

Data Analyst Project : Sales Dataset Analysis

1. Data Understanding and Preparation

Explore the Dataset:

- Check the structure:
 - Review columns and their data types (numeric, categorical, datetime).
- Sample records:
 - Inspect a random sample of records to understand data entries and potential issues.
- Missing values:
 - Identify columns with missing values and assess their impact.
- Duplicates:
 - Check for duplicate rows based on all or specific columns.

Data Cleaning:

- Handle missing values:
 - Decide on imputation methods (mean, median, forward/backward fill) or removal based on data importance and completeness.
- Column cleanup:
 - Standardize inconsistent column names or formats (e.g., converting text to lowercase).
- Duplicate removal:
 - Eliminate duplicate rows if they skew analysis results.

2. Descriptive Statistics and Initial Insights

Summary Statistics:

- Compute statistics:
 - Mean, median, mode, range, standard deviation for numerical columns (e.g., Price per Unit, Units Sold, Total Sales).

Distribution Analysis:

- Visualize distributions:
 - Use histograms or density plots to understand the spread and skewness of numerical data.

Explore Categorical Variables:

- Unique values:
 - Count and visualize unique values in categorical columns (e.g., Retailer, Region, Product).
- Popular items:
 - Determine top products, best-performing retailers, or preferred sales methods based on frequency.

3. Sales Performance Analysis

Total Sales Trends:

- Time analysis:
 - Plot sales trends over months or quarters using Invoice Date.
- Seasonality:
 - Detect recurring patterns or seasonal variations in sales.

Regional Analysis:

- Compare regions:
 - Evaluate total sales, average sales per retailer, or profitability across different regions.

Product Analysis:

- Best-sellers:
 - Identify and rank products by total sales or profitability.
- Contribution to revenue:
 - Determine which products generate the highest revenue contribution.

4. Find the Correlation Matrix : Gives the correlation among different attributes in form of a matrix.

5. Visualization and Reporting

Create Visualizations:

- Tool usage:
 - Utilize matplotlib, seaborn, or Tableau for generating clear and informative visualizations.

Prepare Summary Report:

- Documentation:
 - Detail methodologies, assumptions, and preprocessing steps.
 - Insights:
 - Summarize key findings with supporting visualizations and statistical analyses.
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