EDA on 911 Emergencies – Python

In this project, we will be using Python to practice EDA skills using various libraries such as numpy, matplotlib, and seaborn. We will be using a csv flat file with 911 call data to create several visualizations and gain insights into our data.

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Skills Demonstrated:

- Data Preparation
- Data Visualization
- Data Manipulation

Required Materials:

- The dataset 911.csv available here.
- A Python notebook. (I will be using Jupyter.)

Walkthrough:

Data Understanding

1. First, let's open up the CSV and get an idea of the data we will be working with.

Our file is composed of the following columns:

- **lat**: The latitude the emergency occurred.
- Ing: The longitude the emergency occurred.
- **desc:** The description of the emergency which is composed of the address, the town, the station, and a date-time stamp.
- **zip:** The zipcode of the emergency.
- **title:** The service used for the emergency and the emergency reason.

- **timeStamp:** A time stamp of when the emergency occurred.
- **twp:** The town the emergency occurred in.
- addr: The address of the emergency
- e: A column filled with 1s.
- 2. With an understanding of the data present, let's construct a set of questions we would like answered:

Questions:

- Which stations see the most calls?
- How many stations are there?
- How many different zip codes are being tracked?
- Which zip code sees the most emergencies?
- What is the most common type of emergency?
- Which type of service is utilized the most?
- What is the frequency for when these emergencies occur?
- Around what date did the most emergencies in a single day occur?
- Around what time of the week do the most emergencies occur?
- Where do the most emergencies occur?
- 3. With these questions in mind, let's begin by importing our libraries and loading our data.



4. With our data loading properly, let's get some more insights into it using info(), describe(), and some code to determine the amount of missing entries.

```
In [3]: # Rows vs Columns
        df.shape
Out[3]: (663522, 9)
In [4]: # File info
        df.info()
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
        RangeIndex: 663522 entries, 0 to 663521
        Data columns (total 9 columns):
                         Non-Null Count
                          663522 non-null float64
         0 lat
             lng
                          663522 non-null float64
             desc
                          663522 non-null object
             zip
                         583323 non-null float64
             title
                          663522 non-null
         5 timeStamp 663522 non-null object
                          663229 non-null object
            twp
                          663522 non-null
         8 e
                          663522 non-null int64
        dtypes: float64(3), int64(1), object(5)
        memory usage: 45.6+ MB
In [7]: # We can get more insights into our data using describe.
# Here I set the format to two decimal places so as to not take up as much space.
        # The maximum and minimum values can let us see potential outliers.
pd.set_option("display.float_format", "{:.2f}".format)
Out[7]:
         count 663522.00 663522.00 583323.00 663522.00
                   40.16
                            -75.30 19236.06
         mean
                 0.22 1.67 298.22
           std
                                                 0.00
                    0.00
                           -119.70 1104.00
                                                 1.00
           min
                          -75.39 19038.00
          25%
                   40.10
                                                 1.00
           50%
                   40.14
                            -75.31 19401.00
                                                 1.00
          75%
                   40.23
                            -75 21 19446 00
                                                 1 00
          max
                  51.34
                           87.85 77316.00
                                                 1 00
In [5]: # Using this cell we can see the percentage of missing or null data.
        df.isnull().sum()/len(df)
Out[5]: lat
        lng
                      0.000000
                      0.000000
        desc
                      0.120869
         title
                      0.000000
         timeStamp
                      0.000000
                      0.000442
        addr
                      0.000000
                      0.000000
         dtype: float64
In [6]: # If we want the numbers we can use this.
        df.isnull().sum()
Out[6]: lat
         lng
         zip
                      80199
         title
         timeStamp
         twp
                         293
         addr
         dtype: int64
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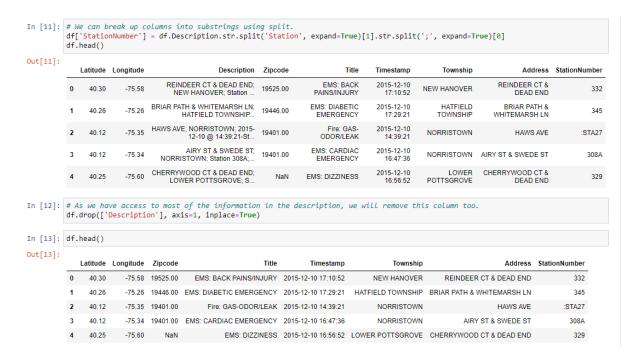
We didn't learn too much from shape() or info() that we didn't quite know from the file, but using describe() gave us insights into some of the outliers of our columns and the general area that most emergencies occur with the longitude and latitude columns. Additionally, we also found some missing information in the zip code and township columns. Now that we have the gist of what we are dealing with, let's start preparing our data for our questions.

Data Preparation

- 1. First, let's change the name of our columns so that they are easier to reference.
- 2. Additionally, we'll be dropping the 'e' column as there is no useful information in there for our analysis.



- 3. If you noticed earlier, we have most of the information present in the description aside from the station ID. We can extract this information using str.split which effectively will act like a substring. We will start after station and end after the; mark.
- 4. Doing this will mean we have all the information we would need from the description in other columns, so we will drop the description column as well.



Now our data is ready to visualize for the purpose of our analysis.

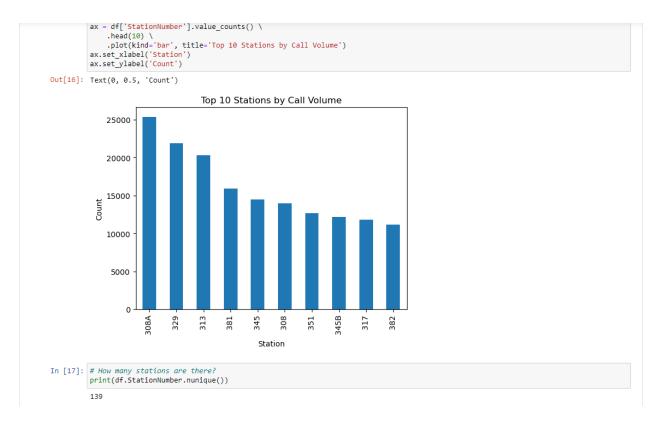
Data Visualization

1. Let's start by answering our first question using value counts.

```
In [15]: # What are the top ten stations by call volume?
         df['StationNumber'].value_counts()
Out[15]: StationNumber
           308A
           329
                    21895
           313
                    20325
           381
                    15949
           345
                    14594
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          03RAD
          :FIRE
          :56FD
          :56
          Name: count, Length: 139, dtype: int64
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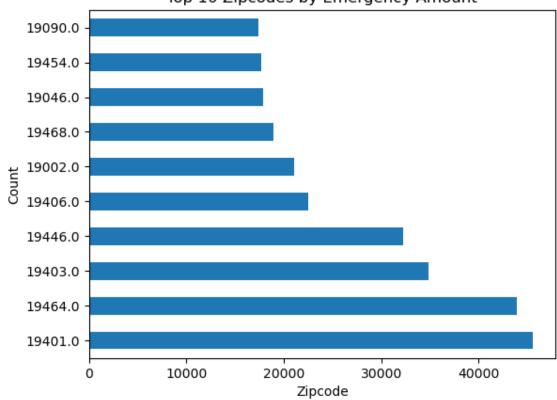
1. 308A: 25346

This gives us good information regarding our first question, but we can gain some more with a bar chart visualization. While we are at it, we can also quickly determine the answer to our second question using nunique which will return the number of unique stations.



2. 139 Stations

- 2. We can perform the same analysis on the zip code column to answer our questions regarding it.
 - 3. 204 zip codes
 - 4. 19401: 45606 emergencies



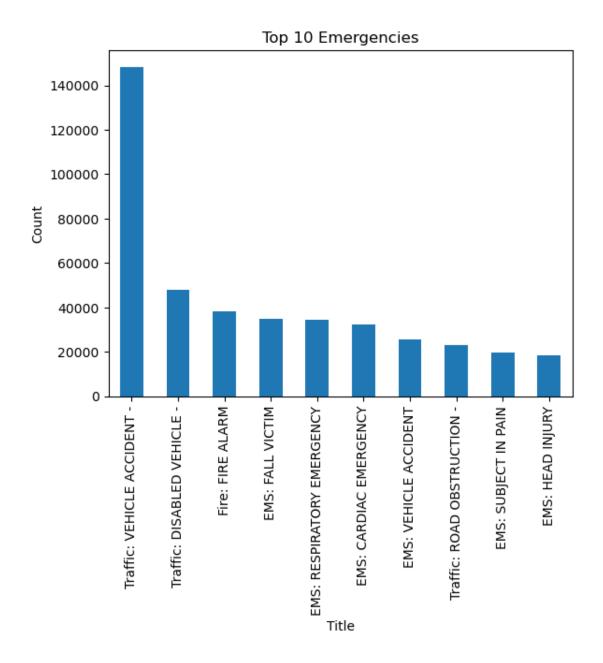
Top 10 Zipcodes by Emergency Amount

3. Again, we can perform this same analysis on our emergency title column.

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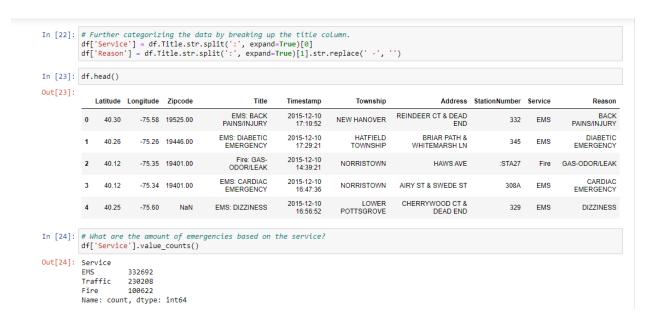
Out	[20]	:	Tit	le

Traffic: VEHICLE ACCIDENT -148372 Traffic: DISABLED VEHICLE -47909 Fire: FIRE ALARM 38336 EMS: FALL VICTIM 34676 EMS: RESPIRATORY EMERGENCY 34248 EMS: DISABLED VEHICLE 1 Fire: PRISONER IN CUSTODY 1 Fire: GENERAL WEAKNESS 1 Fire: SUSPICIOUS Fire: BARRICADED SUBJECT Name: count, Length: 148, dtype: int64

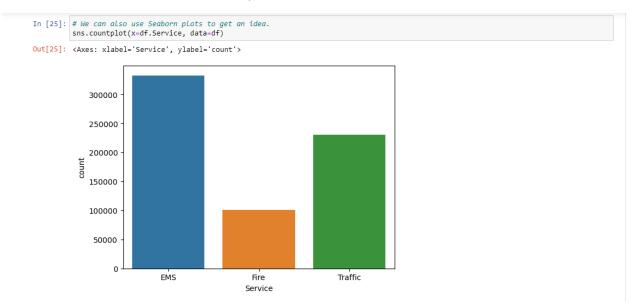


5. Vehicle Accident: 148372

4. Again, we see that the service used in the emergency is a part of the title column. Using the str.split method we utilized earlier, we can split the column into the emergency reason and emergency service utilized in order to gain more insights into the service specifically.

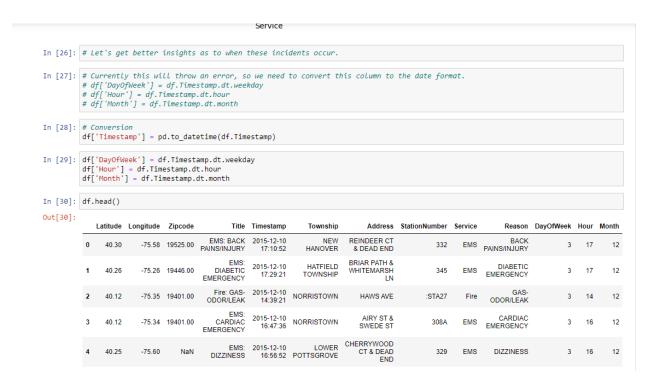


We can also use a seaborn count plot to visualize this data.

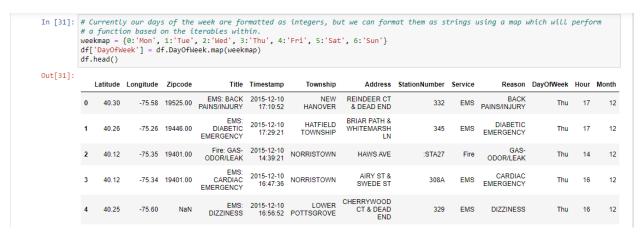


6. EMS is the most utilized service.

5. Our next set of questions related to times and dates which will utilize our timestamp column. From experience, we can't immediately extract any date or time related information as it is as earlier we saw that the column was being identified as an object and not a datetime type. We can convert it and then break it up into several columns using the following cells:



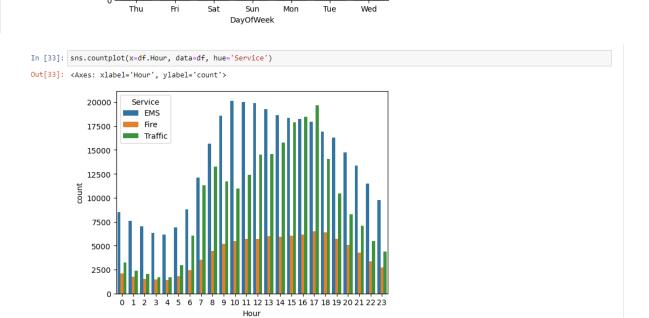
Our new Day of week column works, but we can change it from an int to the day of the week it represents using an array and a map.

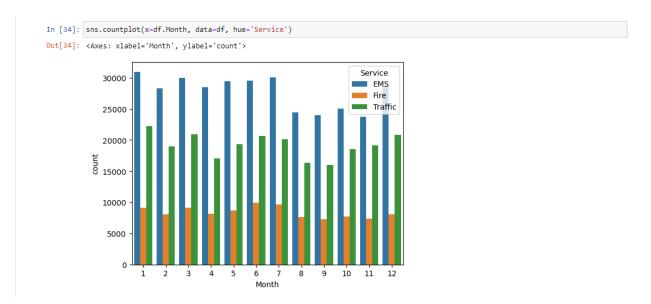


Using a plot similar to our earlier seaborn plot, we can visualize the different service emergency counts side by side depending on the day of the week. The same can also be done for the hour and month of the year.



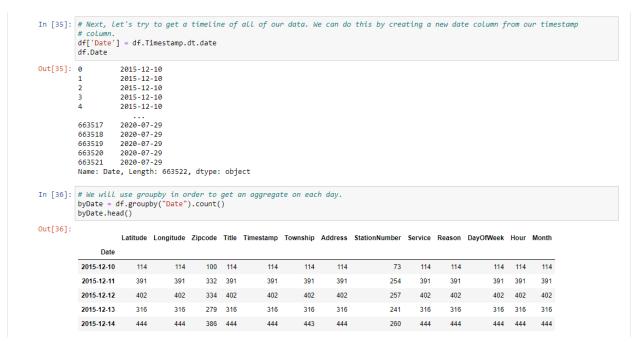
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Most of the data looks similar between each timepoint with the exception of our second plot. The reason behind this certainly being tied to when more people are awake for more emergencies to both occur and be reported. We can roughly say that the peak time period is between 7am to 6pm, which answers **question 7.**

7. Next, let's make a date column out of our timestamp so that we can get an idea of how many emergencies occurred on each day.



We can then plot it and also get value counts for this column.

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In [37]: byDate.Township.plot(figsize=(10, 8))
Out[37]: <a href="Axxes: xlabel='Date'">Axxes: xlabel='Date'></a>

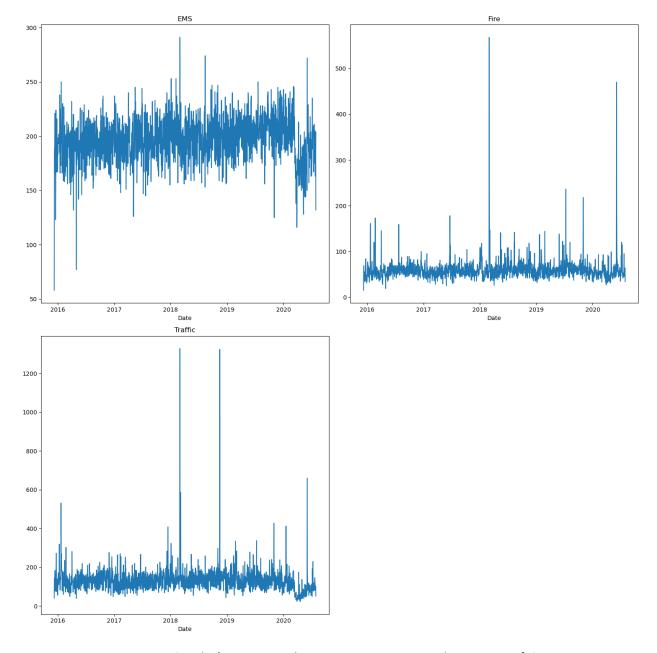
1500 -

1000 -

2016 2017 2018 2019 2020
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- 8. The most emergencies in a single day occurred on March 2nd, 2018.
- 8. We can also create subplots based on the service type by using a for loop.

```
In [38]: plt.figure(figsize=(15, 15))
for i, Reason in enumerate(df.Service.unique(), 1):
    plt.subplot(2, 2, i)
    df[df['Service']==Reason].groupby('Date').count()['Township'].plot()
    plt.title(Reason)
    plt.tight_layout()
```



9. For our next question, let's try using a heatmap. We can count the amount of times a service was used on a day of the week at a specific hour using split(), which will allow us to view the data in a matrix with hours as the columns and the day of the week as the row.

```
In [39]: # Next, Let's do some heatmaps to get an idea of the magnitude of some time periods.

# First we'll do the day of the week and the hour.

# We can use unstack to view the rows and columns together.
dayHour = df.groupby(by=['DayOfWeek','Hour']).count()['Service'].unstack()
dayHour.head()

Out[39]:

Hour 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ... 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

DayOfWeek

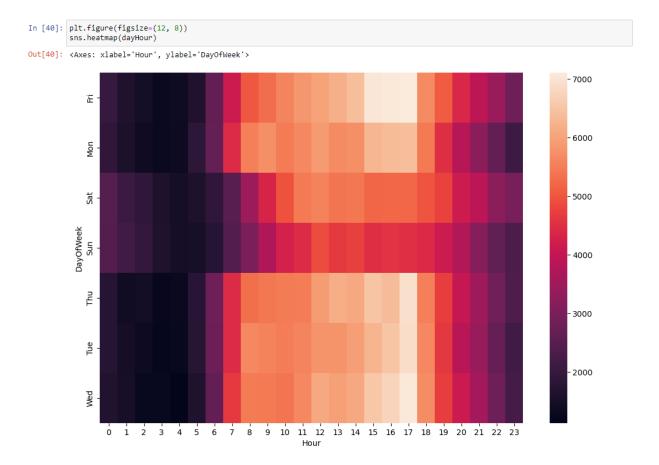
Fri 1983 1635 1449 1296 1339 1639 2670 4143 5018 5288 ... 6394 7040 7065 7113 5668 5056 4375 3913 3422 2834

Mon 1894 1571 1368 1272 1336 1844 2675 4430 5504 5724 ... 5713 6289 6346 6408 5441 4488 3823 3254 2658 2072

Sat 2447 2059 1883 1592 1451 1580 1880 2489 3457 4315 ... 5421 5181 5211 5213 4980 4753 4127 3895 3226 2965

Sun 2424 2135 1946 1614 1471 1488 1726 2408 3001 3728 ... 4744 4475 4560 4505 4402 4135 3748 3161 2629 2323

Thu 1731 1408 1426 1236 1293 1775 2816 4432 5297 5412 ... 6079 6493 6375 6935 5512 4703 4045 3490 2844 2354
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9. Around 5pm most days emergencies seem to spike, with Friday having a more noticeable increase.

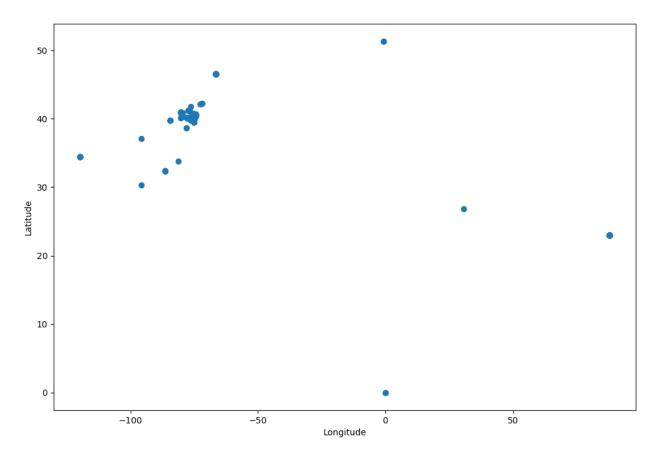
We can also perform this analysis on month if we'd want to.

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In [41]: # Let's do the same for month instead of hour.
          dayMonth = df.groupby(by=['DayOfWeek','Month']).count()['Service'].unstack()
         dayMonth.head()
Out[41]:
          DayOfWeek
                 Fri 9309 8255 10941 7997 8904 9207 8681 7336 7694 6934 8379 9305
                                8060 8410 7881 8511 9499 6854 6598 8075 6722 8492
                                8050 7514 7223 8198 7748 6111 6566 6609 6773 8592
                                6766 6865 6694 6837 7859 5275 5956 6316 5196 7165
                Thu 9055 7997 8849 7722 8740 9489 8378 7508 6954 7482 8358 8151
In [42]: plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
         sns.heatmap(dayMonth)
Out[42]: <Axes: xlabel='Month', ylabel='DayOfWeek'>
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10. Finally, let's use the longitude and latitude columns to get an idea of the most emergency-dense area. We can do this using a scatterplot.

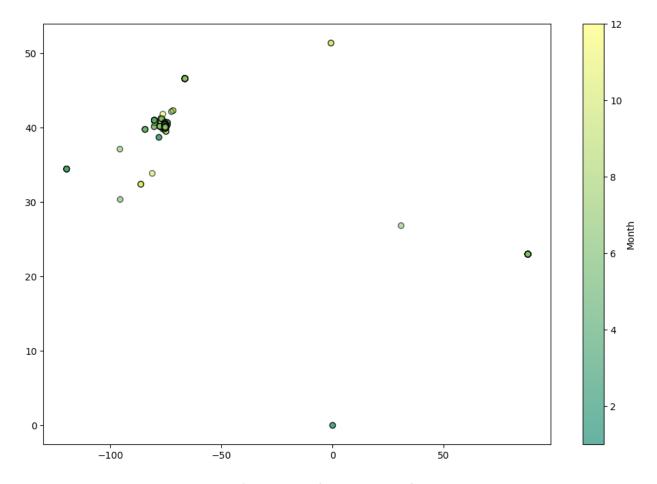
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In [43]: # Finally Let's get an idea of where the emergencies took place by using a scatter plot with longitude and Latitude chart.
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
plt.scatter(df.Longitude, df.Latitude)
plt.ylabel("Latitude")
plt.xlabel("Longitude")

Out[43]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Longitude')
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10. This graph seems to correlate with what we saw earlier using df.describe(), showing that on average an emergency will occur around the coordinates of 40, -75.

If we wanted to we could additionally create a scatter plot that includes a time field by using a colorbar, which will change the color of each data point according to the time period.



Using the data and these libraries, we've gained effective insights from our created visualizations and answered our initial questions.