

AIG150- Week 5

Working With Functions & Grouping

Reading Text: Ch 05,08 Pandas for everyone

Agenda

- Apply Functions
 - Apply over a series and DataFrame
 - Column-wise operations
 - Row-wise operations
 - Vectorized functions
 - Lambda functions
- GroupBy operations
 - Understand Split–Apply–Combine concept
 - Use `.groupby()` for aggregation, transformation, and filtering
 - Write custom and multiple aggregation functions
 - Work with MultiIndex and flatten results using `.reset_index()`

Apply Functions

- `apply()` method takes a function and applies it across each row or column of a DataFrame
- Easy to group and reuse Python code
- First define a function and then call it using `apply()` See the sample code
- Function factory: `apply()` takes a reference to the function

```
def my_sq(x):  
    return x ** 2  
  
def avg_2(x, y):  
    return (x + y) / 2  
  
def my_exp(x, e):  
    return x ** e  
  
df['col_a_cube'] = df['col_a'].apply(my_exp, e=3)
```

Vectorized Functions

- Vectorize with NumPy: Pass *np.vectorize()* to the function
- Vectorize with Numpy
- Lambda functions

The line `function_vec = np.vectorize(function)` takes the regular Python function `function` and creates a new function `function_vec` that can operate on entire NumPy arrays element by element.

Without `np.vectorize`, you would typically need to use a loop to apply `avg_2_mod` to each pair of elements from two arrays.

`np.vectorize` provides a convenient way to apply a function designed for single elements to arrays.

Panda_Apply_Example.ipynb

Groupby Operations

- To aggregate, transform and filter data
- Split-apply-combine
 - 1.Data is split into separate parts based on key(s)
 - 2.A function is applied to each part of the data
 - 3.The results from each part are combined to create a new data set

Groupby() Method

- Aggregation can be done by using conditional subsetting on a dataframe
- Transformation can be done by passing a column into a separate function Filtering can be done with conditional subsetting
- Built-in aggregation methods
- User defined aggregation methods

Grouping

Split	Divide data into groups based on a key column	Split by <code>continent</code>
Apply	Apply a function to each group	<code>mean()</code> , <code>std()</code> , custom func
Combine	Combine results into a single DataFrame	Summarized results

[GroupBy_SplitApplyCombine.ipynb](#)

Use Dict to perform multiple aggregations

```
# use a dictionary on a dataframe to agg different
columns # for each year,
calculate the # average lifeExp, median pop, and median
gdpPercap
gdf_dict = df.groupby("year").agg( { "lifeExp": "mean",
"pop": "median", "gdpPercap": "median" } )
print(gdf_dict)
```

Check the book to see how to specify dict on a Data Series

Transform

- One-to one transformation
- Check the following:
 - Z score example
 - Missing value example fill the missing values with the mean

Filter & Grouping

- Split the data by keys, and then perform some kind of Boolean subsetting on the data
- The *.aggregate()*, *.transform()*, and *.filter()* methods are commonly used ways of working with grouped objects in Pandas
- Grouped Objects
- Grouping on multiple columns

Summary of Apply

Function

A reusable block of code defined using `def`.

`.apply()`

Runs a function across rows or columns of a Series or DataFrame.

Axis Parameter

`axis=0` → apply column-wise; `axis=1` → apply row-wise.

Lambda Function

Anonymous inline function: `lambda x: x*2`

Vectorization

Speeds up operations using NumPy or Numba to apply functions element-wise without explicit loops.

Summary of Grouping methods

<code>.agg()</code>	Aggregate (reduces data size)
<code>.transform()</code>	Transform (keeps same size)
<code>.filter()</code>	Keep or remove groups based on condition
<code>.reset_index()</code>	Flatten MultiIndex results
<code>.get_group()</code>	Extract a specific group