

# How can I use the groupby() function in Pandas to calculate the size of each group?

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The `groupby()` function in Pandas allows for the grouping of data based on a specific column or set of columns. This function can be used to efficiently calculate the size of each group within a dataset. By using the `groupby()` function, the data can be organized into groups, and then the size of each group can be easily determined using the `size()` method. This allows for quick and accurate analysis of group sizes within a dataset, providing valuable insights into the underlying data. Overall, the `groupby()` function in Pandas is an essential tool for analyzing and understanding group sizes within a dataset.

## **Pandas: Use `groupby()` with `size()`**

**You can use the following methods with the `groupby()` and `size()` functions in pandas to count the number of occurrences by group:**

### **Method 1: Count Occurrences Grouped by One Variable**

```
df.groupby('var1').size()
```

### **Method 2: Count Occurrences Grouped by Multiple Variables**

```
df.groupby().size()
```

### **Method 3: Count Occurrences Grouped by Multiple Variables and Sort by Count**

```
df.groupby().size().sort_values(ascending=False)
```

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({'team': ,  
'position': ,  
'points': })
```

```
#view DataFrame
```

```
print(df)
```

```
team position points
```

```
0 A G 15
```

```
1 A G 22
```

```
2 A F 24
```

```
3 A F 25
```

```
4 A F 20
```

```
5 B G 35
```

```
6 B G 34
```

```
7 B G 19
```

```
8 B G 14
```

```
9 B F 12
```

## Example 1: Count Occurrences Grouped by One Variable

The following code shows how to use the groupby() and size() functions to count the occurrences of values in the team column:

```
#count occurrences of each value in team column  
df.groupby('team').size()
```

```
team
```

```
A 5
```

```
B 5
```

```
dtype: int64
```

From the output we can see that the values A and B both occur 5 times in the team column.

## Example 2: Count Occurrences Grouped by Multiple Variables

The following code shows how to use the groupby() and size() functions to count the occurrences of values for each combination of values in the team and position columns:

```
#count occurrences of values for each combination of  
team and position
```

```
df.groupby().size()
```

```
team position
```

```
A F 3
```

```
G 2
```

```
B F 1
```

```
G 4
```

```
dtype: int64
```

**From the output we can see:**

**Team A and position F occurs 3 times. Team A and position G occurs 2 times.**

**And so on.**

**Example 3: Count Occurrences Grouped by Multiple Variables and Sort**

**The following code shows how to use the `groupby()` and `size()` functions to count the occurrences of values for each combination of values in the team and position columns, then sort by count:**

**#count occurrences for each combination of team and position and sort**

```
df.groupby().size().sort_values(ascending=False)
```

```
team position
```

```
B G 4
```

```
A F 3
```

```
G 2
```

```
B F 1
```

```
dtype: int64
```

The output shows the count of each combination of team and position values, sorted by count in descending order.

**Note:** To sort by count in ascending order, simply remove `ascending=False` in the `sort_values()` function.

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