Practical 3

Data Cleaning and Preprocessing

Aim: To clean and preprocess a dataset by handling missing values, removing duplicates, and normalizing data.

Steps:

- 1. Import a dataset (e.g., a CSV file).
- 2. Inspect the dataset for missing values and duplicates.
- 3. Handle missing values by filling them with mean/median or dropping rows.
- 4. Normalize a numerical column to a scale of 0 to 1.
- 5. Display the cleaned dataset.

Code:

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import pandas as pd
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
# Step 1: Load dataset
df = pd.read csv("sample dataset.csv")
# Step 2: Inspect dataset
print(df.info())
# Step 3: Handle missing values in numeric columns
numeric cols = df.select dtypes(include=['number']).columns # Get numeric columns
df[numeric cols] = df[numeric cols].fillna(df[numeric cols].mean()) # Fill NaN with column
mean
# Step 4: Remove duplicates
df.drop duplicates(inplace=True)
# Step 5: Normalize a specific numerical column
scaler = MinMaxScaler()
df['Normalized Column'] = scaler.fit transform(df[['Numeric Column']])
# Display cleaned dataset
print(df.head())
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Output: