

Customer Shopping Behavior Analysis

1. Project Overview:

This project analyzes customer shopping behavior using transactional data from 3,900 purchases across various product categories. The goal is to uncover insights into spending patterns, customer segments, product preferences, and subscription behavior to guide strategic business decisions.

2. Dataset Summary:

- Rows: 3,900
- Columns: 18
- Key Features: - Customer demographics (Age, Gender, Location, Subscription Status)
- Purchase details (Item Purchased, Category, Purchase Amount, Season, Size, Color)
- Shopping behavior (Discount Applied, Promo Code Used, Previous Purchases, Frequency of Purchases, Review Rating, Shipping Type)
- Missing Data: 37 values in Review Rating column

3. Exploratory Data Analysis using Python:

We began with data preparation and cleaning in Python:

Data Loading: Imported the dataset using pandas.

Initial Exploration: Used `df.info()` to check structure and `.describe()` for summary statistics

```
df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 3900 entries, 0 to 3899
Data columns (total 18 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype  
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0   Customer ID           3900 non-null   int64  
1   Age                   3900 non-null   int64  
2   Gender                3900 non-null   object  
3   Item Purchased        3900 non-null   object  
4   Category              3900 non-null   object  
5   Purchase Amount (USD) 3900 non-null   int64  
6   Location              3900 non-null   object  
7   Size                  3900 non-null   object  
8   Color                 3900 non-null   object  
9   Season                3900 non-null   object  
10  Review Rating          3863 non-null   float64 
11  Subscription Status    3900 non-null   object  
12  Shipping Type          3900 non-null   object  
13  Discount Applied       3900 non-null   object  
14  Promo Code Used        3900 non-null   object  
15  Previous Purchases     3900 non-null   int64  
16  Payment Method         3900 non-null   object  
17  Frequency of Purchases 3900 non-null   object  
dtypes: float64(1), int64(4), object(13)
memory usage: 548.6+ KB
```

```
df.describe(include='all')
```

	Customer ID	Age	Gender	Item Purchased	Category	Purchase Amount (USD)	Location	Size	Color	Season	Review Rating	Subscription Status	Shipping Type	Discount Applied	Promo Code Used
count	3900.000000	3900.000000	3900	3900	3900	3900.000000	3900	3900	3900	3900	3863.000000	3900	3900	3900	3900
unique	NaN	NaN	2	25	4	NaN	50	4	25	4	NaN	2	6	2	2
top	NaN	NaN	Male	Blouse	Clothing	NaN	Montana	M	Olive	Spring	NaN	No	Free Shipping	No	No
freq	NaN	NaN	2652	171	1737	NaN	96	1755	177	999	NaN	2847	675	2223	2223
mean	1950.500000	44.068462	NaN	NaN	NaN	59.764359	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	3.750065	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
std	1125.977353	15.207589	NaN	NaN	NaN	23.685392	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.716983	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
min	1.000000	18.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	20.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	2.500000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
25%	975.750000	31.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	39.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	3.100000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
50%	1950.500000	44.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	60.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	3.800000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
75%	2925.250000	57.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	81.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	4.400000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
max	3900.000000	70.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	100.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	5.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

Missing Data Handling: Checked for null values and imputed missing values in the Review Rating column using the median rating of each product category.

Column Standardization: Renamed columns to snake case for better readability and documentation.

Feature Engineering:

Created age_group column by binning customer ages.

Created purchase_frequency_days column from purchase data.

Data Consistency Check: Verified if discount_applied and promo_code_used were redundant; dropped promo_code_used.

Database Integration: Saved the final cleaned DataFrame and connected Python script to MySQL and loaded the cleaned DataFrame into the database for SQL analysis.

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: from sqlalchemy import create_engine

# Replace with your actual MySQL Workbench details
username = 'your_username'
password = 'your_password'
host = 'localhost:XXXX'
database = 'your_database'

# Create connection string
engine = create_engine(f"mysql+mysqlconnector://{username}:{password}@{host}/{database}")

# Export the DataFrame
df.to_sql('cleaned_customer_data', con=engine, index=False, if_exists='replace')

print("DataFrame exported successfully to MySQL database!")
```

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4. Data Analysis using SQL (Business Transactions):

We performed structured analysis in MySQL to answer key business questions:

1. Revenue by Gender – Compared total revenue generated by male vs. female customers.

	gender	revenue
▶	Male	157890
	Female	75191

2. High Spending Discount Users – Identified customers who used discounts but still spent above the average purchase amount.

	customer_id	purchase_amount
▶	2	64
	3	73
	4	90
	7	85
	9	97
	12	68
	13	72
	15	81

3. Top 5 Products by Rating – Found products with the highest average review ratings.

	products	Average product rating
▶	Blouse	3.68
	Sweater	3.76
	Jeans	3.65
	Sandals	3.84
	Sneakers	3.76

4. Shipping Type Comparison – Compared average purchase amounts between Standard and Express shipping.

	shipping_type	Avg_purchase_amount
▶	Express	60.48
	Standard	58.46

5. Subscribers vs. Non-Subscribers – Compared average spend and total revenue across subscription status.

	subscription_status	Total_customers	Total_amount	Avg_purchase_amount
►	Yes	1053	62645	59.4919
	No	2847	170436	59.8651

6. Discount-Dependent Products – Identified 5 products with the highest percentage of discounted purchases.

	product	percentage
►	Hat	50.00
	Sneakers	49.66
	Coat	49.07
	Sweater	48.17
	Pants	47.37

7. Customer Segmentation – Classified customers into New, Returning, and Loyal segments based on purchase history.

	customer_segment	Number of customers
►	Loyal	3116
	Returning	701
	New	83

8. Top 3 Products per Category – Listed the most purchased products within each category.

	category	product	total_products
►	Accessories	Jewelry	171
	Accessories	Sunglasses	161
	Accessories	Belt	161
	Clothing	Blouse	171
	Clothing	Pants	171
	Clothing	Shirt	169
	Footwear	Sandals	160
	Footwear	Shoes	150
	Footwear	Sneakers	145
	Outerwear	Jacket	163
	Outerwear	Coat	161

9. Repeat Buyers & Subscriptions – Checked whether customers with >5 purchases are more likely to subscribe.

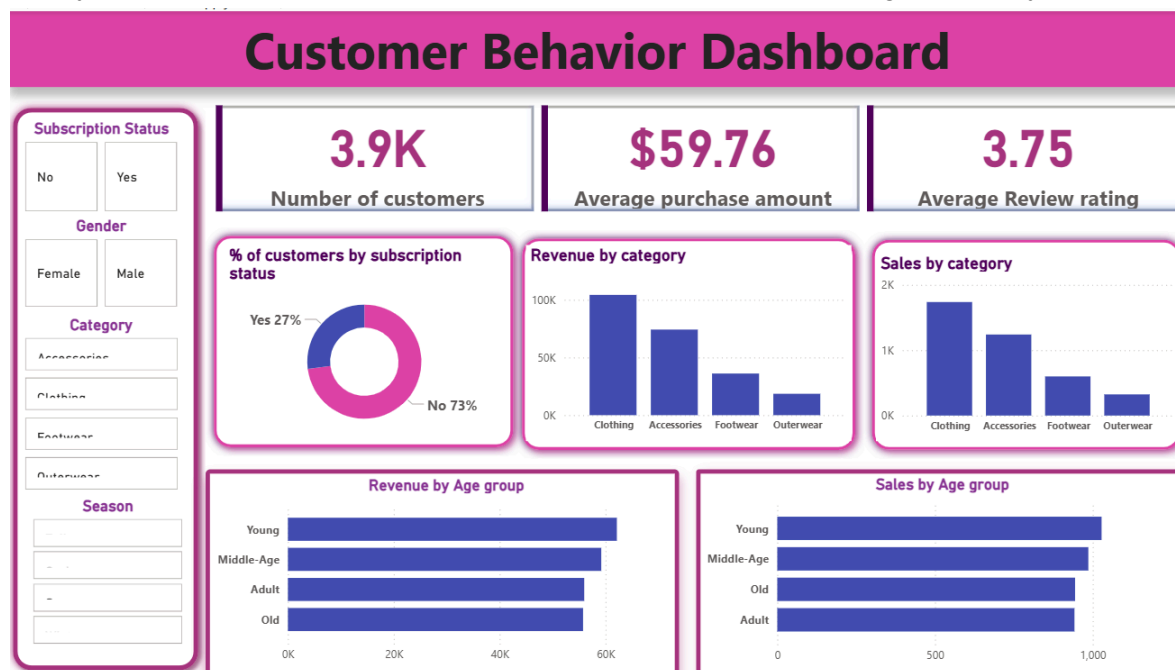
	subscription_status	repeat_buyers
►	Yes	958
	No	2518

10. Revenue by Age Group – Calculated total revenue contribution of each age group.

	age_group	total_revenue
►	Middle-Age	59197
	Young	62143
	Old	55763
	Adult	55978

5. Dashboard in Power BI:

Finally, we built an interactive dashboard in Power BI to present insights visually.



6. Business Recommendations:

Boost Subscriptions – Promote exclusive benefits for subscribers.

Customer Loyalty Programs – Reward repeat buyers to move them into the “Loyal” segment.

Review Discount Policy – Balance sales boosts with margin control.

Product Positioning – Highlight top rated and best selling products in campaigns.

Targeted Marketing – Focus efforts on high revenue age groups and express-shipping users.