

ECON 0150 | Economic Data Analysis

The economist's data analysis pipeline.

Part 1.6 | Grouping Data

Example 1.6 | Starbucks Offers

In starbucks_promotions.csv, which offers are most effective?

```
1 # Import packages
2 import pandas as pd
3
4 # Load data
5 data = pd.read_csv("starbucks_offers.csv")
```

Starbucks Offers | The Original Table

Which offers are most effective?

We have a table of events ...

>not straightforward to see which offers are most effective

Starbucks Offers | Grouping and Summing

Which offers are most effective?

Summarize total revenue by **Offer ID**:

1. *Filter (if needed; keep all rows for now)*

```
1 # Filter (no filter here yet)
2 #data = data[filter]
```

2. *Group by **Offer ID***

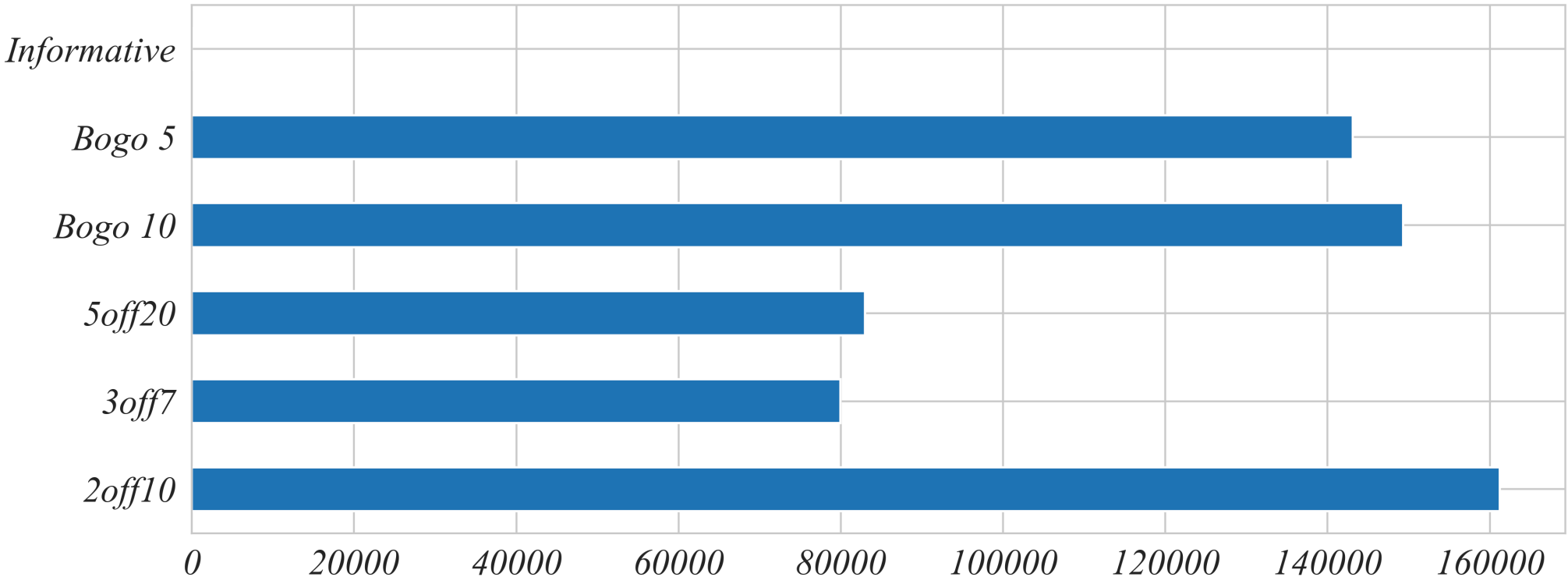
```
1 # Group by ID
2 grouped_by_id = data.groupby("Offer ID")
```

3. *Sum revenue by group*

```
1 # Sum revenue by group
2 grouped_revenue = grouped_by_id["Revenue"].sum()
```

Starbucks Offers | Grouping and Summing

Which offers are most effective?

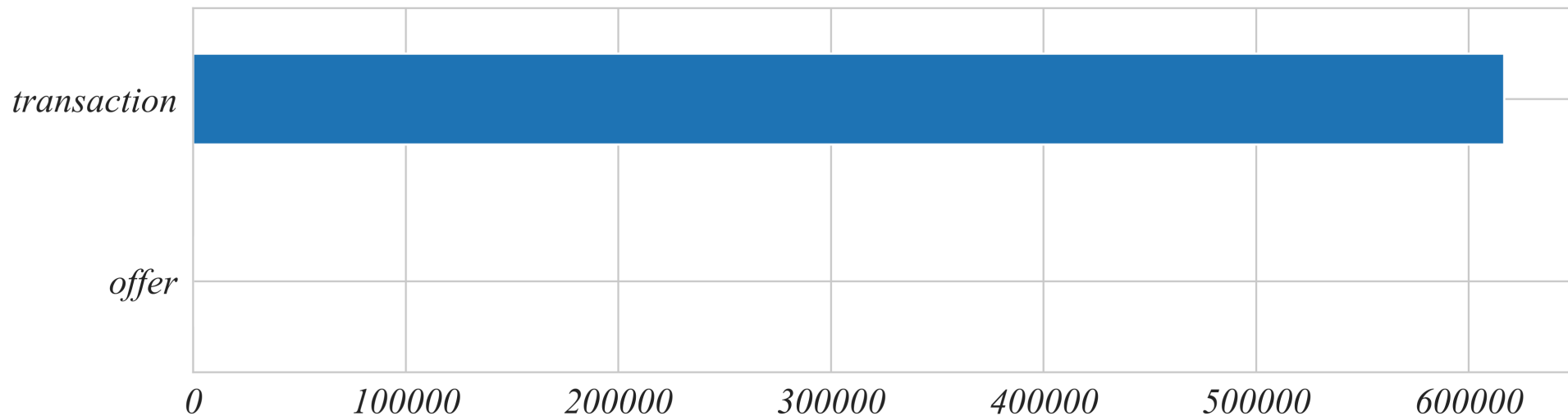


Starbucks Offers | Grouping

Which offers are most effective?

We can group on any categorical variable, like **Event**:

```
1 # Summarize total revenue by 'Event'  
2 event_summary = data.groupby("Event")["Revenue"].sum()
```



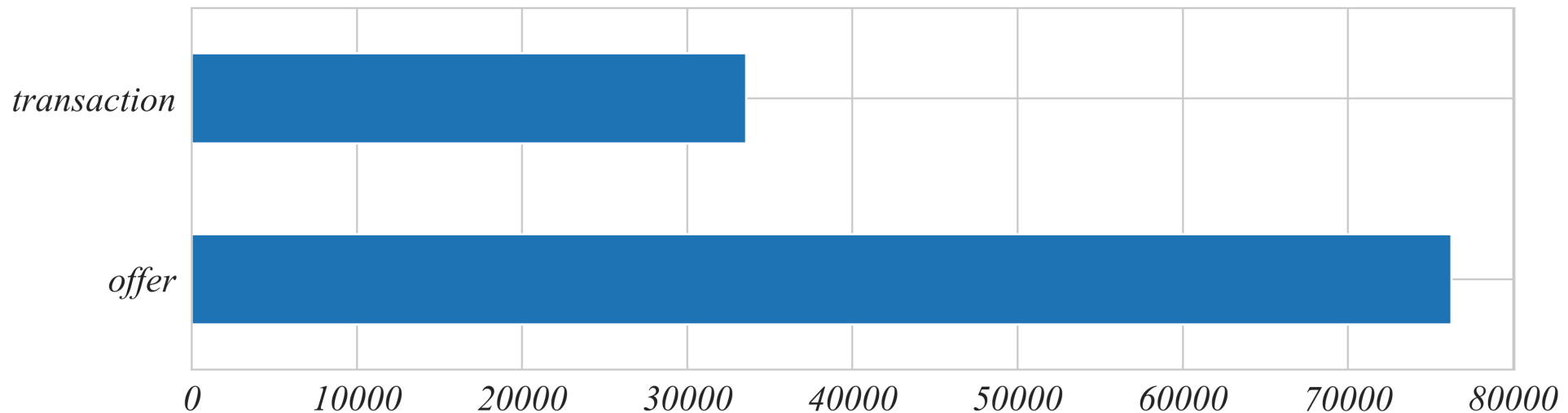
> “Offer” and “Offer Completed” events have 0 revenue, so you’ll see zeros for those rows

Starbucks Offers | Use Grouping to Count

But how many offers are there per group?

Instead of summing, count how many rows there are for each event type:

```
1 # Count number of each event  
2 event_count = data.groupby("Event")["Event"].count()
```



Starbucks Offers | Filtering + Grouping

What is the average transaction amount per offer type?

Mean Revenue per Transaction

1. Filter `Event == "transaction"` (exclude zero-revenue “Offer” rows)

```
1 # Filter for transactions only
2 transactions_only = data[data["Event"] == "transaction"]
```

2. Group by Offer ID

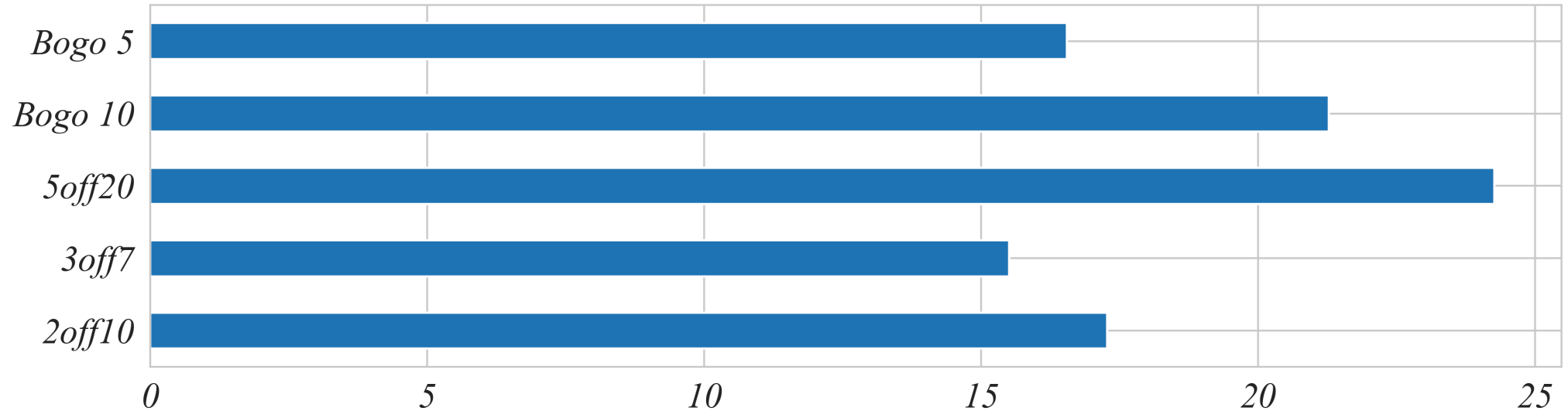
```
1 # Group by Offer ID
2 transaction_groups = transactions_only.groupby("Offer ID")
```

3. Take the mean of the revenue column

```
1 # Take the mean revenue
2 mean_revenue = transaction_groups["Revenue"].mean()
```


Starbucks Offers | Filtering + Grouping

What is the average transaction amount per offer type?



> this often gives a better picture of how much people spend per transaction when they use the offer

Starbucks Offers | Drawing Conclusions

Which offers are truly most effective?

1. How many times was each offer sent?

```
1 # Count offers by Offer ID
2 offers_only = data[data["Event"] == "offer"] # Filter for Offer
3 offers_count = offers_only.groupby("Offer ID")["Event"].count()
```

2. How many times was each offer actually used?

```
1 # Count transactions by Offer ID
2 transactions_only = data[data["Event"] == "transaction"] # Filter for Transaction
3 transactions_count = transactions_only.groupby("Offer ID")["Event"].count()
```

3. Total revenue or average revenue from those used offers.

```
1 # Sum revenue by Offer ID
2 grouped_revenue = data.groupby("Offer ID")["Revenue"].sum()
```

Starbucks Offers | Combining Results

Which offers are truly most effective?

Combine into a single data frame:

- *offers_count*
- *transactions_count*
- *grouped_revenue*

```
1 summary = pd.DataFrame({  
2     "Offers": offers_count,  
3     "Transactions": transactions_count,  
4     "Revenue": grouped_revenue  
5 })
```

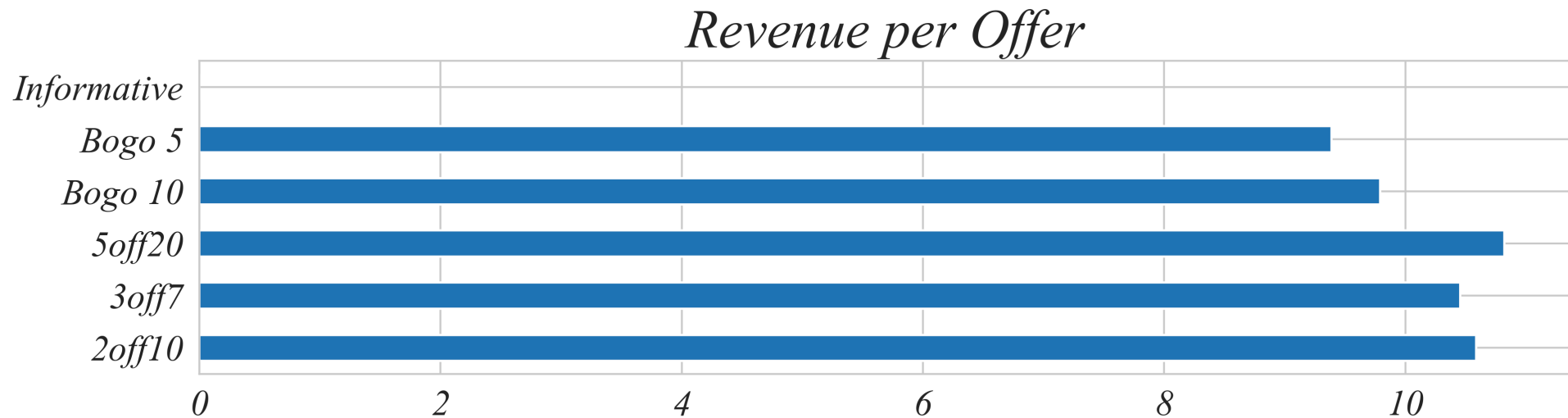
Create new columns

```
1 # Create a "Revenue per Offer" column  
2 summary["Revenue_per_Offer"] = summary["Revenue"] / summary["Offers"]  
3  
4 # Create a "Transactions per Offer" column  
5 summary["Transactions_per_Offer"] = summary["Transactions"] / summary["Offers"]
```

Starbucks Offers | Revenue Figure

Which offers are truly most effective?

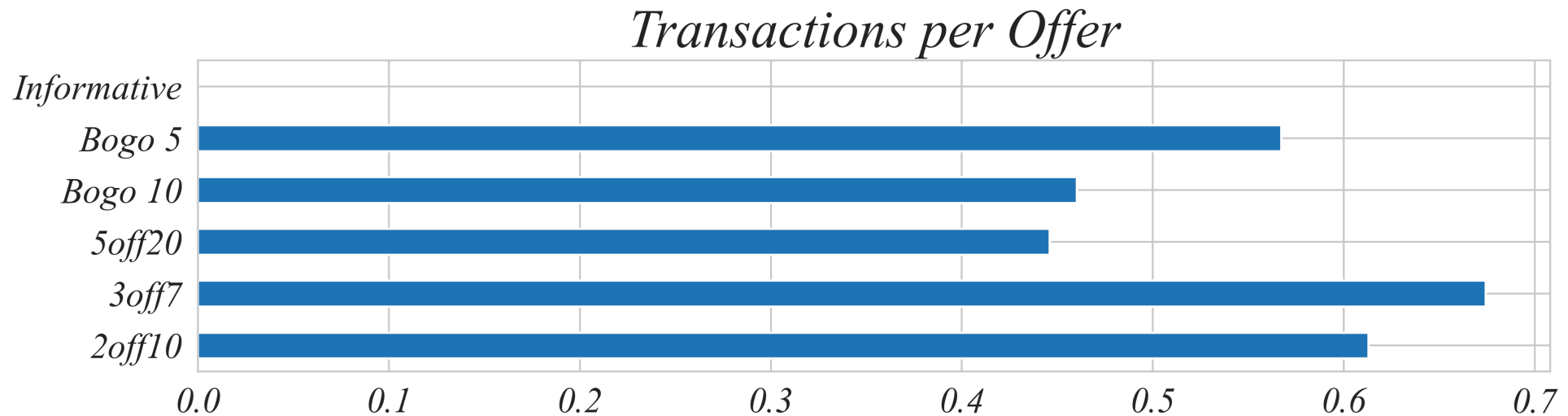
```
1 # Plot revenue per offer  
2 summary_df["Revenue_per_Offer"].plot(kind='barh', title="Revenue per Offer")
```



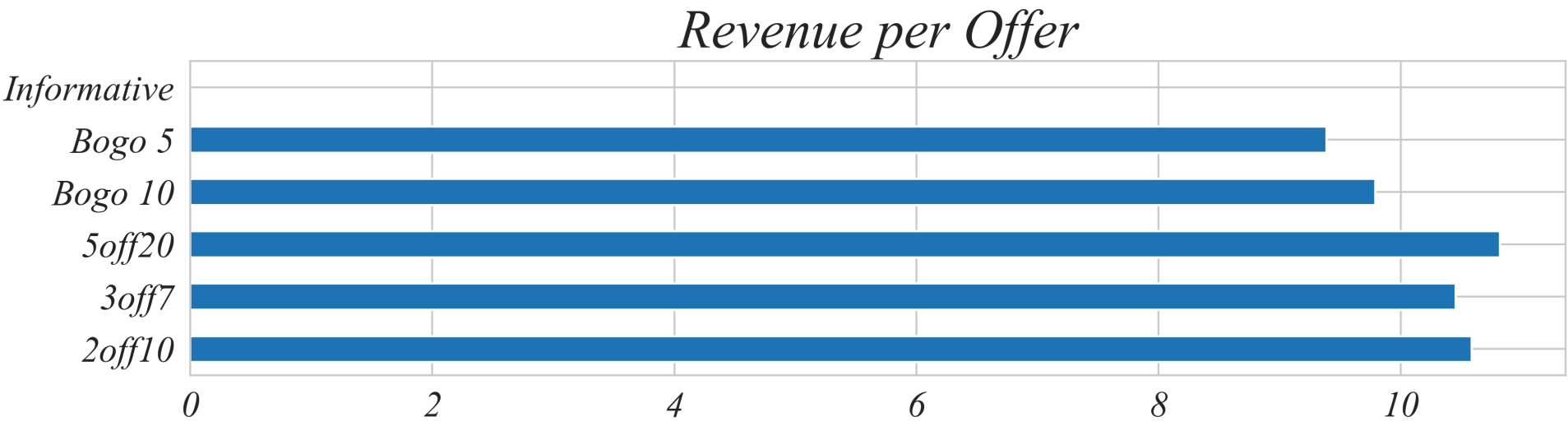
Starbucks Offers | Transaction Figure

Which offers are truly most effective?

```
1 # Plot transactions per offer  
2 summary_df["Transactions_per_Offer"].plot(kind='barh', title="Transactions per Offer")
```



Starbucks Offers | Both Figures



Transactions per Offer

Informative

Bogo 5

Bogo 10

5off20

3off7

2off10

0.0

0.1

0.2

0.3

0.4

0.5

0.6

0.7



Starbucks Offers | Interpretation

Which offers are most effective?

- *The offer 5off20 has the highest **revenue** but a lower **redemption rate**.*
- *The offer 3off7 has a high **redemption rate** but the discount may be costly to Starbucks.*
- *The offer 2off10 lands solidly in the top on both metrics and represents a more modest discount.*

Part 1.6 | Summary

- *Group and Aggregate: Group by relevant columns to quickly summarize data*
- *Filtering Matters: Filter out irrelevant rows before grouping*
- *Common Aggregations: Use summaries like **sum**, **count**, **mean**, or **max***
- *Widespread Use: This technique is core to data analysis in nearly every field*
- *Next Steps: Combine grouping and filtering with joins, pivots, or merges for even richer analysis and visualization.*