100 Short Viva Questions with Answers

Data Wrangling

- 1. What is data wrangling? Process of cleaning, structuring, and enriching raw data.
- 2. Why is data wrangling important? Prepares data for analysis, making it usable and accurate
- 3. What is missing data? Data that is not recorded or unavailable.
- 4. How do you detect missing values in Python? Using isnull() and sum() functions in pandas.
- 5. What is data normalization? Scaling features to a range like [0,1].
- 6. Which Python library is used for data analysis? Pandas.
- 7. How to replace missing values in pandas? Using fillna() function.
- 8. What is data type conversion? Changing the data type of a variable.
- 9. What is one-hot encoding? Converting categorical variables into numeric dummy variables.
- 10. Which function in pandas is used to describe statistics? describe().

Data Preprocessing

- 11. What are outliers? Extreme values differing significantly from others.
- 12. How do you detect outliers? Using box plots or Z-score.
- 13. What is data transformation? Changing the format or structure of data.
- 14. Why apply log transformation? To reduce skewness and normalize distribution.
- 15. What is feature scaling? Standardizing or normalizing data features.
- 16. What is the purpose of label encoding? Converting categorical labels into numeric form.
- 17. **What is standardization?** Scaling data with mean=0 and variance=1.
- 18. Which library provides StandardScaler in Python? Scikit-learn.
- 19. What is skewness? Measure of asymmetry in data distribution.
- 20. Name two ways to handle missing data. Deletion and Imputation.

Descriptive Statistics

- 21. What is mean? Average value.
- 22. What is median? Middle value of sorted data.
- 23. What is mode? Most frequently occurring value.
- 24. What is variance? Measure of dispersion.
- 25. What is standard deviation? Square root of variance.
- 26. What is percentile? Value below which a given percentage falls.
- 27. What is interquartile range (IQR)? Difference between 75th and 25th percentile.
- 28. What is a boxplot? A graphical representation of data distribution.
- 29. How is a histogram different from a bar plot? Histogram: continuous data, Bar plot: categorical data.

30. What does a small standard deviation indicate? Data points are close to the mean.

Data Analytics I (Linear Regression)

- 31. What is linear regression? Predicts a dependent variable using independent variables.
- 32. What is the Boston Housing dataset used for? Predicting house prices.
- 33. What does R² (R-squared) mean? Measure of how well data fits a regression model.
- 34. Which function fits a linear regression in scikit-learn?

 LinearRegression().fit().
- 35. What is the formula of simple linear regression? Y = aX + b.
- 36. What is multicollinearity? High correlation between independent variables.
- 37. How to measure model error? Using RMSE (Root Mean Square Error).
- 38. What is overfitting? Model learns noise instead of pattern.
- 39. What is underfitting? Model is too simple to capture pattern.
- 40. What is residual? Difference between observed and predicted values.

Data Analytics II (Logistic Regression)

- 41. What is logistic regression? Classification technique based on probability.
- 42. What is the output of logistic regression? Probability values between 0 and 1.
- 43. What is confusion matrix? Matrix showing TP, FP, TN, FN.
- 44. What is True Positive (TP)? Correct positive prediction.
- 45. What is True Negative (TN)? Correct negative prediction.
- 46. What is Precision? TP / (TP + FP).
- 47. What is Recall? TP / (TP + FN).
- 48. What is F1 Score? Harmonic mean of Precision and Recall.
- 49. What is ROC curve? Graph showing true positive rate vs. false positive rate.
- 50. What is AUC? Area Under the ROC Curve.

Data Analytics III (Naïve Bayes)

- 51. What is Naïve Bayes algorithm? Classification based on Bayes' theorem.
- 52. Why is it called "naïve"? Assumes features are independent.
- 53. What are common types of Naïve Bayes classifiers? Gaussian, Multinomial, Bernoulli.
- 54. What type of data does Multinomial Naïve Bayes handle? Discrete data like text classification.
- 55. What is prior probability? Initial probability before new evidence.
- 56. What is posterior probability? Updated probability after considering evidence.
- 57. **What is likelihood?** Probability of evidence given hypothesis.
- 58. What is conditional probability? Probability of event A given B has occurred.
- 59. Is Naïve Bayes good for small datasets? Yes.
- 60. Can Naïve Bayes be used for text classification? Yes.

Text Analytics

- 61. What is tokenization? Splitting text into words or phrases.
- 62. What is POS tagging? Part of Speech tagging (noun, verb, etc.).
- 63. What are stopwords? Common words like "is", "the", "an" removed from text.
- 64. What is stemming? Reducing words to their root form.
- 65. What is lemmatization? Reducing words to dictionary form.
- 66. What is TF-IDF? Term Frequency Inverse Document Frequency.
- 67. What is bag-of-words? Text representation using word counts.
- 68. Which library is used for text preprocessing in Python? NLTK.
- 69. What is the difference between stemming and lemmatization? Stemming cuts off words roughly, lemmatization uses vocabulary.
- 70. What is N-gram? Sequence of n words.

Data Visualization I & II

- 71. **What is Seaborn?** Python library for data visualization.
- 72. How do you plot a histogram in seaborn? sns.histplot().
- 73. How to plot a boxplot in seaborn? sns.boxplot().
- 74. What is the Titanic dataset used for? Survival prediction.
- 75. What does a boxplot show? Medians, quartiles, outliers.
- 76. What is a pairplot? Plots pairwise relationships between features.
- 77. What is KDE plot? Kernel Density Estimation plot.
- 78. What is correlation heatmap? Matrix showing correlations between variables.
- 79. Which function is used for correlation heatmap? sns.heatmap().
- 80. What is a violin plot? Combination of boxplot and KDE plot.

Big Data Analytics (Hadoop, Spark)

- 81. What is Hadoop? Open-source framework for distributed storage and processing.
- 82. What is HDFS? Hadoop Distributed File System.
- 83. What is YARN? Yet Another Resource Negotiator.
- 84. What is MapReduce? Programming model for processing large datasets.
- 85. What is Apache Spark? Fast, in-memory big data processing engine.
- 86. What is the purpose of HBase? NoSQL database for real-time reads/writes.
- 87. What is Pig in Hadoop? High-level platform for creating MapReduce programs.
- 88. What is Hive in Hadoop? SQL-like interface for querying big data.
- 89. What is Mahout? Machine learning library for big data.
- 90. What is Scala? Programming language used with Apache Spark.

Mini Project Topics

- 91. **What is a recommendation system?** System suggesting products or services based on user preferences.
- 92. Which algorithm can classify tweets? Naïve Bayes or Logistic Regression.
- 93. What is sentiment analysis? Classifying text into positive, negative, or neutral sentiment.
- 94. **How can you classify covid vaccination data?** Using pandas groupby and visualization.
- 95. Which dataset is used for covid vaccine analytics? covid vaccine statewise.csv.
- 96. What is business analytics? Analyzing data to improve business decisions.
- 97. What are the steps in an analytics project? Define problem → Collect data → Analyze → Report findings.
- 98. What is supervised learning? Training a model on labeled data.
- 99. What is unsupervised learning? Finding patterns in unlabeled data.
- 100. What is clustering? Grouping similar data points together.