Efficient Python Tricks and Tools for Data Scientists

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Create a New DataFrame Using Existing DataFrame

This section covers some pandas methods to use an existing DataFrame to create a new DataFrame with different functionalities.

pandas.DataFrame.agg: Aggregate over Columns or Rows Using Multiple Operations

If you want to aggregate over columns or rows using one or more operations, try pd.DataFrame.agg.

```
from collections import Counter
import pandas as pd

def count_two(nums: list):
    return Counter(nums)[2]

df = pd.DataFrame({"coll": [1, 3, 5], "col2":
[2, 4, 6]})
df.agg(["sum", count_two])
```

	coll	col2
sum	9	12
count_two	0	1

pandas.DataFrame.agg: Apply Different Aggregations to Different Columns

If you want to apply different aggregations to different columns, insert a dictionary of column and aggregation methods to the pd.DataFrame.agg method.

```
import pandas as pd

df = pd.DataFrame({"a": [1, 2, 3, 4], "b": [2, 3, 4, 5]})

df.agg({"a": ["sum", "mean"], "b": ["min", "max"]})
```

	a	b
sum	10.0	NaN
mean	2.5	NaN
min	NaN	2.0
max	NaN	5.0

Assign Name to a Pandas Aggregation

By default, aggregating a column returns the name of that column.

```
import pandas as pd

df = pd.DataFrame({"size": ["S", "S", "M",
"L"], "price": [2, 3, 4, 5]})

print(df.groupby('size').agg({'price': 'mean'}))
```

```
price
size
L 5.0
M 4.0
S 2.5
```

If you want to assign a new name to an aggregation, add name = (column, agg_method) to agg.

```
df.groupby('size').agg(mean_price=('price',
'mean'))
```

	mean_price
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size	mean_price
size	
L	5.0
M	4.0
S	2.5

pandas.pivot_table: Turn Your DataFrame Into a Pivot Table

A pivot table is useful to summarize and analyze the patterns in your data. If you want to turn your DataFrame into a pivot table, use pandas.pivot_table.

	item	size	location	price
0	apple	small	Walmart	3.0

	item	size	location	price
1	apple	small	Aldi	2.0
2	apple	large	Walmart	4.0
3	apple	large	Aldi	3.0
4	apple	large	Aldi	2.5

```
pivot = pd.pivot_table(
    df, values="price", index=["item",
"size"], columns=["location"], aggfunc="mean")
pivot
```

	location	Aldi	Walmart
item	size		
apple	large	2.75	4.0
	small	2.00	3.0

DataFrame.groupby.sample: Get a Random Sample of Items from Each Category in a Column

If you want to get a random sample of items from each category in a column, use pandas.DataFrame.groupby.sample.This method is useful when you want to get a subset of a DataFrame while keeping all categories in a column.

```
import pandas as pd

df = pd.DataFrame({"col1": ["a", "a", "b",
   "c", "c", "d"], "col2": [4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]})

df.groupby("col1").sample(n=1)
```

	col1	col2
0	a	4
2	b	6
4	С	8
5	d	9

To get 2 items from each category, use n=2.

	col1	col2
0	a	4
1	a	5
4	b	8
2	b	6
5	С	9
6	С	10
8	d	12
7	d	11

pandas.melt: Unpivot a DataFrame

If you want to unpivot a DataFrame from wide to long format, use pandas.melt.

For example, you can use pandas.melt to turn multiple columns (Aldi, Walmart, Costco) into values of one column (store).

	fruit	Aldi	Walmart	Costco
0	apple	1	3	5
1	orange	2	4	6

```
df.melt(id_vars=["fruit"], value_vars=["Aldi",
"Walmart", "Costco"], var_name='store')
```

	fruit	store	value
0	apple	Aldi	1
1	orange	Aldi	2
2	apple	Walmart	3
3	orange	Walmart	4
4	apple	Costco	5
5	orange	Costco	6

pandas.crosstab: Create a Cross Tabulation

Cross tabulation allows you to analyze the relationship between multiple variables. To turn a pandas DataFrame into a cross tabulation, use pandas.crosstab.

```
import pandas as pd
network = [
    ("Ben", "Khuyen"),
    ("Ben", "Josh"),
    ("Lauren", "Thinh"),
    ("Lauren", "Khuyen"),
    ("Khuyen", "Josh"),
1
# Create a dataframe of the network
friends1 = pd.DataFrame(network, columns=
["person1", "person2"])
# Reverse the order of the columns
friends2 = pd.DataFrame(network, columns=
["person2", "person1"])
# Create a symmetric dataframe
```

```
friends = pd.concat([friends1, friends2])

# Create a cross tabulation
print(pd.crosstab(friends.person1,
friends.person2))
```

person2	Ben	Josh	Khuyen	Lauren	Thinh
person1 Ben	Θ	1	1	Θ	0
Josh	1	0	1	0	0
Khuyen	1	1	0	1	0
Lauren	0	0	1	0	1
Thinh	0	0	0	1	0