

# NYPD Civilian Complaints

This project contains data on 12,000 civilian complaints filed against New York City police officers. Interesting questions to consider include:

- Does the length that the complaint is open depend on ethnicity/age/gender?
- Are white-officer vs non-white complainant cases more likely to go against the complainant?
- Are allegations more severe for cases in which the officer and complainant are not the same ethnicity?
- Are the complaints of women more successful than men (for the same allegations?)

There are a lot of questions that can be asked from this data, so be creative! You are not limited to the sample questions above.

## Getting the Data

The data and its corresponding data dictionary is downloadable [here](https://www.propublica.org/datastore/dataset/civilian-complaints-against-new-york-city-police-officers) (<https://www.propublica.org/datastore/dataset/civilian-complaints-against-new-york-city-police-officers>). The data dictionary is in the project03 folder.

Note: you don't need to provide any information to obtain the data. Just agree to the terms of use and click "submit."

## Cleaning and EDA

- Clean the data.
  - Certain fields have "missing" data that isn't labeled as missing. For example, there are fields with the value "Unknown." Do some exploration to find those values and convert them to null values.
  - You may also want to combine the date columns to create a `datetime` column for time-series exploration.
- Understand the data in ways relevant to your question using univariate and bivariate analysis of the data as well as aggregations.

## Assessment of Missingness

- Assess the missingness per the requirements in `project03.ipynb`

## Hypothesis Test / Permutation Test

Find a hypothesis test or permutation test to perform. You can use the questions at the top of the notebook for inspiration.

# Summary of Findings

## Introduction

The dataset implemented in this project is the data of civilian complaining against New York City police officers from *New York City's Civilian Complaint Review Board*. Crucial information such as the ethnicity of the police officer and the rank of him/her when the incident happened are recorded, which are useful to our investigation of whether there exists certain association between a police officer's ethnicity and his/her rank during the incident.

## Cleaning and EDA

For data cleaning process, we converted the year and month the case received and closed to more direct datetime columns `time_received` and `time_closed`. Then, we counted all the values and their numbers in every single columns, and found that values such as "Unknown", "Not described", or "Refused" should be counted as NaN, values smaller than 0 should be viewed as NaN as well since it cannot be negative.

## Assessment of Missingness

We started off by finding all the columns that contain missing values. Among these columns, we decided to select `complainant_ethnicity` as the column for missingness assessment, and this column's missingness is assessed through the likelihood of its dependence on `mos_ethnicity` and `rank_abbrev_incident`, the two key features of our investigation. Before implementing algorithms, we reached our assumption that missingness in `complainant_ethnicity` is not NMAR. Before cleaning, many of the missing data are displayed as "Unknown" or "Not described", which is impossible to relate to the police officer's rank or ethnicity, thus the missing does not depend on the value itself.

We chose a significance level of 0.05, as it is the most common level for most of the data analysis.

As categorical type data, we used total variance distance to assess the missingness between `complainant_ethnicity` and `rank_abbrev_incident`, and got a p-value of 0.647. This p-value suggests that missingness in complainant's ethnicity is not-at-all dependent on the rank of the officer. On the other hand, the missingness assessment between `complainant_ethnicity` and `mos_ethnicity` produced a p-value of 0, which suggests that the missingness in complainant's ethnicity is dependent on the officer's ethnicity, thus it is an MAR missingness via `mos_ethnicity`.

## Hypothesis Test

Our hypothesis test information are as follows:

- Null Hypothesis: the ethnicity of the police officer is independent of the police officers' rank.
- Alternative Hypothesis: the ethnicity of the police officer is not independent of the police officers' rank.
- test statistics: Since the variables we are testing are both categorical variables, we used total variance distance for this hypothesis test.
- A significance level of 0.05 as the most common significance level is maintained during this part of investigation
- Conclusion: we reject our null hypothesis with a p-value of 0. The ethnicity of the police officer is not independent of the police officers' rank.

# Code

```
In [5]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import os
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
%matplotlib inline
%config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'retina' # Higher resolution figures
```

## Cleaning and EDA

Read data from the file path, then clean the data by combining the year and month column to form a datetime column, and replace "Unknown", 'Refused', 'Not described', "-1" with NaN.

```
In [28]: #read csv
df = pd.read_csv('nypd.csv')
cleaned = df.copy()
cleaned["time_received"] = (pd.to_datetime(cleaned['year_received'].astype(
cleaned["time_closed"] = (pd.to_datetime(cleaned['year_closed'].astype(str)
cleaned = cleaned.drop(['year_received', 'month_received', 'year_closed', '
cleaned = cleaned.replace(["Unknown", 'Refused', 'Not described'], np.NaN)
cleaned = cleaned.replace(-1, np.NaN)
cleaned["complainant_age_incident"] = cleaned["complainant_age_incident"].a
cleaned.head()
```

Out[28]:

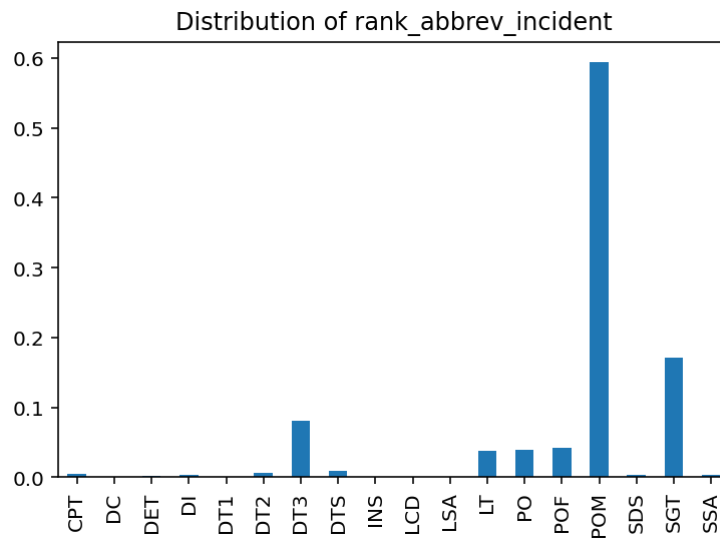
complainant_gender	complainant_age_incident	fado_type	allegation	precinct	contact_reason	outcome
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Female	38.0	Abuse of Authority	Failure to provide RTKA card	78.0	Report-domestic dispute	No a sun
Male	26.0	Discourtesy	Action	67.0	Moving violation	Mc sun
Male	26.0	Offensive Language	Race	67.0	Moving violation	Mc sun
Male	45.0	Abuse of Authority	Question	67.0	PD suspected C/V of violation/crime - street	No a sun
NaN	16.0	Force	Physical force	67.0	Report-dispute	v

Distribution graph for "rank\_abbrev\_incident", "complainant\_ethnicity", "complainant\_age\_incident", "mos\_ethnicity".

```
In [19]: # Distribution of rank_abbrev_incident
(
    cleaned['rank_abbrev_incident']
    .value_counts(normalize=True)
    .sort_index()
    .plot(kind='bar', title='Distribution of rank_abbrev_incident')
)
```

Out[19]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x20af84d7790>



```
In [29]: cleaned.groupby("rank_abbrev_incident").count()
```

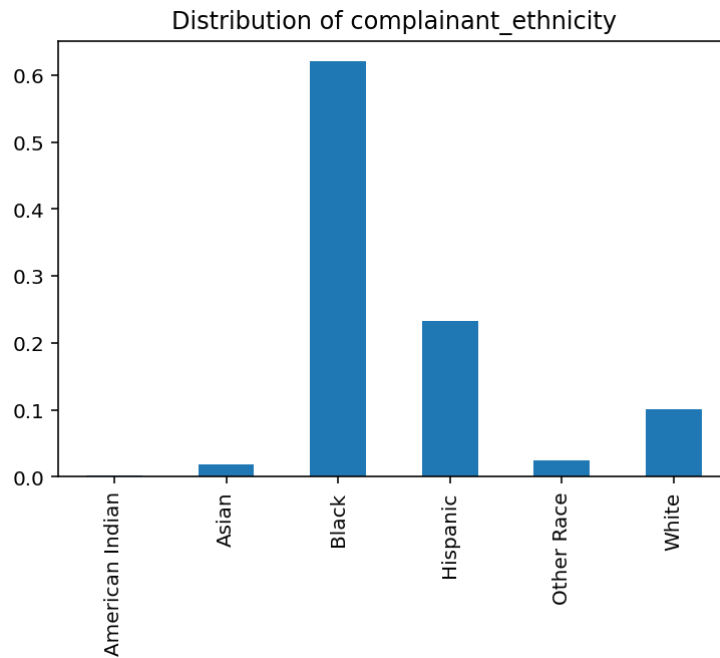
```
Out[29]:
```

	unique_mos_id	first_name	last_name	command_now	shield_no	complaint_id
rank_abbrev_incident						
<b>CPT</b>	182	182	182	182	182	182
<b>DC</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>DET</b>	50	50	50	50	50	50
<b>DI</b>	96	96	96	96	96	96
<b>DT1</b>	20	20	20	20	20	20
<b>DT2</b>	195	195	195	195	195	195
<b>DT3</b>	2712	2712	2712	2712	2712	2712
<b>DTS</b>	330	330	330	330	330	330
<b>INS</b>	27	27	27	27	27	27
<b>LCD</b>	13	13	13	13	13	13
<b>LSA</b>	24	24	24	24	24	24
<b>LT</b>	1264	1264	1264	1264	1264	1264
<b>PO</b>	1304	1304	1304	1304	1304	1304
<b>POF</b>	1398	1398	1398	1398	1398	1398
<b>POM</b>	19807	19807	19807	19807	19807	19807
<b>SDS</b>	128	128	128	128	128	128
<b>SGT</b>	5701	5701	5701	5701	5701	5701
<b>SSA</b>	105	105	105	105	105	105

18 rows × 24 columns

```
In [20]: # Distribution of complainant_ethnicity
(
    cleaned['complainant_ethnicity']
    .value_counts(normalize=True)
    .sort_index()
    .plot(kind='bar', title='Distribution of complainant_ethnicity')
)
```

Out[20]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x20af5ba0700>



```
In [30]: cleaned.groupby("complainant_ethnicity").count()
```

```
Out[30]:
```

	unique_mos_id	first_name	last_name	command_now	shield_no	complaint_ic
<b>American Indian</b>	64	64	64	64	64	64
<b>Asian</b>	532	532	532	532	532	532
<b>Black</b>	17114	17114	17114	17114	17114	17114
<b>Hispanic</b>	6424	6424	6424	6424	6424	6424
<b>Other Race</b>	677	677	677	677	677	677
<b>White</b>	2783	2783	2783	2783	2783	2783

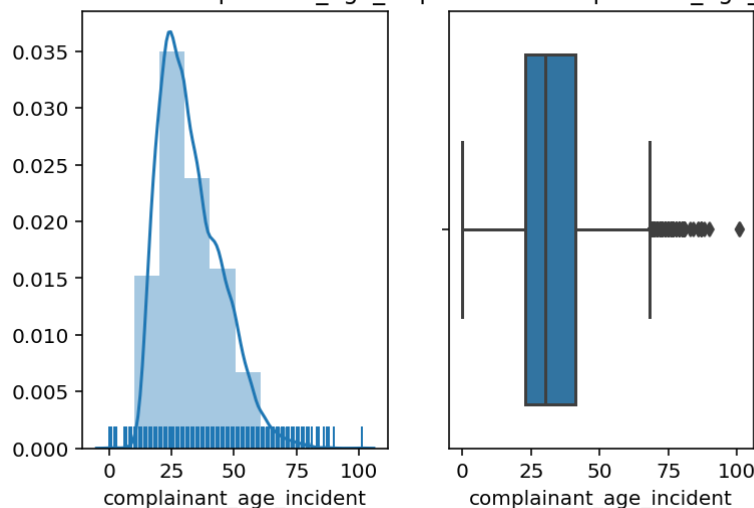
6 rows x 24 columns

```
In [21]: fig, (dist, box) = plt.subplots(1, 2)

# distribution plot
dist.set_title('Distribution of complainant_age_incident')
sns.distplot(
    cleaned["complainant_age_incident"].values,
    bins=10, hist=True, kde=True, rug=True,
    axlabel='complainant_age_incident',
    ax=dist
)

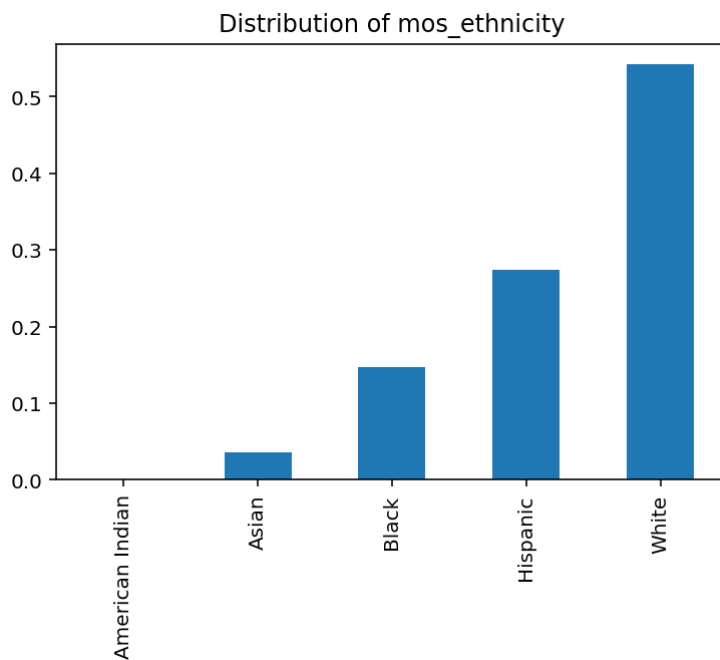
# box plot
box.set_title('Inter-quartile of complainant_age_incident')
sns.boxplot(cleaned["complainant_age_incident"], ax=box);
```

Distribution of complainant\_age\_incident Inter-quartile of complainant\_age\_incident



```
In [22]: (
    cleaned["mos_ethnicity"]
    .value_counts(normalize=True)
    .sort_index()
    .plot(kind='bar', title='Distribution of mos_ethnicity')
)
```

Out[22]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x20af76fb8e0>



```
In [27]: cleaned.groupby("mos_ethnicity").count()
```

Out[27]:

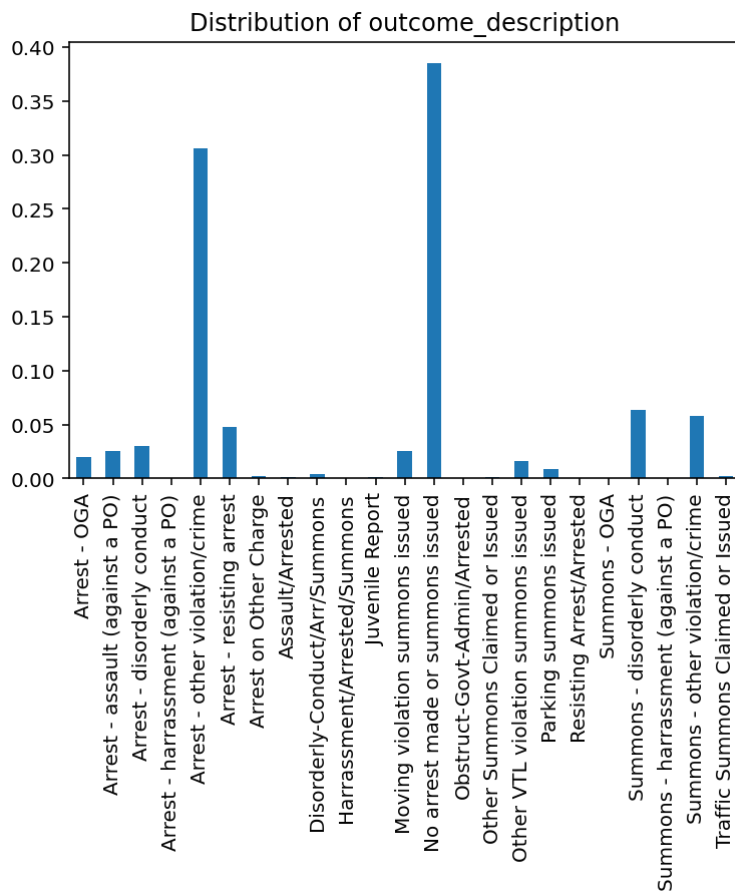
	unique_mos_id	first_name	last_name	command_now	shield_no	complaint_id	comr
<b>mos_ethnicity</b>							
<b>American Indian</b>	32	32	32	32	32	32	
<b>Asian</b>	1178	1178	1178	1178	1178	1178	
<b>Black</b>	4924	4924	4924	4924	4924	4924	
<b>Hispanic</b>	9150	9150	9150	9150	9150	9150	
<b>White</b>	18074	18074	18074	18074	18074	18074	

5 rows × 24 columns



```
In [24]: (  
    cleaned["outcome_description"]  
    .value_counts(normalize=True)  
    .sort_index()  
    .plot(kind='bar', title='Distribution of outcome_description')  
)
```

Out[24]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x20af77723d0>



```
In [26]: cleaned.groupby("outcome_description").count()
```

```
Out[26]:
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	unique_mos_id	first_name	last_name	command_now	shield_no	c
outcome_description						
Arrest - OGA	649	649	649	649	649	
Arrest - assault (against a PO)	852	852	852	852	852	
Arrest - disorderly conduct	1013	1013	1013	1013	1013	
Arrest - harrassment (against a PO)	15	15	15	15	15	
Arrest - other violation/crime	10196	10196	10196	10196	10196	
Arrest - resisting arrest	1593	1593	1593	1593	1593	
Arrest on Other Charge	81	81	81	81	81	
Assault/Arrested	34	34	34	34	34	
Disorderly-Conduct/Arr/Summons	137	137	137	137	137	
Harrassment/Arrested/Summons	8	8	8	8	8	
Juvenile Report	57	57	57	57	57	
Moving violation summons issued	839	839	839	839	839	
No arrest made or summons issued	12822	12822	12822	12822	12822	
Obstruct-Govt-Admin/Arrested	10	10	10	10	10	
Other Summons Claimed or Issued	38	38	38	38	38	
Other VTL violation summons issued	531	531	531	531	531	
Parking summons issued	279	279	279	279	279	
Resisting Arrest/Arrested	25	25	25	25	25	
Summons - OGA	1	1	1	1	1	
Summons - disorderly conduct	2118	2118	2118	2118	2118	
Summons - harrassment (against a PO)	5	5	5	5	5	
Summons - other violation/crime	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	
Traffic Summons Claimed or Issued	59	59	59	59	59	

23 rows × 24 columns

## Assessment of Missingness

To begin with, we started off by finding all the columns with missing values and the proportion of the missing values in the columns

```
In [246]: null_columns = cleaned.columns[cleaned.isnull().any()]
null_columns = cleaned[null_columns].isnull().sum()/cleaned.shape[0]
null_columns
```

```
Out[246]: command_at_incident      0.046286
complainant_ethnicity             0.133821
complainant_gender                0.125757
complainant_age_incident          0.144253
allegation                       0.000030
precinct                         0.000719
contact_reason                   0.005966
outcome_description               0.001679
dtype: float64
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```
In [250]: #missing keywords: complainant_gender: Not described, ethnicity: [Unknown,
cleaned['complainant_ethnicity'] = cleaned['complainant_ethnicity'].\
replace(['Unknown', 'Refused'], np.NaN)
cleaned['complainant_gender'] = cleaned['complainant_gender'].replace(['Not
```

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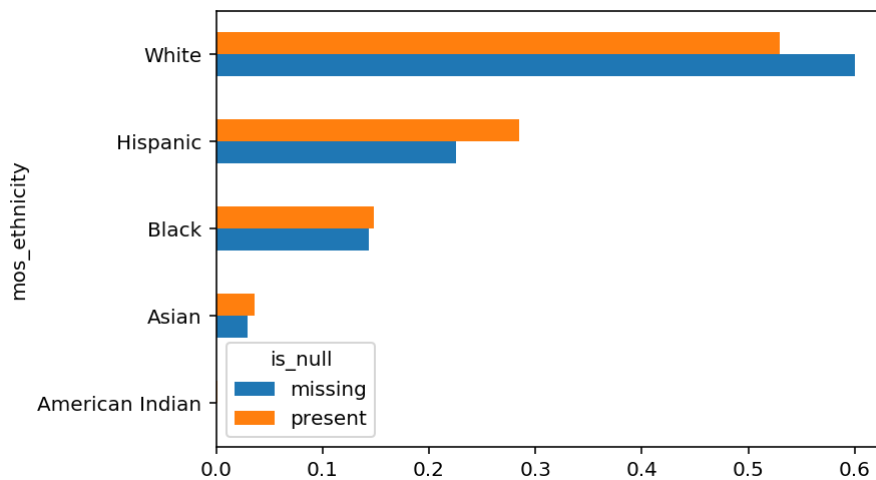
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```
In [338]: def nan_plot(data, col1, col2, plot = 'barh'):

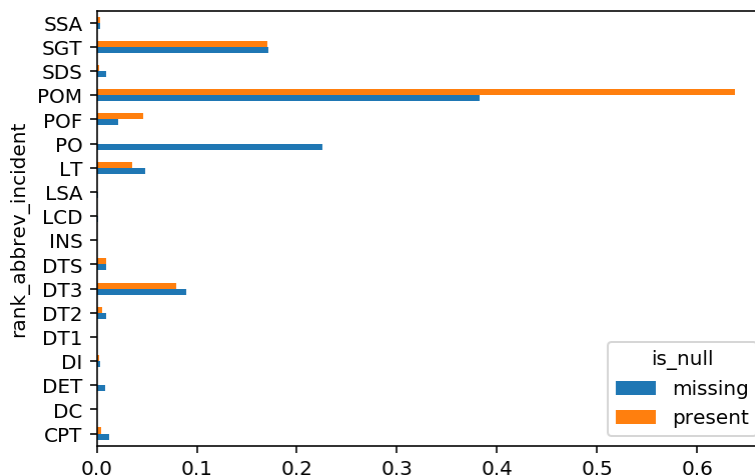
    is_null = (
        data[col1]
        .isnull()
        .replace({True: 'missing', False: 'present'})
    )

    distrs = (
        data
        .assign(is_null=is_null)
        .pivot_table(index=col2, columns='is_null', aggfunc='size')
        .apply(lambda x: x/x.sum())
    )

    distrs.plot(kind=plot);
    nan_plot(cleaned, 'complainant_ethnicity', 'mos_ethnicity')
```



```
In [339]: nan_plot(cleaned, 'complainant_ethnicity', 'rank_abbrev_incident')
```



As shown above, bar plots between variables are drawn. From the plots, it is obvious that `complainant_ethnicity` and `mos_ethnicity` have a very similar distribution, while `complainant_ethnicity` and `rank_abbrev_incident` have a different distribution.

In [ ]:

We created two extra columns for assessments using permutation tests

```
In [254]: cleaned['age_null'] = cleaned['complainant_age_incident'].isnull()
cleaned['ethn_null'] = cleaned['complainant_ethnicity'].isnull()
```

The functions for different test statistics, including total variance distance, mean difference, ks-statistics, and sampling and p-value calculations are created.

```
In [333]: def tvd(data, col, group_col):
    tvd = (
        data
        .pivot_table(
            index=col,
            columns=group_col,
            aggfunc='size',
            fill_value=0
        )
        .apply(lambda x: x / x.sum())
        .diff(axis=1).iloc[:, -1].abs().sum() / 2
    )

    return tvd
def diff_of_means(data, col, groupby):
    data_copy = data.copy()
    data_copy = data_copy.groupby(groupby)[col].mean()
    diff_mean = abs(data_copy.get(key=True) - data_copy.get(key=False))
    return diff_mean
def simulate_null(data, col, groupby, func):

    data_copy = data.copy()
    shuffled = (
        data_copy[col].sample(replace = False, frac=1).reset_index(drop=True)
    )
    data_copy[col] = shuffled

    return func(data_copy, col, groupby)
def pval(data, col, groupby, func, rep=1000):
    diff = []
    for i in range(rep):
        result = simulate_null(data, col, groupby, func)
        diff.append(result)
    return np.count_nonzero(diff>np.float64(func(data, col, groupby)))/rep

def ks(data, col, groupby):
    from scipy.stats import ks_2samp
    v1 = data[groupby].unique()[0]
    v2 = data[groupby].unique()[1]
    ks_result = ks_2samp(data.loc[data[groupby]==v1, col], data.loc[data[groupby]==v2, col])
    return ks_result[0]
```

We got a p-value of 0.0 for the missingness in complainant's ethnicity and the officer's ethnicity, which is less than our significance level, so we determined that the missingness in complainant's ethnicity is dependent of the officer's ethnicity

```
In [334]: pval(cleaned, 'ethn_null', 'mos_ethnicity', tvd)
```

```
Out[334]: 0.0
```

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We got a p-value of 0.647 for the missingness in complainant's ethnicity and the rank of the officer, which is greater than our significance level, so we determined that the missingness in the complainant's ethnicity is independent of the rank of the officer

```
In [335]: pval(cleaned, 'ethn_null', 'rank_abbrev_incident', tvd)
```

```
Out[335]: 0.647
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## Hypothesis Test

```
In [336]: pval(cleaned, 'rank_abbrev_incident', 'mos_ethnicity', tvd) #alternative hy
```

```
Out[336]: 0.0
```

The detailed process is written in the finding summary. In conclusion, we reject our null hypothesis with a p-value of 0. The ethnicity of the officer is dependent on the officer's rank.

## Discussion & Conclusion

Overall, even though we reached our conclusion that the rank of the officer and the officer's ethnicity have a dependent relationship, which shall satisfy this project's requirement of performing a hypothesis test. There are more we can do based on our current observation. Since both variables are categorical, the plots we have learned so far may not be the best to demonstrate their relationship. However, as long as we can obtain, we can use a parallel categories diagram to help us visualize and explore further into this relationship.

We have also noticed that columns such as the description and alignment could potentially be considered relatable to our investigation. However, with the knowledge we have right now, a successful analysis on the input string type may not be plausible.

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In [ ]:
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