

### RETAIL SALES DATA ANALYSIS

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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involved analyzing retail sales data using SQL, Python, and Excel to uncover valuable business insights and understand customer behavior patterns. The primary goal was to evaluate customer transactions and their responses to marketing efforts in order to improve marketing effectiveness and identify key revenue-driven customer segments. By analyzing the data, we were able to extract actionable insights. These insights helped us understand customer engagement, spending habits, and campaign effectiveness, ultimately supporting data-driven business decisions.

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

1. Objectives: Analyze customer transaction and response data to identify spending patterns, customer behavior, and campaign effectiveness.

#### 2. Dataset Contains:

- Retail\_Data\_Transactions: customer\_id, trans\_date, tran\_amount
- Retail\_Data\_Response: customer\_id, response (0 or 1)

#### 3. Tool Used:

- SQL Data cleaning & querying
- Python Advanced analysis (Time\_Series, RFM, Cohort, Churn)
- Excel Final charts & Data Visualization

### **APPROACH**

### **Data Cleaning, Preparation & Exploration**

- Handled missing values, corrected data types, and standardized formats.
- Merged transactional and response data based on customer\_id.

### **Data Analysis & Advanced Analysis**

- Analyzed monthly revenue, order trends, top spender, Customer engagement levels, Response vs.
   Non-response customer behavior
- Performed advanced techniques such as:
  - Time Series Trends
  - Churn Analysis
  - Cohort Analysis
  - RFM Analysis (Recency, Frequency, Monetary)

### SQL ANALYSIS

### **Database Setup & Data Loading**

- Created database: RetailSalesData
- •Created 2 tables:
  - •Sales Data Transactions
  - •Sales\_Data\_Response
- Loaded CSVs using LOAD DATA INFILE

**Output:** Both datasets successfully loaded into tables.

```
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       CREATE DATABASE RetailSalesData;
       Use RetailSalesData:
 4 • ○ CREATE TABLE Sales Data_Transactions(
       customer_id VARCHAR(255),
       trans date VARCHAR(255),
       tran amount INT);

○ CREATE TABLE Sales_Data_Response(
10
       customer id VARCHAR(255),
11
       response INT);
12
       LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:/ProgramData/MySQL/MySQL Server 8.0/Uploads/Retail_Data_Transactions.csv'
13 •
       INTO TABLE Sales Data Transactions
14
       FIELDS terminated by ','
15
       LINES terminated by '\n'
16
       IGNORE 1 ROWS;
17
18
       LOAD DATA INFILE 'C:/ProgramData/MySQL/MySQL Server 8.0/Uploads/Retail Data Response.csv'
19 •
       INTO TABLE Sales Data Response
20
       FIELDS terminated by ','
21
```

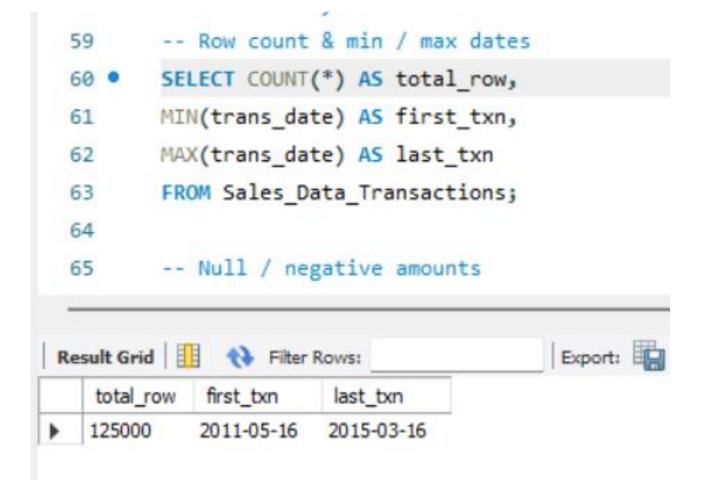
### SQL ANALYSIS

### **Data Cleaning:**

Converted trans\_date from string to proper DATE format to enable time-based analysis like monthly trends, yearly comparisons, and RFM calculations.

```
28
         -- Changing Datatype of Trans date column to date
 29
          -- Adding a new DATE column
 30
         ALTER TABLE Sales Data Transactions
 31 •
         ADD COLUMN trans date new DATE;
 32
 33
         -- Converting text to date
 34
         UPDATE Sales Data Transactions
 35 •
         SET trans date new = STR TO DATE(trans date, '%d-%b-%y');
 36
 37
         SELECT trans date AS old txt,
 38 •
         trans date new AS new date
 39
                 Sales Data_Transactions
 40
         FROM
 41
         LIMIT
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                             -- Droping old column and Making the new column official one
   old_txt
              new_date
                             ALTER TABLE Sales Data Transactions
   11-Feb-13
              2013-02-11
   15-Mar-15
              2015-03-15
                             DROP COLUMN trans_date,
   26-Feb-13
              2013-02-26
              2011-11-16
   16-Nov-11
                             CHANGE COLUMN trans_date_new trans_date DATE NOT NULL;
   20-Nov-13
              2013-11-20
   26-Mar-14
              2014-03-26
   06-Feb-12
              2012-02-06
   30-Jan-15
              2015-01-30
  08-Jan-13
              2013-01-08
  20-Aug-13
              2013-08-20
```

1. Row Count & Transaction Date Range



- •Shows how many transactions are available in the dataset.
- •MIN(trans\_date) and MAX(trans\_date) reveal the time range of the data.
- •Useful for understanding coverage of historical trends (e.g., 2011–2015).

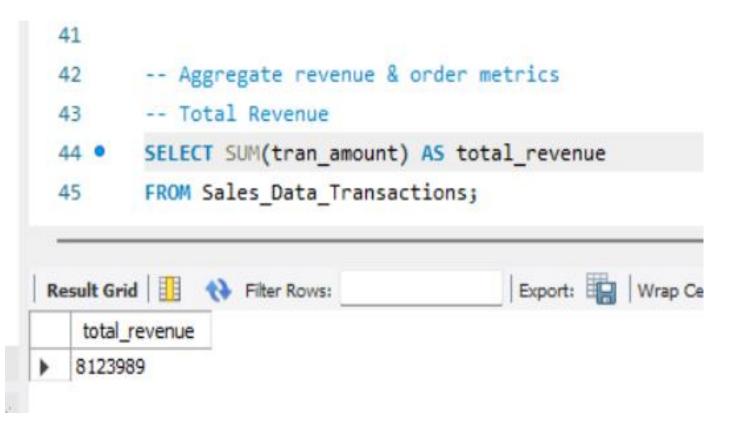
2. Check for Null or Invalid Amounts

```
-- Null / negative amounts
 36
 37 •
        SELECT COUNT(*) AS null_values
               Sales Data Transactions
 38
 39
        WHERE tran amount IS NULL
 40
        OR tran amount < 0;
Result Grid
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   null_values
```

#### Insight:

Identifies data quality issues, such as missing or invalid transaction amounts. These may need to be cleaned or excluded from analysis.

#### 3. Total Revenue



#### Insight:

The total revenue generated across all transactions is **81,23,989** 

4. Monthly Revenue and Order Volume

- •Reveals seasonal trends months or years with higher/lower revenue.
- •Average Order Value (AOV) helps evaluate spending behavior per purchase.

```
00
 67
         -- Total Revenue and Order By Month & Year
 68
         SELECT YEAR(trans date) AS yr,
                 MONTH(trans date) AS mon,
                 COUNT(*)
                                      AS orders,
                 SUM(tran_amount)
                                     AS revenue,
72
                 AVG(tran amount) AS avg order value
 73
                 Sales Data Transactions
         FROM
 74
         GROUP
                 BY yr, mon
 75
         ORDER
                 BY yr, mon;
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                                 64.6720
```

#### 5. Customer-Level KPIs

#### **Insights:**

- Customer Lifetime Value (LTV): based on total revenue.
- **Engagement span:** difference between the first and last order.
- Helps in identifying loyal customers and creating segments.

```
-- Customer-level KPIs
 78
          -- Metrics per customer
         SELECT customer id,
 79 •
         COUNT(*) AS orders,
 80
         MIN(trans date) AS first order,
 81
 82
         MAX(trans date) AS last order,
         SUM(tran amount) AS customer revenue,
 83
         AVG(tran amount) AS avg order value
 84
          FROM Sales Data Transactions
 85
         GROUP BY customer id;
 86
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   customer_id
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                        first_order
                                     last_order
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                        2011-07-14
                                    2015-02-12
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2015-02-03

2015-02-02

2014-11-27

1156

72.2500

70.0526

2011-05-30

2011-07-19

2011-05-26

CS1122

CS1123

16

19

6. Top 10 Customers by Revenue

#### Insight:

The top 10 customers generate a large share of revenue. These are high-value customers and should be prioritized for loyalty programs and special offers.

```
65
         -- Top 10 customers by revenue
 66 •
         SELECT customer id,
 67
         SUM(tran amount) AS revenue
         FROM Sales Data Transactions
 68
 69
         GROUP BY customer id
         ORDER BY revenue DESC
 70
         LIMIT 10;
 71
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   customer_id
               revenue
  CS4424
              2933
  CS4320
              2647
  CS5752
              2612
              2527
  CS4660
  CS3799
              2513
  CS5109
              2506
  CS4074
              2462
  CS3805
              2453
  CS4608
              2449
  CS5555
              2439
```

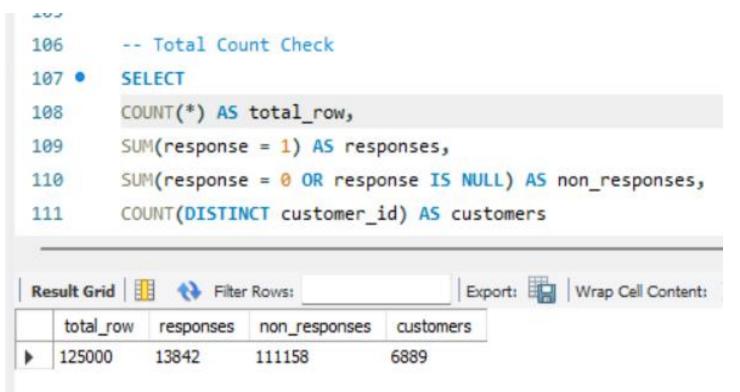
7. Create Merged View: v\_sales\_with\_response

### Insight:

Creates a unified table to analyze how customer transactions correlate with the response to marketing.

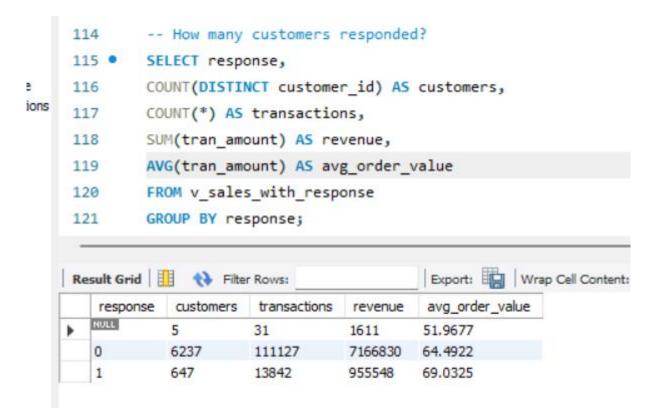
```
-- Merging Response Table And Creating View
 96
         CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW v sales with response AS
 97
 98
         SELECT t.customer id,
         t.trans date,
 99
         t.tran amount,
100
101
         r.response
         FROM Sales Data Transactions AS t
102
103
         LEFT JOIN Sales Data Response AS r
         ON r.customer_id = t.customer_id;
104
105
         SELECT * FROM v sales with response;
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  CS4768
              2015-03-15
              2013-02-26
  CS2122
              2011-11-16
  CS1217
   CS1850
              2013-11-20
              2014-03-26
   CS5539
  CS2724
              2012-02-06
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              2015-01-30
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   CS5902
              2013-01-08
  CS6040
              2013-08-20
  CS3802
   CS3494
              2013-07-02
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   CS3780
              2013-03-25
                                      0
  CS1171
              2012-11-03
                                      0
```

8. Response Metrics Overview



- •A total of **13,842 customers responded** to the marketing efforts (marked with response = 1).
- •111,158 customers did not respond or had no recorded response (marked with response = 0 or NULL).
- •This gives a **response rate** of approximately **11.07%** and a **non-response rate** of **88.93%**.
- •The response rate is **relatively low**, indicating potential to improve marketing effectiveness.

### 9. Detailed Response Analysis



- Responders (1):
   647 customers made 13,842 transactions, generating
   ₹9.55L with the highest Avg Order Value ₹69.03.
- Non-Responders (0): 6,237 customers made 1.11L transactions, generating ₹71.66L with AOV ₹64.49.
- NULL Responses:

  Minimal impact (₹1,611 from 31 transactions) can be ignored.
- Responders are fewer but more valuable. Focus marketing on high-frequency, high-value customers to boost ROI.

10. Year-wise Revenue Split by Response

- Responder revenue increased consistently from 2011 to 2014, peaking in 2014 (₹2.8L).
- Non-responders consistently contributed more total revenue, but responders showed higher value per customer.
- Both segments dropped in 2015, possibly due to **limited data** for that year.
- While non-responders bring more volume, responders steadily drive growth, indicating the effectiveness of targeted marketing over time.

```
125
         -- Year-by-year revenue split
126
         SELECT
         YEAR(trans_date) AS yr,
127
128
         SUM(CASE WHEN response = 1 THEN tran_amount END) AS rev_responder,
129
         SUM(CASE WHEN response = 0 THEN tran amount END) AS rev nonresponder
130
         FROM v sales with response
         GROUP BY yr
131
132
         ORDER BY yr;
133
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                       rev nonresponder
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                      1200741
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                      1889532
  2012
         270517
                      1866623
  2013
                      1814365
  2014
         280143
  2015
                      395569
         39606
```

11. RFM (Recency, Frequency, Monetary) Analysis

#### Insights:

- Responders purchase more frequently (21.4 times) and spend more per customer than non-responders.
- Their average revenue is 28% higher than non-responders.
- The null response group has the lowest engagement rare
   & low-value customers.
- **Recency** is high for all (due to older dataset), but responders show stronger overall engagement.
- Responders are **more loyal and profitable**. Targeting similar profiles can improve marketing success.

```
-- Recency/Frequency/Monetary (RFM) comparison
125
        WITH rfm AS (
126 •
         SELECT customer id,
127
         response,
128
        MAX(trans date) AS last txn,
129
        COUNT(*) AS freq,
130
        SUM(tran amount) AS monetary
131
         FROM v sales with response
132
         GROUP BY customer id, response
133
134
135
         SELECT response,
         AVG(DATEDIFF(CURDATE(), last txn)) AS avg recency days,
136
         AVG(freq) AS avg frequency,
137
138
         AVG(monetary) AS avg monetary
         FROM rfm
139
         GROUP BY response;
140
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Result Grid
             Filter Rows:
                            avg_frequency
            avg_recency_days
                                          avg_monetary
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17.8174

21.3941

6.2000

1149.0829

1476,8903

322,2000

3840.3975

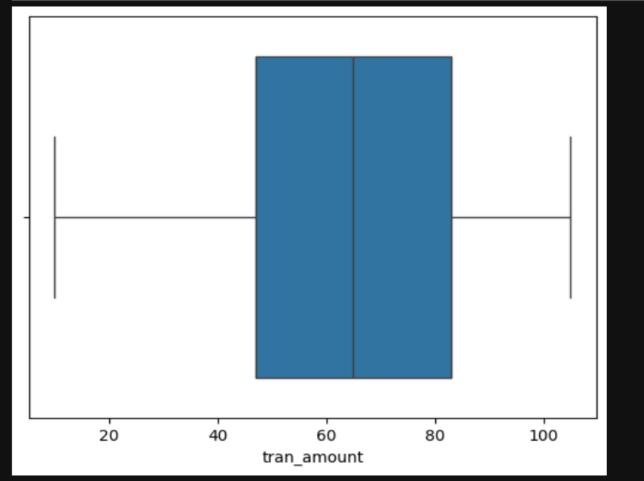
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# PYTHON ANALYSIS - DATA CLEANING & PREPARATION

- •Imported necessary libraries: numpy, pandas, matplotlib, and seaborn.
- •Loaded transaction and response data using pd.read\_csv().
- •Merged both datasets using a left join on customer\_id.
- •Checked for null values. In the response column (31 nulls found), I removed them using dropna().
- •Converted:
  - •trans\_date to datetime format
  - •response to int64 data type

1. Outlier Detection Using the Z-Score Method for Transaction Amount and Response.

```
# Z-Score
from scipy import stats
z score = np.abs(stats.zscore(df['tran amount']))
# set threshold
threshold = 3
outliers = z score>threshold
print(df[outliers])
Empty DataFrame
Columns: [customer id, trans date, tran_amount, response]
Index: []
sns.boxplot(x = df['tran_amount'])
plt.show()
```



1. Outlier Detection Using the Z-Score Method for Transaction Amount and Response.

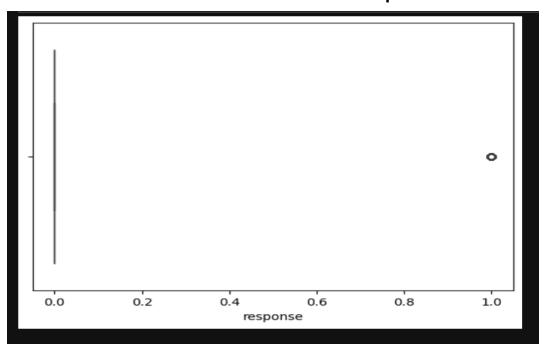
```
# Checking for outliers on Response
z_score = np.abs(stats.zscore(df['response']))

threshold = 3

outliers = z_score>threshold
print(df[outliers])

Empty DataFrame
Columns: [customer_id, trans_date, tran_amount, response]
Index: []

sns.boxplot(x = df['response'])
plt.show()
```



- •Both tran\_amount and response showed no significant outliers (Z-score analysis and boxplots confirm clean distribution).
- •The data is reliable for further analysis.

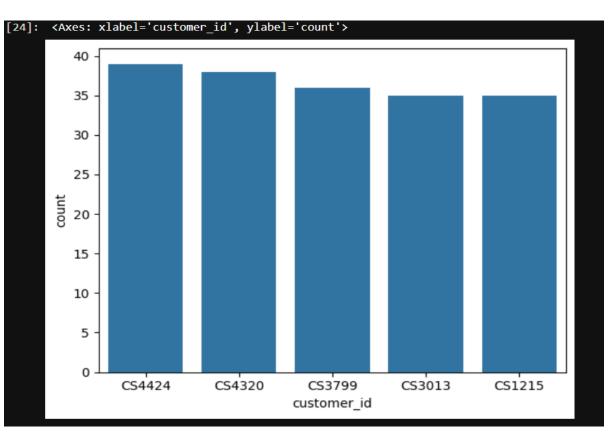
2. Monthly Transaction Trend

```
[22]:
      # Which 3 months have had the highest transaction amounts?
      monthly Sales = df.groupby('month')['tran amount'].sum()
      monthly Sales = monthly Sales.sort values(ascending=False).reset index().head(3)
      monthly Sales
[22]:
         month tran amount
      0
                      726775
      1
             10
                      725058
                      724089
      2
```

**Insight:** Months **August, October,** and **January** saw the **highest sales**, possibly due to seasonal or promotional campaigns.

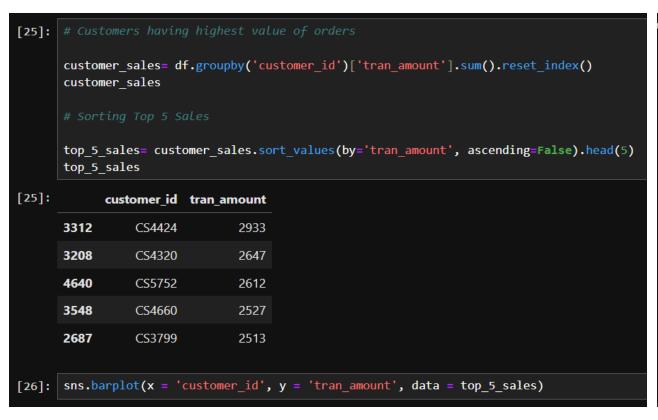
3. Customers with Highest Order Counts

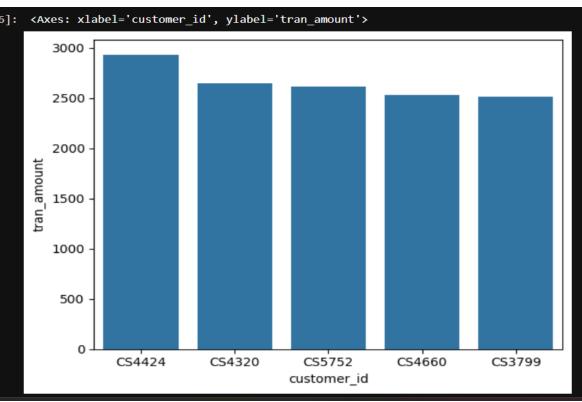
```
customer counts = df['customer id'].value counts().reset index()
     customer counts.columns =['customer id','count']
     top 5 cust = customer counts.sort values(by='count', ascending=False).head(5)
     top_5_cust
23]:
        customer id count
            CS4424
                       39
            CS4320
                       38
            CS3799
                       36
            CS3013
                       35
            CS1215
                       35
     sns.barplot(x = 'customer_id', y = 'count', data = top_5_cust)
```



Insight: These customers are highly engaged. Ideal for loyalty or premium campaigns.

4. Customers with Highest Total Spending





**Insight:** These customers are **top revenue contributors.** 

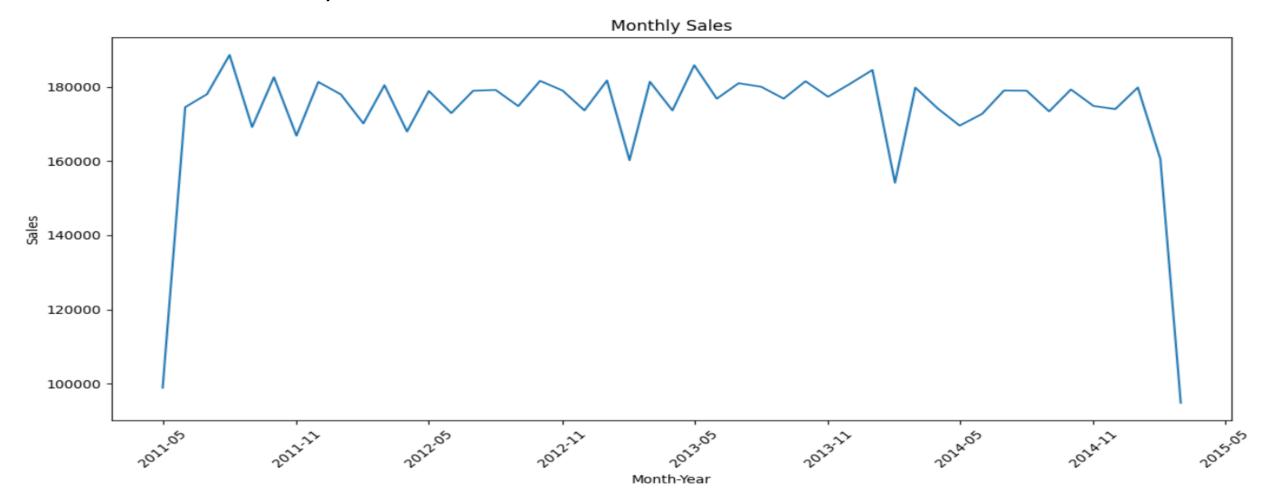
1. Time Series Analysis

### **Time Series Analysis**

```
import matplotlib.dates as mdates
df['month_year'] = df['trans_date'].dt.to period('M')
monthly sales = df.groupby('month year')['tran amount'].sum()
# Convert the PeriodIndex to DateTimeIndex
monthly_sales.index = monthly_sales.index.to_timestamp()
plt.figure(figsize=(12,6)) # Increase the size of the figure
plt.plot(monthly sales.index, monthly sales.values) # Plot the data
plt.gca().xaxis.set_major_formatter(mdates.DateFormatter('%Y-%m')) # Format the x-axis labels
plt.gca().xaxis.set_major_locator(mdates.MonthLocator(interval=6)) # Set the x-axis interval
plt.xlabel('Month-Year')
plt.ylabel('Sales')
plt.title('Monthly Sales')
plt.xticks(rotation=45) # Rotate the x-axis labels
plt.tight_layout() # Adjust the layout for better visibility
plt.show()
```

- Sales remained
   consistently high across
   most months from 2011 to
   2015.
- A few noticeable dips suggest possible data gaps or off-season periods.
- Overall, the trend shows stable revenue flow, with minor fluctuations throughout the timeline.

1. Time Series Analysis



### 2. Cohort Segmentation

```
Cohort Segmentation
recency = df.groupby('customer id')['trans date'].max()
frequency = df.groupby('customer id')['trans date'].count()
monetary = df.groupby('customer id')['tran amount'].sum()
# Combine all three into a DataFrame
rfm = pd.DataFrame({'recency': recency, 'frequency': frequency, 'monetary': monetary})
def segment customer(row):
   if row['recency'].year >= 2012 and row['frequency'] >= 15 and row['monetary'] > 1000:
        return 'P0'
   elif (2011 <= row['recency'].year < 2012) and (10 < row['frequency'] <= 15) and (500 < row['monetary'] <= 1000):</pre>
        return 'P1'
   else:
        return 'P2'
rfm['Segment'] = rfm.apply(segment customer, axis=1)
rfm
```

### 2. Cohort Segmentation

- Customers were segmented into PO, P1, and P2 based on their recency, frequency, and monetary value.
- P0: Most active and high-value customers (recent, frequent, high spenders).
- **P1**: Moderately active customers with average spend and engagement.
- **P2**: Older or low-engagement customers with lower activity and spending.
- This segmentation helps target the right customer group with personalized campaigns and retention strategies.

```
recency frequency monetary Segment
customer id
    CS1112 2015-01-14
                               15
                                                   P0
                                        1012
                               20
                                        1490
                                                   P0
     CS1113 2015-02-09
                                        1432
    CS1114 2015-02-12
                               19
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     CS1115 2015-03-05
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     CS1116 2014-08-25
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     CS8996 2014-12-09
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     CS8997 2014-06-28
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     CS8998
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     CS9000 2015-02-28
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                                         533
                                                   P2
6884 rows × 4 columns
set(rfm['Segment'])
{'P0', 'P2'}
```

### 3. Churn Analysis

#### Insight:

- A majority of customers (response = 0) have churned or did not engage with the campaign.
- Only a small portion (response = 1) remained active or responded.
- This indicates a high churn rate.
- Highlights the need for better re-engagement strategies.

# **Churn Analysis** churn counts = df['response'].value counts() churn counts.plot(kind = 'bar') [5]: <Axes: xlabel='response'> 100000 80000 60000 40000 20000 response

### 4. Analyzing top customers

#### Insight:

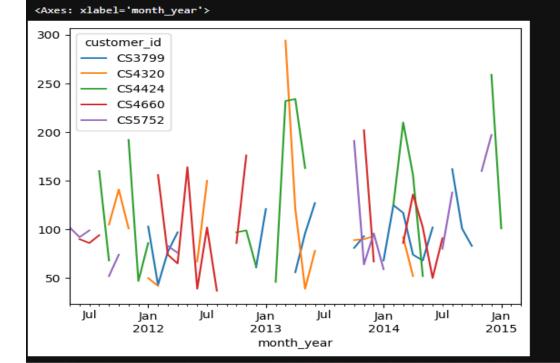
- The top 5 customers (e.g., C\$4424, C\$4320) show high and repeated monthly transactions, indicating strong engagement.
- CS4424 and CS5752 show the most consistent and high spending patterns over time.
- Monthly sales fluctuate, but these customers contribute significantly across multiple periods.
- These are loyal, high-value customers ideal for premium offers, loyalty rewards, and retention campaigns.

#### Analyzing top customers

```
# Top 5 customers
top_5_customers = monetary.sort_values(ascending=False).head(5).index

# Filter transactions of top 5 customers
top_customers_df = df[df['customer_id'].isin(top_5_customers)]

# Plot their monthly sales
top_customers_sales = top_customers_df.groupby(['customer_id', 'month_year'])['tran_amount'].sum().unstack(level=0)
top_customers_sales.plot(kind ='line')
```

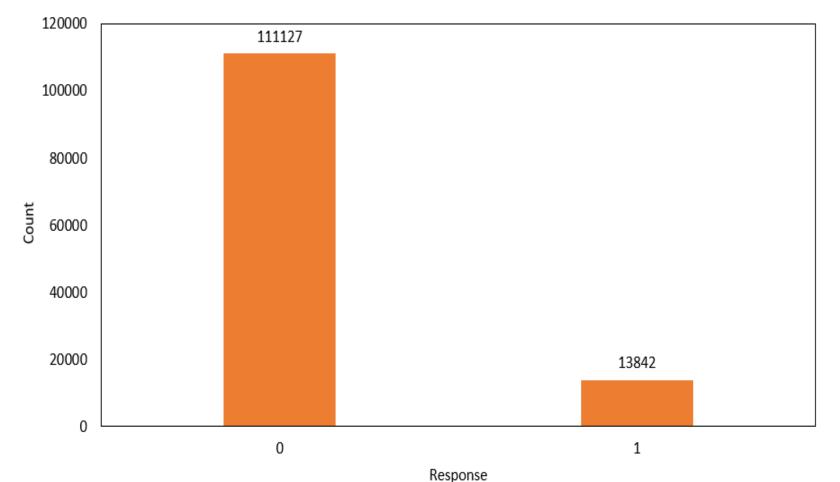


1. Response VS Non-Response

### Insight:

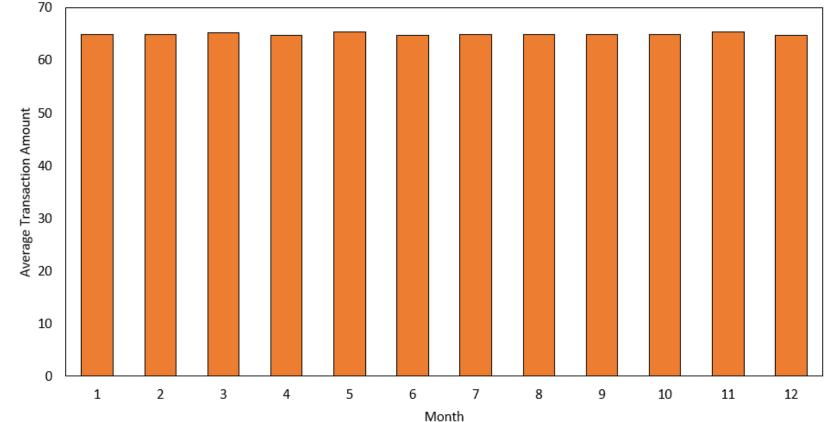
- Non-Responders (0): 111,127 customers (≈ 89%)
- Responders (1): 13,842 customers (≈ 11%)
- The campaign had a low response rate (~11%), indicating a need for improved targeting or personalization to increase customer engagement.

#### Response vs Non-Response Count



### 2. Monthly Average Transaction

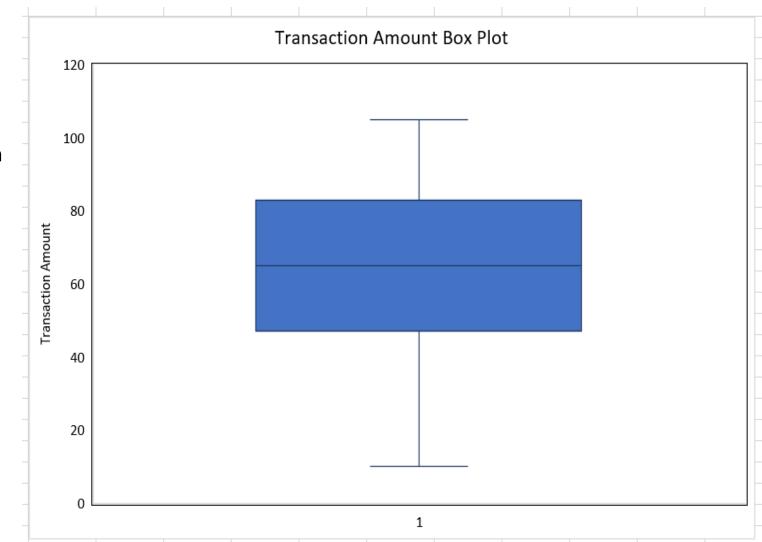




- The average transaction amount is fairly consistent across all months, ranging around ₹65.
- November (Month 11)
   recorded the highest average
   at ₹65.43.
- This suggests stable customer spending behavior throughout the year, with a slight peak in the festive season.

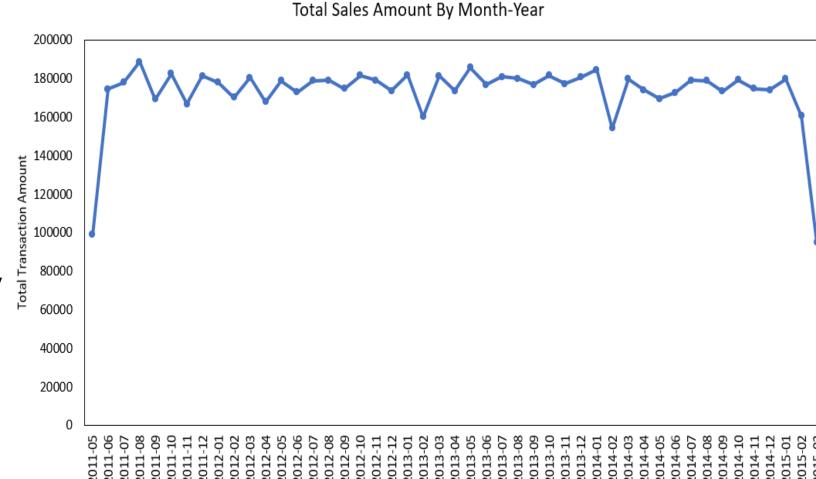
#### 3. Transaction Amount Box Plot

- Created a box plot of the transaction amount column.
- Calculated values manually and confirmed that there are no outliers.
- The transaction data is evenly distributed, with no extreme or unusual values.



# 4. Time Series Analysis Insight:

- Analyzed monthly transaction trends over multiple years.
- Sales remained stable with small fluctuations across the timeline.
- Observed seasonal spikes in a few months like August, October, and January.
- No sharp drops or anomalies, indicating a healthy and consistent sales pattern.
- Useful for sales forecasting and inventory planning based on historical trends.



Month-Year

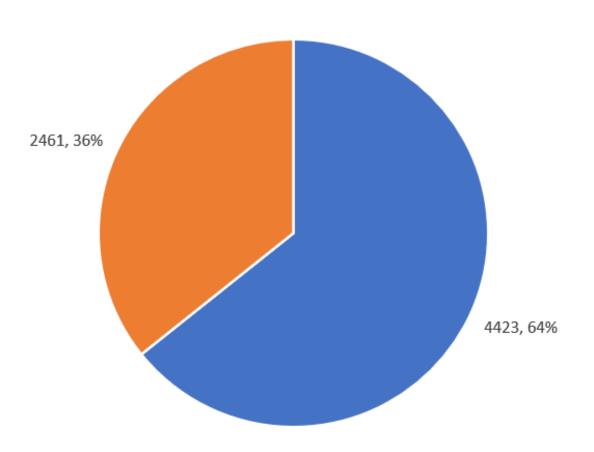
### 5. Customer Segmentation

### Insight:

- P0 Segment (High-Value
  Customers):

   4,423 customers (64%) frequent,
   recent, and high spenders.
- P2 Segment (Low Engagement Customers):
  - 2,461 customers (36%) older transactions or lower spending.

#### **Customer Segment Count**



P0

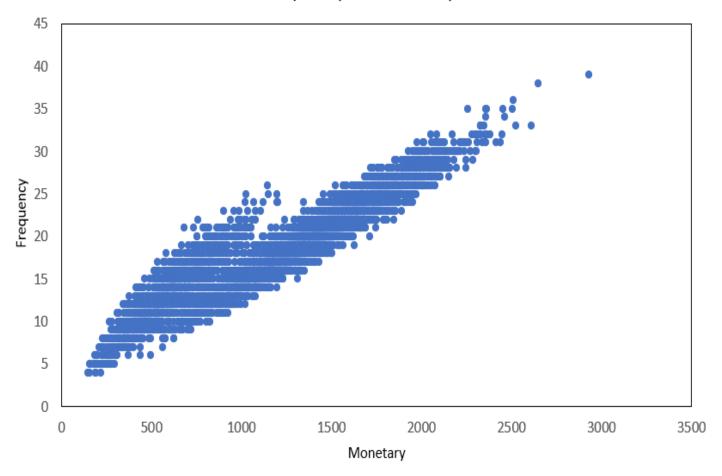
P2

### 6. Frequency vs Monetary

### Insight:

- The plot shows a strong positive correlation:
  - Customers who purchase **more** frequently also tend to spend more overall.
- Indicates a valuable customer base where increasing frequency can directly boost revenue.
- No major outliers data is wellaligned and consistent.

#### Frequency VS Monetary



### **DRIVE LINK**

Dataset -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T4ah099BRXgbB5-amdsqCVZarGyAQjDm/view?usp=sharing

SQL File –

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-zrh30 HOvDKbtQsr0EtvqDVpDo0qgq0/view?usp=sharing

Python -

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Excel -

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