GameEngagementExperiment

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[54]: import pandas as pd
      import numpy as np
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      import plotly.graph_objects as go
      from plotly.subplots import make_subplots
      import seaborn as sns
      from scipy.stats import shapiro, ttest_ind, mannwhitneyu, chi2_contingency
      from scipy import stats
 [2]: game_data = pd.read_csv("cookie_cats.csv")
 [3]: game_data.head()
 [3]:
         userid version
                          sum gamerounds
                                          retention_1 retention_7
      0
                 gate_30
                                                 False
                                                              False
            116
      1
                                                              False
            337 gate_30
                                      38
                                                  True
            377
                gate_40
                                     165
                                                  True
                                                              False
      3
            483 gate_40
                                                 False
                                                              False
                                       1
      4
            488
                gate_40
                                     179
                                                  True
                                                               True
 [4]: game_data.dtypes
 [4]: userid
                         int64
                        object
      version
      sum_gamerounds
                         int64
      retention_1
                          bool
                          bool
      retention_7
      dtype: object
 [5]: # Check for duplicate User IDs
      has_duplicates = game_data.duplicated(subset=['userid']).any()
      print("Dataset contains duplicate User IDs:", has_duplicates)
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Dataset contains duplicate User IDs: False

No duplicates were found among the user IDs, affirming the necessity of unique user identifiers to ensure each observation corresponds to a distinct user

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[77]: negative_instances = game_data[game_data['sum_gamerounds'] < 0]
print("Dataset contains instances with negative game rounds:", not
onegative_instances.empty)
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Dataset contains instances with negative game rounds: False

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[79]: has_null = game_data.isna().sum().any()
print("Dataset contains missing values:", has_null)
```

Dataset contains missing values: False

Summary statistics for gamerounds:

```
90189.000000
count
            51.872457
mean
std
           195.050858
min
             0.000000
1%
             0.000000
5%
             1.000000
10%
             1.000000
20%
             3.000000
50%
            16.000000
80%
            67.000000
90%
           134.000000
95%
           221.000000
99%
           493.000000
         49854.000000
max
```

Name: sum_gamerounds, dtype: float64

The summary statistics reveal that the dataset comprises 90,188 observations, with players averaging approximately 51 rounds. However, there is significant variability, as indicated by the standard deviation of 102.68 rounds. Notably, 99% of players engaged in up to 493 rounds, with a few outliers playing as many as 2961 rounds

Summary statistics by A/B groups for 'sum gamerounds'

version	count	median	mean	std	max
gate_30	44700	17.0	52.45626398210291	256.71355155162723	49854
gate 40	45489	16.0	51.29877552814966	103.29328083233604	2640

```
filtered_data = game_data[game_data.version == version]
      fig.add_trace(go.Box(x=[version] * len(filtered_data),
                            y=filtered_data.sum_gamerounds,
                            marker_color=colors[version],
                            boxpoints='outliers',
                            boxmean=False,
                            showlegend=False),
                    row=1, col=3)
  fig.update_xaxes(title_text="Gamerounds", row=1, col=1)
  fig.update_xaxes(title_text="Gamerounds", row=1, col=2)
  fig.update_xaxes(title_text="A/B Groups", row=1, col=3)
  fig.update_yaxes(title_text="Frequency", row=1, col=1, title_standoff=1)
  fig.update yaxes(title_text="Frequency", row=1, col=2, title_standoff=1)
  fig.update_yaxes(title_text="Sum Gamerounds", row=1, col=3,__
→title_standoff=1)
  fig.update_layout(height=500,
                    width=1000,
                    showlegend=True)
  return fig
```

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[9]: fig = create_game_rounds_plot(game_data)
fig.show()
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For a more detailed examination of the distribution, we'll focus on values within the range of 0 to 500 game rounds, as this range contains the majority of our instances

```
layout = go.Layout(title='Game Rounds by Version',
                      xaxis=dict(title='Index'),
                      yaxis=dict(title='Sum Gamerounds'),
                      legend=dict(x=1.1, y=1),
                      updatemenus=[
                          dict(
                              buttons=[
                                  dict(label="All",
                                       method="update",
                                        args=[{"visible": [True] * len(traces)},
                                              {"title": "Game Rounds by Version⊔
← All"}]),
                                  *[
                                       dict(label=version,
                                            method="update",
                                            args=[{"visible": [trace.visible if⊔
strace.name == version else False for trace in traces]},
                                                  {"title": f"Game Rounds by ...
⇔Version - {version}"}])
                                      for version in game_data['version'].

unique()
                                  1
                              ],
                              direction="down",
                              pad={"r": 10, "t": 10},
                              showactive=True,
                              x=1,
                              xanchor="right",
                              y=1,
                              yanchor="top"
                          ),
                      ]
                      )
  fig = go.Figure(data=traces, layout=layout)
  return fig
```

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[12]: fig = create_game_rounds_by_version_plot(game_data)
fig.show()
```

As observed earlier, an extreme outlier was affecting the summary statistics. To address this issue, we will remove the outlier from the dataset

```
print(filtered_data_gate_30)
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userid version sum_gamerounds retention_1 retention_7 57702 6390605 gate_30 49854 False True
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Given that the average number of rounds played by most players is around 51, it seems highly improbable that a player would engage in 50,000 rounds, suggesting a potential data entry error rather than a plausible gaming behavior.

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[14]: game_data.drop(filtered_data_gate_30.index, inplace=True)
[15]: fig = create_game_rounds_plot(game_data)
    fig.show()
[16]: fig = create_game_rounds_by_version_plot(game_data)
    fig.show()
```

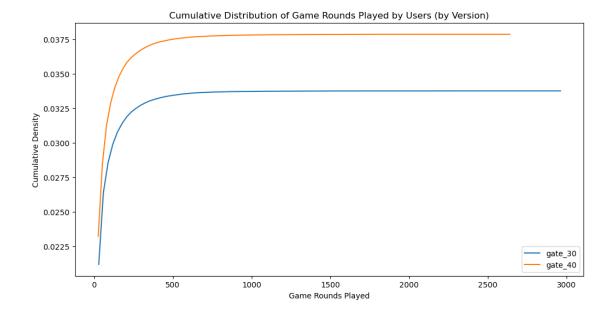
1 Retention

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[17]: plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
    for version in game_data['version'].unique():
        # Filter data for the current version
        version_data = game_data[game_data['version'] == version]

# Compute cumulative distribution for the current version
        counts, bin_edges = np.histogram(version_data["sum_gamerounds"], bins=100,
        density=True)
        cdf = np.cumsum(counts)

plt.plot(bin_edges[1:], cdf, label=version)

plt.title("Cumulative Distribution of Game Rounds Played by Users (by Version)")
    plt.ylabel("Game Rounds Played")
    plt.ylabel("Cumulative Density")
    plt.legend(loc="lower right")
    plt.show()
```



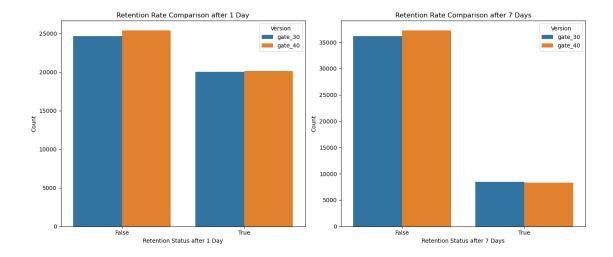
Both gate_30 and gate_40 exhibit a plateau in user engagement after approximately 450-500 game rounds, where gate_40 starts with a higher density of 0.0375 and gate_30 with a slightly lower density of 0.0325. This difference in initial density suggests higher initial user engagement in gate_40. However, both versions maintain a consistent density after the plateau, with gate_40 remaining at 0.0375 and gate_30 at 0.0335, indicating a stabilization in user activity despite variations in initial engagement levels

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[61]: fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 6))

# Retention Rate Comparison after 1 Day
sns.countplot(x='retention_1', hue='version', data=game_data, ax=axs[0])
axs[0].set_title('Retention Rate Comparison after 1 Day')
axs[0].set_xlabel('Retention Status after 1 Day')
axs[0].set_ylabel('Count')
axs[0].legend(title='Version')

# Retention Rate Comparison after 7 Days
sns.countplot(x='retention_7', hue='version', data=game_data, ax=axs[1])
axs[1].set_title('Retention Rate Comparison after 7 Days')
axs[1].set_ylabel('Retention Status after 7 Days')
axs[1].set_ylabel('Count')
axs[1].legend(title='Version')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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[62]: # maximum number of rounds
      max_rounds = game_data['sum_gamerounds'].max()
      # intervals for game rounds
      round intervals = [50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350]
      fig = go.Figure()
      # traces for each interval of game rounds
      for round_end in round_intervals:
          filtered_data = game_data[game_data['sum_gamerounds'] <= round_end]</pre>
          fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=filtered_data.groupby("sum_gamerounds").userid.
       ⇔count().index,
                                    y=filtered_data.groupby("sum_gamerounds").userid.
       ⇔count(),
                                    mode='lines',
                                    name=f"0-{round_end} Game Rounds",
                                    visible=(round_end == round_intervals[-1]),
                                    showlegend=False)) # Remove the legend for each_
       \hookrightarrow trace
      # dropdown menu
      buttons = [{'method': 'update',
                  'label': 'All',
                   'args': [{'visible': [True] * len(round_intervals)},
                           {'title': "The number of users in all game rounds"}]}] #
       → Update the title dynamically
      for round_end in round_intervals:
          buttons.append(dict(method='update',
```

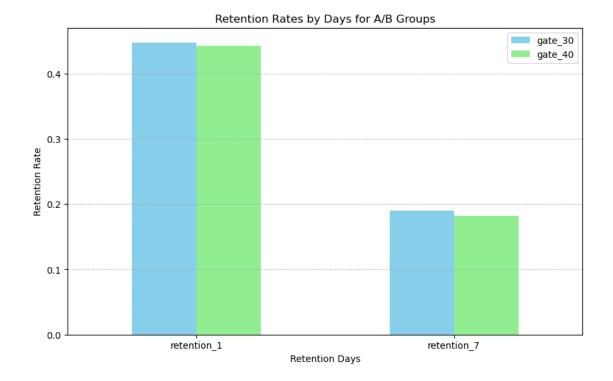
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label=f"0-{round_end} Game Rounds",
                         args=[{'visible': [(round_end == round_intervals[-1])__
 Gor (x <= round_end) for x in round_intervals]},</pre>
                               {'title': f"The number of users in {round_end}_
 →game rounds"}])) # Update the title dynamically
fig.update_layout(title="The number of users in all game rounds", # Initial_
 \hookrightarrow title
                   title_font_size=25,
                   xaxis_title="Game Rounds Played",
                   yaxis_title="Number of Users",
                   updatemenus=[{'buttons': buttons,
                                  'direction': 'down',
                                  'showactive': True,
                                  'x': 0.8,
                                  'xanchor': 'left',
                                  'y': 1.20,
                                  'yanchor': 'top'}],
                   height=400,
                   width=1000)
fig.show()
```

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[20]: metrics = {
          "RET1 COUNT": game data["retention 1"].value counts(),
          "RET7_COUNT": game_data["retention_7"].value_counts(),
          "RET1_RATIO": game_data["retention_1"].value_counts() / len(game_data),
          "RET7_RATIO": game_data["retention_7"].value_counts() / len(game_data)
      result_df = pd.DataFrame(metrics)
      plt.figure(figsize=(12, 2))
      plt.axis('off')
      table = plt.table(cellText=result_df.values,
                        colLabels=result_df.columns,
                        rowLabels=result_df.index,
                        cellLoc='center',
                        rowLoc='center',
                        loc='center')
      table.auto_set_font_size(False)
      table.set_fontsize(10)
      plt.title("Retention Rates", fontsize=25, y=0.7)
      plt.show()
```

Retention Rates

	RET1_COUNT	RET7_COUNT	RET1_RATIO	RET7_RATIO
False	50035.0	73408.0	0.5547855590544196	0.8139442054375305
True	40153.0	16780.0	0.4452144409455803	0.1860557945624695

The provided data illustrates user retention rates after the first and seventh days of engagement. In particular, it shows that a substantial portion of users did not retain after both time intervals. Specifically, after the first day, approximately 50,035 users, accounting for 55.48% of the total, did not retain, while after the seventh day, this number increased to 73,408 users, representing around 81.39% of the total. Conversely, a smaller number of users successfully retained after both intervals, with 40,153 users (44.52%) and 16,780 users (18.61%) retaining after the first and seventh days, respectively



The plot clearly illustrates that the retention rate for the 'gate_30' version is notably higher compared to the 'gate_40' version for both retention days 1 and 7

1.1 Retention Week-1

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Across both versions, users who retained after the specified period exhibited notably higher median and mean values of game rounds played compared to those who did not retain. For instance, in 'gate_30', users retained after the period demonstrated a median of 48 game rounds and a mean of approximately 94.41, significantly exceeding the median of 6 and mean of approximately 16.36 observed for non-retained users. Similarly, in 'gate_40', retained users displayed a median of 49 game rounds and a mean of approximately 95.38, contrasting with non-retained users' median of 6 and mean of approximately 16.34.

95.381182

137.887256

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1.2 Retention Week-7

```
[23]:
                            count median
                                                 mean
                                                               std
                                                                     max
      version retention_7
                                            25.796508
                                                        43.316158
      gate_30 False
                            36198
                                     11.0
                                                                     981
              True
                            8501
                                    105.0
                                           160.117516
                                                       179.358560
                                                                    2961
      gate_40 False
                            37210
                                            25.856356
                                                        44.406112
                                                                    2640
                                     11.0
              True
                            8279
                                    111.0 165.649837 183.792499 2294
```

In the 'gate_30' version, retained users displayed a median of 105 game rounds and a mean of approximately 160.12, in contrast to non-retained users, who had a median of 11 game rounds and a mean of approximately 25.80. Similarly, in the 'gate_40' version, retained users showed a median of 111 game rounds and a mean of approximately 165.65, while non-retained users had a median of 11 game rounds and a mean of approximately 25.86.

2 A/B Testing

```
[60]: def perform_ab_test(data, group_col, target_col, alpha=0.05, effect_size=None,
       →power=None):
          # Splitting A/B groups
          group_a = data[data[group_col] == "gate_30"][target_col]
          group_b = data[data[group_col] == "gate_40"][target_col]
          {\it \# Checking normality assumption using Shapiro-Wilk test}
          normality a = shapiro(group a)[1] >= alpha
          normality_b = shapiro(group_b)[1] >= alpha
          # Perform t-test or Mann-Whitney U test based on normality
          if normality_a and normality_b:
              # Parametric test (t-test)
              test_stat, p_value = ttest_ind(group_a, group_b)
              test_type = "Parametric (t-test)"
          else:
              # Non-parametric test (Mann-Whitney U test)
              test_stat, p_value = mannwhitneyu(group_a, group_b)
              test_type = "Non-parametric (Mann-Whitney U)"
          # Calculate effect size (Cohen's d)
          if effect_size is None:
              if normality_a and normality_b:
                  pooled_std = np.sqrt((np.var(group_a) + np.var(group_b)) / 2)
                  effect_size = (group_a.mean() - group_b.mean()) / pooled_std
              else:
```

```
# Use rank-biserial correlation as effect size for non-parametric,
 \hookrightarrow test
            effect_size = 2 * test_stat / len(data)
    # Interpretation of results
    hypothesis = "Reject HO" if p value < alpha else "Fail to Reject HO"
    comment = "A/B groups are not similar!" if hypothesis == "Reject HO" else_
 →"A/B groups are similar!"
    result_df = pd.DataFrame({
        "Test Type": [test_type],
        "AB Hypothesis": [hypothesis],
        "p-value": [p_value],
        "Effect Size (Cohen's d)": [effect_size],
        "Comment": [comment]
    })
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 1))
    plt.axis('off')
    table = plt.table(cellText=result_df.values,
                      colLabels=result_df.columns,
                      cellLoc='center',
                      rowLoc='center',
                      loc='center')
    table.auto_set_font_size(False)
    table.set fontsize(7)
    plt.title("A/B Test Results", fontsize=25, y=0.7)
    plt.show()
    return ""
perform_ab_test(data=game_data, group_col="version", __

¬target_col="sum_gamerounds")
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A/B Test Results

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Test Type	AB Hypothesis	p-value	Effect Size (Cohen's d)	Comment
Non-parametric (Mann-Whitney U)	Fail to Reject H0	0.05089155279145376	22714.45783252761	A/B groups are similar!

[60]: ''

In the following analysis, we will conduct A/B testing to compare the performance of two groups: Group A, consisting of players who were assigned the gate_30 version and retained in the game, and Group B, comprising players assigned the gate_40 version who were also retained. The objective

is to determine if there are any significant differences between these two versions in terms of player retention.

Additionally, we will explore the differences between the two groups concerning non-retained players. This comparison will help us understand if the gate_30 and gate_40 versions have distinct effects on player retention among those who did not continue playing the game.

By analyzing both retained and non-retained players in each group, we aim to gain insights into the effectiveness of the different game versions in retaining players over time.

```
[45]: def perform_ab_test(data, group_col, target_col, retention_day, alpha=0.05,
       ⇔effect size=None, power=None):
          # Splitting A/B groups
          group_a = data[(data[group_col] == "gate_30") & (data["retention_" +__
       str(retention_day)] == True)][target_col]
          group_b = data[(data[group_col] == "gate_40") & (data["retention_" +_
       str(retention_day)] == True)][target_col]
          # Checking normality assumption using Shapiro-Wilk test
          normality_a = shapiro(group_a)[1] >= alpha
          normality_b = shapiro(group_b)[1] >= alpha
          # Perform t-test or Mann-Whitney U test based on normality
          if normality a and normality b:
              # Parametric test (t-test)
              test stat, p value = ttest ind(group a, group b)
              test_type = "Parametric (t-test)"
          else:
              # Non-parametric test (Mann-Whitney U test)
              test_stat, p_value = mannwhitneyu(group_a, group_b)
              test_type = "Non-parametric (Mann-Whitney U)"
          # Calculate effect size (Cohen's d)
          if effect_size is None:
              if normality_a and normality_b:
                  pooled_std = np.sqrt((np.var(group_a) + np.var(group_b)) / 2)
                  effect_size = (group_a.mean() - group_b.mean()) / pooled_std
              else:
                  # Use rank-biserial correlation as effect size for non-parametricu
       \hookrightarrow test
                  effect_size = 2 * test_stat / len(data)
          # Interpretation of results
          hypothesis = "Reject HO" if p_value < alpha else "Fail to Reject HO"
          comment = "A/B groups are not similar!" if hypothesis == "Reject HO" else_
       →"A/B groups are similar!"
          result_df = pd.DataFrame({
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"Test Type": [test_type],
        "AB Hypothesis": [hypothesis],
        "p-value": [p_value],
        "Effect Size (Cohen's d)": [effect_size],
        "Comment": [comment]
    })
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 1))
    plt.axis('off')
    table = plt.table(cellText=result_df.values,
                       colLabels=result df.columns,
                       cellLoc='center',
                       rowLoc='center',
                       loc='center')
    table.auto_set_font_size(False)
    table.set_fontsize(7)
    plt.title("A/B Test Results for Retention " + str(retention_day), __
 \rightarrowfontsize=25, y=0.7)
    plt.show()
    return " "
perform_ab_test(data=game_data, group_col="version", _

¬target_col="sum_gamerounds", retention_day=1)
perform ab test(data=game data, group col="version", |
 →target_col="sum_gamerounds", retention_day=7)
```

A/B Test Results for Retention 1

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Test Type	AB Hypothesis	p-value	Effect Size (Cohen's d)	Comment	
Non-parametric (Mann-Whitney U)	Fail to Reject H0	0.7095456166954823	4459.561704439615	A/B groups are similar!	

A/B Test Results for Retention 7

Test Type	AB Hypothesis	p-value	Effect Size (Cohen's d)	Comment
Non-parametric (Mann-Whitney U)	Reject H0	0.010082490209441287	762.467224020934	A/B groups are not similar!

[45]: ' '

While the retention_1 groups showed similarities, indicating consistent user behavior or experience between the A and B groups initially, the retention_7 groups exhibited significant differences. This implies that over the weeks following the initial observation, disparities in user engagement or

experience emerged between the two groups, suggesting that any initial impact introduced by the experimental variations did not persist uniformly over time

```
[47]: def perform_ab_test(data, group_col, target_col, retention_day, alpha=0.05, __
       ⇔effect_size=None, power=None):
          # Splitting A/B groups
          group_a = data[(data[group_col] == "gate_30") & (data["retention_" +_
       str(retention_day)] == False)][target_col]
          group_b = data[(data[group_col] == "gate_40") & (data["retention_" +_
       str(retention_day)] == False)][target_col]
          # Checking normality assumption using Shapiro-Wilk test
          normality_a = shapiro(group_a)[1] >= alpha
          normality_b = shapiro(group_b)[1] >= alpha
          # Perform t-test or Mann-Whitney U test based on normality
          if normality_a and normality_b:
              # Parametric test (t-test)
              test_stat, p_value = ttest_ind(group_a, group_b)
              test_type = "Parametric (t-test)"
          else:
              # Non-parametric test (Mann-Whitney U test)
              test_stat, p_value = mannwhitneyu(group_a, group_b)
              test_type = "Non-parametric (Mann-Whitney U)"
          # Calculate effect size (Cohen's d)
          if effect size is None:
              if normality_a and normality_b:
                  pooled_std = np.sqrt((np.var(group_a) + np.var(group_b)) / 2)
                  effect_size = (group_a.mean() - group_b.mean()) / pooled_std
              else:
                  # Use rank-biserial correlation as effect size for non-parametric,
       \hookrightarrow test
                  effect_size = 2 * test_stat / len(data)
          # Interpretation of results
          hypothesis = "Reject HO" if p_value < alpha else "Fail to Reject HO"
          comment = "A/B groups are not similar!" if hypothesis == "Reject HO" else∟
       →"A/B groups are similar!"
          result_df = pd.DataFrame({
              "Test Type": [test_type],
              "AB Hypothesis": [hypothesis],
              "p-value": [p_value],
              "Effect Size (Cohen's d)": [effect_size],
              "Comment": [comment]
          })
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 1))
    plt.axis('off')
    table = plt.table(cellText=result_df.values,
                      colLabels=result_df.columns,
                      cellLoc='center',
                      rowLoc='center',
                      loc='center')
    table.auto_set_font_size(False)
    table.set_fontsize(7)
    plt.title("A/B Test Results for Retention " + str(retention_day), u
 \rightarrowfontsize=25, y=0.7)
    plt.show()
    return " "
perform_ab_test(data=game_data, group_col="version", __
 →target_col="sum_gamerounds", retention_day=1)
perform_ab_test(data=game_data, group_col="version",_
 →target_col="sum_gamerounds", retention_day=7)
```

A/B Test Results for Retention 1

Test Type	AB Hypothesis	p-value	Effect Size (Cohen's d)	Comment
Non-parametric (Mann-Whitney U)	Fail to Reject H0	0.17902479366766655	6986.347119350689	A/B groups are similar!

A/B Test Results for Retention 7

Test Type	AB Hypothesis	p-value	Effect Size (Cohen's d)	Comment
Non-parametric (Mann-Whitney U)	Fail to Reject H0	0.2919906205799716	15001.69772031756	A/B groups are similar!

[47]: ' '