Correlation, a fundamental concept in statistics, quantifies the relationship between two variables. It comes in various forms: positive, negative, or nonexistent. The strength and direction of correlation are typically measured by coefficients such as Pearson's r, Spearman's rank correlation, or Kendall's Tau. However, it's crucial to remember that correlation does not imply causation; a relationship between variables does not necessarily mean that one causes the other to change. Real-world applications of correlation span diverse fields, from finance to medicine, aiding in portfolio management, disease research, and marketing strategies. Despite its utility, correlation has limitations: it assumes linear relationships, overlooks non-monotonic connections, and can be influenced by confounding variables. Therefore, while correlation provides valuable insights, it should be interpreted cautiously, considering its context and potential biases.

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import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np

np.random.seed(42)
num_samples = 1000

source_ips = np.random.choice(['192.168.0.1', '10.0.0.1', '172.16.0.1'], num_samples)
destination_ips = np.random.choice(['8.8.8.8', '1.1.1.1', '9.9.9.9'], num_samples)
protocols = np.random.choice(['TCP', 'UDP', 'ICMP'], num_samples)
bytes_transferred = np.random.randint(1, 10000, num_samples)
packet_counts = np.random.randint(1, 500, num_samples)
destination_ports = np.random.randint(1, 65535, num_samples)

network_data = pd.DataFrame({
    'Source IP': source_ips,
    'Destination IP': destination_ips,
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    'Protocol': protocols,
    'Bytes Transferred': bytes_transferred,
    'Packet Count': packet_counts,
    'Destination Port': destination_ports
})

print(network_data.head())
correlation_matrix = network_data.corr()
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt=".2f")
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