

# Basic methods

Behavpy has lots of built in methods to manipulate your data. The next few sections will walk you through a basic methods to manipulate your data before analysis.

## Filtering by the metadata

One of the core methods of behavpy. This method creates a new behavpy object that only contains specimens whose metadata matches your inputted list. Use this to separate out your data by experimental conditions for further analysis.

```
# filter your dataset by variables in the metadata with .xmv()
# the first argument is the column in the metadata
# the second can be the variables in a list or as subsequent arguments

df = df.xmv('species', ['D.vir', 'D.ere', 'D.wil', 'D.sec', 'D.yak', 'D.sims'])
# or
df = df.xmv('species', 'D.vir', 'D.ere', 'D.wil', 'D.sec', 'D.yak', 'D.sims')

# the new data frame will only contain data from specimens with the selected variables
```

## Removing by the metadata

The inverse of `.xmv()`. Remove from both the data and metadata any experimental groups you don't want. This method can be called also on individual specimens by specifying their `id` and their unique identifier.

```
# remove specimens from your dataset by the metadata with .remove()
# remove acts like the opposite of .xmv()

df = df.remove('species', ['D.vir', 'D.ere', 'D.wil', 'D.sec', 'D.yak', 'D.sims'])
# or
df = df.remove('species', 'D.vir', 'D.ere', 'D.wil', 'D.sec', 'D.yak', 'D.sims')

# both .xmv() and .remove() can filter/remove by the unique id if the first argument = 'id'
df = df.remove('id', '2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b|01')
```

## Filtering by time

Often you will want to remove from the analyses the very start of the experiments, when the data isn't as clean because animals are habituating to their new environment. Or perhaps you'll want to just look at the baseline data before something occurs. Use `.t_filter()` to filter the dataset between two time points.

```
# filter you dataset by time with .t_filter()
# the arguments take time in hours
# the data is assumed to be represented in seconds

df = df.t_filter(start_time = 24, end_time = 48)

# Note: the default column for time is 't', to change use the parameter t_column
```

## Concatenate

Concatenate allows you to join two or more behavpy data tables together, joining both the data and metadata of each table. The two tables do not need to have identical columns: where there's a mismatch the column values will be replaced with `NaNs`.

```
# An example of concatenate using .xmv() to create separate data tables
df1 = df.xmv('species', 'D.vir')
df2 = df.xmv('species', 'D.sec')
df3 = df.xmv('species', 'D.ere')

# a behavpy wrapper to expand the pandas function to concat the metadata
new_df = df1.concat(df2)

# .concat() can process multiple data frames
new_df = df1.concat(df2, df3)
```

## Analyse a single column

Sometimes you want to get summary statistics of a single column per specimen. This is where you can use `.analyse_column()`. The method will take all the values in your desired column per specimen and apply a summary statistic. You can choose from a basic selection, e.g. mean, median, sum. But you can also use your own function if you wish (the function must work on array data and return a single output).

```
# Pivot the data frame by 'id' to find summary statistics of a selected columns
# Example summary statistics: 'mean', 'max', 'sum', 'median'...
```

```
pivot_df = df.analyse_column('interactions', 'sum')
```

output:

	interactions_sum
id	
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b 01	0
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b 02	43
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b 03	24
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b 04	15

```
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|18      45
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|19      32
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|20      43
```

```
# the output column will be a string combination of the column and summary statistic
# each row is a single specimen
```

## Re-join

Sometimes you will create an output from the pivot table or just a have column you want to add to the metadata for use with other methods. The column to be added must be a pandas series of matching length to the metadata and with the same specimen IDs.

```
# you can add these pivoted data frames or any data frames with one row per specimen to the metadata with
.rejoin()

# the joining dataframe must have an index 'id' column that matches the metadata

df = df.rejoin(pivot_df)
```

## Binning time

Sometimes you'll want to aggregate over a larger time to ensure you have consistent readings per time points. For example, the ethoscope can record several readings per second, however sometimes tracking of a fly will be lost for short time. Binning the time to 60 means you'll smooth over these gaps. However, this will just be done for 1 variable so will only be useful in specific analysis. If you want this applied across all variables remember to set it as your time window length in your loading functions.

```
# Sort the data into bins of time with a single column to summarise the bin

# bin time into groups of 60 seconds with 'moving' the aggregated column of choice
# default aggregating function is the mean
bin_df = df.bin_time('moving', 60)
```

output:

id	t_bin	moving_mean
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b 01	86400	0.75
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b 01	86460	0.5
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b 01	86520	0.0
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b 01	86580	0.0
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b 01	86640	0.0
...	...	...
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50 19	431760	1.0
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50 19	431820	0.75

```
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|19 431880    0.5
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|19 431940    0.25
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|20 215760    1.0
```

# the column containing the time and the aggregating function can be changed

```
bin_df = df.bin_time('moving', 60, t_column = 'time', function = 'max')
```

output:

```

            time_bin  moving_max
id
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b|01 86400    1.0
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b|01 86460    1.0
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b|01 86520    0.0
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b|01 86580    0.0
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b|01 86640    0.0
...
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|19 431760    1.0
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|19 431820    1.0
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|19 431880    1.0
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|19 431940    1.0
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|20 215760    1.0
```

## Wrap time

The time in the ethoscope data is measured in seconds, however these numbers can get very large and don't look great when plotting data or showing others. Use this method to change the time column values to be a decimal of a given time period, the default is the normal day (24) and will change time to be in hours from reference hour or experiment start.

```
# Change the time column to be a decimal of a given time period, e.g. 24 hours
# wrap can be performed inplace and will not return a new behavpy
df.wrap_time(24, inplace = True)
# however if you want to create a new dataframe leave inplace False
new_df = df.wrap_time(24)
```

## Remove specimens with low data points

Sometimes you'll run an experiment and have a few specimens that were tracked poorly or just have fewer data points than the rest. This can be really affect some analysis, so it's best to remove it.

Specify the minimum number of data points you want per specimen, any lower and they'll be removed from the metadata and data. Remember the minimum points per a single day will change with the frequency of your measurements.

```
# removes specimens from both the metadata and data when they have fewer data points than the user specified amount
```

```
# 1440 is 86400 / 60. So the amount of data points needed for 1 whole day if the data points are measured every minute
```

```
new_df = df.curate(points = 1440)
```

## Remove specimens that aren't sleep deprived enough

In the Gilestro lab we'll sleep deprive flies to test their response. Sometimes the method won't work and you'll have a few flies mixed in that have slept normally. Call this method to remove all flies that have been asleep for more than a certain percentage over a given time period. This method can return two different outputs depending on the argument for the remove parameter. If it's an integer between 0 and 1 then any specimen with more than that fraction as asleep will be removed. If left as False then a pandas data frame is returned with the sleep fraction per specimen.

```
# Here we are removing specimens that have slept for more than 20% of the time between the period of 24 and 48 hours.
```

```
dfn = df.remove_sleep_deprived(start_time = 24, end_time = 48, remove = 0.2, sleep_column = 'asleep',  
t_column = 't')
```

```
# Here we will return the sleep fraction per specimen
```

```
df_sleep_fraction = df.remove_sleep_deprived(start_time = 24, end_time = 48, sleep_column = 'asleep',  
t_column = 't')
```

## Interpolate missing results

Sometimes you'll have missing data points, which is not usually too big of a problem. However, sometimes you'll need to do some analysis that requires regularly measured data. Use the `.interpolate()` method to set a recording frequency and interpolate any missing points from the surrounding data. Interpolate is a wrapper for the scipy interpolate function.

```
# Set the variable you want to interpolate and sampling frequency you'd like (step_size)
```

```
# step size is given in seconds. Below would interpolate the data for every 5 mins from the min time to max time
```

```
new_df = df.interpolate(variable = 'x', step_size = 300)
```

## Baseline

Not all experiments are run at the same time and you'll often have differing number of days before an interaction (such as sleep deprivation) occurs. To have all the data aligned so the interaction day is the same include in your metadata `.csv` file a column called `baseline`. Within this column, write the number of additional days that needs to be added to align to the longest set of baseline experiments.

```
# add additional time to specimens time column to make specific interaction times line up when the baseline
time is not consistent

# the metadata must contain a a baseline column with an integer from 0 - infinity

df = df.baseline(column = 'baseline')

# perform the operation inplace with the inplace parameter
```

## Add day numbers and phase

Add new columns to the data, one called phase will state whether it's light or dark given your reference hour and a normal circadian rhythm (12:12). However, if you're working with different circadian hours you can specify the time it turns dark.

```
# Add a column with the a number which indicates which day of the experiment the row occurred on
# Also add a column with the phase of day (light, dark) to the data
# This method is performed in place and won't return anything.
# However you can make it return a new dataframe with the inplace = False
df.add_day_phase(t_column = 't') # default parameter for t_column is 't'

# if you're running circadian experiments you can change the length of the days the experiment is running
# as well as the time the lights turn off, see below.

# Here the experiments had days of 30 hours long, with the lights turning off at ZT 15 hours.
# Also we changed inplace to False to return a modified behavpy, rather than modify it in place.
df = df.add_day_phase(day_length = 30, lights_off = 15, inplace = False)
```

## Estimate Feeding

If you're using the ethoscope we can approximate the amount of time feeding by labelling micro-movements near the end of the tube with food in it as feeding times. This method relies upon your data having a micro column which should be generated if you load the data with the motion\_detector or sleep\_annotation loading function.

This method will return a new behavpy object that has an additional column called 'feeding' with a boolean label (True/False). The subsequent new column can then be plotted as is shown on the next page.

```
# You need to declare if the food is positioned on the outside or inside so the method knows which end to look
at
new_df = df.feeding(food_position = 'outside', dist_from_food = 0.05, micro_mov = 'micro', x_position = 'x') #
micro_mov and x_position are the column names and defaults
# The default for distance from food is 0.05, which is a hedged estimate. Try looking at the spread of the x
position to get a better idea what the number should be for your data
```

## Automatically remove dead animals

Sometimes the specimen dies or the tracking is lost. This method will remove all data of the specimen after they've stopped moving for a considerable length of time.

```
# a method to remove specimens that havent moved for certain amount of time
# only data past the point deemed dead will be removed per specimen
new_df = df.curate_dead_animals()

# Below are the standard numbers and their variable names the function uses to remove dead animals:
# time_window = 24: The window in which death is defined, set to 24 houurs or 1 day
# prop_immobile = 0.01: The proportion of immobility that counts as "dead" during the time window
# resoltion = 24: How much the scanning window overlap, expressed as a factor
```

## Find lengths of bouts of sleep

```
# break down a specimens sleep into bout duration and type

bout_df = df.sleep_bout_analysis()

output:
      duration asleep      t
id
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b|01    60.0  True  86400.0
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b|01   900.0 False  86460.0
...
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|05   240.0  True  430980.0
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|05   120.0 False  431760.0
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|05    60.0  True  431880.0

# have the data returned in a format ready to be made into a histogram
hist_df = df.sleep_bout_analysis(as_hist = True, max_bins = 30, bin_size = 1, time_immobile = 5, asleep = True)

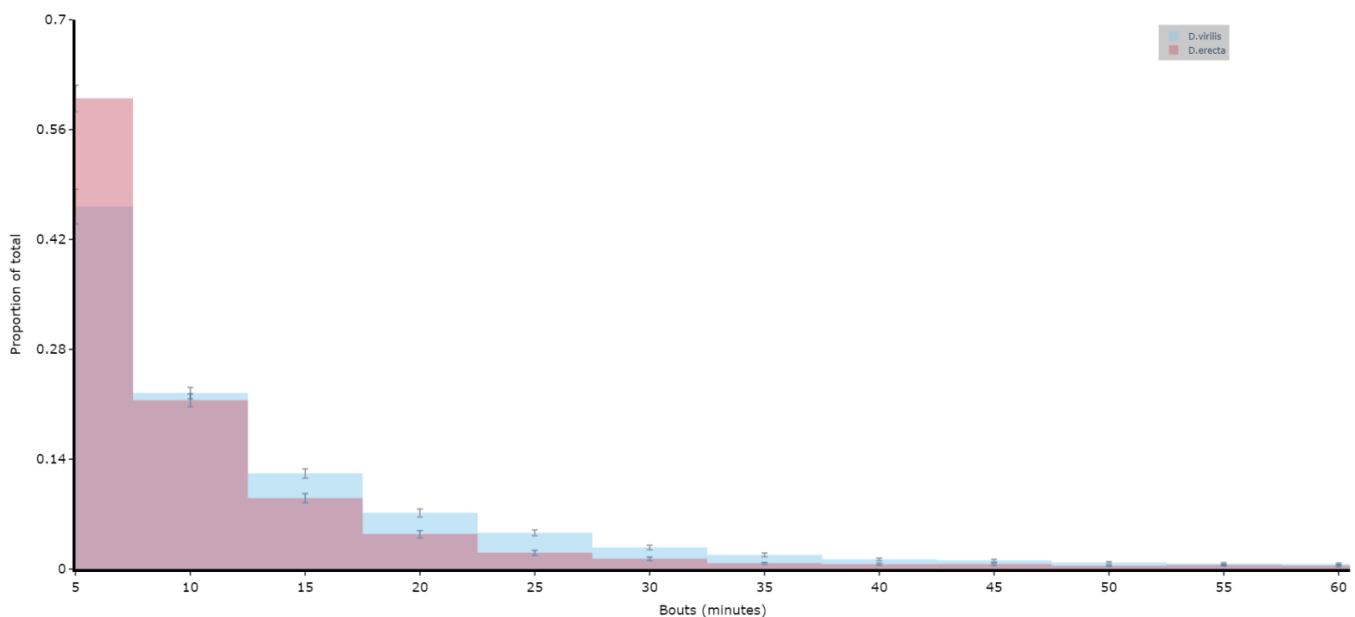
output:
      bins count  prob
id
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b|01    60    0 0.000000
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b|01   120   179 0.400447
2019-08-02_14-21-23_021d6b|01   180    92 0.205817
...
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|05  1620    1 0.002427
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|05  1680    0 0.000000
2020-08-07_12-23-10_172d50|05  1740    0 0.000000
```

```
# max_bins is the largest bout you want to include
# bin_size is the what length runs together, i.e. 5 would find all bouts between factors of 5 minutes
# time_immobile is the time in minutes sleep was defined as prior. This removes anything that is small than this
as produced by error previously.
# if asleep is True (the default) the return data frame will be for asleep bouts, change to False for one for awake
bouts
```

## Plotting a histogram of sleep\_bout\_analysis

```
# You can take the output from above and create your own histograms, or you can use this handy method to
plot a histogram with error bars from across your specimens
# Like all functions you can facet by your metadata
# Here we'll compare two of the species and group the bouts into periods of 5 minutes, with up to 12 of them (1
hour)
# See the next page for more information about plots
```

```
fig = df.plot_sleep_bouts(
    sleep_column = 'asleep',
    facet_col = 'species',
    facet_arg = ['D.vir', 'D.ere'],
    facet_labels = ['D.virilis', 'D.erecta'],
    bin_size = 5,
    max_bins = 12
)
fig.show()
```





## Find bouts of sleep

```
# If you haven't already analysed the dataset to find periods of sleep,0
# but you do have a column containing the movement as True/False.
# Call this method to find contiguous bouts of sleep according to a minimum length

new_df = df.sleep_contiguous(time_window_length = 60, min_time_immobile = 300)
```

## Sleep download functions as methods

```
# some of the download functions mentioned previously can be called as methods if the data wasn't previously
analysed
# don't call this method if your data was already analysed!
# If it's already analysed it will be missing columns needed for this method

new_df = df.motion_detector(time_window_length = 60)
```

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