Customer Churn Prediction Report

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1 Introduction to the business problem

1.1 Problem statement

An E-Commerce company wants to develop a model through which they can do

- Churn prediction of the accounts and
- Provide segmented offers to the potential churners.

Our goal is to develop a churn prediction model for this company and provide business recommendations for a campaign aimed at customers to reduce churn.

The campaign suggestion should be unique. The campaign offer should be in such a way that it doesn't give a lot of free/subsidized material/products to avoid any losses to the company

1.2 Need of the study/project

- Companies are facing a lot of competition in the current market and it has become a challenge to retain the existing customers in the current situation
- Account churn is a major thing for this company because
 - Each account can have multiple customers
 - Losing one account means losing multiple customers

Due to the above points, developing a churn prediction model for this company and providing business recommendations to prepare the campaign to retain customers is important.

1.3 Understanding business/social opportunity

- An E Commerce company provider is facing a lot of competition in the current market and it has become a challenge to retain the existing customers in the current situation
- We have to develop a churn prediction model for this company and provide business recommendations for the campaign aimed at retaining customers
- Campaign suggestions should be unique and it should be very clear on the campaign offer that this campaign doesn't give a lot of free (or subsidized) stuff thereby making a loss to the company

2 Data Report

2.1 Collection of data in terms of time, frequency and methodology

Today businesses are connected to their clients, customers, users, employees, vendors, and sometimes even their competitors. Data can tell a story about any of these relationships. With this information, organizations can improve almost any aspect of their operations.

The right data collection method can mean the difference between useful insights and time-wasting misdirection.

Organizations have several tools at their disposal for primary data collection. The methods range from traditional and simple, such as a face-to-face interview, to more sophisticated ways to collect and analyze data.

The most commonly used methods are:

- Published literature sources
- Surveys (email and mail)
- Interviews (telephone, face-to-face or focus group)
- Observations
- Documents and records
- Experiments.

The data collection methods in research methodology:

- Interviews
- Questionnaires and surveys
- Observations
- Documents and records
- Focus groups
- Oral histories

Qualitative data collection looks at several factors to provide a depth of understanding to raw data.

2.1.1 Primary Data

Primary data refers to data obtained directly from individuals, objects or processes. Quantitative or qualitative data can be collected using this approach. Such data is usually collected solely for the research problem we will study.

2.1.2 Secondary Data

When we collect data after another researcher or agency that initially gathered it makes it available, we are gathering secondary data. Examples of secondary data are census data published by the US Census Bureau, stock prices data published by CNN and salaries data published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2.1.3 Methods Employed in Primary Data Collection

When we decide to conduct original research, the data we gather can be quantitative or qualitative. Generally, we collect quantitative data through sample surveys, experiments and observational studies. We obtain qualitative data through focus groups, in-depth interviews and case studies.

2.1.4 Observational Data Collection Methods

In an observational data collection method, we acquire data by observing any relationships that may be present in the phenomenon we are studying. There are four types of observational methods that are available to us as a researcher:

- Cross-sectional
- Case-control
- Cohort
- Ecological

2.1.5 Experiments

An experiment is a data collection method where we change some variables and observe their effect on other variables. The variables that we manipulate are referred to as independent while the variables that change as a result of manipulation are dependent variables.

2.2 Visual inspection of data (rows, columns, descriptive details)

This dataset has 11260 observations and 19 attributes.

- 5 attributes named City_Tier, CC_Contacted_LY, Service_Score, CC_Agent_Score, Complain ly are of float64 type
- 12 attributes named *Tenure*, *Payment*, *Gender*, *Account_user_count*, account_segment, *Marital_Status*, rev_per_month, rev_growth_yoy, coupon_used_for_payment, Day_Since_CC_connect, cashback and Login_device are of **object** type
- 2 attributes named AccountId and Churn are of integer type

We can see the number of rows and columns from the Figure No.1 and Figure No.2 shows us the datatypes of attributes

data.shape (11260, 19)

Figure No. 1

```
data.dtypes
                               int64
Churn
  Tenure
                               object
  City_Tier
                              float64
                             float64
  CC Contacted LY
  Payment
                               object
  Gender
                              object
  Service_Score
                             float64
  Account user count
                              object
                              object
  account_segment
  CC_Agent_Score
                             float64
  Marital_Status
                               object
  rev_per_month
                              object
                             float64
  Complain ly
  rev_growth_yoy
                               object
  coupon_used_for_payment
                               object
  Day_Since_CC_connect
                               object
  cashback
                               object
  Login_device
                               object
  dtype: object
```

Figure No. 2

We have dropped the column *Accountld* because it's not necessary for our model. After dropping that column the shape of the dataset is as shown below in Figure No. 3

```
data.shape
(11260, 18)
```

Figure No. 3

Let's start the data exploration step with the head function to look at the first 5 rows, shown in Figure No. 4 and Figure No. 5

20000	Churn 1		City_Tier	CC_Contacted_LY	Payment	Cd					
20000	1					Gender	Service_Score	Account_user_count	account_segment	CC_Agent_Score	Ma
		4	3.0	6.0	Debit Card	Female	3.0	3	Super	2.0	
20001	1	0	1.0	8.0	UPI	Male	3.0	4	Regular Plus	3.0	
20002	1	0	1.0	30.0	Debit Card	Male	2.0	4	Regular Plus	3.0	
20003	1	0	3.0	15.0	Debit Card	Male	2.0	4	Super	5.0	
20004	1	0	1.0	12.0	Credit Card	Male	2.0	3	Regular Plus	5.0	
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Figure No. 4

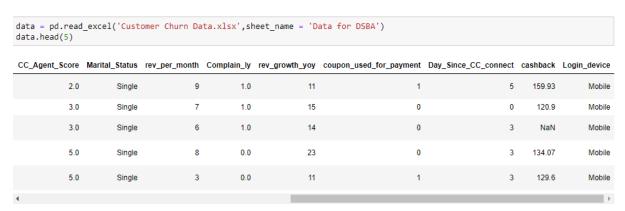


Figure No. 5

We can see that there are some unwanted variables in the dataset, which is the reason for the datatypes of some columns showing as object despite being numerical. Let's do further exploration.

2.3 Understanding of attributes (variable info, renaming if required)

By looking at the info as shown in Figure No. 6 given in the next page, we can say that there are some *null* values in the dataset.

- AccountID is the account unique identifier and Churn is the account churn flag which is the Target variable
- Tenure represents Tenure of account
- City_Tier shows us the tier of primary customer's city
- CC_Contacted_LY is how many times all the customers of the account have contacted customer care in the last 12 months
- Payment is the preferred payment mode of the customers
- Gender is the gender of the customer
- Service Score represents satisfaction score for the service provided by company
- Account_user_count shows us the number of customers tagged with this account
- account segment is the account segmentation on the basis of spend
- CC Agent Score is satisfaction score given by customers for customer care service
- Marital_Status is whether the customer is married or not
- rev_per_month is the monthly average revenue generated by account in last 12 months
- Complain_ly shows us if any complaints has been raised by account in last 12 months
- rev_growth_yoy is the revenue growth percentage of the account (last 12 months vs last 24 to 13 month)
- coupon_used_ly represents how many times customers have used coupons to do the payment in last 12 months
- Day_Since_CC_connect is the number of days since no customers in the account has contacted the customer care
- cashback_ly is the monthly average cashback generated by account in last 12 months

Login_device is preferred login device of the customers in the account

```
    data.info()

  <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
  RangeIndex: 11260 entries, 0 to 11259
  Data columns (total 19 columns):
      Column
                             Non-Null Count Dtype
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      -----
                             _____
   0
      AccountID
                             11260 non-null int64
   1 Churn
                            11260 non-null int64
   2 Tenure
                            11158 non-null object
   3 City_Tier
                            11148 non-null float64
     CC_Contacted_LY
                            11158 non-null float64
   4
   5 Payment
                            11151 non-null object
   6
      Gender
                            11152 non-null object
   7
      Service_Score
                            11162 non-null float64
                           11148 non-null object
      Account_user_count
      account_segment
                            11163 non-null object
   10 CC_Agent_Score
                            11144 non-null float64
                            11048 non-null object
   11 Marital_Status
   12 rev_per_month
                            11158 non-null object
   13 Complain_ly
                            10903 non-null float64
   14 rev_growth_yoy 11260 non-null object
   15 coupon_used_for_payment 11260 non-null object
   16 Day_Since_CC_connect 10903 non-null object
   17 cashback
                            10789 non-null object
   18 Login_device
                            11039 non-null object
  dtypes: float64(5), int64(2), object(12)
  memory usage: 1.6+ MB
```

Figure No. 6

3 Exploratory data analysis

3.1 Univariate analysis (distribution and spread for every continuous attribute, distribution of data in categories for categorical ones)

Lets see the churn distribution among variables.

```
data['Churn'].value_counts()

0 9364
1 1896
Name: Churn, dtype: int64
```

Figure No. 7

- We can say that from Figure No. 7, the number of customers churned is less than customers not churned.

Figure No. 8 and Figure No. 9 represent a bar chart and pie chart which shows the churn distribution.

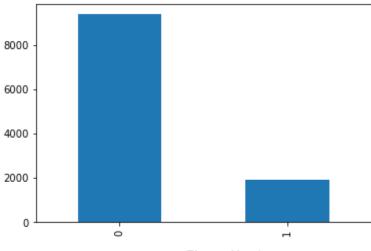


Figure No. 8

Customer churn rate:

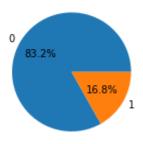


Figure No. 9

Now let's check the distribution of the data.

- The X-axis groups the observations from minimum to maximum along the axis on the basis of the discrete points or class intervals
- The Y-axis measures the frequency of occurrence of observations for each discrete point or class interval.

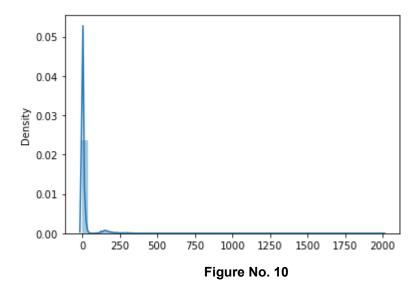


Figure No. 10 shows a frequency polygon superimposed on a histogram, which is obtained by using the seaborn package.

Seaborn automatically creates class intervals. The number of bins can also be manually set. We can say that the distribution is right-skewed, also known as positively skewed, which tells us the mean is greater than the median. This is the case because skewed-right data have a few large values that drive the mean upward but do not affect where the exact middle of the data is the median.

Now let's check the distribution and spread for every continuous attribute

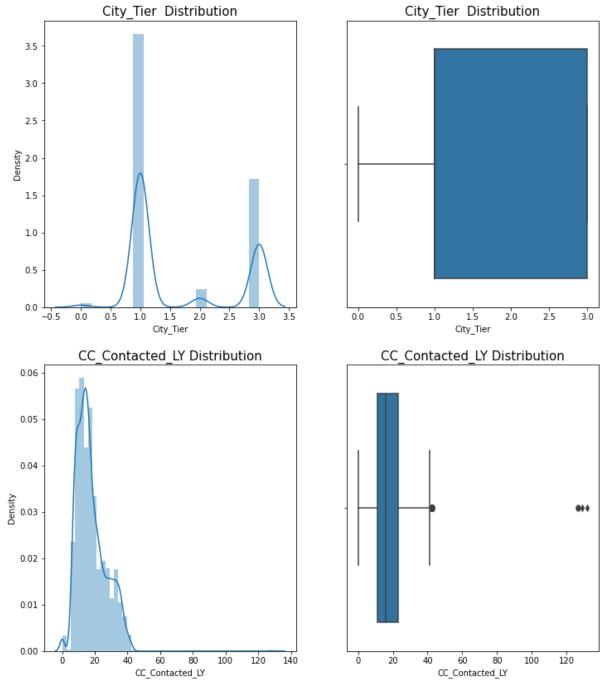


Figure No. 11

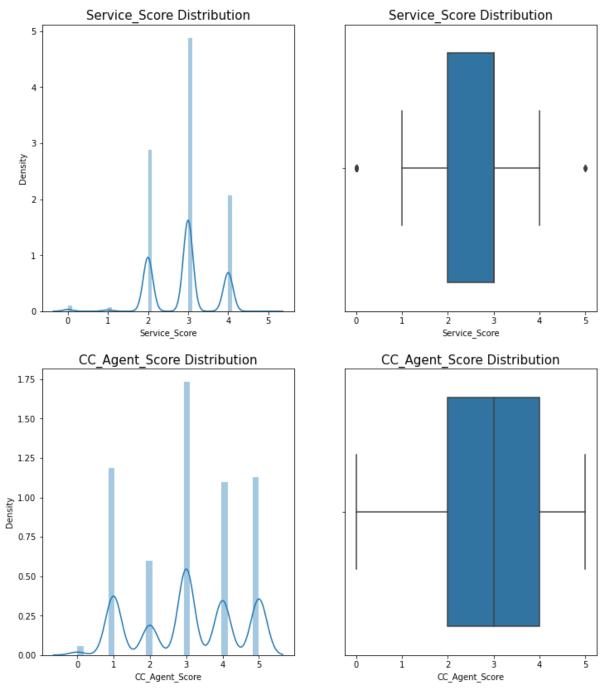


Figure No. 12

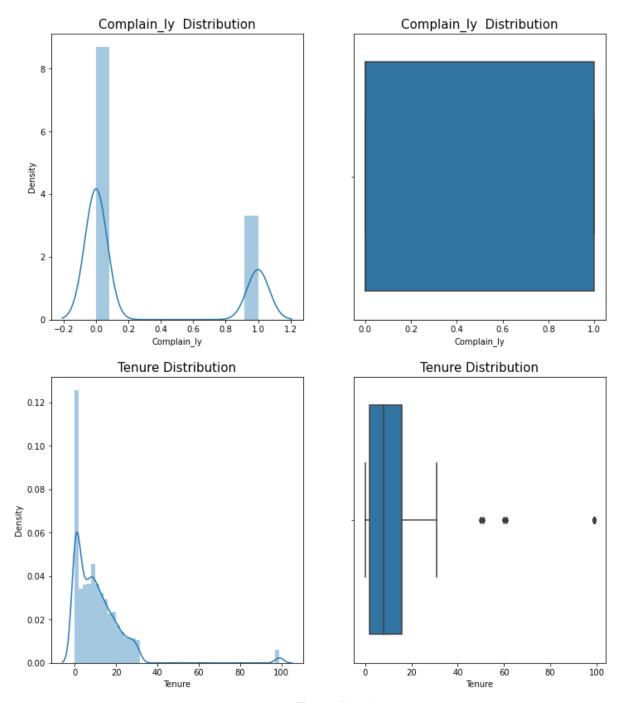


Figure No. 13

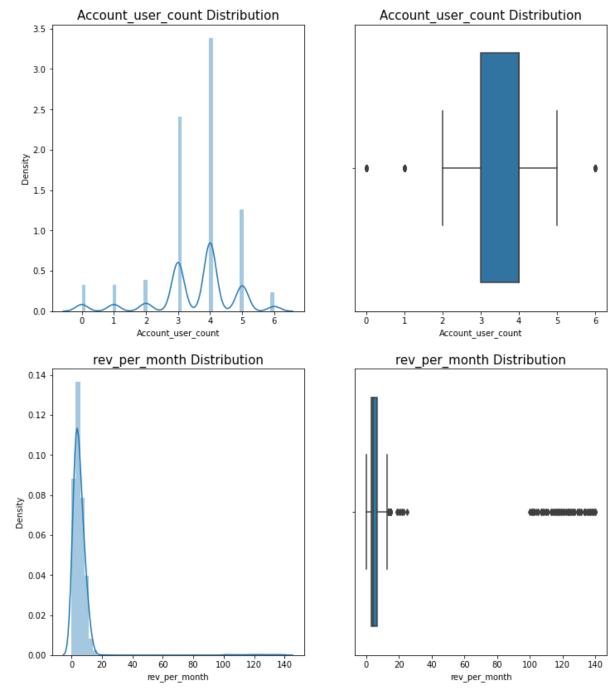


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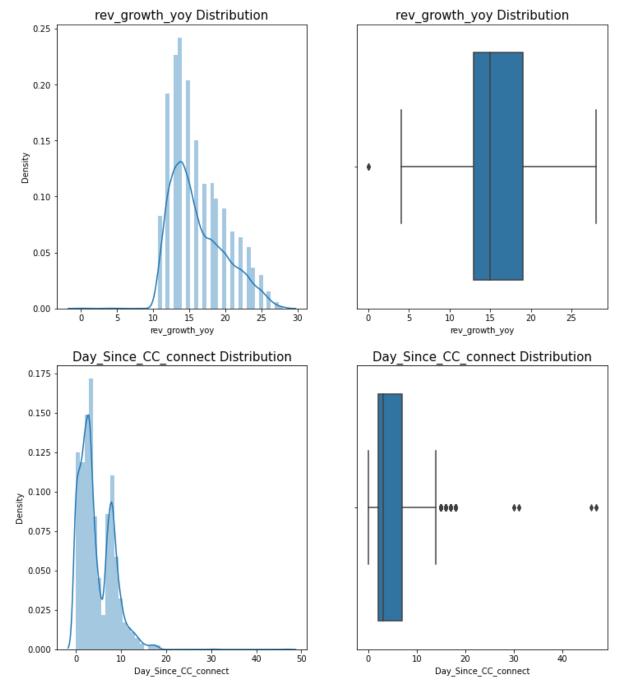


Figure No. 15

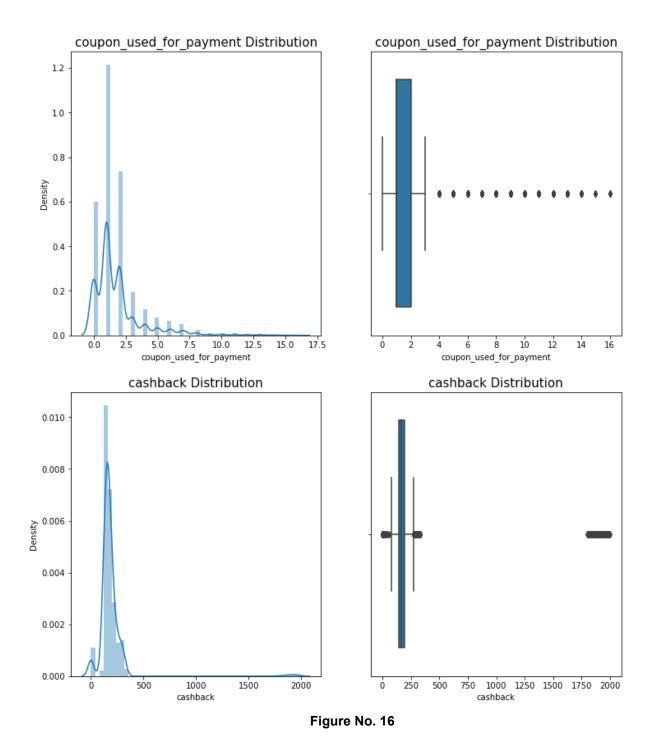


Figure No. 11, Figure No.12, Figure No.13, Figure No.14, Figure No.15 and Figure No.16 show the distribution of every continuous variable and also their box plots.

There seems to be multiple peaks in City_Tier, Service_Score, CC_Agent_Score, Complain_Iy, Account_user_count, Day_Since_CC_connect and coupon_used_for_payment which means there seems to be some clusters.

For the variables, CC_Contacted_LY, Tenure, rev_per_month, rev_growth_yoy and cashback, the distribution is right skewed.

Let's see the plots which show the Churn rate for each category of the categorical features.

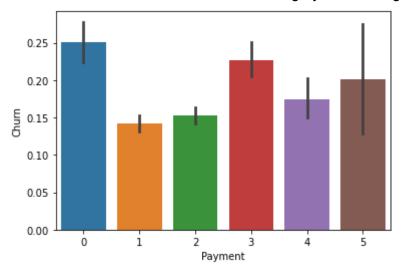


Figure No. 17

From Figure No. 17, the churn rate for different types of payment are shown. Each color shows a different payment mode that is 'Debit Card', 'UPI', 'Credit Card', 'Cash on Delivery' and 'E wallet'. Looks like people with debit cards and ewallet for payment are more churned compared to others.

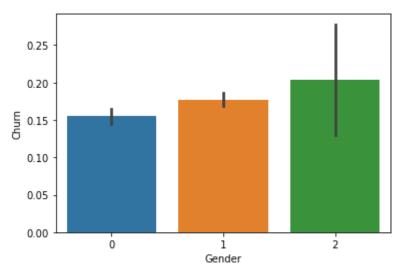


Figure No. 18

Figure No. 18 shows the churn rate for gender. Since *nan* values aren't treated by the time, it's showing 3 values. Green represents *nan* values. O represents female and 1 represents male. We can say that from figure 18, Male are churning more than females.

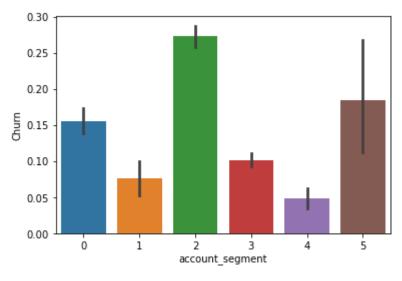


Figure No. 19

Figure No. 19 shows the churn rate for the account segmentation on the basis of spend. The colors represent 'Super', 'Regular Plus', 'Regular', 'HNI', nan, 'Super Plus' respectively. Looks like people with regular are more churning and regular plus are less churning.

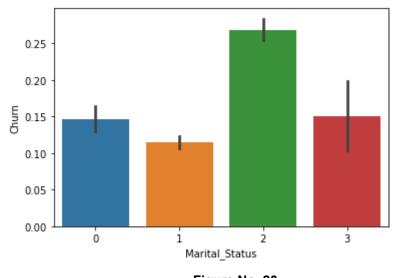


Figure No. 20

Figure No. 20 shows the churn rate for the marital status of the primary customer of the account. The colors represent 'Single', 'Divorced', 'Married', nan respectively. Looks like people who are married are more churning and divorced are less churning.

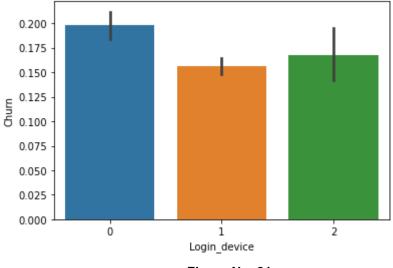


Figure No. 21

Figure No. 21 shows the churn rate for the Preferred login device of the customers in the account. The colors represent 'Mobile', 'Computer', and nan respectively. Looks like people with mobile rather than computers mostly churned.

3.2 Bivariate analysis (relationship between different variables, correlations)

Bivariate analysis is performed to understand interactions between different fields in the dataset or finding interactions between variables. A Scatter plot gives us an idea of the association between two variables

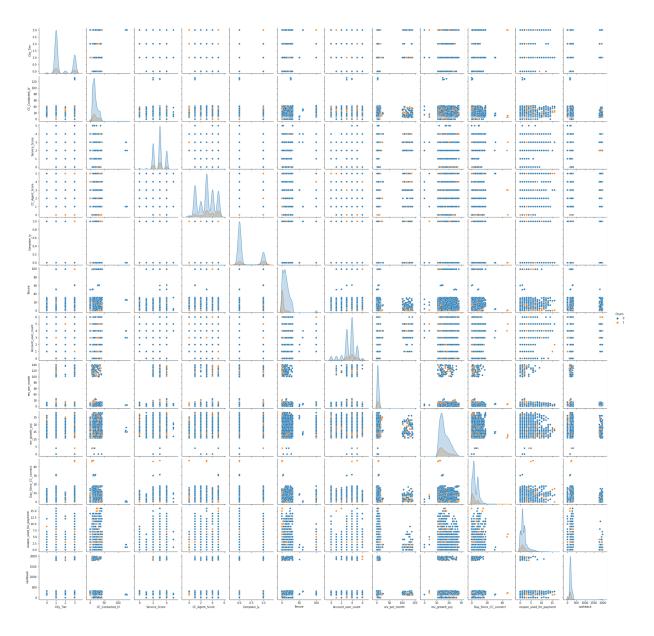


Figure No. 22

Figure No. 22 shows scatter diagrams, which are plotted for all the numerical columns in the dataset. A scatter plot is a visual representation of the degree of correlation between any two columns. The pair plot function in seaborn makes it very easy to generate joint scatter plots for all the columns in the data.

We observe that the same columns have outliers and there seems to be some clusters.

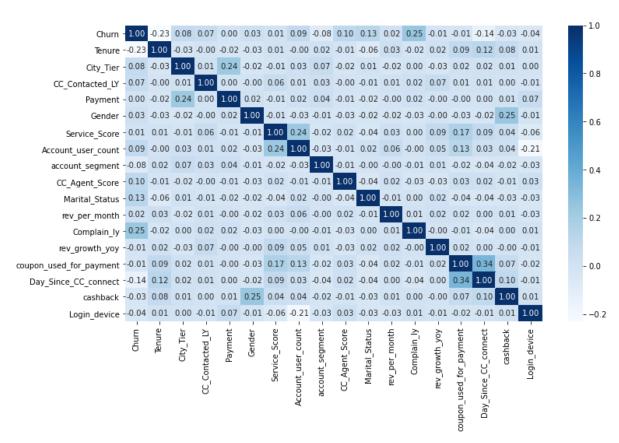


Figure No. 23

Figure No. 23 represents Heat map, which is a graphical representation of data that uses a system of color-coding to represent different values. It shows that all parameters are least correlated with each other.

3.3 Removal of unwanted variables (if applicable)

We can see that from Figure No. 24, there are some unwanted variables in the dataset which leads us to see the wrong datatype for variables as shown in Figure No. 2.

Figure No. 24

Lets treat these special characters by using the following function as shown in Figure No. 25

```
# a list with all missing value formats

missing_value_formats = ["$","#","*","+", "@","&&&&"]

data = pd.read_excel('Customer Churn Data.xlsx',sheet_name = 'Data for DSBA', na_values = missing_value_formats)
```

Figure No. 25

After treating the special characters, we can see the data types of variables changed into numeric as shown in Figure No. 26.

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coupon_used_for_payment float64	
Day_Since_CC_connect float64	
cashback float64	
Login_device object dtype: object	

Figure No. 26

3.4 Missing Value treatment (if applicable)

We can say that from Figure No. 27, dataset has *null* values in almost every column except *churn*, *payment*, *gender*, *account_segment*, *marital_status* and *login_device*.

<pre>data.isnull().sum()</pre>		
Churn	0	
Tenure	218	
City_Tier	112	
CC_Contacted_LY	102	
Payment	0	
Gender	0	
Service_Score	98	
Account_user_count	444	
account_segment	0	
CC_Agent_Score	116	
Marital_Status	0	
rev_per_month	791	
Complain_ly	357	
rev_growth_yoy	3	
coupon_used_for_payment	3	
Day_Since_CC_connect	358	
cashback	473	
Login_device	0	
dtype: int64		

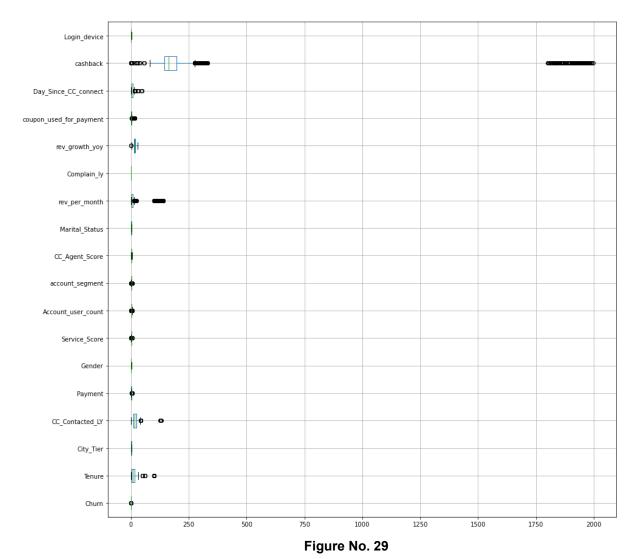
Figure No. 27

Lets treat missing values by using replace function. I have treated *null* values by replacing them with 0's. Figure No. 28 shows the dataset after treating missing values.

```
data.isnull().sum().sum()
0
```

Figure No. 28

3.5 Outlier treatment (if required)



From Figure No. 29, there are outliers in almost every continuous variable column except City_Tier, CC_Agent_Score and Complain_ly

Lets treat them by using a custom function as shown below in Figure No. 30, which says that if for a particular column the max value is greater than that assigned max value. Same logic for min value

```
def remove_outlier(col):
    sorted(col)
    Q1,Q3=np.percentile(col,[25,75])
    IQR=Q3-Q1
    lower_range= Q1-(1.5 * IQR)
    upper_range= Q3+(1.5 * IQR)
    return lower_range, upper_range
```

Figure No. 30

Figure No. 31 shows the data after treating outliers. I did not treat outliers for categorical and the target variable.

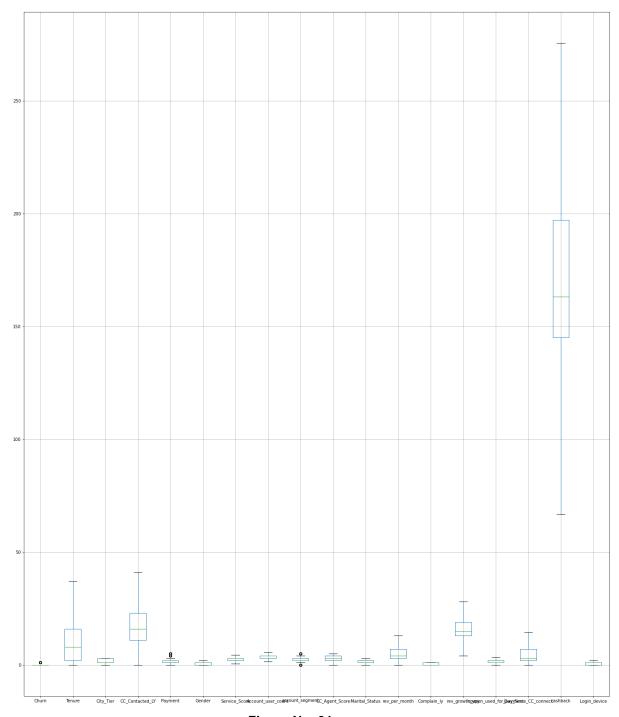


Figure No. 31

3.6 Variable transformation (if applicable)

Let's change the object data types by encoding. Here we are using label encoding in which we replace the categorical value with a numeric value between 0 and the number of classes minus 1. If the categorical variable value contains 5 distinct classes, we use (0, 1, 2, 3, and 4).

```
#Fetch features of type Object
objFeatures = data.select_dtypes(include="object").columns

#Iterate a loop for features of type object
from sklearn import preprocessing
le = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()

for feat in objFeatures:
    data[feat] = le.fit_transform(data[feat].astype(str))
```

Figure No. 32

Figure No. 32 shows the label encoding function. After label encoding, the datatypes are converted into numerical as shown in Figure No. 33

data.dtypes	
Churn	int64
Tenure	float64
City_Tier	float64
CC_Contacted_LY	float64
Payment	int32
Gender	int32
Service_Score	float64
Account_user_count	float64
account_segment	int32
CC_Agent_Score	float64
Marital_Status	int32
rev_per_month	float64
Complain_ly	float64
rev_growth_yoy	float64
coupon_used_for_payment	float64
Day_Since_CC_connect	float64
cashback	float64
Login_device	int32
dtype: object	

Figure No. 33

3.7 Addition of new variables (if required)

Adding new variables is not required but there are some variable names that need to be changed in gender and account_segment columns. After changing the names, the columns looks like below as in Figure No. 34

```
data.Gender.replace(['F', 'M'], ['Female', 'Male'], inplace=True)

M data.Gender.unique()
: array(['Female', 'Male', nan], dtype=object)

M data.account_segment.replace(['Regular +', 'Super +'], ['Regular Plus', 'Super Plus'], inplace=True)

M data.account_segment.unique()
: array(['Super', 'Regular Plus', 'Regular', 'HNI', nan, 'Super Plus'], dtype=object)
```

Figure No. 34

After encoding, let's look at the head of the data and summary statistics

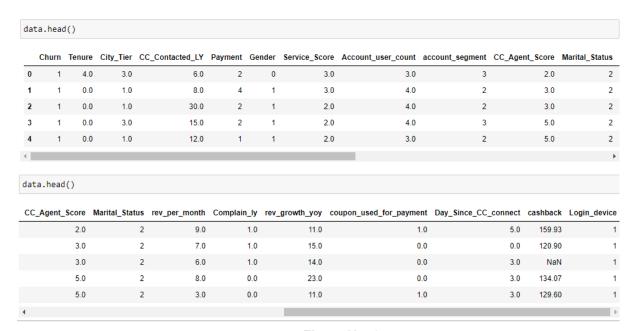


Figure No. 35

Figure No. 35 represents the head of the dataset after encoding

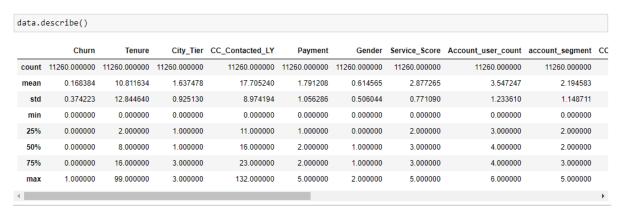


Figure No. 36

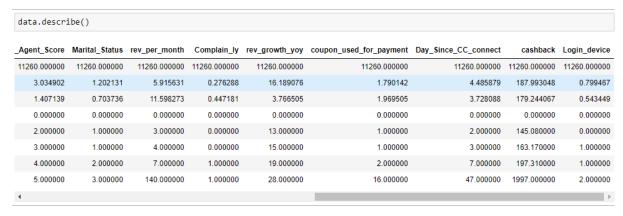


Figure No. 37

Figure No. 36 and Figure No. 37 shows the summary statistics of the data.

4 Business insights from EDA

4.1 Is the data unbalanced? If so, what can be done? Please explain in the context of the business

After looking at the describe function from Figure No. 36 and Figure No. 37, we can say that

- Data is unbalanced.
- Scaling is necessary
- It helps handle disparities in units
- During long processes, it definitely helps reduce computational expenses
- It helps improve the performance of the model and reduces the values/models from varying widely

We can apply the MinMaxScaler to the dataset directly to normalize the input variables.



Figure No. 38



Figure No. 39

Figure No. 38 and Figure No. 39: We can see that the distributions have been adjusted and that the minimum and maximum values for each variable are now a crisp 0.0 and 1.0 respectively.

4.2 Any business insights using clustering (if applicable)

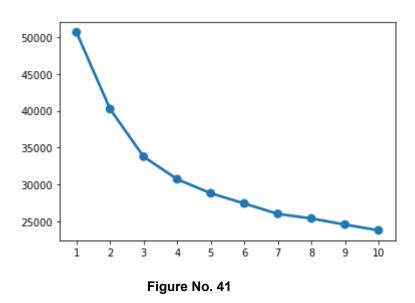
Clustering is done using kmeans clustering. Within the cluster sum of squares reduces as K keeps increasing. 'Wss' for 'k value' 1 to 11 are shown below in Figure No. 40

```
W55

[50683.96596321364,
40244.16049492927,
33770.95210403609,
30699.886684956935,
28793.341489503793,
27400.185304021506,
25985.47087757477,
25358.51447364453,
24530.35855896802,
23746.803848831267]
```

Figure No. 40

From Figure No. 41, we can say that after 3 clusters there isn't much difference. To evaluate clusters, silhouette score is used here.



Silhouette score is better for 3 clusters than for 4 clusters as shown in Figure No. 42. So, the final clusters will be 3.

```
from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_samples, silhouette_score

# Calculating silhouette_score
silhouette_score(data,labels,random_state=1)

0.22540715127430286

# KMeans with K=4

k_means = KMeans(n_clusters = 4,random_state=1)
k_means.fit(data)
labels = k_means.labels_

### Cluster evaluation for 4 clusters

silhouette_score(data,labels,random_state=1)

0.15297562970088974
```

Figure No. 42

After appending Clusters to the original dataset, the dataset looks like as below in Figure No. 43 and Figure No. 44

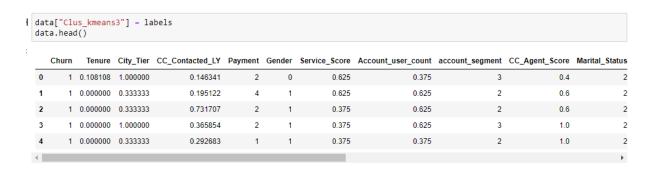


Figure No. 43

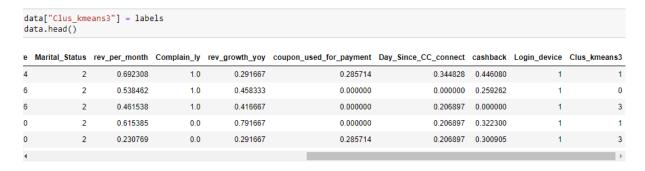


Figure No. 44

Cluster frequency for K Means Cluster:

```
data.Clus_kmeans3.value_counts().sort_index()

0    1750
1    3820
2    2054
3    3636
Name: Clus_kmeans3, dtype: int64
```

Figure No. 45

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- Churn rate is high for cluster3 and low for cluster 1
- Churn rate is high for people with low *city_tier* and *Complain_ly* and high *Satisfaction* score given by customers of the account on service and customer care service provided by company, revenue growth percentage of the account.

4.3 Any other business insights

- The number of customers churned is less than customers not churned
- The churn rate is high for people with mobiles, who are married and with gender male, and who use debit cards and ewallet with regular spending