

How can I add or subtract days from a date in Pandas?

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Adding or subtracting days from a date in Pandas is a simple task that can be accomplished using the built-in datetime functions. To add days to a date, the `timedelta` function can be used to specify the number of days to be added. Similarly, to subtract days from a date, the `timedelta` function can be used with a negative value to indicate the number of days to be subtracted. Additionally, the date offset functions in Pandas, such as the `DateOffset` or `BDay`, can also be used to add or subtract specific business days or time intervals from a date. These functions make it easy to manipulate dates in a Pandas dataframe, providing flexibility and convenience for data analysis and manipulation tasks.

Add and Subtract Days from a Date in Pandas

You can use the following methods to add and subtract days from a date in pandas:

Method 1: Add Days to Date

```
df + pd.Timedelta(days=5)
```

Method 2: Subtract Days from Date

```
df - pd.Timedelta(days=5)
```

The following examples show how to use each method in practice with the following pandas DataFrame:

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
#create DataFrame
```

```
df = pd.DataFrame({'date': ,
```

```
'sales': })
```

```
#convert date column to datetime
```

```
df = pd.to_datetime(df)
```

```
#view DataFrame
```

```
print(df)
```

```
date sales
```

```
0 2022-10-01 450
```

```
1 2022-10-23 567
```

```
2 2022-10-30 612
```

```
3 2022-11-05 701
```

Example 1: Add Days to Date in Pandas

The following code shows how to create a new column that adds five days to the value in the date column:

```
#create new column that adds 5 days to value in date column
```

```
df = df + pd.Timedelta(days=5)
```

```
#view updated DataFrame
```

```
print(df)
```

```
date sales date_plus_five
0 2022-10-01 450 2022-10-06
1 2022-10-23 567 2022-10-28
2 2022-10-30 612 2022-11-04
3 2022-11-05 701 2022-11-10
```

The new column `date_plus_five` represents the values in the `date` column with five days added to each value.

We can also use the `dtypes` function to confirm that the new column is indeed a datetime column:

```
#check data type of each column
df.dtypes
```

```
date datetime64
sales int64
date_plus_five datetime64
dtype: object
```

Both the `date` and `date_plus_five` columns are recognized as datetime formats.

Example 2: Subtract Days from Date in Pandas

The following code shows how to create a new column that subtracts five days from the value in the date column:

```
#create new column that subtracts five days from date  
df = df - pd.Timedelta(days=5)
```

```
#view updated DataFrame  
print(df)
```

```
date sales date_minus_five  
0 2022-10-01 450 2022-09-26  
1 2022-10-23 567 2022-10-18  
2 2022-10-30 612 2022-10-25  
3 2022-11-05 701 2022-10-31
```

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common operations in pandas: