

Clustering of Credit Card Users

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Introduction

Banks in modern day Philippines typically tailor their services in order to meet the specific needs of their different customer groups. However, addressing the unique preferences of the multitude of characteristics of the customers in the country remains a huge challenge. Hence, this project was implemented in order to attempt to cluster BPI credit card users in using data provided by BPI. Nine datasets were provided, and exploratory data analysis was conducted on all of them in order to gain useful and meaningful insights and to determine which parts of the data to consider in the clustering process.

Methods

Prior to the data processing, the team prepared the dataset by extracting each dataset, applying the necessary cleaning and filtering techniques, such as removal of duplicate entries, renaming of columns, and null values removal.

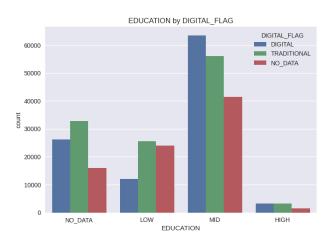
Rendering of univariate plots such as histograms, bar charts, and pie charts for the dataset became the next step of the team in order to have initial insights regarding the demographics and distributions of spending habits of the BPI credit card users.

Credit Card Transactions



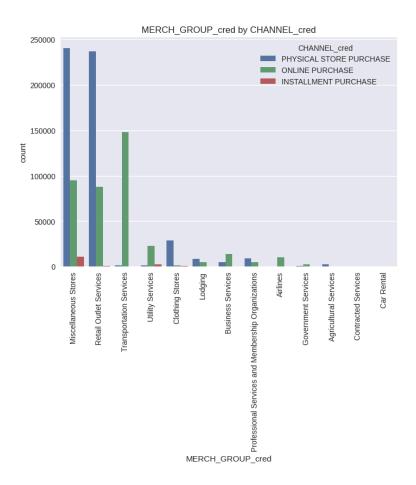
Next, bivariate analysis was conducted where boxplots, scatterplots, and bar plots were used to present the relationships between two variables.

Customer Info



Credit Card Transactions

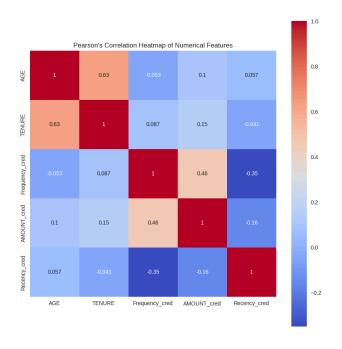




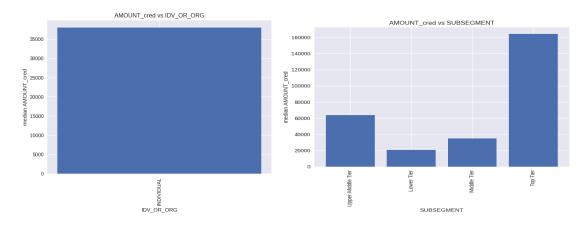
Afterward, feature engineering was implemented in order to add the Recency, Frequency, and Monetary (total amount of transactions) for RFM analysis by means of multivariate analyses and clustering.

Following this are the multivariate analyses through visualizations like scatterplots, box plots, 3D plots and Pearson Correlation heat map. Null values were removed, and the mean and median plots were also included.



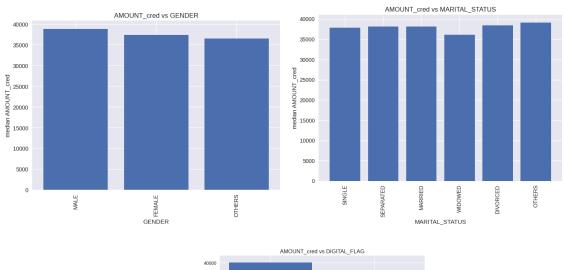


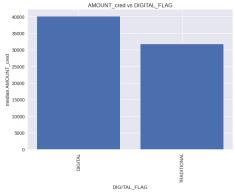
Median Plots



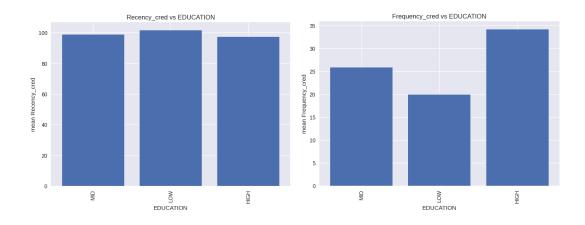
(organizations are not credit card users?)



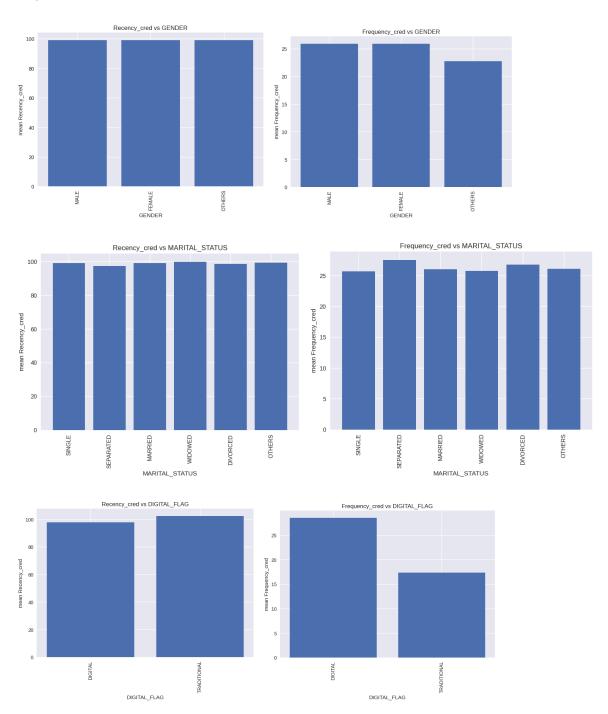




Mean Plots

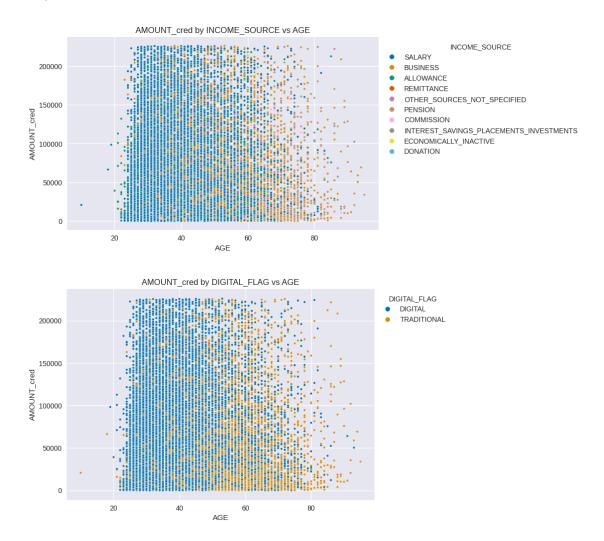






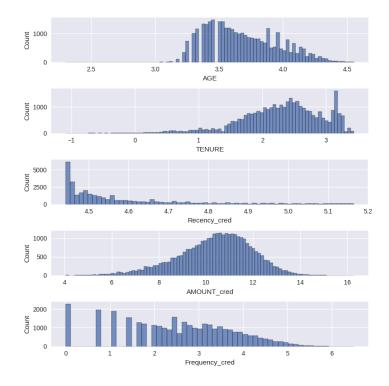
Multivariate Plots (relevant)





Prior to clustering, data processing was first performed. All the features were selected except for province of the credit card transactions were selected to avoid the problem of high dimensionality (high number of features). Next, the categorical features were converted to numerical features since the clustering algorithms that were chosen can only interpret numerical values: One-Hot Encoding for BUSINESS_OWNER, DIGITAL_FLAG, INCOME_SOURCE, IDV_OR_ORG, GENDER, and MARITAL_STATUS, and Label Encoding for EDUCATION, REGION, and SUBSEGMENT since it is ordinal data (Sethi, 2023). After this, logarithmic transformation was performed on the dataframe. This removes the right-skewness of the numerical features (since K-Means prefer normal distributions) and reduces the impact of outliers.

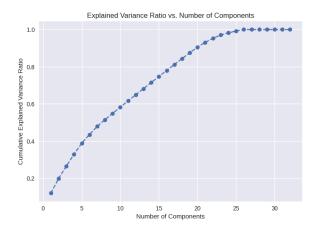




The features were also standardized using StandardScaler in order to make the features be in the same scale and for K-Means to consider each feature equally (Ryzhkov, 2020). The algorithm implemented was K-Means with PCA.

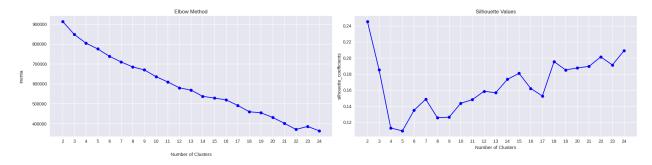
Results

For K-Means with PCA, the Explained Variance Ratio has been used, and it has been decided that 25 features are to be retained.





The elbow and silhouette methods were used. The silhouette scores were not good (\sim 0.11 - \sim 0.24) and the elbow method suggests that a large number of clusters is required.



Discussion



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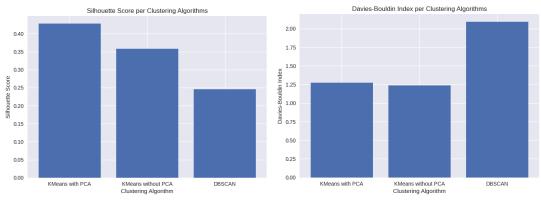
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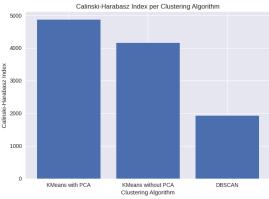
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Appendix

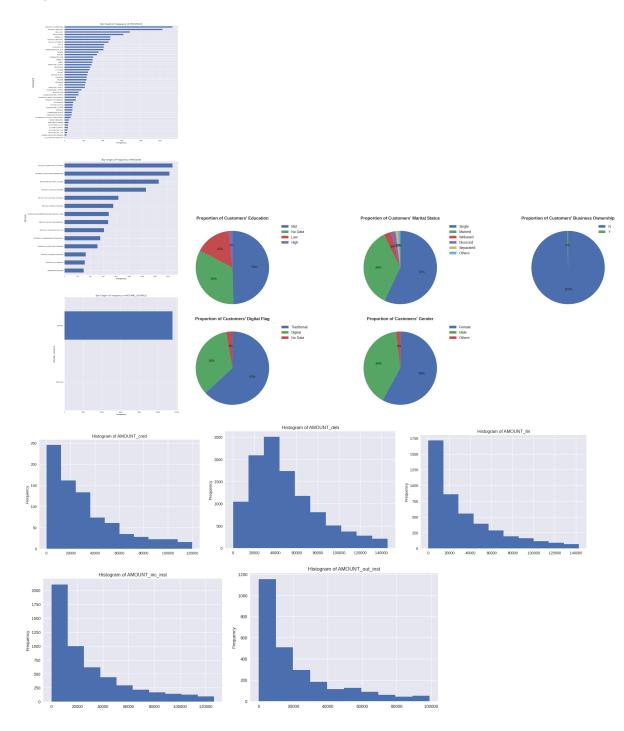
Changes Made





Cluster Validation Techniques were added.





Graphs that show the characteristics of the target segment were added.



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