Fishing patterns in the North Atlantic

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Dataset used from Kaggle.com: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/alexanderbade r/fishing-data-north-atlantic

Understanding the Dataset

- The dataset I used has information about fishing *excursions*, meaning each time a boat went into the North Atlantic and fishing took place.
- ☐ The data covers a 17-year period from 2002 to 2019
- Vessel = Boat (my term)
- ☐ The data includes 21 characteristics from each excursion (below not a complete list):
 - Month and year
 - Boat length and horsepower
 - Weight of the catch
 - □ Value of the catch
 - Distance from shore

Understanding the Dataset (simple version)







Clustering the data

Trawling Tours

- ★ Boats tend to be older and smaller in both length and horsepower
- ★ Excursions don't go very far off shore
- ★ Average area covered per excursion is smaller compared to other groups
- ★ But, total excursions are the highest of all

Regular Roamings

- ★ Very similar to Trawling Tours in all aspects
- ★ The difference is, the Regular Roamings go slightly further out into the ocean
- ★ And, they produce more in terms of weight and value, as compared to the Trawling Tours

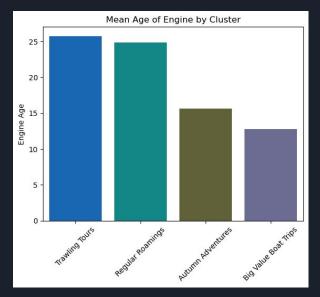
Big Value Boat Trips

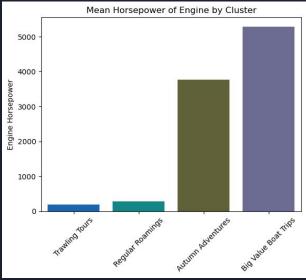
- ★ Boats tend to be younger
- ★ Also the longest boats with the most horsepower
- ★ Excursions go far from shore and cover much area, but don't happen as often
- ★ Highest producers in terms of catch weight and value

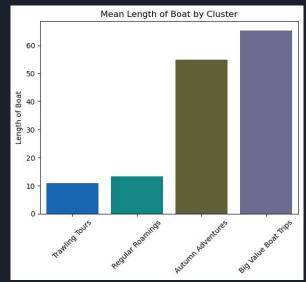
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- ★ Quite similar to BVBT in many aspects
- ★ Production not quite as high
- ★ Area covered and frequency of excursions higher when compared to BVBT
- ★ Mode excursion month October unique!!

Comparing Clusters







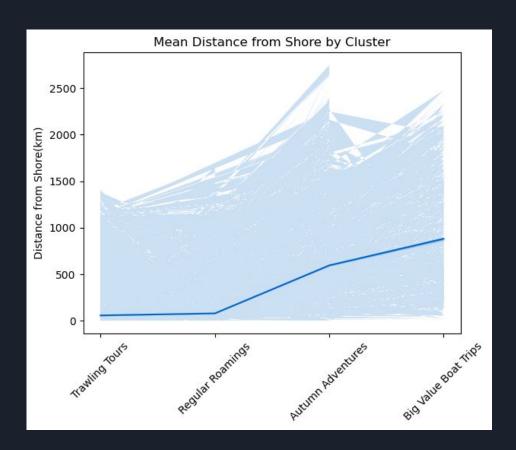
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Tree plot represents number of excursions in each cluster.



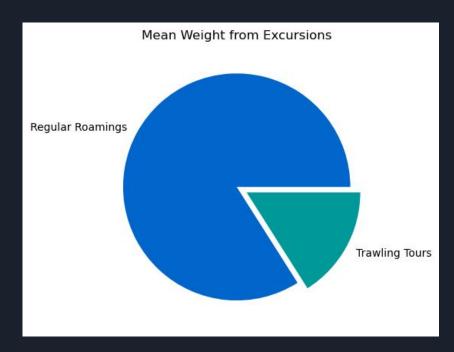
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The excursions with older boats stay close to shore, while the newer, longer, more powerful boats go out further into the ocean.



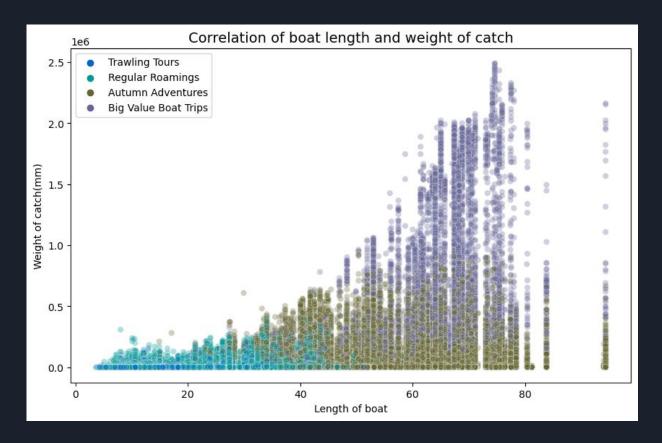
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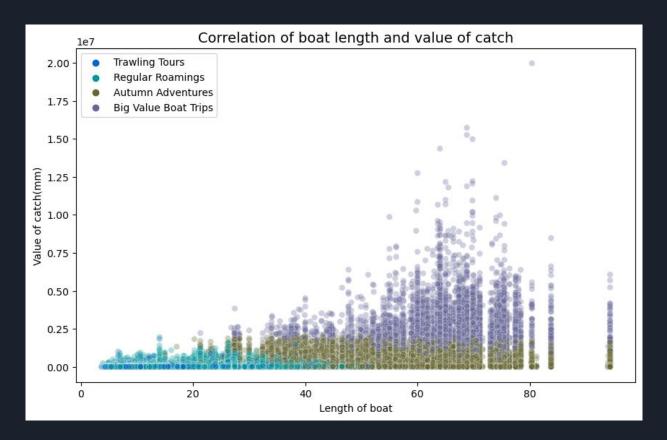
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And we really see the correlation between length of the boat and weight of the catch.



Big Value Boat Trips

The longer boats bring back more value from their excursions.



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