SASPy Module

In this chapter we discuss the open source saspy module contributed by SAS Institute. SASPy exposes Python APIs to the SAS System. This module allows a Python session to do the following:

- Start and connect to a local or remote SAS session
- Exchange data between pandas DataFrames and SAS dataset
- Integrate both SAS and Python program logic within a single execution context

To get started, you install and configure the saspy module. On Windows, to install saspy, issue the following command in a Windows terminal session:

python -m pip install saspy

The installation process downloads any SASPy dependent packages. Listing 9.1, SASPy Install on Windows displays the output from a Windows terminal for installing saspy.

Listing 9.1. SASPy Install on Windows



You should see the statement:

Successfully installed saspy-2.2.9

After completing installation, the next step is to modify the saspy.sascfg file to establish which access method Python uses to connect to a SAS session.

In this example we configure an IOM (integrated object model) connection method such that the Python session running on Windows connects to a SAS session running on the same Windows machine. If you have a different set-up, for example, running Python on Windows and connecting to a SAS session on Linux, you use the STDIO access method. The detailed instructions are at:

https://sassoftware.github.io/saspy/install.html#configuration

Listing 9.2, Locate SASPy.sascfg Configuration File illustrates the syntax needed to locate the saspy configuration file.

Listing 9.2. Locate SASPy.SAScfg Configuration File

```
>>> import saspy
>>> saspy.SAScfg
<module 'saspy.sascfg' from
'C:\\Users\\randy\\Anaconda3\\lib\\site-
packages\\saspy\\sascfg.py'>
```

As a best practice you should copy the sascfg.py configuration file to sascfg_personal.py. Doing so ensures that any configuration changes will not be overwritten when a new version of saspy is installed. The sascfg_personal.py can be stored anywhere on the filesystem. If it is stored outside the Python repo then you must always include the fully-qualified path name to the SASSession argument like:

```
sas =
SASSession(cfgfile='C:\\qualified\\path\\sascfg personal.py)
```

Alternatively, if the sascfg_personal.py configuration file is found in the search path defined by the PYTHONPATH environment variable, then you can avoid having to supply this argument when invoking SASPy. Use the Python sys.path statement to return the search-path defined by the PYTHONPATH environment variable as shown in Listing 9.3, Finding the PYTHONPATH Search Paths.

Listing 9.3. Finding the PYTHONPATH Search Paths

```
>>> import sys
>>> sys.path
['', 'C:\\Users\\randy\\Anaconda3\\python36.zip',
'C:\\Users\\randy\\Anaconda3\\lib',
'C:\\Users\\randy\\Anaconda3\\lib\\site-packages',
'C:\\Users\\randy\\Anaconda3\\lib\\site-packages\\win32',
'C:\\Users\\randy\\Anaconda3\\lib\\site-packages\\win32\\lib',
'C:\\Users\\randy\\Anaconda3\\lib\\site-packages\\win32\\lib',
'C:\\Users\\randy\\Anaconda3\\lib\\site-packages\\win32\\lib',
'C:\\Users\\randy\\Anaconda3\\lib\\site-packages\\win32\\lib',
'C:\\Users\\randy\\Anaconda3\\lib\\site-packages\\Pythonwin',
'C:\\Users\\randy\\Anaconda3\\lib\\site-packages\\Pythonwin',
```

In our case, we elect to store the <code>sascfg_personal.py</code> configuration file in:

C:/Users/randy/Anaconda3/lib/site-packages/

directory. Copy:

```
C:/Users/randy/Anaconda3/lib/site-packages/saspy/sascfg.py
```

to

C:/Users/randy/Anaconda3/lib/site-packages/personal sascfg.py

Depending on how you connect the Python environment to the SAS session determines the changes needed in the sascfg_personal.py configuration file. In our case we are running both a Python and a SAS session are on the same Windows machine. Calling SASPy requires the IOM access method be appropriately defined in the personal_saspy.cfg file.

In our case, both the Python and SAS execution environments are on the same Windows 10 machine. Accordinly, we modify the following sections of the sascfg_personal.py configuration file:

From the original sascfg.py configuration file:

```
SAS_config_names=['default']
```

is altered in the sascfg_personal.py configuration file to:

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```
SAS_config_names=['winlocal']
```

The following four Java jar files are defined in a classpath variable in the sascfg personal.py configuration file:

```
sas.svc.connection.jar
log4j.jar
sas.security.sspi.jar
sas.core.jar
```

These jar files are a part of the SAS Deployment Manager. Depending on where SAS is installed on Windows, the path will be something like:

```
C:\Program
Files\SASHome\SASDeploymentManager\9.4\products\deploywiz_944
98_prt_xx_sp0_1\deploywiz\<required_jar_file_names.jar>
```

A fifth .jar file which is distributed with the saspy repo, saspyiom.jar needs to be defined as part of the classpath variable in the sascfg_personal.py configuration file. In our case this jar file is located at:

C:/Users/randy/Anaconda3/Lib/site-packages/saspy/java

The last change we need is an update to the dictionary values for the winlocal object definition in the sascfg_personal.py configuration file as:

SASPy has a dependency on Java 7 which is met by relying on the SAS Private JRE distributed and installed with Base SAS software. Also notice the path filename uses a double back-slash to 'escape' the backslash needed by the Windows path names.

SASPy Examples

With the configuration for saspy complete we can begin. The goal for these examples is to illustrate the ease by which DataFrame and SAS datasets can be interchanged along with calling Python or SAS methods to act on these data assets. We start with Listing 9.4, Start SASPy Session to integrate a Python and SAS session together.

Listing 9.4. Start SASPy Session

```
>>> import pandas as pd
>>> import saspy
>>> import numpy as np
>>> from IPython.display import HTML
>>>
>>> sas = saspy.SASsession(cfgname='winlocal', results='TEXT')
SAS Connection established. Subprocess id is 5288
```

In this example the Python sas object is created by calling the saspy.SASsession object. The saspy.SASsession object is the main object for connecting a Python session with a SAS sub-process. Most of the arguments to the SASsession object are set in the sascfg_personal.py configuration file discussed at the beginning of this chapter. In this example, we have two arguments, cfgname= and results=. The cfgname= argument points to the winlocal configuration values in the sascfg_personal.py configuration file indicating both the Python and the SAS session run locally on Windows. The results= argument has three values to indicate how tabular output returned from the SASsession object is rendered. They are:

- pandas, the default value
- TEXT, which is useful when running SASPy in batch mode
- HTML, which is useful when running SASPy interactively from a Jupyter Notebook

Another useful SASsession argument is autoexec. In some cases, it is useful to execute a series of SAS statements when the SASsession object is called. This feature is illustrated in Listing 9.4, Start SASPy with Autoexec Processing.

Listing 9.5. Start SASPy with Autoexec Processing

```
>>> auto_execsas='''libname sas_data "c:\data";'''
>>>
>>> sas = saspy.SASsession(cfgname='winlocal', results='TEXT',
autoexec=auto_execsas)
SAS Connection established. Subprocess id is 15020
```

In this example, we create the auto_execsas object by defining a Python DocString containing the SAS statements used as the statements for the SAS autoexec process to execute. Similar to the behavior for the traditional SAS autoexec processing, the statements defined by the auto_execsas object are executed by SAS before executing any subsequent SAS input statements.

To illustrate the integration between Python and SAS using saspy, we build the loandf DataFrame which is sourced from the Lending Club loan statistics described at:

```
https://www.lendingclub.com/info/download-data.action
```

The data consist of anonymized loan performance data from Lending Club which offers personal loans to individuals. We begin by creating the loandf DataFrame illustrated in Listing 9.6, Build loandf DataFrame.

Listing 9.6. Build loandf DataFrame

```
>>> url =
"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/RandyBetancourt/PythonForSA
SUsers/master/data/LC Loan Stats.csv"
>>>
... loandf = pd.read csv(url,
         low memory=False,
. . .
         usecols=(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15,
. . .
16),
        names=('id',
. . .
                 'mem id',
. . .
                 'ln amt',
. . .
                 'term',
. . .
                 'rate',
. . .
                 'm pay',
. . .
                 'grade',
. . .
```

```
'sub grd',
. . .
                   'emp len',
. . .
                   'own rnt',
. . .
                   'income',
. . .
                   'ln stat',
. . .
                   'purpose',
. . .
                   'state',
. . .
                   'dti'),
. . .
          skiprows=1,
. . .
          nrows=39786,
. . .
          header=None)
. . .
>>> loandf.shape
(39786, 15)
```

The loandf DataFrame contains 39,786 rows and 15 columns.

Basic Data Wrangling

In order to effectively analyze the loandf DataFrame we must do a bit of data wrangling. Listing 9.7, loandf Initial Attributes returns basic information about the columns and values.

Listing 9.7. loandf Initial Attributes

```
loandf.info()
loandf.describe(include=['0'])
```

The df.describe() method accepts the include=['0'] argument in order to return descriptive information for all columns whose datatype is object. Output from the df.describe() method is shown in a Jupyter notebook in Figure 9.1, Attributes for Character Value Columns.

The loandf.info() method shows the rate column has a datatype of object indicating these are string values. Similarly, the term column has a datatype of object.

The loandf.describe(include=['0']) method provides further detail revealing the values for the rate column having a trailing percent sign (%) and the term column values are followed by the string 'months'.

```
loandf.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 39786 entries, 0 to 39785
Data columns (total 15 columns):
id
           39786 non-null int64
mem id
            39786 non-null int64
ln_amt
            39786 non-null int64
term
          39786 non-null object
rate
m_pay
grade
            39786 non-null object
            39786 non-null float64
            39786 non-null object
sub_grd 39786 non-null object
emp_len 38705 non-null object
own_rnt
            39786 non-null object
income 39786 non-null float64
ln_stat 39786 non-null object
purpose 39786 non-null object
state
            39786 non-null object
dti
            39786 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(3), int64(3), object(9)
memory usage: 4.6+ MB
```

loandf.describe(include=['0'])

	term	rate	grade	sub_grd	emp_len	own_rnt	In_stat	purpose	state
count	39786	39786	39786	39786	38705	39786	39786	39786	39786
unique	2	371	7	35	11	5	7	14	50
top	36 months	10.99%	В	B3	10+ years	RENT	Fully Paid	debt_consolidation	CA
freq	29088	958	12029	2918	8905	18906	33669	18684	7101

Figure 9.1. Attributes for Character Value Columns

In order to effectively use the rate column in any mathematical expression, we need to modify the values by:

- 1. Strip the percent sign
- 2. Map the datatype from character to numeric
- 3. Divide the values by 100 to convert from a percent value to a decimal value

In the case of the term column values we need to:

1. Strip the string ' months'

2. Map the datatype from character to numeric

Both modifications are shown in Listing 9.10, Basic Data Wrangling.

Listing 9.10 Basic Data Wrangling

```
>>> loandf['rate'] =
loandf.rate.replace('%','',regex=True).astype('float')/100
>>> loandf['rate'].describe()
         39786.000000
count
             0.120277
mean
std
             0.037278
min
             0.054200
25%
             0.092500
50%
             0.118600
75%
             0.145900
             0.245900
max
Name: rate, dtype: float64
>>> loandf['term'] =
loandf['term'].str.strip('months').astype('float64')
>>> loandf['term'].describe()
         39786.000000
count
            42.453325
mean
            10.641299
std
min
            36.000000
25%
            36.000000
50%
            36.000000
75%
            60.000000
            60.000000
max
Name: term, dtype: float64
```

The syntax:

```
loandf.rate.replace('%','',regex=True).astype('float')/100
```

calls the pd.replace() method used to dynamically replace values. In this case, the first argument is to_replace='%', the second argument is value=", (since there are no spaces between the quote marks, this becomes a null value). The regex='True' argument indicates the to_replace= argument is a string value.

The .astype() attribute maps the rate column's datatype from object (strings) to a float (decimal value). The value is then divided by 100.

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Chaining the .describe() method to the rate column returns basic statistics for the values.

Similarly, the syntax:

loandf['term'].str.strip('months').astype('float64')

performs a similar operation on the <code>loandr['term']</code> column. The <code>.strip()</code> method removes the string 'months' from the values. Chaining the <code>.astype()</code> method casts this column from an <code>object</code> datatype to a <code>float64</code> datatype.

Write DataFrame to SAS Dataset

With the loandf DataFrame shaped appropriately, we can write the DataFrame as a SAS data set. SASPy provides the sas.df2sd() method to write a DataFrame to a SAS dataset. The SAS dataset can either by a temporary dataset written to the current WORK library or a permanent dataset on any location of the filesystem. This feature is illustrated in Listing 9.11, Write a DataFrame as a SAS Dataset.

```
Listing 9.11, Write a DataFrame as a SAS Dataset
```

```
>>> sas.saslib('sas data', 'BASE', 'C:\data')
26
      libname sas data BASE 'C:\data'
                                       ;
NOTE: Libref SAS DATA was successfully assigned as follows:
      Engine:
                     BASE
      Physical Name: C:\data
27
28
>>> loansas = sas.df2sd(loandf, table='loan ds',
libref='sas data')
>>> loansas.columnInfo()
                The CONTENTS Procedure
    Alphabetic List of Variables and Attributes
     Variable
#
                Type
                         Len
```

15	dti	Num	8
9	emp_len	Char	9
7	grade	Char	1
1	id	Num	8
11	income	Num	8
3	ln_amt	Num	8
12	ln_stat	Char	18
6	m_pay	Num	8
2	mem_id	Num	8
10	own_rnt	Char	8
13	purpose	Char	18
5	rate	Char	6
14	state	Char	2
8	sub_grd	Char	2
4	term	Char	10

>>> print(sas.saslog())

The SAS System 16:01 Monday, November 26, 2018

NOTE: Copyright (c) 2016 by SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA. NOTE: SAS (r) Proprietary Software 9.4 (TS1M5) NOTE: This session is executing on the X64 10PRO platform.

NOTE: Updated analytical products:

SAS/STAT 14.3

NOTE: Additional host information:

X64 10PRO WIN 10.0.17134 Workstation

NOTE: SAS Initialization used (Total process time): real time 0.01 seconds cpu time 0.00 seconds

1 ;*';*";*/;
2 options svgtitle='svgtitle'; options
validvarname=any pagesize=max nosyntaxcheck; ods graphics on;

The syntax:

sas.saslib('sas_data', 'BASE', 'C:\data')

calls the sas.saslib() method from saspy to expose a SAS library to the current Python session. This method accepts four arguments. They are:

- 1. Libref, in this case sas data
- 2. engine, or access method, in this case the default BASE engine
- 3. path, the path to the BASE data library, in this case, C:\data
- 4. options which can be SAS engine or engine supervisor options. In this case, we are not supplying options.

Following the call to the sas.saslib() method, the saspy module forms the SAS LIBNAME statement:

libname sas data BASE 'C:\data' ;

and sends this statement for processing to the attached SAS sub-process.

In order to write the loandf DataFrame as a SAS dataset, call the sas.df2sd() method. In this example, the syntax:

```
loansas = sas.df2sd(loandf, table='loan_ds',
libref='sas_data')
```

creates the loansas SASdata object and calls the sas.df2sd() method to create a new SAS dataset from the loandf DataFrame. The loansas object becomes a Python reference to the newly created SAS dataset, in this example, the permanent SAS dataset, sas_data.loan_ds.

In other words, the current Python execution context has the <code>loandf</code> DataFrame defined. In addition, the <code>loansas</code> object is defined which is mapped to the permanent SAS dataset <code>sas_data.loan_ds</code> created from the <code>loandf</code> DataFrame.

The sas.df2sd() method reads a DataFrame and writes it as a SAS dataset. This method has five arguments. They are:

- 1. The input DataFrame to be written as the output SAS dataset, in this case, the loandf DataFrame.
- 2. table= argument which is the name for the output SAS dataset.
- libref= argument which, in our case is 'sas_data' created earlier by calling the sas.saslib method.
- 4. results= argument which in our case uses the default value PANDAS.
- 5. keep_outer_quotes= argument which in our case uses the default value False, to strip any quotes from delimited data. If you want to keep quotes as part of the delimited data values, set this argument to True.

The syntax:

```
loansas.columnInfo()
```

returns the column metadata by calling PROC CONTENTS on your behalf like the loansdf.describe() method used to return a DataFrame's column attributes. Recall the loansas object is mapped to the permanent SAS dataset sas_data.loan_ds.

The syntax:

```
print(sas.saslog())
```

returns the Log for the entire SAS sub-process which is truncated here.

The loansas SAS Data Object has several available methods. Some of these methods are displayed in Figure 9.2, SAS Data Object methods.

In []:	loansas.	
	loansas.HTML	
Tn [18]•	loansas.assessModel	
III [10].	loansas.bar	
	loansas.columnInfo	
	loansas.contents	
	loansas.describe	
	loansas.dsopts	
	loansas.head	
	loansas.heatmap	
	loansas.hist	•

Figure 9.2. SAS Data Object methods

The methods for the SAS Data Object are displayed by entering the syntax:

loansas.

into the cell of a Jupyter notebook and pressing the <tab> key.

Figure 9.3, Heatmap for In_stat Column illustrates calling the <code>.bar()</code> method to render a histogram for the loan status variable (ln_stat). For this example to work, you need to execute the code in Listing 9.12, Loan Status Histogram in a Jupyter notebook. On Windows, from a terminal session, enter the command:

python -m notebook

to launch a Jupyter notebook. Copy the program from Listing 9.12 into a cell and press the > | Run button.

Listing 9.12 Loan Status Histogram

```
import pandas as pd
import saspy
url = url =
"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/RandyBetancourt/PythonForSA
SUsers/master/data/LC_Loan_Stats.csv"
```

```
loandf = pd.read csv(url,
    low memory=False,
   usecols=(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15,
16),
   names=('id',
             'mem id',
             'ln amt',
             'term',
              'rate',
              'm pay',
              'grade',
              'sub grd',
              'emp len',
              'own rnt',
              'income',
              'ln stat',
              'purpose',
              'state',
              'dti'),
    skiprows=1,
    nrows=39786,
   header=None)
sas = saspy.SASsession(cfgname='winlocal', results='HTML')
sas.saslib('sas data', 'BASE', 'C:\data')
loansas = sas.df2sd(loandf, table='loan ds',
libref='sas data')
loansas.bar('ln stat')
```



Figure 9.3. Histogram for In_stat Column

We can see from the histogram that approximately 5,000 loans are charged off, meaning the customer defaulted. Since there are 39,786 rows in the dataset, this represents a charge-off rate of 12.6%.

The saspy.SASsession object has the .teach_me_SAS() attribute when set to True, returns the generated SAS code from any method that is called. Listing 9.13, Teach Me SAS, illustrates this capability.

Listing 9.13. Teach Me SAS

```
sas.teach_me_SAS(True)
loansas.bar('ln_stat')
sas.teach me SAS(False)
```

Figure 9.4, Teach_me_SAS Attribute displays the output executed in a Jupyter notebook.

```
sas.teach_me_SAS(True)
```

```
loansas.bar('ln_stat')
```

sas.teach_me_SAS(False)

Figure 9.4. Teach_me_SAS Attribute

Execute SAS Code

By far, the most powerful features of the saspy.SASsession object is the .submit() attribute. This feature enables you to submit any arbitrary block of SAS code and assign the results to a Python object. Consider Listing 9.14, SAS submit() Method.

```
Listing 9.14. SAS submit() Method
```

```
sas_code='''options nodate nonumber;
proc print data=sas_data.loan_ds (obs=5);
var id;
run;'''
results = sas.submit(sas_code, results='TEXT')
print(results['LST'])
```

The sas_code object is defined as a Python DocString using three quotes (') to mark the begin and end for the DocString. In our case, the DocString holds the text for a valid block of SAS code. The syntax:

```
results = sas.submit(sas code, results='TEXT')
```

calls the sas.submit() method by passing the sas_code object containing the SAS statements to be executed by the SAS sub-process. The results object receives the output, either in text or html form created by the SAS process.

In our case, we assign the output from PROC PRINT to the results object and call the print() method as:

```
print(results['LST'])
```

The other value for results object can be 'LOG' which returns the section of the log output (rather than the entire log output) associated with the block of code submitted to SAS. These examples are displayed in Figure 9.5, SAS.submit() Method Output from a Jupyter notebook.

```
sas_code='''option nodate nonumber;
proc print data=sas_data.loan_ds (obs=5);
var id;
run:'''
```

```
results = sas.submit(sas_code, results='TEXT')
```

print(results['LST'])

Obs	id
1	872482
2	872482
3	878770
4	878701
5	878693

Figure 9.5, SAS.submit() Method Output

You can render SAS output (the listing file) with HTML as well. This capability is illustrated in Listing 9.15, SAS Submit() Method Using HTML.

Listing 9.15, SAS Submit() Method Using HTML

```
from IPython.display import HTML
results = sas.submit(sas_code, results='HTML')
HTML(results['LST'])
```

In this example, the same sas_code object created in Listing 9. 14, SAS submit() Method, is passed to the sas.submit() method using the argument results='HTML'.

The HTML results from a Jupyter notebook is rendered in Figure 9.6, SAS.submit() Method with HTML Output.



Figure 9.6. SAS.submit() Method with HTML Output

Write SAS Dataset to DataFrame

SASPy provides the sas.sd2df() method to write a SAS Dataset to a Dataframe. The pandas IO Tools library does not provide a method to write SAS dataset to DataFrames. As of this writing, the saspy module is the only Python library to provide this capability.

The goal for this example is to illustrate the use of SAS to perform an aggregation, using the sas.submit() method followed by a call to the pd.plot.bar() method creating a histogram from the resulting DataFrame. One can easily imagine a Pythondriven pipeline incorporating Python and SAS program logic together to achieve the desired outcome.

The ability to create a SAS dataset from an existing dataframe is illustrated in Listing 9.16, SAS Dataset to DataFrame.

Listing 9.16 SAS Dataset to DataFrame

```
>>> import pandas as pd
>>> import saspy
>>> sas = saspy.SASsession(cfqname='winlocal', results='Text')
SAS Connection established. Subprocess id is 13540
>>> sascode='''libname in "c:\data";
... proc sql;
... create table grade sum as
... select grade
           , count(*) as grade_ct
. . .
... from in.loan ds
... group by grade;
... quit;'''
>>>
>>> run sas = sas.submit(sascode, results='TEXT')
>>> df = sas.sd2df('grade sum')
>>> df.head(10)
  grade grade ct
0
      А
            10086
1
      В
            12029
2
      С
             8114
3
      D
             5328
      E
             2857
4
```

5 F 1054 6 G 318

In this example, the sas_code object is a DocString containing the PROC SQL statements:

```
proc sql;
create table grade_sum as
select grade
       , count(*) as grade_ct
from in.loan_ds
group by grade;
```

used to perform a group by on the grade column and output the results set to the SAS dataset WORK.grade_sum.

The syntax:

df = sas.sd2df('grade_sum')

creates the df DataFrame by calling the sas.sd2df() method. The parameter to the call is name of the SAS dataset opened on input, in this example, it is WORK.grade_sum.

This open ups a large number of possibilities here since a SAS dataset is a logical reference which can map to any number of physical data sources across the organization. Depending on which products you license from SAS, a SAS data set can refer to SAS datasets on a local filesystem, on a remote filesystem, or SAS/Access Views attached to RDBMS tables, views, files, etc.

With the WORK.grade_sum dataset written as the df DataFrame, we can utilize any of the Python or panda method for further processing. For example, consider Listing 9.17, Histogram of Credit Risk Grades.

Listing 9.17. Histogram of Credit Risk Grades

The df DataFrame created from the SAS dataset WORK.grade_sum in the previous step calls the plot.bar() method to produce a simple histogram. The results are displayed in Figure 9.7, Credit Risk Grades. This example was created in a Jupyter Notebook.

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