

How can I perform a GroupBy Sum in Pandas and what are some examples of its usage?

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Pandas is a popular library in Python used for data manipulation and analysis. One of its useful functions is the GroupBy Sum, which allows users to group data by a specific column and perform a sum calculation on the grouped values. This function is commonly used for summarizing data and finding patterns or trends within a dataset.

To perform a GroupBy Sum in Pandas, the user first needs to import the library and load the data into a DataFrame. Then, the user can use the "groupby" function to group the data by a specific column. This will create a GroupBy object, on which the user can apply a function, in this case, the "sum" function.

For example, if we have a dataset of sales data with columns for product category and sales amount, we can use the GroupBy Sum function to calculate the total sales amount for each product category. This can help us understand which product categories are the most profitable and identify any patterns or trends in sales.

Another example could be using the GroupBy Sum function on a dataset of employee salaries, grouped by department, to calculate the total salary expenditure for each department. This can help organizations analyze their budget and make informed decisions about resource allocation.

In summary, the GroupBy Sum function in Pandas is a powerful tool for summarizing and analyzing data. Its usage can range from basic data aggregation to more complex analysis, making it a valuable function for data analysts and scientists.

Perform a GroupBy Sum in Pandas (With Examples)

You can use the following basic syntax to find the sum of values by group in pandas:

```
df.groupby().sum().reset_index()
```

The following examples show how to use this syntax in practice with the following pandas DataFrame:

```
import pandas as pd
```

#create DataFrame

```
df = pd.DataFrame({'team': ,  
'position': ,  
'points': ,  
'rebounds': })
```

#view DataFrame

```
df
```

```
team position points rebounds
```

```
0 A G 25 11
```

```
1 A G 17 8
```

```
2 A F 14 10
```

```
3 A C 9 6
```

```
4 B G 12 6
```

```
5 B F 9 5
```

```
6 B F 6 9
```

```
7 B C 4 12
```

Example 1: Group by One Column, Sum One Column

The following code shows how to group by one column and sum the values in one column:

```
#group by team and sum the points
```

```
df.groupby().sum().reset_index()
```

```
team points
```

```
0 A 65
```

```
1 B 31
```

From the output we can see that:

The players on team A scored a sum of 65 points. The players on team B scored a sum of 31 points.

Example 2: Group by Multiple Columns, Sum Multiple Columns

The following code shows how to group by multiple columns and sum multiple columns:

```
#group by team and position, sum points and rebounds  
df.groupby().sum().reset_index()
```

```
team position points rebounds
```

```
0 A C 9 6
```

```
1 A F 14 10
```

```
2 A G 42 19
```

```
3 B C 4 12
```

```
4 B F 15 14
```

```
5 B G 12 6
```

From the output we can see that:

The players on team A in the 'C' position scored a sum of 9 points and 6 rebounds. The players on team A in the 'F' position scored a sum of 14 points and 10 rebounds. The players on team A in the 'G' position scored a sum of 42 points and 19 rebounds.

And so on.

Note that the `reset_index()` function prevents the grouping columns from becoming part of the index.

For example, here's what the output looks like if we don't use it:

```
#group by team and position, sum points and rebounds  
df.groupby().sum()
```

```
points rebounds
```

```
team position
```

```
A C 9 6
```

```
F 14 10
```

```
G 42 19
```

```
B C 4 12
```

```
F 15 14
```

G 12 6

Depending on how you'd like the results to appear, you may or may not choose to use the `reset_index()` function.

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

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