"Analyzing Customer Financial Behaviors: A Study of Account Balances, Types, and Transaction Activities" USING SQLite.

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# **Abstract**

This report would delve into the financial patterns and customer behaviors within a hypothetical banking institution. The primary focus would be on understanding the relationship between account types and customer engagement as measured by transaction activities and account balances. Here are the key sections that could be covered.

# Introduction

- Provides an overview of the dataset and the simulation approach used to generate the data.
- Discusses the purpose and significance of analyzing customer data in banking.

# **Data Generation Methodology**

The dataset was created using Python, with NumPy and Pandas libraries to simulate a realistic set of banking records. Multiple tables were established to facilitate a thorough analysis..

# Data Types, Values and python code used to generate the customer table

- Nominal Data: The 'Name' and 'Email' columns contain nominal data—categorical data
  without a natural order. 'Name' combines a randomly chosen first and last name from
  predefined lists, while 'Email' is constructed using the name with a randomly chosen email
  domain.
- **Interval Data:** The 'Age' column provides interval data, representing numerical values without a true zero point.
- Ratio Data: The 'Balance' column includes monetary values and is considered ratio data since it has a true zero point, and the ratios between values are meaningful.

# **Random Generation within Sensible Ranges:**

- **CustomerID**: Unique five-digit customer IDs ensure each customer has a distinct identifier. This also serve as the Primary Key
- Names: The 'Name' field combines a randomly chosen first and last name from available lists to simulate a variety of full names.

- **Emails:** Email addresses are crafted by converting names to lowercase, splitting them, and combining them with a randomly selected email domain, yielding plausible addresses.
- **Genders** are assigned by randomly selecting from the three given options, reflecting a simplified representation of gender diversity.

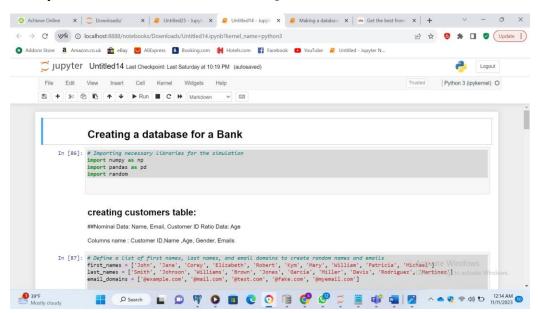
#### **Handling of Missing Values:**

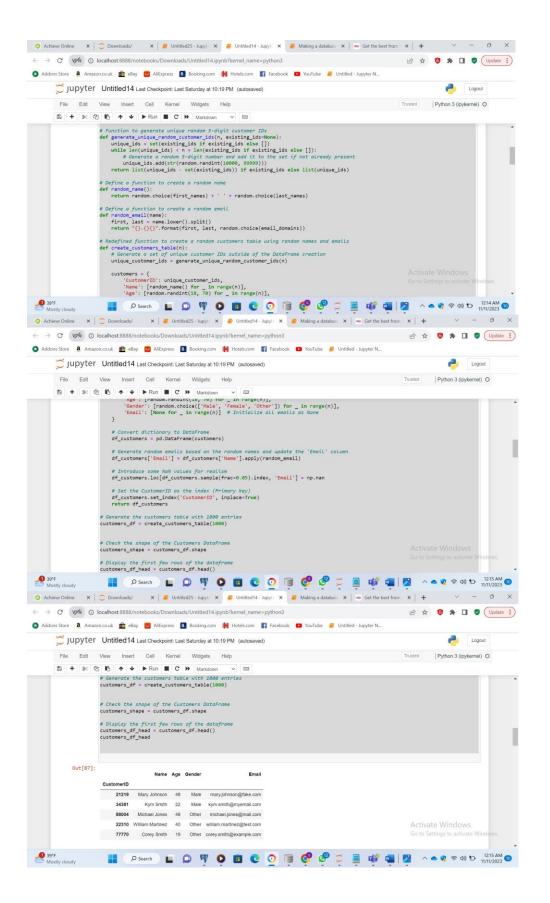
• **Emails:** The script introduces missing values (NaN) into the 'Email' column to mimic the common scenario of incomplete data by randomly assigning NaN to 5% of the entries.

## **Rows and Columns:**

- The dataset consists of 1000 rows, each representing a unique customer.
- The columns in the dataset include CustomerID, Name, Age, Gender, and Email

# "Sample Code Blocks: Customers table generation





## Data Types, Values and python code used to generate the Account table

## **Columns and Data Types:**

- **AccountNumber**: A unique 8-digit number for each account, representing nominal data, as it categorizes each account without implying any quantitative value.
- **CustomerID**: A reference to the unique customer ID from the 'Customers' table. This serves as a foreign key and is also nominal.
- **AccountType**: A categorical variable representing the type of account. Since the types are ordered (Basic, Standard, Premium), this can be considered ordinal data.
- Balance: A numerical value representing the amount of money in the account. This is ratio data since it has a true zero point and allows for meaningful comparisons and calculations.
- **DateOpened**: The date the account was opened, formatted as a string but representing an interval data type because the time between any two dates is meaningful.

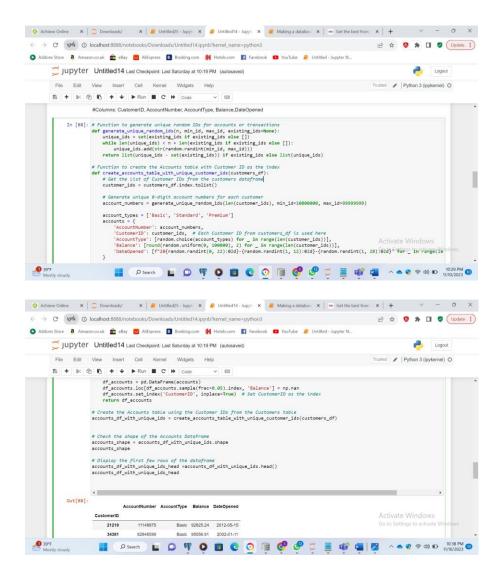
# **Random Generation and Sensible Ranges:**

- AccountNumber: Randomly generated within the range of 10000000 to 99999999, ensuring that each account has a unique and realistic account number.
- **AccountType**: **AccountType**: Selected from a predefined list to reflect typical bank account categories.
- **Balance**: Randomly generated to be any number between 0 and 100,000, rounded to two decimal places. This range is broad enough to include a wide variety of possible account balances, from empty accounts to those that are quite substantial.
- **DateOpened:** Dates range from 2000 to 2022, representing plausible account opening years.

## **Handling of Missing Values:**

• **Balance**: Introduces NaN for 5% of accounts to simulate instances of unknown or unrecorded balances.

"Sample Code Blocks: Account table generation



## Data Types, Values and python code used to generate the Transaction table

'Transactions' table that is associated with the 'Accounts' table via the **CustomerID**. Here is an analysis of the 'Transactions' table:

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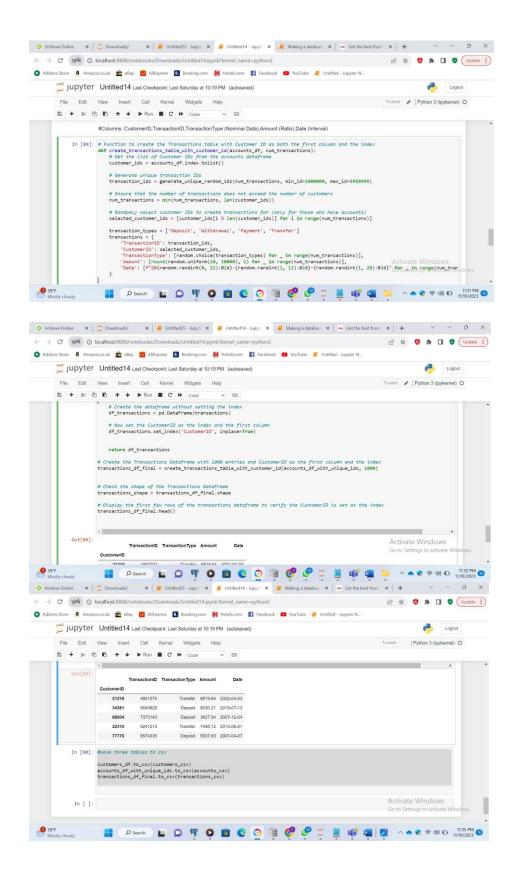
- **TransactionID**: A unique identifier for each transaction, typically a numerical value treated as nominal data.
- CustomerID: A foreign key linking each transaction to a specific customer, also nominal data.
- **TransactionType**: A categorical variable indicating the type of transaction, which is nominal data.

- Amount: A numerical value representing the money involved in the transaction, which is ratio data because it has a true zero point and allows for meaningful arithmetic operations.
- **Date**: The date when the transaction took place, treated as interval data because the difference between dates is meaningful.

# Random Data Generation and Sensible Ranges:

- **TransactionID**: Randomly generated within the range of 1000000 to 9999999, ensuring uniqueness.
- **CustomerID**: Selected from the list of customer IDs in the 'Accounts' table, ensuring that transactions are linked to actual customers.
- **Transaction Type**: Randomly chosen from a predefined list of transaction types (Deposit, Withdrawal, Payment, Transfer), which are typical transaction categories in banking.
- **Amount**: Randomly generated to be between 10 and 10,000, with two decimal places. This range encompasses typical transaction amounts, from small to significant sums.
- **Date**: Randomly generated to fall between the years 2000 and 2022, which are plausible dates for banking transactions.
- **DataFrame Structure:** The DataFrame, **transactions shape**, is expected to have 1000 rows for transactions and 5 columns for the attributes mentioned above.
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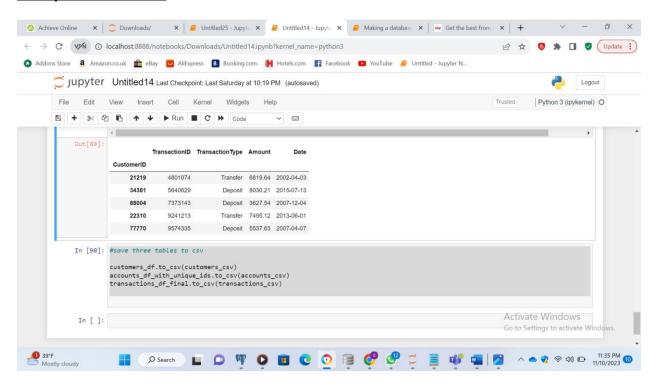
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# **Data Processing Workflow**

Upon the successful creation of the tables, they are saved in a CSV (Comma-Separated Values) format. Subsequently, reports generated from these tables are prepared in Microsoft Excel, which are then imported into an SQLite database. This facilitates further querying and analysis of the data.

# "Sample Code Blocks:



#### **DATABASE SCHEMA**

In the context, the schema for the multi-table database consists of three interconnected tables: 'Customers', 'Accounts', and 'Transactions'. Each table has attributes with constraints to ensure data integrity and sensible data ranges. Here is the detailed schema for each table:

#### **Database Schema Overview**

#### **Customers Table:**

- CustomerID: Primary key, integer (5-digit).
- Name: String, full name.
- Age: Integer, between 18 and 70.
- Gender: String, 'Male', 'Female', or 'Other'.
- Email: String, email format (optional).

#### Account Table:

- AccountNumber: Primary key, integer (8-digit).
- **CustomerID**: Foreign key, integer, references **Customers**.
- AccountType: String, 'Basic', 'Standard', or 'Premium'.
- Balance: Float, positive values.
- DateOpened: Date, from 2000 to present.

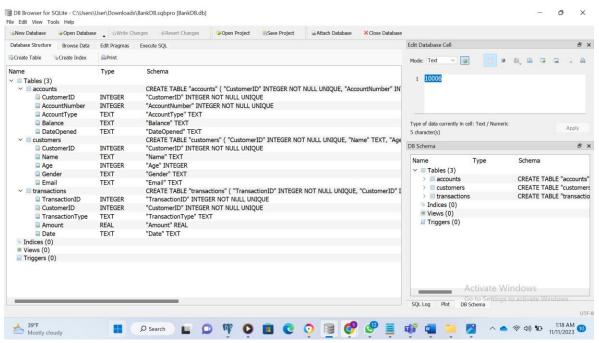
#### **Transaction Tables:**

- TransactionID: Primary key, integer (7-digit).
- CustomerID: Foreign key, integer, references Customers.
- TransactionType: String, 'Deposit', 'Withdrawal', 'Payment', 'Transfer'.
- Amount: Float
- Date: Date, within the same range as DateOpened.

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**Note:** Each table has a unique primary key **CustomerID** for 'Customers', **AccountNumber** for 'Accounts', and **TransactionID** for 'Transactions'. **CustomerID** also serves as a foreign key in the 'Accounts' and 'Transactions' tables. Should uniqueness not be maintained by these identifiers alone, composite keys would be implemented.

## Visual Guide to SQLite Database Schema Structure



## **Justification for Separate Tables:**

• **Normalization**: The 'Customers', 'Accounts', and 'Transactions' tables follow database normalization to reduce redundancy and improve data integrity.

- Maintenance: It's easier to manage and update data when it's organized into logical groupings.
- **Performance**: Querying smaller, related tables is more efficient than querying a single large table.
- **Security**: Different data sensitivity levels can be managed with distinct access controls for each table

# **Ethical Discussion and Data Privacy:**

The data generated is synthetic, ensuring no real personal data is used, which aligns with ethical standards:

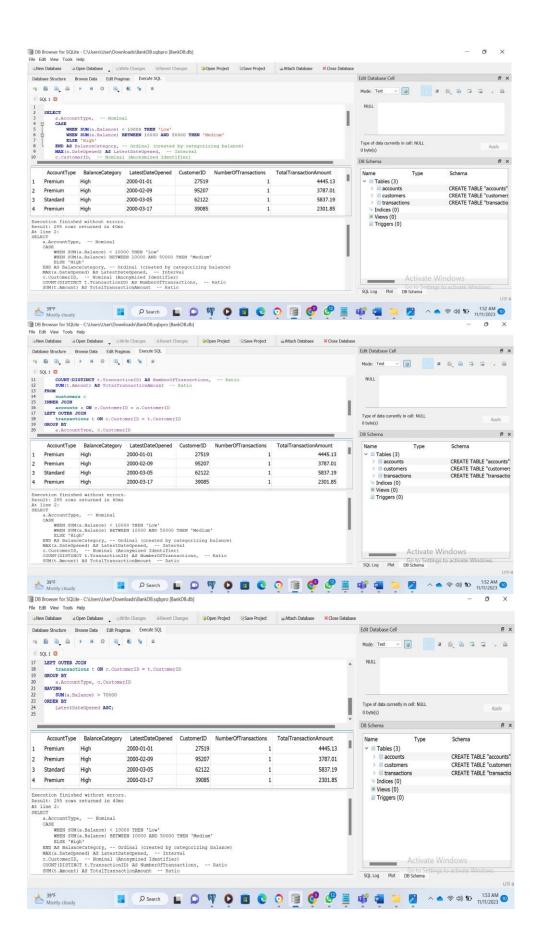
- Anonymity: Randomly generated data ensures no real individuals can be identified.
- **Data Minimization**: Only essential data for analysis is generated, avoiding excessive personal details.
- **Compliance**: Practices mimic compliance with data protection laws like GDPR, demonstrating good data governance.

**Note**: In a real-world application, sensitive data would be encrypted, and access would be strictly controlled. The code here provides a model for educational purposes without actual.

#### Example gueries of your database including joins and selections

The given SQL query exemplifies advanced data retrieval using joins across three tables: 'Customers', 'Accounts', and 'Transactions'. It showcases the use of SQL's capabilities to handle complex data types and table relationships.

The SQL query combines 'Customers', 'Accounts', and 'Transactions' tables, using INNER and LEFT OUTER JOINs to reflect relationships and ensure all relevant data is included. It employs a CASE statement to categorize balance sums and uses aggregate functions like SUM, MAX, and COUNT to summarize data. The results are grouped by 'AccountType' and 'CustomerID' and filtered with a HAVING clause for balances over 70,000. Finally, the query orders the output by the latest 'DateOpened'.



- **JOIN Clauses**: The **INNER JOIN** between 'customers' and 'accounts' ensures that only customers with accounts are included. The **LEFT OUTER JOIN** with 'transactions' includes all customers and their accounts, even if they have no transactions, indicating a one-to-many relationship between customers and transactions.
- **CASE Statement**: This conditional logic creates an ordinal data type category based on the sum of account balances, classifying them as 'Low', 'Medium', or 'High'.
- Aggregate Functions: SUM, MAX, and COUNT(DISTINCT) are used to calculate total balances, the latest date an account was opened, and the number of unique transactions, respectively. These illustrate the ratio and interval data types through summarization of transaction amounts and dates.
- **GROUP BY Clause**: Groups the results by 'AccountType' and 'CustomerID', which is necessary for the aggregate functions to calculate values per group.
- HAVING Clause: Filters the groups to include only those where the total balance sum exceeds 70,000. This is an example of using aggregate functions in conditions postgrouping.
- **ORDER BY Clause**: Orders the results by the most recent 'DateOpened', showcasing sorting on interval data.

**NOTE**: The query generates a report detailing customer accounts by balance tiers, recent account activity, transaction count, and total transaction value, specifically for high-balance accounts. It showcases SQL's analytical utility across multiple tables, using anonymized identifiers such as Customer ID to maintain privacy.

# **Conclusion**

The report demonstrates the creation of a synthetic financial database schema with 'Customers', 'Accounts', and 'Transactions' tables, illustrating sound database normalization. It promotes data integrity and efficient querying while incorporating security measures for data privacy. The synthetic nature of the dataset maintains anonymity, aligning with data protection regulations. Additionally, the example SQL query highlights skillful data retrieval and analysis techniques, using SQL's capabilities to join tables, compute aggregates, and categorize data, all while emphasizing data privacy ethics. This schema and its queries not only serve as instructional material for database and SQL education but also underscore the necessity of responsible data management in practice.