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Background

- Masters Engineering Student (Focus in Mechanical and Automotive Systems)
- Undergrad in Mechanical Systems Engineering
- Previous coding experience includes Excel and Arduino
- Have never used python before this class
- Am very excited to use python to automate simple repetitive tasks in product development and project engineering in my future roles

I am also starting a side business as a publisher

Pre-existing Solution

- When publishing books you need to determine if your topic would sell or not
- There is a pre-existing tool that tells you how much each book makes per month
- I wanted to recreate this tool and create more of a visual to determine if it is a good topic faster



Step 1: Getting HTML from Amazon

- First step is to navigate to Amazon and get the HTML code of the search page for a given topic

Step 2: Getting information from HTML

- Next step is to get that information from the HTML

Step 3: Finding Monthly Revenue

- The monthly revenue is found by using another website that takes the book rank and determines how many sales the book makes per month
- The code then multiplies the book price by the sales per month to determine the monthly revenue

Step 4: Analyzing data to show plausibility

- In order for the book topic to have plausibility it must have at least 5 books that have over 150 reviews and make \$500 in revenue a month
- The code goes through and if the book satisfies these criteria it puts a 'yes' in the plausible column and if not it puts a 'no'
- From there it turns the row green if it is plausible and red if it is not
 - This gives an easy visualization of if there are at least 5 books that show plausibility

Step 5: Plotting Results

- A bar graph can be made to show if there are at least 5 yeses and make it easy for the user to determine what book topics are plausible
- Another easy way to show plausibility is to plot the revenue and reviews on a graph and draw lines at 150 reviews and \$500 revenue to visually see if both are above those lines

Step 6: Statistically analyzing data

- Another way to compare how good book topics are, the average revenue and reviews can be taken
- The median and standard deviation can also be used to determine outliers
- To determine the relationship between high reviews and high revenue, a correlation analysis can be used and displayed to determine what topics have a high correlation