

How can I find the maximum value of each column in a Pandas dataframe?

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To find the maximum value of each column in a Pandas dataframe, one can use the "max()" function which returns the highest value in a specified column. This function can be applied to each column in the dataframe using a for loop or by using the "apply()" function. This approach allows one to efficiently retrieve the maximum value of each column in the dataframe. Additionally, the "describe()" function can also be used to get a summary of the numerical columns in the dataframe, including the maximum value of each column. This method is useful for data analysis and decision making in various fields such as finance, marketing, and research.

Find the Max Value of Columns in Pandas

Often you may be interested in finding the max value of one or more columns in a pandas DataFrame. Fortunately you can do this easily in pandas using the function.

This tutorial shows several examples of how to use this function.

Example 1: Find the Max Value of a Single Column

Suppose we have the following pandas DataFrame:

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

#create DataFrame
df = pd.DataFrame({'player': ,
'points': ,
'assists': ,
```

```
'rebounds': })
```

```
#view DataFrame
```

```
df
```

```
player points assists rebounds
```

```
0 A 25 5 NaN
```

```
1 B 20 7 8.0
```

```
2 C 14 7 10.0
```

```
3 D 16 8 6.0
```

```
4 E 27 5 6.0
```

```
5 F 20 7 9.0
```

```
6 G 12 6 6.0
```

```
7 H 15 9 10.0
```

```
8 I 14 9 10.0
```

```
9 J 19 5 7.0
```

We can find the max value of the column titled "points" by using the following syntax:

```
df.max()
```

```
27
```

The max() function will also exclude NA's by default.

For example, if we find the max of the "rebounds" column, the first value of "NaN" will simply be excluded from the calculation:

```
df.max()
```

```
10.0
```

The max of a string column is defined as the highest letter in the alphabet:

```
df.max()
```

```
'J'
```

Example 2: Find the Max of Multiple Columns

We can find the max of multiple columns by using the following syntax:

```
#find max of points and rebounds columns
```

```
df].max()
```

```
rebounds 10.0
```

```
points 27.0
```

```
dtype: float64
```

Example 3: Find the Max of All Columns

We can find also find the max of all numeric columns by using the following syntax:

```
#find max of all numeric columns in DataFrame  
df.max()
```

```
player J  
points 27  
assists 9  
rebounds 10  
dtype: object
```

Example 4: Find Row that Corresponds to Max

We can find also return the entire row that corresponds to the max value in a certain column. For example, the following syntax returns the entire row that corresponds to the player with the max points:

```
#return entire row of player with the max points  
df[df.points==df.max()[0]]
```

```
player points assists rebounds  
4 E 27 5 6.0
```

If multiple rows have the same max value, each row will be returned. For example, suppose player D also scored 27 points:

```
#return entire row of players with the max points  
df==df.max()]
```

```
player points assists rebounds
```

```
3 D 27 8 6.0
```

```
4 E 27 5 6.0
```

You can find the complete documentation for the max() function .