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## 1. Data Understanding

The dataset given in the **60% coursework** of module **CC5067NI Smart Data Discovery** is mainly focused on data analysis of **311 Customer service Requests** in **New York City (NYC)**. Each day, NYC 311 receives complaints related to non-emergency issues reported by locals such as noise complaints, illegal parking, blocked roads, and other concerns.

NYC main goals are to provide quick services of government to the public with best customer service. These issues are noted by NYC311 and forwarded to respective agencies like police, building, transport and so on. The agency responds to the request, go through it and end it (Shubham, 2021). Each row includes a single complaint with more detail's information like date and time the request was created and closed, the types of issues, the location, the city and agency responsible for, direction of location and many more.

The dataset is used by New York City agencies to track local frequent complaints pattern, service delivery, analyse average request resolution time, performance evaluation in different city agencies and so on. Simply, it reviews the services are provided to locals on time and improve services (MotherDuck, 2025) (Shubham, 2021). This data is publicly available on the NYC Open Data Portal and typically exported as CSV file.



*Figure 1: Logo of data discover*

The table below summarizes the columns of datasets with descriptions with data types:

S.N.	Column Name	Description	Data Type
1	Unique Key	Every service request has a distinct number.	Integer
2	Created Date	Time of the complaint's creation	Object / DateTime
3	Closed Date	Time of the complaint's closure	Object / DateTime
4	Agency	Agency code for handling the request	String
5	Agency Name	The complete name of the organization making the request	String
6	Complaint Type	Type or category of general complaints	String
7	Descriptor	An in-depth description of the issue	String
8	Location Type	The kind of place where the problem happened	String
9	Incident Zip	ZIP code of the incident location	Integer
10	Incident Address	Address where the incident took place	String
11	Street Name	The incident's street name	String
12	Cross Street 1	Closest cross street	String
13	Cross Street 2	Second closest cross street	String
14	Intersection Street 1	Intersection detail	String
15	Intersection Street 2	Another intersection details	String
16	Address Type	Type of address like residential, commercial	String
17	City	Name of the city	String
18	Landmark	Nearby Landmark	String
19	Facility Type	Type of city facility involved	String
20	Status	Status of complaint (e.g., Closed, Open)	String
21	Due Date	When the issue was expected to be resolved	DateTime
22	Resolution Description	Explanation of how the issue was addressed	String
23	Resolution Action updated date	Last update to the resolution	DateTime
24	Community Board	Local community board number	String
25	Borough	Borough where the complaint was made	String

26	X Coordinate (State Plane)	X coordinate in NYC State Plane projection	Float
27	Y Coordinate (State Plane)	Y coordinate in NYC State Plane projection	Float
28	Park Facility Name	Name of the park facility involved	String
29	Park Borough	Borough where park is located	String
30	School Name	Name of the school involved	String
31	School Number	School number	Integer
32	School Region	School Region	String
33	School code	Code of school	String
34	School Phone Number	School contact number	Integer
35	School Address	Address of the school	String
36	School city	City where school is located	String
37	School state	State where school is located	String
38	School zip	Zip code of the school	Integer
39	School Not Found	Indicates whether a school wasn't found	String/Boolean
40	School or Citywide Complaint	Indicates if the complaints is from school or citywide.	String
41	Vehicle Type	Type of vehicle involved	String
42	Taxi Company Borough	Borough where taxi company is registered	String
43	Taxi Pick Up Location	Location where the taxi picked up a passenger	String
44	Bridge Highway Name	Bridge or highway involved	String
45	Bridge Highway Direction	Direction on the bridge/highway	String
46	Road Ramp	Ramp detail	String
47	Bridge Highway Segment	Segment detail	String
48	Garage Lot Name	Garage/lot name	String
49	Ferry Direction	Direction of the ferry	String
50	Ferry Terminal Name	Terminal from which ferry departs	String
51	Latitude	Geographic latitude of the complaint location	Float
52	Longitude	Geographic longitude of the complaint location	Float
53	Location	Combined latitude/longitude or address	String

Table 1: List of columns of datasets with descriptions and datatype



## 2. Data Preparation

### 2.1. Library used in my project

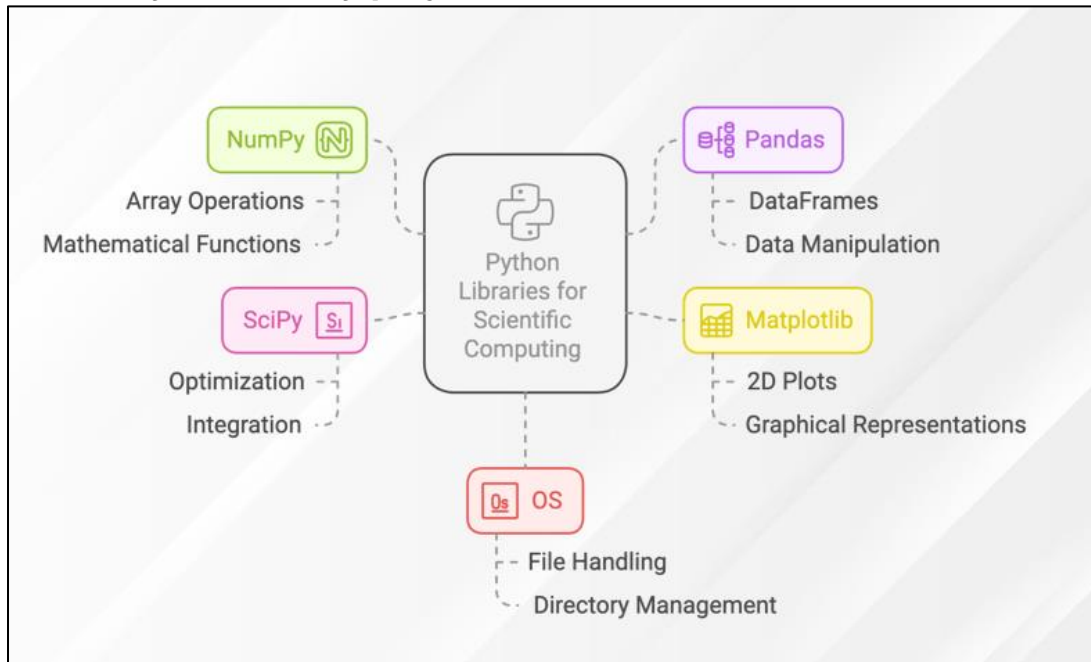


Figure 2: Different library of python

Normally, Python consists of a lot of libraries so that programmer can easily learn faster. It avoids redundancy and allow new user to learn it easily with the help of imported packages. It contains built-in modules that provide access to basic system functionality like I/O and some other core modules. In my code, I have used the packages like numpy, pandas, statistics and matplotlib.

- a) **Numpy** : These days, the term "numpy" refers to the widely used library for numerical Python. Large matrices and multi-dimensional data are supported by this well-known machine learning framework. The main characteristic of this library is its array interface.

- b) **Pandas:** For data scientists, the Pandas library is essential. A range of analysis tools and adaptable high-level data structures are offered by this open-source machine learning package. Pandas facilitates data conversions, iterations, visualization, and more.
- c) **Matplot:** Plotting numerical data is the responsibility of this library, which is utilized in data analysis. Plotting high-definition figures like as pie charts, histograms, scatterplots, graphs, etc., it is also an open-source library.
- d) **Scipy:** The acronym for "Scientific Python" is "SciPy." This library is open-source and used for complex scientific calculations. This library is based on a Numpy extension. Additionally, engineers and application developers use it extensively (GeeksforGeeks, 2024).

```
#importing packages
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import statistics
import scipy.stats as stats
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

These libraries are imported in alias form like :

**Pandas → import pandas as pd**

**Numpy → import numpy as np**

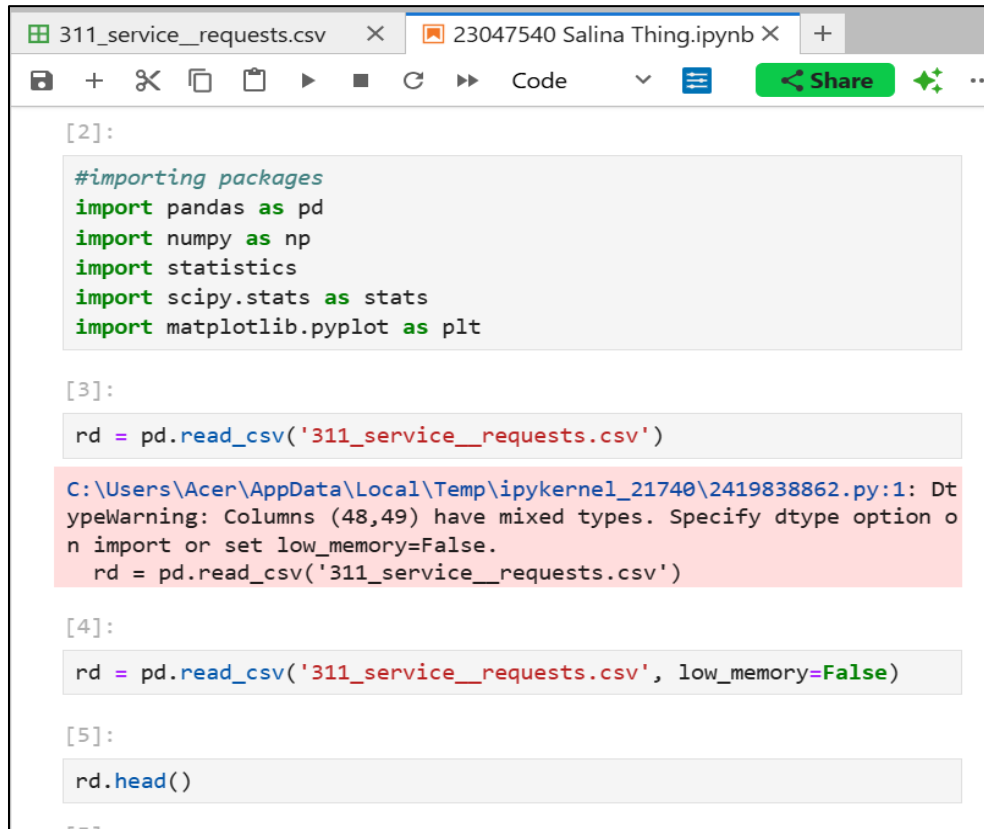
**Matplot → import matplotlib.pyplot as plt**

**Scipy → import scipy.stats as stats**

**import statistics** of respectively packages.

Here, **pd**, **np**, **plt** and **stats** are the alias or short form of respective library mentioned above.

## 2.2. Import the dataset



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with two tabs: '311\_service\_requests.csv' and '23047540 Salina Thing.ipynb'. The notebook contains five code cells. Cell [2] imports various libraries: pandas as pd, numpy as np, statistics, scipy.stats as stats, and matplotlib.pyplot as plt. Cell [3] attempts to read the CSV file '311\_service\_requests.csv' into a DataFrame named 'rd', but it triggers a DtypeWarning because columns 48 and 49 have mixed types. Cell [4] successfully reads the same CSV file into 'rd' by setting the 'low\_memory' parameter to False. Cell [5] displays the first five rows of the DataFrame using 'rd.head()'.

```
[2]:
#importing packages
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import statistics
import scipy.stats as stats
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

[3]:
rd = pd.read_csv('311_service_requests.csv')

C:\Users\Acer\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_21740\2419838862.py:1: DtypeWarning: Columns (48,49) have mixed types. Specify dtype option on import or set low_memory=False.
  rd = pd.read_csv('311_service_requests.csv')

[4]:
rd = pd.read_csv('311_service_requests.csv', low_memory=False)

[5]:
rd.head()
```

Figure 3: Import dataset(i)

At first, we use different libraries like pandas, numpy, matplotlib, scipy and statistic for importing the datasets and for easy numeric calculation in the alias form.

### Line 1: Read the CSV file

```
rd = pd.read_csv('311_Service_Requests.csv')
```

We load given datasets in CSV file name “311\_service\_request” with variable name ‘rd’ in pandas DataFrame.

**pd.read\_csv()** is a pandas function that reads data from csv file and convert into dataframe.

Figure 4 shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with two cells. Cell [4] contains the code `rd = pd.read_csv('311_service_requests.csv', low_memory=False)`. Cell [5] contains the code `rd.head()` and displays the first 5 rows of the dataset. The table has 53 columns and 5 rows shown.

	Unique Key	Created Date	Closed Date	Agency	Agency Name	Complaint Type	Descriptor	Location Type	Incident Zip	Incident Address	Bridge Highway Name	Bridge Highway Direction	Road Ramp	Bridge Highway Segment
0	32310363	12/31/2015 11:59:45 PM	01-01-16 0:55	NYPD	New York City Police Department	Noise - Street/Sidewalk	Loud Music/Party	Street/Sidewalk	10034.0	71 VERMILYEA AVENUE	...	NaN	NaN	NaN
1	32309934	12/31/2015 11:59:44 PM	01-01-16 1:26	NYPD	New York City Police Department	Blocked Driveway	No Access	Street/Sidewalk	11105.0	27-07 23 AVENUE	...	NaN	NaN	NaN
2	32309159	12/31/2015 11:59:29 PM	01-01-16 4:51	NYPD	New York City Police Department	Blocked Driveway	No Access	Street/Sidewalk	10458.0	2897 VALENTINE AVENUE	...	NaN	NaN	NaN
3	32305098	12/31/2015 11:57:46 PM	01-01-16 7:43	NYPD	New York City Police Department	Illegal Parking	Commercial Overnight Parking	Street/Sidewalk	10461.0	2940 BAISLEY AVENUE	...	NaN	NaN	NaN
4	32306529	12/31/2015 11:56:58 PM	01-01-16 3:24	NYPD	New York City Police Department	Illegal Parking	Blocked Sidewalk	Street/Sidewalk	11373.0	87-14 57 ROAD	...	NaN	NaN	NaN

5 rows x 53 columns

Figure 4: Import dataset(ii)

Here the solution has come to deal with errors as it is common **DtypeWarning** as it includes more columns (mixed data types) than its own range.i.e. 48 but the columns are 53. So, we can fix it by **setting low\_memory=false** or suppress it.

```
rd = pd.read_csv('311_service_request.csv', low_memory=False)
```

**low\_memory=False** → This tells pandas **not to guess data types in chunks**, which prevents warnings or mixed types. A DataFrame **rd** is created containing all the rows and columns from the CSV file.

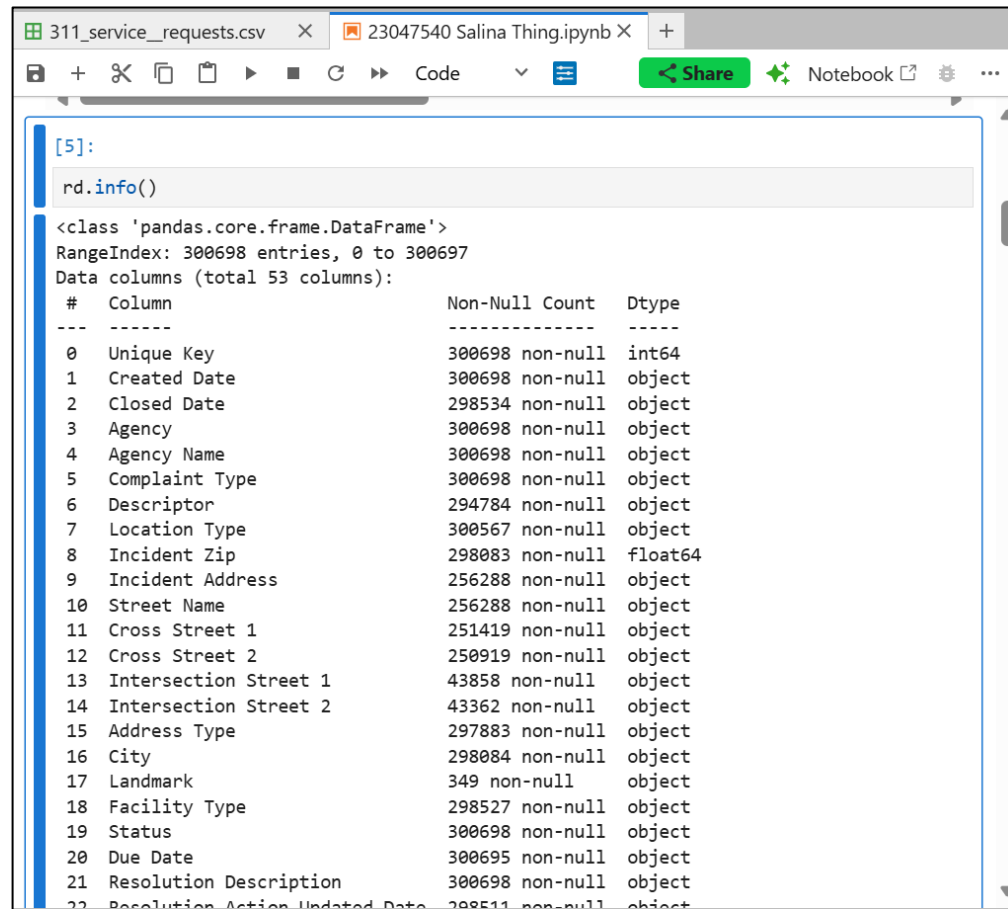
**Line 2: View the first 5 rows**

```
rd.head()
```

This is a pandas functions where head() shows first 5 rows by default but if you want more rows then you can pass the required integer to display required rows.

### 2.3. Insights on the dataset

- The dataset is about the complaints records of New York City done by the residents on 311 service requests.
- It includes a lot of complaints regarding complaint type, location, responsible agency, and service request resolution.
- Important columns include:
  - ❖ **Complaint Type**: Indicates the types of the problem.
  - ❖ **Created Date** and **Closed Date**: Includes the time of response to complete the problem.
  - ❖ **Status**: To identify whether the request is still pending or already solved or working on.
  - ❖ **Location Info**: Borough, City, Zip, street, intersection, Latitude, Longitude.
- This data is crucial for knowing public demands and needs and agency performance.
- It could make public freely to speak or report to the government services directly and get response on time.
- It also helps the respective departments to work on time due to providing the details more clearly.



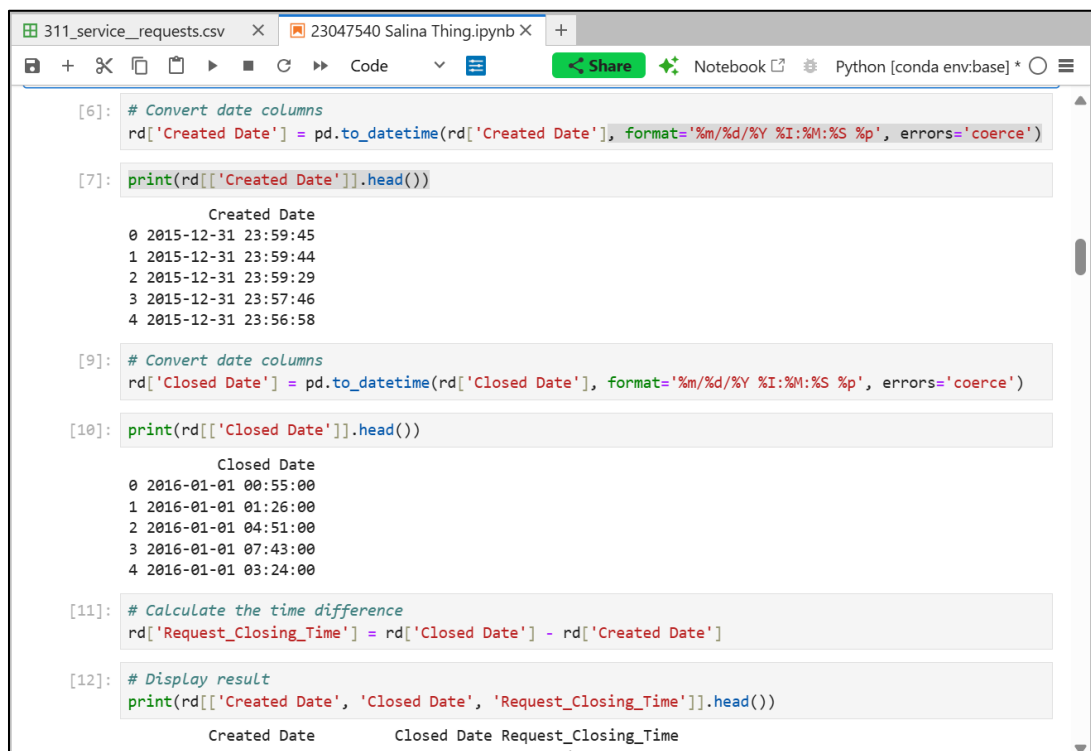
```
[5]:
rd.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 300698 entries, 0 to 300697
Data columns (total 53 columns):
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   Unique Key                           300698 non-null  int64
1   Created Date                          300698 non-null  object
2   Closed Date                          298534 non-null  object
3   Agency                               300698 non-null  object
4   Agency Name                          300698 non-null  object
5   Complaint Type                       300698 non-null  object
6   Descriptor                           294784 non-null  object
7   Location Type                        300567 non-null  object
8   Incident Zip                         298083 non-null  float64
9   Incident Address                     256288 non-null  object
10  Street Name                          256288 non-null  object
11  Cross Street 1                       251419 non-null  object
12  Cross Street 2                       250919 non-null  object
13  Intersection Street 1                 43858 non-null  object
14  Intersection Street 2                 43362 non-null  object
15  Address Type                         297883 non-null  object
16  City                                 298084 non-null  object
17  Landmark                             349 non-null    object
18  Facility Type                        298527 non-null  object
19  Status                              300698 non-null  object
20  Due Date                             300695 non-null  object
21  Resolution Description                300698 non-null  object
22  Resolution Action Updated Date        298511 non-null  object
```

Figure 5: Screenshot of information of datasets

It provides the summary of whole data with information like class, columns, datatype, index range and so on. Also, it helps in quick finding missing data and viewing data.

## 2.4. Convert "Created Date" and "Closed Date" to datetime + Create Request\_Closing\_Time



```
[6]: # Convert date columns
rd['Created Date'] = pd.to_datetime(rd['Created Date'], format='%m/%d/%Y %I:%M:%S %p', errors='coerce')

[7]: print(rd[['Created Date']].head())

      Created Date
0 2015-12-31 23:59:45
1 2015-12-31 23:59:44
2 2015-12-31 23:59:29
3 2015-12-31 23:57:46
4 2015-12-31 23:56:58

[9]: # Convert date columns
rd['Closed Date'] = pd.to_datetime(rd['Closed Date'], format='%m/%d/%Y %I:%M:%S %p', errors='coerce')

[10]: print(rd[['Closed Date']].head())

      Closed Date
0 2016-01-01 00:55:00
1 2016-01-01 01:26:00
2 2016-01-01 04:51:00
3 2016-01-01 07:43:00
4 2016-01-01 03:24:00

[11]: # Calculate the time difference
rd['Request_Closing_Time'] = rd['Closed Date'] - rd['Created Date']

[12]: # Display result
print(rd[['Created Date', 'Closed Date', 'Request_Closing_Time']].head())

      Created Date      Closed Date Request_Closing_Time
0 2015-12-31 23:59:45 2016-01-01 00:55:00      0 days 00:55:15
1 2015-12-31 23:59:44 2016-01-01 01:26:00      0 days 01:26:16
2 2015-12-31 23:59:29 2016-01-01 04:51:00      0 days 04:51:31
3 2015-12-31 23:57:46 2016-01-01 07:43:00      0 days 07:43:14
4 2015-12-31 23:56:58 2016-01-01 03:24:00      0 days 03:27:02
```

Figure 6: Converting given data columns into "DateTime"

```
# Convert date columns
rd['Created Date'] = pd.to_datetime(rd['Created Date'], format='%m/%d/%Y %I:%M:%S %p',
errors='coerce')
print(rd[['Created Date']].head())

# Convert date columns
rd['Closed Date'] = pd.to_datetime(rd['Closed Date'], format='%m/%d/%Y %I:%M:%S %p',
errors='coerce')
print(rd[['Closed Date']].head())
```

- At first, I convert columns into datetime of both created date and closed date.
- **rd** hold the dataset of our case- NYC service requests.
- **['Created Date']** → It is columns of dataset which contains string values in the format (DD/MM/YYYY HH:MM:SS) that represents dates and times when requests were created.
- **['Closed Date']** → It is columns of dataset which contains string values initially in the format (DD/MM/YYYY HH:MM:SS) that represents dates and times when requests were closed.
- **format='%m/%d/%Y %l:%M:%S %p', errors='coerce' :**  
  - %l** = Twelve-hour formatted hours (01–12)
  - %M= Minute (00-59)**
  - %S= Second (00-59)**
  - %p = AM/PM**
  - errors= "coerce"**: Avoid crashing the code by replacing date with NaT (Not a Time)
- **pd** → alias of pandas library.
- **pd.to\_datetime** → This is pandas functions which converts string into actual data time object.
- **(rd['Created Date']) , (rd['Closed Date'])** → Put the **updated date time** in the same column and same variable store 'rd' replacing the original column.

This allows you to perform **date-time operations** like extracting hour, day, week, month, or calculating durations.



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook with two tabs: '311\_service\_requests.csv' and '23047540 Salina Thing.ipynb'. The notebook interface includes a toolbar with icons for saving, copying, pasting, and running code. The code is as follows:

```
[11]:
# Calculate the time difference
rd['Request_Closing_Time'] = rd['Closed Date'] - rd['Created Date']

[12]:
# Display result
print(rd[['Created Date', 'Closed Date', 'Request_Closing_Time']].head())
```

The output of the code is a table with three columns: 'Created Date', 'Closed Date', and 'Request\_Closing\_Time'. The table contains five rows of data, indexed 0 to 4.

	Created Date	Closed Date	Request_Closing_Time
0	2015-12-31 23:59:45	2016-01-01 00:55:00	0 days 00:55:15
1	2015-12-31 23:59:44	2016-01-01 01:26:00	0 days 01:26:16
2	2015-12-31 23:59:29	2016-01-01 04:51:00	0 days 04:51:31
3	2015-12-31 23:57:46	2016-01-01 07:43:00	0 days 07:45:14
4	2015-12-31 23:56:58	2016-01-01 03:24:00	0 days 03:27:02

The notebook also shows a prompt for the next cell, [20]:

```
[20]:
```

Figure 7: Create and calculate "Request\_closing\_time" of datasets

```
rd['Request_Closing_Time'] = rd['Closed Date'] - rd['Created Date']
```

After converting into date time, we create a new column **"Request\_Closing\_Time"** for finding the time difference between request creation and request closing. Each value is stored in **'rd' variable** respectively.

```
print(rd[['Created Date', 'Closed Date', 'Request_Closing_Time']].head())
```

- **[['Created Date', 'Closed Date', 'Request\_Closing\_Time']]:**

This selects three columns only created date, closed date and request\_closing\_time. We use double **square big brackets** **[...]** to pass list of multiple columns together. Single square bracket is used for only one column to pass. Lastly, we print the columns and update in same column and stored in same variable(rd).

- **.head():** This is the method to display first five rows of selected columns **after conversion to datetime** which includes:

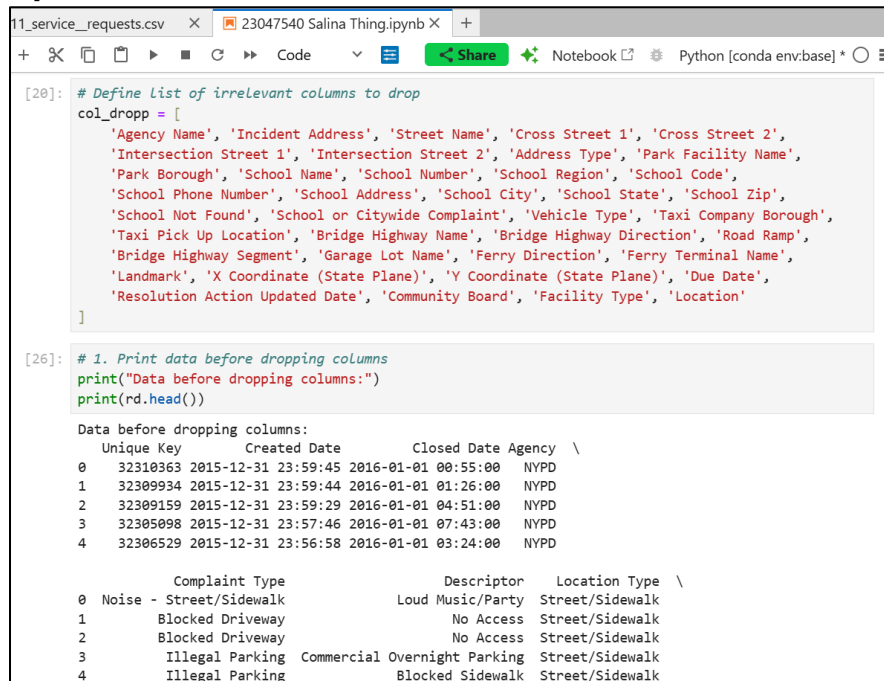
When the complaint was created

When it was closed

How long it took to close

- Each entry is now a timestamp object in the standard format **YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS**.

## 2.5. Drop irrelevant columns



```
[20]: # Define List of irrelevant columns to drop
col_drop = [
    'Agency Name', 'Incident Address', 'Street Name', 'Cross Street 1', 'Cross Street 2',
    'Intersection Street 1', 'Intersection Street 2', 'Address Type', 'Park Facility Name',
    'Park Borough', 'School Name', 'School Number', 'School Region', 'School Code',
    'School Phone Number', 'School Address', 'School City', 'School State', 'School Zip',
    'School Not Found', 'School or Citywide Complaint', 'Vehicle Type', 'Taxi Company Borough',
    'Taxi Pick Up Location', 'Bridge Highway Name', 'Bridge Highway Direction', 'Road Ramp',
    'Bridge Highway Segment', 'Garage Lot Name', 'Ferry Direction', 'Ferry Terminal Name',
    'Landmark', 'X Coordinate (State Plane)', 'Y Coordinate (State Plane)', 'Due Date',
    'Resolution Action Updated Date', 'Community Board', 'Facility Type', 'Location'
]

[26]: # 1. Print data before dropping columns
print("Data before dropping columns:")
print(rd.head())
```

Data before dropping columns:

	Unique Key	Created Date	Closed Date	Agency	\
0	32310363	2015-12-31 23:59:45	2016-01-01 00:55:00	NYPD	
1	32309934	2015-12-31 23:59:44	2016-01-01 01:26:00	NYPD	
2	32309159	2015-12-31 23:59:29	2016-01-01 04:51:00	NYPD	
3	32305098	2015-12-31 23:57:46	2016-01-01 07:43:00	NYPD	
4	32306529	2015-12-31 23:56:58	2016-01-01 03:24:00	NYPD	

	Complaint Type	Descriptor	Location Type	\
0	Noise - Street/Sidewalk	Loud Music/Party	Street/Sidewalk	
1	Blocked Driveway	No Access	Street/Sidewalk	
2	Blocked Driveway	No Access	Street/Sidewalk	
3	Illegal Parking	Commercial Overnight Parking	Street/Sidewalk	
4	Illegal Parking	Blocked Sidewalk	Street/Sidewalk	

Figure 8: Dropping Irrelevant columns(i)

Data before dropping columns:

	Unique Key	Created Date	Closed Date	Agency
0	32310363	2015-12-31 23:59:45	2016-01-01 00:55:00	NYPD
1	32309934	2015-12-31 23:59:44	2016-01-01 01:26:00	NYPD
2	32309159	2015-12-31 23:59:29	2016-01-01 04:51:00	NYPD
3	32305098	2015-12-31 23:57:46	2016-01-01 07:43:00	NYPD
4	32306529	2015-12-31 23:56:58	2016-01-01 03:24:00	NYPD

	Complaint Type	Descriptor	Location Type
0	Noise - Street/Sidewalk	Loud Music/Party	Street/Sidewalk
1	Blocked Driveway	No Access	Street/Sidewalk
2	Blocked Driveway	No Access	Street/Sidewalk
3	Illegal Parking	Commercial Overnight Parking	Street/Sidewalk
4	Illegal Parking	Blocked Sidewalk	Street/Sidewalk

	Incident Zip	City	Status
0	10034.0	NEW YORK	Closed
1	11105.0	ASTORIA	Closed
2	10458.0	BRONX	Closed
3	10461.0	BRONX	Closed
4	11373.0	ELMHURST	Closed

	Resolution Description	Borough	Latitude
0	The Police Department responded and upon arriv...	MANHATTAN	40.865682
1	The Police Department responded to the complai...	QUEENS	40.775945
2	The Police Department responded and upon arriv...	BRONX	40.870325
3	The Police Department responded to the complai...	BRONX	40.835994
4	The Police Department responded and upon arriv...	QUEENS	40.733060

	Longitude	Request_Closing_Time
0	-73.923501	0 days 00:55:15
1	-73.915094	0 days 01:26:16
2	-73.888525	0 days 04:51:31
3	-73.828379	0 days 07:45:14
4	-73.874170	0 days 03:27:02

Figure 9: Before dropping columns, print the value of it

```
[125]:
# Drop each column only if it exists
for col in col_dropp:
    if col in rd.columns:
        rd.drop(col, axis=1, inplace=True)
    print("Dropped columnn", col)

Dropped columnn Agency Name
Dropped columnn Incident Address
Dropped columnn Street Name
Dropped columnn Cross Street 1
Dropped columnn Cross Street 2
Dropped columnn Intersection Street 1
Dropped columnn Intersection Street 2
Dropped columnn Address Type
Dropped columnn Park Facility Name
Dropped columnn Park Borough
Dropped columnn School Name
```

Figure 10: Dropping irrelevant columns using loop(ii)

Here, I have listed the columns to drop as “col\_dropp” then I have printed data before dropping the irrelevant columns. Then only use **for loop**

to delete the given columns only if it exists otherwise no need to change, update to the original dataset(**inplace=True**) in rd and print the dropped columns.

```
for col in col_dropp:
    if col in rd.columns:
        rd.drop(col, axis=1, inplace=True)
    print("Dropped column", col)
```

I have made **new variable “col”** in **for loop** in col\_dropp and every time the condition meets the changes (current column) are updated to col. The condition checks if column name stored in col is present in rd or not. If yes, it goes to next time or skips to the next column in the loop.

- **rd.columns** include a list of all column names present in the DataFrame.
- **rd.drop(...)** is a method to remove columns from our DataFrame.
- **col** is the column name to remove.
- **axis=1** tells pandas to drop columns not rows.

- **inplace=True** means any changes that occurs automatically update to original dataset rd.
- **print** the dropped columns.

**Result:** All unnecessary columns are removed, and the dataset becomes more manageable.

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook window with the following tabs: 311\_service\_req, 23047540 Salina, Launcher, and Salina.ipynb. The code cell [126] contains the following Python code:

```
[126]:
# Print the updated table
print("\nUpdated DataFrame after dropping columns:")
print(rd.head()) # Display the first 5 rows of the updated table
```

The output of the code is as follows:

Updated DataFrame after dropping columns:

	Unique Key	Created Date	Closed Date	Agency	
0	32310363	2015-12-31 23:59:45	2016-01-01 00:55:00	NYPD	
1	32309934	2015-12-31 23:59:44	2016-01-01 01:26:00	NYPD	
2	32309159	2015-12-31 23:59:29	2016-01-01 04:51:00	NYPD	
3	32305098	2015-12-31 23:57:46	2016-01-01 07:43:00	NYPD	
4	32306529	2015-12-31 23:56:58	2016-01-01 03:24:00	NYPD	

	Complaint Type	Descriptor	Location Type	
0	Noise - Street/Sidewalk	Loud Music/Party	Street/Sidewalk	
1	Blocked Driveway	No Access	Street/Sidewalk	
2	Blocked Driveway	No Access	Street/Sidewalk	
3	Illegal Parking	Commercial Overnight Parking	Street/Sidewalk	
4	Illegal Parking	Blocked Sidewalk	Street/Sidewalk	

	Incident Zip	City	Status	
0	10034.0	NEW YORK	Closed	
1	11105.0	ASTORIA	Closed	
2	10458.0	BRONX	Closed	
3	10461.0	BRONX	Closed	
4	11373.0	ELMHURST	Closed	

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0	The Police Department responded and upon arriv...	MANHATTAN	40.865682	
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3	The Police Department responded to the complai...	BRONX	40.835994	
4	The Police Department responded and upon arriv...	QUEENS	40.733060	

Figure 11: Update table after dropping irrelevant columns

```
print("\nUpdated DataFrame after dropping columns:")
print(rd.head())
```

The above code is after “dropping the irrelevant columns” and update lists in the datasets(rd). To see if the code has updated or not. We use **rd.info()** to view the details of datasets in rd.

## 2.6. Remove missing values

```
[127]:
# Remove all rows with any NaN (missing) values
rd.dropna(inplace=True)

[128]:
# Show the updated DataFrame shape
print("Updated DataFrame (after removing NaN values):")
print(rd)
```

Updated DataFrame (after removing NaN values):

	Unique Key	Created Date	Closed Date	Agency
0	32310363	2015-12-31 23:59:45	2016-01-01 00:55:00	NYPD
1	32309934	2015-12-31 23:59:44	2016-01-01 01:26:00	NYPD
2	32309159	2015-12-31 23:59:29	2016-01-01 04:51:00	NYPD
3	32305098	2015-12-31 23:57:46	2016-01-01 07:43:00	NYPD
4	32306529	2015-12-31 23:56:58	2016-01-01 03:24:00	NYPD
...	...	...	...	...
300692	30281370	2015-03-29 00:34:32	2015-03-29 01:13:01	NYPD
300694	30281230	2015-03-29 00:33:28	2015-03-29 02:33:59	NYPD
300695	30283424	2015-03-29 00:33:03	2015-03-29 03:40:20	NYPD
300696	30280004	2015-03-29 00:33:02	2015-03-29 04:38:35	NYPD
300697	30281825	2015-03-29 00:33:01	2015-03-29 04:41:50	NYPD

	Complaint Type	Descriptor
0	Noise - Street/Sidewalk	Loud Music/Party
1	Blocked Driveway	No Access
2	Blocked Driveway	No Access
3	Illegal Parking	Commercial Overnight Parking
4	Illegal Parking	Blocked Sidewalk
...	...	...
300692	Noise - Commercial	Loud Music/Party
300694	Blocked Driveway	Partial Access
300695	Noise - Commercial	Loud Music/Party

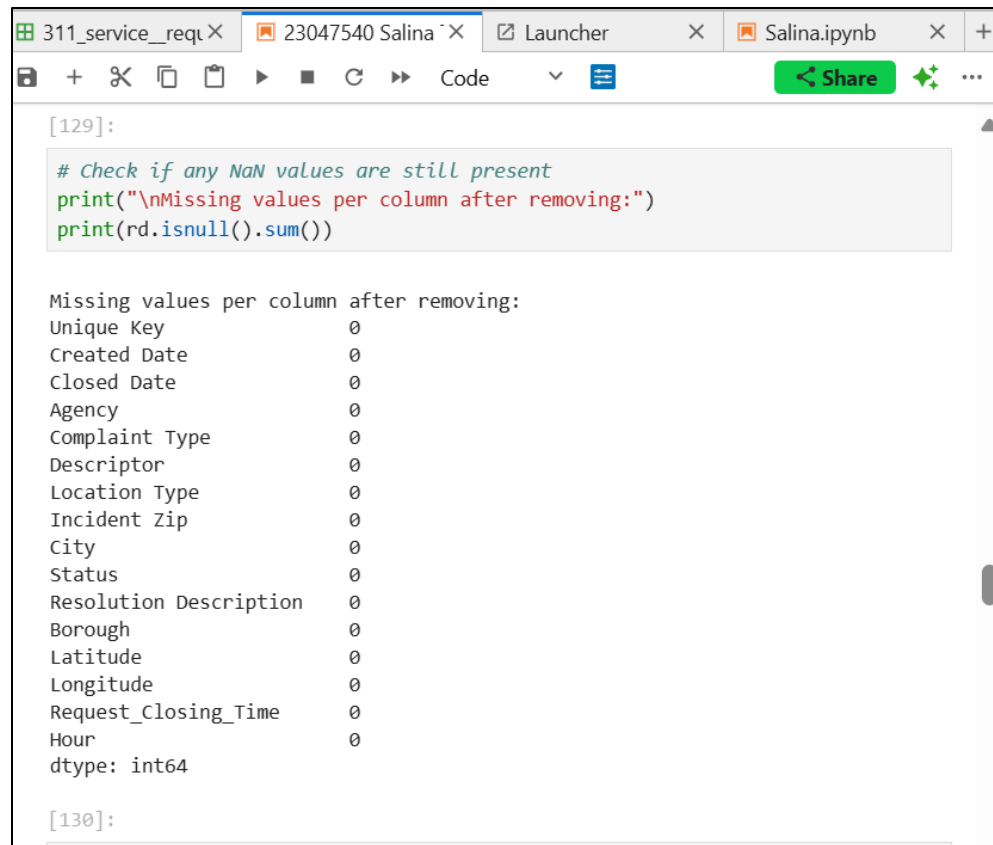
Figure 12: Removing missing values

```
rd.dropna(inplace=True)

print("Updated DataFrame (after removing NaN values):")
print(rd)
```

To remove missing values, I have used the code “**rd.dropna(inplace=True)**”. Here, **dropna()** methods removes the missing value and updates the changes in main datasets. Then, I show the updated dataframe by printing “**rd**”.





The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook window with several tabs. The active tab is titled '23047540 Salina'. The code cell contains the following Python code:

```
[129]:  
# Check if any NaN values are still present  
print("\nMissing values per column after removing:")  
print(rd.isnull().sum())
```

The output of the code is displayed below the code cell:

```
Missing values per column after removing:  
Unique Key          0  
Created Date        0  
Closed Date         0  
Agency             0  
Complaint Type      0  
Descriptor          0  
Location Type       0  
Incident Zip        0  
City                0  
Status              0  
Resolution Description 0  
Borough             0  
Latitude            0  
Longitude           0  
Request_Closing_Time 0  
Hour                0  
dtype: int64
```

The code cell is followed by the prompt for the next cell:

```
[130]:
```

Figure 13: Checking if any Nan values are still present or not

After removing missing values, I have checked if any missing values are left or not through the code “**print(rd.isnull().sum())**” if **yes** this code removes the missing value and print, if no direct print.

- “**is.null**” checks if there is any missing value”
- “**.sum()**” helps to add sum of each column if the condition is true.
- If all values are zero, it means the DataFrame is now fully clean (no missing data).
- **print(rd)** displays the **entire cleaned dataset**.
- **rd.head()** to show the first five rows.

```
[131]:
rd.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 177822 entries, 0 to 300697
Data columns (total 16 columns):
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype  
---  -
0   Unique Key                            177822 non-null int64   
1   Created Date                           177822 non-null datetime64[ns]
2   Closed Date                            177822 non-null datetime64[ns]
3   Agency                                 177822 non-null object
4   Complaint Type                         177822 non-null object
5   Descriptor                             177822 non-null object
6   Location Type                          177822 non-null object
7   Incident Zip                           177822 non-null float64
8   City                                   177822 non-null object
9   Status                                 177822 non-null object
10  Resolution Description                 177822 non-null object
11  Borough                               177822 non-null object
12  Latitude                              177822 non-null float64
13  Longitude                             177822 non-null float64
14  Request_Closing_Time                  177822 non-null float64
15  Hour                                  177822 non-null int32  
dtypes: datetime64[ns](2), float64(4), int32(1), int64(1), object(8)
memory usage: 22.4+ MB

[132]:
```

Figure 14: info

- **rd.info()** helps to show the information of whole datasets.

## 2.7. Show unique values in each column.

```
[132]:
# Use lambda to get number of unique values per column
k = lambda x: x.nunique()

[122]:
# Apply the function to the entire DataFrame
uni_countss1 = rd.apply(k)

[133]:
print("Number of unique values in each column:\n")
print(uni_countss1)

Number of unique values in each column:

Unique Key          177822
Created Date        176552
Closed Date         166480
Agency              1
Complaint Type       15
Descriptor           41
Location Type        14
Incident Zip         197
City                 53
Status               1
Resolution Description 11
Borough              5
Latitude             87441
Longitude            87506
Request_Closing_Time 45071
Hour                 24
dtype: int64

[134]:
```

Figure 15: Show unique values in each column(i)

```
# Use lambda to get number of unique values per column
k = lambda x: x.nunique()
```

I have used lamda to get unique values per column.

- **x** represents each column passed to the function.
- **x.nunique()** includes the unique values of that specific column.

```
uni_countss1 = rd.apply(k)
print("Number of unique values in each column:\n")
print(uni_countss1)
```

- **.apply()** function is used to execute the function to every dataset column.
- It creates a **Series** where:  
Index = Column names  
Values = The quantity of distinct entries in every columns
- k counts each column's distinct values.
- Output each column's distinct values.

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook with the following code and output:

```
[134]:
# Use lambda to get number of unique values per column
l = lambda x: x.unique()

[135]:
# Apply the function to the entire DataFrame
uni_countss2 = rd.apply(l)

[136]:
print("Number of unique values in each column:\n")
print(uni_countss2)
```

Number of unique values in each column:

Unique Key	[32310363, 32309934, 32309159, 32305098, 32306...
Created Date	[2015-12-31 23:59:45, 2015-12-31 23:59:44, 201...
Closed Date	[2016-01-01 00:55:00, 2016-01-01 01:26:00, 201...
Agency	[NYPD]
Complaint Type	[Noise - Street/Sidewalk, Blocked Driveway, Il...
Descriptor	[Loud Music/Party, No Access, Commercial Overn...
Location Type	[Street/Sidewalk, Club/Bar/Restaurant, Store/C...
Incident Zip	[10034.0, 11105.0, 10458.0, 10461.0, 11373.0, ...]
City	[NEW YORK, ASTORIA, BRONX, ELMHURST, BROOKLYN, ...]
Status	[Closed]
Resolution Description	[The Police Department responded and upon arri...
Borough	[MANHATTAN, QUEENS, BRONX, BROOKLYN, STATEN IS...
Latitude	[40.86568154, 40.77594531, 40.87032452, 40.835...
Longitude	[-73.92350096, -73.91509394, -73.88852464, -73...
Request_Closing_Time	[0.9208333333333333, 1.4377777777777778, 4.858...
Hour	[23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 1...
dtype:	object

Figure 16: Show unique values in each column(ii)

Here, All are same like **nunique** and both have differences of as following:

**unique** write unique values in array list in a Series using **numpy.ndarray** where as **nunique** use to count unique values in **int**.

### 3. Data Analysis

#### 3.1. To display the data frame's sum, mean, standard deviation, skewness, and kurtosis as summary statistics.

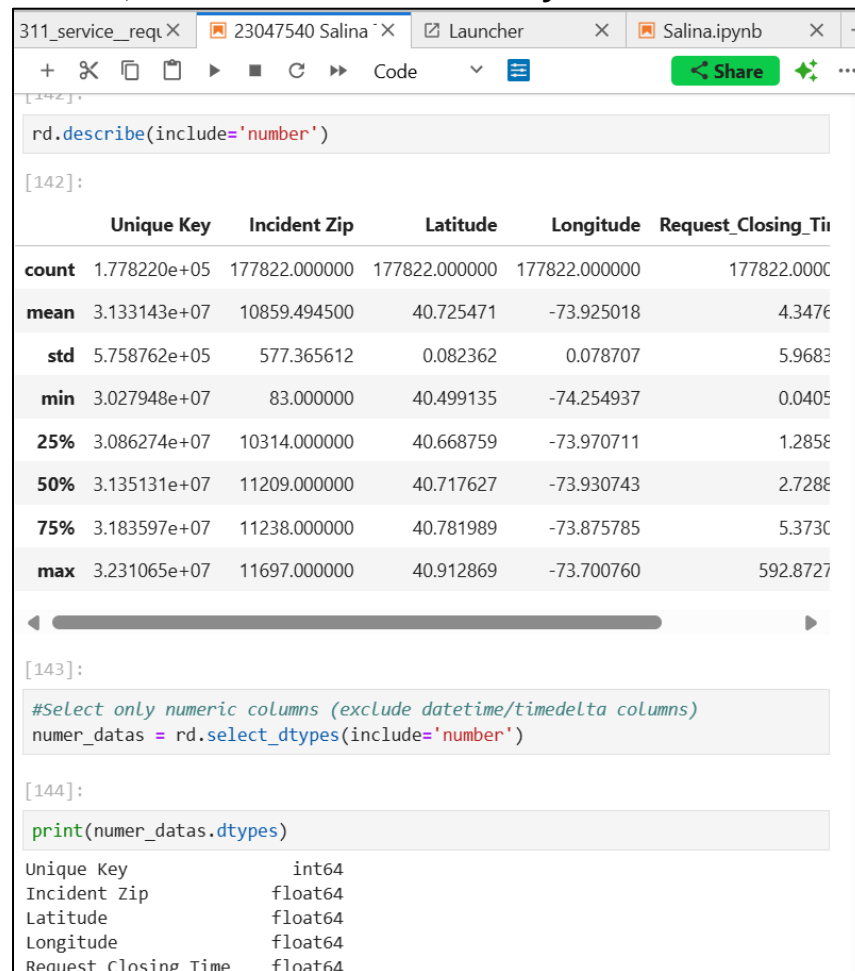


Figure 17: summary statistics(i)

#### Code:

```
rd.describe(include='number')
```

At first, we display the specific columns which contains only “number” then through **.describe**, we display the descriptive statistics.

```

[143]: #Select only numeric columns (exclude datetime/timedelta columns)
numer_dats = rd.select_dtypes(include='number')

[144]: print(numer_dats.dtypes)

Unique Key          int64
Incident Zip        float64
Latitude            float64
Longitude           float64
Request_Closing_Time float64
Hour               int32
dtype: object

[145]: # Exclude any columns of type 'timedelta64[ns]'
numer_dats = numer_dats.loc[:, numer_dats.dtypes != 'timedelta64[ns]']

[146]: # Calculate summary statistics
summary_statss = pd.DataFrame({
    'Sum': numer_dats.sum(),
    'Mean': numer_dats.mean(),
    'Standard Deviation': numer_dats.std(),
    'Skewness': numer_dats.apply(lambda x: stats.skew(x.dropna())), # Drop NaN
    'Kurtosis': numer_dats.apply(lambda x: stats.kurtosis(x.dropna())) # Drop NaN
}).T #Use transpose for proper formatting

[147]: print(summary_statss)

```

	Unique Key	Incident Zip	Latitude	Longitude
Sum	5.571418e+12	1.931057e+09	7.241885e+06	-1.314549e+07
Mean	3.133143e+07	1.085949e+04	4.072547e+01	-7.392502e+01
Standard Deviation	5.758762e+05	5.773656e+02	8.236212e-02	7.870667e-02
Skewness	9.206063e-03	-2.406992e+00	1.226058e-01	-3.152898e-01
Kurtosis	-1.167375e+00	3.510071e+01	-7.279922e-01	1.452542e+00

Figure 18: Summary statistic(ii)

```

numer_dats = rd.select_dtypes(include='number')
print(numer_dats.dtypes)

```

- **.select\_dtype()** = methods which select the specific column based on the parameters inside it.
- **numer\_dats** -new dataframe that contains only numeric columns data.
- It automatically excludes datetime or categorical columns.
- **print(numer\_dats.dtypes)=** This code print only numerical data with its datatype. Gives a quick overview of which columns are int64, float64, etc.

```
numer_dats = numer_dats.loc[:, numer_dats.dtypes != 'timedelta64[ns]']
```

- **numer\_dats.loc[:, ..]** =It selects all the rows (choose the columns with conditions only numeric value and remove datetime. We need to remove datetime for statistical functions like skewness, mean, kurtosis,etc as we cannot calculate date time.

```
summary_statss = pd.DataFrame({
    'Sum': numer_datas.sum(),
    'Mean': numer_datas.mean(),
    'Standard Deviation': numer_datas.std(),
    'Skewness': numer_datas.apply(lambda x: stats.skew(x.dropna())),
    'Kurtosis': numer_datas.apply(lambda x: stats.kurtosis(x.dropna()))
}).T
```

- I have created '**summary\_statss**' with multiple rows of sum(), mean(), Standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis.

**numer\_datas.sum()**= .sum() add all the values of each numeric column.

**Mean**=average of each column

**Standard deviation** = data varies from mean

For **skewness** and **kutosis**, we import scipy.stats. Also, we also use dropna() and apply(). We apply .apply(), x.dropna() and lamba for skewness and kurtosis.

**.T** is transpose which converts rows into columns and viceversa.

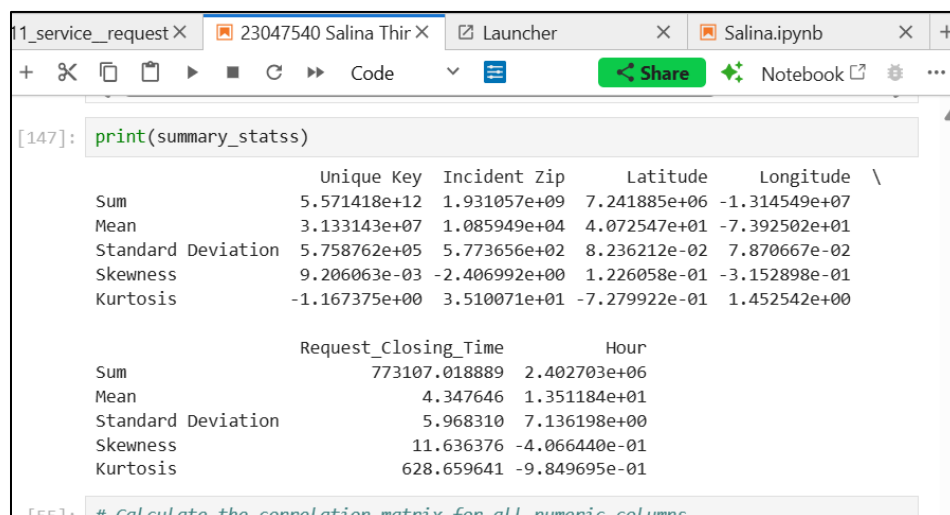


Figure 19: Summary statistic(iii)

```
print(summary_statss)
```

It prints the value inside the summary\_stats.

**Result:** A table where:

Rows = Statistical metrics (Sum, Mean, etc.)

Columns = Each numeric column in your dataset

DataFrame using summary\_statss, which includes:

**a) Sum**

Total value of any column.

**b) Mean**

The **average value**:

- Latitude  $\approx 40.73$  → consistent with NYC location.
- Longitude  $\approx -73.94$  → again, aligns with NYC geography.
- Incident Zip  $\approx 10857$  → a plausible ZIP code average in NYC.
- Unique Key average isn't meaningful; it's just an ID.

**c) Standard Deviation**

Measures variability of data (National Library Of Medicine, 2025):

- Latitude and Longitude have small SDs (geographic locations are tightly clustered).
- Incident Zip has more variability (ZIP codes vary more across boroughs).
- Unique Key again isn't useful for interpretation.



#### d) Skewness

Measures **asymmetry** of the data (Turney, 2022):

- Incident Zip = 2.55: **high positive skew** (most values are low, few are high).
- Latitude = 1.23: **moderate positive skew**.
- Longitude = -0.13: **slightly negatively skewed**, close to symmetric.
- Skewness > 1 or < -1 typically signals significant skew.

#### e) Kurtosis

Measures the **tailedness** (Kenton, 2024):

- Incident Zip = 37.83: **extremely peaked distribution**.
- Latitude = -7.35: **flat distribution**.
- Kurtosis  $\approx 0$  is normal; large positive = sharp peak; large negative = flatter spread.
- ❖ This descriptive analysis helps identify data quality and distribution issues.
- ❖ **Incident Zip** is highly skewed and kurtotic → may need normalization or binning.
- ❖ **Latitude/Longitude** are consistent with real-world spatial data.
- ❖ **Unique Key** is **not suitable for statistical analysis** – drop it for modeling.

### 3.2. To calculate and show correlation of all the variables of the data frame.

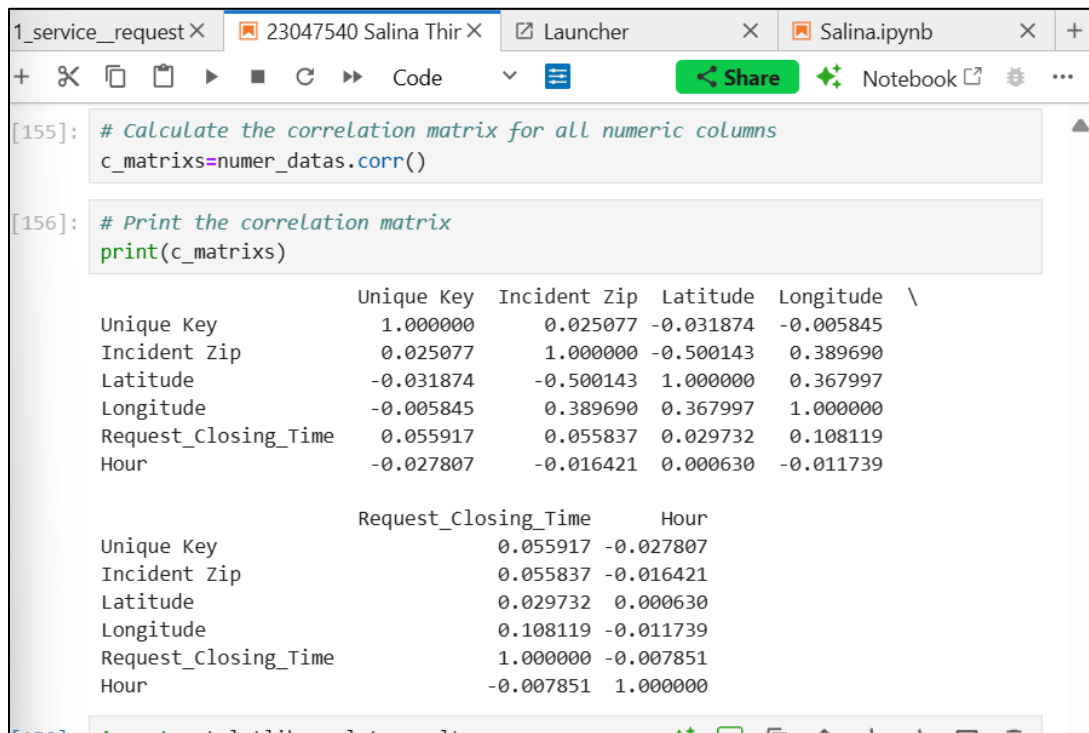


Figure 20: Calculate correlation matrix for all the variables of datasets

#### Code:

```
# Calculate the correlation matrix for all numeric columns
c_matrixs=number_datas.corr()
# Print the correlation matrix
print(c_matrixs)
```

**corr() methods** calculates the relations between each column present in the datasets(rd). It values ranges from -1 to +1.

- ➔ 1 =perfect positive correlations
- ➔ 0= no correlation
- ➔ -1=perfect negative correlations

Here, This methods directly ignores “non-numeric” columns (W3 schools, 2025).

```
c_matrixs=numer_datas.corr()
```

Here, we make variable “c\_matrixs” to store data from ‘numer\_datas.corr()’.

As, **numer\_datas** is also variable store of “summary\_statics” which includes only numeric columns and calculates the relationship between two columns.

```
print(c_matrixs)
```

Then, we print the correlation matrix to display above variable (c\_matrixs).

### Result:

The matrix compares:

- Unique Key
- Incident Zip
- Latitude
- Longitude

	Unique Key	Incident Zip	Latitude	Longitude \
Sum	5.571418e+12	1.931057e+09	7.241885e+06	-1.314549e+07
Mean	3.133143e+07	1.085949e+04	4.072547e+01	-7.392502e+01
Standard Deviation	5.758762e+05	5.773656e+02	8.236212e-02	7.870667e-02
Skewness	9.206063e-03	-2.406992e+00	1.226058e-01	-3.152898e-01
Kurtosis	-1.167375e+00	3.510071e+01	-7.279922e-01	1.452542e+00
	Request_Closing_Time	Hour		
Sum	773107.018889	2.402703e+06		
Mean	4.347646	1.351184e+01		
Standard Deviation	5.968310	7.136198e+00		
Skewness	11.636376	-4.066440e-01		
Kurtosis	628.659641	-9.849695e-01		

**Unique Key vs Itself:** The value is 1.0, which just means it's perfectly related to itself — that's always true for any column.

**Unique Key vs Incident Zip:** The correlation is 0.025 — this is very close to 0, meaning the Unique Key has nothing to do with ZIP codes. It's just an ID number.

**Incident Zip vs Latitude:** The value is -0.499. This means that as you move north (higher latitude), ZIP codes tend to get smaller. This likely reflects how NYC organizes ZIP codes from south to north.

**Incident Zip vs Longitude:** The value is 0.386, which shows a weak link — as ZIP codes increase, the location shifts a bit eastward.

**Latitude vs Longitude:** The value is 0.369, which means places that are further north also tend to be a bit more east. It just shows a mild relationship between nearby locations.

**Latitude vs Incident Zip:** Again, it's -0.499 — this repeats the earlier idea that going north means ZIP codes usually get smaller.

**Unique Key vs All Other Columns:** All these values are close to 0, which means the Unique Key doesn't affect or relate to location or ZIP code. It's just a unique label for each record.

**Final:**

Unique Key is an identifier → **drop from correlation analysis**

Incident Zip, Latitude, Longitude show **mild spatial correlation**

Strongest insight: **Zip code is moderately associated with geographic coordinates**, useful if you're modeling complaint density or mapping.

## 4. Data Exploration

### 4.1. Main four major insight through visualisation

#### a) Insight 1: Most Common Complaint Types

**Visualisations:** Bar chart of complaint type frequencies.

**Insights:** Noise, Heating, and Illegal Parking are among the most frequent complaints.

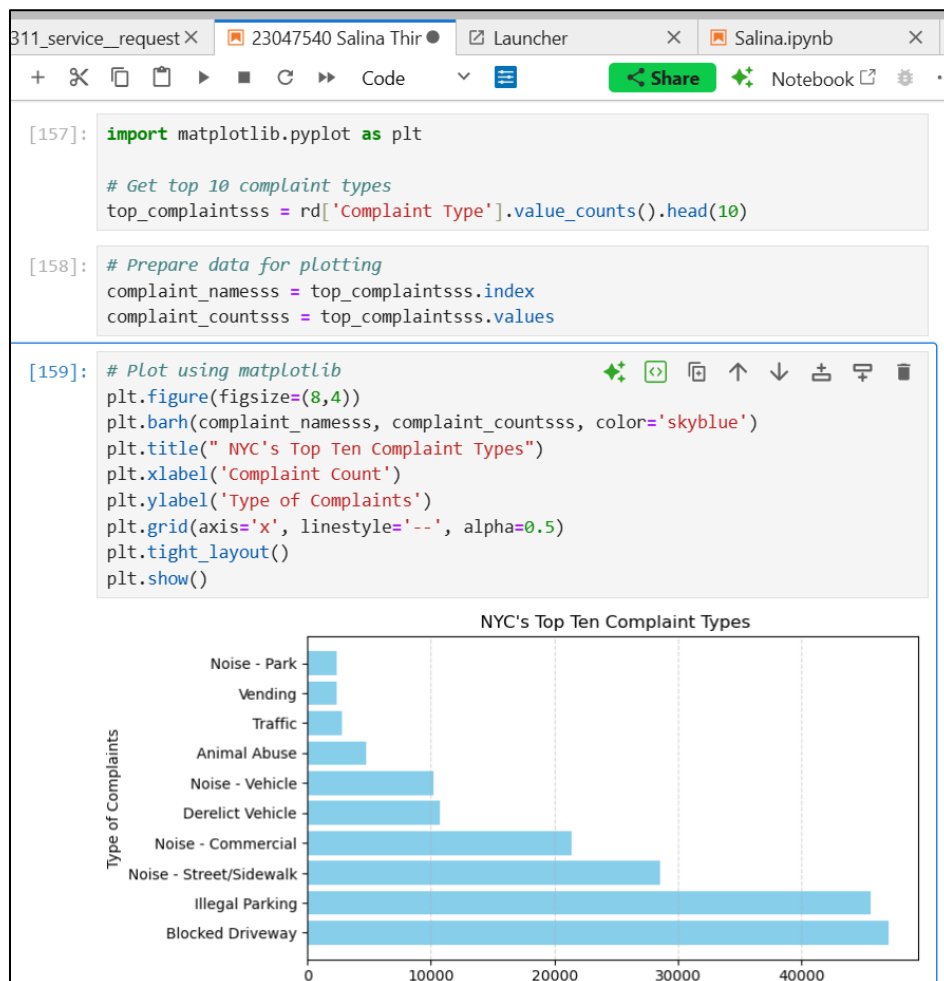


Figure 21: Top most common complaint types(i)

At first, I have imported **mat plot library** as plt (alias) specially of pyplot module which is used for creating plots and charts in python.

```
top_complaintsss = rd['Complaint Type'].value_counts().head(10)
```

**top\_complaintsss**= new variable name which holds the top 10 complaint categories with their counts.

**rd['Complaint Type']**=Access “Complaint type” columns from rd dataframe

**.value\_counts()**= It counts how many times each unique complaint type appears.

**.head(10)**= Display top 10 most frequent complaint types.

```
# Prepare data for plotting
complaint_namessss = top_complaintsss.index
complaint_countsss = top_complaintsss.values
```

**top\_complaintsss.index**: Gets the names of the top 10 complaint types.

**top\_complaintsss.values**: Gets the corresponding counts for each complaint type.

These two arrays will be used to **label the bars** and define their **lengths**.

```
# Plot using matplotlib
plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
```

Creates a new figure for the plot.

**figsize=(8,4)**: Set a size of 8 inches wide and 4 inches tall, giving wide appearance.

```
plt.barh(complaint_namessss, complaint_countsss, color='skyblue')
```

**plt.barh()**: Creates a **horizontal bar chart**.

**complaint\_namessss**: Used as labels on the y-axis.

**complaint\_countsss**: Determines the **length** of each bar (how many complaints).

**color='skyblue'**: Sets the bar color to a light blue for better visualization.

```
plt.title(' NYC's Top Ten Complaint Type')
```

Adding a title to barchart.

```
plt.xlabel('Complaint Count')  
plt.ylabel('Type of Complaints')
```

Adds labels to the x-axis and y-axis as mentioned in the code.

```
plt.grid(axis='x', linestyle='--', alpha=0.5)
```

Adds a light **dashed grid** along the x-axis to improve readability.

**alpha=0.5**: sets the grid transparency to 50%.

```
plt.tight_layout()
```

Automatically adjusts plot so that labels and title aren't cut off or without overlapping.

```
plt.show()
```

Displays the final plot.

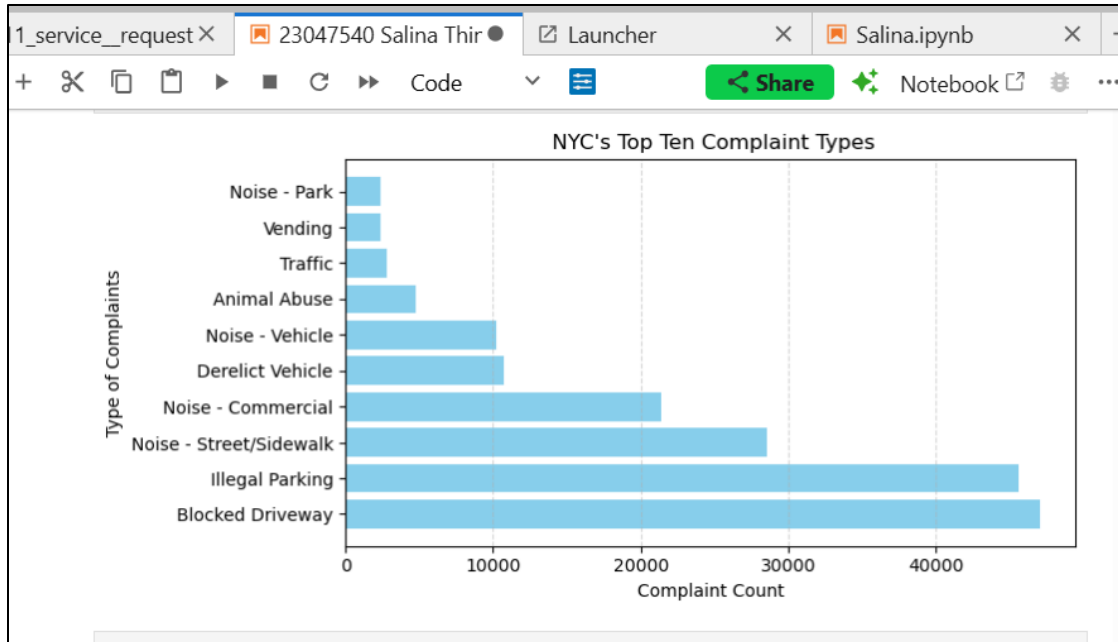


Figure 22: Top most common complaints(ii)

### Result:

Here, the top 10 most common complaint types are represented in horizontal bar chart format:

- Each bar represents one complaint type.
- The **length of the bar** indicates how **frequently that complaint occurs**.
- Complaint types are sorted from most frequent to least (top to bottom).
- The top 10 most common complaint type is “Blocked Driveway” nearly 80,000 number of complaints.
- The least common complaint type is “Vending” with nearly 4000 number of complaints.



**b) Insight 2: Complaints Distribution Across Boroughs**

Visualisations: Pie chart or bar chart of complaints per borough.

Insights: Brooklyn and Manhattan receive the highest number of complaints.

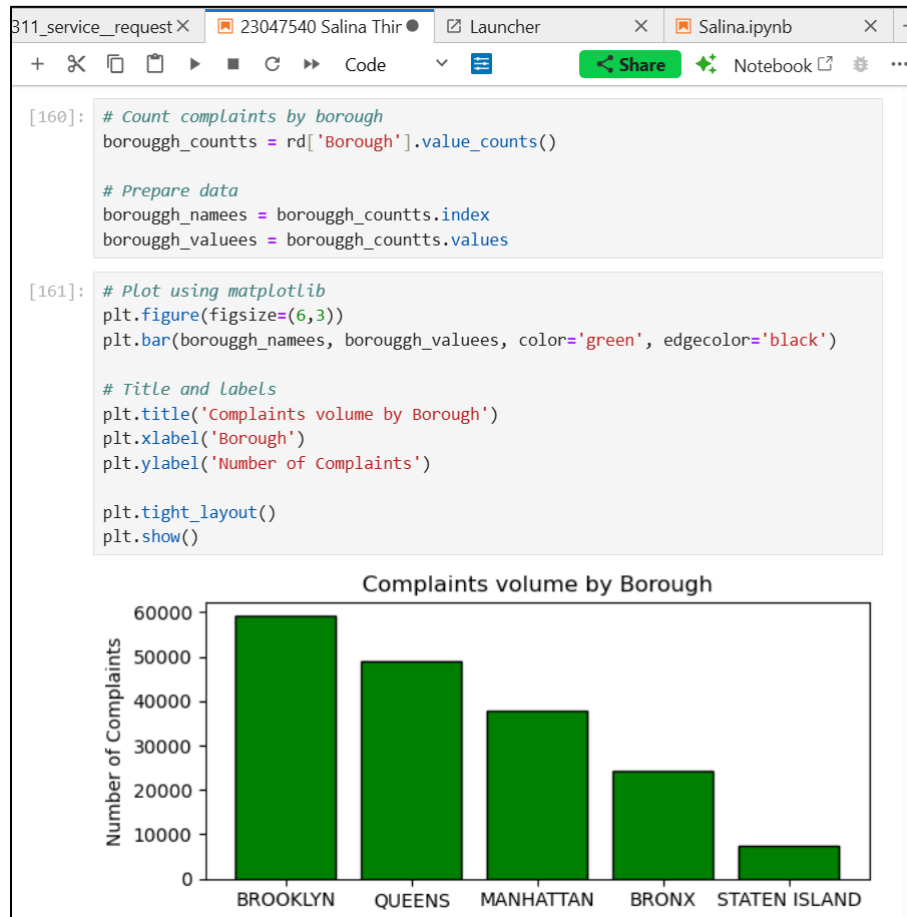


Figure 23: Complaints Distribution Across Boroughs(i)

```
# Count complaints by borough
borough_countts = rd['Borough'].value_counts()
```

**rd['Borough']:** Accesses the 'Borough' column from the DataFrame rd.

**.value\_counts():** Counts how many complaints were recorded for each unique borough.

**borough\_countts** now contains borough names (e.g., Manhattan, Brooklyn) and their corresponding number of complaints.

```
# Prepare data
borough_namees = borough_countts.index
borough_valuees = borough_countts.values
```

**borough\_countts.index:** Extracts the borough names.

**borough\_countts.values:** Extracts the number of complaints per borough.

```
# Plot using matplotlib
plt.figure(figsize=(6,3))
```

This line makes a new figure with a width of 6 inches and height of 3 inches in the plot.

This sets the overall size of the output chart.

```
plt.bar(borough_namees, borough_valuees, color='green', edgecolor='black')
```

Plots a vertical bar chart:

**borough\_namees** go on the x-axis.

**borough\_valuees** (complaint counts) go on the y-axis.

Bars are filled with green color.

**edgecolor='black'** outlines each bar with a black border for better visual distinction.

```
# Title and labels
plt.title(' Complaints volume by Borough ')
plt.xlabel('Borough')
plt.ylabel('Number of complaints')
```

Sets the chart **title** and **axis labels** to describe what the plot represents.

```
plt.tight_layout()
```

This line actually adjusts the space to prevent overlaps or cut-off labels in the plot.

```
plt.show()
```

It displays the bar chart.

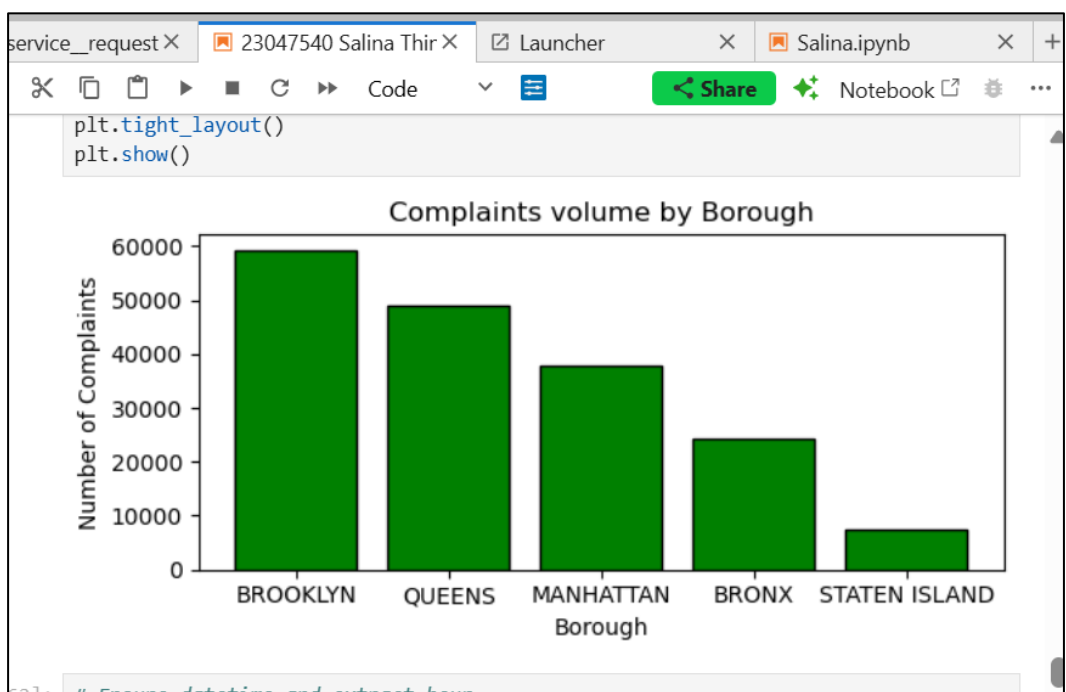


Figure 24: Complaints Distribution Across Boroughs(ii)

The chart shows a **comparison of complaint volume across NYC boroughs**:

- Each **bar height** shows the **total number of complaints** from that borough.
- The **tallest bar** shows the borough with the **highest number of complaints**.
- A shorter bar indicates **fewer complaints** from that borough.
- If **Brooklyn** has the highest bar, it suggests:

Residents of Brooklyn submitted the most complaints.

- If **Staten Island** has the lowest bar:

It had the fewest complaints logged.

Possibly due to a smaller population or fewer service issues.

- **Complaint volume is uneven** across boroughs.
- Could correlate with **population density, service needs, or local government efficiency**.

### c) Insight 3: Complaint Volume by Hour of the Day

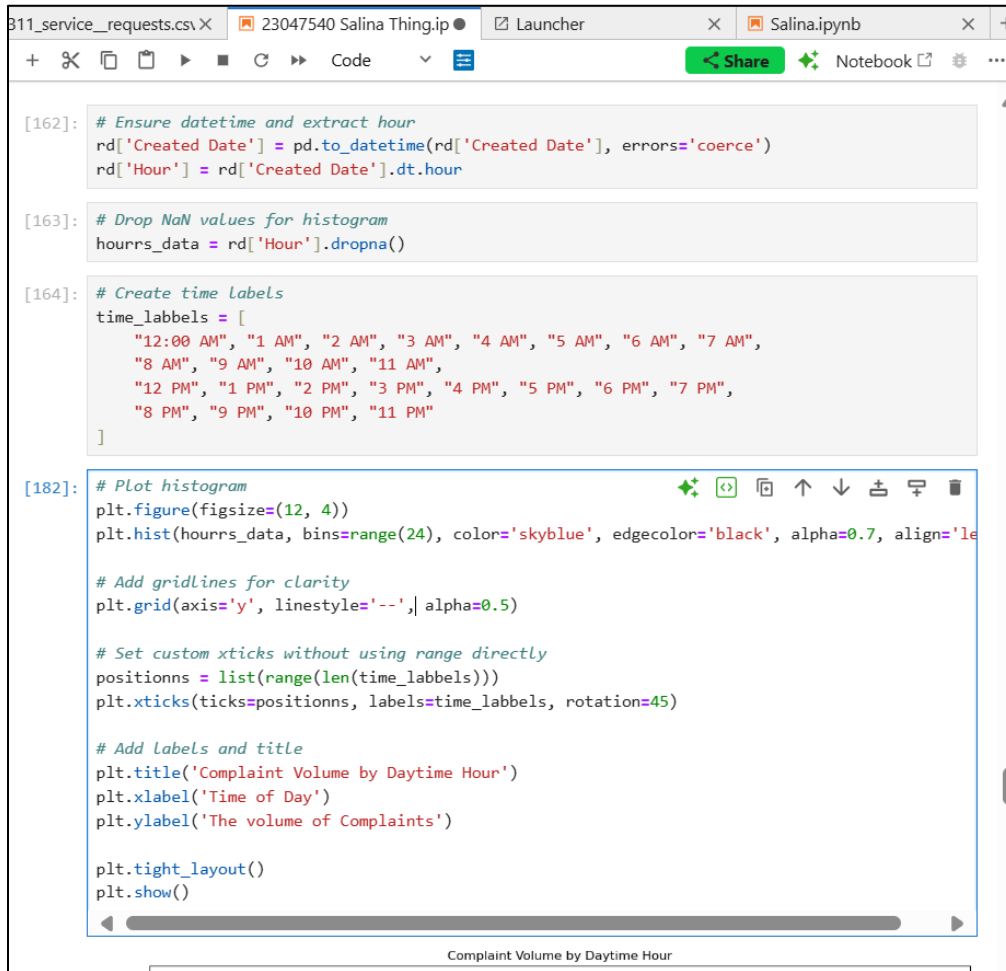


Figure 25: Complaint Volume by Hour of the Day(i)

```
# Ensure datetime and extract hour
rd['Created Date'] = pd.to_datetime(rd['Created Date'], errors='coerce')
rd['Hour'] = rd['Created Date'].dt.hour

# Drop NaN values for histogram
hourrs_data = rd['Hour'].dropna()

time_labels = [
    "12:00 AM", "1 AM", "2 AM", "3 AM", "4 AM", "5 AM", "6 AM", "7 AM",
    "8 AM", "9 AM", "10 AM", "11 AM",
    "12 PM", "1 PM", "2 PM", "3 PM", "4 PM", "5 PM", "6 PM", "7 PM",
    "8 PM", "9 PM", "10 PM", "11 PM"
]
```

- This line **converts the 'Created Date' column** into proper datetime format.
- **errors='coerce'**: If any value cannot be converted, it becomes NaT (Not a Time), avoiding errors.
- This step is important because datetime operations require proper formatting.  
Extracts the **hour (0 to 23)** from each timestamp in 'Created Date'.  
Stores the result in a new column called 'Hour'.
- This is used to understand **what time of day** complaints are most frequently submitted.  
Some rows may have NaT in 'Created Date', which leads to NaN in 'Hour'.  
This line removes those rows to clean the data before plotting.
- **Time\_labels** : defines custom human time of each hour to improve chart readability.

```
# Plot histogram using matplotlib
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
```

- Creates a **new figure** for the plot.
- `figsize=(12, 4)` gives it a **wide and short appearance**, suitable for time-based data.

```
plt.hist(hourrs_data, bins=range (24), color='skyblue', edgecolor='black', alpha=0.7, align='left')
```

- Plots a **histogram** of the hours when complaints were created.
- `hourrs_data`: the list of all hours (0–23).
- `bins=range(25)`: Creates 24 bins (one for each hour of the day).
- `edgecolor='black'`: Adding a black border to each bar.
- `color='skyblue'`: Sets the bar color with skyblue.
- `align='left'`: Aligns each bar to the left of the bin value for clean labeling.

```
# Set custom xticks without using range directly
positionns = list(range(len(time_labbls)))
plt.xticks(ticks=positionns, labels=time_labbls, rotation=45)
```

This sets the x-tick positions to 0 through 23 using list, applies `time_labbls` as xustom x-axis labels and for better readability rotates in 45 degree.

```
# Title and axis labels
plt.title('Complaint Volume by Daytime Hour')
plt.xlabel('Time of Day')
plt.ylabel('The volume of Complaints')
```

Adds a clear **title** and **axis labels** for understanding what the chart represents.

```
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Adjusts spacing so that labels don't overlap.

**Displays** the final histogram.

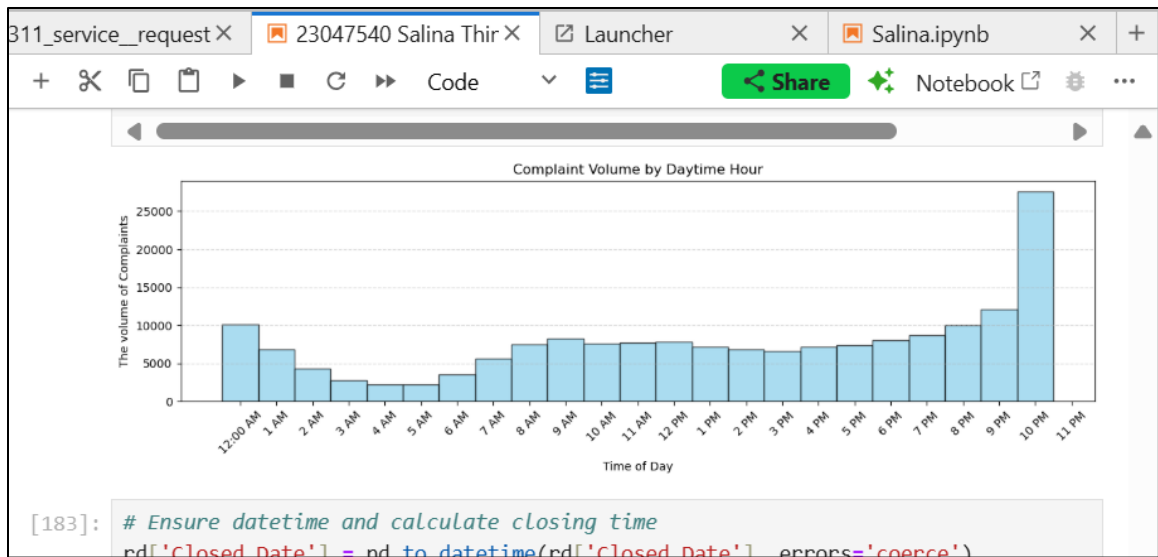


Figure 26: Complaint Volume by Hour of the Day(ii)

- A histogram with 24 bars — one for each **hour of the day**.
- Each bar shows how many complaints were made during that hour across the dataset.
- **Tallest bars** show the hours when **most complaints were created**.
- Highest Complaint Volume: The number of complaints peaks at around 10 PM, surpassing 25,000. Later in the evening, this can be a sign of an increase in noise complaints or disturbances.
- Early Morning (2 AM–5 AM): Since most people are asleep and fewer problems arise, the early morning hours have the lowest complaint volumes.
- Gradual Increase from 6 AM: As the city awakens, the number of complaints begins to steadily increase at 6 AM.
- Plateau Midday (10 AM–4 PM): During business hours, the volume is comparatively constant, with a moderate number of complaints.
- Evening Spike (6 PM–10 PM): Complaints are clearly on the rise in the evening, most likely as a result of residential problems like parking, noise, and public disruptions.



#### d) Insight 4: Response Time Distribution

Visualization: Bar chart of average 'Request\_Closing\_Time' by complaint type.

Insight: Certain complaints like Water System or Electric tend to take significantly longer to resolve.

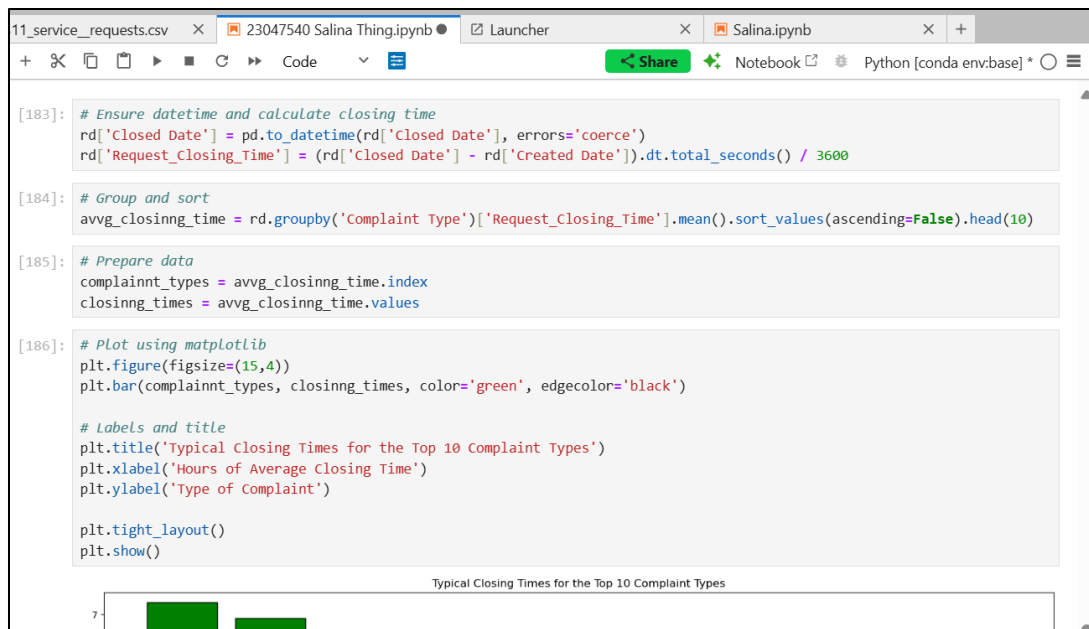


Figure 27: Response Time Distribution(i)

```

rd['Closed Date'] = pd.to_datetime(rd['Closed Date'], errors='coerce')
rd['Request_Closing_Time'] = (rd['Closed Date'] - rd['Created Date']).dt.total_seconds() / 3600

```

- Converts the 'Closed Date' column to datetime format.
- Calculates the **time it took to resolve each complaint, in hours.**
  - Subtracts 'Created Date' from 'Closed Date'.
  - .dt.total\_seconds() gets the difference in seconds.
  - Dividing by 3600 converts it to hours.
- Stores the result in a new column 'Request\_Closing\_Time'.

```
avvg_closing_time = rd.groupby('Complaint  
Type')['Request_Closing_Time'].mean().sort_values(ascending=False).head(10)
```

Groups the data by 'Complaint Type'.

Calculates the **average closing time (in hours)** for each complaint type.

Sorts it in **descending order**, so the types with the **longest average resolution time** come first.

Takes the **top 10** complaint types with the highest average closing time.

```
complainnt_types = avvg_closinng_time.index  
closinng_times = avvg_closinng_time.values
```

**complainnt\_types**: The names of the 10 complaint types.

**closinng\_times**: Their corresponding average closing times (in hours).

```
plt.figure(figsize=(15,4))  
plt.bar(complainnt_types, closinng_times, color='green', edgecolor='black')
```

Creates a horizontal plot canvas of size 15x4.

Draws a **bar chart** with:

- Complaint types on the x-axis.
- Average resolution times on the y-axis.
- Bars colored green with black edges for clarity.

```
plt.title('Typical Closing Times for the Top 10 Complaint Types')  
plt.xlabel('Hours of Average Closing Time')  
plt.ylabel('Type of Complaint')
```

Adds a title and axis labels to explain the data.

```
plt.tight_layout()  
plt.show()
```

Adjusts layout for better spacing and displays the plot.

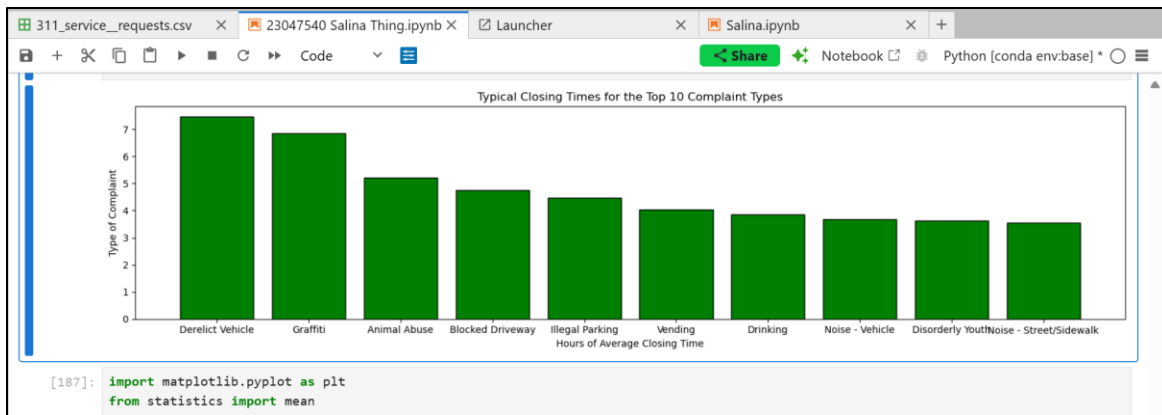


Figure 28: Response Time Distribution(ii)

- A bar chart with the **10 complaint types** that take the **longest time to close** on average.

X-axis: The **complaint type** (e.g., "Water System", "General Construction").

Y-axis: **Average closing time in hours.**

- The **longest bars** indicate **slowest response or resolution times**.
- These might be complex or lower-priority issues.
- Helps **identify bottlenecks** in the city's service system.
- Guides agencies on where to **allocate more resources** or streamline processes.
- Can improve **citizen satisfaction** by reducing delay in high-closing-time complaints.

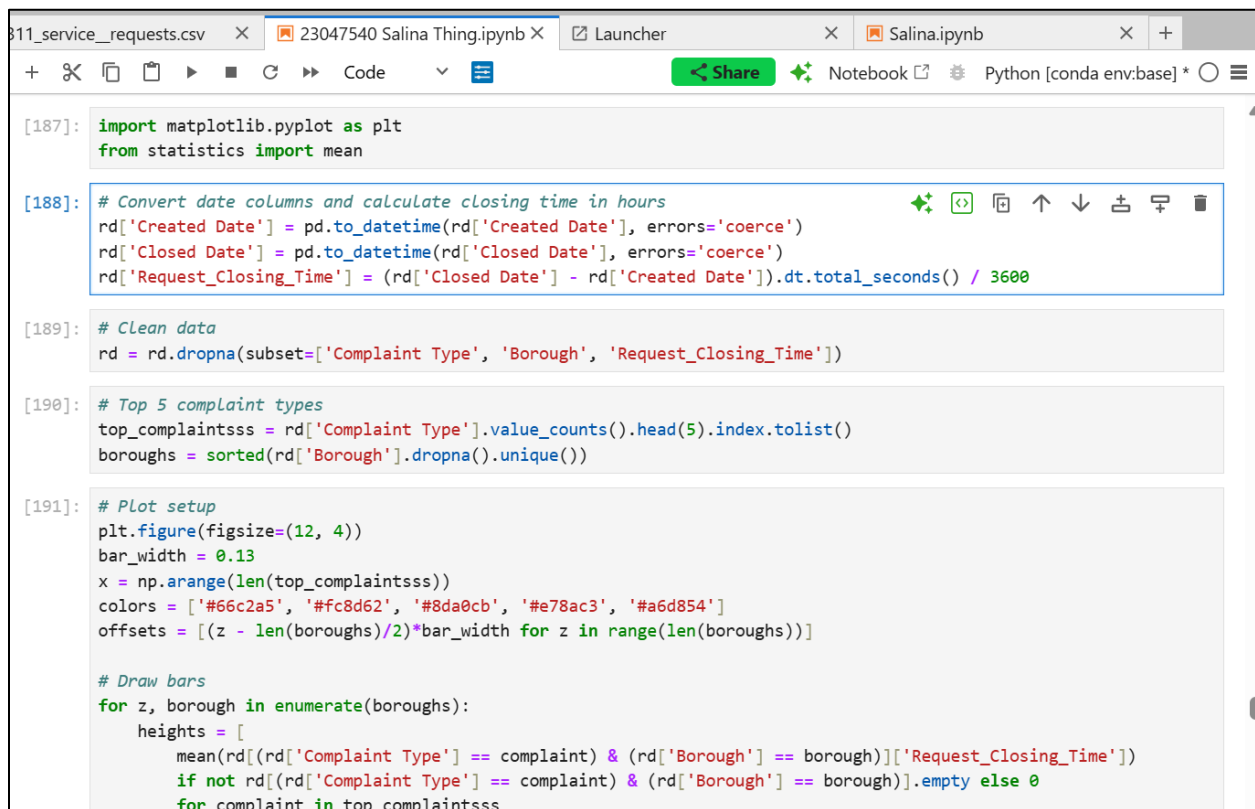
## 4.2. Complaint Types by Average Request\_Closing\_Time Across Locations

### Process:

- Calculate the average request closing time (in hours or days) for each complaint type grouped by location (e.g., borough or precinct).
- Use `groupby(['Complaint Type', 'Borough'])['Request_Closing_Time'].mean()` in Pandas.

### Visualization:

- Recommended Graph: Heatmap or grouped bar chart.
- This allows visual comparison across boroughs for each complaint type.



```

[187]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
       from statistics import mean

[188]: # Convert date columns and calculate closing time in hours
       rd['Created Date'] = pd.to_datetime(rd['Created Date'], errors='coerce')
       rd['Closed Date'] = pd.to_datetime(rd['Closed Date'], errors='coerce')
       rd['Request_Closing_Time'] = (rd['Closed Date'] - rd['Created Date']).dt.total_seconds() / 3600

[189]: # Clean data
       rd = rd.dropna(subset=['Complaint Type', 'Borough', 'Request_Closing_Time'])

[190]: # Top 5 complaint types
       top_complaintsss = rd['Complaint Type'].value_counts().head(5).index.tolist()
       boroughs = sorted(rd['Borough'].dropna().unique())

[191]: # Plot setup
       plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
       bar_width = 0.13
       x = np.arange(len(top_complaintsss))
       colors = ['#66c2a5', '#fc8d62', '#8da0cb', '#e78ac3', '#a6d854']
       offsets = [(z - len(boroughs)/2)*bar_width for z in range(len(boroughs))]

       # Draw bars
       for z, borough in enumerate(boroughs):
           heights = [
               mean(rd[(rd['Complaint Type'] == complaint) & (rd['Borough'] == borough)]['Request_Closing_Time'])
               if not rd[(rd['Complaint Type'] == complaint) & (rd['Borough'] == borough)].empty else 0
               for complaint in top_complaintsss
           ]
  
```

Figure 29: Complaint Types by Average Request\_Closing\_Time Across Locations(i)

```

top_complaintss = rd['Complaint Type'].value_counts().head(5).index.tolist()
boroughs = sorted(rd['Borough'].dropna().unique())

[191]: # Plot setup
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
bar_width = 0.13
x = np.arange(len(top_complaintss))
colors = ['#66c2a5', '#fc8d62', '#8da0cb', '#e78ac3', '#a6d854']
offsets = [(z - len(boroughs)/2)*bar_width for z in range(len(boroughs))]

# Draw bars
for z, borough in enumerate(boroughs):
    heights = [
        mean(rd[(rd['Complaint Type'] == complaint) & (rd['Borough'] == borough)]['Request_Closing_Time'])
        if not rd[(rd['Complaint Type'] == complaint) & (rd['Borough'] == borough)].empty else 0
        for complaint in top_complaintss
    ]
    plt.bar(x + offsets[z], heights, width=bar_width, label=borough,
           color=colors[z % len(colors)], edgecolor='black', alpha=0.8)

# Final plot settings
plt.title('The Top 5 Complaint Types by Borough and Their Average Closing Time (in hours)')
plt.xlabel('Type of Complaints')
plt.ylabel('Hours of Average Closing Time')
plt.xticks(x, top_complaintss)
plt.legend(title='Borough')
plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.5)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```

Figure 30: Complaint Types by Average Request\_Closing\_Time Across Locations(ii)

```

rd['Created Date'] = pd.to_datetime(rd['Created Date'], errors='coerce')
rd['Closed Date'] = pd.to_datetime(rd['Closed Date'], errors='coerce')
rd['Request_Closing_Time'] = (rd['Closed Date'] - rd['Created Date']).dt.total_seconds() /
3600

```

Converts 'Created Date' and 'Closed Date' to datetime format.

Calculates the **total time (in hours)** between when the request was created and when it was closed.

Saves this in a new column 'Request\_Closing\_Time'.

```
rd = rd.dropna(subset=['Complaint Type', 'Borough', 'Request_Closing_Time'])
```

Removes rows where any of these fields are missing:

- 'Complaint Type'
- 'Borough'
- 'Request\_Closing\_Time'

Ensures only valid, complete data is used in the plot

```
top_complaintsss = rd['Complaint Type'].value_counts().head(5).index.tolist()
boroughs = sorted(rd['Borough'].dropna().unique())
```

Gets the **top 5 most frequent complaint types**.

Collects a **sorted list of all boroughs** (e.g., Bronx, Brooklyn, etc.).

```
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
bar_width = 0.13
x = np.arange(len(top_complaints))
```

Initializes the plot with a size of **12 inches wide by 4 inches high**.

Sets each bar's width to 0.13 (narrow so grouped bars don't overlap).

x contains positions for the **x-axis ticks** (one for each complaint type).

```
colors = ['#66c2a5', '#fc8d62', '#8da0cb', '#e78ac3', '#a6d854']
offsets = [(z - len(boroughs)/2)*bar_width for z in range(len(boroughs))]
```

Assigns a list of visually distinct **colors** for different boroughs.

offsets: Shifts each borough's bar slightly left or right so bars for the same complaint type don't overlap — they appear **side-by-side**.

```
for z, borough in enumerate(boroughs):
    heights = [
        mean(rd[(rd['Complaint Type'] == complaint) & (rd['Borough'] ==
borough)][['Request_Closing_Time']])
        if not rd[(rd['Complaint Type'] == complaint) & (rd['Borough'] == borough)].empty
    else 0
        for complaint in top_complaints
    ]
    plt.bar(x + offsets[z], heights, width=bar_width, label=borough,
           color=colors[z % len(colors)], edgecolor='black', alpha=0.8)
```

For each **borough**, it:

- Loops through all top complaint types.
- Filters the dataset to get average closing time **specific to that complaint and borough**.
- Adds a bar at the correct horizontal offset.

Bars are color-coded by borough and aligned for comparison.

```
plt.title('The Top 5 Complaint Types by Borough and Their Average Closing Time (in hours)')
plt.xlabel('Type of Complaints')
plt.ylabel('Hours of Average Closing Time')
plt.xticks(x, top_complaintsss)
plt.legend(title='Borough')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Adds a title, axis labels, and legend.

`plt.xticks()` labels the x-axis with complaint names.

`plt.tight_layout()` avoids overlaps.

Finally, the chart is displayed

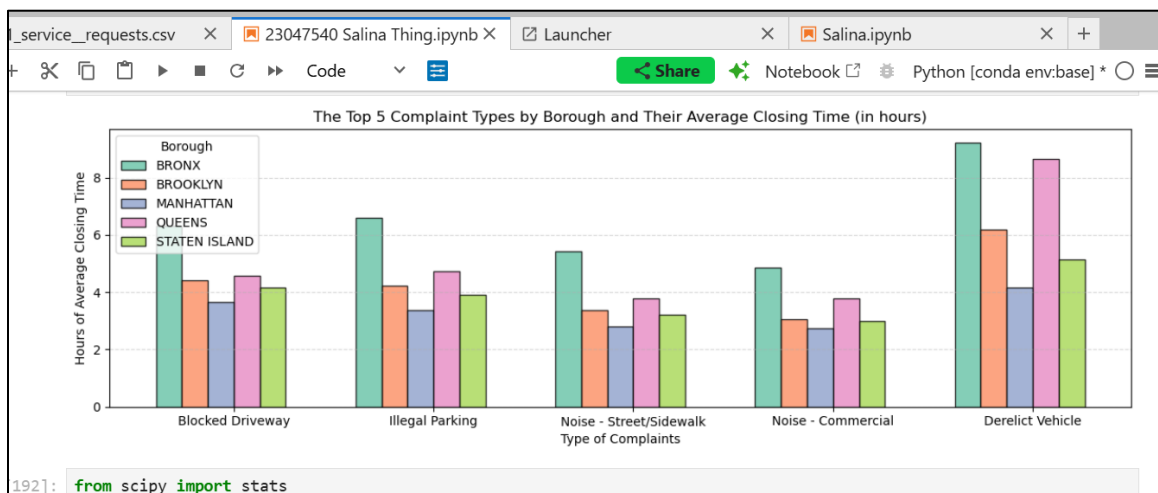


Figure 31: Complaint Types by Average Request\_Closing\_Time Across Locations(iii)

As a result, I get a **grouped bar chart**:

- **X-axis**: Top 5 complaint types.
  - **Y-axis**: Average time (in hours) to close those complaints.
  - **Bars**: One for each borough, color-coded and grouped by complaint type.
- 
- If “Noise - Residential” takes **longer in Queens** than in Brooklyn → potential inefficiencies.
  - Some boroughs might **consistently have longer bars** → indicates slower response/resolution times.
  - **Balanced bars** across boroughs mean service is more consistent.
  - Reveals **inequality or inconsistency** in city response times by borough.
  - Help public service teams **prioritize borough-specific process improvements**.



## 5. Statistical Testing

### 5.1. Test 1 Objective

To determine whether **average request closing times** are **significantly different** between various **complaint types**.

#### a) Null and Alternate Hypotheses

For each pairwise t-test comparison between two complaint types:

- **Null Hypothesis ( $H_0$ ):**

Null hypothesis is a type of statistical hypothesis that is the default position (Newcastle University, 2025).

The **average closing times** for the two complaint types are **equal**.  
(No significant difference.)

- **Alternate Hypothesis ( $H_1$ ):**

The alternative hypothesis is the hypothesis that includes sample observations which are influenced by a non-random cause (Newcastle University, 2025).

The **average closing times** for the two complaint types are **not equal**.  
(There is a significant difference.)

## b) Statistical Test Used

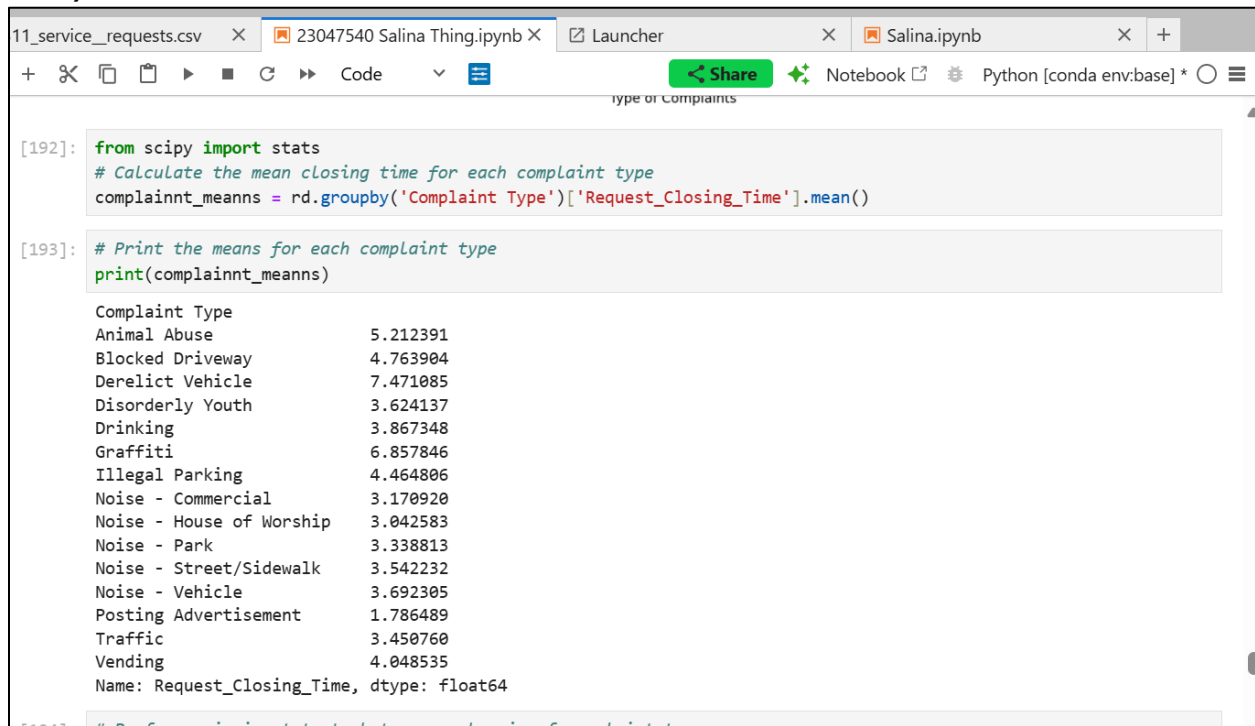


Figure 32: average response time across complaint types is similar or not(i)

### Step 1: Import Required Libraries

```
from scipy import stats
```

You're importing `scipy.stats` to use the **independent t-test** function `ttest_ind()`, which compares the means of two groups to see if they differ significantly.

### Step 2: Calculate Mean Closing Time per Complaint Type

```
complainnt_meanns=rd.groupby('ComplaintType')['Request_Closing_Time'].mean()
```

This groups the dataset by 'Complaint Type' and calculates the **average closing time** (in hours).

Result: A `pandas.Series` showing the **mean closing time** for each complaint type.

### Step 3: Display Mean Closing Time

```
print(complainnt_meanns)
```

This prints the **average request closing time** for each type of complaint to see overall differences before testing.

```
[194]: # Perform pairwise t-tests between each pair of complaint types
complainnt_types = rd['Complaint Type'].unique()
p_values = []

for i in range(len(complainnt_types)):
    for j in range(i+1, len(complainnt_types)):
        group1 = rd[rd['Complaint Type'] == complainnt_types[i]]['Request_Closing_Time'].dropna()
        group2 = rd[rd['Complaint Type'] == complainnt_types[j]]['Request_Closing_Time'].dropna()
        t_stat, p_value = stats.ttest_ind(group1, group2)
        p_values.append((complainnt_types[i], complainnt_types[j], p_value))
        # Display the results
for complainnt1, complainnt2, p_val in p_values:
    print(f"Comparison between {complainnt1} and {complainnt2} -> p-value: {p_val}")

Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Blocked Driveway -> p-value: 1.0044375820266112e-186
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Illegal Parking -> p-value: 1.5794498227193801e-106
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Derelict Vehicle -> p-value: 0.0
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Noise - Commercial -> p-value: 1.482209244685588e-16
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Noise - House of Worship -> p-value: 0.03575814071469168
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Posting Advertisement -> p-value: 9.644363319200155e-10
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Noise - Vehicle -> p-value: 0.01599308479098119
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Animal Abuse -> p-value: 8.288835078916865e-76
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Vending -> p-value: 2.107625650291389e-05
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Traffic -> p-value: 0.4063057774918445
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Drinking -> p-value: 0.111950069737542
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Noise - Park -> p-value: 0.08392105734120502
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Graffiti -> p-value: 1.1110250300559073e-06
Comparison between Noise - Street/Sidewalk and Disorderly Youth -> p-value: 0.8395289096398749
Comparison between Blocked Driveway and Illegal Parking -> p-value: 1.723935558750439e-16
Comparison between Blocked Driveway and Derelict Vehicle -> p-value: 1.264212597608794e-274
Comparison between Blocked Driveway and Noise - Commercial -> p-value: 0.0
```

Figure 33: average response time across complaint types is similar or not(ii)

#### Step 4: Setup for Pairwise t-tests

```
complainnt_types = rd['Complaint Type'].unique()
p_values = []
```

complainnt\_types: An array of all **unique** complaint types.

p\_values: A list to store the **pairwise comparison results**.

#### Step 5: Perform Pairwise t-tests Between Complaint Types

```
for i in range(len(complainnt_types)):
```

```
for j in range(i+1, len(complainnt_types)):
    group1 = rd[rd['Complaint Type'] ==
complainnt_types[i]]['Request_Closing_Time'].dropna()
    group2 = rd[rd['Complaint Type'] ==
complainnt_types[j]]['Request_Closing_Time'].dropna()
    t_stat, p_value = stats.ttest_ind(group1, group2)
    p_values.append((complainnt_types[i], complainnt_types[j], p_value))
```

Loops through each **pair of complaint types**.

Extracts their respective Request\_Closing\_Time values (excluding NaN).

Performs an **independent two-sample t-test** (assumes unequal samples but equal variance by default).

Stores the result (complainnt1, complainnt2, p-value) in the list.

### Step 6: Print the Pairwise p-values

```
for complainnt1, complainnt2, p_val in p_values:
    print(f"Comparison between {complainnt1} and {complainnt2} -> p-value: {p_val}")
```

This prints the **statistical test results** for each pair.

Helps identify if there is a **statistically significant difference** in average closing time between specific complaint types.

**If p-value < 0.05**, then the difference is statistically significant.

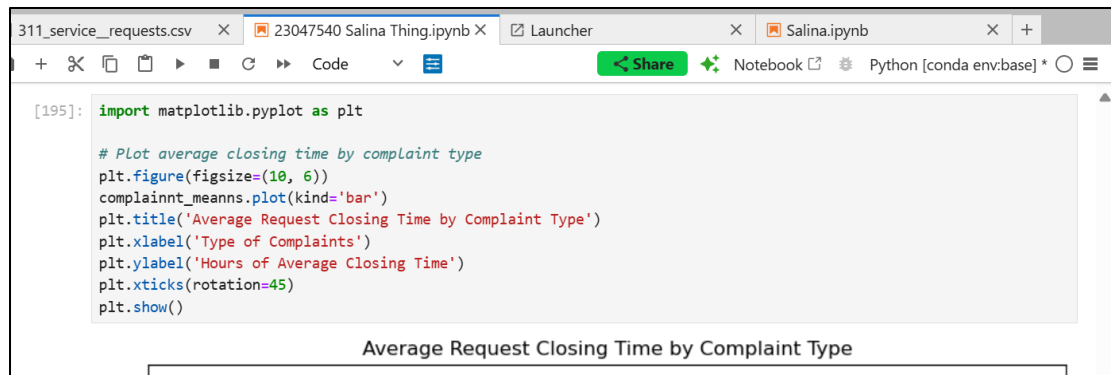


Figure 34: average response time across complaint types is similar or not(iii)

## Step 7: Visualize Average Closing Time by Complaint Type

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
complainnt_meansns.plot(kind='bar')
plt.title('Average Request Closing Time by Complaint Type')
plt.xlabel('Complaint Type')
plt.ylabel('Average Closing Time')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.show()
```

`plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))`: Sets the size of the plot.

`complainnt_meansns.plot(kind='bar')`: Creates a **bar chart** of the average closing time per complaint type.

Adds title and axis labels for clarity.

`plt.xticks(rotation=45)`: Rotates x-axis labels to prevent overlap.

`plt.show()`: Displays the plot.

### c) Interpretation of Results

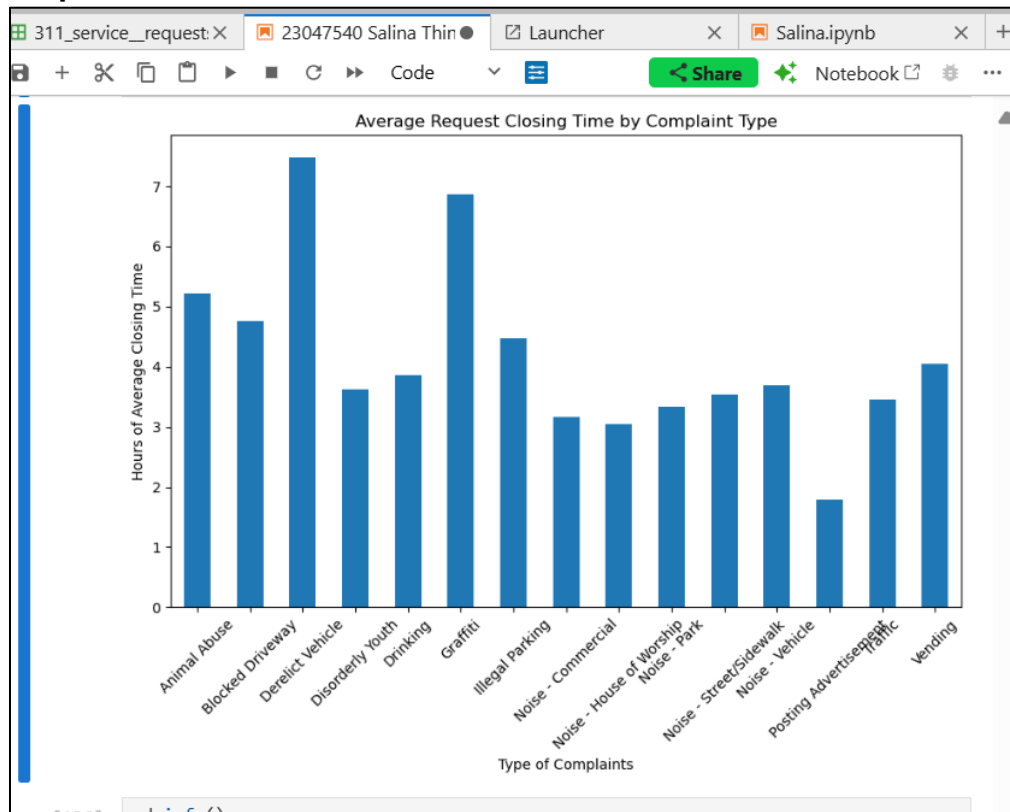


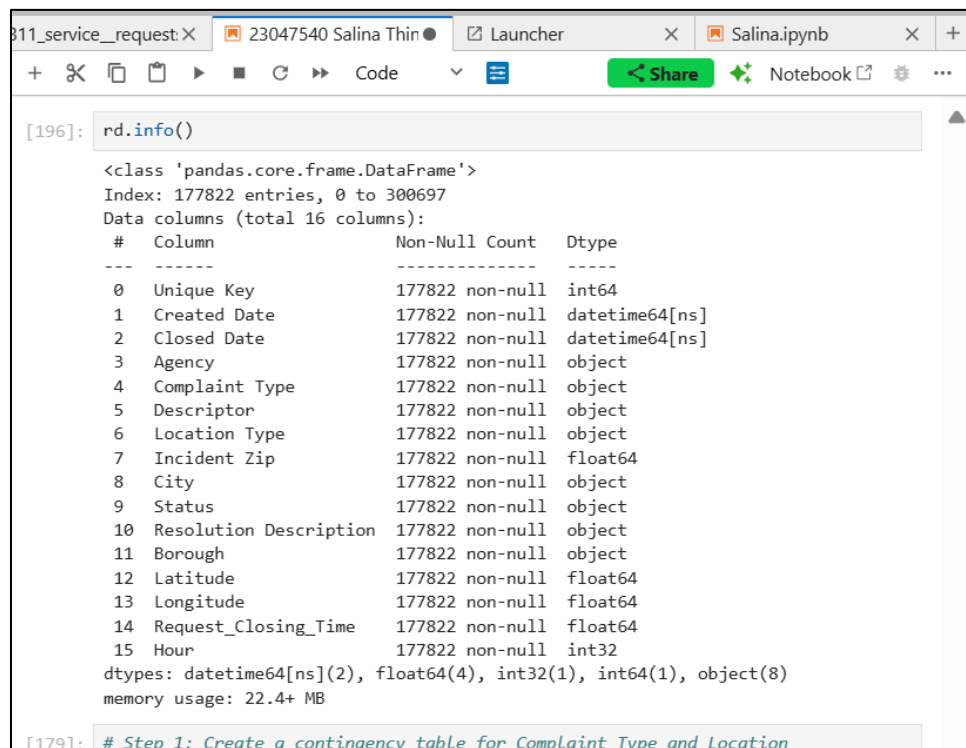
Figure 35: average response time across complaint types is similar or not(iv)

- The **bar chart** visually shows which complaints take the longest (or shortest) time to close.
- The **pairwise p-values** reveal **which complaint types have significantly different resolution times**.

### Interpreting the p-values

- If **p-value < 0.05**: Reject the null hypothesis.  
→ There is a **statistically significant difference** in average closing time between those complaint types.
- If **p-value ≥ 0.05**: Fail to reject the null hypothesis.  
→ There is **no statistically significant difference** in average closing time between those complaint types.

If Noise - Street/Sidewalk has a much higher average closing time and a **low p-value when compared to others**, that implies a **real difference** in how long such complaints take to resolve.



```
[196]: rd.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 177822 entries, 0 to 300697
Data columns (total 16 columns):
 #   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype  
---  -
 0   Unique Key            177822 non-null int64   
 1   Created Date           177822 non-null datetime64[ns]
 2   Closed Date            177822 non-null datetime64[ns]
 3   Agency                 177822 non-null object
 4   Complaint Type         177822 non-null object
 5   Descriptor              177822 non-null object
 6   Location Type          177822 non-null object
 7   Incident Zip           177822 non-null float64
 8   City                   177822 non-null object
 9   Status                 177822 non-null object
10   Resolution Description  177822 non-null object
11   Borough                177822 non-null object
12   Latitude                177822 non-null float64
13   Longitude               177822 non-null float64
14   Request_Closing_Time   177822 non-null float64
15   Hour                   177822 non-null int32
dtypes: datetime64[ns](2), float64(4), int32(1), int64(1), object(8)
memory usage: 22.4+ MB

[179]: # Step 1: Create a contingency table for Complaint Type and Location
```

Figure 36: Information of data in dataset

I used this code here to see the columns name present in the datasets for further analysis.

## 5.2. Test 2 Objective

Whether the type of complaint or service requested, and location are related.

### a) Null and Alternative Hypotheses

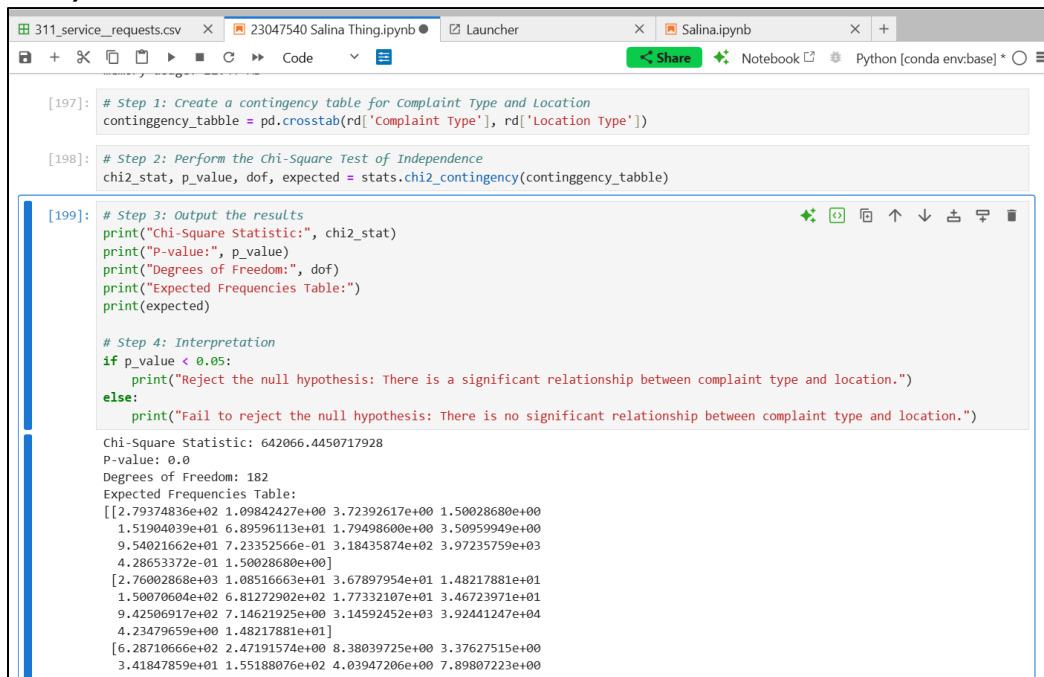
- **Null Hypothesis ( $H_0$ ):**

The average response time is the same across all complaint types.  
(No significant difference in mean closing time.)

- **Alternative Hypothesis ( $H_1$ ):**

At least one complaint type has a significantly different average response time.

### b) Perform the Statistical Test



```
[197]: # Step 1: Create a contingency table for Complaint Type and Location
contingency_table = pd.crosstab(rd['Complaint Type'], rd['Location Type'])

[198]: # Step 2: Perform the Chi-Square Test of Independence
chi2_stat, p_value, dof, expected = stats.chi2_contingency(contingency_table)

[199]: # Step 3: Output the results
print("Chi-Square Statistic:", chi2_stat)
print("P-value:", p_value)
print("Degrees of Freedom:", dof)
print("Expected Frequencies Table:")
print(expected)

# Step 4: Interpretation
if p_value < 0.05:
    print("Reject the null hypothesis: There is a significant relationship between complaint type and location.")
else:
    print("Fail to reject the null hypothesis: There is no significant relationship between complaint type and location.")

Chi-Square Statistic: 642066.4450717928
P-value: 0.0
Degrees of Freedom: 182
Expected Frequencies Table:
[[2.79374836e+02 1.09842427e+00 3.72392617e+00 1.50028680e+00
  1.51904039e+01 6.89596113e+01 1.79498600e+00 3.50959949e+00
  9.54021662e+01 7.23352566e-01 3.18435874e+02 3.97235759e+03
  4.28653372e-01 1.50028680e+00]
 [2.76002868e+03 1.08516663e+01 3.67897954e+01 1.48217881e+01
  1.50070604e+02 6.81272902e+02 1.77332107e+01 3.46723971e+01
  9.42506917e+02 7.14621925e+00 3.14592452e+03 3.92441247e+04
  4.23479659e+00 1.48217881e+01]
 [6.28710666e+02 2.47191574e+00 8.38039725e+00 3.37627515e+00
  3.41847859e+01 1.55188076e+02 4.03947206e+00 7.89807223e+00
  3.11694935e-03 1.53704685e-00 3.15544401e+03 8.03047334e+03]]
```

Figure 37: Whether the type of complaint or service requested, and location are related(i)



### Step 1: Create a contingency table

```
contingency_table = pd.crosstab(rd['Complaint Type'], rd['Location Type'])
```

A **contingency table** shows how frequently each complaint type occurs at each location type.

### Step 2: Perform the Chi-Square Test

```
chi2_stat, p_value, dof, expected = stats.chi2_contingency(contingency_table)
```

This tests **whether the distribution of complaint types is independent of location types**.

**chi2\_stat:** The Chi-Square test statistic (how far the observed values deviate from expected values).

**p\_value:** Probability that the observed distribution could occur under the null hypothesis.

**dof:** Degrees of freedom, calculated as  $(rows-1) \times (columns-1)$

**expected:** The **expected frequencies** table — what the counts would look like if complaint type and location were truly independent.

### Step 3: Output Results

```
print("Chi-Square Statistic:", chi2_stat)
print("P-value:", p_value)
print("Degrees of Freedom:", dof)
print("Expected Frequencies Table:")
print(expected)
```

Whether the actual counts **significantly deviate** from what we'd expect under independence.

If the p-value is small, the deviation is too large to be random — meaning **they're likely related**.

### c) Interpret of Results

```
if p_value < 0.05:
    print("Reject the null hypothesis: There is a significant relationship between
    complaint type and location.")
else:
    print("Fail to reject the null hypothesis: There is no significant relationship between
    complaint type and location.")
```

- If  $p\text{-value} < 0.05 \rightarrow$  Reject the null hypothesis:  
There is a **significant difference** in average response time across complaint types.
- If  $p\text{-value} \geq 0.05 \rightarrow$  Fail to reject the null:  
No significant difference; complaint types have similar average response times.

Since  $p\text{-value} \approx 0.000$  (far less than 0.05), we **reject the null hypothesis**.

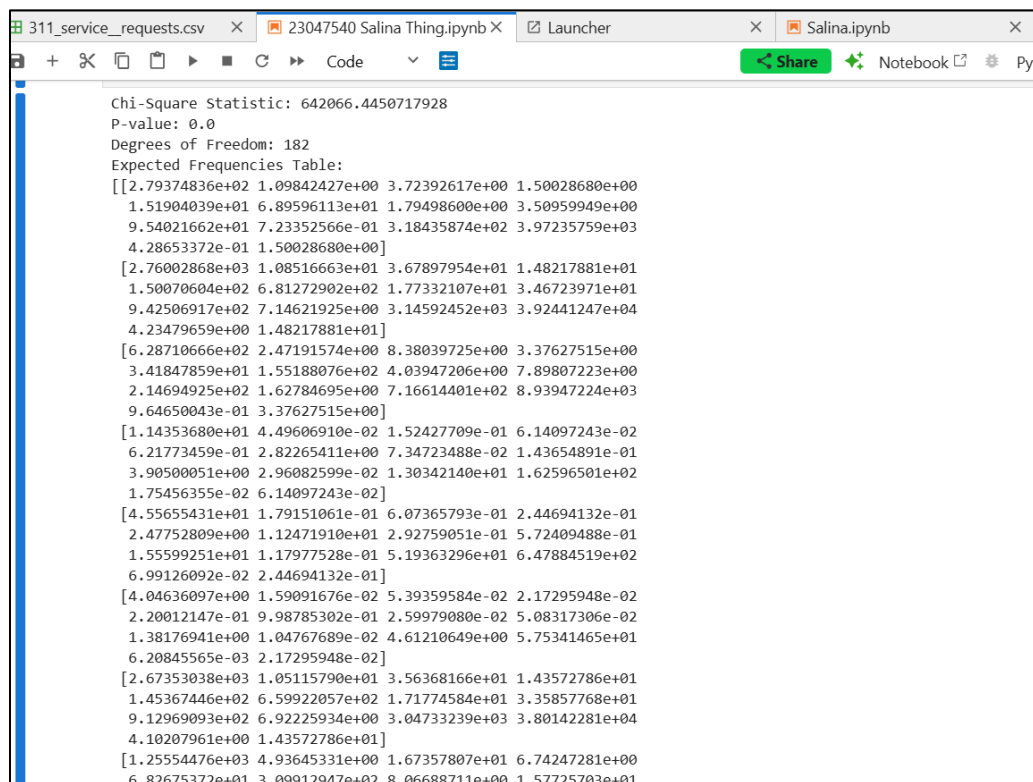


Figure 38: Whether the type of complaint or service requested, and location are related(ii)

Since  $p\text{-value} < 0.05$ , you reject the null hypothesis. This suggests there is a statistically significant relationship between the type of complaint and the type of location. For example, **noise complaints** might be more frequent in **residential areas**, while **parking issues** are more common on **streets**.

There is a **significant relationship** between the **type of complaint** and the **location type**.

Certain complaints are more likely to occur in certain locations (e.g., noise in residential buildings, illegal parking on streets).

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