

How can I fill NaN values in a Pandas dataframe with the median value?

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The process of filling NaN (Not a Number) values in a Pandas dataframe with the median value involves replacing any missing data with the middle value of a dataset. This can be accomplished by first identifying the median value of the desired column or columns in the dataframe, and then using the Pandas `fillna()` function to replace any NaN values with the calculated median. This method ensures that the missing values are replaced with a representative value, rather than simply being dropped from the dataset. By utilizing this technique, the resulting dataframe will have a more complete and accurate representation of the data.

Pandas: Fill NaN Values with Median (3 Examples)

You can use the `fillna()` function to replace NaN values in a pandas DataFrame.

Here are three common ways to use this function:

Method 1: Fill NaN Values in One Column with Median

```
df = df.fillna(df.median())
```

Method 2: Fill NaN Values in Multiple Columns with Median

```
df[ ] = df[ ].fillna(df[ ].median())
```

Method 3: Fill NaN Values in All Columns with Median

```
df = df.fillna(df.median())
```

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

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
```

```
#create DataFrame with some NaN values
```

```
df = pd.DataFrame({'rating': ,
'points': ,
'assists': ,
'rebounds': })
```

```
#view DataFrame
```

```
df
```

```
rating points assists rebounds
```

```
0 NaN 25.0 5.0 11
```

```
1 85.0 NaN 7.0 8
```

```
2 NaN 14.0 7.0 10
```

```
3 88.0 16.0 NaN 6
```

```
4 94.0 27.0 5.0 6
```

```
5 90.0 20.0 7.0 9
```

```
6 76.0 12.0 6.0 6
```

```
7 75.0 15.0 9.0 10
```

```
8 87.0 14.0 9.0 10
```

9 86.0 19.0 5.0 7

Example 1: Fill NaN Values in One Column with Median

The following code shows how to fill the NaN values in the rating column with the median value of the rating column:

```
#fill NaNs with column median in 'rating' column  
df = df.fillna(df.median())
```

```
#view updated DataFrame
```

```
df
```

```
rating points assists rebounds
```

```
0 86.5 25.0 5.0 11
```

```
1 85.0 NaN 7.0 8
```

```
2 86.5 14.0 7.0 10
```

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3 88.0 16.0 NaN 6
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8 87.0 14.0 9.0 10
```

```
9 86.0 19.0 5.0 7
```

The median value in the rating column was 86.5 so each of the NaN values in the rating column were filled with this value.

Example 2: Fill NaN Values in Multiple Columns with Median

The following code shows how to fill the NaN values in both the rating and points columns with their respective column medians:

```
#fill NaNs with column medians in 'rating' and 'points' columns  
df] = df].fillna(df].median())
```

```
#view updated DataFrame  
df
```

```
rating points assists rebounds
```

```
0 86.5 25.0 5.0 11
```

```
1 85.0 16.0 7.0 8
```

```
2 86.5 14.0 7.0 10
```

```
3 88.0 16.0 NaN 6
```

```
4 94.0 27.0 5.0 6
```

```
5 90.0 20.0 7.0 9
```

```
6 76.0 12.0 6.0 6
```

```
7 75.0 15.0 9.0 10
```

```
8 87.0 14.0 9.0 10
9 86.0 19.0 5.0 7
```

Example 3: Fill NaN Values in All Columns with Median

The following code shows how to fill the NaN values in each column with their column median:

```
#fill NaNs with column medians in each column
df = df.fillna(df.median())
```

```
#view updated DataFrame
```

```
df
```

```
rating points assists rebounds
```

```
0 86.5 25.0 5.0 11
1 85.0 16.0 7.0 8
2 86.5 14.0 7.0 10
3 88.0 16.0 7.0 6
4 94.0 27.0 5.0 6
5 90.0 20.0 7.0 9
6 76.0 12.0 6.0 6
7 75.0 15.0 9.0 10
8 87.0 14.0 9.0 10
9 86.0 19.0 5.0 7
```

Notice that the NaN values in each column were filled with their column median.

You can find the complete online documentation for the `fillna()` function .

Additional Resources

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

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