

Homework1

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1 Understanding traffic collisions in LA county

The goal of this exercise is to perform some basic data exploration to understand the data we wish to work with.

The dataset is available from <https://data.lacity.org/A-Safe-City/Traffic-Collision-Data-from-2010-to-Present/d5tf-ez2w>. You can try to download directly using wget. If the connection fails, download manually onto your computer and upload to Collab. If you do so, make sure to name the file: 'Traffic_Collision_Data.csv'.

wget is a command line utility to download files from the web.

```
[ ]: pip install wget
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: wget in  
/Users/liuyucheng/anaconda3/envs/py38/lib/python3.8/site-packages (3.2)  
Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.
```

```
[ ]: import wget  
wget.download('https://data.lacity.org/api/views/d5tf-ez2w/rows.csv?  
↪accessType=DOWNLOAD', 'Traffic_Collision_Data.csv')
```

```
[ ]: 'Traffic_Collision_Data.csv'
```

1.1 Exploring tabular data

The collision data is in tabular format. Next, we will load some libraries that will allow you to visualize the data.

```
[ ]: import pandas as pd  
import numpy as np  
import seaborn as sns  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
import plotly.offline as py  
py.init_notebook_mode(connected=True)  
import plotly.graph_objs as go  
import plotly.tools as tls  
import datetime
```

Let's read the data in. If you're interested in the code, the csv was imported into a pandas dataframe. Pandas is a widely use library to deal with this kind of data.

df.head prints out the column name and the first few rows.

```
[ ]: df = pd.read_csv("Traffic_Collision_Data.csv")
df.head()
```

```
[ ]: DR Number Date Reported Date Occurred Time Occurred Area ID Area Name \
0 190319651 08/24/2019 08/24/2019 450 3 Southwest
1 190319680 08/30/2019 08/30/2019 2320 3 Southwest
2 190413769 08/25/2019 08/25/2019 545 4 Hollenbeck
3 190127578 11/20/2019 11/20/2019 350 1 Central
4 190319695 08/30/2019 08/30/2019 2100 3 Southwest
```

```
Reporting District Crime Code Crime Code Description \
0 356 997 TRAFFIC COLLISION
1 355 997 TRAFFIC COLLISION
2 422 997 TRAFFIC COLLISION
3 128 997 TRAFFIC COLLISION
4 374 997 TRAFFIC COLLISION
```

```
MO Codes Victim Age Victim Sex Victim Descent \
0 3036 3004 3026 3101 4003 22.0 M H
1 3037 3006 3028 3030 3101 4003 30.0 F H
2 3101 3401 3701 3006 3030 NaN M X
3 0605 3101 3401 3701 3011 3034 21.0 M H
4 0605 4025 3037 3004 3025 3101 49.0 M B
```

```
Premise Code Premise Description Address \
0 101.0 STREET JEFFERSON BL
1 101.0 STREET JEFFERSON BL
2 101.0 STREET N BROADWAY
3 101.0 STREET 1ST
4 101.0 STREET MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
```

```
Cross Street Location
0 NORMANDIE AV (34.0255, -118.3002)
1 W WESTERN (34.0256, -118.3089)
2 W EASTLAKE AV (34.0738, -118.2078)
3 CENTRAL (34.0492, -118.2391)
4 ARLINGTON AV (34.0108, -118.3182)
```

Question: Describe the information contained in each column of the dataframe. Do not just list the name of the columns. (10 points)

Answer: There are 596795 records of collisions in the table. each record is described as 18 attributes in the table. Some of them are the date and time the collision happened and being recorded. Some of them are the information of the place (Such as where the collision was reported, what is the area name of the place.). Besides, There are also some details about the victim. For example, the sex of the victim and the age of them. The DR Number is also recorded for each collision, I guess it may be the index for each collision. The specific explanation are as follows.

1. DR Number: Division of Records Number: Official file number made up of a 2 digit year, area ID, and 5 digits.
2. Date Reported: The date when the collision is reported.
3. Date Occurred: When the collision happened.
4. Time Occurred: What time is it when the collision occurred
5. Area ID: The ID of the area where the collision happened.
6. Area Name: The name of the area.
7. Reporting District: the code of the district where the collision occurred.
8. Crime Code: The type of the collision.
9. Crime Code Description: What's the crime code representing for.
10. MO Codes: Modus Operandi: Activities associated with the suspect in commission of the crime.
11. Victim Age: The age of the victim.
12. Victim Sex: The gender of the victim.
13. Victim Descent: Different code for different descent of people
14. Premise Code: The type of structure or location where the incident took place.
15. Premise Description: Defines the Premise Code provided.
16. Address: Street address of crime incident rounded to the nearest hundred block to maintain anonymity.
17. Cross Street: Cross Street of rounded Address.
18. Location: The location where the crime incident occurred. Actual address is omitted for confidentiality. XY coordinates reflect the nearest 100 block.

Reference: <https://data.lacity.org/Public-Safety/Traffic-Collision-Data-from-2010-to-Present/d5tf-ez2w>

The `df.shape` function gives you information about the number of lines and columns present in the tabular data.

```
[ ]: df.shape
```

```
[ ]: (596795, 18)
```

The `df.info()` function allows you to output the name of the columns, the number of non-null values in each column, giving you a quick overview about the number of missing data, as well as the format of the data.

```
[ ]: df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 596795 entries, 0 to 596794
```

Data columns (total 18 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	DR Number	596795 non-null	int64
1	Date Reported	596795 non-null	object
2	Date Occurred	596795 non-null	object
3	Time Occurred	596795 non-null	int64
4	Area ID	596795 non-null	int64
5	Area Name	596795 non-null	object
6	Reporting District	596795 non-null	int64
7	Crime Code	596795 non-null	int64
8	Crime Code Description	596795 non-null	object
9	MO Codes	509637 non-null	object
10	Victim Age	511212 non-null	float64
11	Victim Sex	586844 non-null	object
12	Victim Descent	585906 non-null	object
13	Premise Code	595836 non-null	float64
14	Premise Description	595835 non-null	object
15	Address	596795 non-null	object
16	Cross Street	568562 non-null	object
17	Location	596795 non-null	object

dtypes: float64(2), int64(5), object(11)

memory usage: 82.0+ MB

Question: Based on the shape and information, which variables have null values associated with them? How did you come to this conclusion? (10 points)

Answer: According to the output of the code, I find that there are 596795 recordings in the table. for each fields in the table if the term of “None-Null Count” is lower than the total number (596795). It means that there are some recording has the non value in this field. According to this, the fields of MO Codes, Victim Age, Victim Descent, Victim Sex, Premise Code, Premise Description, and Cross Street has the non value in some recordings.

The cell below encodes the same calculation in one line code that you can use to look at how many rows have missing information.

```
[ ]: df.isnull().sum()
```

```
[ ]: DR Number          0
      Date Reported      0
      Date Occurred     0
      Time Occurred     0
      Area ID           0
      Area Name         0
      Reporting District 0
      Crime Code        0
      Crime Code Description 0
      MO Codes          87158
      Victim Age        85583
```

```

Victim Sex          9951
Victim Descent      10889
Premise Code        959
Premise Description  960
Address             0
Cross Street        28233
Location            0
dtype: int64

```

Python can reason with time information. To do so, it uses the datetime format. You can transform the strings contained in the table to datetime using the following:

```

[ ]: df['Year Reported'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Date Reported']).dt.year
df['Year Occurred'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Date Occurred']).dt.year
df.head()

```

```

[ ]:
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```

```

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4 0605 4025 3037 3004 3025 3101 49.0 M B

```

```

Premise Code Premise Description Address \
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1 101.0 STREET JEFFERSON BL
2 101.0 STREET N BROADWAY
3 101.0 STREET 1ST
4 101.0 STREET MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

```

```

Cross Street Location Year Reported \
0 NORMANDIE AV (34.0255, -118.3002) 2019
1 W WESTERN (34.0256, -118.3089) 2019
2 W EASTLAKE AV (34.0738, -118.2078) 2019

```

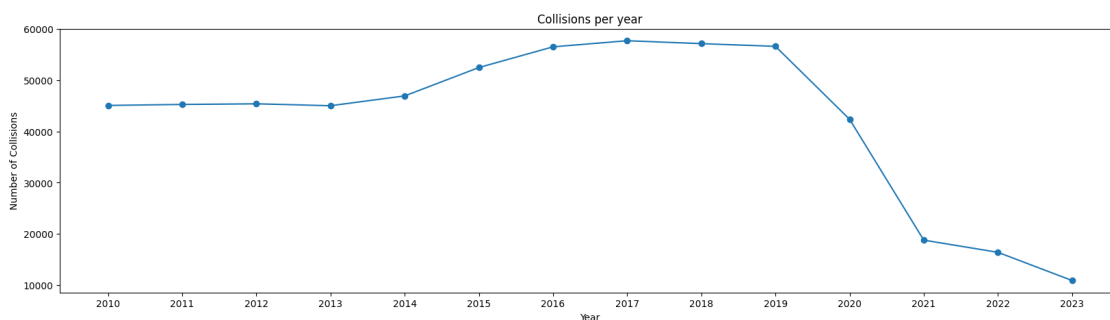
3		CENTRAL	(34.0492, -118.2391)	2019
4	ARLINGTON	AV	(34.0108, -118.3182)	2019

	Year Occurred
0	2019
1	2019
2	2019
3	2019
4	2019

1.2 Number of collisions through time

This chart summarizes the trend in collisions over the past decade.

```
[ ]: plt.subplots(figsize = (20,5))
v = df['Year Occurred'].value_counts()
v.head()
v = v.sort_index()
v.head()
v.plot(title='Collisions per year', xlabel='Year', ylabel = 'Number of_
↪Collisions', xticks=np.arange(2010,2024,1), marker='o')
plt.show()
```



Question: What trend do you observe? What happened in 2020? in 2021? (15 points)

Answer According to the figure, I find that before 2019, the number of collisions kept rising during this time. After 2019, the number of collision dropped significantly. I suppose the reason is that because of the pandemic in 2019, more and more people are able to work at home or use the delievery service instead of going out in person. Since there are less collision on the road.

1.3 Collisions by road

```
[ ]: address_count_accidents = df['Address'].value_counts()

# address_count_accidents.head()
```

```
# Fetching the top 3 roads with the most accidents
top_3_accidents = address_count_accidents.head(3)

print("Top 3 roads with the most accidents:")
for index, value in top_3_accidents.items():
    print(f"{index}: {value} accidents")
```

Top 3 roads with the most accidents:

WESTERN	AV: 7967 accidents
VENTURA	BL: 7105 accidents
SHERMAN	WY: 7069 accidents

Question: On which road do the highest number of collisions occur?

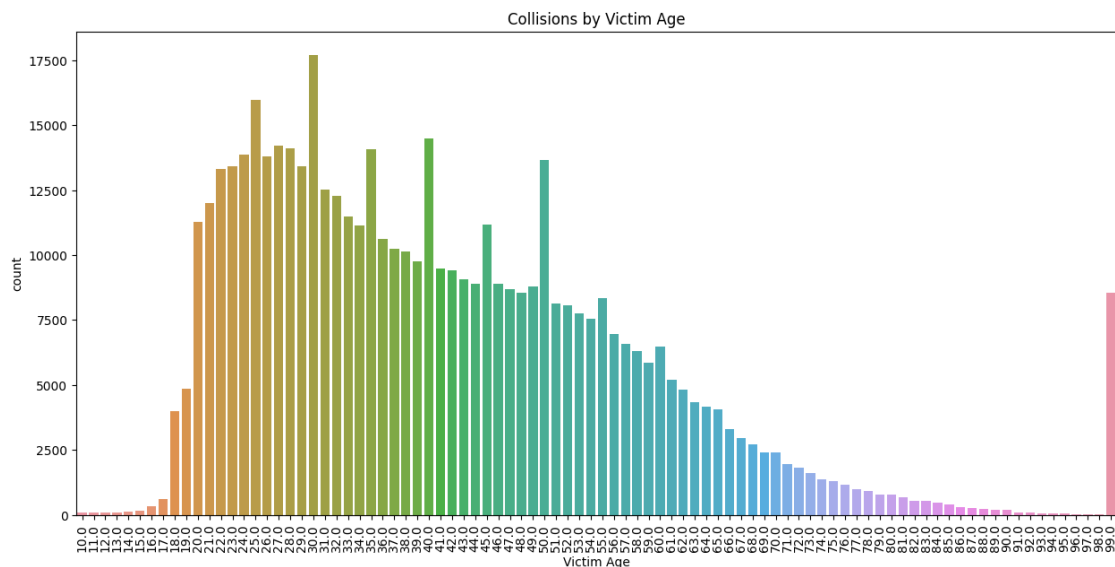
Does this automatically imply that this road is the most dangerous?

If not, what additional information would be needed to draw such a conclusion? (15 points)

Answer: WESTERN AV is the road with the highest number of collisions number. But it doesn't mean that it is the most dangerous road, since it might have the road with the most car passing. The more passing car, there will be more collisions. Therefore, I think the number of passing car for each year should be provided to obtain the possibility of collision.

1.4 Collisions by age group

```
[ ]: plt.subplots(figsize = (15,7))
sns.countplot(x = df['Victim Age'])
plt.title('Collisions by Victim Age')
plt.xticks(rotation = 90)
plt.show()
```



Question: How do you explain the increase in the 99 age group? How do you explain the spikes at 25, 30, 35, 40, 45... years old? (15 points)

Answer: There are many reasons for the increase in 99 age group. As far as I am concerned, it may be the mistake in the data collection and people take the wrong number. As for the age groups of 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45, they are the majority who need to drive to work or travel in all age groups. Therefore, there may be more traffic collisions in this age group.

##Collisions by time of day

```
[ ]: import datetime as dt
def convert(x):
    return dt.datetime.strptime(x, '%H:%M')

def getTime(t):
    t = str(t)
    if len(t)==1:
        return t[0]+' ':'00'
    if len(t)<4:
        return t[:1] + ':' + t[1:]
    else:
        return t[:2] + ':' + t[2:]
```

```
[ ]: df1 = df[(df['Year Occurred'].isin([2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016,
    ↪2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023]))]

df1['Time Occurred'] = df1['Time Occurred'].apply(getTime)
df1['Time Occurred'] = df1['Time Occurred'].apply(convert)
df1.head()
```

```
[ ]: DR Number Date Reported Date Occurred Time Occurred Area ID \
0 190319651 08/24/2019 08/24/2019 1900-01-01 04:50:00 3
1 190319680 08/30/2019 08/30/2019 1900-01-01 23:20:00 3
2 190413769 08/25/2019 08/25/2019 1900-01-01 05:45:00 4
3 190127578 11/20/2019 11/20/2019 1900-01-01 03:50:00 1
4 190319695 08/30/2019 08/30/2019 1900-01-01 21:00:00 3

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```


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4	0605	4025	3037	3004	3025	3101	49.0	M	B

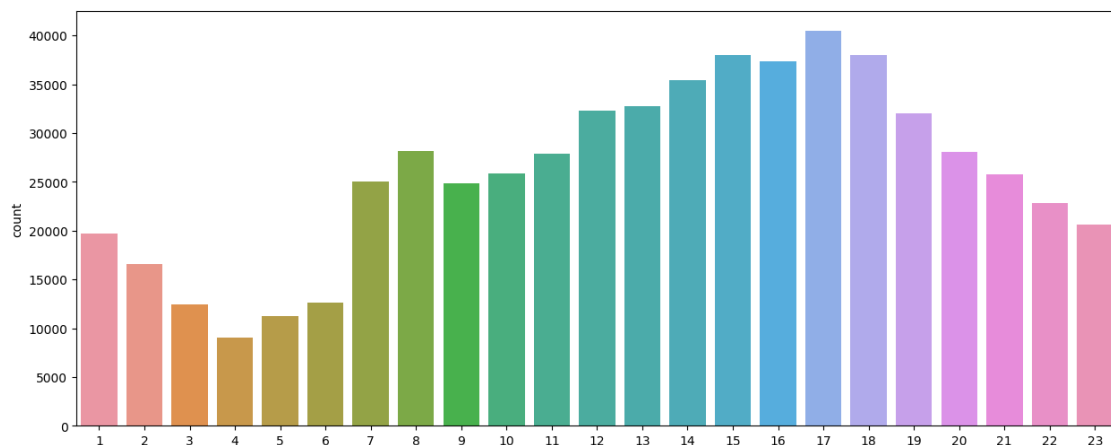
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2	101.0	STREET	N BROADWAY
3	101.0	STREET	1ST
4	101.0	STREET	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

		Cross Street	Location	Year Reported \
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	Year Occurred
0	2019
1	2019
2	2019
3	2019
4	2019

```
[ ]: hours = [t.hour for t in df1['Time Occurred']]
numbers=[x for x in range(0,24)]
# labels=map(lambda x: str(x), numbers)
plt.subplots(figsize = (15,6))
sns.countplot(x = hours)
```

```
[ ]: <Axes: ylabel='count'>
```



Question: When are collisions more frequent? Can you form an hypothesis of why that is? What other dataset would you need to confirm your hypothesis? (20 points)

Answer: When the time between the 16 and 18, the collisions are more frequent. My hypothesis is that this period is the peak seane in the whole day. There will be more vehicles on the road. To evaluate my hypothesis, I need to collect how many cars are on the road in different time. Then compare the distributions of two sets of data and find whether they are related.

1.5 (Bonus) Collisions by weekday

Convert the date to a weekday.

Visualize the number of accidents by weekdays.

```
[ ]: #Create new dataframe column for Weekday
df['Weekday'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Date Occurred']).dt.weekday

#Visualize the number of accidents by weekdays
#Your code here#
df.head()
```

```
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```

		Cross Street	Location	Year Reported	\
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4	ARLINGTON	AV	(34.0108, -118.3182)	2019	

	Year Occurred	Weekday
0	2019	5
1	2019	4
2	2019	6
3	2019	2
4	2019	4

[5 rows x 21 columns]

```
[ ]: # get the statistic data for each weekday.
value_weekday = df["Weekday"].value_counts()
value_weekday
# print(type(value_weekday))
```

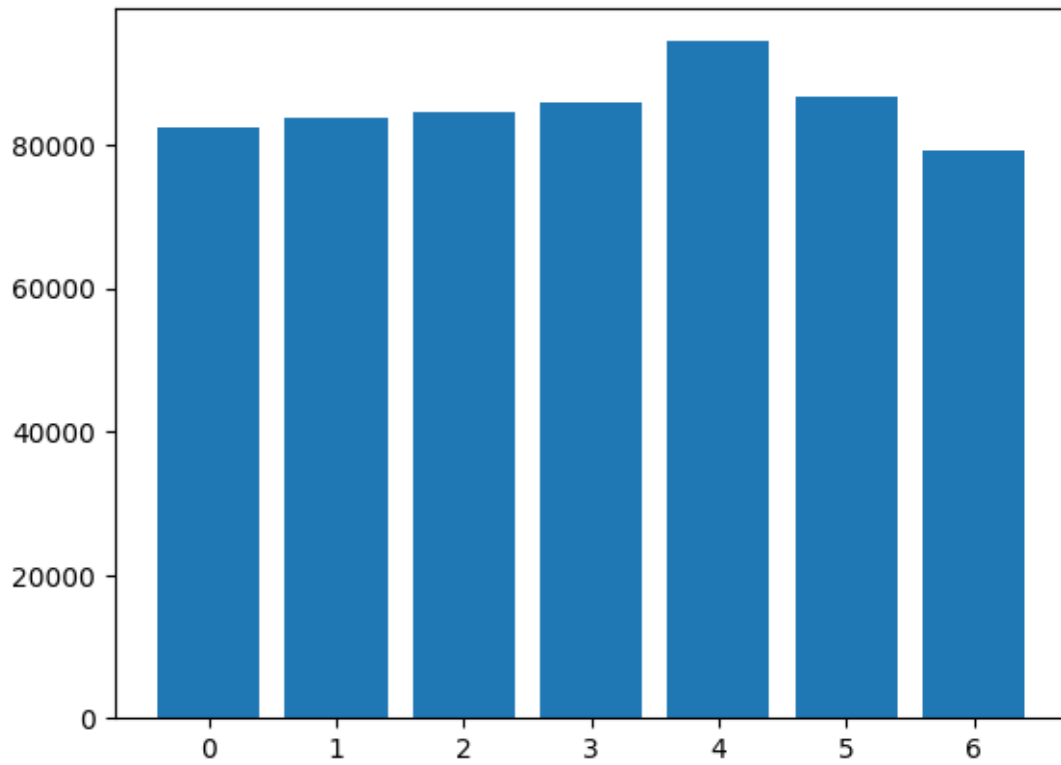
```
[ ]: Weekday
4    94411
5    86800
3    85820
2    84524
1    83819
0    82291
6    79130
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

```
[ ]: # change the data shape from the dataframe.
dict_value = value_weekday.to_dict()
x_axis = [day for day in range(min(value_weekday.keys()), max(value_weekday.
    ↪keys())+1)]
y_axis = [dict_value[day] for day in x_axis ]

print(x_axis)
print(y_axis)
```

```
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
[82291, 83819, 84524, 85820, 94411, 86800, 79130]
```

```
[ ]: # Plot the data
plt.bar(x_axis, y_axis)
plt.show()
```



Question: Which day has the most number of collisions? (15 points)

Answer: Friday has the most number of collision.