Delhivery Case Study

Business problem

To extract, clean, and engineer meaningful features from raw data generated by Delhivery's data pipelines, enabling the team to build accurate forecasting models that support data-driven decisions aimed at improving operational efficiency, profitability, and customer service quality

→		data	trip_creation_time	route_schedule_uuid	route_type	trip_uuid	source_center	source_name	destination_
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5 rows × 24 columns

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

```
print("Shape of the data (rows, columns):", df.shape)
→ Shape of the data (rows, columns): (144867, 24)
print("Data types of attributes:")
print(df.dtypes)
\rightarrow Data types of attributes:
     data
                                        object
     trip_creation_time
                                        object
                                        object
     route_schedule_uuid
     route_type
                                        object
     trip_uuid
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     source_center
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     source_name
                                        object
     destination_center
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     destination_name
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    od start time
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     od_end_time
                                        object
```

float64 start_scan_to_end_scan is cutoff bool ${\tt cutoff_factor}$ int64 $\verb"cutoff_timestamp"$ object $\verb|actual_distance_to_destination||\\$ float64 actual_time float64 osrm_time float64 osrm_distance float64 float64 segment_actual_time float64 segment_osrm_time float64 segment_osrm_distance float64 segment_factor float64 dtype: object

df.info()

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
     RangeIndex: 144867 entries, 0 to 144866
     Data columns (total 24 columns):
          Column
                                              Non-Null Count
                                                                 Dtype
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     0
          data
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      1
          trip creation time
                                             144867 non-null object
      2
          route_schedule_uuid
      3
          route_type
                                             144867 non-null object
      4
          trip_uuid
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          source_center
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          source_name
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      144867 non-null

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      20 segment_actual_time
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     22 segment_osrm_time 14486/ non-null float64
22 segment_osrm_distance 144867 non-null float64
                                              144867 non-null float64
      23 segment_factor
     dtypes: bool(1), float64(10), int64(1), object(12)
     memory usage: 25.6+ MB
```

```
print("Missing values in each column:")
print(df.isna().sum())
```

```
→ Missing values in each column:
    data
                                          0
    trip_creation_time
                                         a
    route_schedule_uuid
                                         0
    route_type
    trip_uuid
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    source center
                                         0
    source_name
                                       293
    destination_center
                                         0
    destination name
                                       261
    od start time
                                         a
    od end time
                                         0
    start_scan_to_end_scan
                                         0
    is_cutoff
                                         0
    cutoff_factor
                                         0
    cutoff_timestamp
    actual_distance_to_destination
    actual_time
    osrm time
    osrm distance
                                         0
    factor
                                         a
    segment_actual_time
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    {\tt segment\_osrm\_time}
    segment_osrm_distance
                                         0
    segment_factor
    dtype: int64
```

This mean there are two columns in their data that has source_name and destination_name has null values

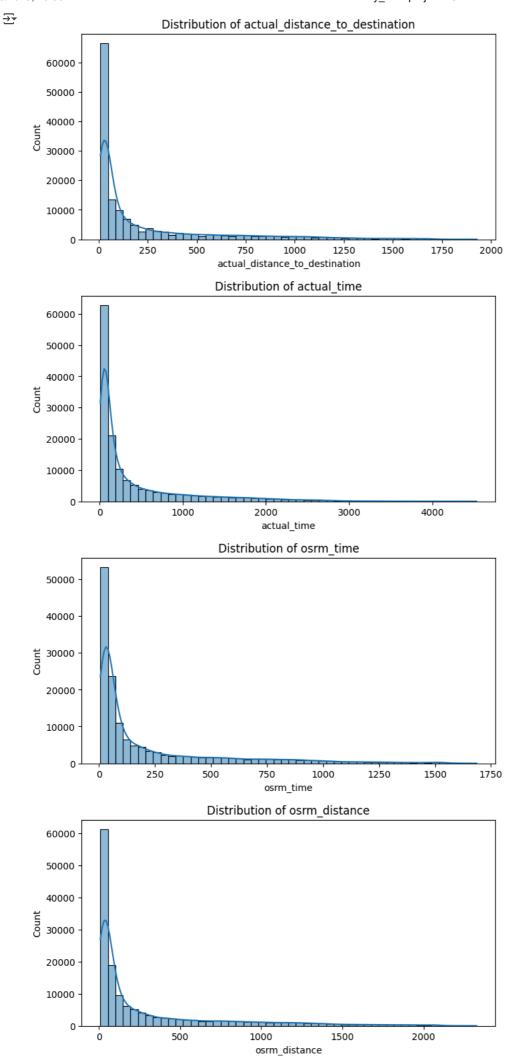
```
df.head(5)
```

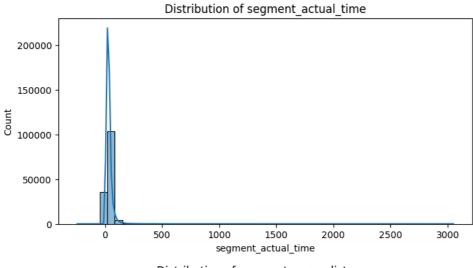
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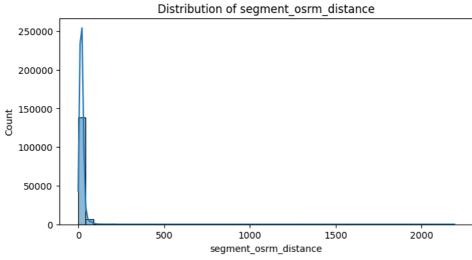
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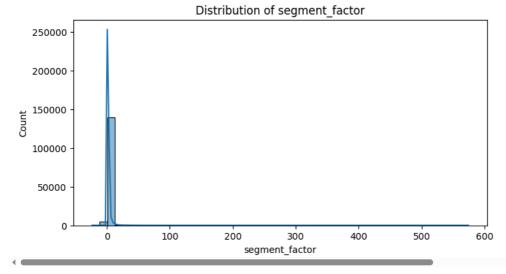
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

# Corrected continuous variable list (no trailing spaces)
cont_vars = ['actual_distance_to_destination', 'actual_time', 'osrm_time', 'osrm_distance', 'segment_actual_time', 'segment_osrm_distance'
for var in cont_vars:
    plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
    sns.histplot(df[var], bins=50, kde=True)
    plt.title(f'Distribution of {var}')
    plt.show()
```









Feature Creations

df['speed'] = df['actual_distance_to_destination'] / df['actual_time']

df.head(5)



Time Difference Between OSRM and Actual

df['time_diff'] = df['actual_time'] - df['osrm_time']
df.head(5)

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Distance Difference Between OSRM and Actual

 $\label{eq:def} $$ df['distance_diff'] = df['actual_distance_to_destination'] - df['osrm_distance'] $$ df.head(5) $$$



Segment-level Efficiency

```
df['segment_speed'] = df['segment_osrm_distance'] / df['segment_actual_time']
df.head(5)
```

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*Merging of rows and aggregation of fields *

3 thanos::sroute:00b294b8-d2c3-4bca-a3be-684f462...

4 thanos::sroute:01164881-301e-45f8-bacd-ee21c37...

 $\verb|avg_actual_time | total_actual_time | avg_actual_distance | | |$

3993.0

3165.0

858.0

Aggregate by route_schedule_uuid

0

61.430769

87.916667

```
agg_route = df.groupby('route_schedule_uuid').agg(
   trip_count=('trip_uuid', 'nunique'),
   avg_actual_time=('actual_time', 'mean'),
   total_actual_time=('actual_time', 'sum'),
   avg_actual_distance=('actual_distance_to_destination', 'mean'),
   total_actual_distance=('actual_distance_to_destination', 'sum'),
    avg_speed=('speed', 'mean'),
   cutoff_trip_count=('is_cutoff', 'sum'),
   avg_cutoff_factor=('cutoff_factor', 'mean')
).reset_index()
print(agg_route.head())
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                                     route_schedule_uuid trip_count \
       thanos::sroute:0007affd-fd01-4cf0-8a4f-90419df...
     1 thanos::sroute:00435307-de7f-4439-bd6a-5a2a9a3...
                                                                   9
     2 thanos::sroute:00a74fab-a3ac-44df-b83a-cbf181b...
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8

15

13.409445

21.485936

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26.988311
        73 589928
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4
        93.264368
                             8114.0
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3
            3332.983421 0.444064
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4
                                                 54
```

2. Aggregate by Corridor (source_center \rightarrow destination_center)

```
agg_corridor = df.groupby(['source_center', 'destination_center']).agg(
   trip_count=('trip_uuid', 'nunique'),
   avg_actual_time=('actual_time', 'mean'),
   avg actual distance=('actual distance to destination', 'mean'),
   avg_speed=('speed', 'mean'),
   cutoff_trip_count=('is_cutoff', 'sum')
).reset_index()
print(agg_corridor.head())
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      source_center destination_center trip_count avg_actual_time
                                          18
    0 IND000000AAL
                         IND411033AAA
                                                        63.702703
    1 IND000000AAQ
                         IND700028AAB
                                                2
                                                        78.250000
    2 IND000000AAS
                         IND783370AAC
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                                                        50.555556
    3 IND000000AAZ
                         IND444203AAA
                                                1
                                                       181.666667
    4 IND000000AAZ
                         IND444303AAA
                                                1
                                                       122.333333
       avg_actual_distance avg_speed cutoff_trip_count
    0
                 13.890556 0.282074
                 10.295014
                            0.141828
    1
                 26.000435 0.550613
    2
    3
                 42,244027
                            0.248681
                                                      2
                 38.177141 0.361501
    4
```

3. Aggregate by Date or Time (optional if timestamp available)

```
df['trip_creation_time'] = pd.to_datetime(df['trip_creation_time'])
df['trip_date'] = df['trip_creation_time'].dt.date
agg_daily = df.groupby('trip_date').agg(
    trip_count=('trip_uuid', 'nunique'),
    avg_actual_time=('actual_time', 'mean'),
    avg_actual_distance=('actual_distance_to_destination', 'mean'),
    avg_speed=('speed', 'mean'),
   cutoff_trip_count=('is_cutoff', 'sum')
).reset_index()
print(agg_daily.head())
\overline{z}
        trip_date trip_count avg_actual_time avg_actual_distance avg_speed \
                    747
                                                       213.922594 0.533108
218.478347 0.545978
     0 2018-09-12
                                     376.343960
                          750
     1 2018-09-13
                                     385.313924
     2 2018-09-14
                          712
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     3 2018-09-15
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                                                                       0.542685
     4 2018-09-16
                                    414.699462
                                                          244.491189
                          616
                                                                       0.572593
        cutoff_trip_count
     0
                     5713
     1
                     5800
     2
                     5521
     3
                     6081
     4
                     5595
```

Comparison & Visualization of time and distance fields

1. Scatter plot: Actual time vs Actual distance

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

# Set the size of the figure to 10 inches wide and 6 inches tall
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))

sns.scatterplot(x='actual_distance_to_destination', y='actual_time', data=df, alpha=0.5)

# Add a title to the plot
plt.title('Actual Delivery Time vs Actual Distance')
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```
# Label the x-axis
plt.xlabel('Actual Distance to Destination (km or meters)')
# Label the y-axis
plt.ylabel('Actual Time (seconds or minutes)')
# Display the plot
plt.show()
```



2. Scatter plot: OSRM time vs OSRM distance

```
# Set up the figure size to 10 inches wide and 6 inches tall
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))

# Create a scatter plot with:
sns.scatterplot(x='osrm_distance', y='osrm_time', data=df, alpha=0.5, color='orange')

# Set the plot title
plt.title('OSRM Estimated Time vs OSRM Estimated Distance')

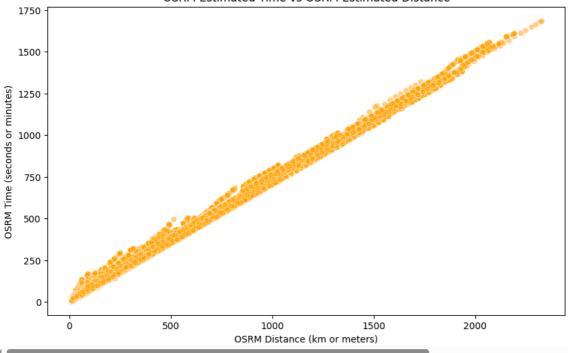
# Label the x-axis
plt.xlabel('OSRM Distance (km or meters)')

# Label the y-axis
plt.ylabel('OSRM Time (seconds or minutes)')

# Show the plot
plt.show()
```



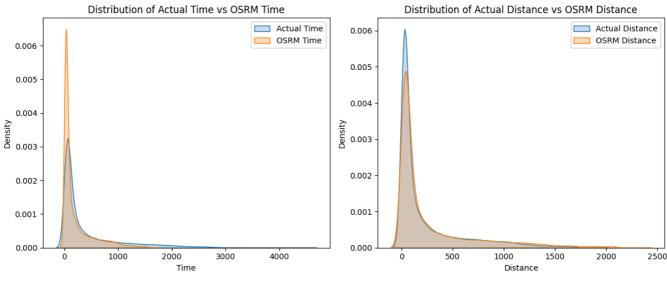
OSRM Estimated Time vs OSRM Estimated Distance



3. Comparing Actual vs OSRM time and distance side by side

```
# Set up a figure with size 12 inches wide and 5 inches tall
plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
# Create the first subplot in a 1 row x 2 columns grid (first plot)
plt.subplot(1,2,1)
# Plot kernel density estimate (KDE) for actual delivery times with shading
sns.kdeplot(df['actual_time'], label='Actual Time', shade=True)
# Plot KDE for OSRM estimated times on the same subplot with shading
sns.kdeplot(df['osrm_time'], label='OSRM Time', shade=True)
# Set title for the first subplot
plt.title('Distribution of Actual Time vs OSRM Time')
# Label the x-axis
plt.xlabel('Time')
# Show legend to differentiate actual and OSRM time distributions
plt.legend()
# Create the second subplot in the 1x2 grid (second plot)
plt.subplot(1,2,2)
# Plot KDE for actual delivery distances with shading
\verb|sns.kdeplot(df['actual_distance_to_destination']|, label='Actual Distance', \verb|shade=True|| \\
# Plot KDE for OSRM estimated distances with shading on the same subplot
sns.kdeplot(df['osrm_distance'], label='OSRM Distance', shade=True)
# Set title for the second subplot
plt.title('Distribution of Actual Distance vs OSRM Distance')
# Label the x-axis
plt.xlabel('Distance')
# Show legend to differentiate actual and OSRM distance distributions
plt.legend()
# Adjust subplot spacing to prevent overlap
plt.tight_layout()
# Display the plot
plt.show()
```

```
<ipython-input-57-26e20af51bca>:8: FutureWarning:
    `shade` is now deprecated in favor of `fill`; setting `fill=True`.
    This will become an error in seaborn v0.14.0; please update your code.
      sns.kdeplot(df['actual_time'], label='Actual Time', shade=True)
    <ipython-input-57-26e20af51bca>:11: FutureWarning:
    `shade` is now deprecated in favor of `fill`; setting `fill=True`.
    This will become an error in seaborn v0.14.0; please update your code.
      sns.kdeplot(df['osrm_time'], label='OSRM Time', shade=True)
    <ipython-input-57-26e20af51bca>:26: FutureWarning:
     `shade` is now deprecated in favor of `fill`; setting `fill=True`.
    This will become an error in seaborn v0.14.0; please update your code.
      sns.kdeplot(df['actual_distance_to_destination'], label='Actual Distance', shade=True)
    <ipython-input-57-26e20af51bca>:29: FutureWarning:
    `shade` is now deprecated in favor of `fill`; setting `fill=True`.
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      sns.kdeplot(df['osrm_distance'], label='OSRM Distance', shade=True)
```

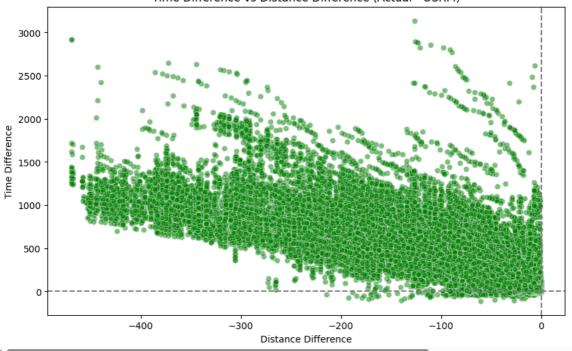


Time difference vs distance difference scatter plot

```
# Calculate the difference between actual and estimated time (OSRM)
df['time_diff'] = df['actual_time'] - df['osrm_time']
# Calculate the difference between actual and estimated distance (OSRM)
df['distance_diff'] = df['actual_distance_to_destination'] - df['osrm_distance']
# Set up the plot with a figure size of 10x6 inches
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.scatterplot(x='distance_diff', y='time_diff', data=df, alpha=0.5, color='green')
# Add a title to the plot
plt.title('Time Difference vs Distance Difference (Actual - OSRM)')
# Label x-axis
plt.xlabel('Distance Difference')
# Label y-axis
plt.ylabel('Time Difference')
\# Add a horizontal dashed line at y=0 to show where time difference is zero
plt.axhline(0, linestyle='--', color='gray')
\# Add a vertical dashed line at x=0 to show where distance difference is zero
plt.axvline(0, linestyle='--', color='gray')
# Display the plot
plt.show()
```



Time Difference vs Distance Difference (Actual - OSRM)



. Missing Values Treatment

```
# Fill missing source_name and destination_name with 'Unknown'
df['source_name'] = df['source_name'].fillna('Unknown')
df['destination_name'] = df['destination_name'].fillna('Unknown')
df.sample(5)
```

_		data	trip_creation_time	route_schedule_uuid	route_type	trip_uuid	source_center	source_name	destir
	19146	test	2018-10-01 23:43:30.389791	thanos::sroute:67c77992- 49e3-4594-9a75- 9861ef0	FTL	trip- 153843741038955003	IND421302AAG	Bhiwandi_Mankoli_HB (Maharashtra)	1
	43154	training	2018-09-18 04:59:16.125309	thanos::sroute:6be6529b- f2ad-4714-b7ab- ac58f24	FTL	trip- 153724675612503042	IND000000ACB	Gurgaon_Bilaspur_HB (Haryana)	1
	120571	training	2018-09-25 04:21:12.551117	thanos::sroute:96a80600- 40e1-436b-9161- fa68f9e	FTL	trip- 153784927255069118	IND000000ACB	Gurgaon_Bilaspur_HB (Haryana)	1
	127654	training	2018-09-19 13:56:50.375577	thanos::sroute:38e6d56f- 8d2e-44c8-9366- 85501ed	FTL	trip- 153736541037531806	IND757037AAA	Karanjia_Sarubali_D (Orissa)	I
	119608	test	2018-10-02 06:46:03.336668	thanos::sroute:41c12a39- f117-4645-8e2a- e4901e0	FTL	trip- 153846276333642499	IND421302AAG	Bhiwandi_Mankoli_HB (Maharashtra)	I
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Outlier Treatment

```
# Define lower bound for outliers (1.5 times IQR below Q1)
lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR

# Define upper bound for outliers (1.5 times IQR above Q3)
upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR

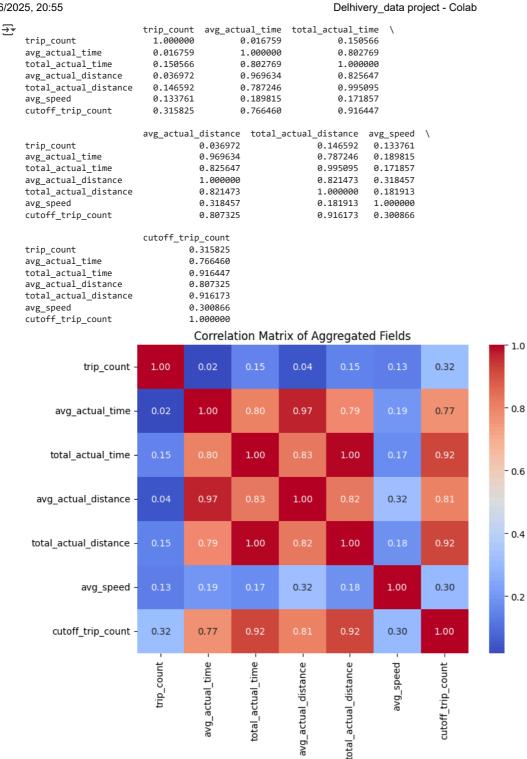
# Identify outliers that lie outside the lower and upper bounds
outliers = df[(df[var] < lower_bound) | (df[var] > upper_bound)]

# Print the variable name and number of outliers found
print(f"{var}: {len(outliers)} outliers")
```

```
actual_distance_to_destination: 17992 outliers
actual_time: 16633 outliers
osrm_time: 17603 outliers
osrm_distance: 17816 outliers
segment_actual_time: 9298 outliers
segment_osrm_distance: 4315 outliers
segment_factor: 13976 outliers
```

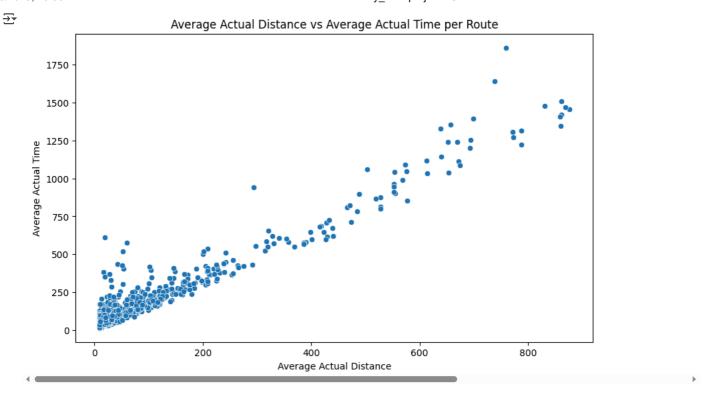
*Checking relationship between aggregated fields *

Correlation Analysis



Scatterplots for Key Relationships

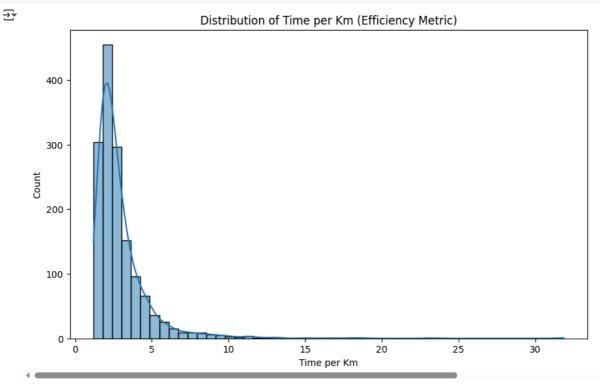
```
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.scatterplot(x='avg_actual_distance', y='avg_actual_time', data=agg_route)
plt.title('Average Actual Distance vs Average Actual Time per Route')
plt.xlabel('Average Actual Distance')
plt.ylabel('Average Actual Time')
plt.show()
```



3. Time vs Distance Ratio

```
agg_route['time_per_km'] = agg_route['avg_actual_time'] / agg_route['avg_actual_distance']

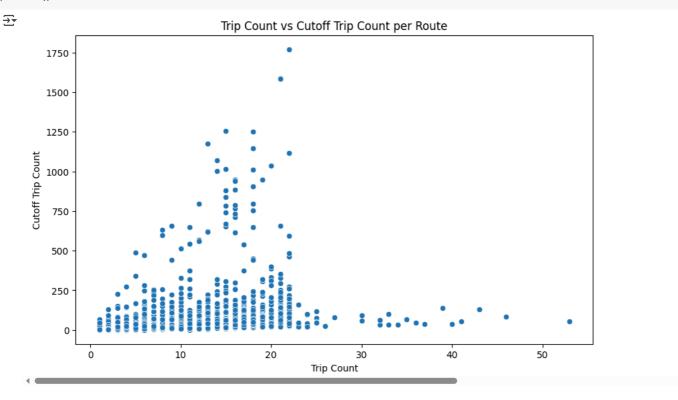
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.histplot(agg_route['time_per_km'], bins=50, kde=True)
plt.title('Distribution of Time per Km (Efficiency Metric)')
plt.xlabel('Time per Km')
plt.show()
```



4. Relationship between trip_count and cutoff_trip_count

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.scatterplot(x='trip_count', y='cutoff_trip_count', data=agg_route)
plt.title('Trip Count vs Cutoff Trip Count per Route')
plt.xlabel('Trip Count')
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plt.ylabel('Cutoff Trip Count')
plt.show()



* *Handling categorical values *

₹		data	trip_creation_time	route_schedule_uuid	route_type	trip_uuid	source_center	source_name o
	5470	training	2018-09-12 20:24:29.188095	thanos::sroute:162f9a67- 5ebe-4338-8450- 1c6d57d	FTL	trip- 153678386918787011	IND000000ACB	Gurgaon_Bilaspur_HB (Haryana)
	38432	training	2018-09-13 19:04:27.170139	thanos::sroute:48117ed8- ce82-41f4-9cd0- f065c10	FTL	trip- 153686546716987129	IND382430AAB	Ahmedabad_East_H_1 (Gujarat)
	105498	training	2018-09-18 02:28:11.866136	thanos::sroute:5bd33197- 898a-47eb-bcde- 7193b9f	FTL	trip- 153723769186587220	IND363310AAB	Dhrangadhra_NvygRDPP_D (Gujarat)
	112467	training	2018-09-20 07:00:39.868630	thanos::sroute:14c55592- ba2e-4f72-820c- 3a22334	FTL	trip- 153742683986834433	IND562132AAA	Bangalore_Nelmngla_H (Karnataka)
	120588	training	2018-09-25 04:21:12.551117	thanos::sroute:96a80600- 40e1-436b-9161- fa68f9e	FTL	trip- 153784927255069118	IND000000ACB	Gurgaon_Bilaspur_HB (Haryana)
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df['trip_creation_time'] = pd.to_datetime(df['trip_creation_time'], errors='coerce')
df['od_start_hour'] = df['od_start_time'].dt.hour.astype('category')
df['od_start_dayofweek'] = df['od_start_time'].dt.dayofweek.astype('category')
df['cutoff_hour'] = df['cutoff_timestamp'].dt.hour.astype('category')
df['cutoff_dayofweek'] = df['cutoff_timestamp'].dt.dayofweek.astype('category')
# Label Encoding example - create a new LabelEncoder for each column inside the loop
for col in ['route_type', 'source_center', 'destination_center']:
   le = LabelEncoder()
    # Some categories might have missing values, so fillna before encoding
    df[col] = df[col].astype(str) # Convert to string to avoid issues with categories
    df[col+'_encoded'] = le.fit_transform(df[col])
# Frequency Encoding example for high cardinality
freq = df['source_name'].value_counts(normalize=True)
df['source_name_freq_enc'] = df['source_name'].map(freq)
# One-hot encode some categorical features with low cardinality
df = pd.get_dummies(df, columns=['route_type', 'od_start_hour', 'od_start_dayofweek'], drop_first=True)
```

Column Normalization / Column Standardization

```
₹
           actual_distance_to_destination
                                          actual time
                                                           osrm time
                            1.448670e+05 1.448670e+05 1.448670e+05
    count
                           -1.035892e-16 3.060591e-17 -1.903060e-17
    mean
    std
                            1.000003e+00 1.000003e+00 1.000003e+00
                           -6.524076e-01 -6.820372e-01 -6.748750e-01
    min
    25%
                           -6.107952e-01 -6.118150e-01 -6.066954e-01
    50%
                           -4.868181e-01 -4.763865e-01 -4.865695e-01
    75%
                            1.525716e-01 1.606290e-01 1.400335e-01
                            4.908490e+00 6.880224e+00 4.779493e+00
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    count
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                                2.722160e-18
                                                     -9.750730e-17
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    mean
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    std
    min
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    25%
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    50%
           -1.101921e-01
    75%
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            1.180052e+02
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Business Insights

1. Top Sources and Destinations of Orders

Most orders originate from certain source_center or source_name. Identify these

top centers contributing the bulk of shipments.

Similarly, check destination_center or destination_name for key delivery hotspots.

This helps the business focus resources like staffing and vehicles on high-traffic centers.

2. *Busiest Corridors *

A corridor can be defined as a combination of (source_center, destination_center).

Identify which corridors have the highest volume of trips.

Knowing the busiest corridors helps optimize route planning and fleet allocation.

3. Average Distance and Time per Corridor

Calculate the average actual distance and average actual delivery time per corridor.

Compare actual time with OSRM estimated time to identify efficiency or delays.

Long distances with short delivery times may indicate express services, while long times suggest bottlenecks.

4. Order Volume by Time

Analyze the od_start_time and trip_creation_time to find peak hours and days for orders.

This helps in scheduling staff and vehicles to meet demand spikes.

5. Cutoff Impact

Use is_cutoff and cutoff_factor fields to assess how cutoff rules affect delivery schedules.

Identify how often cutoff policies cause delays or cancellations.

6. Outliers and Exceptions

Outliers in actual_time or actual_distance_to_destination could indicate exceptional cases like traffic jams, vehicle breakdowns, or incorrect data

Investigate these for operational improvements.

7. Accuracy of Estimated vs Actual Metrics

Compare actual_time and osrm_time, actual_distance_to_destination and osrm_distance.

Identify if the route planning estimates are reliable or if adjustments are needed.

8. Segment-Level Insights

Analyze segment times and distances to understand which route segments consistently cause delays.

Optimize specific segments with infrastructure improvements or alternate routes.

9. State-Level or Regional Trends

If source_center and destination_center map to states or regions, identify states with highest order volumes or longest delivery times.

Tailor marketing or operational efforts regionally.

10. Recommendations for Capacity Planning

From volume, time, and distance insights, recommend fleet size, warehouse locations, and driver shifts to optimize delivery performance.

Recommendations

1-Focus Resources on Busy Locations

Increase staffing and vehicle availability at the top source and destination centers where most orders are coming from to ensure smooth and faster deliveries.

2-Optimize Busiest Routes

Prioritize route planning and vehicle assignment for the busiest corridors to reduce delays and improve delivery efficiency.

3-Adjust Schedules to Peak Times

Schedule more drivers and support staff during peak order times (like mid-morning to early afternoon) to handle increased demand without slowdowns.

4-Review and Improve Delivery Estimates

Since actual delivery times are often longer than the estimated times, update the planning system to better reflect real-world conditions and avoid customer disappointment.

5-Address Delays in Problem Segments

Identify and focus on route segments that consistently cause delays. Consider alternative routes or additional support to minimize hold-ups.

6-Manage Cutoff Times Smartly

Reevaluate cutoff policies to reduce their impact on delivery delays, making sure orders are processed timely without unnecessary hold-ups.

7-Plan for Outliers Have contingency plans for exceptional cases like traffic jams or vehicle issues to quickly respond and minimize delivery disruptions.

8-Expand Fleet or Shift Coverage

Based on delivery volume patterns, increase the number of delivery vehicles or extend driver shifts to meet demand without overtime delays.

9-Regional Focus for Growth

Target marketing and operational improvements in regions or states with the highest order volumes to grow business effectively.

10-Continuous Monitoring and Feedback

Regularly track delivery times and distances to spot new issues early and continuously improve operations.

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