Problem Set 2

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```
# the following code will turn off any Python warnings in your code output
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
```

1. **PS2:** Due Sat Oct 19 at 5:00PM Central. Worth 50 points.

We use (*) to indicate a problem that we think might be time consuming.

Steps to submit (5 points on PS1)

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- 2. "I have uploaded the names of anyone I worked with on the problem set **here**" **EA** (1 point)
- 3. Late coins used this pset: 1 Late coins left after submission: 2
- 4. Knit your ps2.qmd
 - The PDF should not be more than 25 pages. Use head() and re-size figures when appropriate.
- 5. Submit to Gradescope (4 points)
- 6. Tag your submission in Gradescope

```
# Import libraries

import os
import pandas as pd
import time
import altair as alt

file_path = r"C:\Users\Eddie
```

Andujar\Documents\GitHub\student30538\problem_sets\ps2\data\parking_tickets_one_percent.

```
#1.1

df = pd.read_csv(file_path)

na = df.isna().sum().sum()

na

def na_per_column(df):
    na_counts = df.isna().sum()
    na_df = pd.DataFrame({
        'Variable Name': na_counts.index,
        'NAs in Variable': na_counts.values
    })
    return na_df

print(na_per_column(df))
```

	Variable Name	\mathtt{NAs}	in	Variable
0	Unnamed: 0			0
1	ticket_number			0
2	issue_date			0
3	violation_location			0
4	license_plate_number			0
5	license_plate_state			97
6	license_plate_type			2054
7	zipcode			54115
8	violation_code			0
9	${\tt violation_description}$			0
10	unit			29
11	${\tt unit_description}$			0
12	vehicle_make			0
13	fine_level1_amount			0
14	fine_level2_amount			0
15	current_amount_due			0
16	${ t total_payments}$			0
17	ticket_queue			0
18	ticket_queue_date			0
19	notice_level			84068
20	hearing_disposition			259899

21	notice_number	0
22	officer	0
23	address	0

1.2

Hearing disposition, notice level and zipcode have the most missing entries. Turning to the ProPublica data dictionary, we can see why. Hearing disposition and notice level are fields that are left blank when there is no disposition or when no notice was sent, respectively. Likely, there are also cases where they cannot track the zipcode associated with the vehicle registration.

1.3

First, we can obtain a list of all codes related to stickers

```
['0964125', '0976170', '0964125B', '0964125C', '0964125D']
```

With the narrowed-down list, we can see that there are two separate codes (ignoring letter sub-categories):

The old code: 0976170 and The new code: 0964125

```
# Extract the fine amounts at both levels for relevant codes

violation_costs =

    filtered_violations[filtered_violations['violation_code'].isin(
        ['0964125', '0964125B', '976170'])][['issue_date', 'violation_code',
        'fine_level1_amount', 'fine_level2_amount']]

# Sort by their fine amounts
violation_costs_ascending = violation_costs.sort_values(
```

```
by='fine_level2_amount')
print(violation_costs_ascending)
```

```
issue_date violation_code fine_level1_amount \
14
        2007-01-01 10:51:00
                                     0964125
                                                              120
92706
        2010-04-27 07:59:00
                                     0964125
                                                              120
        2010-04-27 08:15:00
92707
                                                              120
                                     0964125
92710
        2010-04-27 08:36:00
                                     0964125
                                                              120
92711
        2010-04-27 08:41:00
                                     0964125
                                                              120
. . .
                                         . . .
                                                              . . .
189108
        2014-02-24 22:11:00
                                    0964125B
                                                              200
189109 2014-02-24 22:25:00
                                    0964125B
                                                              200
189116
        2014-02-24 23:33:00
                                    0964125B
                                                              200
        2014-02-23 18:30:00
188994
                                    0964125B
                                                              200
287452
        2018-05-14 14:30:00
                                    0964125B
                                                              200
        fine_level2_amount
14
                        240
92706
                        240
92707
                        240
92710
                        240
92711
                        240
189108
                        400
189109
                        400
                        400
189116
188994
                        400
287452
                        400
```

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Using the output, we see that the level one used to be 120 and is now 200 (consistent with the article). For fine level 2, we observe 240 as the initial cost, then it became 400.

```
codes_to_replace = ['0976170', '0964125', '0964125B']

# Replace specific violation codes with 'universal_sticker_code'
df['new_code'] = df['violation_code'].apply(
    lambda x: 'universal_sticker_code' if x in codes_to_replace else x
)
```

```
# Convert issue_date to datetime
df['issue_date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['issue_date'], errors='coerce')
# Sort by six month intervals for easier legibility
df['six_month_bin'] = df['issue_date'].dt.to_period('6M').dt.start_time
# Filter the data for 'universal_sticker_code' tickets
missing_tickets_df = df[df['new_code'] == 'universal_sticker_code']
# Group by the new six-month intervals
total_missing_tickets_by_bin =
missing_tickets_df.groupby('six_month_bin').size().reset_index(name='count')
# Plot
chart = alt.Chart(total_missing_tickets_by_bin).mark_area(
    interpolate='step-after'
).encode(
   x=alt.X('six_month_bin:T', title='Issue Date',

→ axis=alt.Axis(format='%Y-%m')), # Format for six-month intervals

   y=alt.Y('count:Q', title='Missing City Sticker Tickets')
).properties(
    width=800 # Adjust width to fit the date labels
chart.display()
alt.Chart(...)
2.2
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).properties(
    width=800 # Adjust width to fit the date labels
)
highlight_2012 = alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({'date':
Good ['2012-01-01']})).mark rule(color='red', strokeDash=[5,5]).encode(
    x='date:T'
final_chart = chart + highlight_2012
final_chart.display()
# For help, I started with this Altair template:
# https://altair-viz.github.io/gallery/bar_chart_with_mean_line.html
# I also asked ChatGPT for cleanup
alt.LayerChart(...)
2.3
#Filter by relevant year
missing tickets 2011 = (
   missing_tickets_df[missing_tickets_df['issue_date'].dt.year == 2011])
```

```
missing_tickets_2011.shape[0]
```

1935

We can conclude that there were 1935 issued tickets in 2011

If we assume issued tickets are constant, we can use quantity and cost to calculate by doing the following:

```
# 1935 tickets times the price increase, then scaled up
projection = 1935*(200-120)*100
print(projection)
```

15480000

The city should have predicted a revenue of \$15,480,000 based off these assumptions. Based on these assumptions, their projection wasn't far off.

2.4

40.59213089209194

The payment rate in 2013 was 40.59%

53.95348837209303

The payment rate in 2011 was 53.95%

The difference in repayment rates was:

```
#Take the difference in rates by subtracting the values
difference = (ticket_pay_rate_2013)-(ticket_pay_rate_2011)
print(difference)
```

-13.36135748000109

There was a 13.36% drop

Let's use the new repayment rate holding issued tickets constant:

```
# Calculate 2011 revenue by holding tickets constant,
# scaling them up, then applying the payment rate and price

old_revenue = (1935*100)*(ticket_pay_rate_2011/100)*(120)
old_revenue

# Calculate 2013 revenue with same tickets, but new
# repayment rate and new price

new_revenue = (1935*100)*(ticket_pay_rate_2013/100)*(200)
new_revenue

# Take the difference between the two
```

```
revenue_increase = new_revenue-old_revenue
print(revenue_increase)
```

3181154.6552395783

-The projected 2013 revenue is 15,709,154 -The projected revenue increase with these assumptions is 3,181,154

```
year repayment_rate
0
   2007
             55.085865
  2008
             57.885224
1
  2009
2
             53.113383
3
  2010
             51.987921
  2011
             53.953488
  2012
             48.220803
  2013
            40.592131
   2014
             38.419753
8
  2015
             40.616133
   2016
             40.768551
```

```
    10
    2017
    37.012411

    11
    2018
    20.144928
```

```
# Repayment rate chart
repayment_rates_chart = alt.Chart(df_repayment).mark_line(point=True).encode(
    x=alt.X('year:0', title='Year'),
    y=alt.Y('repayment_rate:Q', title='Repayment Rate (%)',

    scale=alt.Scale(zero=False))

).properties(
    title='Repayment Rates for "Missing City Sticker" Tickets'
)
# Add vertical line for the 2012 change
policy_line = alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({'year': [2012]})).mark_rule().encode(
    x='year:0'
)
# Add text for easier legibility
policy_text = alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({'year': [2012], 'text': ['Policy
Grange']})).mark_text(
    align='center',
    baseline='top',
    dx=-40,
    dv=2
).encode(
    x='year:0',
    text='text'
)
# Combine the chart elements
repayment_rates_chart = (repayment_rates_chart + policy_line +
→ policy_text).interactive()
# Display the chart
repayment_rates_chart
```

alt.LayerChart(...)

Based on this graph, it appears that the policy change's price increase led to a steep drop in repayment rates. This makes sense, as the more expensive prices get, the more we can expect individuals to be either unable to pay for the more expensive ticket or more reluctant to pay because they find it unfair.

```
# Calculate the total count of each violation type
total_tickets = df['violation_description'].value_counts().reset_index()
total_tickets.columns = ['violation_description', 'total_tickets']
# Calculate repayment rates for each violation type
repayment_rates = df.groupby('violation_description').apply(
    lambda x: (x['ticket_queue'] == 'Paid').sum() / len(x) * 100
).reset_index()
repayment_rates.columns = ['violation_description', 'repayment_rate']
# Merge the total ticket counts with the repayment rates
result = pd.merge(total_tickets, repayment_rates, on='violation_description')
# Calculate expected revenue as total_tickets * repayment_rate
result['projected_revenue'] = result['total_tickets'] *

¬ result['repayment_rate']

# Prepare the revenue table with selected columns
revenue_table = result[['violation_description', 'total_tickets',
# Sort by expected revenue in descending order
revenue_table = revenue_table.sort_values('projected_revenue',

¬ ascending=False)

# Display the revenue table
print(revenue_table)
revenue_table.head(3)
```

	violation_description	total_tickets	${\tt repayment_rate}$
	\		
0	EXPIRED PLATES OR TEMPORARY REGISTRATION	44811	60.436054
1	STREET CLEANING	28712	81.161187
2	RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING	23683	74.226238
3	EXP. METER NON-CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT	20600	79.291262
5	EXPIRED METER OR OVERSTAY	18756	80.635530
117	COMMERCIAL IDENTIFICATION ETC. REQUIRED	1	100.000000
118	MORE THAN FOUR FRONT MOUNTED LAMPS	1	100.000000

103	DEPR./DIMMED LAMPS	4	0.000000
111	HORN REQUIRED DURING OPERATION	2	0.000000
113	SUSPENSION MODIFIED BEYOND 3	1	0.000000
	<pre>projected_revenue</pre>		
0	2708200.0		
1	2330300.0		
2	1757900.0		
3	1633400.0		
5	1512400.0		
117	100.0		
118	100.0		
103	0.0		
111	0.0		
113	0.0		

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	violation_description	total_tickets	repayment_rate	projected_r
0	EXPIRED PLATES OR TEMPORARY REGISTRATION	44811	60.436054	2708200.0
1	STREET CLEANING	28712	81.161187	2330300.0
2	RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING	23683	74.226238	1757900.0

Based on our generated revenue table, the most lucrative violation is expired plates or temporary registration, followed by street cleaning and residential permit parking. This makes a few key assumptions, such as the idea that individuals view all tickets with equal elasticity and will make identical behavioral changes across all violation types and prices. This is a hard assumption to prove, but focusing on projected revenue through repayment rates may give us a good proxy of what violations people are willing to pay back more frequently.

```
).properties(
    title='Top Repayment Rates (with over 10,000 Tickets)',
    width=600,
    height=400
)
```

alt.Chart(...)

This chart helps support our argument in a different way. It tracks the highest repayment rates among only the violation types with the highest volume of issued tickets. This helps us approximate projected revenue, which is why we can see all 3 of our proposed violation types near the top of this chart.

```
chart = alt.Chart(top_20_revenue_table).mark_bar().encode(
    x=alt.X('projected_revenue:Q', title='Repayment Rate (%)'),
    y=alt.Y('violation_description:N', sort='-x', title='Violation

Description'),
    tooltip=['violation_description', 'repayment_rate', 'total_tickets']
).properties(
    title='Top Projected Revenues (with over 10,000 Tickets)',
    width=600,
    height=400
)
chart.display()
```

alt.Chart(...)

This chart allows us to directly visualize the violations that are projected to earn the most revenue, which is based not only on repayment rate, but also ticket cost and volume. Here we see our three proposed violations at the top.

```
violation_summary = df.groupby('violation_description').agg(
    total_tickets=('violation_description', 'size'), # Count total tickets
    fraction_paid=('is_paid', 'mean'),
    avg_fine_level1=('fine_level1_amount', 'mean')
).reset_index()
# Sort by descending
violation_summary = violation_summary.sort_values(by='total_tickets',
→ ascending=False)
# Take top 5 violations
top_5_violation_summary = violation_summary.head(5)
print(top_5_violation_summary)
                        violation_description total_tickets fraction_paid
    EXPIRED PLATES OR TEMPORARY REGISTRATION
23
                                                       44811
                                                                   0.608065
101
                              STREET CLEANING
                                                       28712
                                                                   0.815896
90
                   RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING
                                                      23683
                                                                   0.745978
19
    EXP. METER NON-CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
                                                      20600
                                                                  0.795485
81
         PARKING/STANDING PROHIBITED ANYTIME
                                                      19753
                                                                  0.710677
    avg_fine_level1
23
          54.968869
101
          54.004249
90
          66.338302
19
          46.598058
81
          66.142864
3.2
violation_summary_filtered =
violation_summary[violation_summary['total_tickets'] >= 100]
# Remove the outlier by identifying
# and then excluding the highest fine
```

alt.Chart(...)

Scatterplot takeaways: The scatterplot illustrates a weakly correlated negative relationship that tells us that as the average fine increases, the fraction of tickets paid tends to decrease. We observe a large cluster of ticket types clustered at the top left (i.e. there are several violations for which the average fine and paid ticket fractions are similar)

```
# Boxplot

alt.Chart(violation_summary_filtered).mark_boxplot().encode(
    x=alt.X('avg_fine_level1:Q', title='Average Fine Level 1 ($)'),
    y=alt.Y('fraction_paid:Q', title='Fraction of Tickets Paid')
).properties(
    title='Relationship Between Fine Amount and Fraction of Tickets Paid')
)
```

alt.Chart(...)

Boxplot takeaways: The boxplot tells us that violation types appear to have different ranges. This helps us get a bit more nuance relative to the cluster in the top-left seen in the scatterplot.

```
# Bar graph
alt.Chart(violation_summary_filtered).mark_bar().encode(
    x=alt.X('avg_fine_level1:Q', title='Average Fine Level 1 ($)'),
    y=alt.Y('fraction_paid:Q', title='Fraction of Tickets Paid'),
```

```
tooltip=['violation_description']
).properties(
   title='Relationship Between Fine Amount and Fraction of Tickets Paid'
)
```

```
alt.Chart(...)
```

Bar graph takeaways: The bar graph tells us clearly which violations have the highest fraction that's paid, but it's a bit harder to see the variation within each violation description.

3.3

On the one hand, the boxplot contains a lot of granular and detailed information. On the other hand, I would likely still recommend the scatterplot. It contains what is, in my opinion, the easiest to discern relationship between how fine levels affect amount of tickets paid. We see a weak negative correlation, telling us that as fine level increases, ticket payment gradually decreases. While this is perhaps the best 'at-a-glance' data, it's not the most nuanced. There will always be trade-offs with different data styles, but the scatterplot prioritizes readability.

4.1

Proportion of violations that double in price: 98.61%

This appears to hold for 98.61% of violations

```
df = pd.merge(df, violation_counts, on='violation_description', suffixes=('',

        '_count'))

# Filter for violations with at least 100 citations that do not double
at_least_100_citations = df[(df['citation_count'] >= 100) &

    (df['fine_doubles'] == False)]

# List all such violations
non_doubling_violations = at_least_100_citations[['violation_description',

    'fine_level1_amount', 'fine_level2_amount']].drop_duplicates()

non doubling violations =
 → non_doubling_violations.dropna(subset=['fine_level1_amount',
   'fine level2 amount'])
# Calculate the increase for each non-doubling violation
non_doubling_violations['increase_amount'] =
 → non_doubling_violations['fine_level2_amount'] -
   non_doubling_violations['fine_level1_amount']
non_doubling_violations
```

	violation_description	$fine_level1_amount$	fine_level2_amo
13	DISABLED PARKING ZONE	200	250
40	PARK OR BLOCK ALLEY	150	250
32664	BLOCK ACCESS/ALLEY/DRIVEWAY/FIRELANE	150	250
65739	SMOKED/TINTED WINDOWS PARKED/STANDING	250	250
65902	OBSTRUCTED OR IMPROPERLY TINTED WINDOWS	250	250
68067	PARK/STAND ON BICYCLE PATH	150	250
138699	NO CITY STICKER VEHICLE OVER 16,000 LBS.	500	775

Through this output, we can observe the violations that don't double. The increase_amount column takes the difference between fine amounts, letting us see that, since these aren't doubled, what the actual change will be. Interestingly, some don't change at all.

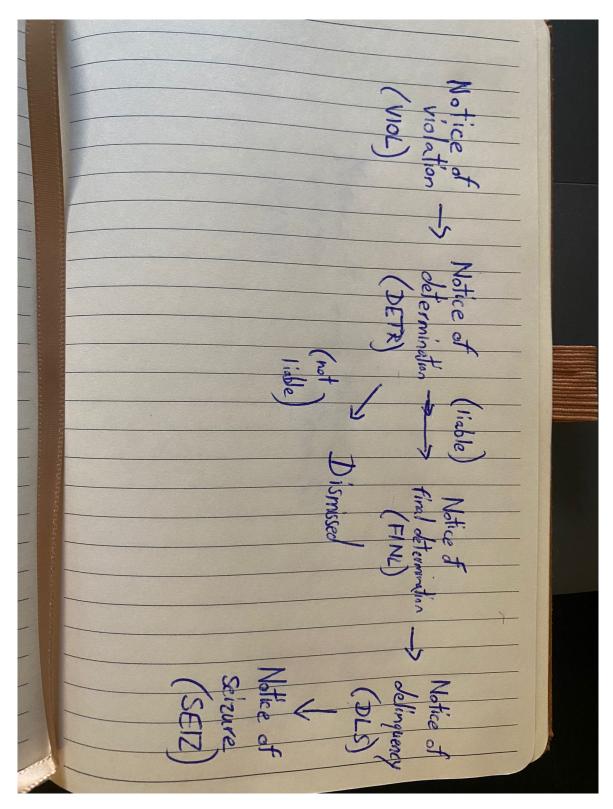


Figure 1: Notice level

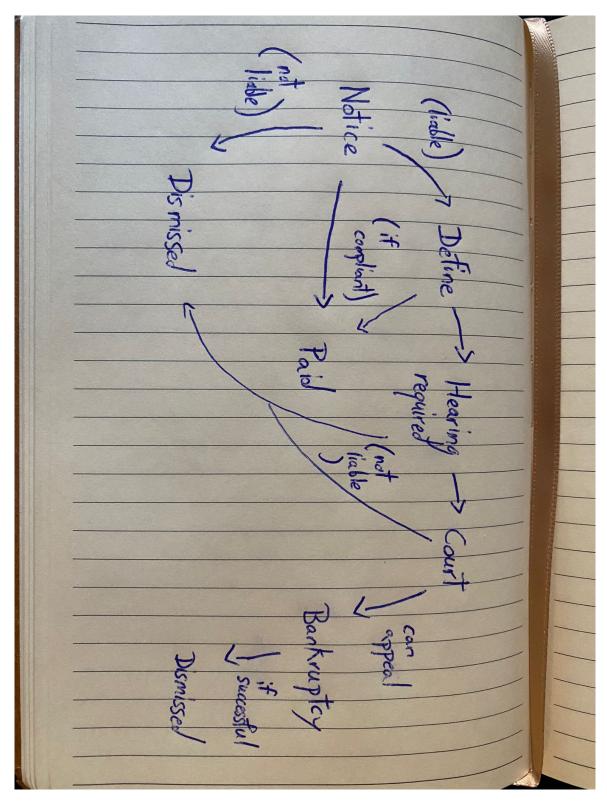


Figure 2: Ticket queue

```
scatter = alt.Chart(violation_summary_filtered).mark_point().encode(
    x=alt.X('avg_fine_level1:Q', title='Average Fine Level 1 ($)'),
    y=alt.Y('fraction_paid:Q', title='Fraction of Tickets Paid'),
    tooltip=['violation_description', 'total_tickets', 'avg_fine_level1',

    'fraction_paid']

).properties(
    title='Relationship Between Fine Amount and Fraction of Tickets Paid'
scatter.display()
text = scatter.mark_text(
    align='center',
    baseline='middle'
).encode(
    {\tt text='violation\_description:N'} # Label each point with the violation

→ description

scatter + text
alt.Chart(...)
alt.LayerChart(...)
#This scatterplot will filter out the top 10 violations first
# Sort by total_tickets and get top 10 violations
top_10_violations = violation_summary_filtered.nlargest(10, 'total_tickets')
# Create a new column for labeling top 10 and others as 'Other'
violation_summary_filtered['violation_label'] =
 → violation_summary_filtered['violation_description'].where(
violation_summary_filtered['violation_description'].isin(top_10_violations['violation_description'])
    'Other'
)
```

First we'll generate a scatterplot with labels for everything

```
scatter2 =
 → alt.Chart(violation_summary_filtered).mark_point(filled=True).encode(
    x=alt.X('avg fine level1:Q', title='Average Fine Level 1 ($)'),
    y=alt.Y('fraction_paid:Q', title='Fraction of Tickets Paid'),
    color=alt.Color('violation_label:N', title='Violation Description') #
\hookrightarrow Use color to differentiate top 10 vs. 'Other'
).properties(
    title='Relationship Between Fine Amount and Fraction of Tickets Paid'
scatter2.display()
alt.Chart(...)
#Lastly, this scatterplot will collect the most common keywords
#to group up as many categories as possible
unique_strings = violation_summary_filtered['violation_description'].unique()
# Convert to a list
unique_strings_list = unique_strings.tolist()
# Print the result
unique_strings_df = pd.DataFrame(unique_strings_list,

    columns=['unique_values'])

#Keywords
def categorize_violation(description):
    if 'EXP' in description:
        return 'EXP'
    elif 'STICKER' in description:
        return 'STICKER'
    elif 'PARK' in description:
        return 'PARK'
    elif 'PLATE' in description:
        return 'PLATE'
    else:
        return 'OTHER' # Group all other violations as 'OTHER'
# Apply the function to create a new column in the DataFrame
violation_summary_filtered['violation_group'] =
```

→ violation summary filtered['violation description'].apply(categorize violation)

```
# Create the scatter plot with color encoding for the violation groups
scatter =
    alt.Chart(violation_summary_filtered).mark_point(filled=True).encode(
    x=alt.X('avg_fine_level1:Q', title='Average Fine Level 1 ($)'),
    y=alt.Y('fraction_paid:Q', title='Fraction of Tickets Paid'),
    color=alt.Color('violation_group:N', title='Violation Group',
    scale=alt.Scale(scheme='category10'))
).properties(
    title='Relationship Between Fine Amount and Fraction of Tickets Paid')

# Display the chart with filled points for better visualization
scatter.display()
```

alt.Chart(...)