

## **D599 Task 1**

**Part A:** *Review the data dictionary in the attached "Employee Turnover Considerations and Dictionary" document and provide profile data by doing the following within a document:*

1. *Identify the dataset's number of records (i.e., rows) and number of variables (i.e., columns).*

The dataset has 10,199 rows and 16 columns. Each row represents a different employee and each column represents a different attribute.

2. *List each variable and indicate the variable's data type (quantitative/numerical or qualitative/categorical) and data subtype (i.e., continuous/discrete or nominal/ordinal).*

Below is a chart defining each variable in the dataset, its data type, and its subtype

| Variable                     | Data Type | Data Subtype          |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| EmployeeNumber               | Integer   | Nominal (ID)          |
| Age                          | Integer   | Discrete Numeric      |
| Tenure                       | Integer   | Discrete Numeric      |
| Turnover                     | Object    | Nominal (Categorical) |
| HourlyRate                   | Float     | Continuous Numeric    |
| HoursWeekly                  | Integer   | Discrete Numeric      |
| CompensationType             | Object    | Nominal (Categorical) |
| AnnualSalary                 | Float     | Continuous Numeric    |
| DrivingCommuterDistance      | Integer   | Discrete Numeric      |
| JobRoleArea                  | Object    | Nominal (Categorical) |
| Gender                       | Object    | Nominal (Categorical) |
| MaritalStatus                | Object    | Nominal (Categorical) |
| NumCompaniesPreviouslyWorked | Integer   | Discrete Numeric      |
| AnnualProfessionalDevHours   | Integer   | Continuous Numeric    |

|                  |        |                       |
|------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| PaycheckMethod   | Object | Nominal (Categorical) |
| TextMessageOptIn | Object | Nominal (Categorical) |

3. *Identify a sample of observable values for each variable.*

**EmployeeNumber:** 738  
**Age:** 61  
**Tenure:** 14  
**Turnover:** No  
**HourlyRate:** \$82.96  
**HoursWeekly:** 40  
**CompensationType:** Salary  
**AnnualSalary:** 172556.8  
**DrivingCommuterDistance:** 10  
**JobRoleArea:** InformationTechnology  
**Gender:** Male  
**MaritalStatus:** Divorced  
**NumCompaniesWorkedPreviously:** 9  
**AnnualProfessionalDevHours:** 25  
**PaycheckMethod:** Mail Check  
**TextMessageOptIn:** Yes

**Part B:** *Using Python or R code data cleaning techniques do the following:*

1. *Explain how you inspected the dataset to detect the following data quality issues:*

**Duplicate Entries:** Used `df.duplicated().sum()` to count all duplicated rows in dataset

**Missing Values:** Used `df.isna().sum()` to count how many empty cells are in each column

**Inconsistent Entries:** Used Python to standardize text fields by removing unnecessary symbol and space characters. Also identified several unusual data points, such as negative commute distances and negative annual salaries. Removed the negative sign from these negative values

**Formatting Errors:** Used Python to ensure data types matched the desired data types listed in Chart from A2.

**Outliers:** Used pandas and numpy to identify what values in the table were greater than 3 standard deviations away from the columns mean. Looking at the data, it seems as if these outliers simply had a 0 stuck on the end of them at some point, so I divided the outliers by 10.

2. Discuss your findings for each quality issue listed in part B1.

**Duplicates:** 99 duplicate rows were found in the data set.

```
1 import pandas as pd
2 import numpy as np
3
4 #import CSV into python
5 df=pd.read_csv(r'C:\Users\imret\OneDrive\Documents\Employee Turnover Dataset (1).csv')
6
7 num_duplicated_rows = df.duplicated().sum()
8
9 print(num_duplicated_rows)
```

```
PS C:\D599> & C:\Users\imret\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe "c:/D599/D599 Task 1"
99
```

**Missing Values:** 665 empty cells were found in the NumCompaniesPreviouslyWorked column. 1969 empty cells were found in the AnnualProfessionalDevHrs column. 2266 empty cells were found in the TextMessageOptIn column.

```
1 import pandas as pd
2 import numpy as np
3
4 #import CSV into python
5 df=pd.read_csv(r'C:\Users\imret\OneDrive\Documents\Employee Turnover Dataset (1).csv')
6
7 #Count number of empty cells in each column of dataset
8 missing_values_per_column = df.isna().sum()
9
10 print(missing_values_per_column)
```

```

PS C:\D599> & C:\Users\imret\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe "c:/D599/D599 Task 1"
EmployeeNumber      0
Age                  0
Tenure               0
Turnover             0
HourlyRate           0
HoursWeekly          0
CompensationType     0
AnnualSalary         0
DrivingCommuterDistance 0
JobRoleArea          0
Gender              0
MaritalStatus        0
NumCompaniesPreviouslyWorked 665
AnnualProfessionalDevHrs 1969
PaycheckMethod       0
TextMessageOptIn     2266
dtype: int64

```

**Inconsistent Entries:** Inconsistencies were found in the PaycheckMethod column and the JobRoleArea column. PaycheckMethod column included Mail Check, Mailed Check, Mail\_Check, and MailedCheck, as well as Direct Deposit, Direct\_Deposit, and DirectDeposit. JobRoleArea column included HumanResources, Human\_Resources, and Human Resources as well as InformationTechnology, Information\_Technology, and Information Technology.

```

1 import pandas as pd
2 import numpy as np
3
4 #import CSV into python
5 df=pd.read_csv(r'C:\Users\imret\OneDrive\Documents\Employee Turnover Dataset (1).csv')
6
7 print(df['PaycheckMethod'])

```

```

PS C:\D599> & C:\Users\imret\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe "c:/D599/D599 Task 1"
0      Mail Check
1      Mail Check
2      Mailed Check
3      Mailed Check
4      Mail Check
...
10194  Mail Check
10195  Mail Check
10196  Mail Check
10197  Mail Check
10198  Mail Check
Name: PaycheckMethod, Length: 10199, dtype: object

```

**Formatting Errors:** Use of \$ and white space in HourlyRate column resulted in the data being stored as an object dtype instead of a float dtype.

```

1 import pandas as pd
2 import numpy as np
3
4 #import CSV into python
5 df=pd.read_csv(r'C:\Users\imret\OneDrive\Documents\Employee Turnover Dataset (1).csv')
6
7 print(df['HourlyRate '])

```

```

PS C:\D599> & C:\Users\imret\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe "c:/D599/D599 Task 1"
0      $24.37
1      $24.37
2      $22.52
3      $22.52
4      $88.77
...
10194   $85.40
10195   $85.40
10196   $71.90
10197   $71.90
10198   $71.33
Name: HourlyRate , Length: 10199, dtype: object

```

**Outliers:** There were 57 negative values found in the AnnualSalary column and 1353 negative values found in the DrivingCommuterDistance column.

```

1 import pandas as pd
2 import numpy as np
3
4 #import CSV into python
5 df=pd.read_csv(r'C:\Users\imret\OneDrive\Documents\Employee Turnover Dataset (1).csv')
6
7 Negative_Salary = (df['AnnualSalary']<0).sum()
8
9 print(f"There are {Negative_Salary} negative values in AnnualSalary")
10
11 Negative_Commute = (df['DrivingCommuterDistance']<0).sum()
12
13 print(f"There are {Negative_Commute} negative values in DrivingCommuterDistance")

```

```

PS C:\D599> & C:\Users\imret\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe "c:/D599/D599 Task 1"
There are 57 negative values in AnnualSalary
There are 1351 negative values in DrivingCommuterDistance

```

**Part C:** *Discuss which data cleaning techniques you used to correct all the data quality issues you identified by doing the following:*

1. Describe how you modified the dataset using Python or R code after identifying each quality issue listed in part B1

**Duplicates:** Used `.drop_duplicates()` to remove all duplicate rows from the data set

```
#Count duplicated rows before cleaning
num_duplicated_rows = df.duplicated().sum()
print(f"Before cleaning, there were {num_duplicated_rows} duplicate rows in the dataset")

#Remove Duplicate Rows from Dataset
df=df.drop_duplicates()

#Count duplicated rows after cleaning
cleaned_duplicated_rows = df.duplicated().sum()
print(f"After cleaning, there are {cleaned_duplicated_rows} duplicate rows in the dataset")
```

```
Before cleaning, there were 99 duplicate rows in the dataset
After cleaning, there are 0 duplicate rows in the dataset
```

**Missing Values:** Used `.fillna()` to substitute the median in for all missing values in the NumCompaniesPreviouslyWorked and AnnualProfessionalDevHrs columns and to substitute 'No' in for all missing values in the TextMessageOptIn.

```
18 #Count number of empty cells in each column of dataset
19 missing_values_per_column = df.isna().sum()
20 print(missing_values_per_column)
21
22 #Fill in missing values in NumCompaniesPreviouslyWorked with Median
23 df['NumCompaniesPreviouslyWorked'] = df['NumCompaniesPreviouslyWorked'].fillna(df['NumCompaniesPreviouslyWorked'].median())
24 #Fill in missing values in AnnualProfessionalDevHours with Median
25 df['AnnualProfessionalDevHrs'] = df['AnnualProfessionalDevHrs'].fillna(df['AnnualProfessionalDevHrs'].median())
26 #Fill in missing values in TextMessageOptIn with No
27 df['TextMessageOptIn'] = df['TextMessageOptIn'].fillna("No")
28
29 #Count number of empty cells in each column of dataset after cleaning
30 post_missing_values_per_column = df.isna().sum()
31 print(post_missing_values_per_column)
```

Before:

```

EmployeeNumber      0
Age                  0
Tenure               0
Turnover             0
HourlyRate           0
HoursWeekly          0
CompensationType     0
AnnualSalary         0
DrivingCommuterDistance 0
JobRoleArea          0
Gender               0
MaritalStatus        0
NumCompaniesPreviouslyWorked 663
AnnualProfessionalDevHrs 1947
PaycheckMethod       0
TextMessageOptIn     2258
dtype: int64

```

After:

```

EmployeeNumber      0
Age                  0
Tenure               0
Turnover             0
HourlyRate           0
HoursWeekly          0
CompensationType     0
AnnualSalary         0
DrivingCommuterDistance 0
JobRoleArea          0
Gender               0
MaritalStatus        0
NumCompaniesPreviouslyWorked 0
AnnualProfessionalDevHrs 0
PaycheckMethod       0
TextMessageOptIn     0
dtype: int64

```

**Inconsistent Entries:** Used `.replace()` to change all variations in PaycheckMethod column to either Mail Check or Direct Deposit.

```

33 #Print all of the unique entries in the PaycheckMethod column
34 unique_pm_entries = df['PaycheckMethod'].unique()
35 print(unique_pm_entries)
36
37 #Standardizing PaycheckMethod Column so all entries are either Mail Check or Direct Deposit
38 df['PaycheckMethod'] = df['PaycheckMethod'].replace(['Mailed Check', 'Mail_Check', 'MailedCheck'], 'Mail Check')
39 df['PaycheckMethod'] = df['PaycheckMethod'].replace(['DirectDeposit', 'Direct_Deposit'], 'Direct Deposit')
40
41 #Print all of the unique entries in the PaycheckMethod column after cleaning
42 new_unique_pm_entries = df['PaycheckMethod'].unique()
43 print(new_unique_pm_entries)

```

Before:

```

['Mail Check' 'Mailed Check' 'Direct_Deposit' 'DirectDeposit'
'Direct Deposit' 'Mail Check' 'MailedCheck']

```

After:

```
['Mail Check' 'Direct Deposit']
```

Used .replace() to change all inconsistent variations in JobRoleArea column to either Human Resources or Information Technology

```
#Print all of the unique entries in the JobRoleArea column before cleaning
unique_jra_entries = df['JobRoleArea'].unique()
print(unique_jra_entries)

#Standardize the Information Technology and Human Resources Roles
df['JobRoleArea'] = df['JobRoleArea'].replace(['Information_Technology', 'InformationTechnology'], 'Information Technology')
df['JobRoleArea'] = df['JobRoleArea'].replace(['Human_Resources', 'HumanResources'], 'Human Resources')

#Print all of the unique entries in the JobRoleArea column after cleaning
unique_jra_entries = df['JobRoleArea'].unique()
print(unique_jra_entries)
```

Before:

```
['Research' 'Information_Technology' 'Sales' 'Human_Resources'
 'Laboratory' 'Manufacturing' 'Healthcare' 'Marketing'
 'InformationTechnology' 'HumanResources' 'Information Technology'
 'Human Resources']
```

After:

```
['Research' 'Information Technology' 'Sales' 'Human Resources'
 'Laboratory' 'Manufacturing' 'Healthcare' 'Marketing']
```

Also, I identified the negative values in the AnnualSalary column and the DrivingCommuterDistance columns. Determining the exact cause of this error in the real world would require further investigation, but provided no other information, I took the absolute value of these columns to switch the negatives to positive.

```

#Counting the number of negative values
Negative_Salary = (df['AnnualSalary']<0).sum()
print(f"There are {Negative_Salary} negative values in AnnualSalary before cleaning")
Negative_Commute = (df['DrivingCommuterDistance']<0).sum()
print(f"There are {Negative_Commute} negative values in DrivingCommuterDistance before cleaning")

#Replace negative values with their absolute values to make them positive
df['AnnualSalary'] = df['AnnualSalary'].abs()
df['DrivingCommuterDistance'] = df['DrivingCommuterDistance'].abs()

#Counting number of negative values after cleaning
New_Negative_Salary = (df['AnnualSalary']<0).sum()
print(f"There are {New_Negative_Salary} negative values in AnnualSalary after cleaning")
New_Negative_Commute = (df['DrivingCommuterDistance']<0).sum()
print(f"There are {New_Negative_Commute} negative values in DrivingCommuterDistance after cleaning")

```

Before:

```

There are 53 negative values in AnnualSalary
There are 1343 negative values in DrivingCommuterDistance

```

After:

```

There are 0 negative values in AnnualSalary after cleaning
There are 0 negative values in DrivingCommuterDistance after cleaning

```

**Formatting Errors:** Use `.str.replace()` to remove all '\$' and white space characters from the HourlyRate column and convert all entries from object dtype to float dtype.

```

45 #Print HourlyRate before reformatting
46 print(df['HourlyRate '].head())
47 #Replace all '$' and white space in HourlyRate column and standardize cells as 'float' dtype
48 df['HourlyRate '] = df['HourlyRate '].astype(str).str.replace(r'^\0-9.', '', regex=True).astype(float)
49 #Print HourlyRate after reformatting
50 print(df['HourlyRate '].head())

```

Before:

```

0    $24.37
1    $24.37
2    $22.52
3    $22.52
4    $88.77
Name: HourlyRate , dtype: object

```

After:

```
0    24.37
1    24.37
2    22.52
3    22.52
4    88.77
Name: HourlyRate, dtype: float64
```

**Outliers:** After looking at the outliers present in the DrivingCommuterDistance Column, I noticed that all of the outliers were one of five distinct values: 910, 950, 250, 275, or 322. This leads me to believe they are a data entry mistake. Because of this I replaced them with the column median to preserve the rest of the data.

2. *Discuss why you chose the specific data cleaning techniques you used to clean the quality issues listed in part B1.*

**Duplicates:** `.drop_duplicates()` was used because removing all duplicate rows eliminates redundancy, which can provide a bias during analysis

**Missing Values:** The median was substituted into the NumCompaniesPreviouslyWorked and AnnualProfessionalDevHrs because these entries have the potential to vary widely, and the median is less likely to be significantly affected by potential outliers. “No” was substituted into the TextMessageOptIn column because it is safer to assume an employee did not opt in, than to assume they did opt in.

**Inconsistent Entries:** Standardizing all strings in the PaycheckMethod and JobRoleArea column will make future attempts at grouping or visualization much easier and cleaner. Replacing the negative values in AnnualSalary and DrivingCommuterDistance will allow any analysis of the data to be more accurate.

**Formatting Errors:** Changing HourlyWage from an object dtype to a float dtype makes numerical analysis with the data possible.

**Outliers:** Changing the outliers in DrivingCommuterDistance to the column’s median will eliminate the outliers while still preserving the rest of the data in their rows.

3. *Describe two advantages to your data cleaning approach specified in part C1.*

First, other than duplicate removal, all data points were imputed or retained which preserves the size of the dataset. Secondly, elimination of empty cells and standardization of formatting ensure that any future analysis will be much simpler, without the need for manual editing.

4. *Discuss two limitations to your data cleaning approach specified in part C1.*

If the negative values in AnnualSalary and DrivingCommuterDistance were more than simple misplaced negative signs, my decision to simply take the absolute value could lead to bad data being included in analysis. Secondly, imputing the median into empty cells has the potential to bias data towards that median during future analysis, especially in situations like the AnnualProfessionalDevHrs column which had empty cells in over 10% of rows.

**Part E.** *Acknowledge reference sources used to support the Python or R code application. All references listed should also include an in-text citation in the code annotation. Be sure the sources are reliable. If no sources were used for coding, state, "No sources used."*

No sources used.

**Part F.** *Acknowledge sources, using in-text citations and references, for content that is quoted, paraphrased, or summarized.*

No sources used.