Davis_Labor_Day_Races

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0.1 Data Scraping

Import libraries

```
[]: import requests
import pandas as pd
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import numpy as np
import re
```

0.1.1 Getter (helper) Functions Implementations

This chunk of code consists of helper functions that return our desired value from the table in the website. For example, participant's name, age, and finish time, ect. There will be a construct function that generates dataframe by calling these helper functions.

By observed, all helper functions require response as argument, and some of them expect year #### Here is how each helper function work: 1. Convert the response (HTML file) into a Beautiful Soup object. 2. Find all the matching values by using find_all() function from the html file. Matched values are the texts in the html file that we are interested in - we identify the tag and class of the desired texts using Chrome's developer tools, and then specify them in the function to obtain our result. 3. For each value in the list of matched values - extract the content by using beautiful soup object's get_text() function - append the content to a list 4. After we have a list of content, convert the list to pandas series object 5. Filter out irrelevant content from the dataframe. Irrelevant information were captured because they share the same tag and class in the html file, and were captured in step 2 where we used find_all() function. - we observe the pattern of occurrence for the desired contents, and for each type of information (age, finish time, etc.), the patterns are different. More details about this are provided below. - The same information in different years might be rendered differently, so some helper functions take the year as a parameter to extract the desired content accordingly. 6. Reset the index 7. Return the series

```
[]: def get_names(response):
    soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
    values = soup.find_all('a', class_ = 'ltw-name', target = '_blank')
    extracted_names = [name.get_text() for name in values]
    names_series = pd.Series(extracted_names)
    return names_series

def get_ages(response, year):
    soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
```

```
values = soup.find_all('td' ,class_ = 'd-none d-sm-table-cell')
    extracted_values = [age.get_text() for age in values]
   value_series = pd.Series(extracted_values)
   numeric_age_data = pd.to_numeric(value_series, errors='coerce')
   if (year == 2023):
        correct_age_data = numeric_age_data.iloc[3::5]
   elif(year == 2022):
        correct_age_data = numeric_age_data.iloc[2::5]
    elif(year == 2019):
        correct_age_data = numeric_age_data.iloc[4::8]
    elif (year == 2018):
       correct_age_data = numeric_age_data.iloc[4::8]
    elif (year == 2017 or year == 2016):
        correct_age_data = numeric_age_data.iloc[2::5]
    elif (year == 2015 or year == 2014):
        correct_age_data = numeric_age_data.iloc[2::5]
    elif (year == 2013):
        correct_age_data = numeric_age_data.iloc[2::5]
    correct_age_data.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
   correct_age_data = correct_age_data.astype(int)
   return correct_age_data
def get times(response, year):
   soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
   values = soup.find_all('td' ,class_ = 'd-none d-sm-table-cell ltw-time')
    extracted_values = [time.get_text() for time in values]
   value_series = pd.Series(extracted_values)
    correct_time_data = value_series.iloc[1::2]
   if (year == 2015 or year == 2014):
        correct_time_data = value_series.iloc[0::2]
   elif (year == 2013):
        correct_time_data = value_series.iloc[0::2]
   correct_time_data.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
   return correct_time_data
def get_gender(response):
   soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
   values = soup.find_all('a', class_ = 'ltw-name')
    extracted_values = [value.get_text() for value in values]
   value_series = pd.Series(extracted_values)
   correct_gender_data = value_series.iloc[2::3]
   correct_gender_data.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
   return correct_gender_data
```

0.1.2 Decription of the Process of Writing a Helper Function

We are going to use get_ages(response, year) function as an example to illustrate how we build a getter function.

First make a request from url in order to obtain the html file.

Convert html file to beautiful soup object

```
[]: soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
ages = soup.find_all('td', class_ = 'd-none d-sm-table-cell')
```

Extract contents from the html text

```
[]: extracted_values = [age.get_text() for age in ages]
value_series = pd.Series(extracted_values)
```

Now we met a difficulty: there are irrelevant information in the series. We want to extract the information that we are interested in. In this case, age is what we want. Let first take a look at the original series.

```
[]: value_series.head(15)
```

```
[]: 0
             696
               1
      1
      2
      3
              71
      4
              35
      5
             854
      6
               5
      7
      8
              39
      9
              17
             880
      10
      11
               9
      12
      13
              26
      14
              36
      dtype: object
```

As we can see there are some missing value in the series (values in index 2, 7, ext.), so we initially drop the missing values by usingdropna() function to the series. This is actually a very bad idea since it cause me lots of troubles later. More details about this will be provided.

```
[]: numeric_age_data = pd.to_numeric(value_series, errors='coerce').dropna()
numeric_age_data = numeric_age_data.astype(int)
numeric_age_data.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
numeric_age_data.head(15)
```

```
[]: 0
             696
      1
               1
      2
              71
      3
              35
      4
             854
      5
               5
      6
              39
      7
              17
      8
             880
      9
               9
      10
              26
              36
      12
             741
      13
               6
      14
              58
      dtype: int64
```

Now it looks "better" as there is no missing value. We then started obsering the pattern of occurence of ages.

The actual first 4 ages in the website are 71, 39, 26, and 58 - Click here to see the actual values

By observing the series, we find that the actual age start at index 2 and are separated by 3 irrevelant values to the next runner's actual age (which is 4 steps), so we can extract the desired values by using this particular pattern

```
[]: correct_age_data = numeric_age_data.iloc[2::4]
correct_age_data.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
correct_age_data.head(4)
```

```
[]: 0 71
1 39
2 26
3 58
dtype: int64
```

This looks pretty good! As these numbers are in the exact same order as they are in the website. Let's proceed with combining this age series with participants' name to have a better view. Assume we already have the get_names(response) function so we can use it for illustration purpose.

```
[ ]: name_data = get_names(response)
   df_name_and_age = pd.DataFrame({'Name': name_data, 'Age': correct_age_data})
   df_name_and_age.head(4)
```

```
[]: Name Age
0 Mike Cordano 71
1 Hortensia Cisneros Benftez 39
2 Kevin Barrett 26
3 David Wilson 58
```

Name and age also match. Let's not only check the first several lines, but also inspect lines in the middle to ensure the correctness continues:

```
[]: df_name_and_age.iloc[27:28]
```

```
[]: Name Age 27 Bao Hu 20
```

Name and age also match, because this is me. I participated in this event in 2023, so my information is included

However, as we mentioned above, dropping missing value was actually a bad idea as we soon met a new problem. The link we used above are from page 2, 10K, but if we used the link of the third page in the same year and also in 10K catagory, we obtained wrong age values.

Below we use the same process as above, but change the link to the another page (p3), in the same year

we first check the first 4 lines of the table, and it looks good

```
[]: df_name_and_age.head(4)
```

```
[]: Name Age
0 Andreanna Shuman 67
1 Soila Rios 67
2 Andrea Villanueva 60
3 Madison Buddingh 22
```

we then check 4 participants' ages in the middle of the table:

```
[]: df_name_and_age.iloc[27:31]
```

```
[]: Name Age
27 Lisa Geibel-Finn 744
28 Christopher Kim 799
29 Carey Seal 758
30 Lenna Ontai 655
```

Apparently, we didn't manage to capture the correct age values. There must be something wrong in the process of extracting desired age values. The thing that causes confusion is that the method we used in page 2 work with no trouble, so we then started observing the difference of the tables between 2 pages.

After observation, we found that there is a column named Sp Div Pos(stands for "Special Division Position") that share the same tag and class as the texts containing our desired age values. On the table from page 2, there is no value under this column, and in contrast, some of rows contain value under this column on the table from page 3. The occurrence of the first value of Sp Div Pos ruins the pattern that "each age value is separated by 3 irrevelant values to the next age value", as the first Sp Div Pos value make the distance from 3 to 4. As a result, all the following data were captured incorrectly.

So we then considered to eliminate the html text with the occurrence of Sp Div Pos value, but since they share the exact same tag and class as the age value as mentioned serveral times above, we were not able to find a way to do that.

```
[]: ages[:5]
```

We spent hours to find a way to eliminate the html text with the occurrence of Sp Div Pos value, but none of the apporaches worked. So we then started over, and observed the captured html texts from find_all() function (the output from the line of code above is an example, where 67 is the first age value). We noticed that the third line contains no value, which is the NA that we dropped after converting the html texts to pandas series.

We then realized that dropping the NA value is a wrong decision since they are the values under the Sp Div Pos column. If the participant is not in any special division (Stroller Division, Dog Division, ect), the value in the participant's row under column Sp Div Pos will be a blank, which is the third line in the output above, and which is also the NA we dropped previously. So once the first Sp Div Pos value occured, it means that one more irrevelant value appears between two age values since it's not a NA, and we didn't drop it.

The simplest way to fix it is that not to drop NA, instead, change the pattern that we extract the age values.

```
[]: ## extract age values from page 3
     URL_10k_p3_2023 = 'https://results.changeofpace.com/results.aspx?
     ⇔CId=16356&RId=6121&EId=2&dt=0&PageNo=3'
     response = requests.get(URL_10k_p3_2023)
     response.raise_for_status()
     soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
     ages = soup.find_all('td' ,class_ = 'd-none d-sm-table-cell')
     extracted_values = [age.get_text() for age in ages]
     value_series = pd.Series(extracted_values)
     ## simply comment out this line
     # numeric age data = pd.to numeric(value series, errors='coerce').dropna()
     # numeric_age_data = numeric_age_data.astype(int)
     # numeric age data.reset index(drop=True, inplace=True)
     ## and change the pattern we extract values
     correct_age_data = value_series.iloc[3::5]
     correct_age_data.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
     name_data = get_names(response)
     df_name_and_age = pd.DataFrame({'Name': name_data, 'Age': correct_age_data})
     df_name_and_age = pd.DataFrame({'Name': name_data, 'Age': correct_age_data})
     df_name_and_age.iloc[27:31]
```

```
[]: Name Age
27 Lisa Geibel-Finn 58
28 Christopher Kim 53
29 Carey Seal 42
30 Lenna Ontai 50
```

Now we have sovled the problem! The names and ages match.

After we have all the necessary helper functions, we can start constructing the dataframe generating function

0.1.3 Dataframe Generating Function

Fairly straightfoward, create different series by using corresponding helper functions, and then combine to a dataframe

```
[]: def generate_dataframe(URL, distance, year):
         generates a dataframe containing participant's name, age, finish time, ect.
         @ URL: link to the website containing the table with information that we_{\!\!\!\perp}
      \hookrightarrow want
         @ distance: distance category, 10K and 5K
         @ year: the year when the event was hold
         @ return: a dataframe that contains the information we want
         response = requests.get(URL)
         response.raise_for_status()
         names = get_names(response)
         ages = get_ages(response, year)
         times = get_times(response, year)
         genders = get_gender(response)
         df = pd.DataFrame({
                              'Name': names,
                              'Age': ages,
                              'Time': times,
                              'Gender': genders,
                              'Distance':distance,
                              'Year':year
                             })
         return df
```

Now we need to apply generate_dataframe(URL, distance, year) function to all the urls, and concatenate every dataframe from each url to a big dataframe.

The code and reports above about Data Scraping were written by Bao Hu

URLs

```
'https://results.changeofpace.com/results.aspx?
 'https://results.changeofpace.com/results.aspx?
url_10K_2023 = ['https://results.changeofpace.com/results.aspx?
 ⇔CId=16356&RId=6121&EId=2',
           'https://results.changeofpace.com/results.aspx?

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           'https://results.changeofpace.com/results.aspx?
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```

Create Dataframe from all the URLs

Store as a csv File

```
[]: all_dfs.to_csv('data/all_data.csv', index=False)
```

0.2 Data Processing

Load dataframe

```
[]: df = pd.read_csv('data/all_data.csv')
```

Reset index

```
[]: df.index = np.arange(1, len(df) + 1)
df.head(1)
```

[]: Name Age Time Gender Distance Year 1 William Liu 19 16:15.33 Male 5K 2023

Add Columns to Dataframe add Age_group column

[]: Name Age Age_group Time Gender Distance Year 1 William Liu 19 10 - 19 16:15.33 Male 5K 2023

Convert Time from string to minute in float formatting

```
[]: from datetime import datetime df = df[df['Time'] != "Not started"]
```

```
df = df[df['Time'] != "Started"]
     df = df[df['Time'] != "0.00"]
     df = df[df['Time'] != "DQ"]
     def time_to_minutes(time_str):
         if len(time_str) < 10:</pre>
             time_obj = datetime.strptime(time_str, '%M:%S.%f')
         else:
             time_obj = datetime.strptime(time_str, '%H:%M:%S.%f')
         total_minutes = time_obj.hour * 60 + time_obj.minute + time_obj.second / 60
         return total minutes
     df['Time'] = df['Time'].apply(time_to_minutes)
     df['Time'] = df['Time'].apply(lambda x: round(float(x), 3))
     df.rename(columns={'Time': 'Time (min)'}, inplace=True)
     df.head(1)
[]:
               Name Age Age_group Time (min) Gender Distance Year
                          10 - 19
     1 William Liu
                     19
                                         16.25
                                                 Male
                                                            5K 2023
    add Speed (Km/h) column
[ ]: def time_to_speed(row):
         distance = float(row['Distance'][:-1])
         time minutes = row['Time (min)']
         speed_kph = distance / (time_minutes / 60)
         return speed_kph
     df['Speed (Km/h)'] = df.apply(time_to_speed, axis=1)
     df['Speed (Km/h)'] = df['Speed (Km/h)'].apply(lambda x: round(float(x), 3))
     # change column order
     df.insert(5, 'Speed (Km/h)', df.pop('Speed (Km/h)'))
     df.head(1)
[]:
               Name Age Age_group Time (min) Gender Speed (Km/h) Distance Year
     1 William Liu
                      19
                           10 - 19
                                         16.25
                                                 Male
                                                             18.462
                                                                          5K 2023
    add Pace (min/Km) column
[ ]: def time_to_pace(row):
         distance = float(row['Distance'][:-1])
         time_minutes = row['Time (min)']
         pace_min_Km = time_minutes / distance
         return pace_min_Km
     df['Pace (min/Km)'] = df.apply(time to pace, axis=1)
```

```
df['Pace (min/Km)'] = df['Pace (min/Km)'].apply(lambda x: round(float(x), 3))
     # change column order
     df.insert(5, 'Pace (min/Km)', df.pop('Pace (min/Km)'))
     df.head(1)
              Name Age Age_group Time (min) Gender Pace (min/Km)
[]:
                                                                      Speed (Km/h)
     1 William Liu
                           10 - 19
                                         16.25
                                                                            18.462
                     19
                                                 Male
                                                                3.25
      Distance Year
     1
            5K 2023
[]: df.to_csv('data/processed.csv', index=False)
    The code and reports about Data Processing were written by Bao Hu
        Data Analysis
    load dataframe
[]: df = pd.read_csv("data/processed.csv")
    Inspect Data
[]: grouped_df = df.groupby('Age_group').size().reset_index(name='count')
     grouped_df
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Age_group

10 - 19

20 - 29

30 - 39

40 - 49

50 - 59

60 - 69

70 - 79

80 - 89

< 10

> 90

count

376

528

833

882

701

428

165

27

107

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