Handling null values

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
        import numpy as np
        import warnings
        warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
In [2]: data = pd.read_csv('Windspeed.csv')
        data.head()
Out[2]:
                Date Temperature Windspeed Status
         0 06-05-2020
                           35.4
                                    10.788 sunny
         1 07-05-2020
                           36.7
                                     NaN sunny
         2 08-05-2020
                           NaN
                                     6.880
                                           NaN
                           30.4
                                     NaN cloudy
         4 10-05-2020
                           NaN
                                    19.055
In [3]: data.info()
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
        RangeIndex: 22 entries, 0 to 21
        Data columns (total 4 columns):
         # Column
                          Non-Null Count
                                          Dtype
         0
                          18 non-null
                                          object
             Date
             Temperature 16 non-null
                                          float64
             Windspeed
                          16 non-null
                                          float64
         3 Status
                          16 non-null
                                          object
        dtypes: float64(2), object(2)
        memory usage: 832.0+ bytes
In [4]: data.isnull().sum()
Out[4]: Date
        Temperature
                       6
        Windspeed
                       6
        Status
                       6
        dtype: int64
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Filling a common value to all missing data

Let's try filling 0 to all the missing data

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In [5]: data.fillna(0)
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Out[5]:

	Date	Temperature	Windspeed	Status
0	06-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
1	07-05-2020	36.7	0.000	sunny
2	08-05-2020	0.0	6.880	0
3	0	30.4	0.000	cloudy
4	10-05-2020	0.0	19.055	rainy
5	11-05-2020	24.2	13.900	sunny
6	12-05-2020	22.7	0.000	0
7	13-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
8	0	26.3	8.658	0
9	15-05-2020	22.4	14.884	sunny
10	0	0.0	0.000	sunny
11	17-05-2020	23.5	16.555	rainy
12	18-05-2020	0.0	25.664	0
13	19-05-2020	30.2	14.258	cloudy
14	20-05-2020	0.0	17.256	rainy
15	0	33.4	0.000	sunny
16	22-05-2020	0.0	12.222	0
17	23-05-2020	28.5	13.525	sunny
18	24-05-2020	27.6	5.899	0
19	25-05-2020	26.7	0.000	sunny
20	26-05-2020	34.4	16.258	rainy
21	27-05-2020	33.9	14.363	cloudy

Adding missing data to individual columns

The same method can be used to add missing data for various columns differently. We just need to pass a dictionary as below.

	Date	Temperature	Windspeed	Status
0	06-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
1	07-05-2020	36.7	5.000	sunny
2	08-05-2020	0.0	6.880	sunny
3	NaN	30.4	5.000	cloudy
4	10-05-2020	0.0	19.055	rainy
5	11-05-2020	24.2	13.900	sunny
6	12-05-2020	22.7	5.000	sunny
7	13-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
8	NaN	26.3	8.658	sunny
9	15-05-2020	22.4	14.884	sunny
10	NaN	0.0	5.000	sunny

Forward fill (row)

Forward fill is a method to forward the data from the row above the missing value. Thus all the missing value will get filled with the value above. If there are multiple missing values consecutively, they will also get filled with the same value of the above available data.

In [7]: data.fillna(method="ffill")

Out[7]:

	Date	Temperature	Windspeed	Status
0	06-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
1	07-05-2020	36.7	10.788	sunny
2	08-05-2020	36.7	6.880	sunny
3	08-05-2020	30.4	6.880	cloudy
4	10-05-2020	30.4	19.055	rainy
5	11-05-2020	24.2	13.900	sunny
6	12-05-2020	22.7	13.900	sunny
7	13-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
8	13-05-2020	26.3	8.658	sunny
9	15-05-2020	22.4	14.884	sunny
10	15-05-2020	22.4	14.884	sunny
11	17-05-2020	23.5	16.555	rainy
12	18-05-2020	23.5	25.664	rainy
13	19-05-2020	30.2	14.258	cloudy
14	20-05-2020	30.2	17.256	rainy
15	20-05-2020	33.4	17.256	sunny
16	22-05-2020	33.4	12.222	sunny
17	23-05-2020	28.5	13.525	sunny
18	24-05-2020	27.6	5.899	sunny
19	25-05-2020	26.7	5.899	sunny
20	26-05-2020	34.4	16.258	rainy
21	27-05-2020	33.9	14.363	cloudy

Backward fill (row)

Similar to that for forward fill, backward fill also fills the data bus as the name suggest, this fills the data from back, i.e. from bottom.

So the missing data will be filled from the existing data below

In [8]: data.fillna(method='bfill')

Out[8]:

	Date	Temperature	Windspeed	Status
0	06-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
1	07-05-2020	36.7	6.880	sunny
2	08-05-2020	30.4	6.880	cloudy
3	10-05-2020	30.4	19.055	cloudy
4	10-05-2020	24.2	19.055	rainy
5	11-05-2020	24.2	13.900	sunny
6	12-05-2020	22.7	10.788	sunny
7	13-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
8	15-05-2020	26.3	8.658	sunny
9	15-05-2020	22.4	14.884	sunny
10	17-05-2020	23.5	16.555	sunny
11	17-05-2020	23.5	16.555	rainy
12	18-05-2020	30.2	25.664	cloudy
13	19-05-2020	30.2	14.258	cloudy
14	20-05-2020	33.4	17.256	rainy
15	22-05-2020	33.4	12.222	sunny
16	22-05-2020	28.5	12.222	sunny
17	23-05-2020	28.5	13.525	sunny
18	24-05-2020	27.6	5.899	sunny
19	25-05-2020	26.7	16.258	sunny
20	26-05-2020	34.4	16.258	rainy
21	27-05-2020	33.9	14.363	cloudy

Limiting the forward/backward fill

We can limit the number of rows or columns getting filled.

In [9]: data.fillna(method="ffill", limit=1)

Out[9]:

	Date	Temperature	Windspeed	Status
0	06-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
1	07-05-2020	36.7	10.788	sunny
2	08-05-2020	36.7	6.880	sunny
3	08-05-2020	30.4	6.880	cloudy
4	10-05-2020	30.4	19.055	rainy
5	11-05-2020	24.2	13.900	sunny
6	12-05-2020	22.7	13.900	sunny
7	13-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
8	13-05-2020	26.3	8.658	sunny
9	15-05-2020	22.4	14.884	sunny
10	15-05-2020	22.4	14.884	sunny
11	17-05-2020	23.5	16.555	rainy
12	18-05-2020	23.5	25.664	rainy
13	19-05-2020	30.2	14.258	cloudy
14	20-05-2020	30.2	17.256	rainy
15	20-05-2020	33.4	17.256	sunny
16	22-05-2020	33.4	12.222	sunny
17	23-05-2020	28.5	13.525	sunny
18	24-05-2020	27.6	5.899	sunny
19	25-05-2020	26.7	5.899	sunny
20	26-05-2020	34.4	16.258	rainy
21	27-05-2020	33.9	14.363	cloudy

Filling with Pandas objects

There are many Pandas objects like df.sum(), df.max(), etc. we can fill the missing values with these too

In [10]: data.fillna(data.mean()) Out[10]: Date Temperature Windspeed Status 0 06-05-2020 35.40000 10.788000 1 07-05-2020 13.809563 36.70000 sunny 2 08-05-2020 29.48125 6.880000 NaN NaN 30.40000 13.809563 3 cloudy 4 10-05-2020 19.055000 29.48125 rainy 11-05-2020 24 20000 13 900000 sunny 6 12-05-2020 13.809563 22,70000 NaN 13-05-2020 35.40000 10.788000 sunny NaN 26.30000 8.658000 NaN 15-05-2020 22.40000 14.884000 sunny 10 NaN 29.48125 13.809563 sunny

Filling for specific range of columns

We can do filling for a specific range of column too as:

In [11]: data.fillna(data.mean()['Temperature':'Windspeed']) Out[11]: Date Temperature Windspeed Status 0 06-05-2020 10.788000 35.40000 sunny 1 07-05-2020 36.70000 13.809563 sunny 2 08-05-2020 29.48125 6.880000 NaN 3 NaN 30.40000 13.809563 cloudy 4 10-05-2020 29.48125 19.055000 rainy 11-05-2020 24.20000 13.900000 sunny 12-05-2020 22.70000 13.809563 13-05-2020 35.40000 10.788000 sunny NaN 26.30000 8.658000 NaN 9 15-05-2020 22.40000 14.884000 10 NaN 29.48125 13.809563 sunny

Interpolate missing value

We can interpolate missing values based on different methods. This is done by an object in DataFrame as interpolate() . By default, interpolate() does linear interpolation.

In [12]: data.interpolate()

Out[12]:

	Date	Temperature	Windspeed	Status
0	06-05-2020	35.40	10.7880	sunny
1	07-05-2020	36.70	8.8340	sunny
2	08-05-2020	33.55	6.8800	NaN
3	NaN	30.40	12.9675	cloudy
4	10-05-2020	27.30	19.0550	rainy
5	11-05-2020	24.20	13.9000	sunny
6	12-05-2020	22.70	12.3440	NaN
7	13-05-2020	35.40	10.7880	sunny
8	NaN	26.30	8.6580	NaN
9	15-05-2020	22.40	14.8840	sunny
10	NaN	22.95	15.7195	sunny
11	17-05-2020	23.50	16.5550	rainy
12	18-05-2020	26.85	25.6640	NaN
13	19-05-2020	30.20	14.2580	cloudy
14	20-05-2020	31.80	17.2560	rainy
15	NaN	33.40	14.7390	sunny
16	22-05-2020	30.95	12.2220	NaN
17	23-05-2020	28.50	13.5250	sunny
18	24-05-2020	27.60	5.8990	NaN
19	25-05-2020	26.70	11.0785	sunny
20	26-05-2020	34.40	16.2580	rainy
21	27-05-2020	33.90	14.3630	cloudy

Time interpolate

data.interpolate(method="time")

Different interpolations: Linear interpolation, Barycentric interpolation, Pchip interpolation, Akima interpolation, Spline interpolation, Polynomial interpolation

Interpolation direction

Similar to ffill and bfill interpolation can also be directed.

In [13]: data.interpolate(limit=1, limit_direction='backward')

Out[13]:

	Date	Temperature	Windspeed	Status
0	06-05-2020	35.40	10.7880	sunny
1	07-05-2020	36.70	8.8340	sunny
2	08-05-2020	33.55	6.8800	NaN
3	NaN	30.40	12.9675	cloudy
4	10-05-2020	27.30	19.0550	rainy
5	11-05-2020	24.20	13.9000	sunny
6	12-05-2020	22.70	12.3440	NaN
7	13-05-2020	35.40	10.7880	sunny
8	NaN	26.30	8.6580	NaN
9	15-05-2020	22.40	14.8840	sunny
10	NaN	22.95	15.7195	sunny
11	17-05-2020	23.50	16.5550	rainy
12	18-05-2020	26.85	25.6640	NaN
13	19-05-2020	30.20	14.2580	cloudy
14	20-05-2020	31.80	17.2560	rainy
15	NaN	33.40	14.7390	sunny
16	22-05-2020	30.95	12.2220	NaN
17	23-05-2020	28.50	13.5250	sunny
18	24-05-2020	27.60	5.8990	NaN
19	25-05-2020	26.70	11.0785	sunny
20	26-05-2020	34.40	16.2580	rainy
21	27-05-2020	33.90	14.3630	cloudy

Limit area of interpolation

We can also restrict our missing value to be filled with inside or outside values

Inside

In [14]: data.interpolate(limit_direction='both', limit_area='inside', limit=1)

Out[14]:

	Date	Temperature	Windspeed	Status
0	06-05-2020	35.40	10.7880	sunny
1	07-05-2020	36.70	8.8340	sunny
2	08-05-2020	33.55	6.8800	NaN
3	NaN	30.40	12.9675	cloudy
4	10-05-2020	27.30	19.0550	rainy
5	11-05-2020	24.20	13.9000	sunny
6	12-05-2020	22.70	12.3440	NaN
7	13-05-2020	35.40	10.7880	sunny
8	NaN	26.30	8.6580	NaN
9	15-05-2020	22.40	14.8840	sunny
10	NaN	22.95	15.7195	sunny
11	17-05-2020	23.50	16.5550	rainy
12	18-05-2020	26.85	25.6640	NaN
13	19-05-2020	30.20	14.2580	cloudy
14	20-05-2020	31.80	17.2560	rainy
15	NaN	33.40	14.7390	sunny
16	22-05-2020	30.95	12.2220	NaN
17	23-05-2020	28.50	13.5250	sunny
18	24-05-2020	27.60	5.8990	NaN
19	25-05-2020	26.70	11.0785	sunny
20	26-05-2020	34.40	16.2580	rainy
21	27-05-2020	33.90	14.3630	cloudy

Outside

In [15]: data.interpolate(limit_direction='both', limit_area='outside', limit=1)

Out[15]:

Date	Temperature	Windspeed	Status
06-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
07-05-2020	36.7	NaN	sunny
08-05-2020	NaN	6.880	NaN
NaN	30.4	NaN	cloudy
10-05-2020	NaN	19.055	rainy
11-05-2020	24.2	13.900	sunny
12-05-2020	22.7	NaN	NaN
13-05-2020	35.4	10.788	sunny
NaN	26.3	8.658	NaN
15-05-2020	22.4	14.884	sunny
NaN	NaN	NaN	sunny
17-05-2020	23.5	16.555	rainy
18-05-2020	NaN	25.664	NaN
19-05-2020	30.2	14.258	cloudy
20-05-2020	NaN	17.256	rainy
NaN	33.4	NaN	sunny
22-05-2020	NaN	12.222	NaN
23-05-2020	28.5	13.525	sunny
24-05-2020	27.6	5.899	NaN
25-05-2020	26.7	NaN	sunny
26-05-2020	34.4	16.258	rainy
27-05-2020	33.9	14.363	cloudy
	06-05-2020 07-05-2020 NaN 10-05-2020 11-05-2020 13-05-2020 NaN 15-05-2020 NaN 17-05-2020 18-05-2020 19-05-2020 NaN 22-05-2020 23-05-2020 24-05-2020 25-05-2020	06-05-2020 35.4 07-05-2020 36.7 08-05-2020 NaN NaN 30.4 10-05-2020 NaN 11-05-2020 24.2 12-05-2020 22.7 13-05-2020 35.4 NaN 26.3 15-05-2020 22.4 NaN NaN 17-05-2020 23.5 18-05-2020 30.2 20-05-2020 NaN NaN 33.4 22-05-2020 NaN 23-05-2020 NaN 23-05-2020 NaN 23-05-2020 28.5 24-05-2020 27.6 25-05-2020 26.7	06-05-2020 35.4 10.788 07-05-2020 36.7 NaN 08-05-2020 NaN 6.880 NaN 30.4 NaN 10-05-2020 NaN 19.055 11-05-2020 24.2 13.900 12-05-2020 22.7 NaN 13-05-2020 35.4 10.788 NaN 26.3 8.658 15-05-2020 22.4 14.884 NaN NaN NaN NaN 17-05-2020 23.5 16.555 18-05-2020 NaN 25.664 19-05-2020 NaN 25.664 19-05-2020 NaN 17.256 NaN 33.4 NaN 22-05-2020 NaN 12.222 23-05-2020 NaN 12.222 23-05-2020 28.5 13.525 24-05-2020 27.6 5.899 25-05-2020 26.7 NaN 26-05-2020 34.4 16.258