```
In [1]: # importing necessary libraries
        import pandas as pd
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import seaborn as sns
        from scipy import stats
        from datetime import datetime, timedelta
In [2]: # dataset Loading and preparation
        df = pd.read csv('aviation data.csv')
In [3]: df.shape
Out[3]: (12, 7)
In [4]: df.head()
Out[4]:
           FlightNumber DepartureDate DepartureTime ArrivalDate ArrivalTime
                                                                                        Airline DelayMinutes
         0
                 AA1234
                             09/01/2023
                                              08:30 AM 09/01/2023
                                                                      10:45 AM American Airlines
                                                                                                        15.0
                             09/01/2023
                                              01:15 PM 09/01/2023
                                                                      03:30 PM
                                                                                                         5.0
        1
                  DL5678
                                                                                         Delta
         2
                 UA9101
                             09/01/2023
                                              05:00 PM 09/01/2023
                                                                      07:15 PM
                                                                                 United Airlines
                                                                                                        25.0
         3
                 AA1234
                             09/01/2023
                                              08:30 AM 09/01/2023
                                                                      10:45 PM American Airlines
                                                                                                        30.0
         4
                  DL5678
                             09/02/2023
                                              02:00 PM 09/02/2023
                                                                      04:10 PM
                                                                                         Delta
                                                                                                        NaN
```

In [5]: df.info()

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
       RangeIndex: 12 entries, 0 to 11
       Data columns (total 7 columns):
                         Non-Null Count Dtype
           Column
           FlightNumber 12 non-null
                                          object
        1 DepartureDate 12 non-null
                                          object
           DepartureTime 12 non-null
                                         object
           ArrivalDate 12 non-null
                                         object
        4 ArrivalTime 12 non-null
                                         object
           Airline
                    12 non-null
                                          object
           DelayMinutes 10 non-null
                                          float64
       dtypes: float64(1), object(6)
       memory usage: 804.0+ bytes
In [6]: df.isnull().sum()
Out[6]: FlightNumber
                         0
        DepartureDate
        DepartureTime
                         0
        ArrivalDate
                         0
        ArrivalTime
        Airline
        DelayMinutes
                         2
```

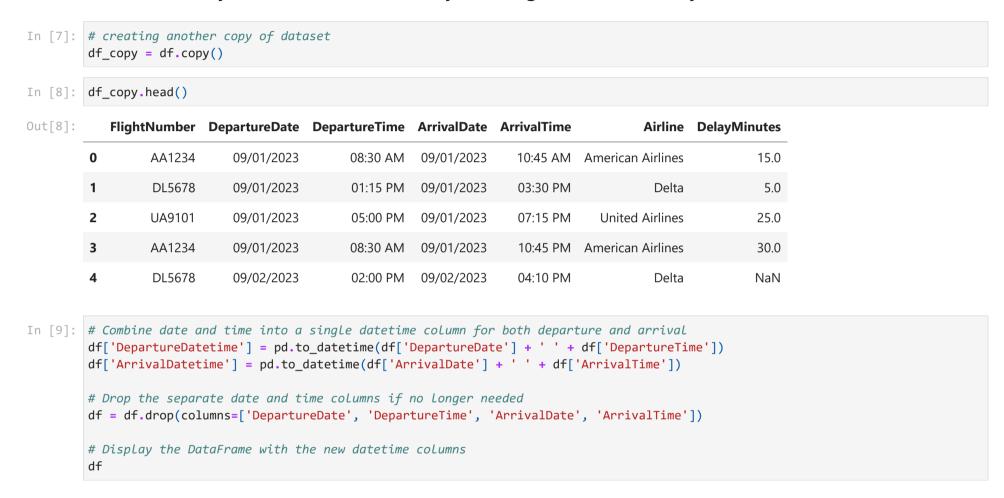
## Few conclusions:

dtype: int64

- 1. Missing values in DelayMinutes column
- 2. Since the dataset is small, a good way to fill in the missing DelayMinutes values is to use the median delay for each airline.
- 3. Many columns have inappropriate data types

# **Required Actions:**

- Create a copy of the dataset to experiment without affecting the original data.
- Merge DepartureDate with DepartureTime and ArrivalDate with ArrivalTime, then drop unnecessary columns for easier analysis of flight duration, delays, and trends.



Out[9]:	l	FlightNumber	Airline	DelayMinutes	DepartureDatetime	ArrivalDatetime
	0	AA1234	American Airlines	15.0	2023-09-01 08:30:00	2023-09-01 10:45:00
	1	DL5678	Delta	5.0	2023-09-01 13:15:00	2023-09-01 15:30:00
	2	UA9101	United Airlines	25.0	2023-09-01 17:00:00	2023-09-01 19:15:00
	3	AA1234	American Airlines	30.0	2023-09-01 08:30:00	2023-09-01 22:45:00
	4	DL5678	Delta	NaN	2023-09-02 14:00:00	2023-09-02 16:10:00
	5	UA9101	United Airlines	20.0	2023-09-02 17:00:00	2023-09-02 19:15:00
	6	AA1234	American Airlines	60.0	2023-09-02 20:30:00	2023-09-03 10:45:00
	7	DL5678	Delta	10.0	2023-09-03 13:00:00	2023-09-03 15:30:00
	8	UA9101	United Airlines	NaN	2023-09-03 15:00:00	2023-09-03 17:20:00
	9	AA1234	American Airlines	15.0	2023-09-03 08:30:00	2023-09-03 10:00:00
	10	DL5678	Delta	25.0	2023-09-04 12:30:00	2023-09-04 14:40:00
	11	UA9101	United Airlines	45.0	2023-09-04 19:00:00	2023-09-04 21:15:00

```
In [10]: # rearranging the columns for better readability

df = df[['FlightNumber', 'Airline', 'DepartureDatetime', 'ArrivalDatetime', 'DelayMinutes']]
```

In [11]: **df** 

Out[11]:		FlightNumber	Airline	DepartureDatetime	ArrivalDatetime	DelayMinutes
	0	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-01 08:30:00	2023-09-01 10:45:00	15.0
	1	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-01 13:15:00	2023-09-01 15:30:00	5.0
	2	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-01 17:00:00	2023-09-01 19:15:00	25.0
	3	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-01 08:30:00	2023-09-01 22:45:00	30.0
	4	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-02 14:00:00	2023-09-02 16:10:00	NaN
	5	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-02 17:00:00	2023-09-02 19:15:00	20.0
	6	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-02 20:30:00	2023-09-03 10:45:00	60.0
	7	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-03 13:00:00	2023-09-03 15:30:00	10.0
	8	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-03 15:00:00	2023-09-03 17:20:00	NaN
	9	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-03 08:30:00	2023-09-03 10:00:00	15.0
	10	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-04 12:30:00	2023-09-04 14:40:00	25.0
	11	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-04 19:00:00	2023-09-04 21:15:00	45.0

## In [12]: df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 12 entries, 0 to 11
Data columns (total 5 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	FlightNumber	12 non-null	object
1	Airline	12 non-null	object
2	DepartureDatetime	12 non-null	datetime64[ns
3	ArrivalDatetime	12 non-null	datetime64[ns

4 DelayMinutes 10 non-null float64 dtypes: datetime64[ns](2), float64(1), object(2)

memory usage: 612.0+ bytes

# 1. DATASET ISSUES AND REQUIREMENTS

## a. Inconsistent Date and Time Formats:

```
In [13]: # here I'm performing operation on the df copy dataset
         # Convert columns to appropriate data types
         df copy['DepartureDate'] = pd.to datetime(df copy['DepartureDate'], format='%m/%d/%Y')
         df copy['ArrivalDate'] = pd.to datetime(df copy['ArrivalDate'], format='%m/%d/%Y')
         df copy['DepartureTime'] = pd.to datetime(df copy['DepartureTime'], format='%I:%M %p').dt.time
         df copy['ArrivalTime'] = pd.to datetime(df copy['ArrivalTime'], format='%I:%M %p').dt.time
         df copy['DelayMinutes'] = df copy['DelayMinutes'].astype('float64')
In [14]: df copy.info()
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
        RangeIndex: 12 entries, 0 to 11
        Data columns (total 7 columns):
            Column
                           Non-Null Count Dtype
            FlightNumber 12 non-null
                                           object
            DepartureDate 12 non-null
                                           datetime64[ns]
            DepartureTime 12 non-null
                                           object
            ArrivalDate 12 non-null
                                           datetime64[ns]
            ArrivalTime 12 non-null
                                           object
            Airline
                     12 non-null
                                           object
            DelayMinutes 10 non-null
                                           float64
        dtypes: datetime64[ns](2), float64(1), object(4)
        memory usage: 804.0+ bytes
In [15]: print("Type of a single DepartureTime value:")
         print(type(df copy['DepartureTime'].iloc[0]))
        Type of a single DepartureTime value:
        <class 'datetime.time'>
```

## b. Missing Values:

```
In [16]: # Checking for missing values
    print(df.isnull().sum())

FlightNumber     0
    Airline     0
    DepartureDatetime     0
    ArrivalDatetime     0
    DelayMinutes     2
    dtype: int64
```

- A good way to fill in the missing DelayMinutes values is to use the median delay for each airline.
- This keeps the data relevant and accurate.
- The data type of DelayMinutes is float64 which is ideal for the numeric operations and handling NaN values.
- We can use the median instead of the mean because it's less affected by outliers, giving us a
  more reliable and typical value.
- Given the small sample size, median might be more robust

```
In [17]: df['DelayMinutes'] = df.groupby('Airline')['DelayMinutes'].transform(lambda x: x.fillna(x.median()))
In [18]: df
```

Out[18]:		FlightNumber	Airline	DepartureDatetime	ArrivalDatetime	DelayMinutes
	0	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-01 08:30:00	2023-09-01 10:45:00	15.0
	1	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-01 13:15:00	2023-09-01 15:30:00	5.0
	2	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-01 17:00:00	2023-09-01 19:15:00	25.0
	3	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-01 08:30:00	2023-09-01 22:45:00	30.0
	4	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-02 14:00:00	2023-09-02 16:10:00	10.0
	5	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-02 17:00:00	2023-09-02 19:15:00	20.0
	6	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-02 20:30:00	2023-09-03 10:45:00	60.0
	7	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-03 13:00:00	2023-09-03 15:30:00	10.0
	8	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-03 15:00:00	2023-09-03 17:20:00	25.0
	9	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-03 08:30:00	2023-09-03 10:00:00	15.0
	10	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-04 12:30:00	2023-09-04 14:40:00	25.0
	11	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-04 19:00:00	2023-09-04 21:15:00	45.0

# c. Duplicate Flight Entries:

```
In [19]: # Checking for duplicates
print(df.duplicated().sum())

# Remove duplicates
df.drop_duplicates(inplace=True)
```

0

There aren't any duplicate flight entries, but if there were, it'd make sense to remove them.

## d. Inconsistent Time Entries:

```
In [20]: # function to correct inconsistent times
         def correct inconsistent times(df):
              # identify inconsistencies where arrival is before or equal to departure
              inconsistent entries = df[df['ArrivalDatetime'] <= df['DepartureDatetime']]</pre>
              print("Inconsistent Time Entries (Before Correction):")
              print(inconsistent entries[['FlightNumber', 'DepartureDatetime', 'ArrivalDatetime']])
              # correcting time inconsistencies by assuming arrival is the next day
             df['ArrivalDatetime'] = df.apply(
                  lambda row: row['ArrivalDatetime'] + timedelta(days=1)
                 if row['ArrivalDatetime'] <= row['DepartureDatetime'] else row['ArrivalDatetime'], axis=1</pre>
              # printing the corrected entries
             corrected_entries = df[df['ArrivalDatetime'] <= df['DepartureDatetime']]</pre>
              if corrected entries.empty:
                  print("All inconsistencies have been corrected.")
              else:
                  print("Remaining inconsistent entries:", corrected entries)
              return df
         # apply the function to your dataframe
         df = correct inconsistent times(df)
        Inconsistent Time Entries (Before Correction):
        Empty DataFrame
        Columns: [FlightNumber, DepartureDatetime, ArrivalDatetime]
        Index: []
```

## Solution:

All inconsistencies have been corrected.

- I have created a function to find the inconsistency and correct it.
- One inconsistency Mentioned in question: AA1234 on 09/01/2023.
- The inconsistency mentioned is that a flight departs at 8:30 AM and arrives at 10:45 PM on the same day.

- It's flagged because the arrival is on the same day as departure, but it's not necessarily an error (could be a long flight or time zone crossing).
- While it seems unusual, it's possible for a flight to leave in the morning and land later that evening.
- So, it might not actually be a mistake.
- Still, I created a logic to identify and analyze the time inconsistencies. I also added comments to explain the logic at each line

## 2. DATA CLEANING:

a. Identify and handle any missing or inconsistent values in the dataset

In [21]: # I've already done it above.

b. Ensure all column data types are appropriate (e.g., dates as date types, times as time types).

In [22]: # I've already ensured it above
df.info()

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
       RangeIndex: 12 entries, 0 to 11
       Data columns (total 5 columns):
            Column
                              Non-Null Count Dtype
            FlightNumber 12 non-null
                                             object
        1 Airline
                       12 non-null
                                             object
        2 DepartureDatetime 12 non-null
                                             datetime64[ns]
            ArrivalDatetime 12 non-null
                                            datetime64[ns]
            DelayMinutes 12 non-null
                                             float64
        dtypes: datetime64[ns](2), float64(1), object(2)
       memory usage: 612.0+ bytes
In [23]: # here I'm performing operation on the df copy dataset
        print("Type of a single DepartureTime value:")
         print(type(df copy['DepartureTime'].iloc[0]))
       Type of a single DepartureTime value:
        <class 'datetime.time'>
```

c. Correct any inconsistencies or errors in times (e.g., arrival time should be later than departure time).

```
In [24]: # I've already calculated it above
```

## 3. DATA NORMALIZATION:

a. Convert DepartureDate and ArrivalDate columns to a standard YYYY-MM-DD format.

```
In [25]: # already calculated it above
df_copy
```

Out[25]:		FlightNumber	DepartureDate	DepartureTime	ArrivalDate	ArrivalTime	Airline	DelayMinutes
	0	AA1234	2023-09-01	08:30:00	2023-09-01	10:45:00	American Airlines	15.0
	1	DL5678	2023-09-01	13:15:00	2023-09-01	15:30:00	Delta	5.0
	2	UA9101	2023-09-01	17:00:00	2023-09-01	19:15:00	United Airlines	25.0
	3	AA1234	2023-09-01	08:30:00	2023-09-01	22:45:00	American Airlines	30.0
	4	DL5678	2023-09-02	14:00:00	2023-09-02	16:10:00	Delta	NaN
	5	UA9101	2023-09-02	17:00:00	2023-09-02	19:15:00	United Airlines	20.0
	6	AA1234	2023-09-02	20:30:00	2023-09-03	10:45:00	American Airlines	60.0
	7	DL5678	2023-09-03	13:00:00	2023-09-03	15:30:00	Delta	10.0
	8	UA9101	2023-09-03	15:00:00	2023-09-03	17:20:00	United Airlines	NaN
	9	AA1234	2023-09-03	08:30:00	2023-09-03	10:00:00	American Airlines	15.0
	10	DL5678	2023-09-04	12:30:00	2023-09-04	14:40:00	Delta	25.0
	11	UA9101	2023-09-04	19:00:00	2023-09-04	21:15:00	United Airlines	45.0

# b. Convert DepartureTime and ArrivalTime columns to a 24-hour time format (e.g., "08:30" for 8:30 AM).

In [26]: # again already done it above

# C. Create a new column for FlightDuration by calculating the difference betweenDepartureTime and ArrivalTime on the same day.

```
In [27]: # calculating flight duration in minutes
df['FlightDuration'] = (df['ArrivalDatetime'] - df['DepartureDatetime']).dt.total_seconds() / 60
```

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Out[28]:

df

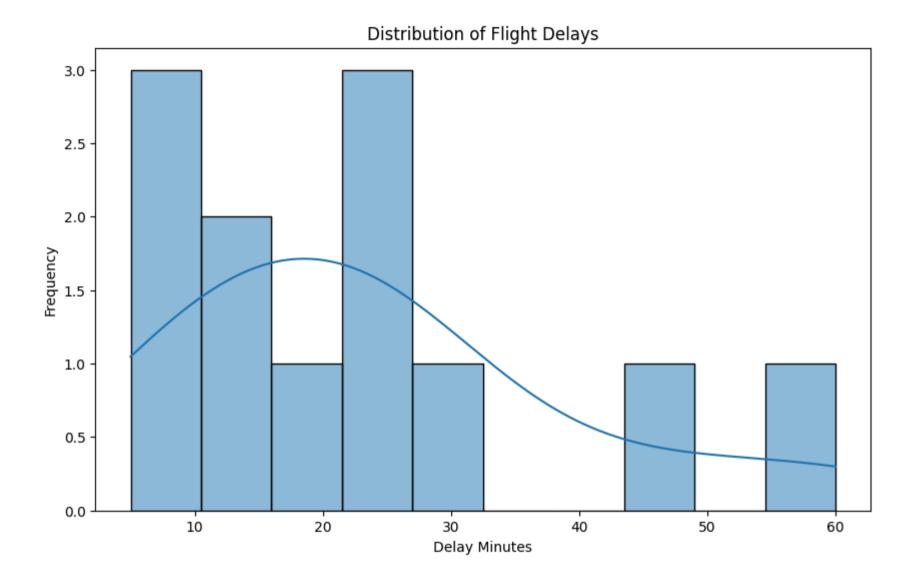
	FlightNumber	Airline	DepartureDatetime	ArrivalDatetime	DelayMinutes	FlightDuration
0	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-01 08:30:00	2023-09-01 10:45:00	15.0	135.0
1	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-01 13:15:00	2023-09-01 15:30:00	5.0	135.0
2	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-01 17:00:00	2023-09-01 19:15:00	25.0	135.0
3	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-01 08:30:00	2023-09-01 22:45:00	30.0	855.0
4	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-02 14:00:00	2023-09-02 16:10:00	10.0	130.0
5	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-02 17:00:00	2023-09-02 19:15:00	20.0	135.0
6	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-02 20:30:00	2023-09-03 10:45:00	60.0	855.0
7	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-03 13:00:00	2023-09-03 15:30:00	10.0	150.0
8	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-03 15:00:00	2023-09-03 17:20:00	25.0	140.0
9	AA1234	American Airlines	2023-09-03 08:30:00	2023-09-03 10:00:00	15.0	90.0
10	DL5678	Delta	2023-09-04 12:30:00	2023-09-04 14:40:00	25.0	130.0
11	UA9101	United Airlines	2023-09-04 19:00:00	2023-09-04 21:15:00	45.0	135.0

# 4. DATA ANALYSIS:

# a. Analyze the distribution of delays and identify any trends or patterns.

```
In [29]: delay_distribution = df['DelayMinutes'].describe()
print(delay_distribution)
```

```
12.000000
        count
                 23.750000
        mean
        std
                15.685112
                 5.000000
        min
        25%
                13.750000
        50%
                22.500000
        75%
                26.250000
                 60.000000
        max
        Name: DelayMinutes, dtype: float64
In [30]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
         sns.histplot(df['DelayMinutes'].dropna(), bins=10, kde=True)
         plt.title('Distribution of Flight Delays')
         plt.xlabel('Delay Minutes')
         plt.ylabel('Frequency')
         # plt.savefig('Distribution of Flight Delays.png')
         plt.show()
```



# **Analysis:**

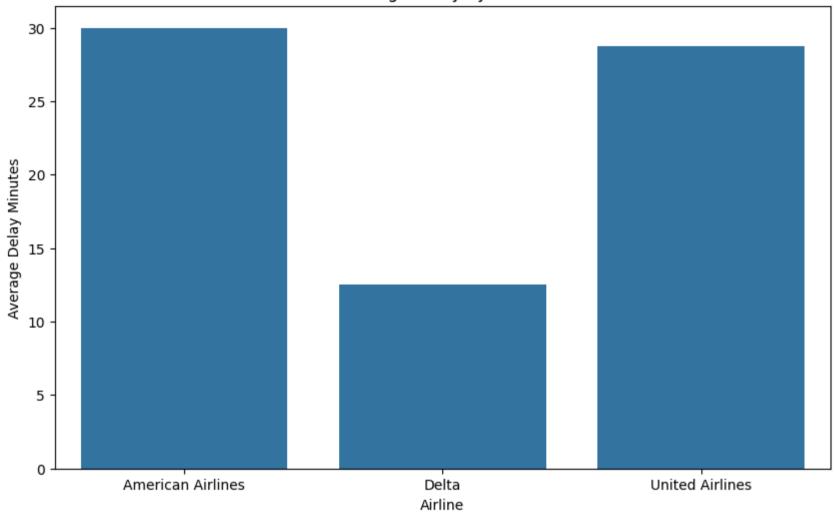
- These statistics suggest that while most delays are around 23.75 minutes
- There is a significant variation, with some delays being much shorter and others much longer

• The median being close to the mean indicates a relatively symmetric distribution but the presence of a maximum value of 60 minutes suggests there are some outliers and a right-skewed distribution.

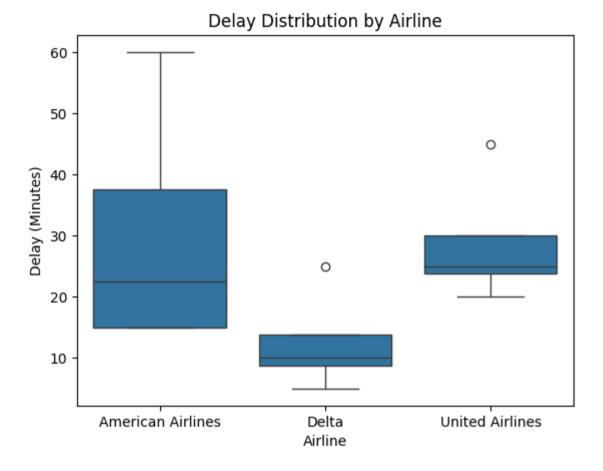
## b. Calculate the average delay for each airline.

```
In [31]: average delay by airline = df.groupby('Airline')['DelayMinutes'].mean().reset index()
         print(average delay by airline)
                     Airline DelayMinutes
        0 American Airlines
                                     30.00
                       Delta
                                     12.50
        1
             United Airlines
                                     28.75
In [32]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
         sns.barplot(x='Airline', y='DelayMinutes', data=average delay by airline)
         plt.title('Average Delay by Airline')
         plt.xlabel('Airline')
         plt.ylabel('Average Delay Minutes')
         # plt.savefig('Average Delay by Airline.png')
         plt.show()
```

## Average Delay by Airline



```
In [33]: # Plot a boxplot to compare delay distributions across airlines
sns.boxplot(x='Airline', y='DelayMinutes', data=df)
plt.title('Delay Distribution by Airline')
plt.xlabel('Airline')
plt.ylabel('Delay (Minutes)')
plt.savefig('Delay Distribution by Airline.png')
plt.show()
```



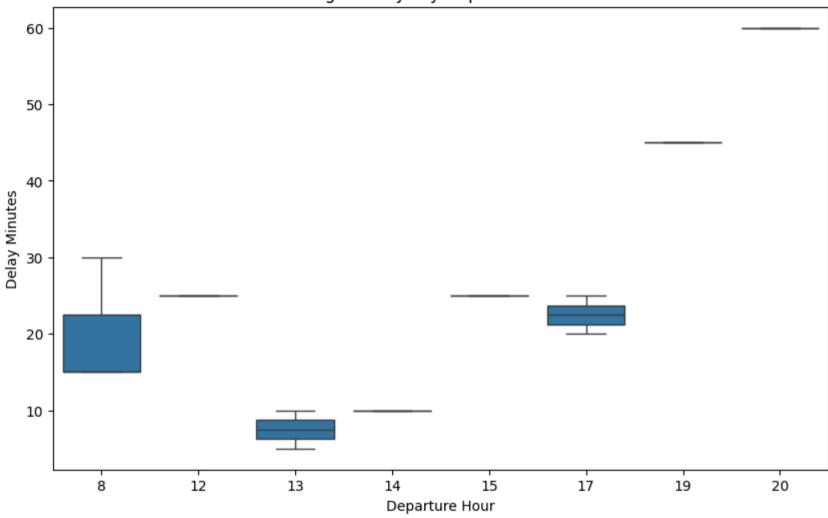
## **Analysis:**

- This suggests that Delta has the shortest average delay time
- while American Airlines has the longest.
- United Airlines falls in between but is closer to American Airlines in terms of delay duration.

c. Identify any relationships between flight delays and departure times (e.g., are flights departing later in the day more likely to be delayed?).

```
In [34]: df['DepartureHour'] = df['DepartureDatetime'].dt.hour
         avg delay by hour = df.groupby('DepartureHour')['DelayMinutes'].mean()
         avg_delay_by_hour
Out[34]: DepartureHour
               20.0
         12
             25.0
             7.5
         13
         14 10.0
         15 25.0
         17 22.5
         19 45.0
         20
              60.0
         Name: DelayMinutes, dtype: float64
In [35]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
         sns.boxplot(x='DepartureHour', y='DelayMinutes', data=df)
         plt.title('Flight Delays by Departure Hour')
         plt.xlabel('Departure Hour')
         plt.ylabel('Delay Minutes')
         # plt.savefig('Flight Delays by Departure Hour.png')
         plt.show()
```

Flight Delays by Departure Hour



```
In [36]: # dropping the 'DepartureHour' column as it's unnecessary
df.drop('DepartureHour', axis=1, inplace=True)
```

# **Analysis:**

- The highest delay occurs at 20:00 with 60 minutes.
- Significant delays are also observed at 19:00 (45.0 minutes) and 12:00 and 15:00 (both 25.0 minutes)
- The lowest delay is at 13:00 with 7.5 minutes
- Delays tend to increase significantly in the evening hours, particularly after 17:00

### **General Trend:**

- Delays tend to increase significantly in the evening hours, particularly after 17:00.
- Midday hours (12:00 15:00) show moderate delays, while early morning (8:00) and early afternoon (13:00 14:00) have relatively lower delays.

## **Possible Causes:**

- Evening delays could be due to accumulated delays throughout the day, higher traffic, or operational constraints.
- Lower delays in the early afternoon might indicate less congestion or more efficient operations during these hours.

# d. Determine if there is a significant difference in delays between different airlines.

```
In [37]: # Filtering the data for each airline, ensuring that there are no NaN values in DelayMinutes
aa_delays = df[df['Airline'] == 'American Airlines']['DelayMinutes'].dropna()
delta_delays = df[df['Airline'] == 'Delta']['DelayMinutes'].dropna()
united_delays = df[df['Airline'] == 'United Airlines']['DelayMinutes'].dropna()

# performing ANOVA test to see if there's a significant difference in delays
anova_result = stats.f_oneway(aa_delays, delta_delays, united_delays)
```

```
# printing the ANOVA result
print(f'ANOVA F-statistic: {anova_result.statistic}, p-value: {anova_result.pvalue}')

# interpreting the p-value
if anova_result.pvalue < 0.05:
    print("There is a statistically significant difference in delays between airlines.")
else:
    print("There is no statistically significant difference in delays between airlines.")</pre>
```

ANOVA F-statistic: 1.765273311897106, p-value: 0.22554137150689818

There is no statistically significant difference in delays between airlines.

- I'm conducting an ANOVA test to check if there is a significant difference in flight delays between American Airlines, Delta, and United Airlines.
- First, I filter out the delay data for each airline, ensuring no missing values. Then, I run the ANOVA test to compare the average delays across the three airlines.
- Based on the p-value, I interpret whether the delay differences are statistically significant.

```
In [38]: # exporting cleaned and normalized dataset to CSV
    df.to_csv('cleaned_normalized_aviation_data.csv', index=False)
```

## **INSIGHTS:**

## **Potential causes:**

#### 1. Time of day effect:

- Delays seem to increase as the day progresses, with evening flights experiencing the longest delays.
- Cause: This could be due to a cumulative effect of earlier delays, air traffic congestion, or crew scheduling issues.

#### 2. Airline-specific factors:

- Different airlines show varying average delay times.
- Cause: This might be due to differences in operational efficiency, fleet age, route network complexity, or scheduling practices.
- 3. Airport or air traffic control (ATC) congestion:

• The pattern of increasing delays throughout the day could indicate growing congestion at airports or in airspace.

#### 4. Possible weather or seasonal effects:

• Without more context, we can't rule out weather as a contributing factor, especially for the longer delays.

### **Recommendations:**

#### 1. Improve schedule padding for later flights:

• Airlines could add more buffer time to evening flight schedules to account for the higher likelihood of delays.

#### 2. Enhance turnaround efficiency:

• Focus on improving ground operations, especially for airlines with higher average delays (American Airlines and United Airlines in this case).

#### 3. Implement better delay recovery strategies:

• Develop and employ more effective methods to catch up on time throughout the day to prevent delay accumulation.

#### 4. Optimize crew scheduling:

• Ensure crew rotations and scheduling take into account the higher likelihood of delays later in the day.

#### 5. Invest in predictive analytics:

• Use data-driven approaches to anticipate potential delays and proactively address them.

#### 6. Collaborate with ATC and airports:

 Work on solutions to reduce congestion during peak hours, possibly by adjusting flight schedules or improving air traffic management systems.

#### 7. Fleet management:

• For airlines with higher delays, consider reviewing their fleet composition and maintenance schedules to ensure they have the right aircraft available at the right times.

#### 8. Customer communication:

•	Improve systems for keeping passengers informed about delays and their causes, which can help manage expectations and reduce frustration.