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Introduction to Data Science

Machine Learning with Airbnb Istanbul Data

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Overview

In this project, machine learning operations were wanted to be done. Accordingly, exploratory data analysis and visualization were performed first. The preliminary stages for model development were made in order. After this stage, the model will be developed using the cleaned data. Classification models will be used for this.

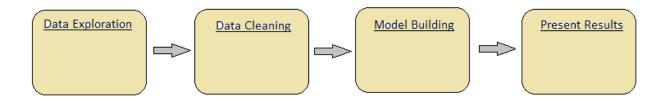


Figure 1: Machine learning process

Group members

Merve Karakaya:

Data Exploration
Data Cleaning
Model Building
Present Results

Project Data Set

The data required for the project is from kaggle.com. This data is Airbnb Istanbul.[2]

Literature

Airbnb is a platform for organizing or offering accommodation. It is American vacation rental online marketplace company based in San Francisco, California, United States. Airbnb offers an opportunity to stay for those who prefer home to a hotel. Due to Airbnb's unique nature, hosting pricing strategies are very different from the traditional hospitality industry. For example, price determination criteria in hotels may not have a sufficient effect on Airbnb prices. Thus, there are quite different criteria in determining the prices in Airbnb compared to traditional accommodation types.

With this project, I wanted to examine the Airbnb pricing determinants. Therefore, I chose Airbnb Istanbul data which is has most lists in Turkey. Before working on this data, I did a literature review. The study I examined as a result of this research is briefly described below.[1]

The dataset is taken from kaggle.com. This dataset contains 16251 rows and 16 columns. Some rows contain missing values. Therefore, these missing values must be corrected or cleared. For example, there is no data available in the *neighbourhood_group* column. This column needs to be removed. Additionally, 8484 missing values appear in the *last_review* and *reviews_per_month* columns. Thus, it will be sufficient to fill in these columns with a value of zero.

The libraries used in this study are as follows: Pandas library was used for data analysis. Seaborn and Matplotlib libraries were used for visualization. Folium library was used to show the visualization on the map. Shortly, in this study, exploratory data analysis and visualization were performed. Firstly, analyzes were made about the data set. Later, the missing values in the data set were corrected. Visualizations were used while doing these operations. According to these, the results of the study are as follows:[1]

- The neighborhoods of the most frequently found lists are from Beyoglu, Sisli, Fatih,
 Kadiköy and Besiktas.
- The most listed room type is private room with number of 8565. The Entire home/apt and shared room follow with 7191 and 495 numbers.
- The host with id "21907588" has the most listings with 77 number of listings.
- Average price is highest in Kücükcekmece neighborhood. The average daily price for Kücükcekmece is 1263 TL.
- Pendik has the lowest average price with 153 TL per day.
- The most expensive advertisement is the "3 Rooms 1 Salon Grand Holiday Istanbul" special room in Kücükcekmece with 59561 TL a day.
- According to the map, 90% of the 10 most expensive ads are located on the European side of Istanbul.
- The most reviewed list is the special room "Atatürk Airport 5 minutes" prepared by Melik Fırat.
- The daily average list price is 207.8 TL.

Goals

The aim of this project is to examine the effects of airbnb pricing criteria. Machine learning classification models will be used to see which criteria have an effect on price. The expected results are as follows:

The most effective features on the price are the neighborhoods and the types of rooms. Pricing is expected to be high in the most preferred luxury districts of Istanbul, which is related to the number of lists belonging to that neighborhood. Private room types are also expected to have the highest price.

Specifications

Exploratory Data Analysis and Visualizations

First of all, it is necessary to examine the story and structure of the data set for exploratory data analysis. Therefore, the data set should be read and stored in a data frame. Accordingly, the first and last five data observation outputs are as follows:

```
# Reading data set
airbnb = pd.read_csv("AirbnbIstanbul.csv")
#First 5 observation displays
print(airbnb.head(5))
                                              host id host name
   4826
                                                 6603
  20815
           The Bosphorus from The Comfy Hill
                                                78838
  25436
         House for vacation rental furnutare
                                               105823
            LOVELY APT. IN PERFECT LOCATION
              Duplex Apartment with Terrace
   neighbourhood_group neighbourhood latitude longitude
                                                               room type
                  NaN
                           Uskudar 41.05650
                                               29.05367
                                                          Entire home/apt
                  NaN
                           Besiktas 41.06984
                                                29.04545
                                                          Entire home/apt
1
2
                           Besiktas 41.07731
                                                29.03891
                  NaN
                                                          Entire home/apt
3
                  NaN
                            Beyoglu 41.03220
                                                28.98216
                                                          Entire home/apt
4
                              Sisli 41.04471
                  NaN
                                                28.98567
                                                          Entire home/apt
   price minimum_nights number_of_reviews last_review reviews_per_month
0
    554
                      1
                                         1
                                           2009-06-01
                                                                     0.01
    100
1
                     30
                                        41 2018-11-07
                                                                     0.38
2
    211
                     21
                                         0
                                                  NaN
                                                                     NaN
3
                                         2
                                            2018-05-04
                                                                     0.04
   calculated_host_listings_count availability_365
0
1
2
                               1
                                                83
4
                              13
                                               356
```

Figure 2: First five data observation

	id	name	host_id	host_name	neighbourhood_group	neighbourhood	latitude	longitude	room_type	price	minimum_nights	number_
16246	32452512	Best place of town	29568076	Antonio	NaN	Sisli	41.04775	28.99283	Entire home/apt	248	1	
16247	32453285	luxury flat in city center atiye str nisantası	29568076	Antonio	NaN	Sisli	41.04775	28.99283	Entire home/apt	248	1	
16248	32453323	Double Room	228430419	Saladin	NaN	Fatih	41.00435	28.97692	Private room	237	2	
16249	32455952	Cozy room in charming home at the heart of Bey	108703005	Pelin	NaN	Beyoglu	41.03118	28.97837	Private room	53	3	
16250	32457561	Perfect view with comfortable room	25991676	Uğur	NaN	Kadikoy	40.99467	29.05423	Private room	100	1	

Figure 3: Last five data observation

Then, the structure of this data set should be examined in detail. Accordingly, the data set consists of 16251 rows and 16 columns. The list of properties in these columns is as follows:

Figure 4: Data set structure

The types of data included in these features and the number of empty data in them are very important for data analysis. For this, the information of the data set should be examined in detail. According to the information in the figure below, <code>name</code>, <code>host_name</code>, <code>neighborhood_group</code>, <code>last_review</code>, <code>reviews_per_month</code> columns contain missing values. In addition, the types of data included in these columns are also listed.

```
airbnb.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 16251 entries, 0 to 16250
Data columns (total 16 columns):
   Column
                                  Non-Null Count Dtype
    id
                                  16251 non-null int64
                                  16160 non-null object
1
    name
    host id
                                  16251 non-null int64
3
    host name
                                  16244 non-null object
   neighbourhood group
                                 0 non-null
                                 16251 non-null object
5
   neighbourhood
   latitude
                                 16251 non-null float64
6
7
   longitude
                                 16251 non-null float64
8 room_type
                                 16251 non-null object
9 price
                                 16251 non-null int64
10 minimum_nights
                                 16251 non-null int64
11 number of reviews
                                 16251 non-null int64
12 last review
                                 7767 non-null object
13 reviews_per_month
                                 7767 non-null float64
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15 availability_365
                                 16251 non-null int64
dtypes: float64(4), int64(7), object(5)
memory usage: 2.0+ MB
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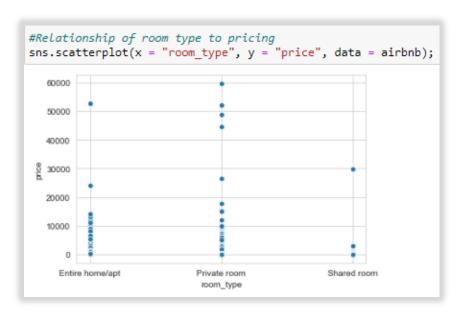
Figure 5: Detailed data set information

Statistical analysis of this information is also helpful for data analysis. In statistical analysis, many results such as the frequencies of the data, the most repetitive samples, mean, standard deviation, quantile values, min and max samples etc. are obtained. According to these results, more information about the data can be obtained. For example, there are 39 different neighborhoods in total, the most preferred neighborhood is Beyoglu, the most preferred room type is private etc. Figure 6 includes these results in detail.

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	calculated_host_listings_count	16251	NaN	NaN	NaN	4.10381	7.64823	1	1	1	4	7

Figure 6: Descriptive statics results

It is very useful to benefit from visualization as it is a preliminary information when analyzing data. Therefore, the visuals below will provide a better understanding of the data set used in this project. In the figure 7, when examining the Airbnb lists, there is the relation of the room type, which is one of the most selected filters, with the price. Accordingly, the price of private rooms is higher than other room types.



Figure~7: Relationship~room~type~to~price

One of the other important filters chosen during the listing is the neighborhood criterion. In figure 8, the relationship between this *neighbourhood* criterion and the *number_of_reviews* is given. These examinations are divided depending on the *room_type*. Accordingly, the most reviewed neighborhoods are Beyoglu and Fatih. In addition, the relationship of this *neighbourhood* criterion with the *price* is given in the figure 9 below. These examinations are likewise divided according to the type of room.

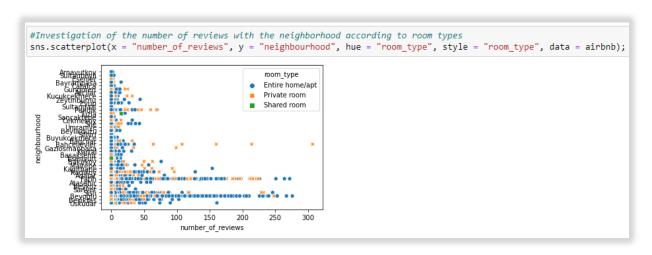


Figure 8: Investigation of the number of reviews with neighborhood according to room types

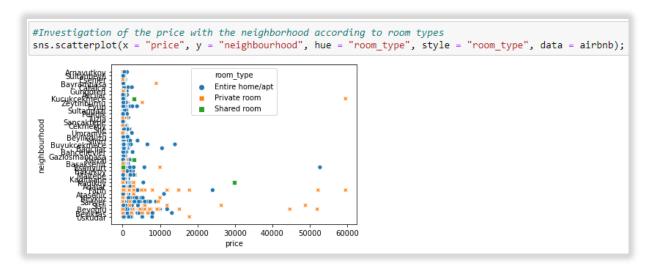


Figure 9: Investigation of the price with neighborhood according to room types

The relationships of these features with each other are very important to make inferences from the data set. For this, the correlation function can be used. According to these correlation values, for example, if it is -1 or +1, it means that the similarity of the two features is quite high, but if it is 0.5 or -0.5, the correlation of the two features is not good. Additionally, heat map provides a clear result to see these relationships visually.

	id	host_id	neighbourhood_group	latitude	longitude	price	minimum_nights	number_of_reviev
id	1.000000	0.679662	NaN	-0.021689	-0.025538	0.005983	-0.025142	-0.26970
host_id	0.679662	1.000000	NaN	-0.014529	-0.058144	0.009993	-0.027572	-0.20507
neighbourhood_group	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	Na
latitude	-0.021689	-0.014529	NaN	1.000000	-0.184363	0.032536	0.006076	-0.02514
longitude	-0.025538	-0.058144	NaN	-0.184363	1.000000	-0.022089	-0.006377	-0.00188
price	0.005983	0.009993	NaN	0.032536	-0.022089	1.000000	0.016585	-0.01926
minimum_nights	-0.025142	-0.027572	NaN	0.006076	-0.006377	0.016585	1.000000	-0.01514
number_of_reviews	-0.269707	-0.205073	NaN	-0.025143	-0.001883	-0.019262	-0.015149	1.00000
reviews_per_month	0.269992	0.147374	NaN	-0.039408	-0.015978	-0.032012	-0.036223	0.49618
alculated_host_listings_count	-0.030279	-0.103338	NaN	0.001483	-0.033867	0.030100	-0.020916	0.17466
availability_365	-0.169436	-0.123720	NaN	-0.001116	-0.034483	0.047015	0.015297	0.04323

reviews_per_month	calculated_host_listings_count	availability_365
0.269992	-0.030279	-0.169436
0.147374	-0.103338	-0.123720
NaN	NaN	NaN
-0.039408	0.001483	-0.001116
-0.015978	-0.033867	-0.034483
-0.032012	0.030100	0.047015
-0.036223	-0.020916	0.015297
0.496183	0.174663	0.043230
1.000000	0.051228	-0.063728
0.051228	1.000000	0.173068
-0.063728	0.173068	1.000000
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Figure 10: Correlation function results

According to the heat map in figure 11, the relationships with the correlation values are shown in different colors. For example, the highest correlation value in diagonal appears in blue because this means that the two compared features are the same.

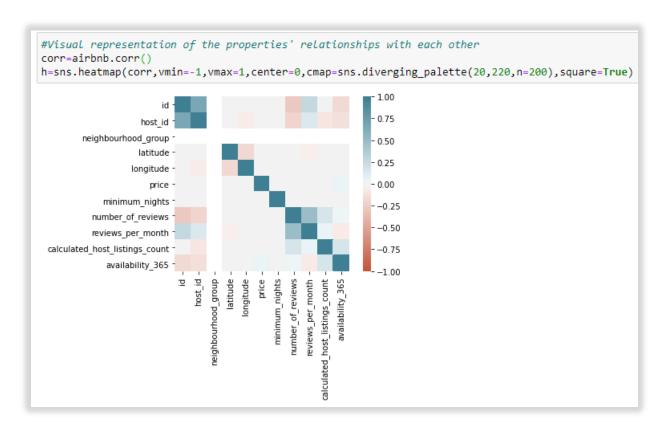


Figure 11: Heat Map results

In addition, according to this data, the relationship between the list numbers of the host ids on the Airbnb platform can be observed. The pricing of these hosts according to their ids can also be observed. Accordingly, the host id with the most listings is 21907588. On average, the highest pricing host id is 161593238. These results are shown in the two figures below.[1]

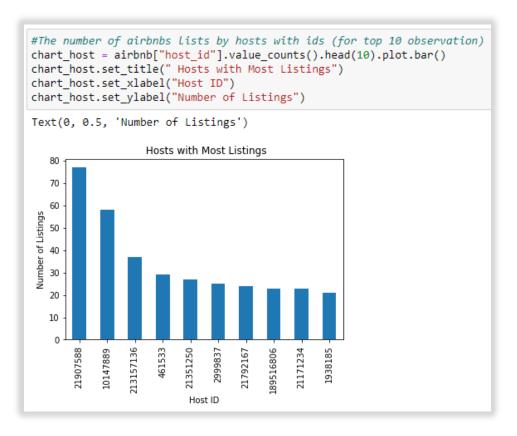


Figure 12: The number of Airbnb lists by hosts with ids

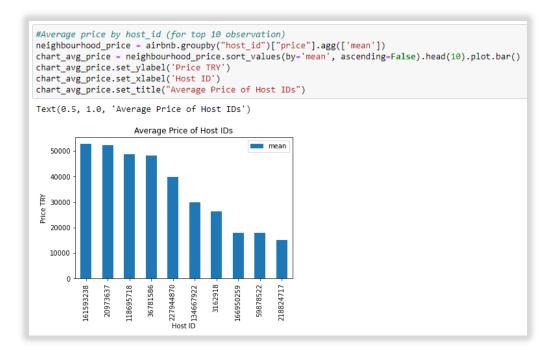


Figure 13: Average price by host_id

The same relations above can be applied to the *neighbourhood* feature. Accordingly, the neighborhood with the highest listings is Beyoglu, and the neighborhood with the highest average price is Kucukcekmece. The visual outputs of these are as follows:[1]

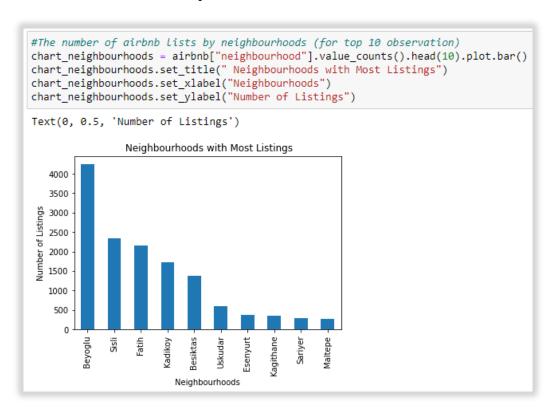


Figure 14: The number of Airbnb lists by neighbourhoods

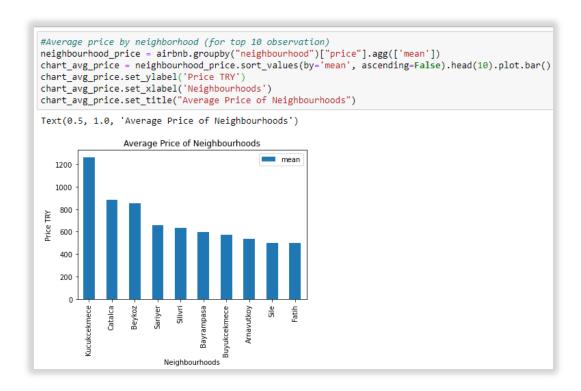


Figure 15: Average price by neighborhood

After accessing more detailed information about the features in the data using these visuals, it should be cleaned. First of all, it should be checked whether there are missing values in the data, and if so, their numbers should be extracted according to the features. It is noticed that the *neighbourhood_group* column is completely empty.

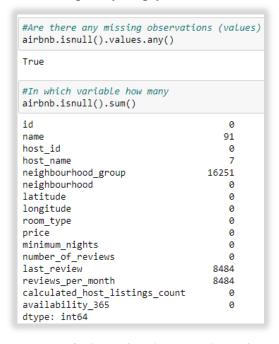


Figure 16: The Number of missing values in data

In addition, it is very easy to visually see how much these missing values are, thanks to the heat map. The white colors here represent the missing values. Accordingly, there are quite a lot of missing values in the two features which is *last_review* and *reviews_per_month*.



Figure 17: Heatmap results for missing values

For data cleaning process, operations should be done on missing values. Columns that are completely empty or contain a large number of empty values should be dropped. Unnecessary columns for the analyzed data can also be dropped. Another method for cleaning is to fill in and correct the blank values.

According to these operations, the *neighbourhood_group* column that is empty for Airbnb Istanbul data should be dropped. Also, the *last_review* column, which contains a large number of missing values and is unnecessary for the review in this project, should be dropped.

Figure 18: Dropping features which have missing values

The empty values in the *reviews_per_month* column, which are required for the price review in the project, but contain missing values, can be filled with 0, because emptying may mean that it has never been examined. Finally, after the empty values remaining in the *name* column are dropped, the data cleaning process ends.

```
#Correction function of reviews_per_month data
def impute_reviews_per_month(cols):
    reviews = cols[0]

if pd.isnull(reviews):
    return 0 #that means it has never been examined
else:
    return reviews

#Function call
airbnb['reviews_per_month']=airbnb[['reviews_per_month']].apply(impute_reviews_per_month, axis =1 )

#correction for missing data in name
airbnb.dropna(inplace = True)
```

Figure 19: Correction reviews_per_month feature and drop missing values in the name feature

As a result of all these cleaning processes, the output is as follows:



Figure 20: Heatmap results after data cleaning

```
airbnb.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 16155 entries, 0 to 16250
Data columns (total 14 columns):
    Column
                                       Non-Null Count Dtype
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                                       -----
 0
     id
                                       16155 non-null int64
 1
     name
                                       16155 non-null object
                                      16155 non-null int64
    host_id
 2
 3
    host name
                                     16155 non-null object
    neighbourhood
                                     16155 non-null object
                                     16155 non-null float64
    latitude
                                     16155 non-null float64
16155 non-null object
16155 non-null int64
 6
     longitude
     room_type
     price
number_of_reviews 16155 non-null int64
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    minimum_nights
                                     16155 non-null int64
                                     16155 non-null float64
 12 calculated_host_listings_count 16155 non-null
                                                        int64
 13 availability_365
                                       16155 non-null int64
dtypes: float64(3), int64(7), object(4)
memory usage: 1.8+ MB
```

Figure 21: Number of non-null values after data cleaning

After the data cleaning process, the categorical data can be converted into numerical data and the preparation stage for model development can be done. The categorical features in Airbnb Istanbul data are as follows:



Figure 22: Categorical Features in Airbnb Istanbul

The distribution of classes in the *neighbourhood*, which is one of these categorical features, is as follows:

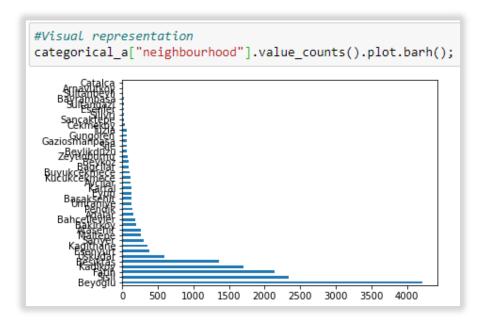


Figure 23: neighbourhood feature representation

Likewise, one of the categorical features is the *room_type*:

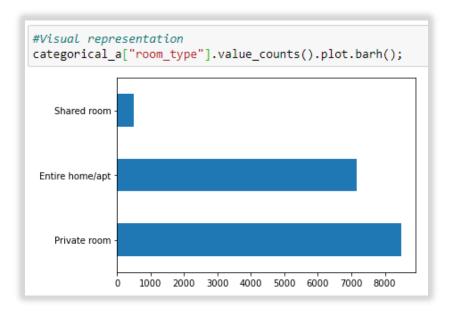


Figure 24: room_type feature representation

Such categorical data can be easily converted into numerical data as 1 and 0 with one hot encoding, and new edited features can be added to the data frame. The demonstration of these operations is as follows:

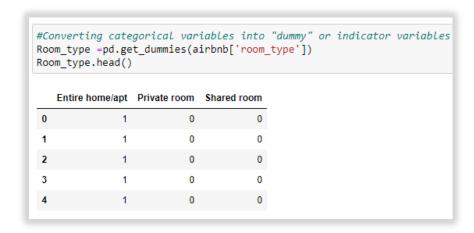


Figure 25: Converting categorical variables to numerical variable

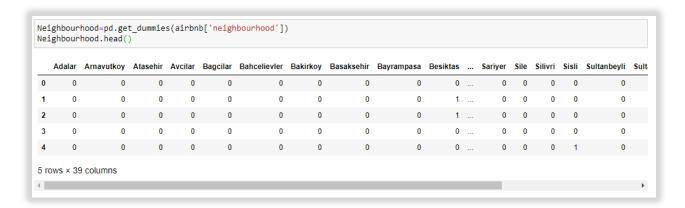


Figure 26: Converting categorical variables to numerical variable

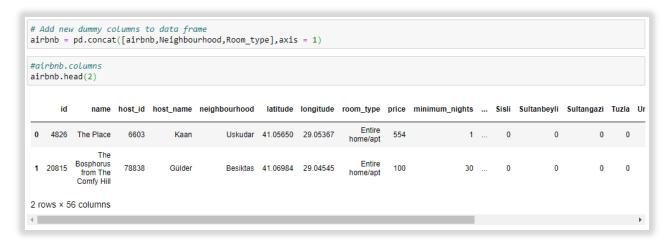


Figure 27: Adding new features to data frame

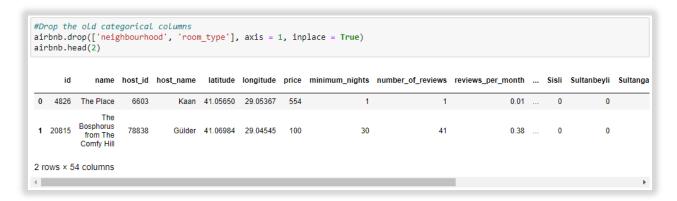


Figure 28:Dropping the old categorical columns in data frame

Figure 29: Checking new features

In addition, categorical data can be observed separately, as well as numerical data can be observed in this way. A statistical analysis that gives a detailed result for numerical data can be made. These results are given below:

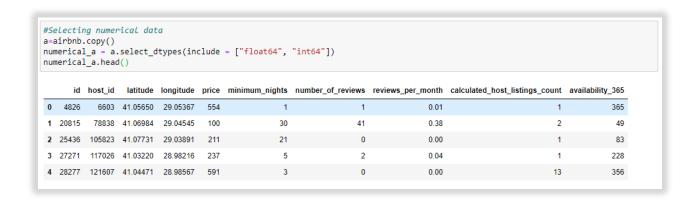


Figure 30: Numerical Features in Airbnb Istanbul

```
#Descriptive statistics for price feature
numerical_a["price"].describe()
count
         16155.000000
mean
           355.289941
std
          1433.062707
min
             0.000000
25%
            105.000000
50%
          185.000000
75%
           327.000000
max
        59561.000000
Name: price, dtype: float64
#Slightly more detailed descriptive statistics for price feature
print("Mean: " + str(numerical_a["price"].mean()))
print("Number of Full Observations: " + str(numerical a["price"].count()))
print("Max Value: " + str(numerical_a["price"].max()))
print("Min Value: " + str(numerical_a["price"].min()))
print("Median: " + str(numerical_a["price"].median()))
print("Standart Deviation: " + str(numerical_a["price"].std()))
Mean: 355.28994119467654
Number of Full Observations: 16155
Max Value: 59561
Min Value: 0
Median: 185.0
Standart Deviation: 1433.0627072935586
```

Figure 31: Results of statistical analysis of price

To sum up, with exploratory data analysis and visualization of these analyzes, very detailed information is obtained about the data to be given to the model. The data is better understood so that the next processes can be done more accurately. According to the information, the data is cleaned and the preparation is made for the development of models. After this stage, models are developed according to the data prepared and how the predicts of these models are evaluated.

References

- [1] https://www.kaggle.com/fehmifratpolat/istanbul-airbnb-data-analysis-and-visualization
- [2] https://www.kaggle.com/kavanozkafa/airbnb-istanbul-dataset