

Advanced Exploratory Data Analysis EDA — High-Integrity Systems

This notebook focuses on developing deeper insights into high-integrity system data through EDA tasks. You'll investigate patterns, anomalies, and correlations across system metrics using Python.

This version includes:

- Conceptual understanding
- Thought-provoking analysis
- Hands-on statistical interpretation

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In [3]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.stats import skew, kurtosis

import seaborn as sns
sns.set(style='whitegrid')
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Load the data

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In [4]: df = pd.read_csv("generated_his_system_metrics.csv", index_col=0)
df.head()
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Out[4]:    sensor_latency_ms  cpu_usage_percent  memory_usage_mb  error_count  uptr
system_id
1          22.483571        58.892663      420.457194         0       13
2          19.308678        73.641250      316.802495         0        4
3          23.238443        24.021486      174.484049         1        9
4          27.615149        53.444539      96.321615         0        6
5          18.829233        35.240361      311.006058         2        4
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In [189... df.info()
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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 500 entries, 1 to 500
Data columns (total 10 columns):
 #   Column           Non-Null Count  Dtype  
--- 
 0   sensor_latency_ms    500 non-null   float64
 1   cpu_usage_percent    500 non-null   float64
 2   memory_usage_mb      500 non-null   float64
 3   error_count          500 non-null   int64  
 4   uptime_hours         500 non-null   float64
 5   mode                 500 non-null   object  
 6   temperature_sensor   500 non-null   float64
 7   CPU_temperature      500 non-null   float64
 8   CPU_thermostat_stability 500 non-null   float64
 9   sensor_thermostat_stability 500 non-null   float64
dtypes: float64(8), int64(1), object(1)
memory usage: 43.0+ KB
```

Section 1, exploring distributions with histograms

Task for students: Classify each variable as:

- Categorical (Nominal/Ordinal)
- Numerical (Discrete/Continuous)

By completing and running this cell, the categorical columns names will be saved as a list of strings in "categorical_cols". Likewise, the numerical_cols should be saved in "numerical_cols".

In [190...]

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categorical_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['object', 'category']).columns.tolist()
numerical_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['float64', 'int64']).columns.tolist()
```

Task for students: You want now to check the distribution of the variables:

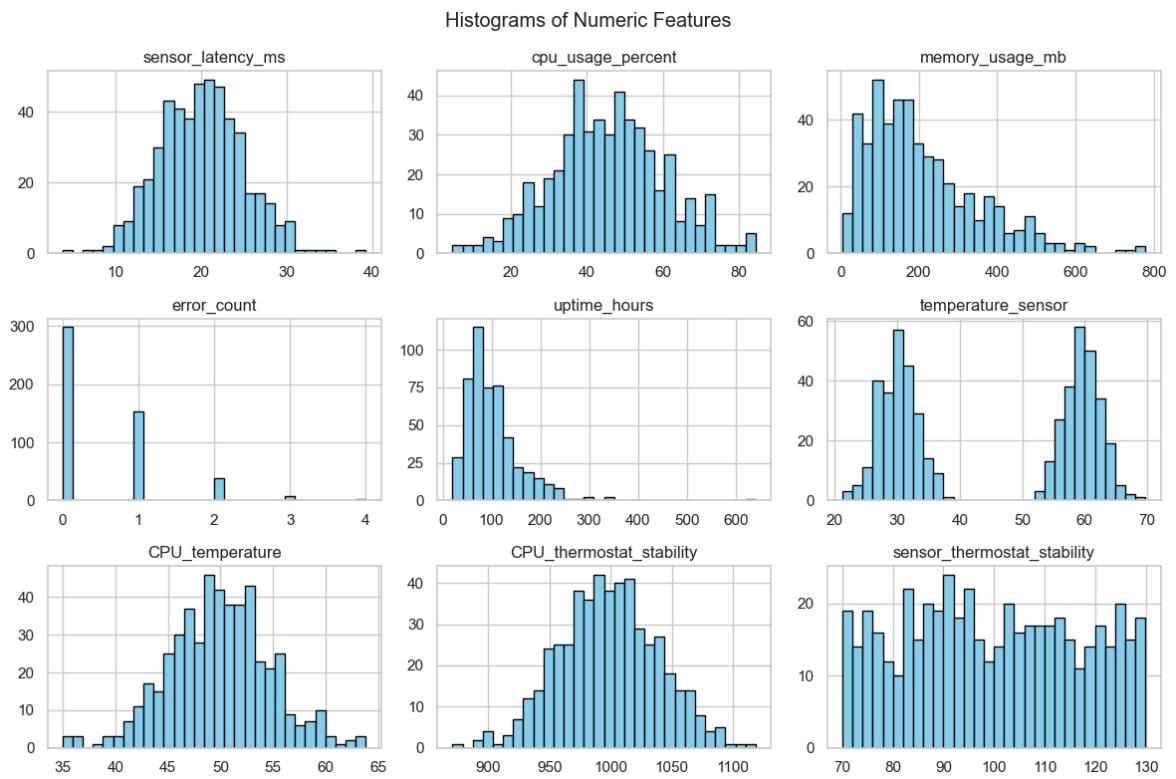
- When is a histogram preferable to a bar plot?
- Plot the histogram for the different variables

In [235...]

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Answer_Q11 = "when the variables are numerical"
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In [191...]

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# Your code here: use matplotlib or pandas plotting to plot histograms
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✓ Task for students:

- Describe the shape of the distribution of uptime.
- What maintenance strategies might be influenced by this shape?

In [236...]

Answer_Q12 = "..."

Answer_Q13 = "..."

✓ Task for students:

- maintenance engineer presented the following plot for System Modes. Could this bar chart be lying or hiding something? what should we change to fix it?
- do you think the maintenance engineer are responding well to the emergency?

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In [ ]: sns.countplot(x='mode', data=df)
plt.ylim(40, None) # Start y-axis at 50
plt.title("System Mode Frequency")
plt.show()
```

In []: Answer_Q14 = "..."

In [1]: # your code to fix it here

In [237...]

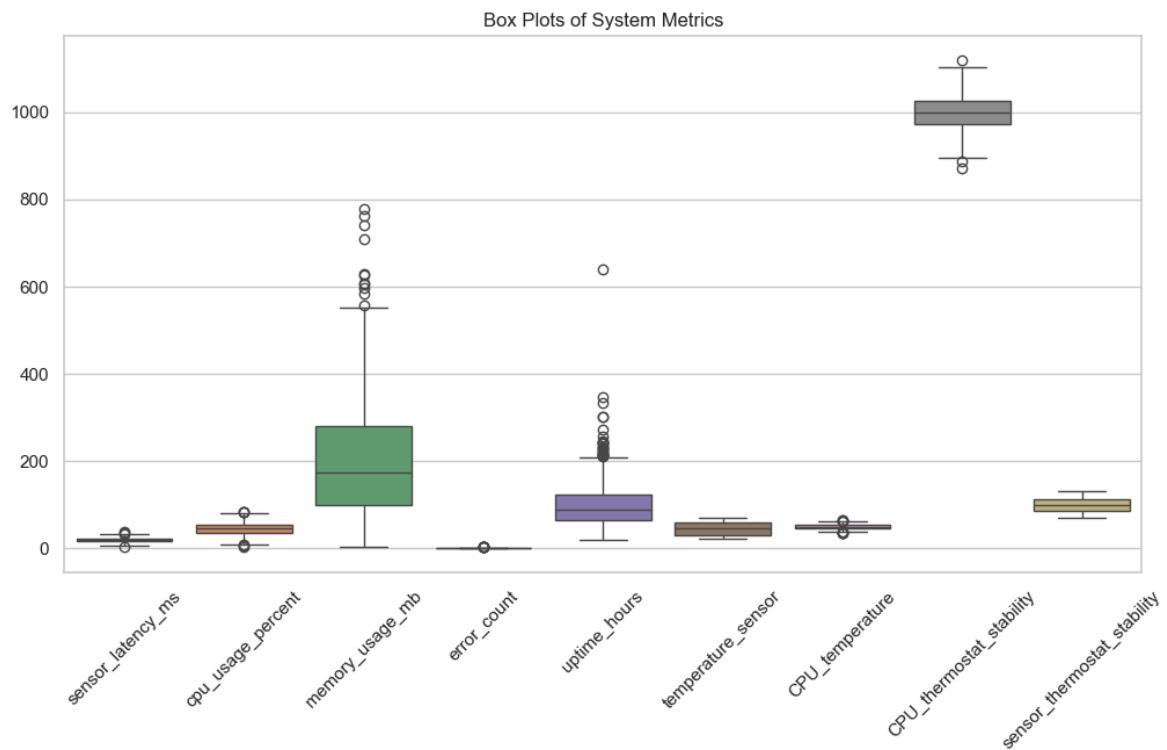
Answer_Q15 = "..."

Section 2: exploring with box plots

✓ Task for students: Look at the following box plot and answer:

- what variables can a box plot be misleading? explain why?

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In [239...]  
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))  
sns.boxplot(data=df[numerical_cols])  
plt.title('Box Plots of System Metrics')  
plt.xticks(rotation=45)  
plt.show()
```



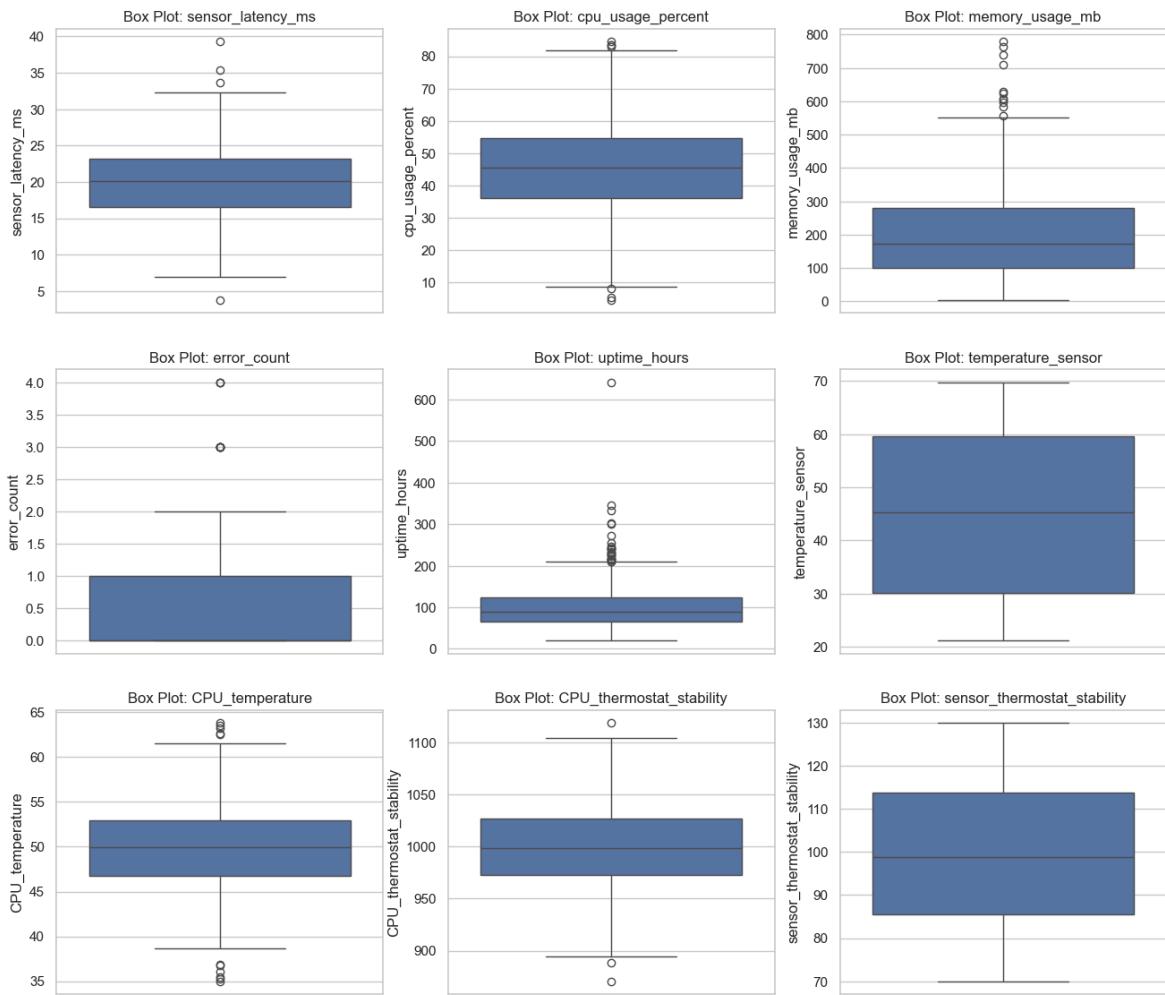
```
In [238...]  
# your answer here  
Answer_Q21 = "..."
```

Task for students: Look at the box plot above and answer:

- Is there anything else wrong with the plot and what can you do to improve it?

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In [240...]  
# your answer here  
Answer_Q22 = "..."
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In [196...]  
# Your code to improve the plot here
```



Section 3: Measures of Center and Variability

Task for students: print the descriptive statistics to summarize the central tendency, dispersion and shape of all columns in the data

In [197...]

```
# your code here
```

Out[197...]

| | sensor_latency_ms | cpu_usage_percent | memory_usage_mb | error_count | uptime_h |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| count | 500.000000 | 500.000000 | 500.000000 | 500.000000 | 500.00 |
| mean | 20.034190 | 45.477392 | 207.990699 | 0.530000 | 101.86 |
| std | 4.906266 | 14.669958 | 141.869183 | 0.755143 | 57.08 |
| min | 3.793663 | 4.546700 | 4.591898 | 0.000000 | 20.17 |
| 25% | 16.498463 | 36.070624 | 99.706662 | 0.000000 | 65.49 |
| 50% | 20.063986 | 45.427974 | 173.237281 | 0.000000 | 88.39 |
| 75% | 23.183916 | 54.768634 | 280.858874 | 1.000000 | 123.13 |
| max | 39.263657 | 84.485731 | 778.689043 | 4.000000 | 641.05 |



Task for students: Using the plots and the descriptive statistics above try to solve the following questions. Please complement with further measures if needed.

1. Which metric shows the most variability? Justify using both range and standard deviation.
2. Compare sensor latency and uptime. Which one is more consistent across systems
3. Can we compare variability across metrics with different units (e.g., ms vs MB)?
4. For which variable would the median be a better measure of "typical" than the mean?

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In [241...]: Answer_Q31 = "..."  
Answer_Q32 = "..."  
Answer_Q33 = "..."  
Answer_Q34 = "..."
```

Task for students:

1. Identify one metric where $\text{mean} > \text{median} > \text{mode}$. What does this indicate about skewness?
2. Can you find a metric where there are not big differences between $\text{mean} \approx \text{median} \approx \text{mode}$? What does this tell us about the distribution shape?

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In [199...]: # Your code here
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sensor_latency_ms: Mean=20.03, Median=20.06, Mode=3.79  
cpu_usage_percent: Mean=45.48, Median=45.43, Mode=4.55  
memory_usage_mb: Mean=207.99, Median=173.24, Mode=4.59  
error_count: Mean=0.53, Median=0.00, Mode=0.00  
uptime_hours: Mean=101.86, Median=88.39, Mode=20.17  
temperature_sensor: Mean=44.88, Median=45.29, Mode=21.21  
CPU_temperature: Mean=49.86, Median=49.90, Mode=52.70  
CPU_thermostat_stability: Mean=998.45, Median=998.54, Mode=870.76  
sensor_thermostat_stability: Mean=99.67, Median=98.85, Mode=70.00
```

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In [242...]: Answer_Q35 = " ... "
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In [201...]: Answer_Q36 = " ... "
```

Section 4: Quantiles, percentiles, and Outliers

Task for students:

- calculate quantiles [0.01, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 0.99] for uptime_hours and sensor_latency_ms

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In [202...]: # Your code here
```

Out[202...]

| | sensor_latency_ms | uptime_hours |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 0.01 | 9.802429 | 25.936007 |
| 0.25 | 16.498463 | 65.496874 |
| 0.50 | 20.063986 | 88.391079 |
| 0.75 | 23.183916 | 123.137689 |
| 0.99 | 30.958488 | 273.254100 |

Task for students:

- calculate IQR for sensor_latency_ms

In [209...]

```
# Your code here  
# For sensor_latency_ms
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IQR of sensor_latency_ms: 6.685453292992861

Task for students:

- calculate IQR for uptime_hours

In [210...]

```
# Your code here  
# For uptime_hours
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IQR of uptime_hours: 57.64081552793367

Task for students: Can we use the IQR to flag extreme values (outliers) using percentiles, check how and apply this to detect and count the outliers in .

The IQR outlier rule:

- Lower bound = $Q1 - 1.5 \times IQR$
- Upper bound = $Q3 + 1.5 \times IQR$

In [204...]

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# Your code here
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sensor_latency_ms Outliers detected: 4

In [205...]

```
# Your code here
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uptime_hours outliers detected: 486

Task for students: Why might some outliers be legitimate and not errors?

Values outside this range can be flagged as potential outliers, under some assumptions — such as the data being approximately symmetric and without heavy tails. In highly skewed or long-tailed distributions, this rule may flag many legitimate values as "outliers".

In [206...]

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Answer_Q41 = "..."
```

Task for students:

- How can you use the percentiles/ IQR to conclude about the shape of the distribution of the values of uptime_hours?
- Check box plot / histograms do they confirm the distribution shape that you can conclude using percentiles?

Section 5: compare variables

Task for students: Which thermostat is more stable and consistent, print the mean values and standard deviations and explain why it can be misleading to use only these measures to compare

```
In [2]: # Variables to compare  
var1 = "CPU_thermostat_stability"  
var2 = "sensor_thermostat_stability"  
  
# Your code here
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In [214...]  
# Your code here  
Answer_Q51 = "..."
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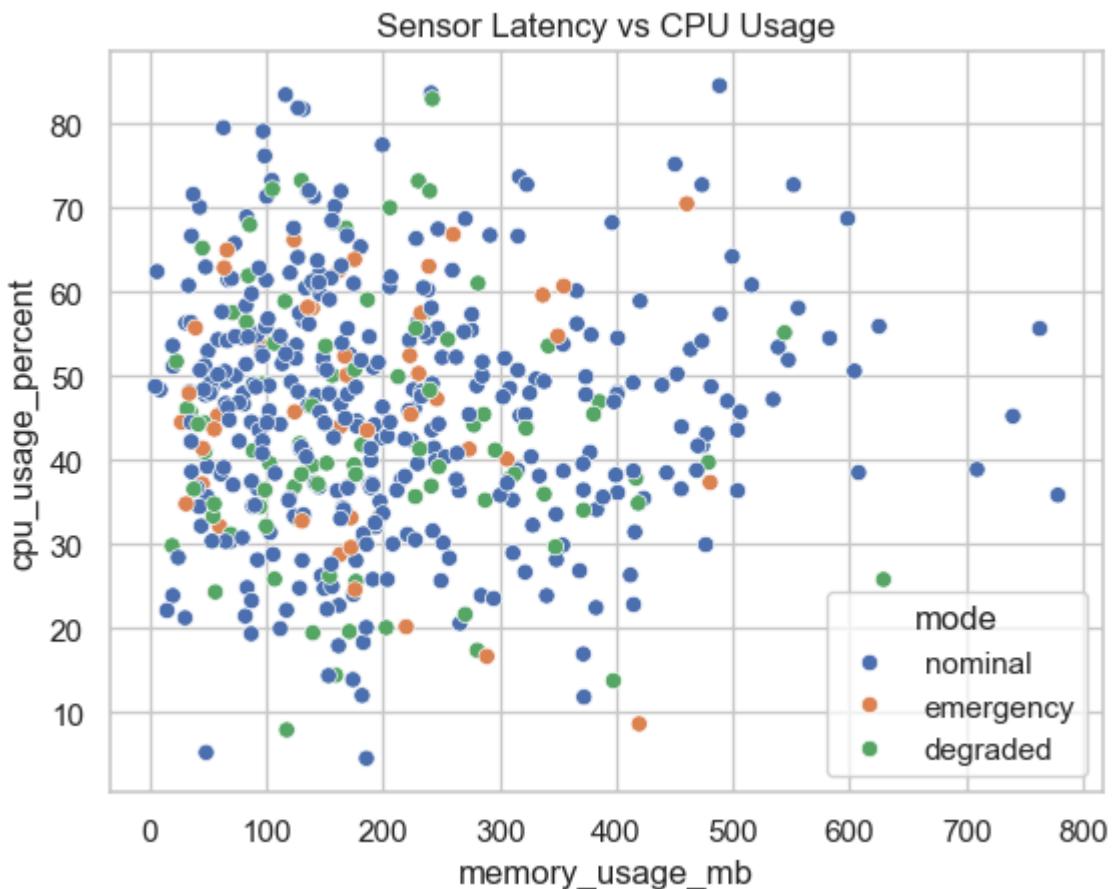
Section6: Scatter Plot Analysis

Task for students:

1. can you identify any clusters or linear relationships between the variables: sensor_latency_ms and cpu_usage_percent. Which plot can we use to plot this?
2. Which mode is associated with higher CPU load?

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In [243...]  
Answer_Q61 = "..."
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In [229...]  
# Your code here
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In [ ]: Answer_Q62 = "..."
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Section7: Correlation Matrix

✓ Task for students:

- Code to identify the strongest positive and negative relationships between the variables

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In [9]: # Your code here
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