

# Methodology

## Importing Data

- All the important libraries for data analysis were imported into the Jupyter Notebook
- Libraries Imported – NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn, os
- The Airbnb dataset which was in csv format was imported

## Data Understanding

Column	Description
id	listing ID
name	name of the listing
host_id	host ID
host_name	name of the host
neighbourhood_group	location
neighbourhood	area
latitude	latitude coordinates
longitude	longitude coordinates
room_type	listing space type
price	
minimum_nights	amount of nights minimum
number_of_reviews	number of reviews
last_review	latest review
reviews_per_month	number of reviews per month
calculated_host_listings_count	amount of listing per host
availability_365	number of days when listing is available for booking

- Methods such as info(), describe(), dtypes, etc. were used to get basic understanding of data

## Data Cleaning

- A total of 4 columns had null values which were 'name', 'host\_name', 'last\_review', 'reviews\_per\_month'.

```
airbnb.isnull().sum()/len(airbnb)*100
```

id	0.000000
name	0.032723
host_id	0.000000
host_name	0.042949
neighbourhood_group	0.000000
neighbourhood	0.000000
latitude	0.000000
longitude	0.000000
room_type	0.000000
price	0.000000
minimum_nights	0.000000
number_of_reviews	0.000000
last_review	20.558339
reviews_per_month	20.558339
calculated_host_listings_count	0.000000
availability_365	0.000000
dtype: float64	

## Imputing null values

- The columns 'name' and 'host\_name' were of object data type and had listing names and host names.
- As 'host\_name' has 0.033% null values and 'name' has 0.043% null values we directly dropped these rows as imputing them with any modal value does not makes sense.
- After dropping these rows, 99.9% of data was retained.

```
creating a new df where last_review and reviews_per_month are nan
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```
In [202]: temp = airbnb[airbnb.last_review.isnull() & airbnb.reviews_per_month.isnull()]
```

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In [203]: temp.shape
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(10037, 16)
```

```
In [204]: temp.describe()
```

	id	host_id	latitude	longitude	price	minimum_nights	number_of_reviews	reviews_per_mo
count	1.003700e+04	1.003700e+04	10037.000000	10037.000000	10037.000000	10037.000000	10037.0	0.0
mean	2.259155e+07	8.072752e+07	40.732082	-73.956121	192.995417	11.434193	0.0	NaN
std	1.135150e+07	8.715516e+07	0.052583	0.043813	358.890467	27.511597	0.0	NaN
min	3.647000e+03	4.632000e+03	40.499790	-74.242850	0.000000	1.000000	0.0	NaN
25%	1.208924e+07	1.207612e+07	40.697570	-73.984780	70.000000	1.000000	0.0	NaN
50%	2.341778e+07	3.982834e+07	40.728900	-73.960180	120.000000	3.000000	0.0	NaN
75%	3.403395e+07	1.331238e+08	40.763630	-73.939880	200.000000	14.000000	0.0	NaN
max	3.648724e+07	2.743213e+08	40.911690	-73.716900	10000.000000	999.000000	0.0	NaN

- The columns 'last\_review' and 'reviews\_per\_month' had huge number of null values so to understand and underlying cause for it; creating a new dataframe where the aforementioned rows have null values
- Also, wherever 'last\_review' had null value, 'reviews\_per\_month' had null value and vice-versa.
- After analyzing the new dataframe, the reason for null vales was listing had received no reviews at all so it had 'last\_review' and 'reviews\_per\_month' empty.
- After knowing the reason, all missing values in 'reviews\_per\_month' column were imputed with '0' and 'last\_review' column with a dummy date '1970-1-1'

## Detecting Outliers



- Boxplots were used to detect outliers.
- The columns like longitude, latitude, id, host\_id, etc. are not expected to have a range so ignoring these columns.
- The 'price', 'minimum\_nights', 'number\_of\_reviews', 'reviews\_per\_month' and 'calculated\_host\_listings\_count' had huge number of outliers.

## Binning

- All the above-mentioned column were binned into proper bins and new columns were created by analyzing their data distribution.
- To analyze the data distribution kdeplots and describe() methods were used.
- Functions were made to plot kdeplots and adjusted kdeplots

```
def kdeplot(col,num): # plotting the kdeplot with data being capped till num
    plt.figure(figsize = [20,5])
    sns.kdeplot(airbnb[col][airbnb[col]<num], shade = True)
    plt.axvline(airbnb[col].mean(), color='purple') # plotting the original mean as a line
    plt.axvline(airbnb[col].median(), ls='--', color='purple') # plotting median line

def kdeplot_adjusted(col,num): # plotting the kdeplot with data being capped till num and adjusted mean
    plt.figure(figsize = [20,5])
    sns.kdeplot(airbnb[col][airbnb[col]<num], shade = True)
    plt.axvline(airbnb[col][airbnb[col]<num].mean(), color='purple') # plotting adjusted mean as a line
    plt.axvline(airbnb[col][airbnb[col]<num].median(), ls='--', color='purple') # plotting median line
```

- Numeric columns were binned based on data distribution seen in kdeplots like below
- The 4 new columns which were created are 'price\_range', 'minimum\_nights\_range', 'number\_of\_reviews\_range', 'number\_of\_listings\_range'



## Outlier Treatment

- After creating binned columns, outliers were handled by deleting the outliers which were extremely far from the expected range

```
airbnb[(airbnb.reviews_per_month<8) &
       (airbnb.price<2000) & (airbnb.number_of_reviews<400)].shape[0]/len(airbnb)*100
# checking % rows retained after deleting outliers
```

99.23656310123215

***We still retain 99.2% data***

- After Data cleaning and creating necessary columns the cleaned dataframe was exported in csv format so to analyze data in Tableau.

The exported [Clean Dataset](#)

Data cleaning [Jupyter Notebook](#)

## Data Analysis

- Data Analysis was performed in Tableau.
- The Calculated fields created in it are as follows
  1. Available/ Unavailable {Categorical – specifies if a listing is available or not i.e., 'available 365' > 0}
  2. Availability = 0 {Flag - 1 if listing is unavailable else 0}
  3. Availability > 0 {Flag - 1 if listing is available for booking at least once a year}
  4. Review per month (availability > 0) {Filters reviews per month where if a listing is unavailable then 0 else keeps the original data}
- Insights were derived using bar plots, dual axis charts, line charts and heatmaps with median reviews per month being the popularity metric
- The Tableau Notebook used for analysis – [Airbnb Storytelling](#)