converting csv file into a JSONL file

What is JSONL?

- JSONL (JSON Lines) = A text file where each line is a separate JSON object.
- Unlike a normal JSON file (which is one big object or array), JSONL is easier for streaming and handling large datasets.

Example Conversion

Suppose you have a data.csv:

id,name,age

1,Alice,23

2,Bob,30

3,Charlie,25

The converted data.jsonl will look like:

```
{"id": "1", "name": "Alice", "age": "23"}
{"id": "2", "name": "Bob", "age": "30"}
{"id": "3", "name": "Charlie", "age": "25"}
```

Methods to Convert

1. Using Python (with pandas)

```
import pandas as pd
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Load CSV

df = pd.read_csv("data.csv")

Save as JSONL

df.to_json("data.jsonl", orient="records", lines=True)

Each row becomes one line of JSON.

2. Using Python (without pandas)

```
import csv
import json
with open("data.csv", "r") as csv_file, open("data.jsonl", "w") as jsonl_file:
    reader = csv.DictReader(csv_file)
    for row in reader:
        jsonl_file.write(json.dumps(row) + "\n")
```

← CSV → JSONL is useful for **LLMs, APIs, and dataset training** because they read line by line instead of loading a huge JSON at once.