Huynh Do Lab#2 Part A:

Objective: This lab assignment exposes student to working with null values, which is data that is missing or is not known within a data set.



1. Import libraries

```
[3] import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns # Optional for better visuals
from google.colab import files
```

The code above imports several Python libraries commonly used in data analysis.

- 1. import pandas as pd
 - A library for data manipulation and analysis (e.g., working with tables, CSVs, etc.).
- 2. import numpy as np :
 - Support for numerical operations and arrays.
- 3. from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
 - Creating static, interactive, and animated plots.
- 4. import seaborn as sns
 o Imports Seaborn provides prettier and more informative plots.
- 5. from google.colab import files
 - Used in **Google Colab** to upload/download files from your local system within a Colab notebook.
- 2. Upload file NBA.csv

```
    [4] # Upload 'NBA.csv' file
    uploaded = files.upload()
    # Load the dataset
    df = pd.read_csv("NBA.csv")
    df.head()
```

The above screen shot is used to upload and load a CSV file named **NBA.csv** into a Pandas Data Frame in a Google Colab environment.

When upload is done:

```
Choose Files NBA.csv
```

```
    NBA.csv(text/csv) - 29636 bytes, last modified: 4/9/2025 - 100% done
```

Saving NBA.csv to NBA.csv

	Name	Team	Number	Position	Age	Height	Weight	College	Salary
0	Avery Bradley	Boston Celtics	0	PG	25	6-2	180	Texas	7730337.0
1	Jae Crowder	Boston Celtics	99	SF	25	6-6	235	Marquette	6796117.0
2	John Holland	Boston Celtics	30	SG	27	6-5	205	Boston University	NaN
3	R.J. Hunter	Boston Celtics	28	SG	22	6-5	185	Georgia State	1148640.0
4	Jonas Jerebko	Boston Celtics	8	PF	29	6-10	231	NaN	500000.0

- 3. Process Null Values
 - **Step 1**: Explore null values

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```
print("Null values in each column:\n")
print(df.isnull().sum())
```

- df.isnull() creates a DataFrame of the same shape as df, where each cell is True if it's null, otherwise False.
- \circ .sum() adds up all the True values in each column (since True = 1), giving us the number of missing values per column.
- Step 2: Fill with Null values

```
# Step 2: Fill null values
# Example: Fill null numeric values with 0, and object types with "Unknown"
df_filled = df.fillna({
    col: 0 if df[col].dtype in ['int64', 'float64'] else "Unknown" for col in df.columns
})
```

The code above fills missing (NaN) values in a DataFrame (df) by assigning different fill values depending on each column's data type:

 \circ If a column is numeric (int64 or float64), it fills nulls with 0

• Otherwise (usually text, i.e., object), it fills nulls with "Unknown"

In summary: df_filled is a copy of the original df, but with all NaN values replaced: Numbers $\rightarrow 0 \mid \text{Strings} \rightarrow \text{"Unknown"}$ **df.fillna**({...}) : Uses that dictionary to fill null values column by column, using the specified defaults.

• Step 3: check if all null values are gone

```
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print("\nDataset info after filling nulls:\n")
df_filled.info()
```

This gives us a summary of the DataFrame after 've filled the missing values. Specifically, it shows:

- 1. Number of entries (rows)
- 2. Column names
- 3. Non-null count for each column want these to match the total row count if all nulls are gone
- 4. Data types of each column (e.g., int64, float64, object)
- 5. Memory usage

The below is result of calling df_filled.info() function

Null values in each column:

```
Name
          0
Team
          0
Number
          0
Position 0
Age
         0
       9
Height
Weight
          0
College
         84
Salary
         11
dtype: int64
```

Dataset info after filling nulls:

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```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 457 entries, 0 to 456
Data columns (total 9 columns):
#
    Column
             Non-Null Count Dtype
    ----
             -----
- - -
0
    Name
            457 non-null object
1
    Team
            457 non-null
                           object
    Number 457 non-null int64
Position 457 non-null object
2
3
             457 non-null
                           int64
4
    Age
    Height 457 non-null object
5
6
    Weight 457 non-null
                           int64
    College 457 non-null
                           object
7
             457 non-null float64
8
    Salary
dtypes: float64(1), int64(3), object(5)
memory usage: 32.3+ KB
```