

Data Wrangling

with pandas Cheat Sheet



Creating DataFrames

	a	b	c
1	4	7	10
2	5	8	11
3	6	9	12

```
df = pd.DataFrame(  
    {"a" : [4, 5, 6],  
     "b" : [7, 8, 9],  
     "c" : [10, 11, 12]},  
    index = [1, 2, 3])  
Specify values for each column.
```

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df = pd.DataFrame(  
    [[4, 7, 10],  
     [5, 8, 11],  
     [6, 9, 12]],  
    index=[1, 2, 3],  
    columns=['a', 'b', 'c'])  
Specify values for each row.
```

		a	b	c
N	v			
D	1	4	7	10
e	2	5	8	11

```
df = pd.DataFrame(  
    {"a" : [4, 5, 6],  
     "b" : [7, 8, 9],  
     "c" : [10, 11, 12]},  
    index = pd.MultiIndex.from_tuples([('d', 1), ('d', 2), ('e', 2)], names=['n', 'v']))  
Create DataFrame with a MultiIndex
```

Method Chaining

Most pandas methods return a DataFrame so that another pandas method can be applied to the result. This improves readability of code.

```
df = (pd.melt(df)  
      .rename(columns={  
          'variable': 'var',  
          'value': 'val'})
```

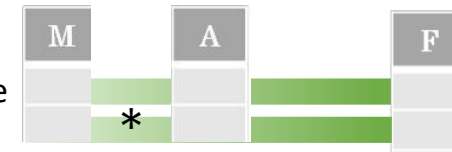
Tidy Data – A foundation for wrangling in pandas

In a tidy data set:
Each **variable** is saved in its own **column**



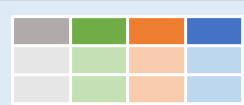
Each **observation** is saved in its own **row**

Tidy data complements pandas's **vectorized operations**. pandas will automatically preserve observations as you manipulate variables. No other format works as intuitively with pandas.



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Reshaping Data – Change layout, sorting, reindexing, renaming



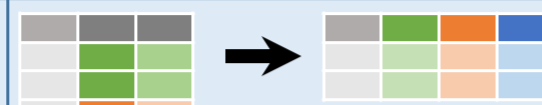
`pd.melt(df)`

Gather columns into rows.



`pd.concat([df1, df2])`

Append rows of DataFrames



`df.pivot(columns='var', values='val')`

Spread rows into columns.



`pd.concat([df1, df2], axis=1)`

Append columns of DataFrames

`df.sort_values('mpg')`

Order rows by values of a column (low to high).

`df.sort_values('mpg', ascending=False)`

Order rows by values of a column (high to low).

`df.rename(columns = {'y': 'year'})`

Rename the columns of a DataFrame

`df.sort_index()`

Sort the index of a DataFrame

`df.reset_index()`

Reset index of DataFrame to row numbers, moving index to columns.

`df.drop(columns=['Length', 'Height'])`

Drop columns from DataFrame



`df[df.Length > 7]`

Extract rows that meet logical criteria.

`df.drop_duplicates()`

Remove duplicate rows (only considers columns). `df.sample(frac=0.5)`

Randomly select fraction of rows.

`df.sample(n=10)` Randomly select n rows.

`df.nlargest(n, 'value')`

Select and order top n entries.

`df.nsmallest(n, 'value')`

Select and order bottom n entries.

`df.head(n)`

Select first n rows.

`df.tail(n)`

Select last n rows.



`df[['width', 'length', 'species']]`

Select multiple columns with specific names.

`df['width']` or `df.width`

Select single column with specific name.

`df.filter(regex='regex')`

Select columns whose name matches regular expression *regex*.

Using query

`query()` allows Boolean expressions for filtering rows.

`df.query('Length > 7')`

`df.query('Length > 7 and Width < 8')`

`df.query('Name.str.startswith("abc")', engine="python")`

Use `df.loc[]` and `df.iloc[]` to select only rows, only columns or both.

Use `df.at[]` and `df.iat[]` to access a single value by row and column.

First index selects rows, second index columns.

`df.iloc[10:20]`

Select rows 10-20.

`df.iloc[:, [1, 2, 5]]`

Select columns in positions 1, 2 and 5 (first column is 0).

`df.loc[:, 'x2': 'x4']`

Select all columns between x2 and x4 (inclusive).

`df.loc[df['a'] > 10, ['a', 'c']]`

Select rows meeting logical condition, and only the specific columns.

`df.iat[1, 2]` Access single value by index

`df.at[4, 'A']` Access single value by label

<	Less than	!=	Not equal to
>	Greater than	<code>df.column.isin(values)</code>	Group membership
==	Equals	<code>pd.isnull(obj)</code>	Is NaN
<=	Less than or equals	<code>pd.notnull(obj)</code>	Is not NaN

>=	Greater than or equals	&, ,~,^,df.any(),df.all()	Logical	regex (Regular Expressions) Examples	
				'\.'	Matches strings containing a period '.'
				'Length\$'	Matches strings ending with word 'Length'
				'^Sepal'	Matches strings beginning with the word 'Sepal'
				'^x[1-5]\$'	Matches strings beginning with 'x' and ending with 1,2,3,4,5
				'^(?!Species\$).*'	Matches strings except the string 'Species'

Summarize Data

`df['w'].value_counts()`

Count number of rows with each unique value of variable

`len(df)`

of rows in DataFrame.

`df.shape`

Tuple of # of rows, # of columns in DataFrame.

`df['w'].nunique()`

of distinct values in a column.

`df.describe()`

Basic descriptive and statistics for each column (or GroupBy).



pandas provides a large set of **summary functions** that operate on different kinds of pandas objects (DataFrame columns, Series, GroupBy, Expanding and Rolling (see below)) and produce single values for each of the groups. When applied to a DataFrame, the result is returned as a pandas Series for each column. Examples:

`sum()`

Sum values of each object.

`count()`

Count non-NA/null values of each object.

`median()`

Median value of each object.

`quantile([0.25,0.75])`

Quantiles of each object.

`apply(function)`

Apply function to each object.

`min()`

Minimum value in each object.

`max()`

Maximum value in each object.

`mean()`

Mean value of each object.

`var()`

Variance of each object.

`std()`

Standard deviation of each object.

Group Data



`df.groupby(by="col")`

Return a GroupBy object, grouped by values in column named "col".

`df.groupby(level="ind")`

Return a GroupBy object, grouped by values in index level named "ind".

All of the summary functions listed above can be applied to a group. Additional GroupBy functions:

`size()`

Size of each group.

`agg(function)`

Aggregate group using function.

Windows

`df.expanding()`

Return an Expanding object allowing summary functions to be applied cumulatively.

`df.rolling(n)`

Handling Missing Data

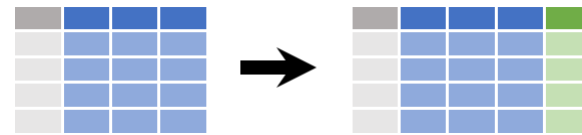
`df.dropna()`

Drop rows with any column having NA/null data.

`df.fillna(value)`

Replace all NA/null data with value.

Make New Columns



`df.assign(Area=lambda df: df.Length*df.Height)`

Compute and append one or more new columns.

`df['Volume'] = df.Length*df.Height*df.Depth`

Add single column.

`pd.qcut(df.col, n, labels=False)`

Bin column into n buckets.



pandas provides a large set of **vector functions** that operate on all columns of a DataFrame or a single selected column (a pandas Series). These functions produce vectors of values for each of the columns, or a single Series for the individual Series. Examples:

`max(axis=1)`

Element-wise max.

`clip(lower=-10,upper=10)`

Trim values at input thresholds

`min(axis=1)`

Element-wise min.

`abs()`

Absolute value.

The examples below can also be applied to groups. In this case, the function is applied on a per-group basis, and the returned vectors are of the length of the original DataFrame.

`shift(1)`

Copy with values shifted by 1.

`rank(method='dense')`

Ranks with no gaps.

`rank(method='min')`

Ranks. Ties get min rank.

`rank(pct=True)`

Ranks rescaled to interval [0, 1].

`rank(method='first')`

Ranks. Ties go to first value.

`shift(-1)`

Copy with values lagged by 1.

`cumsum()`

Cumulative sum.

`cummax()`

Cumulative max.

`cummin()`

Cumulative min.

`cumprod()`

Cumulative product.

Combine Data Sets

adf	
x1	x2
A	1
B	2
C	3



bdf	
x1	x3
A	T
B	F
D	T



Standard Joins

x1	x2	x3
A	1	T
B	2	F
C	3	NaN

`pd.merge(adf, bdf, how='left', on='x1')`
Join matching rows from bdf to adf.

x1	x2	x3
A	1.0	T
B	2.0	F
D	NaN	T

`pd.merge(adf, bdf, how='right', on='x1')`
Join matching rows from adf to bdf.

x1	x2	x3
A	1	T
B	2	F

`pd.merge(adf, bdf, how='inner', on='x1')`
Join data. Retain only rows in both sets.

x1	x2	x3
A	1	T
B	2	F
C	3	NaN
D	NaN	T

`pd.merge(adf, bdf, how='outer', on='x1')`
Join data. Retain all values, all rows.

Filtering Joins

x1	x2
A	1
B	2

`adf[adf.x1.isin(bdf.x1)]`
All rows in adf that have a match in bdf.

x1	x2
C	3

`adf[~adf.x1.isin(bdf.x1)]`
All rows in adf that do not have a match in bdf.

`ydf`

x1	x2
A	1
B	2
C	3



`zdf`

x1	x2
B	2
C	3
D	4



Set-like Operations

x1	x2
B	2
C	3

`pd.merge(ydf, zdf)`
Rows that appear in both ydf and zdf (Intersection).

x1	x2
A	1

`pd.merge(ydf, zdf, how='outer')`
Rows that appear in either or both ydf and zdf

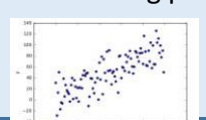
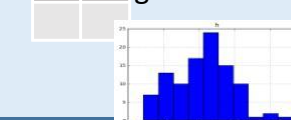
Plotting

`df.plot.hist()`

Histogram for each column

`df.plot.scatter(x='w',y='h')`

Scatter chart using pairs of points



(Union).

C 3

D 4

```
pd.merge(ydf, zdf, how='outer',
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indicator=True)
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```
.drop(columns=[ '_merge' ])
```

Rows that appear in ydf but not zdf (Setdiff).

A 1

```
.query('_merge == "left_only"')
```

Cheatsheet for pandas (<http://pandas.pydata.org/>) originally written by Irv Lustig, [Princeton Consultants](#), inspired by [Rstudio Data Wrangling Cheatsheet](#)