AI & ML INTERNSHIP

Task 2: Data Cleaning & Missing Value Handling

Dataset Analysis & Cleaning Report (Housing Prices Dataset)

1. Introduction

Data cleaning is a critical step in the machine learning lifecycle. Real-world datasets often contain missing, inconsistent, or noisy values that can negatively impact model performance.
This task focuses on identifying and handling missing values in the **Housing Prices Dataset** using appropriate data cleaning techniques.

2. Dataset Overview

The **Housing Prices Dataset** contains information related to residential properties such as area, number of bedrooms, bathrooms, parking availability, furnishing status, and house price.
Each row represents a house, and each column represents a specific attribute influencing housing prices.

3. Tools and Technologies Used

Python

Pandas

NumPy

Jupyter Notebook

These tools were used for data loading, inspection, and exploratory analysis.

4. Identifying Missing Values

Missing values were identified using Pandas' **.isnull().sum()** function.
This step helped determine which columns contained null values and the extent of missing data.

5. Visualization of Missing Data

A simple bar chart was used to visualize missing values across columns.
This visualization made it easier to identify columns with high or negligible missing values.

6. Handling Missing Values

Numerical Columns

Missing values in numerical columns were handled using **mean or median imputation**.

Median imputation was preferred for skewed data to reduce the impact of outliers.

Categorical Columns

Missing values in categorical columns were handled using **mode imputation**, as it preserves the most frequent category.

7. Removing Columns with High Missing Values

Columns with an extremely high percentage of missing values were removed to avoid introducing noise and bias into the dataset.

8. Dataset Validation After Cleaning

After cleaning:

The dataset was checked again for missing values

The shape of the dataset was compared before and after cleaning

Data quality was verified to ensure ML readiness

9. Before vs After Comparison

- **Before Cleaning:** Dataset contained missing values and inconsistencies
- **After Cleaning:** Dataset became complete, consistent, and suitable for machine learning models

10. Final Outcome

After completing this task, the intern gained:

Practical data cleaning skills

Experience in missing value handling

Understanding of data quality importance

This fulfills the objective of **Task 2: Data Cleaning & Missing Value Handling**.

✅ REQUIRED PYTHON CODE (Jupyter Notebook)

1. Import Required Libraries

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

2. Load the Dataset

```
df = pd.read_csv("Housing.csv")
```

3. Initial Dataset Inspection

df.head()

```
[4]: import pandas as pd
     import numpy as np
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     df = pd.read_csv("Housing.csv")
     df.head()
```

[4]:

	price	area	bedrooms	bathrooms	stories	mainroad	guestroom	basement	hotwaterheating	airconditioning	parking	prefarea	furnishingstatus
0	13300000	7420	4	2	3	yes	no	no	no	yes	2	yes	furnished
1	12250000	8960	4	4	4	yes	no	no	no	yes	3	no	furnished
2	12250000	9960	3	2	2	yes	no	yes	no	no	2	yes	semi-furnished
3	12215000	7500	4	2	2	yes	no	yes	no	yes	3	yes	furnished
4	11410000	7420	4	1	2	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	2	no	furnished

df.info()

```
[5]: df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 545 entries, 0 to 544
Data columns (total 13 columns):
 #   Column            Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ------            --------------  -----
 0   price             545 non-null    int64
 1   area              545 non-null    int64
 2   bedrooms          545 non-null    int64
 3   bathrooms         545 non-null    int64
 4   stories           545 non-null    int64
 5   mainroad          545 non-null    object
 6   guestroom         545 non-null    object
 7   basement          545 non-null    object
 8   hotwaterheating   545 non-null    object
 9   airconditioning   545 non-null    object
 10  parking           545 non-null    int64
 11  prefarea          545 non-null    object
 12  furnishingstatus  545 non-null    object
dtypes: int64(6), object(7)
memory usage: 55.5+ KB
```

4. Identify Missing Values

df.isnull().sum()

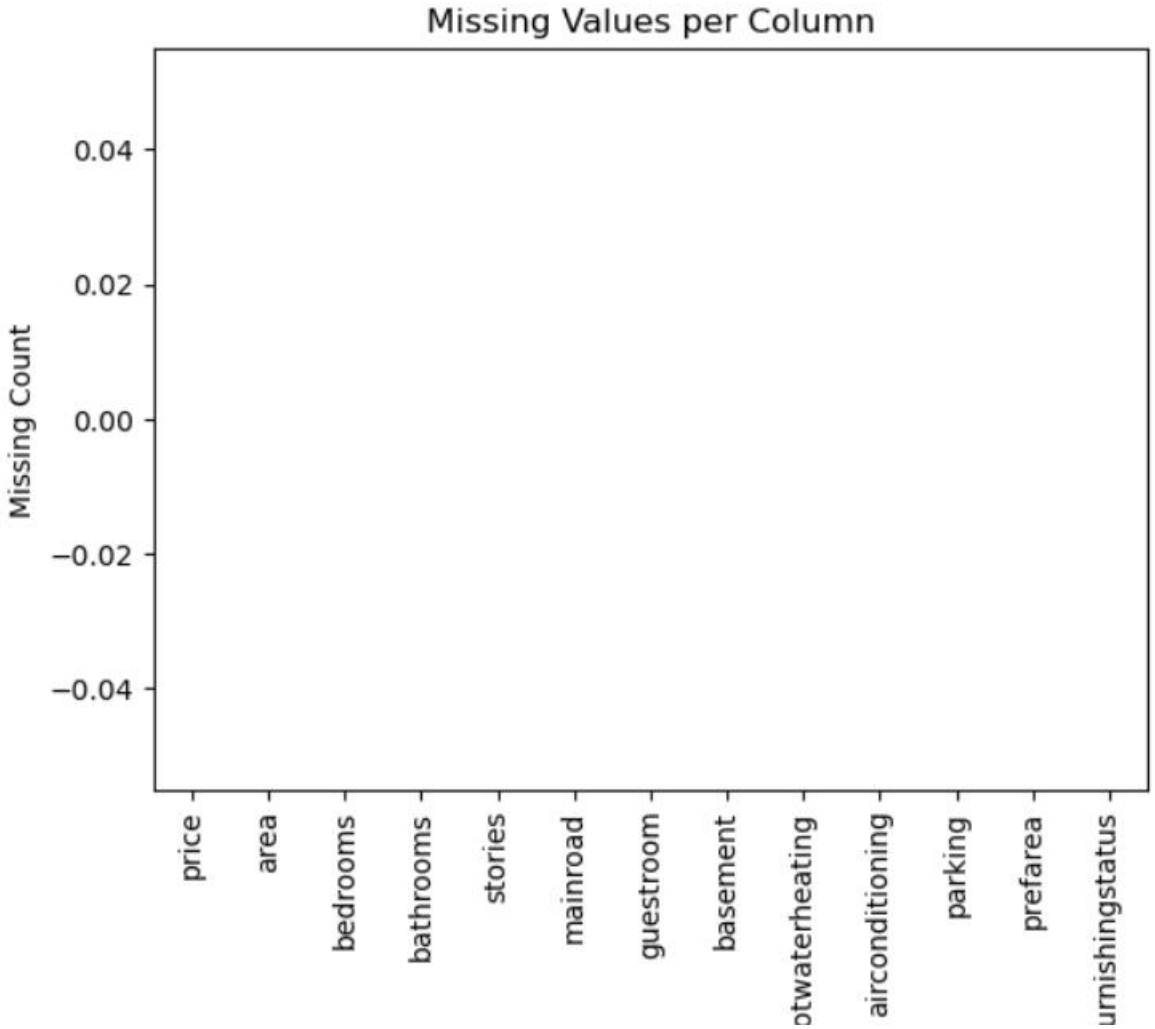
```
[6]: df.isnull().sum()
```

```
[6]: price             0
     area              0
     bedrooms          0
     bathrooms         0
     stories           0
     mainroad          0
     guestroom         0
     basement          0
     hotwaterheating   0
     airconditioning   0
     parking           0
     prefarea          0
     furnishingstatus  0
     dtype: int64
```

5. Visualize Missing Values

```
df.isnull().sum().plot(kind='bar')
plt.title("Missing Values per Column")
plt.xlabel("Columns")
plt.ylabel("Missing Count")
plt.show()
```

```
[7]: df.isnull().sum().plot(kind='bar')
     plt.title("Missing Values per Column")
     plt.xlabel("Columns")
     plt.ylabel("Missing Count")
     plt.show()
```



6. Separate Numerical and Categorical Columns

```
numerical_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64']).columns
categorical_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns
print(numerical_cols)
print(categorical_cols)
```

[11]:
```
numerical_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64']).columns
categorical_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns
print(numerical_cols)
print(categorical_cols)
```

```
Index(['price', 'area', 'bedrooms', 'bathrooms', 'stories', 'parking'], dtype='object')
Index(['mainroad', 'guestroom', 'basement', 'hotwaterheating',
       'airconditioning', 'prefarea', 'furnishingstatus'],
      dtype='object')
```

7. Handle Missing Values (Numerical)

for col in numerical_cols:
df[col].fillna(df[col].median(), inplace=True)

[28]:
```
# Numerical columns - median imputation
for col in numerical_cols:
    df[col] = df[col].fillna(df[col].median())
print(col)
```

```
parking
```

8. Handle Missing Values (Categorical)

for col in categorical_cols:
df[col].fillna(df[col].mode()[0], inplace=True)

[27]:
```
# Categorical columns - mode imputation
for col in categorical_cols:
    df[col] = df[col].fillna(df[col].mode()[0])
print(col)
```

```
furnishingstatus
```

9. Validate Dataset After Cleaning

df.isnull().sum()

[29]:
```
df.isnull().sum()
```

[29]:
```
price             0
area              0
bedrooms          0
bathrooms         0
stories           0
mainroad          0
guestroom         0
basement          0
hotwaterheating   0
airconditioning   0
parking           0
prefarea          0
furnishingstatus  0
dtype: int64
```

10. Dataset Shape Comparison

print("Dataset shape after cleaning:", df.shape)

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[30]: print("Dataset shape after cleaning:", df.shape)
      Dataset shape after cleaning: (545, 13)
```

11. Save Cleaned Dataset

df.to_csv("Housing_Cleaned.csv", index=False)

11. Conclusion

This task provided hands-on experience in identifying and handling missing values using practical data preprocessing techniques. Proper data cleaning ensures better model accuracy and reliability in downstream machine learning tasks.