

Details

💡💡 Project Title: Hospital Patient Records Cleanup Domain: Healthcare Level: Final Year B.Tech / Data Science Professionals Difficulty: High Use Case: Prepare hospital patient data for epidemiological research and predictive analytics 💡💡 Project Objective: To clean, curate, and prepare hospital data (patients, admissions, discharges, diagnoses, medications) for accurate insights and modeling, while ensuring data quality, regulatory compliance (e.g., HIPAA), and readiness for analytics workflows. 💡💡 Provided Dataset: A multi-sheet Excel or CSV-based mock dataset simulating: 1. patients.csv – Patient demographic details 2. visits.csv – Admission/discharge data 3. diagnoses.csv – ICD-10 diagnosis codes 4. medications.csv – Prescribed drugs per visit 5. staff.csv – Doctor/nurse assignments 6. hospital_info.csv – Hospital unit metadata (Downloadable from sources like CMS Inpatient Dataset) 💡💡 Exercises and Tasks by Phase 💡💡 1. Understand the Business Context • Identify the objective: Predict readmission risks, analyze comorbidities • Define KPIs: Avg Length of Stay (LOS), Readmission rate, Mortality rate • Document data use-cases: Resource optimization, care quality improvement • Consider constraints: HIPAA compliance, missing discharge notes 💡💡 2. Data Discovery and Ingestion • Load CSVs or Excel sheets using pandas.read_csv() or Power BI import • Validate sources, file sizes, data types • Record metadata: file name, rows, columns, date range • Store a version-controlled raw copy 💡💡 3. Data Profiling (Exploration & Assessment) Use pandas-profiling or Sweetviz on each dataset. ✓ Identify: • Nulls (e.g., missing gender, DOB) • Invalid entries (e.g., age > 120, DOB > admission) • Duplicate patient IDs or visit IDs • ICD-10 code format mismatches (regex: [A-Z][0-9][0-9A-Z]) • High-cardinality fields (e.g., Notes, Diagnoses) 💡💡 Deliverable: Data Profiling Report for all 6 sheets. 💡💡 4. Schema Alignment & Standardization • Standardize column names to snake_case • Normalize date formats (admission_date, discharge_date) • Recode gender: M, F, O → Male, Female, Other • Standardize drug names (e.g., brand → generic) • Use dictionaries to convert ICD codes to disease names 💡💡 5. Data Cleaning • Impute missing age using DOB • Remove duplicate patient records based on name + DOB + hospital • Drop invalid entries: negative LOS, discharge before admission • Flag logic issues: medication prescribed before admission • Clean special characters in free-text notes • Remove extreme outliers in billing or stay duration 💡💡 6. Data Integration and Merging • Merge patients + visits on patient_id • Merge diagnoses and medications on visit_id • Merge staff using attending_physician_id or unit_id • Handle conflicting visit IDs (use suffixes _x, _y) • Resolve entity duplicates using fuzzy matching on names + DOB 💡💡 7. Data Transformation • Derive length_of_stay = discharge_date - admission_date • Generate binary flags: is_readmitted, is_high_risk • Bucket ages: 0–18, 19–35, 36–60, 60+ • One-hot encode admission types (Emergency, Scheduled, Transfer) • Normalize lab result fields (if present) 💡💡 8. Data Validation and Quality Checks • Assert: No negative LOS, DOB ≤ admission • Compare

admission counts before and after cleaning • Create validation tests using pytest or Great Expectations • Run sanity checks: unique patient_id per row in patients.csv • Log failed validations to a validation_report.txt 🔍 🔍

9. Documentation and Data Dictionary Create a Data Dictionary with:

Column Name	Type	Description
patient_id	string	Unique patient identifier
admission_date	date	Hospital entry date
icd_code	string	ICD-10 diagnostic code
medication_name	string	Drug prescribed
is_readmitted	boolean	Example P12345 2021-06-23 E11.9 Metformin True if readmitted within 30 days

True 🔍 🔍

10. Export, Deployment, and Handoff • Export cleaned, curated data to: o clean_patients.csv o curated_visits.csv • Deploy to PostgreSQL or BigQuery (optional) • Create a ZIP of: o Final CSVs o Data dictionary (Excel or Markdown) o Validation report • Provide summary in a handover document (PDF or Notion) 🔍 🔍

Tools to Use Task Ingestion Profiling Cleaning Integration Validation Export Tool pandas, Excel, SQL pandas-profiling, Sweetviz pandas, OpenRefine pandas.merge, fuzzywuzzy Great Expectations, pytest to_csv(), Power BI, Excel Documentation Markdown, Notion, Excel 🔍 🔍

Final Deliverables

1. ✅ Cleaned and Merged Dataset (CSV or Excel)
2. ✅ Data Profiling Report
3. ✅ Data Dictionary
4. ✅ Validation and Cleaning Summary Report
5. ✅ README.md or Handover PDF 🔍 🔍

11. Predictive Analytics Tasks (Regression, Association & Decision Tree) In this final phase, machine learning techniques are applied on the curated hospital data to generate insights for risk prediction and operational optimization. 🔍 🔍

Regression Analysis:

- Objective: Predict Length of Stay (LOS) based on patient demographics, diagnosis, and admission type.
- Model: Linear Regression, Ridge, or Lasso Regression
- Features: age, diagnosis_code, admission_type, medications_count
- Target: length_of_stay
- Metrics: RMSE, MAE, R² 🔍 🔍

Association Rule Mining:

- Objective: Discover frequent co-occurrence patterns of diagnoses and medications.
- Technique: Apriori algorithm or FP-Growth
- Use Case: Generate rules like "IF diagnosis = E11 AND medication = Metformin THEN likely readmission." 🔍 🔍

Decision Tree Classification:

- Objective: Classify whether a patient is likely to be readmitted within 30 days.
- Model: Decision Tree, Random Forest, Gradient Boosted Trees
- Features: age_group, length_of_stay, medication_count, admission_type
- Target: is_readmitted
- Metrics: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, AUC

Deliverables:

- Clean dataset with engineered features for modeling
- Jupyter notebooks or Python scripts for each method
- Confusion matrix, ROC curve, and feature importance analysis
- Interpretation of findings with healthcare implications