Data Cleaning (Chapter 3.2)

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1 Structure of the notebook

This notebook analyzes yellow taxi trip records from January to June 2022 in New York City (NYC). The dataset was retrieved from the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) and provides information on:

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tpep_pickup_datetime: The date and time when the taximeter was engaged tpep_dropoff_datetime: The date and time when the taximeter was disengaged) PULocationID: The location (taxi zone), where the taximeter was engaged) DOLocationID: The location (taxi zone), where the taximeter was disengaged passenger_count: The number of passengers in the vehicle (driver-entered value) trip_distance: The elapsed trip distance in miles total_amount: The total amount charged to passengers (cash tips excluded) The notebook sets the basis for Chapter 3.2 Data Cleaning:

Missing Value Analysis (Chapter 3.2.1)

Outlier Analysis (Chapter 3.2.2)
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2 Libraries required to run this notebook

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib
%matplotlib inline
from matplotlib.pyplot import figure
import matplotlib.ticker as ticker
import seaborn as sns
import statistics
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
```

3 Data reading and initial exploration

```
[2]: # Load the data
    taxi data = pd.read parquet("gs://taxi trip records", columns = 11
     [3]: # First five rows of the dataframe
    taxi data.head()
[3]:
      tpep_pickup_datetime tpep_dropoff_datetime passenger_count trip_distance
    0 2022-01-01 00:35:40
                           2022-01-01 00:53:29
                                                         2.0
                                                                      3.80
    1 2022-01-01 00:33:43
                           2022-01-01 00:42:07
                                                         1.0
                                                                      2.10
    2 2022-01-01 00:53:21
                          2022-01-01 01:02:19
                                                         1.0
                                                                      0.97
    3 2022-01-01 00:25:21
                           2022-01-01 00:35:23
                                                         1.0
                                                                      1.09
    4 2022-01-01 00:36:48 2022-01-01 01:14:20
                                                         1.0
                                                                      4.30
       PULocationID DOLocationID total amount
    0
               142
                            236
                                       21.95
                                       13.30
    1
               236
                            42
    2
               166
                            166
                                       10.56
    3
               114
                            68
                                       11.80
    4
                68
                            163
                                       30.30
[4]: # Last five rows of the dataframe
    taxi_data.tail()
[4]:
            tpep_pickup_datetime tpep_dropoff_datetime
                                                    passenger_count
    19817578 2022-06-30 23:45:51
                                 2022-06-30 23:51:48
                                                               NaN
    19817579 2022-06-30 23:25:00
                                 2022-06-30 23:40:00
                                                               NaN
    19817580 2022-06-30 23:29:00
                                 2022-06-30 23:37:00
                                                               NaN
    19817581 2022-06-30 23:24:15
                                 2022-06-30 23:50:19
                                                               NaN
    19817582 2022-06-30 23:33:53
                                 2022-06-30 23:54:58
                                                               NaN
             trip_distance PULocationID DOLocationID total_amount
    19817578
                     0.00
                                   148
                                                256
                                                           15.00
                     5.01
                                    79
    19817579
                                                262
                                                           27.35
    19817580
                     1.55
                                   164
                                                79
                                                           16.43
                     5.30
                                                239
                                                           27.64
    19817581
                                   211
    19817582
                     4.41
                                   255
                                                158
                                                           24.46
[5]: # Shape of the dataframe
    taxi_data.shape
```

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[5]: (19817583, 7)
```

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[6]: # Datatypes of the columns
taxi_data.dtypes
```

[6]: tpep_pickup_datetime datetime64[ns]
 tpep_dropoff_datetime datetime64[ns]
 passenger_count float64
 trip_distance float64
 PULocationID int64
 DOLocationID int64
 total_amount float64
 dtype: object

4 Data cleaning

Following an initial exploration of the dataset, further examination is conducted to identify any missing or duplicate values, as well as outliers in the data.

4.1 Missing value analysis

```
[7]: # Identification of missing values in the dataset
taxi_data.isna().sum()
```

```
[7]: tpep_pickup_datetime 0
tpep_dropoff_datetime 0
passenger_count 671901
trip_distance 0
PULocationID 0
DOLocationID 0
total_amount 0
dtype: int64
```

```
[8]: # Identification of duplicate values in the dataset
taxi_data.duplicated().sum()
```

[8]: 0

Findings: The column **passenger_count** contains 671,901 missing values. Trips records with missing values will be removed from the dataset. No duplicate values were detected.

```
[9]: # Removal of missing values
taxi_data_shape = taxi_data.shape[0]
```

Total number of outliers removed: 671901 Shape of the new DataFrame: (19145682, 7)

4.2 Outlier analysis

4.2.1 Descriptive summary statistics

```
[10]: taxi_data_na.describe().apply(lambda s: s.apply('{0:.5f}'.format))
```

[10]:		passenger_count	trip_distance	PULocationID	${\tt DOLocationID}$	\
	count	19145682.00000	19145682.00000	19145682.00000	19145682.00000	
	mean	1.39674	3.38583	165.02860	163.18301	
	std	0.97234	51.18058	65.12097	70.20976	
	min	0.00000	0.00000	1.00000	1.00000	
	25%	1.00000	1.10000	132.00000	113.00000	
	50%	1.00000	1.83000	162.00000	162.00000	
	75%	1.00000	3.38000	234.00000	234.00000	
	max	9.00000	184340.80000	265.00000	265.00000	
		total_amount				
	count	19145682.00000				
	mean	20.66693				
	std	130.45682				
	min	-2567.80000				
	25%	11.80000				
	50%	15.36000				
	75%	21.80000				

Findings:

max

401095.62000

passenger_count: The dataset contains trips where no passenger was on board. The maximum value of 9 appears inplausibly high.

PULocationID and DOLocationID: According to the TLC *, there are only 263 different LocationIDs. LocationIDs 264 and 265 represent trips where the pickup/dropoff location is unknown. These records will be removed from the dataset in the final outlier removal process.

trip_distance: The dataset contains records where trip distance equals zero miles. The maximum trip distance appears unreasonably high. The high standard deviation indicates great variability in the data.

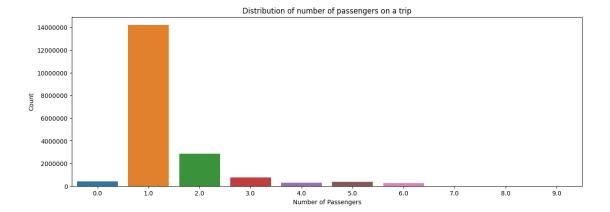
total_amount: Certain trips in the dataset have a negative payment amount. In addition, the maximum payment is very large. The high standard deviation indicates great variability in the data

Source: TLC

4.2.2 In-depth examination of explanatory feature distributions

Passenger Count

```
[11]: # Basic statistics
      print("Mean Passenger Count: ", statistics.
       →mean(taxi_data_na['passenger_count']))
      print("Median Passenger Count: ", statistics.
       →median(taxi_data_na['passenger_count']))
     Mean Passenger Count: 1.3967362980331544
     Median Passenger Count: 1.0
[12]: # Frequency table
      pd.crosstab(index = taxi_data_na['passenger_count'], columns = 'count')
[12]: col_0
                          count
     passenger_count
      0.0
                         403221
      1.0
                       14204666
      2.0
                        2864197
      3.0
                         745800
      4.0
                         315039
      5.0
                         366019
      6.0
                         246538
      7.0
                            105
      8.0
                             78
      9.0
                             19
[13]: # Distribution of number of passengers on a trip
      f = plt.figure(figsize = (15,5))
      sns.countplot(x = 'passenger_count', data = taxi_data_na)
      plt.title('Distribution of number of passengers on a trip')
      plt.xlabel('Number of Passengers')
      plt.ylabel('Count')
      plt.ticklabel_format(style='plain', axis='y',useOffset=False)
      plt.show()
```



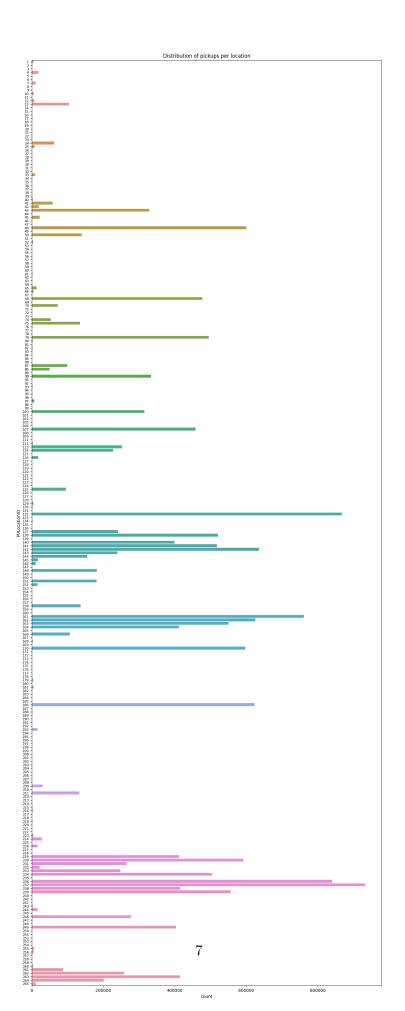
Findings: The majority of trips had only one passenger, while trips with more than six passengers were rare occurrences. It is decided to discard observations outside the range from 1 to 6 in the final outlier removal process.

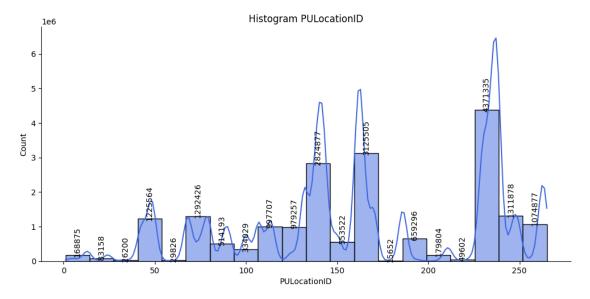
LocationIDs

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[14]: # Distribution of pickups per location

f = plt.figure(figsize = (15,40))
    sns.countplot(data = taxi_data_na, y = 'PULocationID')

plt.title('Distribution of pickups per location')
    plt.yticks(fontsize =8)
    plt.show()
```



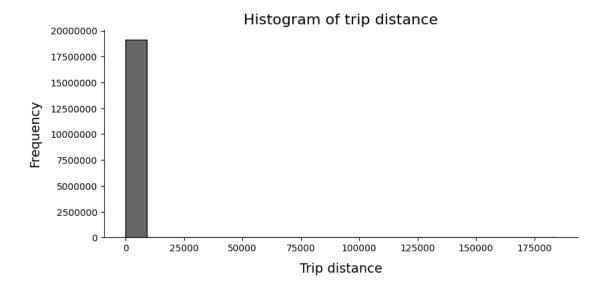


Findings: It is observed that some locations have a higher taxi demand, whereas other locations barely request any rides. The histogram of PULocationID demonstrates that there are three hotspot areas with an exceptional high demand.

Trip distance

```
[16]: # Basic statistics
      print(taxi_data_na['trip_distance'].mean())
      print(taxi_data_na['trip_distance'].median())
      print(taxi_data_na['trip_distance'].kurt()) # The higher the kurtosis is often_
       →linked to the greater extremity or deviations in the data.
     3.385826471472776
     1.83
     9923308.527619703
[17]: # Trip distance values and frequencies
      taxi_data_na['trip_distance'].value_counts().sort_index()
[17]: 0.00
                   229456
      0.01
                    14898
      0.02
                    10081
      0.03
                     7891
      0.04
                     6124
      7496.85
                        1
      29445.65
                        1
      53440.55
                        1
      108786.09
                        1
      184340.80
      Name: trip_distance, Length: 6538, dtype: int64
[18]: # Histogram of trip distance
      num_ticks = 5
      tick_locations = np.linspace(0, 125000, num_ticks)
      plt.figure(figsize = (2,4))
      sns.displot(taxi_data_na['trip_distance'], bins = 20, aspect = 2, height = 4,__
       ⇔color = "black", alpha = 0.6)
      plt.title('Histogram of trip distance', fontsize= 16)
      plt.xlabel('Trip distance', fontsize = 14, labelpad = 10)
      plt.ylabel('Frequency', fontsize = 14, labelpad = 10)
      plt.ticklabel_format(style='plain', axis='y')
      plt.savefig('Histogram_trip_distance.png', dpi = 300, bbox_inches = 'tight')
      plt.show()
```

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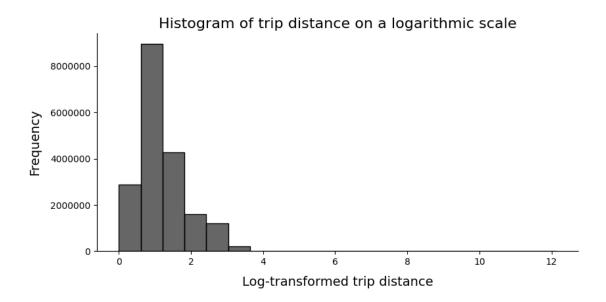
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[19]: # Histogram of log-transformed trip distance

plt.figure(figsize = (4,4))
sns.displot(np.log(taxi_data_na['trip_distance'].values+1), bins = 20, aspect = 2, height = 4, color= "black", alpha = 0.6)

plt.title("Histogram of trip distance on a logarithmic scale", fontsize = 16)
plt.xlabel("Log-transformed trip distance", fontsize = 14, labelpad = 10)
plt.ylabel("Frequency", fontsize = 14, labelpad = 10)

plt.ticklabel_format(style='plain', axis='y')
plt.savefig('Histogram_trip_distance_log.png', dpi = 300, bbox_inches = 'tight')
plt.show()
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Findings: The 'Trip_distance' attribute exhibits right-skewness. The plots highlight that the majority of trips were relatively short distances. Therefore, further investigation is conducted using percentile values to determine an appropriate upper bound for outlier removal.

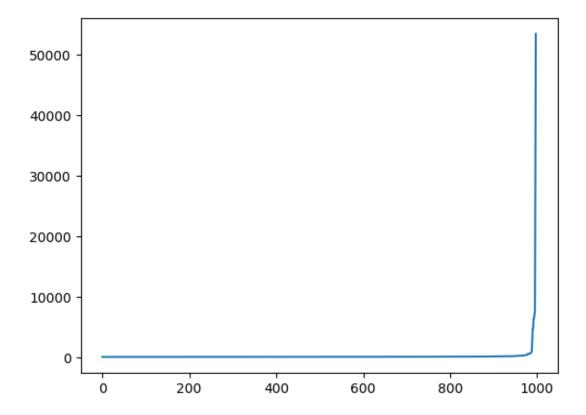
```
0 percentile value is 0.0
10 percentile value is 0.7
20 percentile value is 0.97
30 percentile value is 1.22
40 percentile value is 1.5
50 percentile value is 1.83
60 percentile value is 2.27
70 percentile value is 2.9
80 percentile value is 4.1
90 percentile value is 8.38
100 percentile value is 184340.8
```

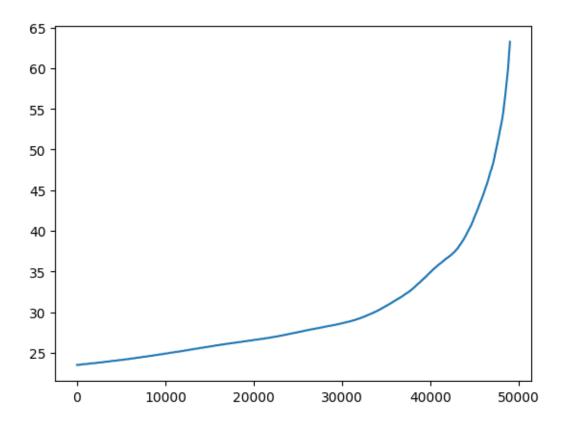
As the 90th percentile value does not seem to be an outlier, further investigation is conducted on the high-end range of data (90th to 100th percentile).

```
[21]: # 90th to 100th percentile of data
      for i in range (90,100):
          val = taxi_data_na["trip_distance"].values
          val = np.sort(val,axis = None)
          print("{} percentile value is {}".format(i,val[int(len(val)*(float(i)/
       →100))]))
      print ("100 percentile value is ",val[-1])
     90 percentile value is 8.38
     91 percentile value is 9.1
     92 percentile value is 9.8
     93 percentile value is 10.6
     94 percentile value is 11.68
     95 percentile value is 13.76
     96 percentile value is 16.57
     97 percentile value is 17.65
     98 percentile value is 18.5
     99 percentile value is 19.99
     100 percentile value is 184340.8
[22]: # Closer look at the 99th to 100th percentile
      for i in np.arange(0.0, 1.0, 0.1):
          val = taxi data na["trip distance"].values
          val = np.sort(val,axis = None)
          print("{} percentile value is {}".format(99+i,val[int(len(val)*(float(99+i)/
       →100))]))
      print("100 percentile value is ",val[-1])
     99.0 percentile value is 19.99
     99.1 percentile value is 20.22
     99.2 percentile value is 20.5
     99.3 percentile value is 20.78
     99.4 percentile value is 21.1
     99.5 percentile value is 21.48
     99.6 percentile value is 22.0
     99.7 percentile value is 22.86
     99.8 percentile value is 25.18
     99.9 percentile value is 28.84
     100 percentile value is 184340.8
     The 99.9th percentile value still does not look like an outlier, as there is not much difference between
     the 99.8th percentile and 99.9th percentile. Therefore, we move on to a graphical analysis.
```

[23]: # Plot of the last 1000 values (excluding the last two points) of the sorted

```
plt.plot(val[-1000:-2])
plt.show()
```





Summary on the established reference points:

The largest distance one can travel within New York City is approximately 45 miles (Distance from Wakefield, Bronx to Conference House Park, Staten Island) according to Google Maps

The 99.9th percentile of trip distance is around 29 miles.

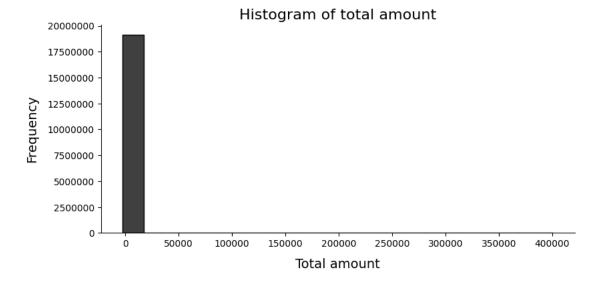
The visual analysis showed a sharp increase in the values of trip distance at approximately 30 miles.

Therefore, the upper limit of trip distance is set at 30 miles as this appears reasonable regarding these references. All trip records with trip distance ≤ 0 and trip distance ≥ 30 miles will be removed in the final outlier removal process.

Total amount

```
-895.30 1
...
7024.05 1
7027.05 1
7060.85 1
395848.24 1
401095.62 1
Name: total_amount, Length: 19123, dtype: int64
```

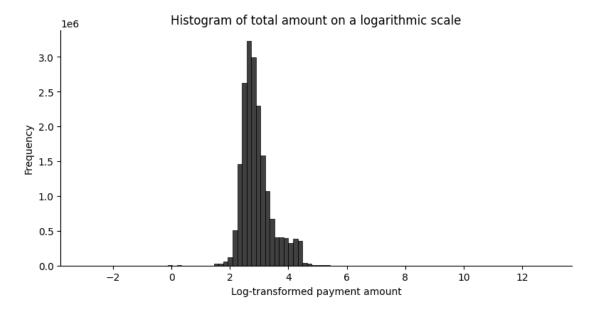
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[27]: # Histogram of payment amount on a logarithmic scale

plt.figure(figsize = (15,5))
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Findings: Similar to 'trip_distance', the 'total_amount' attribute exhibits a highly right-skewed distribution. Consequently, we employ the same percentile methodology as applied to trip distance for further analysis.

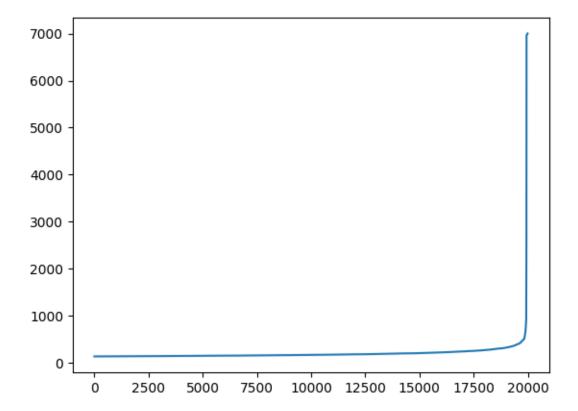
```
0 percentile value is -2567.8
10 percentile value is 9.8
20 percentile value is 11.3
30 percentile value is 12.42
40 percentile value is 14.0
50 percentile value is 15.36
```

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60 percentile value is 17.25
     70 percentile value is 19.8
     80 percentile value is 24.36
     90 percentile value is 39.55
     100 percentile value is 401095.62
[29]: # 90th to 100th percentile of data
      for i in range (90,100):
          val_2 = taxi_data_na["total_amount"].values
          val_2 = np.sort(val_2,axis = None)
          print("{} percentile value is {}".format(i,val_2[int(len(val_2)*(float(i)/
       →100))]))
      print("100 percentile value is ",val_2[-1])
     90 percentile value is 39.55
     91 percentile value is 42.87
     92 percentile value is 46.1
     93 percentile value is 49.85
     94 percentile value is 54.1
     95 percentile value is 59.55
     96 percentile value is 64.05
     97 percentile value is 70.0
     98 percentile value is 75.47
     99 percentile value is 79.25
     100 percentile value is 401095.62
[30]: # Closer look at the 99th to 100th percentile
      for i in np.arange(0.0, 1.0, 0.1):
          val_2 = taxi_data_na["total_amount"].values
          val_2 = np.sort(val_2,axis = None)
          print("{} percentile value is {}".

¬format(99+i,val_2[int(len(val_2)*(float(99+i)/100))]))

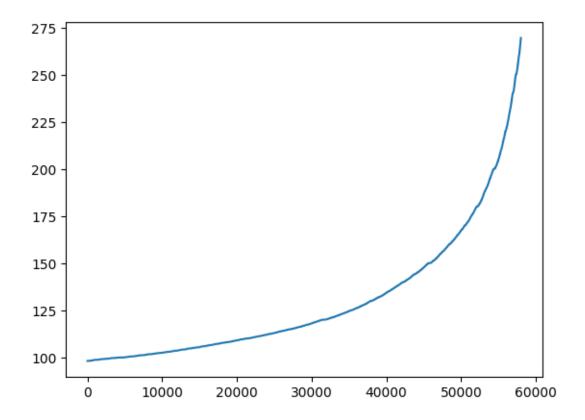
      print("100 percentile value is ",val_2[-1])
     99.0 percentile value is 79.25
     99.1 percentile value is 80.34
     99.2 percentile value is 81.1
     99.3 percentile value is 81.65
     99.4 percentile value is 83.56
     99.5 percentile value is 86.55
     99.6 percentile value is 91.65
     99.7 percentile value is 99.6
     99.8 percentile value is 110.5
     99.9 percentile value is 136.62
     100 percentile value is 401095.62
```

The 99.9th percentile value doesn't look like an outlier, as there is not much difference between the 99.8th percentile and 99.9th percentile. Therefore, we move on to a graphical analysis.



```
[32]: # Plot of the last 60,000 values (excluding the last 2,000 points) of the sorted data

plt.plot(val_2[-60000:-2000])
plt.show()
```



Summary on the established reference points:

The 99.9th percentile of total amount is around 137.

The visual analysis showed an increase in the values of trip distance at approximately 150.

Based on these reference points, the upper limit of total amount is set at 150. In summary, all trip records with total amount ≤ 0 and total amount ≥ 150 will be removed in the final outlier removal process.

Pickup and dropoff datetime

```
2022-07-01 00:42:54
      2022-07-01 00:54:47
      2022-07-01 01:00:36
                             1
      2023-04-18 14:30:05
      Name: tpep_pickup_datetime, Length: 9717748, dtype: int64
[34]: # Dropoff datetime values and their frequencies
      taxi_data_na['tpep_dropoff_datetime'].value_counts().sort_index()
[34]: 2001-08-23 05:57:11
      2002-10-21 00:24:37
      2002-10-21 00:44:31
      2002-10-21 00:50:06
                             1
      2002-10-21 05:53:32
     2022-07-01 23:28:28
                             1
      2022-07-01 23:48:58
     2022-07-02 00:16:22
     2022-07-02 02:00:27
     2023-04-18 23:30:39
     Name: tpep_dropoff_datetime, Length: 9712026, dtype: int64
```

Findings: It is observed that there are dates outside the pre-defined period (January,01 to June,30 2022). These records will be removed in the final outlier removal step.

5 Final outlier removal

```
[35]: # Define a function for the final outlier removal process
     def remove outliers(new taxi data):
         # Initial number of rows / trip records
         rows_1 = new_taxi_data.shape[0]
         print("Number of trip records = ", rows_1)
         # Filter for entries based on the previous defined condition for outliers
         temp_data = new_taxi_data[(new_taxi_data.passenger_count == 0) |__
       # Print the number of outliers
         rows_2 = temp_data.shape[0]
         print("Number of outliers from passenger_count analysis: ", rows_2)
         # Filter for entries based on the previous defined condition for outliers
         temp_data = new_taxi_data[(new_taxi_data.PULocationID == 264) |__

¬(new_taxi_data.PULocationID == 265)]
         # Print the number of outliers
         rows_3 = temp_data.shape[0]
```

```
print("Number of outliers from PULocationID analysis: ", rows_3)
  # Filter for entries based on the previous defined condition for outliers
  temp_data = new_taxi_data[(new_taxi_data.DOLocationID == 264) |__
→(new_taxi_data.DOLocationID == 265)]
  # Print the number of outliers
  rows_4 = temp_data.shape[0]
  print("Number of outliers from DOLocationID analysis: ", rows_4)
  # Filter for entries based on the previous defined condition for outliers
  temp_data = new_taxi_data[(new_taxi_data.tpep_pickup_datetime <_
4'2022-01-01') | (new_taxi_data.tpep_pickup_datetime >= '2022-07-01') |
→ (new_taxi_data.tpep_dropoff_datetime < '2022-01-01') | (new_taxi_data.
stpep_dropoff_datetime > '2022-07-01')]
  # Print the number of outliers
  rows_5 = temp_data.shape[0]
  print("Number of outliers from datetime analysis: ", rows_5)
  # Filter for entries based on the previous defined condition for outliers
  temp_data = new_taxi_data[(new_taxi_data.trip_distance <= 0) |__
# Print the number of outliers
  rows 6 = temp data.shape[0]
  print("Number of outliers from trip_distance analysis: ", rows_6)
  # Filter for entries based on the previous defined condition for outliers
  temp_data = new_taxi_data[(new_taxi_data.total_amount <= 0) |__
# Print the number of outliers
  rows_7 = temp_data.shape[0]
  print("Number of outliers from total_amount analysis: ", rows_7)
  # Final outlier process
  new taxi data = new taxi data.drop(new taxi data.index[(new taxi data.
spassenger_count == 0) | (new_taxi_data.passenger_count > 6)])
  new_taxi_data = new_taxi_data.drop(new_taxi_data.index[(new_taxi_data.
PULocationID == 264) | (new_taxi_data.PULocationID == 265)])
  new_taxi_data = new_taxi_data.drop(new_taxi_data.index[(new_taxi_data.
→DOLocationID == 264) | (new_taxi_data.DOLocationID == 265)])
  new_taxi_data = new_taxi_data.drop(new_taxi_data.index[(new_taxi_data.
otpep_pickup_datetime < '2022-01-01') | (new_taxi_data.tpep_pickup_datetime_
⇔>= '2022-07-01')])
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new_taxi_data = new_taxi_data.drop(new_taxi_data.index[(new_taxi_data.
       chepe_dropoff_datetime < '2022-01-01') | (new_taxi_data.tpep_dropoff_datetime_</pre>
       →> '2022-07-01')])
          new_taxi_data = new_taxi_data.drop(new_taxi_data.index[(new_taxi_data.
       strip distance <= 0) | (new taxi data.trip distance > 30)])
          new_taxi_data = new_taxi_data.drop(new_taxi_data.index[(new_taxi_data.
       stotal_amount <= 0) | (new_taxi_data.total_amount > 150)])
          return new_taxi_data
[36]: # Call the function for outlier removal
      taxi_data_outl = remove_outliers(taxi_data_na)
      print("Fraction of data points after removing outliers",
       float(len(taxi data outl))/len(taxi data na))
     Number of trip records = 19145682
     Number of outliers from passenger_count analysis: 403423
     Number of outliers from PULocationID analysis: 212871
     Number of outliers from DOLocationID analysis: 205100
     Number of outliers from datetime analysis: 1625
     Number of outliers from trip_distance analysis: 245726
     Number of outliers from total amount analysis: 128945
     Fraction of data points after removing outliers 0.9482586204032847
[37]: print(taxi_data_outl.shape[0])
     18155058
[52]: # Save dataframe in parquet format for later usage
      taxi_data_outl.to_parquet("gs://taxi_data_outl/taxi_data_outl.parquet")
```

6 Examination of features after outlier removal

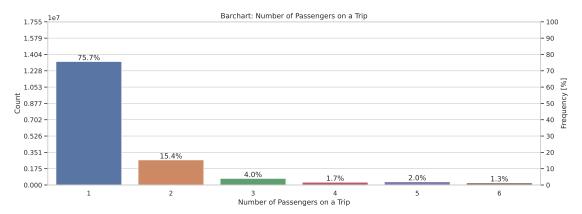
Passenger count

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[48]: # Barchart of number of passengers on a trip

ncount = len(taxi_data_outl)

f = plt.figure(figsize = (15,5))
ax = sns.countplot(x = 'passenger_count', data = taxi_data_outl)
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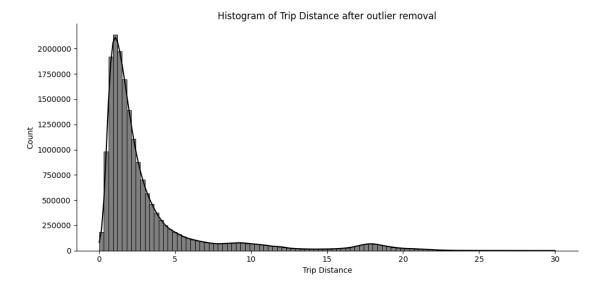
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plt.title('Barchart: Number of Passengers on a Trip')
plt.xlabel('Number of Passengers on a Trip')
plt.ylabel('Count')
ax2 = ax.twinx()
ax2.set_ylabel('Frequency [%]')
for p in ax.patches:
    x=p.get_bbox().get_points()[:,0]
    y=p.get_bbox().get_points()[1,1]
    ax.annotate(\{:.1f\}\%'.format(100.*y/ncount), (x.mean(), y),
            ha='center', va='bottom')
ax.yaxis.set_major_locator(ticker.LinearLocator(11))
ax2.set_ylim(0,100)
ax.set_ylim(0,ncount)
ax2.yaxis.set_major_locator(ticker.MultipleLocator(10))
ax2.grid(None)
plt.show()
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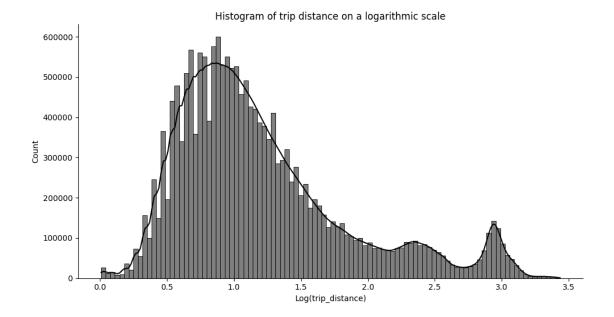


Trip distance

plt.show()

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Total amount

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