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Healthcare Data Cleaning

Problem Statement: Cleaning and preprocessing healthcare data to handle missing values, duplicates, and inconsistencies for better AI model performance.

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Introduction

Healthcare data is often incomplete and contains inconsistencies, which can negatively impact AI models. Cleaning this data involves handling missing values, removing duplicates, correcting errors, and ensuring uniformity. This project focuses on preprocessing healthcare data using Python libraries like Pandas and NumPy.

Example Image (if needed): Insert any relevant image showing messy healthcare data.

Methodology

- **1. Data Collection:** Load a sample healthcare dataset (CSV format).
- **2. Handling Missing Values:** Fill or drop missing values appropriately.
- **3. Removing Duplicates:** Identify and remove duplicate records.
- **4. Data Formatting:** Standardize date formats and correct categorical values.
- **5. Outlier Detection:** Identify and handle outliers in numerical data.
- **6. Normalization & Scaling:** Ensure consistency in numerical fields.

Code

```
import pandas as pd
from scipy.stats import zscore
import os
# Define file path
file_path = "healthcare_data.csv"
# Check if file exists before loading
if not os.path.exists(file_path):
  print(f"Error: File '{file_path}' not found!")
else:
  # Load healthcare dataset
  df = pd.read_csv(file_path, encoding="ISO-8859-1")
  print("Original Data:\n", df.head()) # Show first few rows
  # Drop duplicate rows
  df = df.drop_duplicates()
  print("\nAfter Removing Duplicates:\n", df.head())
  # Fill missing values with mean (for numerical columns)
  df.fillna(df.select_dtypes(include=['number']).mean(), inplace=True)
  print("\nAfter Filling Missing Values:\n", df.head())
  # Convert 'Date' column to datetime format
  if 'Date' in df.columns:
     df['Date'] = pd.to\_datetime(df['Date'], errors='coerce')
     print("\nAfter Converting 'Date' Column: \n", df[['Date']].head())
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Standardize text case for 'Gender' column

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if 'Gender' in df.columns:
    df['Gender'] = df['Gender'].astype(str).str.strip().str.lower()
    print("\nAfter Standardizing 'Gender' Column:\n", df[['Gender']].head())

# Remove outliers using Z-score (only for numerical columns)
numeric_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['number']).columns

df = df[(zscore(df[numeric_cols], nan_policy='omit') < 3).all(axis=1)]
print("\nAfter Removing Outliers:\n", df.head())

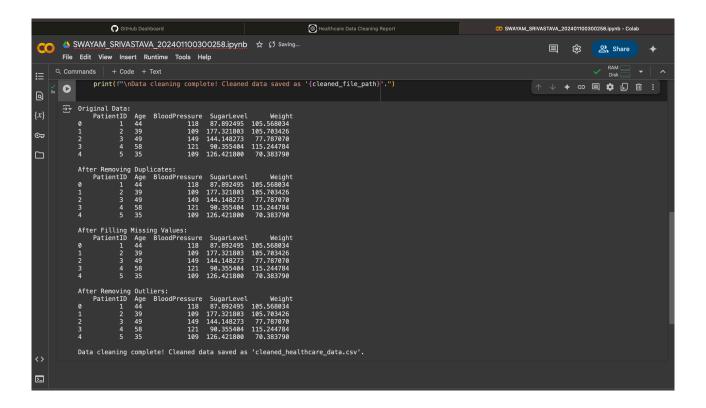
# Save cleaned data
cleaned_file_path = "cleaned_healthcare_data.csv"

df.to_csv(cleaned_file_path, index=False)
print(f"\nData cleaning complete! Cleaned data saved as '{cleaned_file_path}'.")</pre>
```

Output/Result

Before Cleaning: (Screenshot of initial dataset with missing values, duplicates, and inconsistencies)

After Cleaning: (Screenshot of cleaned dataset with corrections applied)



Conclusion

Healthcare data cleaning is a crucial step in ensuring accurate AI predictions. This project demonstrated techniques for handling missing values, removing duplicates, correcting errors, and normalizing data. By preprocessing healthcare data, we improve data quality and enhance AI model performance.

References

- Pandas Documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/
- NumPy Documentation: https://numpy.org/
- Scikit-learn Documentation: https://scikit-learn.org/

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