: (5, 7)

name	id	weight	height	date	weight_std	height_std
str	u16	f32	f64	datetime[ns]	f32	f64
"anna"	202	79.477219	162.607949	2025-02-01 00:00:00	0.552878	-0.529878
"bob"	535	97.369003	175.888696	2025-02-02 00:00:00	1.243865	1.201382
"carol"	960	51.663464	156.06223	2025-02-03 00:00:00	-0.521299	-1.383169
"dave"	370	67.517059	171.197477	2025-02-04 00:00:00	0.090973	0.589841
"erin"	206	29.780743	167.607252	2025-02-05 00:00:00	-1.366417	0.121824

NYC Taxi Data

```
1 df = pl.scan_parquet(
2 "~/Scratch/nyctaxi/*_fix.parquet"
3 )
4 df
```

naive plan: (run LazyFrame.explain(optimized=True) to see the optimized plan)

Parquet SCAN [/Users/rundel/Scratch/nyctaxi/yellow_tripdata_2020-01_fix.parquet, ... 58 other sources]
PROJECT */19 COLUMNS

```
1 df.select(pl.len()).collect()
```

shape: (1, 1)

len u32 171021073

```
1 df.select(pl.len()).explain()
```

```
'FAST COUNT (Parquet) [/Users/rundel/Scratch/nyctaxi/yellow_tripdata_2020-
01_fix.parquet, ... 58 other sources] as "len"\n DF []; PROJECT */0 COLUMNS'
```

Large lazy queries

```
1 zone_lookup = pl.read_csv(
2 "https://d37ci6vzurychx.cloudfront.net/misc/taxi_zone_lookup.csv"
3 ).rename(
4 {"LocationID": "pickup_zone"}
5 )
```

```
query = (
     df
     .filter(pl.col("trip_distance") > 0)
     .rename({"PULocationID": "pickup_zone"})
 4
     .group_by("pickup_zone")
 5
 6
     agg(
      num rides = pl.len(),
       avg fare per mile = (pl.col("fare amount") / pl.col("trip distance")).mean().round(2)
 8
 9
     ).join(
       zone_lookup.lazy(),
10
       on = "pickup_zone",
11
       how = "left"
12
13
     .sort("pickup zone")
14
15 )
```

Plan

```
1 query
```

naive plan: (run LazyFrame.explain(optimized=True) to see the optimized plan)

SORT BY [col("pickup_zone")]

LEFT JOIN:

LEFT PLAN ON: [col("pickup_zone").strict_cast(Int64)]

AGGREGATE

[len().alias("num_rides"), [(col("fare_amount")) / (col("trip_distance"))].mean().round().alias("avg_fare_per_mile")] BY [col("pickup_zone")] FROM

RENAME

FILTER [(col("trip_distance")) > (0.0)] FROM

Parquet SCAN [/Users/rundel/Scratch/nyctaxi/yellow_tripdata_2020-01_fix.parquet, ... 58 other sources]

PROJECT */19 COLUMNS

RIGHT PLAN ON: [col("pickup_zone").strict_cast(Int64)]

DF ["pickup_zone", "Borough", "Zone", "service_zone"]; PROJECT */4 COLUMNS

END LEFT JOIN

Result

1 query.collect()

shape: (263, 6)

pickup_zone	num_rides	avg_fare_per_mile	Borough	Zone	service_zone
i32	u32	f64	str	str	str
1	6022	2205.09	"EWR"	"Newark Airport"	"EWR"
2	149	4.93	"Queens"	"Jamaica Bay"	"Boro Zone"
3	5812	11.98	"Bronx"	"Allerton/Pelham Gardens"	"Boro Zone"
4	225977	9.9	"Manhattan"	"Alphabet City"	"Yellow Zone"
5	891	20.02	"Staten Island"	"Arden Heights"	"Boro Zone"
	•••	•••	•••		
261	818903	9.25	"Manhattan"	"World Trade Center"	"Yellow Zone"
262	2336728	7.93	"Manhattan"	"Yorkville East"	"Yellow Zone"
263	3531531	7.76	"Manhattan"	"Yorkville West"	"Yellow Zone"
264	1245641	22.66	"Unknown"	"N/A"	"N/A"
265	275794	66.35	"N/A"	"Outside of NYC"	"N/A"

Performance

```
1 %timeit query.collect()
```

```
1.14 s \pm 62 ms per loop (mean \pm std. dev. of 7 runs, 1 loop each)
```