

00. Handling Outliers

Methods:

1. Z-Score
2. IQR
3. Modified Z-Score

1. Z-Score

- It measures how far away the data in terms of a mean

Formula:

$$Z = (X - \mu) / \sigma$$

If $|Z|$ is greater than 3, meaning it is an outlier

Use case:

- When there is unusual selling price or high transaction amount and more
- It follows **Gaussian distribution**, recommended to use when data is **normally distributed**

2. IQR

- It detect the outlier by analyzing the data distribution between **Q1 (25 percentile)** and **Q3 (75 percentile)**

Formula:

$$IQR = Q3 - Q1$$

Use case:

- Uses to identify unusual selling price or very big amount of transaction amount
- If data is heavily skewed or tailed, it is best to use to detect outliers

3. Modified Z-Score

- It usually used for small dataset with messed with many outliers
- It considered robust because it uses **median** instead of **mean**

Formula:

$$M = 0.6745 * (X - \text{median}) / \text{MAD}$$

$$\text{MAD} = \text{median}(|X_i - \text{median}(X)|)$$

if if $|M| > 3.5$ it is outlier else no

Use case:

- For small dataset with extreme outliers

