

# Brian Reppeto\_DSC630\_3.2\_Improve\_MLB\_Attendance

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## 0.0.1 DSC 630 Week : 3.2

### Improve MLB Attendance

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[56]: # import Libraries

import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
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[57]: # load the dataset

dodgers_df = pd.read_csv('dodgers-2022.csv')
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Understand the data by reviewing the underlying features and data

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[58]: # head the df

dodgers_df.head(10), dodgers_df.columns
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[58]: (  month  day  attend  day_of_week  opponent  temp  skies  day_night  cap  shirt
\
0  APR    10   56000    Tuesday    Pirates    67  Clear      Day  NO    NO
1  APR    11   29729   Wednesday    Pirates    58  Cloudy    Night  NO    NO
2  APR    12   28328   Thursday    Pirates    57  Cloudy    Night  NO    NO
3  APR    13   31601    Friday     Padres    54  Cloudy    Night  NO    NO
4  APR    14   46549   Saturday    Padres    57  Cloudy    Night  NO    NO
5  APR    15   38359    Sunday     Padres    65  Clear      Day  NO    NO
6  APR    23   26376    Monday     Braves    60  Cloudy    Night  NO    NO
7  APR    24   44014    Tuesday     Braves    63  Cloudy    Night  NO    NO
8  APR    25   26345   Wednesday     Braves    64  Cloudy    Night  NO    NO
9  APR    27   44807    Friday   Nationals    66  Clear      Night  NO    NO

      fireworks  bobblehead
0             NO           NO
1             NO           NO
2             NO           NO
3             YES           NO
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4      NO      NO
5      NO      NO
6      NO      NO
7      NO      NO
8      NO      NO
9      YES     NO ,
Index(['month', 'day', 'attend', 'day_of_week', 'opponent', 'temp', 'skies',
      'day_night', 'cap', 'shirt', 'fireworks', 'bobblehead'],
      dtype='object'))

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### EDA to explore the relationship between features and see if nulls in data

[59]: *# review the data for null values*

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nulls = dodgers_df.isnull().sum()

nulls

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[59]: month      0
      day        0
      attend     0
      day_of_week 0
      opponent    0
      temp        0
      skies       0
      day_night   0
      cap         0
      shirt       0
      fireworks   0
      bobblehead  0
      dtype: int64

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### Describe the data to get the averages and understand the highs and lows

[60]: *# analyze the data*

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dodgers_df.describe(include='all')

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[60]:      month      day      attend day_of_week opponent      temp      skies \
count      81  81.000000    81.000000         81      81  81.000000      81
unique       7      NaN          NaN          7      17      NaN      2
top      MAY      NaN          NaN    Tuesday    Giants      NaN    Clear
freq       18      NaN          NaN         13       9      NaN     62
mean      NaN  16.135802  41040.074074         NaN      NaN  73.148148      NaN
std      NaN   9.605666   8297.539460         NaN      NaN   8.317318      NaN
min      NaN   1.000000  24312.000000         NaN      NaN  54.000000      NaN
25%      NaN   8.000000  34493.000000         NaN      NaN  67.000000      NaN
50%      NaN  15.000000  40284.000000         NaN      NaN  73.000000      NaN
75%      NaN  25.000000  46588.000000         NaN      NaN  79.000000      NaN

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max	NaN	31.000000	56000.000000	NaN	NaN	95.000000	NaN
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	day_night	cap	shirt	fireworks	bobblehead
count	81	81	81	81	81
unique	2	2	2	2	2
top	Night	NO	NO	NO	NO
freq	66	79	78	67	70
mean	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
std	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
min	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
25%	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
50%	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
75%	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
max	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

Understand attendance when there is a promotion vs no promotion: graphs help tell the story

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[61]: # new column to flag games with no promotion
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dodgers_df['promotion_status'] = np.where(
    (dodgers_df['cap'] == 'NO') &
    (dodgers_df['shirt'] == 'NO') &
    (dodgers_df['fireworks'] == 'NO') &
    (dodgers_df['bobblehead'] == 'NO'),
    'No Promotion', 'Promotion'
)
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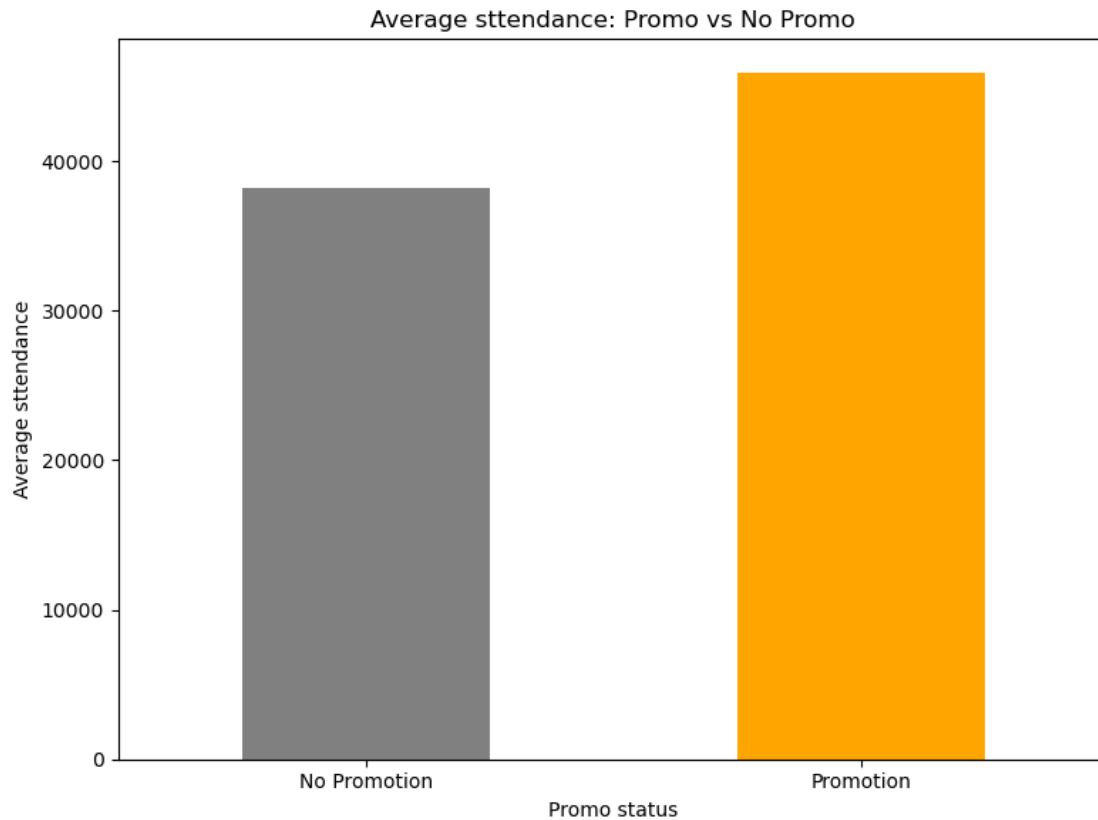
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[62]: # cal avg attendance for promo vs no promo
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avg_attend_by_promo_status = dodgers_df.groupby('promotion_status')['attend'].
    .mean()
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[63]: # plot the data
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plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
avg_attend_by_promo_status.plot(kind='bar', color=['gray', 'orange'])
plt.title("Average attendance: Promo vs No Promo")
plt.ylabel('Average attendance')
plt.xlabel('Promo status')

plt.xticks(rotation=0)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Graph the data to understand the attendance relationship between the promotions

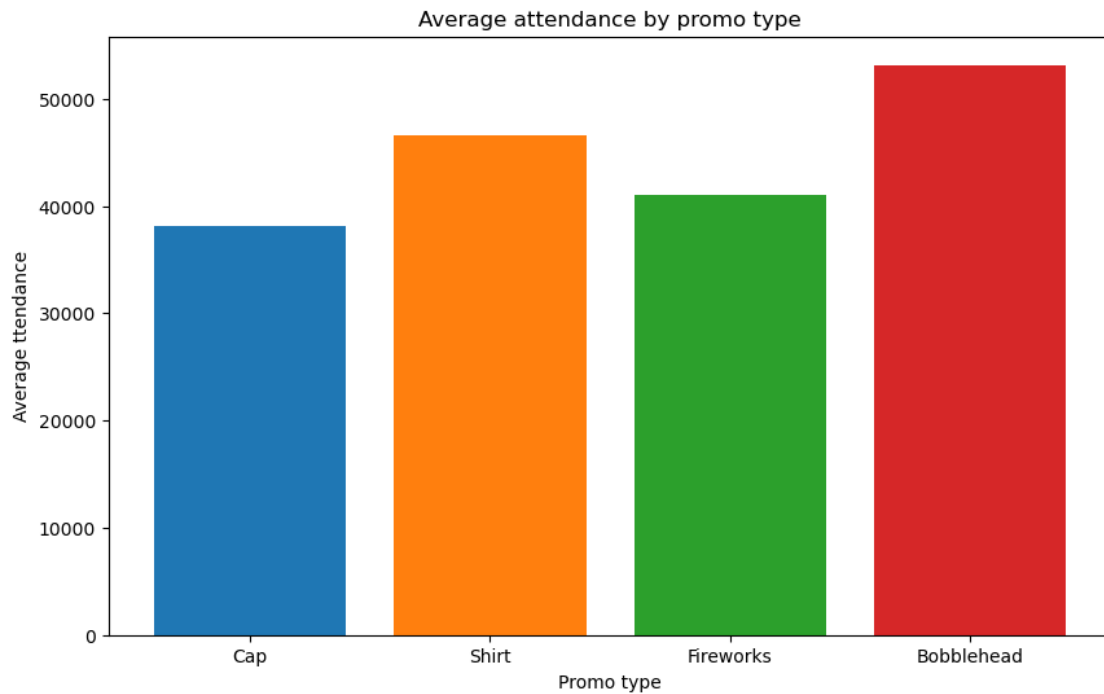
```
[64]: # plot to compare promotions

promotions = ['cap', 'shirt', 'fireworks', 'bobblehead']

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
for promo in promotions:
    avg_attend_by_promo = dodgers_df.groupby(promo)['attend'].mean()
    plt.bar(promo.capitalize(), avg_attend_by_promo['YES'], label=f'{promo.
    ↪capitalize()} Promotion')

plt.title("Average attendance by promo type")
plt.ylabel('Average ttendance')
plt.xlabel('Promo type')
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[64]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Promo type')
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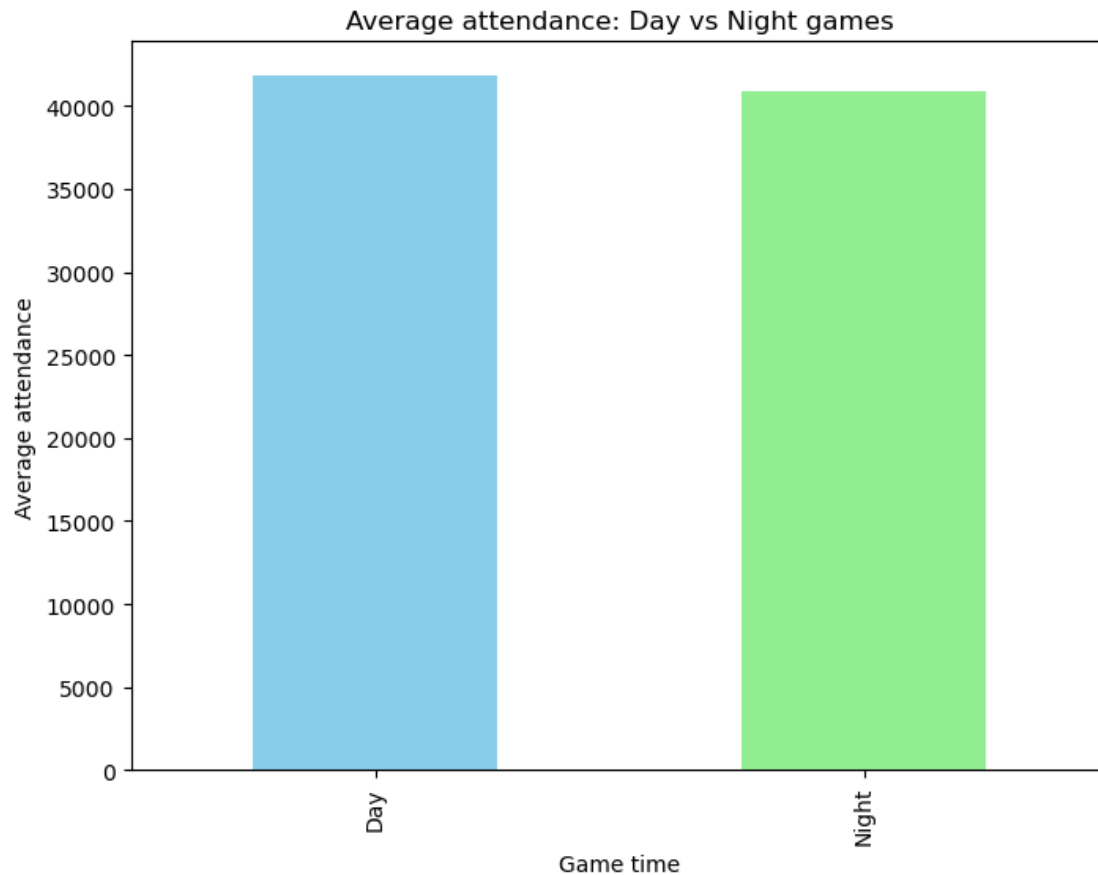


Graph the data to understand the attendance between the day and night games

[65]: *# attendance compare for day and night games*

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plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
dodgers_df.groupby('day_night')['attend'].mean().plot(kind='bar',
    ↪color=['skyblue', 'lightgreen'])
plt.title("Average attendance: Day vs Night games")
plt.ylabel('Average attendance')
plt.xlabel('Game time')
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[65]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Game time')



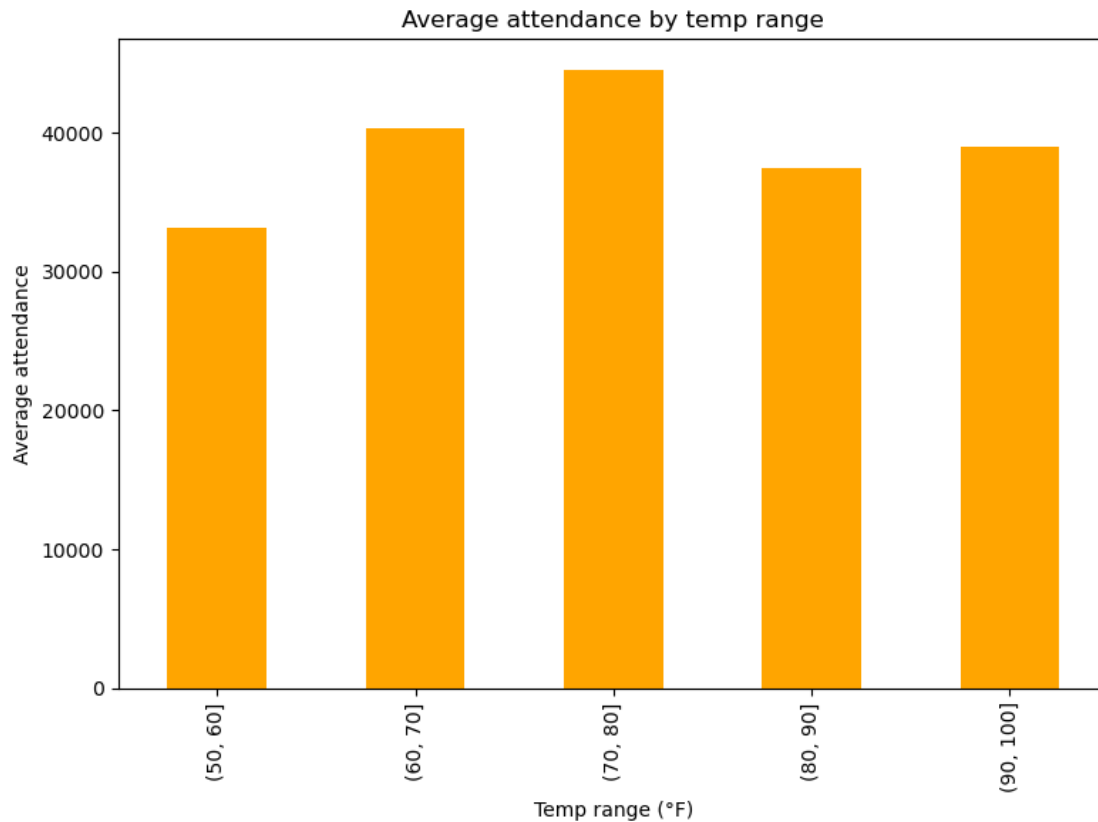
Graph the data to understand the attendance by temperature range

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[66]: # temp analyze trends by temp range

bins = [50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100] # buckets to hold ranges

dodgers_df['temp_bin'] = pd.cut(dodgers_df['temp'], bins) # group the temp
    ↪ values into bins
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
dodgers_df.groupby('temp_bin', observed=True)['attend'].mean().plot(kind='bar',
    ↪ color='orange') # group the new temp_bin into temp values into bins
plt.title("Average attendance by temp range")
plt.ylabel('Average attendance')
plt.xlabel('Temp range (°F)')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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**Plot the data to understand the attendance by day of the week**

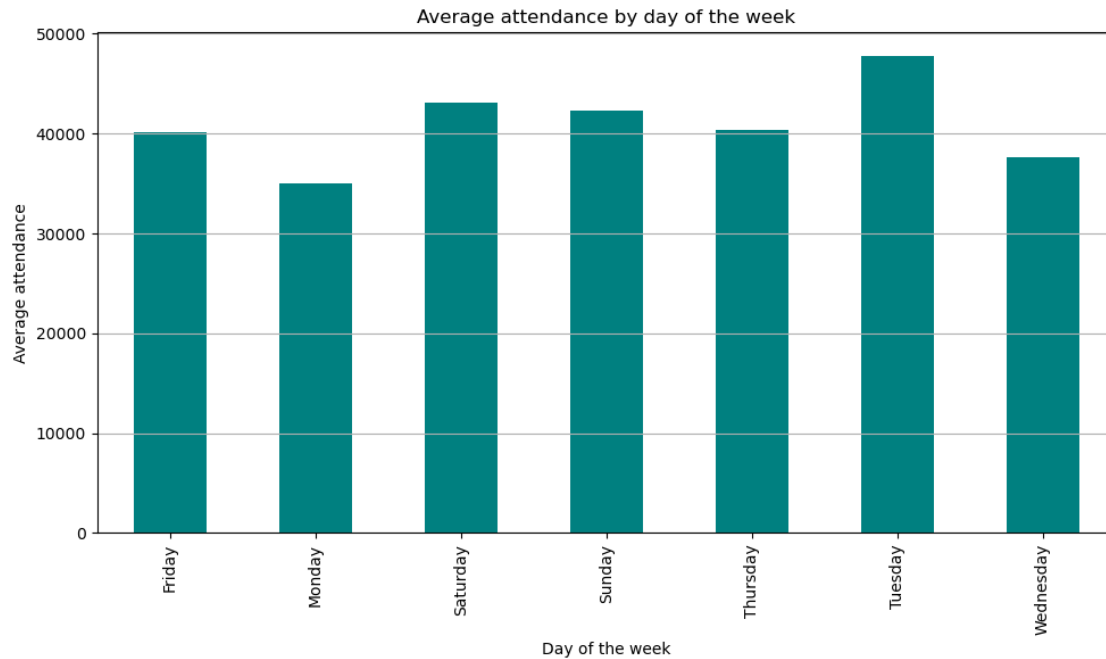
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[67]: # day of the week and avg attendance for each day

attendance_by_day = dodgers_df.groupby('day_of_week')['attend'].mean()

# avg attendance by day of the week

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
attendance_by_day.plot(kind='bar', color='teal')
plt.title('Average attendance by day of the week')
plt.ylabel('Average attendance')
plt.xlabel('Day of the week')
plt.grid(axis='y')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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# 1 Recommendations

The following are a few of the recommendations that may help increase attendance at games:

1. Increase the Frequency of Promotions Promotions Impact Attendance: Games with promotions (such as cap or shirt giveaways, bobbleheads, or fireworks) had noticeably higher attendance than games without promotions. Recommendation: Schedule more promotional events, especially for games expected to have lower attendance (e.g., weekday games). Promotions could be diversified or new ideas introduced to maintain fan interest, such as theme nights or special merchandise giveaways.
2. Schedule More Weekend Games Day of the Week Matters: The analysis of attendance by day of the week shows that attendance tends to be higher on weekends. People generally have more free time on weekends and are more likely to attend games. Recommendation: Where possible, schedule more games on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays to take advantage of higher weekend attendance. For weekday games, consider pairing them with popular promotions.
3. Leverage the Weather Moderate Weather Attracts Fans: Attendance tends to be higher when temperatures peak around 70-80°F. Extreme heat or cold may deter fans from attending. Recommendation: If feasible, schedule more games in favorable weather conditions (early evening during hot months). In cases where weather is less ideal, consider offering discounts or additional perks.

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