3. Baseline feature transformation

The simulated dataset generated in the previous section is simple. It only contains the essential features that characterize a payment card transaction. These are: a unique identifier for the transaction, the date and time of the transaction, the transaction amount, a unique identifier for the customer, a unique number for the merchant, and a binary variable that labels the transaction as legitimate or fraudulent (0 for legitimate or 1 for fraudulent). Fig. 1 provides the first three rows of the simulated dataset:

TRANSACTION_ID	TX_DATETIME	CUSTOMER_ID	TERMINAL_ID	TX_AMOUNT	TX_FRAUD
0	2018-04-01 00:00:31	596	3156	57.16	0
1	2018-04-01 00:02:10	4961	3412	81.51	0
2	2018-04-01 00:07:56	2	1365	146.00	0

Fig. 1. The first three transactions in the simulated dataset used in this chapter.

What each row essentially summarizes is that, at 00:00:31, on the 1st of April 2018, a customer with ID 596 made a payment of a value of 57.19 to a merchant with ID 3156, and that the transaction was not fraudulent. Then, at 00:02:10, on the 1st of April 2018, a customer with ID 4961 made a payment of a value of 81.51 to a merchant with ID 3412, and that the transaction was not fraudulent. And so on. The simulated dataset is a long list of such transactions (1.8 million in total). The variable transaction_ID is a unique identifier for each transaction.

While conceptually simple for a human, such a set of features is however not appropriate for a machine learning predictive model. Machine learning algorithms typically require *numerical* and *ordered* features. Numerical means that the type of the variable must be an integer or a real number. Ordered means that the order of the values of a variable is meaningful.

In this dataset, the only numerical and ordered features are the transaction amount and the fraud label. The date is a Panda timestamp, and therefore not numerical. The identifiers for the transactions, customers, and terminals are numerical but not ordered: it would not make sense to assume for example that the terminal with ID 3548 is 'bigger' or 'larger' than the terminal with ID 1983. Rather, these identifiers represent distinct 'entities', which are referred to as *categorical* features.

There is unfortunately no standard procedure to deal with non-numerical or categorical features. The topic is known in the machine learning literature as *feature engineering* or *feature transformation*. In essence, the goal of feature engineering is to design new features that are assumed to be relevant for a predictive problem. The design of these features is usually problem-dependent, and involves domain knowledge.

In this section, we will implement three types of feature transformation that are known to be relevant for payment card fraud detection.

Binary encoding or one-hot encoding

RFM (Recency, Frequency, Monetary value)

Frequency encoding or risk encoding

The first type of transformation involves the date/time variable, and consists in creating binary features that characterize potentially relevant periods. We will create two such features. The first one will characterize whether a transaction occurs during a weekday or during the weekend. The second will characterize whether a transaction occurs during the day or the night. These features can be useful since it has been observed in real-world datasets that fraudulent patterns differ between weekdays and weekends, and between the day and night.

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The second type of transformation involves the customer ID and consists in creating features that characterize the customer spending behaviors. We will follow the RFM (Recency, Frequency, Monetary value) framework proposed in [VVBC+15], and keep track of the average spending amount and number of transactions for each customer and for three window sizes. This will lead to the creation of six new features.

The third type of transformation involves the terminal ID and consists in creating new features that characterize the 'risk' associated with the terminal. The risk will be defined as the average number of frauds that were observed on the terminal for three window sizes. This will lead to the creation of three new features.

The table below summarizes the types of transformation that will be performed and the new features that will be created.

Original feature name	Original feature type	Transformation	Number of new features	New feature type
TX_DATE_TIME	Panda timestamp	0 if transaction during a weekday, 1 if transaction during a weekend. The new feature is called TX_DURING_WEEKEND.	1	Integer (0/1)
TX_DATE_TIME	Panda timestamp	0 if transaction between 6am and 0pm, 1 if transaction between 0pm and 6am. The new feature is called TX_DURING_NIGHT.	1	Integer (0/1)
CUSTOMER_ID	Categorical variable	Number of transactions by the customer in the last n day(s), for n in {1,7,30}. The new features are called CUSTOMER_ID_NB_TX_nDAY_WINDOW.	3	Integer
CUSTOMER_ID	Categorical variable	Average spending amount in the last n day(s), for n in {1,7,30}. The new features are called CUSTOMER_ID_AVG_AMOUNT_nDAY_WINDOW.	3	Real
TERMINAL_ID	Categorical variable	Number of transactions on the terminal in the last n+d day(s), for n in {1,7,30} and d=7. The parameter d is called delay and will be discussed later in this notebook. The new features are called TERMINAL_ID_NB_TX_nDAY_WINDOW.	3	Integer
TERMINAL_ID	Categorical variable	Average number of frauds on the terminal in the last n+d day(s), for n in {1,7,30} and d=7. The parameter d is called delay and will be discussed later in this notebook. The new features are called TERMINAL_ID_RISK_nDAY_WINDOW.	3	Real

The following sections provide the implementation for each of these three transformations. After the transformations, a set of 14 new features will be created. Note that some of the features are the result of aggregation functions over the values of other features or conditions (same customer, given time window). These features are often referred to as *aggregated features*.

```
# Initialization: Load shared functions and simulated data

# Load shared functions
!curl -O https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Fraud-Detection-Handbook/fraud-detection-handbook/main/Chapter_References/shared_functions.py

%run shared_functions.py

# Get simulated data from Github repository
if not os.path.exists("simulated-data-raw"):
    !git clone https://github.com/Fraud-Detection-Handbook/simulated-data-raw
```

```
% Total % Received % Xferd Average Speed Time Time Time Current
Dload Upload Total Spent Left Speed
100 31567 100 31567 0 0 135k 0 --:--:-- 135k
Cloning into 'simulated-data-raw'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 189, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (189/189), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (187/187), done.
remote: Total 189 (delta 0), reused 186 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
Receiving objects: 100% (189/189), 28.04 MiB | 3.13 MiB/s, done.
```

3.1. Loading of dataset

Let us first load the transaction data simulated in the previous notebook. We will load the transaction files from April to September. Files can be loaded using the read_from_files function in the <u>shared functions</u> notebook. The function was put in this notebook since it will be used frequently throughout this book.

The function takes as input the folder where the data files are located, and the dates that define the period to load (between BEGIN_DATE and END_DATE). It returns a DataFrame of transactions. The transactions are sorted by chronological order.

```
DIR_INPUT='./simulated-data-raw/data/'

BEGIN_DATE = "2018-04-01"
END_DATE = "2018-09-30"

print("Load files")
%time transactions_df=read_from_files(DIR_INPUT, BEGIN_DATE, END_DATE)
print("{0} transactions loaded, containing {1} fraudulent
transactions".format(len(transactions_df),transactions_df.TX_FRAUD.sum()))
```

```
Load files
CPU times: user 3.1 s, sys: 696 ms, total: 3.79 s
Wall time: 4.13 s
1754155 transactions loaded, containing 14681 fraudulent transactions
```

```
transactions_df.head()
```

	TRANSACTION_ID	TX_DATETIME	CUSTOMER_ID	TERMINAL_ID	TX_AMOUNT	TX_TIME_SECONDS	TX_TIME_DAYS	1
0	0	2018-04-01 00:00:31	596	3156	57.16	31	0	
1	1	2018-04-01 00:02:10	4961	3412	81.51	130	0	
2	2	2018-04-01 00:07:56	2	1365	146.00	476	0	
3	3	2018-04-01 00:09:29	4128	8737	64.49	569	0	
4	4	2018-04-01 00:10:34	927	9906	50.99	634	0	
4							•	•

3.2. Date and time transformations

We will create two new binary features from the transaction dates and times:

• The first will characterize whether a transaction occurs during a weekday (value 0) or a weekend (1), and will be called TX_DURING_WEEKEND

• The second will characterize whether a transaction occurs during the day or during the day (0) or during the night (1). The night is defined as hours that are between 0pm and 6am. It will be called TX_DURING_NIGHT.

For the TX_DURING_WEEKEND feature, we define a function is_weekend that takes as input a Panda timestamp, and returns 1 if the date is during a weekend, or 0 otherwise. The timestamp object conveniently provides the weekday function to help in computing this value.

```
def is_weekend(tx_datetime):
    # Transform date into weekday (0 is Monday, 6 is Sunday)
    weekday = tx_datetime.weekday()
    # Binary value: 0 if weekday, 1 if weekend
    is_weekend = weekday>=5
    return int(is_weekend)
```

It is then straightforward to compute this feature for all transactions using the Panda apply function.

```
%time transactions_df['TX_DURING_WEEKEND']=transactions_df.TX_DATETIME.apply(is_weekend)
CPU times: user 7.54 s, sys: 247 ms, total: 7.79 s
Wall time: 7.94 s
```

We follow the same logic to implement the TX_DURING_NIGHT feature. First, a function is_night that takes as input a Panda timestamp, and returns 1 if the time is during the night, or 0 otherwise. The timestamp object conveniently provides the hour property to help in computing this value.

```
def is_night(tx_datetime):
    # Get the hour of the transaction
    tx_hour = tx_datetime.hour
    # Binary value: 1 if hour less than 6, and 0 otherwise
    is_night = tx_hour<=6
    return int(is_night)</pre>
```

```
%time transactions_df['TX_DURING_NIGHT']=transactions_df.TX_DATETIME.apply(is_night)
CPU times: user 7.09 s, sys: 221 ms, total: 7.31 s
Wall time: 7.47 s
```

Let us check that these features where correctly computed.

```
transactions_df[transactions_df.TX_TIME_DAYS>=30]
```

ГЕТІМЕ	CUSTOMER_ID	TERMINAL_ID	TX_AMOUNT	TX_TIME_SECONDS	TX_TIME_DAYS	TX_FRAUD	TX_FRAUD_SCENAR
3-05-01 0:01:21	3546	2944	18.71	2592081	30	0	
3-05-01 0:01:48	206	3521	18.60	2592108	30	0	
3-05-01 10:02:22	2610	4470	66.67	2592142	30	0	
3-05-01 0:03:15	4578	1520	79.41	2592195	30	0	
3-05-01 0:03:51	1246	7809	52.08	2592231	30	0	
3-09-30 !3:56:36	161	655	54.24	15810996	182	0	
3-09-30 !3:57:38	4342	6181	1.23	15811058	182	0	
3-09-30 :3:58:21	618	1502	6.62	15811101	182	0	
3-09-30 :3:59:52	4056	3067	55.40	15811192	182	0	
3-09-30 :3:59:57	3542	9849	23.59	15811197	182	0	
4							•

1466093 rows × 11 columns

The 2018-05-01 was a Monday, and the 2018-09-30 a Sunday. These dates are correctly flagged as weekday, and weekend, respectively. The day and night feature is also correctly set for the first transactions, that happen closely after 0 pm, and the last transactions that happen closely before 0 pm.

3.3. Customer ID transformations

Let us now proceed with customer ID transformations. We will take inspiration from the RFM (Recency, Frequency, Monetary value) framework proposed in [VVBC+15], and compute two of these features over three time windows. The first feature will be the number of transactions that occur within a time window (Frequency). The second will be the average amount spent in these transactions (Monetary value). The time windows will be set to one, seven, and thirty days. This will generate six new features. Note that these time windows could later be optimized along with the models using a model selection procedure (Chapter 5).

Let us implement these transformations by writing a get_customer_spending_behaviour_features function. The function takes as inputs the set of transactions for a customer and a set of window sizes. It returns a DataFrame with the six new features. Our implementation relies on the Panda rolling function, which makes easy the computation of aggregates over a time window.

```
def get_customer_spending_behaviour_features(customer_transactions, windows_size_in_days=
[1,7,30]):
    # Let us first order transactions chronologically
    customer_transactions=customer_transactions.sort_values('TX_DATETIME')
    # The transaction date and time is set as the index, which will allow the use of the rolling
function
    customer_transactions.index=customer_transactions.TX_DATETIME
    # For each window size
    for window_size in windows_size_in_days:
        # Compute the sum of the transaction amounts and the number of transactions for the given
window size
SUM_AMOUNT_TX_WINDOW=customer_transactions['TX_AMOUNT'].rolling(str(window_size)+'d').sum()
        NB_TX_WINDOW=customer_transactions['TX_AMOUNT'].rolling(str(window_size)+'d').count()
        # Compute the average transaction amount for the given window size
        # NB_TX_WINDOW is always >0 since current transaction is always included
        AVG_AMOUNT_TX_WINDOW=SUM_AMOUNT_TX_WINDOW/NB_TX_WINDOW
        # Save feature values
customer_transactions['CUSTOMER_ID_NB_TX_'+str(window_size)+'DAY_WINDOW']=list(NB_TX_WINDOW)
customer_transactions['CUSTOMER_ID_AVG_AMOUNT_'+str(window_size)+'DAY_WINDOW']=list(AVG_AMOUNT_TX
_WINDOW)
    # Reindex according to transaction IDs
    customer_transactions.index=customer_transactions.TRANSACTION_ID
    # And return the dataframe with the new features
    return customer_transactions
```

Let us compute these aggregates for the first customer.

spending_behaviour_customer_0=get_customer_spending_behaviour_features(transactions_df[transactio
ns_df.CUSTOMER_ID==0])
spending_behaviour_customer_0

TRANSACTION_ID TX_DATETIME CUSTOMER_ID TERMINAL_ID TX_AMOUNT TX_TIME_SECONDS T

TRANSACTION_ID						
1758	1758	2018-04-01 07:19:05	0	6076	123.59	26345
8275	8275	2018-04-01 18:00:16	0	858	77.34	64816
8640	8640	2018-04-01 19:02:02	0	6698	46.51	68522
12169	12169	2018-04-02 08:51:06	0	6569	54.72	118266
15764	15764	2018-04-02 14:05:38	0	7707	63.30	137138
						
1750390	1750390	2018-09-30 13:38:41	0	3096	38.23	15773921
1750758	1750758	2018-09-30 14:10:21	0	9441	43.60	15775821
1751039	1751039	2018-09-30 14:34:30	0	1138	69.69	15777270
1751272	1751272	2018-09-30 14:54:59	0	9441	91.26	15778499

384 rows × 17 columns

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We can check that the new features are consistent with the customer profile (see the previous notebook). For customer 0, the mean amount was mean_amount=62.26, and the transaction frequency was mean_nb_tx_per_day=2.18. These values are indeed closely matched by the features CUSTOMER_ID_NB_TX_30DAY_WINDOW and CUSTOMER_ID_AVG_AMOUNT_30DAY_WINDOW, especially after 30 days.

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27.90

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2018-09-30

15:11:37

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Let us now generate these features for all customers. This is straightforward using the Panda groupby and apply methods.

```
%time transactions_df=transactions_df.groupby('CUSTOMER_ID').apply(lambda x:
get_customer_spending_behaviour_features(x, windows_size_in_days=[1,7,30]))
transactions_df=transactions_df.sort_values('TX_DATETIME').reset_index(drop=True)
```

```
CPU times: user 1min 2s, sys: 1.21 s, total: 1min 3s
Wall time: 1min 7s
```

transactions_df

	TRANSACTION_ID	TX_DATETIME	CUSTOMER_ID	TERMINAL_ID	TX_AMOUNT	TX_TIME_SECONDS	TX_TIME_C
0	0	2018-04-01 00:00:31	596	3156	57.16	31	
1	1	2018-04-01 00:02:10	4961	3412	81.51	130	
2	2	2018-04-01 00:07:56	2	1365	146.00	476	
3	3	2018-04-01 00:09:29	4128	8737	64.49	569	
4	4	2018-04-01 00:10:34	927	9906	50.99	634	
•••							
1754150	1754150	2018-09-30 23:56:36	161	655	54.24	15810996	
1754151	1754151	2018-09-30 23:57:38	4342	6181	1.23	15811058	
1754152	1754152	2018-09-30 23:58:21	618	1502	6.62	15811101	
1754153	1754153	2018-09-30 23:59:52	4056	3067	55.40	15811192	
1754154	1754154	2018-09-30 23:59:57	3542	9849	23.59	15811197	
4	47						•

1754155 rows × 17 columns

3.4. Terminal ID transformations

Finally, let us proceed with the terminal ID transformations. The main goal will be to extract a *risk score*, that assesses the exposure of a given terminal ID to fraudulent transactions. The risk score will be defined as the average number of fraudulent transactions that occurred on a terminal ID over a time window. As for customer ID transformations, we will use three window sizes, of 1, 7, and 30 days.

Contrary to customer ID transformations, the time windows will not directly precede a given transaction. Instead, they will be shifted back by a *delay period*. The delay period accounts for the fact that, in practice, the fraudulent transactions are only discovered after a fraud investigation or a customer complaint. Hence, the fraudulent labels, which are needed to compute the risk score, are only available after this delay period. To a first approximation, this delay period will be set to one week. The motivations for the delay period will be further argued in <u>Chapter 5</u>, <u>Validation strategies</u>.

Let us perform the computation of the risk scores by defining a get_count_risk_rolling_window function. The function takes as inputs the DataFrame of transactions for a given terminal ID, the delay period, and a list of window sizes. In the first stage, the number of transactions and fraudulent transactions are computed for the delay period (NB_TX_DELAY and NB_FRAUD_DELAY). In the second stage, the number of transactions and fraudulent transactions are computed for each window size plus the delay period (NB_TX_DELAY_WINDOW and NB_FRAUD_DELAY_WINDOW). The number of transactions and fraudulent transactions that occurred for a given window size, shifted back by the delay period, is then obtained by simply computing the differences of the quantities obtained for the delay period, and the window size plus delay period:

```
NB_FRAUD_WINDOW=NB_FRAUD_DELAY_WINDOW-NB_FRAUD_DELAY
NB_TX_WINDOW=NB_TX_DELAY_WINDOW-NB_TX_DELAY
```

The risk score is finally obtained by computing the proportion of fraudulent transactions for each window size (or 0 if no transaction occurred for the given window):

```
RISK_WINDOW=NB_FRAUD_WINDOW/NB_TX_WINDOW
```

Additionally to the risk score, the function also returns the number of transactions for each window size. This results in the addition of six new features: The risk and number of transactions, for three window sizes.

```
def get_count_risk_rolling_window(terminal_transactions, delay_period=7, windows_size_in_days=
[1,7,30], feature="TERMINAL_ID"):
    terminal_transactions=terminal_transactions.sort_values('TX_DATETIME')
    terminal_transactions.index=terminal_transactions.TX_DATETIME
    NB_FRAUD_DELAY=terminal_transactions['TX_FRAUD'].rolling(str(delay_period)+'d').sum()
    NB_TX_DELAY=terminal_transactions['TX_FRAUD'].rolling(str(delay_period)+'d').count()
    for window_size in windows_size_in_days:
NB_FRAUD_DELAY_WINDOW=terminal_transactions['TX_FRAUD'].rolling(str(delay_period+window_size)+'d'
).sum()
NB_TX_DELAY_WINDOW=terminal_transactions['TX_FRAUD'].rolling(str(delay_period+window_size)+'d').c
ount()
        NB_FRAUD_WINDOW=NB_FRAUD_DELAY_WINDOW-NB_FRAUD_DELAY
        NB_TX_WINDOW=NB_TX_DELAY_WINDOW-NB_TX_DELAY
        RISK_WINDOW=NB_FRAUD_WINDOW/NB_TX_WINDOW
        terminal_transactions[feature+'_NB_TX_'+str(window_size)+'DAY_WINDOW']=list(NB_TX_WINDOW)
        terminal_transactions[feature+'_RISK_'+str(window_size)+'DAY_WINDOW']=list(RISK_WINDOW)
    terminal_transactions.index=terminal_transactions.TRANSACTION_ID
    # Replace NA values with 0 (all undefined risk scores where NB_TX_WINDOW is 0)
    terminal_transactions.fillna(0,inplace=True)
    return terminal_transactions
```

transactions_df[transactions_df.TX_FRAUD==1]

	TRANSACTION_ID	TX_DATETIME	CUSTOMER_ID	TERMINAL_ID	TX_AMOUNT	TX_TIME_SECONDS	TX_TIME_C
3527	3527	2018-04-01 10:17:43	3774	3059	225.41	37063	
5789	5790	2018-04-01 13:31:48	4944	6050	222.26	48708	
6549	6549	2018-04-01 14:42:02	4625	9102	226.40	52922	
9583	9583	2018-04-02 01:01:05	3814	6893	59.15	90065	
10356	10355	2018-04-02 05:03:35	2513	1143	222.04	104615	
•••							
1753524	1753524	2018-09-30 19:51:48	1671	3192	128.60	15796308	
1753600	1753600	2018-09-30 20:09:00	4166	632	17.39	15797340	
1753673	1753673	2018-09-30 20:30:52	4097	1558	24.04	15798652	
1754014	1754014	2018-09-30 22:27:04	100	8604	73.85	15805624	
1754017	1754018	2018-09-30 22:28:01	4677	8935	45.85	15805681	
4							•

14681 rows × 17 columns

Let us compute these six features for the first terminal ID containing at least one fraud:

Get the first terminal ID that contains frauds
transactions_df[transactions_df.TX_FRAUD==0].TERMINAL_ID[0]

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get_count_risk_rolling_window(transactions_df[transactions_df.TERMINAL_ID==3059], delay_period=7, windows_size_in_days=[1,7,30])

TRANSACTION_ID TX_DATETIME CUSTOMER_ID TERMINAL_ID TX_AMOUNT TX_TIME_SECONDS T TRANSACTION_ID 2018-04-01 3774 3059 225.41 37063 3527 3527 10:17:43 2018-04-01 4732 55 3059 4732 36.28 43154 11:59:14 2018-04-02 16216 139654 16216 4879 3059 105.00 14:47:34 2018-04-02 18249 18249 3059 155290 2263 90.89 19:08:10 2018-04-03 26512 26512 4879 3059 58.51 229489 15:44:49 2018-09-25 1697944 1697944 402 3059 57.30 15312776 05:32:56 2018-09-25 1701971 1701971 3059 1035 7.56 15337854 12:30:54 2018-09-25 1704512 1704512 1519 3059 35.79 15352661 16:37:41 2018-09-28 1731937 1731937 1534 3059 81.39 15604231 14:30:31 2018-09-29 1740901 1740901 118 3059 90.96 15687317 13:35:17

193 rows × 23 columns

We can check that the first fraud occurred on the 2018/09/10, and that risk scores only start being counted with a one-week delay.

Let us finally generate these features for all terminals. This is straightforward using the Panda groupby and apply methods.

```
%time transactions_df=transactions_df.groupby('TERMINAL_ID').apply(lambda x:
get_count_risk_rolling_window(x, delay_period=7, windows_size_in_days=[1,7,30],
feature="TERMINAL_ID"))
transactions_df=transactions_df.sort_values('TX_DATETIME').reset_index(drop=True)
```

```
CPU times: user 2min 27s, sys: 2.23 s, total: 2min 29s
Wall time: 2min 41s
```

transactions_df

	TRANSACTION_ID	TX_DATETIME	CUSTOMER_ID	TERMINAL_ID	TX_AMOUNT	TX_TIME_SECONDS	TX_TIME_C
0	0	2018-04-01 00:00:31	596	3156	57.16	31	
1	1	2018-04-01 00:02:10	4961	3412	81.51	130	
2	2	2018-04-01 00:07:56	2	1365	146.00	476	
3	3	2018-04-01 00:09:29	4128	8737	64.49	569	
4	4	2018-04-01 00:10:34	927	9906	50.99	634	
1754150	1754150	2018-09-30 23:56:36	161	655	54.24	15810996	
1754151	1754151	2018-09-30 23:57:38	4342	6181	1.23	15811058	
1754152	1754152	2018-09-30 23:58:21	618	1502 Print to PDF	6.62	15811101	
1754153	1754153	2018-09-30 23:59:52	4056	3067	55.40	15811192	
1754154	1754154	2018-09-30 23:59:57	3542	9849	23.59	15811197	
4							•

1754155 rows × 23 columns

3.5. Saving of dataset

Let us finally save the dataset, split into daily batches, using the pickle format.

```
DIR_OUTPUT = "./simulated-data-transformed/"

if not os.path.exists(DIR_OUTPUT):
    os.makedirs(DIR_OUTPUT)

start_date = datetime.datetime.strptime("2018-04-01", "%Y-%m-%d")

for day in range(transactions_df.TX_TIME_DAYS.max()+1):
    transactions_day =
    transactions_df[transactions_df.TX_TIME_DAYS==day].sort_values('TX_TIME_SECONDS')

    date = start_date + datetime.timedelta(days=day)
    filename_output = date.strftime("%Y-%m-%d")+'.pkl'

# Protocol=4 required for Google Colab
    transactions_day.to_pickle(DIR_OUTPUT+filename_output, protocol=4)
```

The generated dataset is also available from Github at https://github.com/Fraud-Detection-Handbook/simulated-data-transformed.



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