Activity_Course 3 Automatidata project lab

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Course 3 - Go Beyond the Numbers: Translate Data into Insights

You are the newest data professional in a fictional data consulting firm: Automatidata. The team is still early into the project, having only just completed an initial plan of action and some early Python coding work.

Luana Rodriquez, the senior data analyst at Automatidata, is pleased with the work you have already completed and requests your assistance with some EDA and data visualization work for the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission project (New York City TLC) to get a general understanding of what taxi ridership looks like. The management team is asking for a Python notebook showing data structuring and cleaning, as well as any matplotlib/seaborn visualizations plotted to help understand the data. At the very least, include a box plot of the ride durations and some time series plots, like a breakdown by quarter or month.

Additionally, the management team has recently asked all EDA to include Tableau visualizations. For this taxi data, create a Tableau dashboard showing a New York City map of taxi/limo trips by month. Make sure it is easy to understand to someone who isn't data savvy, and remember that the assistant director at the New York City TLC is a person with visual impairments.

A notebook was structured and prepared to help you in this project. Please complete the following questions.

2 Course 3 End-of-course project: Exploratory data analysis

In this activity, you will examine data provided and prepare it for analysis. You will also design a professional data visualization that tells a story, and will help data-driven decisions for business needs.

Please note that the Tableau visualization activity is optional, and will not affect your completion of the course. Completing the Tableau activity will help you practice planning out and plotting a data visualization based on a specific business need. The structure of this activity is designed to emulate the proposals you will likely be assigned in your career as a data professional. Completing this activity will help prepare you for those career moments.

The purpose of this project is to conduct exploratory data analysis on a provided data set. Your mission is to continue the investigation you began in C2 and perform further EDA on this data with the aim of learning more about the variables.

The goal is to clean data set and create a visualization. *This activity has 4 parts:*

- Part 1: Imports, links, and loading
- Part 2: Data Exploration * Data cleaning
- Part 3: Building visualizations
- Part 4: Evaluate and share results

Follow the instructions and answer the questions below to complete the activity. Then, you will complete an Executive Summary using the questions listed on the PACE Strategy Document.

Be sure to complete this activity before moving on. The next course item will provide you with a completed exemplar to compare to your own work.

3 Visualize a story in Tableau and Python

4 PACE stages

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- [Analyze] (#scrollTo=mA7Mz_SnI8km&line=4&uniqifier=1)
- [Construct] (#scrollTo=Lca9c8XON8lc&line=2&uniqifier=1)
- [Execute] (#scrollTo=401PgchTPr4E&line=2&uniqifier=1)

Throughout these project notebooks, you'll see references to the problem-solving framework PACE. The following notebook components are labeled with the respective PACE stage: Plan, Analyze, Construct, and Execute.

4.1 PACE: Plan

In this stage, consider the following questions where applicable to complete your code response: 1. Identify any outliers:

- What methods are best for identifying outliers?
- How do you make the decision to keep or exclude outliers from any future models?
- 1) describe and info to see what the max min values are and what the count is of each column.
- 2) I base the decision on the size of data I am working with, the goal, and if the outlier logical makes sense in the data or if it is a true outlier.

4.1.1 Task 1. Imports, links, and loading

Go to Tableau Public The following link will help you complete this activity. Keep Tableau Public open as you proceed to the next steps.

Link to supporting materials: Tableau Public: https://public.tableau.com/s/

For EDA of the data, import the data and packages that would be most helpful, such as pandas, numpy and matplotlib.

```
[1]: # Import packages and libraries
#==> ENTER YOUR CODE HERE
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import plotly.express as px
```

Note: As shown in this cell, the dataset has been automatically loaded in for you. You do not need to download the .csv file, or provide more code, in order to access the dataset and proceed with this lab. Please continue with this activity by completing the following instructions.

```
[2]: # Load dataset into dataframe
df = pd.read_csv('2017_Yellow_Taxi_Trip_Data.csv')
```

4.2 PACE: Analyze

Consider the questions in your PACE Strategy Document to reflect on the Analyze stage.

4.2.1 Task 2a. Data exploration and cleaning

Decide which columns are applicable

The first step is to assess your data. Check the Data Source page on Tableau Public to get a sense of the size, shape and makeup of the data set. Then answer these questions to yourself:

Given our scenario, which data columns are most applicable? Which data columns can I eliminate, knowing they won't solve our problem scenario?

Consider functions that help you understand and structure the data.

- head()
- describe()
- info()
- groupby()
- sortby()

What do you do about missing data (if any)?

Are there data outliers? What are they and how might you handle them?

What do the distributions of your variables tell you about the question you're asking or the problem you're trying to solve?

Fare amount being -120, no missing data also a missing column called unnamed

Start by discovering, using head and size.

```
df.head()
                     VendorID
[3]:
        Unnamed: 0
                                   tpep_pickup_datetime
                                                            tpep_dropoff_datetime
     0
          24870114
                                  03/25/2017 8:55:43 AM
                                                            03/25/2017 9:09:47 AM
     1
           35634249
                             1
                                  04/11/2017 2:53:28 PM
                                                            04/11/2017 3:19:58 PM
     2
         106203690
                                  12/15/2017 7:26:56 AM
                                                            12/15/2017 7:34:08 AM
          38942136
     3
                                  05/07/2017 1:17:59 PM
                                                            05/07/2017 1:48:14 PM
                                04/15/2017 11:32:20 PM
          30841670
                                                           04/15/2017 11:49:03 PM
                           trip_distance RatecodeID store_and_fwd_flag
        passenger count
     0
                                     3.34
                        6
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                        1
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     2
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                        1
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                                     3.70
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                                                      fare_amount
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     0
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                                                                       0.0
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     3
                  188
                                   97
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                                                              20.5
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     4
                    4
                                  112
                                                   2
                                                              16.5
                                                                       0.5
                                                                                 0.5
        tip_amount
                     tolls_amount
                                     improvement_surcharge
                                                              total_amount
     0
                                                         0.3
               2.76
                               0.0
                                                                      16.56
                                                         0.3
     1
               4.00
                               0.0
                                                                      20.80
     2
               1.45
                               0.0
                                                         0.3
                                                                       8.75
               6.39
                                                                      27.69
     3
                               0.0
                                                         0.3
     4
               0.00
                               0.0
                                                         0.3
                                                                      17.80
    df.shape
[4]: (22699, 18)
    Use describe...
[5]: df.describe()
[5]:
               Unnamed: 0
                                 VendorID
                                           passenger count
                                                              trip distance
     count
             2.269900e+04
                            22699.000000
                                               22699.000000
                                                               22699.000000
             5.675849e+07
     mean
                                 1.556236
                                                   1.642319
                                                                    2.913313
     std
             3.274493e+07
                                 0.496838
                                                   1.285231
                                                                    3.653171
     min
             1.212700e+04
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             2.852056e+07
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     50%
             5.673150e+07
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     75%
             8.537452e+07
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                                                   2.000000
                                                                    3.060000
             1.134863e+08
                                                   6.000000
                                                                   33.960000
                                 2.000000
     max
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[3]: #HD

	RatecodeID	${\tt PULocationID}$	${\tt DOLocationID}$	<pre>payment_type</pre>	fare_amount	\
count	22699.000000	22699.000000	22699.000000	22699.000000	22699.000000	
mean	1.043394	162.412353	161.527997	1.336887	13.026629	
std	0.708391	66.633373	70.139691	0.496211	13.243791	
min	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	-120.000000	
25%	1.000000	114.000000	112.000000	1.000000	6.500000	
50%	1.000000	162.000000	162.000000	1.000000	9.500000	
75%	1.000000	233.000000	233.000000	2.000000	14.500000	
max	99.000000	265.000000	265.000000	4.000000	999.990000	
	extra	${\tt mta_tax}$	tip_amount	tolls_amount	\	
count	22699.000000	22699.000000	22699.000000	22699.000000		
mean	0.333275	0.497445	1.835781	0.312542		
std	0.463097	0.039465	2.800626	1.399212		
min	-1.000000	-0.500000	0.000000	0.000000		
25%	0.000000	0.500000	0.000000	0.000000		
50%	0.000000	0.500000	1.350000	0.000000		
75%	0.500000	0.500000	2.450000	0.000000		
max	4.500000	0.500000	200.000000	19.100000		
	improvement_surcharge total_amount					
count	22699.000000 2269		9.000000			
mean	0.299551 16		6.310502			
std		0.015673 1	6.097295			
min	_	0.300000 -12	0.300000			
25%	0.300000 8		8.750000			
50%	0.300000 11		1.800000			
75%		0.300000 17				
max	0.300000 1200.290		0.290000			

And info.

[6]: df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 22699 entries, 0 to 22698
Data columns (total 18 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Unnamed: 0	22699 non-null	int64
1	VendorID	22699 non-null	int64
2	tpep_pickup_datetime	22699 non-null	object
3	tpep_dropoff_datetime	22699 non-null	object
4	passenger_count	22699 non-null	int64
5	trip_distance	22699 non-null	float64
6	RatecodeID	22699 non-null	int64
7	store and fwd flag	22699 non-null	object

```
8
   PULocationID
                           22699 non-null
                                           int64
9
   DOLocationID
                           22699 non-null
                                           int64
10
   payment_type
                           22699 non-null
                                           int64
   fare_amount
                           22699 non-null float64
11
12
   extra
                           22699 non-null float64
13
   mta_tax
                           22699 non-null float64
   tip amount
                           22699 non-null float64
15
   tolls_amount
                           22699 non-null
                                          float64
   improvement surcharge 22699 non-null
                                           float64
17 total amount
                           22699 non-null
                                           float64
```

dtypes: float64(8), int64(7), object(3)

memory usage: 3.1+ MB

4.2.2 Task 2b. Assess whether dimensions and measures are correct

On the data source page in Tableau, double check the data types for the applicable columns you selected on the previous step. Pay close attention to the dimensions and measures to assure they are correct.

In Python, consider the data types of the columns. Consider: Do they make sense?

Review the link provided in the previous activity instructions to create the required Tableau visualization.

4.2.3 Task 2c. Select visualization type(s)

Select data visualization types that will help you understand and explain the data.

Now that you know which data columns you'll use, it is time to decide which data visualization makes the most sense for EDA of the TLC dataset. What type of data visualization(s) would be most helpful?

- Line graph
- Bar chart
- Box plot
- Histogram
- Heat map
- Scatter plot
- A geographic map

==> Box plot, historgram, scatter plot

4.3 PACE: Construct

Consider the questions in your PACE Strategy Document to reflect on the Construct stage.

4.3.1 Task 3. Data visualization

You've assessed your data, and decided on which data variables are most applicable. It's time to plot your visualization(s)!

4.3.2 Boxplots

Perform a check for outliers on relevant columns such as trip distance and trip duration. Remember, some of the best ways to identify the presence of outliers in data are box plots and histograms.

Note: Remember to convert your date columns to datetime in order to derive total trip duration.

```
[8]: # Convert data columns to datetime
#HD

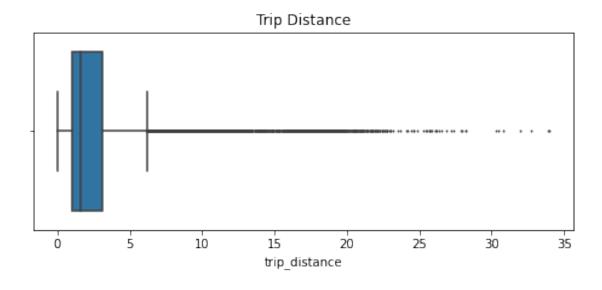
df['tpep_pickup_datetime'] = pd.to_datetime(df['tpep_pickup_datetime'])

df['tpep_dropoff_datetime'] = pd.to_datetime(df['tpep_dropoff_datetime'])
```

trip distance

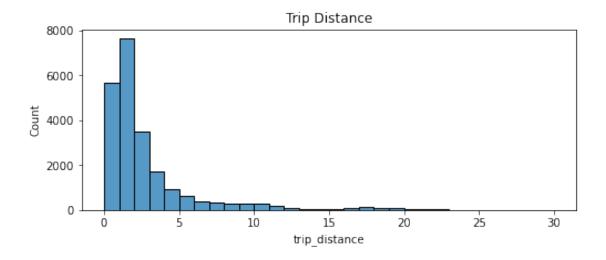
```
[11]: # Create box plot of trip_distance
plt.figure(figsize=(8,3))
plt.title('Trip Distance')
sns.boxplot(data= None, x=df['trip_distance'], fliersize = 1)
```

[11]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x78ad9c8ea450>



```
[13]: # Create histogram of trip_distance
plt.figure(figsize=(8,3))
plt.title('Trip Distance')
sns.histplot(df['trip_distance'], bins=range(0,31,1))
```

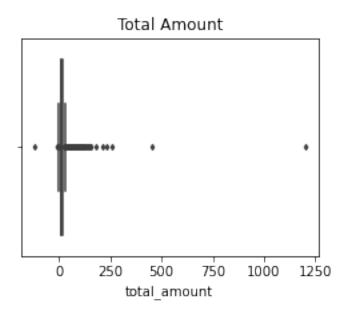
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total amount

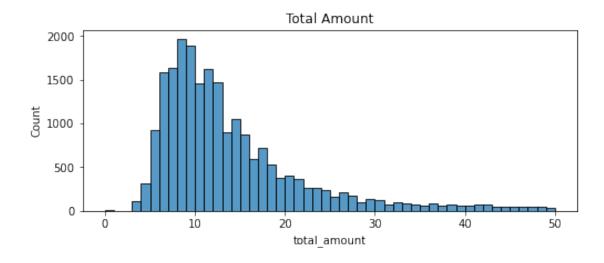
```
[19]: # Create box plot of total_amount
plt.figure(figsize=(4,3))
plt.title('Total Amount')
sns.boxplot(data= None, x=df['total_amount'], fliersize = 3)
```

[19]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x78ad9c49e790>



```
[22]: # Create histogram of total_amount
plt.figure(figsize=(8,3))
plt.title('Total Amount')
sns.histplot(df['total_amount'], bins=range(0,51,1))
```

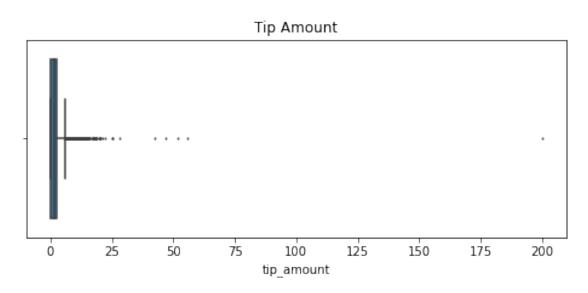
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tip amount

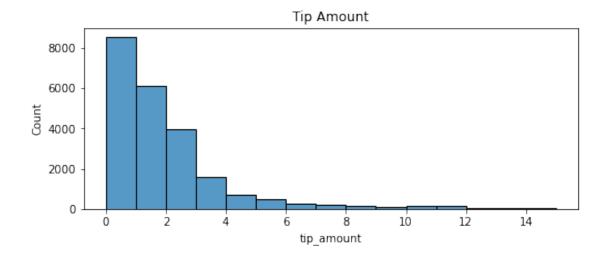
```
[27]: # Create box plot of tip_amount
plt.figure(figsize=(8,3))
plt.title('Tip Amount')
sns.boxplot(data= None, x=df['tip_amount'], fliersize = 1)
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[27]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x78ad9c40c690>

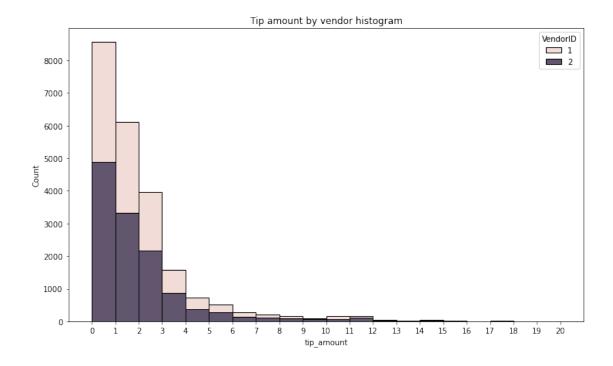


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[28]: # Create histogram of tip_amount
plt.figure(figsize=(8,3))
plt.title('Tip Amount')
sns.histplot(df['tip_amount'], bins=range(0,16,1))
```

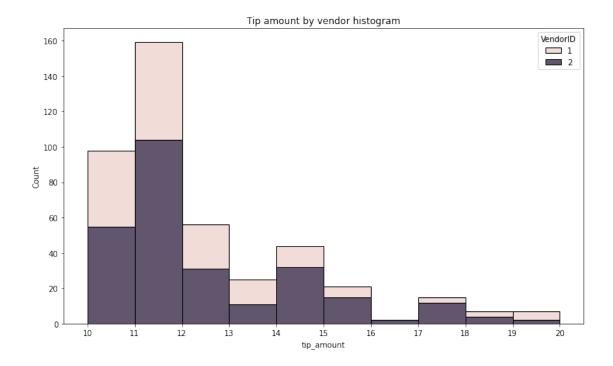
[28]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x78ad9c536790>



tip_amount by vendor



Next, zoom in on the upper end of the range of tips to check whether vendor one gets noticeably more of the most generous tips.



Mean tips by passenger count

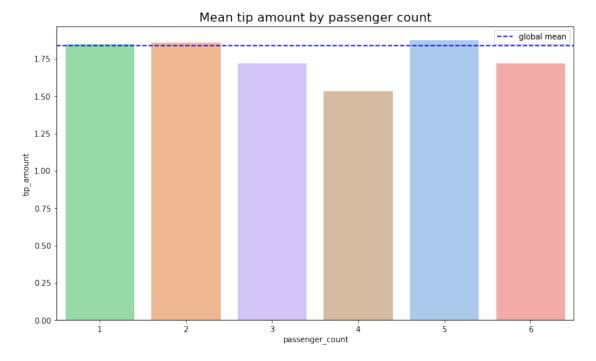
3

Examine the unique values in the passenger_count column.

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```
[39]: #HD
      df['passenger_count'].value_counts()
[39]: 1
           16117
      2
            3305
      5
            1143
      3
             953
      6
             693
      4
             455
              33
      Name: passenger_count, dtype: int64
[42]: # Calculate mean tips by passenger_count
      mean_tips_by_pc = df.groupby(['passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amount']]
      mean_tips_by_pc
[42]:
                       tip_amount
      passenger_count
                          2.135758
      1
                          1.848920
      2
                          1.856378
```

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4 1.530264
5 1.873185
6 1.720260
```



Create month and day columns

```
[48]: # Create a month column
df['month'] = df['tpep_pickup_datetime'].dt.month_name()
# Create a day column
df['day'] = df['tpep_pickup_datetime'].dt.day_name()
```

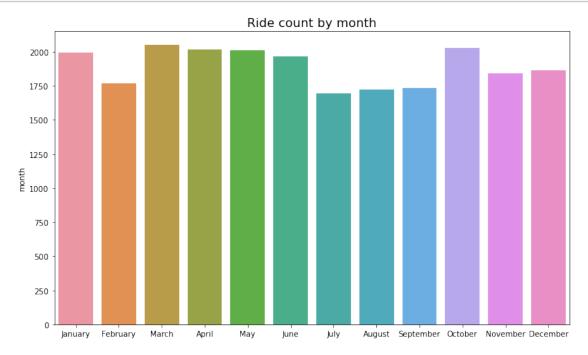
Plot total ride count by month

Begin by calculating total ride count by month.

```
[50]: # Get total number of rides for each month
      monthly_total = df['month'].value_counts()
      monthly_total
[50]: March
                   2049
      October
                   2027
      April
                   2019
      May
                   2013
      January
                   1997
      June
                   1964
      December
                   1863
      November
                   1843
      February
                   1769
      September
                   1734
      August
                   1724
      July
                   1697
      Name: month, dtype: int64
     Reorder the results to put the months in calendar order.
[51]: # Reorder the monthly ride list so months go in order
      month_order = ['January', 'February', 'March', 'April', 'May', 'June', 'July',
               'August', 'September', 'October', 'November', 'December']
      monthly_total = monthly_total.reindex(index=month_order)
      monthly_total
[51]: January
                   1997
      February
                   1769
      March
                   2049
      April
                   2019
      May
                   2013
      June
                   1964
      July
                   1697
      August
                   1724
      September
                   1734
      October
                   2027
      November
                   1843
      December
                   1863
      Name: month, dtype: int64
[52]: # Show the index
      monthly_total.index
[52]: Index(['January', 'February', 'March', 'April', 'May', 'June', 'July',
             'August', 'September', 'October', 'November', 'December'],
```

```
dtype='object')
```

```
[56]: # Create a bar plot of total rides per month
plt.figure(figsize=(12,7))
ax = sns.barplot(x=monthly_total.index, y=monthly_total)
ax.set_xticklabels(month_order)
plt.title('Ride count by month', fontsize=16);
```



Plot total ride count by day

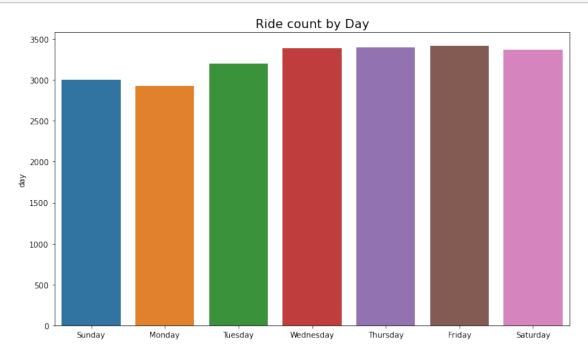
Repeat the above process, but now calculate the total rides by day of the week.

```
[59]: Sunday 2998
Monday 2931
Tuesday 3198
Wednesday 3390
Thursday 3402
Friday 3413
```

Saturday 3367

Name: day, dtype: int64

```
[60]: # Create bar plot for ride count by day
plt.figure(figsize=(12,7))
ax = sns.barplot(x=day_total.index, y=day_total)
ax.set_xticklabels(day_order)
plt.title('Ride count by Day', fontsize=16);
```



Plot total revenue by day of the week

Repeat the above process, but now calculate the total revenue by day of the week.

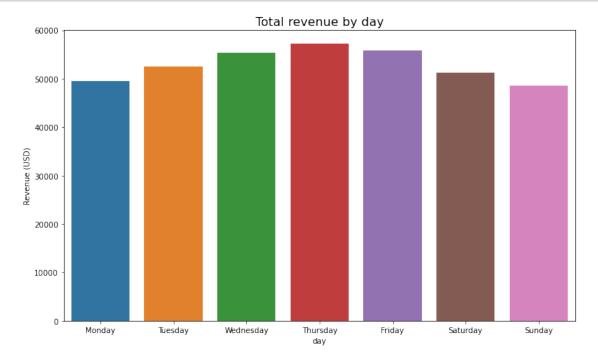
```
[61]: # Repeat the process, this time for total revenue by day
day_order = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday',

→'Saturday', 'Sunday']
total_amount_day = df.groupby('day').sum()[['total_amount']]
total_amount_day = total_amount_day.reindex(index=day_order)
total_amount_day
```

```
[61]: total_amount
day
Monday 49574.37
Tuesday 52527.14
Wednesday 55310.47
Thursday 57181.91
```

Friday 55818.74 Saturday 51195.40 Sunday 48624.06

```
[62]: # Create bar plot of total revenue by day
plt.figure(figsize=(12,7))
ax = sns.barplot(x=total_amount_day.index, y=total_amount_day['total_amount'])
ax.set_xticklabels(day_order)
ax.set_ylabel('Revenue (USD)')
plt.title('Total revenue by day', fontsize=16);
```

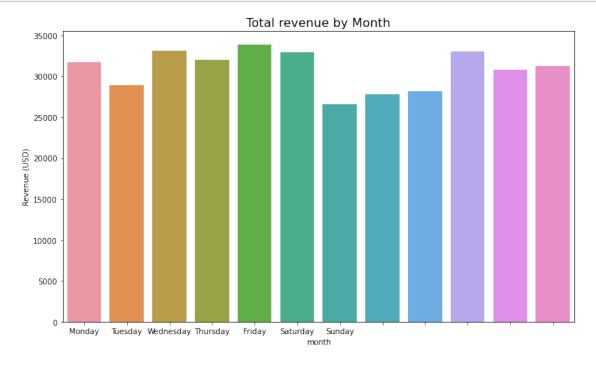


Plot total revenue by month

```
[63]: total_amount month

January 31735.25
February 28937.89
March 33085.89
```

```
32012.54
April
                33828.58
May
June
                32920.52
July
                26617.64
                27759.56
August
September
                28206.38
October
                33065.83
November
                30800.44
December
                31261.57
```

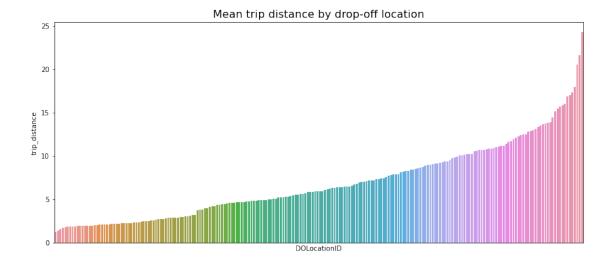


Scatter plot You can create a scatterplot in Tableau Public, which can be easier to manipulate and present. If you'd like step by step instructions, you can review the following link. Those instructions create a scatterplot showing the relationship between total_amount and trip_distance. Consider adding the Tableau visualization to your executive summary, and adding key insights from your findings on those two variables.

Tableau visualization guidelines

Plot mean trip distance by drop-off location

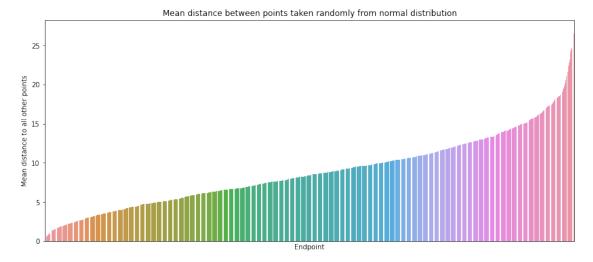
```
[65]: # Get number of unique drop-off location IDs
      df['DOLocationID'].nunique()
[65]: 216
[66]: # Calculate the mean trip distance for each drop-off location
      distance_by_dropoff = df.groupby('DOLocationID').mean()[['trip_distance']]
      # Sort the results in descending order by mean trip distance
      distance_by_dropoff = distance_by_dropoff.sort_values(by='trip_distance')
      distance_by_dropoff
[66]:
                    trip_distance
     DOLocationID
      207
                         1.200000
      193
                         1.390556
      237
                         1.555494
      234
                         1.727806
      137
                         1.818852
      51
                        17.310000
                        17.945000
      11
      210
                        20.500000
      29
                        21.650000
      23
                        24.275000
      [216 rows x 1 columns]
[67]: # Create a bar plot of mean trip distances by drop-off location in ascending,
      →order by distance
      plt.figure(figsize=(14,6))
      ax = sns.barplot(x=distance_by_dropoff.index,
                       y=distance_by_dropoff['trip_distance'],
                       order=distance_by_dropoff.index)
      ax.set_xticklabels([])
      ax.set_xticks([])
      plt.title('Mean trip distance by drop-off location', fontsize=16);
```



4.4 BONUS CONTENT

To confirm your conclusion, consider the following experiment: 1. Create a sample of coordinates from a normal distribution—in this case 1,500 pairs of points from a normal distribution with a mean of 10 and a standard deviation of 5 2. Calculate the distance between each pair of coordinates 3. Group the coordinates by endpoint and calculate the mean distance between that endpoint and all other points it was paired with 4. Plot the mean distance for each unique endpoint

```
[68]: #BONUS CONTENT
      #1. Generate random points on a 2D plane from a normal distribution
      test = np.round(np.random.normal(10, 5, (3000, 2)), 1)
      midway = int(len(test)/2) # Calculate midpoint of the array of coordinates
                                 # Isolate first half of array ("pick-up locations")
      start = test[:midway]
                                 # Isolate second half of array ("drop-off locations")
      end = test[midway:]
      # 2. Calculate Euclidean distances between points in first half and second halfu
      →of array
      distances = (start - end)**2
      distances = distances.sum(axis=-1)
      distances = np.sqrt(distances)
      # 3. Group the coordinates by "drop-off location", compute mean distance
      test_df = pd.DataFrame({'start': [tuple(x) for x in start.tolist()],
                         'end': [tuple(x) for x in end.tolist()],
                         'distance': distances})
      data = test_df[['end', 'distance']].groupby('end').mean()
      data = data.sort values(by='distance')
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Histogram of rides by drop-off location

First, check to whether the drop-off locations IDs are consecutively numbered. For instance, does it go 1, 2, 3, 4..., or are some numbers missing (e.g., 1, 3, 4...). If numbers aren't all consecutive, the histogram will look like some locations have very few or no rides when in reality there's no bar because there's no location.

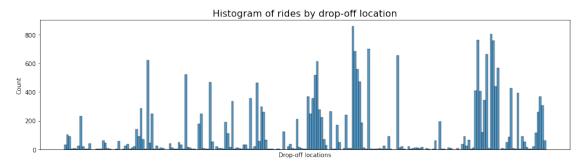
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[69]: # Check if all drop-off locations are consecutively numbered df['DOLocationID'].max() - len(set(df['DOLocationID']))
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To eliminate the spaces in the histogram that these missing numbers would create, sort the unique drop-off location values, then convert them to strings. This will make the histplot function display all bars directly next to each other.

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[70]: plt.figure(figsize=(16,4))
# DOLocationID column is numeric, so sort in ascending order
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sorted_dropoffs = df['DOLocationID'].sort_values()
# Convert to string
sorted_dropoffs = sorted_dropoffs.astype('str')
# Plot
sns.histplot(sorted_dropoffs, bins=range(0, df['DOLocationID'].max()+1, 1))
plt.xticks([])
plt.xlabel('Drop-off locations')
plt.title('Histogram of rides by drop-off location', fontsize=16);
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4.5 PACE: Execute

Consider the questions in your PACE Strategy Document to reflect on the Execute stage.

4.5.1 Task 4a. Results and evaluation

Having built visualizations in Tableau and in Python, what have you learned about the dataset? What other questions have your visualizations uncovered that you should pursue?

Pro tip: Put yourself in your client's perspective, what would they want to know?

Use the following code fields to pursue any additional EDA based on the visualizations you've already plotted. Also use the space to make sure your visualizations are clean, easily understandable, and accessible.

Ask yourself: Did you consider color, contrast, emphasis, and labeling?

==> ENTER YOUR RESPONSE HERE

I have learned

My other questions are

My client would likely want to know ...

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[ ]:  #==> ENTER YOUR CODE HERE
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[ ]:  #==> ENTER YOUR CODE HERE
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4.5.2 Task 4b. Conclusion

Make it professional and presentable

You have visualized the data you need to share with the director now. Remember, the goal of a data visualization is for an audience member to glean the information on the chart in mere seconds.

Questions to ask yourself for reflection: Why is it important to conduct Exploratory Data Analysis? Why are the data visualizations provided in this notebook useful?

EDA is important because ... Helps with examining outliers, what data is important, and cleaning the data for future/further analysis.

Visualizations helped me understand .. What the outliers are in the data, what stuff to further analyze

You've now completed professional data visualizations according to a business need. Well done!

Congratulations! You've completed this lab. However, you may not notice a green check mark next to this item on Coursera's platform. Please continue your progress regardless of the check mark. Just click on the "save" icon at the top of this notebook to ensure your work has been logged.