# **Data Analytics with Cognos Project**

# **PROJECT TITLE:**

PRODUCT SALES ANALYSIS

# PROJECT DOCUMENTATION AND SUBMISSION PHASE

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## **OBJECTIVE**

The primary goal of the project is to optimize product sales through innovative analysis methods, leveraging data-driven insights.

# **DESIGN THINKING PROCESS**

# **Empathize:**

Understanding the needs of customers, market trends, and sales patterns.

#### **Define:**

Defining clear objectives for the analysis, focusing on improving sales performance and customer satisfaction.

#### **Ideate:**

Generating creative ideas for data collection, preprocessing, analysis techniques, and visualization methods.

## **Prototype:**

Developing a preliminary model for analysis, incorporating various data sources and tools.

#### Test:

Validating the prototype, refining the analysis techniques, and ensuring the actionable insights are meaningful and practical.

# **DEVELOPMENT PHASES**

# **Data Collection and Aggregation:**

Gathering sales transactions, customer demographics, and market trend data from diverse sources.

# **Data Cleaning and Preprocessing:**

Ensuring accuracy and consistency of the collected data, preparing it for analysis.

# **Advanced Analytics:**

Utilizing techniques like data mining and machine learning to identify patterns, correlations, and outliers.

#### **Data Visualization:**

Using IBM Cognos and other visualization tools to present the findings in a visually comprehensible format.

# **Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics:**

Implementing predictive models for sales forecasting and prescriptive analytics to provide actionable recommendations.

#### MONITORING AND FEEDBACK

Establishing continuous monitoring processes and feedback loops to adapt strategies based on market dynamics.

Analysis Objectives, Data Collection Process, Data Visualization, and Actionable Insights

# **Analysis Objectives:**

Enhancing sales performance.

Understanding customer behavior and preferences.

Identifying market trends and patterns.

Improving inventory management and marketing strategies.

#### **Data Collection Process:**

Gathering sales transactions data from POS systems.

Collecting customer demographics through surveys and online profiles.

Tracking market trends using industry reports and online databases.

# **Data Visualization using IBM Cognos:**

Utilizing IBM Cognos to create interactive dashboards and visual representations of sales data.

Visualizing customer segmentation, product performance, and market trends for comprehensive analysis.

# **DERIVED ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS**

#### **Customer Segmentation:**

Identifying high-value customer segments for targeted marketing efforts.

# **Product Performance Analysis:**

Evaluating the popularity of products to optimize inventory levels.

#### **Market Trends:**

Understanding emerging trends to introduce new products or modify existing ones.

#### **Seasonal Analysis:**

Anticipating demand fluctuations based on seasonal patterns for inventory planning.

# GUIDING INVENTORY MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING STRATEGIES USING INSIGHTS

# **Inventory Management**

# **Optimizing Stock Levels:**

Using demand forecasts to maintain optimal inventory levels, preventing overstocking or stockouts.

# **Introducing Seasonal Products:**

Introducing seasonal products based on historical trends to capitalize on peak demand periods.

# **Supplier Collaboration:**

Collaborating with suppliers based on demand predictions, ensuring timely restocking.

# **MARKETING STRATEGIES**

# **Targeted Marketing Campaigns:**

Tailoring marketing campaigns to specific customer segments identified through analysis, increasing engagement and conversions.

#### **Personalized Offers:**

Creating personalized offers for customers based on their preferences, increasing customer loyalty and sales.

# **Market Expansion:**

Identifying untapped markets or customer segments for expanding marketing efforts, driving growth opportunities.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Innovation in product sales analysis involves a series of essential steps to optimize performance and gain valuable insights. First, data collection and aggregation is paramount, as it forms the foundation of analysis. This includes gathering data on sales transactions, customer demographics, and market trends. The next step is data cleaning and preprocessing, ensuring accuracy and consistency. Once the data is ready, advanced analytics techniques, such as data mining and machine learning, can be employed to identify patterns, correlations, and outliers. Visualization tools are then used to present these findings in a digestible format. To foster innovation, predictive and prescriptive analytics can be applied, allowing for forecasting and actionable recommendations. Regular monitoring and feedback loops complete the process, enabling continuous improvement and adaptation to changing market dynamics.

#### **DATA CLEANING**

## 1. Understanding the Data:

Begin by understanding the dataset's structure, column names, data types, and identifying any missing or duplicate values. This step helps in formulating a strategy for cleaning the data effectively.

# 2. Handling Missing Values:

Decide how to handle missing values in the dataset. Options include removing rows with missing values or filling missing values with appropriate measures like the mean or median.

## 3. Handling Duplicates:

Identify and remove duplicate rows to ensure that the analysis is performed on unique data points, preventing skewed results.

#### 4. Saving Cleaned Data:

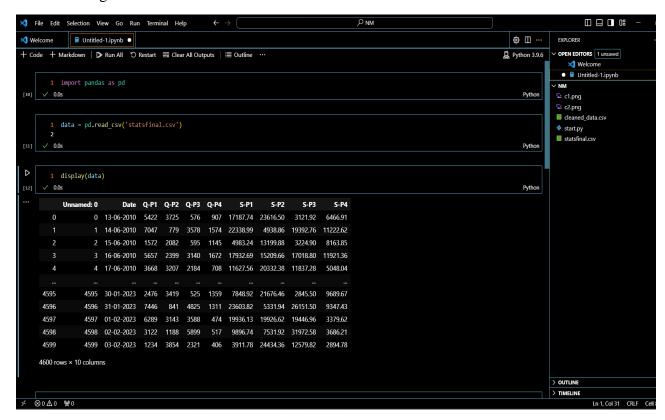
After completing the cleaning and preprocessing steps, save the cleaned dataset. This ensures that the cleaned data is available for further analysis and modeling without the need to repeat the cleaning process every time the analysis is performed.

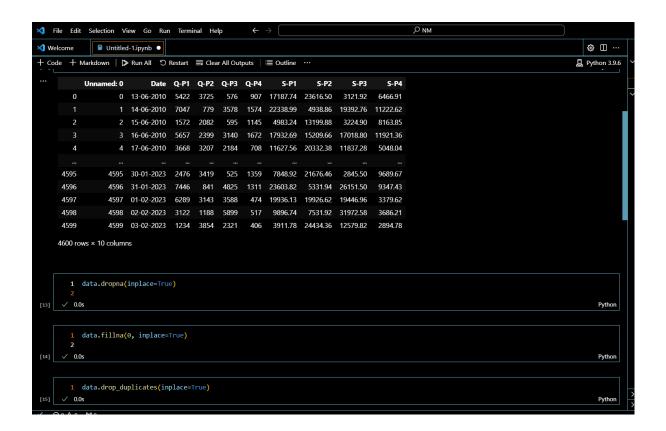
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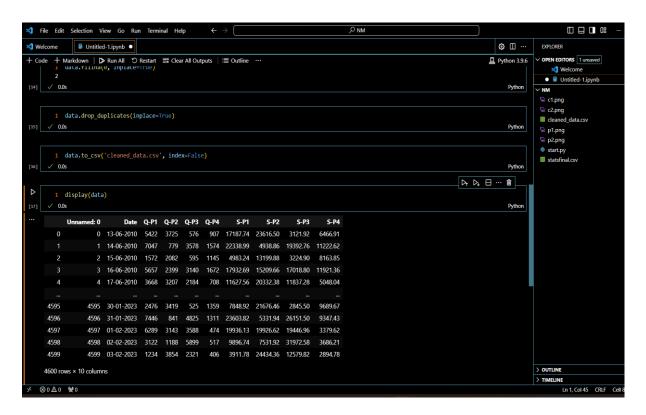
- Q1- Total unit sales of product 1
- Q2- Total unit sales of product 2
- Q3- Total unit sales of product 3
- Q4- Total unit sales of product 4
- S1- Total revenue from product 1
- S2- Total revenue from product 2

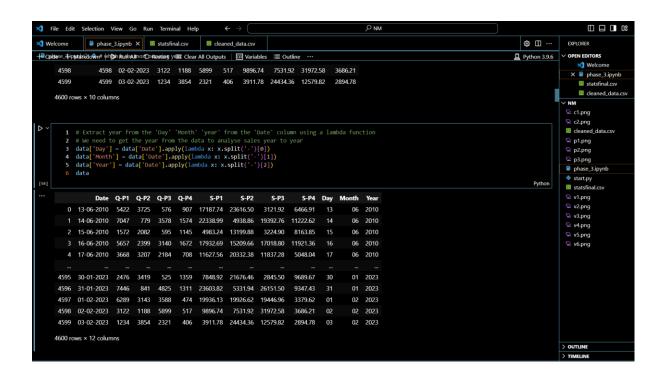
- S3- Total revenue from product 3
- S4- Total revenue from product 4

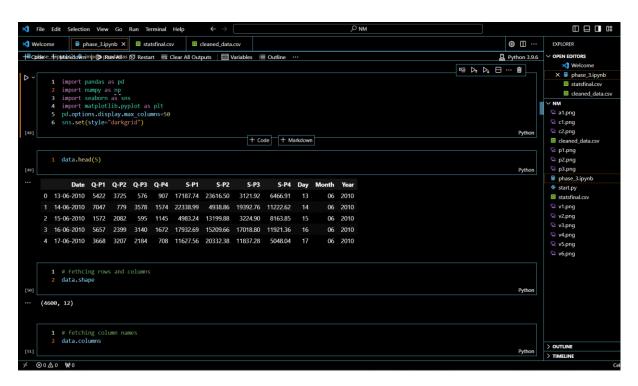
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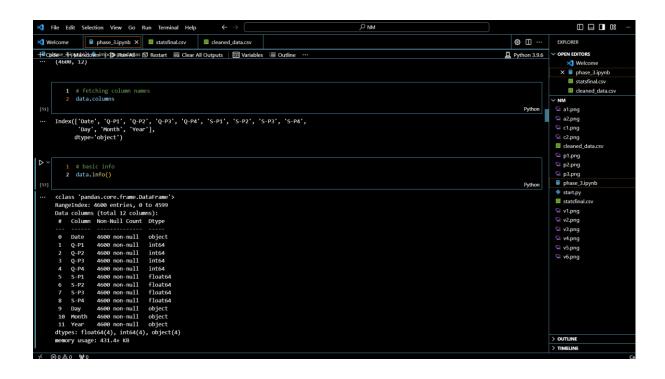


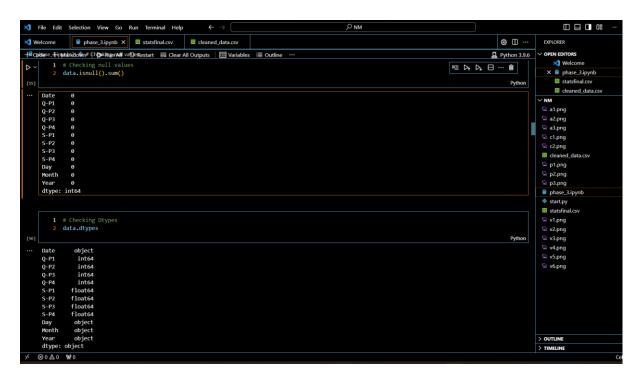


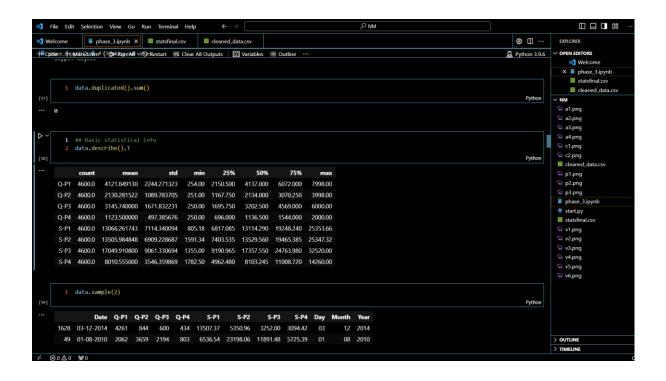


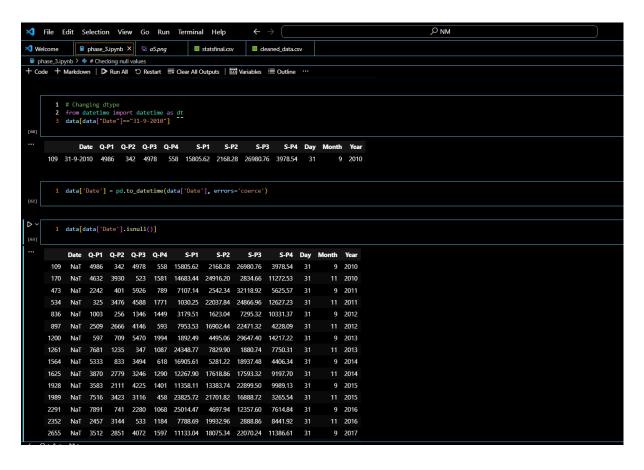


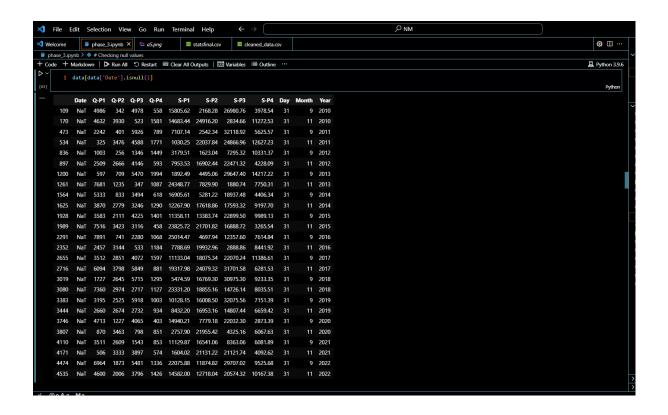




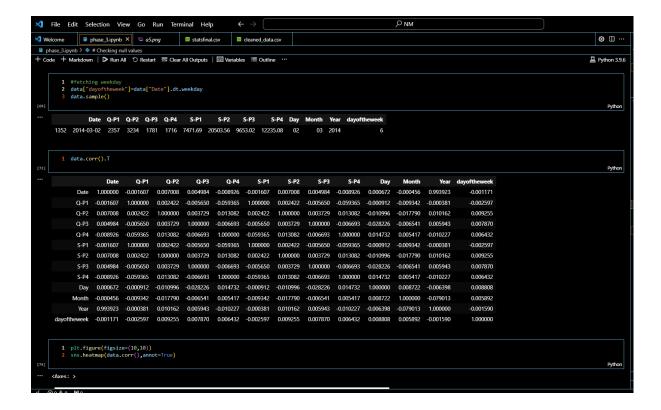






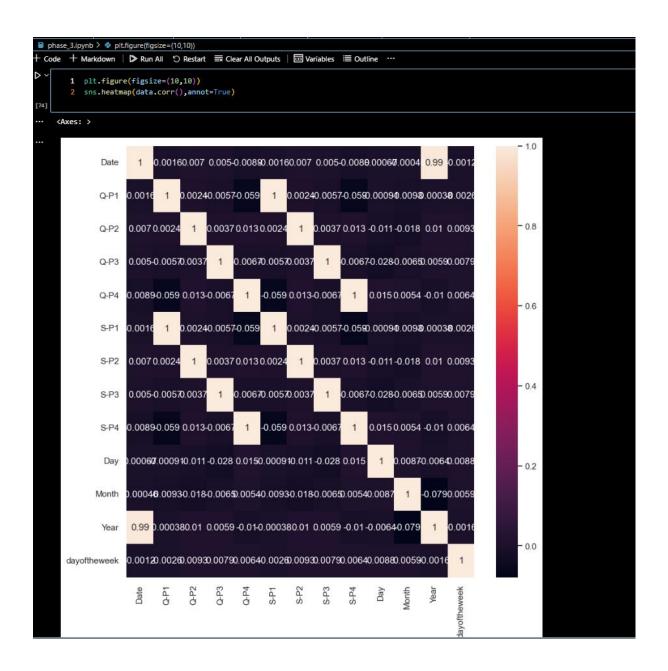


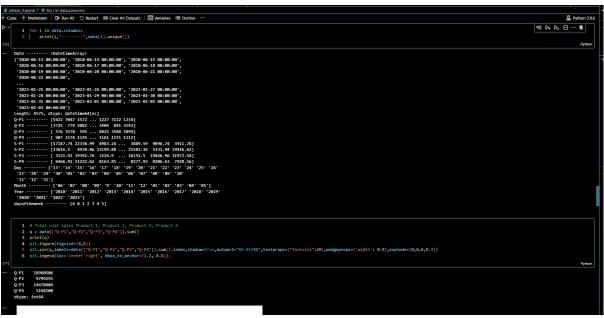


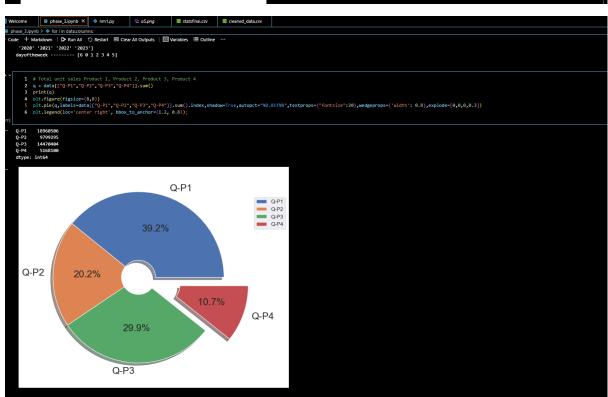


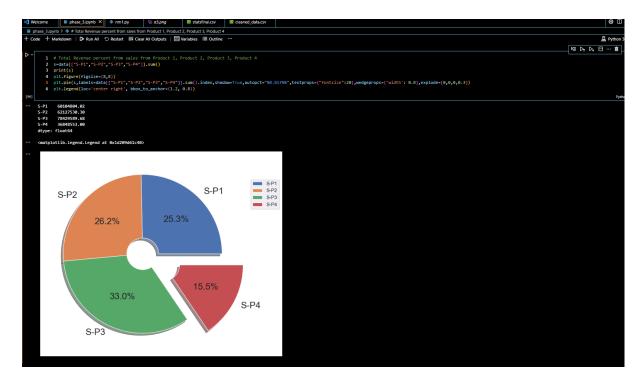
## Visualization

In the product sales analysis project, visualization plays a pivotal role in transforming complex data into clear, actionable insights. Utilizing IBM Cognos, a powerful business intelligence tool, enables the creation of intuitive and interactive visualizations. Through compelling charts, graphs, and dashboards, patterns and trends in product sales data become immediately apparent. Visualizations allow stakeholders to grasp sales performance across products, regions, and time periods effortlessly. This visual representation not only enhances data-driven decision-making but also facilitates the communication of key findings, empowering businesses to strategize effectively, optimize inventory, identify market opportunities, and enhance overall sales performance.

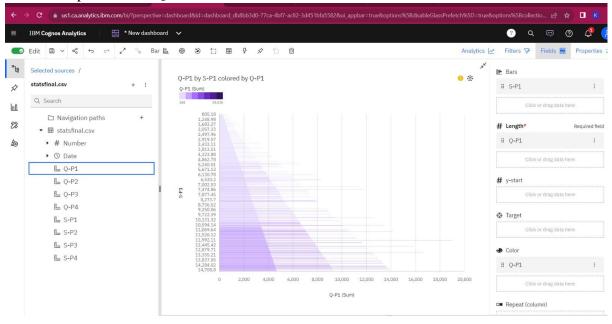




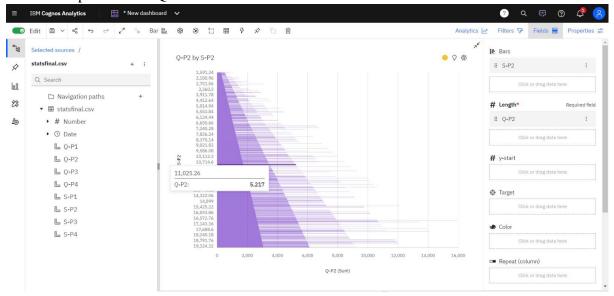




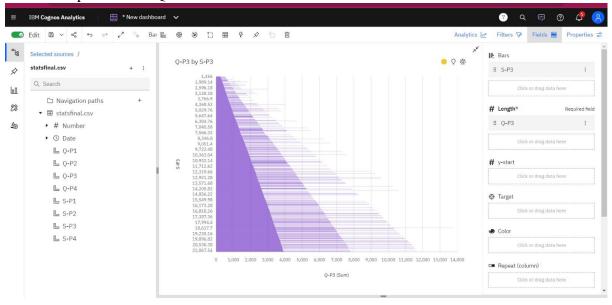
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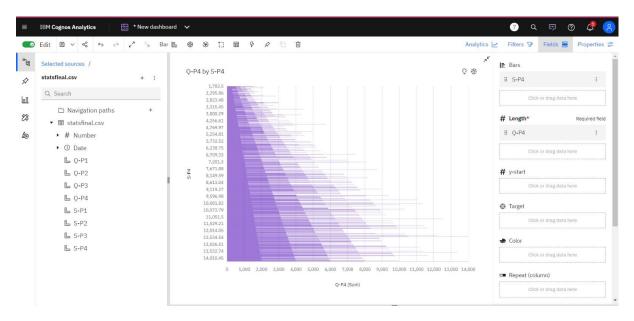
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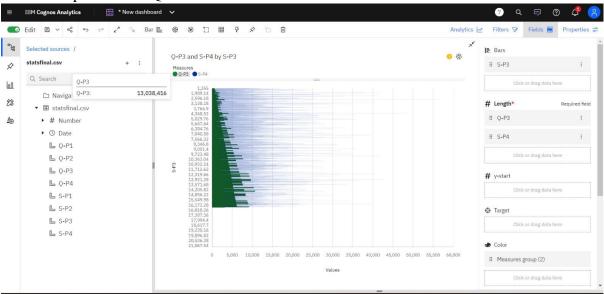
# • Graph between Q-P3 and S-P3

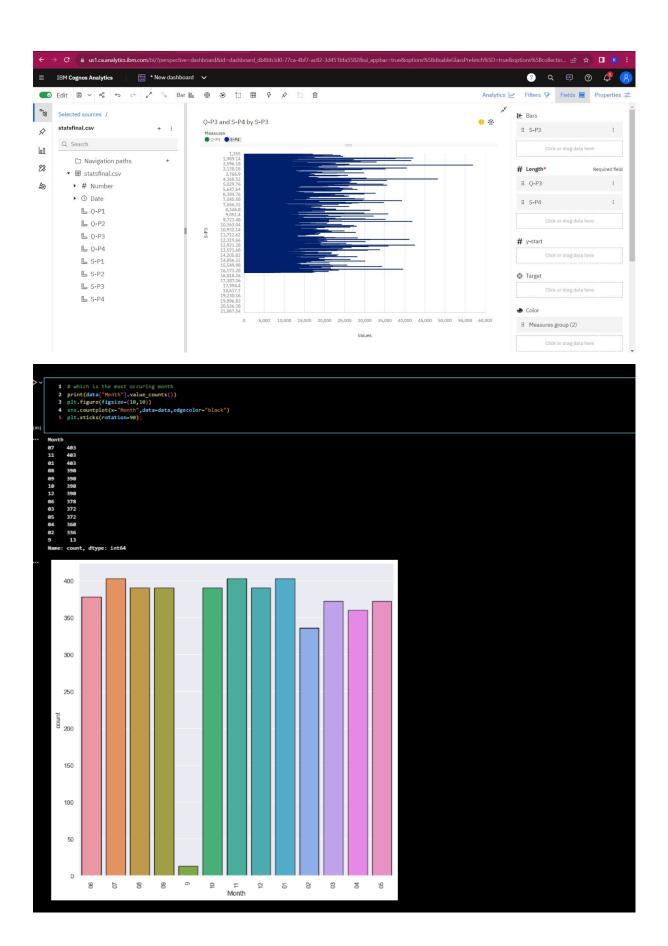


# • Graph between Q-P4 and S-P4

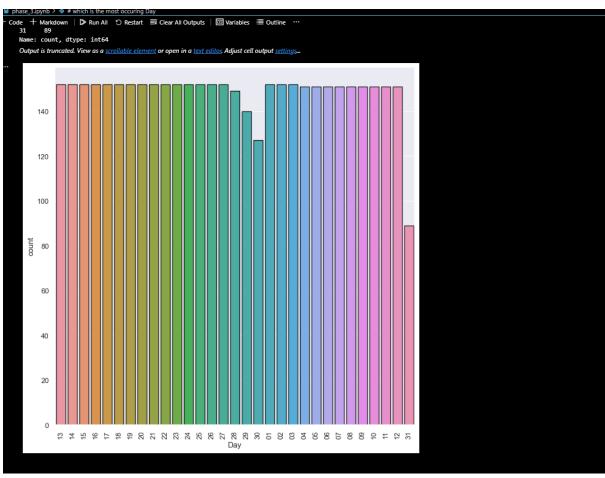


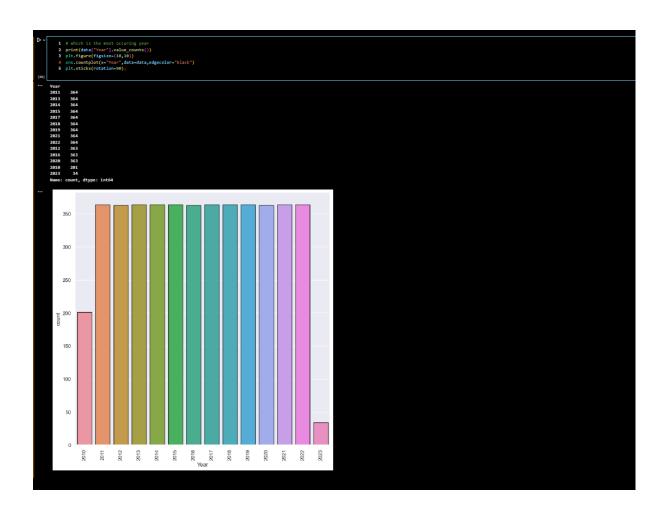
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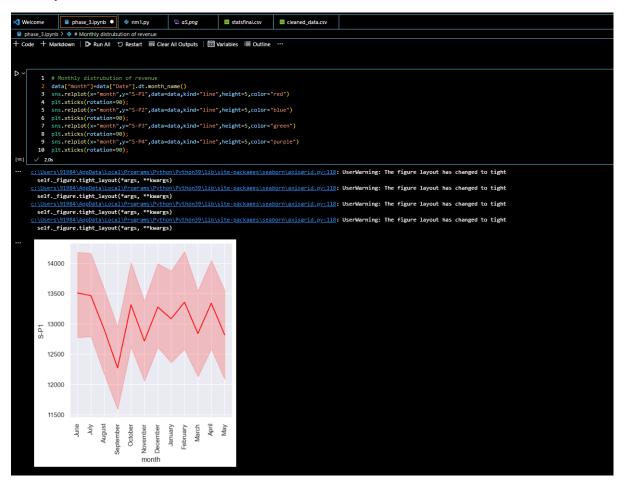




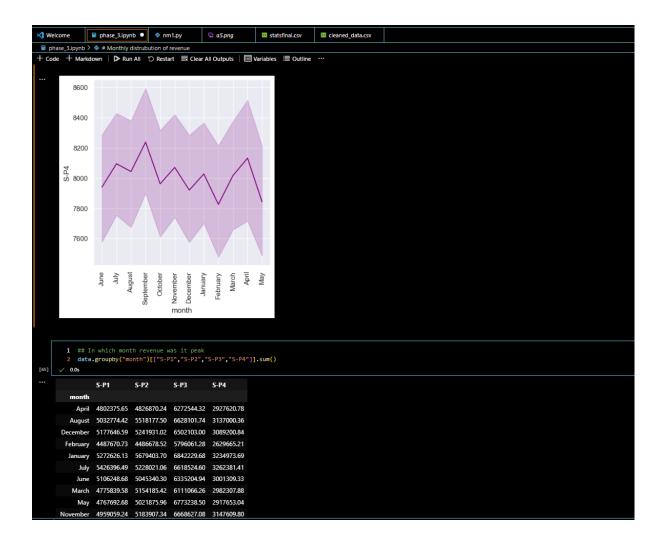


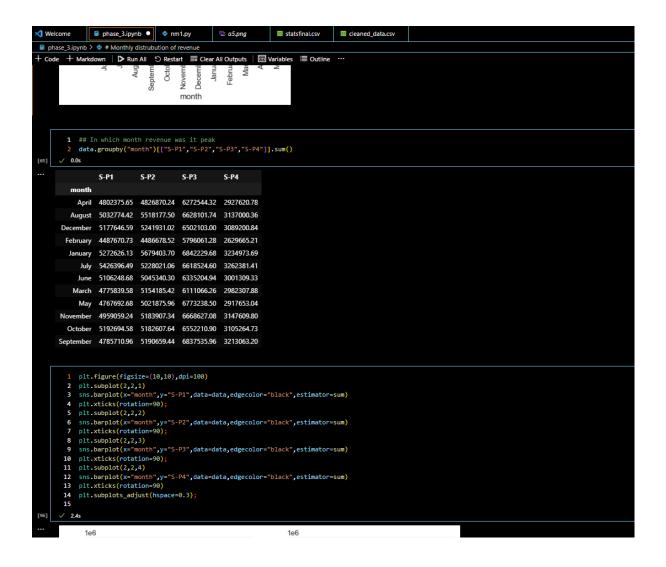
# **Visualization:**

Monthly distribution of revenue

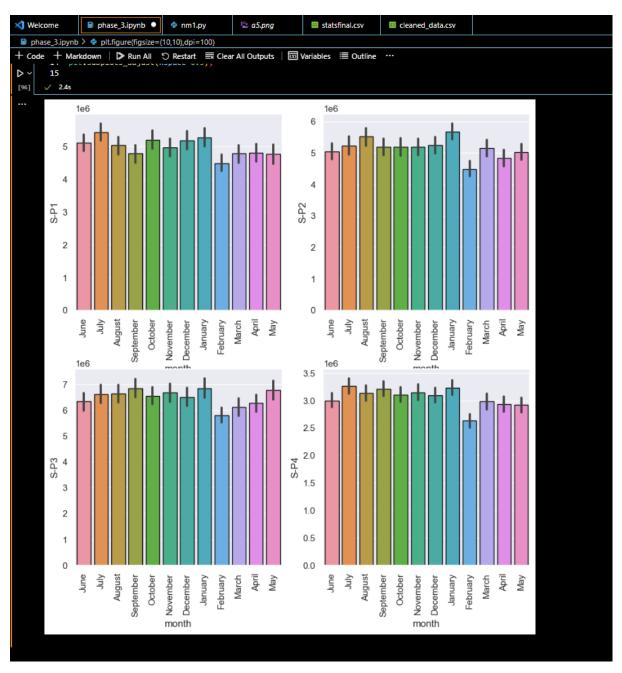




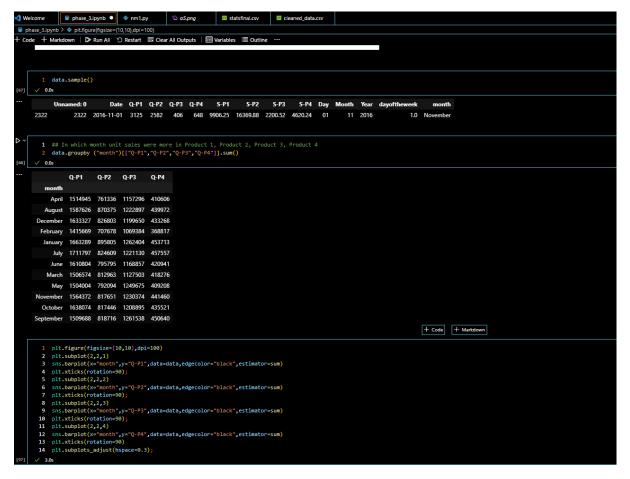


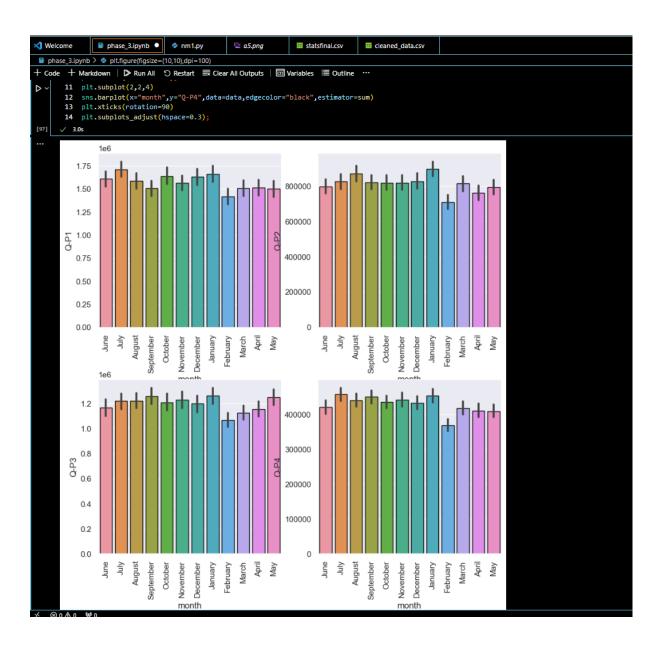


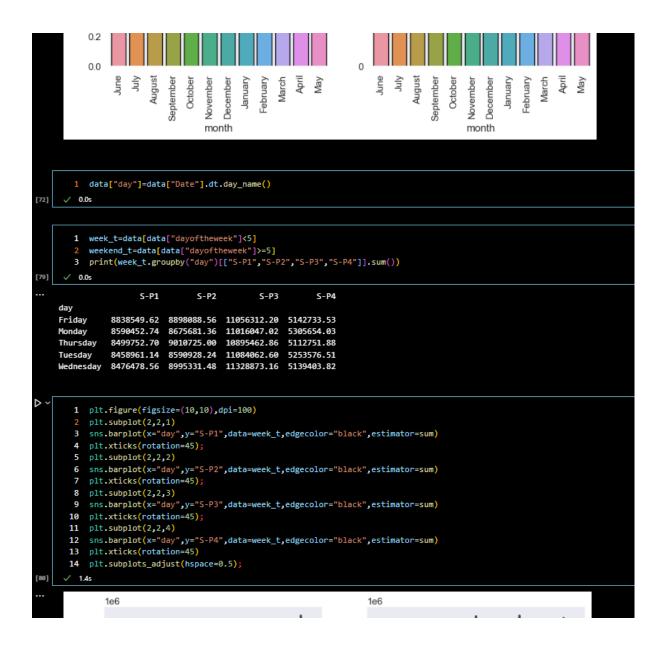
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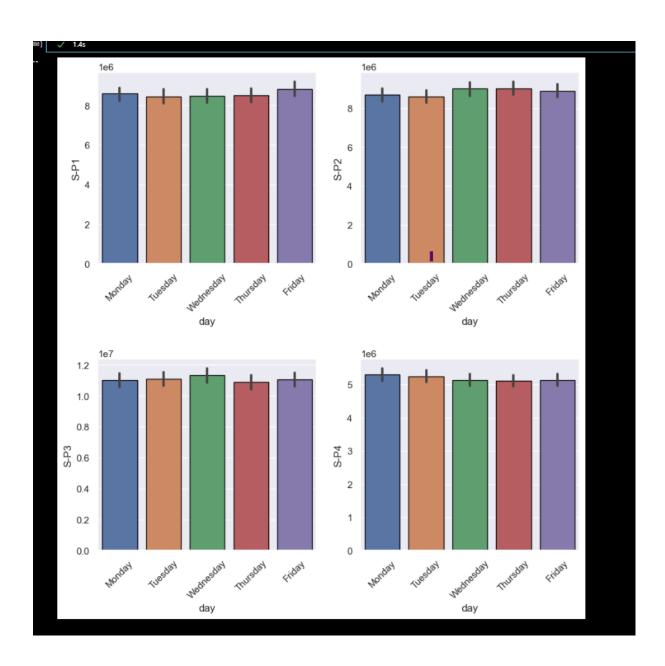


# Which month unit sales were more in product 1,2,3,4









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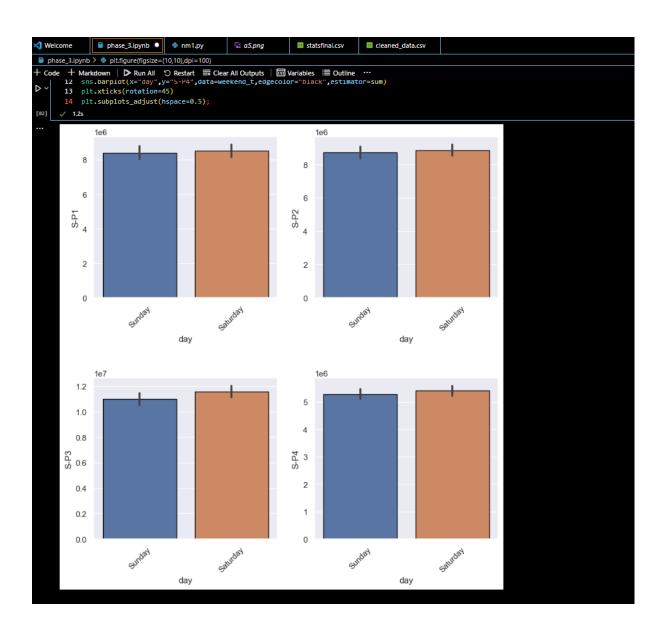
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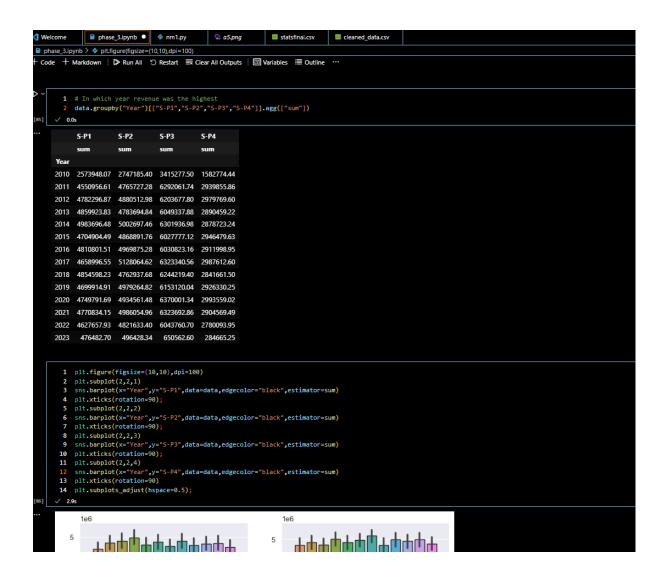
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4 plt.xticks(rotation=45);
     5 plt.subplot(2,2,2)
6 sns.barplot(x="day",y="S-P2",data=weekend_t,edgecolor="black",estimator=sum)
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9 sns.barplot(x="day",y="5-P3",data=weekend_t,edgecolor="black",estimator=sum)
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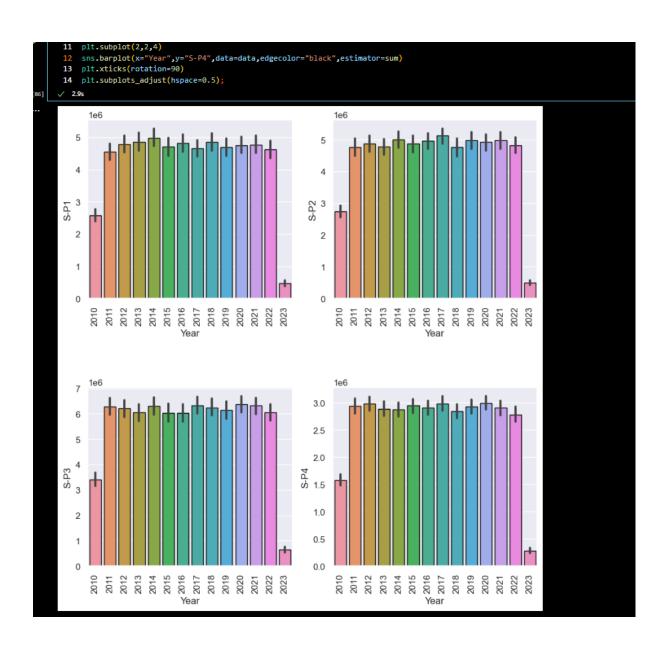
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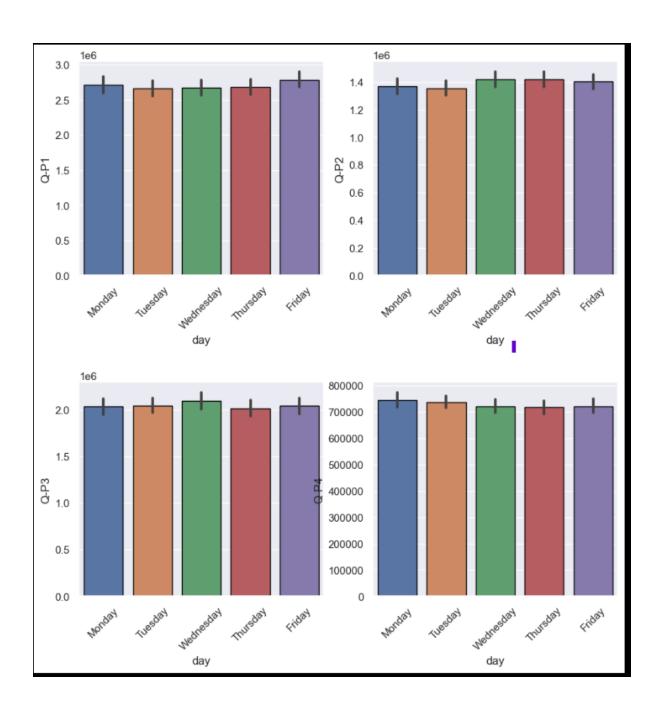
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# Conclusion

# Unit Sales 2011 - 2022

- P1 has the highest unit sales for each year. And it's highest is in year 2014.
- We can observe that P4 has the lowest unit sales of all the products.

#### Revenues 2011 - 2022

- We can observe that P3 brought in the most revenue. This could be as a result of multiple things:
  - P3 was sold for higher than the rest, as it had the second highest unit sales for each year.
- We can observe than P1 and P2 brought in similar revenues for each year. With P2 bringing in slightly more.
- P1 despite having the most unit sold, brought in the second lowest revenue each year.

# Average Month Sales 2011 - 2022

- We can observe that all Products unit sales drop in Feb.
- We can observe that Feb and Dec have the lowest sales for each product
- For P1 We can observe Mar Jul having the highest unit sales
- For P2 We can observe Jan, Mar Aug having the highest unit sales
- For P3 We can observe May & Sep having the highest unit sales
- For P4 We can observe uniform sales from Jan Dec

#### Estimated Unit Sales for 31st of Dec

This value can not be properly estimated with out Machine Learning. Currently we used the average for all the 31st days across all years for each product.

- Overall we can see that P1 has the highest unit sales on the 31st for each year, except for 2021 and 2022. (These could be as a result to Covid and other economy issues.)
- P3 has the second highest unit sales for all the 31st in each year.
- We can see that our previous observation correlate as Q-P1 has the higest estimate, followed by Q-P3
- We can approximate that the company will make:

Q-P1: 3850.73Q-P2: 2076.51Q-P3: 3196.45Q-P4: 1112.13

# **Insights**

- Added columns month, day and day of the week and changing the dtype of date from object to datetime64 through feature engineering.
- Drop columns unnamed as it was not providing any usefull information.
- S-P3 has gained the most revenue but the unit sale of Q-P1 is more.
- In 2016 most revenue most revenue generated and on fridays and staurdays most revenue generated.
- On Weekdays and weekend the S-P3 has the highest revenue whereas on weekend and weekday the Q-P1 has more unit sales.
- In month of October unit sale and revenue was at peak.