Vendor Performance Analysis

A complete end-to-end data analysis pipeline to evaluate and optimize vendor and inventory performance in a retail environment using Python, SQL, Power BI, and statistical methods.

Key Highlights:

- Automated Data Ingestion into SQLite using Python
- SQL-based Summary Metrics for vendor performance
- Exploratory Data Analysis with outlier detection & insights
- Profitability Analysis using Gross Profit, Margins, Turnover, etc.
- Power BI Dashboard for executive-level visibility
- PDF Report summarizing business recommendations

Business Objectives:

- Identify underperforming brands for strategic action
- Pinpoint vendors with low stock turnover or losses
- Leverage bulk purchasing insights to reduce unit cost
- Validate profitability differences statistically between vendor tiers
- Reduce risk from vendor over-dependence

Key Features:

• Business Problem:

The company lacked insights into vendor and brand-level performance, leading to poor inventory decisions, pricing inefficiencies, and supply chain risk.

Core Business Questions Solved:

- i. Which brands need promotional or pricing adjustments due to low sales but high margins?
- ii. Who are the top-performing vendors and brands in terms of sales?

- iii. Which vendors account for the largest portion of purchase dollars?
- iv. How dependent is the business on its top vendors?
- v. Does bulk purchasing reduce unit price, and what is the optimal volume?
- vi. Which vendors have low inventory turnover (slow-moving stock)?
- vii. How much capital is locked in unsold inventory per vendor?
- viii. What are the 95% confidence intervals of profit margins across vendor groups?
- ix. Is there a statistically significant difference in profitability between top and low-performing vendors?

Visual Walkthroughs:

The project includes scatter plots, bar graphs, statistical tables, and correlation heatmaps to support every insight visually.

Business Impact & Insights:

- Identified \$2.71M in locked inventory capital
- o Found top 10 vendors account for ~66% of total purchase value
- Vendors purchasing in bulk save ~72% in unit cost
- Confirmed statistical difference in profit margins across vendor segments
- Delivered data-backed recommendations to reduce risk, improve pricing, and drive sales growth

Power BI Dashboard:

Vendor_Performance Analysis.pbix provides interactive insights including:

- Top vendors by sales and margin
- Inventory turnover heatmap
- Sales vs. Purchase ratios
- High-margin but low-volume brands



Report Summary:

- Summary statistics
- Outlier & correlation analysis
- Strategic findings
- Statistical validation (hypothesis testing)
- Final recommendations for operational improvements

Tools & Tech Stack:

- **Python** Pandas, SQLite, SQLAlchemy
- **SQL** CTEs, joins, aggregations
- Power BI Dashboarding & visual storytelling
- Jupyter Notebooks EDA & analysis
- PDF Final stakeholder-ready documentation