# MSCS-634: Lab assignment: Lab Report: Data Visualization, Data Preprocessing, and Statistical Analysis Using Python in Jupyter Notebook Sandesh Pokharel University of the Cumberlands

MSCS-634 Advanced Big Data and Data Mining

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# 1. Introduction

This report documents the complete process of Lab 1 for the course MSCS-634 - Advanced Big Data and Data Mining.

The lab involved the use of Python (via Jupyter Notebook) for data preprocessing, visualization, and statistical analysis.

In addition to the analysis itself, this report also includes environment setup, challenges faced, and decisions made.

# 2. Environment Setup

The lab was performed on a Mac system using a Python virtual environment created using 'python3 -m venv venv'.

Jupyter Notebook was run from within the virtual environment to ensure package isolation and dependency management.

The following packages were installed manually due to missing module errors encountered during the lab execution:

- pandas
- matplotlib
- scikit-learn

Each package was installed using pip from within the activated virtual environment:

\$ source venv/bin/activate

\$ pip install pandas matplotlib scikit-learn

Screenshot: Terminal showing venv activation and pip install commands

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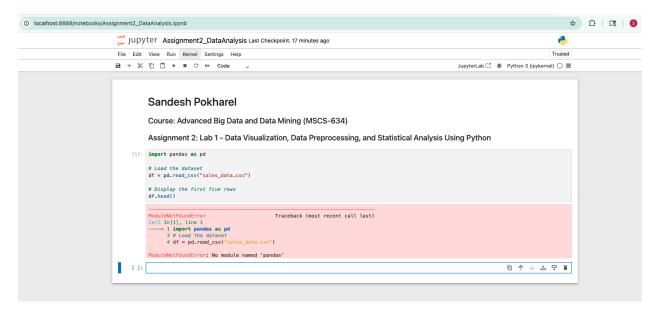
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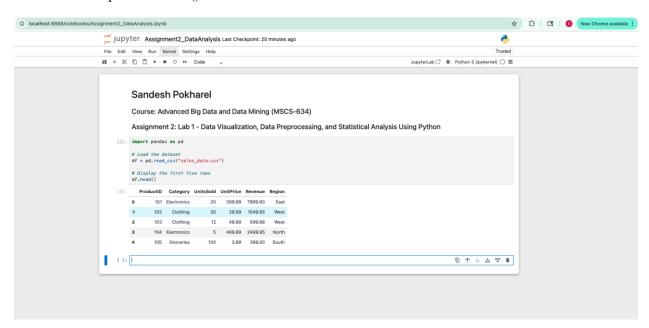
### Screenshot: Jupyter Notebook errors (e.g., ModuleNotFoundError) and resolutions



# 3. Dataset Loading and Preview

The dataset used for this lab is a small CSV file named `sales\_data.csv`, containing retail sales data. It includes both numerical and categorical columns suitable for preprocessing and analysis. The dataset was loaded using pandas and previewed using the `.head()` method.

Screenshot: Output of df.head()

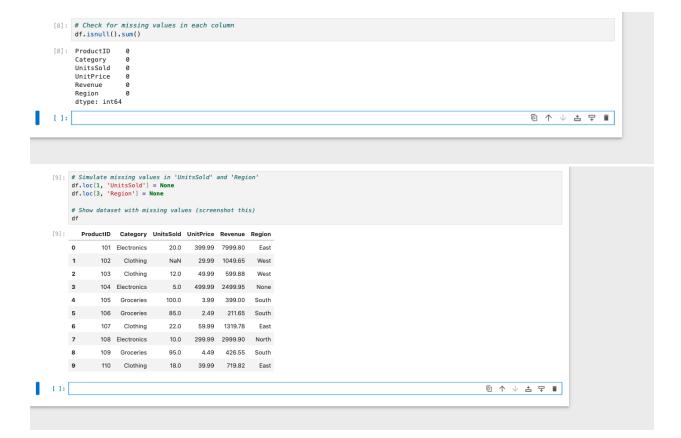


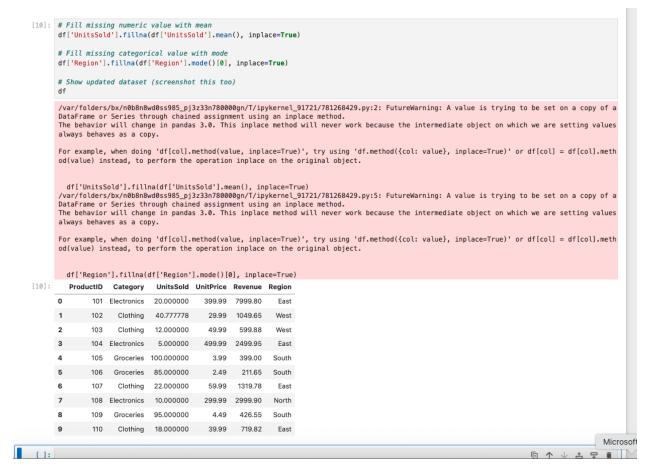
# 4. Data Preprocessing

The following preprocessing steps were performed:

- Missing Values: Simulated missing data in UnitsSold and Region columns, filled using mean and mode.
- Outlier Detection: Used IQR method to detect and demonstrate outlier removal.
- Data Reduction: Sampled 50% of data and dropped irrelevant columns like ProductID.
- Data Scaling: Applied Min-Max Scaling to normalize UnitPrice.
- Discretization: Converted UnitsSold into categorical bins (Low, Medium, High).

Screenshot: Missing values simulation and handling



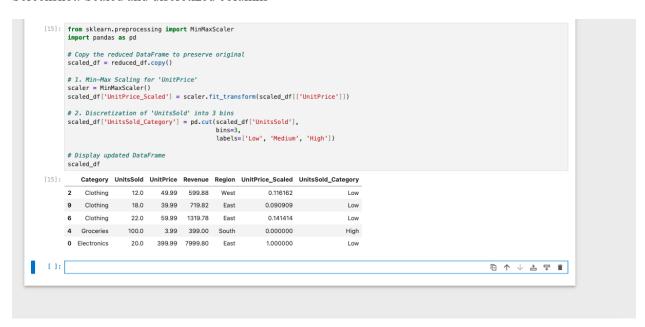


## Screenshot: Outlier detection and removal

Screenshot: Sampled data and reduced columns



Screenshot: Scaled and discretized columns

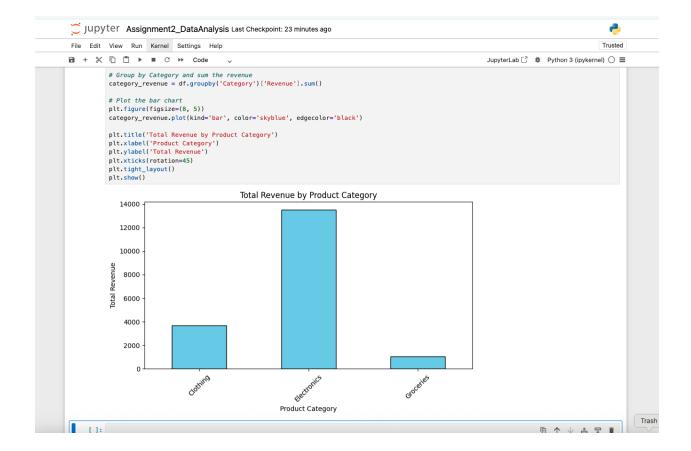


## 5. Data Visualization

Multiple visualizations were created to explore and interpret the dataset:

- Bar Chart: Total Revenue by Category
- Pie Chart: Sales distribution by Region
- Histogram: Distribution of numeric features
- Boxplot: Detection of outliers in key numeric columns

Screenshot s: All visualizations with observations

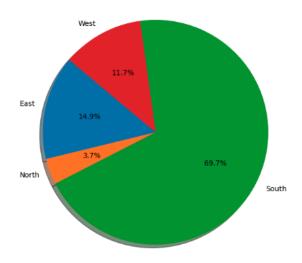


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[7]: # Group by Region and sum the UnitsSold
    region_sales = df.groupby('Region')['UnitsSold'].sum()

# Plot the pie chart
    plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
    region_sales.plot(kind='pie', autopct='%1.1f%%', startangle=140, shadow=True)

plt.title('Sales Distribution by Region')
    plt.ylabel('') # Hides the y-axis label
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
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### Sales Distribution by Region



### Insight: Pie Chart - Sales Distribution by Region

This pie chart shows the proportion of total units sold in each region.

It helps visualize where most of the product sales activity is occurring.

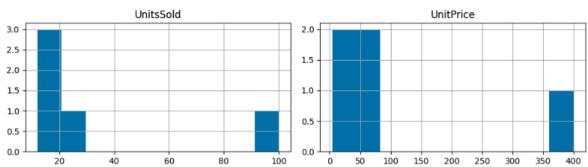
Regions with larger segments indicate stronger sales presence, which may suggest higher demand or market penetration.

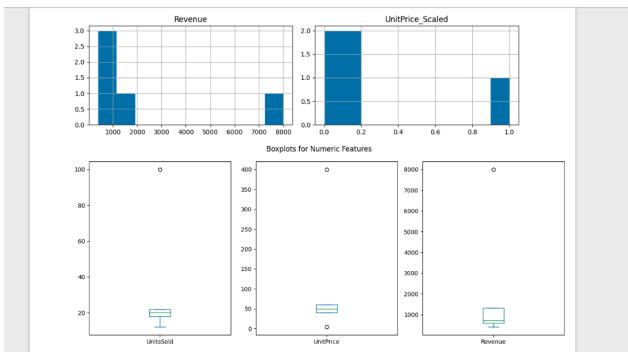
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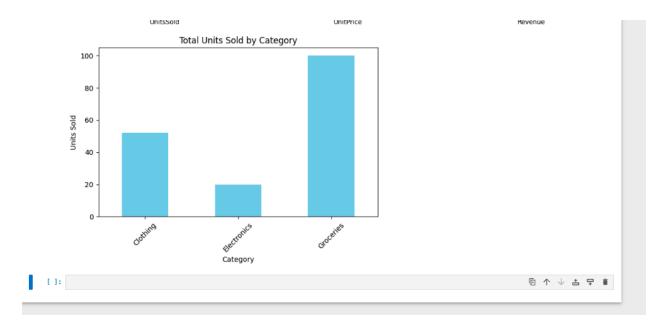
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: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   # 1. Histograms
   scaled_df.hist(figsize=(10, 6))
   plt.suptitle("Histograms of Numerical Features")
   plt.tight_layout()
   plt.show()
   # 2. Boxplots
  scaled_df[['UnitsSold', 'UnitPrice', 'Revenue']].plot(kind='box', subplots=True, layout=(1, 3), figsize=(12, 5))
plt.suptitle("Boxplots for Numeric Features")
   plt.tight_layout()
   plt.show()
  # 3. Bar chart of UnitsSold by Category
scaled_df.groupby('Category')['UnitsSold'].sum().plot(kind='bar', color='skyblue')
   plt.title("Total Units Sold by Category")
   plt.ylabel("Units Sold")
  plt.xlabel("Category")
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
   plt.tight_layout()
   plt.show()
```

### Histograms of Numerical Features







# 6. Statistical Analysis

Performed a series of statistical calculations including:

- General Overview using `.info()` and `.describe()`
- Central Tendency: Mean, Median, Mode, Min, Max
- Dispersion: Standard Deviation, Variance, Range
- Correlation and Covariance matrices for numeric attributes

Screenshot s: Info, Describe, Central Tendency, Dispersion, Correlation, Covariance

```
[16]: # General info about dataset
            print("=== Dataset Info ===")
scaled_df.info()
            # Statistical summary of numerical columns
            print("\n=== Statistical Summary ===")
scaled_df.describe()
                = Dataset Info ===
            cclass 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 5 entries, 2 to 0
Data columns (total 7 columns):
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             # Column
                   Category
                                             5 non-null
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UnitPrice
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4 Region 5 non-null fl
5 UnitPrice_Scaled 5 non-null fl
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                      UnitsSold UnitPrice Revenue UnitPrice_Scaled
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[17]: # Central Tendency Measures
print("=== Central Tendency Measures ===")
       # Mean
       print("\nMean:\n", scaled df.mean(numeric only=True))
       print("\nMedian:\n", scaled_df.median(numeric_only=True))
       print("\nMode:\n", scaled_df.mode(numeric_only=True).iloc[0]) # First mode row
       print("\nMinimum:\n", scaled_df.min(numeric_only=True))
       # Maximum
       print("\nMaximum:\n", scaled_df.max(numeric_only=True))
       === Central Tendency Measures ===
       Mean:
        UnitsSold
                                34.400000
                             110.790000
       UnitPrice
       Revenue
       UnitPrice_Scaled dtype: float64
                                0.269697
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       UnitsSold
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UnitsSold
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       UnitPrice
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       UnitPrice_Scaled
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UnitsSold
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       UnitPrice
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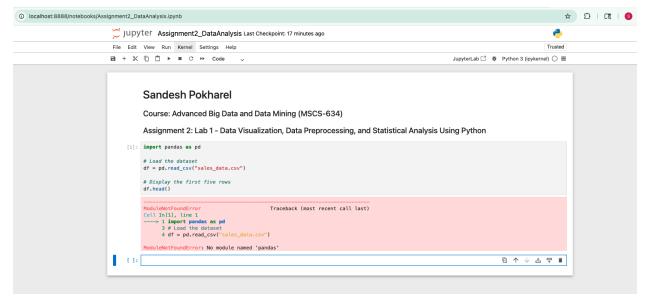
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[18]: # Dispersion Measures
       print("=== Dispersion Measures ===")
       print("\nStandard Deviation:\n", scaled_df.std(numeric_only=True))
       print("\nVariance:\n", scaled_df.var(numeric_only=True))
       range_vals = scaled_df.max(numeric_only=True) - scaled_df.min(numeric_only=True)
       print("\nRange:\n", range_vals)
       === Dispersion Measures ===
       Standard Deviation:
        UnitsSold
                                  36.861904
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       UnitsSold
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                              2.658320e+04
       Revenue
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       UnitPrice_Scaled
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       Range:
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      [19]: # Correlation and Covariance
             print(scaled_df.corr(numeric_only=True))
              print("\n=== Covariance Matrix =
             print(scaled_df.cov(numeric_only=True))
              === Correlation Matrix ===
                                 UnitsSold UnitPrice Revenue
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              === Covariance Matrix ===
                                     UnitsSold
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# 7. Challenges and Decisions Made

- Encountered 'pip' not found error initially due to not activating the virtual environment.
- Jupyter was unable to detect packages unless installed from within the virtual environment.
- Identified and resolved module import errors via console traceback.
- Learned to capture and interpret terminal + Jupyter feedback to guide debugging.
- Ensured screenshots were taken throughout all required and additional stages.

Screenshot: Error messages and fixed outputs



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### 8. Conclusion

This lab provided practical experience with preprocessing, visualization, and statistical analysis in Python.

It also reinforced environment management using virtual environments and troubleshooting real-time errors.

The techniques used in this lab lay a foundation for deeper data mining and machine learning tasks.