

TikTok-Style Recommendation Analytics & A/B Experimentation

Import Required Libraries

```
# Core Data Handling

import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

# Visualization

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

# Machine Learning

from sklearn.decomposition import TruncatedSVD
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

# Statistics & A/B Testing

from scipy.stats import ttest_ind

# Reproducibility

np.random.seed(42)

# Display Settings

pd.set_option("display.max_columns", 100)
sns.set(style="whitegrid")
```

Synthetic Dataset Generation

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# Global parameters

N_USERS = 3000
N_VIDEOS = 1200
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N_CREATORS = 300
N_TOPICS = 8
N_INTERACTIONS = 180_000

np.random.seed(42)

# Topics Name
topics = [
    "Comedy", "Music", "Sports",
    "Gaming", "Education", "Lifestyle", "News", "Tech"
]

# Users → Topic Preferences
user_prefs = np.random.dirichlet(alpha=[0.8] * N_TOPICS, size =
N_USERS)

# Videos → Topics + Length
video_topics = np.random.choice(N_TOPICS, N_VIDEOS)
video_lengths = np.random.randint(15, 90, size = N_VIDEOS)

video_topics
array([3, 4, 7, ..., 0, 0, 2])

video_lengths
array([47, 44, 36, ..., 73, 73, 57])

# Creators → Specialization
creator_topics = np.random.choice(N_TOPICS, N_CREATORS)
video_creators = np.random.choice(N_CREATORS, N_VIDEOS)

# Generate Interactions

records = []

for _ in range(N_INTERACTIONS):
    user = np.random.randint(N_USERS)
    video = np.random.randint(N_VIDEOS)

    topic = video_topics[video]
    base_interest = user_prefs[user, topic]

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```
noise = np.random.normal(0,0.1)
watch_fraction= np.clip(base_interest + noise, 0.05,1.0)
```

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watch_time = watch_fraction * video_lengths[video]
```

```
records.append({
    "user_id" : user,
    "video_id": video,
    "creator_id": video_creators[video],
    "topic":topic,
    "video_length":video_lengths[video],
    "watch_time": watch_time,
    "completion_rate": watch_fraction,
    "likes": int(watch_fraction > 0.65),
    "shares": int(watch_fraction >0.8),
    "follows": int(watch_fraction > 0.9)
```

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})
```

```
records[0]
```

```
{'user_id': 2559,
 'video_id': 400,
 'creator_id': 252,
 'topic': 0,
 'video_length': 32,
 'watch_time': 1.6,
 'completion_rate': 0.05,
 'likes': 0,
 'shares': 0,
 'follows': 0}
```

```
df = pd.DataFrame(records)
```

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df.head()
```

	user_id	video_id	creator_id	topic	video_length	watch_time	\
0	2559	400	252	0	32	1.600000	
1	1702	644	37	0	34	8.042061	
2	78	620	230	7	77	3.850000	
3	1566	460	270	3	86	11.870592	
4	1063	799	234	2	21	3.336751	

	completion_rate	likes	shares	follows
0	0.050000	0	0	0

1	0.236531	0	0	0
2	0.050000	0	0	0
3	0.138030	0	0	0
4	0.158893	0	0	0

```
df.describe()
```

	user_id	video_id	creator_id	topic \
count	180000.000000	180000.000000	180000.000000	180000.000000
mean	1497.038717	598.214533	147.786594	3.339956
std	865.920797	346.182453	86.330147	2.288610
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	747.000000	298.000000	75.000000	1.000000
50%	1497.000000	598.000000	146.000000	3.000000
75%	2246.000000	897.000000	221.000000	5.000000
max	2999.000000	1199.000000	299.000000	7.000000

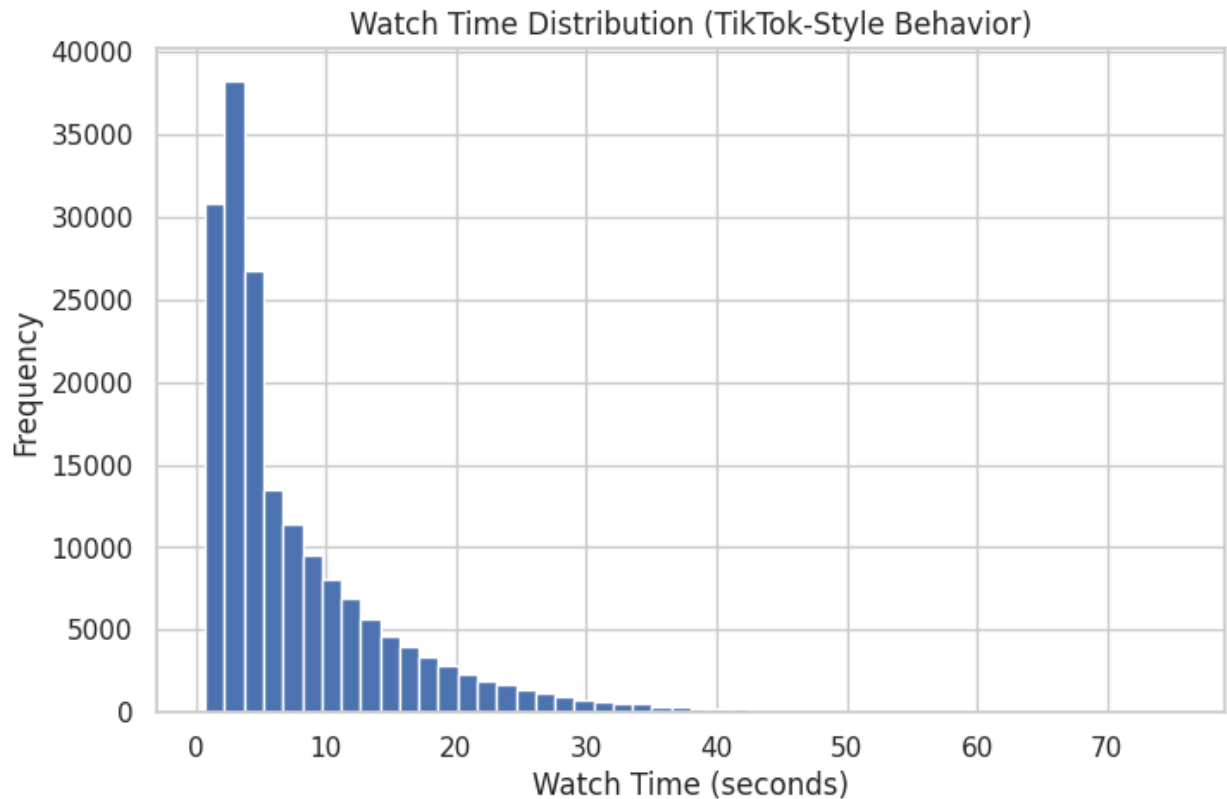
	video_length	watch_time	completion_rate	likes \
count	180000.000000	180000.000000	180000.000000	180000.000000
mean	51.851767	7.882182	0.152159	0.003828
std	21.264201	7.738903	0.125722	0.061751
min	15.000000	0.750000	0.050000	0.000000
25%	34.000000	2.800000	0.050000	0.000000
50%	51.000000	4.625071	0.106806	0.000000
75%	70.000000	10.538150	0.213415	0.000000
max	89.000000	75.293587	1.000000	1.000000

	shares	follows
count	180000.000000	180000.000000
mean	0.000367	0.000044
std	0.019145	0.006667
min	0.000000	0.000000
25%	0.000000	0.000000
50%	0.000000	0.000000
75%	0.000000	0.000000
max	1.000000	1.000000

```
print("Unique users:", df.user_id.nunique())
print("Unique videos:", df.video_id.nunique())
print("Unique creators:", df.creator_id.nunique())
```

```
Unique users: 3000
Unique videos: 1200
Unique creators: 291
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
plt.hist(df["watch_time"], bins=50)
plt.title("Watch Time Distribution (TikTok-Style Behavior)")
plt.xlabel("Watch Time (seconds)")
plt.ylabel("Frequency")
plt.show()
```



Engagement Score Engineering

- What Is an Engagement Score?

A single number that represents how valuable an interaction was to the platform.

- Higher score → better recommendation signal.

```
print(
    "Signal                Why it matters\n"
    "Watch Time            Strong indicator of user interest\n"
    "Completion Rate        Reflects content quality\n"
    "Shares                 Measures virality and reach\n"
    "Likes                  Weak but useful explicit signal\n"
    "Follows                Indicates long-term user value"
)
```

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Normalize Watch Time

```
df.columns
Index(['user_id', 'video_id', 'creator_id', 'topic', 'video_length',
      'watch_time', 'completion_rate', 'likes', 'shares', 'follows'],
      dtype='object')

df.watch_time
0          1.600000
1          8.042061
2          3.850000
3         11.870592
4          3.336751
...
179995     1.700000
179996    14.454122
179997     1.350000
179998    11.733004
179999     3.907845
Name: watch_time, Length: 180000, dtype: float64

from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler

scaler = MinMaxScaler()

df['watch_time_norm'] = scaler.fit_transform(df[['watch_time']])

df.watch_time_norm
0          0.011403
1          0.097823
2          0.041586
3          0.149182
4          0.034701
...
179995     0.012744
179996     0.183840
179997     0.008049
179998     0.147337
179999     0.042362
Name: watch_time_norm, Length: 180000, dtype: float64
```

Define Engagement Weight

```
W_WATCH = 0.45
W_COMPLETION = 0.30
W_SHARE = 0.15
W_LIKE = 0.10
```

Why These Weights?

- Watch time dominates revenue
- Completion reflects content strength
- Shares > likes (virality > vanity)
- Likes are weakest

```
df['engagement_scores'] = (
    W_WATCH * df["watch_time_norm"] +
    W_COMPLETION * df['completion_rate'] +
    W_SHARE * df['shares'] +
    W_LIKE * df['likes']
)

df["engagement_scores"].describe()

count      180000.000000
mean         0.089141
std          0.083270
min          0.015000
25%          0.029488
50%          0.058379
75%          0.124147
max          0.977858
Name: engagement_scores, dtype: float64
```

Interaction Matrix → Apply SVD

```
interaction_matrix = df.pivot_table(
    index = "user_id",
    columns= "video_id",
    values = "watch_time",
    aggfunc= "mean",
    fill_value = 0
)
```

interaction_matrix

video_id \ user_id	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.000000
1	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.000000
2	0.0	0.0	0.000000	7.583277	0.0	0.0	0.000000
3	0.0	0.0	7.754404	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.000000
4	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.000000
...
...
2995	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.000000
2996	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	14.790461
2997	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.000000
2998	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	4.450000
2999	0.0	2.2	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.000000

video_id \ user_id	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	8.96553	0.0	0.00	0.0
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0
2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0
3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0
4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	2.75	0.0
...
...
2995	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0
2996	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0
2997	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0

0.0										
2998	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.588256	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0	
0.0										
2999	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0000000	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0	
0.0										
video_id	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
\										
user_id										
0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.378324	
0.00										
1	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	
0.00										
2	0.0	4.05	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	
0.00										
3	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	
0.00										
4	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	
0.00										
...
..										
2995	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.000000	
0.00										
2996	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	
0.00										
2997	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	
0.00										
2998	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	
0.00										
2999	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	
1.95										
video_id	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	
37										
\										
user_id										
0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.000000	0.0		
0.0	0.0									
1	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.000000	0.0		
0.0	0.0									
2	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.000000	0.0		
0.0	0.0									
3	0.0	0.0	6.620115	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.000000	0.0		
0.0	0.0									
4	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.000000	0.0		
0.0	0.0									
...
.	...									
2995	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	3.85	0.0	0.000000	0.0		

0.0	0.0								
2996		0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0	15.684871	0.0
0.0	0.0								
2997		0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.000000	0.0
0.0	0.0								
2998		0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.000000	0.0
0.0	0.0								
2999		0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.000000	0.0
0.0	0.0								
video_id	38	39	40	41	42	43	44		
45 \									
user_id									
0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0		
3.405985									
1	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0		
0.000000									
2	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0		
0.000000									
3	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	6.91515	0.0		
0.000000									
4	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0		
0.000000									
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...									
2995	0.0	0.0	2.02191	0.000000	8.365606	0.000000	0.0		
0.000000									
2996	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0		
0.000000									
2997	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0		
0.000000									
2998	0.0	0.0	0.000000	19.22286	0.000000	0.000000	0.0		
23.682213									
2999	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	3.10000	0.0		
0.000000									
video_id	46	47	48	49	...	1150	1151	1152	
1153 \									
user_id					...				
0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	...	0.000000	0.0	0.0	
0.0									
1	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	...	0.000000	0.0	0.0	
0.0									
2	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	...	0.000000	0.0	0.0	
0.0									
3	0.0	22.934576	0.0	0.000000	...	0.000000	0.0	0.0	
0.0									
4	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	...	0.000000	0.0	4.3	

0.0									
...
...									
2995	0.0	0.000000	0.0	3.742672	...	0.000000	0.0	0.0	
0.0									
2996	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	...	0.000000	0.0	0.0	
0.0									
2997	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	...	28.477744	0.0	0.0	
0.0									
2998	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	...	0.000000	0.0	0.0	
0.0									
2999	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	...	0.000000	0.0	0.0	
0.0									
video_id	1154	1155	1156	1157	1158	1159			
1160 \									
user_id									
0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000		
1	0.0	0.0	15.605155	3.153752	0.0	0.000000	0.000000		
2	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000		
3	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000		
4	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000		
...
2995	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000		
2996	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	9.415112	23.860116		
2997	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000		
2998	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000		
2999	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000		
video_id	1161	1162	1163	1164	1165	1166	1167	1168	
\									
user_id									
0	16.773660	0.0	19.286271	0.0	0.000000	0.00	0.0	0.0	
1	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.00	0.0	0.0	
2	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.00	0.0	0.0	

3	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.00	0.0	0.0
4	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.00	0.0	0.0
...
2995	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.00	0.0	0.0
2996	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.00	0.0	0.0
2997	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.0	6.975872	0.00	0.0	0.0
2998	3.263552	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.00	0.0	0.0
2999	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	1.75	0.0	0.0
video_id 1177 \	1169	1170	1171	1172	1173	1174	1175	1176
user_id								
0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0								
1	3.084997	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0								
2	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0								
3	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0
0.0								
4	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0
0.0								
...
...								
2995	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0								
2996	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	23.291644	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0								
2997	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0								
2998	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0								
2999	0.000000	0.0	14.214455	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0								
video_id 1186 \	1178	1179	1180	1181	1182	1183	1184	1185
user_id								
0	0.000000	0.0	0.00	0.000000	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0								


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0          0.000000    0.0    0.000000
1         13.228794    0.0    0.000000
2          0.000000    0.0    0.000000
3          0.000000    0.0    0.000000
4          0.000000    0.0    0.000000
...
2995        0.000000    0.0    0.000000
2996        0.000000    0.0    0.000000
2997        0.000000    0.0    0.000000
2998        0.000000    0.0    0.000000
2999        0.000000    0.0   17.343571

```

```
[3000 rows x 1200 columns]
```

```
interaction_matrix.shape
```

```
(3000, 1200)
```

```
# checking spacity
```

```
(interaction_matrix > 0).mean().mean()
```

```
0.048759166666666666
```

Truncated SVD

```
from sklearn.decomposition import TruncatedSVD
```

```
svd = TruncatedSVD(
    n_components = 30,
    random_state = 42
)
```

```
user_embeddings = svd.fit_transform(interaction_matrix)
video_embeddings = svd.components_.T
```

```
# Generate Personalized Score
```

```
import numpy as np
score_matrix = np.dot(user_embeddings, video_embeddings.T)
```

Recomend Top k Videos for user

```
def recommend_videos(user_id, k = 10):
    scores = score_matrix[user_id]
    top_videos = np.argsort(scores)[-k:][::-1]
    return top_videos
```

```
recommend_videos(user_id = 42, k = 5)
```

```
array([762, 293, 90, 43, 781])
```

A/B Experiment Setup

Control (A): Popularity-Based Feed

```
popular_videos = (
    df.groupby("video_id")['watch_time']
      .mean()
      .sort_values(ascending = False)
      .index
      .values
)

def recommend_control(k = 10):
    return popular_videos[:k]
```

Treatment (B): Personalized SVD Feed

```
def recommend_treatment(user_id, k = 10):
    scores = score_matrix[user_id]
    return scores.argsort()[-k:][::-1]
```

Randomly Assign Users to A/B Groups

```
users = interaction_matrix.index.values

np.random.shuffle(users)

split = int(0.5 * len(users))
control_users = users[:split]
treatment_users = users[split:]
```

Simulate Feed Exposure

```
def simulate_feed(user_id, group, k = 10):
    if group == 'control':
        return recommend_control(k)
    else:
        return recommend_treatment(user_id, k)
```

Measure Metrics

```
def average_watch_time(user_ids, group):
    watch_times = []

    for u in user_ids:
        recs= simulate_feed(u,group)
        wt = df[
            (df.user_id == u) & (df.video_id.isin(recs))
        ]["watch_time"].mean()
        watch_times.append(wt)

    return np.nanmean(watch_times)
```

Compute A/B Results

```
control_wt = average_watch_time(control_users,"control")
treatment_wt = average_watch_time(treatment_users, "treatment")

uplift = (treatment_wt - control_wt) / control_wt * 100

control_wt, treatment_wt , uplift
(14.734923704109082, 22.347761777615077, 51.66526971146125)
```

Statistical Significance (t-test)

```
def user_watch_time_on_feed(user_id, group):
    recs = simulate_feed(user_id, group)
    return df[
        (df.user_id == user_id) &
        (df.video_id.isin(recs))
    ]["watch_time"].mean()

control_vals = [
    user_watch_time_on_feed(u, "control")
    for u in control_users
]

treatment_vals = [
    user_watch_time_on_feed(u, "treatment")
    for u in treatment_users
]

from scipy.stats import ttest_ind
```



```
t_stat, p_value = ttest_ind(
    treatment_vals,
    control_vals,
    nan_policy="omit"
)

p_value
2.4049013695309344e-55
```

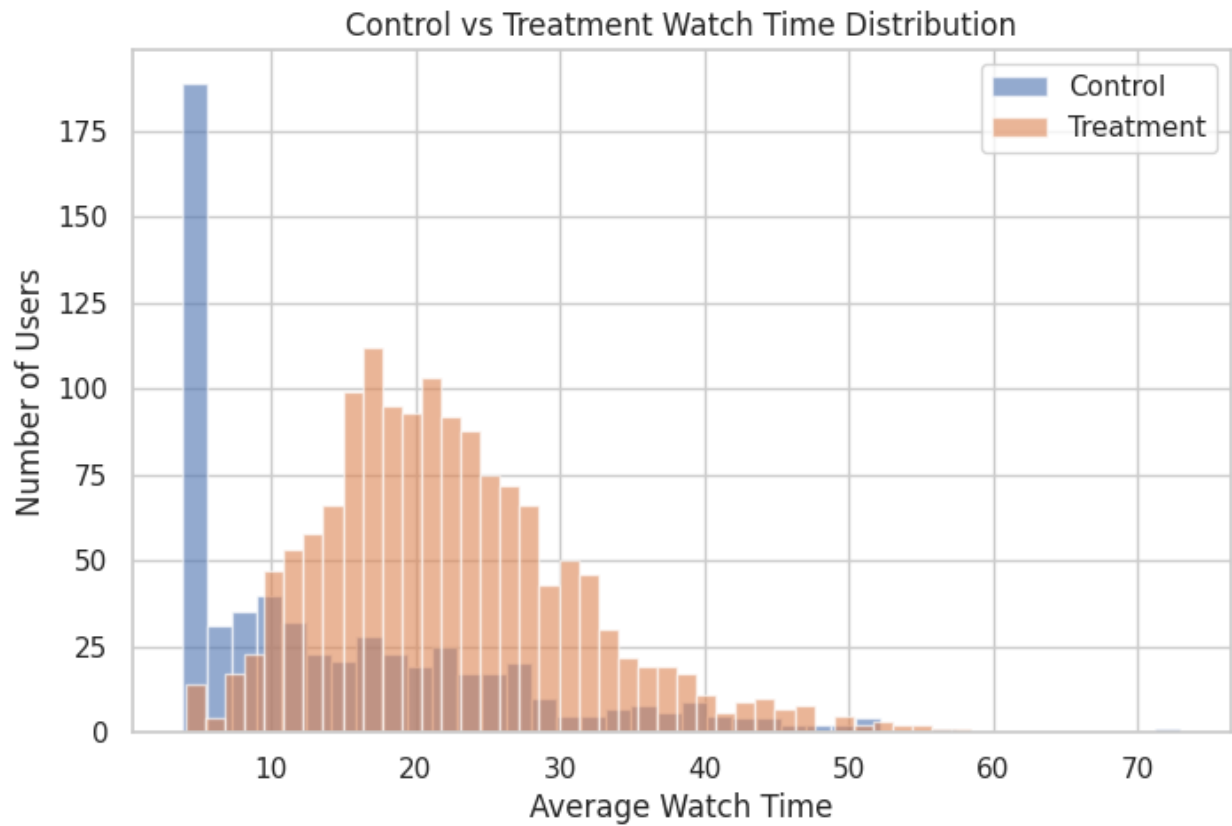
Visualize A/B Results (Control vs Treatment)

Prepare Per-User Metrics (Same as t-test)

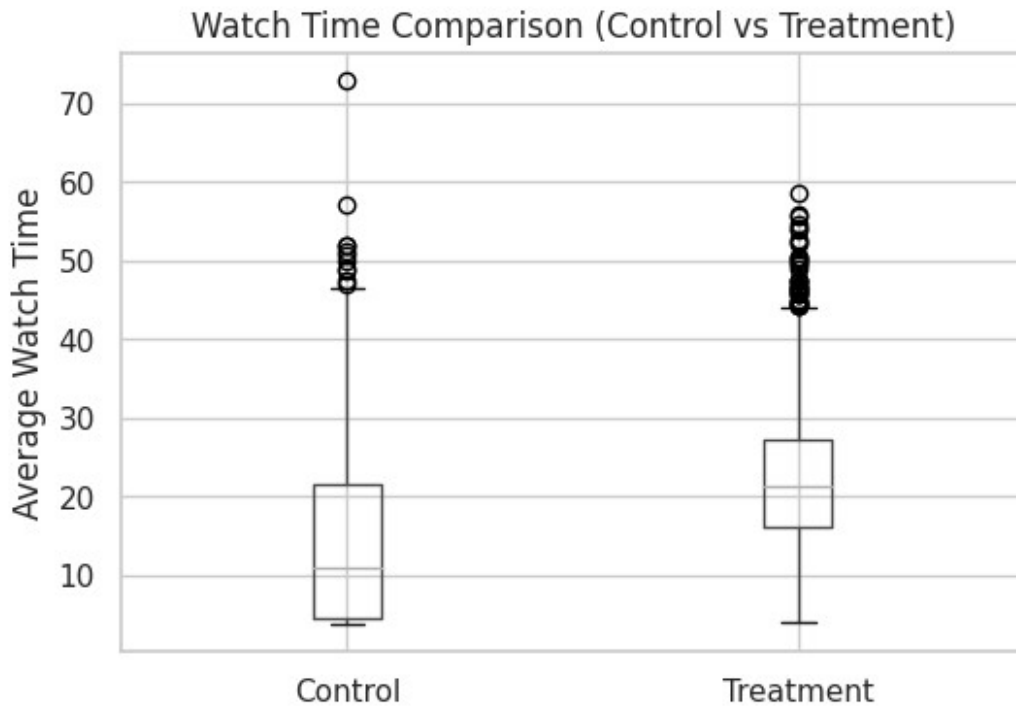
```
control_vals = [
    user_watch_time_on_feed(u, "control")
    for u in control_users
]

treatment_vals = [
    user_watch_time_on_feed(u, "treatment")
    for u in treatment_users
]

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
plt.hist(control_vals, bins=40, alpha=0.6, label="Control")
plt.hist(treatment_vals, bins=40, alpha=0.6, label="Treatment")
plt.xlabel("Average Watch Time")
plt.ylabel("Number of Users")
plt.title("Control vs Treatment Watch Time Distribution")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



```
box_df = pd.DataFrame({  
    "Control": control_vals,  
    "Treatment": treatment_vals  
})  
  
box_df.boxplot(figsize=(6, 4))  
plt.ylabel("Average Watch Time")  
plt.title("Watch Time Comparison (Control vs Treatment)")  
plt.show()
```



Fairness Analysis (Creator Exposure)

Video → Creator Mapping

```
video_creator_map = (  
    df[["video_id", "creator_id"]]  
    .drop_duplicates()  
)  
  
def collect_creator_exposure(user_ids, group, k=10):  
    exposure = []  
  
    for u in user_ids:  
        recs = simulate_feed(u, group, k)  
        exposure.extend(recs)  
  
    exposure_df = pd.DataFrame({"video_id": exposure})  
    exposure_df = exposure_df.merge(  
        video_creator_map,  
        on="video_id",  
        how="left"  
    )
```

```

    return (
        exposure_df
        .groupby("creator_id")
        .size()
        .reset_index(name="exposure")
    )

control_exposure = collect_creator_exposure(
    control_users, "control"
)

treatment_exposure = collect_creator_exposure(
    treatment_users, "treatment"
)

import numpy as np

def gini(x):
    x = np.array(x)
    if np.sum(x) == 0:
        return 0
    x = np.sort(x)
    n = len(x)
    return (2 * np.sum((np.arange(1, n + 1) * x))) / (n * np.sum(x)) -
    (n + 1) / n

gini_control = gini(control_exposure["exposure"])
gini_treatment = gini(treatment_exposure["exposure"])

gini_control, gini_treatment
(0.0, 0.5445474074074075)

```

Long-Tail Coverage (Very Important)

```

def long_tail_share(exposure_df):
    threshold = exposure_df["exposure"].quantile(0.8)
    return (
        exposure_df[exposure_df["exposure"] < threshold]
        ["exposure"].sum()
        / exposure_df["exposure"].sum()
    )

lt_control = long_tail_share(control_exposure)
lt_treatment = long_tail_share(treatment_exposure)

```

```

lt_control, lt_treatment
(0.0, 0.4592)
plt.figure(figsize=(7, 4))
plt.hist(
    control_exposure["exposure"],
    bins=50,
    alpha=0.6,
    label="Control"
)
plt.hist(
    treatment_exposure["exposure"],
    bins=50,
    alpha=0.6,
    label="Treatment"
)
plt.xlabel("Creator Exposure Count")
plt.ylabel("Number of Creators")
plt.title("Creator Exposure Distribution")
plt.legend()
plt.show()

```

