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Day 8: Pandas Basics

Summary: Today, we delved into Pandas, a powerful library in Python designed for data manipulation and analysis. Pandas provides essential data structures like Series and DataFrame, along with versatile tools for data cleaning, transformation, and exploration—crucial for preparing data for machine learning tasks.

Key Learnings:

1. **Introduction to Pandas:**

   - **Series and DataFrame:** Explored Pandas Series as one-dimensional labeled arrays and DataFrame as two-dimensional labeled data structures, capable of handling heterogeneous data seamlessly.
   - **Data Loading:** Learned various methods to load data into Pandas from different file formats (CSV, Excel, SQL databases), facilitating easy integration and manipulation of external datasets.
   - **Data Exploration:** Utilized Pandas functions and methods to inspect data characteristics such as head(), tail(), info(), describe(), and shape, providing insights into dataset structure, data types, and summary statistics.

2. **Data Manipulation with Pandas:**

   - **Indexing and Selection:** Implemented techniques like indexing, slicing, and boolean indexing to retrieve specific subsets of data from Pandas DataFrame, enabling targeted data analysis and manipulation.
   - **Data Cleaning:** Explored strategies to handle missing data (NaN values), perform data imputation using methods like fillna() or dropna(), and address duplicate entries using drop_duplicates(), ensuring data integrity and quality.
   - **Data Transformation:** Applied Pandas capabilities for data transformation tasks such as reshaping data (pivot tables, melt), merging datasets (merge, concat), and categorical data encoding (one-hot encoding, label encoding) to prepare data for machine learning models.

3. **Practical Applications:**

   - Applied Pandas functionalities to perform hands-on data manipulation tasks essential for machine learning:
     - Conducted data filtering, sorting, and aggregation operations to extract meaningful insights from datasets.
     - Prepared data for machine learning tasks by standardizing numerical features and encoding categorical variables using Pandas and NumPy functionalities.