In [1]: import pandas as pd
In [2]: #shortened csv filename for easier reading
#will need to change path relative to your pwd!
shopify_sneakshops = pd.read_csv('/Users/svalm763/Downloads/DataScienceInternChallenge.csv')

In [3]: shopify_sneakshops.head()

created_at	payment_method	total_items	order_amount	user_id	shop_id	order_id		Out[3]:
2017-03-13 12:36:56	cash	2	224	746	53	1	0	
2017-03-03 17:38:52	cash	1	90	925	92	2	1	
2017-03-14 4:23:56	cash	1	144	861	44	3	2	
2017-03-26 12:43:37	credit_card	1	156	935	18	4	3	
2017-03-01 4:35:11	credit_card	1	156	883	18	5	4	

Checking for missing values is an important step of data analysis - could allow for some explanation as to why the AOV might be wrong.

In [4]: shopify_sneakshops.isnull()

Out[4]:		order_id	shop_id	user_id	order_amount	total_items	payment_method	created_at
	0	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
	1	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
	2	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
	3	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
	4	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
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	4995	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
	4996	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
	4997	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
	4998	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
	4999	False	False	False	False	False	False	False

5000 rows × 7 columns

1 a. Looking at the summary statistics for the 'order_amount' column, I can tell that the average order amount (AOV) of \$3145.13 was taken from the mean value. The maximum value is relatively high compared to the median order amount, and event the first and third quartiles. There must be too many outliers within the data, which is why the AOV seems odd.

When I look at the median value, that would be a better metric to evaluate the AOV because the outliers will not affect the median as much as the mean value.

In [5]:
 shopify_sneakshops['order_amount'].describe()

5000.000000 count Out[5]: 3145.128000 mean std 41282.539349 min 90.000000 25% 163.000000 50% 284.000000 75% 390.000000 704000.000000 max Name: order_amount, dtype: float64

1 b. The better metric to use would be the median value. We can calculate what the value will be (though it is shown in the summary stats).

In [6]:
 shopify_sneakshops['order_amount'].median()

Out[6]: 284.0

1 c. The median value is \$284.00, which is the best metric to evaluate the average order amount (AOV).

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