Aviation Accident Risk Assessment

Data-Driven Insights for Strategic Aircraft Acquisition

Business Understanding

- Our company is expanding into the aviation industry.
- We need to understand accident risk factors to guide aircraft purchases.
- Stakeholders: Aviation Division, Strategic Management, Safety Operations

Data Overview

- Source: Kaggle Aviation Accident Database (1962–2023)
- Size: ~90,000 rows
- Features: Aircraft type, flight purpose, weather, injury severity

Data Preparation

- Dropped columns with >30% missing values
- Cleaned column names & parsed dates
- Converted injuries to numeric values

Univariate Analysis

- Most aircraft had 1 engine
- Majority of accidents occurred in clear weather (VMC)
- Fatal injuries are common

Bivariate Findings

- Personal/instructional flights linked to higher fatal injuries
- Weather alone is not a strong predictor
- Some aircraft brands frequently appear but aren't always high risk

Multivariate Insights

- Personal flights in clear weather showed high injury counts
- Combination of engine type and flight purpose predicts risk well

Recommendations

- 1. Limit investment in personal aircraft.
- 2. Safety protocols should go beyond weather monitoring.
- 3. Prioritize aircraft types with strong safety records.

Conclusion & Next Steps

- Use data-driven insights to guide safe aircraft purchases
- Apply risk metrics during acquisition
- Continue updating models as more data arrives

Resources & Acknowledgments

- Files: Notebooks, Cleaned Aviation Data
- Tools: Python, Pandas, Seaborn, Matplotlib
- GitHub Repo: https://github.com/Henry-Njoroge/dsc_phase_1_project