

How can I check if a row in one DataFrame exists in another DataFrame using Pandas?

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One way to check if a row in one DataFrame exists in another DataFrame using Pandas is by using the "isin()" function. This function can be applied to a specific column in the first DataFrame and compared to the corresponding column in the second DataFrame. If there is a match, the function will return a boolean value for each row, indicating whether or not it exists in the second DataFrame. This allows for easy and efficient identification of common rows between the two DataFrames. Additionally, the "merge()" function can also be used to merge the two DataFrames based on a specific column, which will result in a new DataFrame containing only the common rows between the original DataFrames.

Pandas: Check if Row in One DataFrame Exists in Another

You can use the following syntax to add a new column to a pandas DataFrame that shows if each row exists in another DataFrame:

```
#merge two DataFrames on specific columns
```

```
all_df = pd.merge(df1, df2, on=, how='left',  
indicator='exists')
```

```
#drop unwanted columns
```

```
all_df = all_df.drop('column3', axis=1)
```

```
#add column that shows if each row in one DataFrame  
exists in another
```

```
all_df = np.where(all_df.exists == 'both', True, False)
```

The following example shows how to use this syntax in

practice.

Example: Check if Row in One Pandas DataFrame Exist in Another

Suppose we have the following two pandas DataFrames:

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
#create first DataFrame
```

```
df1 = pd.DataFrame({'team' : ,  
'points' : })
```

```
print(df1)
```

```
team points
```

```
0 A 12
```

```
1 B 15
```

```
2 C 22
```

```
3 D 29
```

```
4 E 24
```

```
#create second DataFrame
```

```
df2 = pd.DataFrame({'team' : ,  
'points' : ,  
'assists' : })
```

```
print(df2)
```

```
team points assists
```

```
0 A 12 4
```

```
1 D 29 7
```

```
2 F 15 7
```

```
3 G 19 10
```

```
4 H 10 12
```

We can use the following syntax to add a column called `exists` to the first DataFrame that shows if each value in the `team` and `points` column of each row exists in the second DataFrame:

```
import numpy as np
```

```
#merge two dataFrames and add indicator column
```

```
all_df = pd.merge(df1, df2, on=[, ], how='left',  
indicator='exists')
```

```
#drop assists columns
```

```
all_df = all_df.drop('assists', axis=1)
```

```
#add column to show if each row in first DataFrame  
exists in second
```

```
all_df = np.where(all_df.exists == 'both', True, False)
```

```
#view updated DataFrame
```

```
print (all_df)
```

```
team points exists
```

```
0 A 12 True
```

```
1 B 15 False
```

```
2 C 22 False
```

```
3 D 29 True
```

```
4 E 24 False
```

The new exists column shows if each value in the team and points column of each row exists in the second DataFrame.

From the output we can see:

A Team value of A and points value of 12 does exist in the second DataFrame. A Team value of B and points value of 15 does not exist in the second DataFrame. A Team value of C and points value of 22 does not exist in the second DataFrame. A Team value of D and points value of 29 does exist in the second DataFrame. A Team value of E and points value of 24 does not exist in the

second DataFrame.

Also note that you can specify values other than True and False in the exists column by changing the values in the NumPy where() function.

For example, you could instead use 'exists' and 'not exists' as follows:

```
#add column to show if each row in first DataFrame  
exists in second  
all_df = np.where(all_df.exists == 'both', 'exists', 'not  
exists')#view updated DataFrame  
print (all_df)
```

```
team points exists  
0 A 12 exists  
1 B 15 not exists  
2 C 22 not exists  
3 D 29 exists  
4 E 24 not exists
```

Notice that the values in the exists column have been changed.

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

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