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By the end of this activity, you will be able to:

- 1. Read a CSV file into a Pandas DataFrame
- 2. View the contents and shape of a DataFrame
- 3. Filter rows and columns of a DataFrame
- 4. Calculate the average and sum of a column in a DataFrame
- 5. Combine two DataFrames by joining on a single column

This activity consists of programming in a Jupyter Python Notebook. If you have not already started the Jupyter server, follow the instructions in the Reading entitled Starting Jupyter for Python Notebooks.

Step 1. Open a web browser and create a new Jupyter Python Notebook. Open a web browser by clicking on the web



Navigate to localhost:8889/tree/Downloads/big-data-3:



Create a new Python Notebook by clicking on New, and then click on Python 3:



Step 2. Load Pandas and Read a CSV file into a DataFrame. We first load the Pandas library:

In [1]: import pandas

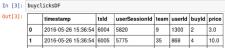
Note that to execute commands in Jupyter Notebooks, hold the <shift> key and press <enter>.

We can load the file buy-clicks.csv into a Pandas DataFrame:

In [2]: buyclicksDF = pandas.read\_csv('buy-clicks.csv')

This command assigns the DataFrame to a new variable named buvclicksDF, and reads the CSV using pandas, read csv().

Step 3. View the contents and shape of a DataFrame. We can view the contents of the DataFrame by executing the variable:



9 1300 2 3.0 35 868 4 10.0 10.0 2 2016-05-26 15:36:54 6006 5679 3 2016-05-26 16:36:54 6067 5665 97 819 5 20.0 18 121 2

Note that the Notebook does not display all the rows and displays the missing ones as ....

28	2016-05-27 02:06:54	6567	5860	57	2221	2	3.0
29	2016-05-27 03:36:54	6651	5955	64	2009	3	5.0
2917	2016-06-16 08:06:54	39557	34632	72	1294	0	1.0
2918	2016-06-16 08:06:54	39558	34498	59	2029	3	5.0

We can view the first five rows by using the head(5) command:

In [4]: buyclicksDF.head(5) Out[4]: timestamp txld userSessionId team userId buyld price 0 2016-05-26 15:36:54 6004 5820 9 1300 2 35 868 4 1 2016-05-26 15:36:54 6005 5775 97 819 5 121 2 2 2016-05-26 15:36:54 6006 5679 20.0 3.0 3 2016-05-26 16:36:54 6067 5665

We can see how many rows and columns are in the DataFrame by looking at its shape:

In [5]: buyclicksDF.shape Out[5]: (2947, 7)

The result says that there are 2947 rows and 7 columns.

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Step 4. Filter rows and columns of a DataFrame. We can view only the price and userId columns of the DataFrame:

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The [[ ]] creates a copy of the DataFrame with only the specified columns.

We can also filter rows based on a criteria. The following selects rows with a price less than 3:

In [7]: buyclicksDF[buyclicksDF['price'] < 3].head(5)</pre>

Out[7]: timestamp txld userSessionId team userId buyld price 9 2016-05-26 18:36:54 6184 5697 35 2199 1 2.0 14 2016-05-26 20:06:54 6271 5706 9 1652 0 1.0 2 518 0 15 2016-05-26 20:36:54 6292 5921 1.0 18 2016-05-26 22:06:54 6395 5880 35 2146 1 2.0 19 2016-05-26 22:36:54 6411 6230 77 1457 0 1.0

Step 5. Calculate sum and average of a column. Pandas DataFrames provide many aggregation operations. We can calculate

In [8]: buyclicksDF['price'].sum() Out[8]: 21407.0

We can also calculate the average price:

In [9]: buyclicksDF['price'].mean() Out[9]: 7.263997285374957

A complete list of statistical aggregation operations for Pandas DataFrames is at <a href="http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-pydata-pyda-pydata-pydata-pydata-pydata-pydata-pydata-pydata-pyd

Step 6. Combine two DataFrames. We can combine two DataFrames on a single column. First, we will load ad-clicks.csv into a

In [10]: adclicksDF = pandas.read\_csv('ad-clicks.csv')

If we look at the contents, we see that adclicksDF also has a column named userId:

In [11]: adclicksDF.head(5) Out[11]: timestamp txld userSessionId teamId userId adId adCategory 0 2016-05-26 15:13:22 5974 5809 27 611 2 electronics 1 2016-05-26 15:17:24 5976 5705 1874 21 movies 2139 25 computers 212 10 fashion 2 2016-05-26 15:22:52 5978 5791 53 3 2016-05-26 15:22:57 5973 5756 63 4 2016-05-26 15:22:58 5980 5920

We can create a combine buyclicksDF and adclicksDF on the userId column with the following command:

In [12]: mergeDF = adclicksDF.merge(buyclicksDF, on='userId')

The combined DataFrame is assigned to a new variable named <code>mergeDF</code>. The command <code>adclicks.merge()</code> combines <code>adclicksDF</code> with the first argument <code>buyclicksDF</code>, and <code>on='userId'</code> denotes which column to join on.

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We can see that the combined DataFrame contains the columns from both adclicksDF and buvclicksDF:

In [13]: mergeDF.head(5) 
 Out [13]:
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 teamId
 userId
 adid
 adCategory
 timestamp\_y

 0
 2016-05-26
 5974
 5909
 27
 611
 2
 electronics
 13:08-54

 15:13:22
 2016-05-26
 15:08-54
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11058 9769 1 2016-05-26 15:13:22 611 2 2016-06-03 18:36:54 27 4 5974 5809 electronics 17005 15910 10.0 2 2016-05-26 15:13:22 611 2 5974 22930 20644 20.0 611 2 3 2016-05-26 15:13:22 5974 10.0 electronics 4 2016-05-26 15:13:22 electronics 2016-06-13 02:36:54 27 4 5974 611 2 10.0 32796 26524

