Automatidata project

Go Beyond the Numbers: Translate Data into Insights

I am 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 I have already completed and requests my 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.

Project: Exploratory data analysis

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

The purpose of this project is to conduct exploratory data analysis on a provided data set. My mission is to continue the investigation I 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

Visualize a story in Python

PACE stages

Plan

- Analyze
- Construct
- Execute

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.

PACE: Plan

In this stage, we will consider the following questions where applicable to complete the code response:

Exemplar response:

- 1. Identify any outliers:
- · What methods are best for identifying outliers?
- Use numpy functions to investigate the mean() and median() of the data and understand range of data values
- · Use a boxplot to visualize the distribution of the data
- · Use histograms to visualize the distribution of the data
- · How do we make the decision to keep or exclude outliers from any future models?
- There are three main options for dealing with outliers: keeping them as they are, deleting them, or reassigning them. Whether we keep outliers as they are, delete them, or reassign values is a decision that we make taking into account the nature of the outlying data and the assumptions of the model we are building. To help us make the decision, we can start with these general guidelines:
 - Delete them: If we are sure the outliers are mistakes, typos, or errors and the dataset will be used for modeling or machine learning, then we are more likely to decide to delete outliers. If the three choices, we will use this one the least.
 - Reassign them: If the dataset is small and/or the data will be used for modeling or machine learning, we are more likely to choose a path of deriving new values to replace the outlier values.
 - Leave them: For a dataset that we plan to do EDA/analysis on and nothing else, or for a dataset we are preparing for a model that is resistant to outliers, it is most likely that we are going to leave them in.

Task 1. Imports, links, and loading

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

Then, import the dataset.

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  import numpy as np
  import datetime as dt
  import seaborn as sns
```

```
In [2]: df=pd.read_csv('data/2017_Yellow_Taxi_Trip_Data.csv')
```

PACE: Analyze

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

Task 2a. Data exploration and cleaning

Decide which columns are applicable

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

Consider functions that help us understand and structure the data.

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

Consider these questions as we work:

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

Are there data outliers?

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

Find these answers later in the notebook.

Start by discovering, using head and size.

In [3]: df.head(10) Out[3]: **Unnamed:** VendorID tpep_pickup_datetime tpep_dropoff_datetime passenger_count trip_dista 24870114 0 2 03/25/2017 8:55:43 AM 03/25/2017 9:09:47 AM 6 35634249 04/11/2017 2:53:28 PM 04/11/2017 3:19:58 PM 1 1 106203690 12/15/2017 7:26:56 AM 12/15/2017 7:34:08 AM 3 38942136 05/07/2017 1:17:59 PM 05/07/2017 1:48:14 PM 1 04/15/2017 11:32:20 04/15/2017 11:49:03 30841670 2 1 PM PM 23345809 2 6 5 03/25/2017 8:34:11 PM 03/25/2017 8:42:11 PM 37660487 2 05/03/2017 7:04:09 PM 05/03/2017 8:03:47 PM 1 1 6 08/15/2017 5:41:06 PM 69059411 08/15/2017 6:03:05 PM 1 8433159 02/04/2017 4:17:07 PM 02/04/2017 4:29:14 PM 95294817 11/10/2017 3:20:29 PM 11/10/2017 3:40:55 PM 1 In [4]: df.size Out[4]: 408582 Use describe... In [5]: df.describe() Out[5]: Unnamed: 0 VendorID RatecodeID **PULocationID** passenger_count trip_distance 22699.000000 22699.000000 **count** 2.269900e+04 22699.000000 22699.000000 22699.000000 mean 5.675849e+07 1.556236 1.642319 2.913313 1.043394 162.412353 3.274493e+07 1.285231 3.653171 0.708391 66.633373 std 0.496838 min 1.212700e+04 1.000000 0.000000 0.000000 1.000000 1.000000 25% 2.852056e+07 1.000000 1.000000 0.990000 1.000000 114.000000 5.673150e+07 50% 2.000000 1.000000 1.610000 1.000000 162.000000 75% 8.537452e+07 2.000000 2.000000 3.060000 1.000000 233.000000 265.000000 1.134863e+08 2.000000 6.000000 33.960000 99.000000 max

And info.

```
In [6]: df.info()
```

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RangeIndex: 22699 entries, 0 to 22698
Data columns (total 18 columns):
    Column
                           Non-Null Count Dtype
 0
    Unnamed: 0
                           22699 non-null int64
    VendorID
                           22699 non-null int64
 1
 2
    tpep_pickup_datetime
                           22699 non-null object
 3
    tpep_dropoff_datetime 22699 non-null object
    passenger count
                           22699 non-null int64
 5
    trip distance
                           22699 non-null float64
 6
    RatecodeID
                           22699 non-null int64
    store_and_fwd_flag
PULocationID
 7
                           22699 non-null object
 8
    PULocationID
                           22699 non-null int64
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    DOLocationID
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                           22699 non-null int64
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Exemplar note: There is no missing data according to the results from the info() function.

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Task 2b. Assess whether dimensions and measures are correct

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

Task 2c. Select visualization type(s)

Selected data visualization types that will help us understand and explain the data.

Now that we know which data columns we'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

Exemplar response:

As we'll see below, a bar chart, box plot and scatter plot will be most helpful in the understanding of this data.

A box plot will be helpful to determine outliers and where the bulk of the data points reside in terms of trip distance, duration, and total amount

A scatter plot will be helpful to visualize the trends and patters and outliers of critical variables, such as trip_distance and total_amount

A bar chart will help determine average number of trips per month, weekday, weekend, etc.

PACE: Construct

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

Task 3. Data visualization

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

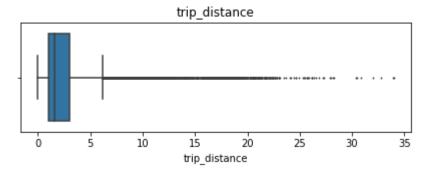
Boxplots

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.

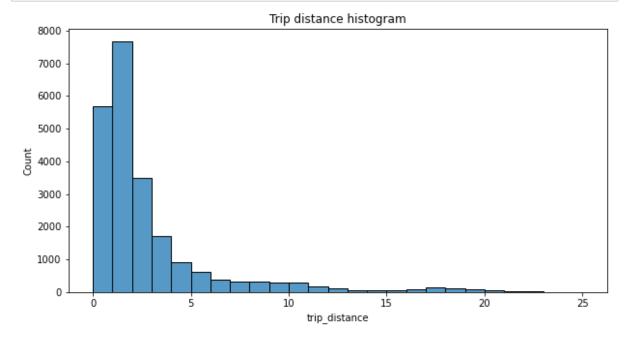
```
In [7]: # Convert data columns to datetime
df['tpep_pickup_datetime']=pd.to_datetime(df['tpep_pickup_datetime'])
df['tpep_dropoff_datetime']=pd.to_datetime(df['tpep_dropoff_datetime'])
```

trip_distance

```
In [8]: # Create box plot of trip_distance
plt.figure(figsize=(7,2))
plt.title('trip_distance')
sns.boxplot(data=None, x=df['trip_distance'], fliersize=1);
```



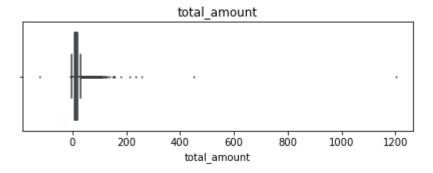
```
In [9]: # Create histogram of trip_distance
    plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
    sns.histplot(df['trip_distance'], bins=range(0,26,1))
    plt.title('Trip_distance_histogram');
```



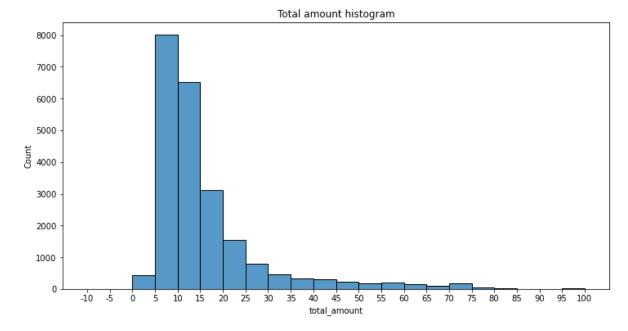
Exemplar note: The majority of trips were journeys of less than two miles. The number of trips falls away steeply as the distance traveled increases beyond two miles.

total_amount

```
In [10]: # Create box plot of total_amount
    plt.figure(figsize=(7,2))
    plt.title('total_amount')
    sns.boxplot(x=df['total_amount'], fliersize=1);
```



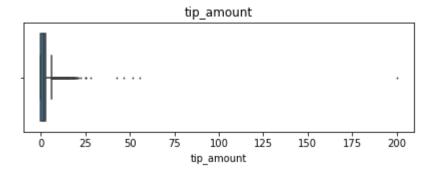
```
In [11]: # Create histogram of total_amount
    plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
    ax = sns.histplot(df['total_amount'], bins=range(-10,101,5))
    ax.set_xticks(range(-10,101,5))
    ax.set_xticklabels(range(-10,101,5))
    plt.title('Total amount histogram');
```



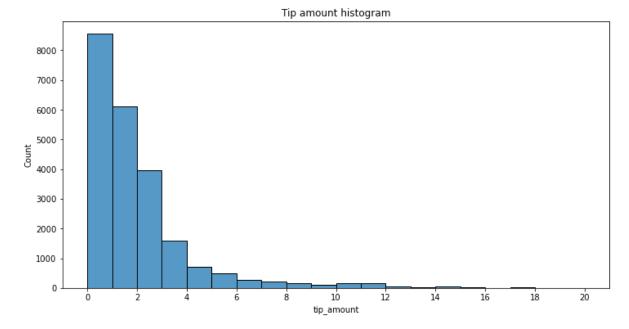
Exemplar note: The total cost of each trip also has a distribution that skews right, with most costs falling in the \$5-15 range.

tip_amount

```
In [12]: # Create box plot of tip_amount
    plt.figure(figsize=(7,2))
    plt.title('tip_amount')
    sns.boxplot(x=df['tip_amount'], fliersize=1);
```

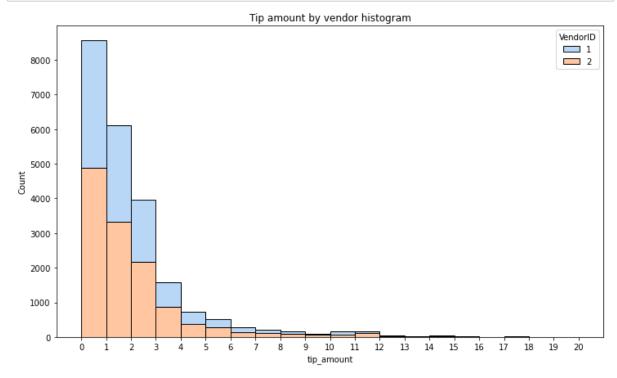


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In [13]: # Create histogram of tip_amount
   plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
   ax = sns.histplot(df['tip_amount'], bins=range(0,21,1))
   ax.set_xticks(range(0,21,2))
   ax.set_xticklabels(range(0,21,2))
   plt.title('Tip amount histogram');
```



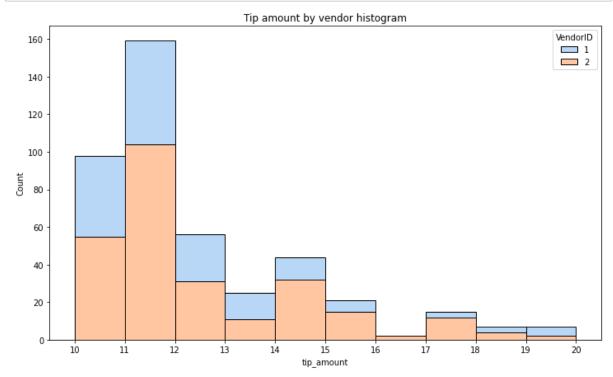
Exemplar note: The distribution for tip amount is right-skewed, with nearly all the tips in the \$0-3 range.

tip_amount by vendor



Exemplar note: Separating the tip amount by vendor reveals that there are no noticeable aberrations in the distribution of tips between the two vendors in the dataset. Vendor two has a slightly higher share of the rides, and this proportion is approximately maintained for all tip amounts.

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.



Exemplar note: The proportions are maintained even at these higher tip amounts, with the exception being at highest extremity, but this is not noteworthy due to the low sample size at these tip amounts.

Mean tips by passenger count

Examine the unique values in the passenger count column.

```
In [16]: |df['passenger_count'].value_counts()
Out[16]: 1
               16117
          2
                3305
          5
                1143
          3
                 953
          6
                 693
          4
                 455
          0
                  33
          Name: passenger_count, dtype: int64
```

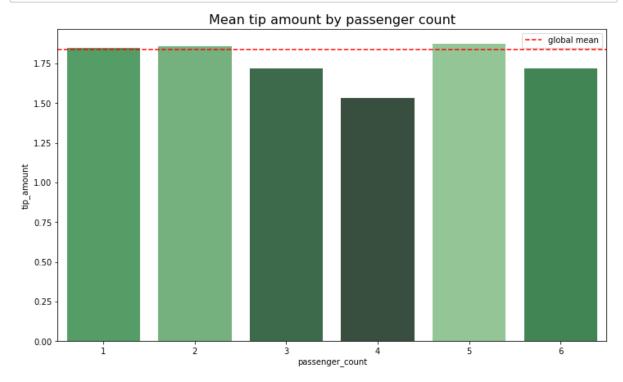
Exemplar note: Nearly two thirds of the rides were single occupancy, though there were still nearly 700 rides with as many as six passengers. Also, there are 33 rides with an occupancy count of zero, which doesn't make sense. These would likely be dropped unless a reasonable explanation can be found for them.

```
In [17]: # Calculate mean tips by passenger_count
mean_tips_by_passenger_count = df.groupby(['passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amone_tips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amone_tips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amone_tips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amone_tips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amone_tips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passenger_count']).mean()[['tip_amonetips_by_passeng
```

Out[17]:

tip_amount

passenger_count								
0	2.135758							
1	1.848920							
2	1.856378							
3	1.716768							
4	1.530264							
5	1.873185							
6	1.720260							



Exemplar note: Mean tip amount varies very little by passenger count. Although it does drop noticeably for four-passenger rides, it's expected that there would be a higher degree of fluctuation because rides with four passengers were the least plentiful in the dataset (aside from rides with zero passengers).

Create month and day columns

```
In [19]: # Create a month column

df['month'] = df['tpep_pickup_datetime'].dt.month_name()

# Create a day column

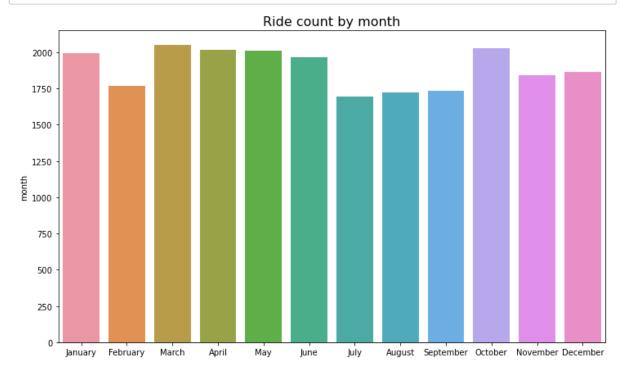
df['day'] = df['tpep_pickup_datetime'].dt.day_name()
```

Plot total ride count by month

Begin by calculating total ride count by month.

```
In [20]: # Get total number of rides for each month
         monthly_rides = df['month'].value_counts()
         monthly_rides
Out[20]: March
                       2049
         October 0
                       2027
         April
                       2019
         May
                       2013
                       1997
         January
         June
                       1964
         December
                       1863
         November
                       1843
                       1769
         February
         September
                       1734
                       1724
         August
         July
                       1697
         Name: month, dtype: int64
          Exemplar note: The months are out of order.
          Reorder the results to put the months in calendar order.
In [21]: |# 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 rides = monthly rides.reindex(index=month order)
         monthly rides
Out[21]: January
                       1997
         February
                       1769
         March
                       2049
         April
                       2019
         May
                       2013
         June
                       1964
         July
                       1697
                       1724
         August
                       1734
         September
         October
                       2027
         November
                       1843
         December
                       1863
         Name: month, dtype: int64
In [22]: # Show the index
         monthly rides.index
Out[22]: Index(['January', 'February', 'March', 'April', 'May', 'June', 'July',
                 'August', 'September', 'October', 'November', 'December'],
                dtype='object')
```

```
In [23]: # Create a bar plot of total rides per month
    plt.figure(figsize=(12,7))
    ax = sns.barplot(x=monthly_rides.index, y=monthly_rides)
    ax.set_xticklabels(month_order)
    plt.title('Ride count by month', fontsize=16);
```



Exemplar note: Monthly rides are fairly consistent, with notable dips in the summer months of July, August, and September, and also in February.

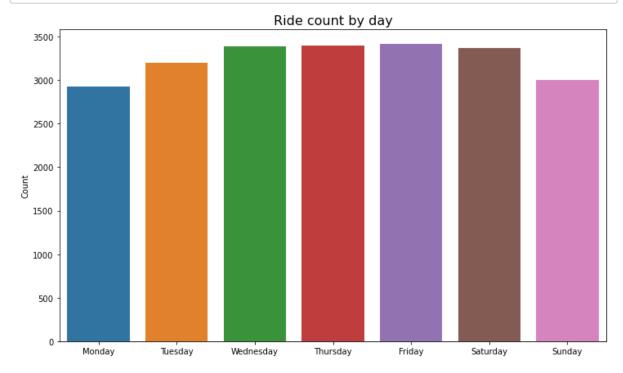
Plot total ride count by day

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

```
In [24]: # Repeat the above process, this time for rides by day
    daily_rides = df['day'].value_counts()
    day_order = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday
    daily_rides = daily_rides.reindex(index=day_order)
    daily_rides
```

```
Out[24]: Monday 2931
Tuesday 3198
Wednesday 3390
Thursday 3402
Friday 3413
Saturday 3367
Sunday 2998
Name: day, dtype: int64
```

```
In [25]: # Create bar plot for ride count by day
   plt.figure(figsize=(12,7))
   ax = sns.barplot(x=daily_rides.index, y=daily_rides)
   ax.set_xticklabels(day_order)
   ax.set_ylabel('Count')
   plt.title('Ride count by day', fontsize=16);
```



Exemplar note: Suprisingly, Wednesday through Saturday had the highest number of daily rides, while Sunday and Monday had the least.

Plot total revenue by day of the week

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

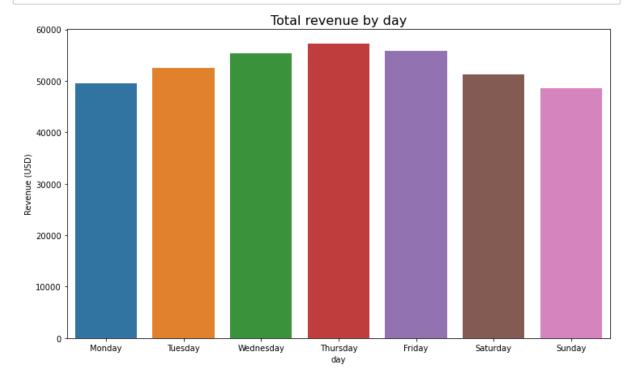
```
In [26]: # Repeat the process, this time for total revenue by day
day_order = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday
total_amount_day = df.groupby('day').sum()[['total_amount']]
total_amount_day = total_amount_day.reindex(index=day_order)
total_amount_day
```

Out[26]:

total_amount

day	
Monday	49574.37
Tuesday	52527.14
Wednesday	55310.47
Thursday	57181.91
Friday	55818.74
Saturday	51195.40
Sunday	48624.06

```
In [27]: # 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);
```



Exemplar note: Thursday had the highest gross revenue of all days, and Sunday and Monday had the least. Interestingly, although Saturday had only 35 fewer rides than Thursday, its gross revenue was ~\$6,000 less than Thursday's—more than a 10% drop.

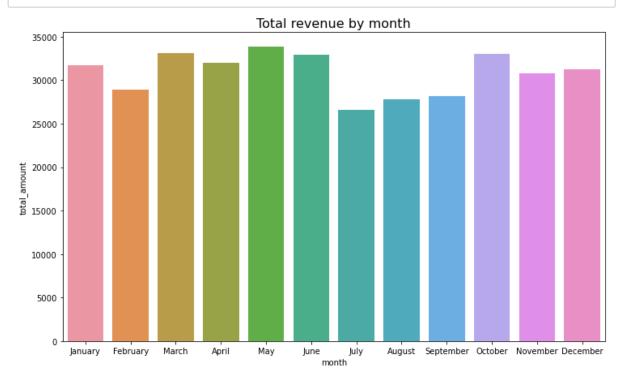
Plot total revenue by month

```
In [28]: # Repeat the process, this time for total revenue by month
    total_amount_month = df.groupby('month').sum()[['total_amount']]
    total_amount_month = total_amount_month.reindex(index=month_order)
    total_amount_month
```

Out[28]: total_amount

month	
January	31735.25
February	28937.89
March	33085.89
April	32012.54
May	33828.58
June	32920.52
July	26617.64
August	27759.56
September	28206.38
October	33065.83
November	30800.44
December	31261.57

In [29]: # Create a bar plot of total revenue by month plt.figure(figsize=(12,7)) ax = sns.barplot(x=total_amount_month.index, y=total_amount_month['total_amount_plt.title('Total_revenue_by_month', fontsize=16);



Exemplar note: Monthly revenue generally follows the pattern of monthly rides, with noticeable dips in the summer months of July, August, and September, and also one in February.

Plot mean trip distance by drop-off location

```
In [30]: # Get number of unique drop-off location IDs
    df['DOLocationID'].nunique()

Out[30]: 216

In [31]: # 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
```

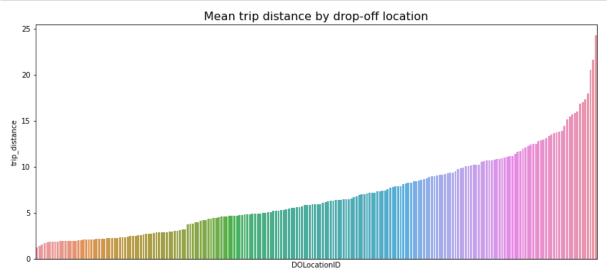
Out[31]:

trip_distance

DOLocationID

207	1.200000
193	1.390556
237	1.555494
234	1.727806
137	1.818852
51	17.310000
11	17.945000
210	20.500000
29	21.650000
23	24.275000

216 rows × 1 columns

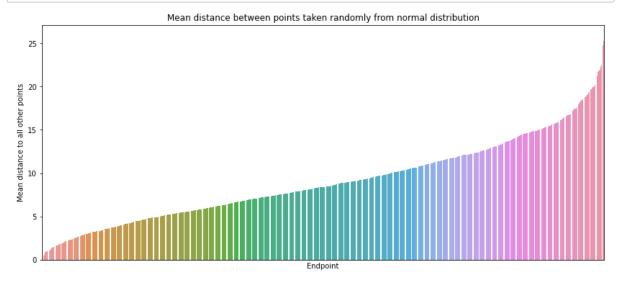


Exemplar note: This plot presents a characteristic curve related to the cumulative density function of a normal distribution. In other words, it indicates that the drop-off points are relatively evenly distributed over the terrain. This is good to know, because geographic coordinates were not included in this dataset, so there was no obvious way to test for the distibution of locations.

To confirm this 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

```
In [33]: # 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
         start = test[:midway]
                                   # Isolate first half of array ("pick-up locations")
                                    # Isolate second half of array ("drop-off locations
         end = test[midway:]
         # 2. Calculate Euclidean distances between points in first half and second hal
         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')
         # 4. Plot the mean distance between each endpoint ("drop-off location") and al
         plt.figure(figsize=(14,6))
         ax = sns.barplot(x=data.index,
                          y=data['distance'],
                          order=data.index)
         ax.set_xticklabels([])
         ax.set_xticks([])
         ax.set_xlabel('Endpoint')
         ax.set ylabel('Mean distance to all other points')
         ax.set title('Mean distance between points taken randomly from normal distribut
```



Exemplar note: The curve described by this graph is nearly identical to that of the mean distance traveled by each taxi ride to each drop-off location. This reveals that the drop-off locations in the taxi dataset are evenly distributed geographically. Note, however, that this does *not* mean that there was an even distribution of *rides* to each drop-off point. Examine this next.

Histogram of rides by drop-off location

First, check 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.

There are many ways to do this.

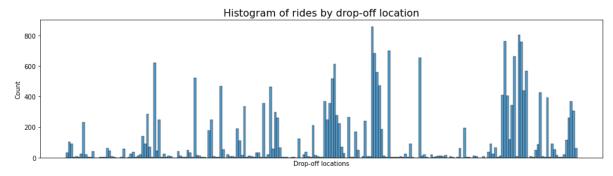
```
In [34]: # Check if all drop-off locations are consecutively numbered
df['DOLocationID'].max() - len(set(df['DOLocationID']))
```

Out[34]: 49

Exemplar note: There are 49 numbers that do not represent a drop-off location.

To eliminate the spaces in the historgram 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.

```
In [35]: plt.figure(figsize=(16,4))
    # DOLocationID column is numeric, so sort in ascending order
    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);
```



Exemplar note: Notice that out of the 200+ drop-off locations, a disproportionate number of locations receive the majority of the traffic, while all the rest get relatively few trips. It's likely that these high-traffic locations are near popular tourist attractions like the Empire State Building or Times Square, airports, and train and bus terminals. However, it would be helpful to know the location that each ID corresponds with. Unfortunately, this is not in the data.

PACE: Execute

Consider the PACE Strategy Document to reflect on the Execute stage.

Task 4a. Results and evaluation

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

Pro tip: Put yourself in the client's perspective. What would they want to know?

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

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

I have learned the highest distribution of trip distances are below 5 miles, but there are outliers all the way out to 35 miles. There are no missing values.

My other questions are There are several trips that have a trip distance of "0.0." What might those trips be? Will they impact our model?

My client would likely want to know ... that the data includes dropoff and pickup times. We can use that information to derive a trip duration for each line of data. This would likely be something that will help the client with their model.

In [36]: df['trip_duration'] = (df['tpep_dropoff_datetime']-df['tpep_pickup_datetime'])

In [37]: df.head(10)

Out[37]:

LocationID	DOLocationID	 fare_amount	extra	mta_tax	tip_amount	tolls_amount	improvement
100	231	 13.0	0.0	0.5	2.76	0.0	
186	43	 16.0	0.0	0.5	4.00	0.0	
262	236	 6.5	0.0	0.5	1.45	0.0	
188	97	 20.5	0.0	0.5	6.39	0.0	
4	112	 16.5	0.5	0.5	0.00	0.0	
161	236	 9.0	0.5	0.5	2.06	0.0	
79	241	 47.5	1.0	0.5	9.86	0.0	
237	114	 16.0	1.0	0.5	1.78	0.0	
234	249	 9.0	0.0	0.5	0.00	0.0	
239	237	 13.0	0.0	0.5	2.75	0.0	

Task 4b. Conclusion

You have visualized the data we 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 ourself for reflection: Why is it important to conduct Exploratory Data Analysis? Why are the data visualizations provided in this notebook useful?

Exemplar response:

EDA is important because ...

• EDA helps a data professional to get to know the data, understand its outliers, clean its missing values, and prepare it for future modeling.

Visualizations helped me understand ..

• That this dataset has some outliers that we will need to make decisions on prior to designing a model.