Clustering Report

1. Clustering Logic

We used K-Means Clustering, a popular unsupervised machine learning algorithm, to group customers into clusters. The steps involved are:

Feature Engineering:

• Combined customer profile data (Customers.csv) and transaction data (Transactions.csv) to create meaningful features.

Features included:

- Total spending per customer.
- Average transaction value.
- Number of transactions.
- Favorite product category (most purchased category).
- Customer lifetime (current date signup date).
- Region (encoded as a categorical feature).

Normalization:

• Scaled the features using MinMaxScaler to ensure all features contribute equally to the clustering process.

Optimal Number of Clusters:

- Used the Elbow Method to determine the optimal number of clusters (k).
- Plotted the inertia (within-cluster sum of squares) for k ranging from 2 to 10.
- Choose k=5 as the optimal number of clusters based on the "elbow" point in the plot.

Clustering:

• Applied K-Means clustering with k=5 to group customers into 4 distinct clusters.

Evaluation:

• Evaluated the clustering results using the Davies-Bouldin Index (DB Index) and Silhouette Score.

2. Clustering Metrics

The following metrics were used to evaluate the clustering results:

Davies-Bouldin Index (DB Index):

• Value: 0.81

• Interpretation: A lower DB Index indicates better clustering. A value of 0.81 suggests reasonably well-separated clusters.

Silhouette Score:

• Value: 0.38

• Interpretation: The Silhouette Score ranges from -1 to 1. A score of 0.38 indicates that the clusters are relatively well-defined and separated.