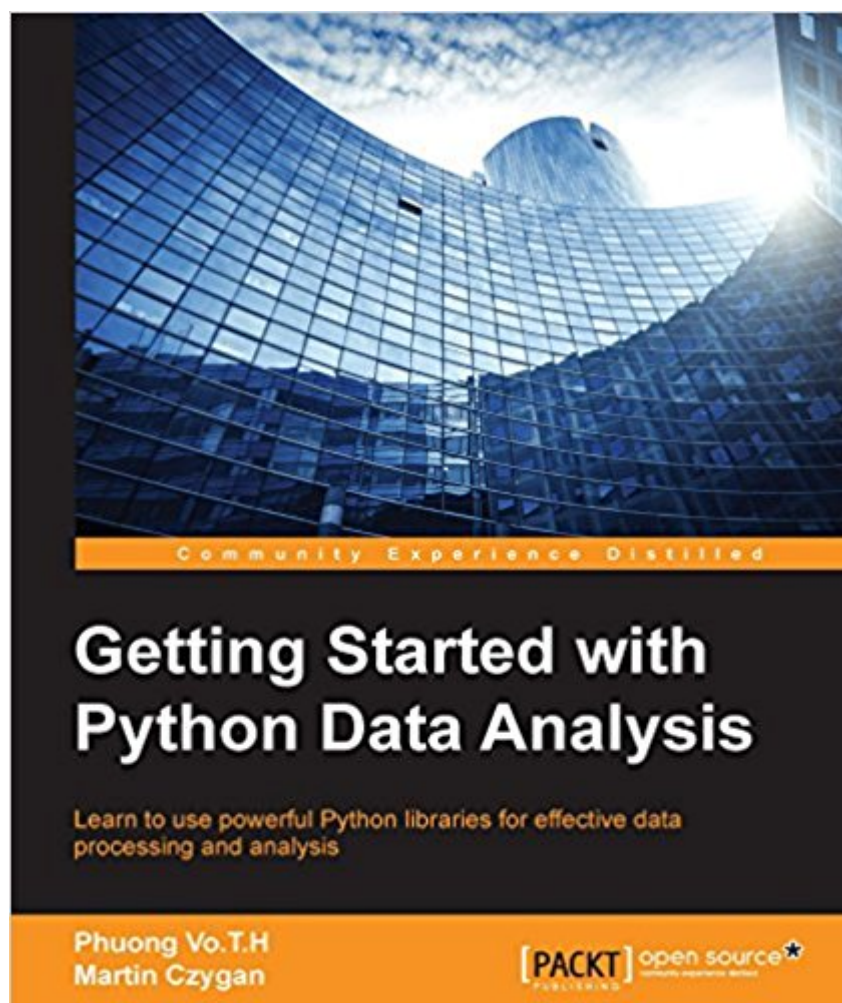


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Getting Started With Python Data Analysis



Synopsis

Learn to use powerful Python libraries for effective data processing and analysis

About This Book

Learn the basic processing steps in data analysis and how to use Python in this area through supported packages, especially Numpy, Pandas, and Matplotlib

Create, manipulate, and analyze your data to extract useful information to optimize your system

A hands-on guide to help you learn data analysis using Python

Who This Book Is For

If you are a Python developer who wants to get started with data analysis and you need a quick introductory guide to the python data analysis libraries, then this book is for you.

What You Will Learn

Understand the importance of data analysis and get familiar with its processing steps

Get acquainted with Numpy to use with arrays and array-oriented computing in data analysis

Create effective visualizations to present your data using Matplotlib

Process and analyze data using the time series capabilities of Pandas

Interact with different kind of database systems, such as file, disk format, Mongo, and Redis

Apply the supported Python package to data analysis applications through examples

Explore predictive analytics and machine learning algorithms using Scikit-learn, a Python library

In Detail

Data analysis is the process of applying logical and analytical reasoning to study each component of data. Python is a multi-domain, high-level, programming language. It's often used as a scripting language because of its forgiving syntax and operability with a wide variety of different eco-systems. Python has powerful standard libraries or toolkits such as Pylearn2 and Hebel, which offers a fast, reliable, cross-platform environment for data analysis. With this book, we will get you started with Python data analysis and show you what its advantages are. The book starts by introducing the principles of data analysis and supported libraries, along with NumPy basics for statistic and data processing. Next it provides an overview of the Pandas package and uses its powerful features to solve data processing problems. Moving on, the book takes you through a brief overview of the Matplotlib API and some common plotting functions for DataFrame such as plot. Next, it will teach you to manipulate the time and data structure, and load and store data in a file or database using Python packages. The book will also teach you how to apply powerful packages in Python to process raw data into pure and helpful data using examples. Finally, the book gives you a brief overview of machine learning algorithms, that is, applying data analysis results to make decisions or build helpful products, such as recommendations and predictions using scikit-learn.

Style and approach

This is an easy-to-follow, step-by-step guide to get you familiar with data analysis and the libraries supported by Python. Topics are explained with real-world examples wherever required.

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