

Aim: Introduction to Data science and Data preparation using Pandas steps.

Theory:

Data preparation is a crucial step in data science, involving cleaning and transforming raw data into an analyzable format. Using Pandas, we can perform operations such as handling missing values, encoding categorical data, and scaling numerical features. Proper preprocessing ensures the dataset is reliable for analysis and modeling by addressing inconsistencies, missing data, and outliers.

Problem Statement:

The Vehicle Safety Recall dataset, provided by NHTSA, contains 15 columns detailing various aspects of recall events, such as manufacturers, affected components, and corrective actions. This analysis focuses on:

- **Manufacturer Trends:** Identifying manufacturers prone to frequent recalls or specific defects.
- **Impact Analysis:** Understanding recall types affecting the largest populations and assessing average completion rates.
- **Temporal Patterns:** Detecting trends in recalls over time and seasonal spikes.
- **Safety Implications:** Investigating critical safety advisories like "Do Not Drive" or "Park Outside" and their resolution rates.

By cleaning the dataset and applying data preprocessing steps, the goal is to enhance its quality and draw actionable insights for stakeholders.

Dataset Overview:

The dataset provides detailed information about vehicle safety recalls managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). It contains 15 columns, each capturing specific aspects of recall events. Below is a breakdown of the columns and their relevance:

1. **Report Received Date:** Date the recall was officially reported.
2. **NHTSA ID:** A unique identifier for each recall event.
3. **Recall Link:** A hyperlink to the recall details on the NHTSA website.
4. **Manufacturer:** Name of the vehicle or product manufacturer responsible for the recall.
5. **Subject:** Brief description of the recall issue.

6. **Component:** The affected part of the vehicle/product (e.g., "POWER TRAIN").
7. **Mfr Campaign Number:** Manufacturer's internal reference for the recall.
8. **Recall Type:** Type of product involved (e.g., vehicle, tire, or car seat).
9. **Potentially Affected:** Number of units potentially impacted by the recall.
10. **Recall Description:** Detailed explanation of the defect or issue.
11. **Consequence Summary:** Description of the risks or consequences associated with the defect.
12. **Corrective Action:** Steps taken to address the defect.
13. **Park Outside Advisory:** Indicates whether there's an advisory to park outside for safety.
14. **Do Not Drive Advisory:** Indicates whether there's an advisory not to drive the affected vehicle.
15. **Completion Rate %:** Percentage of affected vehicles repaired or addressed.

Steps:

1. Loading The Dataset

```
[1] import pandas as pd
```

```
[2] df = pd.read_csv('recalls.csv')
```

2. Description of the dataset

a. Information about dataset

```
df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 28671 entries, 0 to 28670
Data columns (total 15 columns):
#   Column                                     Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   Report Received Date                     28671 non-null  object
1   NHTSA ID                                 28671 non-null  object
2   Recall Link                              28671 non-null  object
3   Manufacturer                             28671 non-null  object
4   Subject                                  28671 non-null  object
5   Component                               28671 non-null  object
6   Mfr Campaign Number                     28624 non-null  object
7   Recall Type                             28671 non-null  object
8   Potentially Affected                    28630 non-null  float64
9   Recall Description                       26270 non-null  object
10  Consequence Summary                     23783 non-null  object
11  Corrective Action                       26283 non-null  object
12  Park Outside Advisory                   28671 non-null  object
13  Do Not Drive Advisory                   28671 non-null  object
14  Completion Rate % (Blank - Not Reported) 10007 non-null  float64
dtypes: float64(2), object(13)
memory usage: 3.3+ MB
```

b. Description of Dataset

```
# Get the dataset's shape and basic statistics
print(f"Dataset Shape: {df.shape}")
print(df.describe(include='all'))
```

```
Dataset Shape: (28671, 15)
Report Received Date  NHTSA ID \
count                28671      28671
unique              10023      28671
top      10/17/2013    25E002000
freq                42         1
mean              NaN        NaN
std              NaN        NaN
min              NaN        NaN
25%              NaN        NaN
50%              NaN        NaN
75%              NaN        NaN
max              NaN        NaN
```

```
Recall Link \
count                28671
unique              28671
top  Go to Recall (https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls?nh...)
freq                1
mean              NaN
std              NaN
min              NaN
25%              NaN
50%              NaN
75%              NaN
max              NaN
```

```
Mfr Campaign Number Recall Type Potentially Affected \
count                28624      28671    2.863000e+04
unique              11341         4         NaN
top      NR (Not Reported)    Vehicle         NaN
freq                16602    24940         NaN
mean              NaN        NaN    4.572011e+04
std              NaN        NaN    3.730381e+05
min              NaN        NaN    0.000000e+00
25%              NaN        NaN    9.900000e+01
50%              NaN        NaN    6.860000e+02
75%              NaN        NaN    6.385500e+03
max              NaN        NaN    3.200000e+07
```

```
Recall Description \
count                26270
unique              25523
top  ON CERTAIN TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH SEALCO SPRIN...
freq                28
mean              NaN
std              NaN
min              NaN
25%              NaN
50%              NaN
75%              NaN
max              NaN
```

```
Consequence Summary \
count                23783
unique              17015
top  RELEASE OF COOLANT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS CO...
freq                128
mean              NaN
std              NaN
min              NaN
25%              NaN
50%              NaN
75%              NaN
max              NaN
```

```
Corrective Action \
count                26283
unique              25579
top  DEALERS WILL EQUIP AIR SYSTEMS WITH A PRESSURE...
freq                18
mean              NaN
std              NaN
min              NaN
25%              NaN
50%              NaN
75%              NaN
max              NaN
```

```
Park Outside Advisory Do Not Drive Advisory \
count                28671      28671
unique                2         2
top      No              No
freq                28601    28510
mean              NaN        NaN
std              NaN        NaN
min              NaN        NaN
25%              NaN        NaN
50%              NaN        NaN
75%              NaN        NaN
max              NaN        NaN
```

```
Completion Rate % (Blank - Not Reported)
count                10007.000000
unique              NaN
top              NaN
freq              NaN
mean              67.874214
std              29.937993
min              0.000000
25%              48.350000
50%              76.390000
75%              93.765000
max              100.000000
```

3. Drop columns that aren't useful.

Columns that might not be necessary for analysis include Recall Link, Mfr Campaign Number, Park Outside Advisory, Completion rate(%). These columns do not provide much insight in the context of data analysis for recall trends or consequences. Therefore, you can drop them to simplify the dataset.

```
# Remove leading/trailing spaces from column names
df.columns = df.columns.str.strip()

# List of columns to drop
cols = ["Recall Link", "Mfr Campaign Number", "Park Outside Advisory", "Do Not Drive Advisory", "Completion Rate % (Blank - Not Reported)"]

# Drop the columns that are present in the DataFrame
df = df.drop(cols, axis=1)

# Display the updated DataFrame
print(df.head())
```

	Report Received Date	NHTSA ID	Manufacturer	Subject	Component	Recall Description	Consequence Summary	Corrective Action
0	01/14/2025	25E002000	GKN Automotive	Driveshaft Can Break	POWER TRAIN	GKN Automotive (GKN) is recalling certain repl...	A cracked or broken driveshaft can cause a los...	GKN will reimburse the cost of a replacement d...
1	01/13/2025	25E001000	N&B Mobility Solutions LLC	Charger Adapter May Cause Arcing or Shock Risk	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	N&B Mobility Solutions LLC (Nivion) is recalli...	Inadequate clearance between DC busbars may ca...	Nivion will replace the defective adapters, fr...
2	01/13/2025	25V005000	Forest River, Inc.	Cooktop Burner Tube May Crack and Cause Gas Leak	EQUIPMENT	Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling...	A gas leak in the presence of an ignition sour...	Owners are advised not to use the cooktop unti...
3	01/13/2025	25V006000	Kia America, Inc.	Loss of Headlights and Taillights/FMVSS 108	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	Kia America, Inc. (Kia) is recalling certain 2...	A loss of headlights and taillights can reduce...	Dealers will update the BDC software, free of ...
4	01/13/2025	25V007000	Winnebago Industries, Inc.	Spare Tire Carrier May Detach	EQUIPMENT	Winnebago Industries, Inc. (Winnebago) is reca...	A detached spare tire carrier can become a roa...	Dealers will inspect, replace, and correctly t...
	Recall Type	Potentially Affected						
0	Equipment	18.0						
1	Equipment	130.0						
2	Vehicle	396.0						
3	Vehicle	74469.0						
4	Vehicle	107.0						

Thus the columns now present in dataset are:

```
df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 28671 entries, 0 to 28670
Data columns (total 10 columns):
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   Report Received Date                 28671 non-null  object
1   NHTSA ID                             28671 non-null  object
2   Manufacturer                         28671 non-null  object
3   Subject                             28671 non-null  object
4   Component                           28671 non-null  object
5   Recall Type                         28671 non-null  object
6   Potentially Affected                 28630 non-null  float64
7   Recall Description                   26270 non-null  object
8   Consequence Summary                 23783 non-null  object
9   Corrective Action                   26283 non-null  object
dtypes: float64(1), object(9)
memory usage: 2.2+ MB
```

4. Take care of missing data.

a. Drop rows with maximum missing values.

Here we drop the rows which have more than 50% missing values. these can be done by `dropna()` function with threshold parameter=0.5.

```

▶ print(f"Dataset Shape before Dropping Rows: {df.shape}")
# Drop rows with the highest number of missing values
threshold = len(df.columns) * 0.5 # Drop rows where over 50% of columns are missing
df = df.dropna(thresh=threshold)

print(f"Dataset Shape After Dropping Rows: {df.shape}")

```

```

➡ Dataset Shape before Dropping Rows: (28671, 10)
Dataset Shape After Dropping Rows: (28671, 10)

```

```

▶ print(df.isnull().sum())

```

```

➡ Report Received Date      0
   NHTSA ID                  0
   Manufacturer              0
   Subject                   0
   Component                 0
   Recall Type               0
   Potentially Affected      41
   Recall Description        2401
   Consequence Summary       4888
   Corrective Action         2388
   dtype: int64

```

b. Handle Missing Data

Here the above information says Potential Affected ,Recall Description ,Consequence Summary and corrective action contain some null values thus we need to handle missing data.For these columns, either fill in with a placeholder (e.g., "Unknown") or drop the rows if the missing data is significant.

```

[12] # Fill missing numerical values with the median
df['Potentially Affected'] = df['Potentially Affected'].fillna(df['Potentially Affected'].median())
# Fill missing categorical values with a placeholder
df['Recall Description'] = df['Recall Description'].fillna('Not Known')
df['Consequence Summary'] = df['Consequence Summary'].fillna('Unknown')
df['Corrective Action'] = df['Corrective Action'].fillna('Unknown')

print(df.isnull().sum()) # Verify no missing values remain

```

```

➡ Report Received Date      0
   NHTSA ID                  0
   Manufacturer              0
   Subject                   0
   Component                 0
   Recall Type               0
   Potentially Affected      0
   Recall Description         0
   Consequence Summary       0
   Corrective Action         0
   dtype: int64

```

5. Create dummy variables

For columns containing categorical data (e.g., Recall Type), we can create dummy variables. This is helpful for machine learning models.

```
# Convert categorical columns into dummy variables
df = pd.get_dummies(df, columns=['Recall Type'], drop_first=True)

print(df.head())
```

	Report Received Date	NHTSA ID	Manufacturer	Subject	Component
0	01/14/2025	25E002000	GKN Automotive	Driveshaft Can Break	POWER TRAIN
1	01/13/2025	25E001000	N&B Mobility Solutions LLC	Charger Adapter May Cause Arcing or Shock Risk	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
2	01/13/2025	25V005000	Forest River, Inc.	Cooktop Burner Tube May Crack and Cause Gas Leak	EQUIPMENT
3	01/13/2025	25V006000	Kia America, Inc.	Loss of Headlights and Taillights/FMVSS 108	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
4	01/13/2025	25V007000	Winnebago Industries, Inc.	Spare Tire Carrier May Detach	EQUIPMENT

	Potentially Affected	Recall Description
0	18.0	GKN Automotive (GKN) is recalling certain repl...
1	130.0	N&B Mobility Solutions LLC (Nivion) is recalli...
2	396.0	Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling...
3	74469.0	Kia America, Inc. (Kia) is recalling certain 2...
4	107.0	Winnebago Industries, Inc. (Winnebago) is reca...

	Consequence Summary	Corrective Action	Recall Type_Equipment
0	A cracked or broken driveshaft can cause a los...	GKN will reimburse the cost of a replacement d...	True
1	Inadequate clearance between DC busbars may ca...	Nivion will replace the defective adapters, fr...	True
2	A gas leak in the presence of an ignition sour...	Owners are advised not to use the cooktop unti...	False
3	A loss of headlights and taillights can reduce...	Dealers will update the BDC software, free of ...	False
4	A detached spare tire carrier can become a roa...	Dealers will inspect, replace, and correctly t...	False

	Recall Type_Tire	Recall Type_Vehicle
0	False	False
1	False	False
2	False	True

```
df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 28671 entries, 0 to 28670
Data columns (total 12 columns):
#   Column                      Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   Report Received Date        28671 non-null object
1   NHTSA ID                    28671 non-null object
2   Manufacturer                 28671 non-null object
3   Subject                     28671 non-null object
4   Component                   28671 non-null object
5   Potentially Affected        28671 non-null float64
6   Recall Description           28671 non-null object
7   Consequence Summary         28671 non-null object
8   Corrective Action           28671 non-null object
9   Recall Type_Equipment       28671 non-null bool
10  Recall Type_Tire            28671 non-null bool
11  Recall Type_Vehicle         28671 non-null bool
dtypes: bool(3), float64(1), object(8)
memory usage: 2.1+ MB
```

6. Find out outliers (manually):

Outliers can be detected by looking at numerical columns like Potentially Affected. One method for identifying outliers is by visualizing the data using box plots or using statistical methods like the Z-score.

First Quartile (Q1):=QUARTILE(H2:H28719, 1)

Q1 = 99

Third Quartile (Q3):=QUARTILE(H2:H28719, 3)

Q3 = 6386

Interquartile Range (IQR):=Q3 - Q1

$IQR = 6386 - 99 = 6287$

Outlier Boundaries:

Lower Bound: $= Q1 - 1.5 * IQR$

Lower Bound $= 99 - (1.5 * 6287) = -9331.5$

Upper Bound: $= Q3 + 1.5 * IQR$

Upper Bound $= 6386 + (1.5 * 6287) = 15816.5$

Identifying Outliers: Any value less than -9331.5 or greater than 15816.5 is considered an outlier.

01/31/2025	25V048000	Ford Motor Company	BACK OVER PREVENTIO	25S05	Vehicle	72624
01/30/2025	25V043000	Jayco, Inc.	EQUIPMENT	9901617	Vehicle	412
01/30/2025	25V045000	Autocar, LLC	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	ACTT-2501	Vehicle	130
01/28/2025	25V037000	Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of Am	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	C10129	Vehicle	233
01/24/2025	25V034000	Forest River, Inc.	EQUIPMENT	203-1889	Vehicle	64
01/23/2025	25V029000	Winnebago Towable	EQUIPMENT	CAM0000041	Vehicle	144
01/23/2025	25V031000	Honda (American Honda Mo	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	EL1, AL0	Vehicle	294612
01/23/2025	25V033000	Subaru of America, Inc.	WHEELS	WRB-25	Vehicle	20366
01/23/2025	25V030000	Mack Trucks, Inc.	SERVICE BRAKES, AIR	SC0474	Vehicle	142
01/23/2025	25V032000	Honda (American Honda Mo	BACK OVER PREVENTIO	RKZ	Vehicle	9221
01/22/2025	25V027000	Forest River Bus, LLC	STRUCTURE	05-1890	Vehicle	37
01/22/2025	25V028000	Toyota Motor Engineering &	FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLIN	25TA01 / 25LA01	Vehicle	858
01/21/2025	25V026000	Mack Trucks, Inc.	SERVICE BRAKES, AIR	SC0473	Vehicle	21
01/21/2025	25E006000	Oshkosh Corporation	VEHICLE SPEED CONTR	NR (Not Reported)	Equipment	500
01/17/2025	25V021000	Forest River, Inc.	EQUIPMENT	503-1887	Vehicle	18
01/17/2025	25E004000	Cummins, Inc.	FUEL SYSTEM, DIESEL	C7111	Equipment	715
01/17/2025	25V024000	Kia America, Inc.	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	SC332	Vehicle	80255
01/17/2025	25T001000	Pirelli Tire, LLC	TIRES	NR (Not Reported)	Tire	2023
01/17/2025	25V023000	Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC	TIRES	NR (Not Reported)	Vehicle	165
01/17/2025	25V020000	Ford Motor Company	POWER TRAIN	25S03	Vehicle	259
01/17/2025	25V019000	Ford Motor Company	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	25S02	Vehicle	272817
01/17/2025	25V025000	Ford Motor Company	SUSPENSION	25S01	Vehicle	149449

7. standardization and normalization of column

Standardization and normalization are crucial when dealing with numerical data that varies in scale, especially for machine learning algorithms.

```

from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, MinMaxScaler
# Standardization: Transform data to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1
standard_scaler = StandardScaler()
df['Potentially Affected (Standardized)'] = standard_scaler.fit_transform(df[['Potentially Affected']])

# Normalization: Scale data between 0 and 1
min_max_scaler = MinMaxScaler()
df['Potentially Affected (Normalized)'] = min_max_scaler.fit_transform(df[['Potentially Affected']])

# Display the updated DataFrame
print(df[['Potentially Affected', 'Potentially Affected (Standardized)', 'Potentially Affected (Normalized)']].head())

```

	Potentially Affected	Potentially Affected (Standardized) \
0	18.0	-0.122429
1	130.0	-0.122129
2	396.0	-0.121415
3	74469.0	0.077295
4	107.0	-0.122190

	Potentially Affected (Normalized)
0	5.625000e-07
1	4.062500e-06
2	1.237500e-05
3	2.327156e-03
4	3.343750e-06

Conclusion:

This experiment demonstrated effective data cleaning and preparation techniques. Issues such as missing values, irrelevant data, and outliers were addressed, and the dataset was scaled for uniformity. These steps are essential for ensuring high-quality data and reliable model outcomes.