

Lecture 1 Basic Operations on Pandas DataFrame

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1 Definition:

- Two-dimensional, size-mutable, potentially heterogeneous tabular data.
- A dict-like container for Series objects, where each column is a series.

2 Create a DataFrame

[pandas.DataFrame — pandas 1.5.1 documentation \(pydata.org\)](https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/10min.html)

- By the function `pd.DataFrame()`, import data, column names, and even data types

```
df = pd.DataFrame(  
    [  
        ('1', 1, 'hi'),  
        ('2', 2, 'bye'),  
        ('3', 3, 'hello'),  
        ('4', 4, 'goodbye'),  
    ],  
    columns=list('ABC')  
)  
print(df)  
df.info()
```

- Read from CSV by the function `pd.read_csv`. Note that if we want to add names for columns, we need to set `header=0`.

```
#df0=pd.read_csv(data_csv) # Read data infer the header based on the first row  
# The following command added headers manually  
df1=pd.read_csv("Movie.csv", header=0, \  
               names=['Rank', 'MovieTitle', 'Studio', 'TotalGross', 'Theaters', 'OpeningGross', 'OpeningTheaters', 'OpenDate'])  
#df2=pd.DataFrame(data_csv, \  
                  columns=['Rank', 'MovieTitle', 'Studio', 'TotalGross', 'Theaters', 'OpeningGross', 'OpeningTheaters', 'OpenDate'])  
  
print(df1.head(n=5)) # Show the first 5 rows of data  
print(df1.tail(n=5)) # Show the last 5 rows of data  
  
print(df1.columns[3]) # Read the name of Pandas DataFrame
```

- After loading the DataFrame, we can display the first `n` rows by `df.head(n)`.

```
Rank      MovieTitle  ... OpeningTheaters  OpenDate  
0      1  Beauty and the Beast (2017)  ...      4210  14-Apr  
1      2      Wonder Woman            ...      4165  23-Jun  
2      3  Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2  ...      4347  9-Jun  
3      4  Spider-Man: Homecoming          ...      4348  14-Apr  
4      5  Despicable Me 3                ...      4529  3-Mar  
  
[5 rows x 8 columns]  
Rank      MovieTitle  ... OpeningTheaters  OpenDate  
454  492      Red Christmas            ...          1  26-Aug  
455  493  It's Not Yet Dark              ...          2   8-Sep  
456  495  The Penguin Counters           ...          1  18-Jan  
457  496  Extraordinary Ordinary People  ...          1  15-Mar  
458  499                2:22             ...          3   NaN
```

3 Save DataFrame to csv

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/16923281/writing-a-pandas-dataframe-to-csv-file>

- Applied the function `df.to_csv('name.csv')`

```
'''
Write data in DataFrame to a csv
https://stackoverflow.com/questions/16923281/writing-a-pandas-dataframe-to-csv-file
'''
df1.to_csv('Movie.csv')
```

4 Read specific columns, rows, and location

<https://www.educative.io/blog/pandas-cheat-sheet>

<https://www.statology.org/pandas-select-rows-by-index/>

- 1: read a column by df['column_name'],
- 2: Use df.iloc [a,b] for integers a,b
- 3: Use df.loc[a,b] for labels a,b

```
Read specific columns, rows, and location
df.iloc[--based on integer index
df.loc[--based on label index
df['']
Read a specific column df['Rank']
https://www.educative.io/blog/pandas-cheat-sheet
https://www.statology.org/pandas-select-rows-by-index/
'''
a=df1['Rank'] # Read a specific column
b=df1['Rank'][:5] # Get the first 5 elements of the first column

c=df1.iloc[2:5, -1] # Read the elements from index 2 to 5-1 of the last column
e=df1.iloc[[2,5,8], 0] # Read 2th,5th, 8th elements of first column
d=df1.iloc[0] # 0-th row
f=df1.iloc[:,0] # 0th column
```

5 Read information of DataFrame

https://pbpython.com/pandas_dtypes.html

- Using function df1.dtypes, where df1 is a DataFrame
- Using df.info()
- The function type(element)

```
'''
Retrieval information of pandas
read the size of Pandas DataFrame
Data types of DataFrame
https://pbpython.com/pandas\_dtypes.html
'''
print(df1.dtypes)
df_shape=df1.shape # The size of DataFrame
print(df1.info()) # See the data information of DataFrame
print('type=',type(df1.iloc[1,1]))
```

6 Change data type

<https://towardsdatascience.com/how-to-change-column-type-in-pandas-dataframes-d2a5548888f8>

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/13187778/convert-pandas-dataframe-to-numpy-array>

- Use function `df['a'].astype(int)`: change the data in column “a” as int

```
'''
A toy example to change data type of strings
https://towardsdatascience.com/how-to-change-column-type-in-pandas-dataframes-d2a554888f8
'''
df = pd.DataFrame(
    [
        ('1', 1, 'hi'),
        ('2', 2, 'bye'),
        ('3', 3, 'hello'),
        ('4', 4, 'goodbye'),
    ],
    columns=list('ABC')
)
print(df)
df.info()

# Change data type of the columns
df['A'] = df['A'].astype(int)
df.info()
df['B'] = df['B'].astype(str)
df.info()
df['B'] = df['B'].astype(float)
df.info()
```

- Read a specific column and use specific function `int()` to change the data type, and then replace the original column.
- Change DataFrame to numpy matrix by using `df.to_numpy()`

```
'''
Pandas to numpy
https://stackoverflow.com/questions/13187778/convert-pandas-dataframe-to-numpy-array
'''
g=df[['A', 'B']].to_numpy()
print(type(g))
```

7 Remove characters in specific elements

<https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/reference/api/pandas.Series.str.replace.html>

- Use the function `re.sub()` from the library `re`

```
import re
df2=df1.head(n=5)
Y=df2['TotalGross'].values
#print(Y)
for i in range(len(Y)):
    Y[i]=float(re.sub('[%,]', '', Y[i])) # replace %, in [] by '' and convert to float
#print(Y)
df2['TotalGross']=Y
df2['TotalGross']=df2['TotalGross'].astype(float)
```

8 Insert and Drop a column

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/29517072/add-column-to-dataframe-with-constant-value>

<https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2021/11/a-simple-guide-to-pandas-dataframe-operations/>

- Using the function `df.insert()` to insert a column to a specific position
- Using `df.drop()` to delete a specific column or row

```

'''
Pandas add a new column to specific positions
https://stackoverflow.com/questions/29517072/add-column-to-dataframe-with-constant-value
'''
Z=[10*i for i in range(1,5)]
df.insert(0,'Z',Z) #Insert Z with name 'Z' to a specific column
#print(df)

'''
Drop a column or a row
https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2021/11/a-simple-guide-to-pandas-dataframe-operations/
'''
df3=df.drop( labels=['C'],
axis=1,      # 1-drop column
inplace=False #creat a copy, otherwise derectly on df
)
#print(df3)

df4=df.drop( labels=[1],
axis=0,      # 0-drop a row
inplace=False #creat a copy, otherwise derectly on df
)
#print(df4)

```

9 Handle missing values—NaN

<https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2021/11/a-simple-guide-to-pandas-dataframe-operations/>

- Create a DataFrame with NaN
- Using function `df.isna()` to detect nan elements
- Using function `df.fillna()` to fill NaN with specific values or mean by `df.count().mean`

```

# Generate a DataFrame with missing data
df5 = pd.DataFrame([[np.nan, 2, np.nan, 0],
                    [3, 4, np.nan, 1],
                    [np.nan, np.nan, np.nan, 5],
                    [np.nan, 3, np.nan, 4]],
                    columns=list("ABCD"))
print(df5)

# find NA values
print(df5.isna().sum()) # Count NaNs for all columns
print(df5["D"].isna().sum()) # Count NaNs for a specific column
print(df5.iloc[0].isna().sum()) # Count NaNs for a specific row

# Fill NA with specific values by fillna
df6=df5["A"].fillna(100) # Fill a specific column
print(df6)
df5['A']=df6 # Update a specific column
print(df5)
df6=df5.iloc[1].fillna(20) # Fill a specific row
print(df6)

```

10 Add date stamp

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/40858880/add-a-date-column-in-pandas-df-using-constant-value-in-str>

https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/reference/api/pandas.date_range.html

- Add a constant time by `df.Timestamp()`
- Add a range of dates by `pd.date_range(start='1/1/2018', periods=len(df5.iloc[:,0]), freq='D')`

```
# Add a constant time stamp
df5['dates'] = pd.Timestamp('2016-11-06')
print(df5)
# Add a time stamp with specific period
df5['dates']=pd.date_range(start='1/1/2018', periods=len(df5.iloc[:,0]), freq='D')
print(df5)
```

11 Group data

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/63357396/calculate-mean-on-multiple-groups>

- Using function `df.groupby('category_name')` to group data based on the specific category. Note that the output is still a DataFrame.

```
import pandas as pd
points_table = {'Team_': ['MI', 'CSK', 'Devils', 'MI', 'CSK',
                          'RCB', 'CSK', 'CSK', 'KKR', 'KKR', 'KKR', 'RCB'],
               'Rank_': [1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 1, 1, 2, 4, 1, 2],
               'Year_': [2014, 2015, 2014, 2015, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2015, 2017],
               'Point_': [876, 789, 863, 673, 741, 812, 756, 788, 694, 701, 804, 690]}
df6= pd.DataFrame(points_table)
print(df6)

#Now group by the data according to the year
groupby_ = df6.groupby('Year_')
#print(groupby_)
for team,group in groupby_:
    print(team)
    print(group)

g_m=df6.groupby('Year_').mean()
print(g_m)
print(g_m.loc[2015][1]) # Read the data in the ith row and j-th column
```

12 Find max/min and their indices idxmax/idxmin

<https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2021/11/a-simple-guide-to-pandas-dataframe-operations/>

- Using the function `g_m['Point_'].idxmax()` to show the index of the max value in the "Point_" column
- Using the function `g_m['Point_'].max()` to find the max value.

```
g_m=df6.groupby('Year_').mean()
print(g_m)
print(g_m.loc[2015][1]) # Read the data in the ith row and j-th column

# Read the max-value
print(g_m['Point_'].idxmax()) # The index of max
print(g_m['Point_'].max()) # The index of max
```