



# *Discovering Nulls and Outliers*

*DS-1004 Big Data*

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# INTRODUCTION

## ► Problem Statement:

1. Null Value Detection
2. Outlier Detection
  - Univariate outliers
  - Multivariate outliers

## ► Data Set Collection:

- NYC Open Data
- 50 data sets



# PROBLEM FORMULATION

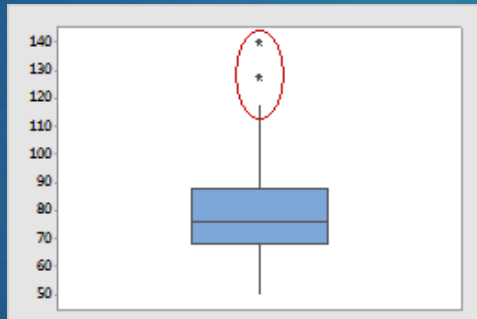
## 1. Data Cleaning

- "\$1.99" → 1.99, "1,000" → 1000, 10003 → "10003" (zip code)

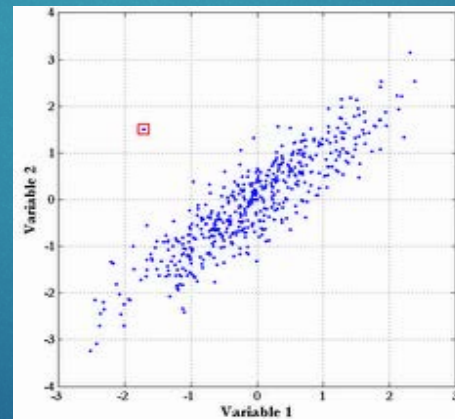
## 2. Missing Value Treatment

- "None", "N/A", " ", "-", "-999", "999", etc.

## 3. Outliers



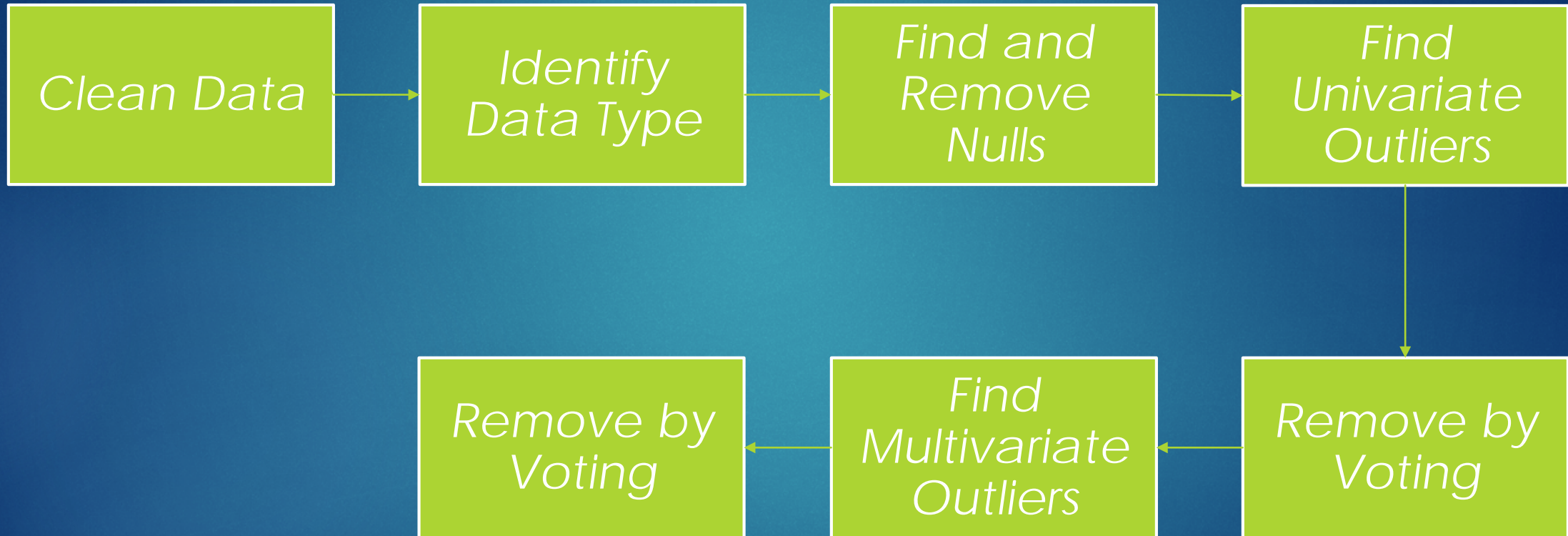
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# METHODOLOGY





# OUTLIER DETECTION

- ▶ *Nearest Neighbor based*
  - ▶ *DBSCAN*
- ▶ *Clustering based*
  - ▶ *k-Means*
- ▶ *Mixture of Parametric Distributions*
  - ▶ *Gaussian Mixture Models*



# OUTLIER DETECTION

- ▶ *Non-Parametric*
  - ▶ *Histogram / frequency – based*
- ▶ *Statistical Anomaly based*
  - ▶ *Box plot Rule*
  - ▶ *Gaussian model based (z-score)*
  - ▶ *Other Probabilistic models (Beta, Gamma, etc.)*

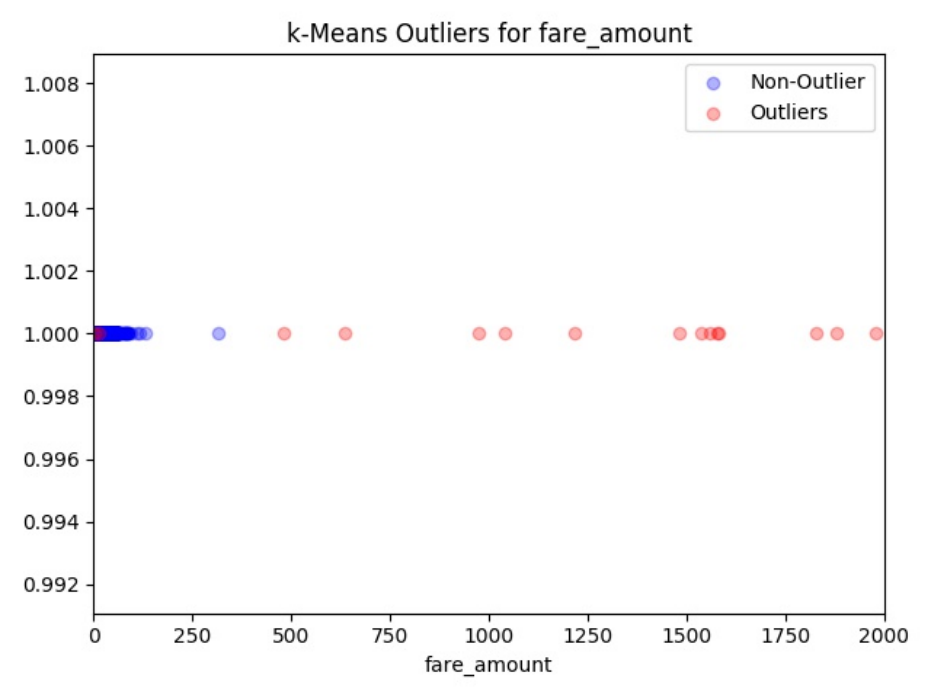


# KEY STRENGTHS

- ▶ *End-to-end automated framework*
- ▶ *Box plot Rule at core*
  - *No input specific to particular data set / column required*
- ▶ *Robust*
  - *Multiple techniques optimizing different metrics*
  - *Voting / Intersection of multiple similar techniques*
- ▶ *Efficient*
  - *Remove univariate outliers before finding multivariate ones*

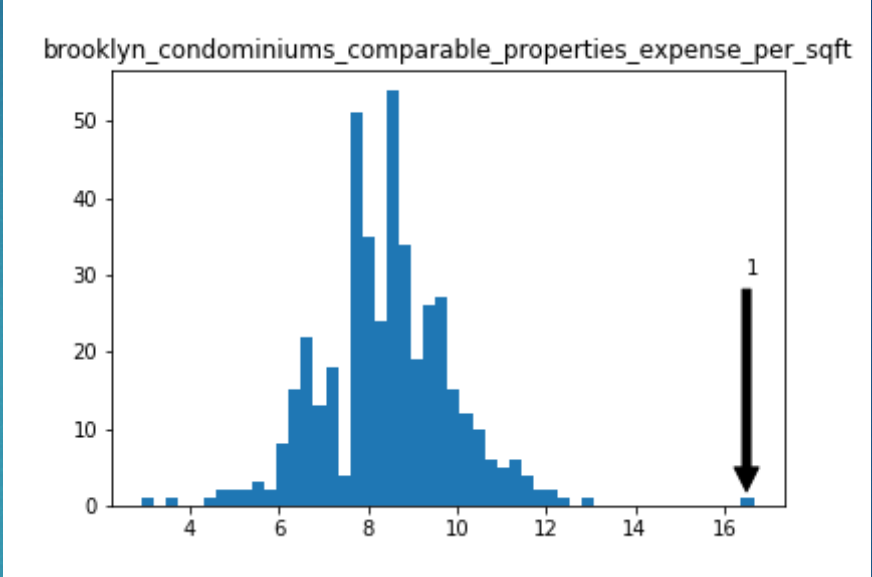


# RESULTS



Column	Value
brooklyn_condominiums_comparable_properties_address	"UNKNOWN"

Data: bss9-579f.tsv



Summary	num_level_3	rid	num_level_3
count	5302	847	1386.0
mean	239.776	851	1434.0
stddev	267.144	963	1337.0
min	0.0	990	1344.0
max	2020.0	1493	1522.0

Data: usap-qc7e.tsv



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