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# Data Aggregation and Group Operations

Categorizing a dataset and applying a function to each group, whether an aggregation or transformation, is often a critical component of a data analysis workflow. After loading, merging, and preparing a dataset, you may need to compute group statistics or possibly *pivot tables* for reporting or visualization purposes. pandas provides a flexible `groupby` interface, enabling you to slice, dice, and summarize datasets in a natural way.

One reason for the popularity of relational databases and SQL (which stands for “structured query language”) is the ease with which data can be joined, filtered, transformed, and aggregated. However, query languages like SQL are somewhat constrained in the kinds of group operations that can be performed. As you will see, with the expressiveness of Python and pandas, we can perform quite complex group operations by utilizing any function that accepts a pandas object or NumPy array. In this chapter, you will learn how to:

- Split a pandas object into pieces using one or more keys (in the form of functions, arrays, or DataFrame column names)
- Calculate group summary statistics, like count, mean, or standard deviation, or a user-defined function
- Apply within-group transformations or other manipulations, like normalization, linear regression, rank, or subset selection
- Compute pivot tables and cross-tabulations
- Perform quantile analysis and other statistical group analyses



Aggregation of time series data, a special use case of `groupby`, is referred to as *resampling* in this book and will receive separate treatment in [Chapter 11](#).

## 10.1 GroupBy Mechanics

Hadley Wickham, an author of many popular packages for the R programming language, coined the term *split-apply-combine* for describing group operations. In the first stage of the process, data contained in a pandas object, whether a Series, DataFrame, or otherwise, is *split* into groups based on one or more *keys* that you provide. The splitting is performed on a particular axis of an object. For example, a DataFrame can be grouped on its rows (`axis=0`) or its columns (`axis=1`). Once this is done, a function is *applied* to each group, producing a new value. Finally, the results of all those function applications are *combined* into a result object. The form of the resulting object will usually depend on what's being done to the data. See [Figure 10-1](#) for a mockup of a simple group aggregation.

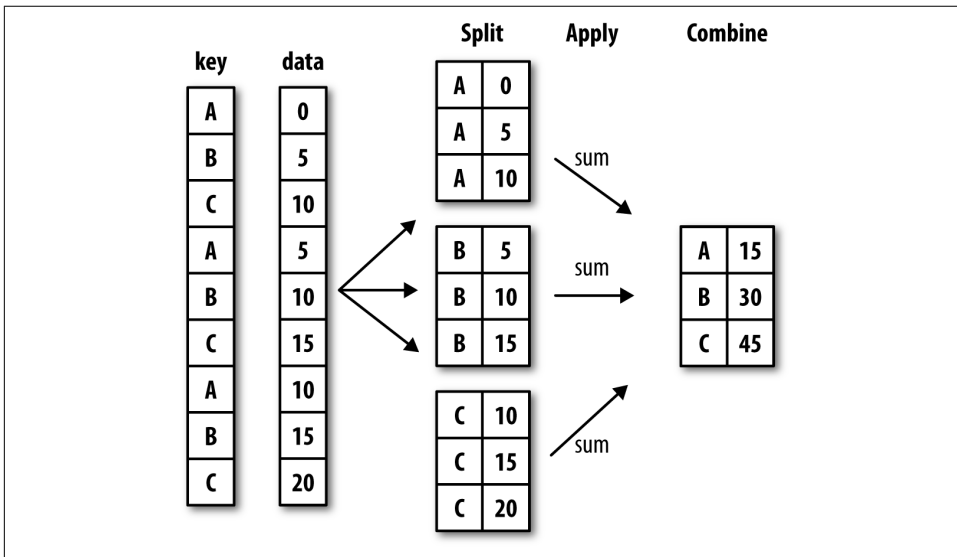


Figure 10-1. Illustration of a group aggregation

Each grouping key can take many forms, and the keys do not have to be all of the same type:

- A list or array of values that is the same length as the axis being grouped
- A value indicating a column name in a DataFrame

- A dict or Series giving a correspondence between the values on the axis being grouped and the group names
- A function to be invoked on the axis index or the individual labels in the index

Note that the latter three methods are shortcuts for producing an array of values to be used to split up the object. Don't worry if this all seems abstract. Throughout this chapter, I will give many examples of all these methods. To get started, here is a small tabular dataset as a DataFrame:

```
In [10]: df = pd.DataFrame({'key1' : ['a', 'a', 'b', 'b', 'a'],
.....:                    'key2' : ['one', 'two', 'one', 'two', 'one'],
.....:                    'data1' : np.random.randn(5),
.....:                    'data2' : np.random.randn(5)})

In [11]: df
Out[11]:
```

	data1	data2	key1	key2
0	-0.204708	1.393406	a	one
1	0.478943	0.092908	a	two
2	-0.519439	0.281746	b	one
3	-0.555730	0.769023	b	two
4	1.965781	1.246435	a	one

Suppose you wanted to compute the mean of the `data1` column using the labels from `key1`. There are a number of ways to do this. One is to access `data1` and call `groupby` with the column (a Series) at `key1`:

```
In [12]: grouped = df['data1'].groupby(df['key1'])

In [13]: grouped
Out[13]: <pandas.core.groupby.SeriesGroupBy object at 0x7faa31537390>
```

This grouped variable is now a *GroupBy* object. It has not actually computed anything yet except for some intermediate data about the group key `df['key1']`. The idea is that this object has all of the information needed to then apply some operation to each of the groups. For example, to compute group means we can call the *GroupBy*'s `mean` method:

```
In [14]: grouped.mean()
Out[14]:
```

key1	
a	0.746672
b	-0.537585

Name: data1, dtype: float64

Later, I'll explain more about what happens when you call `.mean()`. The important thing here is that the data (a Series) has been aggregated according to the group key, producing a new Series that is now indexed by the unique values in the `key1` column.

The result index has the name 'key1' because the DataFrame column `df['key1']` did.

If instead we had passed multiple arrays as a list, we'd get something different:

```
In [15]: means = df['data1'].groupby([df['key1'], df['key2']]).mean()

In [16]: means
Out[16]:
key1 key2
a     one    0.880536
      two    0.478943
b     one   -0.519439
      two   -0.555730
Name: data1, dtype: float64
```

Here we grouped the data using two keys, and the resulting Series now has a hierarchical index consisting of the unique pairs of keys observed:

```
In [17]: means.unstack()
Out[17]:
key2      one      two
key1
a      0.880536  0.478943
b     -0.519439 -0.555730
```

In this example, the group keys are all Series, though they could be any arrays of the right length:

```
In [18]: states = np.array(['Ohio', 'California', 'California', 'Ohio', 'Ohio'])
In [19]: years = np.array([2005, 2005, 2006, 2005, 2006])

In [20]: df['data1'].groupby([states, years]).mean()
Out[20]:
California 2005    0.478943
           2006   -0.519439
Ohio       2005   -0.380219
           2006    1.965781
Name: data1, dtype: float64
```

Frequently the grouping information is found in the same DataFrame as the data you want to work on. In that case, you can pass column names (whether those are strings, numbers, or other Python objects) as the group keys:

```
In [21]: df.groupby('key1').mean()
Out[21]:
      data1      data2
key1
a      0.746672  0.910916
b     -0.537585  0.525384

In [22]: df.groupby(['key1', 'key2']).mean()
```

```
Out[22]:
```

		data1	data2
key1	key2		
a	one	0.880536	1.319920
	two	0.478943	0.092908
b	one	-0.519439	0.281746
	two	-0.555730	0.769023

You may have noticed in the first case `df.groupby('key1').mean()` that there is no `key2` column in the result. Because `df['key2']` is not numeric data, it is said to be a *nuisance column*, which is therefore excluded from the result. By default, all of the numeric columns are aggregated, though it is possible to filter down to a subset, as you'll see soon.

Regardless of the objective in using `groupby`, a generally useful `GroupBy` method is `size`, which returns a `Series` containing group sizes:

```
In [23]: df.groupby(['key1', 'key2']).size()
Out[23]:
```

key1	key2	
a	one	2
	two	1
b	one	1
	two	1

`dtype: int64`

Take note that any missing values in a group key will be excluded from the result.

## Iterating Over Groups

The `GroupBy` object supports iteration, generating a sequence of 2-tuples containing the group name along with the chunk of data. Consider the following:

```
In [24]: for name, group in df.groupby('key1'):
.....:     print(name)
.....:     print(group)
.....:
```

```
a
   data1  data2 key1 key2
0 -0.204708  1.393406  a  one
1  0.478943  0.092908  a  two
4  1.965781  1.246435  a  one
b
   data1  data2 key1 key2
2 -0.519439  0.281746  b  one
3 -0.555730  0.769023  b  two
```

In the case of multiple keys, the first element in the tuple will be a tuple of key values:

```
In [25]: for (k1, k2), group in df.groupby(['key1', 'key2']):
.....:     print((k1, k2))
.....:     print(group)
```

```

.....:
('a', 'one')
  data1      data2 key1 key2
0 -0.204708  1.393406    a  one
4  1.965781  1.246435    a  one
('a', 'two')
  data1      data2 key1 key2
1  0.478943  0.092908    a  two
('b', 'one')
  data1      data2 key1 key2
2 -0.519439  0.281746    b  one
('b', 'two')
  data1      data2 key1 key2
3 -0.55573  0.769023    b  two

```

Of course, you can choose to do whatever you want with the pieces of data. A recipe you may find useful is computing a dict of the data pieces as a one-liner:

```

In [26]: pieces = dict(list(df.groupby('key1')))

In [27]: pieces['b']
Out[27]:
  data1      data2 key1 key2
2 -0.519439  0.281746    b  one
3 -0.555730  0.769023    b  two

```

By default `groupby` groups on `axis=0`, but you can group on any of the other axes. For example, we could group the columns of our example `df` here by `dtype` like so:

```

In [28]: df.dtypes
Out[28]:
data1    float64
data2    float64
key1      object
key2      object
dtype: object

In [29]: grouped = df.groupby(df.dtypes, axis=1)

```

We can print out the groups like so:

```

In [30]: for dtype, group in grouped:
.....:     print(dtype)
.....:     print(group)
.....:
float64
  data1      data2
0 -0.204708  1.393406
1  0.478943  0.092908
2 -0.519439  0.281746
3 -0.555730  0.769023
4  1.965781  1.246435
object
  key1 key2

```

```

0    a  one
1    a  two
2    b  one
3    b  two
4    a  one

```

## Selecting a Column or Subset of Columns

Indexing a GroupBy object created from a DataFrame with a column name or array of column names has the effect of column subsetting for aggregation. This means that:

```

df.groupby('key1')['data1']
df.groupby('key1')[['data2']]

```

are syntactic sugar for:

```

df['data1'].groupby(df['key1'])
df[['data2']].groupby(df['key1'])

```

Especially for large datasets, it may be desirable to aggregate only a few columns. For example, in the preceding dataset, to compute means for just the data2 column and get the result as a DataFrame, we could write:

```

In [31]: df.groupby(['key1', 'key2'])['data2'].mean()
Out[31]:
           data2
key1 key2
a    one  1.319920
      two  0.092908
b    one  0.281746
      two  0.769023

```

The object returned by this indexing operation is a grouped DataFrame if a list or array is passed or a grouped Series if only a single column name is passed as a scalar:

```

In [32]: s_grouped = df.groupby(['key1', 'key2'])['data2']

In [33]: s_grouped
Out[33]: <pandas.core.groupby.SeriesGroupBy object at 0x7faa30c78da0>

In [34]: s_grouped.mean()
Out[34]:
key1 key2
a    one  1.319920
      two  0.092908
b    one  0.281746
      two  0.769023
Name: data2, dtype: float64

```

## Grouping with Dicts and Series

Grouping information may exist in a form other than an array. Let's consider another example DataFrame:

```
In [35]: people = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(5, 5),
.....:                        columns=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'],
.....:                        index=['Joe', 'Steve', 'Wes', 'Jim', 'Travis'])

In [36]: people.iloc[2:3, [1, 2]] = np.nan # Add a few NA values

In [37]: people
Out[37]:
```

	a	b	c	d	e
Joe	1.007189	-1.296221	0.274992	0.228913	1.352917
Steve	0.886429	-2.001637	-0.371843	1.669025	-0.438570
Wes	-0.539741	NaN	NaN	-1.021228	-0.577087
Jim	0.124121	0.302614	0.523772	0.000940	1.343810
Travis	-0.713544	-0.831154	-2.370232	-1.860761	-0.860757

Now, suppose I have a group correspondence for the columns and want to sum together the columns by group:

```
In [38]: mapping = {'a': 'red', 'b': 'red', 'c': 'blue',
.....:              'd': 'blue', 'e': 'red', 'f': 'orange'}
```

Now, you could construct an array from this dict to pass to `groupby`, but instead we can just pass the dict (I included the key 'f' to highlight that unused grouping keys are OK):

```
In [39]: by_column = people.groupby(mapping, axis=1)

In [40]: by_column.sum()
Out[40]:
```

	blue	red
Joe	0.503905	1.063885
Steve	1.297183	-1.553778
Wes	-1.021228	-1.116829
Jim	0.524712	1.770545
Travis	-4.230992	-2.405455

The same functionality holds for Series, which can be viewed as a fixed-size mapping:

```
In [41]: map_series = pd.Series(mapping)

In [42]: map_series
Out[42]:
```

a	red
b	red
c	blue
d	blue
e	red
f	orange



```
dtype: object

In [43]: people.groupby(map_series, axis=1).count()
Out[43]:
```

	blue	red
Joe	2	3
Steve	2	3
Wes	1	2
Jim	2	3
Travis	2	3

## Grouping with Functions

Using Python functions is a more generic way of defining a group mapping compared with a dict or Series. Any function passed as a group key will be called once per index value, with the return values being used as the group names. More concretely, consider the example DataFrame from the previous section, which has people's first names as index values. Suppose you wanted to group by the length of the names; while you could compute an array of string lengths, it's simpler to just pass the `len` function:

```
In [44]: people.groupby(len).sum()
Out[44]:
```

	a	b	c	d	e
3	0.591569	-0.993608	0.798764	-0.791374	2.119639
5	0.886429	-2.001637	-0.371843	1.669025	-0.438570
6	-0.713544	-0.831154	-2.370232	-1.860761	-0.860757

Mixing functions with arrays, dicts, or Series is not a problem as everything gets converted to arrays internally:

```
In [45]: key_list = ['one', 'one', 'one', 'two', 'two']

In [46]: people.groupby([len, key_list]).min()
Out[46]:
```

		a	b	c	d	e
3	one	-0.539741	-1.296221	0.274992	-1.021228	-0.577087
	two	0.124121	0.302614	0.523772	0.000940	1.343810
5	one	0.886429	-2.001637	-0.371843	1.669025	-0.438570
6	two	-0.713544	-0.831154	-2.370232	-1.860761	-0.860757

## Grouping by Index Levels

A final convenience for hierarchically indexed datasets is the ability to aggregate using one of the levels of an axis index. Let's look at an example:

```
In [47]: columns = pd.MultiIndex.from_arrays([['US', 'US', 'US', 'JP', 'JP'],
....:                                       [1, 3, 5, 1, 3]],
....:                                       names=['cty', 'tenor'])

In [48]: hier_df = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(4, 5), columns=columns)
```

```
In [49]: hier_df
Out[49]:
   cty      US      JP
   tenor      1      3      5      1      3
0      0.560145 -1.265934  0.119827 -1.063512  0.332883
1      -2.359419 -0.199543 -1.541996 -0.970736 -1.307030
2      0.286350  0.377984 -0.753887  0.331286  1.349742
3      0.069877  0.246674 -0.011862  1.004812  1.327195
```

To group by level, pass the level number or name using the `level` keyword:

```
In [50]: hier_df.groupby(level='cty', axis=1).count()
Out[50]:
   cty  JP  US
0      2   3
1      2   3
2      2   3
3      2   3
```

## 10.2 Data Aggregation

Aggregations refer to any data transformation that produces scalar values from arrays. The preceding examples have used several of them, including `mean`, `count`, `min`, and `sum`. You may wonder what is going on when you invoke `mean()` on a `GroupBy` object. Many common aggregations, such as those found in [Table 10-1](#), have optimized implementations. However, you are not limited to only this set of methods.

*Table 10-1. Optimized groupby methods*

Function name	Description
<code>count</code>	Number of non-NA values in the group
<code>sum</code>	Sum of non-NA values
<code>mean</code>	Mean of non-NA values
<code>median</code>	Arithmetic median of non-NA values
<code>std</code> , <code>var</code>	Unbiased ( $n - 1$ denominator) standard deviation and variance
<code>min</code> , <code>max</code>	Minimum and maximum of non-NA values
<code>prod</code>	Product of non-NA values
<code>first</code> , <code>last</code>	First and last non-NA values

You can use aggregations of your own devising and additionally call any method that is also defined on the grouped object. For example, you might recall that `quantile` computes sample quantiles of a `Series` or a `DataFrame`'s columns.

While `quantile` is not explicitly implemented for `GroupBy`, it is a `Series` method and thus available for use. Internally, `GroupBy` efficiently slices up the `Series`, calls

piece.quantile(0.9) for each piece, and then assembles those results together into the result object:

```
In [51]: df
Out[51]:
```

	data1	data2	key1	key2
0	-0.204708	1.393406	a	one
1	0.478943	0.092908	a	two
2	-0.519439	0.281746	b	one
3	-0.555730	0.769023	b	two
4	1.965781	1.246435	a	one

```
In [52]: grouped = df.groupby('key1')

In [53]: grouped['data1'].quantile(0.9)
Out[53]:
key1
a    1.668413
b   -0.523068
Name: data1, dtype: float64
```

To use your own aggregation functions, pass any function that aggregates an array to the aggregate or agg method:

```
In [54]: def peak_to_peak(arr):
....:     return arr.max() - arr.min()

In [55]: grouped.agg(peak_to_peak)
Out[55]:
```

	data1	data2
key1		
a	2.170488	1.300498
b	0.036292	0.487276

You may notice that some methods like describe also work, even though they are not aggregations, strictly speaking:

```
In [56]: grouped.describe()
Out[56]:
```

	data1	data2					
	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%
key1							
a	3.0	0.746672	1.109736	-0.204708	0.137118	0.478943	1.222362
b	2.0	-0.537585	0.025662	-0.555730	-0.546657	-0.537585	-0.528512
		max					
key1							
a	1.965781	3.0	0.910916	0.712217	0.092908	0.669671	1.246435
b	-0.519439	2.0	0.525384	0.344556	0.281746	0.403565	0.525384
		75%	max				
key1							

```
a    1.319920  1.393406
b    0.647203  0.769023
```

I will explain in more detail what has happened here in [Section 10.3, “Apply: General split-apply-combine,”](#) on page 302.



Custom aggregation functions are generally much slower than the optimized functions found in [Table 10-1](#). This is because there is some extra overhead (function calls, data rearrangement) in constructing the intermediate group data chunks.

## Column-Wise and Multiple Function Application

Let’s return to the tipping dataset from earlier examples. After loading it with `read_csv`, we add a tipping percentage column `tip_pct`:

```
In [57]: tips = pd.read_csv('examples/tips.csv')

# Add tip percentage of total bill
In [58]: tips['tip_pct'] = tips['tip'] / tips['total_bill']

In [59]: tips[:6]
Out[59]:
```

	total_bill	tip	smoker	day	time	size	tip_pct
0	16.99	1.01	No	Sun	Dinner	2	0.059447
1	10.34	1.66	No	Sun	Dinner	3	0.160542
2	21.01	3.50	No	Sun	Dinner	3	0.166587
3	23.68	3.31	No	Sun	Dinner	2	0.139780
4	24.59	3.61	No	Sun	Dinner	4	0.146808
5	25.29	4.71	No	Sun	Dinner	4	0.186240

As you’ve already seen, aggregating a Series or all of the columns of a DataFrame is a matter of using `aggregate` with the desired function or calling a method like `mean` or `std`. However, you may want to aggregate using a different function depending on the column, or multiple functions at once. Fortunately, this is possible to do, which I’ll illustrate through a number of examples. First, I’ll group the tips by day and smoker:

```
In [60]: grouped = tips.groupby(['day', 'smoker'])
```

Note that for descriptive statistics like those in [Table 10-1](#), you can pass the name of the function as a string:

```
In [61]: grouped_pct = grouped['tip_pct']

In [62]: grouped_pct.agg('mean')
Out[62]:
```

day	smoker	
Fri	No	0.151650
	Yes	0.174783
Sat	No	0.158048

```

        Yes      0.147906
Sun    No      0.160113
        Yes      0.187250
Thur   No      0.160298
        Yes      0.163863
Name: tip_pct, dtype: float64

```

If you pass a list of functions or function names instead, you get back a DataFrame with column names taken from the functions:

```

In [63]: grouped_pct.agg(['mean', 'std', 'peak_to_peak'])
Out[63]:
           mean      std  peak_to_peak
day  smoker
Fri  No      0.151650  0.028123    0.067349
     Yes      0.174783  0.051293    0.159925
Sat  No      0.158048  0.039767    0.235193
     Yes      0.147906  0.061375    0.290095
Sun  No      0.160113  0.042347    0.193226
     Yes      0.187250  0.154134    0.644685
Thur No      0.160298  0.038774    0.193350
     Yes      0.163863  0.039389    0.151240

```

Here we passed a list of aggregation functions to `agg` to evaluate independently on the data groups.

You don't need to accept the names that `GroupBy` gives to the columns; notably, lambda functions have the name '<lambda>', which makes them hard to identify (you can see for yourself by looking at a function's `__name__` attribute). Thus, if you pass a list of (name, function) tuples, the first element of each tuple will be used as the DataFrame column names (you can think of a list of 2-tuples as an ordered mapping):

```

In [64]: grouped_pct.agg([('foo', 'mean'), ('bar', np.std)])
Out[64]:
           foo      bar
day  smoker
Fri  No      0.151650  0.028123
     Yes      0.174783  0.051293
Sat  No      0.158048  0.039767
     Yes      0.147906  0.061375
Sun  No      0.160113  0.042347
     Yes      0.187250  0.154134
Thur No      0.160298  0.038774
     Yes      0.163863  0.039389

```

With a DataFrame you have more options, as you can specify a list of functions to apply to all of the columns or different functions per column. To start, suppose we wanted to compute the same three statistics for the `tip_pct` and `total_bill` columns:

```
In [65]: functions = ['count', 'mean', 'max']

In [66]: result = grouped['tip_pct', 'total_bill'].agg(functions)

In [67]: result
Out[67]:
```

		tip_pct			total_bill		
		count	mean	max	count	mean	max
Fri	No	4	0.151650	0.187735	4	18.420000	22.75
	Yes	15	0.174783	0.263480	15	16.813333	40.17
Sat	No	45	0.158048	0.291990	45	19.661778	48.33
	Yes	42	0.147906	0.325733	42	21.276667	50.81
Sun	No	57	0.160113	0.252672	57	20.506667	48.17
	Yes	19	0.187250	0.710345	19	24.120000	45.35
Thur	No	45	0.160298	0.266312	45	17.113111	41.19
	Yes	17	0.163863	0.241255	17	19.190588	43.11

As you can see, the resulting DataFrame has hierarchical columns, the same as you would get aggregating each column separately and using concat to glue the results together using the column names as the keys argument:

```
In [68]: result['tip_pct']
Out[68]:
```

		count	mean	max
Fri	No	4	0.151650	0.187735
	Yes	15	0.174783	0.263480
Sat	No	45	0.158048	0.291990
	Yes	42	0.147906	0.325733
Sun	No	57	0.160113	0.252672
	Yes	19	0.187250	0.710345
Thur	No	45	0.160298	0.266312
	Yes	17	0.163863	0.241255

As before, a list of tuples with custom names can be passed:

```
In [69]: ftuples = [('Durchschnitt', 'mean'), ('Abweichung', np.var)]

In [70]: grouped['tip_pct', 'total_bill'].agg(ftuples)
Out[70]:
```

		tip_pct		total_bill	
		Durchschnitt	Abweichung	Durchschnitt	Abweichung
Fri	No	0.151650	0.000791	18.420000	25.596333
	Yes	0.174783	0.002631	16.813333	82.562438
Sat	No	0.158048	0.001581	19.661778	79.908965
	Yes	0.147906	0.003767	21.276667	101.387535
Sun	No	0.160113	0.001793	20.506667	66.099980
	Yes	0.187250	0.023757	24.120000	109.046044
Thur	No	0.160298	0.001503	17.113111	59.625081
	Yes	0.163863	0.001551	19.190588	69.808518

Now, suppose you wanted to apply potentially different functions to one or more of the columns. To do this, pass a dict to `agg` that contains a mapping of column names to any of the function specifications listed so far:

```
In [71]: grouped.agg({'tip' : np.max, 'size' : 'sum'})
Out[71]:
```

		tip	size
day	smoker		
Fri	No	3.50	9
	Yes	4.73	31
Sat	No	9.00	115
	Yes	10.00	104
Sun	No	6.00	167
	Yes	6.50	49
Thur	No	6.70	112
	Yes	5.00	40

```
In [72]: grouped.agg({'tip_pct' : ['min', 'max', 'mean', 'std'],
.....:                  'size' : 'sum'})
Out[72]:
```

		tip_pct				size
		min	max	mean	std	sum
day	smoker					
Fri	No	0.120385	0.187735	0.151650	0.028123	9
	Yes	0.103555	0.263480	0.174783	0.051293	31
Sat	No	0.056797	0.291990	0.158048	0.039767	115
	Yes	0.035638	0.325733	0.147906	0.061375	104
Sun	No	0.059447	0.252672	0.160113	0.042347	167
	Yes	0.065660	0.710345	0.187250	0.154134	49
Thur	No	0.072961	0.266312	0.160298	0.038774	112
	Yes	0.090014	0.241255	0.163863	0.039389	40

A `DataFrame` will have hierarchical columns only if multiple functions are applied to at least one column.

## Returning Aggregated Data Without Row Indexes

In all of the examples up until now, the aggregated data comes back with an index, potentially hierarchical, composed from the unique group key combinations. Since this isn't always desirable, you can disable this behavior in most cases by passing `as_index=False` to `groupby`:

```
In [73]: tips.groupby(['day', 'smoker'], as_index=False).mean()
Out[73]:
```

	day	smoker	total_bill	tip	size	tip_pct
0	Fri	No	18.420000	2.812500	2.250000	0.151650
1	Fri	Yes	16.813333	2.714000	2.066667	0.174783
2	Sat	No	19.661778	3.102889	2.555556	0.158048
3	Sat	Yes	21.276667	2.875476	2.476190	0.147906
4	Sun	No	20.506667	3.167895	2.929825	0.160113
5	Sun	Yes	24.120000	3.516842	2.578947	0.187250

```

6  Thur    No   17.113111  2.673778  2.488889  0.160298
7  Thur    Yes  19.190588  3.030000  2.352941  0.163863

```

Of course, it's always possible to obtain the result in this format by calling `reset_index` on the result. Using the `as_index=False` method avoids some unnecessary computations.

## 10.3 Apply: General split-apply-combine

The most general-purpose `GroupBy` method is `apply`, which is the subject of the rest of this section. As illustrated in [Figure 10-2](#), `apply` splits the object being manipulated into pieces, invokes the passed function on each piece, and then attempts to concatenate the pieces together.

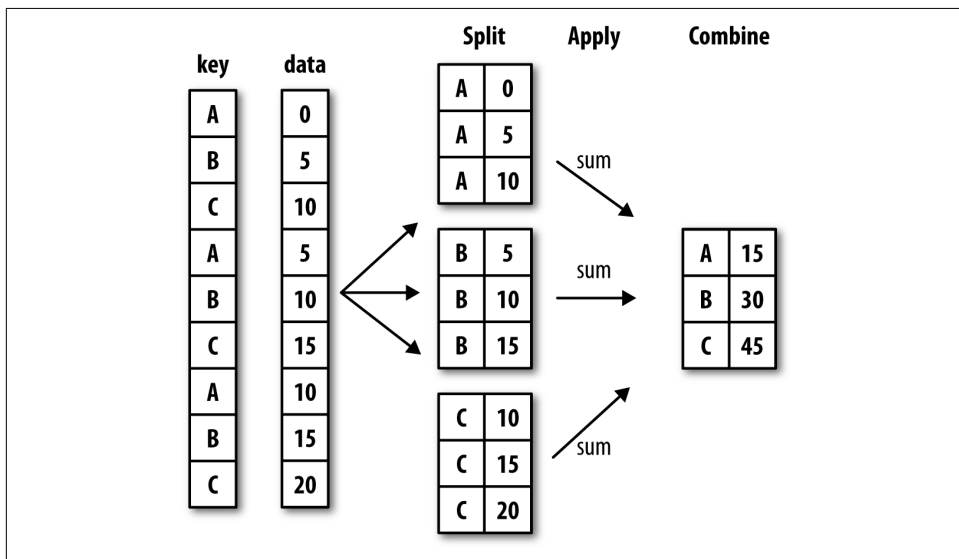


Figure 10-2. Illustration of a group aggregation

Returning to the tipping dataset from before, suppose you wanted to select the top five `tip_pct` values by group. First, write a function that selects the rows with the largest values in a particular column:

```

In [74]: def top(df, n=5, column='tip_pct'):
.....:     return df.sort_values(by=column)[-n:]

In [75]: top(tips, n=6)
Out[75]:
   total_bill  tip smoker  day   time  size  tip_pct
109      14.31   4.00   Yes  Sat  Dinner    2  0.279525
183      23.17   6.50   Yes  Sun  Dinner    4  0.280535
232      11.61   3.39   No   Sat  Dinner    2  0.291990

```



```

67      3.07  1.00   Yes Sat Dinner    1  0.325733
178     9.60  4.00   Yes Sun Dinner    2  0.416667
172     7.25  5.15   Yes Sun Dinner    2  0.710345

```

Now, if we group by `smoker`, say, and call `apply` with this function, we get the following:

```

In [76]: tips.groupby('smoker').apply(top)
Out[76]:

```

		total_bill	tip	smoker	day	time	size	tip_pct
smoker								
No	88	24.71	5.85	No	Thur	Lunch	2	0.236746
	185	20.69	5.00	No	Sun	Dinner	5	0.241663
	51	10.29	2.60	No	Sun	Dinner	2	0.252672
	149	7.51	2.00	No	Thur	Lunch	2	0.266312
	232	11.61	3.39	No	Sat	Dinner	2	0.291990
Yes	109	14.31	4.00	Yes	Sat	Dinner	2	0.279525
	183	23.17	6.50	Yes	Sun	Dinner	4	0.280535
	67	3.07	1.00	Yes	Sat	Dinner	1	0.325733
	178	9.60	4.00	Yes	Sun	Dinner	2	0.416667
	172	7.25	5.15	Yes	Sun	Dinner	2	0.710345

What has happened here? The `top` function is called on each row group from the DataFrame, and then the results are glued together using `pandas.concat`, labeling the pieces with the group names. The result therefore has a hierarchical index whose inner level contains index values from the original DataFrame.

If you pass a function to `apply` that takes other arguments or keywords, you can pass these after the function:

```

In [77]: tips.groupby(['smoker', 'day']).apply(top, n=1, column='total_bill')
Out[77]:

```

			total_bill	tip	smoker	day	time	size	tip_pct
smoker day									
No	Fri	94	22.75	3.25	No	Fri	Dinner	2	0.142857
	Sat	212	48.33	9.00	No	Sat	Dinner	4	0.186220
	Sun	156	48.17	5.00	No	Sun	Dinner	6	0.103799
	Thur	142	41.19	5.00	No	Thur	Lunch	5	0.121389
Yes	Fri	95	40.17	4.73	Yes	Fri	Dinner	4	0.117750
	Sat	170	50.81	10.00	Yes	Sat	Dinner	3	0.196812
	Sun	182	45.35	3.50	Yes	Sun	Dinner	3	0.077178
	Thur	197	43.11	5.00	Yes	Thur	Lunch	4	0.115982



Beyond these basic usage mechanics, getting the most out of `apply` may require some creativity. What occurs inside the function passed is up to you; it only needs to return a pandas object or a scalar value. The rest of this chapter will mainly consist of examples showing you how to solve various problems using `groupby`.

You may recall that I earlier called `describe` on a `GroupBy` object:

```
In [78]: result = tips.groupby('smoker')['tip_pct'].describe()

In [79]: result
Out[79]:
```

	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	\
smoker								
No	151.0	0.159328	0.039910	0.056797	0.136906	0.155625	0.185014	
Yes	93.0	0.163196	0.085119	0.035638	0.106771	0.153846	0.195059	
		max						
smoker								
No		0.291990						
Yes		0.710345						

```


In [80]: result.unstack('smoker')
Out[80]:
```

	smoker	
count	No	151.000000
	Yes	93.000000
mean	No	0.159328
	Yes	0.163196
std	No	0.039910
	Yes	0.085119
min	No	0.056797
	Yes	0.035638
25%	No	0.136906
	Yes	0.106771
50%	No	0.155625
	Yes	0.153846
75%	No	0.185014
	Yes	0.195059
max	No	0.291990
	Yes	0.710345

```
dtype: float64
```

Inside `GroupBy`, when you invoke a method like `describe`, it is actually just a short-cut for:

```
f = lambda x: x.describe()
grouped.apply(f)
```

## Suppressing the Group Keys

In the preceding examples, you see that the resulting object has a hierarchical index formed from the group keys along with the indexes of each piece of the original object. You can disable this by passing `group_keys=False` to `groupby`:

```
In [81]: tips.groupby('smoker', group_keys=False).apply(top)
Out[81]:
```

	total_bill	tip	smoker	day	time	size	tip_pct
88	24.71	5.85	No	Thur	Lunch	2	0.236746
185	20.69	5.00	No	Sun	Dinner	5	0.241663
51	10.29	2.60	No	Sun	Dinner	2	0.252672
149	7.51	2.00	No	Thur	Lunch	2	0.266312
232	11.61	3.39	No	Sat	Dinner	2	0.291990
109	14.31	4.00	Yes	Sat	Dinner	2	0.279525
183	23.17	6.50	Yes	Sun	Dinner	4	0.280535
67	3.07	1.00	Yes	Sat	Dinner	1	0.325733
178	9.60	4.00	Yes	Sun	Dinner	2	0.416667
172	7.25	5.15	Yes	Sun	Dinner	2	0.710345

## Quantile and Bucket Analysis

As you may recall from [Chapter 8](#), pandas has some tools, in particular `cut` and `qcut`, for slicing data up into buckets with bins of your choosing or by sample quantiles. Combining these functions with `groupby` makes it convenient to perform bucket or quantile analysis on a dataset. Consider a simple random dataset and an equal-length bucket categorization using `cut`:

```
In [82]: frame = pd.DataFrame({'data1': np.random.randn(1000),
....:                          'data2': np.random.randn(1000)})

In [83]: quartiles = pd.cut(frame.data1, 4)

In [84]: quartiles[:10]
Out[84]:
```

0	(-1.23, 0.489]
1	(-2.956, -1.23]
2	(-1.23, 0.489]
3	(0.489, 2.208]
4	(-1.23, 0.489]
5	(0.489, 2.208]
6	(-1.23, 0.489]
7	(-1.23, 0.489]
8	(0.489, 2.208]
9	(0.489, 2.208]

```
Name: data1, dtype: category
Categories (4, interval[float64]): [(-2.956, -1.23] < (-1.23, 0.489] < (0.489, 2.208] < (2.208, 3.928]]
```

The Categorical object returned by `cut` can be passed directly to `groupby`. So we could compute a set of statistics for the `data2` column like so:

```
In [85]: def get_stats(group):
....:     return {'min': group.min(), 'max': group.max(),
....:             'count': group.count(), 'mean': group.mean()}

In [86]: grouped = frame.data2.groupby(quartiles)
```

```
In [87]: grouped.apply(get_stats).unstack()
Out[87]:
```

	count	max	mean	min
data1				
(-2.956, -1.23]	95.0	1.670835	-0.039521	-3.399312
(-1.23, 0.489]	598.0	3.260383	-0.002051	-2.989741
(0.489, 2.208]	297.0	2.954439	0.081822	-3.745356
(2.208, 3.928]	10.0	1.765640	0.024750	-1.929776

These were equal-length buckets; to compute equal-size buckets based on sample quantiles, use `qcut`. I'll pass `labels=False` to just get quantile numbers:

```
# Return quantile numbers
In [88]: grouping = pd.qcut(frame.data1, 10, labels=False)

In [89]: grouped = frame.data2.groupby(grouping)

In [90]: grouped.apply(get_stats).unstack()
Out[90]:
```

	count	max	mean	min
data1				
0	100.0	1.670835	-0.049902	-3.399312
1	100.0	2.628441	0.030989	-1.950098
2	100.0	2.527939	-0.067179	-2.925113
3	100.0	3.260383	0.065713	-2.315555
4	100.0	2.074345	-0.111653	-2.047939
5	100.0	2.184810	0.052130	-2.989741
6	100.0	2.458842	-0.021489	-2.223506
7	100.0	2.954439	-0.026459	-3.056990
8	100.0	2.735527	0.103406	-3.745356
9	100.0	2.377020	0.220122	-2.064111

We will take a closer look at pandas's `Categorical` type in [Chapter 12](#).

## Example: Filling Missing Values with Group-Specific Values

When cleaning up missing data, in some cases you will replace data observations using `dropna`, but in others you may want to impute (fill in) the null (NA) values using a fixed value or some value derived from the data. `fillna` is the right tool to use; for example, here I fill in NA values with the mean:

```
In [91]: s = pd.Series(np.random.randn(6))

In [92]: s[::2] = np.nan

In [93]: s
Out[93]:
```

0	NaN
1	-0.125921
2	NaN
3	-0.884475

```

4         NaN
5     0.227290
dtype: float64

In [94]: s.fillna(s.mean())
Out[94]:
0    -0.261035
1    -0.125921
2    -0.261035
3    -0.884475
4    -0.261035
5     0.227290
dtype: float64

```

Suppose you need the fill value to vary by group. One way to do this is to group the data and use `apply` with a function that calls `fillna` on each data chunk. Here is some sample data on US states divided into eastern and western regions:

```

In [95]: states = ['Ohio', 'New York', 'Vermont', 'Florida',
....:              'Oregon', 'Nevada', 'California', 'Idaho']

In [96]: group_key = ['East'] * 4 + ['West'] * 4

In [97]: data = pd.Series(np.random.randn(8), index=states)

In [98]: data
Out[98]:
Ohio          0.922264
New York     -2.153545
Vermont      -0.365757
Florida      -0.375842
Oregon        0.329939
Nevada        0.981994
California    1.105913
Idaho        -1.613716
dtype: float64

```

Note that the syntax `['East'] * 4` produces a list containing four copies of the elements in `['East']`. Adding lists together concatenates them.

Let's set some values in the data to be missing:

```

In [99]: data[['Vermont', 'Nevada', 'Idaho']] = np.nan

In [100]: data
Out[100]:
Ohio          0.922264
New York     -2.153545
Vermont             NaN
Florida      -0.375842
Oregon        0.329939
Nevada             NaN
California    1.105913

```

```
Idaho          NaN
dtype: float64

In [101]: data.groupby(group_key).mean()
Out[101]:
East    -0.535707
West     0.717926
dtype: float64
```

We can fill the NA values using the group means like so:

```
In [102]: fill_mean = lambda g: g.fillna(g.mean())

In [103]: data.groupby(group_key).apply(fill_mean)
Out[103]:
Ohio          0.922264
New York     -2.153545
Vermont      -0.535707
Florida      -0.375842
Oregon        0.329939
Nevada        0.717926
California    1.105913
Idaho         0.717926
dtype: float64
```

In another case, you might have predefined fill values in your code that vary by group. Since the groups have a name attribute set internally, we can use that:

```
In [104]: fill_values = {'East': 0.5, 'West': -1}

In [105]: fill_func = lambda g: g.fillna(fill_values[g.name])

In [106]: data.groupby(group_key).apply(fill_func)
Out[106]:
Ohio          0.922264
New York     -2.153545
Vermont        0.500000
Florida      -0.375842
Oregon        0.329939
Nevada       -1.000000
California    1.105913
Idaho       -1.000000
dtype: float64
```

## Example: Random Sampling and Permutation

Suppose you wanted to draw a random sample (with or without replacement) from a large dataset for Monte Carlo simulation purposes or some other application. There are a number of ways to perform the “draws”; here we use the `sample` method for Series.

To demonstrate, here’s a way to construct a deck of English-style playing cards:

```

# Hearts, Spades, Clubs, Diamonds
suits = ['H', 'S', 'C', 'D']
card_val = (list(range(1, 11)) + [10] * 3) * 4
base_names = ['A'] + list(range(2, 11)) + ['J', 'K', 'Q']
cards = []
for suit in ['H', 'S', 'C', 'D']:
    cards.extend(str(num) + suit for num in base_names)

deck = pd.Series(card_val, index=cards)

```

So now we have a Series of length 52 whose index contains card names and values are the ones used in Blackjack and other games (to keep things simple, I just let the ace 'A' be 1):

```

In [108]: deck[:13]
Out[108]:
AH      1
2H      2
3H      3
4H      4
5H      5
6H      6
7H      7
8H      8
9H      9
10H     10
JH      10
KH      10
QH      10
dtype: int64

```

Now, based on what I said before, drawing a hand of five cards from the deck could be written as:

```

In [109]: def draw(deck, n=5):
.....:     return deck.sample(n)

In [110]: draw(deck)
Out[110]:
AD      1
8C      8
5H      5
KC     10
2C      2
dtype: int64

```

Suppose you wanted two random cards from each suit. Because the suit is the last character of each card name, we can group based on this and use apply:

```

In [111]: get_suit = lambda card: card[-1] # last letter is suit

In [112]: deck.groupby(get_suit).apply(draw, n=2)
Out[112]:

```

```

C  2C    2
   3C    3
D  KD   10
   8D    8
H  KH   10
   3H    3
S  2S    2
   4S    4
dtype: int64

```

Alternatively, we could write:

```

In [113]: deck.groupby(get_suit, group_keys=False).apply(draw, n=2)
Out[113]:
KC    10
JC    10
AD     1
5D     5
5H     5
6H     6
7S     7
KS    10
dtype: int64

```

## Example: Group Weighted Average and Correlation

Under the split-apply-combine paradigm of `groupby`, operations between columns in a `DataFrame` or two `Series`, such as a group weighted average, are possible. As an example, take this dataset containing group keys, values, and some weights:

```

In [114]: df = pd.DataFrame({'category': ['a', 'a', 'a', 'a',
.....:                                   'b', 'b', 'b', 'b'],
.....:                      'data': np.random.randn(8),
.....:                      'weights': np.random.rand(8)})

In [115]: df
Out[115]:
  category    data  weights
0        a  1.561587  0.957515
1        a  1.219984  0.347267
2        a -0.482239  0.581362
3        a  0.315667  0.217091
4        b -0.047852  0.894406
5        b -0.454145  0.918564
6        b -0.556774  0.277825
7        b  0.253321  0.955905

```

The group weighted average by category would then be:

```

In [116]: grouped = df.groupby('category')

In [117]: get_wavg = lambda g: np.average(g['data'], weights=g['weights'])

```



```
In [118]: grouped.apply(get_wavg)
Out[118]:
category
a      0.811643
b     -0.122262
dtype: float64
```

As another example, consider a financial dataset originally obtained from Yahoo! Finance containing end-of-day prices for a few stocks and the S&P 500 index (the SPX symbol):

```
In [119]: close_px = pd.read_csv('examples/stock_px_2.csv', parse_dates=True,
.....:                          index_col=0)

In [120]: close_px.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
DatetimeIndex: 2214 entries, 2003-01-02 to 2011-10-14
Data columns (total 4 columns):
AAPL      2214 non-null float64
MSFT      2214 non-null float64
XOM        2214 non-null float64
SPX        2214 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(4)
memory usage: 86.5 KB

In [121]: close_px[-4:]
Out[121]:
```

	AAPL	MSFT	XOM	SPX
2011-10-11	400.29	27.00	76.27	1195.54
2011-10-12	402.19	26.96	77.16	1207.25
2011-10-13	408.43	27.18	76.37	1203.66
2011-10-14	422.00	27.27	78.11	1224.58

One task of interest might be to compute a DataFrame consisting of the yearly correlations of daily returns (computed from percent changes) with SPX. As one way to do this, we first create a function that computes the pairwise correlation of each column with the 'SPX' column:

```
In [122]: spx_corr = lambda x: x.corrwith(x['SPX'])
```

Next, we compute percent change on `close_px` using `pct_change`:

```
In [123]: rets = close_px.pct_change().dropna()
```

Lastly, we group these percent changes by year, which can be extracted from each row label with a one-line function that returns the year attribute of each `datetime` label:

```
In [124]: get_year = lambda x: x.year

In [125]: by_year = rets.groupby(get_year)

In [126]: by_year.apply(spx_corr)
Out[126]:
```

	AAPL	MSFT	XOM	SPX
2003	0.541124	0.745174	0.661265	1.0
2004	0.374283	0.588531	0.557742	1.0
2005	0.467540	0.562374	0.631010	1.0
2006	0.428267	0.406126	0.518514	1.0
2007	0.508118	0.658770	0.786264	1.0
2008	0.681434	0.804626	0.828303	1.0
2009	0.707103	0.654902	0.797921	1.0
2010	0.710105	0.730118	0.839057	1.0
2011	0.691931	0.800996	0.859975	1.0

You could also compute inter-column correlations. Here we compute the annual correlation between Apple and Microsoft:

```
In [127]: by_year.apply(lambda g: g['AAPL'].corr(g['MSFT']))
Out[127]:
2003    0.480868
2004    0.259024
2005    0.300093
2006    0.161735
2007    0.417738
2008    0.611901
2009    0.432738
2010    0.571946
2011    0.581987
dtype: float64
```

## Example: Group-Wise Linear Regression

In the same theme as the previous example, you can use `groupby` to perform more complex group-wise statistical analysis, as long as the function returns a pandas object or scalar value. For example, I can define the following `regress` function (using the `statsmodels` `econometrics` library), which executes an ordinary least squares (OLS) regression on each chunk of data:

```
import statsmodels.api as sm
def regress(data, yvar, xvars):
    Y = data[yvar]
    X = data[xvars]
    X['intercept'] = 1.
    result = sm.OLS(Y, X).fit()
    return result.params
```

Now, to run a yearly linear regression of AAPL on SPX returns, execute:

```
In [129]: by_year.apply(regress, 'AAPL', ['SPX'])
Out[129]:
      SPX  intercept
2003  1.195406    0.000710
2004  1.363463    0.004201
2005  1.766415    0.003246
2006  1.645496    0.000080
```

```

2007  1.198761  0.003438
2008  0.968016 -0.001110
2009  0.879103  0.002954
2010  1.052608  0.001261
2011  0.806605  0.001514

```

## 10.4 Pivot Tables and Cross-Tabulation

A *pivot table* is a data summarization tool frequently found in spreadsheet programs and other data analysis software. It aggregates a table of data by one or more keys, arranging the data in a rectangle with some of the group keys along the rows and some along the columns. Pivot tables in Python with pandas are made possible through the `groupby` facility described in this chapter combined with reshape operations utilizing hierarchical indexing. `DataFrame` has a `pivot_table` method, and there is also a top-level `pandas.pivot_table` function. In addition to providing a convenience interface to `groupby`, `pivot_table` can add partial totals, also known as *margins*.

Returning to the tipping dataset, suppose you wanted to compute a table of group means (the default `pivot_table` aggregation type) arranged by day and smoker on the rows:

```

In [130]: tips.pivot_table(index=['day', 'smoker'])
Out[130]:
           size      tip  tip_pct  total_bill
day  smoker
Fri  No      2.250000  2.812500  0.151650   18.420000
     Yes      2.066667  2.714000  0.174783   16.813333
Sat  No      2.555556  3.102889  0.158048   19.661778
     Yes      2.476190  2.875476  0.147906   21.276667
Sun  No      2.929825  3.167895  0.160113   20.506667
     Yes      2.578947  3.516842  0.187250   24.120000
Thur No      2.488889  2.673778  0.160298   17.113111
     Yes      2.352941  3.030000  0.163863   19.190588

```

This could have been produced with `groupby` directly. Now, suppose we want to aggregate only `tip_pct` and `size`, and additionally group by time. I'll put smoker in the table columns and day in the rows:

```

In [131]: tips.pivot_table(['tip_pct', 'size'], index=['time', 'day'],
.....:                      columns='smoker')
Out[131]:
           size      tip_pct
smoker      No      Yes      No      Yes
time  day
Dinner  Fri  2.000000  2.222222  0.139622  0.165347
        Sat  2.555556  2.476190  0.158048  0.147906
        Sun  2.929825  2.578947  0.160113  0.187250
        Thur 2.000000      NaN  0.159744      NaN

```

```
Lunch  Fri    3.000000  1.833333  0.187735  0.188937
      Thur    2.500000  2.352941  0.160311  0.163863
```

We could augment this table to include partial totals by passing `margins=True`. This has the effect of adding All row and column labels, with corresponding values being the group statistics for all the data within a single tier:

```
In [132]: tips.pivot_table(['tip_pct', 'size'], index=['time', 'day'],
      ....:                  columns='smoker', margins=True)
Out[132]:
```

		size			tip_pct		
		No	Yes	All	No	Yes	All
Dinner	Fri	2.000000	2.222222	2.166667	0.139622	0.165347	0.158916
	Sat	2.555556	2.476190	2.517241	0.158048	0.147906	0.153152
	Sun	2.929825	2.578947	2.842105	0.160113	0.187250	0.166897
	Thur	2.000000	NaN	2.000000	0.159744	NaN	0.159744
Lunch	Fri	3.000000	1.833333	2.000000	0.187735	0.188937	0.188765
	Thur	2.500000	2.352941	2.459016	0.160311	0.163863	0.161301
All		2.668874	2.408602	2.569672	0.159328	0.163196	0.160803

Here, the All values are means without taking into account smoker versus non-smoker (the All columns) or any of the two levels of grouping on the rows (the All row).

To use a different aggregation function, pass it to `aggfunc`. For example, 'count' or `len` will give you a cross-tabulation (count or frequency) of group sizes:

```
In [133]: tips.pivot_table('tip_pct', index=['time', 'smoker'], columns='day',
      ....:                  aggfunc=len, margins=True)
Out[133]:
```

		Fri	Sat	Sun	Thur	All
Dinner	No	3.0	45.0	57.0	1.0	106.0
	Yes	9.0	42.0	19.0	NaN	70.0
Lunch	No	1.0	NaN	NaN	44.0	45.0
	Yes	6.0	NaN	NaN	17.0	23.0
All		19.0	87.0	76.0	62.0	244.0

If some combinations are empty (or otherwise NA), you may wish to pass a `fill_value`:

```
In [134]: tips.pivot_table('tip_pct', index=['time', 'size', 'smoker'],
      ....:                  columns='day', aggfunc='mean', fill_value=0)
Out[134]:
```

			Fri	Sat	Sun	Thur
Dinner	1	No	0.000000	0.137931	0.000000	0.000000
		Yes	0.000000	0.325733	0.000000	0.000000
	2	No	0.139622	0.162705	0.168859	0.159744
		Yes	0.171297	0.148668	0.207893	0.000000
	3	No	0.000000	0.154661	0.152663	0.000000
		Yes	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000

```

        Yes      0.000000  0.144995  0.152660  0.000000
4      No      0.000000  0.150096  0.148143  0.000000
        Yes      0.117750  0.124515  0.193370  0.000000
5      No      0.000000  0.000000  0.206928  0.000000
        Yes      0.000000  0.106572  0.065660  0.000000
...
Lunch 1      No      0.000000  0.000000  0.000000  0.181728
        Yes      0.223776  0.000000  0.000000  0.000000
2      No      0.000000  0.000000  0.000000  0.166005
        Yes      0.181969  0.000000  0.000000  0.158843
3      No      0.187735  0.000000  0.000000  0.084246
        Yes      0.000000  0.000000  0.000000  0.204952
4      No      0.000000  0.000000  0.000000  0.138919
        Yes      0.000000  0.000000  0.000000  0.155410
5      No      0.000000  0.000000  0.000000  0.121389
6      No      0.000000  0.000000  0.000000  0.173706
[21 rows x 4 columns]

```

See [Table 10-2](#) for a summary of `pivot_table` methods.

*Table 10-2. pivot\_table options*

Function name	Description
<code>values</code>	Column name or names to aggregate; by default aggregates all numeric columns
<code>index</code>	Column names or other group keys to group on the rows of the resulting pivot table
<code>columns</code>	Column names or other group keys to group on the columns of the resulting pivot table
<code>aggfunc</code>	Aggregation function or list of functions ( ' mean ' by default); can be any function valid in a groupby context
<code>fill_value</code>	Replace missing values in result table
<code>dropna</code>	If True, do not include columns whose entries are all NA
<code>margins</code>	Add row/column subtotals and grand total (False by default)

## Cross-Tabulations: Crosstab

A cross-tabulation (or *crosstab* for short) is a special case of a pivot table that computes group frequencies. Here is an example:

```

In [138]: data
Out[138]:
Sample  Nationality  Handedness
0         1         USA  Right-handed
1         2         Japan Left-handed
2         3         USA  Right-handed
3         4         Japan Right-handed
4         5         Japan Left-handed
5         6         Japan Right-handed
6         7         USA  Right-handed
7         8         USA  Left-handed
8         9         Japan Right-handed
9        10         USA  Right-handed

```

As part of some survey analysis, we might want to summarize this data by nationality and handedness. You could use `pivot_table` to do this, but the `pandas.crosstab` function can be more convenient:

```
In [139]: pd.crosstab(data.Nationality, data.Handedness, margins=True)
Out[139]:
```

Handedness	Left-handed	Right-handed	All
Nationality			
Japan	2	3	5
USA	1	4	5
All	3	7	10

The first two arguments to `crosstab` can each either be an array or Series or a list of arrays. As in the tips data:

```
In [140]: pd.crosstab([tips.time, tips.day], tips.smoker, margins=True)
Out[140]:
```

smoker	No	Yes	All
time day			
Dinner Fri	3	9	12
Sat	45	42	87
Sun	57	19	76
Thur	1	0	1
Lunch Fri	1	6	7
Thur	44	17	61
All	151	93	244

## 10.5 Conclusion

Mastering pandas's data grouping tools can help both with data cleaning as well as modeling or statistical analysis work. In [Chapter 14](#) we will look at several more example use cases for `groupby` on real data.

In the next chapter, we turn our attention to time series data.