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ABSTRACT

One day, my old running friend and I were chatting about our running styles, training habits, and achievements, when I suddenly realized that I could take an in-depth analytical look at my training.

I have been using a popular GPS fitness tracker called [Runkeeper](#) for years and decided it was time to analyze my running data to see how I was doing.

Since 2012, I've been using the Runkeeper app, and it's great. One key feature: its excellent data export. Anyone who has a smartphone can download the app and analyze their data

1.1 About the Company

MedTourEasy, a global healthcare company, provides you the informational resources needed to evaluate your global options. MedTourEasy provides analytical solutions to our partner healthcare providers globally.

1.2 About the Project

Leverage the wealth of data accumulated over years using Runkeeper to assess my running performance. Extract key trends, identify areas for improvement, and potentially set more targeted running goals.

Analysis of the Project: In this project, the "problem" I aimed to address was the absence of a comprehensive analysis of my running data. While I had been diligently tracking runs with Runkeeper, the data remained largely unanalysed.

I lacked insights into key aspects like:

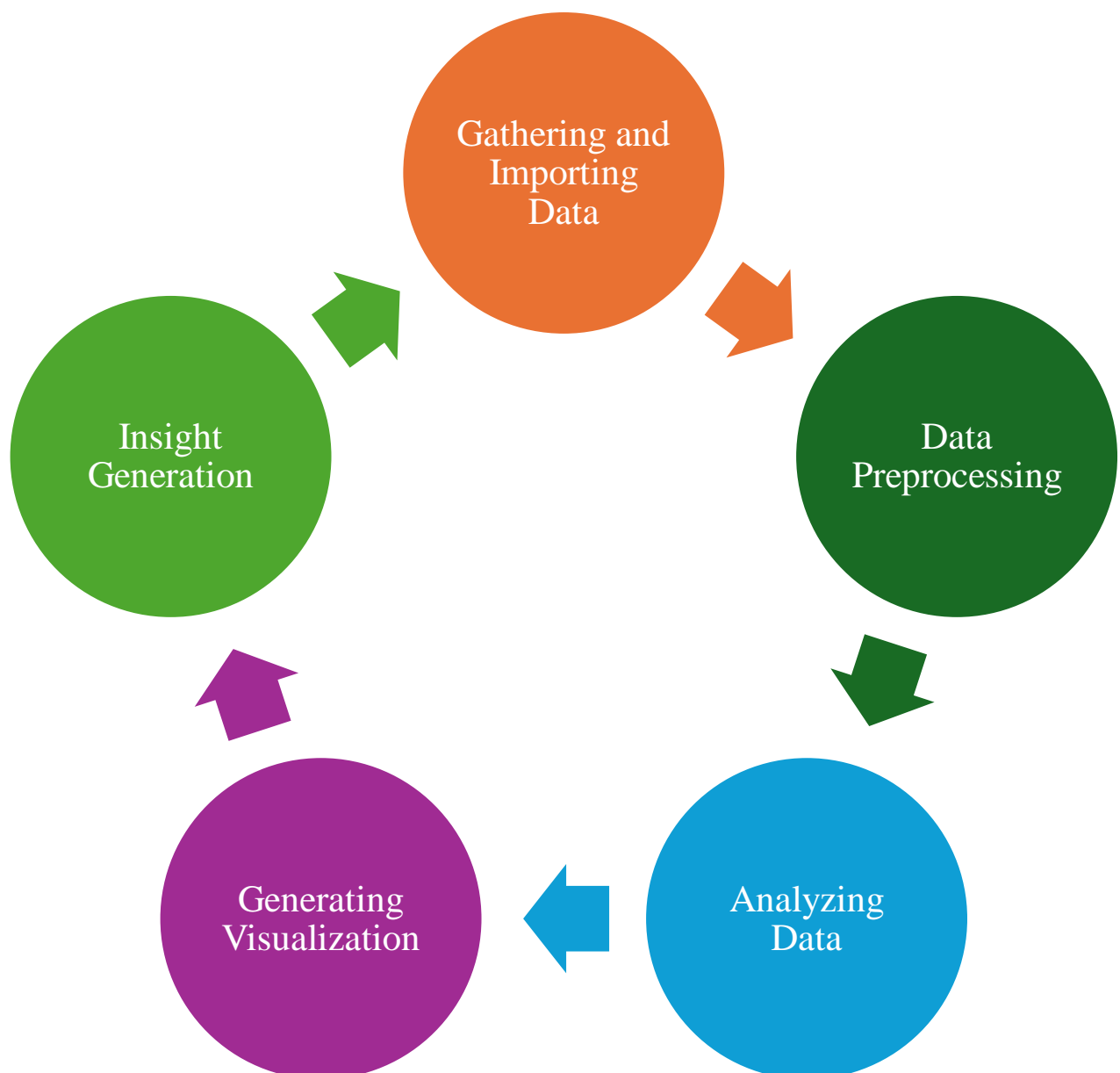
- Overall training volume trends (distance covered over time)
- Pace and speed variations and their connection to factors like distance or elevation
- Consistency in training frequency and how it might impact performance
- Identification of personal bests or longest runs

This lack of deeper understanding made it difficult to:

- Set targeted running goals based on my current performance level
- Identify areas for improvement in my training regimen

2. Methodology

2.1 Flow Of The Project:



2.2 Language and Platform Used:

2.3.1 Language: Python

Python is a powerful and versatile **high-level programming language**, known for its:

- **Readability:** Python's syntax is clear and concise, resembling natural language, making it easier to learn and write compared to some other languages.
- **Versatility:** Python is a **general-purpose language**, meaning it can be used for various tasks like web development, data science, machine learning, scripting, and automation.

While not the heart of your running data analysis project, Python plays a supporting role in data analysis workflows:

- Python's libraries like Pandas empower data cleaning and manipulation before feeding it into SQL databases.
- It shines in data visualization with Matplotlib and Seaborn, creating clear and informative charts from SQL query results.
- For projects demanding more than SQL's capabilities, Python offers Scikit-learn and other libraries for machine learning or advanced statistical analysis.

2.3.2 Tools: Google Collab

Google Collab offers a convenient, accessible, and powerful platform for data analysis projects, making it a popular choice for students, researchers, and data enthusiasts.

- **Free and Cloud-Based:** No software installation is needed. Access Collab from any device with a web browser and internet connection, making it highly portable.
- **Pre-Installed Libraries:** Essential data science libraries like Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, and Scikit-learn are pre-installed, saving you setup time.
- **Easy Data Visualization:** Create charts and graphs directly within your notebooks to visualize your data analysis results.

3. Implementation

3.1 Gathering Requirements and Defining Problem Statement

This is the first step wherein the requirements are collected from the clients to understand the deliverables and goals to be achieved after which a problem statement is defined which must be adhered to while development of the project.

3.2 Data Collection and Importing

Data collection is a systematic approach for gathering and measuring information from a variety of sources to obtain a complete and accurate picture of an interest area. It helps an individual or organization to address specific questions, determine outcomes and forecast future probabilities and patterns.

- Data for this Project was collected from Runkeeper.
- It's a personal data, collected from an app.
- Exported data is in form of .csv file.

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3.3 Data Preprocessing

“Quality data beats fancy algorithms”

Data is the most imperative aspect of Analytics and Machine Learning. Everywhere in computing or business, data is required. But many a times, the data may be incomplete, inconsistent or may contain missing values when it comes to the real world. If the data is corrupted then the process may be impeded or inaccurate results may be provided. Hence, Data cleaning is considered a foundational element of the basic data science.

Data Cleaning means the process by which the incorrect, incomplete, inaccurate, irrelevant or missing part of the data is identified and then modified, replaced or deleted as needed.

- Remove columns not useful for our analysis.
- Replace the "Other" activity type to "Unicycling" because that was always the "Other" activity.
- Count missing values.

```
# Define list of columns to be deleted
cols_to_drop = ['Friend\'s Tagged', 'Route Name', 'GPX File', 'Calories Burned', 'Notes']

# Delete unnecessary columns
df_activities.drop(cols_to_drop, axis=1, inplace=True)

# Count types of training activities
display(df_activities['Type'].value_counts())

# Rename 'Other' type to 'Unicycling'
df_activities['Type'] = df_activities['Type'].replace('Other', 'Unicycling')

# Count missing values for each column
print(df_activities.isnull().sum())
```

```
Type
Running    459
Cycling     29
Walking    18
Other        2
Name: count, dtype: int64
Date        0
Time        0
Type        0
Distance (km)  0
Duration    0
Average Pace  0
Average Speed (km/h)  0
Climb (m)    0
Average Heart Rate (bpm)  214
dtype: int64
```

Here our results shows that, there are 459 activity entry which is running within the dataset, similarly other activities number are also presented.

Next, we found number of null values in every column, and we see that all columns not useful for our analysis have been removed.

Missing Values: As we can see from the last output, there are 214 missing entries for my average heart rate.

We can fill in the missing values with an average value. This process is called mean imputation. When imputing the mean to fill in missing data, we need to consider that the average heart rate varies for different activities

```
# Calculate sample means for heart rate for each training activity type
avg_hr_run = df_activities[df_activities['Type'] == 'Running']['Average Heart Rate (bpm)'].mean()
avg_hr_cycle = df_activities[df_activities['Type'] == 'Cycling']['Average Heart Rate (bpm)'].mean()
avg_hr_walk = df_activities[df_activities['Type'] == 'Walking']['Average Heart Rate (bpm)'].mean()

# Split whole DataFrame into several, specific for different activities
df_run = df_activities[df_activities['Type'] == 'Running'].copy()
df_walk = df_activities[df_activities['Type'] == 'Walking'].copy()
df_cycle = df_activities[df_activities['Type'] == 'Cycling'].copy()

# Filling missing values with counted means
df_walk['Average Heart Rate (bpm)'].fillna(110, inplace=True)
df_run['Average Heart Rate (bpm)'].fillna(int(avg_hr_run), inplace=True)
df_cycle['Average Heart Rate (bpm)'].fillna(int(avg_hr_cycle), inplace=True)

# Count missing values for each column in running data
print(df_run.isnull().sum())
```

```
Date      0
Time      0
Type      0
Distance (km)  0
Duration  0
Average Pace  0
Average Speed (km/h)  0
Climb (m)  0
Average Heart Rate (bpm)  0
dtype: int64
```

Now that we have removed all sorts of missing data, we can now begin analyzing and plotting data and finally generating insights which can be helpful in improving our health and training regiment.

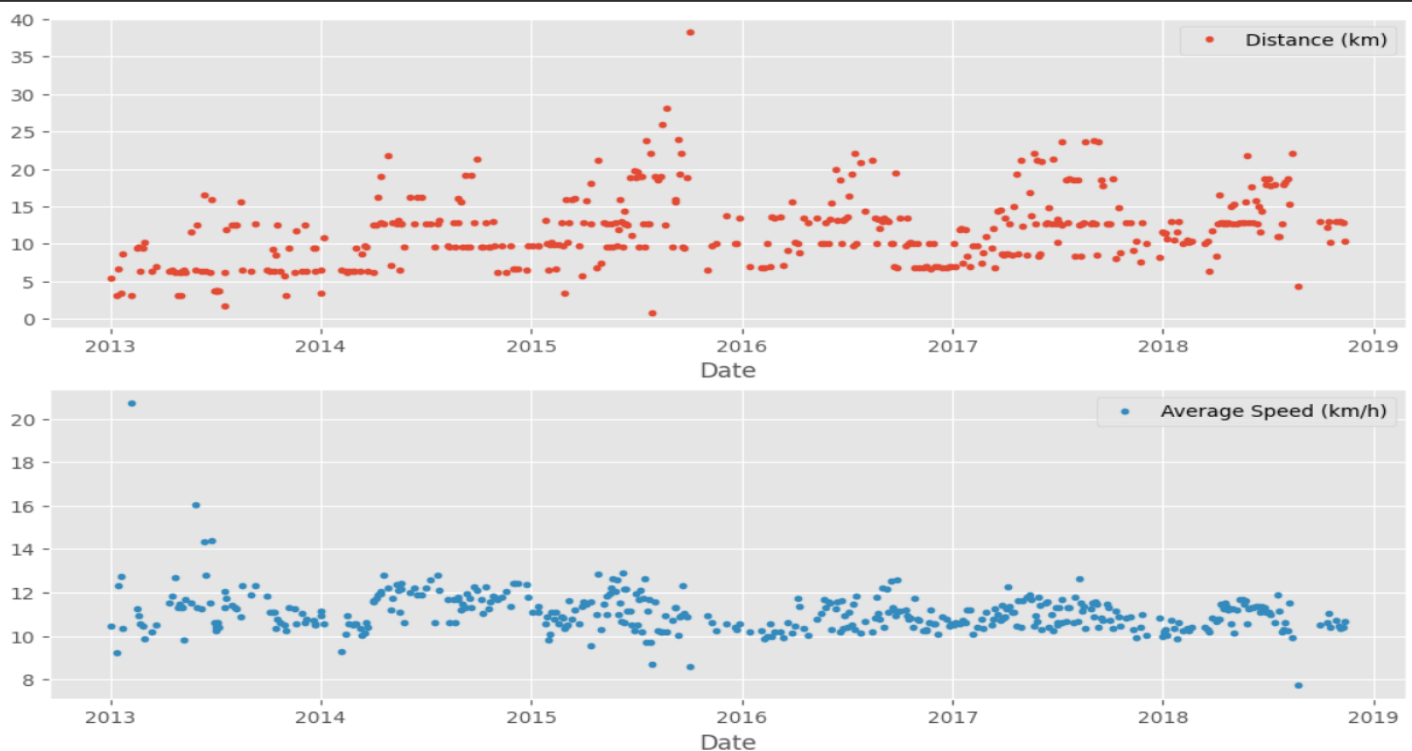
Now, plotting data in beginning can make it easier for us to see how data is changing with time or any other constraint. It gives us basic idea about the story data is trying to say.

```
%matplotlib inline
# Import matplotlib, set style and ignore warning
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
import warnings
plt.style.use('ggplot')
warnings.filterwarnings(
    action='ignore', module='matplotlib.figure', category=UserWarning,
    message=('This figure includes Axes that are not compatible with tight_layout, so results might be incorrect.')
)
df_run.columns
# Prepare data subsetting period from 2013 till 2018
runs_subset_2013_2018 = df_run[(df_run['Date'] >= '2013-01-01') & (df_run['Date'] <= '2018-12-31')]

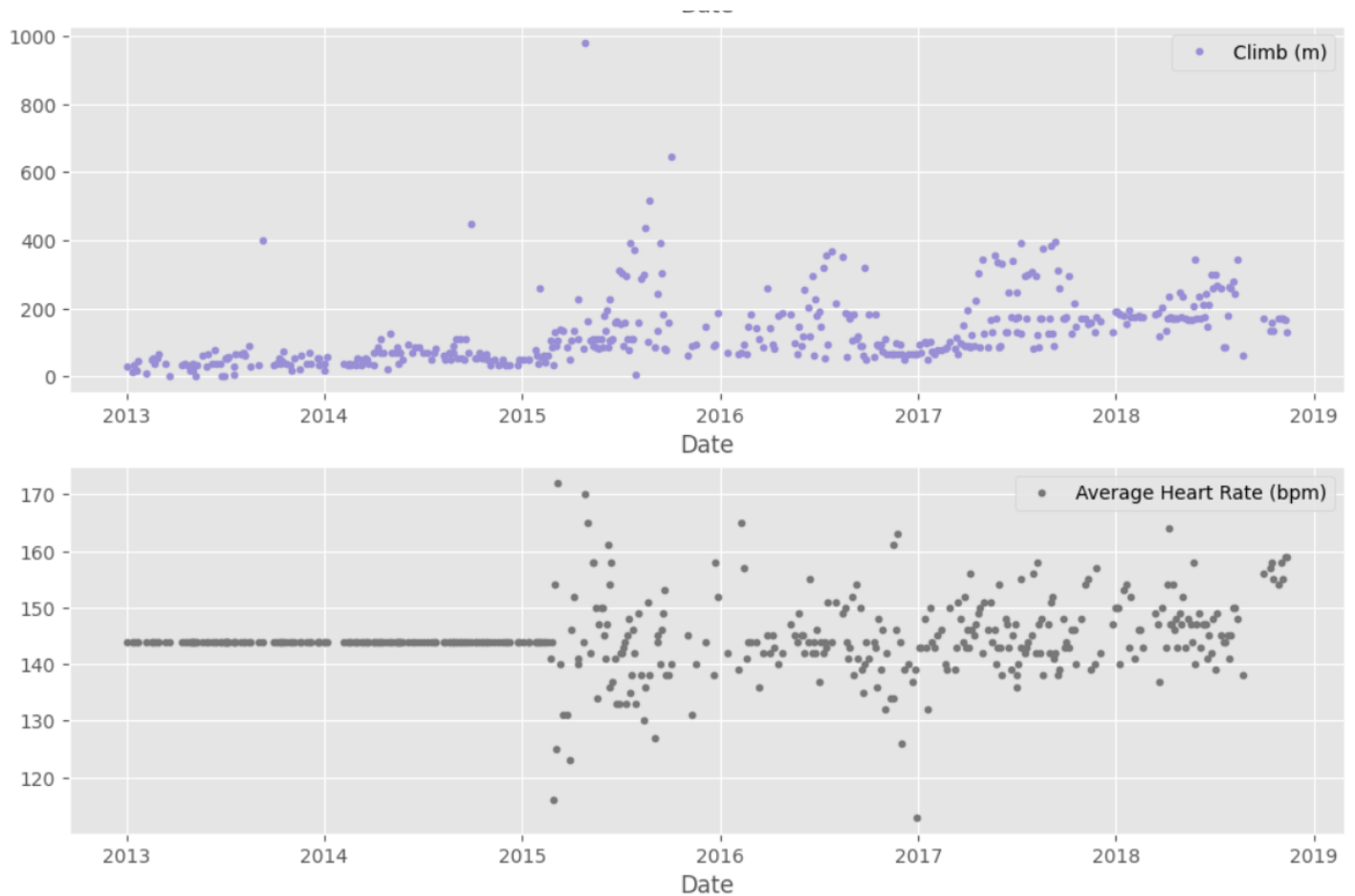
runs_subset_2013_2018.plot(x='Date', y=['Distance (km)', 'Average Speed (km/h)', 'Climb (m)', 'Average Heart Rate (bpm)' ],
    subplots=True,
    sharex=False,
    figsize=(12,16),
    linestyle='none',
    marker='o',
    markersize=3,
)

# Show plot
plt.show()
```

Plot below shows us how distance and average speed of the runner varies from year to year, it helps in seeing progress within the data



The plot below shows the climb(m) and average heart rate(bpm) of the runner, here climb shows the incline the runner has ran through and we also have the record of the heartbeat pattern.



3.4 Analyzing Data: It is a crucial step where we analyze our data to find pattern, insights to come to a conclusion.

Here with the fitness data we have we need to answer few questions:

- What is your average distance?
- How fast do you run?
- Do you measure your heart rate?
- How often do you train?

To answer such question we analyse the data

```
# Check and rename the columns if necessary
if '00:24:41' in df_run.columns:
    df_run.rename(columns={'00:24:41': 'Duration'}, inplace=True)

# Convert 'Date' column to datetime
df_run['Date'] = pd.to_datetime(df_run['Date'])

# Filter the data for the years 2015 to 2018
runs_subset_2015_2018 = df_run[(df_run['Date'] >= '2015-01-01') & (df_run['Date'] <= '2018-12-31')]

# Set 'Date' column as index and convert it to datetime object
runs_subset_2015_2018 = runs_subset_2015_2018.set_index('Date')
runs_subset_2015_2018.index = pd.to_datetime(runs_subset_2015_2018.index)

# Convert 'Time' column to seconds since the start of the day
def convert_time_to_seconds(time_str):
    if isinstance(time_str, str): # Check if time_str is a string
        h, m, s = map(int, time_str.split(':'))
        return h * 3600 + m * 60 + s
    else:
        return time_str # Return the original value if it's not a string

runs_subset_2015_2018['Time'] = runs_subset_2015_2018['Time'].apply(
    lambda x: convert_time_to_seconds(x) if isinstance(x, str) else x
)

# Convert other columns to numeric types where applicable, excluding 'Average Pace'
cols_to_convert = ['Distance (km)', 'Duration', 'Average Speed (km/h)', 'Climb (m)', 'Average Heart Rate (bpm)']
for col in cols_to_convert:
    runs_subset_2015_2018[col] = pd.to_numeric(runs_subset_2015_2018[col], errors='coerce')

# Calculate annual statistics without 'Average Pace'
print('How my average run looks in last 4 years:')
annual_stats = runs_subset_2015_2018.drop(columns=['Type', 'Average Pace']).resample('Y').mean()
print(annual_stats)

# Calculate weekly statistics without 'Average Pace'
print('Weekly averages of last 4 years:')
weekly_stats = runs_subset_2015_2018.drop(columns=['Type', 'Average Pace']).resample('W').mean()
print(weekly_stats)

# Mean weekly counts
weekly_counts_average = runs_subset_2015_2018.resample('W').size().mean()
print('How many trainings per week I had on average:', weekly_counts_average)
```

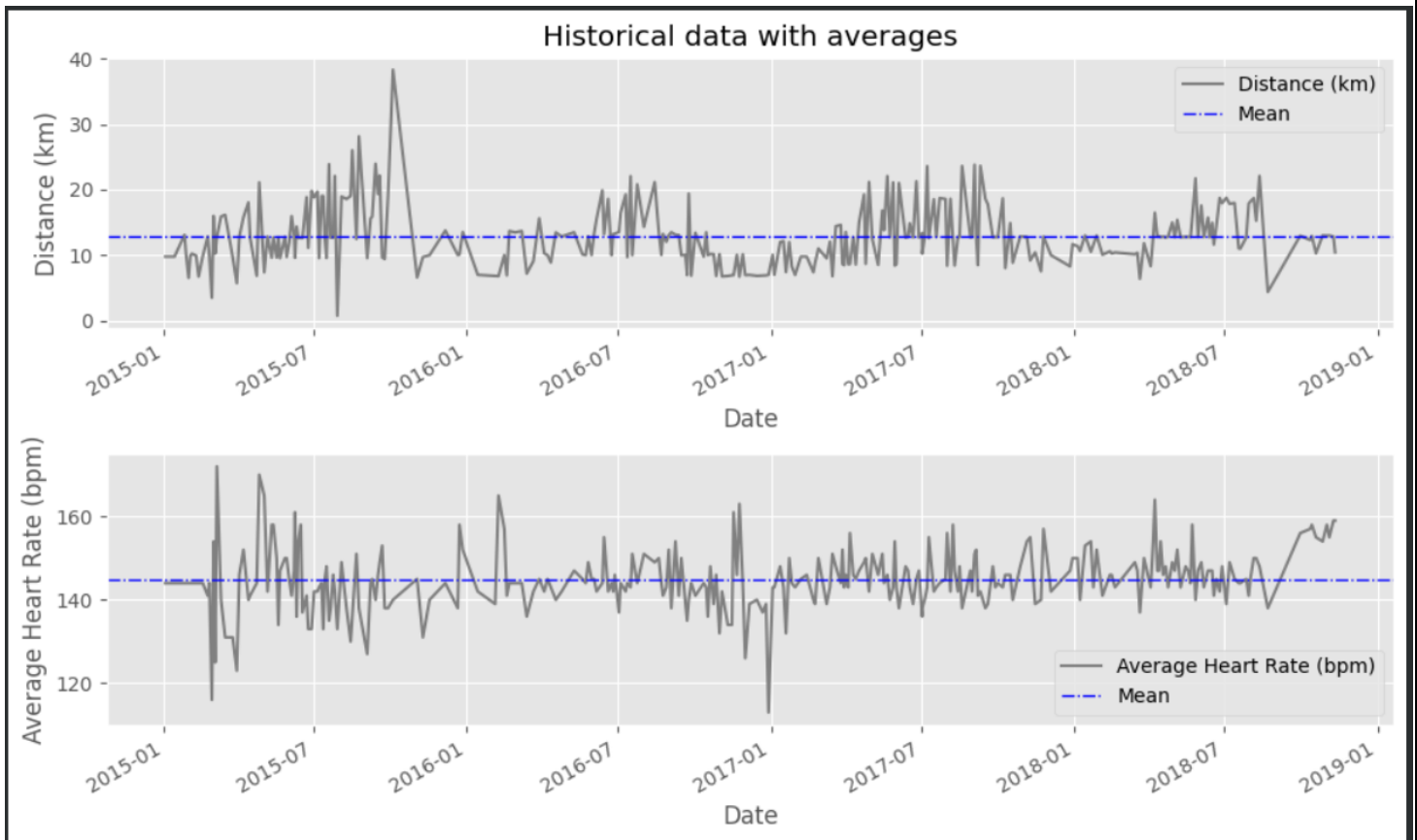
```
How my average run looks in last 4 years:
Time Distance (km) Duration Average Speed (km/h) \
Date
2015-12-31 63439.024390 13.602805 NaN 10.998902
2016-12-31 64020.541667 11.411667 NaN 10.837778
2017-12-31 63811.976471 12.935176 NaN 10.959059
2018-12-31 60249.453125 13.339063 NaN 10.777969

Climb (m) Average Heart Rate (bpm)
Date
2015-12-31 160.170732 143.353659
2016-12-31 133.194444 143.388889
2017-12-31 169.376471 145.247059
2018-12-31 191.218750 148.125000

Weekly averages of last 4 years:
Time Distance (km) Duration Average Speed (km/h) Climb (m) \
Date
2015-01-04 62400.0 9.780000 NaN 11.120000 51.0
2015-01-11 NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN
2015-01-18 65100.0 9.780000 NaN 11.230000 51.0
2015-01-25 NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN
2015-02-01 56077.0 9.893333 NaN 10.423333 58.0
... ..
2018-10-14 63327.0 12.620000 NaN 10.840000 146.5
2018-10-21 64352.0 10.290000 NaN 10.410000 133.0
2018-10-28 61296.0 13.020000 NaN 10.730000 170.0
2018-11-04 54269.0 12.995000 NaN 10.420000 170.0
2018-11-11 52433.5 11.640000 NaN 10.535000 149.0

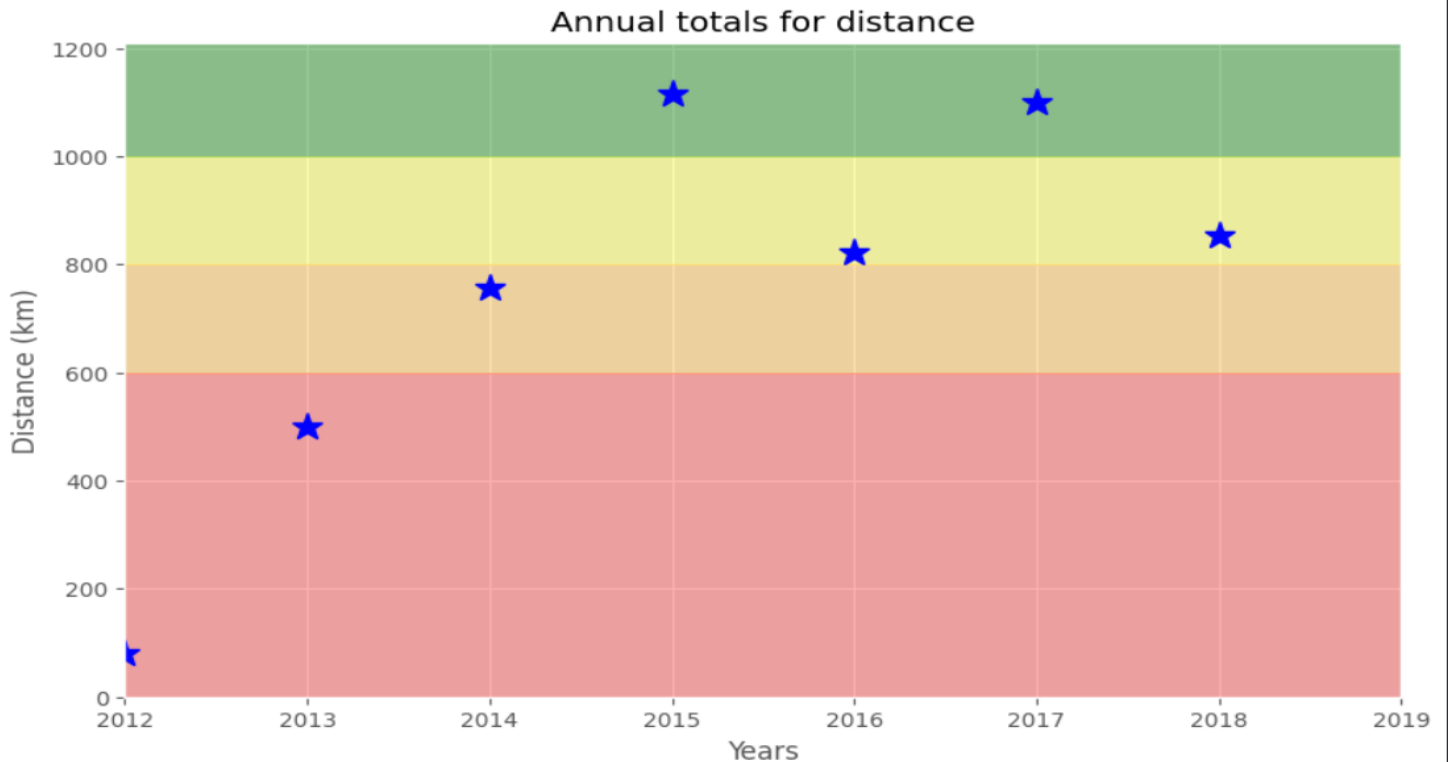
Average Heart Rate (bpm)
Date
2015-01-04 144.0
2015-01-11 NaN
2015-01-18 144.0
2015-01-25 NaN
2015-02-01 144.0
... ..
2018-10-14 157.5
2018-10-21 155.0
2018-10-28 154.0
2018-11-04 156.5
2018-11-11 150.0
```

3.5 Visualizing Data: Data becomes easier to understand once it is converted to imagery, as it is easier to understand and see patterns in data as an image when compared to a text report



This plot here shows the measure 'of distance' and 'average heart rate' of the runner from year 2015 to 2019, where gray colored graph shows the measurements, we have a dotted blue line showing the average of both measurements

Now, after plotting and learning about data we realize every person has a goal to overcome during their fitness regime, thus we now analyze and plot data to see whether the runner was successful in improving himself



Now according to the visualization of the data we have here, runner had goal of running '1000 KM' a year .

I have highlighted each years running distance with a blue star, now we can observe here 2 instances where runner accomplishes his goals thus their stars being present in green region.

Now we wish to see the improvement, this training regime brought us:

```
# Import required library
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import statsmodels.api as sm

# Prepare data
df_run_dist_wkly = df_run.resample('W')['Distance (km)'].sum()

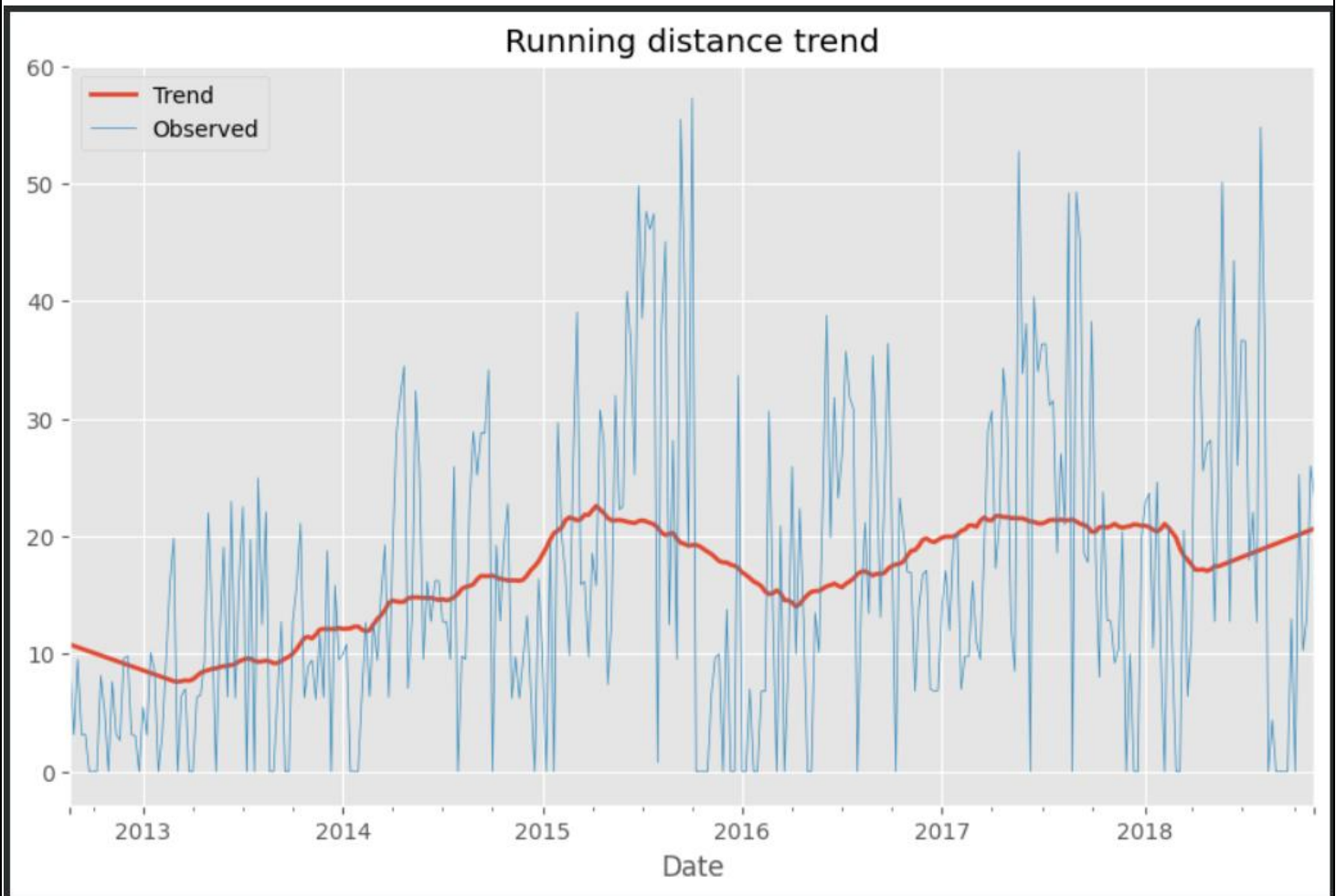
decomposed = sm.tsa.seasonal_decompose(df_run_dist_wkly, extrapolate_trend=1)

# Create plot
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))

# Plot and customize
ax = decomposed.trend.plot(label='Trend', linewidth=2)
ax = decomposed.observed.plot(label='Observed', linewidth=0.5)

ax.legend()
ax.set_title('Running distance trend')

# Show plot
plt.show()
```

Now in this Viz we see a trend of how the runner showed increasing numbers of distance traveled by running which dropped at early quarter of 2015.

We can also observe runner improving his habits again and from early quarter of 2016 his stats improves again.

Now we also need a representation of intensity of the training runner has gone through, thus we plot heart rate of the runner as it is best metric available to measure the intensity of training.

It means higher the heart rate, higher will be the intensity of training.

```

# Prepare data
hr_zones = [100, 125, 133, 142, 151, 173]
zone_names = ['Very Easy', 'Easy', 'Moderate', 'Hard', 'Very Hard', 'Maximal']
zone_colors = ['olive', 'brown', 'green', 'orange', 'red']
# Check the actual column names in DataFrame
print(df_run.columns)

df_run_hr_all = df_run['Average Heart Rate (bpm)'] # Replace 'Avg Heart Rate' with the actual column name if different

# Create plot
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))

# Plot and customize
n, bins, patches = ax.hist(df_run_hr_all, bins=hr_zones, alpha=0.5)
for i in range(0, len(patches)):
    patches[i].set_facecolor(zone_colors[i])

ax.set(title='Distribution of HR', ylabel='Number of runs')
ax.xaxis.set(ticks=hr_zones)
ax.xaxis.set_ticklabels(zone_names)

# Show plot
plt.show()

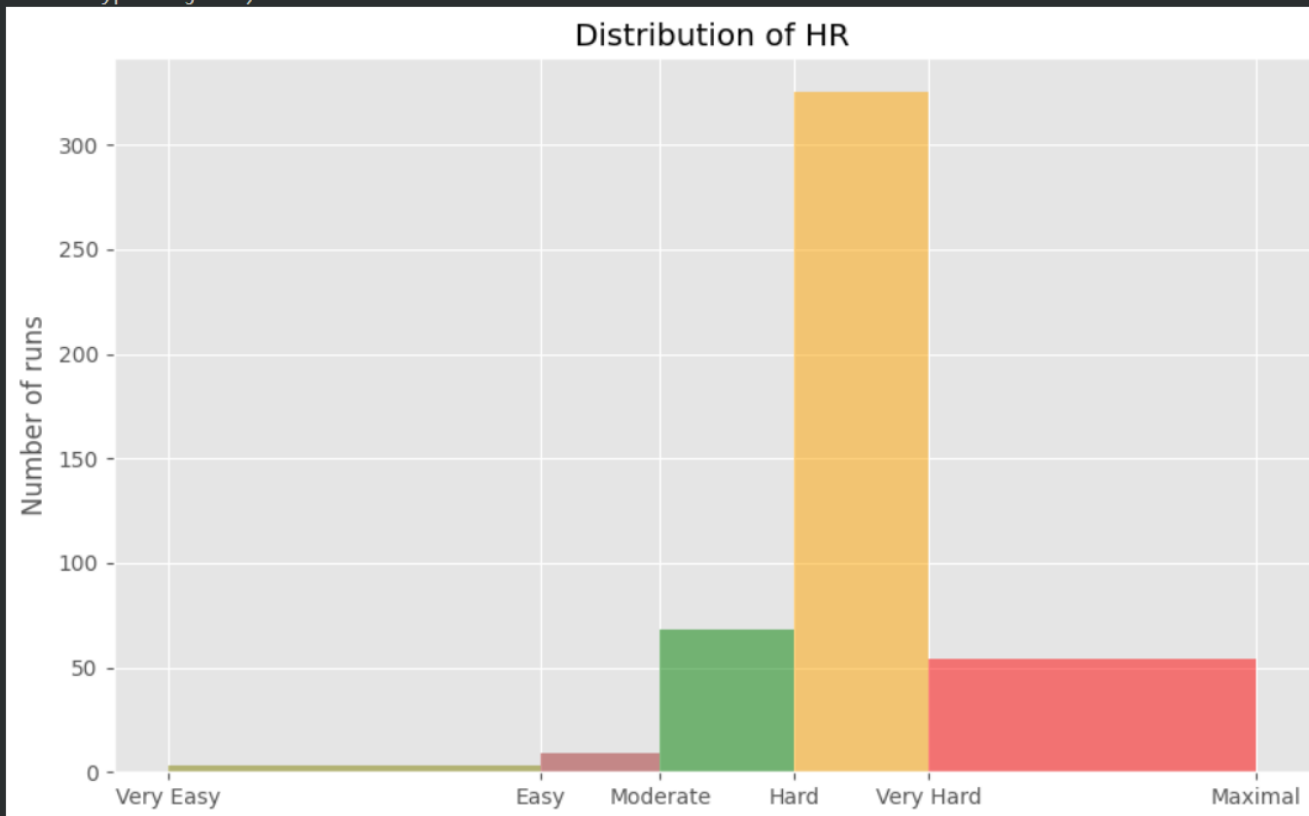
```

Here we plot for training intensity

```

Index(['Time', 'Type', 'Distance (km)', 'Duration', 'Average Pace',
      'Average Speed (km/h)', 'Climb (m)', 'Average Heart Rate (bpm)'],
      dtype='object')

```



Here we can see colors associated with the heart rate value ranging from light exercise to intense cardio activity.

Now we need a detailed summary of all the activities runner has gone through to make it easier to look, in one place

Totals for different training types:

Distance (km)Climb (m)

Type

Cycling	680.58	6976
Running	5224.50	57278
Walking	33.45	349

Summary statistics for different training types:

Distance (km)Climb (m)Average Speed (km/h)

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Type

Cycling	29.0	23.468276	9.451040	11.41	15.530	20.300	29.4000	49.18	29.0	240.551724	...	29.0	19.125172	3.257100	11.38	16.980	19.50	21.4900	24.33	680.58	6976
Running	459.0	11.382353	4.937853	0.76	7.415	10.810	13.1900	38.32	459.0	124.788671	...	459.0	11.056296	0.953273	5.77	10.495	10.98	11.5200	20.72	5224.50	57278
Walking	18.0	1.858333	0.880055	1.22	1.385	1.485	1.7875	4.29	18.0	19.388889	...	18.0	5.549444	1.459309	1.04	5.555	5.97	6.5125	6.91	33.45	349

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FUN FACT:

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- Average distance: 11.38 km
- Longest distance: 38.32 km
- Highest climb: 982 m
- Total climb: 57,278 m
- Total number of km run: 5,224 km
- Total runs: 459
- Number of running shoes gone through: 7 pairs

The story of Forrest Gump is well known—the man, who for no particular reason decided to go for a "little run." His epic run duration was 3 years, 2 months and 14 days (1169 days). In the picture you can see Forrest's route of 24,700 km.

FORREST RUN FACTS

- Average distance: 21.13 km
- Total number of km run: 24,700 km
- Total runs: 1169
- Number of running shoes gone through: ...

Now we will compare runners stats with Forrest Gump, and find the distance travelled as well as number of times Gump would have to change his shoes



```
# Count average shoes per lifetime (as km per pair) using our fun facts
average_shoes_lifetime = 5224 / 7
```

```
# Count number of shoes for Forrest's run distance
shoes_for_forrest_run = int(24700 / average_shoes_lifetime)
```

```
print('Forrest Gump would need {} pairs of shoes!'.format(shoes_for_forrest_run))
```

```
Forrest Gump would need 33 pairs of shoes!
```

*Thank
you*