Exploratory Data Analysis on Sales Data

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1. Introduction

This project performs an **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)** on a sales dataset to uncover trends, seasonal patterns, and key performance metrics. The goal is to identify factors affecting sales performance, including top-performing products and seasonal variations.

2. Dataset Overview

The dataset contains transactional sales data, including order details, product sales, and timestamps. Key columns include:

- Order Number: Unique identifier for each order
- Quantity Ordered: Number of units purchased
- Price Each: Price per unit
- Sales: Total revenue generated
- Order Date: Timestamp of the purchase
- Quarter, Month, Year: Derived time-based features
- MSRP: Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price

3. Installation & Dependencies

To run this project, install the necessary Python libraries:

pip install pandas numpy seaborn matplotlib scipy

4. Code Explanation

The project is divided into the following key sections:

A. Data Loading & Cleaning

- The dataset is loaded using pandas.
- Missing values and inconsistencies are handled by dropping or imputing values where necessary.

B. Statistical Analysis

- Summary statistics (mean, median, mode, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis) are computed for numerical columns.
- A chatbot-style interface allows the user to select which column they want statistics for

C. Data Visualization

- Sales Trends: Line chart & Area chart to analyze revenue trends over time.
- Seasonal Patterns: Bar plots to examine how sales fluctuate across months/quarters.
- Top Performing Products: Pie chart & Treemap to showcase best-selling products.
- Correlation Analysis: Heatmap to find relationships between numerical variables.
- A chatbot interface lets users choose what type of visualization they want.

5. Usage Instructions

- 1. Run the script in Jupyter Notebook.
- 2. Follow the chatbot prompts to select an analysis type.
- 3. Choose a specific category & visualization.
- 4. Interpret the insights based on the output graphs and statistics.

6. Conclusion

This project successfully explores sales data, identifying trends, seasonal patterns, and key performance metrics. The chatbot-based interface enhances user experience, making data analysis interactive and customizable. The visualizations provide valuable insights into business performance and can aid in strategic decision-making.

This documentation serves as a guide to understanding the project workflow and how to use it effectively.