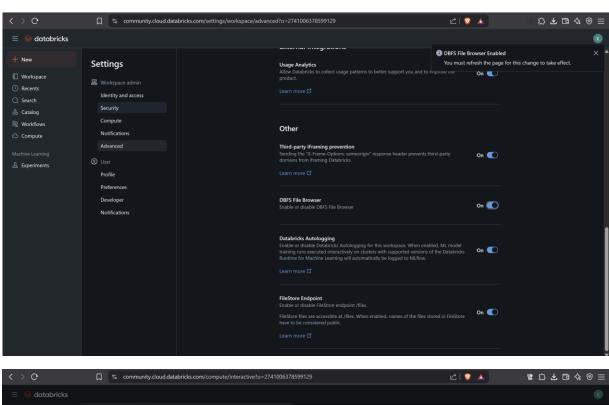
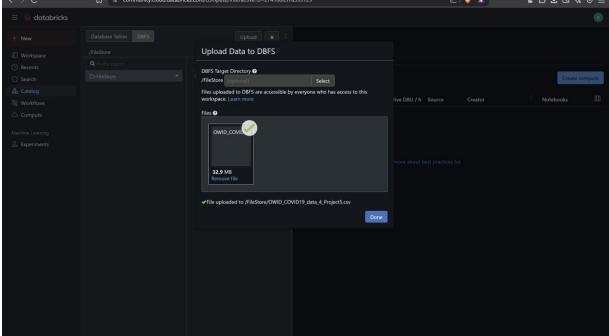
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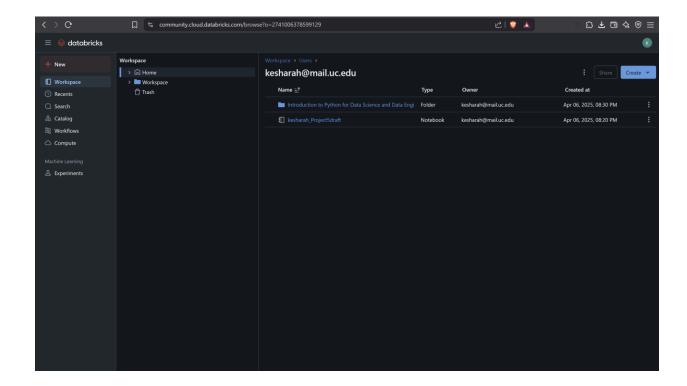
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PROJECT 5: Exploring COVID-19 Data using Databricks

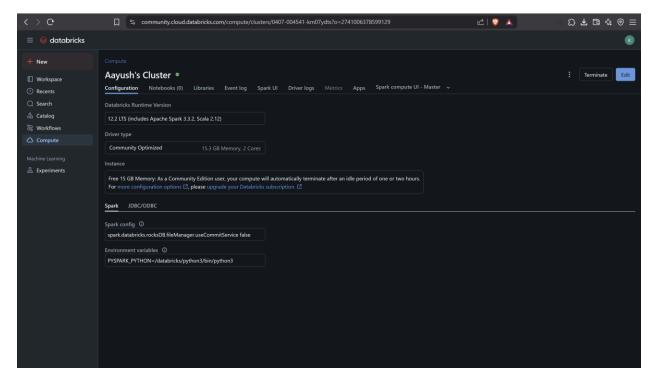
1. Install Databricks and upload the data.



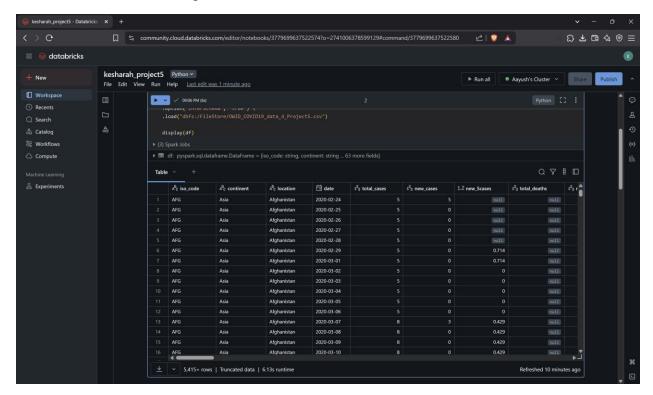




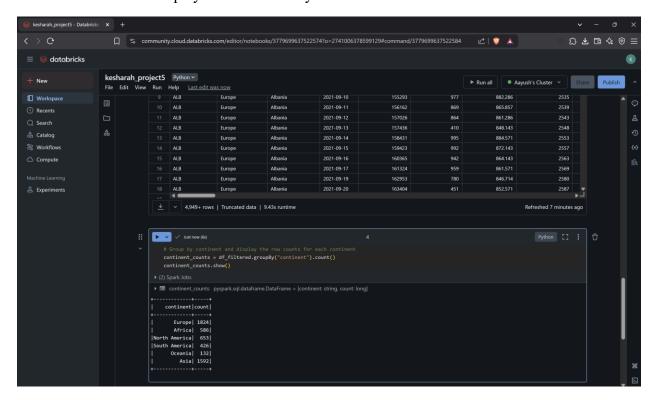
2. Create a Databricks cluster and load the data file using Pandas or PySpark as needed.



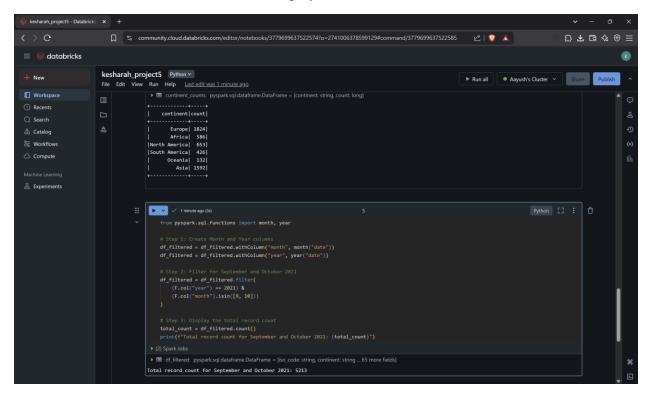
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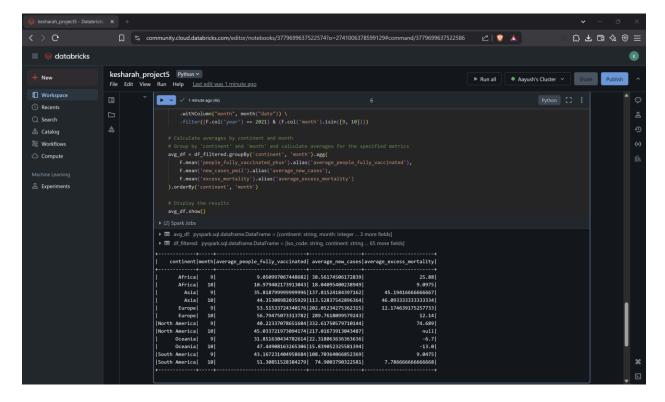
3. Filter Records and display the row count by continent.



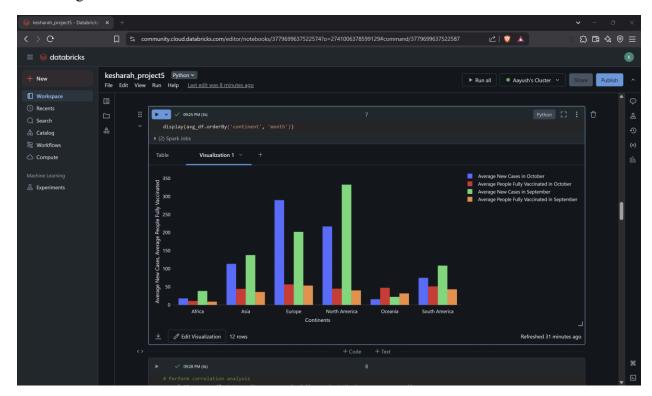
4. Create Month and Year Columns and display the total record count.



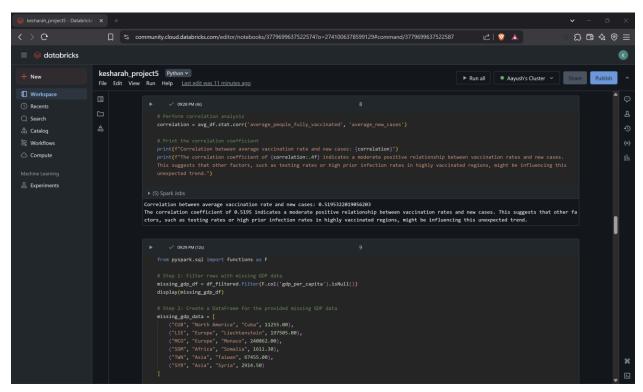
5. Calculate Averages and display the row count by continent by month.



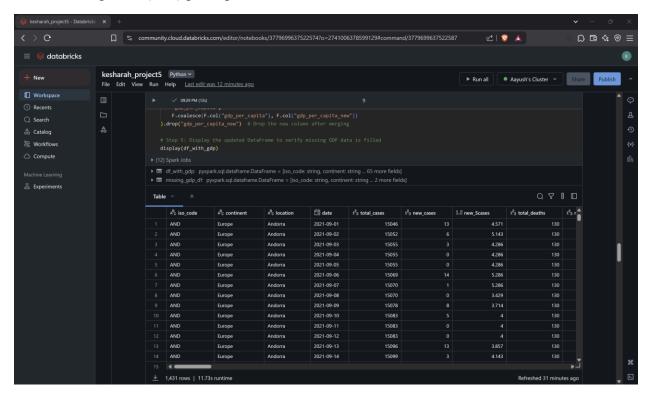
6. Plotting a Bar Chart.

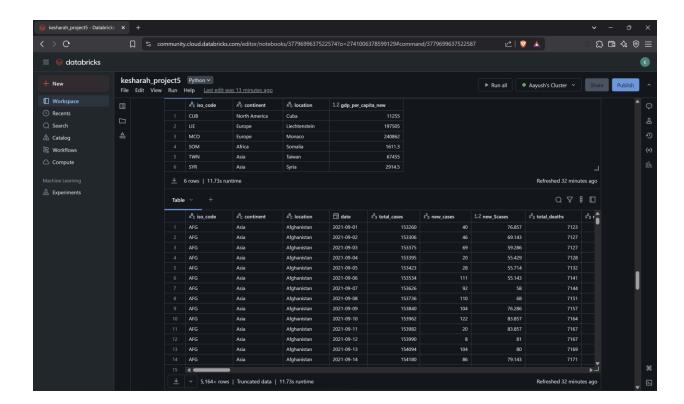


7. Run Correlation Analysis.

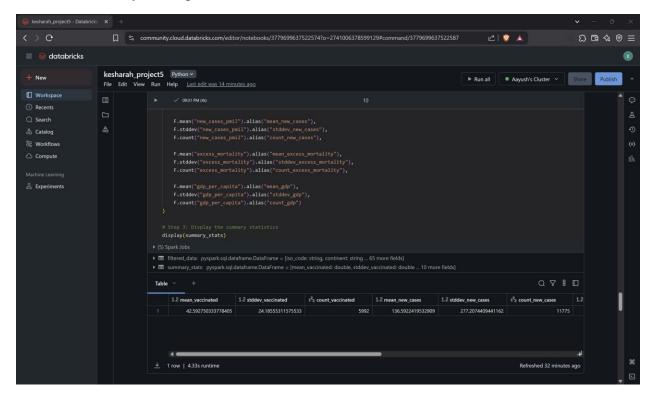


8. Fill missing GDP (PPP) per capita.

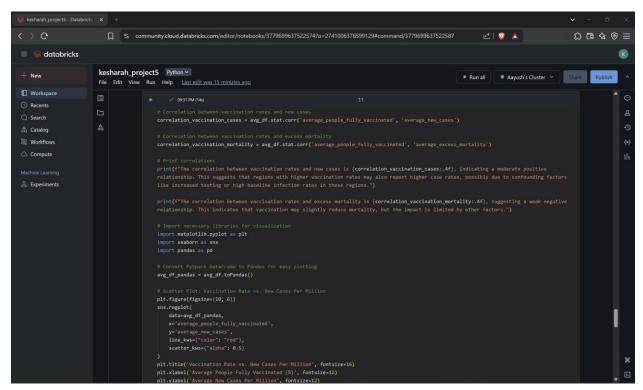


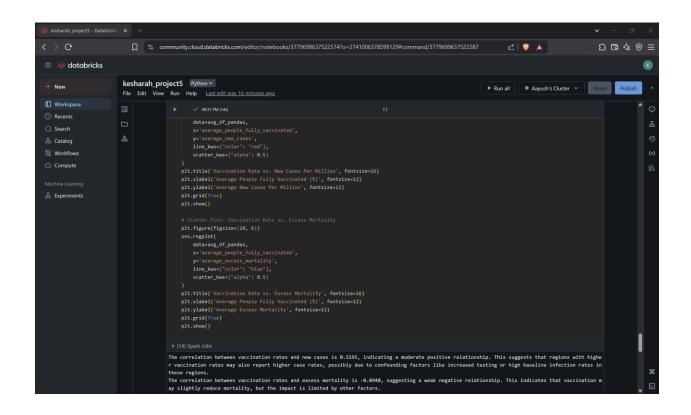


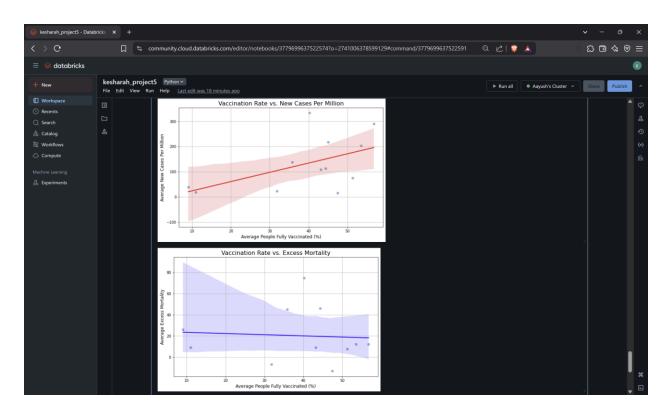
9. Create Summary/Descriptive Statistics Table.



10. Reporting Results.







The analysis indicates a **moderate positive correlation** (**r** = **0.5195**) between COVID-19 vaccination rates and the number of new cases per million during the months of September and October 2021. This observation suggests that regions with higher vaccination coverage may simultaneously report increased case counts. While this relationship appears counterintuitive, it is likely influenced by confounding variables such as elevated testing rates, higher population densities, or historically elevated baseline infection levels in areas with robust vaccination initiatives. Moreover, vaccination may induce behavioral adaptations such as decreased adherence to masking and social distancing protocols particularly in populations that perceive themselves as protected, further complicating the observed association.

Conversely, the **weak negative correlation** ($\mathbf{r} = -0.0940$) between vaccination rates and excess mortality is consistent with the anticipated protective effect of vaccines against severe disease outcomes and death. Although the magnitude of this association is relatively modest, it provides evidence that vaccination contributes to a reduction in mortality. It is important to acknowledge, however, that other factors such as the quality of healthcare systems, demographic characteristics, and the virulence of circulating variants also play significant roles in shaping mortality trends. These findings underscore the importance of a multifaceted public health strategy, wherein vaccination serves as a cornerstone for mitigating disease severity but must be integrated with additional interventions to effectively control case incidence.