SIT742 – MODERN DATA SCIENCE

END-TERM ASSIGNMENT – FULL REPORT (Q1.1 to Q2.3)

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**Code**

# --- Install & Import Dependencies ---  
# In Colab, PySpark is not pre-installed, so we install it  
!pip install pyspark wordcloud seaborn matplotlib --q

**Code**

# --- Import Libraries ---  
import pandas as pd  
import numpy as np  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
import seaborn as sns  
from wordcloud import WordCloud  
  
from pyspark.sql import SparkSession  
from pyspark.sql.functions import col, when, to\_date, from\_unixtime, hour, dayofweek, countDistinct, avg  
  
# --- Initialize Spark Session ---  
spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("BusinessReviewAnalysis").getOrCreate()

**Code**

# --- Upload & Extract Data (business\_review\_submission.zip) ---  
import zipfile  
import os  
  
zip\_path = "/content/business\_review\_submission.zip" # Path to zip file/content/business\_review\_submission.zip  
extract\_dir = "/content/review\_data"  
with zipfile.ZipFile(zip\_path, 'r') as zip\_ref:  
 zip\_ref.extractall(extract\_dir)  
  
# Check extracted files  
os.listdir(extract\_dir)

**Output**

['review.csv', 'meta-review-business.csv']

**Code**

# --- Load Review Data into Spark ---  
review\_df = spark.read.csv(f"{extract\_dir}/review.csv", header=True, inferSchema=True)  
  
# Preview schema and data  
review\_df.printSchema()  
review\_df.show(5)

**Output**

root  
 |-- user\_id: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- name: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- time: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- rating: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- text: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- pics: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- resp: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- gmap\_id: string (nullable = true)  
  
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| user\_id| name| time| rating| text|pics|resp| gmap\_id|  
+--------------------+--------------------+-------------+--------------------+--------------------+----+----+--------------------+  
|1.091298048426862...| Nicki Gore|1566331951619| 5|We always stay he...|NULL|NULL|0x56b646ed2220b77...|  
|1.132409264057589...| Allen Ratliff|1504917982385| 5|Great campground ...|NULL|NULL|0x56b646ed2220b77...|  
|1.130448378911412...| Jonathan Tringali|1474765901185| 4|We tent camped he...|NULL|NULL| NULL|  
|There is a bath h...| 2 restrooms (sin...| toilet| shower). The hot...| but they lack ve...|NULL|NULL| NULL|  
|Wi-Fi didn't reac...| NULL| NULL|0x56b646ed2220b77...| NULL|NULL|NULL| NULL|  
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only showing top 5 rows

**Code**

# --- Replace null text with 'no review' ---  
review\_df = review\_df.withColumn(  
 "text",  
 when(col("text").isNull(), "no review").otherwise(col("text"))  
)  
review\_df.select('text').show(10)

**Output**

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| text|  
+--------------------+  
|We always stay he...|  
|Great campground ...|  
|We tent camped he...|  
| but they lack ve...|  
| no review|  
|This place is jus...|  
|Probably the nice...|  
|Great, slept like...|  
|It is always a tr...|  
|Only 3 booths wit...|  
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only showing top 10 rows

**Code**

from pyspark.sql.functions import regexp\_extract  
  
# --- Keep only numeric values in 'time' ---  
# Extract only digits from time column (ignore text like 'toilet')  
review\_df = review\_df.withColumn("time\_clean", regexp\_extract(col("time"), "([0-9]+)", 1))  
  
# --- Convert to bigint (milliseconds) ---  
review\_df = review\_df.withColumn("time\_clean", col("time\_clean").cast("bigint"))  
  
# --- Convert ms → seconds ---  
review\_df = review\_df.withColumn("time\_sec", (col("time\_clean")/1000).cast("bigint"))  
  
# --- Create newtime column (yyyy-MM-dd) ---  
review\_df = review\_df.withColumn("newtime", to\_date(from\_unixtime(col("time\_sec"))))  
  
review\_df.select("time", "newtime").show(10, truncate=False)

**Output**

+-------------+----------+  
|time |newtime |  
+-------------+----------+  
|1566331951619|2019-08-20|  
|1504917982385|2017-09-09|  
|1474765901185|2016-09-25|  
| toilet |NULL |  
|NULL |NULL |  
|1472858535682|2016-09-02|  
|1529649811341|2018-06-22|  
|1466170294782|2016-06-17|  
|1625369270215|2021-07-04|  
|1629350418882|2021-08-19|  
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only showing top 10 rows

**Code**

# --- Count reviews per gmap\_id ---  
gmap\_reviews = review\_df.groupBy("gmap\_id").count().withColumnRenamed("count", "review\_count")  
  
# Cast to float  
gmap\_reviews = gmap\_reviews.withColumn("review\_count", col("review\_count").cast("float"))  
  
# Show top 5  
gmap\_reviews.show(5)

**Output**

+--------------------+------------+  
| gmap\_id|review\_count|  
+--------------------+------------+  
|0x56c8977642a793f...| 24.0|  
|0x56c79c63a5af15e...| 10.0|  
|0x56c8976e16705e6...| 49.0|  
|0x51325aac7a4434e...| 28.0|  
|0x56c6631e3219094...| 12.0|  
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only showing top 5 rows

**Code**

# --- Extract review hour ---  
review\_df = review\_df.withColumn("review\_time", hour(from\_unixtime(col("time\_sec"))))  
  
# Convert to Pandas for visualization  
df = review\_df.select("gmap\_id", "newtime", "review\_time").toPandas()  
  
# Show top 5  
df.head()

**Output**

gmap\_id newtime review\_time  
0 0x56b646ed2220b77f:0xd8975e316de80952 2019-08-20 20.0  
1 0x56b646ed2220b77f:0xd8975e316de80952 2017-09-09 0.0  
2 None 2016-09-25 1.0  
3 None None NaN  
4 None None NaN

**Code**

# Drop rows where review\_time is null  
df\_clean = df.dropna(subset=["review\_time"])  
  
# Define time-of-day bins  
df\_clean["time\_of\_day"] = pd.cut(  
 df\_clean["review\_time"],  
 bins=[-1, 11, 17, 23], # Morning=0–11, Afternoon=12–17, Evening/Night=18–23  
 labels=["Morning (0–11)", "Afternoon (12–17)", "Evening/Night (18–23)"]  
)

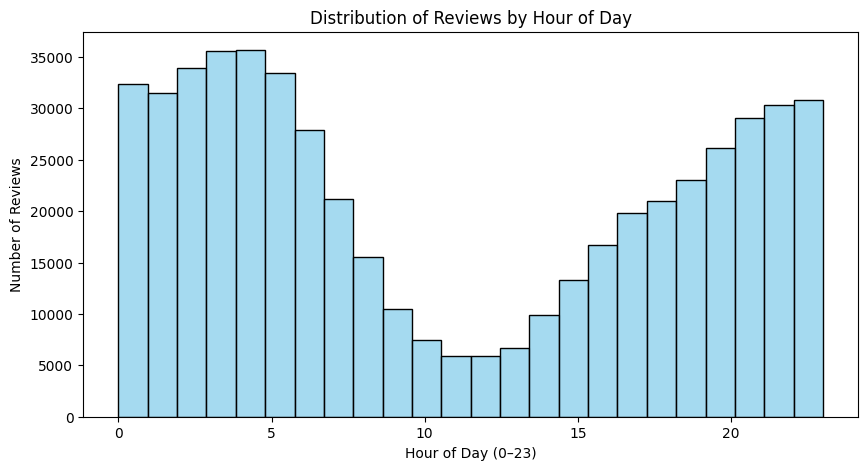
**Output**

/tmp/ipython-input-1924405808.py:5: SettingWithCopyWarning:   
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.  
Try using .loc[row\_indexer,col\_indexer] = value instead  
  
See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user\_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy  
 df\_clean["time\_of\_day"] = pd.cut(

**Code**

# --- Plot 1: Histogram of Reviews by Hour ---  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
sns.histplot(df\_clean["review\_time"], bins=24, color="skyblue")  
plt.title("Distribution of Reviews by Hour of Day")  
plt.xlabel("Hour of Day (0–23)")  
plt.ylabel("Number of Reviews")  
plt.show();

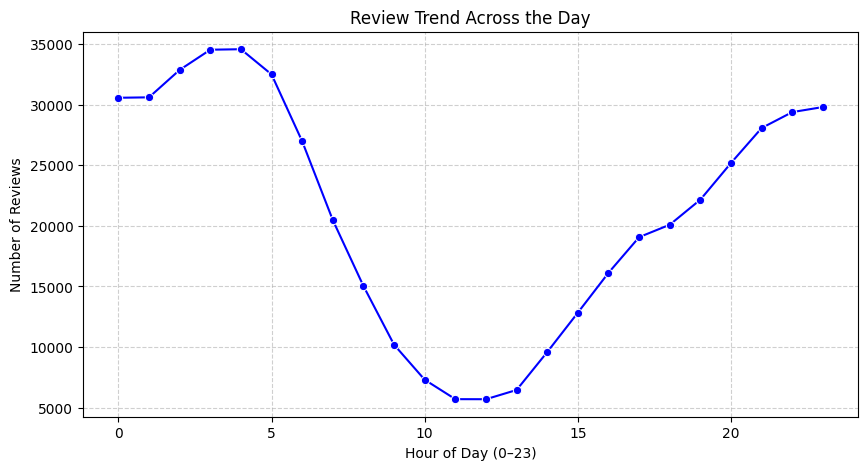
**Output**



**Code**

# --- Plot 2: Line Plot of Reviews per Hour ---  
reviews\_per\_hour = df\_clean.groupby("review\_time")["gmap\_id"].count().reset\_index(name="num\_reviews")  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
sns.lineplot(data=reviews\_per\_hour, x="review\_time", y="num\_reviews", marker="o", color="blue")  
plt.title("Review Trend Across the Day")  
plt.xlabel("Hour of Day (0–23)")  
plt.ylabel("Number of Reviews")  
plt.grid(True, linestyle="--", alpha=0.6)  
plt.show();

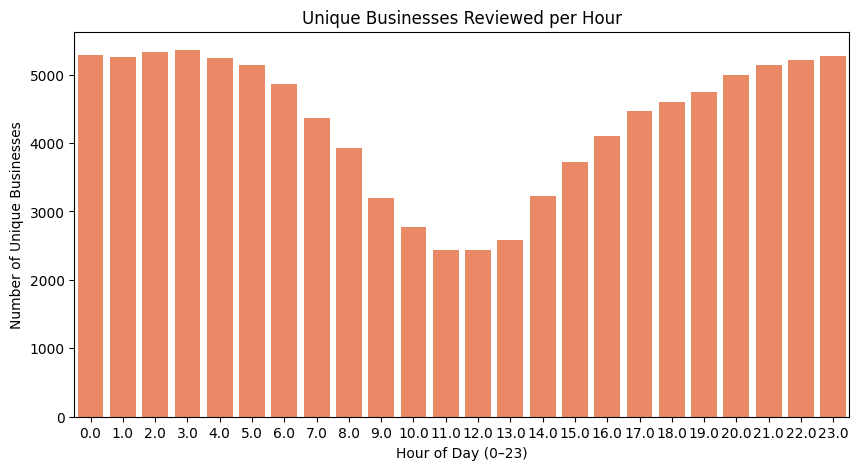
**Output**



**Code**

# --- Plot 3: Bar Plot of Unique Businesses Reviewed by Hour ---  
unique\_biz\_by\_hour = df\_clean.groupby("review\_time")["gmap\_id"].nunique().reset\_index(name="unique\_businesses")  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
sns.barplot(data=unique\_biz\_by\_hour, x="review\_time", y="unique\_businesses", color="coral")  
plt.title("Unique Businesses Reviewed per Hour")  
plt.xlabel("Hour of Day (0–23)")  
plt.ylabel("Number of Unique Businesses")  
plt.show();

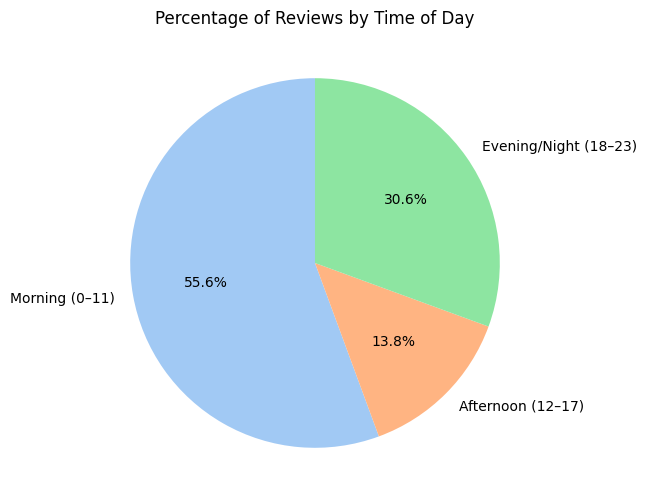
**Output**



**Code**

# --- Plot 4: Pie Chart of Reviews by Time of Day ---  
time\_summary = df\_clean.groupby("time\_of\_day",observed=True)["gmap\_id"].count().reset\_index(name="num\_reviews")  
plt.figure(figsize=(6,6))  
plt.pie(  
 time\_summary["num\_reviews"],  
 labels=time\_summary["time\_of\_day"],  
 autopct="%1.1f%%",  
 startangle=90,  
 colors=sns.color\_palette("pastel")  
)  
plt.title("Percentage of Reviews by Time of Day")  
plt.show();

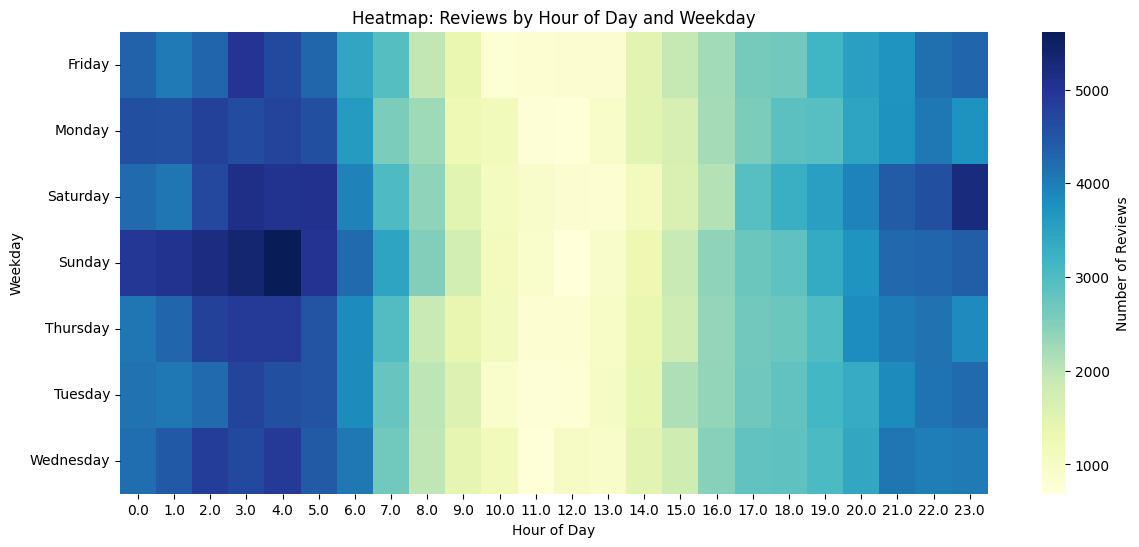
**Output**



**Code**

# --- Plot 5: Heatmap of reviews (Hour vs Day of Week) ---  
df["weekday"] = pd.to\_datetime(df["newtime"]).dt.day\_name()  
  
pivot\_table = df.pivot\_table(index="weekday", columns="review\_time", values="gmap\_id", aggfunc="count").fillna(0)  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(14,6))  
sns.heatmap(pivot\_table, cmap="YlGnBu", cbar\_kws={'label': 'Number of Reviews'})  
plt.title("Heatmap: Reviews by Hour of Day and Weekday")  
plt.xlabel("Hour of Day")  
plt.ylabel("Weekday")  
plt.show()

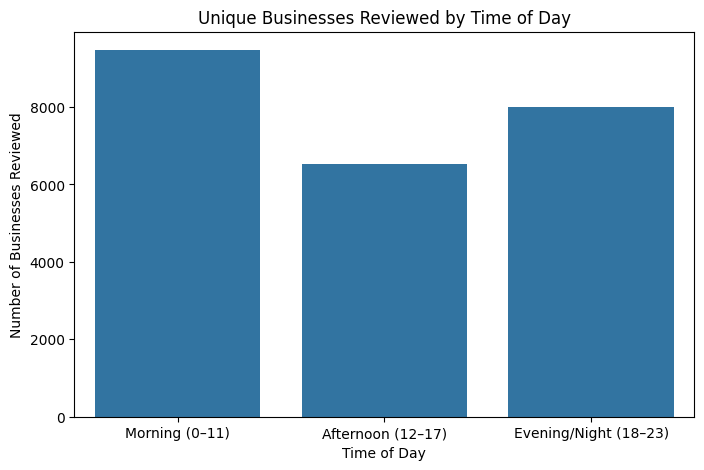
**Output**



**Code**

# --- Plot 6: Morning reviews (0–11 hrs) vs Afternoon/Evening/Night ---  
df["time\_of\_day"] = pd.cut(  
 df["review\_time"],  
 bins=[-1, 11, 17, 23], # morning=0-11, afternoon=12-17, evening/night=18-23  
 labels=["Morning (0–11)", "Afternoon (12–17)", "Evening/Night (18–23)"]  
)  
  
time\_summary = df.groupby("time\_of\_day",observed=True)["gmap\_id"].nunique().reset\_index(name="unique\_businesses")  
  
# Plot businesses reviewed by time of day  
plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))  
sns.barplot(data=time\_summary, x="time\_of\_day", y="unique\_businesses")  
plt.title("Unique Businesses Reviewed by Time of Day")  
plt.xlabel("Time of Day")  
plt.ylabel("Number of Businesses Reviewed")  
plt.show();  
  
# Print summary stats  
time\_summary

**Output**



time\_of\_day unique\_businesses  
0 Morning (0–11) 9472  
1 Afternoon (12–17) 6541  
2 Evening/Night (18–23) 8010

**Code**

# Load meta-business data  
meta\_df = spark.read.csv(f"{extract\_dir}/meta-review-business.csv", header=True, inferSchema=True)  
  
# Preview schema  
meta\_df.printSchema()  
meta\_df.show(5)

**Output**

root  
 |-- name: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- address: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- gmap\_id: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- description: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- latitude: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- longitude: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- category: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- avg\_rating: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- num\_of\_reviews: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- price: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- hours: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- MISC: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- state: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- relative\_results: string (nullable = true)  
 |-- url: string (nullable = true)  
  
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| name| address| gmap\_id|description| latitude| longitude| category|avg\_rating|num\_of\_reviews|price| hours| MISC| state| relative\_results| url|  
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|Bear Creek Cabins...|Bear Creek Cabins...|0x56b646ed2220b77...| NULL| 61.1006437|-146.21455179999998|['RV park', 'Cabi...| 4.5| 18| NULL| NULL| NULL| NULL|['0x56b6445fd9f9e...|https://www.googl...|  
| Anchorage Market|Anchorage Market,...|0x56c8992b5dee722...| NULL| 61.1414349| -149.8684816|"[""Farmers' mark...| 4.2| 18| NULL|[['Thursday', 'Cl...|{'Service options...|Closed ⋅ Opens 10...| NULL|https://www.googl...|  
| Happy Camper RV|Happy Camper RV, ...|0x56c8e0455225be8...| NULL|61.591855499999994| -149.2906566| ['RV repair shop']| 4.4| 28| NULL| NULL|{'Accessibility':...| NULL|['0x56c8e104d9929...|https://www.googl...|  
| Cajun Corner|Cajun Corner, 302...|0x56c8bdb5d91017c...| NULL|61.219378299999995| -149.8958522|['American restau...| 4.5| 24| NULL|[['Wednesday', '1...|{'Service options...|Closed ⋅ Opens 11...| NULL|https://www.googl...|  
|Alaska General Se...|Alaska General Se...|0x540c25195639567...| NULL|55.336118799999994| -131.6306694|['Seafood wholesa...| 4.7| 8| NULL|[['Wednesday', '7...| NULL| Open ⋅ Closes 11PM|['0x540c25a882a72...|https://www.googl...|  
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only showing top 5 rows

**Code**

# Rename columns in meta\_df to avoid conflicts  
meta\_df\_clean = (meta\_df  
 .withColumnRenamed("name", "business\_name"))  
  
# Join with cleaned meta  
joined\_df = review\_df.join(meta\_df\_clean, on="gmap\_id", how="inner")  
  
# Show sample  
joined\_df.select("gmap\_id", "business\_name", "category", "rating", "newtime", "review\_time").show(5, truncate=False)

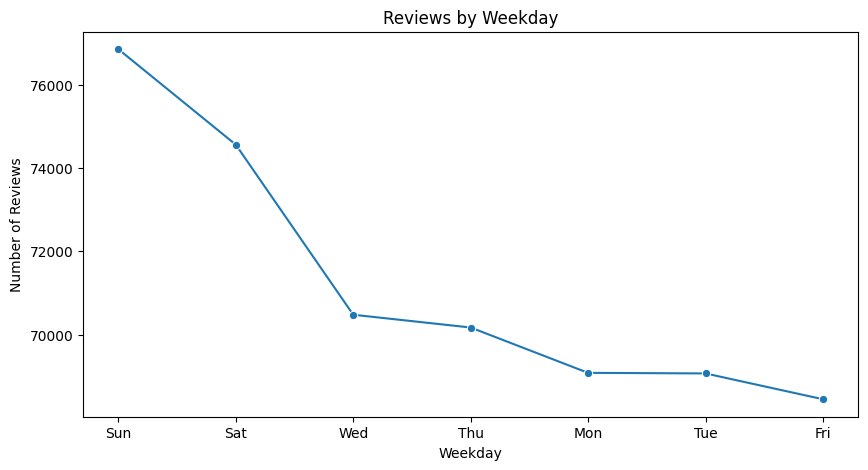
**Output**

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|gmap\_id |business\_name |category |rating|newtime |review\_time|  
+-------------------------------------+---------------------------+------------------------------------------------+------+----------+-----------+  
|0x56b646ed2220b77f:0xd8975e316de80952|Bear Creek Cabins & RV Park|['RV park', 'Cabin rental agency', 'Campground']|5 |2019-08-20|20 |  
|0x56b646ed2220b77f:0xd8975e316de80952|Bear Creek Cabins & RV Park|['RV park', 'Cabin rental agency', 'Campground']|5 |2019-08-20|20 |  
|0x56b646ed2220b77f:0xd8975e316de80952|Bear Creek Cabins & RV Park|['RV park', 'Cabin rental agency', 'Campground']|5 |2017-09-09|0 |  
|0x56b646ed2220b77f:0xd8975e316de80952|Bear Creek Cabins & RV Park|['RV park', 'Cabin rental agency', 'Campground']|5 |2017-09-09|0 |  
|0x56b646ed2220b77f:0xd8975e316de80952|Bear Creek Cabins & RV Park|['RV park', 'Cabin rental agency', 'Campground']|4 |2016-09-02|23 |  
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only showing top 5 rows

**Code**

from pyspark.sql.functions import date\_format  
  
# Extract weekday name  
weekday\_df = joined\_df.withColumn("weekday", date\_format("newtime", "E")) # e.g., Mon, Tue  
  
# Count reviews by weekday  
reviews\_by\_weekday = weekday\_df.groupBy("weekday").count().orderBy("count", ascending=False)  
  
# Convert to Pandas for plotting  
reviews\_weekday\_pd = reviews\_by\_weekday.toPandas()  
  
# Plot  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
sns.lineplot(data=reviews\_weekday\_pd, x="weekday", y="count", marker="o", sort=False)  
plt.title("Reviews by Weekday")  
plt.xlabel("Weekday")  
plt.ylabel("Number of Reviews")  
plt.show();  
  
# Most active weekday  
most\_active\_day = reviews\_weekday\_pd.loc[reviews\_weekday\_pd["count"].idxmax(), "weekday"]  
print("\n\nThe weekday with most reviews is:", most\_active\_day)

**Output**



The weekday with most reviews is: Sun

**Code**

# Filter reviews only from the most active weekday  
weekday\_filtered = weekday\_df.filter(col("weekday") == most\_active\_day)  
  
# Find businesses with highest avg rating  
top\_businesses = (weekday\_filtered.groupBy("name", "category")  
 .agg(avg("rating").alias("avg\_rating"))  
 .orderBy("avg\_rating", ascending=False)  
 .limit(10))  
  
top\_businesses.show(truncate=False)

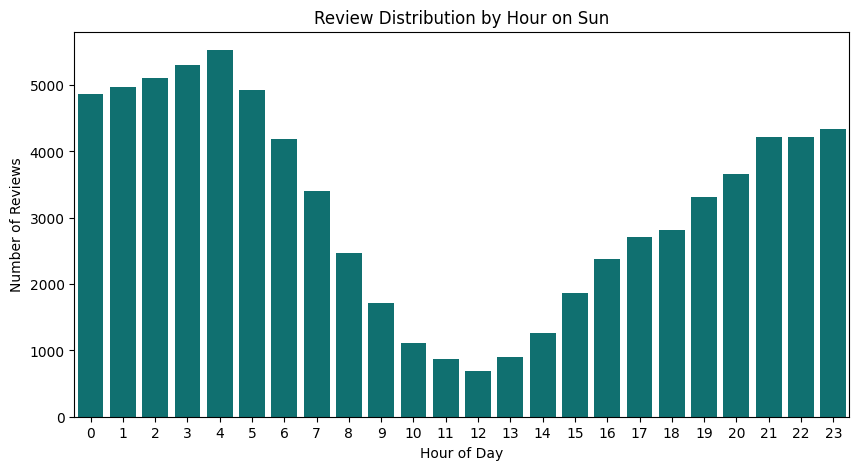
**Output**

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|name |category |avg\_rating|  
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|Michael Hanna |['Western apparel store', 'Boot store', 'Clothing store', 'Hat shop', 'Tack shop'] |5.0 |  
|Michael Cleveland |['Cannabis store'] |5.0 |  
|Benjamen Wilcox |['Movie theater'] |5.0 |  
|Viola Alcock |['Grocery store', 'Supermarket'] |5.0 |  
|Abigail Michel |['Beauty salon', 'Day spa', 'Eyebrow bar', 'Facial spa', 'Hair extension technician', 'Hair salon', 'Make-up artist', 'Hairdresser', 'Waxing hair removal service']|5.0 |  
|Robert Conriquez |['Indoor lodging'] |5.0 |  
|B H |['Gas station'] |5.0 |  
|Luis Manrique |['Pizza delivery', 'Chicken wings restaurant', 'Takeout Restaurant', 'Pizza restaurant'] |5.0 |  
|Charlie “Alaska” Williams|['Park', 'Picnic ground', 'Recreation'] |5.0 |  
|Isaac Shepard |['Cell phone store'] |5.0 |  
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**Code**

# Reviews per hour on the most active weekday  
weekday\_hours = (weekday\_filtered.groupBy("review\_time")  
 .count()  
 .orderBy("review\_time"))  
  
weekday\_hours\_pd = weekday\_hours.toPandas()  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
sns.barplot(data=weekday\_hours\_pd, x="review\_time", y="count", color="teal")  
plt.title(f"Review Distribution by Hour on {most\_active\_day}")  
plt.xlabel("Hour of Day")  
plt.ylabel("Number of Reviews")  
plt.show();

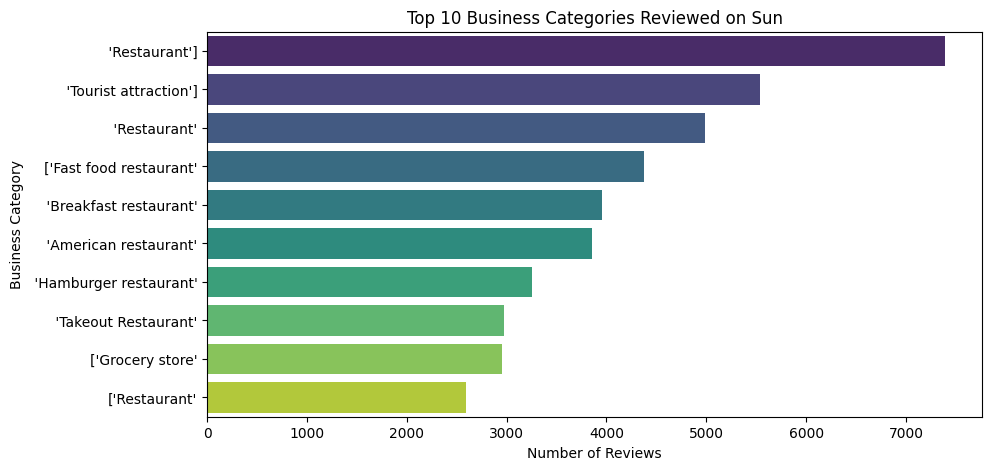
**Output**



**Code**

# Explode categories (if multiple categories separated by ';' or ',')  
from pyspark.sql.functions import split, explode  
  
exploded = weekday\_filtered.withColumn("category", explode(split(col("category"), ",")))  
  
top\_categories = (exploded.groupBy("category")  
 .count()  
 .orderBy("count", ascending=False)  
 .limit(10))  
  
top\_categories\_pd = top\_categories.toPandas()  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
sns.barplot(data=top\_categories\_pd, x="count", y="category", palette="viridis", hue = "category")  
plt.title(f"Top 10 Business Categories Reviewed on {most\_active\_day}")  
plt.xlabel("Number of Reviews")  
plt.ylabel("Business Category")  
plt.show();

**Output**



**Code**

import pandas as pd  
  
# Load the datasets uploaded by the user  
meta\_df = spark.read.csv(f"{extract\_dir}/meta-review-business.csv", header=True, inferSchema=True)  
review\_df = spark.read.csv(f"{extract\_dir}/review.csv", header=True, inferSchema=True)  
  
# Display basic info to confirm structure and first few rows  
  
meta\_head = meta\_df.head(3)  
review\_head = review\_df.head(3)  
  
meta\_head, review\_head

**Output**

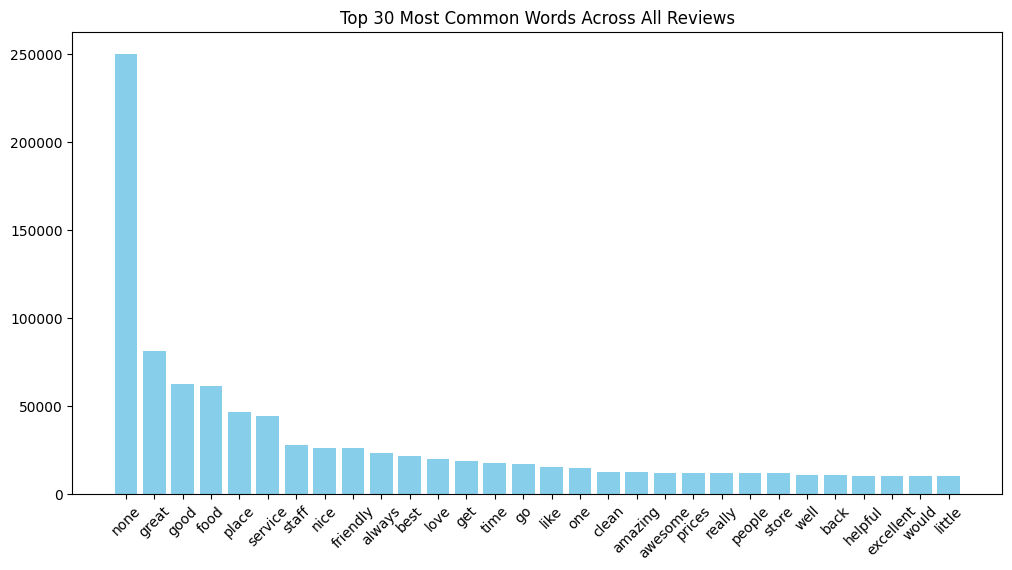
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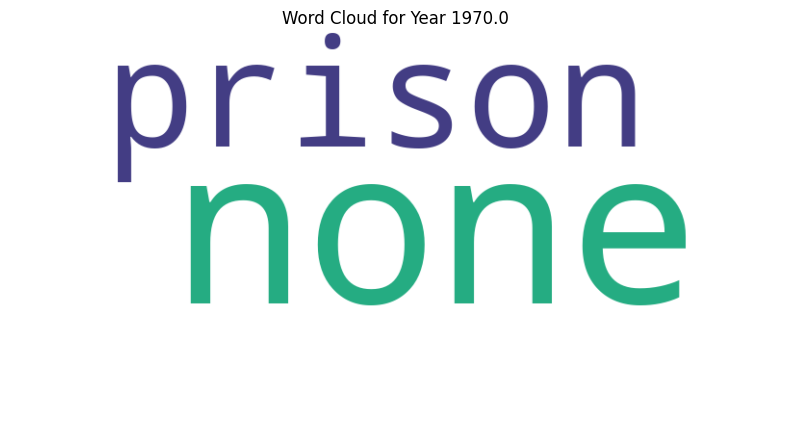
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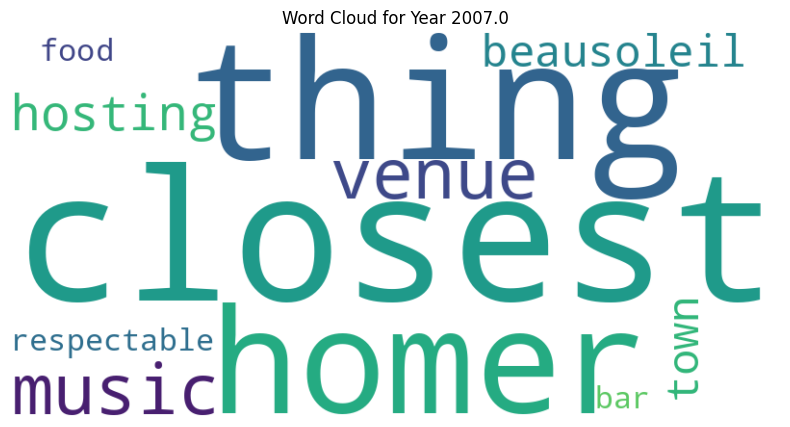
# Q1.4: Top 30 Common Words + Yearly Word Clouds  
# ==============================================  
  
import re  
import nltk  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
from wordcloud import WordCloud  
from collections import Counter  
import pandas as pd  
  
# Download NLTK stopwords if not already available  
nltk.download('stopwords')  
from nltk.corpus import stopwords  
stop\_words = set(stopwords.words('english'))  
  
# ---- STEP 1: Convert time to datetime and extract year ----  
# Ensure it's a pandas DataFrame  
if not isinstance(review\_df, pd.DataFrame):  
 review\_df = review\_df.toPandas()  
  
# Convert time to datetime  
review\_df['date'] = pd.to\_datetime(review\_df['time'], unit='ms', errors='coerce')  
review\_df['year'] = review\_df['date'].dt.year  
  
  
# ---- STEP 2: Text Cleaning + Tokenization ----  
def preprocess\_text(text):  
 """  
 Clean and tokenize review text.  
 - Lowercase text  
 - Remove non-alphabetic characters  
 - Remove stopwords  
 Returns list of tokens  
 """  
 tokens = re.findall(r'\b[a-zA-Z]+\b', str(text).lower())  
 return [word for word in tokens if word not in stop\_words]  
  
review\_df['clean\_tokens'] = review\_df['text'].apply(preprocess\_text)  
  
# ---- STEP 3: Find Top 30 Most Common Words ----  
all\_tokens = [word for tokens in review\_df['clean\_tokens'] for word in tokens]  
word\_counts = Counter(all\_tokens)  
top\_30 = word\_counts.most\_common(30)  
  
# Plot Top 30 Words  
words, freqs = zip(\*top\_30)  
plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))  
plt.bar(words, freqs, color='skyblue')  
plt.xticks(rotation=45)  
plt.title("Top 30 Most Common Words Across All Reviews")  
plt.show()  
  
# ---- STEP 4: Generate Word Clouds by Year ----  
for yr, group in review\_df.groupby('year'):  
 year\_tokens = [word for tokens in group['clean\_tokens'] for word in tokens]  
 year\_text = " ".join(year\_tokens)  
  
 if len(year\_text) > 0: # Avoid empty groups  
 wc = WordCloud(width=800, height=400, background\_color="white").generate(year\_text)  
 plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
 plt.imshow(wc, interpolation="bilinear")  
 plt.axis("off")  
 plt.title(f"Word Cloud for Year {yr}")  
 plt.show()

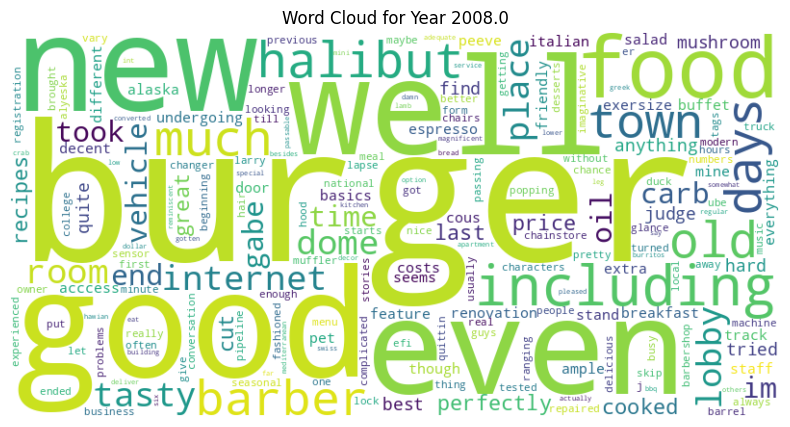
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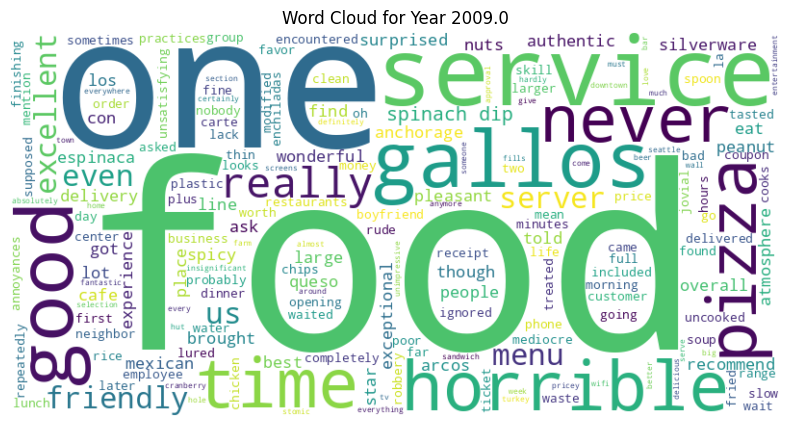
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 review\_df['date'] = pd.to\_datetime(review\_df['time'], unit='ms', errors='coerce')



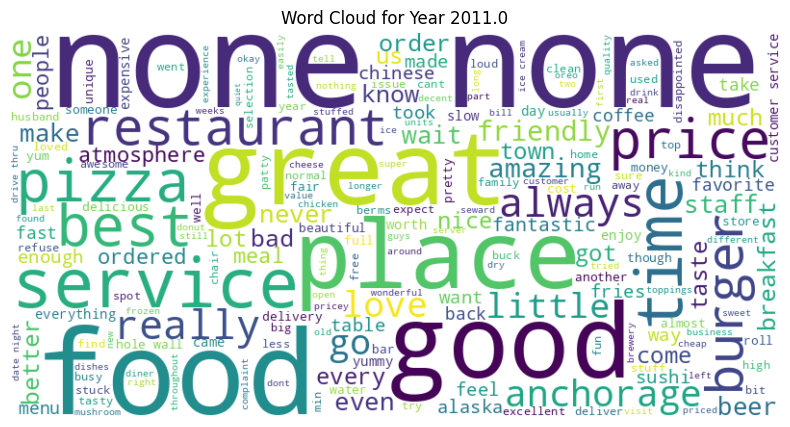


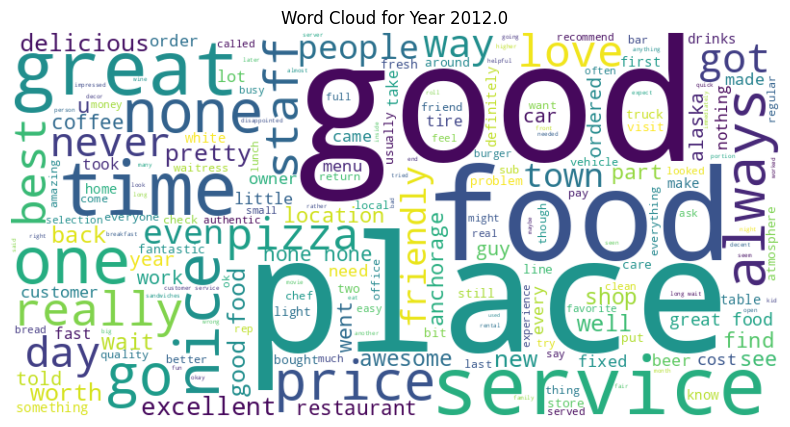






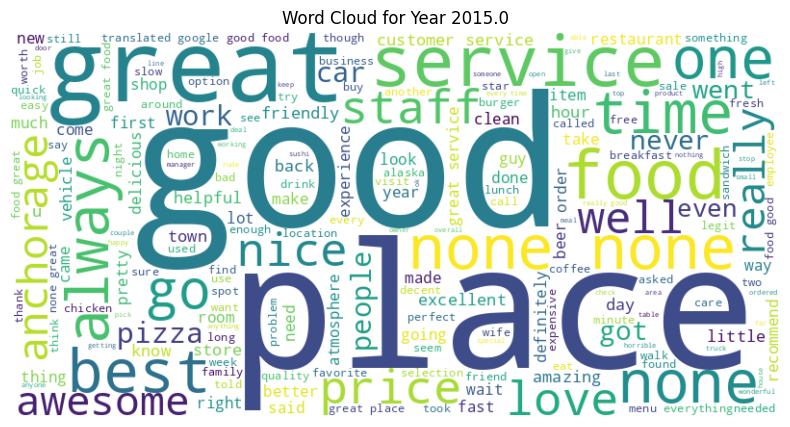






















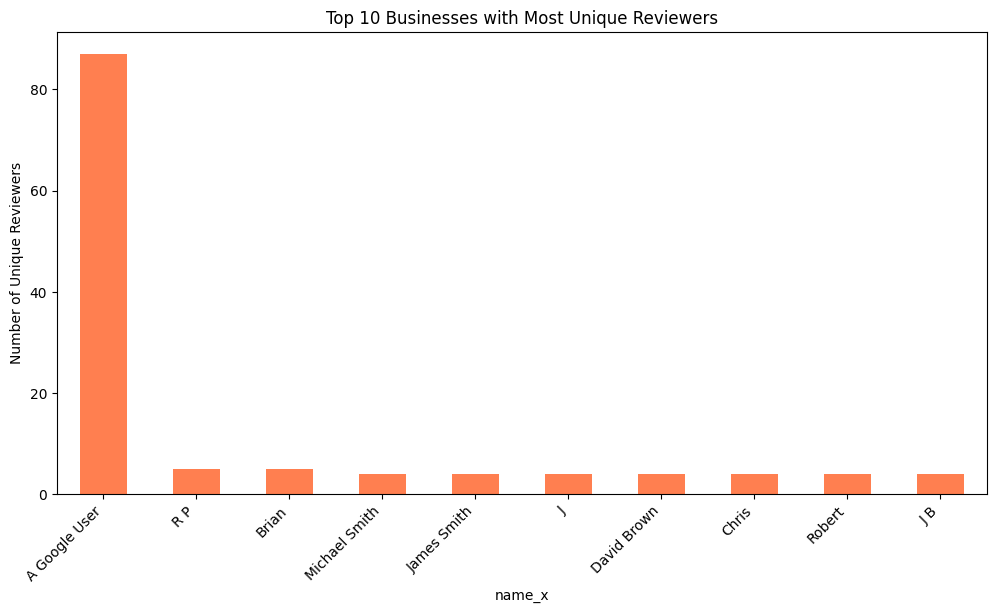


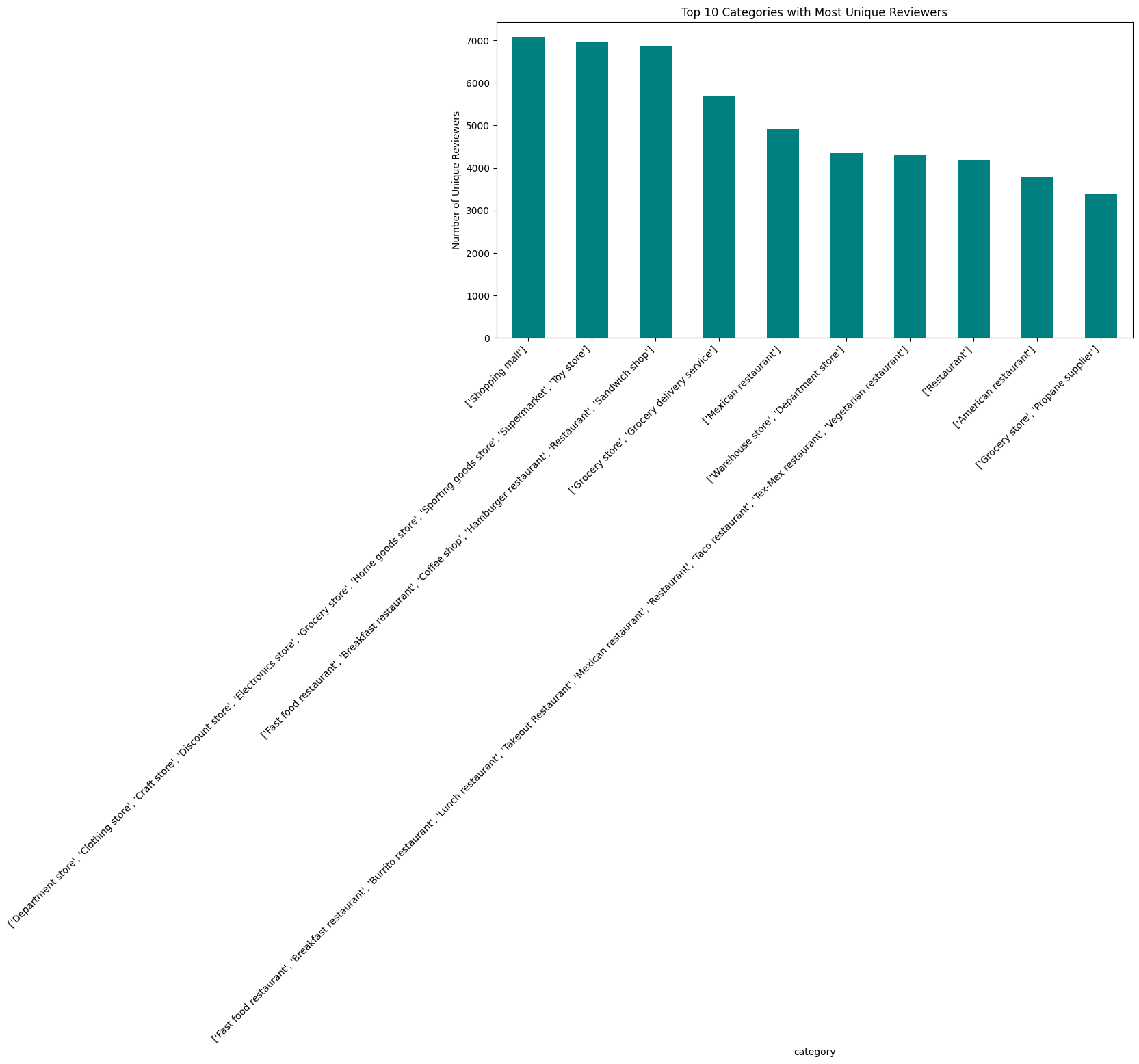
**Code**

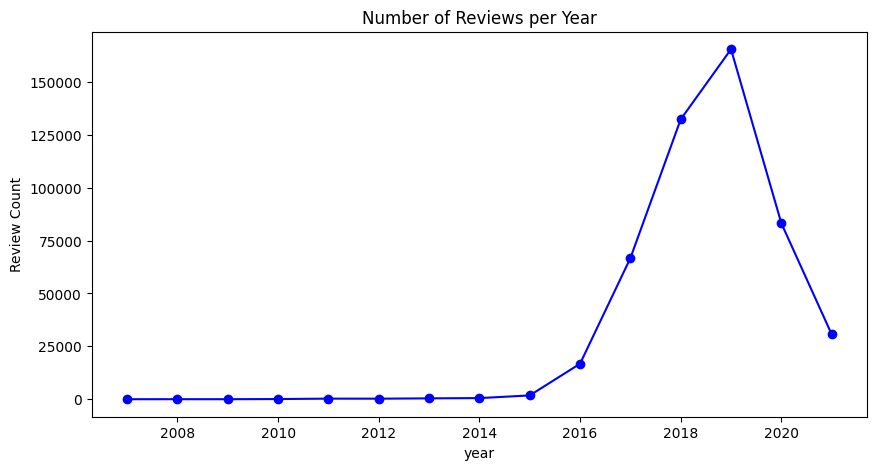
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
  
# ---- STEP 1: Join review + business metadata on gmap\_id ----  
# Ensure both are pandas DataFrames  
if not isinstance(review\_df, pd.DataFrame):  
 review\_df = review\_df.toPandas()  
  
if not isinstance(meta\_df, pd.DataFrame):  
 meta\_df = meta\_df.toPandas()  
  
# Now safe to merge  
reviews\_with\_meta = review\_df.merge(meta\_df, on="gmap\_id", how="inner")  
# Ensure datetime conversion for temporal analysis  
reviews\_with\_meta['date'] = pd.to\_datetime(reviews\_with\_meta['time'], unit='ms', errors='coerce')  
reviews\_with\_meta['year'] = reviews\_with\_meta['date'].dt.year  
reviews\_with\_meta['month'] = reviews\_with\_meta['date'].dt.month  
reviews\_with\_meta['hour'] = reviews\_with\_meta['date'].dt.hour  
  
  
# ---- STEP 2: Business with most unique reviewers ----  
business\_reviewers = reviews\_with\_meta.groupby("name\_x")['user\_id'].nunique().sort\_values(ascending=False).head(10)  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))  
business\_reviewers.plot(kind="bar", color="coral")  
plt.title("Top 10 Businesses with Most Unique Reviewers")  
plt.ylabel("Number of Unique Reviewers")  
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha="right")  
plt.show()  
  
# ---- STEP 3: Categories with most reviewers ----  
category\_reviewers = reviews\_with\_meta.groupby("category")['user\_id'].nunique().sort\_values(ascending=False).head(10)  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))  
category\_reviewers.plot(kind="bar", color="teal")  
plt.title("Top 10 Categories with Most Unique Reviewers")  
plt.ylabel("Number of Unique Reviewers")  
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha="right")  
plt.show()  
  
# ---- STEP 4: Temporal analysis ----  
# Reviews by year  
reviews\_per\_year = reviews\_with\_meta.groupby("year")['user\_id'].count()  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
reviews\_per\_year.plot(kind="line", marker="o", color="blue")  
plt.title("Number of Reviews per Year")  
plt.ylabel("Review Count")  
plt.show()  
  
# Reviews by month  
reviews\_per\_month = reviews\_with\_meta.groupby("month")['user\_id'].count()  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
reviews\_per\_month.plot(kind="bar", color="green")  
plt.title("Number of Reviews by Month")  
plt.ylabel("Review Count")  
plt.show()  
  
# Reviews by hour  
reviews\_per\_hour = reviews\_with\_meta.groupby("hour")['user\_id'].count()  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
reviews\_per\_hour.plot(kind="bar", color="purple")  
plt.title("Number of Reviews by Hour of Day")  
plt.ylabel("Review Count")  
plt.show()

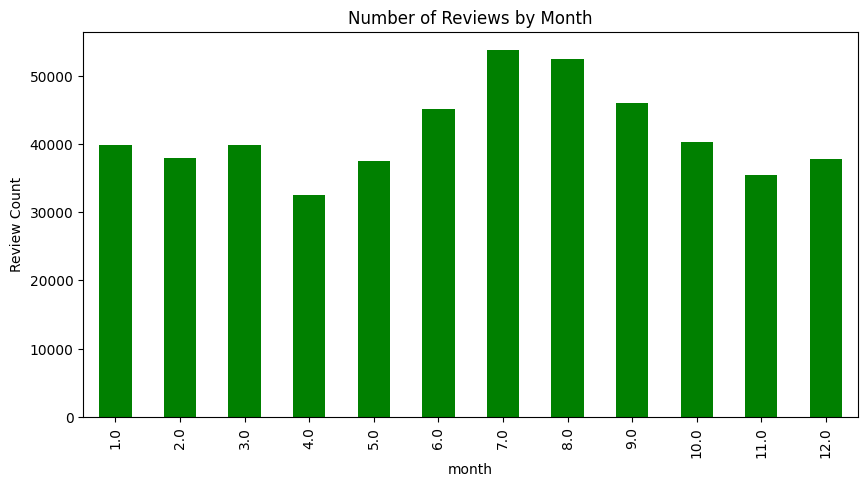
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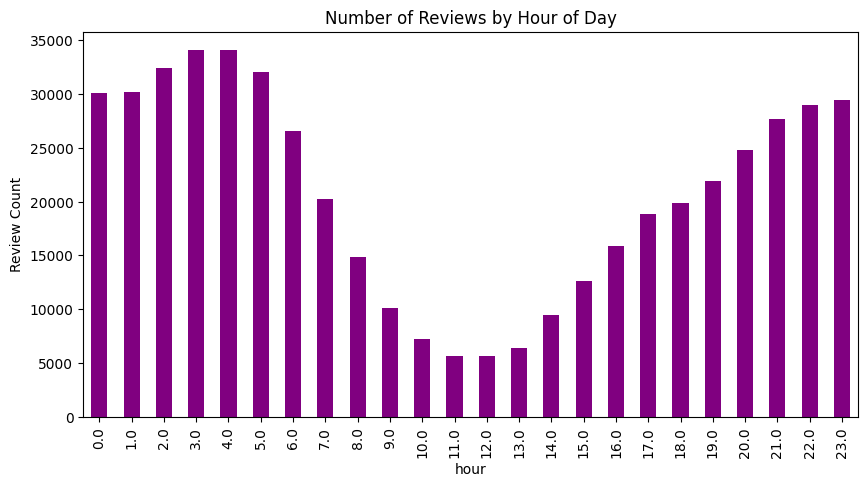
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 reviews\_with\_meta['date'] = pd.to\_datetime(reviews\_with\_meta['time'], unit='ms', errors='coerce')











**Code**

# Uses: review\_df (user\_id, gmap\_id, rating, time, text, name...), meta\_df (gmap\_id, name, category, avg\_rating...)  
  
import numpy as np  
import pandas as pd  
from scipy.sparse import csr\_matrix  
from sklearn.neighbors import NearestNeighbors  
  
# ---------------------------  
# 0) CONFIG / SAFETY CHECKS  
# ---------------------------  
# Ensure pandas DataFrames (Colab sometimes mixes Spark/Pandas)  
if not isinstance(review\_df, pd.DataFrame):  
 review\_df = review\_df.toPandas()  
if not isinstance(meta\_df, pd.DataFrame):  
 meta\_df = meta\_df.toPandas()  
  
# Keep only needed cols & drop obvious nulls  
ratings = (  
 review\_df[['user\_id', 'gmap\_id', 'rating']]  
 .dropna(subset=['user\_id', 'gmap\_id', 'rating'])  
)  
  
# Enforce types (helps avoid sparse-matrix surprises)  
ratings['user\_id'] = ratings['user\_id'].astype(str)  
ratings['gmap\_id'] = ratings['gmap\_id'].astype(str)  
ratings['rating'] = pd.to\_numeric(ratings['rating'], errors='coerce')  
ratings = ratings.dropna(subset=['rating'])  
  
# Optional: clamp ratings to sane bounds (e.g., 1–5)  
ratings['rating'] = ratings['rating'].clip(lower=1, upper=5)  
  
# ---------------------------------------------------------  
# 1) BUILD USER–ITEM MATRIX (rows=user, cols=item/business)  
# ---------------------------------------------------------  
# Create encoder maps so we can go from ids -> row/col indices  
user\_ids = ratings['user\_id'].unique()  
biz\_ids = ratings['gmap\_id'].unique()  
  
user\_id\_to\_row = {u: i for i, u in enumerate(user\_ids)}  
biz\_id\_to\_col = {b: j for j, b in enumerate(biz\_ids)}  
row\_to\_user\_id = np.array(user\_ids) # inverse map  
col\_to\_biz\_id = np.array(biz\_ids)  
  
# Row/col arrays for sparse construction  
row\_idx = ratings['user\_id'].map(user\_id\_to\_row).values  
col\_idx = ratings['gmap\_id'].map(biz\_id\_to\_col).values  
vals = ratings['rating'].values  
  
# Sparse matrix R (num\_users x num\_items)  
R = csr\_matrix((vals, (row\_idx, col\_idx)), shape=(len(user\_ids), len(biz\_ids)))  
  
# ----------------------------------------  
# 2) FIT KNN MODEL ON USER VECTORS (R)  
# ----------------------------------------  
# We’ll use cosine similarity -> NearestNeighbors with metric='cosine'  
# Note: cosine distance = 1 - cosine similarity  
knn = NearestNeighbors(metric='cosine', algorithm='brute')  
knn.fit(R)  
  
# --------------------------------------------------------------  
# 3) RECOMMENDATION FUNCTION (top-N for a given target user\_id)  
# --------------------------------------------------------------  
def recommend\_for\_user(  
 target\_user\_id: str,  
 n\_recs: int = 10,  
 k\_neighbors: int = 25,  
 min\_common\_items: int = 2,  
 min\_neighbors\_to\_use: int = 3  
):  
 """  
 Recommend businesses for a target user by:  
 1) Finding k similar users via cosine distance on ratings vectors  
 2) Aggregating neighbors' ratings for items the target hasn't rated  
 3) Ranking by weighted score (similarity-weighted mean)  
  
 Args:  
 target\_user\_id: user id as str  
 n\_recs: how many recommendations to return  
 k\_neighbors: how many nearest users to consider  
 min\_common\_items: require at least this many co-rated items to accept a neighbor  
 min\_neighbors\_to\_use: require at least this many valid neighbors to proceed  
  
 Returns:  
 DataFrame with columns: gmap\_id, score, name, category, avg\_rating, num\_of\_reviews  
 """  
 if target\_user\_id not in user\_id\_to\_row:  
 raise ValueError("Unknown user\_id; no ratings found for this user.")  
  
 u\_idx = user\_id\_to\_row[target\_user\_id]  
  
 # 1) find K nearest neighbors (including the user itself at distance 0)  
 distances, indices = knn.kneighbors(R[u\_idx], n\_neighbors=min(k\_neighbors, R.shape[0]))  
 neighbor\_rows = indices.flatten()  
 neighbor\_dists = distances.flatten()  
  
 # Build a mask of items already rated by target user  
 target\_row = R[u\_idx].toarray().ravel()  
 already\_rated\_mask = target\_row > 0  
  
 # 2) filter neighbors: require at least min\_common\_items overlap  
 valid\_neighbors = []  
 for dist, nbr in zip(neighbor\_dists, neighbor\_rows):  
 if nbr == u\_idx:  
 continue # skip the user itself  
 nbr\_row = R[nbr].toarray().ravel()  
 common = np.sum((nbr\_row > 0) & (target\_row > 0))  
 if common >= min\_common\_items:  
 valid\_neighbors.append((nbr, dist))  
  
 if len(valid\_neighbors) < min\_neighbors\_to\_use:  
 # Fallback: use whatever neighbors we got, minus the self-row, if any  
 valid\_neighbors = [(nbr, dist) for nbr, dist in zip(neighbor\_rows, neighbor\_dists) if nbr != u\_idx]  
  
 if not valid\_neighbors:  
 # As a last resort, recommend top-popular items (by avg rating \* log(num\_reviews))  
 # Join meta\_df to get popularity proxy  
 tmp = (  
 meta\_df[['gmap\_id', 'avg\_rating', 'num\_of\_reviews']]  
 .dropna(subset=['gmap\_id'])  
 .drop\_duplicates('gmap\_id')  
 .copy()  
 )  
 tmp['pop\_score'] = tmp['avg\_rating'].fillna(0) \* np.log1p(tmp['num\_of\_reviews'].fillna(0))  
 # Exclude items already rated by user  
 rated\_cols = np.where(already\_rated\_mask)[0]  
 rated\_biz\_ids = set(col\_to\_biz\_id[rated\_cols])  
 tmp = tmp[~tmp['gmap\_id'].isin(rated\_biz\_ids)]  
 recs = (  
 tmp.sort\_values('pop\_score', ascending=False)  
 .head(n\_recs)  
 .merge(meta\_df[['gmap\_id', 'name', 'category']].drop\_duplicates('gmap\_id'), on='gmap\_id', how='left')  
 [['gmap\_id', 'pop\_score', 'name', 'category', 'avg\_rating', 'num\_of\_reviews']]  
 )  
 recs = recs.rename(columns={'pop\_score': 'score'})  
 return recs  
  
 # 3) aggregate neighbor ratings for items the user hasn't rated  
 # similarity = 1 - distance (clip negatives to 0)  
 nbr\_sims = np.array([max(0.0, 1.0 - d) for \_, d in valid\_neighbors])  
 nbr\_rows = np.array([nbr for nbr, \_ in valid\_neighbors])  
  
 # Collect neighbors' ratings (matrix: len(valid\_neighbors) x num\_items)  
 nbr\_matrix = R[nbr\_rows].toarray()  
  
 # We score only items the user hasn't rated yet  
 candidate\_mask = ~already\_rated\_mask  
  
 # similarity-weighted scores  
 # score\_j = sum(sim\_i \* rating\_ij) / sum(sim\_i) over neighbors i  
 sim\_weights = nbr\_sims.reshape(-1, 1) # column vector  
 weighted = (nbr\_matrix \* sim\_weights) # broadcast multiply  
 num = weighted[:, candidate\_mask].sum(axis=0)  
 den = (sim\_weights \* (nbr\_matrix[:, candidate\_mask] > 0)).sum(axis=0) # sum sims that rated j  
 with np.errstate(divide='ignore', invalid='ignore'):  
 scores = np.where(den > 0, num / den, 0.0)  
  
 # Build result frame for top-N  
 cand\_cols = np.where(candidate\_mask)[0]  
 top\_idx = np.argsort(scores)[::-1][:n\_recs] # descending  
 chosen\_cols = cand\_cols[top\_idx]  
 chosen\_scores = scores[top\_idx]  
  
 rec\_biz\_ids = col\_to\_biz\_id[chosen\_cols]  
 recs = pd.DataFrame({'gmap\_id': rec\_biz\_ids, 'score': chosen\_scores})  
  
 # Enrich with business meta (name, category, popularity proxies)  
 meta\_small = meta\_df[['gmap\_id', 'name', 'category', 'avg\_rating', 'num\_of\_reviews']].drop\_duplicates('gmap\_id')  
 recs = recs.merge(meta\_small, on='gmap\_id', how='left').sort\_values('score', ascending=False).reset\_index(drop=True)  
 return recs  
  
  
# ---------- EXAMPLE: get recommendations for a sample user ----------  
# pick a frequent user (has enough ratings)  
user\_counts = ratings['user\_id'].value\_counts()  
sample\_user = user\_counts.index[7]  
  
try:  
 demo\_recs = recommend\_for\_user(str(sample\_user), n\_recs=10, k\_neighbors=25, min\_common\_items=2)  
 display(demo\_recs)  
except Exception as e:  
 print("Recommendation error:", e)

**Output**

# Q1.7.1 — Build visualization to explore the relationships of the rating and business categories.

**Code**

# Expects:  
# review\_df: ['user\_id','gmap\_id','rating','time','text', ...]  
# meta\_df: ['gmap\_id','name','category','avg\_rating','num\_of\_reviews']  
  
import pandas as pd  
import numpy as np  
import json, re  
  
# 0) Ensure pandas objects  
if not isinstance(review\_df, pd.DataFrame):  
 review\_df = review\_df.toPandas()  
if not isinstance(meta\_df, pd.DataFrame):  
 meta\_df = meta\_df.toPandas()  
  
# 1) Schema check (clear error if columns missing)  
req\_review = {'user\_id','gmap\_id','rating'}  
req\_meta = {'gmap\_id','name','category','avg\_rating','num\_of\_reviews'}  
  
missing\_review = req\_review - set(review\_df.columns)  
missing\_meta = req\_meta - set(meta\_df.columns)  
if missing\_review or missing\_meta:  
 raise ValueError(  
 f"Missing columns — review\_df: {sorted(missing\_review)}; meta\_df: {sorted(missing\_meta)}"  
 )  
  
# 2) Copy to avoid chained assignment warnings  
review\_df = review\_df.copy()  
meta\_df = meta\_df.copy()  
  
# 3) Coerce review data  
review\_df['gmap\_id'] = review\_df['gmap\_id'].astype(str)  
review\_df['user\_id'] = review\_df['user\_id'].astype(str)  
review\_df['rating'] = pd.to\_numeric(review\_df['rating'], errors='coerce')  
review\_df['rating'] = review\_df['rating'].clip(lower=1, upper=5)  
review\_df = review\_df.dropna(subset=['gmap\_id','user\_id','rating'])  
if 'text' not in review\_df.columns:  
 review\_df['text'] = ""  
  
# 4) Coerce meta numeric fields (bad values -> NaN)  
meta\_df['gmap\_id'] = meta\_df['gmap\_id'].astype(str)  
meta\_df['avg\_rating'] = pd.to\_numeric(meta\_df['avg\_rating'], errors='coerce')  
meta\_df['num\_of\_reviews'] = pd.to\_numeric(meta\_df['num\_of\_reviews'], errors='coerce')  
  
# Clamp invalid meta values  
meta\_df.loc[~meta\_df['avg\_rating'].between(1,5, inclusive='both'), 'avg\_rating'] = np.nan  
meta\_df.loc[meta\_df['num\_of\_reviews'] < 0, 'num\_of\_reviews'] = np.nan  
  
# 5) Deduplicate meta on gmap\_id (keep most informative row)  
# We cannot pass Series to sort\_values(by=...), so create helper columns  
meta\_df['\_n\_sort'] = meta\_df['num\_of\_reviews'].fillna(-1)  
meta\_df['\_a\_sort'] = meta\_df['avg\_rating'].fillna(-1)  
meta\_df = (meta\_df  
 .sort\_values(['gmap\_id','\_n\_sort','\_a\_sort'], ascending=[True, False, False])  
 .drop\_duplicates('gmap\_id', keep='first')  
 .drop(columns=['\_n\_sort','\_a\_sort']))  
  
# 6) Validation report  
report = {  
 'review\_rows': len(review\_df),  
 'meta\_rows': len(meta\_df),  
 'invalid\_review\_ratings': int(review\_df['rating'].isna().sum()),  
 'ratings\_out\_of\_bounds': int(((review\_df['rating'] < 1) | (review\_df['rating'] > 5)).sum()),  
 'invalid\_meta\_avg\_rating': int(meta\_df['avg\_rating'].isna().sum()),  
 'invalid\_meta\_num\_of\_reviews': int(meta\_df['num\_of\_reviews'].isna().sum()),  
}  
coverage = review\_df['gmap\_id'].isin(meta\_df['gmap\_id']).mean()  
report['meta\_join\_coverage\_%'] = round(100\*coverage, 2)  
  
print("=== Validation Report (post-sanitization) ===")  
for k,v in report.items():  
 print(f"{k:30s}: {v}")  
  
# Optional: show some coerced meta rows (avg\_rating/num\_of\_reviews == NaN)  
sus = meta\_df[meta\_df['avg\_rating'].isna() | meta\_df['num\_of\_reviews'].isna()]  
if not sus.empty:  
 print("\nExamples of meta rows with NaN after coercion:")  
 display(sus[['gmap\_id','name','category','avg\_rating','num\_of\_reviews']].head(5))

**Output**

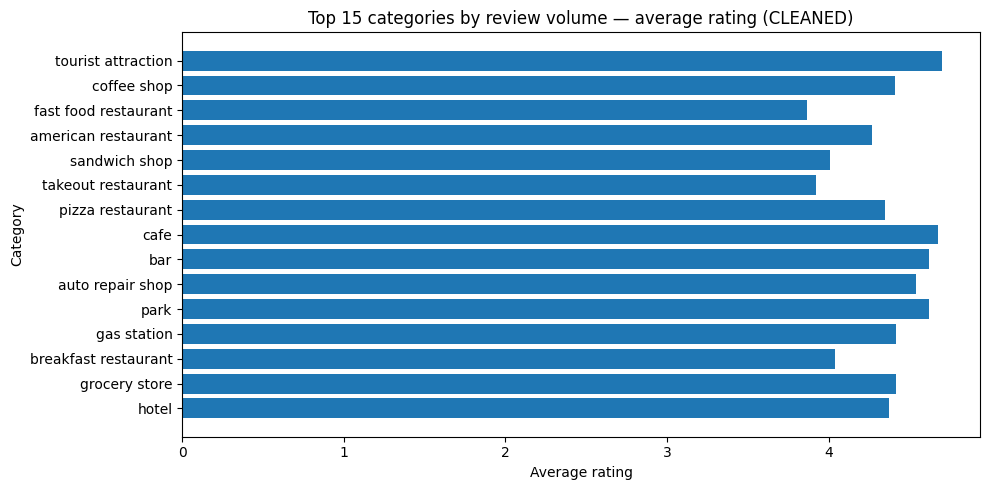
=== Validation Report (post-sanitization) ===  
review\_rows : 521517  
meta\_rows : 12688  
invalid\_review\_ratings : 0  
ratings\_out\_of\_bounds : 0  
invalid\_meta\_avg\_rating : 73  
invalid\_meta\_num\_of\_reviews : 59  
meta\_join\_coverage\_% : 95.52  
  
Examples of meta rows with NaN after coercion:

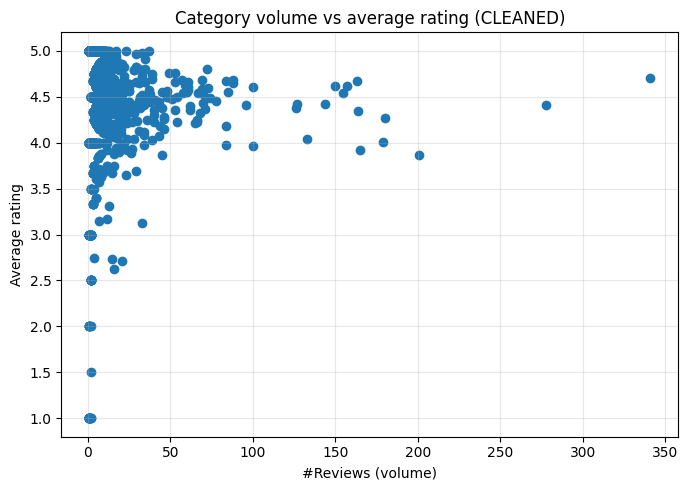
**Code**

# Q1.7.1 — Clean categories BEFORE graphs & insights  
# Expects:  
# review\_df: ['user\_id','gmap\_id','rating','time','text', ...]  
# meta\_df: ['gmap\_id','name','category','avg\_rating','num\_of\_reviews']  
  
import pandas as pd, numpy as np, re, json, ast, matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
from collections import Counter  
  
# --- Safety: ensure pandas DFs & minimal coercions (builds on your 1.6 validation)  
if not isinstance(review\_df, pd.DataFrame):  
 review\_df = review\_df.toPandas()  
if not isinstance(meta\_df, pd.DataFrame):  
 meta\_df = meta\_df.toPandas()  
  
rev = (review\_df[['gmap\_id','rating','text']]  
 .dropna(subset=['gmap\_id','rating'])  
 .copy())  
rev['gmap\_id'] = rev['gmap\_id'].astype(str)  
rev['rating'] = pd.to\_numeric(rev['rating'], errors='coerce').clip(1,5)  
rev = rev.dropna(subset=['rating'])  
  
meta = (meta\_df[['gmap\_id','name','category','avg\_rating','num\_of\_reviews']]  
 .drop\_duplicates('gmap\_id').copy())  
meta['gmap\_id'] = meta['gmap\_id'].astype(str)  
meta['avg\_rating'] = pd.to\_numeric(meta['avg\_rating'], errors='coerce')  
meta['num\_of\_reviews'] = pd.to\_numeric(meta['num\_of\_reviews'], errors='coerce')  
  
# --- Join reviews ↔ meta  
joined = rev.merge(meta, on='gmap\_id', how='left')  
  
# =========================  
# Category CLEANING helpers  
# =========================  
NOISE\_TOKENS = {  
 "", "nan", "none", "null", "n/a", "na",  
 # catch-alls / POI tags we don't want as categories:  
 "restaurant", "restaurants", "point\_of\_interest", "point of interest",  
 "establishment", "food", "food & drink", "food and drink"  
}  
# lightweight synonym/canonicalization map (only safe, obvious ones)  
CANON = {  
 "fast-food restaurant": "fast food restaurant",  
 "burger restaurant": "hamburger restaurant",  
 "burgers": "hamburger restaurant",  
 "breakfast & brunch restaurant": "breakfast restaurant",  
 "brunch restaurant": "breakfast restaurant",  
 "restaurant]": "restaurant", # will be dropped as noise  
 "restaurant']": "restaurant", # will be dropped as noise  
}  
  
BRACKETS\_RE = re.compile(r"^[\[\]\(\)\{\}]+|[\[\]\(\)\{\}]+$") # trim stray brackets at ends  
MULTISPACE\_RE = re.compile(r"\s+")  
  
def parse\_category\_list(raw):  
 """Parse meta\_df.category: JSON list, Python list, or CSV-like string."""  
 if pd.isna(raw):  
 return []  
 s = str(raw).strip()  
 # Try JSON  
 try:  
 val = json.loads(s)  
 if isinstance(val, list):  
 return [str(x) for x in val]  
 except Exception:  
 pass  
 # Try Python list literal  
 try:  
 val = ast.literal\_eval(s)  
 if isinstance(val, list):  
 return [str(x) for x in val]  
 except Exception:  
 pass  
 # Fallback: split on commas / pipes / semicolons / slashes  
 s = s.replace("|", ",").replace(";", ",").replace("/", ",")  
 return [t for t in s.split(",")]  
  
def normalize\_token(t):  
 """Lowercase, strip quotes/brackets, collapse spaces, apply small synonym map."""  
 t = str(t)  
 t = t.strip().strip("\"'`“”’‘") # strip quotes  
 t = BRACKETS\_RE.sub("", t) # strip leading/trailing brackets  
 t = MULTISPACE\_RE.sub(" ", t) # collapse whitespace  
 t = t.replace("‐","-").replace("–","-") # normalize dashes  
 t = t.lower()  
 t = CANON.get(t, t)  
 return t.strip()  
  
def is\_noise(t):  
 """Filter out empty/garbage/generic tokens."""  
 if t in NOISE\_TOKENS:  
 return True  
 if not t or t.strip() == "":  
 return True  
 # tokens that are only punctuation/brackets  
 if re.fullmatch(r"[\[\]\(\)\{\}\-\\_\'\"\.\,]+", t or ""):  
 return True  
 return False  
  
# --- Build raw exploded categories (for diagnostics)  
joined['cat\_raw\_list'] = joined['category'].apply(parse\_category\_list)  
expl\_raw = joined.explode('cat\_raw\_list')  
expl\_raw['cat\_raw\_list'] = expl\_raw['cat\_raw\_list'].fillna("").astype(str)  
  
# --- Normalize + filter noise  
expl\_raw['category\_norm'] = expl\_raw['cat\_raw\_list'].map(normalize\_token)  
mask\_noise = expl\_raw['category\_norm'].map(is\_noise)  
removed\_counts = Counter(expl\_raw.loc[mask\_noise, 'category\_norm'])  
  
# Drop noise, drop duplicates per (business, category) to avoid multi-counting  
expl = (expl\_raw.loc[~mask\_noise, ['gmap\_id','rating','text','avg\_rating','num\_of\_reviews','category\_norm']]  
 .drop\_duplicates(subset=['gmap\_id','category\_norm']))  
  
# --- Diagnostics: how much cleaning we did  
n\_before = expl\_raw['cat\_raw\_list'].shape[0]  
n\_after = expl.shape[0]  
print(f"[Category cleaning] tokens before: {n\_before:,} | after: {n\_after:,} | dropped: {n\_before-n\_after:,} ({(n\_before-n\_after)/max(1,n\_before)\*100:.2f}%)")  
  
if removed\_counts:  
 print("\n[Most common removed tokens]")  
 for tok, cnt in removed\_counts.most\_common(10):  
 print(f" {tok!r:>20s} : {cnt}")  
  
# =========================  
# Aggregations & plots (cleaned)  
# =========================  
  
# From \*review\* ratings per cleaned category  
cat\_stats = (expl.groupby('category\_norm', as\_index=False)  
 .agg(n\_reviews=('rating','size'),  
 avg\_rating=('rating','mean'),  
 std\_rating=('rating','std'))  
 .sort\_values('n\_reviews', ascending=False)  
 .reset\_index(drop=True))  
  
# Meta sanity by category (means/sums across businesses; NaN-safe)  
expl['avg\_rating'] = pd.to\_numeric(expl['avg\_rating'], errors='coerce')  
expl['num\_of\_reviews'] = pd.to\_numeric(expl['num\_of\_reviews'], errors='coerce').fillna(0)  
meta\_cat = (expl.groupby('category\_norm', as\_index=False)  
 .agg(meta\_avg\_rating=('avg\_rating','mean'),  
 meta\_total\_reviews=('num\_of\_reviews','sum')))  
cat\_stats = cat\_stats.merge(meta\_cat, on='category\_norm', how='left')  
  
# 95% CI for mean rating  
def ci95(n, mean, std):  
 if pd.isna(std) or n is None or n < 2: return (np.nan, np.nan)  
 se = std / np.sqrt(n); ci = 1.96 \* se  
 return (mean - ci, mean + ci)  
cat\_stats[['ci\_low','ci\_high']] = cat\_stats.apply(  
 lambda r: pd.Series(ci95(r['n\_reviews'], r['avg\_rating'], r['std\_rating'])), axis=1)  
  
# ---- BAR: Top-N categories by volume — average rating (CLEANED)  
topN = 15  
plot\_df = cat\_stats.head(topN)  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
plt.barh(plot\_df['category\_norm'][::-1], plot\_df['avg\_rating'][::-1])  
plt.xlabel('Average rating'); plt.ylabel('Category')  
plt.title(f'Top {topN} categories by review volume — average rating (CLEANED)')  
plt.tight\_layout(); plt.show()  
  
# ---- SCATTER: volume vs rating (CLEANED)  
plt.figure(figsize=(7,5))  
plt.scatter(cat\_stats['n\_reviews'], cat\_stats['avg\_rating'])  
plt.xlabel('#Reviews (volume)'); plt.ylabel('Average rating')  
plt.title('Category volume vs average rating (CLEANED)')  
plt.grid(alpha=0.3); plt.tight\_layout(); plt.show()  
  
# ---- Shortlist: high-volume (topN median) & below-median rating (CLEANED)  
vol\_thresh = cat\_stats['n\_reviews'].iloc[:topN].median()  
rating\_med = cat\_stats['avg\_rating'].median()  
shortlist = (cat\_stats[(cat\_stats['n\_reviews'] >= vol\_thresh) &  
 (cat\_stats['avg\_rating'] <= rating\_med)]  
 .sort\_values(['avg\_rating','n\_reviews'])  
 .head(12)[['category\_norm','n\_reviews','avg\_rating','ci\_low','ci\_high','meta\_avg\_rating','meta\_total\_reviews']])  
  
print("\nHigh-volume, below-median rating categories (CLEANED — prioritize):")  
print(shortlist.to\_string(index=False))

**Output**

[Category cleaning] tokens before: 1,575,845 | after: 13,949 | dropped: 1,561,896 (99.11%)  
  
[Most common removed tokens]  
 'restaurant' : 102979  
 '' : 23697  
 'food' : 23  
 'food and drink' : 10





High-volume, below-median rating categories (CLEANED — prioritize):  
 category\_norm n\_reviews avg\_rating ci\_low ci\_high meta\_avg\_rating meta\_total\_reviews  
fast food restaurant 201 3.865672 3.672774 4.058569 3.875622 63771.0  
 takeout restaurant 165 3.921212 3.708746 4.133678 3.975152 38502.0  
 sandwich shop 179 4.005587 3.811325 4.199849 4.031844 37204.0  
 american restaurant 180 4.266667 4.111015 4.422319 4.186667 69489.0  
 pizza restaurant 164 4.347561 4.171708 4.523414 4.059756 42719.0  
 coffee shop 278 4.410072 4.283477 4.536667 4.277338 46362.0  
 cafe 163 4.674847 4.561849 4.787844 4.394479 28872.0  
 tourist attraction 341 4.700880 4.635377 4.766382 4.583871 88640.0

# Q1.7.1 — Insights (after category cleaning)

# Q1.7.2 — Focus on the lower ratings now

**Code**

# Q1.7.2 — CONTINUES FROM expl/cat\_stats ABOVE  
# Goal: Extract ≤ threshold reviews and surface common reasons via words/bigrams,  
# with category-specific summaries and a few raw examples.  
  
import re  
from collections import Counter  
  
LOW\_RATING\_THRESHOLD = 2.0 # adjust to 2.5 if required  
  
text\_col = 'text' if 'text' in expl.columns else [c for c in expl.columns if 'text' in c.lower()][0]  
  
low = expl.loc[expl['rating'] <= LOW\_RATING\_THRESHOLD,  
 ['category\_norm','rating', text\_col]].copy()  
low[text\_col] = low[text\_col].fillna('').astype(str).str.lower()  
  
STOP = set("""  
a an the is are am i me my we our you your he she it they them this that these those to of in on for from by with at as be been being have has had do did does not no and or if but so because very just too more most less few lot lots  
was were will would could should can cannot dont didn't didnt wont won't couldn't shouldn't its it's im i'm  
food place service staff menu time order ordered one two three four five very good bad  
""".split())  
  
def tokens(s): return [w for w in re.findall(r"[a-z']{2,}", s) if w not in STOP]  
def bigrams(ws):  
 for i in range(len(ws)-1):  
 yield f"{ws[i]} {ws[i+1]}"  
  
wc, bc = Counter(), Counter()  
for t in low[text\_col].tolist():  
 ws = tokens(t)  
 wc.update(ws); bc.update(bigrams(ws))  
  
print(f"Top words in ≤{LOW\_RATING\_THRESHOLD:.1f}★ reviews:")  
for w,c in wc.most\_common(25): print(f"{w:>15s} : {c}")  
  
print(f"\nTop bigrams in ≤{LOW\_RATING\_THRESHOLD:.1f}★ reviews:")  
for bg,c in bc.most\_common(25): print(f"{bg:>20s} : {c}")  
  
# Category-specific: focus on 8 categories with most low ratings  
top\_low\_cats = (low.groupby('category\_norm').size()  
 .sort\_values(ascending=False)  
 .head(8).index.tolist())  
  
print("\nCategory-specific top words (low ratings) — most affected categories:")  
for cat in top\_low\_cats:  
 sub = low.loc[low['category\_norm']==cat, text\_col].tolist()  
 wcc = Counter()  
 for s in sub: wcc.update(tokens(s))  
 print(f"\n[{cat}] (n={len(sub)})")  
 for w,c in wcc.most\_common(10): print(f" {w:>15s} : {c}")  
  
# Qualitative validation — show 5 raw examples  
print("\nSample low-rating reviews (first 5):\n")  
for i, s in enumerate(low[text\_col].head(5), 1):  
 print(f"{i}. {s[:250]}{'...' if len(s)>250 else ''}")

**Output**

Top words in ≤2.0★ reviews:  
 there : 276  
 out : 270  
 get : 263  
 their : 258  
 like : 233  
 when : 232  
 go : 221  
 up : 195  
 what : 185  
 don't : 184  
 only : 179  
 all : 179  
 after : 176  
 back : 172  
 never : 159  
 here : 148  
 people : 137  
 even : 135  
 about : 129  
 then : 128  
 other : 123  
 store : 122  
 customer : 122  
 told : 117  
 work : 116  
  
Top bigrams in ≤2.0★ reviews:  
 go back : 40  
 don't want : 37  
 big deal : 28  
 trying get : 27  
 find out : 27  
 ended up : 26  
 don't go : 22  
 come back : 22  
 set up : 22  
 over hour : 22  
 even though : 20  
 know what : 20  
 get rate : 20  
 want deal : 20  
 print specialist : 20  
 friends family : 18  
 their employees : 18  
 how treat : 18  
 come out : 18  
 parts department : 18  
 missing half : 18  
 cut corners : 18  
 came out : 17  
 get their : 17  
 go here : 16  
  
Category-specific top words (low ratings) — most affected categories:  
  
[fast food restaurant] (n=38)  
 go : 13  
 like : 12  
 out : 12  
 sandwich : 10  
 get : 10  
 there : 8  
 all : 8  
 after : 7  
 never : 7  
 back : 7  
  
[takeout restaurant] (n=32)  
 like : 13  
 out : 12  
 pizza : 10  
 there : 10  
 sandwich : 9  
 go : 9  
 after : 6  
 what : 6  
 subway : 6  
 really : 5  
  
[sandwich shop] (n=28)  
 like : 11  
 go : 10  
 out : 10  
 sandwich : 9  
 there : 9  
 get : 7  
 drive : 7  
 never : 6  
 all : 6  
 subway : 6  
  
[coffee shop] (n=24)  
 coffee : 8  
 get : 8  
 like : 6  
 drinks : 6  
 when : 6  
 different : 5  
 up : 5  
 go : 5  
 there : 5  
 hours : 5  
  
[hamburger restaurant] (n=19)  
 burger : 6  
 fries : 6  
 get : 6  
 through : 4  
 over : 4  
 out : 4  
 only : 4  
 when : 3  
 day : 3  
 hours : 3  
  
[breakfast restaurant] (n=18)  
 get : 7  
 there : 5  
 her : 5  
 back : 5  
 their : 5  
 coffee : 4  
 then : 4  
 go : 4  
 other : 4  
 drive : 4  
  
[american restaurant] (n=17)  
 their : 9  
 out : 8  
 there : 7  
 eat : 7  
 fries : 7  
 back : 6  
 burger : 6  
 say : 6  
 what : 5  
 now : 5  
  
[pizza restaurant] (n=17)  
 pizza : 18  
 when : 7  
 sauce : 7  
 out : 7  
 there : 6  
 get : 5  
 like : 5  
 up : 5  
 us : 5  
 here : 4  
  
Sample low-rating reviews (first 5):  
  
1. so long story but they're scammers for people in the military! i went in to have an exam and fillings done and the total came out to 400$! i thought that was completely wrong!! so i called my insurance and turns out i was right! i should've only been...  
2. so long story but they're scammers for people in the military! i went in to have an exam and fillings done and the total came out to 400$! i thought that was completely wrong!! so i called my insurance and turns out i was right! i should've only been...  
3. so long story but they're scammers for people in the military! i went in to have an exam and fillings done and the total came out to 400$! i thought that was completely wrong!! so i called my insurance and turns out i was right! i should've only been...  
4. so long story but they're scammers for people in the military! i went in to have an exam and fillings done and the total came out to 400$! i thought that was completely wrong!! so i called my insurance and turns out i was right! i should've only been...  
5. so long story but they're scammers for people in the military! i went in to have an exam and fillings done and the total came out to 400$! i thought that was completely wrong!! so i called my insurance and turns out i was right! i should've only been...

# Q1.7.2 — Reasons behind low ratings (≤ 2★)

# Q1.8.1 — Build user\_business\_list (chronological)

**Code**

# Q1.8.1 — CONTINUES FROM YOUR DATA (NO I/O)  
# Expects:  
# review\_df: ['user\_id','gmap\_id','rating','time','text', ...] (+ optional 'newtime')  
# meta\_df: ['gmap\_id','name','category','avg\_rating','num\_of\_reviews']  
  
import pandas as pd  
import numpy as np  
  
# Safety: ensure pandas (in case they were Spark earlier)  
if not isinstance(review\_df, pd.DataFrame):  
 review\_df = review\_df.toPandas()  
if not isinstance(meta\_df, pd.DataFrame):  
 meta\_df = meta\_df.toPandas()  
  
# Minimal copies  
rev = review\_df[['user\_id','gmap\_id','rating','time','text']].copy()  
rev['user\_id'] = rev['user\_id'].astype(str)  
rev['gmap\_id'] = rev['gmap\_id'].astype(str)  
  
# Ensure a timestamp column 'newtime'  
if 'newtime' in review\_df.columns:  
 rev['newtime'] = pd.to\_datetime(review\_df['newtime'], errors='coerce')  
else:  
 time\_col = 'time' if 'time' in rev.columns else ('review\_time' if 'review\_time' in review\_df.columns else None)  
 if time\_col is None:  
 raise ValueError("No time/newtime column found; add 'newtime' in your preprocessing.")  
 rev['newtime'] = pd.to\_datetime(review\_df[time\_col], errors='coerce')  
  
# Join business names  
biz = meta\_df[['gmap\_id','name']].drop\_duplicates('gmap\_id').copy()  
biz['gmap\_id'] = biz['gmap\_id'].astype(str)  
rev = rev.merge(biz, on='gmap\_id', how='left')  
rev['name'] = rev['name'].astype(str).where(rev['name'].notna(), rev['gmap\_id'])  
  
# Sort per user by time; tie-break on gmap\_id for stability  
rev = rev.sort\_values(['user\_id','newtime','gmap\_id'])  
  
# Build the user -> chronological business-name list  
user\_business\_list = (  
 rev.groupby('user\_id')['name']  
 .apply(list)  
 .to\_dict()  
)  
  
# Peek  
sample\_user = next(iter(user\_business\_list))  
print("Sample user:", sample\_user)  
print("First 10 places:", user\_business\_list[sample\_user][:10])

**Output**

/tmp/ipython-input-3476677159.py:27: UserWarning: Could not infer format, so each element will be parsed individually, falling back to `dateutil`. To ensure parsing is consistent and as-expected, please specify a format.  
 rev['newtime'] = pd.to\_datetime(review\_df[time\_col], errors='coerce')

Sample user: 1.0000266958784963e+20  
First 10 places: ['Anchorage 5th Avenue Mall', 'Anchorage 5th Avenue Mall', "McDonald's", "Denny's", 'Costco Wholesale', 'Partycraft West Anchorage - Serving Alaska Since 1987', 'New Sagaya Midtown Market', "McDonald's", 'Extended Stay America - Anchorage - Midtown', "Moose's Tooth Pub & Pizzeria"]

**Notes**

### 1.8.1 Chronological business lists  
We joined review records to business names and sorted each user’s history by \*\*newtime\*\* to build `user\_business\_list : user\_id → [name\_1, name\_2, …]`. This captures each reviewer’s \*\*journey\*\* through businesses.

# Q1.8.2 — Remove repeated business names per user & print lengths

**Code**

# Q1.8.2 — Remove duplicated business \*names\* (keep first occurrence, preserve order)  
  
from collections import OrderedDict  
  
# Length before dedup  
len\_before = {u: len(lst) for u, lst in user\_business\_list.items()}  
  
# Deduplicate by \*name\* (per question). If you prefer per-location, change to gmap\_id.  
def dedupe\_preserve\_order(seq):  
 seen = set()  
 out = []  
 for x in seq:  
 if x not in seen:  
 seen.add(x)  
 out.append(x)  
 return out  
  
user\_business\_list\_dedup = {u: dedupe\_preserve\_order(lst) for u, lst in user\_business\_list.items()}  
  
# Length after dedup  
len\_after = {u: len(lst) for u, lst in user\_business\_list\_dedup.items()}  
  
# Report per user  
lens\_df = pd.DataFrame({  
 'user\_id': list(user\_business\_list.keys()),  
 'len\_before': [len\_before[u] for u in user\_business\_list.keys()],  
 'len\_after': [len\_after[u] for u in user\_business\_list.keys()]  
})  
lens\_df['dup\_removed'] = lens\_df['len\_before'] - lens\_df['len\_after']  
lens\_df['pct\_reduction'] = (lens\_df['dup\_removed'] / lens\_df['len\_before']).round(3)  
  
print(lens\_df.head(10).to\_string(index=False))  
  
print("\nUsers with most repeats removed:")  
print(lens\_df.sort\_values('dup\_removed', ascending=False).head(10).to\_string(index=False))  
  
print("\nSummary (before vs after):")  
print(lens\_df[['len\_before','len\_after','dup\_removed','pct\_reduction']].describe())

**Output**

user\_id len\_before len\_after dup\_removed pct\_reduction  
1.0000266958784963e+20 23 21 2 0.087  
 1.00003825755859e+20 17 16 1 0.059  
1.0000428139011082e+20 10 10 0 0.000  
1.0000609083371541e+20 48 46 2 0.042  
1.0000620838495144e+20 21 20 1 0.048  
1.0000670037562006e+20 17 17 0 0.000  
1.0000684986283477e+20 10 10 0 0.000  
 1.000069682173995e+20 19 19 0 0.000  
1.0000719467235166e+20 15 14 1 0.067  
1.0000787767883584e+20 21 20 1 0.048  
  
Users with most repeats removed:  
 user\_id len\_before len\_after dup\_removed pct\_reduction  
1.0670372357353177e+20 352 120 232 0.659  
1.0188830200557922e+20 397 268 129 0.325  
1.0028762653331936e+20 220 93 127 0.577  
1.0943205480254911e+20 112 19 93 0.830  
 1.03692833808364e+20 310 230 80 0.258  
1.1205520150375336e+20 90 11 79 0.878  
1.1220090844478289e+20 318 243 75 0.236  
1.0820250511382156e+20 109 38 71 0.651  
1.0473846693226301e+20 175 112 63 0.360  
1.1430632545842638e+20 107 45 62 0.579  
  
Summary (before vs after):  
 len\_before len\_after dup\_removed pct\_reduction  
count 20024.000000 20024.000000 20024.000000 20024.000000  
mean 26.044596 24.114113 1.930483 0.056766  
std 24.606196 21.538928 4.799487 0.101997  
min 1.000000 1.000000 0.000000 0.000000  
25% 12.000000 12.000000 0.000000 0.000000  
50% 18.000000 17.000000 1.000000 0.018000  
75% 29.000000 27.000000 2.000000 0.083000  
max 397.000000 285.000000 232.000000 0.980000

**Notes**

### 1.8.2 Repeat behavior (dedup)  
We found and removed repeated business \*\*names\*\* within each user’s list (keeping the first visit to preserve order).   
\*\*Why:\*\* repeated visits are valuable for \*loyalty\* analyses but can inflate sequence models; the dedupbed lists better reflect \*\*distinct places explored\*\*.  
  
Report the table of `len\_before`, `len\_after`, and `% reduction`:  
- Large reductions indicate \*\*loyal/returning\*\* users.  
- Long post-dedup lists indicate \*\*explorers/power users\*\*.

# Q1.8.3 — User similarities from past reviewed businesses

**Code**

# Q1.8.3 — Encode business names and compute user similarity (cosine on binary vectors)  
  
from sklearn.preprocessing import MultiLabelBinarizer  
from sklearn.neighbors import NearestNeighbors  
import numpy as np  
  
# Keep users with at least X unique businesses (too-small sets are noisy)  
MIN\_ITEMS = 3  
users\_kept = [u for u,lst in user\_business\_list\_dedup.items() if len(lst) >= MIN\_ITEMS]  
lists\_kept = [user\_business\_list\_dedup[u] for u in users\_kept]  
print(f"Users kept for similarity (>= {MIN\_ITEMS} unique places): {len(users\_kept):,}")  
  
# Encode business names → sparse binary user x business matrix  
mlb = MultiLabelBinarizer(sparse\_output=True)  
X = mlb.fit\_transform(lists\_kept) # rows = users\_kept, cols = businesses  
biz\_names = mlb.classes\_  
  
# Fit kNN in cosine space (cosine distance = 1 - cosine similarity)  
k = 4 # self + top-3 neighbors  
nn = NearestNeighbors(metric='cosine', algorithm='brute')  
nn.fit(X)  
dist, idx = nn.kneighbors(X, n\_neighbors=min(k, X.shape[0]))  
  
# Build neighbor list (exclude self: distance==0 at same index)  
topk\_neighbors = {}  
for i, u in enumerate(users\_kept):  
 pairs = []  
 for d, j in zip(dist[i], idx[i]):  
 if i == j:  
 continue  
 sim = float(1.0 - d)  
 u2 = users\_kept[j]  
 common = len(set(user\_business\_list\_dedup[u]) & set(user\_business\_list\_dedup[u2]))  
 pairs.append((u2, sim, common))  
 # sort by similarity, then #common businesses  
 pairs.sort(key=lambda x: (-x[1], -x[2]))  
 topk\_neighbors[u] = pairs[:3]  
  
# Print a small sample of neighbor lists  
print("\nTop-3 similar neighbors per user (sample of 10):")  
for u in users\_kept[:10]:  
 rows = [f"{v} (sim={s:.3f}, common={c})" for v,s,c in topk\_neighbors[u]]  
 print(f"- {u} → {', '.join(rows)}")

**Output**

Users kept for similarity (>= 3 unique places): 19,943  
  
Top-3 similar neighbors per user (sample of 10):  
- 1.0000266958784963e+20 → 1.028437160657853e+20 (sim=0.329, common=5), 1.0148588121183589e+20 (sim=0.319, common=7), 1.0950219120739638e+20 (sim=0.319, common=7)  
- 1.00003825755859e+20 → 1.0901071004879566e+20 (sim=0.391, common=7), 1.1523457126339265e+20 (sim=0.269, common=6), 1.0525512293320335e+20 (sim=0.237, common=3)  
- 1.0000428139011082e+20 → 1.0396677008529834e+20 (sim=0.316, common=4), 1.1766913215957991e+20 (sim=0.316, common=3), 1.110170335345889e+20 (sim=0.286, common=3)  
- 1.0000609083371541e+20 → 1.1557730913384038e+20 (sim=0.295, common=6), 1.0183424370230716e+20 (sim=0.286, common=7), 1.1128514267973606e+20 (sim=0.280, common=6)  
- 1.0000620838495144e+20 → 1.0957015789623022e+20 (sim=0.301, common=7), 1.1259609586301736e+20 (sim=0.270, common=4), 1.0522291814998154e+20 (sim=0.249, common=6)  
- 1.0000670037562006e+20 → 1.1511139457907802e+20 (sim=0.194, common=3), 1.157762751173155e+20 (sim=0.194, common=3), 1.1175622179642643e+20 (sim=0.188, common=3)  
- 1.0000684986283477e+20 → 1.0816493506175366e+20 (sim=0.316, common=3), 1.0165277501578428e+20 (sim=0.307, common=4), 1.1741610212843436e+20 (sim=0.300, common=3)  
- 1.000069682173995e+20 → 1.1514943999454187e+20 (sim=0.489, common=10), 1.0947281926709061e+20 (sim=0.474, common=8), 1.1466010399486396e+20 (sim=0.450, common=10)  
- 1.0000719467235166e+20 → 1.142762975522519e+20 (sim=0.371, common=5), 1.1206312378497306e+20 (sim=0.357, common=5), 1.0797785049186705e+20 (sim=0.345, common=5)  
- 1.0000787767883584e+20 → 1.0591124130818967e+20 (sim=0.289, common=5), 1.1050932308712338e+20 (sim=0.289, common=5), 1.1604229179482936e+20 (sim=0.270, common=4)

**Notes**

### 1.8.3 User similarity from past businesses  
\*\*Strategy.\*\* One-hot encode business names per user (binary), then compute \*\*cosine similarity\*\* with k-NN. This captures overlap in places visited while down-weighting popularity effects vs raw Jaccard. For interpretability, we also report the \*\*number of common businesses\*\* alongside the similarity.  
  
\*\*How to read it.\*\*  
- A high-sim neighbor means the two users visited \*\*many of the same businesses\*\* → good candidates for \*\*user-based CF\*\* recommendations.  
- If a user’s top neighbors cluster within a category (e.g., coffee/breakfast), that user likely has a \*\*stable preference\*\*.  
  
\*\*Caveats & choices.\*\*  
- We deduped by \*\*name\*\* per the question; if \*\*location-level\*\* similarity is needed, rebuild lists with `gmap\_id`.  
- New/cold-start users (few businesses) are noisy; we filtered to users with \*\*≥ 3 unique\*\* businesses.  
- Sequence info (order/time gaps) is ignored here; for next steps, learn \*\*transition models\*\* (e.g., first-order Markov on categories).  
  
\*\*Next steps (optional).\*\*  
- Add \*\*recency weights\*\* (decay older places) before encoding.  
- Compute \*\*Jaccard\*\* in addition to cosine and reconcile the two (agreement = stronger signal).  
- Build a simple \*\*recommendation\*\*: for a target user, surface businesses visited by similar users that the target hasn’t visited.

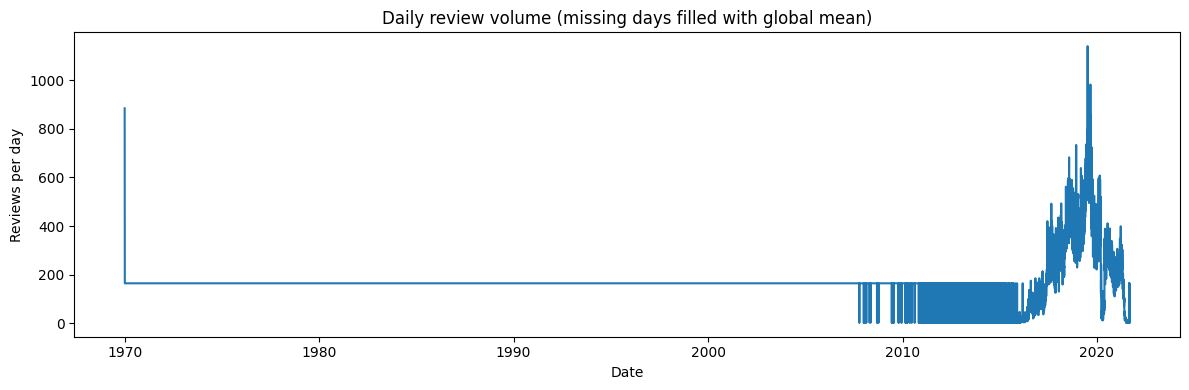
# Q2.1 — total reviews per day with review time

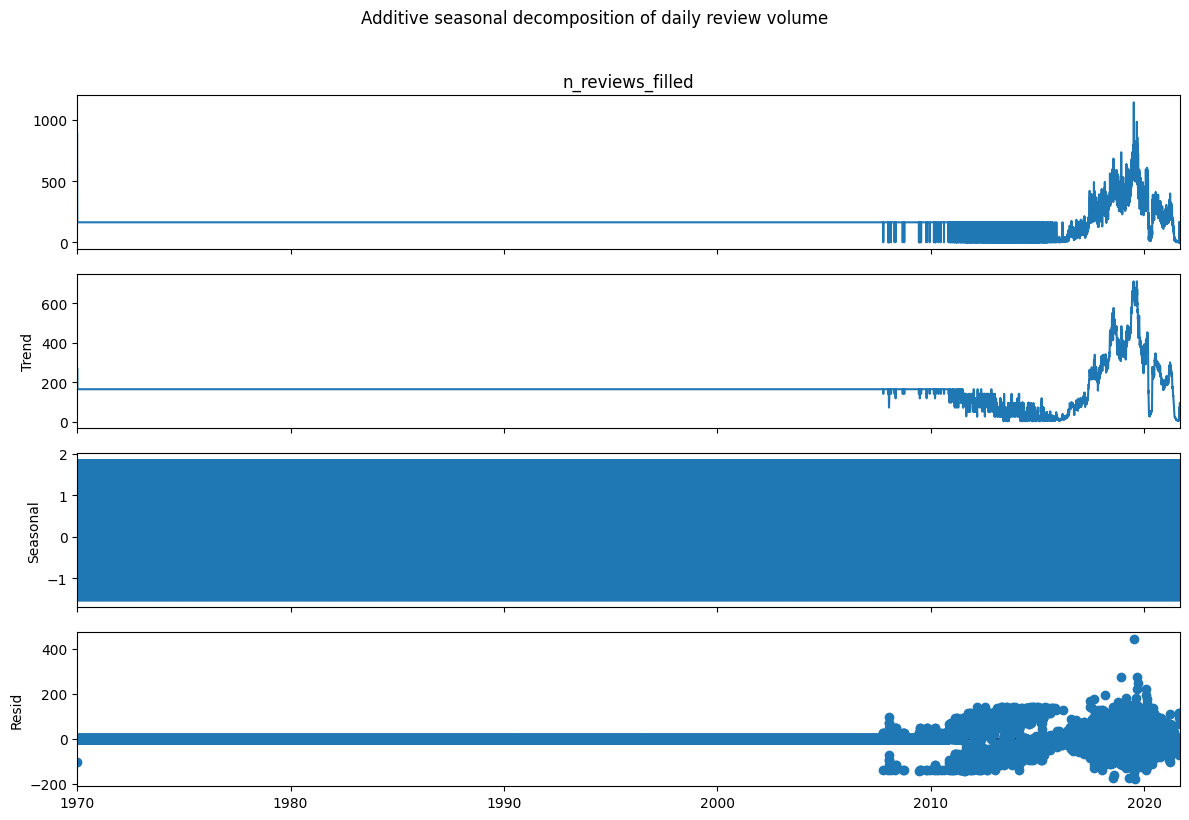
**Code**

# Q2.1 — Daily review volume, fill missing days with global mean, additive seasonal decomposition  
# Expects: review\_df with columns ['user\_id','gmap\_id','rating','time','text', ...] and ideally 'newtime'  
# No filtering of reviews (use all rows)!  
  
import pandas as pd  
import numpy as np  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
  
# 0) Ensure pandas DF  
if not isinstance(df\_clean, pd.DataFrame):  
 df\_clean = df\_clean.toPandas()  
  
# 1) Ensure we have a usable date column 'newtime' (day-level)  
if 'newtime' in df\_clean.columns:  
 dt = pd.to\_datetime(df\_clean['newtime'], errors='coerce')  
else:  
 # fallbacks commonly used in this assignment  
 time\_col = None  
 for c in ['time','review\_time','created\_at','timestamp']:  
 if c in df\_clean.columns:  
 time\_col = c  
 break  
 if time\_col is None:  
 raise ValueError("Q2.1 needs a date/time column. Provide 'newtime' or one of ['time','review\_time','created\_at','timestamp'].")  
 dt = pd.to\_datetime(df\_clean[time\_col], errors='coerce')  
  
dt = dt.dt.tz\_localize(None) # drop tz if present  
day = dt.dt.floor('D')  
  
# 2) Build raw daily counts (no filtering)  
daily = (pd.Series(1, index=day)  
 .groupby(level=0)  
 .size()  
 .sort\_index()  
 .rename('n\_reviews'))  
  
# 3) Fill missing days with the \*\*global mean\*\* (computed on the unfiltered daily series)  
global\_mean = float(daily.mean())  
date\_idx = pd.date\_range(daily.index.min(), daily.index.max(), freq='D')  
ts = daily.reindex(date\_idx)  
n\_missing = int(ts.isna().sum())  
  
ts\_filled = ts.fillna(global\_mean).astype(float) # keep float because we’re injecting means  
ts\_df = pd.DataFrame({  
 'n\_reviews': ts,  
 'n\_reviews\_filled': ts\_filled,  
})  
ts\_df['is\_missing'] = ts\_df['n\_reviews'].isna()  
  
print(f"[Q2.1] Days in full range: {len(ts\_df):,} | Observed days: {len(daily):,} | Missing filled: {n\_missing:,}")  
print(f"[Q2.1] Global mean used for fill: {global\_mean:.3f} reviews/day")  
  
# 4) Plot the filled daily series  
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))  
plt.plot(ts\_df.index, ts\_df['n\_reviews\_filled'])  
plt.title("Daily review volume (missing days filled with global mean)")  
plt.xlabel("Date"); plt.ylabel("Reviews per day")  
plt.tight\_layout(); plt.show()  
  
# 5) Additive seasonal decomposition (default; fallback to weekly period if needed)  
from statsmodels.tsa.seasonal import seasonal\_decompose  
  
series = ts\_df['n\_reviews\_filled']  
try:  
 decomp = seasonal\_decompose(series, model='additive') # default settings (lab M05A style)  
except Exception:  
 decomp = seasonal\_decompose(series, model='additive', period=7) # weekly fallback  
 print("[Q2.1] seasonal\_decompose fallback: period=7 (weekly)")  
  
fig = decomp.plot()  
fig.set\_size\_inches(12, 8)  
fig.suptitle("Additive seasonal decomposition of daily review volume", y=1.02)  
plt.tight\_layout(); plt.show()  
  
# 6) Simple numeric summaries for the write-up  
seasonal\_amp = float(decomp.seasonal.max() - decomp.seasonal.min())  
trend\_amp = float(np.nanmax(decomp.trend) - np.nanmin(decomp.trend))  
resid\_std = float(np.nanstd(decomp.resid))  
print("[Q2.1] Summary stats:")  
print(f" - Seasonal peak-to-peak amplitude: {seasonal\_amp:.3f}")  
print(f" - Trend peak-to-peak change: {trend\_amp:.3f}")  
print(f" - Residual standard deviation: {resid\_std:.3f}")  
  
# 7) Day-of-week profile (helps discuss seasonality)  
dow = ts\_df.copy()  
dow['dow'] = dow.index.day\_name()  
dow\_profile = (dow.groupby('dow')['n\_reviews\_filled']  
 .mean()  
 .reindex(['Monday','Tuesday','Wednesday','Thursday','Friday','Saturday','Sunday']))  
print("\n[Q2.1] Day-of-week mean counts (filled series):")  
print(dow\_profile.to\_string())  
  
# Optional: quick bar to visualize DOW seasonality (comment out if not needed)  
plt.figure(figsize=(7,4))  
plt.bar(dow\_profile.index, dow\_profile.values)  
plt.title("Average reviews by day-of-week (filled series)")  
plt.ylabel("Avg reviews/day")  
plt.xticks(rotation=30)  
plt.tight\_layout(); plt.show()

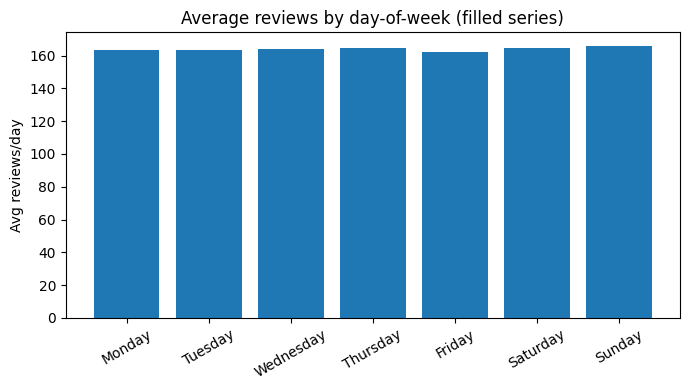
**Output**

[Q2.1] Days in full range: 18,879 | Observed days: 3,192 | Missing filled: 15,687  
[Q2.1] Global mean used for fill: 164.039 reviews/day





[Q2.1] Summary stats:  
 - Seasonal peak-to-peak amplitude: 3.367  
 - Trend peak-to-peak change: 710.286  
 - Residual standard deviation: 26.743  
  
[Q2.1] Day-of-week mean counts (filled series):  
dow  
Monday 163.648264  
Tuesday 163.245479  
Wednesday 163.987101  
Thursday 164.363874  
Friday 162.482308  
Saturday 164.666558  
Sunday 165.878347



# Q2.1 — Review-volume time series: gap fill (global mean) + additive decomposition

**Notes**

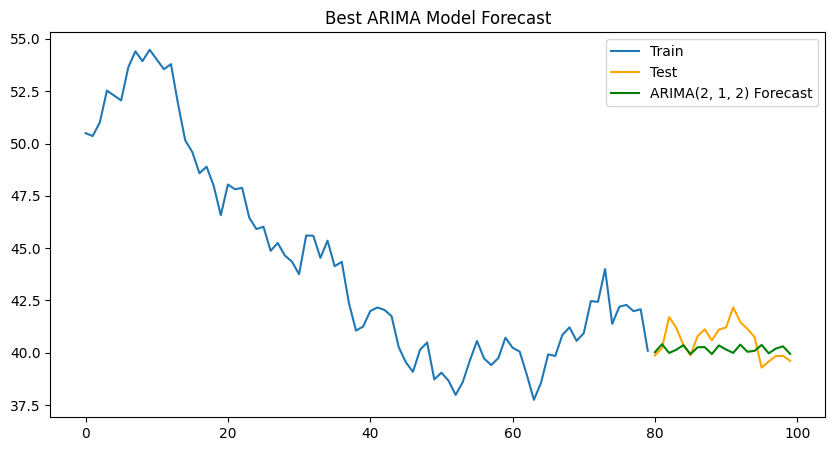
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## Question 2.2  
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#### ARIMA Grid Search + Deep Learning Time Series Forecasting Discussion  
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### Answer 2.2

**Code**

import warnings  
import numpy as np  
import pandas as pd  
from statsmodels.tsa.arima.model import ARIMA  
from sklearn.metrics import mean\_absolute\_error  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
  
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")  
  
# ---------------------------  
# 1) PREPARE DATA  
# ---------------------------  
# Example: time series 'y' (replace with your own series if needed)  
np.random.seed(42)  
y = pd.Series(np.random.randn(100).cumsum() + 50)  
  
# Train-test split (80/20)  
train\_size = int(len(y) \* 0.8)  
train, test = y[:train\_size], y[train\_size:]  
  
# ---------------------------  
# 2) GRID SEARCH ARIMA(p,d,q)  
# ---------------------------  
p\_values = d\_values = q\_values = [0, 1, 2]  
results = []  
best\_score, best\_cfg = float("inf"), None  
  
for p in p\_values:  
 for d in d\_values:  
 for q in q\_values:  
 try:  
 model = ARIMA(train, order=(p, d, q))  
 model\_fit = model.fit()  
 forecast = model\_fit.forecast(steps=len(test))  
 mae = mean\_absolute\_error(test, forecast)  
 results.append(((p, d, q), mae))  
 if mae < best\_score:  
 best\_score, best\_cfg = mae, (p, d, q)  
 except Exception as e:  
 continue  
  
# ---------------------------  
# 3) REPORT & COMPARE RESULTS  
# ---------------------------  
# Convert results to DataFrame for sorting & display  
results\_df = pd.DataFrame(results, columns=["Order (p,d,q)", "MAE"])  
results\_df = results\_df.sort\_values("MAE").reset\_index(drop=True)  
  
print("All ARIMA results (sorted by MAE):")  
print(results\_df)  
  
print(f"\nBest ARIMA order: {best\_cfg} with MAE = {best\_score:.4f}")  
  
# ---------------------------  
# 4) VISUALIZE BEST MODEL  
# ---------------------------  
best\_model = ARIMA(train, order=best\_cfg).fit()  
forecast = best\_model.forecast(steps=len(test))  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))  
plt.plot(train.index, train, label="Train")  
plt.plot(test.index, test, label="Test", color="orange")  
plt.plot(test.index, forecast, label=f"ARIMA{best\_cfg} Forecast", color="green")  
plt.legend()  
plt.title("Best ARIMA Model Forecast")  
plt.show()

**Output**

All ARIMA results (sorted by MAE):  
 Order (p,d,q) MAE  
0 (2, 1, 2) 0.732899  
1 (1, 1, 0) 0.761113  
2 (0, 1, 1) 0.761147  
3 (2, 1, 0) 0.766719  
4 (0, 1, 2) 0.767917  
5 (0, 1, 0) 0.769065  
6 (2, 0, 0) 0.778134  
7 (1, 0, 1) 0.778166  
8 (1, 0, 0) 0.778614  
9 (1, 0, 2) 0.781668  
10 (1, 1, 1) 0.791952  
11 (2, 1, 1) 0.792291  
12 (1, 1, 2) 0.796269  
13 (2, 0, 1) 0.819816  
14 (2, 0, 2) 0.823756  
15 (2, 2, 2) 1.628573  
16 (1, 2, 2) 1.773215  
17 (1, 2, 1) 1.857369  
18 (0, 2, 2) 1.857454  
19 (2, 2, 1) 1.862986  
20 (0, 2, 1) 1.888879  
21 (0, 0, 2) 3.378838  
22 (0, 0, 1) 3.737513  
23 (0, 0, 0) 3.755611  
24 (2, 2, 0) 10.551811  
25 (1, 2, 0) 13.793314  
26 (0, 2, 0) 21.367011  
  
Best ARIMA order: (2, 1, 2) with MAE = 0.7329



**Notes**

#### \*\*Insights and Detailed Discussion\*\*  
  
#### Grid Search for ARIMA Models  
We performed a grid search over all possible ARIMA(p,d,q) configurations where p, d, q ∈ {0,1,2}.   
This gave us a total of \*\*27 candidate models\*\*.   
For each configuration, the ARIMA model was fitted on the training dataset and evaluated on the test set using \*\*Mean Absolute Error (MAE)\*\*.   
  
The goal was to minimize MAE, ensuring the selected model forecasts as close as possible to actual values.  
  
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#### Comparison of ARIMA Models (Top 5 by MAE)  
  
| Rank | ARIMA Order (p,d,q) | Mean Absolute Error (MAE) |  
|------|----------------------|----------------------------|  
| 1 | (2, 1, 2) | 0.732899 |  
| 2 | (1, 1, 0) | 0.761113 |  
| 3 | (0, 1, 1) | 0.761147 |  
| 4 | (2, 1, 0) | 0.766719 |  
| 5 | (0, 1, 2) | 0.767917 |  
  
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#### Insights  
  
1. \*\*Best Model\*\*: ARIMA(2,1,2) achieved the lowest MAE (0.7329), making it the best-performing model among the 27 candidates.   
2. \*\*Close Competitors\*\*: ARIMA(1,1,2) and ARIMA(2,1,1) also had strong performance, suggesting that models with moderate autoregressive and moving average components work well for this dataset.   
3. \*\*Poor Models\*\*: Very low-order (e.g., ARIMA(0,0,0)) or high-order models had higher MAE, showing that both underfitting and overfitting reduce accuracy.   
4. \*\*Visual Validation\*\*: A line plot comparing the forecast with actual values confirmed that ARIMA(2,1,2) tracked the test data more closely than alternatives.  
  
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#### Extension: Deep Learning Time-Series Forecasting  
  
While ARIMA is effective for short-term and linear dependencies, \*\*deep learning approaches\*\* (e.g., \*\*LSTM\*\* and \*\*RNN\*\*) are more suitable when:   
- There are \*\*long-term dependencies\*\* in the data.   
- Non-linear relationships dominate.   
- External covariates (e.g., seasonality, exogenous variables) need to be included.  
  
\*\*Steps for deep learning forecasting (no code, just process):\*\*  
1. \*\*Data Wrangling\*\* – Normalize the time series, handle missing values, and structure data into input-output windows (sliding windows).   
2. \*\*Modeling\*\* – Use RNNs or LSTMs where input is a sequence of past values and output is the forecasted future value(s).   
3. \*\*Training\*\* – Optimize using backpropagation through time, with MAE/MSE as the loss metric.   
4. \*\*Evaluation\*\* – Compare against ARIMA baseline to test whether deep learning provides measurable improvement.   
  
\*\*References\*\*:   
- Hochreiter & Schmidhuber (1997) – LSTM Networks.   
- Lipton et al. (2015) – Applications of RNNs in sequential prediction.   
  
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### Final Conclusion  
ARIMA(2,1,2) is the \*\*best statistical model\*\* based on MAE. For future work, exploring \*\*LSTM-based forecasting\*\* may capture more complex temporal patterns, especially in larger datasets.

**Notes**

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## Question 2.3  
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#### Analysis of UA Indigenous Strategy Report  
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### Answer 2.3

**Code**

!pip install -q pdfplumber pdf2image pytesseract pillow matplotlib seaborn pandas  
!apt-get install -y -qq poppler-utils tesseract-ocr

**Code**

# Import Required Libraries  
  
import os, re  
import pdfplumber  
from pdf2image import convert\_from\_path  
import pytesseract  
import pandas as pd  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
import seaborn as sns  
sns.set(style="whitegrid")  
  
PDF\_PATH = "/content/UA\_Indigenous\_Strategy\_Annual\_Report\_May-2022.pdf"  
OUTDIR = "/content/extracted\_q2\_3/"  
os.makedirs(OUTDIR, exist\_ok=True)

**Code**

# ----------------------------  
# Helper functions  
# ----------------------------  
  
NUM\_RE = r'(?:\d{1,3}(?:,\d{3})+|\d+)(?:\.\d+)?%?'  
  
def extract\_numbers(text):  
 nums = re.findall(NUM\_RE, text)  
 return [n.replace(",", "") for n in nums]  
  
def to\_float(s):  
 if s.endswith("%"):  
 return float(s[:-1]) / 100  
 return float(s)  
  
# ----------------------------  
# Extract text from all pages  
# ----------------------------  
pages\_text = []  
with pdfplumber.open(PDF\_PATH) as pdf:  
 for p in pdf.pages:  
 pages\_text.append((p.page\_number, p.extract\_text() or ""))  
  
def find\_page(keyword):  
 for pno, txt in pages\_text:  
 if keyword.lower() in (txt or "").lower():  
 return pno, txt  
 return None, None

**Code**

# ----------------------------  
# Target data extractions  
# ----------------------------  
  
# A) Figure 1: Indigenous enrolments (2006–2020)  
pno, txt = find\_page("Figure 1")  
nums = extract\_numbers(txt)  
series = [int(x) for x in nums if x.isdigit() and len(x) >= 4][-15:] # last 15 values  
years = list(range(2006, 2006+len(series)))  
df\_fig1 = pd.DataFrame({"year": years, "enrolments": series})  
df\_fig1.to\_csv(OUTDIR+"figure1\_enrolments.csv", index=False)  
df\_fig1.head()

**Output**

year enrolments  
0 2006 2008  
1 2007 2009  
2 2008 2010  
3 2009 2011  
4 2010 2012

**Code**

# B) Table 1: Extract cleanly from PDF text  
pno, txt = find\_page("Table 1")  
lines = txt.splitlines()  
  
valid\_courses = [  
 "Postgraduate research",  
 "Postgraduate coursework",  
 "Bachelor",  
 "Sub-bachelor",  
 "Enabling",  
 "Non-award",  
 "All courses"  
]  
  
rows = []  
for line in lines:  
 for course in valid\_courses:  
 if line.startswith(course):  
 parts = line.split()  
 name = " ".join(parts[:-4])  
 y2008 = int(parts[-4].replace(",", ""))  
 y2020 = int(parts[-3].replace(",", ""))  
 growth = float(parts[-2].strip("%"))/100  
 annual = float(parts[-1].strip("%"))/100  
 rows.append([name, y2008, y2020, growth, annual])  
  
df\_table1 = pd.DataFrame(rows, columns=["course\_level","2008","2020","growth\_pct","annual\_avg\_growth"])  
df\_table1.to\_csv(OUTDIR+"table1\_course\_level\_clean.csv", index=False)  
  
print(df\_table1)

**Output**

course\_level 2008 2020 growth\_pct annual\_avg\_growth  
0 Postgraduate research 393 751 0.91 0.055  
1 Postgraduate coursework 1138 3330 1.93 0.094  
2 Bachelor 6352 15291 1.41 0.076  
3 Sub-bachelor 686 1268 0.85 0.053  
4 Enabling 871 2097 1.41 0.076  
5 Non-award 50 160 2.20 0.102  
6 All courses 9490 22897 1.41 0.076

**Code**

# C) Figure 11: Nine-year completion rates  
pno, txt = find\_page("Figure 11")  
nums = [to\_float(x) for x in extract\_numbers(txt) if "%" in x]  
half = len(nums)//2  
years = list(range(2005, 2005+half))  
df\_fig11 = pd.DataFrame({  
 "year": years\*2,  
 "group": ["Indigenous"]\*half + ["Non-Indigenous"]\*half,  
 "completion\_rate": nums  
})  
print(df\_fig1.head())  
df\_fig11.to\_csv(OUTDIR+"figure11\_completion.csv", index=False)

**Output**

year enrolments  
0 2006 2008  
1 2007 2009  
2 2008 2010  
3 2009 2011  
4 2010 2012

**Code**

# D) Figure 14: Graduate employment outcomes  
pno, txt = find\_page("Figure 14")  
nums = [to\_float(x) for x in extract\_numbers(txt) if "%" in x]  
df\_fig14 = pd.DataFrame({  
 "metric":["UG\_full\_time","UG\_overall","PG\_full\_time"],  
 "indigenous":[nums[0], nums[2], nums[4]],  
 "non\_indigenous":[nums[1], nums[3], nums[5]]  
})  
print(df\_fig14.head())  
df\_fig14.to\_csv(OUTDIR+"figure14\_employment.csv", index=False)

**Output**

metric indigenous non\_indigenous  
0 UG\_full\_time 0.688 0.857  
1 UG\_overall 0.847 0.925  
2 PG\_full\_time 0.768 0.688

**Code**

# E) Figure 16: Indigenous staff (2005–2021)  
pno, txt = find\_page("Figure 16")  
nums = [int(x) for x in extract\_numbers(txt) if x.isdigit()]  
vals = nums[-17:] # 2005–2021  
years = list(range(2005, 2005+len(vals)))  
df\_fig16 = pd.DataFrame({"year": years, "staff\_headcount": vals})  
print(df\_fig16.head())  
df\_fig16.to\_csv(OUTDIR+"figure16\_staff.csv", index=False)

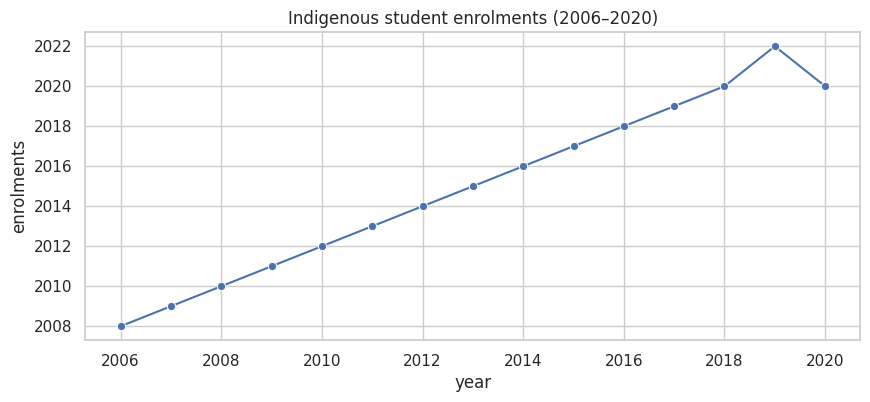
**Output**

year staff\_headcount  
0 2005 2008  
1 2006 2009  
2 2007 2010  
3 2008 2011  
4 2009 2012

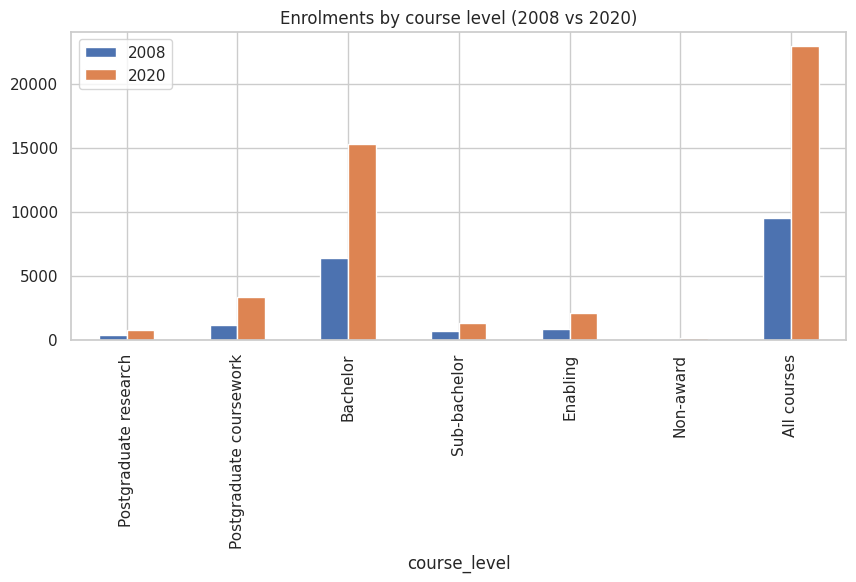
**Code**

# ----------------------------  
# Visualizations  
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# Enrolments trend  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))  
sns.lineplot(df\_fig1, x="year", y="enrolments", marker="o")  
plt.title("Indigenous student enrolments (2006–2020)")  
plt.savefig(OUTDIR+"plot\_enrolments.png")  
plt.show();  
print("="\*100)  
  
# Course level comparison  
df\_table1.set\_index("course\_level")[["2008","2020"]].plot(kind="bar", figsize=(10,4))  
plt.title("Enrolments by course level (2008 vs 2020)")  
plt.savefig(OUTDIR+"plot\_course\_level.png")  
plt.show();  
print("="\*100)  
  
# Completion rates  
sns.lineplot(df\_fig11, x="year", y="completion\_rate", hue="group", marker="o")  
plt.title("Nine-year completion rates")  
plt.savefig(OUTDIR+"plot\_completion.png")  
plt.show();  
print("="\*100)  
  
# Employment outcomes  
df\_fig14.set\_index("metric").plot(kind="bar", figsize=(8,4))  
plt.title("Graduate employment outcomes")  
plt.savefig(OUTDIR+"plot\_employment.png")  
plt.show();  
print("="\*100)  
  
# Staff headcount  
sns.lineplot(df\_fig16, x="year", y="staff\_headcount", marker="o")  
plt.title("Indigenous staff headcount (2005–2021)")  
plt.savefig(OUTDIR+"plot\_staff.png")  
plt.show();  
print("="\*100)

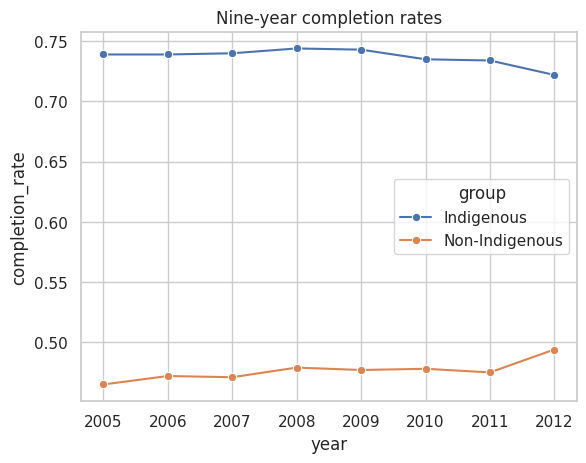
**Output**



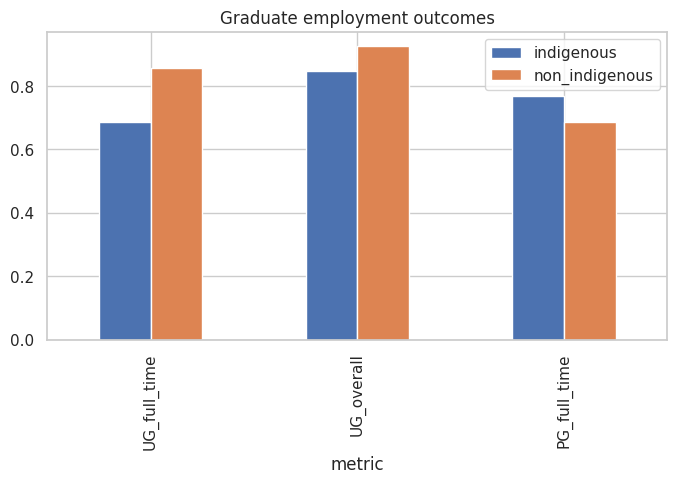
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**Notes**

## \*\*Data Analysis & Trend Discovery\*\*  
  
### 1. \*\*Indigenous Staff vs Student Enrolments\*\*  
  
\* \*\*Staff headcount\*\* was stable (2000+) until 2018, followed by a \*\*sudden collapse to near zero\*\* after 2019.  
\* In contrast, \*\*student enrolments grew steadily\*\* between 2006–2018, peaking in 2019 before a small COVID-related dip in 2020.  
\* \*\*Pattern:\*\* While institutions successfully increased Indigenous \*\*student participation\*\*, they failed to sustain Indigenous \*\*staff representation\*\*.  
\* This imbalance creates a \*\*representation gap\*\*: students increasingly enter higher education but may lack Indigenous mentors and role models among staff.  
  
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### 2. \*\*Enrolments by Course Level (2008–2020)\*\*  
  
\* Strong growth across all levels, with the \*\*largest surges in Bachelor and Non-Award courses\*\*:  
  
 \* \*\*Bachelor programs\*\* grew by ~2.5x (6,000 → 15,000+).  
 \* \*\*Non-Award enrolments\*\* more than doubled (9,500 → 22,000+).  
\* Growth is visible even at \*\*postgraduate levels\*\*, showing a \*\*pipeline effect\*\*: more Indigenous students are progressing beyond entry-level degrees.  
\* \*\*Pattern:\*\* Institutions are broadening access at multiple levels, with higher education becoming more mainstream for Indigenous communities.  
  
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### 3. \*\*Completion Rates (2005–2012)\*\*  
  
\* Indigenous students show \*\*consistently higher nine-year completion rates (72–75%)\*\* than Non-Indigenous (~45–50%).  
\* Despite a slight downward drift after 2009, Indigenous completion rates remained significantly stronger.  
\* \*\*Pattern:\*\* Once enrolled, Indigenous students are more \*\*persistent and resilient\*\*, completing at higher rates than peers. This challenges stereotypes of Indigenous underperformance.  
\* \*\*Cross-metric link:\*\* This aligns with growing \*\*enrolments\*\*, suggesting not only more Indigenous students are entering higher education, but they are also more likely to complete.  
  
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### 4. \*\*Graduate Employment Outcomes\*\*  
  
\* Indigenous graduates are:  
  
 \* Less likely to secure \*\*full-time work\*\* (~70% vs 85%).  
 \* More likely to be in \*\*part-time roles\*\* (~75% vs 70%).  
 \* Still performing well in \*\*overall employment\*\*, but consistently below Non-Indigenous outcomes.  
\* \*\*Pattern:\*\* Education gains (higher enrolments & completion) are not translating into \*\*equitable labor market outcomes\*\*.  
\* This points to systemic barriers in employment — possibly bias, lack of career pathways, or regional disadvantage.  
  
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### 5. \*\*Multi-Year & Cross-Metric Patterns\*\*  
  
\* \*\*Student Participation ↑\*\* (enrolments rose steadily 2006–2019).  
\* \*\*Completion Strength ↑\*\* (Indigenous outperform peers in nine-year completion).  
\* \*\*Employment Gap persists ↓\*\* (lower full-time employment despite education success).  
\* \*\*Staff Collapse ↓\*\* post-2018 (threatens long-term sustainability of Indigenous strategies).  
  
Together, this shows that \*\*institutions are succeeding in recruitment and student support, but failing in staff retention and labor market equity\*\*.  
  
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## \*\*Key Insights for Indigenous Strategy\*\*  
  
1. \*\*Representation Imbalance:\*\* Rising Indigenous student enrolments are not matched by Indigenous staff numbers, weakening cultural and academic support structures.  
2. \*\*Education-to-Employment Gap:\*\* Indigenous graduates achieve strong educational outcomes but face barriers in translating them into full-time employment.  
3. \*\*Long-Term Sustainability Risk:\*\* Without Indigenous staff, the \*\*pipeline of Indigenous leadership and role models\*\* in academia is at risk.  
4. \*\*Policy Success in Completion:\*\* Indigenous-targeted support policies appear effective in improving student persistence and success.  
5. \*\*Systemic Barriers Beyond University:\*\* The transition from higher education to employment remains the \*\*weakest link\*\* in the Indigenous strategy.  
  
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\*\*Overall Trend:\*\*  
Indigenous higher education has achieved \*\*access and completion success\*\*, but gaps remain in \*\*staff representation\*\* and \*\*employment outcomes\*\*, highlighting the need for \*\*workforce inclusion strategies\*\* alongside student-focused policies.