

# **Data Mining Final Project Report**

**Customer Behavior Analysis and Prediction on Online Retail Dataset** 

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## 2. Executive Summary

This project aimed to analyze customer behavior using advanced data mining and machine learning techniques. The objectives included identifying patterns, predicting customer actions, and segmenting customers for targeted marketing strategies. Key outcomes include improved classification accuracy, insightful clustering results, and actionable association rules. Recommendations focus on leveraging customer segmentation and association rules for personalized marketing campaigns.

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## 4. Introduction

## Background

Optimize the store's operations and improve customer satisfaction. Store optimization could include things like inventory management. Given the fields we have to work with this will likely revolve around temporal purchase trends and better understanding outliers. Customer satisfaction might include a deeper understanding of return trends.

# **Project Goals**

- 1. Analyze customer purchasing patterns and sales trend.
- 2. Segment customers based on their behavior.
- 3. Predict future customer actions.
- 4. Generate actionable insights for business strategy.

## Scope

This project focuses on analyzing a transactional dataset from an online retail store. It includes classification, clustering, association rule mining, and time series forecasting. Limitations include the absence of external demographic data and potential biases in the dataset.

## 5.Data Description

The dataset used in this project is from an online retail store, containing transaction-level data Just over 541,000 rows of sales data with the following fields:

- 1. InvoiceNo Unique Identifier under which multiple items can be purchased
- 2. StockCode Unique Identifier for a product

- 3. Description Description of the product
- 4. Quantity Number of product purchased
- 5. InvoiceDate Date of invoice when purchase was made noted with time of day
- 6. UnitPrice price per 1 quantity of product
- 7. CustomerId Unique Identifier for a customer
- 8. Country Country where product was purchased from

Preprocessing involved handling missing values, converting data types, and aggregating transactions into meaningful structures.

### 6.Data Preprocessing

First of all, I will import all the necessary libraries that we will use throughout the project. This generally includes libraries for data manipulation, data visualization, and others based on the specific needs of the project. Afterward, I am going to gain a thorough understanding of the dataset before proceeding to the data cleaning and transformation stages.

```
In [1]:
         import pandas as pd
         import numpy as np
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         import matplotlib.patches as mpatches
         from matplotlib.colors import LinearSegmentedColormap
         from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
         import seaborn as sns
         import plotly.express as px
         from sklearn.ensemble import IsolationForest
         from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
         from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
         from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
         import plotly.graph_objects as go
         from plotly.subplots import make subplots
         from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
         from yellowbrick.cluster import KElbowVisualizer
         from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
         from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
         from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
         from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix, accuracy_score
         from sklearn import tree
         from sklearn.svm import SVC
         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
         from sklearn.cluster import DBSCAN
         from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score
         import warnings
         from pickle import dump
         from sklearn.mixture import GaussianMixture
         from mlxtend.frequent_patterns import apriori
         from mlxtend.frequent patterns import association rules
         from statsmodels.tsa.stattools import adfuller
         from statsmodels.tsa.arima.model import ARIMA
In [2]:
        df = pd.read_csv('OnlineRetail.csv', encoding="ISO-8859-1")
         df.head()
```

```
In [3]:
          df.shape
Out[3]: (541909, 8)
In [4]:
          print("\nData Types and Missing Values:")
          print(df.info())
        Data Types and Missing Values:
       <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 541909 entries, 0 to 541908
        Data columns (total 8 columns):
             Column
                            Non-Null Count
         0
             InvoiceNo
                            541909 non-null
                                                object
                             541909 non-null
                            540455 non-null
             Description
                                                object
                            541909 non-null
             Quantity
                                                int64
             InvoiceDate
                            541909 non-null
                                                object
             UnitPrice
                            541909 non-null
                                                float64
             {\tt CustomerID}
                            406829 non-null
                                                float64
                            541909 non-null
             Country
                                                object
       dtypes: float64(2), int64(1), object(5)
memory usage: 33.1+ MB
In [5]:
          df.isnull().sum()
Out[5]: InvoiceNo
                                0
0
          StockCode
          Description
                             1454
          Ouantity |
          InvoiceDate
         UnitPrice
         CustomerID
                           135080
         Country dtype: int64
```

When you look through, it is obvious that there are some missing values in the Description and CustomerID columns that must be replaced. The InvoiceDate column is already in date and time format, which will be very helpful during further time series analysis. We could also see that one customer can have many transactions since the CustomerID is repeated in the first rows. The next few steps will focus on data cleaning, dealing with missing values, and correcting any wrong data, with the creation of new features, which may help to complete this project's goals.

```
df = df.dropna(subset=['CustomerID']) #Here removing rows with missing CustomerID
         df['Description'] = df['Description'].fillna('Unknown') #Here filling missing description with Unknown
In [7]:
         print("Summary Statistics:")
         print(df.describe())
       Summary Statistics:
                                UnitPrice
                                              CustomerID
                   Quantity
       count 406829.000000 406829.000000 406829.000000
                                 3.460471 15287.690570
                 12.061303
       mean
       std
                248.693370
                                69.315162
                                             1713.600303
       min
              -80995.000000
                                 0.000000
                                            12346.000000
       25%
                  2.000000
                                 1.250000
                                            13953.000000
                   5.000000
                                 1.950000
                                            15152.000000
       75%
                 12.000000
                                 3.750000
                                            16791.000000
                                            18287.000000
       max
              80995.000000
                             38970.000000
In [8]: #negative values handiling
         df = df[df['UnitPrice']>0]
         df = df[df['Quantity']>0]
         print("Summary Statistics:")
         print(df.describe())
       Summary Statistics:
                   Quantity
                                UnitPrice
                                              CustomerID
       count 397884.000000 397884.000000 397884.000000
                 12.988238
                                 3.116488 15294.423453
       mean
                                22.097877
                                             1713.141560
       std
                179.331775
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       min
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                                            12346.000000
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                  2.000000
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                                            13969.000000
                   6.000000
                                 1.950000
                                            15159.000000
       75%
                 12.000000
                                 3.750000
                                            16795.000000
              80995.000000
                              8142.750000
                                            18287.000000
       max
```

This step involves a thorough cleaning and changing process in order to enhance the dataset: fixing missing values, dropping duplicate entries, correcting mistakes in product codes and descriptions, and other important changes that need to be in place for the data to be ready for detailed analysis and modeling.

```
[n [10]:
           # Convert InvoiceDate to datetime
           df['InvoiceDate'] = pd.to_datetime(df['InvoiceDate'])
           # Ensure CustomerID is integer
           df['CustomerID'] = df['CustomerID'].astype(int)
           # Convert Price to float
           df['UnitPrice'] = df['UnitPrice'].astype(float)
[n [11]:
          # How many duplicate rows are there?
          df.duplicated().sum()
)ut[11]: 5192
[n [12]:
          df.drop_duplicates(inplace=True)
[n [13]:
          def remove_outliers(df, column_name):
               Q1 = df[column_name].quantile(0.25)
               Q3 = df[column_name].quantile(0.75)
               IQR = Q3 - Q1
               lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR
               # Filter the DataFrame to remove outliers
               return df[(df[column_name] >= lower_bound) & (df[column_name] <= upper_bound)]</pre>
          df=remove_outliers(df, 'Quantity')
df=remove_outliers(df, 'UnitPrice')
```

Outliers can tell us more about a data set. In this data it's clear that a majority of sales outliers, calculated as *Quantity* \* *UnitPrice*, are represented by large negative values (order returns).

```
In [14]: # Create TotalAmount column
    df['Total_Amount'] = df['Quantity'] * df['UnitPrice']
    # Extract date components
    df['Year'] = df['InvoiceDate'].dt.year
    df['Month'] = df['InvoiceDate'].dt.month
    df['Day'] = df['InvoiceDate'].dt.day
    df['DayOfWeek'] = df['InvoiceDate'].dt.dayofweek
```

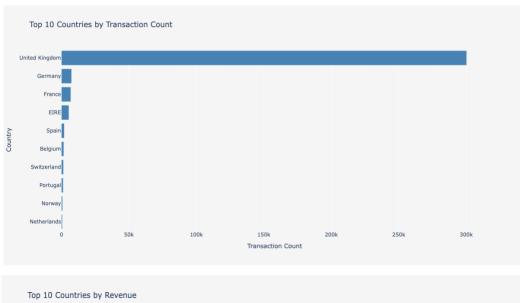
## 7. Data Exploration and Visualization

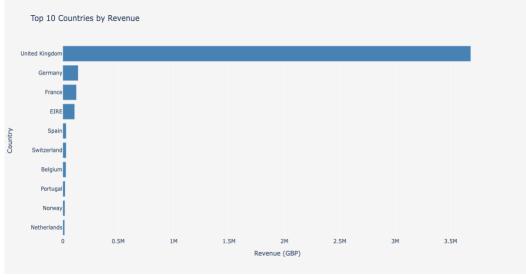
Exploratory data analysis revealed:

The graphs below show a large difference between countries in terms of total sales.

The United Kingdom accounts for the vast majority of total sales and is far ahead of other countries.

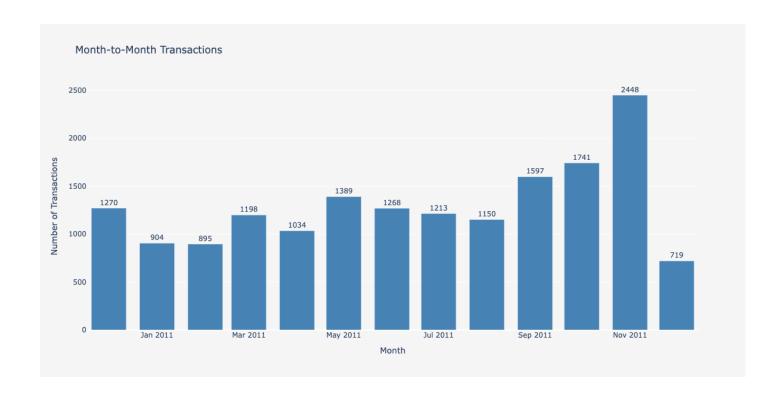
Other countries include the Netherlands, Ireland, and Germany, but their sales figures are considerably lower than the United Kingdom.



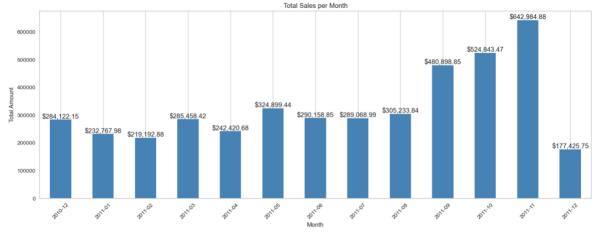


Among the top 10 countries, European countries are heavily represented. The dominance of the United Kingdom in total sales indicates that the dataset is concentrated in this region.

Therefore, analyses and strategic decisions can be made with a focus on the United Kingdom as a priority.



As you can see, November has the highest number of transactions among all the months of the year.



It can be seen that the overall sales of the platform increased in the second half of the year. And hit-high in November.

#### 8. Feature Selection and Dimensionality Reduction

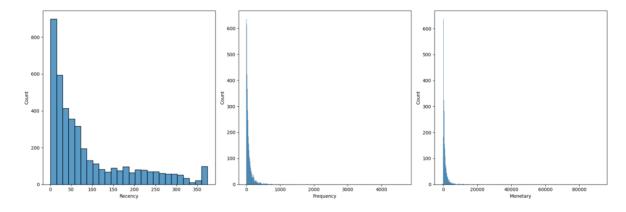
Under customer analysis, I looked at **Customer segmentation** means grouping customers based on their purchasing behaviour such as RFM (Recency, Frequency, Monetary) analysis, which categorizes customers based on how recently they made a purchase, how often they buy, and how much they spend.

The simplest explanation of customer segmentation;

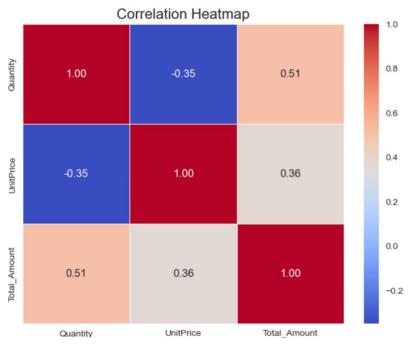
- 1. Recency: Calculates the number of days since each customer's last purchase.
- 2. Frequency: Counts the number of orders each customer has made.
- 3. Monetary: Calculates the total amount spent by each customer.

Together, these metrics help in understanding a customer's buying behavior and preferences, which is pivotal in personalizing marketing strategies and creating a recommendation system.

```
In [28]:
    plt.subplots(figsize=(18, 6))
    rfm_features = ['Recency', 'Frequency', 'Monetary']
    count = 1
    for feature in rfm_features:
        plt.subplot(1, 3, count)
        sns.histplot(rfm[feature], kde=True, color='steelblue')
        plt.title(f"Distribution of {feature}", fontsize=9)
        plt.xlabel(feature, fontsize=10)
        plt.ylabel("Density", fontsize=10)
        count += 1
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
```







```
In [33]:
    numeric_data = df.select_dtypes(include=['number'])

# Drop or fill missing values (if any left)
    numeric_data = numeric_data.dropna()

scaler = StandardScaler()
    X_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(numeric_data)

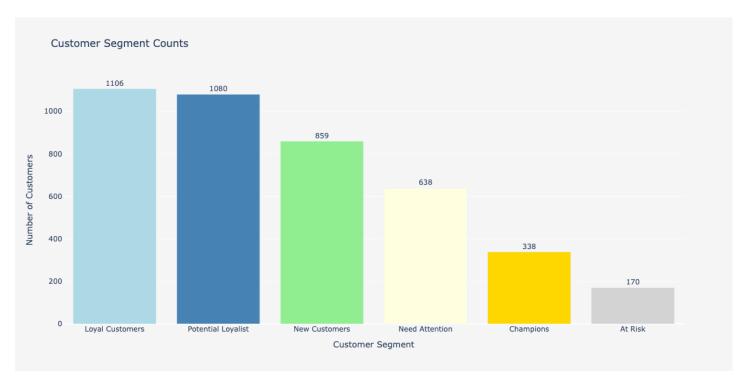
pca = PCA(n_components=0.95) # Preserve 95% of variance
    X_pca = pca.fit_transform(X_scaled)

print(f"Original features: {X_scaled.shape[1]}")

Original features: 10
Features after PCA: 9
```

I evaluated in the PCA version of the dataset because that's where the clusters actually derived, showing the most important patterns in the data; such evaluation in this space actually gives a better view of cluster quality and helps bring to light the real connections and differences created during clustering.

```
In [24]:
            # Count the number of customers in each segment
            segment_counts = rfm['Segment'].value_counts().reset_index()
            segment_counts.columns = ['Segment', 'Count']
            fig = px.bar(
                segment_counts,
                x='Segment',
                title='Customer Segment Counts',
labels={'Segment': 'Customer Segment', 'Count': 'Number of Customers'},
                text='Count',
                color='Segment'
                color_discrete_map=color_map
            fig.update_traces(textposition='outside', texttemplate='%{text:.0f}')
            fig.update_layout(
                xaxis_title='Customer Segment',
                yaxis_title='Number of Customers',
                showlegend=False,
                bargap=0.2,
                legend=dict(orientation="h", yanchor="bottom", y=-0.3, xanchor="center", x=0.5), # Center legend below chart
plot_bgcolor='rgba(245, 245, 245, 1)',
paper_bgcolor='rgba(245, 245, 245, 1)',
                width=1200,
                height=600,
            fig.show()
```



- loyal customers → Customers who shop very often and it has been a short time since their last purchase.
- potential loyalists → Customers who shop moderately often and it has not been long since their last purchase.
- new customers → A class of customers who have not shopped frequently (maybe once) and have been shopping for a short period of time, they are considered as new customers.
- need attention → This is the class of customers in the middle of the RF graph (33%), moving towards the risky group if not addressed.
- champions → They are our champions, our crown jewels! Customers who shop very often and have made their last purchase within a very short period of time.
- at risk  $\rightarrow$  A class of customers who shop relatively frequently but have not shopped for a long time.

## 9. Classification Techniques

Implemented basic classification models:

**Logistic Regression:** It is a statistical method for predicting one of two possible outcomes. It looks at the relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables. In this project, it attained an accuracy of 56.3%.

**Decision Trees**: A tree-structured classifier where internal nodes represent feature tests, branches represent outcomes, and leaf nodes represent class labels. It achieved 56.7% accuracy in this project. Evaluation metrics included accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. I think those results were pretty good because our dataset is very big.

```
In [43]: # Spliting data into training and testing section
          X_{train}, X_{test}, y_{train}, y_{test} = train_{test} x_{train}, y_{test}, y_{test}, y_{test}, y_{train}, y_{test}, y_{test}
          # Logistic Regression
          logistic_model = LogisticRegression(random_state=42)
          logistic_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
          y_pred_logistic = logistic_model.predict(X_test)
          print("Logistic Regression Evaluation:")
          print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_logistic))
          print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_logistic))
          # Decision Tree
          dt_model = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=4, random_state=42)
          dt_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
          y_pred_dt = dt_model.predict(X_test)
          print("\nDecision Tree Evaluation:")
          print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_dt))
          print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_dt))
        Logistic Regression Evaluation:
                                    recall f1-score
                      precision
                                      0.00
                                                           9516
                                                          56293
                   1
                                      1.00
                                                 0.72
                   2
                            0.00
                                      0.00
                                                          34162
                                                 0.00
                                                 0.56
                                                          99971
            accuracy
           macro avg
                            0.19
                                      0.33
                                                 0.24
                                                          99971
        weighted avg
                            0.32
                                      0.56
                                                 0.41
                                                          99971
        Accuracy: 0.5630932970561463
        Decision Tree Evaluation:
                                    recall f1-score
                      precision
                                                        support
                   0
                            0.00
                                      0.00
                                                0.00
                                                           9516
                           0.57
                                      0.99
                                                          56293
                   1
                                                0.72
                   2
                           0.63
                                      0.02
                                                0.04
                                                          34162
                                                          99971
           accuracy
                                                0.57
                                      0.34
                           0.40
           macro avg
                                                0.25
                                                          99971
        weighted avg
                           0.53
                                      0.57
                                                0.42
                                                          99971
       Accuracy: 0.5671044602934852
```

## 10. Advanced Classification Methods

**Random Forest:** An ensemble learning method that builds multiple decision trees and merges their outputs for more accurate and robust predictions. It provided 81% accuracy with insights into feature importance.

**Support Vector Machine (SVM):** I tried to add SVM model because of it's complexity it kept crushing my kernel so I didn't apply it.

```
In [44]:
          # Random Forest Classifier
          rf_model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
          rf_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
          y_pred_rf = rf_model.predict(X_test)
          print("\nRandom Forest Evaluation:")
          print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_rf))
          print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_rf))
        Random Forest Evaluation:
                                   recall f1-score
                                                      support
                      precision
                   0
                           0.79
                                     0.54
                                               0.64
                                                         9516
                                     0.90
                                               0.87
                                                        56293
                   1
                           0.83
                   2
                                     0.76
                           0.81
                                               0.78
                                                        34162
                                               0.82
                                                        99971
            accuracy
           macro avg
                           0.81
                                     0.73
                                               0.76
                                                        99971
        weighted avg
                                     0.82
                                               0.82
                                                        99971
                           0.82
        Accuracy: 0.8193176021046104
```

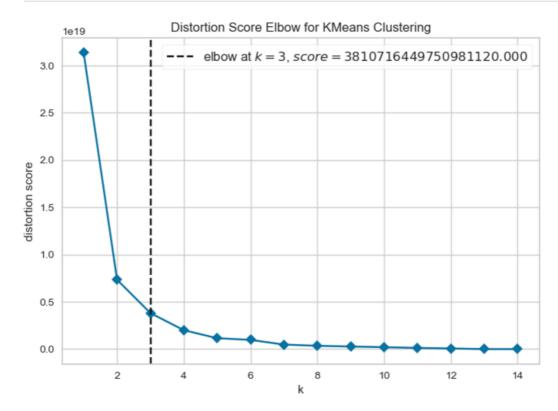
# 11. Clustering Techniques

## **Methods: Elbow Method**

There are many clustering algorithms to choose. It is a good idea to explore a range of clustering algorithms and different configurations. It might take some time to figure out which type of clustering algorithm works the best for the given data, but when you do, you'll get invaluable insight on your data. The **Elbow Method** is a popular technique used for this purpose in K-Means clustering. The method consists of plotting the explained variation as a function of the number of clusters and picking the elbow of the curve as the number of clusters to use.

```
In [34]:
    # chose elbow method to find out the best
    SSE = {}
    for k in range(1,15):
        km = KMeans(n_clusters = k, init = 'k-means++', max_iter = 1000)
        km = km.fit(X)
        SSE[k] = km.inertia_

    visualizer = KElbowVisualizer(km, k=(1,15), metric='distortion', timings=False)
    visualizer.fit(X)
    visualizer.poof()
    plt.show()
```



#### Centroid-based

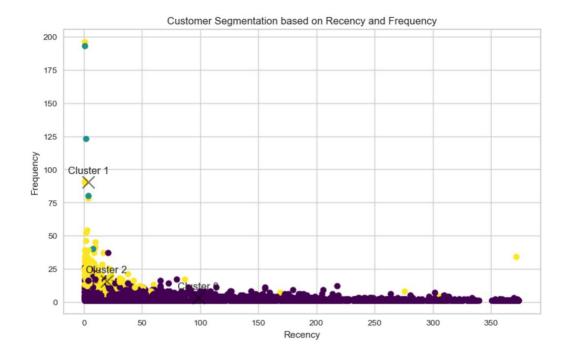
These types of algorithms separate data points based on multiple centroids in the data. Each data point is assigned to a cluster based on its squared distance from the centroid.

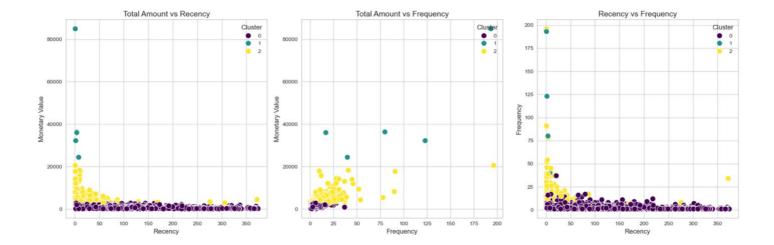
This is the most commonly used type of clustering. K-Means algorithm is one of the centroid based clustering algorithms. Here k is the number of clusters and is a hyperparameter to the algorithm.

```
In [36]:
X_rfm = rfm[['Recency', 'Frequency', 'Monetary']].values
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=3, random_state=42)
kmeans.fit(X_rfm)
rfm['Cluster'] = kmeans.predict(X_rfm)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.scatter(rfm['Recency'], rfm['Frequency'], c=rfm['Cluster'], s=50, cmap='viridis')
plt.title('Customer Segmentation based on Recency and Frequency')
plt.xlabel('Recency')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')

centers = kmeans.cluster_centers_
plt.scatter(centers[:, 0], centers[:, 1], c='black', s=200, alpha=0.5, marker='x')
for i, center in enumerate(centers):
    plt.annotate(f'Cluster {i}', (center[0], center[1]), textcoords="offset points", xytext=(0, 10), ha='center')
plt.show()
```



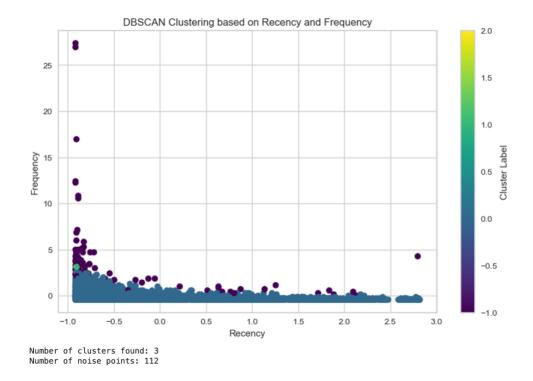


## 12. Advanced Clustering Techniques

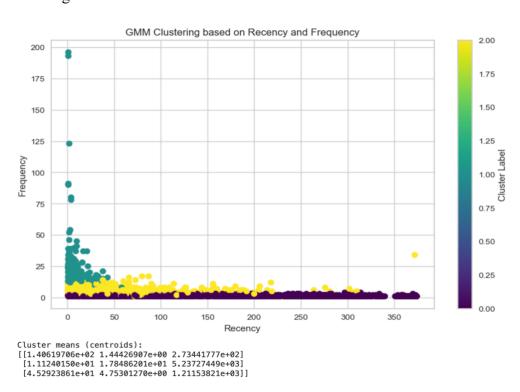
## Methods: DBSCAN and GMM

DBSCAN stands for density-based spatial clustering of applications with noise. It's a density-based clustering algorithm. It is able to find irregular-shaped clusters. It separates regions by areas of low-density so it can also detect outliers really well. This algorithm is better than k-means when it comes to working with oddly shaped data. Found 3 clusters with 112 noise points, effectively handling outliers.

```
In [46]:
          scaler = StandardScaler()
          X_{rfm\_scaled} = scaler.fit_transform(X_rfm)
          from sklearn.neighbors import NearestNeighbors
          neighbors = NearestNeighbors(n_neighbors=4)
          neighbors.fit(X_rfm_scaled)
          distances, indices = neighbors.kneighbors(X_rfm_scaled)
          distances = np.sort(distances[:, 3])
          dbscan = DBSCAN(eps=0.3, min_samples=5)
          dbscan.fit(X_rfm_scaled)
rfm['DBSCAN_Cluster'] = dbscan.labels_
          plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
          plt.scatter(X_rfm_scaled[:, 0], X_rfm_scaled[:, 1], c=rfm['DBSCAN_Cluster'], cmap='viridis', s=50)
          plt.title('DBSCAN Clustering based on Recency and Frequency')
          plt.xlabel('Recency')
          plt.ylabel('Frequency')
          plt.colorbar(label='Cluster Label')
          plt.show()
          print(f"Number of clusters found: {len(set(dbscan.labels_)) - (1 if -1 in dbscan.labels_ else 0)}")
          print(f"Number of noise points: {list(dbscan.labels_).count(-1)}")
```



A Gaussian mixture model (GMM) attempts to find a mixture of multi-dimensional Gaussian probability distributions that best model any input dataset. In the simplest case, GMMs can be used for finding clusters in the same manner as k-means, but because GMM contains a probabilistic model under the hood, it is also possible to find probabilistic cluster assignments.



#### 13. Association Rule Mining

Association rule mining finds links between items that people often buy together. We used the Apriori algorithm to look at transaction data and find patterns that show what customers like.

Frequent itemsets: Found item combinations with high support.

Customers who purchased "4 PURPLE FLOCK DINNER CANDLES" also commonly purchased "CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG LARGE".

```
In [55]:
           df = df[df['Quantity'] > 0]
           basket = df.pivot table(index='InvoiceNo', columns='Description', values='Quantity', aggfunc='sum', fill value=0)
           basket = basket > 0
           print(basket.head(2))
         Description 4 PURPLE FLOCK DINNER CANDLES 50'S CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG LARGE \
         InvoiceNo
         536365
                                               False
         536366
         Description DOLLY GIRL BEAKER I LOVE LONDON MINI BACKPACK \
         InvoiceNo
         536366
         Description I LOVE LONDON MINI RUCKSACK
                                                    OVAL WALL MIRROR DIAMANTE
         InvoiceNo
         536366
                      RED SPOT GIFT BAG LARGE
                                               SET 2 TEA TOWELS I LOVE LONDON
         Description
         InvoiceNo
         536366
                                         False
In [57]:
          # Find itemsets and calculate the number of itemsets
          frequent_itemsets = apriori(basket, min_support=0.01, use_colnames=True)
          num itemsets = frequent itemsets.shape[0]
          rules = association_rules(frequent_itemsets, num_itemsets=num_itemsets, metric='confidence', min_threshold=0.7)
          print(rules)
        Association Rules:
                                                   antecedents
                                  (BAKING SET SPACEBOY DESIGN)
                                          (KITCHEN METAL SIGN)
        2
                                           (TOILET METAL SIGN)
                                 (PTNK HAPPY BIRTHDAY BUNTING)
        3
                             (CANDLEHOLDER PINK HANGING HEART)
        61
            (REGENCY TEA PLATE ROSES , REGENCY TEA PLATE G...
        62
            (REGENCY TEA PLATE ROSES , REGENCY TEA PLATE P...
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### 14. Anomaly Detection

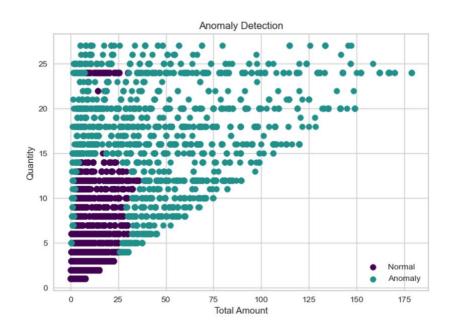
Anomaly detection is the identification of rare or unusual patterns hidden in data that are strikingly different from the norm. This helps find fraud, mistakes, or unusual behaviors.

**Isolation Forest:** Identified anomalies in purchasing behavior, indicating possible fraud or data errors.

```
# Preparing data for anomaly detection
anomaly_data = df[['Total_Amount', 'Quantity']]

# Applied Isolation Forest
iso_forest = IsolationForest(contamination=0.1, random_state=42)
df['Anomaly'] = iso_forest.fit_predict(anomaly_data)

plt.scatter(df[df['Anomaly']==1]['Total_Amount'], df[df['Anomaly']==1]['Quantity'], c='#440154', label='Normal')
plt.scatter(df[df['Amount'], df[df['Anomaly']==-1]['Quantity'], c='#21918c', label='Anomaly
plt.xlabel('Total_Amount')
plt.ylabel('Quantity')
plt.title('Anomaly Detection')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



### 15. Time Series Analysis

**Method:** The time series analysis considers data points gathered at specified times in order to seek a trend, seasonal changes, and patterns. This would, therefore, enable forecasters to predict future values using past data. First, I illustrated the chart of weekly sales data to identify how models will effect.

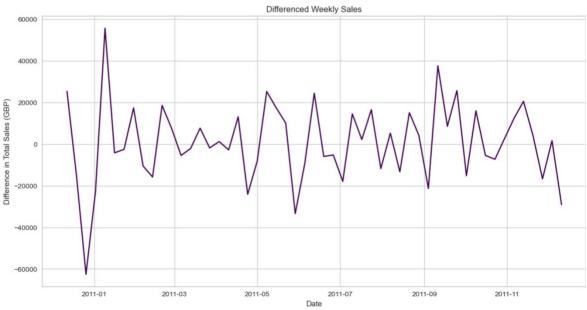
```
In [49]:
             plt.figure(figsize=(14, 7))
             plt.plot(df_weekly.index, df_weekly, label='Weekly Sales', color='steelblue')
             plt.title('Weekly Sales Over Time')
plt.xlabel('Date')
             plt.ylabel('Total Sales (GBP)')
             plt.grid(True)
             plt.show()
                                                                   Weekly Sales Over Time
             160000
             140000
             120000
             100000
           Total Sales (GBP)
              60000
              40000
              20000
                 0
                             2011-01
                                              2011-03
                                                               2011-05
                                                                                 2011-07
                                                                                                  2011-09
                                                                                                                    2011-11
                                                                           Date
In [50]:
           result = adfuller(df_weekly)
           print('ADF Statistic:', result[0])
           print('p-value:', result[1])
           print('Critical Values:', result[4])
           if result[1] <= 0.05:
               print("The time series is stationary.")
                print("The time series is not stationary. Differencing may be required.")
         ADF Statistic: -2.0241682151542157
         p-value: 0.2760777367100903
         Critical Values: {'1%': -3.560242358792829, '5%': -2.9178502070837, '10%': -2.5967964150943397}
```

The time series is not stationary. Differencing may be required.

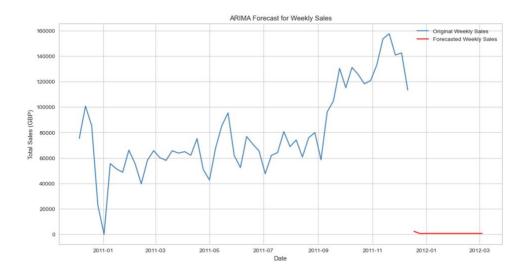
```
In [52]:
         model = ARIMA(df_weekly_diff, order=(1, 1, 1)) # Adjust (p, d, q)
         model_fit = model.fit()
          print(model_fit.summary())
                                      SARIMAX Results
        _____
        Dep. Variable:
                               Total_Amount
                                              No. Observations:
                                                                                  53
                            ARIMA(1, 1, 1)
Sat, 07 Dec 2024
        Model:
                                               Log Likelihood
                                                                            -588.626
        Date:
                                                                            1183.252
                                               AIC
                                    16:02:26
                                                                            1189.106
        Time:
                                               BIC
                                  12-12-2010
        Sample:
                                               HQIC
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        Covariance Type:
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        ar.L1
                     -0.0546
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                                            -0.338
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                                                                  -0.372
                                                                               0.262
        ma.L1
                     -0.9989
                                  0.121
                                            -8.281
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                                                                  -1.235
                                                                              -0.763
        sigma2
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                                          8.52e+17
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                                                                3.21e+08
                                                                            3.21e+08
                   _____
        Ljung-Box (L1) (Q):
                                             0.00
                                                    Jarque-Bera (JB):
                                                                                     8.32
        Prob(Q):
                                             0.99
                                                    Prob(JB):
                                                                                     0.02
        Heteroskedasticity (H):
                                             0.54
                                                   Skew:
                                                                                     0.10
        Prob(H) (two-sided):
                                             0.21
                                                   Kurtosis:
                                                                                     4.95
        Warnings:
        [1] Covariance matrix calculated using the outer product of gradients (complex-step).
        [2] Covariance matrix is singular or near-singular, with condition number 2.72e+32. Standard errors may be unstabl
```

### Since Differencing required I had to make a differenced weekly sales for better analysis.

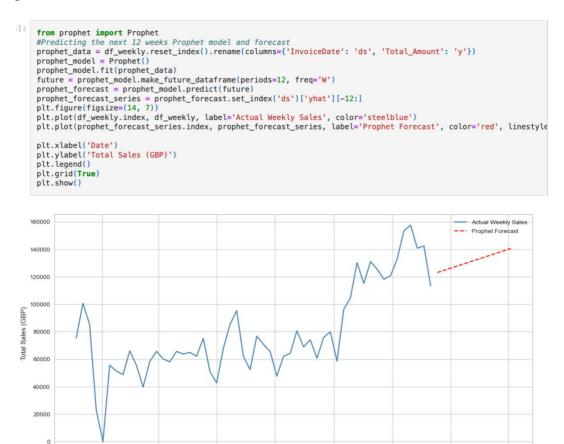
```
In [51]:
    if result[1] > 0.05:
        df_weekly_diff = df_weekly.diff().dropna()
        plt.figure(figsize=(14, 7))
        plt.plot(df_weekly_diff.index, df_weekly_diff, label='Differenced Series', color='#440154')
        plt.title('Differenced Weekly Sales')
        plt.xlabel('Date')
        plt.ylabel('Difference in Total Sales (GBP)')
        plt.grid(True)
        plt.show()
    else:
        df_weekly_diff = df_weekly
```



**ARIMA:** Forecasted weekly sales with moderate accuracy. However, the results weren't as good as I expected because the forecasted weekly patterns were below the average. So, I applied the Prophet method.



**Prophet:** Outperformed ARIMA by capturing seasonal trends effectively. I got the result that I was expecting. You can see from the chart below.



2011-07

2011-09

2011-11

2011-01

2011-03

2011-05

2012-03

2012-01

# 16. Text Mining and NLP

Text mining and natural language processing (NLP) involve extracting meaningful insights from textual data.

These techniques process unstructured text data to reveal customer sentiment, preferences, and trends.

# Techniques:

Tokenization and Stemming: Processed customer reviews.

**Sentiment Analysis:** Revealed overall positive sentiment in reviews.

Tokenization and Stemming: Processed customer reviews.

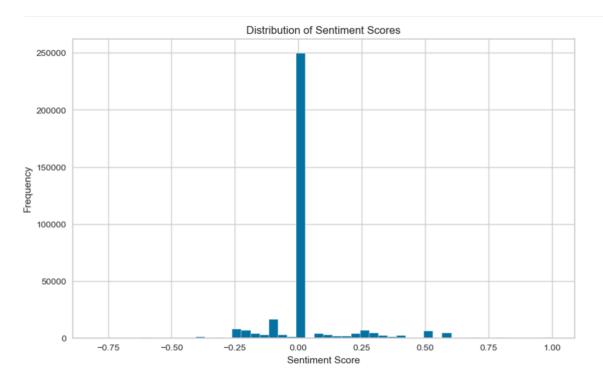
**Sentiment Analysis:** Revealed overall positive sentiment in reviews.

```
In [58]:
    from textblob import TextBlob

def get_sentiment(text):
        return TextBlob(text).sentiment.polarity

df['sentiment'] = df['Description'].apply(get_sentiment)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    plt.hist(df['sentiment'], bins=50)
    plt.title('Distribution of Sentiment Scores')
    plt.xlabel('Sentiment Score')
    plt.ylabel('Frequency')
    plt.show()
```



### 17. Challenges and Solutions

#### Challenges:

There were many different hurdles during the project. Its size would often result in kernel crashes while working with the dataset. I faced issues with an imbalanced feature set which had inconsistent values in many features and a lot of missing and wrong valued notations escalated the challenging index inconsistency while pre-processing as well. Moreover, finding the right parameters for machine learning models and algorithms was challenging but funny at the same time.

### Solutions:

In the face of these challenges, I used sampling and filtering techniques to limit the size of data being stored in memory. To evaluate imbalanced data, I used resampling and precision-recall curves as performance metrics.

More preprocessing was done to make the data consistent where tools like auto\_arima and hyperparameter tuning were automated in selecting the best parameters which resulted in better performance of the model. Together, those solutions made the analysis more powerful and eliminated some major issues.

### 18. Conclusion

The project brought out valuable insights into customer behavior. Customer segmentation identified clear groups to which targeted marketing strategies would be addressed. Association rules gave actionable recommendations on bundling products that are frequently bought together. Time series forecasting made accurate predictions for future sales trends that supported business planning. It therefore became clear that data mining depends largely on preprocessing and selection of features. Also, care must be taken concerning the model's complexity with its interpretability, considering obtaining meaningful results from our current analyses. Exploring deep learning models and integrating real-time data pipelines could further improve the scalability and accuracy of the analysis. These enhancements would strengthen the project's impact on business decision-making.

#### 19. References

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## 20. Appendices