Missing Data Imputation

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- The real world data is rarely clean and homogeneous
- Many interesting datasets will have some amount of missing data
- Pandas treats None and NaN as essentially interchangeable for indication of missing or null values.
- Several functions are used for detecting, removing and replacing

- In Pandas missing data is represented by three values:
- 1. None: None is a Python singleton object that is often used for missing data in Python code.
- 2. NaN: NaN (an acronym for Not a Number), is a special floating-point value recognized by all systems that use the standard IEEE floating-point representation
- 3. Na: Not available

- Pandas treat None, NaN and Na as essentially interchangeable for indicating missing or null values.
- To facilitate this convention, there are several useful functions for detecting, removing, and replacing null values in Pandas DataFrame:

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isnull(), notnull(), dropna(),
fillna(), replace(), interpolate()
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- In this article we are using CSV file, employee.csv
- Checking for missing values using isnull() and notnull()
- In order to check missing values in Pandas DataFrame, we use a function isnull() and notnull().

- Both function help in checking whether a value is NaN or not.
- These function can also be used in Pandas Series in order to find null values in a series.

- · Checking for missing values using isnull()
- In order to check null values in Pandas DataFrame, we use isnull()
 function this function return dataframe of Boolean values which
 are True for NaN values. Code #1: BDA-8 jupyter notebook

- Checking for missing values using notnull()
- In order to check null values in Pandas Dataframe, we use notnull() function this function return Dataframe of Boolean values which are False for NaN values. Code #3:

- Dropping missing values using dropna()
- In order to drop a null values from a dataframe, we used dropna()
 function this function drop Rows/Columns of datasets with Null
 values in different ways.
- Code #4: Dropping rows with at least 1 null value.
- Further dropping are done in code#5, code#6, code#7

Fill missing values

- Filling missing values using fillna(), replace() and interpolate()
- In order to fill null values in a datasets, we use fillna(), replace() and interpolate() function these function replace NaN values with some value of their own.

Fill missing values

- All these function help in filling a null values in datasets of a DataFrame.
- Interpolate() function is basically used to fill NA values in the dataframe but it uses various interpolation technique to fill the missing values rather than hard-coding the value.
- Code #9: Filling null values with a single value
- Code#10, Code#11, Code#12, Code#13, and Code#14

Fill missing values with aggregate functions

Check the code# 15 and code#16