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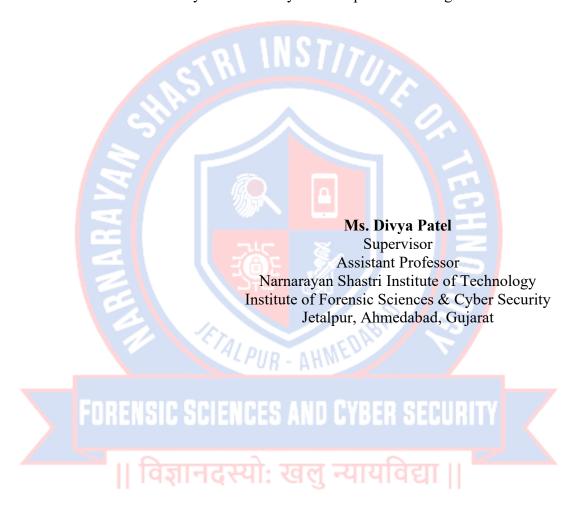
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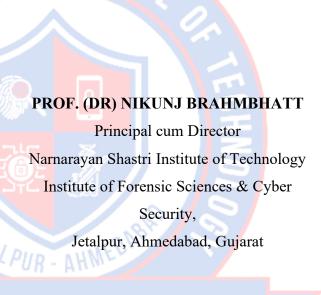
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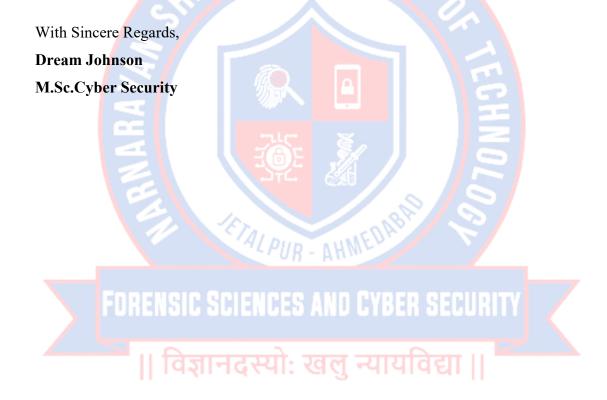
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#### **ABSTRACT**

In the age of big data, successful data analysis is critical to deriving useful insights and informing data-driven decision-making in numerous fields. This paper is a thorough examination of contemporary data analysis methods, combining statistical approaches, machine learning algorithms, and visualization tools to analyze and interpret large datasets. We cover the data preprocessing pipeline, such as data cleaning, transformation, and feature selection, followed by comparative assessment of analytical models for pattern recognition and predictive modeling. There is a focus on the interpretability of results and the role of domain knowledge in driving the analysis. A real-world data set serves as a case study to illustrate the end-to-end process flow, identifying the real-world challenges and the likely contribution of data analysis in strategic decision-making. The paper ends with a discussion of trends emerging, such as the contribution of cloud computing and automated analytics towards scaling and improving data analysis processes.



Keywords - Data, Collection, Cleaning, EDA, SQL, AWS, Snowflake



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#### 1.1 Project Profile

Analysis of data is key to converting unprocessed data into insightful information guiding well-informed decisions. Organizations and researchers are increasingly utilizing analytical methods for hidden pattern and trend identification in the current age of data reliance, making fact-based predictions. Data analysis comprises various activities: collection, cleansing, exploration, modelling, and interpretation.

This project follows a formal methodology to analysis of data, starting from the data acquisition and pre-processing to get quality and consistent data. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is utilized to provide a summary of the overall features of the data set, mostly using visual techniques to facilitate comprehension of intricate relationships. Based on the study aims, statistical methods and machine learning algorithms are used to analyze the data, identify patterns, and make predictions.

The value of data analysis in the project is that it offers actionable insights and confirms hypotheses on the basis of empirical evidence. In addition, the use of contemporary tools like Python, SQL, and data visualization libraries improves the analytical process in terms of efficiency, reproducibility, and interpretability.

This report segment describes the research methodology used when carrying out data analysis and serves as the framework for interpreting findings in the light of the broader project goals.

#### 1.2 Scope of Work

- Learn Data Cleaning
- Learn SQL
- Learn Power BI
- Use cleaned dataset to create visualizations.

#### 1.3 Tool- Technologies Requirements

- Google colab
- jupyter notebook
- VSCode
- PowerBI
- SQL

- Snowflake
- AWS S3

### 1.4 Language

- Python
- SQL
- DAX
- Power Query

#### 1.5 Libraries

- Pandas
- Matplotlib.plt



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#### D P Singh, J S Jassi, Sunaina, September 16, 2024

### 2.1 Exploring the Significance of Statistics in Research

Statistics is a fundamental tool used for the analysis of quantitative data, making inferences, and facilitating accurate predictions, hence a critical component in evidence-based decision-making in both engineering and non-engineering fields. This paper consolidates past research on the use of statistical tools, with a focus on their applicability in policymaking, scientific investigation, and trend prediction. Significant contributions comprise an overview of methodologies which employ statistical methods to test relationships between variables, refine results, and promote research reliability. The use of current computational tools—like Python and machine learning (ML) is recognized as a revolutionary boost that can perform scalable analysis on big data and enhance the precision of estimates and predictions. The authors highlight the importance of choosing proper statistical methods to support rigor in collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data, which is important for creating generalized results. Although quantitative methods prevail as they can cope with structured data, qualitative evidence and algorithmic methods supplement the approaches, presenting an integrated analysis of intricate problems. The work also recognizes strengths and weaknesses of for domain-independent statistical methods, calling frameworks methodological parity across disciplines.

Finally, the research confirms the necessity of statistical literacy in research, contending that knowledge of statistical methods and newer computational methods is imperative for the verification of findings, pushing innovation, and ensuring sound solutions in both applied fields and academic. This integration sits within wider scholarly debate around the changing role of statistics in a data-driven research era.

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#### Dr. Seema Amit Agarwal, 09 November 2021

#### 2.2 Use of Statistics in Research

Statistics is central to research in that it offers methodological techniques for study design, data analysis, and interpretation. It responds to the issue of handling large raw data through systematic classification, tabulation, and the construction of summary indices, allowing researchers to condense complex datasets into usable information. Two fundamental branches support this process: \*descriptive statistics\*, which summarizes data into understandable measures (e.g., means, distributions), and

\*inferential statistics\*, which extrapolates results from samples to larger populations, considering uncertainty and error. Statistical methods are applied correctly to ensure reliability at each step—data collection, analysis, and conclusion—while reducing biases. Outside of academics, statistical literacy is essential in all fields, from scientific investigation to policy, industry, since it equips professionals with the ability to cross-check findings, construct sound studies, and vet data-based claims.

Even individuals without special statistical training can apply basic statistical competence to critically utilize research products. On the other hand, statisticians are highly demanded across varied industries (government, healthcare, technology) for improving methodologies as well as confirming analytical rigor. Therefore, statistics is both a basic framework for empirical investigation and an interface between theoretical research and practical application, reinforcing its inescapable contribution to evidence-based knowledge. This integration emphasizes statistics' dual role as a tool for accuracy and a discipline for interdisciplinary collaboration, a requirement of any master's-level research undertaking.

### Ali, Zulfiqar & Bhaskar, SBala. September (2016)

#### 2.3 Basic statistical tools in research and data analysis

Statistical techniques form the core of well-defined research, informing each stage of a study right from preliminary planning and design to the collection of data, analysis, interpretation, and reporting of results. Statistical techniques turn unstructured raw data into useful information, allowing researchers to make informed conclusions and assist in evidence-based decision-making. A solid grounding in fundamental statistical principles is essential, such as the difference between quantitative (numeric) and qualitative (categorical) variables, measures of central tendency (e.g., mean, median, mode) summarizing data distributions, and principles of sample size estimation and power analysis to provide assurance that studies are sufficiently powered to detect substantial effects. No less crucial is an awareness of potential statistical errors, Type I (false positives) and Type II (false negatives) errors, that undermine research findings' validity.

The selection of statistical tests, parametric (e.g., t-tests, ANOVA) or non-parametric (e.g., Mann-Whitney U, Wilcoxon tests), should be based on the type of data and research hypotheses to make inferences that are valid. Misuse of such methods, for instance, applying inappropriate tests or omitting assumptions such as normality and

homogeneity of variance, may result in wrong conclusions, which destroy the validity of the study. Poor statistical practices not only distort results but also disseminate unethical research results because incorrect conclusions can impact clinical practice guidelines or policy decisions, ultimately damaging public confidence in scientific research.

On the other hand, familiarity with statistical principles improves study designs' strength by providing reproducibility and reliability. For example, meticulous calculation of sample size reduces wastage of resources and maximizes the chances of detecting the true effect, while power analysis prevents underpowered studies that may ignore relevant findings. Clear reporting of statistical techniques and outcomes further enhances research credibility, allowing peer criticism and replication. In medical research, good statistical application is a necessity for producing translatable evidence that can inform clinical practice and public health policy.

Therefore, researchers need to place great emphasis on statistical literacy to understand the intricacies of data analysis, avoid biases, and ensure ethical standards. Incorporating rigorous statistical training in academic curricula and professional development programs is critical to develop a culture of methodological excellence. By cultivating a stronger appreciation of these tools, scientists can improve the quality of studies, minimize avoidable mistakes, and help bring about the evolution of reliable, actionable knowledge to guide innovation and enhance outcomes in evidence-based practice. This synthesis highlights the role of statistics in closing the divide between empirical inquiry and practical application.

# Jalajakshi V, Myna A N, 2 April 2022

#### 2.4 Importance of statistics to data science

This research emphasizes the key contribution of statistics in the development of data science as a seminal support for solving real-world issues with extensive data processing. The research elucidates how statistical approaches facilitate sound data analysis at significant steps, ranging from data collection to optimization, interpretation, modeling, testing, and visualization. Through combining quantitative statistical metrics, data scientists are able to improve precision in predictive modeling, pattern detection, and decision-making. The paper points out that statistical methods—like hypothesis testing, regression analysis, and probability theory—supplement computational algorithms, making it possible to strike a balance when solving intricate

problems. The study also highlights challenges of using statistics with data science, including handling data heterogeneity and model interpretability.

It contends that statistics fills the gaps in data science by bringing mathematical rigor to managing large sets of data, especially in real-time applications where projections must be precise. Though other fields (e.g., computer science) support data science, the paper asserts that statistics is crucial in performing activities such as data enrichment, sophisticated modeling, and arriving at actionable conclusions. In conclusion, the integration of statistical approaches and computational software is shown to be crucial for maximizing data-driven solutions, further validating statistics as an indispensable aspect in the development of data science research and applications. This examination sets statistics not only as a supporting tool but as the fundamental framework that makes data science capable of changing raw data into interpretable, scalable results.

# Matthieu Komorowski, Dominic C. Marshall, Justin D. Salciccioli and Yves Crutain, 2016

#### 2.5 Exploratory Data Analysis

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is an important first step in research processes, especially in discovering structural patterns, outliers, and distributions in data to guide hypothesis development and testing. Developed by John Tukey in 1977, EDA focuses more on graphical methods—like plots and visualizations—than on formal statistical inference, allowing researchers to ask questions of data freely and naturally. Howard Seltman (Carnegie Mellon University) defines EDA as including all the non-inferential methods, differing from confirmatory analysis through its absence of strict assumptions and focus on open-ended discovery. After data collection and data preprocessing, EDA allows for quality checking, feature selection, and initial model building by exploiting tools such as histograms, scatterplots, and boxplots to uncover trends, outliers, and relationships. Its visual emphasis leverages human pattern detection, enabling analysts to extract insights that might be missed by quantitative approaches alone.

While universally applicable across fields, EDA is especially important in healthcare analytics, including electronic health record (EHR) research, where high-dimensional, complex datasets need to be scrutinized exhaustively to detect clinically significant variables or create new hypotheses. For instance, visualizing treatment outcomes or patient demographics using EDA can reveal disparities, data input mistakes, or surprise correlations, informing later statistical modeling. The strength of the methodology is its

flexibility: it supports a variety of data types (e.g., spatial, temporal, categorical) and scales well across small to big data sizes. Informal though it is, EDA is still a gold standard for first-pass data inspection, bridging raw data and organized analysis. By combining visualization with simple statistical summaries, it enables researchers to sharpen questions, test assumptions, and streamline analytical pipelines prior to investing in resource-hungry modeling.

In short, EDA's long-term value lies in its double function as a diagnostic tool (e.g., identifying data flaws) and a generative model for hypothesis formulation. Its blending of creativity and rigor renders it invaluable in contemporary data-driven research, especially in areas such as healthcare, where strong preliminary analysis is crucial to ethical and accurate conclusions.

# Dr. A Suresh Rao, Dr. B. Vishnu Vardhan, Hafeezuddin Shaik, 2021 2.6 Role of Exploratory Data Analysis in Data Science

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is an integral but oft-underappreciated step in data science that is essential for taking raw, heterogeneous, and usually biased data and turning it into useful information. Though indispensable in improving the accuracy of models, detecting business-critical patterns, and informing resource-effective workflows, practitioners too often skip EDA to get projects done on time. This omission risks significant downstream consequences, including flawed algorithmic predictions, increased rework, and elevated operational costs due to inefficient resource allocation. Surveyed literature underscores that EDA's integration of intuitive visualization, statistical techniques, and specialized tools (e.g., Python libraries like Pandas, Matplotlib, or R packages) ensures robust data understanding, directly influencing model performance and business decision-making. Overlooking EDA not only undermines analytical accuracy but also organizational effectiveness, highlighting the importance of giving priority to this stage to reduce risks and maximize results in data-driven initiatives.

#### 2.7 What is Exploratory Data Analysis

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is an important phase in the data science process that involves understanding and summarizing the primary features of a dataset using visualization, statistical methods, and data manipulation. The article highlights that EDA is not a structured process but an iterative, creative process to discover patterns,

identify anomalies, test hypotheses, and verify assumptions prior to using sophisticated models. Some of the most important techniques are examining data distributions, detecting outliers, missing value handling, and correlation between variables. Python libraries (Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn) and R packages (ggplot2, dplyr) are popularly used to create histograms, box plots, scatter plots, and heatmaps, which help in visualizing trends and relationships. The article emphasizes EDA's function in directing feature engineering, model selection, and preprocessing choices to ensure strong and reliable results. Skipping EDA potentially disregards data quality problems (e.g., skewness, unnecessary features) that result in defective models and erroneous conclusions. By rigorously investigating data, EDA closes the gap between raw data and meaningful insights, thus being the key to effective and accurate data-driven decision-making in business, healthcare, and research.

### Tara Rawat, Dr. Vineeta Khemchandani, April 2017

# 2.8 Feature Engineering Tools and Techniques for Better Classification Performance

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is a crucial step in the data science pipeline aimed at grasping and summarizing the key features of a dataset by visualizing, applying statistical methods, and manipulating the data. The paper stresses that EDA is not a systematic process but a iterative and creative process in discovering patterns, identifying anomalies, checking hypotheses, and verifying assumptions prior to using sophisticated models. Key techniques include analyzing data distributions, identifying outliers, handliThe surveyed paper presents a comprehensive overview of feature engineering methodologies, tools, and techniques aimed at enhancing classifier accuracy in machine learning. It underscores the critical role of feature engineering in addressing the limitations posed by raw data, particularly in domains such as text classification, clinical text analysis, social network link prediction, fraud detection, and knowledge base construction. The work focuses on two fundamental processes: (1) feature engineering, which creates more relevant features from available data sets, and (2) feature selection, which removes redundant or irrelevant features to achieve an independent minimal set of features representing underlying data patterns. Experimental results on various applications prove that engineered features achieve dramatically better model performance than non-engineered methods, in terms of complexity reduction and accuracy enhancement. Yet, the paper emphasizes an

ongoing challenge: repeated testing of feature inputs to determine their usefulness in model training. This survey places feature engineering as an essential step toward optimizing predictive algorithms, promoting systematic methods to reconcile feature richness with computational efficiency. Its conclusions concur with more extensive literature regarding the need for domain-specific feature engineering approaches to handle complexities and enhance generalizability in machine learning pipelines. Missing values, and correlations between variables are typically investigated using tools such as Python libraries (Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn) and R packages (ggplot2, dplyr) to create histograms, box plots, scatter plots, and heatmaps, which help visualize trends and relationships. The article is pointing out the importance of EDA in directing feature engineering, model choice, and preprocessing, leading to strong and stable results. Omitting EDA can lead one to overlook data quality problems (e.g., biased distributions, irrelevant features) affecting resultant models and conclusions. By rigorously investigating data, EDA closes the gap between raw data and informative results, thereby making it a necessity for effective and precise data-driven decisionmaking in fields such as business, healthcare, and research.

#### Swayanshu Shanti Pragnya and Shashwat Priyadarshi

# 2.9 The implications of Statistical analysis and feature engineering for model building using Machine Learning Algorithms

This paper highlights the important role that statistical analysis and feature engineering have in improving predictive accuracy in machine learning models. Highlighting the importance of correlation significance, heat map visualization, and feature selection methods, authors show how consistent data preprocessing—in this case, the reduction of datasets to 9 optimal features—can advance model performance. By contrasting logistic regression (accuracy of 0.70) with K-nearest neighbor (KNN) algorithms (accuracy of 0.78 after optimization), the research points to an 11.42% accuracy improvement, emphasizing the significance of feature selection and dimensionality reduction in model performance. Major contributions involve methodological understanding of how statistical techniques (e.g., analysis of categorical data distribution) can be combined with machine learning processes to improve model results. But the small boost implies that other aspects apart from feature engineering—like hyperparameter tuning or balancing the data—could yet further increase accuracy. The work situates feature engineering as an essential initial step in model creation and

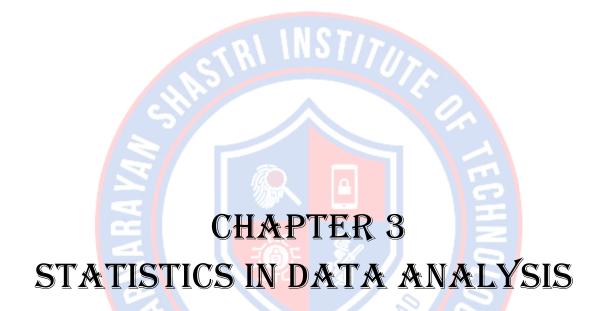
calls on subsequent studies to find additional optimization methods. The research is aligned with general debate within data science on preprocessing's effect and challenges further investigation into hybrid methods for more efficient predictive systems.

#### Jeff Heaton, 1 November 2020

#### 2.10 An Empirical Analysis of Feature Engineering for Predictive Modeling

This empirical work investigates the interaction between feature engineering and model performance in the case of neural networks (NNs), support vector machines (SVMs), random forests (RFs), and gradient boosting machines (GBMs). Through experimentation with specially crafted datasets that bias towards particular engineered features, the authors show that model architectures differ considerably in their capacity to independently synthesize useful features. The NNs and SVMs revealed cointerpretable feature preferences tending to rely on analogous engineered inputs, but RFs and GBMs dominated with a disparate set of features, which infers model-sensitive optimization tactics. Interestingly, features based on ratios (e.g., differences in ratios) weren't adequately crafted by any given model, affirming the value of traditional human feature engineering on such occasions. The research also showcases the opportunity of heterogeneous ensembles (e.g., NNs/SVMs paired with RFs/GBMs) in exploiting complementary feature synthesis abilities, amplifying performance. Although generic hyperparameters were employed to focus on generalizability over optimized tuning, the research emphasizes the need for coordinated feature engineering practice with model structure and promotes deliberate ensemble design to take advantage of varied feature representations. These findings offer actionable advice for optimizing feature engineering processes and model choice in machine learning systems.





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#### 3.1 Importance of Statistics in Data Analysis

Statistics is the backbone of data analysis, giving a systematic approach to gathering, organizing, interpreting, and presenting data in an effective manner. In data analysis, statistics aid in converting raw data into meaningful information by condensing data patterns, recognizing trends, and validating evidence-based conclusions. Whether one aims to describe a dataset or predict, statistical techniques are needed to guarantee accuracy and credibility in analysis.

#### 3.2 Descriptive Statistics in Data Analysis

Descriptive statistics are used to summarize and describe the main features of a dataset. They provide simple but powerful insights into the distribution, central tendency, and variability of data. Common descriptive statistics include:

- Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, median, and mode.
- Measures of Dispersion: Range, variance, and standard deviation.
- Shape and Distribution: Skewness.

These measures allow analysts to quickly understand how data is distributed and to detect any anomalies or patterns that may influence further analysis.

Among the most fundamental descriptive statistics are the mean, median, and mode—collectively known as measures of central tendency.

- Mean (Average): The mean is the arithmetic average of all data points. It is widely used but sensitive to outliers. It gives a quick overview of the general value in a dataset.
- **Median:** The median is the middle value when data is arranged in order. It is especially useful in skewed distributions, where the mean may be misleading due to extreme values.
- **Mode:** The mode is the value that appears most frequently in the dataset. It is useful for identifying common occurrences, especially in categorical data.

Understanding these measures allows analysts to grasp where most data points lie and how they are spread out.



Figure 3.1 Key Objectives of Statistical data analysis

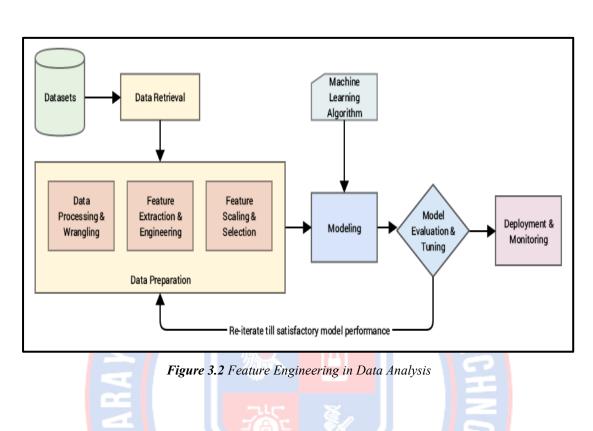
#### 3.3 Feature Engineering

Feature engineering is the activity of converting raw data into useful input variables that improve the performance of machine learning models and statistical analysis. It entails choosing, altering, or designing new features from available data to more accurately reflect the underlying patterns and relationships. Good feature engineering has a direct influence on the quality of insights extracted from data and the accuracy of predictive models.

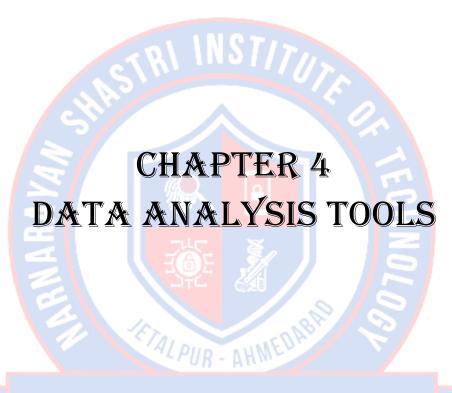
Some of the most important steps in feature engineering are:

- Handling missing values
- Encoding categorical variables
- Building interaction features
- Binning and discretization
- Scaling and normalization
- Date/time transformations
- Domain-specific transformations

The purpose is to put the data in a form that makes patterns more visible to the model or analysis being performed.



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A few tools are critical in data preparation, feature engineering, and analysis. Each tool has different capabilities that support various steps in the data pipeline.

### 4.1 SQL (Structured Query Language)

#### 4.1.1 Purpose

Extraction, filtering, joining, and aggregation of data from databases.

#### **4.1.2** Role in Feature Engineering

- Joining multiple tables to extract new features.
- Aggregation of counts, averages, and totals by categories.
- Execution of conditional logic through CASE WHEN to generate derived features.
- Dealing with missing values or formatting fields at the source level.

#### 4.2 Python

#### 4.2.1 Purpose

Detailed data manipulation, automation, machine learning, and statistical analysis.

#### 4.2.2 Role in Feature Engineering

- Leveraging libraries such as pandas, NumPy, and scikit-learn for data wrangling and transformation.
- Developing custom features using domain logic.
- Dealing with missing values and outliers.
- Encoding methods such as one-hot, label encoding, or frequency encoding.
- Automating scaling, normalization, and feature selection methods.

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#### 4.3 Microsoft Excel

#### 4.3.1 Purpose

Rapid exploration, manual data entry, and basic analysis.

#### 4.3.2 Role in Feature Engineering

- Formulas for creating derived columns (e.g., IF, VLOOKUP, TEXT, DATE).
- Using pivot tables and charts to do exploratory data analysis (EDA).
- Filtering and sorting data to identify patterns.

#### 4.4 Power BI

### 4.4.1 Purpose

- Interactive visualization of data and dashboard creation.
- Role in Feature Engineering:
- Calculated columns and measures with DAX (Data Analysis Expressions).
- Building time-based or category-based aggregations.
- Visual analysis that can lead to new feature ideas.
- Using Power Query (M language) for data shaping by applying transformations and filters.

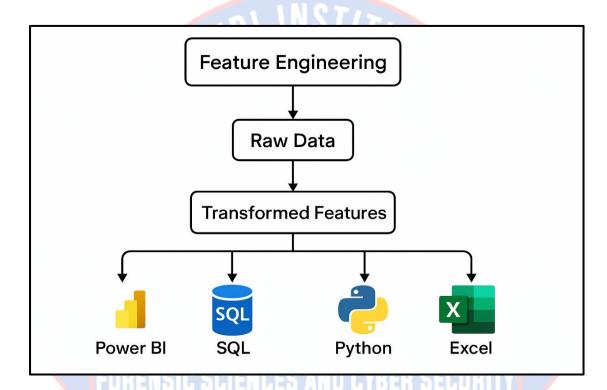
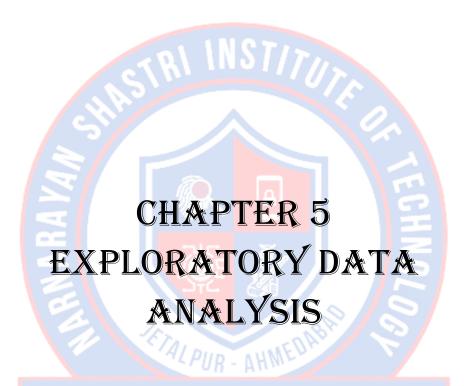


Figure 4.1 Data Flow

In real-world projects, these tools are often used in combination:

- SQL extracts and pre-processes raw data from relational databases.
- Python is used for deeper transformations and modeling.
- Excel allows for quick review and experimentation with small subsets.
- Power BI helps visualize the data and identify trends or relationships that suggest new features.

This integrated approach ensures data is well-prepared, insights are accessible, and models are informed by meaningful, well-constructed features.



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#### 5.1 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is an essential process in data analysis that seeks to comprehend the structure, quality, and underlying patterns in a data set prior to any rigorous modeling or hypothesis testing.

The key goals of EDA are:

- Detection of trends, patterns, and outliers.
- Verification of data distributions and correlations.
- Management of missing values and outliers.
- Formulation of hypotheses and informing feature engineering.

EDA is a visual and iterative process that depends heavily on summary statistics and data visualization methods to obtain an intuitive feel for the data.

#### 5.2 Steps Involved in EDA

General EDA involves the following important steps:

- Data Collection and Loading: Collecting data from places like databases, APIs, or CSV files.
- Data Cleaning: Correcting the wrong data types, processing missing values and deleting duplicates.
- Descriptive Statistics: Computing measures like mean, median, mode, standard deviation, skewness, and kurtosis.
- Visualization: Employing charts (histograms, box plots, scatter plots, heatmaps) to identify distributions, trends, and relationships.
- Correlation Analysis: Identifying relationships between numeric variables through correlation matrices or pair plots.
- Data Profiling: Looking at value distributions, frequency counts, and category balances.

The following dataset in the image consists of Flight Prices. EDA has been performed to understand the data and prepare it keeping in mind that the dataset could be used to give a machine learning model for training.

The following are the columns that are present in the raw dataset in the below image.

## **FEATURES**

The various features of the cleaned dataset are explained below:

- 1. Airline: The name of the airline company is stored in the airline column. It is a categorical feature having 6 different airlines.
- 2. Flight: Flight stores information regarding the plane's flight code. It is a categorical feature.
- 3. Source City: City from which the flight takes off. It is a categorical feature having 6 unique cities.
- 4. Departure Time: This is a derived categorical feature obtained created by grouping time periods into bins. It stores information about the departure time and have 6 unique time labels.
- 5. Stops: A categorical feature with 3 distinct values that stores the number of stops between the source and destination cities.
- 6. Arrival Time: This is a derived categorical feature created by grouping time intervals into bins. It has six distinct time labels and keeps information about the arrival time.
- 7. Destination City: City where the flight will land. It is a categorical feature having 6 unique cities.
- 8. Class: A categorical feature that contains information on seat class; it has two distinct values: Business and Economy.
- 9. Duration: A continuous feature that displays the overall amount of time it takes to travel between cities in hours. 10)Days Left: This is a derived characteristic that is calculated by subtracting the trip date by the booking date.
- 10. Price: Target variable stores information of the ticket price.

Figure 5.1: Features of the dataset

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
%matplotlib inline

✓ 0.0s
```

Figure 5.2: Importing libraries

Firstly we import the necessary libraries required to assess the dataset more can be added if we need them.

<pre>df = pd.read_excel('flight_price.xlsx') df.head()</pre>											
	1.2s										
	Airline	Date_of_Journey	Source	Destination	Route	Dep_Time	Arrival_Time	Duration	Total_Stops	Additional_Info	Price
	IndiGo	24/03/2019	Banglore	New Delhi	$BLR \to DEL$	22:20	01:10 22 Mar	2h 50m	non-stop	No info	3897
	Air India	1/05/2019	Kolkata	Banglore	$CCU \to IXR \to BBI \to BLR$	05:50	13:15	7h 25m	2 stops	No info	7662
	Jet Airways	9/06/2019	Delhi	Cochin	$DEL \to LKO \to BOM \to COK$	09:25	04:25 10 Jun	19h	2 stops	No info	13882
	IndiGo	12/05/2019	Kolkata	Banglore	$CCU \to NAG \to BLR$	18:05	23:30	5h 25m	1 stop	No info	6218
	IndiGo	01/03/2019	Banglore	New Delhi	BLR → NAG → DEL	16:50	21:35	4h 45m	1 stop	No info	13302

Figure 5.3: Sampling the dataset

In this case the dataset which loaded is in an excel sheet format. The pandas library in python has a function called [.read\_excel(file\_name)] to load an excel file as a dataframe.

```
# Basic info about data
   df.info()
   0.0s
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 10683 entries, 0 to 10682
Data columns (total 11 columns):
                     Non-Null Count
    Column
                                     Dtype
 #
    Airline
                     10683 non-null
                                     object
    Date of Journey 10683 non-null
                                     object
 1
                     10683 non-null
                                     object
 2
    Source
                     10683 non-null
    Destination
                                     object
 3
                     10682 non-null
                                     object
 4
    Route
    Dep_Time
                     10683 non-null
                                     object
 5
                     10683 non-null
    Arrival Time
                                     object
 6
 7
    Duration
                     10683 non-null
                                     object
    Total Stops
                 10682 non-null
                                     object
    Additional Info 10683 non-null
                                     object
    Price
                     10683 non-null
                                     int64
 10
dtypes: int64(1), object(10)
memory usage: 918.2+ KB
```

Figure 5.4: Info about Dataset

The .info() function is uded on the dataset to get basic information about the columns or dataset. According to the image above we can see that the data types

For all the columns are in object only the Price column has the datatype as integer. We might need to change some of the data types as we go ahead.

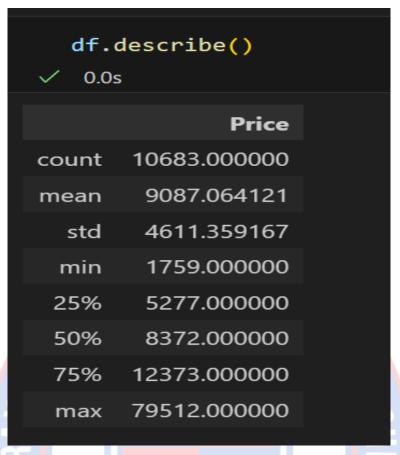


Figure 5.5: Describing the dataset

The df.describe() shows us the stastical values. The following image only shows one column as the .describe function only works with numerical or integer values, as we have seen in the previous image only the Price coulmn has interger values.

Now to make feature I have decided to use the **Date\_of\_Journey** column and split it into individual columns of itself mainly day, month, year.

```
#fearure
df['date']=df['Date_of_Journey'].str.split('/').str[0]
df['month']=df['Date_of_Journey'].str.split('/').str[1]
df['year']=df['Date_of_Journey'].str.split('/').str[2]

$\square$ 0.1s
```

Figure 5.6: Spliting values for columns

The image above shows code for creating a new column namely date, month, year

Using the Date\_of\_Journey column and using the split function to select the values respectively.



Figure 5.7: Splitted columns

Now when we use the function df.info()

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 10683 entries, 0 to 10682
Data columns (total 14 columns):
    Column
                     Non-Null Count
    Airline
                     10683 non-null object
    Date_of_Journey 10683 non-null object
1
    Source
Destination
Route
                     10683 non-null object
2
                     10683 non-null
3
                                     object
                     10682 non-null
                                      object
    Dep_Time
                     10683 non-null
    Arrival_Time
                     10683 non-null
                                     object
    Duration
                     10683 non-null object
8
    Total_Stops
                     10682 non-null object
    Additional_Info 10683 non-null
                                     object
                     10683 non-null int64
11 date
                     10683 non-null object
    month
                      10683 non-null
                                      object
                     10683 non-null object
atypes: int64(1), object(13)
memory usage: 1.1+ MB
```

Figure 5.8: Describing the dataset

We can see that the new columns have the data type as 'object', we need to turn it into an interger datatype se we can feed the data into a model.

```
df['date']=df['date'].astype(int)
df['month']=df['month'].astype(int)
df['year']=df['year'].astype(int)
```

Figure 5.9: Changing datatype

The above code in the image typecasts the data type for the entire column.

```
df.info()
✓ 0.0s
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 10683 entries, 0 to 10682
Data columns (total 14 columns):
     Column
                      Non-Null Count
                                      Dtype
0
    Airline
                      10683 non-null
                                      object
1
    Date_of_Journey 10683 non-null object
2
    Source
                      10683 non-null object
3
    Destination
                      10683 non-null
                                      object
4
    Route
                      10682 non-null object
5
                      10683 non-null
                                      object
    Dep Time
    Arrival Time
                      10683 non-null
                                      object
6
7
    Duration
                      10683 non-null
                                      object
    Total_Stops
                      10682 non-null
                                      object
8
     Additional Info 10683 non-null
                                      object
10 Price
                     10683 non-null int64
    date
                      10683 non-null int64
12
    month
                      10683 non-null
                                      int64
13 year
                      10683 non-null
                                      int64
atypes: int64(4), object(10)
memory usage: 1.1+ MB
```

Figure 5.10: Changed datatype

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Now that we have changed the data type df.info() function can be used to check if it has worked.

We can drop the column as we no longer need it.

```
#Since we have striped the date column we can remove the column as the table no longer needs the column ##drop dateof journey column df.drop('Date_of_Journey',axis=1,inplace=True)
```

Figure 5.11: Dropping columns

Furthermore we can use the Arrival\_Time column to extract the hour and minuite into its respective columns.

```
df['Arrival_hour']=df['Arrival_Time'].str.split(':').str[0]
df['Arrival_min']=df['Arrival_Time'].str.split(':').str[1]
```

Figure 5.12: Spliting Hours and minutes

į	df.head()														
<b>✓</b>	✓ 00s														
	Airline	Source	Destination	Route	Dep_Time	Arrival_Time	Duration	Total_Stops	Additional_Info	Price	date	month	year	Arrival_hour	Arrival_min
0	IndiGo	Banglore	New Delhi	BLR → DEL	22:20	01:10	2h 50m	non-stop	No info	3897			2019		10
1	Air India	Kolkata	Banglore	$CCU \to IXR \to BBI \to BLR$	05:50		7h 25m	2 stops	No info	7662			2019		15
2	Jet Airways	Delhi	Cochin	$DEL \to LKO \to BOM \to COK$	09:25	04:25		2 stops	No info	13882			2019	04	25
3	IndiGo	Kolkata	Banglore	$CCU \to NAG \to BLR$	18:05	23:30	5h 25m	1 stop	No info				2019		30
4	IndiGo	Banglore	New Delhi	BLR → NAG → DEL	16:50	21:35	4h 45m	1 stop	No info	13302			2019	21	35

Figure 5.13: Splited columns into hours and minuites

We need to futher chage the data type of the newley made columns.

```
df['Arrival_hour']=df['Arrival_hour'].astype(int)
df['Arrival_min']=df['Arrival_min'].astype(int)
```

Figure 5.14: Changing datatype

We can check if the data type has been changed by using df.info()

```
df.info()
    0.0s
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 10683 entries, 0 to 10682
Data columns (total 15 columns):
     Column
                       Non-Null Count
                                        Dtype
     Airline
                       10683 non-null
    Source
Destination
                      10683 non-null
                                        obiect
3
     Route
                      10682 non-null
                                        object
                      10683 non-null
10683 non-null
4
     Dep_Time
                                        obiect
     Arrival_Time
                                        object
                      10683 non-null
     Duration
                                        object
     Total_Stops
                      10682 non-null
                                        object
     Additional Info 10683 non-null
     Price
9
                       10683 non-null
                                        int64
     date
                       10683 non-null
                                        int64
                       10683 non-null
                                        int64
     year
     Arrival_hour
                       10683 non-null
                                        int64
                       10683 non-null
     Arrival_min
                                        int64
memory usage: 1.2+ MB
```

Figure 5.15: Conforming datatype

The same can be done to departure time and data type can be changed. The final table looks like this.



Figure 5.16: Viewing dataset

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 10683 entries, 0 to 10682
Data columns (total 16 columns):
                      Non-Null Count
     Column
                                      Dtype
    Airline
                      10683 non-null
                                      object
                      10683 non-null object
 1
    Source
    Destination
                      10683 non-null
                                      object
 3
    Route
                      10682 non-null
                                      object
4
    Dep Time
                      10683 non-null object
 5
    Duration
                                      object
                      10683 non-null
 6
    Total Stops
                      10682 non-null
                                      object
 7
    Additional Info
                      10683 non-null
                                      object
8
    Price
                                      int64
                      10683 non-null
 9
    date
                      10683 non-null
                                      int64
                                      int64
 10
    month
                      10683 non-null
                      10683 non-null
                                      int64
 11
    vear
 12
    Arrival hour
                      10683 non-null int64
 13 Arrival min
                      10683 non-null int64
    Departure hour
 14
                      10683 non-null
                                      int64
    Departure min
                      10683 non-null
 15
                                      int64
dtypes: int64(8), object(8)
memory usage: 1.3+ MB
```

Figure 5.17: Viewing datatypes

Now we check if any of our columns contain null values.

Figure 5.18: Unique values

We can see that there are 'nan' values int the 'Total\_Stops' column. We can use the isNull() function to check for null values.

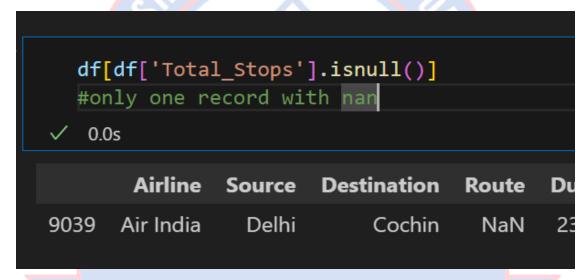


Figure 5.19: Viewing null values

Only one record comes with 'nan' value.

We can further chage the stops into a numerical value.

```
df['Total_Stops']=df['Total_Stops'].map({'non-stop':0,'2 stops':2,'1 stop':1,'3 stops':3,'4 stops':4,np.nan:1})
#we changed the number of stops to numerical value becaue we might need to feed data into a model as number of stops increase the price of the fare
#nan has been replaced to 1 becasue we checked the mode a mode was =1

✓ 0.0s
```

Figure 5.20: Unique values

The 'nan' value has been reallocated to 1 as the mode of the dataset was 1.

This is how Python has been used to create features and clean or transform the data.



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## **6.1 Amazon Web Services (AWS)**

In the real world case senario the data is genrally kept in servers some of the popular data storage providers include AWS, AZURE etc,. In our example we have used AWS services to store the data.

Amazon Web Services (AWS) is the global leader in cloud computing, providing over 200 full-featured services from data centers all over the world. Millions of customers ranging from the most innovative startups, largest companies, and governments are building on AWS to reduce costs, become more agile, and innovate faster.

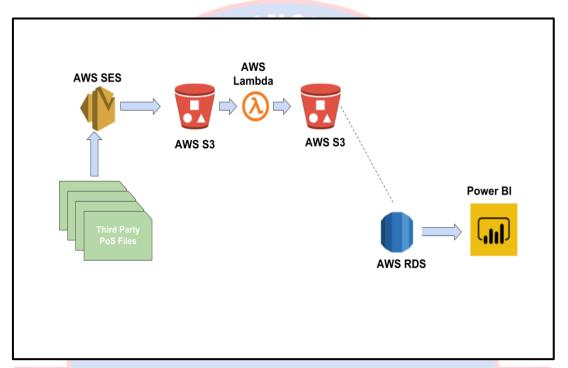


Figure 6.1: Amazone S3 Bucket in Data Analysis

Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) is object storage with industry-leading scalability, data availability, security, and performance. All types and sizes of customers store, manage, analyze, and protect any amount of data for a wide variety of use cases like data lakes, cloud-native applications, and mobile apps. With cost-optimized storage classes and simple-to-use management features, you can optimize costs, organize and analyze.

#### 6.2. Snowflake

Snowflake is a cloud data platform developed for data warehousing, data lakes, data engineering, data science, and data application development. Snowflake accommodates both structured and semi-structured data (such as JSON, Avro, and Parquet) and finds a broad usage in analytics because of its scalability, performance, and flexibility.

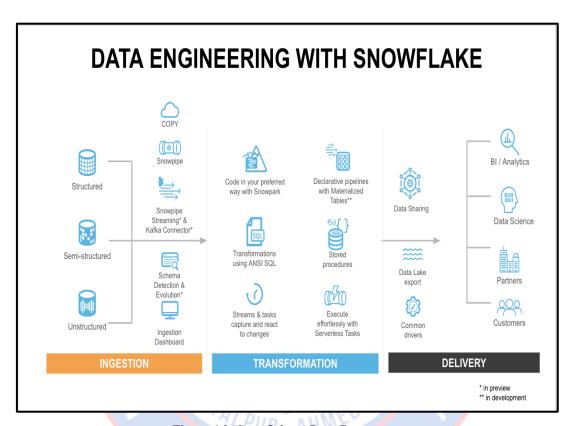


Figure 6.2: Snowflake in Data Engineering

Differing from traditional databases, Snowflake decouples storage and compute, enabling each to be scaled independently. Such a design is especially beneficial to analytics workloads, where performance and concurrency are paramount.

Firstly, we must create a AWS account which gives 12 months' free trial or S3 bucket service.

Snowflake provides a one-month free trial on its platform.

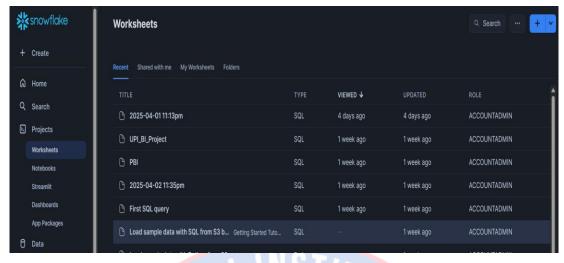


Figure 6.3: Snowflake dashboard

In this project we are going to integrate a End-to-End project using AWS S3 bucket, Snowflake and Power BI. The steps include

- Create a free AWS account.
- Select the S3 bucket and get the free 12 months free trial.
- Create Role
- Set the Identity and Access Management (IAM)
- Upload the data file into the S3 bucket

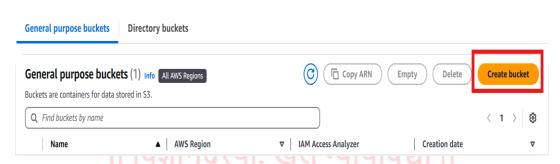


Figure 6.4: Creating bucket

After creating the bucket, we name the bucket and upload the file.

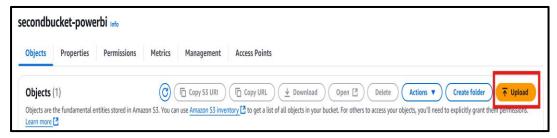


Figure 6.5: Uploading file to bucket

Next, we create a role.

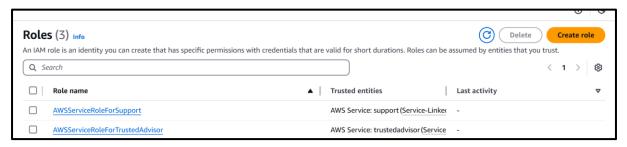


Figure 6.6: Creating role

For the project I have decided to use AmazonS3FullAccess. Amazon comes with preinstalled permissions that are industry standard that are designed for faster deployments.

Now we head over to snowflake to create an integration between AWS and snowflake.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE STORAGE INTEGRATION UPI_PBI_Integration

TYPE = EXTERNAL_STAGE

STORAGE_PROVIDER = 'S3'

ENABLED = TRUE

STORAGE_AWS_ROLE_ARN = arn:aws:iam::879821935235:role/powerbi.role'

STORAGE_ALLOWED_LOCATIO IS = ('s3://secondbucket-powerbi/')

COMMENT = 'Optional Comment
```

Figure 6.7: ARN value on snowflake

We create an integration name 'UPI BPI Integration'

The ARN can be found in the AWS dashboard and the storage location is the directory where the data file has been saved on the AWS S3 bucket.

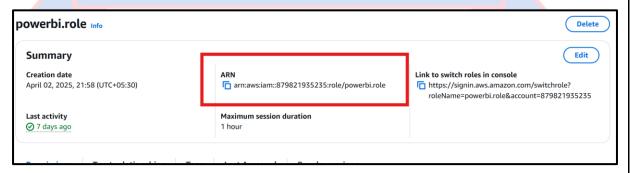


Figure 6.8: ARN values in Amazon S3

We have to create a database, a schema and an empty table on snowflake with the proper data types.

```
15
      CREATE database UPI_PowerBI;
16
17
      create schema UPI_PBI_Data;
18
19
      CREATE OR REPLACE TABLE PBI_UPI_Dataset (
20
           TransactionID STRING,
           TransactionDate DATE,
           Amount FLOAT,
23
           BankNameSent STRING,
24
           BankNameReceived STRING,
25
           RemainingBalance FLOAT,
26
           City STRING,
27
           Gender STRING,
28
           TransactionType STRING,
29
           Status STRING,
30
           TransactionTime TIME,
           DeviceType STRING,
32
           PaymentMethod STRING,
33
           MerchantName STRING,
34
           Purpose STRING,
35
           CustomerAge INTEGER,
36
           PaymentMode STRING,
37
           Currency STRING,
38
           CustomerAccountNumber STRING,
39
           MerchantAccountNumber STRING
40
      );
```

Figure 6.9: Creating Schema

Now that we have made an empty table, we have to import the data into the table. In snowflake we have to create a stage and load the data set into the stage first.

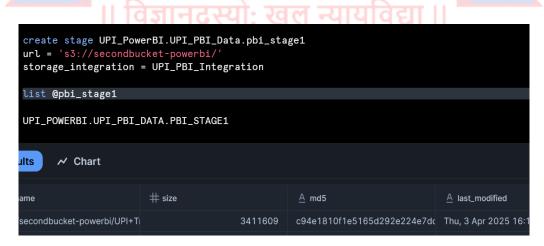


Figure 6.10: Creating stage

Next, we have to copy the data from the stage named 'pbi\_stage1' into the empty table that we created earlier.

```
copy into PBI_UPI_Dataset
from @pbi_stage1
file_format = (type='csv' field_delimiter=',' skip_header=1)
on_error='continue'
```

Figure 6.11: Copying data set into PBI UPI Dataset

select * from PBI_UPI_Dataset //no data availible - import from AWS S3 bucket										
3 4 5 6	create stage UPI_PowerBI.UPI_PBI_Data.pbi_stage1 url = 's3://secondbucket-powerbi/' storage integration = UPI_PBT_Integration									
· F	Results									
	$\underline{A}$ TRANSACTIONID	(L) TRANSACTIONDATE	# АМОИНТ	<u>A</u> BANKNAMESENT	A BANKNAMERECEIVED	# REMAININ				
	TXN00001	2024-02-02	271.64	SBI Bank	HDFC Bank					
	TXN00002	2024-03-03	1064.63	ICICI Bank	SBI Bank					
	TXN00003	2024-04-04	144.15	Axis Bank	Axis Bank					
	TXN00004	2024-05-05	612.89	HDFC Bank	ICICI Bank					

Figure 6.12: Viewing dataset on snowflake

The data has been loaded onto the empty table successfully.

The main advantage of snowflake is that it separates the storage and computational layer, which gives the freedom of increasing or decreasing according to the needs of the project.

## 6.3 Power BI

The third part is to import the data into a platform that can help analyze the data. Snowflake is compatible with most data platforms like Power BI, Tableau, My SQL etc.

To import the data into Power BI we have the Get Data button which opens up the following window.

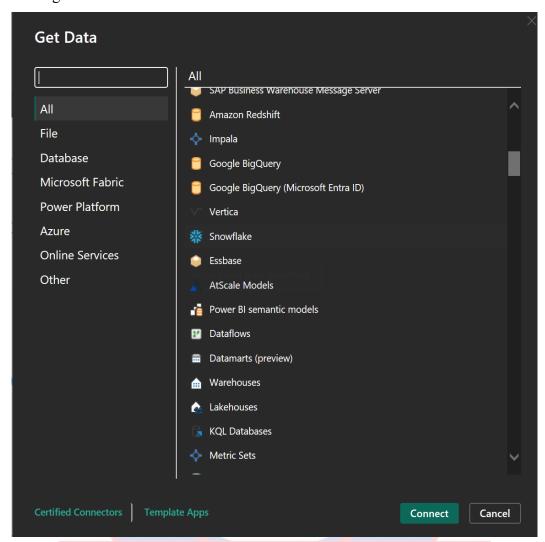


Figure 6.13: Imporing dataset from snowflake

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We scroll to snowflake as that is the service have used to store the data.



Figure 6.14: Credential Screen

Power BI will prompt the user to enter the credentials.

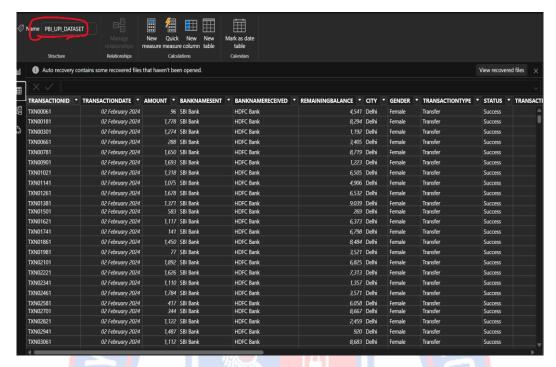


Figure 6.15: Uploaded dataset in Power BI

We can see in the table view the data has successfully been uploaded to Power BI. We can verify by looking at the top left corner. The name specified is the same name we have specified in Snowflake namely 'PBI\_UPI\_DATASET'.

There are 20 columns in our dataset namely TransactionID, TransactionDate, Amount, BankNameSent, BankNameReceived, RemainingBalance, City, Gender, DeviceType, TransactionType, Status, TransactionTime, PaymentMethod, MerchantName, CustomerAge, PaymentMode, Purpose, Currency, CustomerAccountNumber, MerchantAccountNumber.

By further analyzing the dataset I felt the need to make a few changes i.e., I am using Power BI's Power Query editor to make the changes.

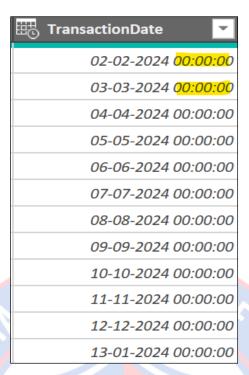


Figure 6.16: Transforming data

We do not need the date/time format. We can change the data type by clicking on the icon beside the column name. and change it to date.



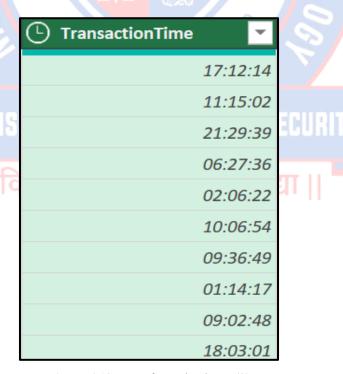
Figure 6.17: Transformed column

On further inspection we see that the TransactionTime column has float values,

1.2	TransactionTime
	0.716828704
	0.468773148
	0.895590278
	0.269166667
	0.08775463
	0.421458333
	0.40056713
	0.051585648
	0.376944444
	0.752094907

Figure 6.18: Transforming column (2)

We need to change the data type to time.



**Figure 6.19**: Transformed column (2)

The above screenshot show the changed data type.

Upon further inspection we see that the CustomeAccountNumber and the MerchantAccountNumber is written in the scientific notation I.e,

1 <sup>2</sup> 3 (	CustomerAccountNumber	1 <sup>2</sup> 3 MerchantAccountNumber
	1.23457E+11	9.87654E+11

Figure 6.20: Transforming column (3)

Since we CustomeAccountNumber and the MerchantAccountNumber is used to identify the customer. It is a unique ID assigned to a customer. It cannot be in the scientific notation. Let's change the format to text.

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A <sup>B</sup> C CustomerAccountNumber ▼	ABC MerchantAccountNumber					
123456789013	987654321013					
123456789014	987654321014					
123456789015	987654321015					
123456789016	987654321016					
123456789017	987654321017					
123456789018	987654321018					
123456789019	987654321019					

Figure 6.21: Transformed column (3)

The rest of the columns seem to have the correct data types. We can save and load the cleaned data set into the Power BI board.

Now that we have cleaned the data we can use the data for visualizations. I have decided to give full control over the attributes so the user can filter according to the need of the information needed.

The following layout lets the user fine tune the attributes.



Figure 6.22: Attributes from dataset

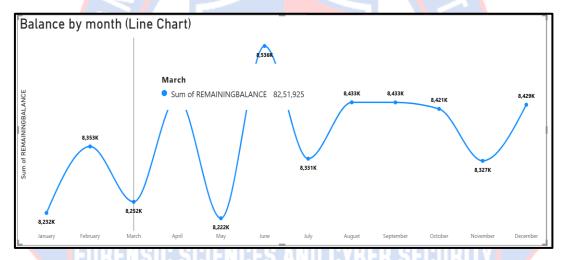


Figure 6.23: Visualization

The default line chart that shows sum of remaining balance over the year.

The chart is prepared using two columns remaining balance and transaction date.

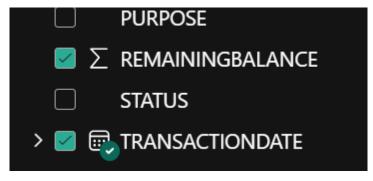


Figure 6.24: Attributes used for visualization

This can provide various insights like if the client asks what are the spendings of the female gender over the year in the category of food for example, selecting the appropriate attributes shows the spending pattern over the year.

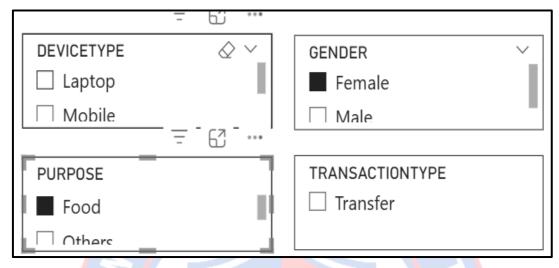


Figure 6.25: Selecting custom attributes

The following shows the spending pattern of female customers in the food category.

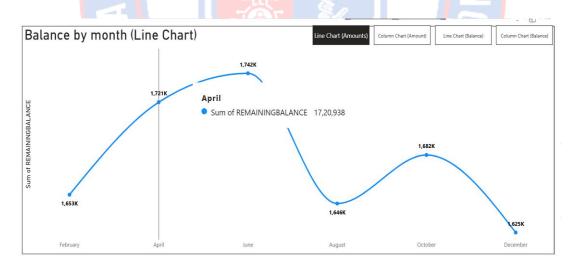


Figure 6.26: Visuals according to custom attributes



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The data analytics transformation goes well beyond the research environment, redefining the way organizations operate and make decisions based on insights derived from data. Through the use of tools such as customer behavior analysis, companies can adjust marketing efforts to meet changing needs, desires, and trends. In medicine, analytics reveals trends in patient information, allowing practitioners to improve diagnostic accuracy and provide personalized treatment. But this revolution is not without ethical dilemmas. The exponential expansion of data gathering fuels privacy and security concerns, requiring strong guarantees of ethical use. Imperatively, even as analytics provides unparalleled support for decision-making, it must be a supplement to, not a substitute for, human judgment, acting as an aid to enhance critical thinking and not dominate it. The power of data analytics over future research is deep, allowing actionable insights to be gleaned from massive datasets and transforming methodologies across sectors.

Yet, its integration in society depends on confrontation of ethical threats openly. As analytics becomes inseparable from research and organizational strategy, stakeholders will need to set accountability as their first priority while ensuring its usage remains in conformity with ethical principles and supports well-informed, balanced choice. The future direction is in balancing innovation with responsibility and realizing that the true value of data analytics materializes only when applied with integrity and foresight.

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### Conclusion

This project showed the strength of data analytics in turning raw data into actionable knowledge through systematic exploratory data analysis (EDA), feature engineering, and statistical validation. Through the discovery of latent patterns, solving data quality problems, and engineering relevant features, the analysis built a solid basis for comprehending main trends and associations in the dataset. Statistical and visualizations tests also verified hypotheses, ensuring the reliability of the results.

Though the present workflow provides great insights, implementing advanced methods like machine learning models, real-time analytics, or automated pipelines could enhance predictive quality and scalability. Subsequent revisions might also try domain-specific tailoring, i.e., external data integration, handling biases, to suit applications in real life.

Finally, this project highlights the importance of decision-making based on data in solving intricate issues, opening the doors to wiser strategies and IT innovations.



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