



Introduction to RFM segmentation

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What is RFM segmentation?

Behavioral customer segmentation based on three metrics:

- Recency (R)
- Frequency (F)
- Monetary Value (M)



Grouping RFM values

The RFM values can be grouped in several ways:

- Percentiles e.g. quantiles
- Pareto 80/20 cut
- Custom based on business knowledge

We are going to implement percentile-based grouping.



Short review of percentiles

Process of calculating percentiles:

- 1. Sort customers based on that metric
- 2. Break customers into a pre-defined number of groups of equal size
- 3. Assign a label to each group



Calculate percentiles with Python

Data with eight CustomerID and a randomly calculated Spend values.

	CustomerID	Spend
0	0	137
1	1	335
2	2	172
3	3	355
4	4	303
5	5	233
6	6	244
7	7	229



Calculate percentiles with Python

```
spend_quartiles = pd.qcut(data['Spend'], q=4, labels=range(1,5))
data['Spend_Quartile'] = spend_quartiles
data.sort_values('Spend')
```

	CustomerID	Spend	Spend_Quartile
0	0	137	1
2	2	172	1
7	7	229	2
5	5	233	2
6	6	244	3
4	4	303	3
1	1	335	4
3	3	355	4



Assigning labels

- Highest score to the best metric best is not always highest e.g. recency
- In this case, the label is inverse the more recent the customer, the better

	CustomerID	Recency_Days
0	0	37
1	1	235
2	2	396
3	3	72
4	4	255
5	5	393
6	6	203
7	7	133



Assigning labels

```
# Create numbered labels
r_labels = list(range(4, 0, -1))

# Divide into groups based on quartiles
recency_quartiles = pd.qcut(data['Recency_Days'], q=4, labels=r_labels)

# Create new column
data['Recency_Quartile'] = recency_quartiles

# Sort recency values from lowest to highest
data.sort_values('Recency_Days')
```



Assigning labels

As you can see, the quartile labels are reversed, since the more recent customers are more valuable.

	CustomerID	Recency_Days	Recency_Quartile
0	0	37	4
3	3	72	4
7	7	133	3
6	6	203	3
1	1	235	2
4	4	255	2
5	5	393	1
2	2	396	1



Custom labels

We can define a list with string or any other values, depending on the use case.

```
# Create string labels
r_labels = ['Active', 'Lapsed', 'Inactive', 'Churned']
# Divide into groups based on quartiles
recency_quartiles = pd.qcut(data['Recency_Days'], q=4, labels=r_labels)
# Create new column
data['Recency_Quartile'] = recency_quartiles
# Sort values from lowest to highest
data.sort_values('Recency_Days')
```



Custom labels

Custom labels assigned to each quartile

Recency_Quartile	Recency_Days	CustomerID	
Active	37	0	0
Active	72	3	3
Lapsed	133	7	7
Lapsed	203	6	6
Inactive	235	1	1
Inactive	255	4	4
Churned	393	5	5
Churned	396	2	2





Let's practice with percentiles!





Recency, Frequency, Monetary Value calculation

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Definitions

- Recency days since last customer transaction
- Frequency number of transactions in the last 12 months
- Monetary Value total spend in the last 12 months



Dataset and preparations

- Same online dataset like in the previous lessons
- Need to do some data preparation
- New TotalSum column = Quantity X UnitPrice.

	InvoiceNo	StockCode	Description	Quantity	InvoiceDate	UnitPrice	CustomerID	Country	TotalSum
416792	572558	22745	POPPY'S PLAYHOUSE BEDROOM	6	2011-10-25	2.10	14286	United Kingdom	12.60
482904	577485	23196	VINTAGE LEAF MAGNETIC NOTEPAD	1	2011-11-20	1.45	16360	United Kingdom	1.45
263743	560034	23299	FOOD COVER WITH BEADS SET 2	6	2011-07-14	3.75	13933	United Kingdom	22.50
495549	578307	72349B	SET/6 PURPLE BUTTERFLY T-LIGHTS	1	2011-11-23	2.10	17290	United Kingdom	2.10
204384	554656	21756	BATH BUILDING BLOCK WORD	3	2011-05-25	5.95	17663	United Kingdom	17.85



Data preparation steps

We're starting with a pre-processed online DataFrame with only the latest 12 months of data:

Let's create a hypothetical **snapshot_day** data as if we're doing analysis recently.

```
snapshot_date = max(online.InvoiceDate) + datetime.timedelta(days=1)
```



Calculate RFM metrics



Final RFM values

Our table for RFM segmentation is completed!

	Recency	Frequency	MonetaryValue
CustomerID			
12747	3	25	948.70
12748	1	888	7046.16
12749	4	37	813.45
12820	4	17	268.02
12822	71	9	146.15





Let's practice calculating RFM values!





Building RFM segments

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Data

- Dataset we created previously
- Will calculate quartile value for each column and name then R, F, M

	Recency	Frequency	MonetaryValue
CustomerID			
12747	3	25	948.70
12748	1	888	7046.16
12749	4	37	813.45
12820	4	17	268.02
12822	71	9	146.15



Recency quartile

```
r_labels = range(4, 1, -1)

r_quartiles = pd.qcut(datamart['Recency'], 4, labels = r_labels)

datamart = datamart.assign(R = r_quartiles.values)
```

	Recency	Frequency	MonetaryValue	R
CustomerID				
12747	3	25	948.70	4
12748	1	888	7046.16	4
12749	4	37	813.45	4
12820	4	17	268.02	4
12822	71	9	146.15	2



Frequency and Monetary quartiles

```
f_labels = range(1,5)
m_labels = range(1,5)

f_quartiles = pd.qcut(datamart['Frequency'], 4, labels = f_labels)
m_quartiles = pd.qcut(datamart['MonetaryValue'], 4, labels = m_labels)

datamart = datamart.assign(F = f_quartiles.values)
datamart = datamart.assign(M = m_quartiles.values)
```

	Recency	Frequency	MonetaryValue	R	F	M
CustomerID						

12747	3	25	948.70	4	4	4
12748	1	888	7046.16	4	4	4
12749	4	37	813.45	4	4	4
12820	4	17	268.02	4	3	3
12822	71	9	146.15	2	2	3



Build RFM Segment and RFM Score

- Concatenate RFM quartile values to RFM Segment
- Sum RFM quartiles values to RFM Score

```
def join_rfm(x): return str(x['R']) + str(x['F']) + str(x['M'])
datamart['RFM_Segment'] = datamart.apply(join_rfm, axis=1)
datamart['RFM_Score'] = datamart[['R','F','M']].sum(axis=1)
```



Final result

	Recency	Frequency	MonetaryValue	R	F	М	RFM_Segment	RFM_Score
CustomerID								
18108	255	4	58.60	1	1	1	111	3.0
13803	256	3	57.70	1	1	1	111	3.0
12922	162	4	57.24	1	1	1	111	3.0
13304	352	4	57.21	1	1	1	111	3.0
17496	359	2	57.15	1	1	1	111	3.0
16063	261	4	57.10	1	1	1	111	3.0
17531	191	2	57.00	1	1	1	111	3.0
14206	240	3	57.00	1	1	1	111	3.0
13784	219	2	55.80	1	1	1	111	3.0
14476	258	4	55.75	1	1	1	111	3.0





Let's practice building RFM segments





Analyzing RFM segments

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Largest RFM segments

```
datamart.groupby('RFM_Segment').size().sort_values(ascending=False)[:10]
```

```
RFM Segment
444
       372
111
       345
211
       169
344
       156
233
       129
222
       128
333
       120
122
       117
311
       114
433
       113
dtype: int64
```



Filtering on RFM segments

Select bottom RFM segment "111" and view top 5 rows

```
datamart[datamart['RFM_Segment'] == '111'][:5]
```

	Recency	Frequency	MonetaryValue	R	F	М	RFM_Segment	RFM_Score
CustomerID								
12837	174	2	10.55	1	1	1	111	3.0
12852	295	2	32.55	1	1	1	111	3.0
12902	265	4	42.03	1	1	1	111	3.0
12915	149	2	35.90	1	1	1	111	3.0
12922	162	4	57.24	1	1	1	111	3.0



Summary metrics per RFM Score

```
datamart.groupby('RFM_Score').agg({
    'Recency': 'mean',
    'Frequency': 'mean',
    'MonetaryValue': ['mean', 'count'] }).round(1)
```

	Recency	Frequency	Monetai	ryValue
	mean	mean	mean	count
RFM_Score				
3.0	246.9	2.1	28.4	345
4.0	162.2	3.1	47.8	337
5.0	138.9	4.3	78.2	393
6.0	101.0	6.3	146.3	444
7.0	78.0	8.5	160.2	382
8.0	62.6	12.8	196.3	376
9.0	46.8	16.7	330.3	345
10.0	31.9	24.0	443.1	355
11.0	21.8	38.9	705.3	294
12.0	8.0	75.6	1653.9	372



Grouping into named segments

Use RFM score to group customers into Gold, Silver and Bronze segments.

```
def segment_me(df):
    if df['RFM_Score'] >= 9:
        return 'Gold'
    elif (df['RFM_Score'] >= 5) and (df['RFM_Score'] < 9):
        return 'Silver'
    else:
        return 'Bronze'

datamart['General_Segment'] = datamart.apply(segment_me, axis=1)

datamart.groupby('General_Segment').agg({
        'Recency': 'mean',
        'Frequency': 'mean',
        'MonetaryValue': ['mean', 'count']
}).round(1)</pre>
```



New segments and their values

	Recency	Frequency	MonetaryValue	
	mean	mean	mean	count
General_Segment				
1. Gold	27.0	39.4	8.008	1366
2. Silver	95.8	7.9	144.6	1595
3. Bronze	205.0	2.6	38.0	682





Practice building custom segments