

VISUALIZING US NATURAL DISASTER DECLARATION – TRENDS AND PATTERNS

Week 2 Documentation/ Screenshots

Data Cleaning in Python (Pandas)

Data Cleaning in Python in VS Code

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface in VS Code. The code cell contains:

```
import pandas as pd
df = pd.read_csv("C:/Users/Carin CSE/Desktop/InfoInternshipDataVisualization/dataset/femaWebDisasterDeclarations.csv")
```

The output cell displays the first 5 rows of the DataFrame:

| | disasterNumber | declarationDate | disasterName | incidentBeginDate | incidentEndDate | declarationType | stateCode | stateName | incidentType | entryDate | hmProgramDeclared | designatedInIncidentTypes | |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| 0 | 5243 | 2018-06-22T00:00:00.000Z | GRAHAM FIRE | 2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z | 2018-06-25T00:00:00.000Z | Management | OR | Oregon | Fire | 2018-06-22T00:00:00.000Z | ... | 1.0 | NaN |
| 1 | 5554 | 2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z | COVINGTON DRIVE FIRE | 2025-03-01T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | Management | SC | South Carolina | Fire | 2025-03-10T00:00:00.000Z | ... | 1.0 | R |
| 2 | 4859 | 2025-01-15T00:00:00.000Z | SEVERE STORM AND FLOODING | 2024-10-20T00:00:00.000Z | 2024-10-23T00:00:00.000Z | Major Disaster | AK | Alaska | Severe Storm | 2025-01-16T00:00:00.000Z | ... | 1.0 | S.W |
| 3 | 4856 | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | WILDFIRES AND STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS | 2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-31T00:00:00.000Z | Major Disaster | CA | California | Fire | 2025-01-09T00:00:00.000Z | ... | 1.0 | 2.R |
| 4 | 5551 | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | HURST FIRE | 2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | Management | CA | California | Fire | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | ... | 1.0 | R |

5 rows × 26 columns

Fig 1.1 Importing .csv file

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface in VS Code. The code cell contains:

```
df = df.drop(columns = [ "stateCode", "disasterPageUrl", "shapefileUrl", "kmzfileUrl", "geoJsonUrl", "id", "hash", "lastRefresh" ])
df.head(10)
```

The output cell displays the first 10 rows of the cleaned DataFrame:

| | disasterNumber | declarationDate | disasterName | incidentBeginDate | incidentEndDate | declarationType | stateName | incidentType | entryDate | updateDate | closeoutDate | region | ihProgramDeclare |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 0 | 5243 | 2018-06-22T00:00:00.000Z | GRAHAM FIRE | 2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z | 2018-06-25T00:00:00.000Z | Management | Oregon | Fire | 2018-06-22T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-03-13T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-03-13T00:00:00.000Z | 10 | 0. |
| 1 | 5554 | 2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z | COVINGTON DRIVE FIRE | 2025-03-01T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | Management | South Carolina | Fire | 2025-03-10T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-03-10T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-03-10T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | 4. |
| 2 | 4859 | 2025-01-15T00:00:00.000Z | SEVERE STORM AND FLOODING | 2024-10-20T00:00:00.000Z | 2024-10-23T00:00:00.000Z | Major Disaster | Alaska | Severe Storm | 2025-01-16T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-16T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-16T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | 10. |
| 3 | 4856 | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | WILDFIRES AND STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS | 2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-31T00:00:00.000Z | Major Disaster | California | Fire | 2025-01-09T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-02-18T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-02-18T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | 1. |
| 4 | 5551 | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | HURST FIRE | 2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | Management | California | Fire | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | 0. |
| 5 | 5550 | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | EATON FIRE | 2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | Management | California | Fire | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | 9. |
| 6 | 5549 | 2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z | PALISADES FIRE | 2025-01-07T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | Management | California | Fire | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | 9. |
| 7 | 4854 | 2025-01-01T00:00:00.000Z | WILDFIRES | 2024-07-10T00:00:00.000Z | 2024-08-23T00:00:00.000Z | Major Disaster | Oregon | Fire | 2025-01-02T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-02T00:00:00.000Z | 2025-01-02T00:00:00.000Z | NaN | 10. |
| 8 | 53 | 1956-04-05T00:00:00.000Z | TORNADO | 1956-04-05T00:00:00.000Z | 1956-04-05T00:00:00.000Z | Major Disaster | Michigan | Tornado | 1993-07-21T00:00:00.000Z | 2001-09-09T00:00:00.000Z | 2001-09-09T00:00:00.000Z | 3070000000000Z | 5. |
| 9 | 52 | 1956-03-29T00:00:00.000Z | FLOOD | 1956-03-29T00:00:00.000Z | 1956-03-29T00:00:00.000Z | Major Disaster | New York | Flood | 1993-07-21T00:00:00.000Z | 2001-09-09T00:00:00.000Z | 2001-09-09T00:00:00.000Z | 0170000000000Z | 2. |

Fig 1.2 Drop unnecessary columns

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# check datatype
df["disasterNumber"] = df["disasterNumber"].astype(int)
date_cols = ["declarationDate","IncidentBeginDate", "incidentEndDate", "entryDate","closeoutDate","updateDate"]
for col in date_cols:
    df[col] = pd.to_datetime(df[col], errors="coerce")

[11] ✓ 0.1s Python

flag_cols = ["iaProgramDeclared","ihProgramDeclared","paProgramDeclared","hmProgramDeclared"]
for col in flag_cols:
    df[col] = df[col].astype(bool)
df.head()

[12] ✓ 0.0s Python

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| stateName | incidentType | entryDate | updateDate | closeoutDate | region | ihProgramDeclared | iaProgramDeclared | paProgramDeclared | hmProgramDeclared | designatedIncidentTypes | declarationRequestDate |
|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Oregon | Fire | 2018-06-22 | 2025-03-13 | 2025-03-13 | 10 | False | False | True | True | NaN | 2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z |
| South Carolina | Fire | 2025-03-10 | 2025-03-10 | NaT | 4 | False | False | True | True | R | 2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z |
| Alaska | Severe Storm | 2025-01-16 | 2025-01-16 | NaT | 10 | False | False | True | True | 5,W | 2024-12-16T00:00:00.000Z |
| California | Fire | 2025-01-09 | 2025-02-18 | NaT | 9 | True | False | True | True | 2,R | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z |
| California | Fire | 2025-01-08 | 2025-01-08 | NaT | 9 | False | False | True | True | R | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z |

Fig 1.3 Check the datatype of every column and convert flag columns to boolean

```

# from closeOutDate
df["status"] = df["closeoutDate"].apply( lambda x: "Closed" if pd.notnull(x) else "Open" )
df.head()

[13] ✓ 0.0s Python

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| ne | incidentType | entryDate | updateDate | closeoutDate | region | ihProgramDeclared | iaProgramDeclared | paProgramDeclared | hmProgramDeclared | designatedIncidentTypes | declarationRequestDate | status |
|---------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| on | Fire | 2018-06-22 | 2025-03-13 | 2025-03-13 | 10 | False | False | True | True | NaN | 2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z | Closed |
| ith ina | Fire | 2025-03-10 | 2025-03-10 | NaT | 4 | False | False | True | True | R | 2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z | Open |
| ika | Severe Storm | 2025-01-16 | 2025-01-16 | NaT | 10 | False | False | True | True | 5,W | 2024-12-16T00:00:00.000Z | Open |
| nia | Fire | 2025-01-09 | 2025-02-18 | NaT | 9 | True | False | True | True | 2,R | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | Open |
| nia | Fire | 2025-01-08 | 2025-01-08 | NaT | 9 | False | False | True | True | R | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | Open |

Fig 1.4 Create a derived column ‘status’ from closeOutDate column

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# fiscal year
df["fyDeclared"] = df["declarationDate"].apply( lambda x: x.year+1 if x.month > 9 else x.year )
df.head()

[14] ✓ 0.0s Python

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| Type | entryDate | updateDate | closeoutDate | region | ihProgramDeclared | iaProgramDeclared | paProgramDeclared | hmProgramDeclared | designatedIncidentTypes | declarationRequestDate | status | fyDeclared |
|------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------|------------|
| Fire | 2018-06-22 | 2025-03-13 | 2025-03-13 | 10 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | NaN | 2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z | Closed | 2018 |
| Fire | 2025-03-10 | 2025-03-10 | NaT | 4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | R | 2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z | Open | 2025 |
| torm | 2025-01-16 | 2025-01-16 | NaT | 10 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 5,W | 2024-12-16T00:00:00.000Z | Open | 2025 |
| Fire | 2025-01-09 | 2025-02-18 | NaT | 9 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2,R | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | Open | 2025 |
| Fire | 2025-01-08 | 2025-01-08 | NaT | 9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | R | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | Open | 2025 |

Fig 1.5 Create a derived column ‘fyDeclared’ from declarationDate column

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```
df["incidentDuration"] = ( df["incidentEndDate"] - df["incidentBeginDate"] ).dt.days
df.head()
```

Python

| | entryDate | updateDate | ... | region | ihProgramDeclared | isProgramDeclared | paProgramDeclared | hmProgramDeclared | designatedIncidentTypes | declarationRequestDate | status | fyDeclared | incidentDuration |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------|------------|------------------|
| 2018-06-22 00:00:00+00:00 | 2025-03-13 00:00:00+00:00 | -- | 10 | False | False | True | True | NaN | 2018-06-21T00:00:00.000Z | Closed | 2018 | 4.0 | |
| 2025-03-10 00:00:00+00:00 | 2025-03-10 00:00:00+00:00 | -- | 4 | False | False | True | True | R | 2025-03-07T00:00:00.000Z | Open | 2025 | NaN | |
| 2025-01-16 00:00:00+00:00 | 2025-01-16 00:00:00+00:00 | -- | 10 | False | False | True | True | 5,W | 2024-12-16T00:00:00.000Z | Open | 2025 | 3.0 | |
| 2025-01-09 00:00:00+00:00 | 2025-02-18 00:00:00+00:00 | -- | 9 | True | False | True | True | Z,R | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | Open | 2025 | 24.0 | |
| 2025-01-08 00:00:00+00:00 | 2025-01-08 00:00:00+00:00 | -- | 9 | False | False | True | True | R | 2025-01-08T00:00:00.000Z | Open | 2025 | NaN | |

Fig 1.6 Create a derived column ‘incidentDuration’

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```
df = df.drop_duplicates()
✓ 0s
```

Python

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```
df.to_csv("femaDisasterCleaned.csv", index=False)
✓ 0.1s
```

Python

Fig 1.7 Save the cleaned .csv file