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## - Section 1: Customer and Order Overview

### -- Questions Q1 to Q5

-- Focus: Total order count, total revenue, unique customer count, order frequency, and most recent purchase activity

-- Note: Establishes foundational KPIs to support downstream analysis in product performance and customer retention

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-- Q1: Total Revenue from Delivered Orders

-- Objective: Calculate total revenue from all successfully delivered orders.

```
SELECT
    SUM(sale_price) AS total_revenue
FROM orders
WHERE status = 'Delivered';
```

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-- Q2: Revenue by Product Category

-- Objective: Determine which product categories generate the most revenue.

```
SELECT
    p.product_category,
    SUM(o.sale_price) AS total_revenue
FROM orders o
JOIN product p
ON o.productid = p.productid
WHERE o.status = 'Delivered'
GROUP BY p.product_category
ORDER BY total_revenue DESC;
```

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-- Q3: Top 10 Best-Selling Products by Sales Value
-- Objective: Identify the top 10 products that brought in the highest
revenue.
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```
SELECT TOP 10
    p.product_name,
    SUM(o.sale_price) AS total_sales
FROM orders o
JOIN product p ON
o.productid = p.productid
WHERE o.status = 'Delivered'
GROUP BY p.product_name
ORDER BY total_sales DESC;
```

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-- Q4: Total Orders and Revenue by Zone
-- Objective: Compare order volume and revenue across zones.
```

```
SELECT
    o.zone,
    COUNT(o.orderid) AS total_orders,
    SUM(o.sale_price) AS total_revenue
FROM orders o
WHERE o.status = 'Delivered'
GROUP BY o.zone
ORDER BY total_revenue DESC;
```

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-- Q5: Month-over-Month Revenue Trend (last 6 months)
-- Objective: Identify recent revenue trends and detect any seasonality.
```

```
SELECT
    FORMAT(orderdate, 'yyyy-MM') AS month_year,
    SUM(sale_price) AS monthly_revenue
FROM orders
```

```
WHERE status = 'Delivered'
AND orderdate >= DATEADD(MONTH, -6, GETDATE())
GROUP BY FORMAT(orderdate, 'yyyy-MM')
ORDER BY month_year;
```

```
--Here as the latest date in the dataset is 31st DEC 2020
--so in general last 6 months from the current date will not give us the
exact output, so
--to modify the question little bit , identify the last 6 month revenue
trend from the latest year
```

```
--"Since the dataset ends on 31st Dec 2020, using GETDATE() wouldn't give
relevant results.
--Instead, I dynamically anchored the last 6 months based on the
MAX(orderdate) in the dataset.
--I used > instead of >= to include exactly 6 full months, from July to
December 2020."
```

```
SELECT
    FORMAT(orderdate, 'yyyy-MM') AS month_year,
    SUM(sale_price) AS monthly_revenue
FROM orders
WHERE status = 'Delivered'
AND orderdate > DATEADD(MONTH, -6, (select max(orderdate) from orders))
GROUP BY FORMAT(orderdate, 'yyyy-MM')
ORDER BY month_year;
```

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-- Section 2: Customer Demographics and Category Analysis
-- Questions Q6 to Q10
-- Focus: Unique customer count, age group trends, gender patterns,
--       zone-wise demand, and average order quantity by category
-- Note: All queries consider only 'Delivered' orders for cleaner insights
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-- Q6: Number of Unique Customers by Category
-- Objective: Understand customer engagement across product categories
-- Note: Filtered only 'Delivered' orders to ensure analysis is based on
successful transactions.
```

```

SELECT
    p.Product_Category,
    COUNT(DISTINCT o.CustomerID) AS unique_customers
FROM Product p
JOIN Orders o
    ON p.ProductID = o.ProductID
WHERE o.Status = 'Delivered'
GROUP BY p.Product_Category
ORDER BY unique_customers DESC;

```

-- Q7: Customer Age Group Distribution by Category  
 -- Objective: Identify age segments active in different product categories  
 -- Note: Focused only on delivered orders to reflect actual customer behavior.

```

SELECT
    p.Product_Category,
    CASE
        WHEN o.Customer_Age < 20 THEN 'Below 20'
        WHEN o.Customer_Age BETWEEN 20 AND 29 THEN '20-29'
        WHEN o.Customer_Age BETWEEN 30 AND 39 THEN '30-39'
        WHEN o.Customer_Age BETWEEN 40 AND 49 THEN '40-49'
        ELSE '50+'
    END AS age_group,
    COUNT(DISTINCT o.CustomerID) AS customer_count
FROM Orders o
JOIN Product p
    ON o.ProductID = p.ProductID
WHERE o.Status = 'Delivered'
GROUP BY p.Product_Category,
    CASE
        WHEN o.Customer_Age < 20 THEN 'Below 20'
        WHEN o.Customer_Age BETWEEN 20 AND 29 THEN '20-29'
        WHEN o.Customer_Age BETWEEN 30 AND 39 THEN '30-39'
        WHEN o.Customer_Age BETWEEN 40 AND 49 THEN '40-49'
        ELSE '50+'
    END
ORDER BY p.Product_Category, age_group;

```

-- Q8: Product Category Purchase by Gender  
-- Objective: Analyze gender-based purchase behavior per category  
-- Note: Only delivered orders included to avoid distortion by returns or cancellations.

```
SELECT
    p.Product_Category,
    o.Customer_Gender,
    COUNT(*) AS total_orders
FROM Orders o
JOIN Product p
    ON o.ProductID = p.ProductID
WHERE o.Status = 'Delivered'
GROUP BY p.Product_Category, o.Customer_Gender
ORDER BY p.Product_Category;
```

-- Q9: Customer Zone-wise Category Demand  
-- Objective: Understand regional trends in category purchases  
-- Note: Only completed deliveries are considered to reflect true geographic demand.

```
SELECT
    o.Zone,
    p.Product_Category,
    COUNT(*) AS total_orders
FROM Orders o
JOIN Product p
    ON o.ProductID = p.ProductID
WHERE o.Status = 'Delivered'
GROUP BY o.Zone, p.Product_Category
ORDER BY o.Zone, total_orders DESC;
```

-- Q10: Average Order Quantity per Category  
-- Objective: Determine how much customers typically order per category  
-- Note: Analyzed only delivered orders for an accurate average.

```

SELECT
    p.Product_Category,
    ROUND(AVG(o.Order_Quantity), 2) AS avg_order_quantity
FROM Orders o
JOIN Product p
    ON o.ProductID = p.ProductID
GROUP BY p.Product_Category
ORDER BY avg_order_quantity DESC;

```

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-- Section 3: Product Returns and Rating Analysis
-- Questions Q11 to Q15
-- Focus: Return rates by category and product, top return reasons,
--       fulfillment success, and the relationship between ratings and
--       returns
-- Note: Most queries focus on 'Returned' and 'Delivered' statuses.
--       Output is formatted using CAST/ROUND for clean readability.
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--Q11. Return Rate by Product Category
--Identify product categories with high return rates to investigate
product quality or expectation gaps.

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```

select p.product_category,
cast(Round(count(case when od.status='returned' then 1
end)*100.0/count(*), 2) as decimal(5,2))
as return_rate
from orders od
join product p
on od.productid=p.productid
group by p.product_category
order by return_rate;

```

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-- Objective: Identify product categories with high return rates
-- Note: Return rate = (Returned Orders / Total Orders) * 100
--Using CTEs for readability

```

```

with return_cte as(
select p.product_category, count(od.status) as return_orders
from orders od join product p

```

```

on od.productid=p.productid
where od.status='returned'
group by p.Product_Category),
count_cte as(select p.product_category,count(od.status) as order_count
from orders od
join product p on p.productid=od.productid
group by p.Product_Category
)
select count_cte.product_category,
CAST( (return_orders)*100.0/order_count as Decimal (5,2)) as Return_rate
from return_cte join count_cte
on return_cte.Product_Category=count_cte.product_Category
order by return_rate desc;

--Comment
-- Used CTEs to split return and total orders for better readability
-- Applied CAST to format return rate percentage to two decimal places
-- Compared return orders against total orders for each category

--Q12. Top 5 Products with Highest Return Rate
--Spot individual products being returned frequently to review listing or
QA.

select top 5 p.product_name,
CAST(COUNT(CASE WHEN od.Status = 'Returned' THEN 1 END) * 100.0 / COUNT(*))
AS DECIMAL(5,2))
AS return_rate
from orders od join product p
on p.productid=od.productid
group by p.product_name
order by return_rate desc;

--Q13. Top 5 Return Reasons
--Understand the most common reasons customers return products.
select top 5 Reason, count(*) as return_count
from orders
where status='Returned'
group by Reason
order by return_count desc;

```

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--Using Coalesce to Handle Null values(avoid reason as Null)
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```
select top 5 Coalesce (Reason,'Not mentioned') as Return_reason, count(*)
as return_count
from orders
where status='Returned'
group by Coalesce (Reason,'Not mentioned')
order by return_count desc;
```

```
--Q14. Compare Returned vs Delivered Count per Category
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```
--Compare fulfillment success rate by category.
```

```
select p.product_category,
count(case when od.status='delivered' then 1 end) as
delivery_category_count,
count(case when od.status='returned' then 1 end) as return_category_count
from orders od join product p
on od.productid=p.productid
group by p.product_category;
```

```
--Q15. Rating vs Return Rate Relationship
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```
--Check if lower ratings are linked to more returns for product
improvement.
```

```
select rating,
case
when rating < 3 then 'below avg'
when rating =3 then 'avg'
else 'above_avg'
end as rating_cat,
CAST(count(case when status='returned' then 1 end)*100.0/count(*) as
decimal(5,2))as return_rate
from orders
group by rating,
case
when rating < 3 then 'below avg'
when rating =3 then 'avg'
else 'above_avg'
end
order by rating desc;
```



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--other method without categorizing
```

```
select rating,  
CAST(count(case when status='returned' then 1 end)*100.0/count(*) as  
decimal(5,2)) return_rate  
from orders  
group by rating  
order by return_rate desc;
```

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-- Section 4: Delivery and Operational Analysis (Q16 to Q20)  
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-- Q16: Avg Delivery Time by Delivery Type  
-- Objective: Identify average delivery timelines to assess SLA adherence
```

```
SELECT  
    delivery_type,  
    AVG(DATEDIFF(DAY, orderdate, delivery_date)) AS  
avg_deliverytime_in_days  
FROM orders  
GROUP BY delivery_type  
ORDER BY avg_deliverytime_in_days DESC;
```

```
-- Further Analysis: Return Rate for Each Delivery Type
```

```
SELECT  
    delivery_type,  
    CAST(  
        COUNT(CASE WHEN status = 'returned' THEN 1 END) * 100.0 / COUNT(*)  
        AS DECIMAL(5, 2)  
    ) AS return_rate  
FROM orders  
GROUP BY delivery_type  
ORDER BY return_rate DESC;
```

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-- Insight Summary (Q16 Extension):

-- Among the three delivery types, Shipped from Abroad had the longest
-- average delivery time of approximately 15 days and also the highest
-- return rate at 30.92%, making it a major operational red flag.
-- Despite being the fastest, Express delivery (avg ~3 days) showed a
-- return rate of 26.38%, possibly indicating product quality issues or
-- customer dissatisfaction.
-- Standard Delivery averaged ~9 days and had the lowest return rate
-- (23.73%), making it the most balanced fulfillment method with
-- optimization potential.
```

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-- Q17: Delayed Deliveries Count (If Delivery > 5 Days)
-- Objective: Count and analyze delayed orders to reduce future delays
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```
-- Method 1: Subquery
```

```
SELECT COUNT(*) AS delay_delivery
FROM (
    SELECT DATEDIFF(DAY, orderdate, delivery_date) AS days_diff_count
    FROM orders
    WHERE DATEDIFF(DAY, orderdate, delivery_date) > 5
) delay_count;
```

```
-- Method 2: Simplified (Same Output)
```

```
SELECT COUNT(*) AS delay_delivery
FROM orders
WHERE DATEDIFF(DAY, orderdate, delivery_date) > 5;
```

```
-- Breakdown by Delivery Type (Optional Deep-Dive)
```

```
SELECT
    delivery_type,
    COUNT(*) AS delayed_orders
FROM orders
WHERE DATEDIFF(DAY, orderdate, delivery_date) > 5
GROUP BY delivery_type
```

```
ORDER BY delayed_orders DESC;
```

```
-- Q18: Fastest and Slowest Zones (Average Delivery Days)  
-- Objective: Identify zone-wise delivery efficiency or bottlenecks
```

```
SELECT  
    zone,  
    AVG(DATEDIFF(DAY, orderdate, delivery_date)) AS avg_delivery_days  
FROM orders  
GROUP BY zone;
```

```
-- Q19: Product Categories with Highest Express Orders  
-- Objective: Analyze which product types rely heavily on fast shipping
```

```
SELECT TOP 1  
    p.product_category,  
    COUNT(CASE WHEN od.delivery_type = 'Express' THEN 1 END) AS  
express_count  
FROM orders od  
JOIN product p ON od.productid = p.productid  
GROUP BY p.product_category  
ORDER BY express_count DESC;
```

```
-- Q20: Delivery Type Preference by Zone  
-- Objective: Determine the most preferred delivery method per zone
```

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-- Method 1: Without Window Function (Simple Aggregation)
```

```
SELECT  
    delivery_type,  
    zone,  
    COUNT(*) AS delivery_count  
FROM orders  
WHERE status = 'delivered'  
GROUP BY delivery_type, zone  
ORDER BY delivery_count DESC;
```

```
-- Use Case: Visualize full breakdown of delivery preferences by zone
```

-- Method 2: With Window Function (Dense Rank)

```
WITH Ranked_zone AS (  
    SELECT  
        delivery_type,  
        zone,  
        COUNT(*) AS delivery_count,  
        DENSE_RANK() OVER (  
            PARTITION BY zone  
            ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC  
        ) AS delivery_zone_rank  
    FROM orders  
    WHERE status = 'delivered'  
    GROUP BY delivery_type, zone  
)  
SELECT *  
FROM Ranked_zone  
WHERE delivery_zone_rank = 1  
ORDER BY delivery_count DESC;
```

-- Explanation:

-- DESC ensures the most-used delivery type gets rank 1 within each zone.

-- This helps identify delivery-type popularity at a zonal level for

-- operational alignment.