Customer Lifetime Value (LTV) Prediction Report

Introduction

In today's competitive business environment, customer retention is as important as customer acquisition. One of the key indicators used to measure a customer's potential is **Customer Lifetime Value** (LTV). This project aims to predict the LTV of each customer based on their transaction history to aid in **targeted marketing and personalized engagement strategies**.

Abstract

The goal of this project is to develop a machine learning model to estimate Customer Lifetime Value using historical purchase data. By leveraging Recency, Frequency, and Monetary-based features, we train a regression model to predict future revenue a customer might generate. The customers are then segmented based on the predicted LTV, enabling businesses to optimize marketing efforts toward high-value customers. This model supports data-driven decision-making in customer relationship management (CRM).

Tools Used

- **Python (Jupyter Notebook / Google Colab)** for data preprocessing and model building
- Pandas & NumPy for data manipulation and numerical operations
- **Matplotlib & Seaborn** for visualizations
- **XGBoost** for regression modeling
- **Sklearn** (scikit-learn) for data splitting and evaluation
- **Excel** for preliminary inspection (optional)

Steps Involved in Building the Project

1. Dataset Upload & Cleaning

- o Uploaded customer transaction data in CSV format
- o Removed rows with null customer IDs and negative quantities
- Converted invoice date to datetime format
- Created a new column TotalPrice = Quantity × UnitPrice

2. Feature Engineering

- o Aggregated data per CustomerID to compute:
 - Recency: Days since last transaction
 - **Frequency**: Number of unique transactions
 - AOV (Average Order Value): Average of TotalPrice
 - Monetary: Total amount spent (used as LTV label)
- 3. Model Training

- Selected features: Recency, Frequency, AOV
- o Target: LTV (Total Monetary Value)
- Used XGBoost Regressor to train the model
- Evaluated performance using MAE and RMSE

4. Prediction and Segmentation

- o Predicted LTV for each customer
- Segmented customers into Low, Medium, and High LTV groups using quantile-based binning

5. Result Export & Visualization

- o Saved the final output as final_ltv_predictions.csv
- Created a boxplot to visualize the distribution of predicted LTV across segments

Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates how to predict Customer Lifetime Value using transactional data. With a predictive LTV model, businesses can focus their resources more effectively—by retaining high-value customers, identifying at-risk ones, and tailoring promotions accordingly. The segmentation strategy enhances personalization in customer engagement, ultimately improving revenue and loyalty.