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A. Understanding Business Intelligence and its Tools (P3):

I. Introduction to Business Intelligence (BI):

1. Definition of BI:

- Executives, managers, and staff can make educated business decisions with the help of business intelligence (BI), a technology-driven method that analyzes data and delivers insightful information. Organizations obtain data for analysis, prepare it for analysis, run queries on the data, and produce data visualizations, BI dashboards, and reports as part of the business intelligence (BI) process. The data can come from both internal and external IT systems. Business users can obtain analytics results through these outputs for the purposes of strategic planning and operational decision-making.
- Enhancing business decisions is the main goal of BI efforts; doing so will boost revenue, increase operational effectiveness, and provide a competitive advantage over competitors. In order to achieve this goal, business intelligence (BI) combines a wide range of analytical, data management, and reporting technologies with different approaches to data management and analysis.

2. How does the business intelligence process work:

- There are numerous crucial steps in the business intelligence process:
- + **Data Storage**: Smaller data marts or data warehouses are used to store business intelligence data. Data marts hold information that is tailored to certain departments or business units, whereas data warehouses are made to store data for the entire enterprise. Diverse data kinds, including unstructured and semistructured data, are also stored in data lakes, which are built on big data systems like Hadoop.
- + **Data Integration and Cleansing**: Raw data from several source systems is combined, cleaned, and integrated before being used in BI applications. This guarantees the data's consistency and accuracy. Tools for data integration and quality control are used for this.
- + **Data Preparation**: To prepare them for analysis, data sets are modeled and arranged in this step. To make the data acceptable for querying and analysis, it must be transformed and structured.
- + **Analytical Querying**: Following preparation of the data, analytical queries are run on it. This entails executing queries to draw particular conclusions and data-specific information.
- + **Distribution of Findings**: Business users receive other findings as well as key performance indicators (KPIs). This can be accomplished by giving users access to and interpretation of the data through reports, dashboards, or data visualizations.





+ **Decision-Making**: Business choices are influenced and guided by the data that business intelligence provides. The knowledge gleaned from the data analysis is put to use by managers, executives, and other stakeholders in order to plan and make decisions.

3. Why Business Intelligence is important:

- Business intelligence is essential for optimizing an organization's business processes through the utilization of pertinent data. Through efficient application of business intelligence (BI) technologies and methodologies, organizations can get significant insights from their data, facilitating more informed choices concerning business procedures and tactics. This data-driven approach to decision-making results in larger profits in the end since it boosts revenue, accelerates business growth, and improves productivity.
- Organizations largely depend on elements like acquired knowledge, prior experiences, intuition, and gut instincts when making crucial business decisions in the absence of business intelligence integration. These approaches might produce good results, but since they lack data-driven backing, they are prone to mistakes and blunders. By giving decision-makers access to a solid data base, business intelligence closes this gap and enables them to make more confident and accurate decisions.

4. Examples of BI Application in Businesses:

- Business intelligence (BI) is used by the wealthiest companies to boost sales, cultivate repeat business, simplify processes, improve advertising campaigns, raise capital, predict consumer behavior, and find new business opportunities.

* American Express:







Figure 1: American Express

- As American Express has shown, business intelligence is essential to the financial industry. The business uses this technology well to provide new payment options and customize offers for clients. American Express has been able to determine that up to 24 percent of Australian consumers are likely to close their accounts within four months as a result of its market trials in Australia. Equipped with this understanding, the business adopts preemptive actions to keep these clients. Furthermore, by using BI, American Express can more effectively identify fraudulent activity and protect consumers whose card information may have been compromised, strengthening their overall security protocols.

* Coca-Cola:







Figure 2: Coca-Cola

- With 35 million Twitter followers and an astounding 105 million Facebook likes, Coca-Cola leverages its massive social media presence to get important social media data. The business is able to detect instances in which images of their beverages are uploaded on the internet by utilizing AI-powered image recognition technology. Coca-Cola gains vital insights into the demographics and geographic regions of its customers as well as the motivations behind online brand mentions by combining this data with the powers of business intelligence. With this data at hand, the business may present more precisely tailored adverts to the audience, which boosts click-through rates four times higher than those of generic commercials.

* Starbucks:







Figure 3: StarBucks

- Starbucks leverages the strength of its extensively used mobile application and loyalty card program, which provide the business access to a vast amount of individual purchase data from millions of customers. Starbucks uses business intelligence technologies to leverage this important information in order to predict client purchases and send out personalized offers via email and app that are catered to the individual's tastes. This focused strategy successfully draws in current customers by encouraging them to visit Starbucks locations more regularly, which boosts sales and cultivates a devoted following.

* Netflix:







Figure 4: Netflix

- With 148 million subscribers, Netflix has a big advantage in business analytics because to its large user base. By examining user behavior and preferences, the organization formulates and validates novel programming concepts, one of the many ways it efficiently uses data. Netflix uses business analytics as well in order to boost user interaction with their content. To the degree that it powers over 80% of the streamed material, the platform's recommendation system is incredibly skilled at promoting targeted content.

II. Business Intelligence Techniques:

- Techniques for gathering, analyzing, and interpreting data to support decision-making and enhance company outcomes are referred to as business intelligence techniques.

1. Data Mining:

- A crucial step in the business intelligence process, data mining is the extraction of useful knowledge from raw data. It is particularly useful for transactional data analysis. Businesses can use this technique to obtain detailed insights into a variety of topics, such as staff performance, product sales, and customer demographics. Data mining is an incredibly useful business intelligence technique, especially in sectors like retail, banking, healthcare, and hospitality that mostly rely on transactional data. Data mining helps firms find previously overlooked problems and obtain a better knowledge of their operations by





locating buying trends and patterns, discovering customer service issues, and uncovering operational faults.

2. Data Warehousing:

- The process of data warehousing entails collecting unprocessed data from many sources, including sensors and Internet of Things devices, and storing it in a primary database. A predetermined structure is usually included in the architecture of this database, which allows for multiple query options to be used to extract pertinent data.
- Data warehousing is frequently used by data-intensive businesses, such as social media networks and internet service providers, to manage massive amounts of data. Organizations may gather and store vast volumes of data thanks to the expansive and scalable nature of these data warehouses. The basic goal of data warehousing is to keep the data in an easily accessible manner so that additional research and insights, including consumer demographics and spending habits, may be extracted.

3. Data Visualization:

- Data visualization is the process of transforming data into aesthetically pleasing graphs and charts to improve its understandability for non-technical people. This business intelligence method seeks to improve non-technical users' access to raw data.
- Data visualization is a useful tool for learning about a variety of topics, such as employee performance and product sales. Difficult and convoluted data sets can be simplified into information that is easily understood by using data visualization techniques. This method helps management and executives who might be feeling overpowered by the volume of data accessible to them because it makes interpretation easier and allows for well-informed decision-making.

4. Predictive Analytics:

- A sophisticated statistical analysis technique called predictive analytics uses past data to forecast future events. Marketing uses it extensively to find possible clients by looking at their demographics and behavior. Moreover, predictive analytics finds use in sectors like healthcare and insurance. Organizations looking to maximize their marketing efforts through customized offerings and targeted campaigns will find it very beneficial. Predictive analytics also assists with risk identification and mitigation, lowering the probability that a risk will materialize. In general, this method helps businesses to make data-driven decisions that improve company outcomes and to reach their full marketing potential.

5. Advanced Statistical Analysis:

- Using complex mathematical formulas, advanced statistical analysis is a business intelligence method that finds patterns in data. It works best when paired with additional business intelligence strategies.





Organizations may learn more from their data and uncover patterns and connections that they may have missed otherwise by applying sophisticated statistical analysis.

III. Business Intelligence Tools:

- Software programs or platforms known as business intelligence tools are made to collect, process, and present data in order to aid in organizational decision-making. From a variety of data sources, these tools offer users a range of features to extract insights, generate reports, and build interactive visualizations.

1. Datapine:



Figure 5: Datapine

- A complete business intelligence platform called Datapine was created to make data analytics easier to understand for non-technical people. Datapine's self-service analytics methodology facilitates the seamless integration of various data sources, advanced data analysis, interactive dashboard creation, and the extraction of actionable insights for business objectives for both data analysts and business users.





2. Domo:

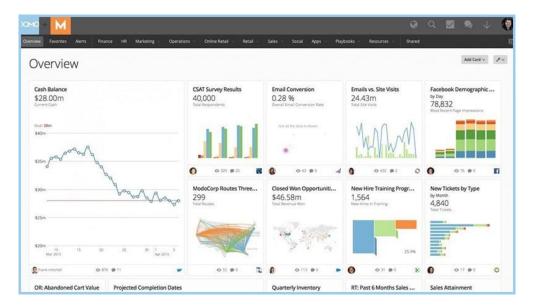


Figure 6: Domo

- Spreadsheets, databases, and social media are just a few of the data sources that Domo's entirely cloud-based business intelligence platform effortlessly connects. Both small and huge international enterprises can have their demands met by it. The platform offers broad visibility and macro and micro-level analysis capabilities. It provides predictive analysis capabilities by utilizing Mr. Roboto, its Al engine. Users may calculate marketing ROI across several channels and obtain critical details like cash balances and regional sales performance with Domo. There might be a learning curve to using the platform, though, and users may run into difficulties when downloading analyses from the cloud for personal use.





3. Microsoft Power BI:

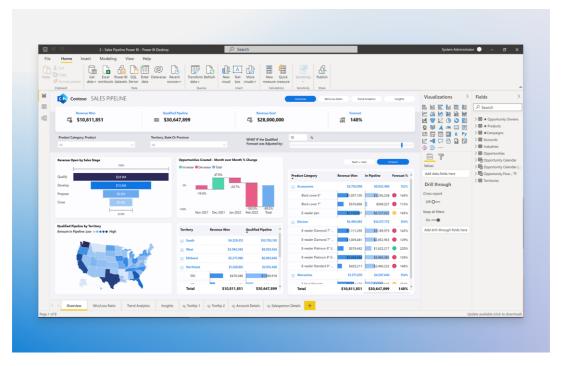


Figure 7: Microsoft Power BI

- The web-based business analytics toolkit Microsoft Power BI is well-known for its outstanding data visualization features. It gives users the ability to spot patterns in real time and offers fresh connectors that improve the effectiveness of campaigns. Because Microsoft Power BI is web-based, it can be accessed from almost anywhere. Users may deliver reports and real-time dashboards with ease, as well as integrate their apps smoothly.

4. Tableau:

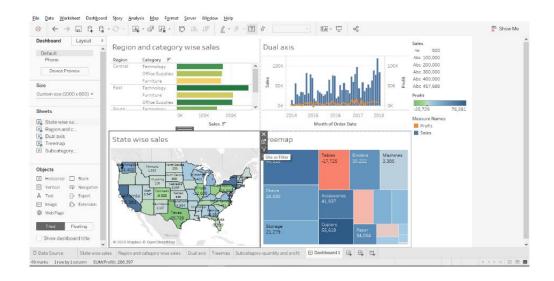






Figure 8: Tableau

- Data visualization and discovery are the areas of expertise for the business intelligence application Tableau. Without requiring IT assistance, it lets users analyze, visualize, and share data with ease. Many data sources, such as Google Analytics, SalesForce, Oracle, MS SQL, and Microsoft Excel, are supported by Tableau. Dashboards that are easy to use and have a good design can help users explore data more effectively. Tableau also provides a range of stand-alone products, including Tableau Desktop (ideal for individuals), Tableau Server (an analytics tool for businesses that can be run locally), and Tableau Online (an analytics tool that can be hosted for businesses), among others.

5. Zoho Analytics:



Figure 9: Zoho Analytics

- An excellent business intelligence tool, Zoho Analytics excels at offering thorough reporting and indepth data analysis capabilities. It allows you to arrange regular periods for data updates and supports automatic data synchronization. With integration APIs, users may quickly and easily build connectors to combine and aggregate data from several sources. The application features an easy-to-use editor that lets users create customized dashboards and reports, freeing them up to concentrate on the important details. To help team members collaborate easily, Zoho Analytics additionally has a separate commenting box in its sharing choices.





B. Designing a Business Intelligence Tool for Decision Support (P4):

I. Description of the dataset used for the project:

- The Car Sales Dataset is an extensive set of transactional data that provides insightful information on the trends and purchasing habits of consumers. Date, Customer Name, Gender, Annual Income, Dealer Name, Company, Model, Engine, Transmission, Color, Price(\$), Body Style, and Dealer Region are among the crucial information it includes. Businesses can improve their marketing tactics and maximize their product offers by analyzing this dataset to obtain a better understanding of the buying habits of their customers, identify market trends, and make well-informed decisions. This dataset is very useful for studying and comprehending the dynamics of auto sales.

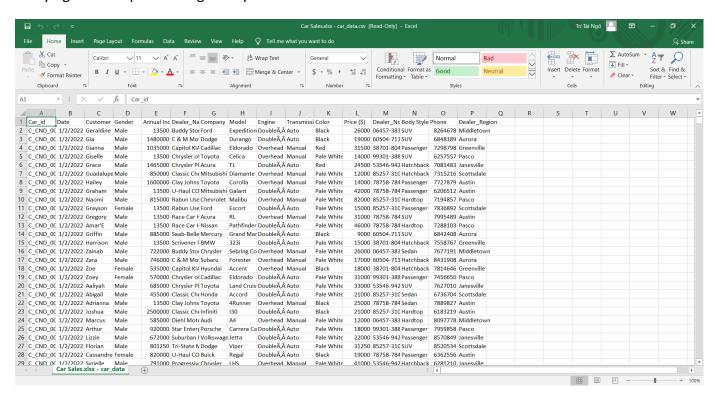


Figure 10: Car Sales Dataset

- + **Car_id**: a distinct number for every vehicle in the collection.
- + Date: Date of the vehicle sale agreement.
- + Customer Name: Name of the buyer of the vehicle.
- + **Gender**: Customer's gender (e.g., Male, Female).
- + Annual Income: The client's annual income.
- + **Dealer_Name**: Name of the participating auto dealer in the transaction.





- + Company: automobile manufacturer or brand.
- + Model: The vehicle's model name.
- + **Engine**: details on the engine of the vehicle.
- + **Transmission**: the vehicle's gearbox type (e.g., Automatic, Manual).
- + **Color**: exterior color of the automobile.
- + **Price(\$)**: The automobile for sale's listed price.
- + **Body Style**: The body style or design of the car (SUV, sedan, etc.).
- + **Dealer Region**: Geographical area or the auto dealer's location.

II. Pre-processing of Data:

1. General Data Description:

- It's important to have a general idea of the dataset before diving into the details of the data processing techniques. This entails understanding the data's structure, the importance of each column, and how it is organized. This first phase helps us become acquainted with the dataset we are dealing with and ensures that we are sufficiently ready for the next steps of data processing.
- We use the Pandas package to efficiently preprocess datasets in our Python environment within Visual Studio Code, which streamlines data analysis and manipulation.

* Loading the Dataset:

```
import pandas as pd

44 import plotly

45 import plotly.express as px

46 import plotly.graph_objects as go

47 import statsmodels.api as sm

48 from plotly.subplots import make_subplots

49 df = pd.read_csv("/Program Files/Spyder/pkgs/pandas/io/Car Sales.xlsx - car_data.csv")
```

- A file named "Car Sales.xlsx car_data.csv" is read by the code. On your computer, the file is located in the designated folder "C:\Program Files\Spyder\pkgs\pandas\io\Car Sales.xlsx car_data.csv." The Pandas library is referred to by the "pd" portion of the code. The CSV file's contents are read using the Pandas library's "read csv" function.
- * Displaying the First 10 Rows: The head() method is used to display the first 10 rows of the dataset.





```
In [4]: print(df.head(10))
                      Date Customer Name
         Car id
                                               Body Style
                                                               Phone Dealer Region
  C CND 000001
                  1/2/2022
                               Geraldine
                                                       SUV
                                                            8264678
                                                                        Middletown
  C CND 000002
                 1/2/2022
                                      Gia
                                                       SUV
                                                            6848189
                                                                            Aurora
                 1/2/2022
  C CND 000003
                                   Gianna
                                                            7298798
                                                                        Greenville
                                                 Passenger
                                            ...
3
  C CND 000004
                                  Giselle
                                                       SUV
                                                            6257557
                 1/2/2022
                                                                              Pasco
4
  C CND 000005
                                                                        Janesville
                  1/2/2022
                                                Hatchback
                                                            7081483
                                    Grace
  C CND 000006
                 1/2/2022
                               Guadalupe
                                                Hatchback
                                                            7315216
                                                                        Scottsdale
  C CND 000007
                 1/2/2022
                                   Hailey
                                                 Passenger
                                                            7727879
                                                                            Austin
  C CND 000008
                 1/2/2022
                                                                            Austin
                                   Graham
                                                 Passenger
                                                            6206512
8
  C CND 000009
                 1/2/2022
                                                            7194857
                                                                              Pasco
                                    Naomi
                                                   Hardtop
  C CND 000010
                 1/2/2022
                                                            7836892
                                                                        Scottsdale
                                  Grayson
                                                 Passenger
[10 rows x 16 columns]
```

Figure 11: Displaying the First 10 Rows

* Displaying the Last 10 Rows: The tail() method is used to display the last 10 rows of the dataset.

```
In [7]: print(df.tail(10))
              Car id
                                                      Body Style
                                                                     Phone Dealer Region
                            Date Customer Name
       C CND 023897
                                           Simi
23896
                      12/31/2023
                                                             SUV
                                                                  8744249
                                                                                  Aurora
23897
       C CND 023898
                      12/31/2023
                                         Simone
                                                           Sedan
                                                                  6819422
                                                                              Greenville
23898
      C CND 023899
                      12/31/2023
                                         Skylar
                                                       Hatchback
                                                                  6225183
                                                                                    Pasco
23899
       C CND 023900
                      12/31/2023
                                           Yuna
                                                       Hatchback
                                                                  8384785
                                                                                  Aurora
23900
      C CND 023901
                                                                              Greenville
                      12/31/2023
                                         Nathan
                                                           Sedan
                                                                  8170003
23901
       C CND 023902
                      12/31/2023
                                         Martin
                                                                  8583598
                                                                                    Pasco
                                                       Passenger
       C CND_023903
                                          Jimmy
                                                                              Middletown
23902
                      12/31/2023
                                                         Hardtop
                                                                  7914229
23903
       C_CND_023904
                      12/31/2023
                                           Emma
                                                           Sedan
                                                                  7659127
                                                                              Scottsdale
       C CND_023905
23904
                      12/31/2023
                                       Victoire
                                                       Passenger
                                                                   6030764
                                                                                  Austin
23905
       C_CND_023906
                      12/31/2023
                                        Donovan
                                                         Hardtop
                                                                  7020564
                                                                              Middletown
[10 rows x 16 columns]
```

Figure 12: Displaying the Last 10 Rows

2. Statistical Data Description:

- For each of the dataset's numerical columns, compute the basic statistical measures. The aforementioned metrics comprise computations such as the mean, median, standard deviation, and quartile division of the data. By providing useful information about the data's central tendency and distribution, these statistics make it possible to identify any odd or anomalous numbers.





* **df.info()**: The info() method provides an overview of the dataset's composition, which includes details about the data types and the count of non-null values for every column.

```
In [8]: print(df.info())
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 23906 entries, 0 to 23905
Data columns (total 16 columns):
                    Non-Null Count
     Column
                                    Dtype
 0
    Car id
                    23906 non-null
                                    object
 1
    Date
                    23906 non-null
                                    object
 2
    Customer Name
                   23905 non-null
                                    object
 3
                    23906 non-null
    Gender
                                    object
 4
    Annual Income 23906 non-null
                                    int64
 5
    Dealer_Name
                    23906 non-null
                                    object
 6
    Company
                    23906 non-null
                                    object
 7
    Model
                    23906 non-null object
 8
     Engine
                    23906 non-null
                                    object
 9
    Transmission
                    23906 non-null
                                    object
 10 Color
                    23906 non-null
                                    object
 11 Price ($)
                    23906 non-null
                                    int64
                    23906 non-null
 12 Dealer No
                                    object
 13
    Body Style
                    23906 non-null
                                    object
 14 Phone
                    23906 non-null int64
 15 Dealer Region 23906 non-null
                                    object
dtypes: int64(3), object(13)
memory usage: 2.9+ MB
None
```

Figure 13: Overview of the dataset's structure

- => The dataset comprises 16 columns and 23,906 entries in total. The columns show varying percentages of non-null values, which suggests that there are gaps in the data. Three of the columns have the data type int64, and the remaining thirteen have object. An estimated 2.6+ MB of RAM are used by the dataset.
- * **df.describe()**: For numerical columns with either an int or float data type in the dataset, the describe() method produces basic statistical statistics.





```
In [10]: print(df.describe())
       Annual Income
                          Price ($)
                                             Phone
        2.390600e+04
                       23906.000000
                                     2.390600e+04
count
        8.308403e+05
                       28090.247846
                                     7.497741e+06
mean
                       14788.687608
std
        7.200064e+05
                                     8.674920e+05
min
        1.008000e+04
                        1200.000000
                                     6.000101e+06
25%
        3.860000e+05
                       18001.000000
                                     6.746495e+06
50%
        7.350000e+05
                       23000.000000
                                     7.496198e+06
75%
        1.175750e+06
                       34000.000000
                                     8.248146e+06
                       85800.000000
        1.120000e+07
                                     8.999579e+06
max
In [11]:
```

Figure 14: Basic statistics for numerical columns

- => With an average yearly income of about \$830,430, the dataset appears to be diversified, with members coming from a range of socioeconomic backgrounds. A large standard deviation of almost \$720,064 suggests notable differences in income. The lowest income of \$10,800 is probably part-time work or entry-level pay, while the highest income of \$11,200,000 can go to investors, executives, or company owners. In terms of automotive costs, the moderate standard deviation of roughly \$14,788 suggests affordability, with a mean of about \$28,090. The \$1,200 lowest car price seen is probably associated with older or more affordable models, while the \$85,800 highest price points to luxury or premium automobiles. This dataset generally illustrates the diversity of consumer choices and economic variability.
- * **df.describe(include='object')**: This part of the output presents statistical information for columns in the dataset that are categorized and have a data type of object.

```
]: df.describe(include='object')
               Car id
                                   ... Body Style Dealer Region
                            Date
count
                23906
                           23906
                                             23906
                                                            23906
unique
                23906
                             612
                                               SUV
top
        C CND 000001
                        9/5/2023
                                                           Austin
freq
                    1
                             190
                                             6374
                                                             4135
[4 rows x 13 columns]
```

Figure 15: Statistical information for columns

=> Interesting insights are revealed by the descriptive statistics for the global car sales dataset. Different cars are denoted by different car IDs; C_CND_000001 is a frequently selected option. The range of dates





points to steady sales activity, and the frequent appearance of "Thomas" in the customer base shows devoted followers. In terms of gender distribution, men predominate. Dealership insights include Chevrolet being a well-known brand and Progressive Shippers Cooperative Association being a well-known organization. The popularity of the Diamante model may be shown in its frequency. Double Overhead Camshaft engines are the most popular, and the Auto Pale White SUV combination is preferred. Finally, Austin dealers are doing well.

3. Missing Data Handling:

- Choose the appropriate course of action for the columns that have missing data. Using more sophisticated imputation techniques, removing rows with missing data, or substituting the mean or median for missing values are all viable choices. The choice of an approach that preserves the data's integrity is essential.

* Calculating Percentage of Missing Values:

```
In [12]: print(df.isnull().sum()*100/len(df))
Car_id
                 0.000000
                 0.000000
Date
                 0.004183
Customer Name
                 0.000000
Gender
Annual Income
                 0.000000
Dealer Name
                 0.000000
                 0.000000
Company
Model |
                 0.000000
Engine
                 0.000000
Transmission
                 0.000000
Color
                 0.000000
Price ($)
                 0.000000
Dealer No
                 0.000000
Body Style
                 0.000000
Phone
                 0.000000
Dealer_Region
                 0.000000
dtype: float64
```

Figure 16: Calculating Percentage of Missing Values

- => The following data are complete: Car_id, Date, Gender, Annual Income, Dealer_Name, Company, Model, Engine, Transmission, Color, Price (\$), Body Style, and Dealer_Region (0%). Customer Name is the lone variable that lacks values, and its missing data percentage is a pitiful 0.004183%.
- => It is improbable that the Customer Name by itself will have a direct influence on automobile sales or revenue when it comes to forecasting revenue trends. The main determinants of revenue patterns are things like product attributes, pricing policies, market demand, and economic situations. These revenue-generating elements are independent of the customer's name.





4. Data Consistency Check:

- To guarantee data consistency, it is crucial to maintain the dataset's dependability and accuracy. The "Car Sales" dataset is thoroughly examined in this section to identify and address any discrepancies, enhancing the overall quality of the data for use in subsequent analyses.
- * Check for Incorrect Values or Formats:

```
In [13]: print(df['Gender'].unique())
['Male' 'Female']
```

Figure 17: Check for Incorrect Values or Formats

=> By carrying out thorough tests for data consistency, we reinforce the dataset's fundamental structure, boosting confidence in its dependability and enabling perceptive analyses that support informed decision-making.