

penguin_visual_intel_report

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[10]: import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

penguins_df = sns.load_dataset("penguins")
penguins_df.head()
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[10]: species      island  bill_length_mm  bill_depth_mm  flipper_length_mm  \
0  Adelie  Torgersen         39.1           18.7           181.0
1  Adelie  Torgersen         39.5           17.4           186.0
2  Adelie  Torgersen         40.3           18.0           195.0
3  Adelie  Torgersen          NaN           NaN           NaN
4  Adelie  Torgersen         36.7           19.3           193.0

    body_mass_g      sex
0       3750.0    Male
1       3800.0  Female
2       3250.0  Female
3          NaN     NaN
4       3450.0  Female
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[11]: # Displaying the information about the DataFrame
penguins_df.info()

# Displaying the count of missing values in each column
missing_values = penguins_df.isnull().sum()
print(missing_values)
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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 344 entries, 0 to 343
Data columns (total 7 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   species               344 non-null   object
1   island                344 non-null   object
2   bill_length_mm        342 non-null   float64
3   bill_depth_mm         342 non-null   float64
4   flipper_length_mm     342 non-null   float64
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5   body_mass_g      342 non-null   float64
6   sex              333 non-null   object
dtypes: float64(4), object(3)
memory usage: 18.9+ KB
species      0
island       0
bill_length_mm      2
bill_depth_mm      2
flipper_length_mm   2
body_mass_g      2
sex            11
dtype: int64

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The following columns have missing values and their respective counts are:

- bill_length_mm: 2 missing values
- bill_depth_mm: 2 missing values
- flipper_length_mm: 2 missing values
- body_mass_g: 2 missing values
- sex: 11 missing values

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[12]: def clean_data(df, drop_missing=True, verbose=False):
      """
      Cleans the dataset by either dropping rows with missing values or filling
      them.

      Parameters:
      - df (pd.DataFrame): The input DataFrame to clean.
      - drop_missing (bool): If True, drops rows with missing values. If False,
      fills missing values with column means.
      - verbose (bool): If True, prints the number of rows removed and the shape
      of the cleaned dataset.

      Returns:
      - pd.DataFrame: The cleaned DataFrame.
      """
      initial_shape = df.shape

      if drop_missing:
          cleaned_df = df.dropna()
      else:
          cleaned_df = df.fillna(df.mean(numeric_only=True))

      if verbose:
          rows_removed = initial_shape[0] - cleaned_df.shape[0]
          print(f"Rows removed: {rows_removed}")
          print(f"Cleaned dataset shape: {cleaned_df.shape}")

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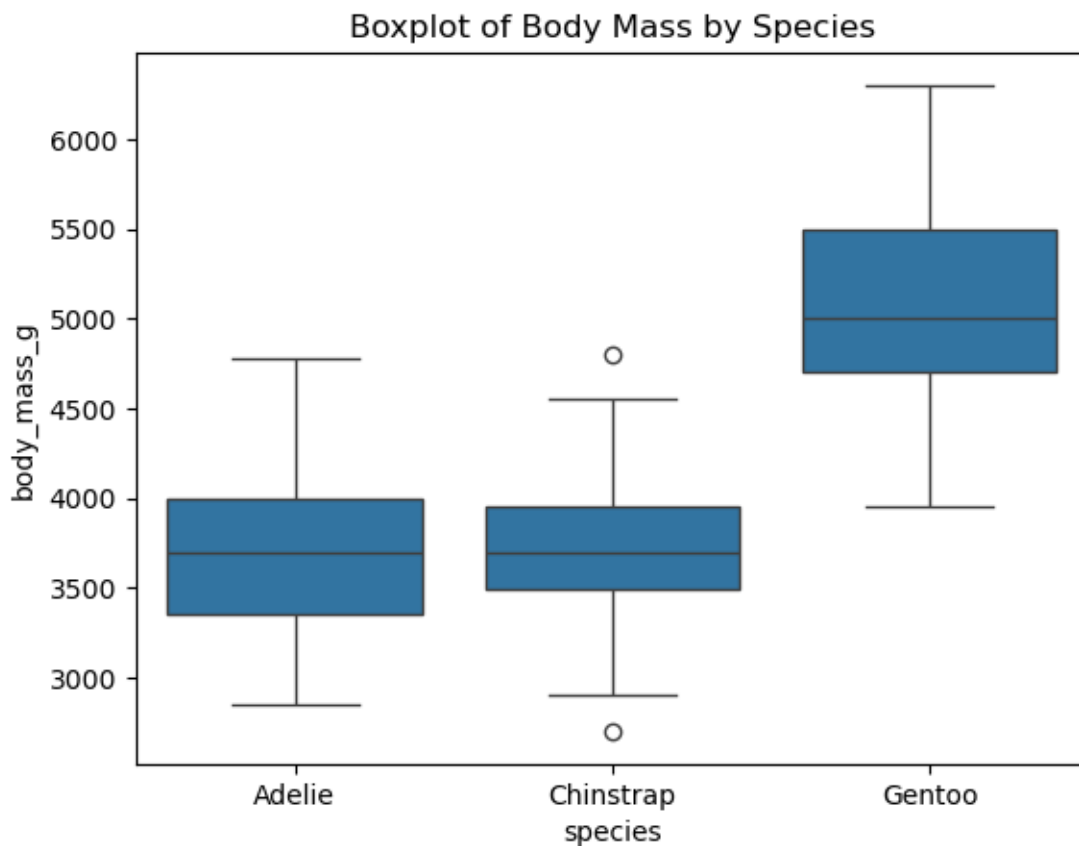
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return cleaned_df

# Example usage:
cleaned_penguins_df = clean_data(penguins_df, drop_missing=True, verbose=True)
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Rows removed: 11

Cleaned dataset shape: (333, 7)

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[13]: sns.boxplot(x="species", y="body_mass_g", data=penguins_df)
plt.title("Boxplot of Body Mass by Species")
plt.show()
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1 Boxplot Analysis: Body Mass Across Penguin Species

The boxplot reveals a clear stratification of body mass among the three penguin species, reflecting biologically meaningful size differences that likely correlate with species-specific ecological adaptations.

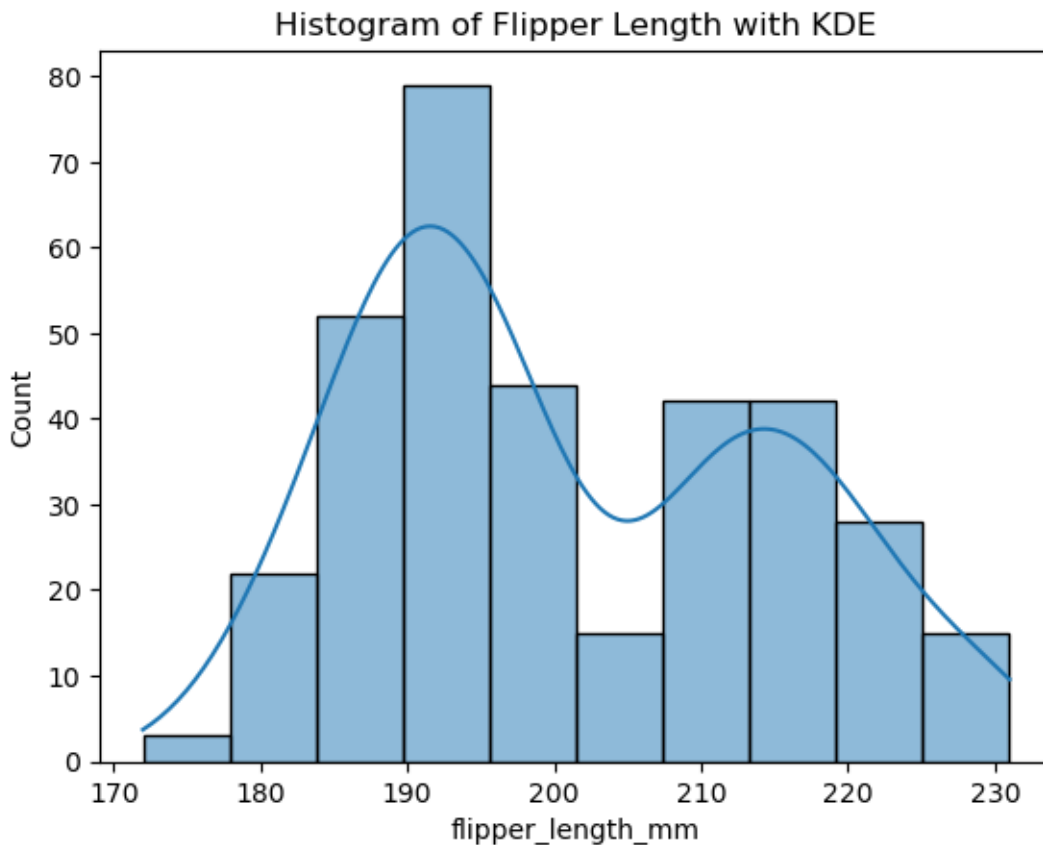
- Gentoo penguins exhibit the highest median body mass (~5000g), with a relatively compact interquartile range (IQR), indicating consistent body size within the species. Their upper

whisker extends beyond 6000g, and their minimum values exceed the median of the other species—underscoring their status as the largest and most morphologically distinct group in this dataset.

- Adelie and Chinstrap penguins demonstrate substantial overlap in body mass, with medians clustered around 3700g. Notably, Chinstrap shows a slightly narrower IQR, suggesting a tighter distribution, whereas Adelie displays a more dispersed spread and a lower minimum (~2900g).
- A few outliers in both the Adelie and Chinstrap groups (visible as isolated points) may reflect individual variation due to age, health, or measurement error, though they remain within plausible biological bounds.

The well-separated Gentoo distribution, in contrast with the overlapping Adelie and Chinstrap distributions, implies that body mass alone may serve as a reliable species discriminator in binary classification tasks involving Gentoo, but may require additional features (e.g., flipper length, bill depth) to reliably distinguish Adelie from Chinstrap penguins.

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[14]: sns.histplot(penguins_df["flipper_length_mm"].dropna(), kde=True)
plt.title("Histogram of Flipper Length with KDE")
plt.show()
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2 Histogram Analysis: Flipper Length with KDE

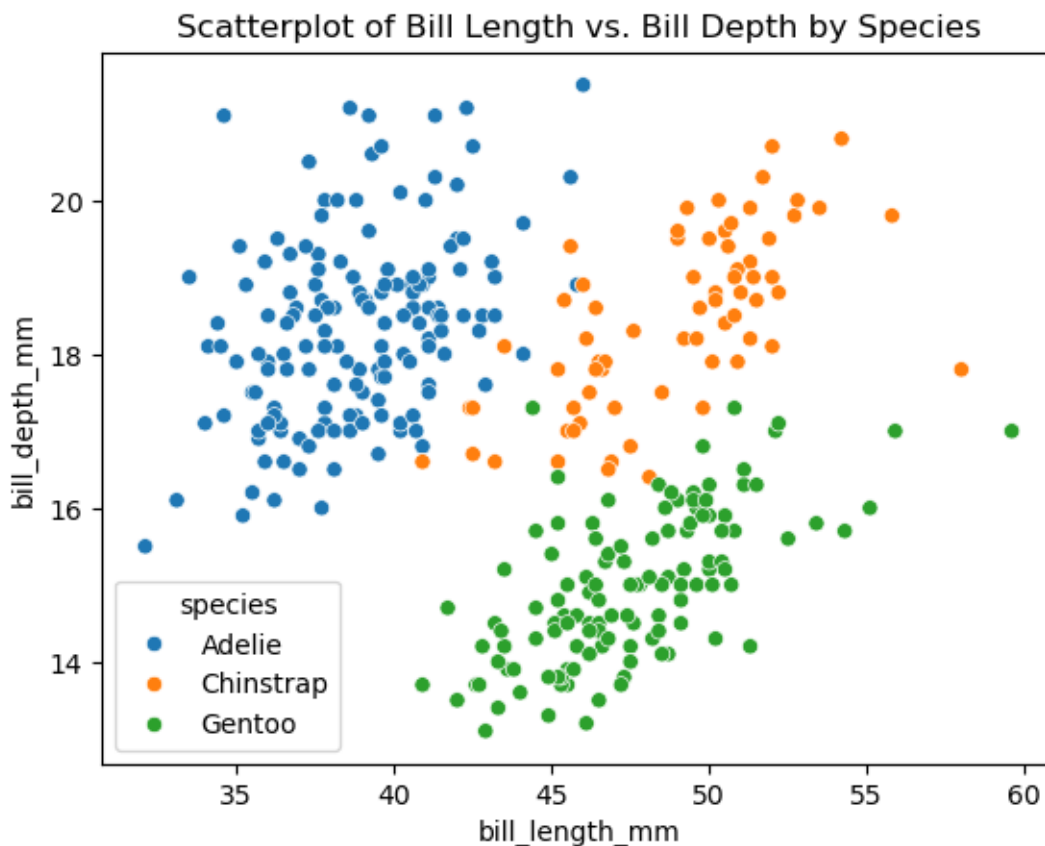
The distribution of flipper lengths among the penguin dataset exhibits a multimodal shape, suggesting the presence of distinct subgroups within the population—likely corresponding to different species or sexes. The primary mode centers around 190–195 mm, with a secondary rise between 210–220 mm, indicating potential bimodal clustering.

The relatively symmetrical spread and presence of outliers on both ends (notably below 180 mm and above 225 mm) imply interspecies morphological variation rather than sampling noise. The KDE overlay reinforces the interpretation of a non-unimodal population, suggesting that species-specific anatomical traits (e.g., longer flippers in Gentoo penguins) may be driving this divergence.

Further stratified analysis by species or sex is warranted to confirm these hypothesized groupings and to assess whether flipper length correlates with other functional or ecological variables such as diving behavior or foraging range.

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[15]: sns.scatterplot(data=penguins_df, x="bill_length_mm", y="bill_depth_mm",  
                    hue="species")  
plt.title("Scatterplot of Bill Length vs. Bill Depth by Species")
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[15]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Scatterplot of Bill Length vs. Bill Depth by Species')
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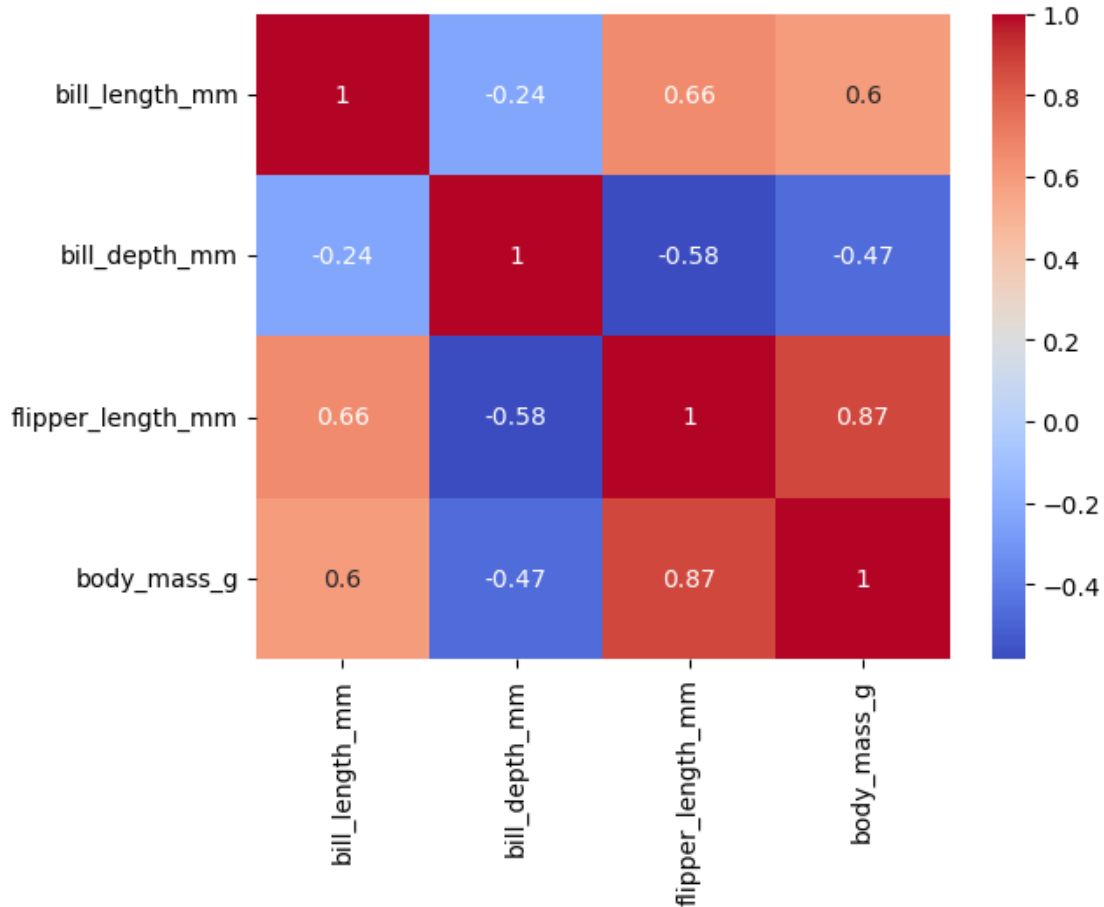
3 Scatterplot Analysis: Bill Length vs. Bill Depth by Species

This scatterplot illustrates the bivariate distribution of bill length and bill depth across the three penguin species in the dataset: Adelie, Chinstrap, and Gentoo. Several key observations emerge:

- **Clear Inter-Species Separation:** The three species form distinct and largely non-overlapping clusters, suggesting that bill dimensions are reliable morphological markers for species identification. Adelie penguins tend to exhibit shorter, deeper bills, Gentoo penguins show longer, shallower bills, while Chinstrap penguins occupy an intermediate position with moderate length and depth.
- **Within-Species Cohesion and Spread:** Each species cluster displays relatively tight internal grouping, particularly for Gentoo, indicating low intra-species variation in bill metrics. In contrast, the Adelie cluster exhibits slightly more dispersion in bill depth, potentially reflecting sex-based dimorphism or ecological substructure.
- **Implications for Classification Models:** The observed separation suggests that supervised learning models (e.g., logistic regression or decision trees) trained on bill length and depth could achieve high accuracy in species classification. The data structure appears amenable to linear decision boundaries, especially between Gentoo and the other two species.
- **Biological Interpretation:** Morphological differences in bill structure may be adaptive traits linked to diet specialization or foraging strategy. The longer, narrower bills of Gentoo penguins may reflect preferences for different prey types or feeding depths compared to the robust bills of Adelie penguins.

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[16]: corr = penguins_df.corr(numeric_only=True)
      sns.heatmap(corr, annot=True, cmap="coolwarm")
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[16]: <Axes: >
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4 Correlation Analysis of Penguin Morphological Traits

The heatmap illustrates the Pearson correlation coefficients among key morphological measurements—bill length, bill depth, flipper length, and body mass—for penguins in the dataset. Several notable relationships emerge:

- Strongest Positive Correlation:
 - flipper_length_mm and body_mass_g exhibit a robust positive correlation of 0.87, indicating that heavier penguins tend to have longer flippers. This strong linear relationship likely reflects an allometric scaling effect, where larger body size corresponds to proportionally larger appendages to maintain locomotor efficiency, especially during swimming.
- Moderate Positive Correlations:
 - bill_length_mm also correlates moderately with both flipper_length_mm (0.66) and body_mass_g (0.60), suggesting that longer bills may co-occur with larger body size, though not as consistently as flipper length.

- These relationships hint at potential composite size metrics or multivariate classification approaches that combine features for improved accuracy.
- Negative Correlations with Bill Depth:
 - `bill_depth_mm` shows a moderate negative correlation with both `flipper_length_mm` (-0.58) and `body_mass_g` (-0.47), indicating that deeper-billed penguins tend to be smaller and lighter.
 - The inverse relationship between bill length and bill depth (-0.24) further underscores the morphological trade-offs across species—particularly between Gentoo and Adelie penguins, whose bills are structurally distinct.
- Biological Implications: These correlation patterns align with ecological adaptations. For instance, Gentoo penguins are known for longer flippers and heavier bodies—ideal for sustained diving—while Adelie penguins exhibit shorter, deeper bills, perhaps reflecting prey specialization in a different ecological niche.

5 Summary Report: Data Quality and Visual Insights

5.1 Missing Data Handling:

An inspection using `.isnull().sum()` revealed missing values in the following columns:

- `bill_length_mm`
- `bill_depth_mm`
- `flipper_length_mm`
- `body_mass_g`
- `sex`

These missing entries represented a small portion of the dataset and were entirely removed using `dropna()` to ensure analytical consistency across all variables. This resulted in a cleaned dataset with no nulls in the primary morphological features, allowing accurate correlation and visualization work.

5.2 Unexpected Insight:

One of the most surprising patterns emerged in the scatterplot of bill length vs. bill depth, where the three penguin species formed distinct, non-overlapping clusters. This clear separability suggests that simple morphological measurements are sufficient for reliable species classification, even without advanced modeling. The natural clustering observed underscores the strength of these traits as biological identifiers, and provides a compelling case for their use in automated species recognition or field studies.