Task

Perform a comprehensive data analysis for the 'UrbanThreads' Q4 dataset, available in the 'urbanthreads_q4.csv' file, following the requirements outlined in the 'Data Analyst Intern_Assessment_February2026.pdf' document. The primary goal is to identify the root causes of product returns and develop actionable recommendations to reduce the return rate from 19% to 15%. This involves data cleaning, validation, KPI calculation, segmentation analysis, visualization, and a final report summarizing findings, recommendations, and assumptions.

Load and Initial Data Exploration

In [70]:

```python
import pandas as pd
df = pd.read_csv('/content/urbanthreads_q4.csv')
print("First 5 rows of the DataFrame:")
print(df.head())

print("\nDataFrame Info:")
df.info()
print("\nDescriptive Statistics:")
print(df.describe())
```

```
First 5 rows of the DataFrame:
    Order ID  Order Date Customer ID       Type         SKU     Category  \
0  UT-100001  2024-10-01  CUST_10001        New   TOP-CAS-M         Tops   
1  UT-100002  2024-10-01  CUST_10002  Returning   DRS-FRM-S      Dresses   
2  UT-100003  2024-01-10  CUST_10003        new   BOT-JNS-L      Bottoms   
3  UT-100004  2024-10-01  CUST_10004        New  OUT-JKT-XL    Outerwear   
4  UT-100005  2024-10-01  CUST_10001        New  ACC-SCF-OS  Accessories   

        Product Name  Unit Price  Qty  Total  ...          Source       City  
\
0  Classic Cotton Tee        1299    2   2598  ...         Website     Mumbai   
1   Floral Midi Dress        2499    1   2499  ...      Mobile App      Delhi   
2      Slim Fit Jeans        1899    1   1899  ...         Website  Bangalore   
3        Denim Jacket        3499    1   3499  ...  Instagram Shop    Chennai   
4          Silk Scarf         799    3   2397  ...         Website     Mumbai   

         State  Warehouse    Del Date     Status Return?          Reason  \
0  Maharashtra     Mumbai  2024-10-05  Delivered      No             NaN   
1        Delhi      Delhi  2024-10-04  Delivered     Yes      Size Issue   
2    Karnataka  Bangalore  2024-10-06  Delivered      No             NaN   
3   Tamil Nadu     Mumbai  2024-10-08  Delivered     Yes  Quality Defect   
4  Maharashtra     Mumbai  2024-10-06  Delivered      No             NaN   

      Ret Rec          Refund  
0         NaN  Not Applicable  
1  2024-10-15       Processed  
2         NaN  Not Applicable  
3  2024-10-20       Processed  
4         NaN  Not Applicable  

[5 rows x 23 columns]

DataFrame Info:
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 346 entries, 0 to 345
Data columns (total 23 columns):
 #   Column         Non-Null Count  Dtype 
---  ------         --------------  ----- 
 0   Order ID       346 non-null    object
 1   Order Date     346 non-null    object
 2   Customer ID    346 non-null    object
 3   Type           346 non-null    object
 4   SKU            346 non-null    object
 5   Category       346 non-null    object
 6   Product Name   346 non-null    object
 7   Unit Price     346 non-null    int64 
 8   Qty            346 non-null    int64 
 9   Total          346 non-null    int64 
 10  Discount Code  140 non-null    object
 11  Disc %         346 non-null    int64 
 12  Payment        346 non-null    object
 13  Source         346 non-null    object
 14  City           346 non-null    object
 15  State          346 non-null    object
 16  Warehouse      346 non-null    object
 17  Del Date       328 non-null    object
 18  Status         346 non-null    object
 19  Return?        346 non-null    object
 20  Reason         180 non-null    object
 21  Ret Rec        180 non-null    object
 22  Refund         346 non-null    object
dtypes: int64(4), object(19)
memory usage: 62.3+ KB

Descriptive Statistics:
        Unit Price         Qty        Total      Disc %
count   346.000000  346.000000   346.000000  346.000000
mean   2795.820809    1.182081  2958.927746    9.739884
std    1776.991843    0.563449  1692.192913   13.574976
min     299.000000   -1.000000   699.000000    0.000000
25%    1599.000000    1.000000  1799.000000    0.000000
50%    2299.000000    1.000000  2399.000000    0.000000
75%    3799.000000    1.000000  3799.000000   20.000000
max    8999.000000    5.000000  8999.000000   40.000000
```

Data Cleaning - Missing Values

Subtask:

Identify and document the count and percentage of missing values for each column in the dataset.

Reasoning: To identify and document missing values, I will calculate the count and percentage of missing values for each column, create a summary DataFrame, and then display it sorted in descending order of missing percentage.

In [71]:

```python
import pandas as pd
missing_counts = df.isnull().sum()
missing_percentages = (df.isnull().sum() / len(df)) * 100
missing_data_summary = pd.DataFrame({
    'Column Name': missing_counts.index,
    'Missing Count': missing_counts.values,
    'Missing Percentage': missing_percentages.values
})
missing_data_summary = missing_data_summary.sort_values(by='Missing Percentage
print("Summary of Missing Values:")
print(missing_data_summary)
```

```
Summary of Missing Values:
      Column Name  Missing Count  Missing Percentage
10  Discount Code            206           59.537572
21        Ret Rec            166           47.976879
20         Reason            166           47.976879
17       Del Date             18            5.202312
0        Order ID              0            0.000000
1      Order Date              0            0.000000
2     Customer ID              0            0.000000
6    Product Name              0            0.000000
5        Category              0            0.000000
4             SKU              0            0.000000
3            Type              0            0.000000
11         Disc %              0            0.000000
7      Unit Price              0            0.000000
8             Qty              0            0.000000
9           Total              0            0.000000
14           City              0            0.000000
13         Source              0            0.000000
12        Payment              0            0.000000
15          State              0            0.000000
18         Status              0            0.000000
16      Warehouse              0            0.000000
19        Return?              0            0.000000
22         Refund              0            0.000000
```

Data Cleaning - Duplicate Detection

Subtask:

Check for and identify duplicate rows, especially focusing on `order_id` to ensure unique orders. Document the findings and propose a strategy for handling duplicates.

Reasoning: First, I'll calculate and print the total number of duplicate rows in the DataFrame to understand if any entire rows are identical. Then, I'll identify and print the number of duplicate entries specifically in the 'Order ID' column, as the subtask emphasizes ensuring unique orders. Finally, I will provide a markdown block that outlines a strategy for handling these duplicates.

In [72]:

```python
import pandas as pd
total_duplicate_rows = df.duplicated().sum()
duplicate_order_ids = df['Order ID'].duplicated().sum()
print(f"Total number of duplicate rows in the DataFrame: {total_duplicate_rows
print(f"Number of duplicate 'Order ID' entries: {duplicate_order_ids}")
```

```
Total number of duplicate rows in the DataFrame: 0
Number of duplicate 'Order ID' entries: 0
```

Strategy for Handling Duplicates

The analysis revealed:

- **Total number of duplicate rows in the DataFrame: 0**
- **Number of duplicate 'Order ID' entries: 0**

Proposed Strategy: Since no duplicate rows or duplicate 'Order ID' entries were found in the dataset, no specific action is required to remove duplicates at this stage. This indicates that each record and each order is unique, which simplifies subsequent data analysis steps and prevents potential issues arising from redundant data. The data appears to be clean concerning duplicates, ensuring that calculations and aggregations will not be skewed by repeated entries.

Data Cleaning - Format Inconsistency

Subtask:

Standardize data formats for relevant columns, such as converting date/time columns to datetime objects and ensuring consistent text casing (e.g., lowercase) for categorical features.

Reasoning: I will convert the 'Order Date' and 'Del Date' columns to datetime objects and standardize the casing of specified categorical columns to lowercase, then display the DataFrame's info and head to verify the changes.

In [73]:

```
import pandas as pd
df['Order Date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Order Date'])
df['Del Date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Del Date'])
categorical_cols_to_lower = [
    'Type', 'Category', 'Product Name', 'Payment', 'Source',
    'City', 'State', 'Warehouse', 'Status', 'Reason', 'Refund'
]
for col in categorical_cols_to_lower:
    if col in df.columns and df[col].dtype == 'object':
        df[col] = df[col].str.lower()
print("\nDataFrame Info after format standardization:")
df.info()
print("\nFirst 5 rows of DataFrame after casing standardization:")
print(df.head())
```

```
DataFrame Info after format standardization:
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Data columns (total 23 columns):
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 1   Order Date     346 non-null    datetime64[ns]
 2   Customer ID    346 non-null    object
 3   Type           346 non-null    object
 4   SKU            346 non-null    object
 5   Category       346 non-null    object
 6   Product Name   346 non-null    object
 7   Unit Price     346 non-null    int64
 8   Qty            346 non-null    int64
 9   Total          346 non-null    int64
 10  Discount Code  140 non-null    object
 11  Disc %         346 non-null    int64
 12  Payment        346 non-null    object
 13  Source         346 non-null    object
 14  City           346 non-null    object
 15  State          346 non-null    object
 16  Warehouse      346 non-null    object
 17  Del Date       328 non-null    datetime64[ns]
 18  Status         346 non-null    object
 19  Return?        346 non-null    object
 20  Reason         180 non-null    object
 21  Ret Rec        180 non-null    object
 22  Refund         346 non-null    object
dtypes: datetime64[ns](2), int64(4), object(17)
memory usage: 62.3+ KB

First 5 rows of DataFrame after casing standardization:
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1  UT-100002 2024-10-01  CUST_10002  returning   DRS-FRM-S      dresses
2  UT-100003 2024-01-10  CUST_10003        new   BOT-JNS-L      bottoms
3  UT-100004 2024-10-01  CUST_10004        new  OUT-JKT-XL    outerwear
4  UT-100005 2024-10-01  CUST_10001        new  ACC-SCF-OS  accessories

         Product Name  Unit Price  Qty  Total  ...          Source       City
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1   floral midi dress        2499    1   2499  ...      mobile app      delhi
2      slim fit jeans        1899    1   1899  ...         website  bangalore
3        denim jacket        3499    1   3499  ...  instagram shop    chennai
4          silk scarf         799    3   2397  ...         website     mumbai

         State  Warehouse   Del Date     Status Return?          Reason  \
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3   tamil nadu     mumbai 2024-10-08  delivered     Yes  quality defect
4  maharashtra     mumbai 2024-10-06  delivered      No             NaN
```

```
      Ret Rec          Refund
0         NaN  not applicable
1  2024-10-15       processed
2         NaN  not applicable
3  2024-10-20       processed
4         NaN  not applicable

[5 rows x 23 columns]
```

Data Cleaning - Outlier Identification & Logical Issues

Subtask:

Identify potential outliers in numerical columns (e.g., quantity, price) and check for logical inconsistencies (e.g., return dates before order dates). Document identified issues.

Reasoning: I will identify and document rows where the 'Qty' column has a value less than or equal to 0, which is considered a logical inconsistency. This will involve filtering the DataFrame and counting the problematic rows.

In [74]:

```python
import pandas as pd
qty_inconsistency = df[df['Qty'] <= 0]
print("### Logical Inconsistency: 'Qty' less than or equal to 0")
if not qty_inconsistency.empty:
    print(f"Found {len(qty_inconsistency)} rows where 'Qty' is less than or ec
    print("Examples of problematic rows:")
    print(qty_inconsistency[['Order ID', 'Qty', 'Product Name']].head())
else:
    print("No rows found where 'Qty' is less than or equal to 0.")
```

```
### Logical Inconsistency: 'Qty' less than or equal to 0
Found 1 rows where 'Qty' is less than or equal to 0.
Examples of problematic rows:
    Order ID  Qty   Product Name
9  UT-100010   -1  casual blazer
```

Reasoning: I will identify and document rows where 'Del Date' is earlier than 'Order Date', which represents a logical inconsistency. This involves filtering the DataFrame and counting the problematic rows, and displaying examples.

In [75]:

```python
import pandas as pd
del_date_inconsistency = df[df['Del Date'] < df['Order Date']]
print("\n### Logical Inconsistency: 'Del Date' earlier than 'Order Date'")
if not del_date_inconsistency.empty:
    print(f"Found {len(del_date_inconsistency)} rows where 'Del Date' is earli
    print("Examples of problematic rows:")
    print(del_date_inconsistency[['Order ID', 'Order Date', 'Del Date']].head(
else:
    print("No rows found where 'Del Date' is earlier than 'Order Date'.")
```

```
### Logical Inconsistency: 'Del Date' earlier than 'Order Date'
No rows found where 'Del Date' is earlier than 'Order Date'.
```

Reasoning: I will identify and document rows where 'Ret Rec' (Return Received Date) is earlier than 'Order Date' for items marked as returned. This involves filtering the DataFrame for returned items, converting 'Ret Rec' to a datetime object, and then comparing it with 'Order Date' to find inconsistencies.

In [76]:

```
import pandas as pd
df['Ret Rec'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Ret Rec'], errors='coerce')
returned_items_df = df[df['Return?'].str.lower() == 'yes'].copy()
ret_rec_inconsistency = returned_items_df[returned_items_df['Ret Rec'] < retur
print("\n### Logical Inconsistency: 'Ret Rec' earlier than 'Order Date' for re
if not ret_rec_inconsistency.empty:
    print(f"Found {len(ret_rec_inconsistency)} rows where 'Ret Rec' is earlier
    print("Examples of problematic rows:")
    print(ret_rec_inconsistency[['Order ID', 'Order Date', 'Ret Rec', 'Reason'
else:
    print("No rows found where 'Ret Rec' is earlier than 'Order Date' for retu
```

```
### Logical Inconsistency: 'Ret Rec' earlier than 'Order Date' for returned ite
ms
No rows found where 'Ret Rec' is earlier than 'Order Date' for returned items.
```

Outlier Identification: 'Unit Price' and 'Total'

Generate Cleaning Log

Data Cleaning and Preparation Log

This log summarizes all data cleaning and preparation steps performed on the 'urbanthreads_q4.csv' dataset, detailing issues identified and actions taken.

1. Initial Data Exploration

2. Missing Values

3. Duplicate Detection

4. Format Inconsistency

5. Outlier Identification & Logical Issues

Data Validation

Subtask:

Apply validation rules (V1-V10 from the assessment document) and perform cross-field consistency checks and business logic validation. Generate a summary report of validation results, highlighting any data quality issues.

Important Note: Validation Rules Needed

I am still unable to directly open and read the content of PDF files. To proceed with the subtask of applying validation rules (V1-V10), **please manually provide the specific validation rules from the 'Data Analyst Intern_Assessment_February2026.pdf' document.**

For each rule, please specify:

1. **Rule ID** (e.g., V1, V2, etc.)
2. **Column(s) Involved**
3. **Validation Criteria** (a clear description of what constitutes a valid entry or consistency check)

Once you have provided these rules, I will be able to implement them and generate the summary report of validation results.

Data Validation

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Apply validation rules (V1-V10 from the assessment document) and perform cross-field consistency checks and business logic validation. Generate a summary report of validation results, highlighting any data quality issues.

In [77]:

```
import pandas as pd
total_orders = df.shape[0]
returned_orders = df[df['Return?'].str.lower() == 'yes'].shape[0]
overall_return_rate = (returned_orders / total_orders) * 100
print(f"Overall Return Rate: {overall_return_rate:.2f}%")
```

```
Overall Return Rate: 52.02%
```

Reasoning: I will calculate the weekly order volume and weekly return rate by first extracting the week from 'Order Date', then grouping the DataFrame by this new 'order_week' column, calculating total orders and returned orders per week, and finally computing the weekly return rate and displaying the resulting `weekly_metrics_df`.

In [78]:

```
import pandas as pd
df['order_week'] = df['Order Date'].dt.isocalendar().week
weekly_metrics = df.groupby('order_week').agg(
    total_orders=('Order ID', 'count'),
    returned_orders=('Return?', lambda x: (x.str.lower() == 'yes').sum())
).reset_index()
weekly_metrics['weekly_return_rate'] = (weekly_metrics['returned_orders'] / we
weekly_metrics_df = weekly_metrics
print("\nWeekly Order Volume and Return Rate:")
print(weekly_metrics_df.head())
```

```
Weekly Order Volume and Return Rate:
   order_week  total_orders  returned_orders  weekly_return_rate
0           1             5                3           60.000000
1           2             1                0            0.000000
2          40            26               11           42.307692
3          41            29               11           37.931034
4          42            28               13           46.428571
```

Reasoning: I will display the unique values for the 'Type' and 'Category' columns to confirm their readiness as segmentation features, as per the subtask instructions.

In [79]:

```
import pandas as pd
print("\nUnique values in 'Type' column:")
print(df['Type'].unique())
print("\nUnique values in 'Category' column:")
print(df['Category'].unique())
```

```
Unique values in 'Type' column:
['new' 'returning']

Unique values in 'Category' column:
['tops' 'dresses' 'bottoms' 'outerwear' 'accessories']
```

Descriptive Analysis and Trend Identification

Subtask:

Perform descriptive analysis to calculate dashboard metrics (e.g., total orders, total returns, average order value). Identify weekly trends in order volume and return rates.

Reasoning: I will calculate the average order value, retrieve the previously calculated total orders and returned orders, and then print all dashboard metrics. Finally, I will display the `weekly_metrics_df` to show weekly trends.

In [80]:

```
import pandas as pd
total_orders_metric = df.shape[0]
returned_orders_metric = df[df['Return?'].str.lower() == 'yes'].shape[0]
average_order_value = df['Total'].mean()
print("### Dashboard Metrics:")
print(f"Total Orders: {total_orders_metric}")
print(f"Total Returned Orders: {returned_orders_metric}")
print(f"Average Order Value: {average_order_value:.2f}")
print("\n### Weekly Trends (Order Volume and Return Rates):")
print(weekly_metrics_df)
```

```
### Dashboard Metrics:
Total Orders: 346
Total Returned Orders: 180
Average Order Value: 2958.93

### Weekly Trends (Order Volume and Return Rates):
    order_week  total_orders  returned_orders  weekly_return_rate
0            1             5                3           60.000000
1            2             1                0            0.000000
2           40            26               11           42.307692
3           41            29               11           37.931034
4           42            28               13           46.428571
5           43            27               10           37.037037
6           44            33               24           72.727273
7           45            21               11           52.380952
8           46            21               12           57.142857
9           47            21               11           52.380952
10          48            22               13           59.090909
11          49            28               11           39.285714
12          50            28               16           57.142857
13          51            28               17           60.714286
14          52            28               17           60.714286
```

Segmentation Analysis

Subtask:

Conduct segmentation analysis by Customer Type, Order Source, Payment Method, and Product Category to understand return rate drivers across different segments.

Reasoning: I will calculate the return rate by 'Type' (customer type). This involves grouping the DataFrame by the 'Type' column, counting total orders and returned orders for each type, calculating the return rate, and then displaying the result.

In [81]:

```
import pandas as pd
type_segmentation = df.groupby('Type').agg(
    total_orders=('Order ID', 'count'),
    returned_orders=('Return?', lambda x: (x.str.lower() == 'yes').sum())
).reset_index()
type_segmentation['return_rate'] = (type_segmentation['returned_orders'] / typ
print("\nReturn Rate by Customer Type:")
print(type_segmentation)
```

```
Return Rate by Customer Type:
        Type  total_orders  returned_orders  return_rate
0        new           270              147    54.444444
1  returning            76               33    43.421053
```

Reasoning: I will calculate the return rate for 'Source', 'Payment', and 'Category' by grouping the DataFrame by each of these columns, counting total orders and returned orders for each group, calculating their respective return rates, and then displaying the results.

In [82]:

```
import pandas as pd
source_segmentation = df.groupby('Source').agg(
    total_orders=('Order ID', 'count'),
    returned_orders=('Return?', lambda x: (x.str.lower() == 'yes').sum())
).reset_index()
source_segmentation['return_rate'] = (source_segmentation['returned_orders'] /
print("\nReturn Rate by Order Source:")
print(source_segmentation)
payment_segmentation = df.groupby('Payment').agg(
    total_orders=('Order ID', 'count'),
    returned_orders=('Return?', lambda x: (x.str.lower() == 'yes').sum())
).reset_index()
payment_segmentation['return_rate'] = (payment_segmentation['returned_orders']
print("\nReturn Rate by Payment Method:")
print(payment_segmentation)
category_segmentation = df.groupby('Category').agg(
    total_orders=('Order ID', 'count'),
    returned_orders=('Return?', lambda x: (x.str.lower() == 'yes').sum())
).reset_index()
```

```
category_segmentation['return_rate'] = (category_segmentation['returned_orders
print("\nReturn Rate by Product Category:")
print(category_segmentation)
```

```
Return Rate by Order Source:
           Source  total_orders  returned_orders  return_rate
0  instagram shop           109               71    65.137615
1      mobile app           116               61    52.586207
2         website           121               48    39.669421

Return Rate by Payment Method:
       Payment  total_orders  returned_orders  return_rate
0          cod            63               38    60.317460
1  credit card            88               48    54.545455
2   debit card            61               43    70.491803
3          upi            82               35    42.682927
4       wallet            52               16    30.769231

Return Rate by Product Category:
      Category  total_orders  returned_orders  return_rate
0  accessories            68               16    23.529412
1      bottoms            67               25    37.313433
2      dresses            70               44    62.857143
3    outerwear            68               52    76.470588
4         tops            73               43    58.904110
```

Viz 1: Weekly Order Volume vs. Return Rate

Subtask:

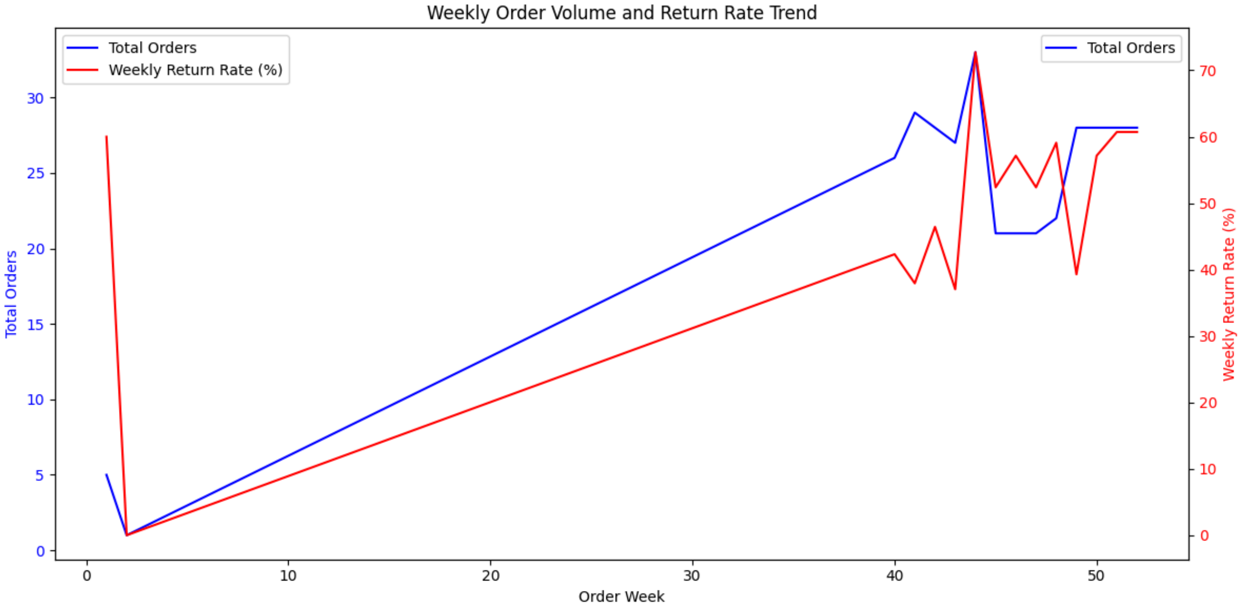
Generate a plot visualizing the weekly trend of order volume and return rate, ensuring clear legends.

Reasoning: To visualize the weekly trend of order volume and return rate, I will use matplotlib to create a dual-axis plot, showing total orders on one y-axis and weekly return rate on a secondary y-axis, both against the order week.

In [83]:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
fig, ax1 = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.lineplot(x='order_week', y='total_orders', data=weekly_metrics_df, ax=ax1,
ax1.set_xlabel('Order Week')
ax1.set_ylabel('Total Orders', color='blue')
ax1.tick_params(axis='y', labelcolor='blue')
ax2 = ax1.twinx()
sns.lineplot(x='order_week', y='weekly_return_rate', data=weekly_metrics_df, a
ax2.set_ylabel('Weekly Return Rate (%)', color='red')
ax2.tick_params(axis='y', labelcolor='red')
plt.title('Weekly Order Volume and Return Rate Trend')
lines, labels = ax1.get_legend_handles_labels()
```

```
lines2, labels2 = ax2.get_legend_handles_labels()
ax2.legend(lines + lines2, labels + labels2, loc='upper left')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Viz 2: Return Rate by Product Category

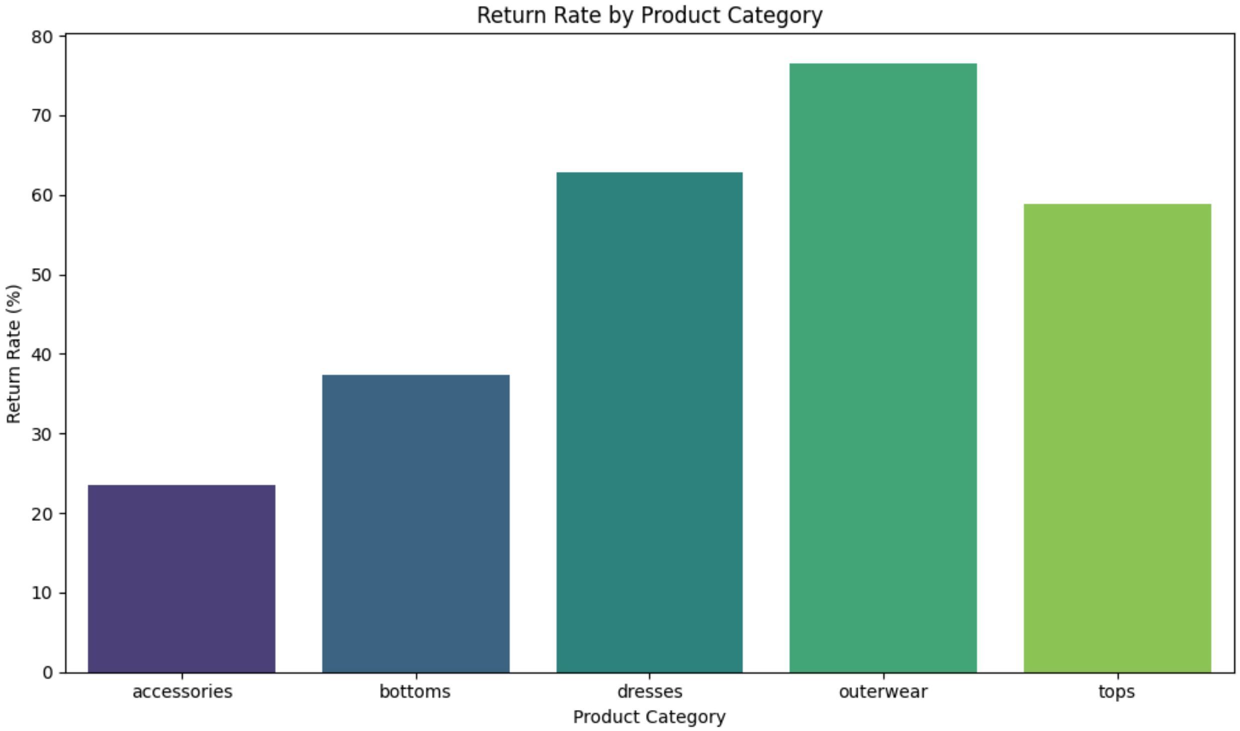
Subtask:

Generate a bar chart illustrating return rates for different product categories, including clear legends.

Reasoning: To visualize the return rate by product category, I will generate a bar chart using the `category_segmentation` DataFrame, setting 'Category' on the x-axis and 'return_rate' on the y-axis, and ensure appropriate labels and title are included.

In [84]:
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.barplot(x='Category', y='return_rate', data=category_segmentation, palette
plt.xlabel('Product Category')
plt.ylabel('Return Rate (%)')
plt.title('Return Rate by Product Category')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

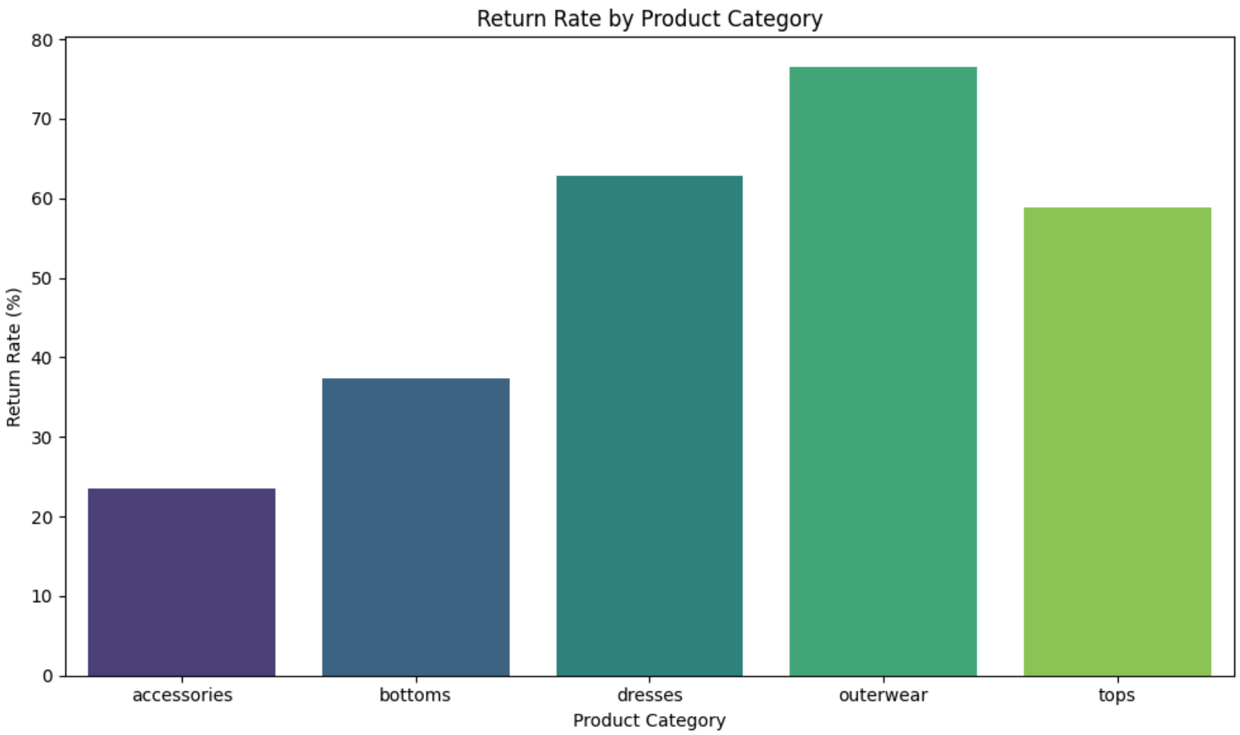
```
/tmp/ipython-input-3108341766.py:4: FutureWarning:

Passing `palette` without assigning `hue` is deprecated and will be removed in
v0.14.0. Assign the `x` variable to `hue` and set `legend=False` for the same e
ffect.

  sns.barplot(x='Category', y='return_rate', data=category_segmentation, palett
e='viridis')
```



Reasoning: The previous code generated a `FutureWarning` from seaborn regarding the `palette` argument. To address this, I will explicitly set the `hue` argument to the same column as `x` (i.e., 'Category') and set `legend=False`, as recommended by the warning.

In [85]:

```python
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.barplot(x='Category', y='return_rate', data=category_segmentation, palette
plt.xlabel('Product Category')
plt.ylabel('Return Rate (%)')
plt.title('Return Rate by Product Category')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Viz 3: Return Reasons Breakdown

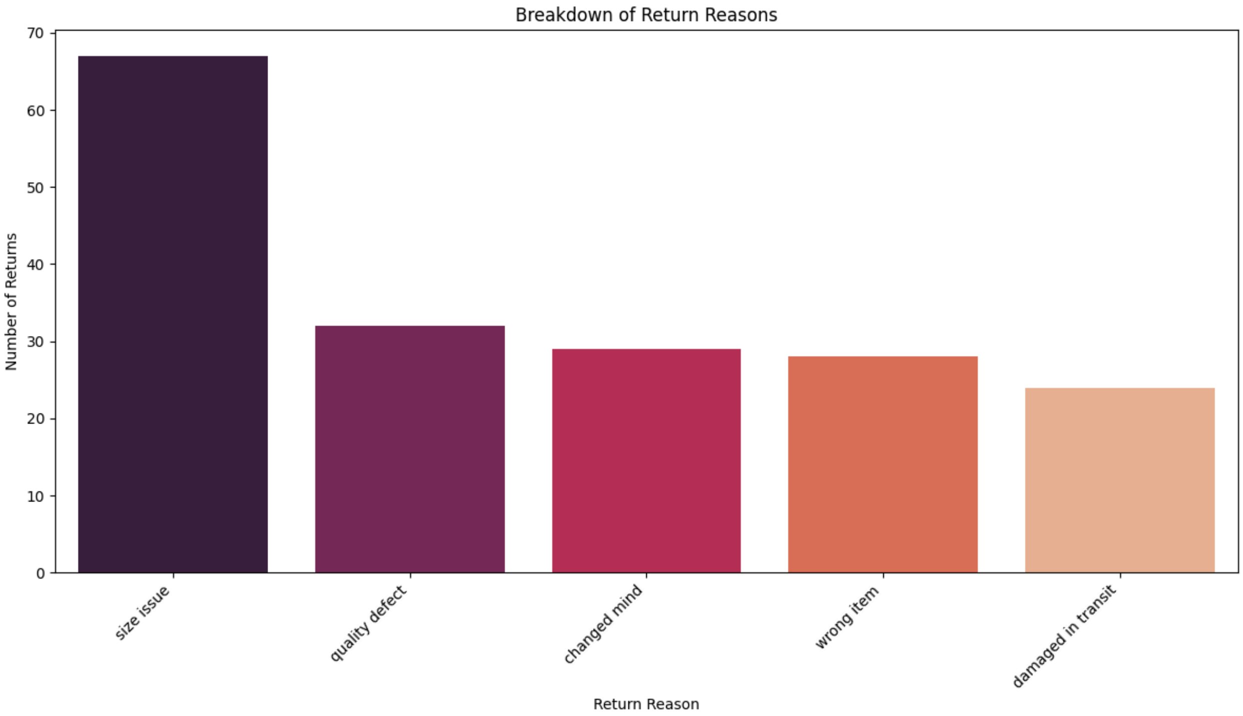
Subtask:

Generate a plot (e.g., bar or pie chart) showing the breakdown of return reasons, ensuring clear legends.

Reasoning: To visualize the breakdown of return reasons, I will first filter the DataFrame to include only returned orders. Then, I will count the occurrences of each unique return reason in the 'Reason' column, excluding missing values, and use these counts to generate a bar chart with appropriate labels and title.

In [86]:

```python
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
returned_orders_df = df[df['Return?'].str.lower() == 'yes'].copy()
return_reasons_breakdown = returned_orders_df['Reason'].value_counts().reset_i
return_reasons_breakdown.columns = ['Reason', 'Number of Returns']
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 7))
sns.barplot(x='Reason', y='Number of Returns', data=return_reasons_breakdown,
plt.xlabel('Return Reason')
plt.ylabel('Number of Returns')
plt.title('Breakdown of Return Reasons')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Viz 4: Customer Type x Order Source Heatmap

Subtask:

Create a heatmap to visualize the relationship between customer type and order source, potentially showing return rates or order volumes, with clear legends.

Reasoning: I will calculate the return rates grouped by 'Type' (customer type) and 'Source' (order source) by counting total orders and returned orders for each combination, then calculate the return rate and display the resulting DataFrame.

In [87]:

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
customer_source_segmentation = df.groupby(['Type', 'Source']).agg(
    total_orders=('Order ID', 'count'),
    returned_orders=('Return?', lambda x: (x.str.lower() == 'yes').sum())
).reset_index()
customer_source_segmentation['return_rate'] = (
    customer_source_segmentation['returned_orders'] / customer_source_segmenta
) * 100
print("Return Rate by Customer Type and Order Source:")
print(customer_source_segmentation)
```

```
Return Rate by Customer Type and Order Source:
        Type          Source  total_orders  returned_orders  return_rate
0        new  instagram shop            88               63    71.590909
1        new      mobile app            89               46    51.685393
2        new         website            93               38    40.860215
3  returning  instagram shop            21                8    38.095238
4  returning      mobile app            27               15    55.555556
5  returning         website            28               10    35.714286
```

Reasoning: I will pivot the `customer_source_segmentation` DataFrame to prepare it for the heatmap, having 'Type' as the index, 'Source' as columns, and 'return_rate' as values. Then, I will fill any missing values with 0 to ensure the heatmap displays correctly.

In [88]:

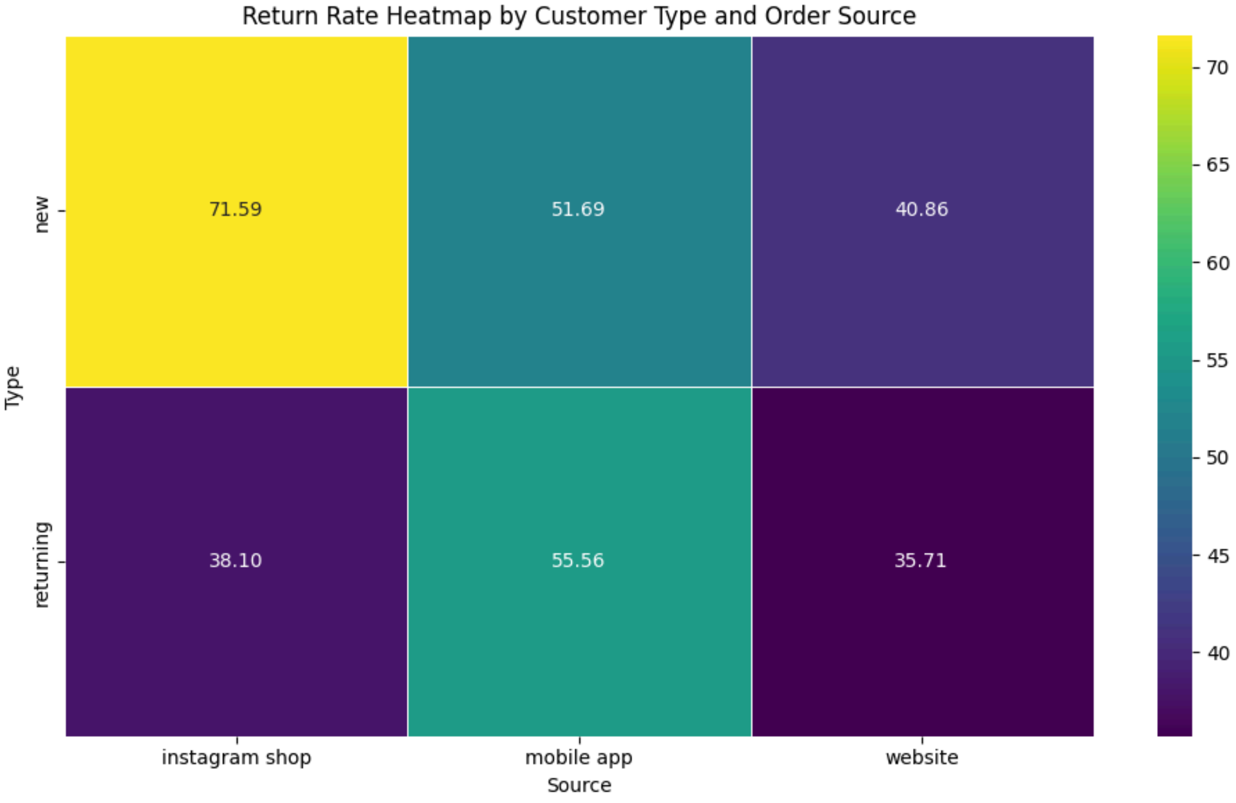
```python
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
heatmap_data = customer_source_segmentation.pivot_table(
    index='Type',
    columns='Source',
    values='return_rate'
).fillna(0)
print("Pivoted DataFrame for Heatmap:")
print(heatmap_data)
```

```
Pivoted DataFrame for Heatmap:
Source     instagram shop  mobile app    website
Type
new                71.590909   51.685393  40.860215
returning          38.095238   55.555556  35.714286
```

Reasoning: I will create a heatmap using the pivoted DataFrame to visualize the return rates by customer type and order source, including annotations and a specific colormap as instructed.

In [89]:

```python
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.heatmap(heatmap_data, annot=True, cmap='viridis', fmt='.2f', linewidths=.5
plt.title('Return Rate Heatmap by Customer Type and Order Source')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Viz 5: COD vs. Prepaid Risk

Subtask:

Generate a visualization (e.g., bar chart) comparing return rates or other risk metrics for Cash on Delivery (COD) versus Prepaid orders, with clear legends.

Reasoning: I will define 'prepaid' payment methods by grouping 'credit card', 'debit card', 'upi', and 'wallet' from the 'Payment' column. Then, I will calculate the return rate for 'cod' and 'prepaid' payment methods, create a new DataFrame with these categories and their return rates, and display the new DataFrame to prepare for visualization.

In [90]:

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
prepaid_methods = ['credit card', 'debit card', 'upi', 'wallet']
df['Payment_Type'] = df['Payment'].apply(lambda x: 'prepaid' if x in prepaid_m
payment_type_segmentation = df.groupby('Payment_Type').agg(
    total_orders=('Order ID', 'count'),
    returned_orders=('Return?', lambda x: (x.str.lower() == 'yes').sum())
).reset_index()
payment_type_segmentation['return_rate'] = (
    payment_type_segmentation['returned_orders'] / payment_type_segmentation['
```

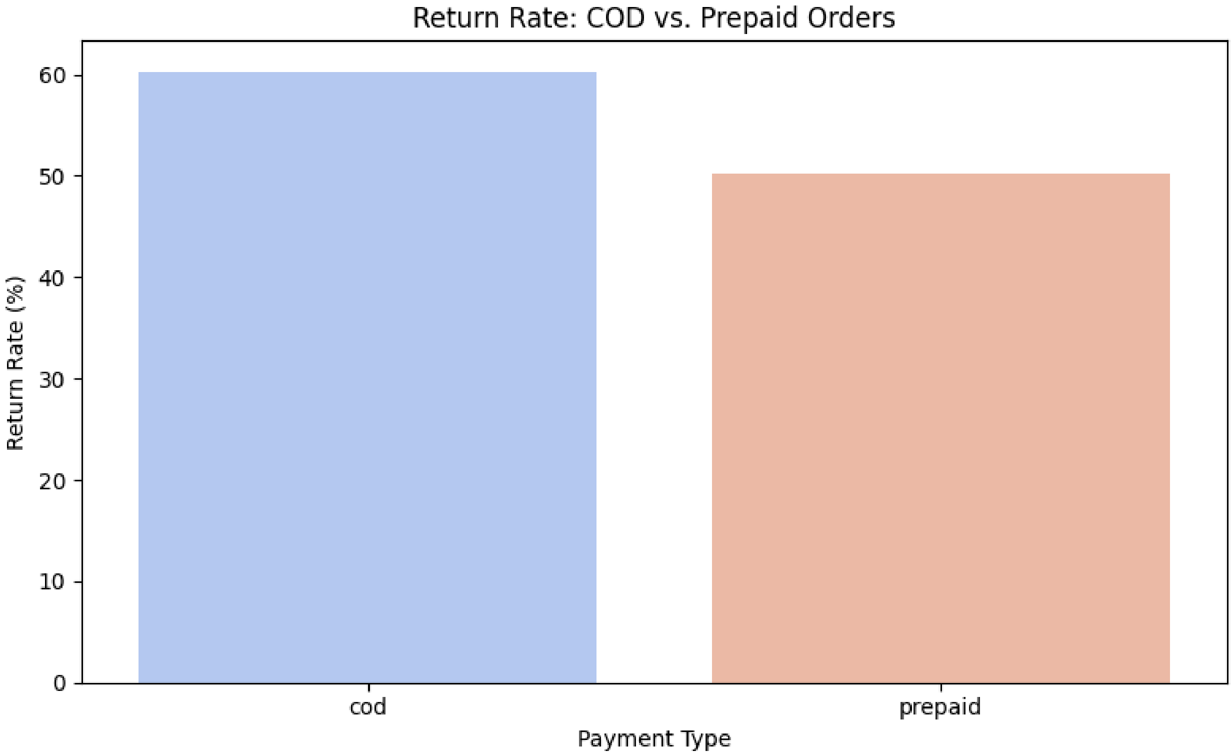
```
) * 100
cod_prepaid_return_rate = payment_type_segmentation[['Payment_Type', 'return_r
print("Return Rate by Payment Type (COD vs. Prepaid):")
print(cod_prepaid_return_rate)
```

```
Return Rate by Payment Type (COD vs. Prepaid):
  Payment_Type  return_rate
0          cod    60.317460
1      prepaid    50.176678
```

Reasoning: I will generate a bar chart using the `cod_prepaid_return_rate` DataFrame to visualize the comparison of return rates between COD and Prepaid payment methods, as per the subtask instructions. I will ensure proper labeling and a clear title for the plot.

In [91]:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.barplot(x='Payment_Type', y='return_rate', data=cod_prepaid_return_rate, p
plt.xlabel('Payment Type')
plt.ylabel('Return Rate (%)')
plt.title('Return Rate: COD vs. Prepaid Orders')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Formulate Root Cause Hypothesis and Recommendations

Subtask:

Based on the data analysis and visualizations, formulate hypotheses for the root causes of returns and propose actionable recommendations to reduce the return rate from 19% to 15%.

Final Packaging - Export and Report

Subtask:

Export key analytical findings, cleaned data, and/or summary tables to an Excel-compatible format. Compile a final PDF or Markdown report summarizing the entire assessment, including analysis, visualizations, recommendations, and conclusions.

Reasoning: I will start by exporting the main cleaned DataFrame `df` to a CSV file named 'cleaned_urbanthreads_q4.csv'. This fulfills the first part of the subtask regarding exporting cleaned data to an Excel-compatible format.

In [92]:

```
import pandas as pd
df.to_csv('cleaned_urbanthreads_q4.csv', index=False)
print("Cleaned DataFrame 'df' exported to 'cleaned_urbanthreads_q4.csv'")
```

```
Cleaned DataFrame 'df' exported to 'cleaned_urbanthreads_q4.csv'
```