10 Minutes to pandas

This is a short introduction to pandas, geared mainly for new users. You can see more complex recipes in the Cookbook

Customarily, we import as follows:

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
In [2]: import numpy as np
In [3]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Object Creation

See the Data Structure Intro section

Creating a series by passing a list of values, letting pandas create a default integer index:

```
In [4]: s = pd.Series([1,3,5,np.nan,6,8])
In [5]: s
Out[5]:
0   1.0
1   3.0
2   5.0
3   NaN
4   6.0
5   8.0
dtype: float64
```

Creating a DataFrame by passing a numpy array, with a datetime index and labeled columns:

```
In [6]: dates = pd.date_range('20130101', periods=6)
In [7]: dates
Out[7]:
DatetimeIndex(['2013-01-01', '2013-01-02', '2013-01-03', '2013-01-04', '2013-01-05', '2013-01-06'],
             dtype='datetime64[ns]', freq='D')
In [8]: df = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(6,4), index=dates, columns=list('ABCD'))
In [9]: df
Out[9]:
                  Α
                           В
                                     C
2013-01-02 1.212112 -0.173215 0.119209 -1.044236
2013-01-03 -0.861849 -2.104569 -0.494929 1.071804
2013-01-04 0.721555 -0.706771 -1.039575 0.271860
2013-01-05 -0.424972 0.567020 0.276232 -1.087401
2013-01-06 -0.673690 0.113648 -1.478427 0.524988
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```

Creating a DataFrame by passing a dict of objects that can be converted to series-like.

```
In [10]: df2 = pd.DataFrame({ 'A' : 1.,
                                 'B' : pd.Timestamp('20130102'),
                                 'C' : pd.Series(1,index=list(range(4)),dtype='float32'),
                                 'D' : np.array([3] * 4,dtype='int32'),
'E' : pd.Categorical(["test","train","test","train"]),
   . . . . :
   . . . . :
                                 'F' : 'foo' })
   . . . . :
In [11]: df2
Out[11]:
                       C D
                 В
                                  Ε
 1.0 2013-01-02 1.0 3
                              test foo
1 1.0 2013-01-02 1.0 3 train
                                     foo
2 1.0 2013-01-02 1.0 3
                              test
                                     foo
  1.0 2013-01-02 1.0 3 train foo
```

Having specific dtypes

```
In [12]: df2.dtypes
Out[12]:
A      float64
B      datetime64[ns]
C      float32
D      int32
E      category
F      object
dtype: object
```

If you're using IPython, tab completion for column names (as well as public attributes) is automatically enabled. Here's a subset of the attributes that will be completed:

```
In [13]: df2.<TAB>
df2.A
                      df2.bool
df2.abs
                      df2.boxplot
df2.add
                      df2.C
df2.add_prefix
                     df2.clip
df2.add_suffix
                    df2.clip_lower
df2.align
                     df2.clip_upper
df2.all
                     df2.columns
df2.any
                     df2.combine
df2.append
                     df2.combine_first
df2.apply
                     df2.compound
df2.applymap
                      df2.consolidate
df2.D
```

As you can see, the columns A, B, C, and D are automatically tab completed. E is there as well; the rest of the attributes have been truncated for brevity.

Viewing Data

See the Basics section

See the top & bottom rows of the frame

```
In [14]: df.head()
Out[14]:

A B C D
```

```
2013-01-01  0.469112 -0.282863 -1.509059 -1.135632
2013-01-02  1.212112 -0.173215  0.119209 -1.044236
2013-01-03 -0.861849 -2.104569 -0.494929  1.071804
2013-01-04  0.721555 -0.706771 -1.039575  0.271860
2013-01-05 -0.424972  0.567020  0.276232 -1.087401

In [15]: df.tail(3)
Out[15]:

A B C D
2013-01-04  0.721555 -0.706771 -1.039575  0.271860
2013-01-05 -0.424972  0.567020  0.276232 -1.087401
2013-01-06 -0.673690  0.113648 -1.478427  0.524988
```

Display the index, columns, and the underlying numpy data

Describe shows a quick statistic summary of your data

```
In [19]: df.describe()
Out[19]:
                       В
                                C
count 6.000000 6.000000 6.000000 6.000000
mean 0.073711 -0.431125 -0.687758 -0.233103
      0.843157 0.922818 0.779887 0.973118
std
min
     -0.861849 -2.104569 -1.509059 -1.135632
25%
     -0.611510 -0.600794 -1.368714 -1.076610
      0.022070 -0.228039 -0.767252 -0.386188
50%
75%
      0.658444 0.041933 -0.034326 0.461706
      1.212112 0.567020 0.276232 1.071804
max
```

Transposing your data

```
In [20]: df.T
Out[20]:
  2013-01-01 2013-01-02 2013-01-03 2013-01-04 2013-01-05 2013-01-06
   0.469112
Α
            1.212112 -0.861849
                                  0.721555 -0.424972
                                                         -0.673690
R
   -0.282863
              -0.173215 -2.104569
                                   -0.706771
                                               0.567020
                                                          0.113648
C
   -1.509059
             0.119209 -0.494929 -1.039575
                                               0.276232
                                                         -1.478427
                         1.071804
D
   -1.135632 -1.044236
                                    0.271860 -1.087401
                                                          0.524988
```

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Sorting by an axis

Sorting by values

Selection

Note: While standard Python / Numpy expressions for selecting and setting are intuitive and come in handy for interactive work, for production code, we recommend the optimized pandas data access methods, .at, .iat, .loc, .iloc and .ix.

See the indexing documentation Indexing and Selecting Data and MultiIndex / Advanced Indexing

Getting

Selecting a single column, which yields a Series, equivalent to df.A

```
In [23]: df['A']
Out[23]:
2013-01-01    0.469112
2013-01-02    1.212112
2013-01-03    -0.861849
2013-01-04    0.721555
2013-01-05    -0.424972
2013-01-06    -0.673690
Freq: D, Name: A, dtype: float64
```

Selecting via [], which slices the rows.

```
In [24]: df[0:3]
Out[24]:

A B C D

2013-01-01 0.469112 -0.282863 -1.509059 -1.135632
2013-01-02 1.212112 -0.173215 0.119209 -1.044236
2013-01-03 -0.861849 -2.104569 -0.494929 1.071804

In [25]: df['20130102':'20130104']
Out[25]:
```

```
A B C D

2013-01-02 1.212112 -0.173215 0.119209 -1.044236

2013-01-03 -0.861849 -2.104569 -0.494929 1.071804

2013-01-04 0.721555 -0.706771 -1.039575 0.271860
```

Selection by Label

See more in Selection by Label

For getting a cross section using a label

```
In [26]: df.loc[dates[0]]
Out[26]:
A    0.469112
B    -0.282863
C    -1.509059
D    -1.135632
Name: 2013-01-01 00:00:00, dtype: float64
```

Selecting on a multi-axis by label

Showing label slicing, both endpoints are included

Reduction in the dimensions of the returned object

```
In [29]: df.loc['20130102',['A','B']]
Out[29]:
A    1.212112
B   -0.173215
Name: 2013-01-02 00:00:00, dtype: float64
```

For getting a scalar value

```
In [30]: df.loc[dates[0],'A']
Out[30]: 0.46911229990718628

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```

For getting fast access to a scalar (equiv to the prior method)

```
In [31]: df.at[dates[0],'A']
Out[31]: 0.46911229990718628
```

Selection by Position

See more in Selection by Position

Select via the position of the passed integers

```
In [32]: df.iloc[3]
Out[32]:
A   0.721555
B   -0.706771
C   -1.039575
D   0.271860
Name: 2013-01-04 00:00:00, dtype: float64
```

By integer slices, acting similar to numpy/python

By lists of integer position locations, similar to the numpy/python style

For slicing rows explicitly

For slicing columns explicitly

```
In [36]: df.iloc[:,1:3]
Out[36]:

B C

2013-01-01 -0.282863 -1.509059
2013-01-02 -0.173215 0.119209
2013-01-03 -2.104569 -0.494929
2013-01-04 -0.706771 -1.039575
2013-01-05 0.567020 0.276232
2013-01-06 0.113648 -1.478427
```

For getting a value explicitly

```
In [37]: df.iloc[1,1]
Out[37]: -0.17321464905330858
```

For getting fast access to a scalar (equiv to the prior method)

```
In [38]: df.iat[1,1]
Out[38]: -0.17321464905330858
```

Boolean Indexing

Using a single column's values to select data.

Selecting values from a DataFrame where a boolean condition is met.

```
In [40]: df[df > 0]
Out[40]:
                 Α
                           В
                                    C
                                              D
2013-01-01 0.469112
                         NaN
                                   NaN
                                            NaN
2013-01-02 1.212112
                         NaN 0.119209
                                            NaN
2013-01-03
               NaN
                         NaN
                                  NaN 1.071804
2013-01-04 0.721555
                         NaN
                                  NaN 0.271860
2013-01-05 NaN 0.567020 0.276232
                                            NaN
2013-01-06
               NaN 0.113648
                                  NaN 0.524988
```

Using the isin() method for filtering:

```
In [41]: df2 = df.copy()
In [42]: df2['E'] = ['one', 'one', 'two', 'three', 'four', 'three']
In [43]: df2
Out[43]:
                                                        Ε
                   Δ
2013-01-01 0.469112 -0.282863 -1.509059 -1.135632
                                                      one
2013-01-02 1.212112 -0.173215 0.119209 -1.044236
                                                      one
2013-01-03 -0.861849 -2.104569 -0.494929 1.071804
                                                      two
2013-01-04 0.721555 -0.706771 -1.039575 0.271860
                                                   three
2013-01-05 -0.424972 0.567020 0.276232 -1.087401
                                                    four
2013-01-06 -0.673690 0.113648 -1.478427 0.524988 three
In [44]: df2[df2['E'].isin(['two','four'])]
Out[44]:
                                                       Ε
                                                                            Scroll To Top
2013-01-03 -0.861849 -2.104569 -0.494929 1.071804
                                                     two
2013-01-05 -0.424972 0.567020 0.276232 -1.087401
```

Setting

Setting a new column automatically aligns the data by the indexes

Setting values by label

```
In [48]: df.at[dates[0],'A'] = 0
```

Setting values by position

```
In [49]: df.iat[0,1] = 0
```

Setting by assigning with a numpy array

```
In [50]: df.loc[:,'D'] = np.array([5] * len(df))
```

The result of the prior setting operations

A where operation with setting.

```
2013-01-05 -0.424972 -0.567020 -0.276232 -5 -4.0
2013-01-06 -0.673690 -0.113648 -1.478427 -5 -5.0
```

Missing Data

pandas primarily uses the value np.nan to represent missing data. It is by default not included in computations. See the Missing Data section

Reindexing allows you to change/add/delete the index on a specified axis. This returns a copy of the data.

```
In [55]: df1 = df.reindex(index=dates[0:4], columns=list(df.columns) + ['E'])
In [56]: df1.loc[dates[0]:dates[1],'E'] = 1
In [57]: df1
Out[57]:
                                C D
                        В
2013-01-01 0.000000 0.000000 -1.509059
                                   5 NaN
                                         1.0
2013-01-02 1.212112 -0.173215 0.119209
                                   5
                                     1.0
                                         1.0
2013-01-03 -0.861849 -2.104569 -0.494929
                                     2.0 NaN
```

To drop any rows that have missing data.

Filling missing data

To get the boolean mask where values are nan

```
In [60]: pd.isna(df1)
Out[60]:
                         C
                                D
                                      F
                                            Ε
             Α
                   В
2013-01-01 False False False
                                   True False
2013-01-02 False False False
                                  False
                                        False
2013-01-03 False False False False
                                  False
                                         True
2013-01-04 False False False
                                  False
                                         True
```

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Operations

See the Basic section on Binary Ops

Stats

Operations in general exclude missing data.

Performing a descriptive statistic

```
In [61]: df.mean()
Out[61]:
A    -0.004474
B    -0.383981
C    -0.687758
D    5.000000
F    3.000000
dtype: float64
```

Same operation on the other axis

```
In [62]: df.mean(1)
Out[62]:
2013-01-01     0.872735
2013-01-02     1.431621
2013-01-03     0.707731
2013-01-04     1.395042
2013-01-05     1.883656
2013-01-06     1.592306
Freq: D, dtype: float64
```

Operating with objects that have different dimensionality and need alignment. In addition, pandas automatically broadcasts along the specified dimension.

```
In [63]: s = pd.Series([1,3,5,np.nan,6,8], index=dates).shift(2)
In [64]: s
Out[64]:
2013-01-01
             NaN
2013-01-02
             NaN
2013-01-03
             1.0
2013-01-04
             3.0
2013-01-05
             5.0
2013-01-06
             NaN
Freq: D, dtype: float64
In [65]: df.sub(s, axis='index')
Out[65]:
                            В
                                     C
                                           D
                                                F
                  Δ
                NaN
2013-01-01
                          NaN
                                    NaN NaN NaN
2013-01-02
                NaN
                          NaN
                                    NaN NaN
                                              NaN
2013-01-03 -1.861849 -3.104569 -1.494929 4.0
                                              1.0
2013-01-04 -2.278445 -3.706771 -4.039575 2.0 0.0
2013-01-05 -5.424972 -4.432980 -4.723768 0.0 -1.0
2013-01-06
                NaN
                          NaN
                                    NaN NaN NaN
```

Apply

Applying functions to the data

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```
In [66]: df.apply(np.cumsum)
Out[66]:
                                 D
2013-01-01 0.000000 0.000000 -1.509059
                                5
                                     NaN
2013-01-02 1.212112 -0.173215 -1.389850 10
                                     1.0
3.0
2013-01-04 1.071818 -2.984555 -2.924354 20
                                     6.0
2013-01-06 -0.026844 -2.303886 -4.126549 30 15.0
In [67]: df.apply(lambda x: x.max() - x.min())
Out[67]:
   2.073961
   2.671590
В
C
   1.785291
   0.000000
D
   4.000000
dtype: float64
```

Histogramming

See more at Histogramming and Discretization

```
In [68]: s = pd.Series(np.random.randint(0, 7, size=10))
In [69]: s
Out[69]:
     2
1
2
     1
3
     2
4
     6
5
     4
6
     4
7
     6
8
     4
9
     4
dtype: int64
In [70]: s.value_counts()
Out[70]:
4
     2
6
2
     2
     1
1
dtype: int64
```

String Methods

Series is equipped with a set of string processing methods in the *str* attribute that make it easy to operate on each element of the array, as in the code snippet below. Note that pattern-matching in *str* generally uses regular expressions by default (and in some cases always uses them). See more at Vectorized String Methods.

```
In [71]: s = pd.Series(['A', 'B', 'C', 'Aaba', 'Baca', np.nan, 'CABA', 'dog'Scroft'To Top
In [72]: s.str.lower()
Out[72]:
0     a
```

```
1
         b
2
         C
3
     aaba
4
     baca
5
      NaN
6
     caba
7
      dog
8
      cat
dtype: object
```

Merge

Concat

pandas provides various facilities for easily combining together Series, DataFrame, and Panel objects with various kinds of set logic for the indexes and relational algebra functionality in the case of join / merge-type operations.

See the Merging section

Concatenating pandas objects together with concat():

```
In [73]: df = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(10, 4))
In [74]: df
Out[74]:
                             2
                                       3
                   1
0 -0.548702 1.467327 -1.015962 -0.483075
1 1.637550 -1.217659 -0.291519 -1.745505
2 -0.263952 0.991460 -0.919069 0.266046
3 -0.709661 1.669052 1.037882 -1.705775
4 -0.919854 -0.042379 1.247642 -0.009920
5 0.290213 0.495767 0.362949 1.548106
6 -1.131345 -0.089329 0.337863 -0.945867
7 -0.932132 1.956030 0.017587 -0.016692
8 -0.575247 0.254161 -1.143704 0.215897
9 1.193555 -0.077118 -0.408530 -0.862495
# break it into pieces
In [75]: pieces = [df[:3], df[3:7], df[7:]]
In [76]: pd.concat(pieces)
Out[76]:
                   1
                             2
0 -0.548702 1.467327 -1.015962 -0.483075
1 1.637550 -1.217659 -0.291519 -1.745505
2 -0.263952 0.991460 -0.919069 0.266046
3 -0.709661 1.669052 1.037882 -1.705775
4 -0.919854 -0.042379 1.247642 -0.009920
5 0.290213 0.495767 0.362949 1.548106
6 -1.131345 -0.089329 0.337863 -0.945867
7 -0.932132 1.956030 0.017587 -0.016692
8 -0.575247 0.254161 -1.143704 0.215897
9 1.193555 -0.077118 -0.408530 -0.862495
```

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Join

SQL style merges. See the Database style joining

```
In [77]: left = pd.DataFrame({'key': ['foo', 'foo'], 'lval': [1, 2]})
In [78]: right = pd.DataFrame({'key': ['foo', 'foo'], 'rval': [4, 5]})
In [79]: left
Out[79]:
   key lval
 foo
           1
1 foo
           2
In [80]: right
Out[80]:
   key rval
0 foo
          4
1 foo
           5
In [81]: pd.merge(left, right, on='key')
Out[81]:
   key lval rval
 foo
0
           1
                 4
1 foo
                 5
           1
2 foo
           2
                 4
                 5
           2
3
  foo
```

Another example that can be given is:

```
In [82]: left = pd.DataFrame({'key': ['foo', 'bar'], 'lval': [1, 2]})
In [83]: right = pd.DataFrame({'key': ['foo', 'bar'], 'rval': [4, 5]})
In [84]: left
Out[84]:
   key lval
0 foo
          1
1 bar
           2
In [85]: right
Out[85]:
   key rval
0 foo
          4
1 bar
           5
In [86]: pd.merge(left, right, on='key')
Out[86]:
   key lval rval
0 foo
          1
1 bar
           2
                 5
```

Append

Append rows to a dataframe. See the Appending

```
5 -0.339355 0.593616 0.884345 1.591431
6 0.141809 0.220390 0.435589 0.192451
7 -0.096701 0.803351 1.715071 -0.708758
In [89]: s = df.iloc[3]
In [90]: df.append(s, ignore_index=True)
Out[90]:
                 R
                          C
0 1.346061 1.511763 1.627081 -0.990582
1 -0.441652 1.211526 0.268520 0.024580
2 -1.577585 0.396823 -0.105381 -0.532532
3 1.453749 1.208843 -0.080952 -0.264610
5 -0.339355 0.593616 0.884345 1.591431
6 0.141809 0.220390 0.435589 0.192451
7 -0.096701 0.803351 1.715071 -0.708758
8 1.453749 1.208843 -0.080952 -0.264610
```

Grouping

By "group by" we are referring to a process involving one or more of the following steps

- Splitting the data into groups based on some criteria
- Applying a function to each group independently
- · Combining the results into a data structure

See the Grouping section

```
In [91]: df = pd.DataFrame({'A' : ['foo', 'bar', 'foo', 'bar',
                                      'foo', 'bar', 'foo', 'foo'],
                              'B' : ['one', 'one', 'two', 'three', 'two', 'two', 'one', 'three'],
                              'C' : np.random.randn(8),
                              'D' : np.random.randn(8)})
   . . . . :
   . . . . :
In [92]: df
Out[92]:
                       C
 foo
          one -1.202872 -0.055224
1 bar
          one -1.814470 2.395985
2 foo
          two 1.018601 1.552825
3 bar three -0.595447 0.166599
          two 1.395433 0.047609
4 foo
5 bar
          two -0.392670 -0.136473
          one 0.007207 -0.561757
 foo
7
  foo three 1.928123 -1.623033
```

Grouping and then applying a function sum to the resulting groups.

Grouping by multiple columns forms a hierarchical index, which we then apply the function.

Reshaping

See the sections on Hierarchical Indexing and Reshaping.

Stack

```
In [96]: index = pd.MultiIndex.from_tuples(tuples, names=['first', 'second'])
In [97]: df = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(8, 2), index=index, columns=['A', 'B'])
In [98]: df2 = df[:4]
In [99]: df2
Out[99]:
                 Α
first second
           0.029399 -0.542108
bar
    one
     two
           0.282696 -0.087302
baz
     one
           -1.575170 1.771208
           0.816482 1.100230
     two
```

The stack() method "compresses" a level in the DataFrame's columns.

```
In [100]: stacked = df2.stack()
In [101]: stacked
Out[101]:
first second
bar
       one
               Α
                   0.029399
               В
                   -0.542108
               Α
                    0.282696
       two
               В
                   -0.087302
baz
               Α
                   -1.575170
       one
               В
                    1.771208
               Α
                    0.816482
       two
                    1,100230
dtype: float64
```

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With a "stacked" DataFrame or Series (having a MultiIndex as the index), the inverse operation of stack() is unstack(), which by default unstacks the last level:

```
In [102]: stacked.unstack()
Out[102]:
                               B
first second
              0.029399 -0.542108
bar
      one
              0.282696 -0.087302
      two
baz
             -1.575170 1.771208
      one
              0.816482 1.100230
      two
In [103]: stacked.unstack(1)
Out[103]:
second
              one
                        two
first
      A 0.029399 0.282696
bar
      B -0.542108 -0.087302
      A -1.575170 0.816482
baz
      B 1.771208 1.100230
In [104]: stacked.unstack(0)
Out[104]:
first
               bar
                         baz
second
       A 0.029399 -1.575170
one
       B -0.542108 1.771208
       A 0.282696 0.816482
two
       B -0.087302 1.100230
```

Pivot Tables

See the section on Pivot Tables.

```
'C': ['foo', 'foo', 'foo', 'bar', 'bar', 'bar'] * 2,
                         'D' : np.random.randn(12),
                         'E' : np.random.randn(12)})
  . . . . . :
In [106]: df
Out[106]:
      A B
             C
                      D
     one A foo 1.418757 -0.179666
0
     one B foo -1.879024 1.291836
1
2
     two C foo 0.536826 -0.009614
3
   three A bar 1.006160 0.392149
4
     one B
            bar -0.029716 0.264599
5
     one C
            bar -1.146178 -0.057409
6
     two A
           foo 0.100900 -1.425638
7
   three B foo -1.035018 1.024098
8
     one C
           foo 0.314665 -0.106062
9
     one A
           bar -0.773723 1.824375
10
     two B bar -1.170653 0.595974
11
   three C bar 0.648740 1.167115
```

We can produce pivot tables from this data very easily:

```
C -1.146178 0.314665

three A 1.006160 NaN

B NaN -1.035018

C 0.648740 NaN

two A NaN 0.100900

B -1.170653 NaN

C NaN 0.536826
```

Time Series

pandas has simple, powerful, and efficient functionality for performing resampling operations during frequency conversion (e.g., converting secondly data into 5-minutely data). This is extremely common in, but not limited to, financial applications. See the Time Series section

Time zone representation

```
In [111]: rng = pd.date_range('3/6/2012 00:00', periods=5, freq='D')
In [112]: ts = pd.Series(np.random.randn(len(rng)), rng)
In [113]: ts
Out[113]:
2012-03-06
             0.464000
2012-03-07
             0.227371
2012-03-08 -0.496922
2012-03-09
             0.306389
2012-03-10 -2.290613
Freq: D, dtype: float64
In [114]: ts_utc = ts.tz_localize('UTC')
In [115]: ts_utc
Out[115]:
2012-03-06 00:00:00+00:00
                           0.464000
2012-03-07 00:00:00+00:00
                            0.227371
2012-03-08 00:00:00+00:00
                           -0.496922
2012-03-09 00:00:00+00:00
                            0.306389
2012-03-10 00:00:00+00:00
                           -2.290613
Freq: D, dtype: float64
```

Convert to another time zone

Converting between time span representations

```
In [117]: rng = pd.date_range('1/1/2012', periods=5, freq='M')
In [118]: ts = pd.Series(np.random.randn(len(rng)), index=rng)
In [119]: ts
Out[119]:
2012-01-31
            -1.134623
2012-02-29
            -1.561819
2012-03-31
            -0.260838
2012-04-30
             0.281957
2012-05-31
             1.523962
Freq: M, dtype: float64
In [120]: ps = ts.to_period()
In [121]: ps
Out[121]:
2012-01
         -1.134623
2012-02
         -1.561819
2012-03
         -0.260838
2012-04
          0.281957
2012-05
          1.523962
Freq: M, dtype: float64
In [122]: ps.to_timestamp()
Out[122]:
2012-01-01
            -1.134623
2012-02-01 -1.561819
2012-03-01 -0.260838
2012-04-01
             0.281957
2012-05-01
             1.523962
Freq: MS, dtype: float64
```

Converting between period and timestamp enables some convenient arithmetic functions to be used. In the following example, we convert a quarterly frequency with year ending in November to 9am of the end of the month following the quarter end:

```
In [123]: prng = pd.period_range('1990Q1', '2000Q4', freq='Q-NOV')
In [124]: ts = pd.Series(np.random.randn(len(prng)), prng)
In [125]: ts.index = (prng.asfreq('M', 'e') + 1).asfreq('H', 's') + 9
In [126]: ts.head()
Out[126]:
1990-03-01 09:00    -0.902937
1990-06-01 09:00    0.068159
1990-09-01 09:00    -0.057873
1990-12-01 09:00    -0.368204
1991-03-01 09:00    -1.144073
Freq: H, dtype: float64
```

Categoricals

pandas can include categorical data in a DataFrame. For full docs, see the categorical introduction and the API documentation.

```
In [127]: df = pd.DataFrame({"id":[1,2,3,4,5,6], "raw_grade":['a', 'b', 'b', 'a', 'e']]
```

Convert the raw grades to a categorical data type.

Rename the categories to more meaningful names (assigning to Series.cat.categories is inplace!)

```
In [130]: df["grade"].cat.categories = ["very good", "good", "very bad"]
```

Reorder the categories and simultaneously add the missing categories (methods under Series .cat return a new Series per default).

```
In [131]: df["grade"] = df["grade"].cat.set_categories(["very bad", "bad", "medium", "good"
In [132]: df["grade"]
Out[132]:
0    very good
1        good
2        good
3    very good
4    very good
5    very bad
Name: grade, dtype: category
Categories (5, object): [very bad, bad, medium, good, very good]
```

Sorting is per order in the categories, not lexical order.

```
In [133]: df.sort_values(by="grade")
Out[133]:
   id raw_grade
                     grade
5
   6
            е
                  very bad
1
             b
   2
                      good
2
             b
   3
                      good
0
  1
             a very good
3
   4
             a very good
4
   5
             a very good
```

Grouping by a categorical column shows also empty categories.

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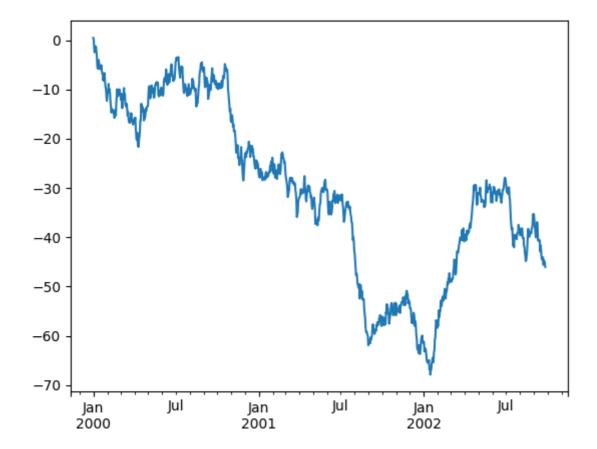
```
In [134]: df.groupby("grade").size()
Out[134]:
```

```
grade
very bad 1
bad 0
medium 0
good 2
very good 3
dtype: int64
```

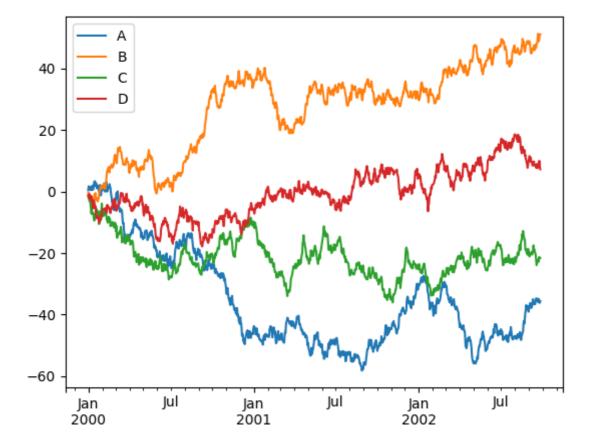
Plotting

Plotting docs.

```
In [135]: ts = pd.Series(np.random.randn(1000), index=pd.date_range('1/1/2000', periods=1000
In [136]: ts = ts.cumsum()
In [137]: ts.plot()
Out[137]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1122ad630>
```



On DataFrame, plot() is a convenience to plot all of the columns with labels:



Getting Data In/Out

CSV

Writing to a csv file

```
In [141]: df.to_csv('foo.csv')
```

Reading from a csv file

```
In [142]: pd.read_csv('foo.csv')
Out[142]:
     Unnamed: 0
0
     2000-01-01
                             -0.399641 -0.219582
                  0.266457
                                                    1.186860
1
     2000-01-02
                                        1.653061
                                                   -0.282953
                 -1.170732
                             -0.345873
2
     2000-01-03
                 -1.734933
                              0.530468
                                        2.060811
                                                   -0.515536
3
     2000-01-04
                                        0.239859
                 -1.555121
                              1.452620
                                                   -1.156896
4
     2000-01-05
                                                   -2.428202
                  0.578117
                              0.511371
                                        0.103552
5
     2000-01-06
                  0.478344
                              0.449933 -0.741620
                                                   -1.962409
6
     2000-01-07
                  1.235339
                             -0.091757 -1.543861
                                                   -1.084753
993
     2002-09-20 -10.628548
                             -9.153563 -7.883146
                                                   28.313940
994
                             -8.727491 -6.399645
     2002-09-21 -10.390377
                                                   30.914107
995
     2002-09-22
                 -8.985362
                             -8.485624 -4.669462
                                                   31.367740
996
     2002-09-23
                 -9.558560
                             -8.781216 -4.499815
                                                   30.518439
997
     2002-09-24
                 -9.902058
                             -9.340490 -4.386639
                                                   30.105593
     2002-09-25 -10.216020
998
                             -9.480682 -3.933802
                                                   29.758560
                                                                               Scroll To Top
999
     2002-09-26 -11.856774 -10.671012 -3.216025
                                                   29.369368
[1000 rows x 5 columns]
```

HDF5

Reading and writing to HDFStores

Writing to a HDF5 Store

```
In [143]: df.to_hdf('foo.h5','df')
```

Reading from a HDF5 Store

```
In [144]: pd.read hdf('foo.h5','df')
Out[144]:
                            В
                                               D
                    -0.399641 -0.219582
2000-01-01
           0.266457
                                         1.186860
          -1.170732 -0.345873 1.653061
2000-01-02
                                        -0.282953
                    0.530468 2.060811
2000-01-03
          -1.734933
                                        -0.515536
2000-01-04 -1.555121
                     1.452620 0.239859
                                       -1.156896
                     0.511371 0.103552
2000-01-05
           0.578117
                                       -2.428202
2000-01-07
           1.235339 -0.091757 -1.543861
                                       -1.084753
. . .
                          . . .
2002-09-20 -10.628548 -9.153563 -7.883146
                                        28.313940
2002-09-21 -10.390377 -8.727491 -6.399645
                                        30.914107
          -8.985362 -8.485624 -4.669462
2002-09-22
                                        31.367740
                    -8.781216 -4.499815
2002-09-23
          -9.558560
                                        30.518439
2002-09-24 -9.902058
                    -9.340490 -4.386639
                                        30.105593
2002-09-25 -10.216020 -9.480682 -3.933802
                                        29.758560
2002-09-26 -11.856774 -10.671012 -3.216025 29.369368
[1000 rows x 4 columns]
```

Excel

Reading and writing to MS Excel

Writing to an excel file

```
In [145]: df.to_excel('foo.xlsx', sheet_name='Sheet1')
```

Reading from an excel file

```
In [146]: pd.read_excel('foo.xlsx', 'Sheet1', index_col=None, na_values=['NA'])
Out[146]:
2000-01-01
            0.266457
                      -0.399641 -0.219582
                                            1.186860
                      -0.345873 1.653061
2000-01-02
           -1.170732
                                            -0.282953
2000-01-03
           -1.734933
                       0.530468
                                 2.060811
                                           -0.515536
2000-01-04
           -1.555121
                       1.452620 0.239859
                                           -1.156896
2000-01-05
            0.578117
                       0.511371 0.103552
                                           -2.428202
                      0.449933 -0.741620
2000-01-06
             0.478344
                                           -1.962409
2000-01-07
                      -0.091757 -1.543861
            1.235339
                                           -1.084753
. . .
                             . . .
                                           28.313940
2002-09-20 -10.628548
                      -9.153563 -7.883146
                                                                            Scroll To Top
2002-09-21 -10.390377
                      -8.727491 -6.399645
                                           30.914107
2002-09-22
           -8.985362
                      -8.485624 -4.669462
                                           31.367740
2002-09-23
           -9.558560
                      -8.781216 -4.499815
                                            30.518439
2002-09-24
           -9.902058
                      -9.340490 -4.386639
                                           30.105593
```

```
2002-09-25 -10.216020 -9.480682 -3.933802 29.758560
2002-09-26 -11.856774 -10.671012 -3.216025 29.369368
[1000 rows x 4 columns]
```

Gotchas

If you are trying an operation and you see an exception like:

```
>>> if pd.Series([False, True, False]):
    print("I was true")
Traceback
    ...
ValueError: The truth value of an array is ambiguous. Use a.empty, a.any() or a.all().
```

See Comparisons for an explanation and what to do.

See Gotchas as well.

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