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pyspark: Take average of a column after using filter function



I am using the following code to get the average age of people whose salary is greater than some threshold.

```
dataframe.filter(df['salary']>100000).agg({"avg":"age"})
```

the column age is numeric (float) but still I am getting this error.

```
py4j.protocol.Py4JJavaError: An error occurred while calling o86.agg.
: scala.MatchError: age (of class java.lang.String)
```

Do you know any other way to obtain the avg etc. without using <code>groupBy function</code> and <code>sql queries</code>

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1 Answer

Aggregation function should be a value and a column name a key:

```
dataframe.filter(df['salary']>100000).agg({"age": "avg"})
```

Alternatively you can use pyspark.sql.functions:

```
from pyspark.sql.functions import col, avg
dataframe.filter(df['salary']>100000).agg(avg(col("age")))
```

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