

In []: Task 2: Data Cleaning & Missing Value Handling

Dataset example: House Prices
Tool: Python (Pandas, NumPy)

In [1]: #1. Import Required Libraries

In [3]: `import pandas as pd`
`import numpy as np`
`import matplotlib.pyplot as plt`

In [9]: #2. Load the Dataset
`df = pd.read_csv("Housing.csv")`
`df.head()`

Out[9]:

	price	area	bedrooms	bathrooms	stories	mainroad	guestroom	basement	hotwaterheating	airconditioning	parking	prefarea
0	13300000	7420	4	2	3	yes	no	no	no	yes	2	yes
1	12250000	8960	4	4	4	yes	no	no	no	yes	3	no
2	12250000	9960	3	2	2	yes	no	yes	no	no	2	yes
3	12215000	7500	4	2	2	yes	no	yes	no	yes	3	yes
4	11410000	7420	4	1	2	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	2	no



In [15]: #3. Identify Missing Values
`df.isnull().sum()`

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Out[15]: price          0
         area           0
         bedrooms       0
         bathrooms      0
         stories        0
         mainroad       0
         guestroom      0
         basement       0
         hotwaterheating 0
         airconditioning 0
         parking        0
         prefarea       0
         furnishingstatus 0
         dtype: int64
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In [21]: #4. Visualize Missing Data
missing = df.isnull().sum()
missing = missing[missing > 0]

if missing.empty:
    print("No missing values found in the dataset.")
else:
    plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
    missing.plot(kind='bar')
    plt.title("Missing Values per Column")
    plt.ylabel("Count")
    plt.xlabel("Columns")
    plt.show()
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No missing values found in the dataset.

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In [23]: #5. Separate Numerical & Categorical Columns
num_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=[np.number]).columns
cat_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns
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In [27]: #For numerical columns
for col in num_cols:
    df[col] = df[col].fillna(df[col].median())

#For categorical columns
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for col in cat_cols:
    df[col] = df[col].fillna(df[col].mode()[0])
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In []: Observation:
Missing values were handled by assigning imputed values directly to the dataframe columns to avoid chained assignment issues **a**

In [31]: *#8. Drop Columns with Extremely High Missing Values*
threshold = 0.6
df = df.loc[:, df.isnull().mean() < threshold]

In []: Observation:
Columns **with** more than **60%** missing values are removed, **as** imputing such columns can introduce noise **and** reduce data quality.

In [33]: *#9. Validate Dataset After Cleaning*
df.isnull().sum()

df.info()

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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 545 entries, 0 to 544
Data columns (total 13 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
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0   price                 545 non-null   int64
1   area                 545 non-null   int64
2   bedrooms             545 non-null   int64
3   bathrooms            545 non-null   int64
4   stories              545 non-null   int64
5   mainroad             545 non-null   object
6   guestroom            545 non-null   object
7   basement             545 non-null   object
8   hotwaterheating      545 non-null   object
9   airconditioning      545 non-null   object
10  parking              545 non-null   int64
11  prefarea             545 non-null   object
12  furnishingstatus     545 non-null   object
dtypes: int64(6), object(7)
memory usage: 55.5+ KB
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In [35]: #10. Compare Dataset Before vs After Cleaning  
print("Dataset shape after cleaning:", df.shape)
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Dataset shape after cleaning: (545, 13)

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In [37]: #11. Save Cleaned Dataset  
df.to_csv("cleaned_dataset.csv", index=False)
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In []: Complete description:

- ◆ Step 1: Dataset Loading

The dataset was loaded into a Pandas DataFrame to examine its structure, including rows, columns, and data types.

- ◆ Step 2: Identifying Missing Values

Missing values were identified using built-in Pandas functions to determine which columns contained null values and how frequently they occurred.

- ◆ Step 3: Visualizing Missing Data

The distribution of missing values across columns was visualized using a bar chart.

If no missing values were present, visualization was skipped as the dataset was already complete.

- ◆ Step 4: Separating Numerical and Categorical Features

The dataset was divided into numerical and categorical columns.

- ◆ Step 5: Handling Missing Values in Numerical Columns

Missing values in numerical columns were handled using median imputation. Median was preferred over mean to reduce the impact of outliers and skewed data distributions.

- ◆ Step 6: Handling Missing Values in Categorical Columns

Missing values **in** categorical columns were filled using mode imputation, replacing missing entries **with** the most frequently occurring category to preserve data consistency.

- ◆ Step 7: Removing Columns **with** High Missing Values

Columns **with** extremely high proportions of missing data were removed **from** the dataset. Imputing such columns could introduce noise **and** negatively affect data quality.

- ◆ Step 8: Dataset Validation After Cleaning

After cleaning, the dataset was validated to ensure all missing values were handled appropriately. Data types **and** dataset structure were reviewed to confirm readiness **for** further analysis **or** modeling.

- ◆ Step 9: Dataset Comparison (Before vs After Cleaning)

The dataset dimensions before **and** after cleaning were compared to understand the impact of preprocessing on data size **and** overall quality.

- ◆ Step 10: Saving the Cleaned Dataset

The cleaned dataset was saved **for** further analysis **and** modeling. This ensures reproducibility **and** allows the cleaned data to be reused **in** future machine learning tasks.

Final Outcome

This task provided hands-on experience **in** data preprocessing, including missing value identification, visualization, imputation, **and** validation. The cleaned dataset **is** now reliable **and** suitable **for** downstream analytics **and** machine learning workflows.