

# WIE3007 Data Mining & Warehousing

# **Individual Assignment 1**

# Leverage Featuretools To Perform Automated Feature Engineering On E-Commerce Data

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## 1.0 Dataset Examination

#### 1.1 About the Dataset

The dataset, 'Brazilian E-Commerce Public Dataset', is obtained from Kaggle.

It is a publicly available dataset from Brazil's e-commerce sector, encompassing information on 100,000 orders that span between 2016 and 2018, originating from multiple marketplaces situated within Brazil, across 27 states. This dataset is rich in various dimensions, including customer data, order data, payment information, product details, and seller information.

Link to dataset: <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/olistbr/brazilian-ecommerce">https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/olistbr/brazilian-ecommerce</a>

# 1.2 Identify Possible Entities

#### a. Order table

|               | order_id   | cus                         | stomer_id | order_status   | order_purcha | ase_timestamp   | order_approved_at      | order_delivered_carrier_ | _date  |
|---------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| e481f51cbdd   | c54678b7cc49136f2d6af7                           | 9ef432eb6251297304e76186    | b10a928d  | delivered      | 2017         | -10-02 10:56:33 | 2017-10-02<br>11:07:15 | 2017-10-04 19:8          | 55:00  |
| 53cdb2fc8bc7  | 7dce0b6741e2150273451                            | b0830fb4747a6c6d20dea0b     | 8c802d7ef | delivered      | 2018         | -07-24 20:41:37 | 2018-07-26<br>03:24:27 | 2018-07-26 14:           | 31:00  |
| 47770eb9100   | 0c2d0c44946d9cf07ec65d                           | 41ce2a54c0b03bf3443c3d93    | 1a367089  | delivered      | 2018         | -08-08 08:38:49 | 2018-08-08<br>08:55:23 | 2018-08-08 13:           | 50:00  |
| 949d5b44db    | of5de918fe9c16f97b45f8a                          | f88197465ea7920adcdbec73    | 75364d82  | delivered      | 2017         | -11-18 19:28:06 | 2017-11-18<br>19:45:59 | 2017-11-22 13:           | 39:59  |
| ad21c59c084   | .0e6cb83a9ceb5573f8159                           | 8ab97904e6daea8866dbdbc     | 4fb7aad2c | delivered      | 2018         | -02-13 21:18:39 | 2018-02-13<br>22:20:29 | 2018-02-14 19:4          | 46:34  |
| order_deliver | ed_customer_date ord                             | der_estimated_delivery_date |           |                | product_id   |                 | seller_i               | d shipping_limit_date    | price  |
| 2             | 2017-10-10 21:25:13                              | 2017-10-18 00:00:00         | 87285b34  | 1884572647811  | a353c7ac498a | 3504c0cb71d     | 7fa48d967e0e4c94d59d   | 9 2017-10-06 11:07:15    | 29.99  |
| 2             | 2018-08-07 15:27:45                              | 2018-08-13 00:00:00         | 595fac2a  | a385ac33a80bd5 | 5114aec74eb8 | 289cdb325fb     | 7e7f891c38608bf9e096   | 2 2018-07-30 03:24:27    | 118.70 |
| 2             | 2018-08-17 18:06:29                              | 2018-09-04 00:00:00         | aa4383b3  | 73c6aca5d8797  | 843e5594415  | 4869f7a5dfa     | 277a7dca6462dcf3b52b   | 2 2018-08-13 08:55:23    | 159.90 |
| 2             | 2017-12-02 00:28:42                              | 2017-12-15 00:00:00         | d0b61bfb  | 1de832b15ba9d  | 1266ca96e5b0 | 66922902710d    | 126a0e7d26b0e380510    | 5 2017-11-23 19:45:59    | 45.00  |
| 2             | 2018-02-16 18:17:02                              | 2018-02-26 00:00:00         | 65266b2d  | la20d04dbe00c5 | 6c2d3bb7859e | 2c9e548be185    | 521d1c43cde1c582c6de   | 8 2018-02-19 20:31:37    | 19.90  |
| freight_value | payment_id                                       |                             |           |                |              |                 |                        |                          |        |
| 8.72          | 8ce37bad-<br>7838-4a1d-<br>a954-<br>611b5a6481b4 |                             |           |                |              |                 |                        |                          |        |
| 22.76         | 102aec25-<br>fdb0-498a-<br>8930-<br>48eb50cbc0ce |                             |           |                |              |                 |                        |                          |        |
| 19.22         | f49030d6-<br>53fe-48d6-<br>b85e-<br>93351d439ab8 |                             |           |                |              |                 |                        |                          |        |
| 27.20         | ec1853bd-<br>71d0-402c-<br>a0cf-<br>8491bd977261 |                             |           |                |              |                 |                        |                          |        |
| 8.72          | 75d27dac-<br>6464-4e4f-<br>b3f2-<br>d3dee2040d38 |                             |           |                |              |                 |                        |                          |        |

#### b. Product Table

|   | product_id                       | product_category_name | product_name_lenght | product_description_lenght | product_photos_qty | product_weight_g |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 0 | 1e9e8ef04dbcff4541ed26657ea517e5 | perfumaria            | 40.0                | 287.0                      | 1.0                | 225.0            |
| 1 | 3aa071139cb16b67ca9e5dea641aaa2f | artes                 | 44.0                | 276.0                      | 1.0                | 1000.0           |
| 2 | 96bd76ec8810374ed1b65e291975717f | esporte_lazer         | 46.0                | 250.0                      | 1.0                | 154.0            |
| 3 | cef67bcfe19066a932b7673e239eb23d | bebes                 | 27.0                | 261.0                      | 1.0                | 371.0            |
| 4 | 9dc1a7de274444849c219cff195d0b71 | utilidades_domesticas | 37.0                | 402.0                      | 4.0                | 625.0            |

| product_length_cm | product_height_cm | product_width_cm |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 16.0              | 10.0              | 14.0             |
| 30.0              | 18.0              | 20.0             |
| 18.0              | 9.0               | 15.0             |
| 26.0              | 4.0               | 26.0             |
| 20.0              | 17.0              | 13.0             |

#### c. Customer Table

|   | customer_id                      | customer_zip_code_prefix | customer_city         | customer_state |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 0 | 06b8999e2fba1a1fbc88172c00ba8bc7 | 14409                    | franca                | SP             |
| 1 | 18955e83d337fd6b2def6b18a428ac77 | 9790                     | sao bernardo do campo | SP             |
| 2 | 4e7b3e00288586ebd08712fdd0374a03 | 1151                     | sao paulo             | SP             |
| 3 | b2b6027bc5c5109e529d4dc6358b12c3 | 8775                     | mogi das cruzes       | SP             |
| 4 | 4f2d8ab171c80ec8364f7c12e35b23ad | 13056                    | campinas              | SP             |

#### d. Payment Table

|   | payment_type | payment_installments | payment_value | payment_id                           |
|---|--------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 0 | credit_card  | 8                    | 99.33         | 5d835bad-3a14-4fba-a27d-f95743a816fd |
| 1 | credit_card  | 1                    | 24.39         | 8c28d9cb-2b3a-4747-b65a-91383dba567e |
| 2 | credit_card  | 1                    | 65.71         | caa1a7b8-2853-4d27-9635-a9245cb6cbc0 |
| 3 | credit_card  | 8                    | 107.78        | 4763f5ae-b018-4608-87c0-7cd75eb443b3 |
| 4 | credit_card  | 2                    | 128.45        | a513debc-f26e-44b1-91c0-655a51e2660b |

#### e. Seller Table

|   | seller_id                        | seller_zip_code_prefix | seller_city       | seller_state |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 0 | 3442f8959a84dea7ee197c632cb2df15 | 13023                  | campinas          | SP           |
| 1 | d1b65fc7debc3361ea86b5f14c68d2e2 | 13844                  | mogi guacu        | SP           |
| 2 | ce3ad9de960102d0677a81f5d0bb7b2d | 20031                  | rio de janeiro    | RJ           |
| 3 | c0f3eea2e14555b6faeea3dd58c1b1c3 | 4195                   | sao paulo         | SP           |
| 4 | 51a04a8a6bdcb23deccc82b0b80742cf | 12914                  | braganca paulista | SP           |

# 1.3 Relationships

- a. Order has many-to-one relationship with Product
  - A single order can be associated with one and only one product
  - A product can consist of one or many orders
- b. Order has many-to-one relationship with Customer
  - A single order can exclusively belong to one customer.
  - A customer can have one or many orders
- c. Order has one-to-one relationship with Payment
  - A single order can have one and only one payment details
  - A payment can only belong to one specific order
- d. Order has many-to-one relationship with Seller

- A single order can only be associated to one and only one seller
- A seller can have one or many orders
- e. Product has one-to-many relationship with Order
  - A product can consist of one or many orders
  - An order can consist of one and only one product
- f. Customer has one-to-many relationship with Order
  - A customer can have one or many order
  - An order can exclusively belong to one customer
- g. Payment has one-to-one relationship with Order
  - A single payment can only belong to one specific order
  - An order can have one and only one payment
- h. Seller has one-to-many relationship with Order
  - A seller can have one or many orders
  - An order can only be associated to one and only one order

#### 1.4 Hierarchical Structure

#### a. Order

Order Information > Order Cost

| Order Information                               | Order Cost                        |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| <ul><li>order_status</li></ul>                  | • price                           |
| <ul><li>order_purchase_timestamp</li></ul>      | <ul> <li>freight_value</li> </ul> |
| <ul><li>order_approved_at</li></ul>             |                                   |
| <ul><li>order_delivered_carrier_date</li></ul>  |                                   |
| <ul><li>order_delivered_customer_date</li></ul> |                                   |
| <ul><li>order_estimated_delivery_date</li></ul> |                                   |
| <ul><li>shipping_limit_date</li></ul>           |                                   |

#### b. Product

Product Information > Product Details > Product Dimensions

| Product Information   | Product Details  | <b>Production Dimensions</b>        |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| product_category_name | <ul><li>product_name_length</li><li>product_photos_qty</li></ul> | <ul><li>product_weight_g</li></ul>  |
|                       |  | <ul><li>product_length_cm</li></ul> |
|                       |  | • product_height_cm                 |
|                       |  | • product_width_cm                  |

#### c. Customer

customer\_state > customer\_city > customer\_zip\_code\_prefix

### d. Payment

payment\_type > payment\_installments > payment\_value

e. Seller

seller state > seller city > seller zip code prefix

## 2.0 FeatureTools

## 2.1 Data Cleaning and Preparation

```
# Function to generate unique IDs using UUID
def generate_unique_id():
    return str(uuid.uuid4())

# Add a unique_id column to DataFrame
order_payments_df['payment_id'] = [generate_unique_id() for _ in range(len(order_payments_df))]
```

Payment does not have a unique ID (Primary Key). Thus, here, we will generate a unique ID for 'payment df'.

```
# Merge 'payment_id' from order_payments_df to orders_df based on 'order_id'
orders_df = pd.merge(orders_df, order_payments_df[['order_id', 'payment_id']], on='order_id', how='inner')
```

Add foreign key, 'payment\_id' into the fact table, 'orders\_df'.

```
customer_df = customer_df.drop_duplicates(subset=['customer_id'])
order_items_prod_df = order_items_df.drop_duplicates(subset=['product_id'])
order_payments_df = order_payments_df.drop_duplicates(subset=['payment_id'])
orders_df = orders_df.drop_duplicates(subset=['order_id'])
products_df = products_df.drop_duplicates(subset=['product_id'])
```

Remove duplicated rows.

```
customer_df = customer_df.dropna()
order_payments_df = order_payments_df.dropna()
orders_df = orders_df.dropna()
products_df = products_df.dropna()
seller_df = seller_df.dropna()
```

Remove null values.

# 2.2 Create and Define Entity Set

```
es = ft.EntitySet(id= 'ecommerce_data')
```

Create EntitySet object named 'ecommerce\_data' using Featuretools (ft).

```
# Define entities

es.add_dataframe(dataframe_name='customer_en', dataframe=customer_df, index='customer_id')

es.add_dataframe(dataframe_name='order_payments_en', dataframe=order_payments_df, index='payment_id')

es.add_dataframe(dataframe_name='orders_en', dataframe=orders_df, index='order_id')

es.add_dataframe(dataframe_name='products_en', dataframe=products_df, index='product_id')

es.add_dataframe(dataframe_name='seller_en', dataframe=seller_df, index='seller_id')
```

Add multiple dataframes (customer\_df, order\_payments\_df, orders\_df, products\_df, seller\_df) to the EntitySet 'ecommerce\_data'. Each dataframe represents a specific entity (customer\_en, order\_payments\_ en, orders\_ en, products\_ en, seller\_ en) in the dataset and associate each dataframe with a unique index column (customer\_id, order\_payments\_ id, orders\_ id, products\_ id, seller\_ id).

## 2.3 Define and Create Relationships Between Entities

Defined a list of relationships in the 'relationships' variable. Each relationship is a tuple of four elements, representing the two entities involved and the respective index columns that establish the relationship. For example:

```
('customer_en', 'customer_id', 'orders_en', 'customer_id')
Entity involved: 'customer_en' and 'orders_en'
Index column: 'customer_id'
```

Then, iterate through the list of relationships and add them to the EntitySet using the 'es.add\_relationship()' method. This step establishes the connections between the entities in the EntitySet.

# 2.4 Perform Deep Feature Synthesis (DFS)

Generate a feature matrix, 'feature\_matrix' variable, and a set of feature definitions, 'feature defs', from the EntitySet (es). Target dataframe is the Fact Table, 'orders en'.

#### 2.5 Save as CSV File

```
feature_matrix.to_csv('feature_matrix2.csv', index=False)
```

Save the 'feature matrix' as a CSV file called feature matrix2.csv using '.to csv()'.

#### 2.6 New Features Generated

```
for column in feature_matrix.columns:

print(column)

order_status

DAY(corder_approved_st)

DAY(corder_deliver_d_carrier_date)

DAY(corde
```

# 3.0 Business Objectives

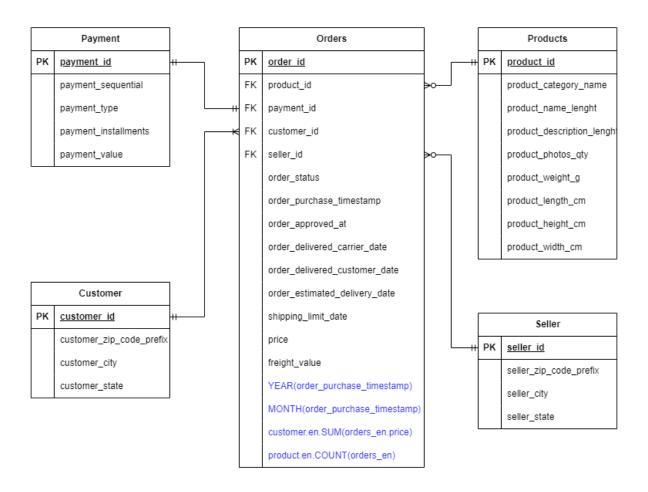
- i. To determine the top 5 states with a high concentration of sellers and customers
- ii. To analyse the trends in the number of orders over time to identify patterns
- iii. To determine the month with the highest demand
- iv. To analyse the distribution of payment methods used by customers
- v. To determine the number of orders customers placed in a single order
- vi. To determine the state which brings the largest sales

### 4.0 Data Model

#### 4.1 Star Schema

The fact table (i.e. Orders) sits at the center, connected to 4 dimension tables (i.e. Customer, Products, Payment, Seller) representing different aspects of the business. The foreign keys (i.e. product\_id, payment\_id, customer\_id, seller\_id) in the fact table connect to the primary keys in each dimension table, establishing relationships and enabling comprehensive data analysis across various dimensions.

This optimised data model supports querying and analysis that aligns with the objectives outlined earlier. It simplifies complex queries, allowing for efficient extraction of insights related to seller and customer demographics, order trends over time, payment methods, product preferences, and regional sales performance.



<sup>\*\*</sup>Attributes in blue are the new feature generated by FeatureTools and are also used for insights.

# 5.0 Data Dictionary

# 5.1 Fact Table: Orders

| Attribute                     | Data<br>Type | Constraints              | Description   |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---|
| order_id                      | Integer      | Primary Key,<br>Not null | Unique identifier for each order.   |
| product_id                    | String       | Foreign Key,<br>Not null | Foreign key linking to the product placed.                                      |
| payment_id                    | String       | Foreign Key,<br>Not null | Foreign key linking to the payment method used to pay the order.                |
| customer_id                   | String       | Foreign Key,<br>Not null | Foreign key linking to the customer who placed the order.                       |
| seller_id                     | String       | Foreign Key,<br>Not null | Foreign key linking to<br>the seller of the<br>products of the order<br>placed. |
| order_status                  | String       | Not null                 | Status of the order, indicating its progress or completion.                     |
| order_purchase_timestamp      | Datetime     | Not null                 | Timestamp when the customer initially purchased the order.                      |
| order_approved_at             | Datetime     | Not null                 | Timestamp when the order was approved for processing.                           |
| order_delivered_carrier_date  | Datetime     | Not null                 | Timestamp when the order was handed over to the carrier for delivery.           |
| order_delivered_customer_date | Datetime     | Not null                 | Timestamp when the order was successfully delivered to the customer.            |
| order_estimated_delivery_date | Datetime     | Not null                 | Estimated delivery date for the order, managing customer expectations.          |
| shipping_limit_date           | Datetime     | Not null                 | Timestamp indicating the shipping limit date for the order item.                |
| price                         | Float        | Not null                 | The price of the order item.  |

| freight_value                    | Float   | Not null | The cost of shipping (freight) for the order item.       |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|--|
| YEAR(order_purchase_timestamp)   | Integer | Not null | The year in which the order purchase timestamp falls.    |
| MONTH(order_purchase_timestamp)  | Integer | Not null | The month in which the order purchase timestamp falls.   |
| customer.en.SUM(orders_en.price) | Float   | Not null | Total sum of the prices of orders for various customers. |
| product.en.COUNT(orders_en)      | Integer | Not null | Count of products in each order.                         |

# 5.2 Dimension Table: Customer

| Attribute                | Data<br>Type | Constraints  | Description                        |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| customer_id              | String       | Primary Key, | Unique identifier for each         |
|                          |              | Not null     | customer.                          |
| customer_zip_code_prefix | Integer      | Not null     | Numeric code that represents the   |
|                          |              |              | postal code prefix associated with |
|                          |              |              | the customer's address.            |
| customer_city            | String       | Not null     | Name of the city where the         |
|                          |              |              | customer resides.                  |
| customer_state           | String       | Not null     | Name of the state where the        |
|                          |              |              | customer is located.               |

# 5.3 Dimension Table: Products

| Attribute                  | Data<br>Type | Constraints |      | Description  |  |  |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|------|--|--|--|
| product_id                 | String       | Primary     | Key, | Unique identifier for each                                 |  |  |
|                            |              | Not null    |      | product.   |  |  |
| product_category_name      | String       | Not null    |      | Name of the product category to which the product belongs. |  |  |
| product_name_length        | Float        | Not null    |      | Length of the product name.                                |  |  |
| product_description_length | Float        | Not null    |      | Length of the product                                      |  |  |
|                            |              |             |      | description.   |  |  |
| product_photos_qty         | Float        | Not null    |      | Quantity of photos available for                           |  |  |
|                            |              |             |      | the product.   |  |  |
| product_weight_g           | Float        | Not null    |      | Weight of the product in grams.                            |  |  |
| product_length_cm          | Float        | Not null    |      | Length of the product in                                   |  |  |
|                            |              |             |      | centimetres.   |  |  |
| product_height_cm          | Float        | Not null    |      | Height of the product in                                   |  |  |
|                            |              |             |      | centimeters.   |  |  |

| product_width_cm | Float | Not null | Width       | of | the | product | in |
|------------------|-------|----------|-------------|----|-----|---------|----|
|                  |       |          | centimeters |    |     |         |    |

# 5.4 Dimension Table: Payment

| Attribute            | Data<br>Type | Constraints              | Description  |  |  |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| payment_id           | String       | Primary Key,<br>Not null | Unique identifier for each payment.                                      |  |  |
| payment_sequential   | Integer      | Not null                 | Sequential number indicating the order of payment within the same order. |  |  |
| payment_type         | String       | Not null                 | Type of payment method used for the order.                               |  |  |
| payment_installments | Integer      | Not null                 | The number of instalments or payments made for the order.                |  |  |
| payment_value        | Float        | Not null                 | The value or amount of the payment.                                      |  |  |

# 5.5 Dimension Table: Seller

| Attribute              | Data<br>Type | Constraints           |     | Description   |  |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----|---|--|
| seller_id              | String       | Primary K<br>Not null | ey, | Unique identifier for each seller.  |  |
|                        |              | NOT HUII              |     |   |  |
| seller_zip_code_prefix | Integer      | Not null              |     | Numeric code that represents the postal code prefix associated with the seller's address. |  |
| seller_city            | String       | Not null              |     | Name of the city where the seller resides.  |  |
| seller_state           | String       | Not null              |     | Name of the state where the seller is located.  |  |

# 6.0 Insights

# 6.1 Insights 1: Demographics of Sellers and Customers

## Objective:

- To determine the top 5 states with a high concentration of sellers and customers Features used:
  - seller\_en.seller\_state
  - customer\_en.customer\_state

#### Outcome:

• São Paulo has the highest concentration of sellers (75%) and customers (42%) (refer to Fig 1 and Fig 2), making it a significant hub for e-commerce activity. Santa Catarina has a relatively higher concentration of sellers (3.7%), indicating a potential area of interest for expanding seller engagement. On the other hand, Rio Grande do Sul stands out with a higher concentration of customers (5.5%), suggesting a potential market focus for customer-oriented strategies.

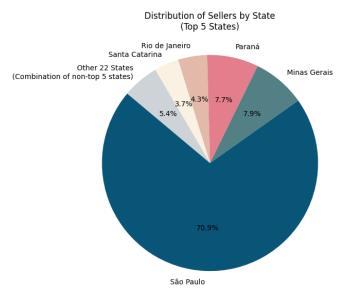


Figure 1: Top 5 states with the greatest number of sellers

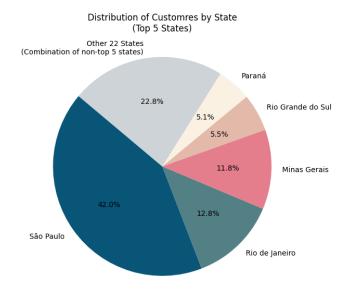


Figure 2: Top 5 states with the greatest number of customers

```
# Count the number of sellers in each state
seller_count = df['seller_en.seller_state'].value_counts()
top5_seller_count = seller_count.head(5)

# Count the number of customers in each state
customer_counts = df['customer_en.customer_state'].value_counts()
top5_customer_counts = customer_counts.head(5)
```

To count the occurrences of unique values in the 'seller\_state' / 'customer\_state' column of the DataFrame 'df'. It tallies how many sellers/customers are based in each state and provides a count for each state. 'seller\_count.head(5)' / 'customer\_count.head(5)' is to obtain the top 5 states with the most number of sellers/customers.

```
# Sum the counts of states that are not in the top 5
others_count = seller_count[~seller_count.index.isin(top5_seller_count.index)].sum()
# Sum the counts of customer that are not in the top 5
others_count = customer_counts[~customer_counts.index.isin(top5_customer_counts.index)].sum()
```

Variable 'others\_count' stores the summation of sellers/customers from the other states that are not the top 5 states.

# 6.2 Insights 2: Order Trends Over Time

# Objective:

• To analyse the trends in the number of orders over time to identify patterns

#### Features used:

- YEAR(order purchase timestamp)
- MONTH(order purchase timestamp)

#### Outcome:

Monthly orders increase over time, from 2016 to 2018 (refer to Fig 3). This suggests
that the business experienced a positive trend in customer orders over this three-year
period. Such insights are valuable as this may indicate the need to scale up operations,
optimise logistics, or plan for increased customer demand. Additionally, this
information could be used for forecasting and making informed business decisions.



Figure 3: Trends of orders monthly from the year 2016 to 2018

```
# Group data by month and year, then count orders
monthly_order_counts = df.groupby(['YEAR(order_purchase_timestamp)', 'MONTH(order_purchase_timestamp)']).size()
```

'monthly\_order\_counts' provides a time-series representation of the number of orders made each month, with the data organized by both year and month. It is obtained by grouping the original dataset 'df' by both the year and month of the 'order\_purchase\_timestamp' column. The '.size()' function is used to count the number of occurrences in each group.

## 6.3 Insights 3: Busiest Month of Each Year

## Objective:

To determine the month with the highest demand

#### Features used:

- YEAR(order\_purchase\_timestamp)
- MONTH(order purchase timestamp)

#### Outcome:

• The busiest months in the years 2016, 2017, and 2018 are October, November, and January respectively (refer to Fig 4). Thus, we can say that the period between October to January may be the busiest month annually. This can possibly be due to seasonal trends. For example, in October 2016, there might have been a seasonal increase in sales due to the approaching holiday season, leading to higher consumer spending. In November 2017, the sales might have been boosted by Black Friday sales, which are known for their high discounts and increased shopping activity. In January 2018, postholiday clearance sales and New Year promotions might have contributed to increased sales.

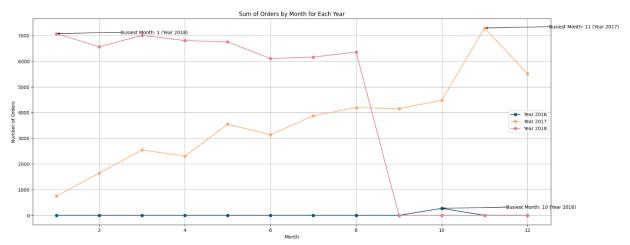


Figure 4: Busiest month of the year 2016, 2017 and 2018

```
# Group data by year and count the number of orders in each month
yearly_month_counts =
    df.groupby('YEAR(order_purchase_timestamp)')['MONTH(order_purchase_timestamp)'].value_counts().unstack(fill_value=0)
```

Calculates the count of orders made for each combination of year and month using the 'order\_purchase\_timestamp' column in the DataFrame 'df'. It groups the data first by the year and then by the month, counting the number of orders for each unique year-month pair.

## 6.4 Insights 4: Payment Method Analysis

### Objective:

• To analyse the distribution of payment methods used by customers

#### Features used:

order\_payments\_en.payment\_type

#### Outcome:

• Credit cards are the most preferred payment method among customers (refer to Fig 5). Possibly due to customers finding it secure, and easy to use. This insight is significant as it may indicate that they should continue to support and possibly incentivise the use of credit cards. Understanding customer payment preferences can also help tailor marketing strategies and partnerships with financial institutions.

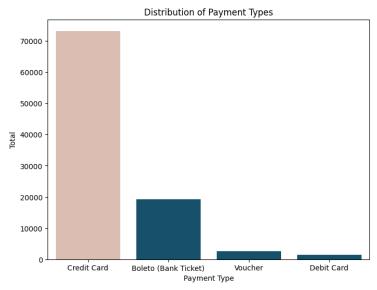


Figure 5: Customers' most preferred payment option

```
# Count the occurrences of each payment type
payment_type_counts = df['order_payments_en.payment_type'].value_counts()
```

Counting the occurrences of each unique payment type in the 'order\_payments\_en.payment\_type' column of the original dataset 'df'. It shows how many orders are made using each payment method, helping to understand the popularity of different payment options.

# 6.5 Insights 5: Number of Products Per Order

#### Objective:

• To determine the number of orders customers placed in a single order.

#### Features used:

products en.COUNT(orders en)

#### Outcome:

• Most people buy only 1 to 2 products per order (refer to Fig 6). Single-product orders may indicate a missed opportunity for cross-selling. Cross-selling involves recommending related products that complement the one the customer is purchasing. If a customer is buying a smartphone, for instance, the algorithm can recommend phone cases, screen protectors, or headphones. By showing tailored product suggestions, the chances of customers adding more items to their cart increases. Thus, boosting sales and customer engagement effectively.

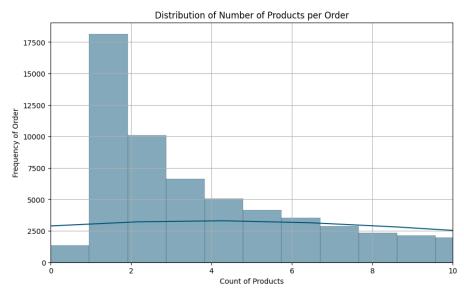


Figure 6: Number of products placed in a single order

```
# Plot a histogram of the count of order items
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.histplot(df['products_en.COUNT(orders_en)'], kde=True, color='#085578')
# Set the x-axis limits
plt.xlim(0, 10)
plt.title('Distribution of Number of Products per Order')
plt.xlabel('Count of Products')
plt.ylabel('Frequency of Order')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

By plotting a histogram, we can see the distribution of the number of products ordered by the customers in a single order. A histogram helps understand the typical order size and how often customers order a certain number of products.

## 6.6 Insights 6: Which State is the Biggest Spender?

## Objective:

To determine the state which brings the largest sales.

#### Features used:

- customer\_en.customer\_state
- customer en.SUM(orders en.price

#### Outcome:

• <u>São Paulo state is the biggest spender</u> (refer to Fig 7). São Paulo is a major urban and economic centre in Brazil. Consequently, higher spending is expected due to the state's economic strength. Urban areas typically have higher purchasing power and more access to a variety of goods and services, which can result in greater spending.

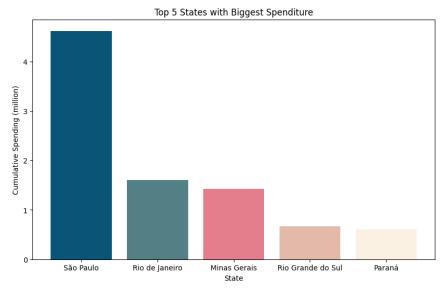


Figure 7: Top 5 states with the highest amount spent by customers

```
# Group the data by state and calculate cumulative spending per state
state_spending = df.groupby('customer_en.customer_state')['customer_en.SUM(orders_en.price)'].sum().reset_index()
```

Grouping the data by the customers' states and calculate the cumulative spending per state by summing up the 'customer en.SUM(orders en.price)' column for each state.

```
# Sort the data by cumulative spending in descending order state_spending = state_spending.sort_values(by='customer_en.SUM(orders_en.price)', ascending=False)
```

Sort the cumulative spending in descending order so that the state with the highest spending appears first using the '.sort\_values(by='customer\_en.SUM(orders\_en.price)', ascending=False)'.

```
top5_state = state_spending.head(5)
```

Get the top 5 states with the highest spending using '.head(5)'

## 7.0 Reflection

Featuretools played a pivotal role in automatically generating insightful features from our dataset, thereby augmenting our data modelling efforts. In essence, Featuretools empowered us to create new features based on the existing data, automating the often-time-consuming feature engineering process. This not only expedited our data modelling endeavours but also significantly enhanced the accuracy and effectiveness of our data models.

One of the standout features of Featuretools is its capability to model complex relationships among entities within our dataset. This was instrumental in our data modelling approach, enabling us to define and leverage entities and their relationships. These relationships proved to be essential for aggregating data across different dataframes, an invaluable process when dealing with multi-source data.

For instance, we harnessed Featuretools to engineer features that offered profound insights into customer behaviour, such as calculating the count of orders. These features were instrumental in helping us understand customer preferences and loyalty, factors critical to our analytical needs.

Having harnessed Featuretools to generate these features, we proceeded to utilise various data visualisation techniques to extract actionable insights from our enriched dataset. The visualisations included pie charts, enabling us to effectively depict the distribution of sellers' and customers' locations. Moreover, line graphs were employed to uncover trends and patterns in customer order patterns, shedding light on the temporal aspects of our data.

Histograms further allowed us to gain an understanding of the distribution of the number of products within each order. Additionally, bar plots provided insights into the preferred payment types, as well as the cumulative spending of customers categorised by their respective states. These visualisations significantly contributed to our analytical needs and data-driven decision-making.

The seamless integration of Featuretools into our data modelling pipeline was instrumental in augmenting our data warehousing efforts. By generating valuable features and enhancing our data visualisation tools, Featuretools empowered us to delve deeper into the complexities of our e-commerce dataset. This newfound understanding lays the foundation for data-driven decision-making and offers valuable insights that can steer future enhancements and improvements in our e-commerce platform.

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